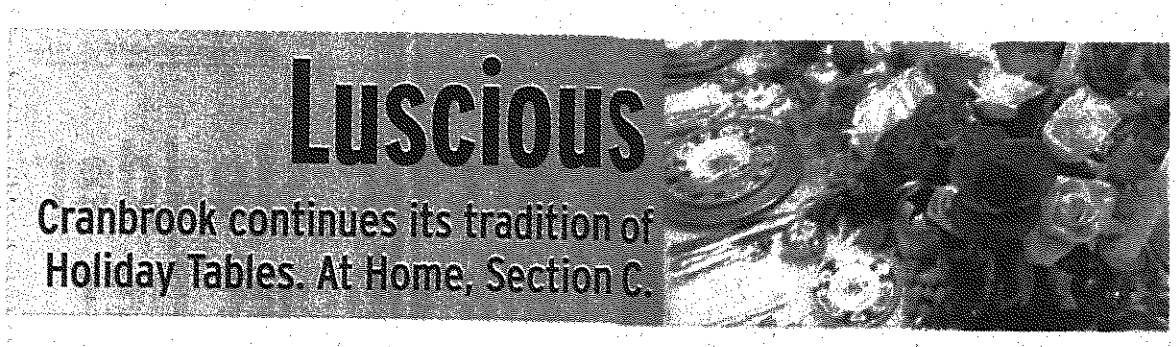


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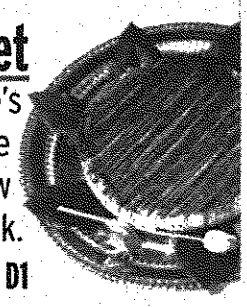
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What is a senior adult community?

When is a senior citizen community not a senior citizen community? Or, more precisely, what is a senior citizen community?

Those questions were inadvertently raised by Canton resident Connie Vasilnek when she appeared at Monday night's planning commission meeting to seek information about a proposal for special land use for a 52-unit condominium development on a 20-acre site at the northeast corner of Beck and Geddes roads.

Project sponsor Mike Parks of Cypress Partners said the project would be for one-story ranch condos and residents would have to be at least 55 years old.

"This project is going to be my neighbor," Vasilnek said. "Are they going to be 'for sale' units or will there be government funding?"

Parks responded that the units would be "for sale" only, there would be no government funding, no assisted living, no nursing homes.

He said the project is being sponsored by Epmark Communities based in Dublin, Ohio, which has about 10,000 similar units in 40 states.

"The average age of residents

PLEASE SEE **SENIORS, A5**



DIANE HANSON

Pit percussionists Meridith Bailey, Mike McDermott and Dustin Maynes keep the beat in the Pontiac Silverdome where the P-CEP Marching Band captured all Flight I top awards along with the highest score of all 40 bands at Saturday's Michigan Competing Band Association State Championships.

Marchers sweep to 10th straight crown

Band's innovation, dynamic performance earn another state title

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

Capping off a perfect top-scoring, in-state competitive season, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band was awarded the Flight I State Championship for the 10th straight year at the Michigan Competing Band Association State Finals held at the Pontiac Silverdome Saturday.

The nationally acclaimed marchers also captured the Flight I caption trophies for

PLEASE SEE **BAND, A7**

Woman follows footsteps of the father who long inspired her

When Raveena Reddy was growing up in southern India, her father, Krishna Reddy, was her inspiration.

He ran hotels and restaurants and she always looked up to him.

After moving to the states and graduating from Oakland University with a degree in computer engineering, Raveena went to work as a systems analyst for Chrysler.

But she decided she wanted to do something on her own. Following in her father's footsteps, Raveena and her husband, Bharath Reddy, an engineer for Electronic Data Systems, opened Ashoka Indian Cuisine restaurant in Troy more than five years ago.

Raveena quit her job and devoted full-time to the restaurant. Earlier this year she decided to expand and, two months ago, opened a second Ashoka restaurant in Canton on Haggerty south of Ford, at the site of the old Red Oaks/Mountain Jack's steakhouse.

"We used to get customers from Canton and Ann Arbor in the Troy restaurant," she said. "We decided to open one in this area."

Her husband, who, in addition to being an engineer also has a builder's license, completely gutted the building and designed the new look himself, all with colors and trappings from India.

Named after Ashoka, an emperor

PLEASE SEE **RESTAURANT, A4**

Jobless to use phones and Internet

News that the Canton unemployment office on Ronda Drive will be closing on Nov. 14 wasn't a major concern for a 34-year-old Livonia resident who gets his benefits there.

The man, who didn't want his name used, said he's been laid off for three weeks from his job in pharmaceutical sales.

He was offered a transfer to Ohio, he said Monday as he was leaving the office, but he couldn't make the move so he's been looking for other work.

"I just want this to be over with," he said. "I've never had to do this before."

The Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services announced last week that it is closing the office at 8775 Ronda Drive, along with six other offices in southeast Michigan.

The closures are part of a consolidation of the Bureau of Workers' & Unemployment Compensation, according to David Plawecki, deputy director of MDCIS.

Jobless workers in the area will now have to file their claims by telephone or via the Internet.

"The telephone-filed claims and Internet-filed claims processes are major conveniences to our customers," Plawecki said. "They save jobless workers the time and expense of traveling to an office and applying for unemployment benefits in person."

The only question raised by the Livonia resident, who said he has Internet access at home, was, "How do you do appeals?"

The answer to that, said Norm Isotalo, a spokesman for BW&UC, is that six "problem resolution offices" will remain open.

In the Canton/Detroit area three offices will be open to handle problems. They are located at 2901 Gulley Road in Dearborn, 4321 Oakman in west Detroit and 401 E. 13 Mile Road in Madison Heights. Other offices are in Grand Rapids, Lansing and Saginaw.

"The Canton office is among the last group of offices to be closed," Isotalo said.

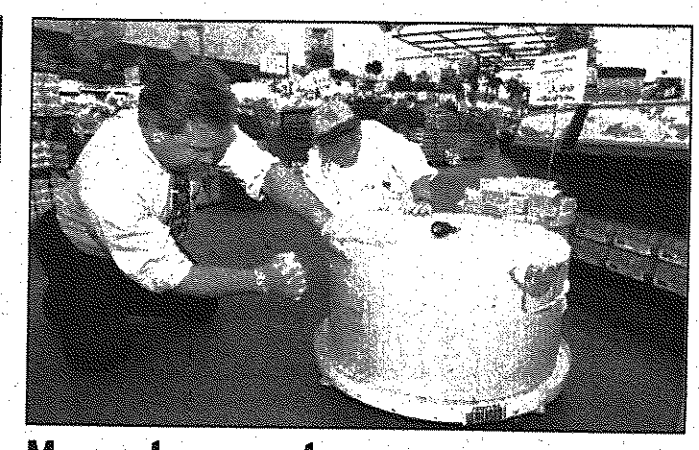
Other offices that are being closed are in Eastside Detroit, Flint, Lapeer, Monroe, Port Huron and Sterling Heights.

He said the three workers in the Canton office will be reassigned to the problem resolution offices in Dearborn and Madison Heights.

But all claims must now be initiated by Internet or telephone.

Internet claims can be filed at

PLEASE SEE **UNEMPLOYMENT, A5**



More cheese, please

Canton's Holiday Market Owner John Pardington (left) and Deli Manager/Gourmet Cheese Specialist Chris Mears cut parts off a 550-pound-piece of Wisconsin sharp cheddar cheese at the store. What's so special about it? 'It's sheer size,' Pardington said. 'It's a 550-pound chunk of Wisconsin cheese. They can't beat us in football but they sure make good cheese.' In addition to preparing his quarter-ton block of cheese, Pardington is preparing the fifth annual 'Holiday Extravaganza Open House' at the market from 7-9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9. The open house features samples of items sold at the market along with live entertainment. It's free and open to the public. The market is at Lilley and Cherry Hill.

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In honor

The Canton Veterans Memorial Association will host a special ceremony at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, to install an engraved brick paver in the Circle of Heroes at the Canton Veterans Memorial to honor Sgt. Trevor Blumberg, 82nd Airborne Brigade, who died on Sept. 14 in Iraq. Sgt Blumberg's family and friends will attend. Sgt Blumberg was a 1999 graduate of Salem High School.

Salute veterans

You're invited to attend a ceremony saluting local veterans 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, at the Summit on the Park.

Ask questions

State Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton) will be available to talk with constituents 2-5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, at Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road in Van Buren Township. Residents may call (866) LAJOY-21 for more information.

Neighbors talk

The Canton Homeowners Advisory Council will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, in the PDC room at the Summit on the Park. Township ordinance Officer T.J. Turowski and state Rep. Phil LaJoy will speak.

Board

Karen (Stewart) Spica and Susan Schwandt, both of Canton, were elected to the Women in Communications 2003-04 board of directors. Spica was elected chair of the professional organization that champions the advancement of women across all communications disciplines. Spica is vice president of John Bailey & Associates in Troy. Schwandt was elected secretary of the board of directors. She is the public relations director for Health Alliance Plan in Southfield.

Share memories

Calling all seniors who want to share their memories by making a tape. Veteran volunteers are needed to interview other veterans. Interview tapes will be given to participants. If you are interested, contact the Canton Senior Program at (734) 394-5485.

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Residents don't want trees cut down on adjacent land

Kathie Hodges did her homework.

President of the Cherry Grove Village Co-Owners Association, she and other residents were concerned about plans for The Hamptons, a 163-unit condominium development on a 36-acre site just east of their own condo development south of Cherry Hill and east of Sheldon.

The proposal – in three parts – called for eliminating a small parcel designated "commercial" to allow for more residential units, development of "The Hamptons" and the addition of two buildings with 11 units south of Cherry Hill and east of Sheldon adjacent to the existing complex.

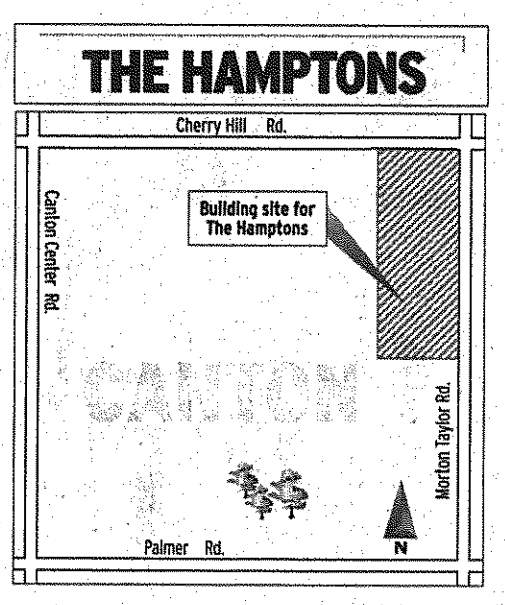
With about 40 or 50 residents in the audience at Monday's planning commission meeting, Hodges – acting as spokeswoman – presented commissioners with a three-page proposal of her own, including a summary of the current plan, a map reflecting property line issues, a proposed plan for tree lines between the two developments, a list of "points of concern" and a "wish list."

"We have a wonderful community," she told the commission. "We're very close knit. We don't want to see this tear everybody apart."

Among the points of concern were construction of tree lines to block views of driveways for Cherry Grove Village and the back yards for The Hamptons and traffic through Cherry Grove during the construction stage, expectations of Cherry Grove homeowners with "wooded lots" versus what is proposed and the effect of property values on both developments.

Commissioners recommended approval of the amendment eliminating commercial development (Number 1 on Hodges' wish list), agreed that suitable trees would be planted to separate the two developments, that no commercial vehicles would use Cherry Grove Village for access during construction and that a survey of property lines would be completed after The Hamptons project is completed.

They said they could not guarantee point 5 on the wish list, that Cherry Tree Drive would be the primary access path of the rear half of the Hamptons, except during the construction period.

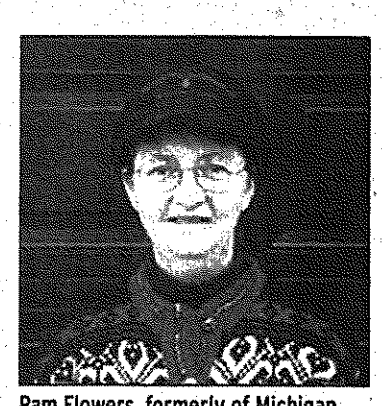


And while many residents complained that when they bought their homes they paid a premium price for "wooded lots," commissioners pointed out that the property being developed for The Hamptons was not their property, no matter what they were promised when they bought their units, no one could guarantee that that property would never be developed.

After a lengthy public hearing, recommended approval was given to the project and Hodges said she was pleased with the responses to her presentation.

Solo Arctic sledder will talk about her 2,500-mile trek

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER



Pam Flowers, formerly of Michigan, will talk at a book discussion at the Canton Public Library Nov. 17 about her trek across part of the Arctic.

Former Michigan resident Pam Flowers and a team of eight sled dogs made their way alone over 2,500 miles of the Arctic in 1993.

Confronted by darkness, cold - one of the stormiest winters on record - flooded sea ice, isolation and a frightening encounter with a polar bear, Flowers, despite a more than five-month delay, finally made her destination no more worse for the wear.

The expedition, however, made her the second woman known to have completed the route alone and the first American to do it.

Flowers, who now lives in Alaska, could not be reached for comment.

But she will talk about her book, *Alone Across the Arctic* and her expedition, at 7 p.m. Nov. 17 at the Canton Public Library. The discussion, part of Friends, Authors & Others, is sponsored by the Friends of the Canton Public Library.

The library has the book in its collections. "It's pretty interesting," said Marcia Barker, library coordinator of volunteers, programs and the Friends.

"She had some real experiences being the first (American) woman to do this."

Flowers' expedition retraced the route of Danish explorer Knud Rasmussen's portion of the fifth Thule Expedition. The destination was a remote Canadian Arctic village called Repulse Bay, 2, 500 miles away.

The original Fifth Thule Expedition included Danish scientists and residents of Greenland who worked as dog drivers, hunters and interpreters.

This expedition reached Repulse Bay in 1922. Months later, Rasmussen left the village with a Greenland woman and her male cousin. They crossed 2,000 miles of the Northwest Passage and arrived in Barrow, Alaska 13 months later. The Greenland woman was actually the first female to make the trek.

Flowers followed Rasmussen's route as closely as possible.

After 2,000 miles alone, her expedition was temporarily stopped when ice broke in the Arctic more than five weeks early.

Inuits recommended that she not travel forward because the ice was unsafe.

She stayed for more than five months with an Inuit family on King William Island in Gjoa Haven.

In early December, 1993, Flowers started out and toured the area, finally turning east and sledded across Rasmussen Basin and the Boothia Peninsula where she stayed for Christmas.

On Jan. 9, 1994, Flowers arrived in Repulse Bay, marking the end of her expedition.

Today, Flowers operates her own business, Pam Flowers Expeditions.

For more information about Flowers and her expeditions, log on to her Web site at www.pamflowers.com

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- The next "Lunch and a Book" discussion at noon, Thursday, Nov. 13 will be *Never Change* by Elizabeth Berg?
- Secondhand Prose, the library's used bookstore, is offering a buy-two, get one free special on popular novels during the month of November?

Web Watch: Check out these new web sites:

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New Adult Books

- "Morning Dark" - Daniel Buckman (fiction)
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- "Mr. S.: My Life with Frank Sinatra" - George Jacobs (nonfiction)
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New Children's Books

- "My Grandson is a Genius" - Giles Andreae (picture book)
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- "One for Me, One for You" - C.C. Cameron (picture book)
- "Are We There Yet?" - Dandi Daley Mackall (picture book)

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- "Almost Home" - Nora Raleigh Baskin (fiction)
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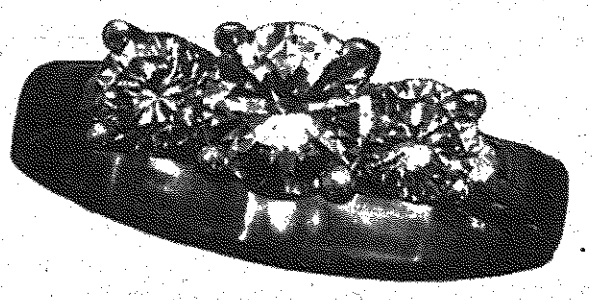
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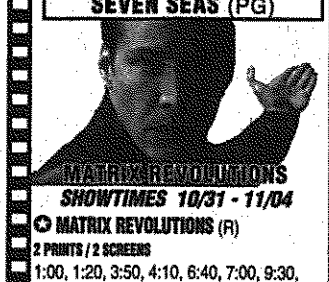
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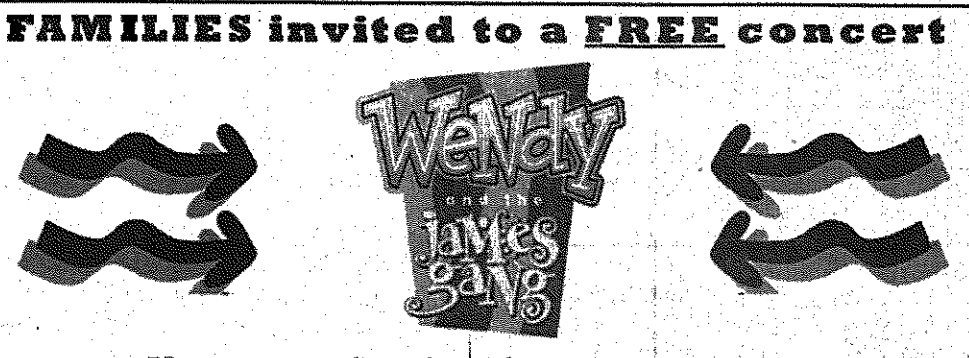
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Canton seniors take Broadway to Mackinac's Grand Hotel

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

They were treated like nobility. And who doesn't like that?

"We were treated like stars. We were recognized on the streets," said Delores Hrlic, a member of the Sounds of Canton.

Gail Holscher met an honest-to-goodness actress. "She gave me a hug and asked me my name. I also ate a pound of fudge by myself."

Holscher and Hrlic were just a couple of the men and women who are members of the senior adult Sounds of Canton - formerly the Canton Senior Kitchen Band - who made their way up to the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island to perform Oct.14-17 in the Michigan Parks and Recreation Association's annual program for seniors.

"A year ago, I find out that the Novi seniors were performing. I thought our group is so good. So I asked them if they were interested in performing. They were," said Dianne Neihengen, Canton senior adult coordinator. "I approached the organizers and indicated our group was interested in performing. They were delighted."

And the rest is history.

Members of the musical group did not take lightly the plan to perform or their chance to stay at at the famous Grand Hotel. They practiced plenty and raised money for the trip.

Fellow members lauded Ingrid James as the key to successful fund-raising for the group. She does the same for the Canton Liberty Fest. "There's always workers," James said. Sounds of Canton even has a stage manager, Julian Kozlowski, who helps with whatever props are needed. "I got the wash tub and a chair" for the "Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair" number.

Their first time to make the trek for the 36th annual performance at the Grand, Sounds of Canton put on "Broadway Gold" their tribute to the musical stage. Their performance had been refined over the good part of a year.

INTRODUCING THE SOUNDS OF CANTON

Betty Turner, Willard Aumann, Charles Mule, Tim Deconinck, Emily Mule, Virginia Galfano, Gail Hoelscher, Kathleen Bolterstein, Theodore James, Ingrid James, Dolores Hrlic, Kathryn Boehmer, Iva Foltz, Annette Copeland, PJ Donovan, Ann Brecht, Marie-Claire Tuite, Frances Stillwell, Nancy Lancina, Kay Plish, Elmore Usher, Julian Kozlowski, Andrew Dividock, Mary Reda Wilson, Dorrie Menard.



Kathy Boehmer of the Sounds of Canton performs 'Thank Heaven for Little Girls.'

"We always launch a concert in the fall. From that we shortened it to accommodate it to 45-minutes at the Grand," said director Bernice Russian, who is music minister for Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia. The group will also perform their production at nursing homes and fraternal organizations.

"Broadway Gold" taps into the best of each senior in the group. Betty Turner, 83, belted out Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend. Andrew Dividock sang in the chorus to "Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair' from South Pacific.

"We're just a bunch of amateurs," Dividock said.

That doesn't matter. They're having fun. And some of them have a long history with music and dance. Frances Stillwell, for example, was a tap dancer, taught tap and performed with minstrel shows. "I just don't want to do a solo," Stillwell added. Betty Turner has been singing since she was three.

Trudy Roettger, 96, an original member of the Kitchen Band, used to play the banjo and ukelele. "I love music and the Kitchen Band," she said. And she plans to continue "until I can't stand anymore."

Like many in Sounds of Canton, Gail Holscher sang as a child. In her case, she was the only girl chosen in third grade to sing in the boys' glee club. And that actress she met turns out to be the stand-in for Jane Seymour. While at the Grand the seniors discovered that the cast from the romantic movie, *Somewhere in Time*, was having a reunion. The seniors had just missed Seymour by a day.

"Everything was so elegant. This was a chance for us to live in elegance," Delores Hrlic said.

And by no means is this musical group predominately women. Practicing recently in addition to Andrew Dividock was Pete Donovan and Willard Aumann. They were quick to include Tim Deconinck and Charles Mule.

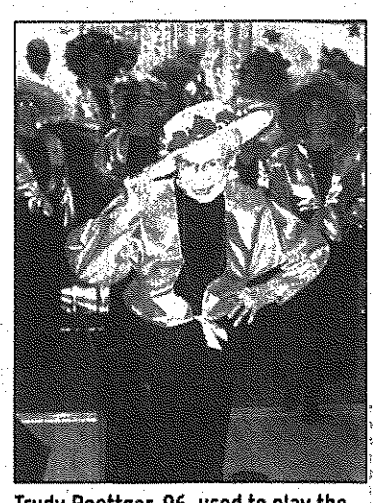
Seems everyone who went had a good time. Kay Bolsterstein claims she cannot sing or dance. But she's a member of Sounds of Canton. "Every person in this group has been just wonderful to me."

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'You look swell' is what the guys are singing to Iva Folts, an original member of the Canton Senior Kitchen Band, now known as the Sounds of Canton. Folts was performing with Andy Dividock, Tim Deconinck, P.J. Donovan, Charlie Mule and William Aumann as they sang 'Hello, Dolly' at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island in October.



Trudy Roettger, 96, used to play the banjo and ukelele, but continues to sing and will do so she says 'until I can't stand anymore.'

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RESTAURANT

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who became Buddha, the restaurant could be right in the middle of India.

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Raveena Reddy and her husband, Bharath Reddy, an engineer for Electronic Data Systems, opened Ashoka Indian Cuisine, their second restaurant, in Canton on Haggerty south of Ford, at the site of the old Red Oaks/Mountain Jack's steakhouse.

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The restaurant is open 365 days per year with special buffets for occasions such as Mother's Day and Father's Day.

The main restaurant seats 116, and has a banquet facility capable of seating 180 people. The facility is available for parties, meetings and other functions.

Raveena also does catering for private parties.

Ashoka is located at 2100 Haggerty Road. For more information call (734) 844-3100 or visit www.ashokaindiancuisine.com.

DTE donates for trees

DTE Energy recently presented the Canton community with a $4,000 gift to be used for tree plantings.

In recognition of the donation, a tree planting ceremony will take place at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10 at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill Road.

In attendance at the ceremony will be Canton Supervisor, Tom Yack, Senator Bruce Patterson, whose office facilitated the donation, and Frederick Shell, Vice President of Corporate and Governmental Affairs for DTE Energy.

The donation permitted the purchase of eight maples, six lindens, and four weeping cherry trees, all of which will be planted on the grounds of Cherry Hill School.

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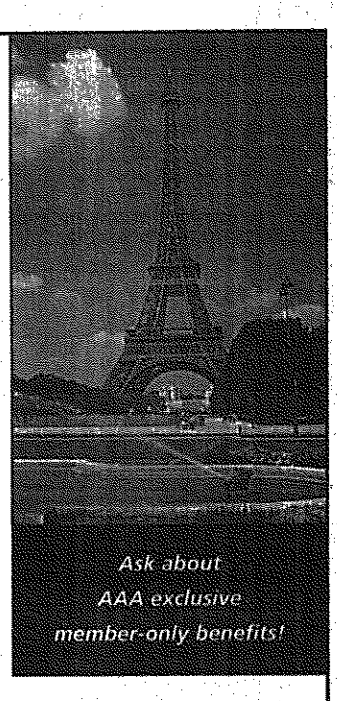
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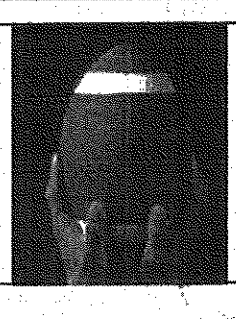
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Isotalo said people without Internet access should check with their local public libraries, most of which have computers with Internet access available to the public.

The Canton Public Library has numerous Internet-accessible computers for patron use.

"We are facing reduced budgets, as are many government offices," Isotalo said.

"Michigan is not alone in making this transition to telephone and Internet claims. It's a cost effective way to serve our customers."

SENIORS

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will be 62-64 years old," he said.

"All units will have two-car garages and we've taken care to preserve woodlands and wetlands. These are typically empty-nester units."

But planning commissioners began to raise questions about the legality of the project and what would happen if a resident died and left his estate to a son or daughter who was under 55.

Commissioner Cathy Johnson asked if the development would have a "10 percent" clause such as some Florida adult communities have, where 10 percent of the residents could be under the 55 age restriction.

Parks said there was no such clause, although his group would probably be happy to include that provision.

Then Commissioner Greg Demopoulos, an attorney, said he foresaw potential legal problems with such a development.

"Isn't it discriminatory?" he asked, referring to the age restrictions.

Parks said there were federal provisions that allowed for such "adult only" developments, but commissioners were still uneasy with the project.

"This is our first experience with a project like this," Demopoulos said.

"I'd like some more information before we proceed."

Commissioners voted to table the request until the developer provided more information and the planning staff could consult with the township attorney about any potential legal problems.

Another senior housing project, this one a proposed 100-bed nursing home south of Warren and west of Lilley, was also tabled but not because of legal concerns.

Commissioners did not like the design of the two-story building, which they said looked too "institutional," and were concerned about reduced setbacks on the three-acre site.

Johnson pointed out that there was additional vacant property south of the project and questioned why the developer had not attempted to purchase that land.

Peter DeLoof, representing the project sponsor, said contact had been made with the owner of the other site but that the asking cost was prohibitive.

Commissioners sent the project back to the drawing board.

OBITUARIES

Helen L. Laffey

Services for Helen Laffey, 79, of Plymouth were held Friday, Oct. 31, at St. Kenneth Church with the Rev. Joseph Mallia officiating.

Mrs. Laffey was born April 13, 1924, in Indianapolis, Ind., and died Oct. 27.

She was a resident of the Plymouth community since 1958, a registered nurse and a homemaker.

She was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth.

She was an avid sports fan, who especially enjoyed football and hockey.

She was also especially a fan of Notre Dame. She enjoyed spending time at the casino as well.

Mrs. Laffey was preceded in death by husband, Robert, who died in 1975.

Survivors include children, Steven Laffey of Ann Arbor, Robert (Dorris) Laffey of Westland, James (Carol) Laffey of Livonia, Thomas (Peggy) Laffey of Los Altos, Calif., Paul (Connie) Laffey of Columbia, Tenn., and Michael (Janell) Laffey of Plymouth; grandchildren, Meghan, Maureen, Kyle, Matthew, John, Jessica, Cara, Emily, and Nicholas; brother, John (Beryl) McAllen; sisters, Dorothy McAllen, and Cele Donnelly.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers, P.O. Box 301, Maryknoll, NY, 10545-9989.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Evan Stanley Blaies

Services for Evan Blaies, five months old, of Plymouth were held Oct. 29 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. John J. Sullivan officiating.

Burial followed at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Evan was born May 7, 2003, in Southfield and died Oct. 26 in Livonia.

Survivors include mother, Angelle Haarala of Plymouth; father, Michael Blaies of Garden City; sister, Jessica Haarala; grandfather, Stan Fedewa of Livonia; grandmother, Alice Fedewa of Plymouth; grandfather, John Blaies of Lewiston; grandmother, Mary Blaies of Lewiston; uncle and aunt, John (Kathy) Blaies; uncle and aunt, Bob (Katie) Blaies; aunt and uncle, Jan (Troy) Tyson; uncle and aunt, Tim (Kris) Fedewa; uncle and aunt, James (Joanne) Fedewa; godfather and aunt, David (Marian) Fedewa; uncle, Jeff Fedewa; godmother, Jennifer Good; and many cousins.

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Oscar and Felix make debut



Jeff Trudeau as Oscar tries to massage away a kink in the neck of Felix played by Sean Paraventi in the Spotlight Players' production of 'The Odd Couple.'

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

At 8:30 p.m. Friday, the curtain will rise on the Spotlight Players' production of Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple*.

Sounds simple enough. But there's more to the story. Before the curtain rises, guests of the local theater company, formerly known as the Plymouth Theater Guild, will serve dinner at the Summit on the Park, where the play will be performed.

Wait. There's still more to the story. The debut of *The Odd Couple* also marks the theater group's move to Canton, specifically the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

While the theater is under construction at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads, the Spotlight Players will perform in the Summit.

Unlike the traditional playing of *The Odd Couple*, the Spotlight Players will feature in this production, cameo appearances by some community leaders.

Over the next two weekends, the following will get on stage: Canton Supervisor Tom Yack (Nov. 7), state Rep. Phil LaJoy (Nov. 8), 35th District Judge Mike Gerou (Nov. 9), Canton Library Board member Dr. Jim Gillig (Nov. 14), Canton Township trustee Karl Zarbo (Nov. 15), and Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Jim Ryan (Nov. 16).

Though renamed Spotlight Players, members are determined to keep their decades-long history in the public eye.

When plans were discussed some 10 years ago to build the new performing arts center in Canton, the Players were asked to become the resident theater group. That required a name change.

The Odd Couple is about neat and fastidious Felix Unger and Oscar Madison, a sloppy sports writer.

Divorced, Unger and Madison decide to room together. The play is about their unlikely friendship and their life in a New York apartment.

The play is directed by Barbara Bloom of Canton. She has already directed 65 shows, several for the Spotlight Players. She is a theater graduate from Wayne State University, but moved to the Minneapolis area where she built up her resume.

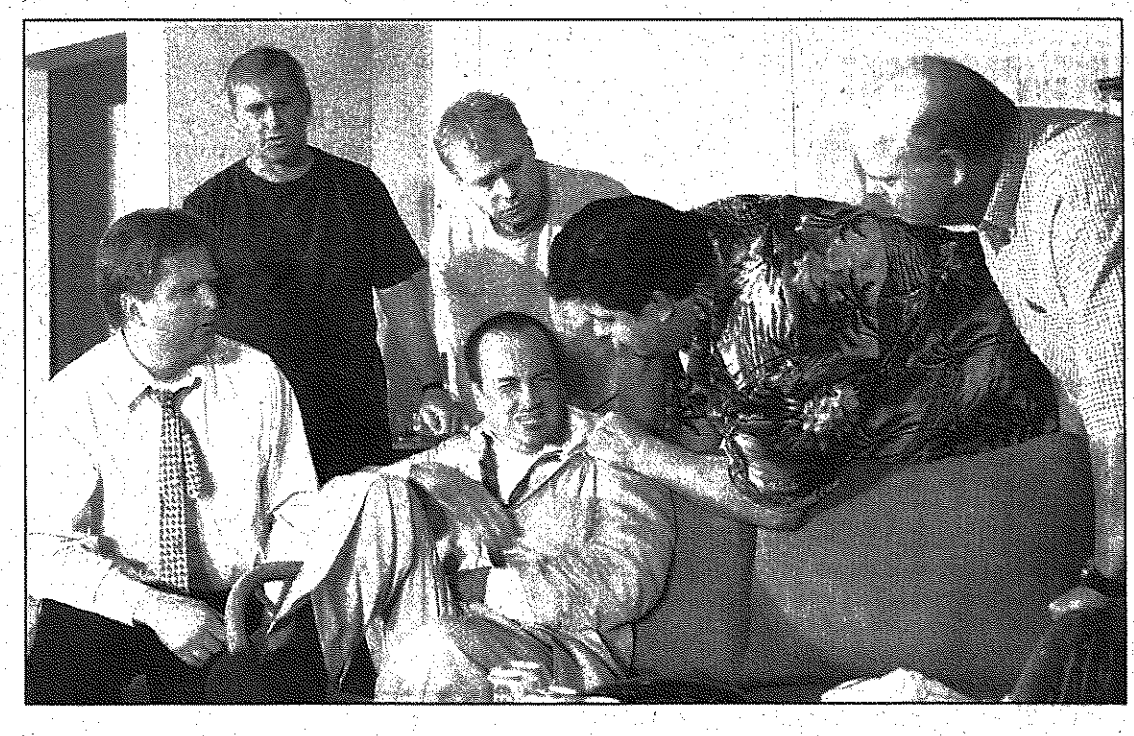
The cast includes Canton residents Rob Bovitz, Tim Bruch and Jerry Carney; Plymouth resident Karen Southworth; Livonia resident Larry Rajda; Northville resident Marian Fedewa; and Dearborn Heights resident Sean Paraventi.

The theater group is planning to debut *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* Oct. 8, 2004 after the Village Theater opens. That will be followed by *The Man Who Came to Dinner* and *Bye-Bye Birdie*.

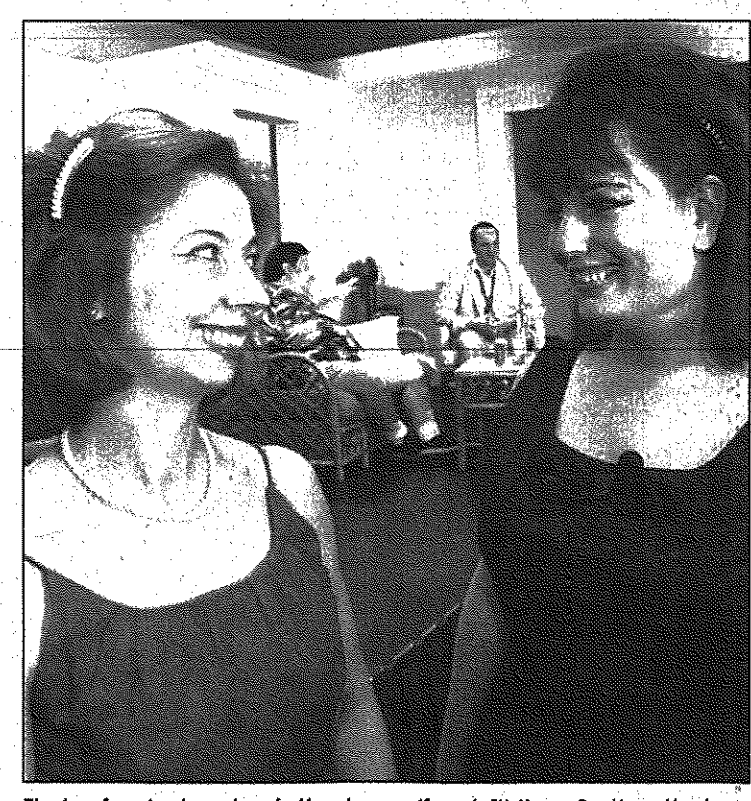
For more information, go to the Players Web site: www.spotlightplayers.net

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Felix (Sean Paraventi) complains of stomach pains. The guys suspect a suicide attempt and are extremely concerned. His buddies are (from left) Rob Bovitz, Larry Rajda, Tim Bruch, Jeff Trudeau (Oscar) and Jerry Carney.



The two female characters in the play are (from left) Karen Southworth who plays Gwendolyn, and Marian Dedewa who plays Cecily.

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Credit union changes name to 'emphasize community'

Community Federal Credit Union, headquartered in Plymouth, changed its name to Community Financial, a move officials of the federally-chartered credit union said more strongly emphasizes its commitment to the communities it serves and to better communicate the full range of financial services it offers.

The credit union's CEO, Roger Ballard, said, "Our decision to become 'Community Financial' came after months of research and talking with our members, employees, non-members and others in the community."

"For us, 'Community' is very important, because we work hard to be a good corporate citizen in the communities where our members live and work, and 'Financial' best describes our full range of services which includes loans, savings and investment programs for personal and commercial accounts," Ballard added.

Community Financial's new tagline, "Thinking Forward. Banking Right" also reflects the expansion of services that have been added during the credit union's 52-year history. More recently, comfortable Internet stations with coffee service have been added to some of the branches to give members more convenience in looking up their accounts and other financial information.

"Simply put, we want to make banking easier for our members and ensure that these services are delivered in a friendly, professional manner," Ballard said.

Among its community outreach programs, Community Financial participates in area chamber of commerce activities, operates 17 student credit unions in local schools, provides annual scholarships to graduating seniors, sponsors member education seminars and volunteers for special community-based programs. Community Financial's members have already been advised of the name change which has no affect on their accounts or the benefits of credit union membership. Promotional activities to communicate the name change to others will be ongoing over the next several months.

BAND

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Best Marching, Best Music and Best General Effect along with the highest score of all 40 competing bands — 91.45 — for their dynamic and dramatic 10-minute performance of "Souls of the Gypsy Caravan."

Other Observer & Eccentric-area bands at States included in Flight I (flights are determined by school enrollment, not band size), West Bloomfield, 10th; Flight II, Livonia Franklin, eighth; and in Flight III, Farmington Harrison, second, and Redford Thurston, fourth.

"Today was so excellent," said drum major Brittany Summers, a Salem senior. "The energy was so high and we were full of adrenaline that went from beginning to end. The band just gave it their all."

John Shellhase, a Salem senior and trombonist, couldn't agree more. "This was, by far, the most amazing performance of the season yet," he said. "It had so much energy and spirit. That comes from each individual and each section and then we bring it together as a band."

Canton junior Audrey Steffka, a third-year saxophone player, echoed those sentiments.

"Today's performance was excellent," she said. "It was really energetic and fun. That's pretty much the word that sums us up right now — we're energized and the audience participation really kept that energy going."

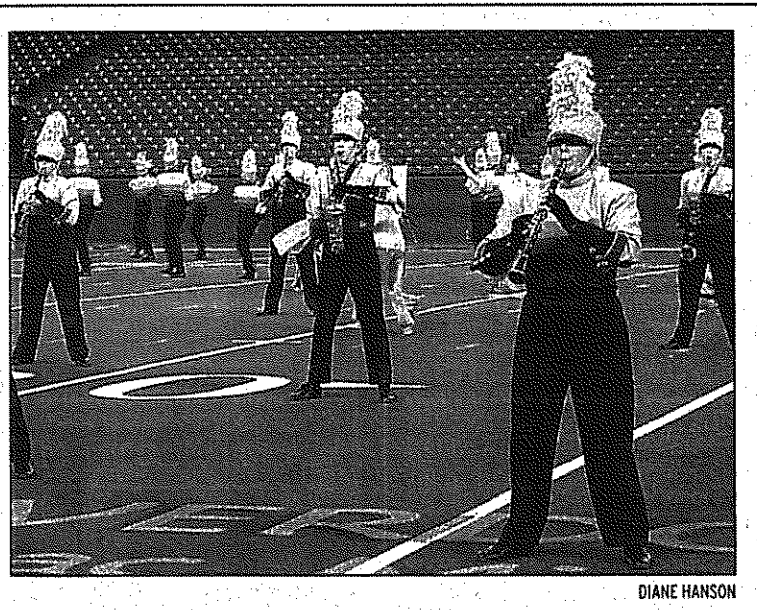
Indeed, the mesmerizing Middle Eastern melodies and fast-paced marching along with the rich hues and lively choreography of the color guard captivated some 10,000 spectators and drew them into the performance with rhythmic hand-clapping appreciation during the third movement of the production.

That's exactly the effect Band Director Marc Whitlock anticipated.

"We have a lot going on in our show," he said, "and we are very interesting to watch and to listen to.

"I thought they did a wonderful job today," he said of his 170 performers, "especially with all the new material added to the last movement — about two minutes of that was brand new this week."

While the entire production is now complete, he confessed there is still a long way to go before the Bands of America Grand National Championships in Indianapolis mid-November. Some of the problems he believed needed to be worked out were due to the "boomy" echoing quality of playing in a dome — forcing musicians to rely on visual cues from the drum majors rather than on what they hear.



DIANE HANSON

Saxophonist Andy Vink, Jaime Paffenroth on clarinet and Rebecca Commissaris on bass clarinet take a fleeting stance before continuing their fast-paced marching that aided the Plymouth-Canton band in taking top honors at State Championships Nov. 1.

Assistant Director Brian Miller anticipates much improvement over the next week-and-a-half of practice.

"I think this was their best performance so far," he said. "We will take a look at the video, analyze it, and see where our priorities are with what isn't working and we will change it to make it even better."

Canton junior Jessica Rollinger, a third-year percussionist, is ready for the challenge.

"This is the best we've done so far," she said. "But there will be a lot of practice in the next two weeks and we're up for it because it will really be worth it."

One of the changes made just in time for the State competition, and typical of P-CEP innovation, was the addition of accordion player Andrea Caruso, a Canton junior.

This is the first time the U.S. Junior Accordion Champion has ever played with a marching band.

"I'm really excited about playing with the marching band," she said. "It is really different than playing solo. I don't think many people have been exposed to accordion music in marching band. They usually think of it as a polka instrument."

Caruso has competed internationally on several occasions and just returned from competition in Hungary and Slovakia in October before beginning to memorize her band music.

Whitlock is delighted with the musical addition.

"The music in the third movement was originally written for the accordion," he pointed out. "And Andrea will have more music to play by nationals."

While the show is already a crowd-pleaser, Whitlock anticipates improvements and finishing touches on the performance will send a chill through the audience by the time of the Bands of America Grand National Championships in Indianapolis Nov. 13-15.

Marchers set to perform show in exhibition for community

The nationally acclaimed Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band has a special gift for the community. The 170-member award-winning band will perform a full-uniform exhibition of this year's competition show, "Souls of the Gypsy Caravan," at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8 in the P-CEP stadium.

There is no charge for the performance, but donations will be gratefully accepted and used to support the band's upcoming trip to Indianapolis Nov. 13-15 for the Bands of America Grand National Championships and to establish marching band scholarships.

Middle school band students will be given preferential seating and are encouraged to come early and receive a free gift while supplies last.

Western Townships Utilities Authority
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Synopsis
3:30 p.m. Monday, October 27, 2003

Regular meeting called to order at 3:45 p.m.
Present: Thomas Yack, Steve Mann, Mark Abbo
Agenda – adopted as presented.
Minutes of the regular meeting of September 22, 2003 – approved.
Schedule of disbursements totaling $1,511,390.32 – approved.
Operations & Maintenance Report for September 2003 – received and filed.
Director's Report for October 2003 – received and filed.
Capital Improvement Program; Budget Amendments – approved.
City of Plymouth Flow By-Pass Alternatives; Engineering Services Contract – budget amendment and authorization of payment of the over-expenditure was tabled.
YCUA Plant Expansion Update – received and filed report and discussed Change Order No. 2 to Christman's contract.
The regular meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Chairperson
THOMAS J. YACK

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
NOVEMBER 13, 2003

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, November 13, 2003 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Summit on the Park located at 46000 SUMMIT PARKWAY, CANTON, MI 48188 .** The following Agenda will be discussed:
Pledge of Allegiance to the flag
Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Phyllis Redfern and Steven Johnson.
Acceptance of Agenda

1. Lori and Brian Levi of Levi Intl Development, 45584 Morningside Road, Canton, MI 48187. Property located at 6057 Canton Center Road, west of Canton Center Road between Ford and Hanford Roads. The ordinance being appealed is Zoning Ordinance General Provisions Article 2.00, Section 2.10, D3, minimum easement requirements. Zone R4 and C2.
Parcel #036-99-0004-004 and #036-99-0005-704
(Planning)

2. Todd and Patty Green, 1825 Delancy Circle, Canton, MI 48188. Property located at 1825 Delancy Circle, east side of Denton Road between Cherry Hill and Geddes Road. The ordinance being appealed is Zoning Ordinance Schedule of Regulations Article 26.00, Section 26.02, minimum rear setback. Zone R2, Class 401.
Parcel #079-02-0463-000
(Building) **(SCHEDULED FROM OCTOBER 9, 2003 MEETING)**

3. Donald and Karen DePriest, 51170 Ford Road, Canton, MI 48187. Property located at same address on the north side of Ford Road between Ridge Road and Napier Road. The ordinance being appealed is Zoning Ordinance Schedule of Regulations Article 26.00, Section 26.02, side yard setback. Zone: Rural Residential.
Parcel #027-02-0002-000
(Building)

4. Robert Randall of Tony V's Sunrooms & Spas, 20330 Hall Road, Clinton Twp, MI 48038 representing Thaddeus Coats. Property located at 3289 Tall Oak Lane, east side of Tall Oak Road between Palmer Road and Michigan Avenue. The ordinance being appealed is Zoning Ordinance Schedule of Regulations Article 26.00, Section 26.02, rear yard setback. Zone R-1.
Parcel #102-04-0043-000
(Building)

5. T. L. Newcom, 1007 N. Lotz, Canton, MI 48187. Property located at same address on the northwest side of Lotz Road between Ford and Cherry Hill Roads. The ordinance being appealed is Fence Ordinance 103 Section 6.H., variance to distance of front setback. Zone R-2.
Parcel #052-99-0004-000
(Building)

6. Paul Rizzardi of Singh Management, 7125 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, MI 48325 representing Singh Management. Property located at 42450 Executive Drive, north side of Michigan Avenue, west of Lilley Road. The ordinance being appealed is Sign Ordinance 120, Section 7, 7.3, setback requirement for off-premise temporary sign for multiple family development.
Parcel #138-01-0001-000 and #138-01-0003-000
(Building)

7. Erin Kopkowski of Residential Design Consulting, Inc., 121 North Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178 representing Larry and Sharon Zimmerman. Property located at 44219 North Umberland, south side of North Umberland between Montfort Drive and North Umberland Road. The ordinance being appealed is Zoning Ordinance Schedule of Regulations Article 26.00, Section 26.02, rear setback restrictions. Zone Residential.
Parcel #037-01-0116-000
(Building)

(Approval of 8/28/03, 9/11/03, 9/25/03, 10/9/03)

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2003

Supervisor Mann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Massengill moved to ap prove the agenda for the Tuesday, October 28, 2003, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of October 28, 2003, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

Mrs. Becky Park, 9000 Canton Center Road, had questions as to whether or not the property line dispute with her neighbor would be a civil matter or a matter of trespass because of his parked truck. Township Attorney Cronin said he would be happy to speak to her attorney and work through the legal aspects from the Township's perspective.

Supervisor Mann opened the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m. regarding the request for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption for building improvements and new machinery and equipment for Metaldyne Corporation. There being no public comment, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:21 p.m.

Mr. Griffith moved that the Board approve Resolution No. 03-10-28-35, granting the request from Metaldyne Corporation for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption for building improvements and machinery and equipment for their leased facility located at 14328 Genoa Court, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Supported by Mr. Munfakh.

Ms. Arnold moved to amend the motion to grant a five (5) year Industrial Exemption for Metaldyne Corporation, allowing them to return at that point for an extension. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. ROLL CALL ON THE AMENDMENT: Ayes: Arnold, Curmi. Nays: Griffith, Munfakh, Edwards, Massengill, Mann. Amendment defeated.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION: Ayes: Griffith, Munfakh,Curmi, Mann, Munfakh. Nays: Arnold, Edwards, Massengill. Motion carried. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Supervisor Mann opened the Public Hearing at 7:36 p.m. regarding the request for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption for building improvements and new machinery and equipment for Absopuré Water Company There being no public comment, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:37 p.m.

Mr. Munfakh moved that the Board approve Resolution No. 03-10-28-36, granting the request from Absopure Water Company for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption for building improvements and machinery and equipment for their leased facility located at 41580 Joy Road, Gould Industrial Subdivision, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Supported by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all on a roll call vote.
be acquired and installed within the Industrial Development District; and

Supervisor Mann opened the Public Hearing at 8:26 p.m. regarding amending the 2003 General Fund Budget and Adopting the General Fund Budget for 2004.

Mr. Maurice Breen had questions regarding the policy for maintaining general fund balances, the need for filing Freedom of Information Act applications when requesting information, and who and when the FOIA officer was designated. He also requested a copy of the fee schedule when the $.50-per-page fee was enacted for copies of information requested from the Township.

Mr. Jerry Chouinard commented on the fact that Plante & Moran said the projected cost of the Police Department was going to rise by 8% this year and the Fire Department was going to go up by 2% and the revenues would go down by 4%. He asked if these facts were taken into account in preparing the budget. He recommended cautious spending of the general fund balance.

Mr. Mann said the facts that Plante & Moran brought forth were factored in.

Mr. Dan Holton had questions about the goals and objectives of the general fund balance and felt budget data should have been more widely disseminated.

There being no further comment, the Public Hearing was closed at 8:52 p.m.

The Board recessed at 8:55 p.m. and the meeting was reconvened at 9:07 p.m.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve Resolution 03-10-28-37, adopting the Amended General Fund Budget for 2003 and Recommended General Fund Budget for 2004 and approves the 2003 millage rate of 3.2694. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Edwards, Arnold, Massengill, Mann. Nays: Curmi, Griffith, Munfakh. Motion carried. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the Single Family Cluster Housing Agreement and Final Site Plan for Tuscany Hills Condominiums, Application 1794/0503, as recommended by the Planning Commission. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve Resolution 03-10-28-38, adopting the Amended Solid Waste Fund Budget for 2003 and Recommended Solid Waste Fund Budget for 2004. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.
Mr. Edwards moved to approve Resolution 03-10-28-39, adopting the Recommended Drug Forfeiture Fund Budget for 2003 and 2004. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Edwards, Massengill, Arnold, Griffith, Curmi, Mann. Nays: Munfakh. Motion carried. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Munfakh requested a legal opinion on the use of Special Assessment District monies.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution 03-10-28-40, adopting the Amended Improvement Revolving Fund Budget for 2003 and the Recommended Improvement Revolving Fund Budget for 2004. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve Resolution 03-10-28-41, adopting the Recommended Special Assessment District Fund Budget for 2004. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve Resolution 03-10-28-42, adopting the Amended Water and Sewer Fund Budget for 2003 and the Recommended 2004 Water and Sewer Fund Budget. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mr. Munfakh moved to adopt Resolution No. 03-10-28-43, authorizing the Township Supervisor to sign Wayne County Permit C-41231 and approve the Storm Drain Agreement with Plymouth Village Condominium, and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute same. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Change Order No. 1 for the contract with Audia Concrete Construction, Inc., in the amount of $11,395.10, for a new contract total of $89,001.20, and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute same. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the recommendation of the Clerk to appoint Republican, Charles A. Rohrborn, Jr., to the Plymouth Township Board of Canvassers to complete the term of Lillian Payne which expires December 2005. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Arnold, Massengill, Griffith, Curmi, Edwards, Mann. Nays: Munfakh. Motion carried.

Mr. Mann expressed his concern with Mr. Munfakh's attendance at the City of Plymouth meeting regarding the Sheldon Road underpass since his firm is involved in the project.

Mr. Munfakh said he attended the meeting in response to an e-mail Mr. Mann forwarded regarding the meeting. He expected the other Board members would be there, but just Mr. Curmi was there. He said he did not speak at the meeting until the Mayor asked him to say something He said he told them he was speaking for himself, not representing the Board. He attended only the work session, and left prior to the vote being taken. His company does a lot of work in Wayne County and if his attendance is perceived to be wrong, he apologizes. He would go to the next City Commission and tell them again that he was not representing the Board, but if Mr. Mann listened to the tape of the meeting, he would find he was speaking for himself, not for the Board.

Mr. Mann said he forwarded the e-mail to all Board members as requested by the sender, Paul Sincock. Mr. Mann said he did not specifically request that any of the Board members attend that meeting. Mr. Mann said his impression from the newspaper was that both Mr. Munfakh and Mr. Curmi were representing the Township as Trustees.

Mr. Mann reminded everyone to vote Thursday, November 6.

Mr. Curmi raised questions regarding the bills for mats, lollipops, senior transportation, and raccoon removal.

Mr. Lewis updated Mr. Munfakh on the progress of the incomplete house on Ann Arbor Road.

Mr. Alan Van Kerkel, a proponent of non-motorized transportation, expressed his pleasure at seeing the pathway and asked if there were plans for it to continue going down Beck Road and turning the corner.

Mr. Mann said that was the goal, possibly in early spring.

Mrs. Massengill moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

Mr. Mann adjourned the meeting at 10:27 p.m.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Steven Mann, Supervisor
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting held on October 28, 2003. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal. The minutes will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting held on November 18, 2003.

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OUR VIEWS

Marchers earn place of honor

The Detroit Lions are on their third coach in four years, and they've put together one of the worst records in the National Football League.

Maybe the Lions could learn from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band.

The band, also operating under its third "coach" in four years, went out Saturday and won its 10th straight Flight I State Championship at the Michigan Competing Band Association State Finals at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Marc Whitlock held the band's reins this year. The two years before that it was Clayton Wachholz. Before that, it was Dave McGrath. Great jobs were done by all three; in fact, McGrath's resume includes a national title.

But when three different band directors, each with his own unique style and thinking, can come in and continue to win, one begins to look for the true source of the success, and we believe we've found it.

In the students.

These are dedicated kids who often come to work wondering what the day's program is going to be like. They spend weeks incorporating new things into the routine, developing it, nurturing it until they get it right, which is always right on time for the big competitions.

Along the way, they win everything in sight, lending still further credence to the adage, "practice makes perfect."

And it never seems to matter what the director throws at them. For instance, in Saturday's state competition, they added the play of accordion player Andrea Caruso, a Canton junior. Though she has competed internationally and just got back from competition in Hungary and Slovakia, it was the first time the U.S. Junior Accordion Champion had ever played with a marching band.

Just because the band won the state competition doesn't mean there won't be fine-tuning. After all, there are two weeks until nationals. And Whitlock figures to make improvements and add some finishing touches.

Assistant director Brian Miller said after Saturday's performance, "We will take a look at the video, analyze it, and see where our priorities are with what isn't working and we will change it to make it even better." Even better? It's an ambitious thought, and a laudable goal.

Luckily for Miller and Whitlock, they've got the kids to carry it off.

Don't allow hunting of mourning doves

Michigan has survived nearly 100 years without a mourning dove hunting season and there's no urgent need to lift that ban now.

Nonetheless, legislation that would put these small, sweet-sounding songbirds in the cross-hairs is pending. If passed, the mourning dove — a traditional symbol of peace — would join the ranks of game animals open to hunting.

The legislation, H.B. 5209, was introduced in August by Rep. Susan Tabor, a Delta Township Republican. It was approved last week by the House Committee on Conservation and Outdoor Recreation and was scheduled to be considered Tuesday by the full House.

Backers point out that mourning doves are hunted in 39 other states and say Michigan is missing out on tourism dollars by not allowing the birds to be targets here.

Perhaps, but the argument that "everybody else is doing it so why shouldn't we?" is a relatively weak stance, especially since it wouldn't apply in so many other instances.

Other than a vocal hunting lobby that says gunning for mourning doves can make for a challenging and tasty experience, there's little reason to believe Michigan residents want to see these birds come under fire.

It's debatable whether mourning doves are a nuisance because of their numbers and therefore due for a controlled kill, but it's clear that they offer little in the way of meat and are about as threatening as puppies.

Michigan hunters are good folk and they contribute a lot to the state through their sport and stewardship. But isn't it true that there are plenty of species of animals to hunt and fish to catch already?

Adding docile doves to the list of animals facing lethal force won't do much good to improve the public's perception of hunting and may only inspire unnecessary ill will.

If our state's hunters really need to shoot mourning doves, let them go to Ohio or Indiana or Illinois or Wisconsin. No one is trying to deprive them of this pursuit of happiness.

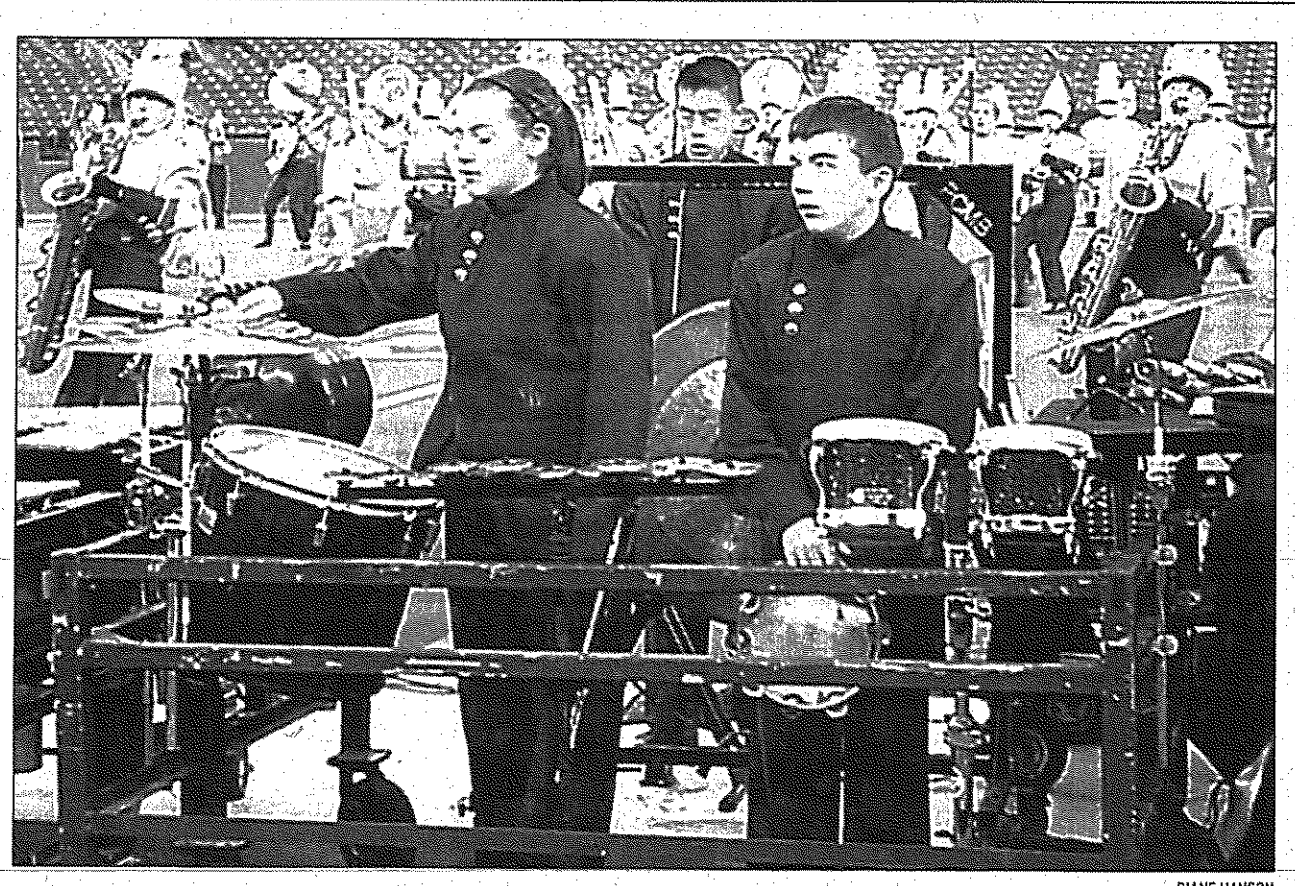
But Michigan has protected these birds since 1905 and is none the worse for it. Our lawmakers should respect this tradition and keep the bull's-eye off this particular target.

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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.



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Pit percussionists Meridith Bailey, Dustin Maynes and Mike McDermott keep the beat for the P-CEP marchers including bari-saxophonists Chris Aten on the left and Nick Rowe at the Pontiac Silverdome, where the hometown band captured all Flight I top awards along with the highest score of all 40 bands at the Michigan Competing Band Association State Championships.

LETTERS

Kids nurtured

Phil Power says in his Oct. 16 column ("Early childhood education key to later school success") that the French system of maternal and child care centers represents "a model that might usefully be adapted to American conditions."

To see a model of the ideal situation, we need not look to France. We need only to look back in our own country's history. And we need only look back a few decades, to a time when families understood the value of having a parent at home during the day to raise their own children, a time when families were willing to sacrifice material things in order to do what was best for their children.

I also find it ironic that Gov. Granholm is touting a program whose motto is "education beings at age zero." This coming from a woman who leaves two small children at home while she chose one of the most demanding positions in the state of Michigan.

Gov. Granholm has said in the past, "I found out that the brains of children who are nurtured, stimulated and loved actually look different than those of children who were raised in a high stress environment." What could be more stressful for a young child than being dropped off by her mother each morning into a large group in a day care center where she'll be supervised by strangers? Gov. Granholm, the Office of Governor will be available for a long time. These precious years in your children's lives will not.

Kim Parnis
Livonia

Power right on

Phil Power hit a home run with his column ("State's budget woes need more than just a quick fix," *Observer*, Oct. 23).

I own a business that is entering the fifth year of operations and continues to enjoy moderate growth. One certainty is that when revenues are down, you probably shouldn't cut revenues. Seems basic.

Republican leadership appears to be more interested in bolstering the "tight-a*s club" (yes, I'm a member) than in producing meaningful legislation. Republican leadership (Rick Johnson) introduced the amendment to waste, I mean, spend $39 million on laptops for sixth-graders, of which one-third cannot read at grade level.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the state of Michigan has lost 303,000 jobs since January 2001 (January 2001 through August 2003). Incredibly, this appears to represent about 25 percent of all jobs lost in America for the period. It's time for the elected leadership of this state to set aside partisan politics and get to work or be fired.

When elected leadership, regardless of party affiliation, goes about the business of the people, they should conduct themselves as if they are conducting business. The folks in Lansing MUST meet at the middle aisle to rapidly produce meaningful legislation that benefits everyone in Michigan.

Now is not the time for partisan politics and pushing social agendas, but a time to focus on improving the state economy. The economy has a natural and almost predictable cycle. There will be plenty of time down the road for the Republicans to incrementally erode individual freedoms and the Democrats to push a liberal agenda.

The Power Flows To Where The Focus Goes.

Jonathon Grant
Plymouth

Change presidents

We pay about $5 billion a month for Mr. Bush's war in Iraq. Think of how much $5 billion a month could help in this country and in Michigan. Think schools, college costs, health care, health insurance, roads, mass transit, social security, unemployment compensation, Head Start. President Bush needs to change his priorities or we need to change presidents.

As Sen. Ted Kennedy said on Sept. 16: "There was no imminent threat. This was made up in Texas, announced in January to the Republican leadership that war was gong to take place and was going to be good politically. This whole thing was a fraud." Do you think Bush picked on Iraq for reasons that had nothing to do with right and wrong, but do help himself politically? We need to change presidents.

Jerry L. Bixby
Troy

Protecting our country

On this Veterans Day, we honor the men and women who served in the Armed Forces protecting our country that we might have a free nation.

They are the people who never make the nightly news, never protested on the streets. They never expected any special treatment, never burned the flag.

These are the people that at such a young age pledge to serve, and now some are waging a battle with illness or some disabled and some gave their lives, yet still proud to be an American.

They fought in the wars of Germany, Japan, Korea and Vietnam, along with many conflicts.

These veterans are special in our lives. You will never read about them in the national periodicals and will not see them profiled in the life style of the rich and famous, they are just ordinary people living out their lives in the quietness of their home.

From the general to the enlisted soldier, thank you veterans for serving our country and serving it well. You are the reason this country remains free today. We honor you and thank you. God bless all of you.

Jack Hoffman
Westland

Fat chance

State budget woes are looked on as an opportunity to get elected or re-elected by defying reality not by cutting from the budget.

Most politicians believe in a morality of sacrifice and misunderstand the nature of a government of a free people. Instead, they wish to decide or help decide how to fix the problems of their constituents by using services and programs created by government and paid for by collecting money using government coercion.

Either way, their goal is to provide for the "common good," using the nature of any and all of the country governments — federal, state,or local — coercion. They know no other way, but there is.

We need a budget created by intellectuals and politicians who are objective, grounded in reality, and using reason 100 percent to understand the nature of man and a government of free men living in a country founded on the principle – the unalienable right of each person to his own life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

We don't need budget woes, they are symbols, bad philosophies.

Paul L Gruchala
Westland

Counting the votes

The Democrats may never win another election, especially if that election is close. An infamous individual once said, "It's not the people who vote that count, but the people who count the votes."

Three major computer voting machine manufacturers, Diebold, Sequoia, and Election Systems and Software (ES&S), have sold their products to election officials around the country. All three of these companies were and still are major contributors to the Republican party. Not only do these companies manufacture and sell these machines, they also program them.

Unfortunately, these machines were used in the 2002 election, and if you recall, all the close races were eventually won by Republicans. What is more unfortunate, however, is that these same machines will be used in 2004. So be prepared for the Republicans to steal yet another election, especially if it is close.

George E. Anderson
Westland

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"We said from the start we needed to know the dollar (amount) bottom line. We're not rich people. We have fixed incomes. Developers will be the ones who will benefit from this."

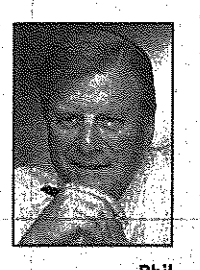
– Resident Lisa Walker, about the paving of Lotz Road

Time for governor to make bold statement on budget

There is a tide in the affairs of men,
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;
Omitted, all the voyage of their life
Is bound in shallows and in miseries
– William Shakespeare, *Julius Caesar*

There comes a time in the career of all serious-minded politicians when a clear choice must be made between doing the safe thing and taking the bold and courageous step. Gov. Jennifer Granholm is at such a point.

Although it hasn't received much notice in the media, virtually everybody with an interest in politics is still buzzing about her capitulation to Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and the Detroit Federation of Teachers in l'affair Thompson.



Phil Power

To recount, Bob Thompson, a retired Plymouth-area businessman, offered $200 million to build 15 500-student independent charter high schools in Detroit with a targeted 90 percent graduation rate. State legislation would be required, of course, and for a while it looked as though Gov. Granholm, Mayor Kilpatrick and the Republican-dominated Legislature were about to agree on an enabling bill.

But, lo and behold, the Detroit Federation of Teachers skipped work, staged an angry demonstration on the Capitol grounds and leaned on Kilpatrick, who withdrew his support. Granholm then accused the Republicans of slipping unacceptable language into the draft bill. And the whole thing collapsed in a maze of recriminations.

Tellingly, Janna Garrison, the president of the DFT, was quoted in a *Time* magazine piece last week as injecting racial politics into the deal: "If someone from outside came to Bob Thompson's suburban town and said, 'I'm gonna give you a lot of money for education, but we spend it my way,' they just wouldn't tolerate it."

Virtually all the politicos I've talked to since have castigated the governor for not having the guts to stand up to the mayor and the DFT. "Here's a governor with a demonstrated interest in kids and their education. Now she's got a guy with $200 million in his hand for kids in Detroit. And the DFT and the mayor say, 'No deal!' She should have stuck to it and challenged them about where they were gonna go," said one insider.

And here's why all the criticism of Gov. Granholm is of such moment just now: The state faces another budget deficit crisis this fiscal year, this time a $900 million shortfall. Sadly, it's likely both the governor and the Legislature, left to their normal political instincts, will resort to a cuts-alone strategy to remedy the deficit. They'll take a nip here and a tuck there, but never have the guts to address the core issues that lurk behind the deficit. These have to do with the basic structure of Michigan's tax system, the chronic structural deficit built into the state budget and deeply ingrained bad habits in the way the state spends money.

I urge Gov. Granholm to take a courageous step and submit two entirely different state budgets. One would solve the deficit by spending cuts alone and provoke screams of protest from every known constituency. The other would propose a far-reaching restructuring of the workings, costs and revenues of state government. At that point, the governor would be entirely justified in challenging the Legislature to have the guts to talk about the root causes of our financial problems rather than take the safely partisan course of fooling around their edges. And out of such a discussion might emerge enough political courage to get at long-term solutions to our chronic budget problems.

Here are two examples of what such a far-reaching budget might propose:

1) Address defects in the architecture of the state's tax system. Right now, the two big taxes are the 6 percent state sales tax on most goods (excluding food and prescription drugs) that yields around $7 billion a year, and the Single Business Tax that is indescribably complex (though basically a tax on payroll) that yields around $2 billion a year and makes Michigan look like a terrible place to do business. Why not broaden the base on which the sales tax is levied to include services of most sorts, making it possible to maintain state revenues and allow a rate reduction? Experts tell me, for example, that eliminating the SBT and placing a reduced 5 percent sales tax on both goods and services would be roughly revenue-neutral, while adding a flat corporate profits tax would increase fairness.

2) Correct silly ways of spending money. Take, for example, the way the state pays for foster care. Right now, the state pays by the day for custody of children whose family situation is unstable or unhealthy. This costs around $325 million per year, not counting medical expenses. But the point of foster care is not to keep kids there; it is to get them either back to their families or into adoption. The state should improve the incentives to reward either outcome.

Of course, none of this will be easy. Frankly, I wonder whether this term-limited Legislature has members with the experience to participate in such a dialogue. And I wonder whether the governor's advisers have the guts to embark on such a courageous course. But I do know that Gov. Granholm is one of the few politicians around with the communication skills to explain and sell such a package to the voters of Michigan. All she now needs is the courage of her convictions and the sense that there is, indeed, a tide in the affairs of not just men, but women, who are destined to lead.

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Cultivate leadership for the 2004 election

With a year to go before the township board is up for election, start thinking about how you feel this group of public servants have done their jobs. New blood never hurts a public body. Pay attention and start thinking about who you would like to see on the township board.

Canton voters lucked out this year. While their counterparts in other communities have been barraged with campaign literature, doorbell ringing and the verbal punches candidates traditionally throw at each other, Canton voters have remained unaffected.

Canton's turn comes next year. At this time in 2004, voters will be reviewing the fruits of their labors as a new township board of trustees, including supervisor, treasurer and clerk, is elected.



Joanne Maliszewski

With a year to go, now is as good a time as any to get residents thinking. The current township board, with the exception of Trustee Karl Zarbo, has been around a long time. Each member has long put their hearts into their work and this township.

Is it time for new trustees and administrators? Maybe not. Maybe so. That's up to the voters. But it is a good time to begin reviewing their efforts. It's a good time for voters to really begin looking at the township, its policies and its development. Are you satisfied?

However you may answer that question, start paying attention. It is so easy for all of us to go along assuming all is well with local government. Truthfully, most of us don't really pay attention unless something affects us directly. That's human nature. Sure, there are always those who watch local government with an eagle's eye. We need people like that. In fact, we need more people like that.

That doesn't mean that something is amiss or there is suspicion lurking. Paying attention and getting involved is what voters are supposed to do. That's how the system works. And it works at its finest when voters are involved. When voters are interested in far more than just what happens in and to their neighborhood.

This township belongs to everyone who lives and works in it. But how many voters know — other than by reading recent editions of the *Canton Observer* — that the township board just adopted its 2004 budget? Our guess is not many. We doubt we could find many residents who would say the township budget is not important. But how many are really interested?

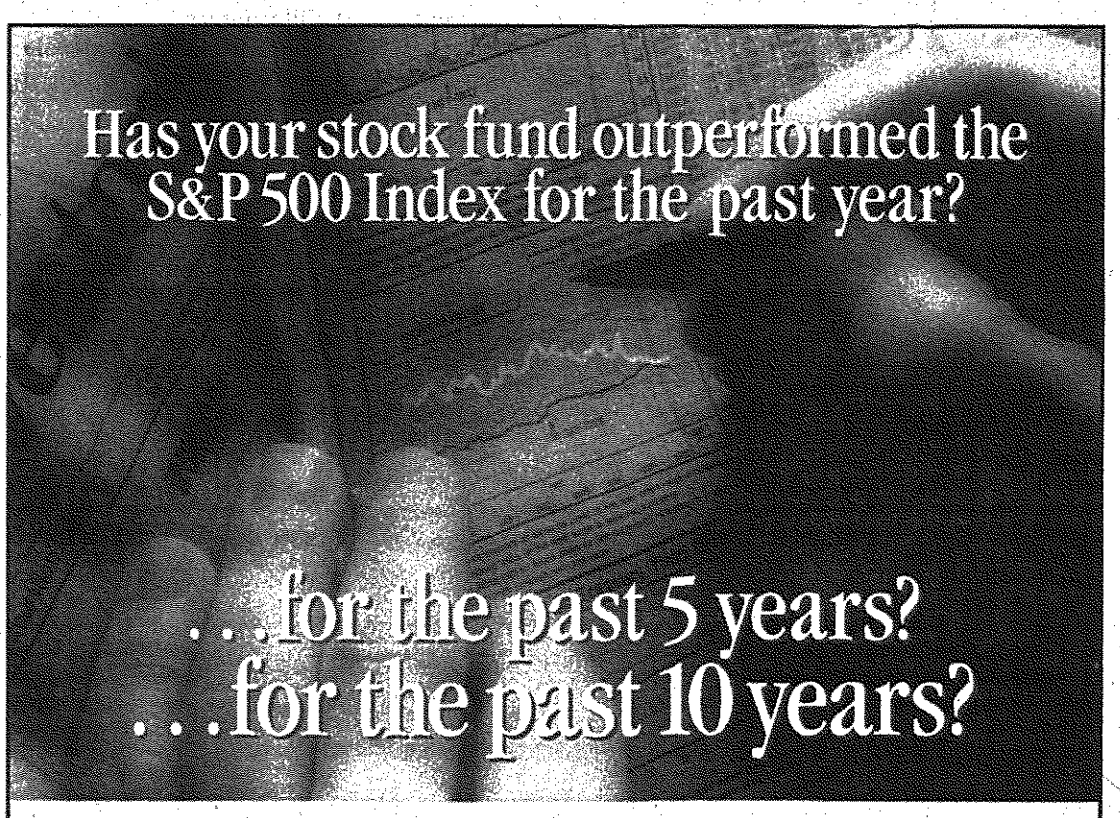
The truth is, as slow as government is, there comes a point where business is completed, action taken and that's the end of that. A recent example comes to mind. Residents in the Carriage Hills subdivision had long talked with the planning commission about the proposed development of a Lowe's big box store on Ford Road. It would essentially back up to the neighborhood. Their comments and involvement had a definite impact on what will be developed.

Within so many feet of a proposed development, residents are informed of planning commission discussion opportunities. That doesn't happen when the issue gets to the township board. By then, the only thing lacking is a few nails on the lid to make something a done deal. Today, residents still don't want the store and are trying to determine how they can still have an impact. They never took the chance of speaking directly to the township board.

It's just an example of how you really need to pay attention. Information will not be spoon-fed to anyone. It is about getting involved. And not just about your neighborhood.

With a year to go before the township board is up for election, start thinking about how you feel this group of public servants have done their jobs. New blood never hurts a public body. Pay attention and start thinking about who you would like to see on the township board. If you're happy with who sits on it now, great. If not, residents should begin cultivating its leaders for the future.

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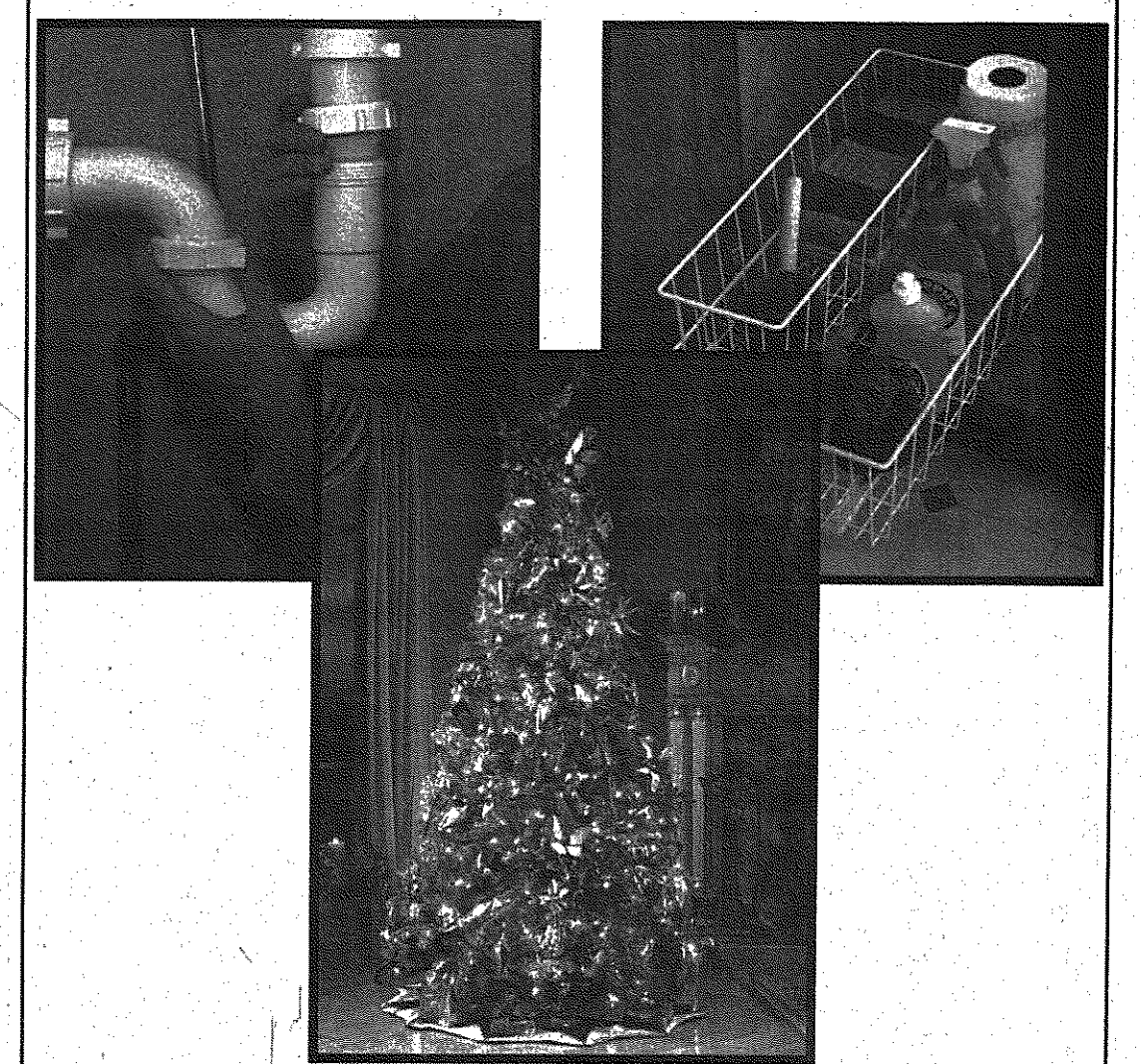
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YWCA honors Women of Achievement

Corinne Vincent couldn't be happier with the choice of this year's winners of the Women of Achievement Awards. The YWCA of Western Wayne County and its executive director will pay tribute to all six at the 12th annual luncheon for honorees to be held 11:30 a.m.. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at the Fairlane Club in Dearborn.

The keynote speaker is Sen. Debbie Stabenow, (D-Mich.), a former recipient.

Tickets are $35 and available by calling (313) 561-4110, Ext. 10.

The call went out for nominees in August. Thirty-six were received, only six chosen – Sandra Cicirelli, mayor of Westland and an attorney, won in the Government/Law category, the same as Gov. Jennifer Granholm a few years ago. Among the other winners were Beverly Black, associate professor, School of Social Work, Wayne State University, Professions; Rose Khalifa, R.N., Dearborn, transcultural nurse and an advocate of health care for the underserved, Volunteer Service; Elizabeth Lee Youngblood of Inkster, high school teenager and mentor of community children, Young Woman; Kim Trent, journalist, Detroit, regional manager for Stabenau, Arts/Communication, and


Cicirelli

Judith Quinn, Belleville, president of Judith A. Quinn & Associates and a sales representative for American Steel Works.

"I'm very happy with the winners every year," said Corinne Vincent. "A panel of judges rank nominees. It's not a popularity contest where one judge can sway another."

The YWCA of Western Wayne County founded the Women of Achievement Awards to recognize women in the area for demonstrating qualities of outstanding leadership and excellence in both their professional and personal endeavors for the betterment of their community.

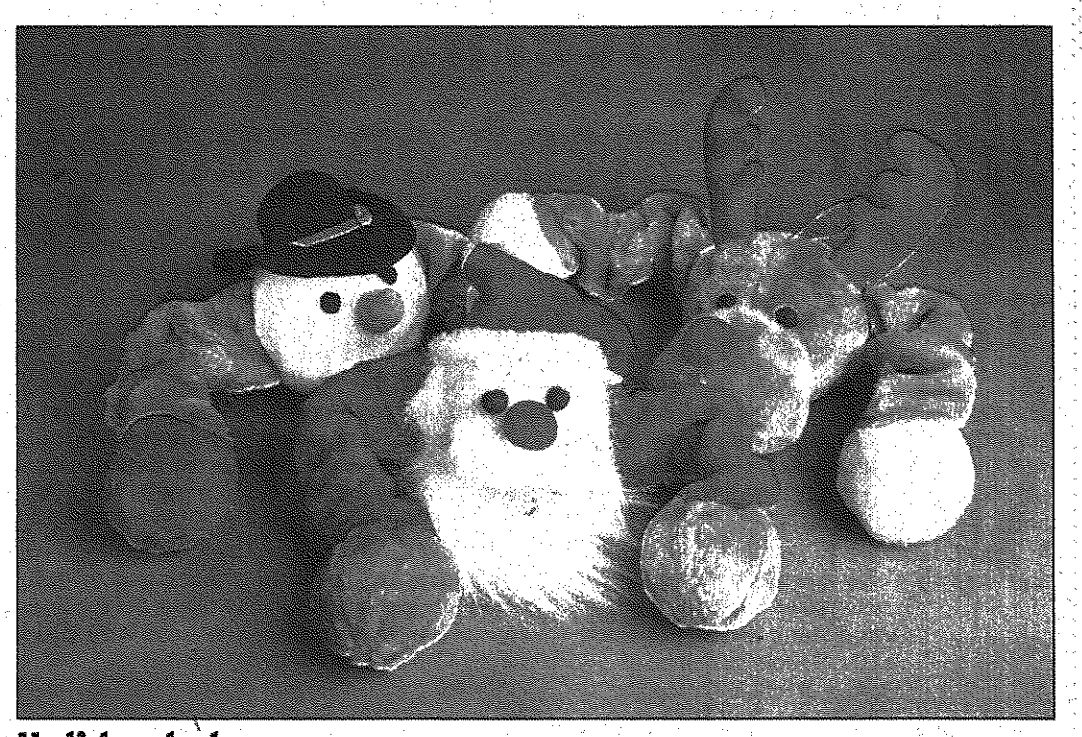
"We were thinking recognition was given in the metropolitan Detroit area we'd like to honor women from Western Wayne County," said Vincent. "We had a tradition of holding a Town Hall dinner. We put out a flyer and pr for people to nominate women who in personal or professional life had effected quality of life in Western Wayne County. We decided to combine that with the awards. We wanted the speaker to be a Michigan based person, and the award to be a Michigan creative piece of art. We chose a tile from Pewabic Pottery."

YWCA volunteer Diane Thomas is proud to be associated with the awards and luncheon.

"It's a lovely event," said Thomas. "There's always a lot of energy in that room. One of the reasons for that is it honors such a diverse group of women, economically, ethnically."

Sandra Cicirelli couldn't agree more. She said in a previous *Observer* story, "I am very honored to be recognized and to have won this award. Many of the women who have preceded me are well-respected, and I'm pleased to be in the same category with them."

Cicirelli was honored for being vice chair of the Conference of Western Wayne, and a member of the SMART board of directors, Westland Chamber of Commerce, Westland Goodfellows, and a former member of the Wayne-Westland YMCA Board of Directors, Youth Advisory Council, and 21st District Court mediator. She received Westland's Athena Award in recognition of professional excellence and community service and the Woman of Distinction Award from the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council. She is the first woman elected mayor of Westland.



Holiday helpers

The Michigan Humane Society is selling holiday gifts and cards to raise money to care for homeless animals. The Humane Society cards sell for $15 for a box of 15 cards in a variety of designs. The pet toys, above, are among the gifts for sale, which also include a 2004 calendar, apparel and a mug. To view items and make orders online, visit www.michiganhumane.org and click on Retail Store. For more information or to order by phone, call 1-866-MHUMANE (648-6263), Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Humane Society has a shelter at 37255 Marquette, Westland.

AAA sponsors geography contest

According to a survey by the National Geographic Society, only 13 percent of young adults in the United States can find Iraq on a map. One in 10 can't locate their own country.

To help improve that score, AAA has announced its second annual competition designed to heighten geographic literacy and create awareness of job opportunities in the travel and tourism industries. The national competition – AAA Travel High School Challenge – is open to all students in grades 9-12. Contestants will compete on three different levels to win in the finals, which will be held at Universal Orlanda in May. Top prize winners will receive college scholarships worth $156,000.

From Jan. 12-21, participating students from Michigan will compete in the first leg of the competition – a multiple-choice test administered online through the AAA Web site.

Each student has 30 minutes to complete the 40 questions and may take the test one time only. The top five scorers from each state and Washington, D.C., advance to the state competitions.

The state finalists will take a second exam – a proctored, written exam at a selected location near their home. The state champion, along with a parent or guardian, will travel, expense-paid, to Orlando, Fla., for the national finals.

Top scorer in each state will receive a $1,000 scholarship.

The national finals will also involve a proctored, written exam and culminate in a live game show with two teams of three students each. Winning team members will each receive the top prize – a $2,500 scholarship – and the three runners-up will each receive $10,000.

Annual JCC book fair kicks off next week

The Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, will host local authors and books of local interest from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9.

The event is part of the JCC's annual book fair, which runs Nov. 9 through Nov. 16.

Organizers have scheduled 30 speakers, 50 authors and are expecting about 15,000 guests. Tops on the list this year include such luminaries as Sidney Blumenthal, Madeline Albright, Alan Dershowitz, Theodore Bikel and Rabbi Harold Kushner.

One of the authors taking part in the book fair is Suzan Hagstrom, who wrote *Sara's Children: The Destruction of Chmielnik.*

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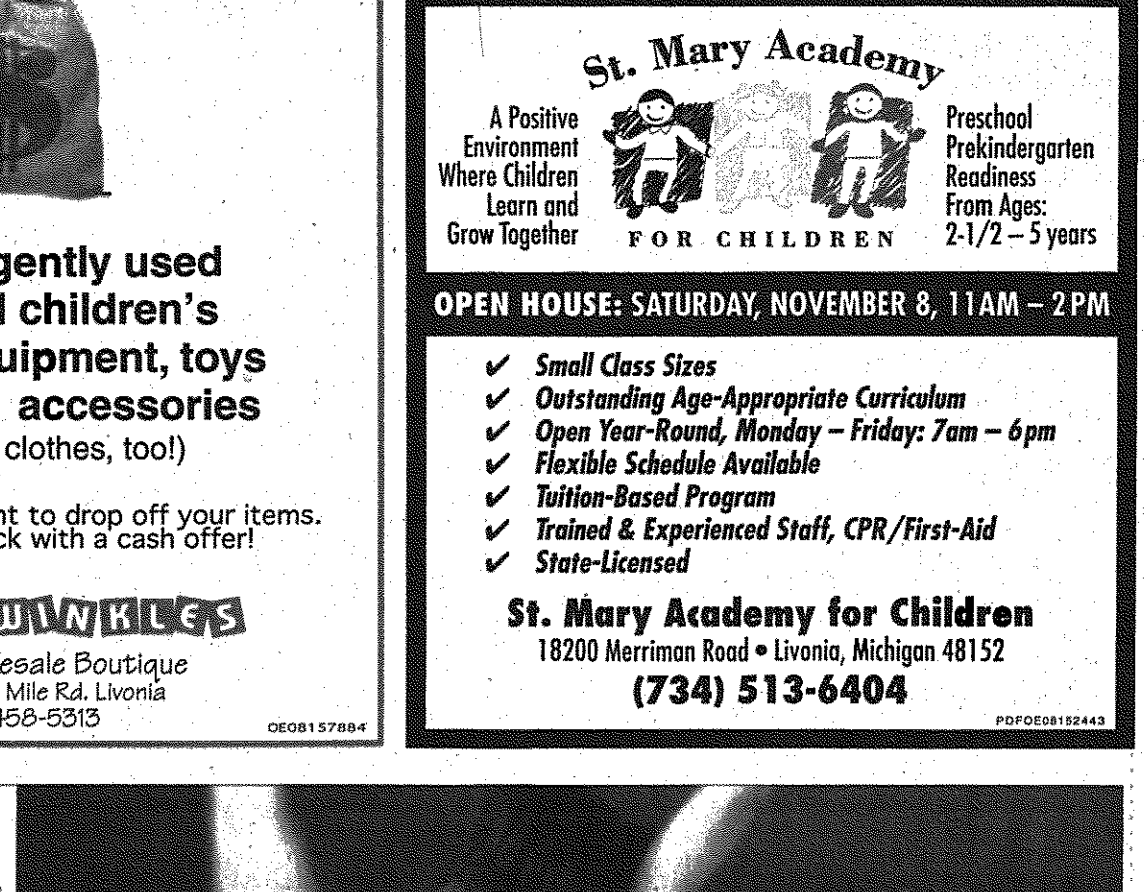
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Sidelines

Run standouts

A pair of Salem graduates did their alma mater proud at their respective colleges' league cross country finals.

Donnie Warner, a 2001 graduate of Salem now at DePaul University, finished sixth in the eight-kilometer Conference USA Cross Country Championship last Saturday at the University of South Florida's Golf Course in Tampa. Warner was clocked at 25:19.0, leading DePaul to a fourth-place finish in the 12-team race with 105 points. Marquette was first with 43 points.

At the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Cross Country Finals Oct. 25 in Big Rapids, Nick Allen, a Salem grad now a senior at Wayne State, finished first overall in the eight-kilometer race in 25:01.2. Allen's performance carried WSU to a second in the team standings with 60 points. Grand Valley State was first with 35.

Lions advance

The Canton Lions freshmen football team earned a spot in the Western Suburban Junior Football League's Super Bowl for the second consecutive year with a 7-0 victory over the Dearborn Heights Redskins Sunday.

The only touchdown came on a run by Brad Trublowski. Jack Slater added the extra point. The Lions defense was led by Braden Price, Kamal Mheisen, Eric Thuma, Adam Payne and Chris Ostrowski.

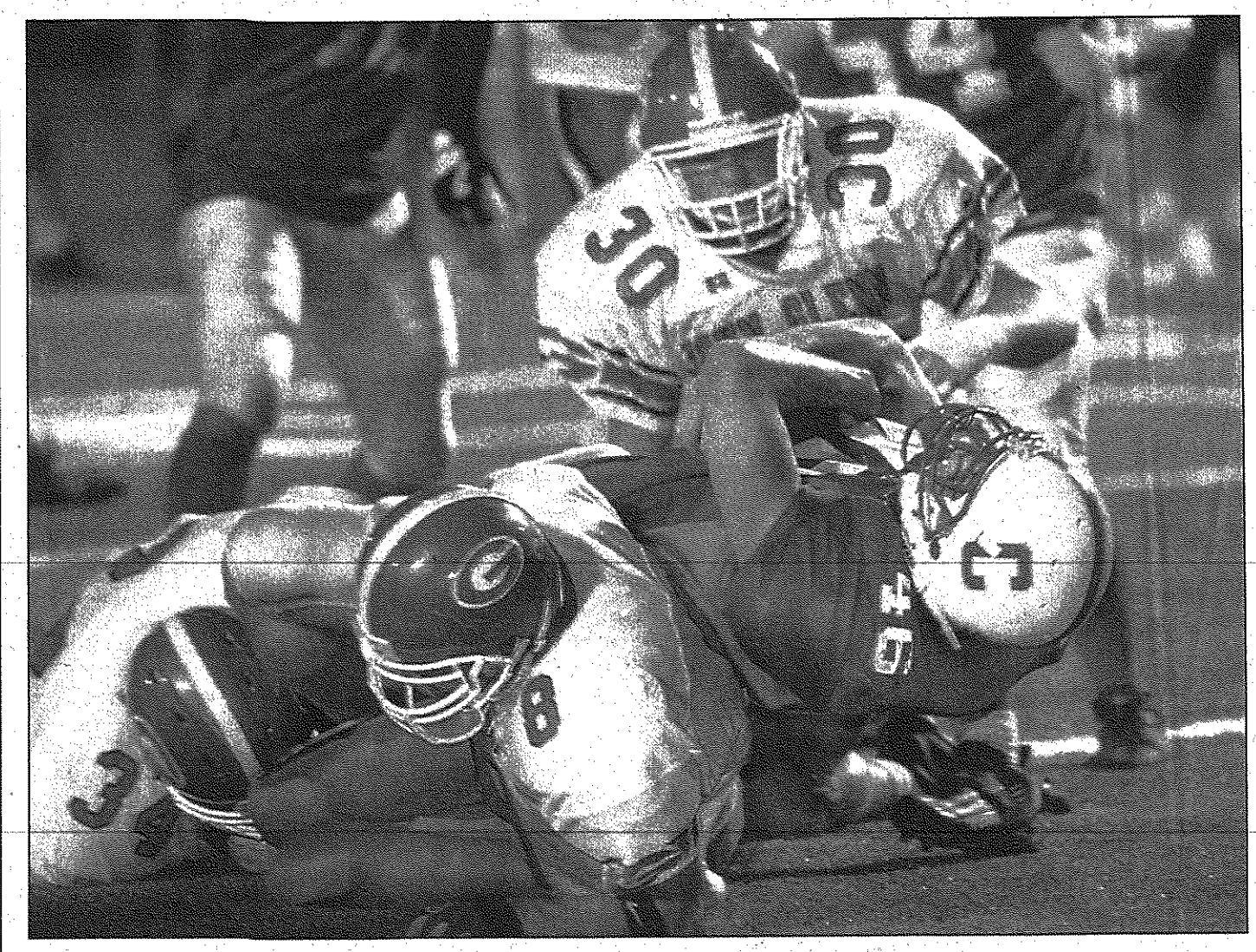
The Lions will face the Westland Meteors Sunday in the Super Bowl. The game will kick off at noon at Central Middle School.

Albion standouts

The Albion College men's soccer team remained a force in the very tight Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association race by winning two of three matches last week. The Britons, 8-9-1 overall and 5-5 in the MIAA, beat MIAA rival Adrian College 5-2 on Oct. 30 and non-conference foe Tri-State University 3-0 last Saturday.

Sophomore midfielder Aaron Schmidt, a Canton HS graduate, scored a goal in both Albion victories and sophomore keeper Tavio Palazzolo, from Salem HS, was in goal for the second half of the Adrian match and played the entire game against Tri-State to get the shutout. Palazzolo had seven saves in the two matches.

In women's soccer action, sophomore Ashley Rosaen, a Canton HS grad, earned an assist in Albion's 1-0 victory over St. Mary's College (Ind.) last Saturday.



Fullback Chuck Schumacher crosses the goal line for Canton's third touchdown in the Chiefs' 20-7 win over John Glenn Sept. 5. Schumacher scored all three Canton TDs in the game.

Canton must stop Glenn's Smitherman

PLAYOFF PREVIEW

Sometime late this afternoon, as the Canton football team comes to the end of its practice session, the squad will line up for its weekly ritual: running a series of 10-yard sprints that are aimed as much at focusing the Chiefs' attention on what's at stake with the upcoming game as physical preparation.

In previous weeks, as the Chiefs kept piling up the wins, coach Tim Baechler would supply the object for his team to focus on: "7-0!" he'd yell if the next victory would be their seventh-straight. It became especially meaningful when Canton completed its regular season with a win over Salem that gave the Chiefs their first undefeated regular season.

Seemed only logical to keep that number as a goal, something to add to, as the playoffs began. But according to Baechler, his team captains had a different suggestion.

"They came to me before the Wayne game and said, 'Coach, just say 1-0,'" Baechler said. "That told me their focus is right where it should be."

It does indicate the 10-0 Chiefs won't be looking beyond Friday's game against 9-1 Westland John Glenn, even with the possibility of playing defending state champ Redford Catholic Central looming.

And don't be fooled: Canton will need its complete attention to handle the Rockets, whose only loss was to the Chiefs in Week Two by a 20-7 count.

Both teams have grown since then. John Glenn is led by the running power of Matt Smitherman, but quarterback Vinnie DeLuca – who missed the first meeting between the two teams with a broken foot – is also dangerous.

"They're a lot better and we're a lot bet-

PLEASE SEE **SMITHERMAN, B3**

A strong showing

Rocks get best runs at state meet finals

Early in October, when Salem boys cross country coach Geoff Baker made the prediction that his team could challenge for the Western Lakes Activities Association championship, it seemed almost ridiculous.

This was a team with one runner with real varsity experience returning from the previous season. And the Rocks had done nothing spectacular to that point to suggest they could, indeed, be something special.

CROSS COUNTRY

But Baker was right. Two-and-a-half weeks later, Salem won the WLAA title; a week after that, the Rocks placed second in the state regional meet and qualified for the state finals.

Baker's grasp of the situation was proved accurate once again at Saturday's Division I State Meet at Michigan International Speedway, when Salem placed 21st out of 27 teams.

No, the finish doesn't seem overly impressive. But to Baker, the Rocks' performance was.

"Well, everybody ran their personal bests, so you have to be happy," he said.

Can't ask for more than that, right? "You could," he answered, "but you'd be getting pretty greedy.

"At the beginning of the season, no one thought we could get here. But as the season progressed, we got better and better and better."

Salem put three runners in the top 100 finishers in the team race, and all five of their scorers were in the top 106. The Rocks finished with 442 points;

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Win puts Crusaders in final

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Understand, this probably isn't the most talented women's soccer team Madonna University has fielded. But so far, the Crusaders are playing like a team of destiny.

Having clinched a berth in the NAIA Regional with its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular-season championship, Madonna didn't have to win the WHAC Tournament — and that concerned Crusader coach Mark Zathey prior to Wednesday's WHAC semifinal against Aquinas College.

"I was concerned going in," Zathey admitted. "We were already going to the regional. This would be a test, whether or not they would take this game seriously."

He got the answer he wanted. On a cold, blustery day at Livonia's Greenmead Field, Madonna scored two first-half goals and got three more in the second in dominating the Saints, 5-0.

The Crusaders, who improved to 14-5-1, will meet Siena Heights for the WHAC title at 11 a.m. Saturday at Greenmead. Aquinas finishes its season at 7-13-1.

Lacey Cattarino, a sophomore from Westland John Glenn, scored two goals and junior Sarah Pack (also from John Glenn) got a goal and two assists to lead Madonna. Tanya Bruce contributed a goal and an assist, Emily Jackson (Farmington Harrison) had a goal and Christin Shull (Salem HS) had an assist. All three are seniors.

Keeper Katie Sponsler faced just eight shots, making three saves, in earning the shutout for the Crusaders. The Saints'

PLEASE SEE **CRUSADERS, B5**

Late goal takes Madonna into WHAC championship

MEN'S SOCCER

One finally went in for Madonna University.

That was how all the Crusaders felt after pounding the ball at the Indiana Tech goal Tuesday in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's soccer tournament semifinal, played at Livonia's Greenmead Field.

And it was Evan Baker, a Canton HS graduate now a sophomore at Madonna, who got the game-winner, spinning to knock home the decisive goal with just nine seconds left in regulation as Madonna posted a 1-0 triumph.

The win was the 16th-straight for the 12th-ranked Crusaders, now 17-1 for the season. They meet Cornerstone, the second seed in the WHAC Tournament, for the league title at approximately 2 p.m. Saturday at Greenmead.

Baker's goal came as the final seconds ticked away, after sophomore T.J. Djokic (from Livonia Stevenson) took a corner kick.

"We had a lot of people in the box," said Baker. "If it wasn't me, it would have been somebody else for sure. I had to do a 360 turn and hit it left-footed. Somehow it found the inside netting.

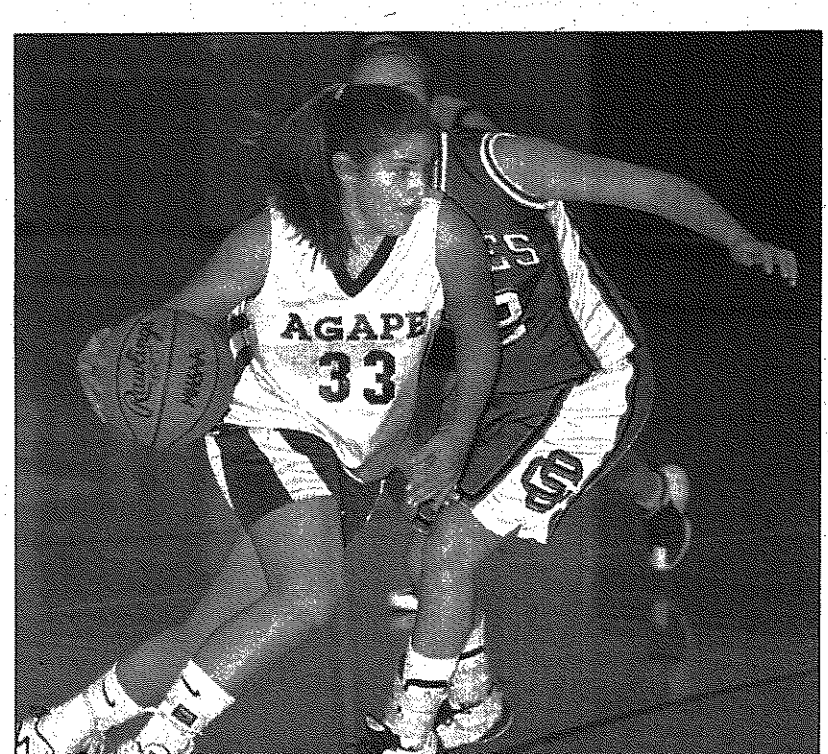
"I'm just glad it went into the net."

The goal came after more than 89 minutes of frustration for Madonna, which had dominated play on the soggy Greenmead Field. In the first half, the Crusaders had a 14-0 shot advantage; for the game, it was 26-8. Corner kicks were 14-3 in Madonna's favor.

Several of those tries missed the net by inches. At least three crosses went through the Warrior box, with no Crusader able to reach it for the finish.

"Even in the final minutes of the game, I thought we'd win it," said Madonna coach Tino Scicluna. "But it's a strange game and the best team doesn't always win. We've

PLEASE SEE **WHAC, B5**



Canton Agape's Tarah Armbrester drives to the basket against Southfield Christian Tuesday. Too many missed shots ruined the Wolverines' chances.

Poor shooting ruins Agape

What wasn't working for Canton Agape Christian's basketball team Tuesday night was just what had to be working for the Wolverines to battle back from a disastrous second quarter.

Poor shooting plagued Agape throughout the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference contest, resulting in a 46-27 loss to Southfield Christian at Discovery Middle School in Canton.

It was one of those games that, according to Agape coach Clark Sexton, "should have been won, really. But any team can have a bad shooting night. That's why they play the games."

The Wolverines fell to 8-10 overall with the loss, 3-7 in the MIAC Blue Division. Southfield Christian, which lost by four points at home to Agape earlier this season, is 9-11 overall and 4-5 in the Blue Division.

The game was close – for a while. The two teams were tied at 6-all after one quarter.

But the second quarter doomed the Wolverines, as the Eagles outscored them 19-5 to take a 25-11 lead into halftime. Further crippling Agape's chances was an injury suffered by senior point guard Emily Tong near the end of the half.

A cut on her eyelid was bleeding profusely and required a butterfly stitch at halftime. The injury did not keep Tong sidelined, however; she returned to lead Agape in scoring with 16 points.

"Emily is a warrior and nothing was keeping her from coming back in," said Sexton. "She wants our team to be successful. She puts the team's goals above herself, even when injured."

PLEASE SEE **AGAPE, B6**

Big games await Observerland teams

Well, boys and girls. We've lost half the Observerland teams in the first week of the playoffs.

There were some surprises – like Thurston's uncharacteristic penchant for turning the ball over in its loss to Fowlerville.

There was some luck – like Lutheran North dropping two balls, including one sure touchdown, in a final 20-second stand against Clarenceville, a team that had held it to 49 yards in total offense until the game's final drive.

There was some solid play – like Canton's 49-12 pasting of Wayne, where the Chiefs scored the first six times they touched the ball and wound up with a mercy win.

And there was redemption – in particular by Westland John Glenn defensive back John Adams, who knocked down a two-point conversion pass intended for Saline's Brian Feldkamp after Feldkamp had nicked him for a 30-yard touchdown pass to pull the Hornets to 28-26.

Hey, it's all part of playoff football fun.

GRID PICKS

None of it was as much fun (or anguish) as Farmington Harrison's gut-wrenching 65-64 double-overtime win over Chelsea – a game that saw almost 1,100 yards in total offense. But if you can't beat them, outscore them, right?

This week, there could be a little of both. The shootout for this week? Keep an eye on South Lyon and Redford Catholic Central. John Glenn and Canton will be an epic battle, but the gut says that both teams will be too tight early for this to be free-wheeling.

As for Clarenceville? Hope the Trojans got their wake-up call from last week.

Speaking of waking up, C.J. Risak, the pride of Plymouth-Canton, and Brad Emons, the wizard of Westland and Livonia, both correctly picked all six playoff games last week. Paul Beaudry, the Gumby of Garden City and Redford pooched one of the six games.

As for this week? The plot thickens, the curtain drops, the regional finals loom next week.

On with the show.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Westland John Glenn (9-1) at Canton (10-0), 7 p.m.: Revenge? Canton had it on its mind last year when these two met in the playoffs. To review, Glenn tubthumped Canton, 46-21, during the season, but the Chiefs won when it counted – the first game of the playoffs – with a 49-27 reversal of fortune.

This year, the Chiefs won the first meeting, 20-7. Can they win the second? Dunno. But we do know that John Glenn didn't have quarterback Vinnie DeLuca the first time they met. And that's opened up a better run-pass option with running back Matt Smitherman.

Canton's got a pretty solid running game with Devin Thomas, Travis McKinney and Chuck Schumacher, and a solid quarterback of its own in Shawn Little. And Canton has been working toward one goal – spoken or unspoken – all year and that's to avenge last year's playoff defeat to CC. The Shamrocks loom next week for the winner. Will the Chiefs get another crack at the Shamrocks or will John Glenn get to avenge its loss in 2001? **PICKS: Canton** – Risak; **John Glenn** – Emons, Beaudry.

Goodrich (7-3) at Clarenceville (9-1), 7:30 p.m.: Let's be honest: Even if they did win the game with Lutheran North, even if they had a 4-1 total yardage advantage against a team they had beaten 41-7 earlier in the year, the Trojans shouldn't be playing Friday night. But a dropped pass with 14 seconds left by a Lutheran North player on first down gave the Ville the win.

They dominated the game and were lucky to win. That's not acceptable to coach Greg Hudkins – that's why the team had a Friday night curfew and a Saturday morning practice (we're sure a good deal of it was with special teams).

The Martians (gotta love that name) can score, tagging 40 points on Capac in last week's playoff game, and putting at least 35 points on the board in each of the last five games. But they can also give up points – a 20-point per-game average. Can they stop Clarenceville? Probably not, but will Clarenceville stop Clarenceville? **PICKS: C'ville** – Beaudry, Risak; **Goodrich** – Emons.

SATURDAY'S GAME

South Lyon (8-2) vs. Redford CC (9-1) at Hilbert Jr. High, 1 p.m.: On one hand, the Lions are a lot like Catholic Central – teams capable of scoring a lot of points (316 for SL and 357 for CC) and giving up very few (105 for the Lions and 87 for CC).

On the other hand, South Lyon is nothing like CC – and nothing like South Lyon teams in the past. Or should that be pass. The Lions are ball-flingin', spread the field, pass-happy team – well out of line from past South Lyon teams under Bob Scheloske that were ground-happy, run-in-the-mud, grind-it-out, bad-things happen-with-the-ball-in-the-air squads. In other words, a lot like CC.

CC hadn't faced a ground-gaining team like Brighton last week and won 28-7 in a game much closer than the score says. South Lyon also beat Brighton. CC will be better prepared for South Lyon, but that doesn't mean it will stop them as easily. Beware of an upset. **PICKS: CC** – Beaudry, Emons, Risak.

The Prep Grid Picks were selected by the Observer sports staff. Questions and comments can be e-mailed to pbeaudry@oe.homecomm.net.

Whalers can't hold lead, fall to 'Hounds

OHL HOCKEY

With first place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division at stake, the Plymouth Whalers let an early lead slip away, and the game with it — the end result a 4-2 victory for the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds Sunday in Sault Ste. Marie.

The Greyhounds improved to 10-6-1-1 (22 points) with the win. Plymouth fell to 8-5-4-0 (20 points). The Whalers were without defenseman and leading scorer James Wisniewski (from Canton), who had two assists in Friday's 5-4 win at Sudbury. His absence was felt on the blue line; the Greyhounds outshot Plymouth 43-20.

But it was the Whalers who scored the game's first two goals. John Vigilante got the initial goal at 10:27 of the opening period, with the assist going to Richard Power. Plymouth made it 2-0 on a goal by Ryan Ramsay at 4:42 of the second period, with Mike Letizia assisting.

It didn't take the Greyhounds long to reply. Jeff Doyle's power-play goal at 7:26 of the second made it a 2-1 game; a little more than two minutes later, Jeff Carter tied it for Sault Ste. Marie. The Greyhounds took a 3-2 lead with 16:19 elapsed in the second period when Scott Dobben scored a short-handed, unassisted goal. Tyler Kennedy's score at 12:32 of the third period clinched it for Sault Ste. Marie.

Dobben finished with a goal and an assist, and Martin Tuma had two assists to lead the Greyhounds.

Jeff Weber made 39 saves in goal for Plymouth. Kevin Druce had 18 saves for the Greyhounds.

The Whalers have a three-games-in-three-days weekend ahead, hosting Windsor Friday and Saginaw Saturday, both games 7:30 p.m. at Compuware Arena. On Sunday, they play at 2 p.m. at Saginaw.

Madonna rolls past Concordia

The Madonna University volleyball team wrapped up its final regular season Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game Tuesday at home with a three-game sweep over Concordia College, 30-16, 30-11, 30-18.

The win lifts the Crusaders to 36-2 overall, a perfect 10-0 in the conference and extends its regular season conference win streak to 25.

The Cardinals, playing with only six players, fall to 10-22, 1-9 conference.

Sharyse Bush led MU's attack with 15 kills (.525 attack percentage) to go along with seven digs. Setter Ashley Frost had 13 kills and 40 assist-to-kills. Natalja Tinina also recorded 13 kills (.480) and had eight digs and a game-high six service aces.

Tera Morrill (Westland/Livonia Franklin) added 11 digs, one short of tying Concordia's total, and contributed her two service aces in the first game.

Christina Menke had 11 kills to lead the Cardinals, while Shari Hubmieer added a team-high nine digs.

Lady Ocelots bounced

The Schoolcraft College volleyball team traded games with Kalamazoo Valley Community College, but in the end the host Lady Ocelots were on the short end of the as they were eliminated Saturday in the early round of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association Tournament.

Schoolcraft is now 23-13 overall. In a quarterfinal five game match, SC (23-13) lost to Kalamazoo Valley, 29-31, 30-21, 24-30, 30-22, 15-9.

Of the five matches in the single-elimination tourney, the Ocelots' match was the only to end in a tie-breaking, rally scoring format. Six schools competed for the title, with Kellogg CC (51-10) the victor in a four-game win over Muskegon CC (23-12).

Kellogg defeated Kalamazoo in a semifinal match. Muskegon CC defeated Macomb CC (25-23) and Eastern Conference champion St. Clair CC (51-10) before losing in its third match of the day.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

PLAYERS WANTED

The Canton Alley Cats, a 10-and-under baseball team, needs two or more players for the 2004 season. Those interested must by Plymouth/Canton residents.

Contact Glen Potter at (734) 844-8981 for information.

VOLLEYBALL LEAGUES

Registration is currently being taken for a co-ed volleyball league that will play in Canton beginning Friday, Nov. 14 at the Summit. Cost is $160 per team, which guarantees 14 games. The league runs from mid-November to mid-March.

Officials fees of $10 per match are paid at the court weekly. Recreational and competitive divisions are offered, with teams composed of six people on the court (three males, three females).

Contact Dan or Glenda with Canton Leisure Services at (734) 483-5600.

COACHES NEEDED

The Plymouth High School athletic department is in need of coaches for the following sports: For the winter sports season, assistant coaches in wrestling and gymnastics are needed; for the spring sports season, a freshmen girls soccer coach is wanted. Those interested in applying for these positions should contact Plymouth athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700/02; e-mail him at Sawchuk@pccs.k12.mi.us, FAX him at (734) 582-5650, or send resume to him at 8400 N. Beck Road, Canton, MI, 48187.

CCJBSA ELECTIONS

Elections for several board members of the Canton Community Junior Baseball Softball Association are scheduled for the Dec. 17 meeting.

The offices open for election are president, secretary, vice president-upper baseball, vice president-fields, and vice president-equipment.

Nominations must be received 30 days prior to the elections meeting (by Nov. 17). Send resumes to: CCJBSA Registrar, 6206 Runnymeade, Canton, MI, 48187. The elections committee consists of the registrar, VP-lower baseball and VP-softball.

SKATING LESSONS

A winter basic skills class will be offered by the Plymouth Recreation Department, offering those who are interested the opportunity to learn to skate at every level, from beginners to advanced freestyle.

Each class is 25 minutes in length, with an additional 25 minutes of practice time, either before or after the lesson, depending on that day's schedule. All classes will be at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

General registration will be from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Registrations will also be accepted at the Recreation office during business hours.

Cost is $50 for city of Plymouth residents and $70 for non-residents. There will be a $5 deduction for each sibling. also enrolled.

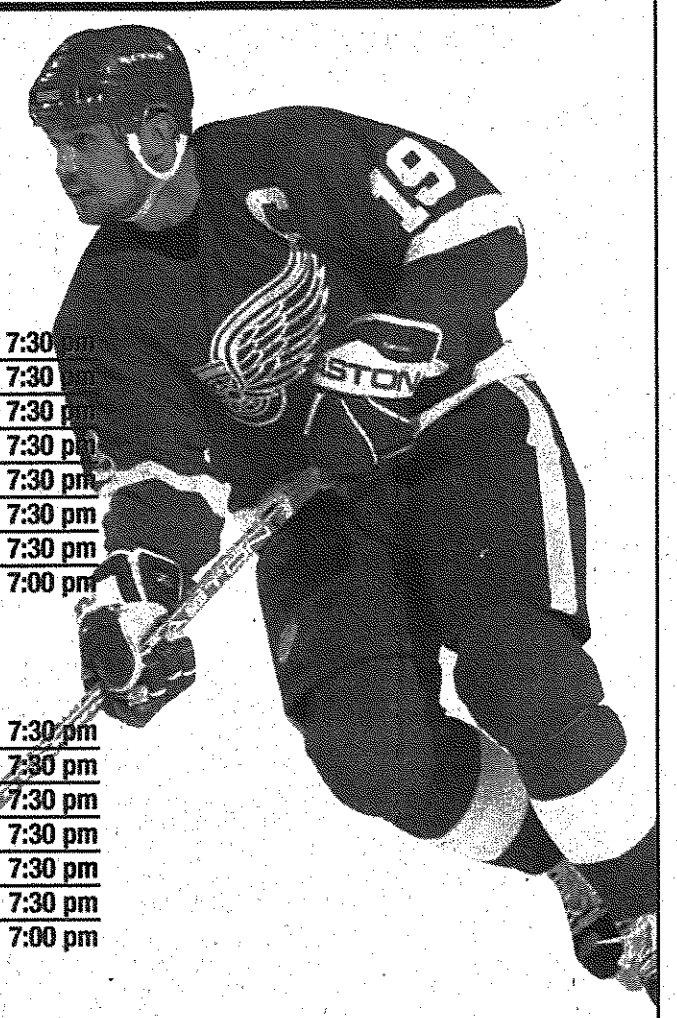
Call the Recreation office at (734) 455-6620, Ext. 304.

FOUR SEASONS FISHING CLUB

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. (Boats not needed).

Call Mark Boggs at (734) 464-6155 or e-mail fourseasons-fishingclub@yahoo.com.

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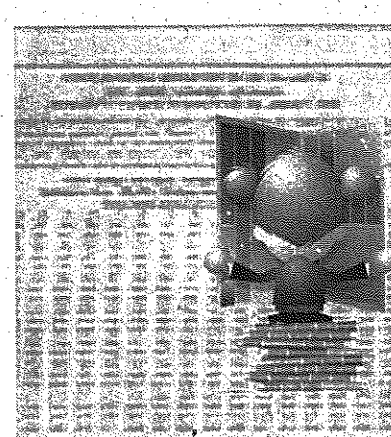


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Newspaper-In-Education
Activity Column

Elections were held on Tuesday, November 4th. Look through your local O&E Newspaper and see what offices had elections to fill them this year. How do the offices vary from the offices we'll be voting for in 2004? Do as many people vote in non-presidential election years? Discuss why.

On November 3, 1948, the **Chicago Tribune** mistakenly ran a headline in its early editions proclaiming that Thomas E. Dewey had been elected as the new U.S. president (actually, Harry Truman won – it was his first presidential election in which he ran since he ascended to the presidency when Franklin D. Roosevelt died in 1945). Find out how technology contributed to this mistake and describe that in a paragraph. Compare that to the confusion over the November 2000 presidential election between Al Gore and George W. Bush.

November is **National American Indian Heritage Month.** As we all know, the Indians lived in North America long before Columbus or any other explorers arrived in the New World. Do some research to find out what percentage of the American population are of American Indian decent. What are some of the problems and accomplishments of American Indians in today's world? How many Indian nations still inhabit North America? What are their names and where are they located?

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CC grinds down Brighton, 28-7

If you happened to be driving past Redford's Hilbert Junior High on Saturday afternoon, looked up at the scoreboard and saw "Home 28, Visitor 7," you'd probably think that Redford Catholic Central had an easy time with Brighton.

But it wasn't exactly the case – at least not for most of their Division 1, Region 3 district opener.

True, the Shamrocks outgained the Bulldogs, 260-145. But it was one of those games where the raw numbers don't tell the story.

"We had a battle on our hands," said CC coach Tom Mach as his team improved to 9-1 on the year and lived to play another day – in this case, right back at Hilbert on Saturday afternoon against 8-2 South Lyon at 1 p.m.

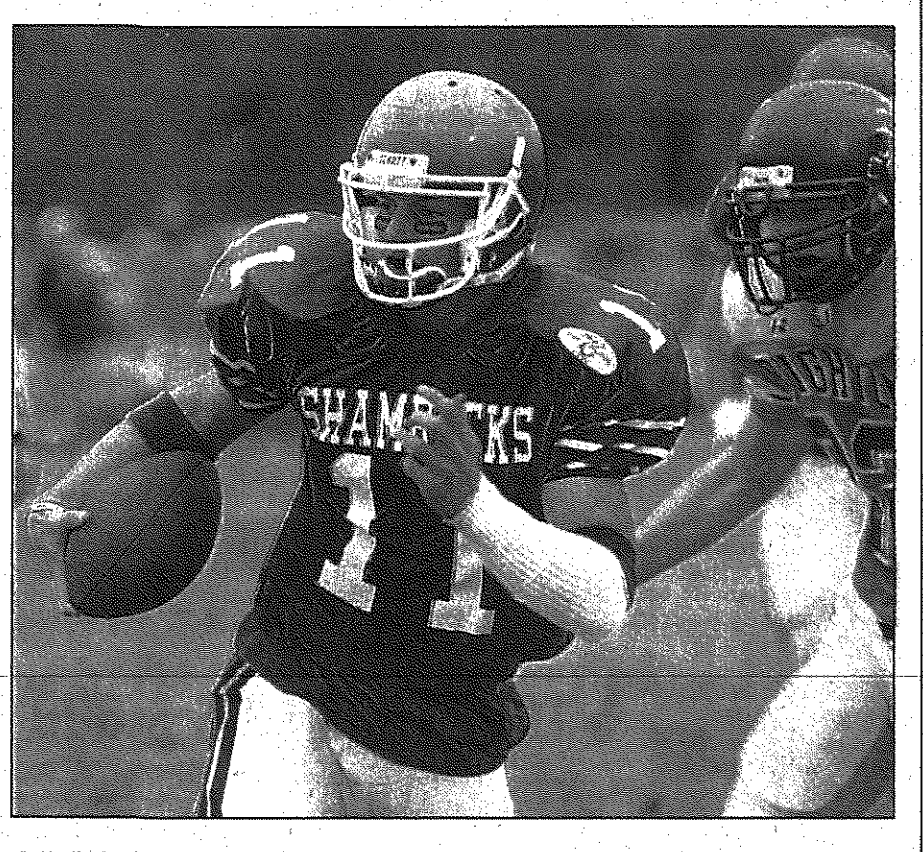
"We ended up with more points but it was a closer game than the score showed. They have a very good defense and took away a lot of our trapping and some of our outside plays. We went with our base blocking and it helped a bit."

After a first half where the Shamrocks and Brighton were virtually dead-even in passing (36 yards for Brighton to 16 for CC), rushing (90-90) and score (7-7), things finally started to go CC's way.

"We went toe-to-toe with them and we were on defense too much in the second half," said Brighton coach Bill Murray as his team ended the year at 6-4. "We needed to control the football and we didn't. When you are on defense the entire game, it wears you down."

It wasn't the entire game, but it seemed like it. CC took a 14-7 lead on its first possession of the second half – a nine-play, 45-yard, 6:26 clock burner capped by Eric Vojtkofsky's 4-yard run.

Brighton sandwiched two more possessions around another long, but empty, drive by CC. When the Shamrocks got the ball back, they used another clock-burning drive of 49 yards and 11 plays in 4:53 to take a 21-7 lead with 5:52 left in the game – capped by a 10-yard scoring run by Derek Brooks in his longest play from scrimmage in the contest.



Catholic Central's Dave Thomas finishes up his 5-yard touchdown run in the first half against Brighton.

"They had a swarming defense and it really played great," said Brooks, who had 80 yards on 17 carries. "It seems like this year, it takes us a while to get going anyway – whether it's the second quarter or second half. But their defense was much better than it was on film."

The Shamrocks added another touchdown late in the game as Darnell Tyson picked off a Doug Clark pass and went 28 yards for the final score.

The first half was a different story as Brighton marched down the field on its first possession and looked like it was going to surprise the Shamrocks. Anthony Besso sprinted 68 yards down the sideline on the Bulldogs' third play of the game and failed to score only because CC's Anthony Sabo caught him from behind. But three plays later, quarterback Joe Powell flicked the ball to Chad Baliko on a play-action touchdown pass from the CC 9.

CC had a chance to get on the board two possessions later, but Jason Gingell's 50-yard field goal try fell short. He hit the first of his four extra points on the next possession after quarterback Dave Thomas capped a 52-yard drive with a five-yard bootleg.

"I think our defense did a nice job holding them in the first half," said Murray. "In the second half, they just muscled us. CC's a big, physical team and eventually they will wear you down."

Vojtkofsky added 75 on the ground for CC in 17 carries, while Nick Barrett had 48 yards on 10 carries and Thomas had 37 on nine. Besso had 68 yards on eight carries for Brighton, while Jordan Muns added 46 more.

Shamrocks must get set for Lion passing

PLAYOFF PREVIEW

For the second straight week, Redford Catholic Central's football team is playing an opponent whose style is 180 degrees different than the one with which it built its reputation.

Brighton, for years a pass-happy team with quarterbacks like Drew Henson, Cullen Finnerty and Brendan Finnerty, morphed into a ground machine.

This week, it's South Lyon's turn to do the chameleon act — and that's got Shamrocks coach Tom Mach concerned heading into Saturday's 1 p.m. Division 1 district final at Hilbert Junior High.

"I don't know much about their past, because we haven't played them, but I do know they liked to run," Mach said. "From what I've seen on films this year is that they like to throw an awful lot. They probably throw 40 to 45 times a game."

The winner of this game gets the Canton-Westland John Glenn winner in the Region 3 final next weekend. Canton would host either team if it wins, while a Glenn win would give a home game to the Shamrocks should they win.

South Lyon coach Bob Scheloske used to be like Mach — a disciple of the ground game. But over the last few years, he's seen the light — or at least has had someone show it to him.

"We used to be a lot like CC and run the football," said Scheloske, whose team is 8-2 this year after a 24-20 win over Walled Lake Western last week. "But since we've had Dennis Reedy at quarterback, we throw the ball."

Do they ever. Reedy's thrown for almost 2,000 yards this year and 3,200 in the past two — including an 11-for-23, 205-yard performance against Western.

"He sees the field very well and knows what secondaries are going to do, so he's able to find the open receiver," Scheloske said. "We have some very solid receivers, too, in Brett Curtis, Derek Wilcox and Jeff Schaible."

Along those lines, the Lions have gone from a ground team to a spread-the-field-and-let-loose team.

"We just spread them out, let them run and hide in coverage and hopefully, they'll let someone loose," Scheloske said. "We try to hide and have someone pop up here and there."

Ever the observant coach, this hasn't gone unnoticed by Mach.

"They can give anybody fits," Mach said. "They use four, sometimes five, receivers and put a lot of pressure on you by stretching the game across the field. If you play a zone, they might beat you; if you play man-to-man, they might beat you. You have to switch the defenses up and keep (Reedy) guessing."

Compounding the issue is that the Lions do have a solid running back in Nate Spurgess, an 800-yard plus runner this season who ran for 164 yards against Western.

"They will pass 95 percent of the time, but they can run," Mach said. "The running back is good and they have this fake quarterback draw that keeps defenses looking for the run."

As for CC's offense, the Lions know what to expect. It doesn't make it any easier to defend, but Scheloske knows what to look for.

"They want to run and lull a defense to sleep and pass here and there," Scheloske said. "They try to hang on to the football so your offense can't do anything."

And it's the same way for the Shamrocks' defense.

"The problem for us is trying to imitate what they do," Scheloske said. "They're so big and physical on the defensive front, they move so quickly, that our scout kids can't imitate the speed and reaction they have."

Mach knows his team won't always be able to stop South Lyon. But he'll settle for that.

"With the way they throw the ball you can't worry about stopping them every play," Mach said. "You can stop them eventually. We just have to keep them guessing so they can't stay back and do what they want to do.

"Hopefully, we can get pressure by our defensive line without too much stunting, but if not, we're ready to stunt."

SMITHERMAN

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ter," said Baechler. "To go 9-1 you have to be a darn good team. I felt lucky to beat them in the second week.

"I think their receivers are playing better, too. In the first game their quarterback (Jon McCahill) played well, but their receivers had a few drops. Their receivers are playing a lot better than they did."

DeLuca does bring something else to the table. "He's more of a running threat than the other boy," said Baechler. And the receivers – 5-foot-9, 147-pound Nathan Beard; 5-11, 148-pound John Adams; and 5-11, 156-pound Brian Peterson – aren't big but are very effective.

Rockets' coach Chuck Gordon believes his team has "improved at every position all season, which is a credit to the players and coaches."

He also realizes Canton is a team which has continued to impress right into the playoffs.

"Defensively they have very good quickness and they're well coached," he said of the Chiefs. "They're not out of position and they get off their blocks well.

"Offensively they run the T-Formation and the Jet Series. They get out of it occasionally. But that's their plan and package. They believe in it, they stick with it and they're good at it."

What Canton has that the Rockets don't is depth. The Chiefs will use four running backs, with Chuck Schumacher, Devin Thomas, Travis McKinney and Julian Smith all getting a chance to run the ball. And quarterback Shawn Little has shown he can both run and throw with precision.

But if there's one area that has improved the most for Canton since its second-week win over Glenn, it's on the offensive line. That area was a question mark coming into the season, with five starters from the 2002 team missing. It's not a question any longer.

"Our offense is heads and tails better than it was in Week Two," said Baechler. "We were just real inconsistent back then, and we fumbled a couple of times in the first half and that hurt us.

"(The Rockets) have to feel confident. It was only 7-0 going into the fourth quarter."

With Smitherman running the ball – the senior has gained 1,942 yards rushing thus far this season – a team will always be confident. He had 171 on the ground against Canton in the first meeting.

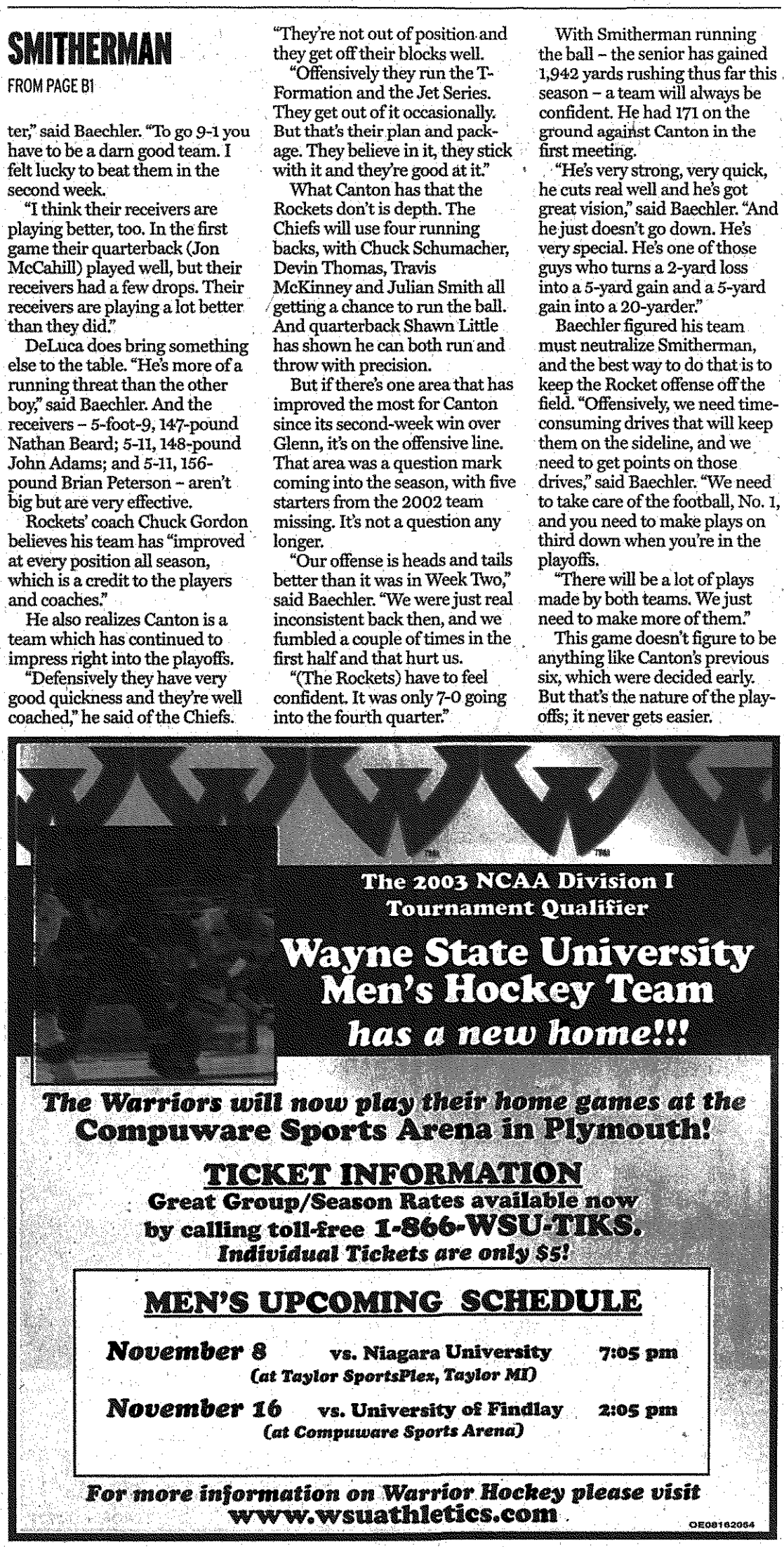
"He's very strong, very quick, he cuts real well and he's got great vision," said Baechler. "And he just doesn't go down. He's very special. He's one of those guys who turns a 2-yard loss into a 5-yard gain and a 5-yard gain into a 20-yarder."

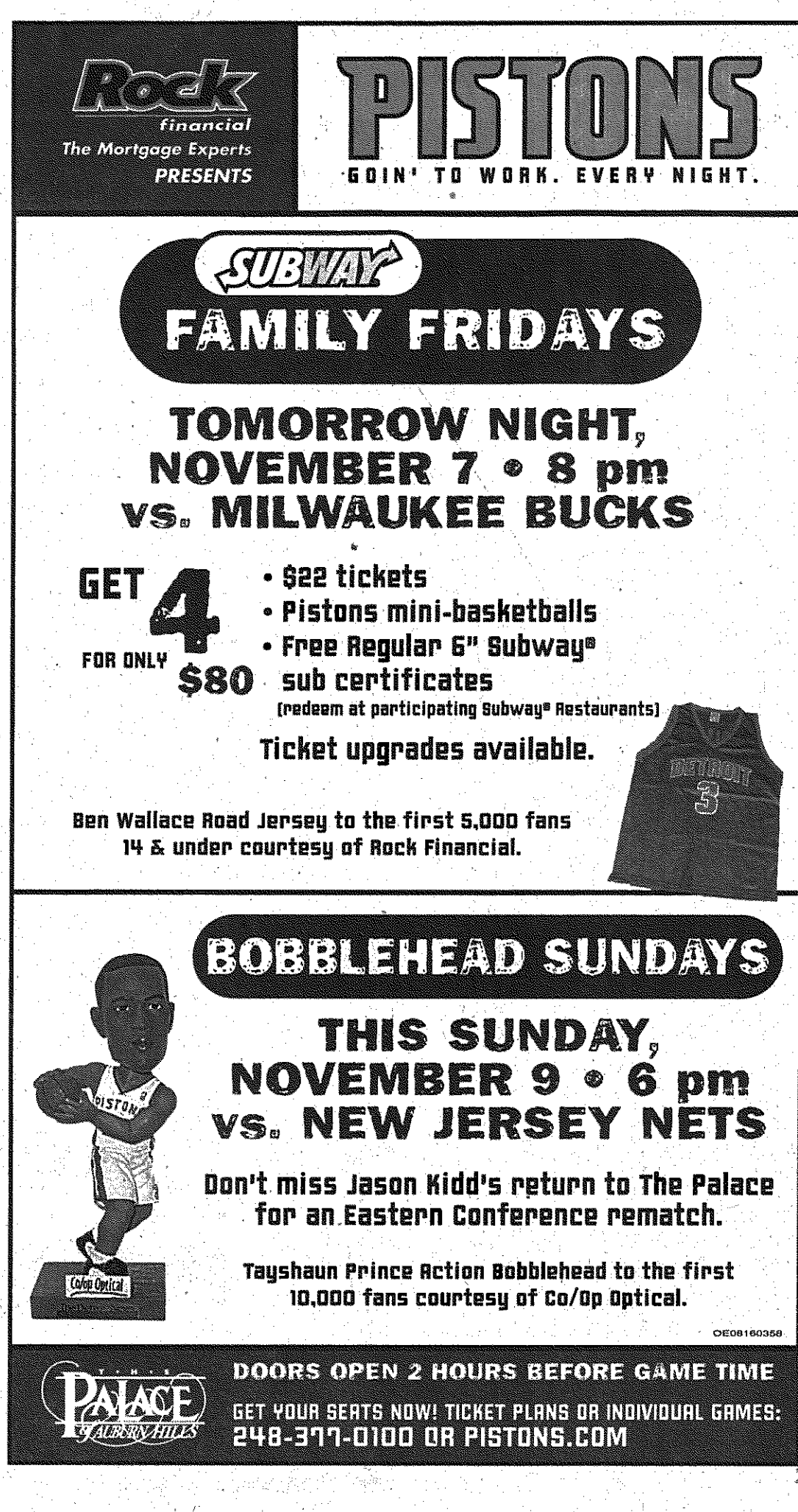
Baechler figured his team must neutralize Smitherman, and the best way to do that is to keep the Rocket offense off the field. "Offensively, we need time-consuming drives that will keep them on the sideline, and we need to get points on those drives," said Baechler. "We need to take care of the football, No. 1, and you need to make plays on third down when you're in the playoffs.

"There will be a lot of plays made by both teams. We just need to make more of them."

This game doesn't figure to be anything like Canton's previous six, which were decided early. But that's the nature of the playoffs; it never gets easier.

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ROCKS

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Highland Milford won the title with 90 points.

Leading the Rocks was senior Adam Warner, who placed 54th in the team race in 16:26. Jimmy Walsh, a sophomore, was 82nd in 16:45, Adam Kosteva was 96th in 16:55, Dan Kapadia was 104th in 17:00 and Scott Fysh was 106th in 17:02. Warner was the only senior in the top five Salem runners.

What impressed Baker, though, were the drops: Warner, 20 seconds off his previous best; Walsh, a 20-second drop; Kosteva, a 30-second drop; Kapadia, six seconds; and Fysh, eight seconds.

Baker didn't alter his training pattern any from previous seasons, although everything seemed to work well. "Maybe we went to our speed work at the right time," he noted. "It seemed to work well with this group.

"But once we got into race shape, our workouts were the same."

Of his top five finishers – Salem's other runners were seniors Brian Barnes, 159th (17:39.0), and Brian Kutnick, 161st (17:39.5) – Kosteva may have impressed Baker most with his state-meet performance.

"Kosteva is normally our No. 5 runner," Baker said. "We had a nice pack, it was just a little too far back.

"This year, we wanted to make it (to state) and learn. Next year, we want to make it and score in the top 10.

"I'm very happy with the way we ran. Now we start getting greedy and looking forward to next year."

He won't have to rebuild next year, that much is certain.

OTHER FINISHERS: Canton's Steve Cheek got to the state final as an individual qualifier. Cheek placed 212th overall in 17:41.

In the Division IV race, Plymouth Christian Academy sent Ben Welton to the state meet as a individual qualifier. Welton was 119th in 18:17.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

MHSAA LOWER PENINSULA STATE CROSS COUNTRY FINALS
Nov. 1 at Michigan International Speedway
DIVISION I

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Highland Milford, 90 points; 2. Ann Arbor Huron, 149; 3. Saline, 166; 4. Grand Ledge, 201; 5. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 236; 6. Pinckney, 240; 7. Novi, 252; 8. Muskegon Mona Shores, 275; 9. Portage Northern, 276; 10. Rochester, 323; 21. Salem, 442; 27. Livonia Stevenson, 682.

Individual winner: Dustin Voss (Saline), 14 minutes, 54 seconds (3.1 miles).

Salem finishers: 82. Adam Warner, 16:26; 123. Jimmy Walsh, 16:45; 142. Adam Kosteva, 16:55; 150. Dan Kapadia, 17:00; 153. Scott Fysh, 17:02; 207. Brian Barnes, 17:39; 209. Brian Kutnick, 17:39.

CC finishers: 15. Dave Lucas, 15:35; 54. Daniel Horgan, 16:13; 80. Maxwell Working, 16:26; 155. Dominic Piro, 17:04; 159. Michael Rossiter, 17:05; 175. Jason Morad, 17:13; 189. Michael Nienhaus, 17:25.

Stevenson finishers: 98. Matthew Hays, 16:34; 171. Colin Hall, 17:10; 200. Mark Piorkowski, 17:35; 218. Justin Black, 17:49; 228. Jim Marcicki, 18:05; 233. Tom Gillespie, 18:18; 237. Jeff Holycross, 18:22.

Canton finisher: 212. Stephen Cheek, 17:41.

Churchill finisher: 70. Connor Schultz, 16:21.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Clarkston, 102 points; 2. Rockford, 131; 3. Highland-Milford, 139; 4. Traverse City, 156; 5. Saline, 180; 6. Grandville, 185; 7. Brighton, 200; 8. Grosse Pointe South, 247; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 269; 10. Temperance Bedford, 291; 16. Salem, 399; 17. Livonia Churchill, 421.

Individual winner: Rachel Wittum (Rockford), 17 minutes, 55 seconds (3.1 miles).

Salem finishers: 59. Laura Friedman, 19:30; 65. Hannah Cavicchio, 19:35; 122. Lauren Kane, 20:10; 134. Monica Prezebienda, 20:18; 136. Amanda Kassem, 20:20; 189. Danielle Malone, 21:10; 191. Lauren Medley, 21:11.

Stevenson finishers: 14. Kirsten Frey, 18:40; 60. Amber Cicala, 19:31; 67. Sarah Kulczycki, 19:36; 86. Lisa Montgomery, 19:52; 124. Kelly Gibbons, 20:13; 142. Heather Sirko, 20:24; 170. Linda Montgomery, 20:47.

Franklin finisher: 30. Kirstian Tyler, 18:56.

Churchill finishers: 48. Kylen Cieslak, 19:18; 90. Nicole Schmidt, 19:53; 101. Erica Hope, 19:56; 138. Nicole Renaud, 20:23; 163. Gabriela Gutierrez, 20:40; 181. Tiffany Pope, 21:00; 192. Amanda Thayer, 21:15.

DIVISION II

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. East Grand Rapids, 79 points; 2. Grand Rapids Christian, 119; 3. Battle Creek Lakeview, 207; 4. Monroe Jefferson, 228; 5. East Lansing, 231; 6. Dexter, 262; 7. Petoskey, 264; 8. Remus Chippewa Hills, 279; 9. St. Joseph, 300; 10. Richland-Gull Lake, 302; 26. Livonia Ladywood, 613.

Individual winner: Laura Malnor (East Grand Rapids), 17 minutes, 54 seconds (3.1 miles).

Ladywood finishers: 77. Kathleen Bohrer, 19:47; 181. Beth Conklin, 21:23; 190. Brittany Winters, 21:30; 195. Maegan McGrath, 21:36; 212. Brittany Scarlett, 22:02; 216. Amanda McClellen, 22:09; 219. Lauren Taylor, 22:15.

DIVISION IV

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Harbor Springs, 73 points; 2. Hudson, 127; 3. Vandercook Lake, 164; 4. Bath, 165; 5. Hale, 173; 6. Bear Lake, 192; 7. Traverse City St. Francis, 277; 8. Southfield Christian, 302; 9. Lawton, 347; 10. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 354; 24. Lutheran Westland, 519.

Individual winner: Stephan Shay (Central Lake), 15 minutes, 35 seconds (3.1 miles).

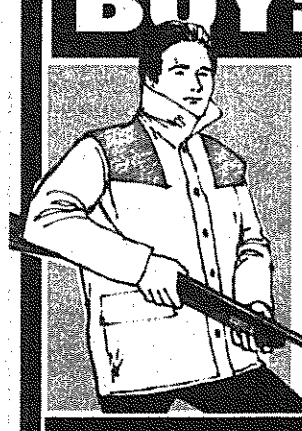
Lutheran Westland finishers: 124. Kevin Brown, 18:19; 128. Steven Schmidt, 18:22; 129. Josh Matthews, 18:23; 183. Timothy Ebendick, 19:16; 184. Zachary Fabris, 19:16; 218. Kyle Wilson, 20:44; 225. Chris Giralomo, 21:21.

Plymouth Christian finisher: 119. Ben Welton, 18:17.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Traverse City St. Francis, 135 points; 2. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 152; 3. Big Rapids Crossroads Charter, 166; 4. Potterville, 228; 5. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 229; 6. Ulby, 229; 7. Hudson, 231; 8. Southfield Christian, 239; 9. Bear Lake, 257; 10. Harbor Springs, 290; 16. Lutheran Westland, 385.

Individual winner: Laura Rolf (Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest), 18 minutes, 29 seconds (3.1 miles)

Lutheran Westland finishers: 49. Christina MacKenzie, 20:51; 72. Nicole Barnaby, 21:28; 94. Katherine MacKenzie, 21:49; 155. Ashley Taylor-Voss, 22:54; 161. Ruth Pranschke, 23:03; 181. Jennifer Timm, 23:36; 203. Julie Macomber, 24:17.

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Strong runs sets stage for Salem's future

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

It was everything a coach could have asked for.

The performances were outstanding, but it was the timing that boosted their importance. Salem's girls cross country team did as well as coach Dave Gerlach could have hoped, and the Rocks did it at the perfect time — the state finals.

No, Salem wasn't a contender for a state championship. But the Rocks did finish 16th in the 27-team field with 399 points, edging Western Lakes Activities Association rival Livonia Churchill (the Chargers were 17th), at Saturday's Division I state meet at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

The end result left Gerlach gushing over his team's performance. "We had four personal bests out of our top five," he said. It didn't really shock him, considering 10 Rocks broke 21 minutes this season. "I know coaches who would kill to have one," he noted.

Two Rocks — Laura Friedman and Hannah Cavicchio — broke 20 minutes and all five scorers were at 20:20 or better.

"We've never had that," said Gerlach. "The best team I coached before this was in '96. They made it to the state finals, and this team would pound that team."

Quality of depth was the reason. "In the past I've had some great distance runners," Gerlach said. "They could go 10 miles at a good pace, but they didn't have the speed.

"This year's team had good foot-speed. I had three frontrunners; any of them had the potential to be No. 1."

Gerlach pushed this team harder than his others, increasing their mileage to 35 a week (up from 25 for past teams) and also spending more time working on their speed.

"We did a lot of speed work," he said. "I knew they could handle the mileage, and they showed me they could handle the speed work, too.

"This team has accomplished quite a bit."

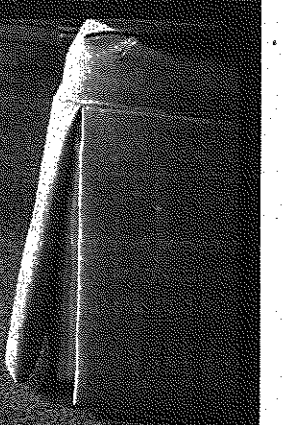
Friedman and Cavicchio were at the top of the performance list for Salem. Friedman finished 59th overall in 19:30.6; Cavicchio was 65th in 19:35.5.

Next best for the Rocks was Lauren Kane, 122nd in 20:10.9, followed by Monica Przebienda, 134th in 20:18.5, and Amanda Kassem, 136th in 20:20.3. For all but Kane, the times were season-bests.

Salem's other state-meet runners were Danielle Malone, who was 189th (21:10.6), and Lauren Medley, who placed 191st (21:11.3).

All things considered, the state meet was something for the Rocks to be collectively proud of. But the best wasn't necessarily what they accomplished, but what lay ahead. There were no seniors on the team; Friedman, Kane, Przebienda and Malone are juniors, Medley and Kassem are sophomores and Cavicchio is a freshman.

"The outlook for next year is good," Gerlach said. "We had 17 runners under 22 minutes and 14 return next year."

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WHAC

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had a good season. This would have been the worst time for that to break down."

Scicluna agreed field conditions played a major role in the outcome. So, too, did having five starters sitting out for "different reasons," according to Scicluna.

"I figured the longer it went, the better it was for us," said Tech coach Martin Neuhoff, his team finishing its season at 11-8-2. "I was pretty much hoping we could keep it even through the first half, then in the last 12 minutes (of the game) I thought it was pretty much us.

"I thought if we could get it to overtime we could win it."

The conditions, Neuhoff felt, favored his team. "This field definitely brought the play down to us," he said. "On a normal field they'd be up on us 2-0 by halftime."

Eric Sicilia (Livonia Churchill) was in goal to earn the shutout for Madonna. Ryan Mathe was in the net for the Warriors.

The Crusaders played Cornerstone twice this season, winning at Cornerstone 4-1 on Sept. 23 and blanking the Golden Eagles 3-0 on Oct. 18 at Greenmead.

Big match for SC

Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team has a one-game showdown on Saturday.

The Ocelots, coached by Dominic Scicluna, will take on Springfield (Ill.) College for the NJCAA district championship and a berth in the NJCAA Division I Tournament. The match is at Springfield at 2 p.m. (CST) Saturday.

SC is 12-4-1 for the season. One of the Ocelots' losses, however, came by a 4-1 margin against Springfield at the Missouri Junior College Invitational in the last weekend of August.

The winner of Saturday's game will get a berth in the eight-team Division I Tournament, which will be in Tyler, Tex., beginning Nov. 17.

COACHES SOUGHT

Livonia Stevenson High School has openings for the following coaching positions: freshman girls track, boys varsity tennis and assistant boys track coach.

Letters of application should be sent to: Stephen Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Mi. 48154-5474.

Catholic Central is seeking an assistant varsity swim coach.

For more information, please call athletic director Bob Santello at (313) 534-2798.

Livonia Ladywood High School is seeking a girls equestrian coach for the fall sports season.

Those interested should fax at resume to Ladywood High School athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.

CRUSADERS

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Shelley Swainston, by contrast, faced 27 shots and made seven saves.

"This group has found its niche," said Zathey. "They work well together. On the field, everybody has accepted their role, which is aimed at maximizing their strengths and minimizing their weaknesses."

Despite their record and regular-season WHAC championship, it's been a year of ups and downs for the Crusaders. They were 2-1-1 in their first four games of the season, all non-conference, then won their first three in the WHAC — only to lose two of the next three league matches. Six-straight wins followed, five of them against WHAC opponents.

But just as it seemed the Crusaders were finding their stride, a trip to Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, Ky., derailed them. In losses to the host team and Robert Morris (Ill.), they were outscored 10-4.

Which left them scrambling going into a match for the regular-season league title against Siena Heights Oct. 29. No worries, though; Madonna won handily, 3-1, then followed that with Wednesday's convincing thumping of Aquinas.

"We're getting good midfield play and good play from our keepers, but they're just freshmen," noted Zathey. So, too, are his two marking defenders, Bethany Dobbyn (Livonia Stevenson) and Diane Foley.

Which means his four seniors — Becky Guibord, Shull, Jackson and Bruce — must step up their play, which they have. Guibord is second on the team to Pack in goal-scoring; Guibord has 12 goals to go with five assists (29 points). Jackson has nine goals and 20 assists (38 points) and Shull has seven goals and four assists (18 points).

Pack leads the Crusaders with 27 goals and nine assists (63 points).

With the one-loss-and-out NAIA playoffs approaching, Zathey doesn't plan to alter anything. "The scenario doesn't have to change much," he said, "just tweak it a bit. Sometimes we'll get caught in transition when we should be playing defense better."

One element this team does have is firepower, and from a variety of sources. That should help on the playoff road ahead.

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 ***Salem High School Carpet Replacement Bid.*** Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Laura Hagan of the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2953. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m., Thursday, November 20, 2003 and should be addressed to Dan Phillips RE: Floor Replacement Bid, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. 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.

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m., November 20th, 2003 for the following:

CARDIOVASCULAR FITNESS EQUIPMENT

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
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
Canton, MI 48188
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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – October 28, 2003

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, October 28, 2003, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the amended agenda deleting Items G8 and G12. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Regular Board Minutes of October 14, 2003. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Burdziak to approve payment of the bills for October 28, 2003 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Recap for October 28, 2003

General Fund	101	$1,166,465.33
Fire Fund	206	140,890.90
Police Fund	207	198,937.23
Summit Operating	208	37,725.07
Cable TV Fund	230	565.87
Twp. Improvement	246	222,651.33
E-911 Utility	261	11,685.20
Auto Forfeiture (wwa)	267	5,873.46
Federal Grants Fund	274	26.65
Auto Theft Grant	289	1,271.09
Downtown Dev Author.	294	72,339.50
Cap Proj-Summit Const	402	1,849,323.82
Cap Proj-Road Paving	403	268,325.63
Golf Fund	584	12,240.21
Water & Sewer Fund	592	1,721,564.02
Trust & Agency Fund	701	6,513.00
Total - All Funds		**5,516,398.31**

Board Member Reports: Trustee Zarbo presented to the Board a packet of information regarding IKEA.

PUBLIC HEARING: Item 1. Public Hearing And Grant Award Contract For Department of Justice Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program (LLEBG). Motion by Yack, supported by Bennett to open the public hearing at 7:05 pm to review plans under a FY 2003 Department of Justice Local Law Enforcement Block Grant award to purchase computer software, data conversion and portable range barricades for the Public Safety Department. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to close the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant program award contract which includes $21,068 in federal funds plus a required local match of $2,341 for a project total of $23,409. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 2. Public Hearing: Request for Class C Liquor License Transfer to S.B. Nara, Inc., 42408 Ford Road, Canton, Michigan. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to open the public hearing at 7:08 pm to consider the request of S. B. Nara, Inc. to transfer ownership of 1998 Class C License located in escrow at 20038-44-20050 Eureka, Taylor, Michigan, Wayne County from Mad Trovanos, Inc. Stuart A. Gold, Trustee; Transfer Location (Governmental Unit) (MCL 436.1531(1) to 42408 Ford Road, Canton, MI 48187. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to close the public hearing at 7:12 pm. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak that the request of S. B. Nara, Inc. to transfer ownership of 1998 Class C. License located in escrow at 20038-44-20050 Eureka, Taylor, Michigan, Wayne County, from Mad Trovanos, Inc., Stuart A. Gold, Trustee; Transfer Location (Governmental Unit) (MCL 436.1531(1) to 42408 Ford Road, Canton, MI 48187 be considered for approval "Above all others", it is the consensus of this legislative body that the transfer be recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3. Public Hearing - Consider Tax Abatement Transfer For T. Alterman & Associates (Powertrain Production Systems). Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to open the public hearing at 7:13 pm to consider tax abatement transfer for T. Alterman & Associates (Powertrain Production Systems). Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to close the public hearing at 7:18 pm. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution approving application of T. Alterman and Associates (Powertrain Production Systems) for Transfer of Industrial Facilities exemption Certificate #90-517 for Real Property and Revocation of Personal Property on Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #90-517. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4. Public Hearing - Consider Tax Abatement For Powertrain Production Systems. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to open the public hearing at 7:18 pm to consider Tax Abatement for Powertrain Systems. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to close the public hearing at 7:19 pm. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution approving application of Powertrain Production Systems LLC Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Personal Property. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. Budget Amendment Building And Inspection Services. Motion by Burdziak to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund to appropriate funds for additional overtime expenses in the Building & Inspection Services division of Municipal Services. Increase Revenues: Building Permits #101-000-477-000 $10,000. Increase Appropriations: Overtime-Building & Inspection Services #101-371-708-0000 $10,000. This budget amendment increases the Building Inspection Services Division budget from $1,702,030 to $1,712,030, and the General Fund budget from $24,593,925 to $24,603,925. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 2. Special Community Events Status And The Installation of Signs For The Tri-City Christian Center's Holiday Craft Fair. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve special community event status for the Tri-City Christian Center's Holiday Craft Fair and approval to install signs advertising the event. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. Adopt FY 2004 Budgets. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the following Budget Resolution for FY 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES -

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Resolution Adopting the FY2004 Budget

WHEREAS, 1978 P.A. 621, requires that the annual budgets be adopted by resolution and;

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Charter Township of Canton has held public hearings, and has reviewed the budget materials submitted;

NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the expenditures and transfers for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2004 are hereby appropriated on an activity (Department) total.

General Fund	$24,174,805
Fire Fund	$9,255,457
Police Fund	$12,418,245
Community Center Fund	$3,135,020
Street Lighting Fund	$190,492
Cable TV Fund	$1,211,276
Public Improvement Fund	$275,000
Community Improvement Fund	$2,023,149
911 Service Fund	$286,000
WWN Forfeiture Fund	$287,690
Special Investigative Fund	$90,300
Federal Grants Fund	$42,408
State Projects Fund	$391,892
Capital Projects Rd Paving Fund	$277,000
Golf Course	$2,496,651
Water and Sewer Fund	$26,141,772
Post Employment Benefits Fund	$498,750

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Charter Mills of 2.00 be levied on all taxable real and personal property for general fund operations, the Fire Special Assessment millage of 2.6000 be levied on all taxable real property for Fire Department operations and the Police Special Assessment millage of 4,2500 be levied on all taxable real property for Police Department operations. The total millage levied is 8.8500 mills.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Revenues and transfers for the 2004 Fiscal Year are estimated as follows:

General Fund	$24,174,805
Fire Fund	$9,255,457
Police Fund	$12,418,245
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Supervisor has the authority to make budget adjustments within an activity (department), excluding salary, overtime, fringes and capital outlay, after consultation and recommendation by the effected Department Director and the Finance and Budget Director in accordance with adopted policies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there shall not be any new, full-time positions created and/or filled without prior Township Board approval, and that existing vacant and budgeted positions may be filled by the Township Supervisor only after review and recommendation by the Administrative and Community Services Director and Finance and Budget Director.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all purchases and expenditures will be made in accordance with adopted procedures.

Terry G. Bennett

Item 2. Consider Ibrahim Rezoning. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the request of the petitioner to rezone certain property identified by property tax EDP #064-99-0006-000 from RR, Rural Residential to R-3, Single Family Residential District. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3. Consider Land Use Approval For Hayes Day Care Center. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the request of the Project Sponsors, Dennis and Deborah Hayes, to conduct the special use for the proposed combination child care center and single-family residence on Tax Parcel No. 063-99-0003,707, subject to compliance with any conditions herein and all other regulations of the Township. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4. Consider Removing From The Table And Adopting Resolution #5 For The Paving of Lotz Road, South of Michigan Avenue SAD. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to remove from the table Resolution #5 for the Paving of Lotz Road, South of Michigan Avenue SAD. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to adopt Resolution #5 for the paving of Lotz Road, South of Michigan Avenue SAD. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5. Internet Mapping Services. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the purchase of computer hardware, software and consulting services from the vendors identified in the RBA, to create and implement an internet mapping system. All costs are based on fixed prices offered through State of Michigan contracts, with the exception of the $695 ServletExec software from New Atlanta Communications. Funds for all expenditures are available in the 2003 Planning Services budget and include $14,007.12 in capital funds (account #101-853-977-0000) and $7,710 in professional consulting funds (account #101-853-808-0000). Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. Consider Agreement With Wayne County to Provide Winter Maintenance on 13.25 Mills of County Roads. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the agreement with Wayne County to upgrade winter maintenance on an additional 13.75 miles of roads and authorize payment of $62,456.00 to Wayne County, funding to come from FY 2003, Account #101-441-950-0000. Sheldon Road (Michigan to Ford) - 3.25 miles; Lotz Road (Michigan to Palmer) - 1.25 miles; Warren Road (Beck to 1/2 mile W. of Ridge) - 1.50 miles; Lilley Road (Michigan to Ford) - 3.25 miles; Denton Road (Geddes to Cherry Hill) - 2.00 miles; Lotz Road (Palmer to Cherry Hill) - 1.00 miles; Denton Road (Mott to Geddes) - 1.00 miles; Joy Road (West of Beck) - .50 miles (added at meeting); Total = 13.75 miles. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7. Authorize The Township Supervisor to Execute The Intergovernmental Agreement With Wayne County For The Right-of-way Acquisition on Warren Road From Canton Center to Morton Taylor. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the Township Supervisor to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement with Wayne County for Right-of-Way Acquisition on Warren Road from Canton Center to Morton-Taylor. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 8. Consider Award of Contract for Public Work's Roofing Project. [Removed from the Agenda]

Item 9. Consider Purchase of the Timble Pathfinder Pro XR Field Kit and TSCe Field Device and Terrassyne Professional from Michigan Surveyors Study. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the purchase from Michigan Surveyors Supply, for the Trimble GPS Pathfinder Pro XR field kit and TSCe Data Collector with TerraSync Professional Edition, for a total cost not to exceed of $7,990.00, to be charged to Planning Services account #101-853-977-0000. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 10. Request for Pheasant Run Golf Club Cart Path Repairs. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to award the bid for asphalt replacement/repair of 5500 square feet to Best Asphalt Inc., at a cost of $11,000 and charged to accounts #584-756-971-000. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 11. Request for Removal/Disposal of Infected/Dead Ash Trees at Fellows Creek Golf Course. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to award the bid for the removal/disposal of 200 infected ash trees as Fellows Creek Golf Course to Eagle Tree Care with the total cost not to exceed $48,000.00 and charge to the Community Improvement fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 12. Request to Increase Purchase Order for Landscaping for Tunnel at Pheasant Run Golf Club. [Removed from the Agenda]

Item 13. Approve Proposal for Historic Preservation Manual and Resource Guide. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the proposal from Kosky, Glynn and Saborio, LLC, for $10,000 for the research and writing of a manual/resource guide for the preservation of historic cemeteries. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 14. Approval of Contract for the I-275/Michigan Avenue Interchange Project. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the I-275/Michigan Avenue Interchange Project with a local match from Canton township of $35,600. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER: Study session next week is Hazardous Mitigation Plan for Canton Township. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, Supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 8:15 pm.

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

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But Tong could not turn the tide herself. In the end, the Wolverines' floor shooting – a woeful 11-of-64 (17.2 percent) – doomed them. They managed to trim the deficit to 31-22 after three quarters, but could get no closer.

Southfield Christian was led by guard Jillian Grandison with 19 points, including a 10-for-10 performance at the free-throw line in the second half.

Canton 62, Livonia Churchill 35: Once again, after the Chiefs got rolling, they were hard to stop.

Canton outscored visiting Livonia Churchill 38-21 in the middle quarters Tuesday, giving it a 50-29 lead entering the fourth period – too much for the Chargers to overcome.

The Chiefs improved to 16-2 overall and a perfect 12-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Churchill fell to 7-11 overall, 5-9 in the conference.

"We started a little slow, but the middle quarters were good for us," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "And we had pretty good balance tonight."

Katie Cezat again proved dominant, scoring 19 points and pulling down 22 rebounds; she also had two blocked shots. Rachele Guastella added 15 points, scoring seven in the second quarter when Canton outpointed the Chargers 21-10. Guastella also limited Churchill's leading scorer, Robin Johnson, to six points.

Lisa Ealy added nine points and eight boards for Canton.

Karen Anger topped Churchill with 20 points.

Salem 54, W.L. Central 26: One might think a game between the top two teams in the WLAA's Lakes Division would be closer.

Sorry.

The Rocks dominated Walled Lake Central from the start Tuesday at Salem, outscoring the Vikings 14-3 in the first quarter and 12-8 in the second to take a 26-11 halftime lead.

The win pushed Salem's record to 12-6 overall, 10-2 in the WLAA. Central is 8-10 overall, 7-5 in the WLAA.

"We had a really good first quarter," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "Five players scored for us in the first quarter, and (Ellen) Canale got us out and going with five (points)."

Canale finished with a team-high 11 points. Carly Schwann netted nine, Becky Ward scored eight, Alyssa Guerin had seven and Kathy Hammerschmidt added six.

"We were solid," Thomann commented on a defense that kept Central from reaching double figures in scoring in any quarter. "More importantly, we made shots tonight. That's something we didn't do (in two losses) last week, especially against Northville."

Lauren Becker's eight points was best for the Vikings.

Salem's junior varsity team improved to 17-1 with a 47-17 win over Central – which had beaten the Rocks earlier this season.

Plymouth Christian 55, Macomb Christian 14: In the opening quarter Tuesday at Plymouth Christian Academy, Macomb Christian scored eight points against PCA.

The Crusaders managed just six more in the next three as PCA improved to 4-13 overall with the non-conference win. Macomb Christian is 5-12.

"We tightened up our defense and put some pressure on the ball," said Eagles' coach Kevin Nast. "Everyone on the team scored, and we got some easy baskets in transition."

PCA outscored Macomb 14-2 in the second quarter and 12-0 in the third. Amanda Saagman's 12 points topped the Eagles; Kelsie Tietjen contributed 10 points and 16 rebounds, with Shannon Murray and Lauren Soblesky getting seven points apiece.

Alicia Bergen led the Crusaders with six points.

D.H. Robichaud 42, Plymouth 39: In a varsity game played last Friday at Plymouth, the Wildcats let one get away with some costly mistakes.

The three-point loss left Plymouth at 13-4 overall. Dearborn Heights Robichaud is 8-8.

"We were very competitive," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "We played very hard, but at the end we made some young mistakes with possession.

"And our free-throw shooting hurt us – 6-for-15."

The game was close throughout, Robichaud up 10-8 after one quarter and 22-18 at the half. Plymouth closed it to 30-28 heading into the fourth quarter.

Jeanine Moise topped the Wildcats with 17 points and 16 rebounds. Janet Hanchett had eight points and Colleen Flaherty had seven points and eight boards.

Mary Reilly's 24 points was best for the Bulldogs.

THE WEEK AHEAD

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Nov. 6
W.L. Northern at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Salem at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 7
Huron Valley at Waterford Mt. Zion, 5:30 p.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING
Thursday, Nov. 6
WLAA prelims at Salem, 1 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 7
WLAA diving prelims at Salem, 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 8
WLAA finals meet at Salem, noon.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Nov. 6
Saginaw Valley at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 7
NJCAA Div. II-Region 12 District, TBA.
Saturday, Nov. 8
NJCAA Div. II-Region 12 District, TBA.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Nov. 8
(WHAC Finals at Greenmead)
Madonna vs.Cornerstone, 2 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Wednesday, Nov. 5
(WHAC Finals at Greenmead)
Madonna vs. TBA, noon.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Nov. 8
St. Francis (Ind.) at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Alumni at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Friday, Nov. 7
MU at Cedarville (Ohio) Tourney, 6 & 8 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 8
MU at Cedarville (Ohio) Tourney, 1 & 3 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, Nov. 7
Whalers vs. Windsor (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 8
Whalers vs. Saginaw (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 9
Whalers at Saginaw, 7:30 p.m.

TBA – time to be announced.

Lady Ocelots seek balance this season

BY JOSE CARRILLO
STAFF WRITER

Though last season's key player is gone, the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team believe they are in a better position to reclaim the Michigan Community College Athletic Association-Eastern Conference title.

SC coach Karen Lafata, who has led the Ocelots to three conference titles in her five years, said the team has a tremendous freshman class to go along with a strong sophomore group, which will provide leadership. The team will work together to replace the void left by Pam Wingate, who led the team last season averaging 20.5 points and nine rebounds per game.

"Last year Pamela pretty much dominated," Lafata said of the 6-foot-2 center, who moved on to play for the University of Akron (Ohio). "This team has more depth, more scoring options."

"We're in a better position to compete. Overall, we upgraded every position."

Last season, the team finished unranked with record of 18-10 overall and 10-3 conference, second to Oakland Community College.

This season has already brought small acclaim for the Ocelots, who were selected as an honorable mention selection in the 2003-04 NJCAA Division II preseason poll.

"I think it's good the program was recognized," Lafata said. "But, I think we'd like to prove we belong there and deserved to be ranked. That's our mission."

Other than Wingate, only one other starter is missing from last season — Mia Henderson. The forward was third on the team with 10 points and 7.4 rebounds per game.

Returning with a new role is 6-foot sophomore Crystal Pittman (Southfield-Lathrup). She was second on the team with 10.7 points and 8.8 rebounds per game and will make the move from forward to center. She also was third on the team with 2.4 assists per game.

Four of last season's guards will return, including the starting pair.

In the backcourt, Tara Charles (Redford Bishop Borgess) averaged 7.8 points, 4.6 rebounds and 2.6 assists, while Jazmyne Forster (Detroit Cody) led the team with 3.2 assists and averaged 4.1 points and 3.5 rebounds. Tiffani Pattillo (Detroit King) and Brandy Taylor (Detroit C.M.A.) also return.

Perhaps the most biggest addition to the team is 5-11 forward India Monteiro, who transferred from New Mexico State.

In 2001 at Detroit Murray-Wright, Monteiro averaged 25 points, 15 rebounds and six steals en route to All-State, All-Metro and All-City honors.

"India brings athletic ability and overall scoring ability," Lafata said of her versatile player. "We expect her to average a double-double. She can score from the perimeter and she can score from post."

Takara Tuff, another newcomer at forward, earned All-Public School League honors two straight seasons at Detroit Denby and should provide an offensive presence.

"Takara has a good outside shot and is strong at taking it to the hole," Lafata said.

Other newcomer is Shareece Cosby (Pontiac Central), who Lafata said is very talented and gives the Ocelot coach two strong point-guards.

Also in the mix is Amantha Combs of Belleville; former Lutheran High Westland guard Jenna Hess; Wayne State University transfer Ashley Gibson (Detroit Benedictine); forward/center Crystal Taylor (Detroit Mumford); and 6-3 center Sara Tyree (Westland John Glenn), the latter whom will contribute in the post rotation.

With new the faces, the one thing that will not change is the core style of play Lafata enforces.

"We're still going to play fast up-tempo and use the full-court press," Lafata said. "That hasn't changed since I got here."

The Ocelots do have one drawback that will affect them for some time. Pattillo suffered a shoulder injury while hitting the floor in practice two weeks ago. She will be out for a month and Lafata said the team will anxiously await her return.

SC tips off the season, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10 at home against Marygrove College.

"We have a very challenging schedule," Lafata said, pointing out that the Lady Ocelots will face a pair of NJCAA-Division I teams, Nov. 14-15, in the Chipola (Fla.) Community College Tournament.

Two of their opponents will be defending NJCAA Division I champion Gulf Coast (Fla.) CC, along with Vincennes (Ind.) University.

Following the tournament, the Ocelots will embark on its first of two battles in the month with Owens CC (Ohio), which ended the Lady Ocelots' season last year in the Region 12 playoffs, 85-65. Lafata said chances of beating Owens is greater, but Toledo school will also be much improved.

"We'll just have to wait and see," Lafata said.

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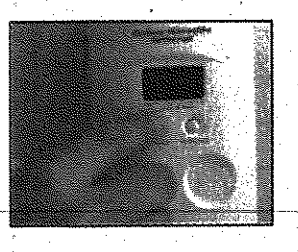


Accents

Beware of CO

Accidental carbon monoxide poisoning claims about 1,500 lives annually and about one in five deaths involve heating or cooking equipment.

The best defenses



against carbon monoxide poisoning in the home are making sure that heating and cooking appliances are properly installed and maintained, and that carbon monoxide alarms are installed on each level of a home-particularly near sleeping areas.

When appliances and vents work properly and an adequate supply of carbon monoxide alarms are installed throughout the house, residents can help protect themselves and their families from this silent killer. Carbon monoxide can build up wherever flammable fuel is burned. Potential culprits of carbon monoxide in the home include:

■ Gas stove and range top - Because these appliances are often unvented, they can be common sources of carbon monoxide in the home. To help prevent carbon monoxide from seeping, regular cleaning of the range top, oven cavity and burners is recommended. Keeping these appliances maintained and in working condition can also help reduce the chance of carbon monoxide poisoning.

■ Gas furnace and water heater - Improper installation or damage from basement flooding can cause both these appliances to produce harmful levels of carbon monoxide. A clogged or dirty burner can also negatively affect the air/fuel mixture. Soot buildup and a pilot light that is mostly yellow in color could be indicators that the fuel is burning incompletely. A qualified technician (usually employed by a local oil or gas company) can inspect the furnace and water heater to ensure the air and fuel mixture is adjusted correctly and to make sure the burner components are cleaned.

■ Gas clothes dryer - A faulty or improperly installed dryer can be a carbon monoxide hazard. Exhaust pipes clogged with lint can also cause carbon monoxide to build up. Again, regular inspection and maintenance are good preventive measures, as is cleaning the lint filter after each use.

Tips on how to check for carbon monoxide hazards and a room-by-room safety audit are available at www.firstalert.com.

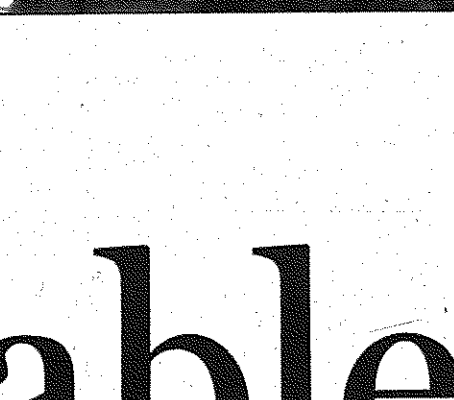


Colors in the centerpiece and china highlight each other, and match the colors in the room. The dining room table is an indication of what's in store at Cranbrook Holiday Tables.

Tuning to the Tables

Creativity and style are always in place at Holiday Tables, an annual event that benefits the preservation of Cranbrook House, the home designed by Albert Kahn for Cranbrook founders George and Ellen Scripps Booth.

Holiday Tables has been a tradition at Cranbrook House for 28 years. It presents tables decorated in a variety of styles – innovative, elegant, whimsical – that show such elements as distinctive centerpieces and ways to arrange heirloom pieces.



Each place setting has its own pair of salt and pepper shakers.

"I've always loved the event," said Bloomfield Hills resident

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Get creative with your bathroom design

BY MIKE MURPHY
CORRESPONDENT

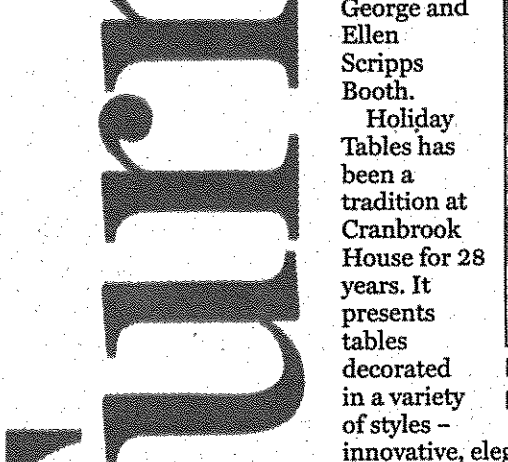
Bathrooms of today are more luxurious restful places than they were years ago, and that is something that is reflected by the expanding world of bathroom accessories.

"A lot of people like to make their bathroom a luxurious place of relaxation," said Karol Gore, designer at Mans Kitchen and Bath Design Centers in Canton. "It's no longer just a shower and shave and good-bye. People are getting much more creative."

While certain bathroom features of the past, such as the medicine cabinet built into the wall, are no longer fashionable, many other accessory features have risen to take their place.

Since master bathrooms in newly built home are much bigger than their predecessors, people looking to design their bathroom's interior may also have the space for a amenities like oversized

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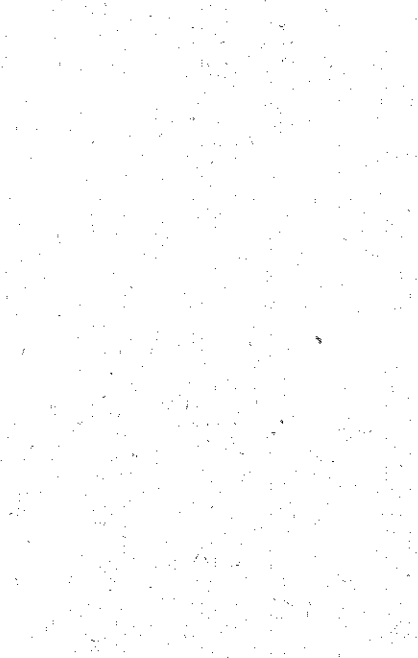
SHERWOOD STUDIOS

Since master bathrooms in new homes have grown in size, people looking to design their bathroom's interior may also have the space for amenities like oversized showers and whirlpools, or cozy comforts such as heated floors.

MARKET PLACE

Collectors' cabinets

Herman Miller offers collectors cabinets in a variety of styles. The Hubbard Mission Collection (left) is inspired by the Arts and Crafts Movement, finished in Heritage Oak on select hardwoods and veneers. The Urban Collection boasts simple contemporary elegance with its straight lines, flat top pediment and nickel finish molding, finished in Merlot Cherry on select hardwoods and veneer. Eight levels of display in each unit offer more space for collectibles. Herman Miller clocks and collectibles are available at several metro Detroit furniture outlets, including Marshall Field's, Laurel Furniture, Franks Furniture, Art Van and Classic Interiors. Visit www.howardmiller.com to find the location nearest you.



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There's no gender gap when it comes to appliance repairs

The telephone rings. The caller identifies herself as Laurie. She informs me of a problem with her 14-year–old Kenmore washing machine. It is making clunking noises when it agitates. She would like to know if she should call for a service technician or simply go shopping for a new washer.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

She tells me she is a single mom, working and just getting by in life.

Before I tell you how I helped Laurie resolve her problem, I would like to give you a story from about 20 years ago.

I had a little business back then. I sold parts for appliances and performed service calls for homeowners in the area. It didn't make much money because quite honestly, I didn't know how to make money. One thing I did know how to do was make friends and in the 20 years of owning that place, I made many. It was simple, just by helping people do things themselves and saving money in the process.

It's always possible that what goes around comes around and here is just one example. I helped a very senior citizen lady who was recently widowed and who couldn't afford a service technician. Her husband's tools lay on his work bench, just as they had before he died. This woman, well into her 80s, fixed the gas valve on her clothes dryer all by herself and I remember her calling me on the phone to thank me for showing her what to do. Of the many thousands of women that I have helped in the past 40 years, this lady stood out. She was crying her heart out when she called. She depended on her husband to do these kinds of things and she missed him so much. She told me she had never even held a wrench in her hands in her life. All these years later, I still get teary-eyed when I think of that woman.

I later received a call from her son who had just moved back into town and was working at Maclean Hunter cable television. He had heard the story from his mother and wanted to know if I could do a television show on consumerism and appliances. That's how I got involved in doing cable television shows in Garden City. It goes to show how kindness and caring for others can come back to you. Since those days, a whole ton of great things have happened for me and I have been blessed in many ways.

Let's go back to Laurie with the noisy washer who replied that she is handy with a screwdriver. I told her that she probably had a broken coupler which is a plastic piece that transfers power between the motor and the transmission.

This is a common thing to happen on this washer and it is something that homeowners can repair themselves. I instructed Laurie to go an appliance repair shop, ask how to take the casing off the washer and get instructions on how to replace the coupler. Laurie hasn't called me back and that's OK, because that phone can ring 15 or 20 times a day from homeowners seeking advice.

I'm pretty sure that Laurie is going to fix this thing because she sounded determined and very willing to learn. She also knows she will save herself over $100 on the repair bill, or save $400 on buying a new washer.

These many thousands of women that I have met have proven that it is not a man's world when it comes to fixing appliances. I have seen the pride shining through their eyes as they look at me and profess, "I fixed the thing myself." 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.

Take care of that skunky smell at home

It's funny where ideas for columns come from. Often they are developed from readers' questions. (Those questions I like the best, so keep them coming.) Some come from friends and workmates. I've even got ideas from my children, so how's that for *Ask Dad*?



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

A couple weeks ago, our greyhound gave me an idea for a column. Jesse decided to make a new friend outside. The problem is that this "friend" had black fur with white stripes.

Since this encounter occurred at about 6 a.m., I had a very rude awakening, immediately sending me to the Internet for ways to eliminate skunk odors.

To make matters worse, Jesse got in the house before I could catch him and was trying to get the stink off by rubbing on the furniture.

I've had little success with the standard favorite, tomato juice. Besides, we didn't have any in the house.

Here are some of the ideas I found. (I should note that most of these I have not tried, so I can't vouch for their effectiveness or safety. But then if you have been in this position with a pet, you know you'll try anything.)

One source suggested the laundry product Woolite. The chemical action in this product is said to effectively neutralize the odor. Shampoo the pet and let the product set for ten minutes before rinsing. It was noted that Woolite is not designed to be a pet shampoo and may cause dry skin and stomach upset if the pet licks it. The odor will not dissipate until the pet is dry.

I found one site that suggested bathing the pet with Downy fabric softener. (I guess even if this didn't work, you would have one of the softest, poofiest pets in town.)

An oldtimer told me to liberally sprinkle oatmeal on the pet to absorb the skunk oils and to do this several times. I figured he worked for Quaker Oats, but I remember a few years ago our boxer got skunked. Oatmeal helped get rid of the lingering oils from the skin folds in her face. Probably the most popular remedy I found and the one we used (successfully, I might add) is a mixture of 1 quart 3 percent hydrogen peroxide, 1/4 cup baking soda and a couple tablespoons of dish detergent (not dishwasher detergent). Much of the power comes from oxygen action, so you should use this mixture while it is still fizzing. Never try to store this mixture, particularly in a sealed container, as the container could burst. Once the fizzing stops, rinse the pet. This formula will also work on humans.

As for clothing and furniture, soap, water and ammonia are said to work well. There are several good odor neutralizers on the market. Skunk-off, Nil-Odor and Smells-be-gone are just a few brand names. These, or several others are available at most pet supplies and from veterinarians. A product we have successfully used for just about all smells in our house is OdoBan available at Sam's Club.

Only time will eliminate skunk odor. Even using any or all of the above, you'll probably notice some lingering smell on a damp day. Above all, use caution and common sense when removing skunk odors. I once heard of a person using tomato juice to remove skunk odor from a light beige sofa. Need I say more about common sense?

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

Blankets envelops readers from start to finish

BLANKETS

"Blankets," an illustrated novel by Craig Thompson (Top Shelf Productions, $29.95).

At 582 pages, "Blankets" is a doorstop of a book. But it's an illustrated novel, and doesn't take all that long to finish. In fact, it's so engrossing that, from the very first black-and-white sketch, many readers will feel it ends all too soon.



Victoria Diaz

Illustrated by Craig Thompson, who was born in Traverse City, "Blankets" tells the story of a young misfit (named Craig Thompson), growing up in Wisconsin (where the talented artist was raised).

Eventually, at a church camp, he meets a Michigan girl named Raina, his first love. Their bittersweet relationship is at the center of this story, but the novel is considerably more than a teen-age romance. It's also a story about family, friendship, and religious faith.

While leading character, Craig, seems just a touch self-pitying now and then, most readers will root for him from beginning to end, anyway. And all characters vivify the story, thanks not only to Thompson's ability to draw them with words, but also to his dazzling talent for illustration.

With a line or a squiggle or a smudgy shadow, he's superb at setting a scene, depicting a mood, expressing the subtlest emotion.

The story opens on a scene in which Craig and his younger brother, Phil, are sharing a bed.

As most normal little boys do, these two are fighting over their share of the blanket. It seems an almost comical scene. Almost.

Soon, though, one boy pushes the other boy out of bed, and their angry father storms into the room. Almost before we realize what is happening, young Phil has been jerked up, dragged off, and locked in "The Cubby Hole," a dark, disgusting place "uninsulated, unlit, and uninhabited — except by spiders and vermin."

"You'd better make yourself comfortable," the boys' father tells little Phil, as he closes up the tight space, leaving the terrified child to beg in the darkness.

This is not the home of Beaver Cleaver.

At school, things are not much better. In fact, they're worse in some ways. Frail, dreamy-eyed Craig is almost constantly taunted by classmates.

"You look like a ... girl" and "faggot" are typical remarks tossed in his direction by some of the ham-fisted teens he encounters in the hallways.

He's no less of a misfit within his fundamentalist church and church groups. In fact, within his world, the Bible-reading boy's only real escape seems to be through his art, although he often feels torn by the pleasure it brings him, and considers it too "secular" and "selfish."

And then he meets Raina. Rather a misfit herself at church camp, her parents are in the midst of a divorce, and she's often caught in the middle, while being left to shoulder the responsibilities of an adult.

Some time after Raina and Craig meet, he goes to spend two weeks with her at her home in the snow-blanketed Upper Peninsula of Michigan. She gives him a colorful blanket she has made for him — and as his love for her deepens, so does the plot of this story.

"Blankets" is a nicely written, reader-friendly tale that sometimes borders on the sentimental.

But it's also awful-funny now and then, and ultimately touching and perceptive.

Though some of the illustrations are sexually explicit, they are never gratuitously so.

And without the book's marvelous illustrations overall, the impact of "Blankets" would probably be considerably less.

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Furniture market improves, officials say

HIGH POINT, N.C. (AP) – Officials say this year's furniture market showed substantial improvement in sales since a slump started after the 2001 terrorist attacks.

The October 2003 market officially ended last Wednesday.

"By all measures, this has been much better," said Bruce Miller, a board member and the chief executive officer at the International Home Furnishings Center.

"What's encouraging is that the foreigners are back, not to the level they were six or seven years ago, but enough to show that they are back."

Miller said this week's market visitors included 76 buying organizations from the Middle East.

"Barring anything unforeseen in (world politics), I think April will see a huge uptick. It's going to happen the pattern is there."

Fellow board member Randy Short agreed.

Short, who heads Stanford Furniture, said the past week could mark a record for his company.

"We're calling it the `breakout market.' This is the first time we've seen signs that people could be over Sept. 11," he said.

"They're not throwing caution to the wind, but spirits are much higher and you don't hear a bunch of grumbling about everything."

Holiday Gift Show features 50 vendors

More than 50 vendors will offer items ranging from antique linens to hand-painted furniture at the 6th Annual Winter Holiday Gift Show 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Nov. 20 at the Community House, 380 South Bates in Birmingham.

According to show manager, Carol Czechowski, some of the vendors featured include: pressed flowers, fleece blankets, hand-cut silhouettes, custom tassels, fine jewelry, watercolors, quilts, monogrammed linens, felted wool purses, vintage pillows, folk art nativities and antique framed postcards.

Birmingham resident Deanna Sarvis and owner of Bouquets in Bloom has showcased her merchandise at the Winter Holiday Gift Show for the past two years.

Bouquets in Bloom will offer custom silk floral arrangements, topiaries and unique holiday gift items.

"The show is a perfect size," Sarvis said.

"It's not overwhelming and there is a wide variety to choose from. I also like participating in this show because the quality of the merchandise offered is outstanding."

Show attendees can make a day of it by visiting the show and enjoying lunch at the Winter Holiday Gift Show Café. The Café will feature gourmet sandwiches, salads, soups and a variety of holiday desserts including The Community House favorite – plum pudding.

Admission to the show is $4, with proceeds benefiting The Community House. For more information, contact The Community House, (248)644-5832. The Community House, an independent not-for profit organization established in Birmingham in 1923, welcomes all people. It works in partnership with individuals, organizations and businesses to bring educational, social and cultural enrichment to people in the metropolitan area.



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BATHROOM

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showers and whirlpools, or cozy comforts such as heated floors.

Bathroom lighting has also become much more sophisticated and its use can also be looked at as a way to accessorize your bath room.

"Lighting as an accessory is becoming important," said Bob O'Brien, general manager of Kurtis Kitchen and Bath Centers in Livonia. "We're seeing a lot more emphasis on that today, and you can get a nice, ambient feel."

But back to the basics, which for many people is a decent amount of cabinetry or storage space, towel racks medicine cabinets and a mirror.

"The old style of mirrored cabinet with the sliding doors is long gone," O'Brien said.

As far as mirrors go, O'Brien recommends tri-views, which afford both men and ladies the opportunity to view the sides and backs of their heads.

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Kurtis Kitchen and Bath Centers

MANY OPTIONS

There are many options these days when it comes to bathroom cabinetry, and a good designer will find a way to match cabinets typically designed for the kitchen with the fixtures in the bathroom.

O'Brien said some bathroom cabinets are pre-designed to hold hampers, and that drawers in bathroom vanities have become deeper in recent years to accommodate the expanding amount of toiletries that people like to keep on hand in the bathroom.

Pam Cole, designer at Chirri Kitchen and Bath in Northville said her customers value beauty and functionality when they come to the store seeking design ideas for their bathrooms.

The advice they're given all depends on the room they're working with. She said that with the trend toward free-standing vanities she veers away from recommending storage above the sink.

"It's an eyesore," Cole said. "What used to go in there goes into the toilet topper." The toilet topper, a cabinet attached to the wall above the toilet, but it all depends on the bathroom. They're all so different." Cole said that in terms of a cabinet finish for the bathroom, subtle maple woods and cherry woods are quite popular, and that customers are choosing increasingly decorative handles and pulls.

UNIQUE FINISH

Gore said many of her customers are opting for towel racks with a pewter, copper, satin or nickel finish, and using glazes on cabinets, which expose more detail in wood cabinet lines.

Recessed cans for lighting can help give a bathroom the open, spacious look that many people are looking for, Cole said.

O'Brien said the idea of a bathroom as a room to relax and unwind in has caught on with builders and home designers, who are making the rooms and consequently the accessories in the rooms much more luxurious.

"People are looking at bathrooms as a retreat, and they want more than just the basics," O'Brien said. "That could mean anything from a very large shower with a couple of seats in it to heated floors, but you can get a fairly luxurious bathroom without spending a fortune."

Gore said the expansive bathrooms are also lending themselves toward furnishings that would not have fit in the bathrooms of yore.

"We sell furniture pieces with Queen Ann legs; vanity cabinets that look like furniture," Gore said.

"People are much more creative now, it's not just the standard laminate covering a wood cabinet."

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Contractors should be licensed before you hire them

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Q. Bob asks: I enjoyed your article about replacing foundations.

When I faced this problem a few years ago, I found that the two bids I received from general contractors were twice what I eventually paid a house mover to do the job. What's more, since house movers do the shoring up of houses daily, I found that their equipment and experience were far more suited for this task than that of either of the general contractors.

A. We applaud your creativity, but we have a few reservations about the 50 percent savings you report. House movers have the equipment required to move a home and make way for a new foundation, but whomever you hire, it is important to make sure that he is properly licensed by the state to do the kind of work needed. We recommend that the services of a licensed soils engineer and a licensed civil or structural engineer be enlisted to determine the proper size and strength of the replacement foundation. Since the structural integrity of a home depends primarily on a solid foundation, this is one area of construction where one should not skimp.When receiving bids, make sure that each contractor uses the same specifications. List the specifications and have the bidders price the differences. The right price is usually the average of the bids.

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Home decor

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The schedule includes: Beaded Throw Pillow (fee is $40), Mondays through Nov. 10; Advanced Curtains ($60), Tuesdays through Nov. 18; Envelope Pillow ($60), Tuesdays through Nov. 18; Simple Curtain ($60), Thursdays through Nov. 20; Fabric-covered Boxes ($20), Saturday, Nov. 8; Weekender Bag ($60), Saturday, Nov. 8; and Beginner Pillow ($60), Mondays, Nov. 10-24.

Holiday decor

The Community House, 380 South Bates in Birmingham offers a class 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, on Holiday Décor. Learn how to create a Holiday Garland with Ribbons, Berries and Pine with floral designer Jacqueline Carney. shape, trim and decorate an artificial pine garland perfect for holiday table, hutch or doorway. The class fee is $17, plus materials fee. To register, call 248/644-5832 or register online at www.communityhouse.com.

Home decorating

The Do It Yourself Center, 3746 Cottontail in Shelby Township, offers fun and easy home decorating classes for the "talent impaired." None of the window treatment classes requires sewing; none of the furniture building classes requires the use of power tools or a saw.

Each class takes place 7-10 p.m. and costs $35. Class size is limited due to hands-on training. Call (586) 739-6319 to register or for a current schedule. The schedule includes E-Z Build Armoire, Thursday, Nov. 6; Beginner Upholstery (no-sew), Tuesday, Nov. 11; and E-Z Build Bench, Tuesday, Nov. 18.

Cranbrook Holiday Tables

A Legacy of Excellence is the theme for Holiday Tables 2003, at historic Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills.

Holiday Tables has been a Cranbrook House tradition for 28 years. This year's event will feature 15 uniquely decorated tables. Each table will offer an abundance of innovative ideas from creating a festive centerpiece to arranging heirloom silver and china. The event will kick off with a Benefactors' Party at a private residence at Turtle Lake on Thursday, Nov. 13; tickets are $125. Dumouchelle Art Gallery will sponsor two Patron Teas on Thursday, Nov. 20, at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Tea tickets are $50.

The event will be open for general admission 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 21 and 22, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23. General admission tickets are $15 in advance, and $20 at the door. Advance tickets may be bought by calling (248) 645-3147.

All proceeds from Holiday Tables 2003 will benefit the preservation of Cranbrook House. Cranbrook House is the oldest surviving manor home in Detroit. It was designed by Albert Kahn in 1908 for Cranbrook founders George and Ellen Scripps Booth.

Prepare your home for winter

Check roofing, heating, drainage before cold weather hits

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Americans recently marked the end of Daylight Savings Time by turning back their clocks. This time of year should also serve notice to homeowners to replace smoke-alarm batteries.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, fire is the second leading cause of unintentional death in the home. Each year, nearly 2,700 people die in residential fires, and there are more than 330,000 residential fires reported to fire departments.

Manufacturers and fire-safety experts say if your unit is more than 10 years old, an alarm that sounds when the button is pushed just means it's getting electricity and not necessarily that the sensor chamber is activating properly. To be certain, either test older units with a smoke device or replace them. Sensor chambers can become dirty and ineffective or non-operational even if the button test works. For safety's sake replace an older unit; then you'll know it'll be working.

Though safety is first, there is a laundry list of other home-maintenance tasks that should be performed as we move through fall and into winter. The following tasks will help save money on utilities and prevent the need for major repairs, improve comfort and safety, save energy and preserve the integrity of your home.

Gutters and downspouts: Wayward water is one of a home's biggest enemies – especially rainwater that is shed off the roof of an average home. When allowed to collect at the perimeter of a foundation, excessive water can result in a damp and musty basement or cause foundation movement that produces cracks over windows and doors. If your home doesn't have gutters and downspouts, install them. If it does, be sure they are clean before heavy rains begin. Consider installing a gutter protection system to prevent leaves and other debris from clogging gutters.

Drainage: Having clean gutters and downspouts is only piece of the water damage prevention puzzle. A mistake that many make is to allow downspouts to discharge at the base of the foundation. This condition is worse than not having gutters at all due to the high concentration of water.

To avoid this problem, downspouts should discharge into a subsurface drainage system and into a municipal storm drain or other water-collection facility. Further minimize ponding around the foundation by ensuring that all soil immediately surrounding the house is graded to drain away from the foundation.

Landscape Irrigation: Throttle back on the amount of water used to irrigate landscaping by adjusting automatic timers and use the "rain-off" switch when weather dictates. If you live in a part of the country where the mercury dips below freezing, use compressed air to blow water out of irrigation lines to prevent freeze damage.

Water heater and plumbing pipes: You can maximize your water heating dollar by removing sediment at the base of your water heater's tank. The sediment that collects over time greatly reduces burner efficiency and can even cause damage to the interior lining of the tank when allowed to superheat. Adjust burners for the most fuel-efficient and safest combustion. For flames, blue is good, and yellow isn't. Uninsulated water pipes are an energy-waster and a burst pipe waiting to happen. Insulating cold water lines will prevent a burst pipe during freezing weather while well-insulated hot water lines will improve both energy efficiency and comfort as hot water will be delivered more promptly.

Roofing: The time to discover you have a leaking roof should not be during the middle of a rain storm. Replace damaged shingles, patch damaged flashing and remove surface debris to facilitate proper watershed and prevent leaks.

Binoculars provide a means of inspecting shingles and flashings without getting on the roof.

Attic insulation and ventilation: According to the U.S. Department of Energy, a well-insulated attic is one of the best ways to improve energy efficiency, save money and increase comfort.

A well-insulated and properly ventilated attic will also prevent ice dams from forming.

Weather-stripping and caulking: Gaps around windows and doors are a leading cause of drafts that rob a home of comfort and result in high utility bills. All exterior doors should be weather-stripped and have an adjustable door shoe and threshold.

Weather-stripping and vinyl gaskets at door shoes and thresholds that have become brittle over time should be replaced with new supple material. Trim that surrounds windows and doors (at both the interior and exterior) should be caulked to prevent drafts. Gaps and large penetrations, such as those made to accommodate plumbing pipes or conduits, should be filled with expandable foam sealant.

Siding: Gaps and cracks in siding should be caulked and patched to prevent leaks and the subsequent damage. Raw siding should be primed as a means of temporary water-proofing until spring; then a more thorough job can be done.

Brick exteriors should be sealed with a high- quality masonry sealer to prevent freeze-thaw damage.

Fireplace: Creosote-lined fireplace flues are a chimney fire – and potentially hazardous explosion – just waiting to happen. The National Chimney Sweep Guild recommends that a fireplace flue be inspected before each season of burning. In addition, the guild recommends that a fireplace be cleaned after each cord of wood is burned. Inspect the condition of the spark arrestor that sits atop that chimney to ensure that are no tears in the fabric that could allow embers to escape and result in a house fire.

Before making your first fire for the season, be sure to open the damper and leave it open whenever there is a fire in the fireplace.

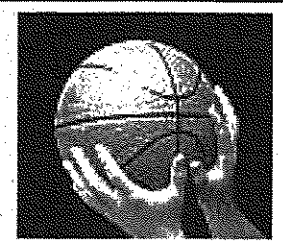
Heating: Give your home's heating system the once-over to be sure that all components are in good working order, clean and well lubricated. Be sure that the burners are clean and the flame is properly adjusted. Replace dirty filters to improve air flow and efficiency and to lower utility costs.

Also, consider installing one or more decorative ceiling paddle fans to move heated air trapped high up at ceilings. Doing so will make your home more comfortable and lower your heating bill. A side benefit is reduced condensation at windows and glass doors.

A little seasonal home maintenance can prevent big problems down the road and save you money.

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Joan Kohn shares design tips at Michigan Design Center

Joan Kohn, host of Home & Garden Television's "Kitchen Design" and "Bed & Bath Design," will appear Tuesday, Nov. 18 at the Michigan Design Center in Troy.

The MDC showrooms will host an open house from 4-7 p.m. to allow the public an opportunity to browse and to meet with some of this area's top design professionals who will be on hand to provide complimentary, 20-minute design consultations. At 7 p.m., Joan Kohn will take center stage in the Mid-America Room, Suite 86 as she shares her secrets for design success.

During her seminar, Kohn will teach guests everything they need to know to create the rooms they want to live in, including: Joan's Five Rules of Thumb, Joan's Tool Kit, Tips for Creating Looks that are Bigger than your Budget, Strategies for Surviving Construction and New Design Trends.

In addition, Joan will share concepts from her recently released first publication entitled, "Joan Kohn's It's Your Kitchen: Over 100 Inspirational Kitchens." Immediately following her presentation, guests are invited to attend a book signing.

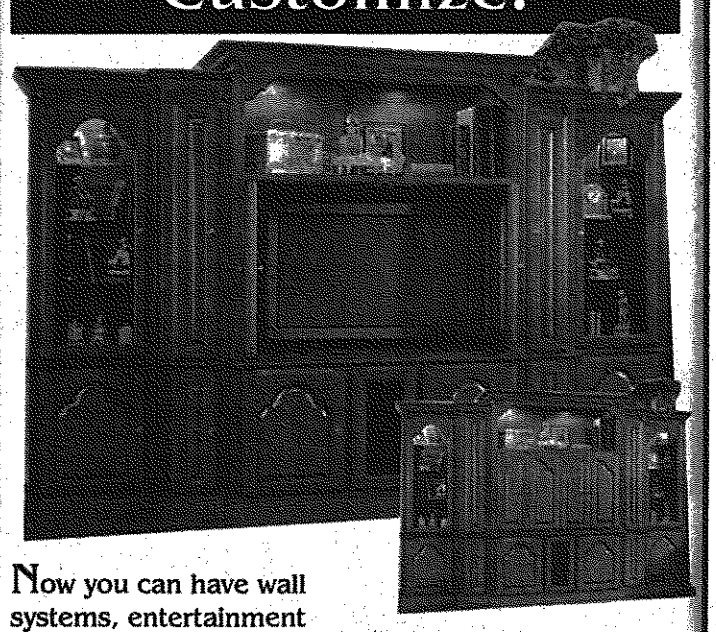
Beyond her hosting duties at HGTV, Joan is also the writer and associate producer of both series, which have been on the air since 1995. She has also hosted numerous HGTV specials. In addition to her recently released publication, a companion book, "Joan Kohn's It's Your Bed & Bath," is scheduled for release in 2004.

This event is open to the public. Tickets are $40 and include the open house, lecture, a copy of Joan's new book ($40 value) and the book signing. Advance reservations are suggested by sending a check, made payable to Michigan Design Center, 1700 Stutz Drive, Suite 25, Troy Michigan 48084.

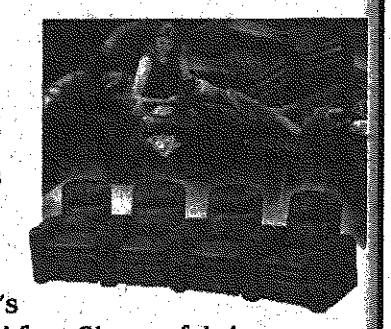
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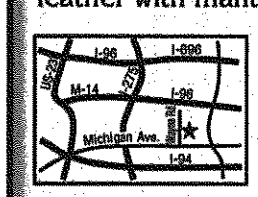
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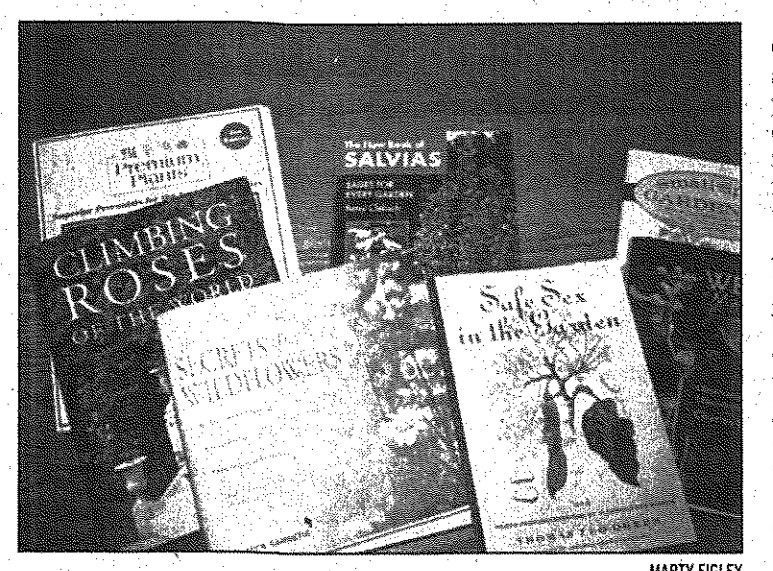
When you're finished cleaning up the garden for its winter's rest, take some time to study these garden books that will inspire and teach at the same time.

Safe Sex in the Garden, and Other Propositions for an Allergy-Free World, by Thomas Leo Ogren, (Ten Speed Press, $14.95) is an interesting concept about the subject of allergy-free plants. We learn that male trees, although they don't litter as do female trees, spread a tremendous amount of pollen, which is the culprit. Ogren states that in 1959 allergies affected only 2 to 5 percent of the U.S. population, but by December 1999, it had jumped to 38 percent!

Ogren encourages everyone to ask their city government, landscapers, nursery owners and homeowners to use female plants. Plants are categorized as to their degree of pollen, and describes how to design a garden for 'sneeze-free' living. This book is a real eye opener.

Small-Space Gardening, How to Successfully Grow Flowers and Fruits in Containers and Pots, by Peter Loewer (The Lyons Press, $24.95) is more than just a how-to as he shares his personal experiences and ideas in his inimitable style. For a quick understanding of a plant's chemical process, read the introduction.

Loewer explains the origins of containers, the various kinds, and suggests what to grow in them, and how; flowering and foliage plants, groundcovers, moss gardens, and other plants. He explains the history and how and why many of the plants were named. The book is full of valuable information, including how to display the pots. As always, a winner.



MARTY FIGLEY

These books will inspire and teach at the same time

When you've finished reading *Weeds in My Garden, Observations on Some Misunderstood Plants,* by Charles B. Heiser (Timber Press $22.95), you'll probably have a different attitude about weeds. Heiser writes that weeds "can deprive our cultivated plants of light, water, and minerals, hence some control is often required....however, in vacant lots and other bare areas, weeds provide a ground cover that helps prevent soil erosion and adds organic material to the soil...provide food for wildlife and often make nutritious forage for horses and other domesticated animals. Weeds have served as subjects of scientific studies and have contributed to the improvement of our crop plants."

Heiser recommends that pulling weeds up by hand or with a hoe is the best way to control them. The majority of the book describes the weeds – the way and why they were named, when they appear and native habitat, descriptions, and virtues. There's a chuckle or two hidden in these pages.

Napoleon so loved the violet that he was long known as Caporal Violette. Marsh Marigolds were said to protect homes against witches. Because birds love chickweed, it has acquired names such as birdweed, chuckweed, and the old Latin name, *morus gallinae,* meaning "morsel for the hens."

These and many, many more interesting things are in *The Secrets of Wildflowers, A Delightful Feast of Little-Known Facts, Folklore, and History,* by Jack Sanders (The Lyons Press, $24.95). It is a nice gift idea.

Climbing Roses of the World, by Charles Quest-Ritson (Timber Press, $34.95) is a must-have for rose lovers. This book is the first completely new volume in almost 40 years to present histories, lineages, and special charms of this most-loved flower.

Quest-Ritson traveled extensively and researched virtually all climbing and rambling roses; providing original horticultural names and synonyms for nearly 1,600 climbing roses.

He describes their habit, flowers, foliage, hardiness, and vigor. Two color photographs illustrate these climbing roses magnificently. He also discusses the historical development of the various types, and early breeders, and how political events and fashions influenced their work. This comprehensive book will be the reference source for climbing roses for years to come.

A second edition of *Premium Plants, Superior Perennials for the Great Lakes States,* by David S. Mackenzie (Hortech, Inc., $14.95) is now available. Included are 432 plant descriptions, planting charts, and other how-to information about climbing vines, ferns, ground covers and ornamental grasses.

Quick reference symbols tell best sites, shape, deer resistance, attractive to hummingbirds/butterflies, foot friendly or not, seasonal effects, green roofs, and cutting plants. It is a great source of information and available in quality garden centers, or order from Hortech, Inc., P.O. Box 533, Spring Lake, MI 49456 ($21.14 – includes shipping and handling)

The second edition (the first was published in 1997) of *The New Book of Salvias, Sages for Every Garden* by Betsy Clebsch (Timber Press, $29.95) includes much more information based on new findings and Clebsch's personal experiences. More than 50 new plants are included and nearly 100 more photos and illustrations. Detailed descriptions, blooming cycle, all the cultural practices, companion plants and historical facts are here. This book is excellent.

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

GARDEN CALENDAR

Roses

Henry Rankin of Grand Rapids will present Fabulous Climbing Roses 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7 at the meeting of the Roses-West Roses Society at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile in Novi (Exit 162 coming into Novi).

Handouts, a silent auction and potluck supper will be presented. Bring a dish to pass. Call (248) 449-4626.

Hill & Dale

The Hill & Dale Garden Club of Farmington Hills will have a general meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, in the Heritage Park Visitor's Center, Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills.

Marty Figley, gardening columnist for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, will present Herbs and Spice and Everything Nice.

Admission is free.

For information, call (248) 356-2915.

Matthaei Botanical Gardens

Classes in the current schedule of the Adult Education Program at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens includes In-between Seasons, Wednesdays, Nov. 5-12 (fee is $60, $54 for members; field trips will be featured); and Dazzle with Perennials, Thursdays, Nov. 6-13 ($45, $40.50 for members).

Call (734) 998-7061 for information.

Cactus and Succulent

The Michigan Cactus and Succulent Society will present Caudiciform Plants at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9 at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 814 N. Campbell, Royal Oak.

There is no charge for this event and guests are welcome. For information, call (248) 524-0227.

Herbs study

The Friends of the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens Herb Study Group will meet on Monday, Nov. 17 at the Gardens, located at 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor.

Lunch is at noon and the program begins at 1 p.m The presentation will be "Herbs in the Thyme of Brother Cadfael" presented by Hal & Donna Estry. The program is free and visitors and new members are always welcome. For more information, contact Joan Wysocki at jdwysocki@aol.com or call 248-349-5310 or contact Lesley Chace at ledsbeaken@aol.com or call 734-730-2212.

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

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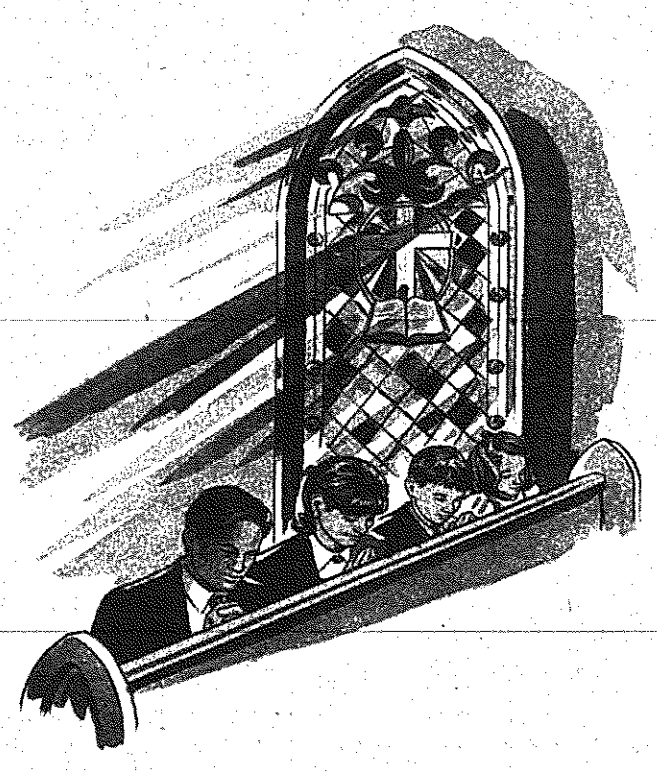
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We give thanks to God always for you all,constantly mentioning you in our prayers. R.S.V. 1Thessalonians 1:2

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Plymouth Baptist Church has added a second Sunday worship celebration. The new service times are 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Both services feature contemporary and traditional worship music and in-depth Bible teaching. Full nursery and preschool programs are also provided for both services. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerty. For more information, call (734) 453-5534.

Aerobic Class
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church is offering a light Aerobic Class 11 a.m. to noon Thursday 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.

Holiday shop
Global Gifts and Crafts Shop and UNICEF Card Shop continue offering wares through Dec. 20, at First Baptist Church, 300 Willits, Birmingham. Call (248) 644-0550. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. Two hours of free parking are available in the municipal lot adjacent to the building as you enter the shop from the Bates Street door on the east side.
One of the major suppliers again this year is American Baptist World Wide Gifts at Green Lake. These gifts come from worker cooperatives resulting from the work of our ABC missionaries and partner Baptist conventions. Every $1,000 in sales provides a means for one family in the Third World to support itself for one full year.

Bountiful Baskets
The 57th annual church fair runs 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Nov. 6-7, at First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square. Gift baskets galore to purchase for the holidays. Aprons, attic treasures, books, candy, country store, specialty booth, a wide selection to choose from. Service our famous homemade lunch and dinner each day. Lunch is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and ala carte. Dinner is served 5-7 p.m. (cost is $7, $3.50 children). For more information, call (734) 729-7550.

Church concert
The Young Continentals, a Christian youth group, will present a concert 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 30903 Five Mile, west of Newburgh, Livonia.
The group includes 30 members ages 12-16 who present contemporary Christian music with dramatic choreography. Their message is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please plan on attending and bring your church youth group who will be inspired by this talented group of teens. Free will offering. For more information, call (734) 591-0320 or (734) 751-8573.

Benefit auction
A benefit auction is scheduled for 6-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, between Levan and Farmington Road, Livonia. Silent auction begins at 6 p.m. Buffet open 6:30-8 p.m. Tickets are $15 and must be purchased in advance. Call (734) 425-8060. Proceeds go to the AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center.

Godspell
Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church presents the musical 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. The show is being presented by area youth and includes favorites such as "Day by Day" and "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord." Tickets at $8, $5 under age 10 are available at the door. For more information call (734) 422-0494.

Silent auction
Shop early for Christmas at a silent auction beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Buffet open 6:30-8 p.m. Tickets $15, must be purchased in advance. Auction benefits AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center. Call (734) 425-8060.

Remembrance service
For the crew of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald (which sank on Nov. 10, 1975) 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, at Mariners' Church, 170 East Jefferson, Detroit. Rear Admiral John G. Tanner, USMS, superintendent of Great Lakes Maritime Academy, Traverse City, will be the speaker. Everyone is invited.
Please call the church office if you plan to be in the uniformed Honor Guard, (313) 259-2206.
Free parking is available in the Ford Auditorium Garage with entrance in the median strip of Jefferson at Woodward.

Veteran's Recognition Service
10:45 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, at First Baptist Church of Wayne, 36125 Glenwood. For more information, call (734) 721-7410. All men and women who are veterans of the various wars will be individually recognized. Each will receive a small gift from the church to express our thanks for the service they rendered to our country and to God. Chaplain LTC Herbert Heavner, who just returned from serving with the troops at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba, will speak on Serving God While Serving Your Country. All veterans and their families are invited. Veterans are encouraged to wear their hats or uniforms and will be seated as a group in a reserved section of the auditorium.

Service and Dinner
A St. Andrew's Day service will be held at 10 a.m. followed by a dinner Sunday, Nov. 9, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford.
The St. Andrew Bagpipe Band will perform at the service and during dinner. Tickets for the dinner are $10, $5 for ages 4-12. The public is welcome. For more information, call (313) 534-7730.

Fall Speaker Series
Continues 7 p.m. Wednesday,Nov. 12 with Cynthia Shelby-Lane, M.D. and a comedienne featured on Oprah, sharing her beliefs with The Wealth of Your Health, and Nov. 19, Douglas Lang, founder and owner of Lang's Painting and Hardwood Floors in Ann Arbor, talking about Entrepreneurship, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Livonia. Series continues each Wednesday though Nov. 19. Love offerings accepted. For more information, call (734) 421-1760 or visit the Web site at www.unityoflivonia.org.

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Married couples can improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy, and renew their love for each other during weekend Worldwide Marriage Encounter Nov. 14-16, at St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth.
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Crusade Meetings
Crusade meetings are scheduled Sunday, Nov. 16, to Wednesday, Nov. 19, at Canton Calvary Assembly of God, 7933 Sheldon Road, Canton. Times are 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday. Speaker is Rev. Keith Johnson of Tampa, Fla. His latest book is "Crisis" Your Launching Pad to Success. For more information, call (734) 455-0820.

Craft sale
A craft sale is scheduled 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at St. John Lutheran, 23225 Gill Road, west of Farmington Road between Freedom Road and Grand River, Farmington Hills. All crafts, priced $5 or less, have been made by members of the church. Proceeds will benefit the church building fund. Call (248) 474-0584.

Crossing in concert
The Crossing, a band in the Celtic tradition, will play music to warm your heart and get your feet tapping 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at Trinity Church, 14800 Middlebelt, north of I-96, south of Five Mile, Livonia.
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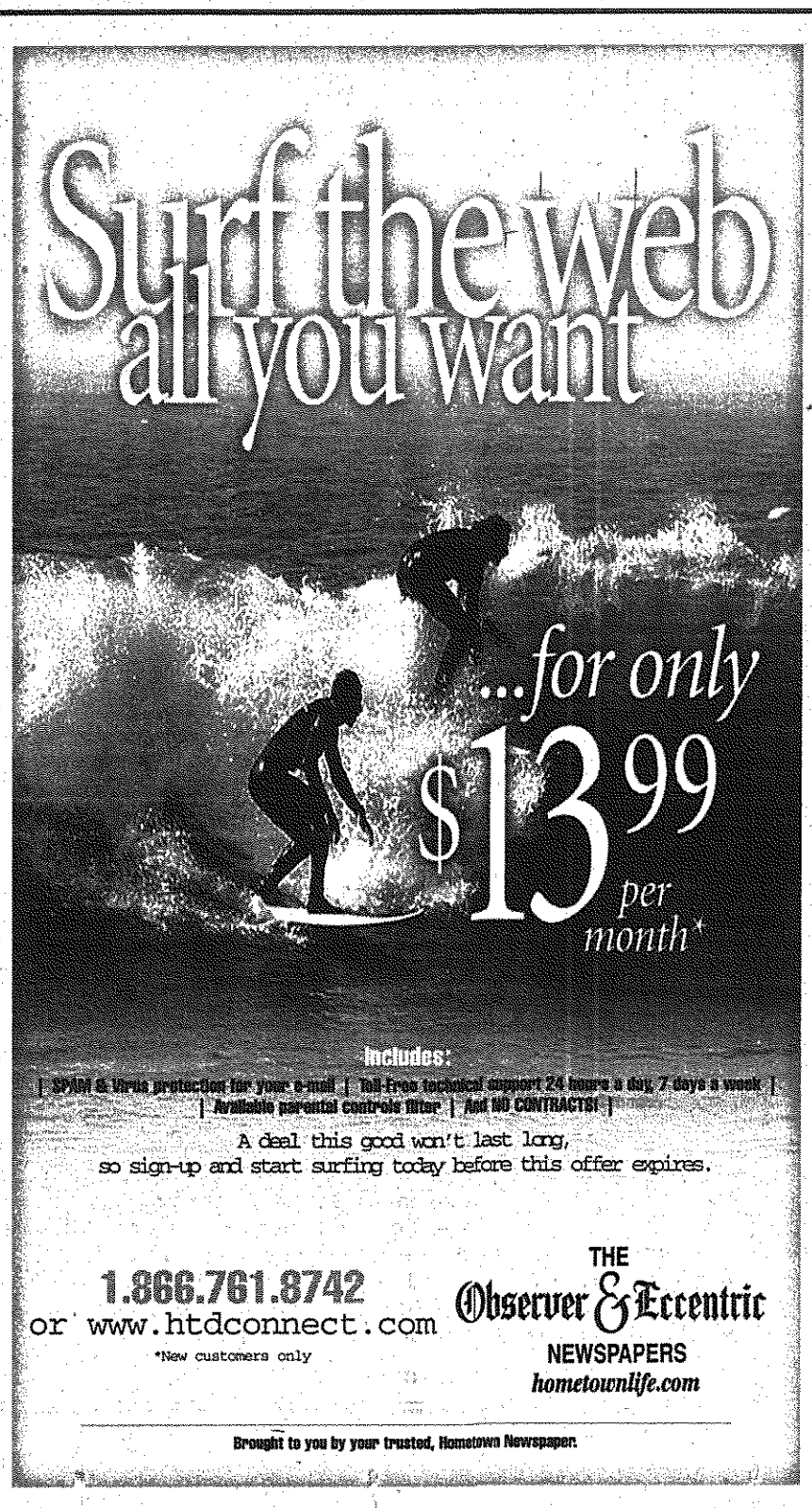
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Samar Ajluni, chairman of this year's Holiday Tables, and interior designer Philip W. Venticinque, one of the exhibitors, decorated a table in Ajluni's Bloomfield Hills dining room.

Cranbrook Holiday Tables

■ **What:** A display of 15 tables decorated in distinctive, imaginative ways. All proceeds benefit the preservation of Cranbrook House, the oldest surviving manor home in Detroit.

■ **When:** Friday-Sunday, Nov. 21-23

■ **Where:** Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road, east of Telegraph and west of Woodward in Bloomfield Hills

■ **Hours:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 21-22, noon to 4 p.m. Nov. 23

■ **Admission:** General admission tickets are $15 in advance and $20 at the door

■ **Special features:** The event will kick off with a Benefactors' Party Thursday, Nov. 13, at a private residence at Turtle Lake. Tickets are $125.

Dumouchelle Art Gallery will sponsor two Patron Teas Thursday, Nov. 20 (9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.). Tea tickets are $50.

■ For advance tickets and other information: Call (248) 645-3147



A smaller table holds champagne.

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Samar Ajluni, who is chair of this year's Holiday Tables. "You get so many great ideas."

Visitors to Holiday Tables 2003 will be served inspiration – or indulge in fantasy – when it is open for general admission Friday-Sunday, Nov. 21-23 *(see related story)*. Fifteen tables will be featured this year.

A Legacy of Excellence is the theme.

"It's tying together the last 100 years," Ajluni said. (Cranbrook House will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2004.)

"But (exhibitors) can do whatever they want. It could be a holiday theme."

Interior designer Philip W. Venticinque of Harper Woods will be one of the exhibitors. He and Ajluni collaborated to set a table in her dining room with an autumn theme.

"I wanted to do something fallish, with a fall harvest theme," Ajluni said.

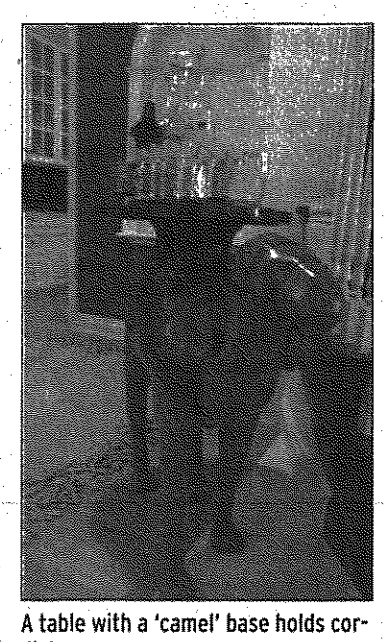
While their setting won't be among those at Holiday Tables, in many ways it's a mouthwatering example of what's in store. The luscious table is impressive and inviting, displaying exquisite elements and warm, autumn colors.

"We mix the old and the new," Ajluni said.

The table is set with antique Royal Albert china featured at a previous year's Holiday Tables in a display by an exhibitor from Dumouchelle Art Gallery. Ajluni bought the pieces at an auction.

Colors in the china – including deep berry and gold – match those of the walls, drapes and upholstery in the room. The dishes rest on gold chargers. Colors in the centerpiece and china highlight each other. The centerpiece is an arrangement of actual pomegranates, pears, roses, grapes and pumpkins. These pumpkins, and smaller pumpkins that hold place cards, are painted gold.

Tall white tapers from Houston stand in new candlesticks that look antique.



A table with a 'camel' base holds cordials.

The crystal glassware is from 1880 and belonged to Venticinque's grandmother. Vases on the table are trimmed in a gilt design resembling a design on the glassware. The silverware, which is new, features gold handles.

A pair of salt and pepper shakers is at each place setting. Assorted styles are around the table.

Ornate silver coasters hold bottles of wine.

Around the room are three small tables – one for champagne, one for cordials and one for desserts.

The champagne table has two levels. On the top level are bottles in silver buckets and bowls; among the accents are a vase of flowers, two ginger jars, and a lamp with a fruit-like shape near the base. Glasses are on the bottom level.

The cordials table has a base shaped like a camel. Bottles and glasses are arranged on the granite top. A sheer, glittering cloth covers the top of the dessert table.

Other exhibitors in Holiday Tables 2003 include Christine Coleman Smith; Dumouchelle Art Gallery; Nancy Campbell of Graziella; Ann Heath of Duncan Fuller Interiors/Armstrong Antiques; Val Ahlgren and Karie Ross; Lisa Friedman; the Rea and Antonini families; Beth Fisher; Neiman Marcus; Turtle Lake; Sandy Knollenberg; Tiffany and Co.; Ellen Rogers; Kathleen Sheridean and Marilyn Stefani; Kevin McCarter; Cranbrook House and Cranbrook Gardens.

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Architect turns from teapots to towel bars and faucets

BY JEFFREY GOLD
AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) – Long known as the designer of a best-selling teapot and a host of other stylish household items, architect Michael Graves has now turned his attention to bathroom and kitchen fixtures.

Graves developed the line in partnership with Delta Faucet Co., marking the first time the world's largest faucet maker has collaborated with a celebrated designer. Indianapolis-based Delta Faucet is a wholly owned subsidiary of Masco Corp., of Taylor, Mich.

The Michael Graves Collection, which includes about two dozen items ranging from faucets and robe hooks to towel bars and lighting, is aimed at average consumers, he said, just like the products he markets through Target stores, although this line will not be sold at Target.

"We wanted something affordable," Graves said in a telephone interview from Princeton, where he makes his home and bases his firm, Michael Graves & Associates. "While I've worked for all economic groups, I wanted something that would be built by builders, homeowners, people who would go into a big box store."

The new line seeks to tap into the growing, multibillion U.S. bath market, which is being driven by remodelers and builders who are constructing larger and more lavish bathrooms and kitchens.

The results of the collaboration, which Delta is announcing Tuesday, are to be unveiled in January at the International Builders' Show in Las Vegas, in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of Delta Faucets.

The company and Graves declined to display the line or release pictures before then, but Graves offered this description: "The inspiration for us was certainly to look good. What looks good? For me, what looks good is what feels good."

"We tried to make something where the various parts of this puzzle are easy to understand," Graves said. "Everything is pretty obvious. It's done in a way that fits your hand."

While the collection entails a single design line, buyers will be able to customize faucets through a choice of different handles, he said.

"It extends the line and the look from one bath to the next," Graves said.

"We hope that all of the elements work together, but have their own personalities."

The collection has been two years in the making, but was not delayed by an illness that left Graves paralyzed below the waist in February, he said.

Doctors had initially thought he was stricken by a viral infection called myelitis, or bacterial meningitis.

Graves, 69, now uses a wheelchair to get around, and said he hopes recent surgery may restore his ability to walk.

He sees no incongruity between designing buildings such as the Team Disney headquarters in Burbank, Calif., and designing housewares, such as a fondue set marketed by Target.

"There was a time when we made products for the home," Graves said, citing a tradition in which the architect would outfit the home with lighting and furniture. He pointed to the work of Frank Lloyd Wright and Le Corbusier.

"At some point in time, the architect abandoned the idea of craft tradition and handmade and the disciplines were split," with specialists such as interior designers and landscapers filling the void, said Graves, who was awarded the American Institute of Architects' highest honor, the Gold Medal, in 2001.

The Michael Graves Collection will be available at home improvement centers and through remodeling and new construction channels, said Ray A. Kennedy, Delta Faucet senior vice president for sales and marketing.

The company chose to work with Graves because he "believes in making good design accessible to all," Kennedy said.

The increased attention being given to bathrooms and kitchens includes "a strong desire by homeowners for designer products that reflect their distinctive lifestyles," he said.

Baking soda has several uses

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

One of the safest and most versatile household cleaning products is probably in your kitchen pantry.

It's no secret that baking soda is great for curing indigestion, brushing one's teeth and even for removing unwanted odors in the refrigerator, but that's only part of its usefulness.

Copper-bottom pots are easily cleaned with a paste of baking soda and lemon juice. Here's another good one: flush 1 cup of baking soda down the toilet once a week to keep the septic tank clear.

Got a clogged drain? Mix 1 cup of baking soda with a with 1 cup of salt and 1 cup of vinegar.

Pour the mixture into the drain, followed by a pot of boiling water.

Having trouble getting rubber gloves onto your hands? Sprinkle a little baking soda inside the gloves; they'll slip right on.





Vinyl fencing sales at $600 million - and growing

BY DAVID BRADLEY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Most homeowners don't hide their feelings when it comes to maintaining a wood fence.

Homeowners despise the annual ordeal that forces them to repaint, replace or shore up cracked or rotted timbers.

But now, fence fans can kiss dreaded maintenance goodbye. New vinyl fences are seeing to that.

The vinyl fence industry accounts for $600 million in annual residential fence sales, up from $10 million as recently as 1990. And those numbers will only rise, rise, rise as homeowners get a taste of free weekends away from fence upkeep.

"We don't see any slowdown in vinyl fence sales in the next five to seven years," says John Harsch of Kroy, a vinyl fence manufacturer and a supplier to The Home Service Store. "We'll grow at least 25 percent a year as we have for the last seven or eight years."

Harsch says non-wood fencing is gaining rapidly on market leader, wood, because once a vinyl fence is in place, there is virtually no maintenance aside from an annual hosing off of dirt and grime.

Homeowners should pay particular attention to the amount of protective compounds and longer warranty that come with better grades of vinyl. Quality vinyls have higher concentrations of impact modifiers and Ultra Violet (UV) inhibitors. Impact modifiers provide strength, while UV inhibitors protect against brittleness. Top-grade fencing will have a lifetime warranty and adhere to American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) guidelines. The warranty for lower grade vinyls may be limited to a few years, if that.

The average installed fence in North America is 200 feet in total length.

Consumers should expect to pay $25 to $55 per running foot for a vinyl fence, including installation. Variables include the height of the fence and the number of gates. Vinyl comes in traditional white as well as tan, gray and khaki. Newer vinyls even mimic a wood grain.

Because vinyl fence has some unique installation requirements, Harsch recommends homeowners hire professionals. "A professional knows the soil conditions, the slope of the lot, and knows how to handle gates, post holes and obstacles," says Harsch.

"They know how to overcome the little things, like what to do when you hit a tree root or a rock." The installer should be certified by the American Fence Association. The Association Web site is www.americanfenceassociation.com.

The biggest seller in non-wood fencing? A 6-foot privacy fence. "Really, the smaller the yard, the bigger the need for fencing," says Harsch.

"It defines your area and gives you the privacy you want. That's what a fence is for. But there's no need to maintain it year in and year out. That hassle has been taken care of."

E-mail your questions on home management or homeowner-contractor relations to david.bradley(at)aphouseoftheweek.com.

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Garden glory

Dolores Portell of Westland enjoys gardening, spending several hours each week trimming, pruning, watering, and then cutting to enjoy some blossoms indoors. 'There is a lot to be said for formal education, that's true, however, my garden is a testament of eagerness, enthusiasm, dedication, determination to succeed and constant attention to each flower bed, providing them with the necessities to thrive,' she said.

Think through your remodeling projects

Armed with the right information and some insider tips, homeowners can cut costs in their remodeling projects without cutting corners.

"First and foremost, find a professional remodeling contractor you've checked out thoroughly and feel comfortable working with," said Adam Helfman, president of Fairway Construction Company of Southfield. "They are a wealth of information just waiting to be tapped."

Think through the project and select everything to be included. This selection will determine the budget. Allow 10-20 percent of the budget for changes that may come up later.

The best way to save money is through product choices. Shop around and compare products and prices to see if you can get the same look with a lower priced alternative. "Keep an open mind and be creative," suggests Helfman.

Considering the amount of labor that goes into some projects, there may be a less time-consuming option. Some homeowners choose to start small with plans to add on later, to help spread the cost out. However, staging a remodel in this way can sometimes cost more in the long run. Ask your remodeler.

Adding square footage to a home can be costly. Other ways to add space include space reconfiguration, remodeler lingo for stealing space from a neighboring room such as using a linen closet for a bathroom expansion. Another way to give the illusion of added space in a small room is with a bay window, skylight or vaulted ceilings.

If you are going to add square footage, a two-to-four foot addition may eliminate the need for excavation and foundation changes.

In the kitchen, reuse appliances if possible and build new cabinets around them, which can save thousands of dollars. Keep major fixtures in place to avoid moving plumbing, wiring and jacks.

Chrome faucets are the least expensive and won't be out-of-date when color schemes change. In flooring, vinyl or laminate is less expensive than wood, tile or slate.

Use existing floor if it's in good shape. A hardwood floor may be underneath your old vinyl, ready to be sanded and refinished. A synthetic floor leveler can be installed over existing vinyl flooring with new floor on top, eliminating the need to rip up the old flooring.

Cabinets are the bulk of the cost in a kitchen. Refacing cabinets is a major savings. If you go with new, choose standard over custom cabinets or a combination if possible.

For countertops, laminate is the most economical choice. Add trim in wood or tile for some pizzazz. Connect new light fixtures to an existing box instead of adding new lighting, which may require a new ceiling.

To cut costs with a bathroom remodel, a worn tub can be reglazed or replaced. Less expensive marble sheets and fiberglass surrounds are easier to clean than tile.

Sinks and countertops in one unit save time on the installation.

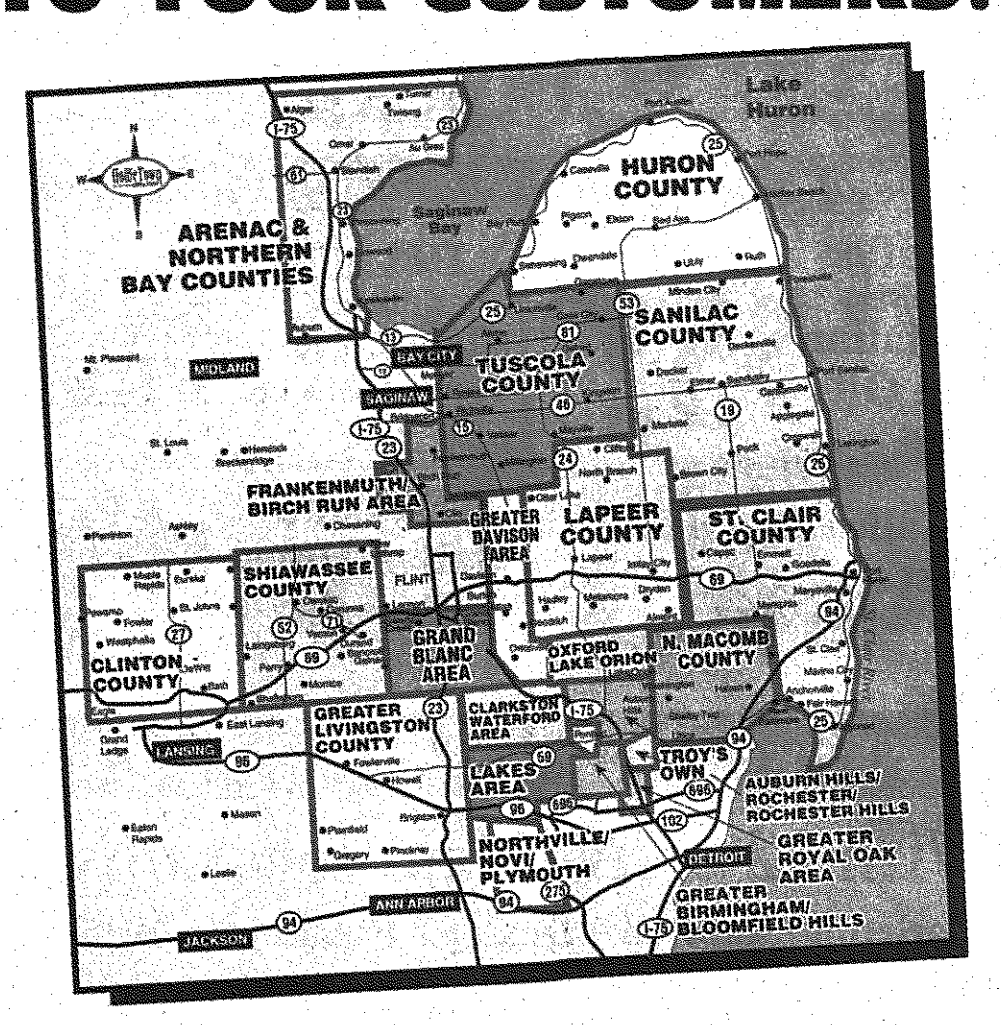
Do you really need an extra bathroom or could you install a second sink in a current bath? The ever-popular Jacuzzi tub may need a dedicated water heater so you don't overtax your current one and end up having to replace it.

Don't forget to look at the many energy-saving choices available from appliances, windows and doors. Think it all through, tap your contractor's brain and save those hard-earned dollars.

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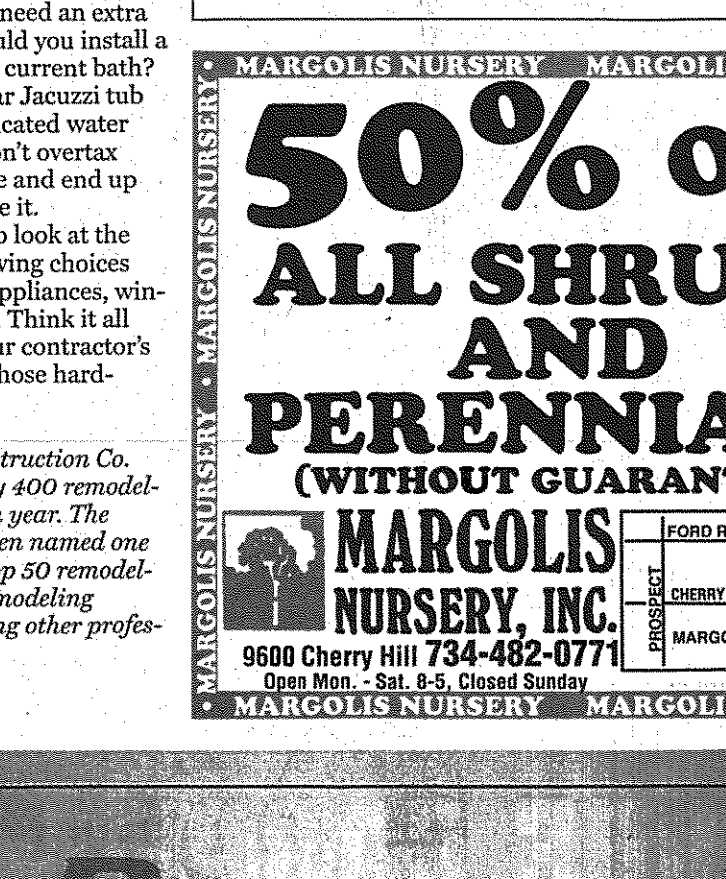
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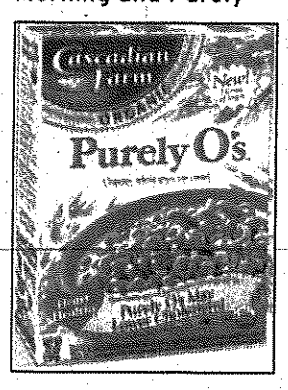
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Side dish

■ Organic cereals

Cascadian Farm has introduced three new varieties of organic cereals.

Raisin Bran, Hearty Morning and Purely



O's will join Honey Nut O's, Wheat Crunch Flakes, Oats & Honey Granola and Multi Grain Squares to bring the total of organic cereals to seven.

Suggested retail prices on the cereals are between $3.69 and $3.99 per box. Cereals are available in grocery stores and health food stores nationwide. For more information on Cascadian Farm and Small Planet Foods, visit www.smallplanetfoods.com

■ Kiosks

Three Oakland County firms will produce a walk-up touch screen kiosk providing comprehensive nutritional information and interactive ordering for fast food restaurants.

The kiosks would be integrated with a restaurant's register system and designed to address obesity and nutritional labeling concerns of the U.S. Food and Drug Administrations. They would also offer the operational efficiency of self-serve ordering.

Walk Up Systems of Birmingham provides the application software, Codespear of Birmingham collaborated in software development and configures speakers, printers and credit card readers, and Vultron of Rochester Hills manufactures the kiosk units.

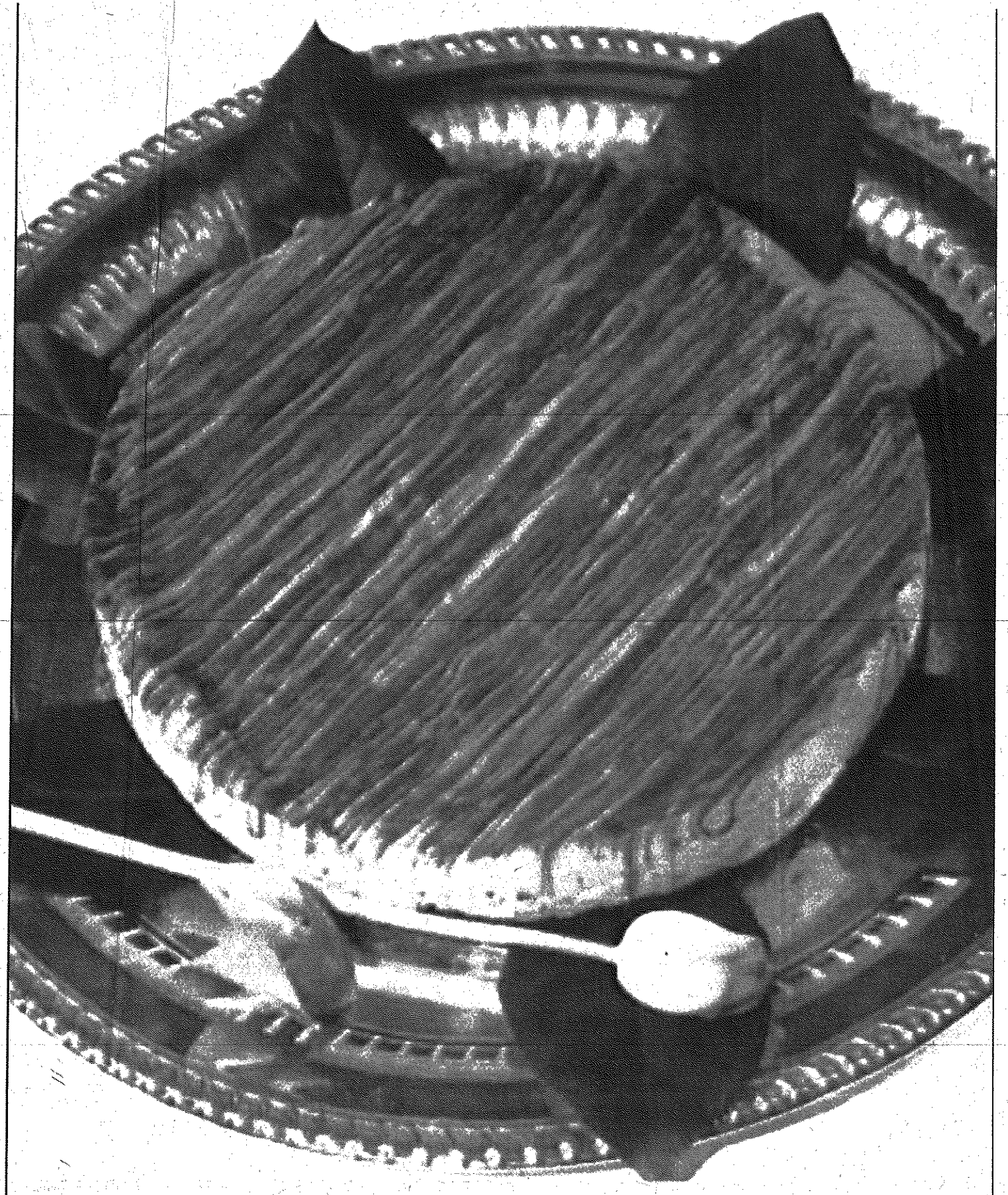
The system can be viewed at www.walkupsystems.com.

■ MSG?

A consumer brochure released by the International Food Information Council Foundation highlights the latest information on glutamate and monosodium glutamate.

"Everything You Need to Know About Glutamate and Monosodium Glutamate" addresses how MSG is made and used, MSG safety, the glutamate content of foods, flavor-enhancing functions and perceived sensitivity to MSG.

To request a free copy, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope (legal size) to Glutamate and MSG, IFIC Foundation, P.O. 65708, Washington, DC 20035. IFIC Foundation materials are also available on the Web at http://ificinfo.health.org



Sweet nostalgia

Sylvia Lee once owned a bakery at Telegraph and 10 Mile in Southfield in which she created her pastries and cakes to the delight of customers and some top-notch clientele, including The Lark restaurant.

Lee sold Sylvia Lee's Pastries about 10 years ago when she wanted to spend more time hiking and traveling with her husband Larry.

But she's not forgotten her love for baking, and Lee, who lives in Bloomfield Hills, now has written a book highlighting some of her favorite recipes from her years of baking experience.

Desserts — A Delicious Learning, Baking and Eating Experience (Greentree Publishing, $19.95) is her first cookbook.

"A lot of people asked me to do it," Lee said. "I'd run into some of my old customers and they would ask me about certain recipes. It was a good exercise and a good learning experience."

Lee worked on the cookbook for about one year. The biggest challenge was narrowing down recipes — from eight cheesecakes, down to one.

"This cookbook is different because the steps are in chronological order, with the ingredients listed afterward and highlighted," she said. "You can see at a quick glance what you need. It shows a more efficient way to do this."

Her favorite recipes are the Apricot Pound Cake, Apple Cake and Chocolate Kirsch Torte. Her baking style is Viennese, from the city where her mother lived and where Sylvia was born. She estimates that she started baking when she first married at 21; she is now 65.

She describes the Viennese style with an emphasis in the desserts

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STRAWBERRY MOUSSE TORTE RECIPE

Preheat oven to 350º F.

Batter:
2 sticks butter
1¼ cup confectioners sugar
3 eggs
1½ cup flour
2 teaspoon strawberry jam

In mixer, on "medium," beat butter and sugar until smooth. Add eggs. Turn mixer to "low" and add flour and jam. Mix for 20 seconds.

Spread into nine-inch greased springform pan. Bake 45 minutes.

Unmold when lukewarm, and when cool, split into two layers using a serrated knife, with a sawing motion.

Filling:
4 ounces cream cheese
2 tablespoons confectioners sugar
½ cup drained frozen strawberries, packed in heavy syrup
¼ cup whipping cream

Beat on medium until smooth; cream cheese, sugar and½ cup strawberries.

In separate bowl whip cream until peaks form. Combine both mixtures. Spread this on bottom layer that you split. Cover with top layer.

Frosting:
2 sticks butter
1 cup confectioners sugar
½ can sweetened condensed milk
(cans come in 14-ounce size)
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ cup frozen strawberries, drained

In mixer on "medium" beat butter and sugar until smooth. Add condensed milk, vanilla and½ cup strawberries. Beat until well mixed.

Presentation:

Spread frosting generously on top and sides of cake. With spoon make half circles — the frosting is dense enough to retain the shapes.

Serves 10.



Strawberry Mousse Torte blends richness and sweetness with berries, cream cheese and strawberry jam.

Variations that you can use on this cake:

■ You may omit the top frosting and cover the top cake layer with fresh strawberries arranged in a pretty design.

■ You may make the frosting and leave out the frozen strawberries — leaving you with a wonderful buttercream. Then you will have a creamy white colored cake.

■ You may use the above white buttercream and then arrange with fresh strawberries.

■ Or as Sylvia Lee writes, "You decide what to do — I can't do all the work around here."

Recipe courtesy of *Desserts - A Delicious Learning, Baking and Eating Experience* by Sylvia Lee.

Australian wine sales skyrocket

For the year ending September 2003, wine sales in the U.S. drove the global growth of Australian wines 19 percent higher than the prior year.

Australian Wine & Brandy Corporation figures, released about a month ago, indicate that volume Australian wine sales to the United States grew 44 percent. In dollar value, they soared 33 percent. All this in a tough wine market?



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

"That's correct," said Greg Clayfield, Lindemans senior winemaker. "Lindemans wines and Australian wines in general are considered price-friendly high quality in a consistent style.

"Grape prices are more reasonable in Australia than in California. Additionally, per capita wine consumption in Australia is double that of the U.S."

LINDEMANS

A player in the U.S. wine market since the 1980s, Lindemans has a 150-year history. Today, it is the No. 1 selling Australian wine brand in the world. Each week over a million bottles of Lindemans are enjoyed globally.

"Lindemans is an old company," Clayfield continued, "but we have projected a youthful image and caught a wave of people buying more moderately-priced table wine."

Lindemans Bin 65 Chardonnay is the best-selling chardonnay in Australia and one of the top imported chardonnays in the U.S.

Like its chardonnay, all Lindemans "bin" wines are made with fruit sourced from key grape growing regions throughout Australia. Lindemans' ability to source and blend wines from different regions enables it to produce wine of consistently high quality, regardless of varying vintage conditions.

Bin numbers reflect the area or "bin" in which that particular wine was traditionally stored.

Today, this is no longer the case. The number has become part of the name. Bin 65 is always Chardonnay, just as Bin 50 is always Shiraz, Bin 40 is Merlot, and Bin 45 Cabernet Sauvignon.

These wines are all about $8 and can be priced attractively because the reds, in particular, do not receive extended oak aging in expensive oak cooperage. Rather, they are nicely fruited and deliver plump, juicy balanced wines at a value price.

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WINE PICKS

Varietally labeled syrah from California and the same grape, labeled as shiraz from Australia, are among today's hot wines. Extend palate pleasure with other Rhone varietals or Rhone-style blends such as:

■ 2001 Morgan Cotes du Crow's (syrah and grenache blend), $13

■ 2001 Beckmen Vineyards Cuvee Le Bec (grenache, syrah, mourvedre and counoise blend), $14

■ 2001 Beckmen Vineyards Estate Grenache, $22

■ 2000 Joseph Phelps Le Mistral (syrah, grenache, mourvedre, carignane, alicante bouschet and petite sirah blend), $25

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

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with nuts, eggs, chocolate and whipped cream. While there is flour and sugar in the recipes, that isn't emphasized as much in her cooking, she said.

In her book, she writes about Strawberry Mousse Torte as "two hearts that beat as one — soft and feminine yet strong and muscular. The yellow layer is buttery and dense; the filling is creamy and caressing; the frosting is light and fluffy."

She used to distribute recipes. "I gave them out to whoever wanted to make them," she said. "New bakers and old bakers, and they would give me criticisms. That was a cross section of buyers and users."

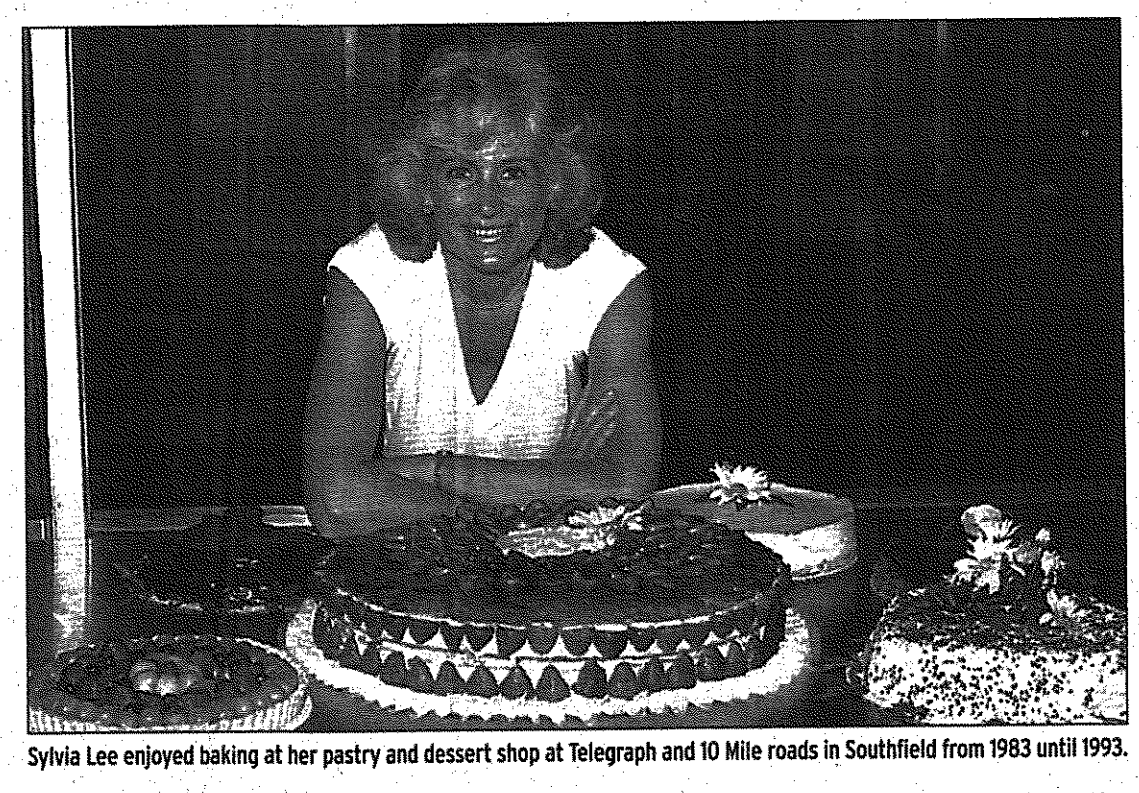
Her clients praised her work. "We've had the privilege of serving a variety of cakes at The Lark restaurant and every one of them was delicious," writes Jim Lark. "She obviously has a perfect palate, which is essential to create a great cuisine."

Gary Cashman, manager of Quarton Market in Birmingham, wrote that Lee's cakes "were of the highest quality and were very popular."

Lee also gives readers Rules to Bake By. (See related chart.) Some are new to a novice — like using an eggshell to pick up a piece of eggshell that has fallen into the egg itself — or may be new to a pro — like learning how to properly grate a lemon.

She loved the nurturing of cooking. "I enjoyed thinking, 'ooh, they'll love this,' or 'wait 'til they taste this.' I enjoyed seeing people like my food."

Desserts: A Delicious Learning, Baking and Eating Experience is available at Quarton Market, 1744 W. Maple, Birmingham; Book Beat, 26010 Greenfield, Oak Park; Papa Joe's Gourmet Market on Woodward, just south of Maple, in Birmingham; Vineyards, 32418 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills; and Giftpeople, 32644 Franklin in Franklin.



Sylvia Lee enjoyed baking at her pastry and dessert shop at Telegraph and 10 Mile roads in Southfield from 1983 until 1993.

Don't break the Baking Rules

Here are a few of Sylvia Lee's Rules to Bake By:

- The speeds of mixing are "slow," "medium" and "fast" — nothing fancy, just what you have at home. A standard four-quart mixer or even a hand-held electric mixer will work.
- When adding ingredients, follow recipes in their proper chronological order. You will use fewer utensils and make less of a mess.
- No matter what time or temperature the recipe indicates, you must check for doneness because ovens vary. Do this by inserting a metal skewer or wooden toothpick into the cake. When you pull it straight out, if no wet crumbs stick, the cake is done. This does not apply to cheese cakes.
- All extracts — vanilla, almond or others — should be pure — no imitation anything. Pure is best and leaves no aftertaste.
- When beating, mixing, stirring, etc. always stop a few times to scrape the sides and bottom of bowl with your rubber spatula.
- When using nuts, toast them for about 2-4 minutes in 350º F. oven — or toaster oven. Toasting enhances the flavor.
- Rotate pans once in oven during baking time.
- Whip whites and whipping cream until peaks form that do not fall down — then stop.
- When recipe calls for butter, use sweet unsalted butter.
- Always use large eggs.
- Use all purpose flour and do not sift it.

Sylvia Lee cooks up one of her favorites: Apricot Pound Cake

Apricot Pound Cake

Remember to follow Sylvia Lee's rules (see next page) and let margarine, butter and cream cheese soften first at room temperature.

2 sticks margarine
1 stick butter
1-8 ounce package cream cheese
3 cups sugar
6 eggs
3 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon vanilla
4 tablespoons thick apricot preserves

Heat oven to 325°F. In mixing bowl combine margarine, butter and cream cheese, beat on medium until fluffy. Add sugar and continue to beat.

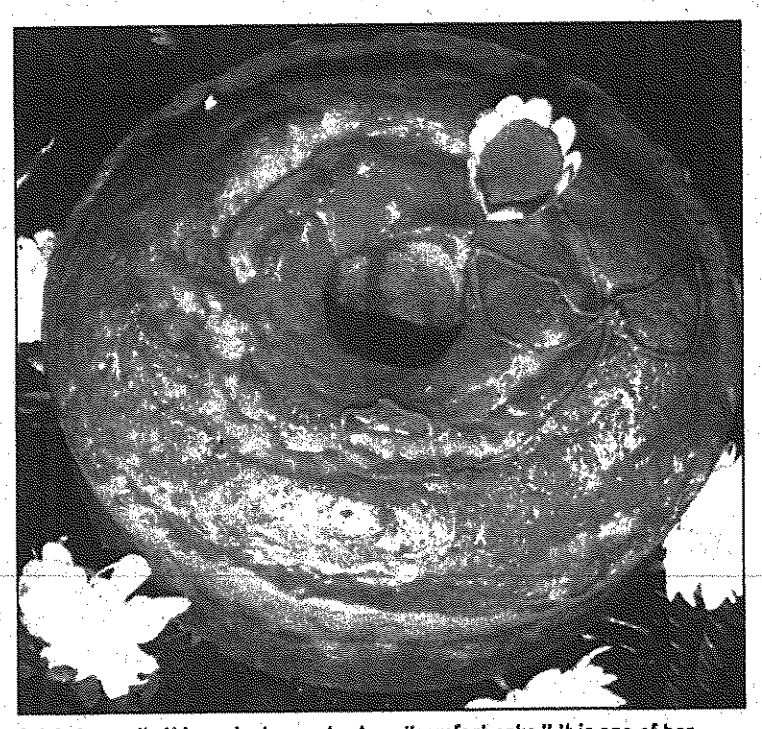
When sugar is incorporated, add and beat in eggs. Turn mixer to low and add flour, baking powder and vanilla. When fully incorporated, turn mixer to medium and beat for 10 seconds. Turn off. With spatula, drop½ batter into a 10-inch Teflon lined tube pan that is well greased.

Spoon ring in center of batter with apricot preserves, cover with remaining batter. Bake one hour and 10-20 minutes.

When lukewarm, unmold by putting flat dish on top and inverting pan (one palm on top of dish and one palm under cake pan. Turn it quickly.) Using the same method, invert cake back to upright position onto serving platter.

Brush top with 2 tablespoons melted apple jelly. Make daisies with dried apricot rounds and 8 almond slices. Make stem and leaves with green gel tubes found in your grocery baking section.

Recipe courtesy of *Desserts - A Delicious Learning, Baking and Eating Experience* by Sylvia Lee.



Sylvia Lee calls this apricot pound cake a "comfort cake." It is one of her favorites in her new cookbook Desserts.

Chocolate Kirsch Torte

A single layered rich, dense amalgamation of semi-sweet chocolate, cherry preserves, and cherry liqueur. Almost like chocolate quicksand — for chocolate lovers only

Batter:

1 cup chocolate chips
6 tablespoons Kirsch (cherry liqueur)
1 stick and 2 tablespoons butter

Preheat oven to 375º F. In small double boiler melt: chocolate chips, Kirsch and butter. When melted, remove from heat and cool to lukewarm.

4 eggs
¾ cup sugar

In mixer, beat eggs and sugar at "medium" until frothy.

For chocolate batter mixture
¼ cup flour

Turn off mixer, then add batter and flour. Turn mixer to "low" and mix for 5 seconds (just until blended).

Pour into nine-inch pan, well greased.

Bake 25 minutes.

Let cool until lukewarm (about 15 minutes) and then invert onto working platter.

Filling:

Scoop out soft inside of cake, leaving a one-inch rim around the circumference. Make sure that when you scoop you leave a layer of sufficient thickness on the bottom so that it doesn't break.

4 tablespoons cherry preserves
2 teaspoons Kirsch

Combine "scoopings" with cherry preserves and Kirsch. Refill cake with this mixture — making sure to have a smooth surface. Refrigerate or freeze for a few hours so that cake feels sturdy enough to frost.

Frosting:

5 tablespoons butter
1 cup heavy cream
1 cup sifted cocoa
1½ cups confectioners sugar, sifted
1 teaspoon vanilla

In medium saucepan, melt butter.

Turn off heat and add slowly while stirring: heavy cream, cocoa and sugar. Turn heat on to "low" and stir slowly for five minutes. Turn off heat and add vanilla.

Cool slightly and pour over cake. Do not use any tools to smooth the top surface — it will dull the sheen. Instead just keep tilting the cake (on the platter or on your hand) until the top is covered with glaze.

(Lee writes: "I know that you're thinking that this is a pain to do — please believe me that it is so delicious that it's worth every minute of stirring and tilting.)

Presentation:

Put cake on pretty platter with extra room around sides. Place chocolate leaves slightly overlapping around sides of cake. They will stick to the still-wet frosting. They basically make a garland around the sides of the cake.

If the top surface is smooth — leave well enough alone. If the surface has a few flaws, put three chocolate leaves on top and place a tiny silk, plastic, or (nontoxic) flower in the middle — just as in nature.

Serves 10-12.

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Sylvia Lee provides helpful hints for better baking

Measure all ingredients and have them ready to go before you even turn on the mixer. This bit of preparation makes for a smoother baking experience, and eliminates frustration.

When using butter, margarine or cream cheese, always take out of wrapper when cold. Put it in a bowl you will be using and cover with plastic wrap or plate for 1-3 hours prior to using.

To grease pans, take paper towel and spread Crisco — or similar vegetable shortening — generously around sides and bottom of all inner surfaces.

Use this tip for grating lemons, limes, or oranges: First cut fruit in half and squeeze out the juice. Grate 1/2 fruit at a time by putting four fingers into the hollow of the fruit and putting your thumb on the outside skin. Then grate it against the grater while you rotate the fruit half. Your fingers will be protected.

Lee also recommends using the pulp that you have squeezed. It helps to intensify the flavor. This is in addition to the measured amount of citrus juice. Of course, you should remove and discard the seeds.

Cakes usually unmold better when they are lukewarm — about 15 minutes after removal from the oven. The cooler they get, the more likely they are to stick to the sides and bottom of the pan.

To unmold pans, place a flat platter on top of lukewarm cake and invert. Sometimes after inverting, covering the bottom of the pan with a hot damp towel for a few minutes will make the cake come out more easily.

To freeze, put cake uncovered in freezer for about 2-3 hours. When no longer sticky, slide cake into large zippered plastic bag and continue to freeze and store.

Squash: Versatile and handy

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

Butternut squash is one of the handiest and healthiest vegetables you can serve.

It might win the vegetable versatility award, as you can bake or roast it, steam or boil it, use it in stews or a stir-fry. Butternut squash is good in soups, main dishes, as a side dish, and even for dessert, where it can take the place of pumpkin or sweet potato as a pie filling.

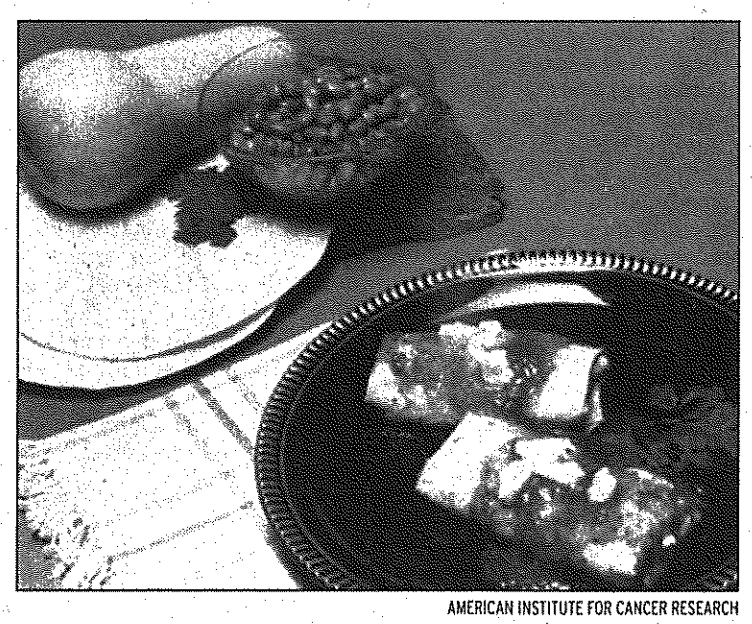
The slightly sweet, nutty flavor of butternut squash is enhanced by a wide range of seasonings. In America we tend to stick to cinnamon and nutmeg, but butternut squash also turns up in highly spiced North African stews, chile pepper-spiked Latin dishes and in incendiary Thai curries. It is even delicious seasoned with Mediterranean herbs such as thyme and oregano.

The texture of butternut squash is flexible enough to be served in hearty chunks, or finely chopped and mixed into risotto, or whirled into a creamy puree that is delicious presented as a soup or a side dish.

Nutritionally, butternut squash has more vitamin C and beta-carotene than any other winter squash. It is also easier to use than its harder shelled cousins like acorn and spaghetti squash. In fact, you can simply boil or steam the squash, then slip the skin off using a knife run just under the surface. The seeds scoop out just as easily. If you want to cut down on prep time even more, you can buy butternut squash already cut up and ready to cook.

Some foods immediately call to mind an ideal partner, like rice and beans, peanut butter and jelly, or tomatoes and basil. For butternut squash, though, the list of happy pairings is almost endless. In winter, I particularly like combining it with apples, chestnuts, and almost any bean, from green snap beans to dried Tuscan white or canned, velvety pintos.

Unlike other winter squashes, butternut is generally available year-round. Since bigger squashes tend to be sweeter, buy a nice hefty one and use it to make these enchiladas.



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Butternut squash is a versatile vegetable. Here it is prepared in enchiladas with salsa verde.

Butternut Squash Enchiladas with Salsa Verde

- 1 package (16 ounces) diced peeled butternut squash, or 1 1/4 pound squash, seeded, peeled and diced
- Canola oil spray
- 1 can (15.5 ounces) pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- 3/4 cup (3 ounces) crumbled reduced-fat feta cheese, divided
- 8 large (about 7-inch) corn tortillas
- 1 jar (16 ounces) salsa verde
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro leaves, for garnish (optional)

Place squash in medium saucepan. Add 1 cup water. Cover pot tightly, and place over medium-high heat. Cook until squash is tender but not mushy, 12-15 minutes, depending on size of cubes. Drain squash, and set aside.

Meanwhile, preheat oven to 350º F. Select a baking dish just large enough to hold the eight tortillas, folded over and slightly overlapping, so that they fit snuggly in the dish. (You may want to "test" and see if the baking dish is the proper size by arranging unfilled, folded tortillas in it, as they would be once filled and ready to bake.) using the canola oil spray, lightly coat the interior of the baking dish and set aside.

Place beans in mixing bowl. Using fork, partially mash beans. Add squash and blend, leaving mixture coarsely mashed, with some beans still whole. Mix in 1/2 cup of the cheese. Season filling to taste with salt and pepper.

Coat a tortilla on both sides with cooking spray. Lay it on a plate. Spoon 3/4 cup of filling on one half of the tortilla. Fold tortilla in half over filling. Set it at one end of the baking dish. Repeat, placing filled tortillas so they overlap, filling baking dish tightly. Pour puréed sauce over assembled enchiladas. Sprinkle remaining cheese over sauce. Cover pan with foil.

Bake enchiladas about 30 minutes, until they are heated through and tortillas are soft. Uncover and serve garnished with cilantro, accompanied by cooked brown rice, if desired.

Makes 8 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 180 calories, 2 g. total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 33 g. carbohydrate, 8 g. protein, 7 g. dietary fiber, 479 g. sodium.

Dana Jacobi is the author of The Joy of Soy, and recipe creator for American Institute for Cancer Research's Stopping Cancer Before It Starts.

TASTE CALENDAR

Please submit items at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E, Maple, Birmingham, 48009 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

Weight Watchers
Learn about healthy soup presentations during November, free to the public at the following Weight Watchers meeting rooms: Weight Watchers Center, 6183-87 Haggerty, West Bloomfield, 9:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 7; Weight Watchers Center, Summit West, 421 Summit Drive, Waterford, noon, Tuesday, Nov. 11; Weight Watchers Center, Kmart Plaza, 110 12 Mile (at John R), Madison Heights, 12:15 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17; Weight Watchers Center, Wonderland Shopping Center (Plymouth and Middlebelt), Livonia 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon Friday, Nov. 21; Weight Watchers Center, Northwood Shopping Center, 30935 N. Woodward, Royal Oak, 9:15 a.m. Monday, Nov. 24.

Five Lakes Grill
Brian Polcyn, chef at Five Lakes Grill, now offers a series of casual Tuesday night food and wine classes at Five Lakes Grill, 424 North Main Street in Milford. During the first five-week series guests can sample foods and wines from various regions of Italy. The night of food, wine and camaraderie begins at 7 p.m. and includes five wines and five complimentary appetizers for $20. A guest wine aficionado and Chef Polcyn will host the evening and share information on the featured vineyard and indigenous foods that accompany each of the selected wines. The tour continues "north" each Tuesday up to northern Italy. Reservations for the class can be made by calling Five Lakes Grill at (248) 684-7455.

More classes
Let's Talk Turkey, (turkey with cornbread pecan stuffing, Shepherd's Pie with Duchesse potatoes, turkey scallopini puntenesca and turkey stroganoff on noodles), will be taught at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10; at Bonnie's Patisserie, 29229 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Other classes include: Glorious Brunch VII (Baked New England French Toast, egg-stuffed portobello, tea-cured gravlax with ginger butter, tomato-onion hash browns and sesame cucumber melon salad), Wednesday, Nov. 12; Great Ways with Fish, Monday, Nov. 17; Good Food Fast, Monday, Dec. 1; and Holiday Treats, Monday, Dec. 8. Classes are $35. Call (248) 357-4540 for information.

Cooking Whole Foods
Learn how to cook with whole foods such as tofu, ground flax, who wheat pastry four, and much more. Meals such as creamy mac and cheese (the healthy version, of course), meatloaf, sloppy Joes, spinach gnocchi, banana pie, Shepherd's new pie, and much more. The class will be instructed by Dawn Vassel, owner of Vassel's Catering, and is scheduled 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11 at From Scratch, 29831 Northwestern Highway. Class fee is $40. For registration and information, please call (248) 203-3800.

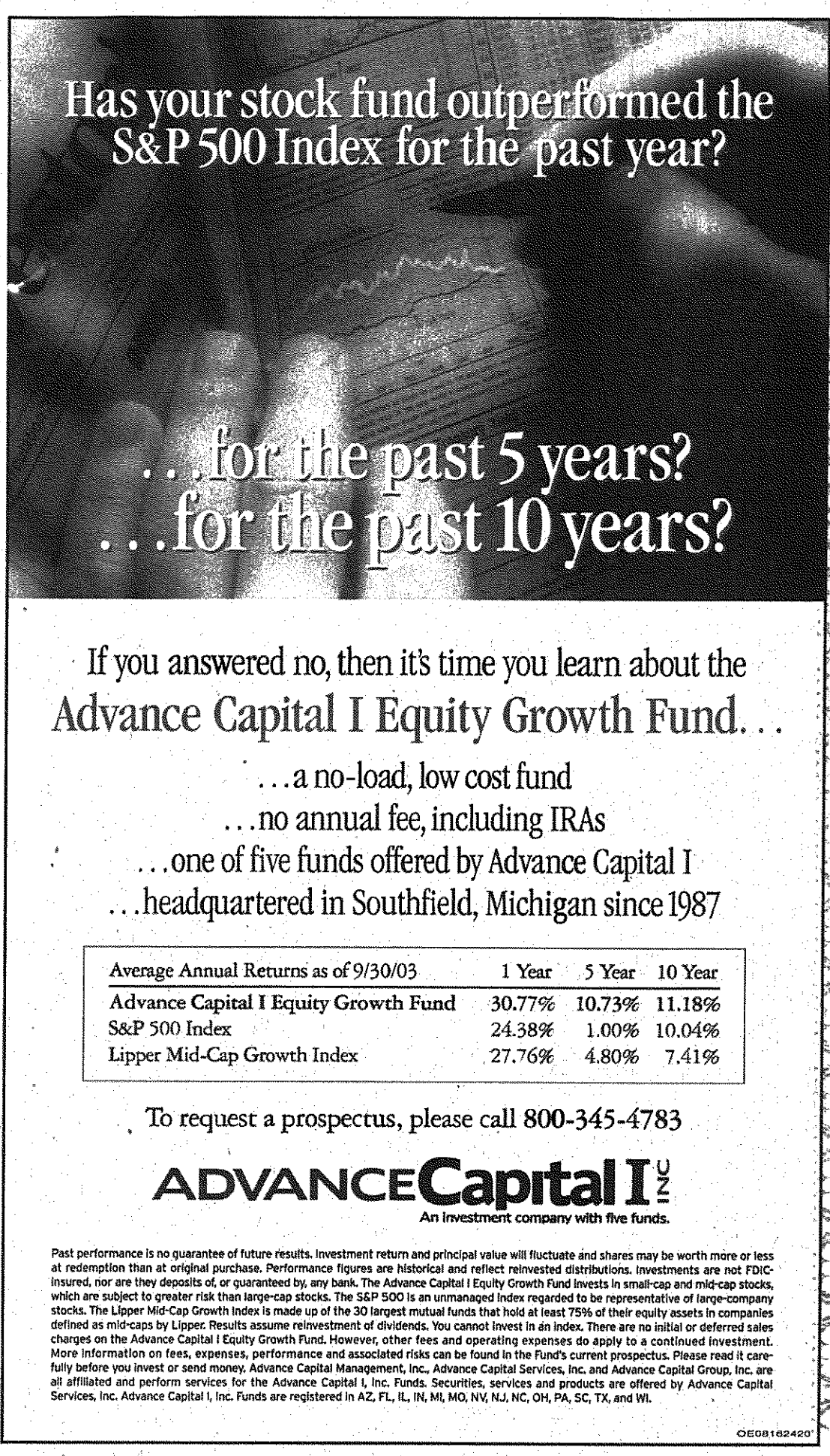
Champagnes, sparkling wines
Certified Sommelier Nidal Daher and National Wine Buyer Marc Jonna will present a wine class entitled, "Champagne and Sparkling Wines" 7:30- 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at The Community House, 380 South Bates in Birmingham. The class will explore the history of champagnes and sparkling wines as well as the production process. Attendees will also learn about the different regions of the world that produce sparkling wines. The instructors will conduct a discussion on matching champagne and sparkling wines with food and will provide participants with examples of great matches. A tasting of six different champagnes and sparkling wines is included. The session is $25. To register for classes contact the Community House at (248) 644-5832 or online at www.communityhouse.com.

Cuisine du Jour
Chef Frank Turner of Morel's and Unique Restaurant Corp. will discuss a new twist on your family's favorites, including a pumpkin creme brulée 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, in the culinary training auditorium at Trevarrow, 1295 Opdyke in Auburn Hills. Chef Kipp Bourdeau of Bistro Bourdeau of Auburn Hills will instruct how to cook a Southern Style Holiday Feast 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 4. Class is $30 per person. For information, call (248) 377-2300.

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 timesavers. 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.

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.





Enjoy four-course dinner at Sweet Georgia Brown

Join members of the Detroit Chapter of the African American Wine Tasting Society for a four-course wine dinner 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, in the private dining room at Sweet Georgia Brown, 1450 Brush Street in Detroit.

The evening begins promptly at 7 p.m. and includes appetizers, salad, entrée and dessert accompanied by four enjoyable wines. Sharon Carrier of General Wine, a wine expert of 20 years, will be the facilitator and rhythmic jazz selections will enhance the mood for the evening.

The evening begins with Chef Jerry's Signature Crab and Shrimp Cakes and Smoked Turkey Quesadillas, followed by a cool, fresh and crisp Sweet Georgia Brown salad. Guests will choose one of the following entrée selections: Southern Comfort pork chop served with warm apple wine compote and southern fried onion straws, Atlantic salmon maple barbecue on confetti rice pilaf with garlic and lemon asparagus, herb roasted chicken served with buttermilk and garlic whipped potatoes in port wine or the tasty vegetarian pasta. The selected wines for the evening are Mumm Cuvee Napa, Joseph Phelps Sauvignon, Domain Cameros Pinot Noir and Michelle Chiarlo Nivoke Moscato d'Asti. Assorted soft drinks, coffee and tea are also included.

The event is open to the general public. Reservations and advance payment required by Friday, Oct. 31. The cost is $100 per person. Taxes and gratuities included. This event is free for AAWTS Grand Crus Classes members. For more information about AAWTS and how to become a member, send an email to thucks@aawts.org or call (313) 492-4208, or visit the AAWTS online at www.aawts.org.

The African American Wine Tasting Society is a national, non-profit 501(c)3 organization of diverse individuals who simply enjoy wine and want to enjoy wine simply in a comfortable, relaxed and unpretentious atmosphere. Our vision is to be the premier source for African Americans and others interested in wine.

OCC culinary instructors, graduates win honors

Representatives of Oakland Community College's culinary program won a number of honors at competitions hosted by the American Culinary Federation Chefs de Cuisine Association Sept. 16 at the Novi Expo Center. The event was sponsored by Sysco Food Distributors of Canton.

The OCC group of the faculty, students and alumni of the OCC Culinary Studies Institute won two gold medals, one silver medal, two Best of Shows, two second places and one third place.

Competition categories included "Mystery Basket-Two Person Team", "Contemporary Dessert" and "Contemporary Pastries for Individual Chefs."

The Mystery Basket competition requires a team of two chefs to prepare a four course meal for 10 persons, including dessert, from a basket of food unveiled at the beginning of the four-hour event. OCC faculty members Chef Kevin Enright of Rochester and Chef Douglas Ganhs of Grosse Pointe placed first in the competition, winning a silver medal and Best of Show. Their presentation included roast pheasant beast au natural, grilled yellow tail snapper and coriander shrimp salad, a main course of grilled venison medallions with sweet potato gratin, and for dessert, pear chiboust brulee.

OCC Culinary studies Institute graduate, Carrie Bielaniec of Novi, currently employed at Steve & Rocky's Restaurant in Novi, placed second in the Mystery Basket competition. Graduate Kevin Peasgood of Clawson, currently employed at the Detroit Athletic Club, placed third.

OCC faculty member Chef Roger Holden of Howell won a gold medal and Best of Show honors for his white chocolate Grand Marnier and Raspberry Chambord Bavarian cream served in a chocolate shell resting on a hazelnut cookie in the Contemporary Dessert Category. Andrew Sayes of Ferndale, captain of the OCC student team, won a gold medal in the Contemporary Entrée category for his striped sea bass in saffron broth presentation.

Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute combines hands-on experiences and quality instruction by award-winning faculty members.

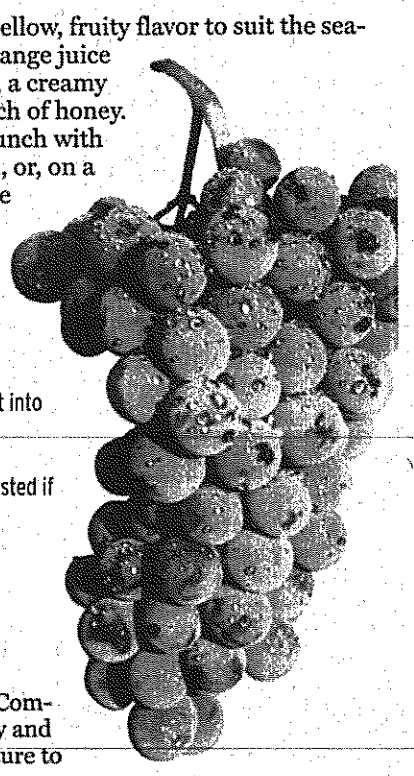
The Institute maintains the lowest student/faculty ratio of any school in Michigan, providing personal attention and a high level of training. For more information, call (248) 522-3700.

Celebrate fall with a salad

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A fall salad should have a mellow, fruity flavor to suit the season. Here, fresh grapes and orange juice are combined with dried fruit, a creamy tang of yogurt, nuts and a touch of honey.

Serve this salad for a light lunch with sharp cheese and crusty bread, or, on a grander menu, offer it as a side dish with rich roast pork or duck.



Celebrate Fall Salad

- 2 cups seedless grapes
- 1 red apple, cored and diced
- 1 cup dried apricots or peaches, cut into strips
- 1 cup diced dried figs or dates
- 1/2 cup pecan or walnut halves, toasted if desired (see note)
- 1 cup lowfat plain yogurt
- 1 tablespoon fresh orange juice
- 2 teaspoons honey (see note)
- 1 1/2 teaspoons grated orange peel

Combine all fruits and nuts. Combine yogurt, orange juice, honey and peel; mix well. Add yogurt mixture to fruits; mix well.

Refrigerate 30 minutes to allow flavors to blend. Makes 6 servings.

Note: Toast nuts in a shallow pan 10 minutes at 350º F. One-half cup thawed, frozen orange juice concentrate may be substituted for yogurt, fresh orange juice and honey.

Nutrition information per serving: 260 cal., 5 g pro., 7 g fat, 50 g carbo., 2 mg chol., 6 g fiber, 33 mg sodium.

Recipe created for AP by California Table Grape Commission. On the Web: http://www.tablegrape.com

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RESERVES AND TRIO

Lindemans Reserve wines, launched in early 2003, include four varietal wines, chardonnay, merlot, shiraz and cabernet sauvignon, all sourced from premium vineyards in South Australia, including McLaren Vale, Adelaide Hills, Langhorne Creek and Padthaway. Priced at $10, they represent a step up from bin wines.

Lindemans Coonawarra "Trio" is the culmination of over 150 years of winemaking experience. Intended to be the ultimate expression of Lindemans winemaking skills and the best expression of the Coonawarra region, they live up to a quote of winery founder Dr. Henry John Lindeman, "The one purpose of wine is to bring happiness to man."

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Emeril Under the Harvest Sun, an hour-long TV Food Network special filmed in Mendocino County at Fetzer Vineyards and Fetzer's Valley Oaks Ranch, will debut on Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2003 at 8 p.m.

The special features Emeril Lagasse visiting Mendocino County during the wine crush and creating a menu of local bison, olive oils and organic greens from Fetzer's Valley Oaks ranch. Lagasse and Fetzer Winemaster Dennis Martin are seen contemplating blends for the next vintage of Emeril's Classic Wines, produced by Fetzer in conjunction with Lagasse. Lagasse also visits vineyards with vineyard manager Tom Piper, and gathers greens from the Organic Garden at Fetzer's Valley Oaks ranch with Master Gardener Kate Frey.

The first 30 minutes of the program follows Emeril as he moves through harvest and plans his menu, and the final 30 minutes portrays a classic Emeril Live cooking demonstration, filmed in the reserve garden at Valley Oaks Ranch with local guests.

The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally-respected Quarterly Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, food, and restaurants for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. To leave them a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047, mailbox 1864#.

Taste Fest 2003 benefits Joseph Benyo fund

This holiday event in Westland is a culinary adventure featuring the area's finest chefs. The 2003 Holiday Taste Fest begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland. Sponsored by the Westland Chamber of Commerce. Partial proceeds benefit the Joseph Benyo Scholarship Fund. Call (734) 326-7222 for details.

Gingerbread workshop

The Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe annual Parent and Child Gingerbread House Workshop is planned from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30; and 1-6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1. The parent and child team will create a completed house in one class. $30 per team. Advanced registration a must. Seating is limited. Call (734) 261-3680. Mary Denning's is located at 8036 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

CLARIFICATION

An article on Chaldean cooking that ran in the Oct. 30 Taste section should have included Carl Hakim, owner of Market Basket in Franklin, listed as one of the judges for the cooking extravaganza conducted by the Chaldean American Ladies of Charity on Sept. 21.

Seasoned student chefs sought for contest

The search is on for the seasoned chef.

Chefs-in-training nationwide can showcase their culinary expertise and enter the Diamond Crystal Kosher Salt's Search For the Seasoned Chef Recipe Contest, with a chance to win a prize package worth $6,500.

This is the second year that student chefs can create and submit their best original recipe to the salt company. The only required ingredient: Diamond Crystal Kosher Salt.

Applicants may enter recipes in three categories: Appetizers, entrees, and soups and stews. Entries must be postmarked on or before March 1, 2004, and received on or before midnight March 5, 2004.

Three category winners will be awarded scholarships for continuing education at the cooking schools of their choice. The Grand Prize winner will be awarded a $2,000 scholarship, and two of the category winners will be awarded $1,000 scholarships. In addition, the Grand Prize winner will be featured with the winning recipe in a full-page advertisement in *Chef Educator Today* magazine, and will receive one case of Diamond Crystal Kosher Salt.

Adrianne Calvo won last year's contest with her colorful appetizer, Seared Scallops on Watercress with Fresh Pineapple Salsa. After applying her scholarship to Miami-based Johnson & Wales University, she plans to open her own restaurant someday.

To enter, applicants should submit by mail their original recipe(s) in one of three categories (appetizers, entrees or soups/stews), a photo of the completed recipe and an entry form to Diamond Crystal Kosher Salt's Search For the Seasoned Chef Recipe Contest, c/o Carmichael Lynch Spong, 800 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55403. for a complete set of rules and an official entry form, log in to www.diamondcrystalsalt.com or write to Carmichael Lynch Spong.

SEARED SCALLOPS ON WATERCRESS WITH FRESH PINEAPPLE SALSA

Winning Recipe of the 2002 Search For the Seasoned Chef Recipe Contest

Marinating the scallops infuses fresh citrus flavor to this appetizer. However, marinate them only 15 minutes to assure scallops remain tender during cooking.

1 cup lime juice
1-½ tablespoons Diamond Crystal Kosher Salt
24 sea scallops
3 tablespoons olive oil
1 bunch watercress, large stems removed (about 4 cups)
Balsamic vinegar
1 orange cut into wedges, if desired
16 red pepper strips, if desired

Stir together lime juice and salt in large glass bowl. Stir in scallops. Cover and refrigerate 15 minutes. Make Pineapple Salsa (below). Drain scallops in large colander at least 5 minutes.

Heat 1-½ tablespoons oil in heavy 10-inch skillet over high heat. Sear half the scallops in hot oil 1-2 minutes per side or until scallops are firm and opaque in center. (Reduce heat to medium-high if scallops are very thick, and cook 3-4 minutes per side).

Repeat with remaining oil and scallops.

Divide watercress and Pineapple Salsa among eight salad plates. Sprinkle with balsamic vinegar. Place three scallops over salsa. Garnish with orange wedges and red pepper strips.

Pineapple Salsa
4 cups diced fresh pineapple (about 1 small)
½ cup finely chopped onion
1 red bell pepper, chopped
1-½ teaspoons Diamond Crystal Kosher Salt
1 teaspoon crushed red pepper

Stir together all ingredients.

Other Ideas:

Shrimp lovers can use 1-½ pounds uncooked, peeled and deveined large shrimp instead of the scallops. Stir-fry 1-2 minutes in hot oil or until shrimp are pink.

For a fast and easy appetizer, substitute 1-½ pounds cooked shrimp for the scallops. Do not sear; serve cold. This hearty appetizer makes an elegant lunch entrée too.

Nutrition information:

1 serving: Calories 170 (calories from fat 50); Fat 6g (Saturated 0.5g); Cholesterol 30mg;Sodium 610mg; Carbohydrates 16g; Dietary Fiber 2g; Protein 12g.

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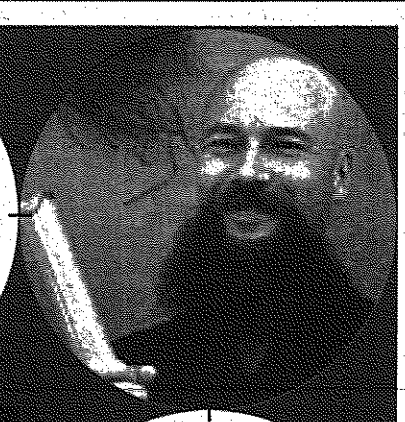
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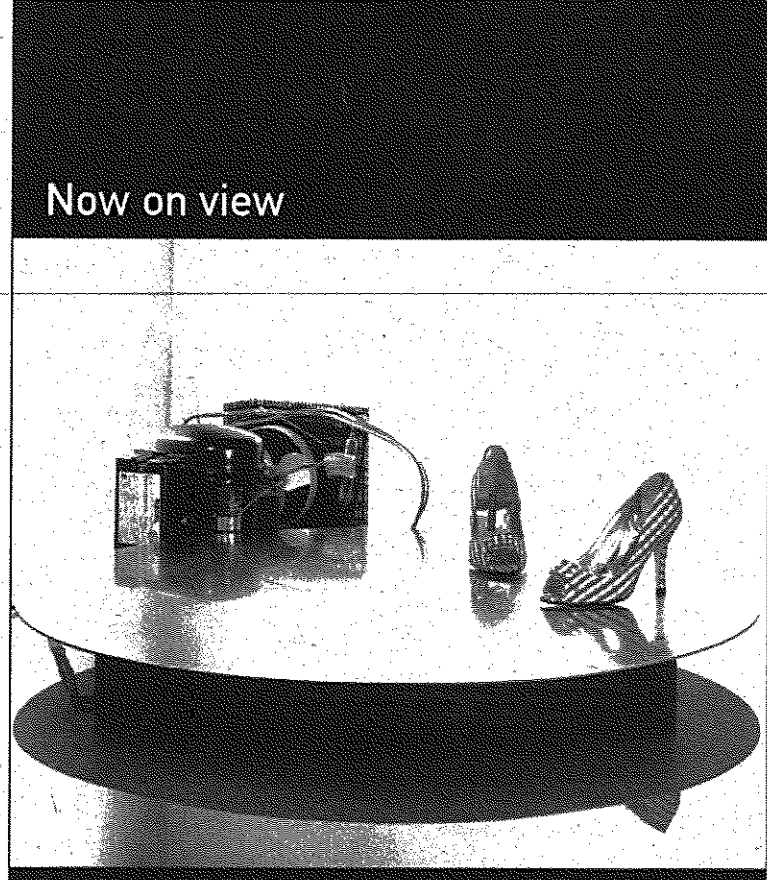
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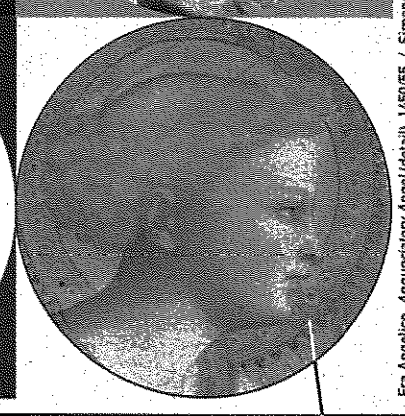


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Friday Nights at the DIA you going?

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There's a new chef in The Lark kitchen

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

After 17 years at The Lark in West Bloomfield, Chef de Cuisine Marcus Haight retired to become an instructor in the advanced culinary program at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Mary and Jim Lark, The Lark's proprietors, announced that Kyle Ketchum will fill the Chef de Cuisine role.

Chef Kyle, a graduate of Le Cordon Blue of Scottsdale, Culinary Institute Campus, holds associate degrees in culinary arts and restaurant management.

He comes to The Lark from the Omni Interlocken Resort, a AAA four-diamond venue near Denver, Colo., where he was Chef de Cuisine of Meritage, the resort's restaurant.

Jim Lark commented that Chef Marcus will be a tough act to follow but views a change in head toque as an opportunity to improve, yet retain the best of the past, while adding new and exciting presentations.

Thanks to his myriad restaurant connections, Lark conducted a multi-state search and admitted that Chef Kyle's impressive resume alone did not declare him the winner of the search.

Rather, he won over the Larks when he flew in to prepare a four-course meal for them. He amazed the owners with his ability to, within a few short hours, source ingredients, create sauces and prep his menu so skillfully in an unfamiliar kitchen.

Chef Kyle's menu began officially on Tuesday, but according to manager Adrian Lark, his culinary inspirations will impact the menu more significantly beginning in January 2004.

The Lark, 6430 Farmington Road, West Bloomfield (248) 661-4466 is open for dinner between 6 and 9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday. Friday and Saturday seatings are 6 p.m. or 9 p.m.

Contact Eleanor Heald (734) 953-2047, mailbox 1864#.

CLARIFICATION

An Oct. 23 Filter story about Altered State, a new nightclub at The State Theatre in Detroit, should have said that Bernadine Vida was the costumier for *8 Mile* and the set designer on **61* by Billy Crystal.

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From Detroit to Scrabylon

And everything in between, as Detroit Docs showcases documentary filmmaking

If television is an accurate barometer, the entertainment-seekers are viewing less fiction and more reality.

And that's probably why documentaries are so popular of late, said Chris Walny, the brainchild of Detroit Docs, a local festival of documentaries set to run Friday-Sunday at three locations.

"It's part of that reality-TV craze. People love a real story. It's so much juicer," said Walny, a freelance PBS producer who resides in Royal Oak. "But it's also a great way to gain perspective on issues and other cultures."

In its second year, Detroit Docs features 50 documentaries by filmmakers living as close as here in Michigan and as far away as Japan.

Show times vary at each of the participating venues: the Birmingham 8 theater, Detroit Film Center (formerly the Detroit Film Coalition) and Hastings Street Ballroom in Detroit.

Suffice to say, Detroit Docs films are running all day into the wee hours of the night all weekend long.

Documentary subjects traverse a wide spectrum, from *Tom Dowd & The Language of Music*, a profile of the legendary music producer with appearances by Ray Charles, Eric Clapton and other big names, to *Classic Cruise Mania's* footage of the Woodward Dream Cruise, to *Hot & Bothered*, an inside look at the feminist pornography industry.

Scrabylon, a film about the super-competitive world of tournament Scrabble, comes from Scott Petersen, a filmmaker who grew up in Birmingham and now lives in Los Angeles.

Among the 30 filmmakers represented, 19 live in Michigan.

"Last year, it was very difficult to find local films, so I'm hoping the festival inspired people," said Walny. "One of my intentions is to support local filmmakers and give them an outlet for their work."

Documentary filmmaking is on the rise here and across the nation. Advances in technology have made film equipment more accessible and affordable.

But making a documentary film is one thing, getting it into theaters and securing distribution is another. Film festivals give directors a venue and exposure, said Walny.

They also give audiences an opportunity to see works they're not likely to encounter in mainstream theaters, said Katherine Weider, a 34-year-old filmmaker from Ann Arbor whose documentary is showing at the festival.

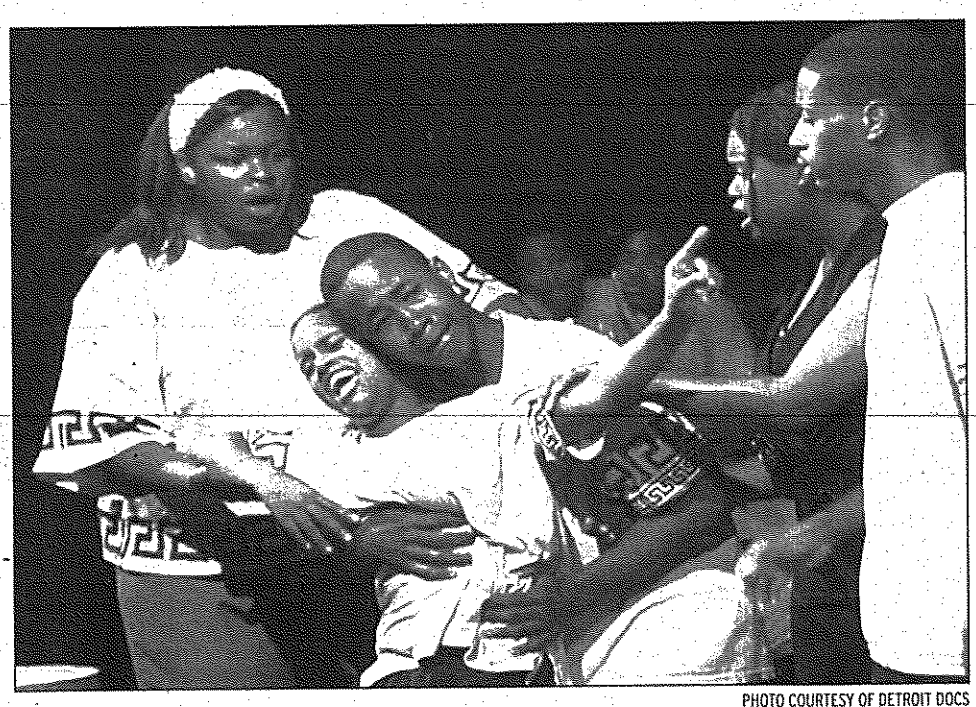


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The documentary 'In a Heartbeat: The Story of Mosaic Youth Theatre' follows the Detroit youth group from the audition process to performance. Ann Arbor filmmaker Katherine Weider made the film.

AT A GLANCE

What: Detroit Docs, a festival of documentary films taking place in three locations.
When: Friday-Sunday, schedule varies according to venue, but films are scheduled to show 7-11:50 p.m. Friday; 11:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 9 p.m. Sunday.
Where: Birmingham 8, 211 South Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham, (248) 644-FILM; Detroit Film Center, 1227 Washington, Detroit, (313) 961-9936; Hastings St. Ballroom, 715 East Milwaukee, Detroit.
Tickets: One ticket covers admission to all venues; $10 days and $25 for a weekend pass; student/senior rates are $8 day and $20 for weekend passes; Detroit Docs members receive half off regular prices; visit www.detroitdocs.org for detailed schedule.

MOSAIC

Weider's film, *In a Heartbeat: The Story of Mosaic Youth Theatre*, follows the Detroit performance group of at-risk, inner-city kids ages 12-18 from the audition process to performance.

The program provides nine months of free intensive training in acting, vocal music and technical theater. Ensemble members work with professional actors, writers, musicians and designers, rehearsing after school and on weekends. The students are involved in every element of production and ultimately perform at Music Hall in Detroit.

"*Mosaic* is a real story. This group of kids and their stories are moving and powerful," said Weider, who has a master's degree in film and video studies from the University of Michigan and works as a freelance producer. "It's a really, really intense program. There's something really special going on there."

However, *Mosaic* isn't the cliché story of inner-city youth making good, said Weider. "That story is really old, it's one that perpetuates stereotypes. Mosaic shows another image of Detroit teenagers and teenagers in general."

Stories like the one told in *Mosaic* aren't likely to emerge from the Hollywood filmmaking machine, which is what makes film festivals so interesting.

Terrific acting compensates for casting in 'Human Stain'

BY DAVID GERMAIN
AP MOVIE WRITER

He won an Academy Award as serial killer Hannibal Lecter.

He's played Hitler, Nixon and Picasso. He's been a servile butler and fearless vampire hunter Van Helsing.

Now Anthony Hopkins has one of his toughest jobs: convincing audiences he's black.

Hopkins and Nicole Kidman star as doomed lovers in the beautifully performed, artfully constructed *The Human Stain*, adapted from Philip Roth's novel by director Robert Benton and screenwriter Nicholas Meyer.

As good as the leads and their co-stars are, it's a stretch for viewers to accept Hopkins, a pasty-faced Welshman, as a light-skinned African-American who has been passing as white for most of his life.

Stretching the credibility gap further, the young actor (the biracial Wentworth Miller) plausibly pulling that ruse as the same character in flashbacks bears not a remote resemblance to Hopkins.

That makes it hard to relate to them as the same person. Miller's introduction to the film is disorienting, triggering viewers to pause and dubiously ask themselves, "Wait, so that's supposed to be young Anthony Hopkins?"

As the flashbacks reveal that the character grew up African-American, the film jars again when it returns to modern times, leaving moviegoers staring at Hopkins in skepticism, not quite buying him as a black man.

Roth's novel hinges on the fact that some blacks have light enough skin to pass as white. The transition from the darker-toned Miller to Hopkins, though, feels like the cinematic cheat that it is.

The jolt is momentary, but enough distraction remains through the rest of the film to undermine somewhat the impact of the story and performances.

Hopkins plays Coleman Silk, a classics professor disgraced and beset by tragedy after he is ironically accused of uttering a racial slur against two black students. Quitting in fury, Coleman loses his wife to a brain embolism, and months later, two new relationships send him down a road of self-reflection.

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ROMANCE

Coleman blissfully tumbles into romance with Faunia (Kidman), a sultry campus janitor with a calamitous past. At the same time, Coleman befriends reclusive writer Nathan Zuckerman (Gary Sinise), Roth's alter-ego in several novels, who becomes witness to Coleman's final fling and the unmasking of his life's secrets, which unfold with equal parts joy and melancholy.

"Granted she's not my first love. Granted she's not my great love," Coleman tells Zuckerman of Faunia. "But she sure as hell is my last love."

Faunia's baggage includes a harsh upbringing and a menacing ex-husband Lester (Ed Harris), a volatile Vietnam vet who blames her for the deaths of their two children.

Benton and his production team admirably recreate the feel of 1940s culture and the prurient tone of the late 1990s, a time – according to Zuckerman's narration – between communism and terrorism, when Americans could afford to obsess on the Clinton-Lewinsky scandal.

Terrific acting all around heavily compensates for the implausible casting.

Hopkins lustfully leaps into the role of Coleman, a man who thought he'd seen it all and has made peace with his flaws and blunders, yet finds to his surprise that he's not only able but eager to make more.

Kidman seems as though she just walked out of a Tennessee Williams play, blending fierce strength and damaged-goods fragility in a magnificently hushed and haunted performance.

Her Faunia is another complete makeover that effaces her star-power persona as effectively as the fake nose she wore in her Academy Award-winning role as Virginia Woolf in last year's *The Hours*.

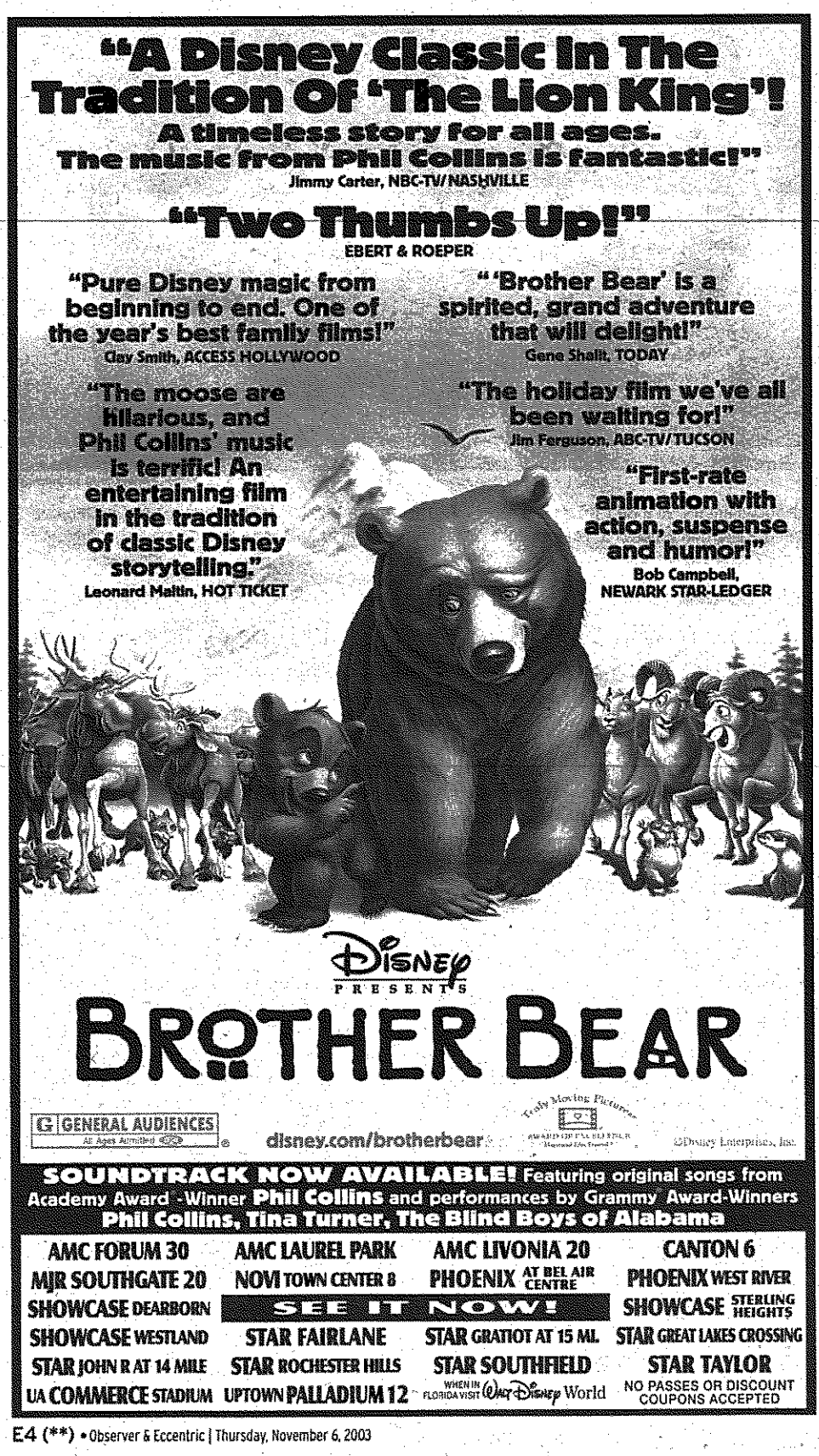
Sinise brings depth, compassion and subtle humor to what could have been the straight-man role as Zuckerman.

Harris commandeers the movie in his brief screen time, creating a dangerously unstable character that is the utter reverse of his saintly coach in *Radio*.

Along with Miller as young Coleman, able support is provided by Jacinda Barrett as Coleman's first great love, Anna Deavere Smith as his lamenting mother and Harry Lennix as his imperious father.

The film's examination of "racial passing" will spark thoughtful conversation among moviegoers of all colors – but not as much conversation as the idea of Hopkins playing a black man.

The Human Stain, a Miramax release, runs 106 minutes. Three stars out of four.



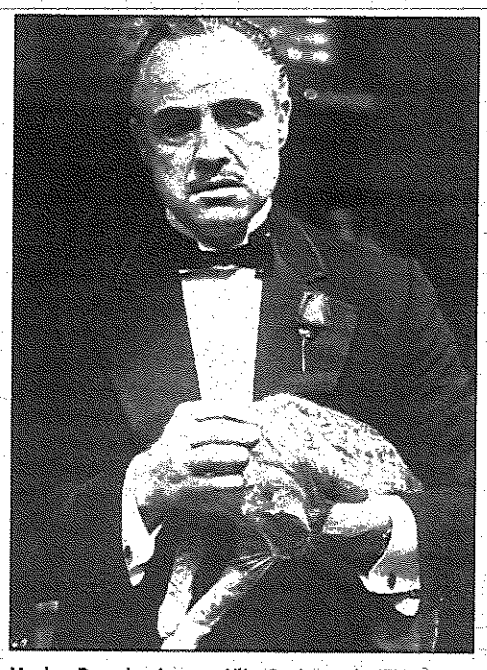
Small screen

Take another look at 'The Godfather' and see orange

BY DAVID MACGREGOR
CORRESPONDENT

Most people who enjoy films have seen *The Godfather* at some point, and it is generally acknowledged to be one of the finest American films ever produced. Much of that has to do with Francis Ford Coppola's direction, the performances of such acting luminaries as Marlon Brando, Al Pacino and Robert Duvall, and the epic story of the Corleone family that would subsequently run through two sequels as well.

However, like many great films, what makes *The Godfather* especially enjoyable is the fact that you can see something new at almost every viewing. There is some nuance, some detail that escaped you before, but now that you notice it, you realize how well-integrated it is into the film as a whole. Some of these details are easier to spot than others, but one that is well worth being aware of in *The Godfather* is Coppola's use of the color orange, or more specifically, the fruit itself.



Marlon Brando stars as Vito Corleone in 'The Godfather,' a film that on second glance seems to use orange – both the color and the fruit – as a symbolic device.

Throughout the film and throughout both sequels, there are oranges in abundance. New York City seems to be full of oranges at every turn. There is a bowl of oranges here, a cart full of oranges there. This isn't happenstance. Instead, it is Coppola's visual cue to the audience that there is some kind of threat to the Corleone family.

If you see a character pick up an orange at any point in *The Godfather* trilogy, you can pretty much assume you are looking at a dead man. Maybe it will only be a few seconds or maybe it will be a couple of hours, but whoever picks up an orange can pretty much start making his funeral arrangements.

As noted, this applies not only to the fruit, but to the color itself. You see a guy wearing an orange suit? He's a dead man. Perhaps a horse wears an orange blanket? Well, that's a dead horse. Once you pick up on this motif, it adds an entirely new layer to the film and it's interesting to see how the "orange" scenes are set up and then how they are paid off.

Aside from using oranges as a visual cue to foreshadow the fate of certain characters, Coppola also uses audio cues to foreshadow events. If you hear any kind of harsh, discordant sound during *The Godfather*, it is fairly certain that an especially violent scene is on its way.

The sound can be a baby crying, the squealing brakes of a subway train or a thunderstorm, but in almost every instance gunfire will erupt soon afterward and there's a good chance a major character will be dead.

Did Coppola really need to include these visual and audio motifs in his film? Well, no. It's still a remarkably well-made period piece, and the manner in which he makes Mafia Don Vito Corleone a sympathetic character and then charts the slow movement of his son Michael Corleone from absolute outsider to absolute insider is compelling enough in and of itself.

But as the expression goes, "the genius is in the details" and it is the details in this film that make it worth seeing over and over.

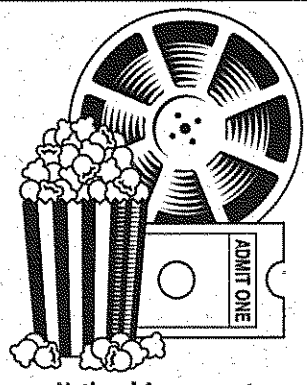
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WHAT'S ON TV

(AP) – Here are some of the big events on television during the November ratings "sweeps."

■ Nov. 7 – Martha Stewart talks to Barbara Walters on 20/20, ABC.
■ Nov. 9 – *Saving Jessica Lynch*, the TV movie, NBC and *The Elizabeth Smart Story*, the TV movie, CBS.
■ Nov. 11 – Reunion of stars from The Andy Griffith Show, CBS and Jessica Lynch talks to Diane Sawyer, ABC.
■ Nov. 16 – *The Reagans* miniseries begins, CBS and American Music Awards, ABC.
■ Nov. 17 – Britney Spears special, *In the Zone*, ABC.
■ Nov. 18 – Final part of *The Reagans*, CBS.
■ Nov. 19 – The Victoria's Secret fashion show on CBS.
■ Nov. 20 – Peter Jennings investigates the Kennedy assassination 40 years later, ABC.
■ Nov. 21 – Vibe Music Awards, with Queen Latifah as host, UPN.
■ Nov. 25 – Justin Timberlake special, NBC.
■ Nov. 26 – Former "bachelorette" Trista Rehn and Ryan Sutter plan their wedding, first of three specials on ABC and Shania Twain special, NBC.

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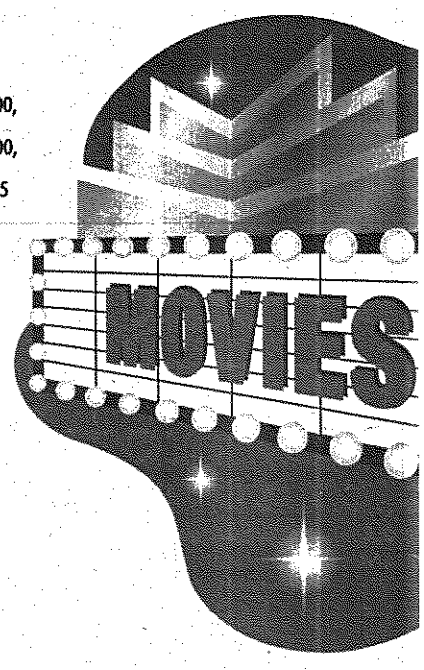
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'Scary Movie 3' tops in theaters, 'Matrix' rules small screen

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Top VHS rentals

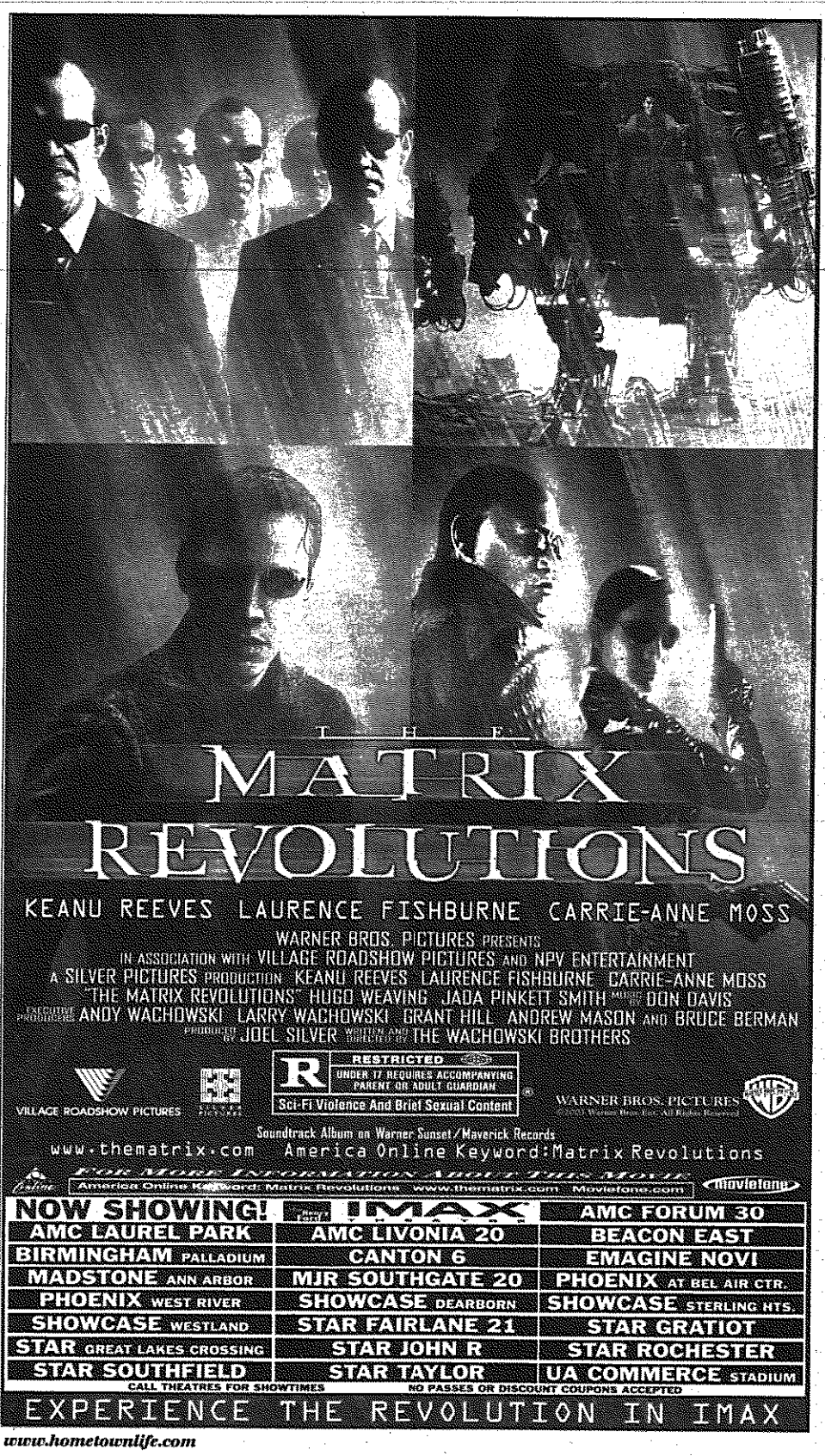
Here are the top VHS Rentals, based on data provided by the Video Software Dealers Association.

The Matrix Reloaded – Warner Home Video.
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Daddy Day Care – Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
Wrong Turn – 20th Century Fox.
Dreamcatcher – Warner Home Video.
Hollywood Homicide – Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
The In-Laws – Warner Home Video.
Anger Management –Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
2 Fast 2 Furious – Universal Studios Home Video.
Holes – Buena Vista Home Entertainment.

Top 5 new films

Here are the top five new films
Scary Movie 3 – Dimension.
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Radio – Sony
Runaway Jury – Fox.
Mystic River – Warner Bros.

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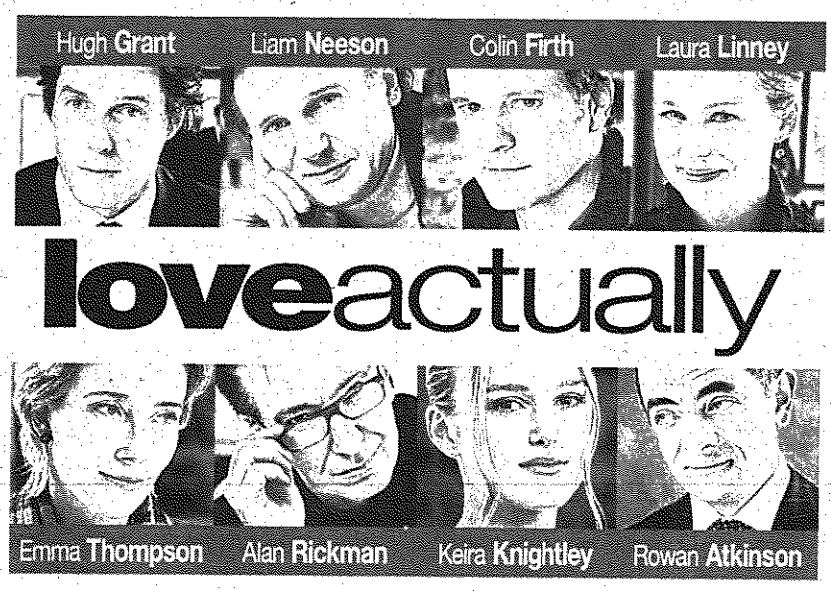


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Gryphon Shepherd is (from left) Drew Phillips, guitar, vocals, mandolin and acoustic piano; Tim Williams, guitar, vocals, synthesizer, organ and drums; Zach Kadro, vocals, guitar and percussion; Adam Linden, drums, percussion; and Robert Wedge, bass, vocals, acoustic piano. Not pictured is bass player John Phillips.

GRYPHON SHEPHERD

What: Gryphon Shepherd will perform with Knee Deep Shag
When: 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, doors open 7 p.m.
Where: The Magic Bag Theatre, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale just north of Nine Mile Road, call (248) 544-1989 or visit www.themagicbag.com
Admission: $7
For more info on the band visit: www.gryphonshepherd.org
The CD: The band's CD *Consciousness* is available at Tower Records in Birmingham or Record Time in Ferndale

Gryphon Shepherd

Detroit band's rock music is bigger than the city itself

It's late Friday night in the lower level nightclub of Boocoo restaurant in Royal Oak. A hip, standing-room only, 20-something crowd is there to see Gryphon Shepherd – a rock band that's distinctly different from other bands in metro Detroit's vast talent pool.

The mood is sultry as the six-member band plays its rhythmic, body-moving rock. The music has steady back beats; you can hear its influences – the beauty of Jane's Addiction, cerebral Pink Floyd and Velvet Underground – blended with Middle Eastern beats, a hint of jazz and occasional obeisance to reggae.

Don't be mistaken, Gryphon Shepherd doesn't regurgitate music from the past.

"We look for ways to push the music, to do something different with the guitar, even if it's just one tone, something that hasn't been heard before," said vocalist/guitarist Zach Kadro.

Gryphon Shepherd is a serious band that's headed for a musical career beyond metro Detroit's borders. Not that the band doesn't adore its hometown, Royal Oak; they'd rather make good music here than run out to L.A.

You can hear them Friday, Nov. 21, at the Magic Bag in Ferndale, where they'll be featured with Knee Deep Shag.

Gryphon Shepherd has been playing steadily since 1999, with regular gigs at the Blind Pig in Ann Arbor and Bell's Brewery in Kalamazoo. They released their second CD, *Consciousness,* this year as a follow-up to *A Vision of Youth.*

"In the beginning we weren't concerned with the length of our songs or our intros," Kadro said. "We made our own rules and played what felt good to us. On the second CD, we started to condense things more, to bring the listener in right away."

Their third CD, currently being recorded, will have a harder edge.

Consciousness, which appears on the CD with the same name, is influenced by Kadro's days living and working in Jamaica. Jamaican singer Eddie Fitzroy guided Kadro's songwriting skills, and taught him how to write what he sees.

"The first CD, when we were younger, was more about finding your way emotionally in life, learning to assert a foot in the ground," said Kadro, a University of Michigan graduate. "Now it's more about ... the people you see, the things you observe."

And this band has observed a lot. While the members have been friends since childhood, their experiences go beyond Michigan.

Kadro, a spiritual person whose mother is Catholic and father is Muslim, spends time reading the Bible, traveling to different corners of the world and learning as much about people as he can – whether it's the man selling bananas on a dirt road in India or a Jamaican teacher caught with an arsenal of guns. His experiences come across in the band's smart approach and philosophy of music-making.

"We don't live in a bubble, life is about engaging with others and music can be that way as well – it can suggest, engage, evoke emotions and raise questions," said Kadro.

Kadro spends as much time praising his bandmates as he does discussing the music. Band member Andrew Phillips minored in music at Western Michigan University. After high school, Tim William's studied sound engineering and has made demos for most of the band's music. Adam Linden is heavily involved with music arrangement. Robert Wedge, who also graduated from WMU, is the band's music historian. Drummer Will Sulaka, who left the band recently to study medicine, will always be involved. John Phillips is an accomplished guitar player who is new to Gryphon Shepherd but already contributing hard.

Kadro said the band members are equals — all contributing to the music-writing process. The band members knew at age 13 they wanted to make music. As friends at school dances, they remember Nirvana's *Smells Like Teen Spirit* that caused the dance floor to erupt into an energetic mosh pit.

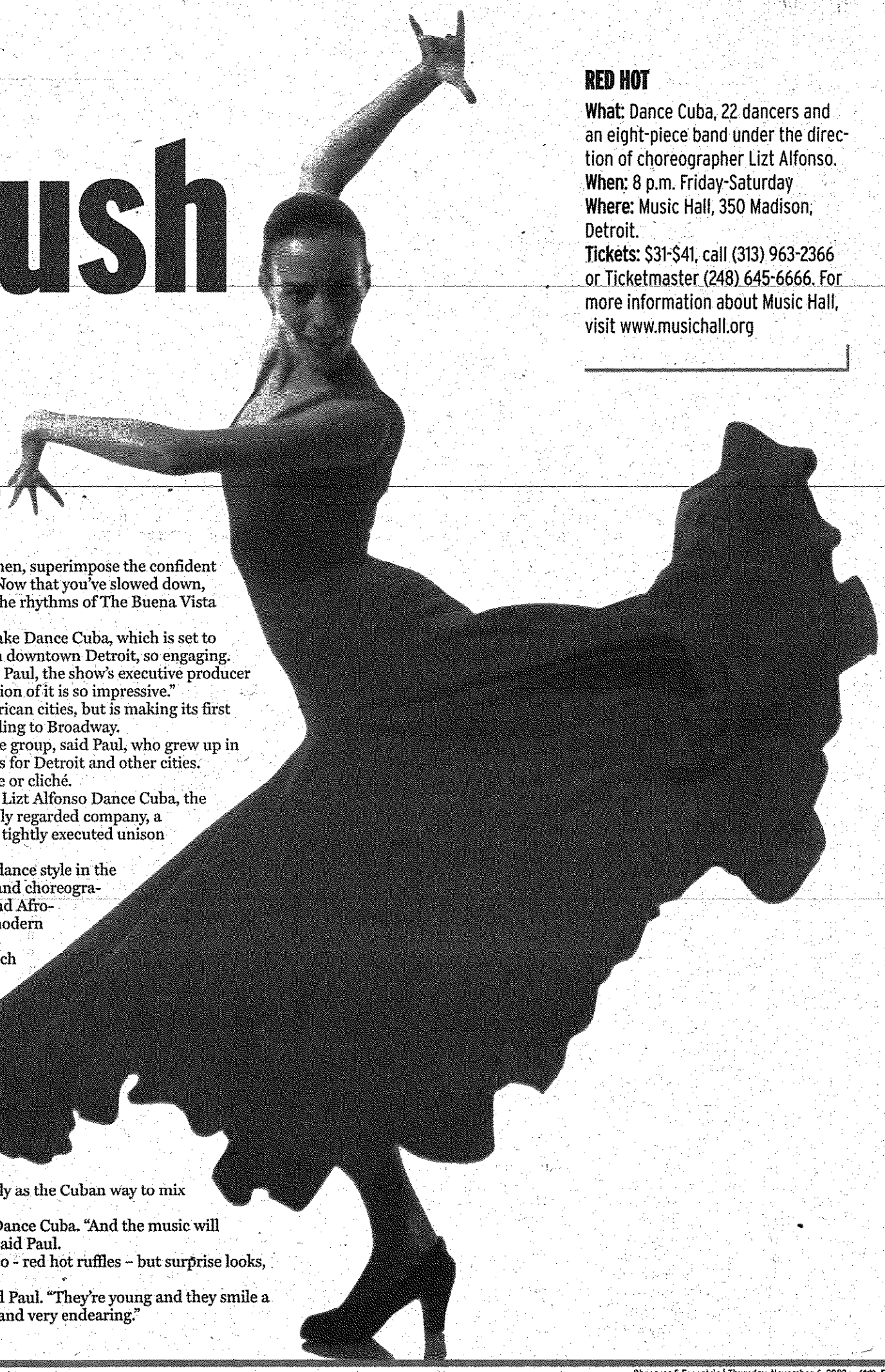
"I remember the feeling that song gave to me," Kadro said. "From that moment, I knew that I needed to play music. ... we all did."

Although Gryphon Shepherd has been together four years, they aren't hurrying their search for major label attention. Music is their life and has been since they were teenagers. The band's days are spent writing and playing music full time.

"Music is everything to us. It's what we think about all the time, it's what we do," Kadro said. "We're taking our time to develop and create something different. ... We're all just happy to work together as a band. ... We're not burning for something big to happen in a hurry, we want to make good music and let it build slowly."

On first Blush

Dance Cuba more than just flamenco



Picture The Rockettes minus the kitsch. Then, superimpose the confident sensuality of Spanish and Cuban dance. Now that you've slowed down, listen for the fiery click of castanets and the rhythms of The Buena Vista Social Club.

Those are but a few of the elements that make Dance Cuba, which is set to perform Friday and Saturday at Music Hall in downtown Detroit, so engaging.

"Audiences are just blown away," said Vince Paul, the show's executive producer and president of World Arts Inc. "The perfection of it is so impressive."

The group has performed in about 50 American cities, but is making its first Detroit appearance at Music Hall before heading to Broadway.

The rest of world is just now discovering the group, said Paul, who grew up in Farmington Hills and curates dance programs for Detroit and other cities.

But Dance Cuba is anything but second rate or cliché.

At home in Cuba, where they are known as Lizt Alfonso Dance Cuba, the 22-member, all-female dance troupe is a highly regarded company, a national treasure of sorts. And the company's tightly executed unison work is only an overture to its abilities.

The company has an inventive, if not new, dance style in the making. Lizt Alfonso, Dance Cuba's director and choreographer, is responsible for this blend of Cuban and Afro-Cuban dance, Spanish flamenco, ballet and modern jazz.

"On first blush, it's flamenco, but it's so much more complicated," said Paul, who first saw the group perform in a small second-story dance studio in Cuba.

Alfonso also directs the Folkloric Group of the Spanish Society Concepción Arenal and the Vocational School of Dance of Grand Teatro de Havana.

With Dance Cuba, flamenco pose quickly will turn ballet pirouette.

Some have described the group's style simply as the Cuban way to mix different forms of dance.

An eight-member orchestra accompanies Dance Cuba. "And the music will blow you away as much as the dancing will," said Paul.

Costume changes offer traditional Flamenco - red hot ruffles – but surprise looks, too.

The dancers "are not like sex bombs," added Paul. "They're young and they smile a lot. This is something that is more charming and very endearing."

RED HOT

What: Dance Cuba, 22 dancers and an eight-piece band under the direction of choreographer Lizt Alfonso.
When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday
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Come as you are to warm, inviting Fiddleheads

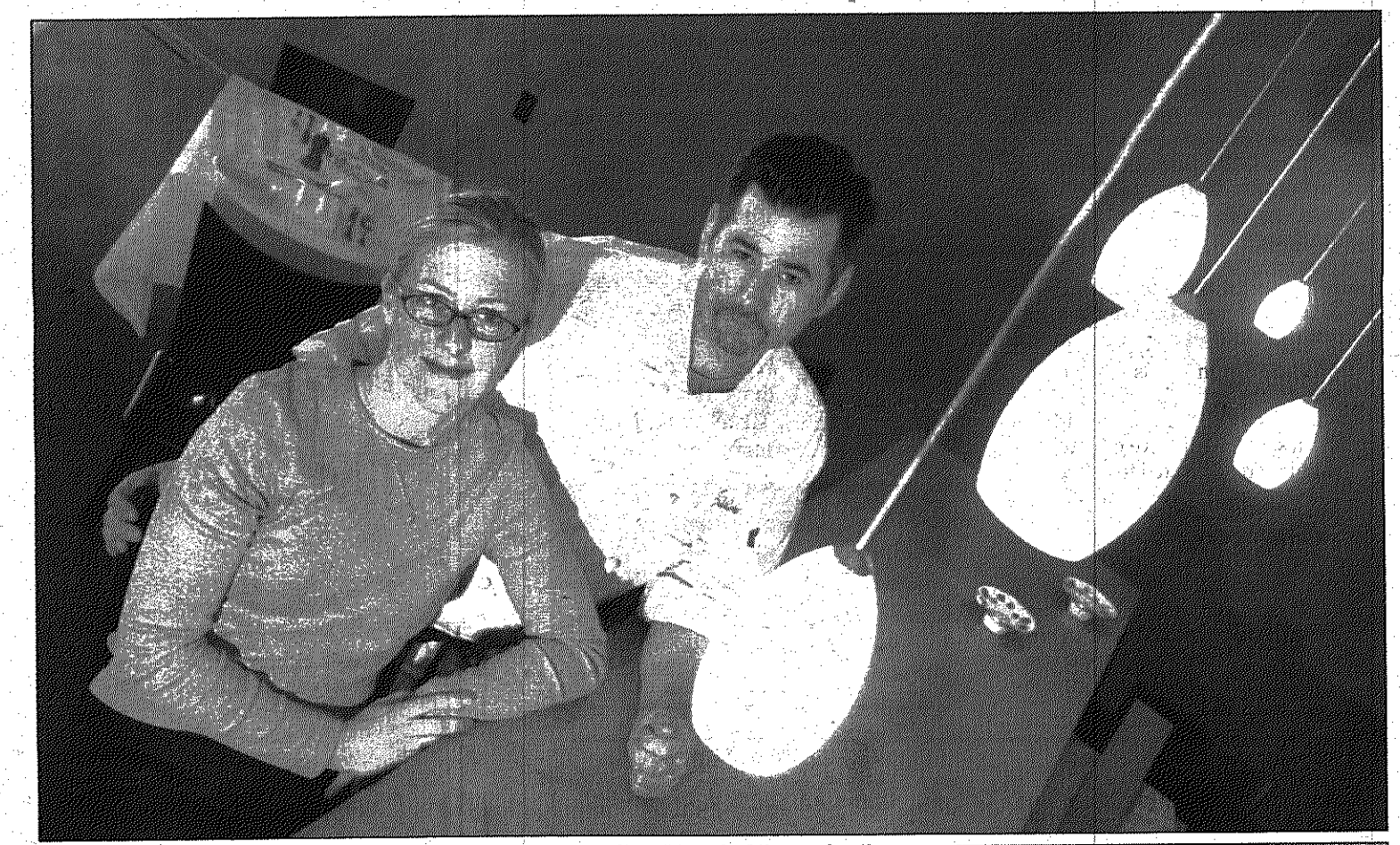
BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

"Every cook's dream is to open his own restaurant," said Gavin McMillian, proprietor with his wife, Colette, of the new Fiddleheads in Royal Oak.

And after 20 years cooking, Chef Gavin is living his dream. You can tell it in his smile, his enthusiastic talk about his food, in Colette's eyes, on your plate and on your palate.

The McMillians chose the name Fiddleheads — chewy, edible ferns used as side dishes or in salads — to enhance their back-to-the-earth food focus.

"Fiddleheads grow in Michigan," Chef Gavin said. "We'll serve them in spring. Year-round we're dedicated to using local products in season, especially organics."



Above, Gavin and Colette McMillian did more than create a great menu; they did much of the construction work themselves.

CREATING A FEEL

Fiddleheads transformed the former location of Ann Sayles restaurant with a contemporary minimalist decor. With a low, flat roofline, an interior stone wall and earth-focused colors, it's reminiscent of a Frank Lloyd Wright architectural style.

Your eyes gravitate quickly to the creative wall design of folk art sticks against a leaf green background, designed by Bloomfield Hills artist Virginia Farris, Colette's mother. Her design concept revolves around the thought that one stick can break, but a group of sticks is stronger — and that's what family is like.

As the menu indicates, Fiddleheads is a cooperative between the McMillian and Farris families. With the aid of general manager Kara McClanaghan, Gavin did much of the interior labor, from fashioning the bar top to crafting the dining room chairs.

The setting — white butcher block paper covering white tablecloths — does not come across as formal, but rather adds to the crisp, modern feel in this new 90-seat eatery.

MELTING POT CUISINE

Chef Gavin dubs his food style contemporary American. "I say that so that I'm not pigeon-holed," he said. "That way, I'm not tied to a specific cuisine and I can be more creative with a melting pot concept."

The one-page menu with a wine list on the reverse side is straightforward, listing appetizers, pasta, meat, fish and fowl.

Two appetizers are large enough to share: smoked trout salad with wild rice, pecans, dried cherries and buttermilk scallion dressing or cornbread chipotle-stuffed Indiana boneless quail with a chayote ragout.

If you like to order totally off the appetizer menu, this is a good one for that style of eating.

Roasted Yukon gold potato gnocchi with wild mushrooms and dulce gorgonzola or braised Indiana duck with saffron linguini, cherry tomatoes, arugula and orange fennel broth are Chef Gavin's favorite in the "Pasta and such" section.

Fiddleheads does not have a kid's menu, but spaghetti and veal meatballs, oven-dried tomatoes and balsamic vinegar is a kid-friendly dish. Chef Gavin and Colette have two young children, so consider the chef kid-friendly and willing to satisfy a child's appetite.

Lime-marinated and grilled lamb loin with spiced lentils and baby bok choy is succulent. The lentils are cooked in unsweetened coconut milk and on their own are a vegan favorite.

Another main plate is roast suckling pig with corn pudding, chorizo, mussels and hot smoked paprika. Served in a bowl, it takes the "bowl concept" to new heights.

MORE THAN WINDOW DRESSING

Currently, Chef Gavin's seasonal menu highlighting autumn is easily experienced with several housemade desserts. There's apple tart with rum sauce and cinnamon ice cream or pumpkin creme brulee with a maple cookie.

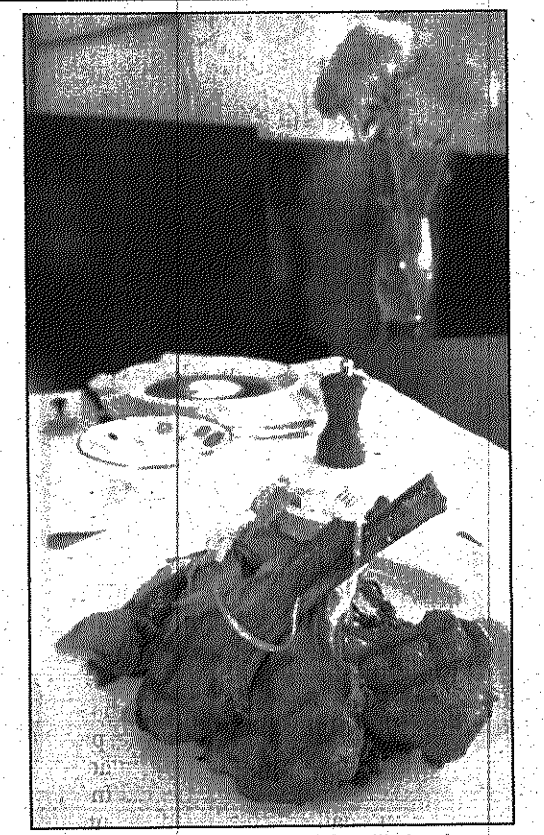
A short and well-chosen wine list focuses principally on West Coast U.S. wines with some real values from Australia. The highest-priced table wine is $50. A beer selection includes the popular Arcadia IPA and Bell's Best Brown.

Fiddleheads is warm, inviting, a comfortable come-as-you-are eatery. If you don't eat out regularly, it's a place you'll enjoy. If you become a regular, there will be enough rotating menu selections to keep you coming back to this neighborhood spot.

Contact **Eleanor Heald** at (734) 953-2047, mailbox 1864#.

FIDDLEHEADS

Where: 4313 West 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak (248)288-3744.
Open: Dinner Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday 5-10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday until 11 p.m.
Food style: Approachable contemporary American. Kid and vegan friendly.
Cost: Main courses $20 and under.
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Lime and ginger marinated lamb is grilled and presented on a bed of spiced lentils with baby bok choy. The delicata squash soup has a 'kick,' according to Chef Gavin McMillian.

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Drinkology

Get bold with single malt

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
CORRESPONDENTS

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If those words describe your taste in single malt scotch, then the new The Macallan Cask Strength $57/750mL is your kind of audacious dram, at approximately 58 percent alcohol by volume, rather than 43 percent.

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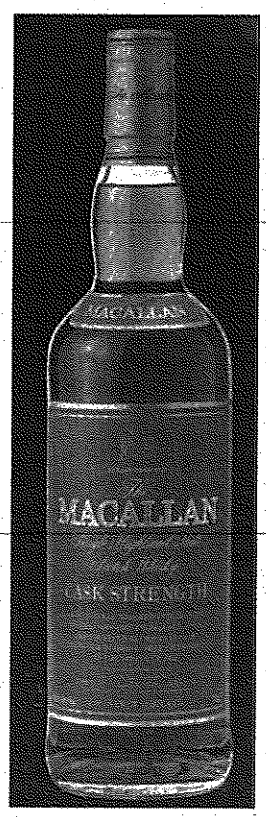
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Dinner theater

Spotlight Players presents *The Odd Couple*; 7 p.m. seating, 7:30 p.m. dinner, 8:30 p.m. curtain, Friday-Saturday, Nov. 7-8, Nov. 14-15; and 1 p.m. seating, 1:30 p.m. luncheon, 2:30 p.m. curtain, Sunday, Nov. 9 and 16, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, west of Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill, in Canton. Tickets $30 in advance, $35 day of performance, includes dinner and show. Call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.spotlightplayers.net

Wild game dinner

Chef Brian Polcyn and his staff will prepare a wild game dinner Monday, Nov. 10, at Five Lakes Grill, 424 N. Main St., Milford. The cost is $45 per person. A matching wine package is available for an additional $20. The menu features pheasant terrine with housemade pickles and red currant sauce, braised rabbit, roast leg of Michigan Whitetail venison, Maytag Bleu Cheese tart and warm Indian pudding. For reservations/information, call (248) 684-7455.

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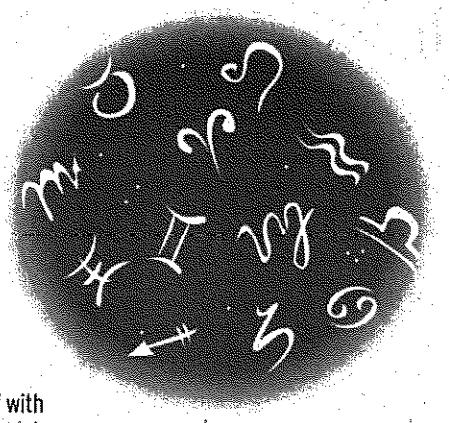
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ARIES (March 21-April 20)

There's no point in overtaxing yourself with so many commitments that you end up doing them improperly, feeling exhausted or cranky. Discard those things that are neither pleasurable nor worthwhile for the time being. Everyone will benefit if you look after yourself.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Surely it's apparent that a loved one or close chum isn't gonna give up, so why prolong the agony? Better to swallow your pride or distance yourself. Ease up - especially on those who've helped you become the person you are! Life is tough, but so is sandpaper.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

No matter how sensitive or vulnerable you feel now, it would be a mistake to take the comments of others to heart. They may try to play on a weakness, but the fact is that you are considerably stronger than they - and possibly you - appreciate.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

No matter what was said in anger recently, don't harbor grudges. Partnerships will improve - even more when you begin to forgive and forget. Don't burn out trying to keep pace with others. Stick to your own agenda and enjoy the light at the tunnel's end.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Listen to "today's" head, not yesterday's. Select, simplify and streamline are your keywords, even though you believe that just about anything is possible now. And so it is, but only if you start to select your targets, streamline your affairs and simplify your aims.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

You can't succeed at everything - you must decide which areas of your life require special attention. With the approaching lunar eclipse highlighting a need for balance, it is essential that you recognize your true priorities as well as your weaknesses before you act.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Certain individuals are hoping you will run true to form and take up the cudgels. However, if you bark too loud, no one will win over intensely personal issues. Unguarded remarks could put you back in the doghouse now. Listen and learn; plan and prosper.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

No doubt you would prefer to face up to harsh realities and do things in a totally direct, open manner. However, it will be what comes to light in a secret or confidential way that gives you the final piece of the puzzle and the opportunity to take the initiative.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

No matter how many personal or professional challenges you encounter right now, the sky's the limit if you believe in yourself and your abilities wholeheartedly. Don't withhold vital facts or information; no one truly cares about your insecurities or past.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Ignore others' attempts to undermine your confidence, position or security - sever unwanted connections and tackle intense difficulties with renewed energy and determination. Make things easier for yourself by becoming more confident, Sea-Goat!

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

No matter how passionate you feel about a project or lifestyle change, it's counterproductive to exclude all else. Potent outer-planet happenings are telling you that other people's feelings need to be considered. Be tactful, and don't be in such a hurry!

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Feelings of remorse, resentment, deprivation or anger must be analyzed, rationalized and then discarded now. Otherwise, you will remain trapped in a time warp and be oblivious to the opportunities to express your abilities. Swim atop a soapbox, say what's on your mind!

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Popular music

Rockabilly meets ghost cowboy with EJ Wells and the Haymakers

If you wonder what it's like to live above a funeral home, listen to EJ Wells and the Haymakers.

If you're curious about the kind of music made by a man obsessed with ghost towns and spaghetti-western movie scores, who spent endless days being high on amphetamines in the desert, check out Wells' music.

Chances are you've never heard songs like this. Music lovers might want to add EJ Wells and the Haymakers new CD *Rhyolite* to their collection. Imagine Rockabilly meets a ghost cowboy.

But first it's important to know that Wells kicked his drug and alcohol habit.

The Haymakers' music is an odd mix – imagine the 1980s band Wall of Voodoo (remember their hit song *Mexican Radio*?) meets Chris Isaac meets ... EJ Wells.

He describes it as spooky desert music influenced by ghost towns of the West and spaghetti westerns. It's not country/western, it's rock n' roll mixed with the creeps. The music is based on the West that Wells adores.

"The desert is the most glorious thing ever," Wells said. "The history there, especially the ghost towns, the Gold Rush ... there's just something about it where my heart will always be."

Wells, formerly of Nevada, and his band the Haymakers of Ohio, are bringing their music to Memphis Smoke in Royal Oak on Wednesday, Nov. 12, to celebrate the release of *Rhyolite*.

It's a refreshing, interesting, funny and well-written CD. The band is just beginning to grow and gain momentum, but its members are longtime musicians. Wells is founder of the Toledo Angels and played with the Human Darts, The Defectors and Loved by Millions. His musical career began in 1977. The Haymakers are Wells, singer/songwriter/guitarist; Don Binkley, bass and vocals; Dan O'Connor, guitar and vocals; Rick Nease, guitar and vocals; and Chuck Caswell, drums.

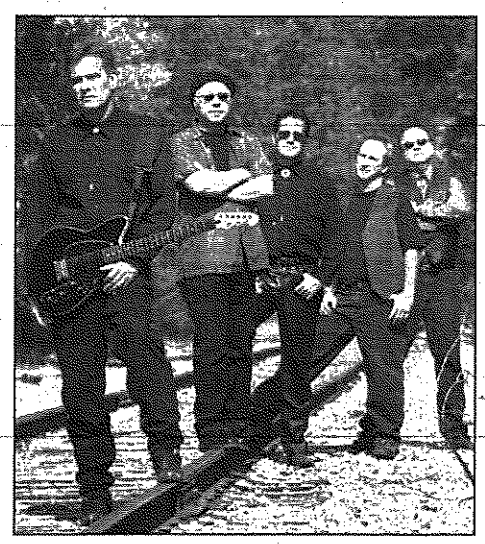
Wells' fascination with the West doesn't come without personal demons. Born in upstate New York and raised in northern California, he moved to Nevada in the 1980s and spent four years there addicted to amphetamines and alcohol.

While high, he'd spend days at a time in the desert writing songs that were later lost.

"Nevada did equal amounts of good for my songwriting and bad for my liver," said the now-healthy Wells. "My life was ball of confusion until about five years ago. ... The partying started out as fun, but then got terrible and there was nothing fun about it."

He had to leave the state he loved to get clean and hasn't returned in 10 years. Still, the vast desert and endless blue sky lives in his music and his heart. This year he plans to revisit the West. Some of the songs are tongue-in-cheek, others more serious. He covers Del Shannon's *Keep Searchin'*, but the rest of the CD is original. The creepy song, *Motherload*, was written in just two hours; *Downstairs at the Funeral Parlor* is about his days spent living above a funeral home. His job was to pick up dead bodies – a task Wells said could be very odd.

"A 'new' dead body makes all sorts of rickets and rumbles when it's in the back of the car and you're bringing it to the funeral home," he said.



EJ Wells (far left) and the Haymakers will play at Memphis Smoke.

E.J. WELLS & THE HAYMAKERS

Musical genre: Don't think country, think spaghetti western soundtracks mixed with western rock n' roll. Wonderfully creepy stuff.
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More music

Black celebrates joys of fatherhood

Gus Black is tackling a subject that touches many men – the joys of fatherhood.

The public radio darling, singer/songwriter, who writes and performs pop acoustic guitar melodies, just released his latest CD, *Uncivilized Love*. It's his first since the free-flowing hit single, *Laugh I Could Learn to Love* in 1999.

Black is influenced by mythologist Joseph Campbell, Neil Young, John Lennon and John Fante.

But his son is the biggest influence.

"My 2-year-old son Angus has completely changed my world," Black said. "I look at him and he's so real and beautiful. Becoming a parent is the single most important undertaking of my entire life. It's made me look at everything from a new perspective."

Black's vision can be heard on *Uncivilized Love*, a beautiful album with acoustic-based backdrops and warm imagery.

He celebrates fatherhood in *Despacio*, a soothing, melodic pop song.

"The track remained unfinished for a while until one day I was carrying Angus in a baby sling across my chest while playing the song over and over," Black said. "We were staring into each other's eyes, and I felt this intense desire for strength and a need to protect and provide for him and that was when the string section and piano line came to me. It was an incredible feeling."

Black considers his music a father-son collaboration; Angus made his first musical appearance in the song *Debut*.

"We brought him down to the studio and (he) laughed like crazy, so we recorded him and wrote a song around it in like 15-20 minutes. No lyrics, just his little laugh with music around it. I'll never forget that day," said Black.

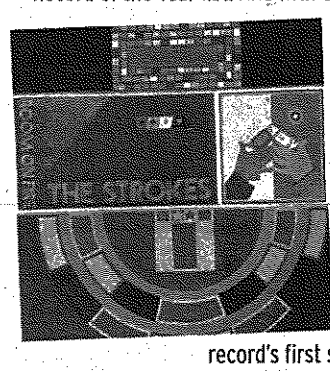
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Pure Picks

Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda, we present our top entertainment picks for the week, "Filtered" just for you.

Album



Hey, have you heard? **The Strokes** have a new album out. I'm not sure how you could've missed it. They are plastered all over every major music magazine this month. With ***Room on Fire,*** the New York darlings' second full-length release, the band is once again headed for every year-end Record of the Year list. And with every spin of The Strokes' *Room on Fire,* I like it a little more – which is good or bad depending on how you look at it. But I'll get to that a little later.

Perhaps the most surprising thing here is that there isn't a synth anywhere on this album – it's all guitars and drums. (Especially surprising if you have heard the record's first single, *12:51,* with its Nintendo-like guitars.) The cunning guitar work is a little like Interpol, but overall this record is still very much what makes The Strokes who they are. The skins sound more like a drum machine and become an element all to themselves. Guitars are never overblown – there is not an egotistical rock solo in the whole record – but they are experimental. Vocals are still sung as if recorded through a children's karaoke machine from RadioShack.



PHOTO BY COLIN LANE

If nothing else, The Strokes are good at conveying cool. *The End had No End, Automatic Stop* and *I Can't Win* are the kind of layered cool that makes you wish you could be a New York hipster, strung out on lost loves and hard drinking. But the real reason to pick up this record is the mesmerizing "ballad," *Under Control.* With its layered, criss-crossed guitar melody, sporadic drum solos and lyrical lament, it will easily make it to every mix tape this winter.

But can this album live up to the hype? I'm going to have to rely on my gut about this one. Generally, if I immediately like an album (that pop-whizz-wow thing) it is something that will stand the test of time. If it takes me a few turns to get into it, it tends to mean that while this record won't leave my stereo for a few weeks, it will be forgotten in two years time. And if The Strokes will ever live up to their media hype, they will need a record that lasts. Still, overhyped claims of not pushing the envelope are hardly true – The Strokes have refined their sound and made a good album. I just can't wait for that great one.

Room on Fire is out now and available at most local record stores.



Local band

Mother Goose wants to be a rock 'n roll star, too. The four stay-at-home moms that make up the **Candy Band** know that having kids doesn't mean you have to trade in coolness for a minivan. Daniela "Skittles" Burckhardt, Paula "Almond Joy" Messner, Anita "Kit Kat" Kelly and Tammy "Starburst" Ristau opt to play their favorite nursery rhymes in a rock 'n roll style that would make even the most fervent punkers proud. And on Saturday you can bring the kids to Tower Records in downtown Birmingham for a free concert at 3 p.m. Listen to *SpongeBob Squarepants* and *Hickory Dickory Rock* the way they were meant to be played – loud and lively. It'll probably be one of the only times you can rock with your kids and not embarrass them. For more on the band, visit http://www.candyband.com. For details on Saturday's performance, call (248) 647-1707. – Megan Pennefather

Show

He's a lumberjack and he's OK. He sleeps all night and he's coming to Ann Arbor. Former Monty Python troupe member **Eric Idle** will appear Monday at the Michigan Theatre, 603 E. Liberty in Ann Arbor. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are $39.50 for the floor, $36.50-$39.50 for the balcony and can be purchased through Ticketmaster at http//:www.ticketmaster.com or by calling (248) 645-6666.

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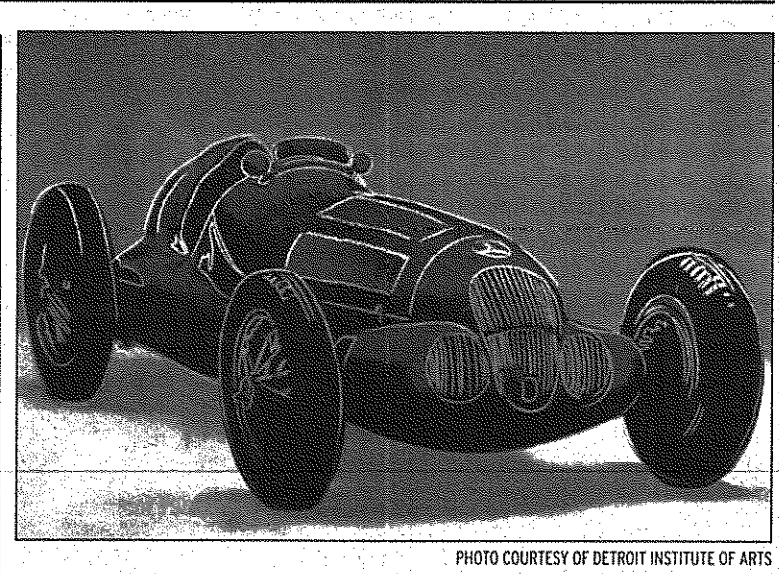


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PROFESSIONAL THEATER

Meadow Brook Ensemble Theatre
The Gravity of Honey, through Sunday; matinee and evening shows, Meadow Brook Theatre, campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills, $23-$33, series subscriptions begin at $89, available through December, (248) 377-3300.

Jewish Ensemble Theatre
Midwest premiere of *Dirty Story*, by John Patrick Shanley, through Nov. 23, Aaron DeRoy Theatre, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, (248) 788-2900 or www.jettheatre.org

Detroit Repertory Theatre
Here and There by Esther Blumenfeld 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, $17, through Dec. 28, and New Year's Eve, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit; (313) 868-1347, www.detroitreptheatre.com

Michigan Opera Theatre
Madame Butterfly by Giacomo Puccini, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8-16, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, (313) 237-SING, www.MichiganOpera.org

COMMUNITY THEATER

Schoolcraft College
Dracula at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just east of I-275. Choose a dinner theater setting on Friday, and Saturday, Nov. 15, or a theater performance only on Saturday and Friday, Nov. 14. The dinner theater production begins at 6:30 p.m. with a meal of lasagna, salad, vegetable and tiramisu. Tickets for the dinner theater are $22. The theater-only performance begins at 8 p.m., with tickets priced at $10, call (734) 462-4596

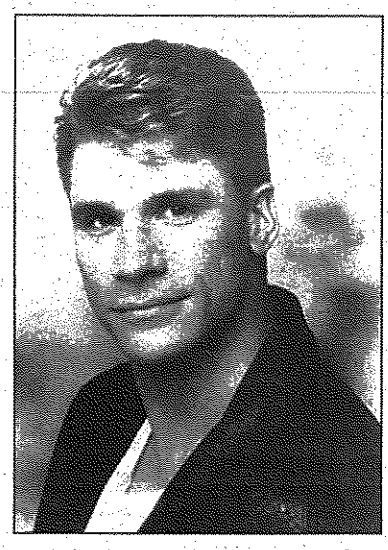
Trinity House Theatre
Hospitality Suite by Roger Reuff, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and Nov. 14-15; 2 p.m. Sunday and Nov. 16; $12, $9 for theater members, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 464-6302.

Rosedale Community Players
Escanaba in Da Moonlight, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River, Detroit, $12, (313) 532-4010.

Broadway on Stage
All's Well in 804, comedy by local author Ed Thomas, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, through Saturday, Nov. 22, 21517 Kelly Road at Toepfer, (8 1/2 Mile Road), Eastpointe, $15, (586) 771-6333.

Stagecrafters
To Kill a Mockingbird, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7-23, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 541-6430, www.stagecrafters.org

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook
Les Liaisons Dangereuses by Christopher Hampton at 8 p.m. tonight through Saturday, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 644-0527, www.StDunstanTheatre.com



Paul Ritchie presents a cabaret-style program of patriotic music, selections from Broadway and MGM musicals, Frank Sinatra, Al Jolson and other performers, 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Congregation Beth Shalom, 14601 W. Lincoln, Oak Park. Dessert reception follows program. Tickets $12 at the door, call (248) 547-7970.

The Lafayette Grande
We Are Not Good Girls, a blues musical by Kate Hart, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, noon Sunday; arrive one hour earlier for dinner or brunch, 155 Lafayette, Pontiac, $22.50 in advance, $25 door, dinner & show, (248) 366-0027 or www.wearnotgoodgirls.com

Pontiac Theatre IV
Scrooge, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 7-8, Nov. 14-16, Pontiac Northern High School, 1051 Arlene, Pontiac, $10, (248) 681-6215.

Clarkston Village Players
Light Sensitive by Jim Geoghan, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 7-22, $10 Thursday & Sunday, $12 for Friday-Saturday, (248) 625-8811 or www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org.

YOUTH

Domino Farms
Opening reception for local artist Steven Blake Miller and his show *Airplanes to Zebras*, a collection of works targeted to children, noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, pizza party with activities, Ave Maria Fine Art Gallery, 24 Frank Lloyd Wright Drive, Ann Arbor. NO charge, but call to register (734) 930-7514, www.lookatmypaintings.com

Disney on Ice
The Jungle Book Tarzan, Nov. 12-16, the Palace of Auburn Hills, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 11 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. Friday; 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday; 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, $15, $18.50, $25, $35 & $45, (248) 645-6666, www.disneyonice.com

Sara Smith Productions
The Adventures of Mary Poppins 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, The Community House, 380 S. Bates, St., Birmingham, $7 in advance, $9 at door, (248) 644-5832.

Candy Band
Rock 'n roll music for kids and adults; 3 p.m. Saturday at Tower Records in downtown Birmingham; concert is free; call (248) 647-1707. www.candyband.com

Doll show
Curtis Brown Doll and Art Show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, International Institute, 111 E. Kirby, Detroit, (313) 393-4717.

Mickey Mouse
Happy 75th birthday celebration 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Detroit Children's Museum, 6134 Second, Detroit. Call (313) 873-8100 to register.

AUDITIONS

Stagecrafters
Evita adult auditions are Saturday with registration at 9:30 a.m. for dancers who sing, For singers who move, registration is at 1:30 p.m. with auditions at 2 p.m. Adult auditions will be held at the Starr Presbyterian Church, 1717 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak. Show dates are Jan. 16 - Feb. 8, 2004, (248) 541-8027, www.stagecrafters.org

Radio City Christmas Spectacular
Boys and girls 7-11 years old, walk-on roles in the "Living Nativity Scene" in one of three school performances Dec. 4, 11 and 16. RSVP to contests@olympiaentertianment.com (write kids walk-on role auditions in subject line of the e-mail) or call (313) 471-3288 with name, age and phone number by Friday. Participants must report to the Fox Theatre by 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12. Children a few steps from the Rockettes before the audition. Three children will be awarded roles.

Village Players
Swingtime Canteen, musical, 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17. Come 30 minutes early to register. Female vocalists who can sing songs of the '40s in harmony and solo. Music available at Adult Services, Baldwin Library, Birmingham. Come prepared to sing a song from the show and dressed for movement. Village Players Playhouse, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham. Performances weekends Jan. 23-Feb. 8, (248) 644-2075, (248) 540-3750.

CLASSICAL/POP

DSO
Reflections on Peace and War, Gunther Herbig conductor, Robert Levin, piano, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, 8:30 p.m. Saturday; Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra, 3 p.m. Sunday; The Max, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 576-5111, www.detroitsymphony.org

Kerrytown Concert House
Rebel, from Biber to Bach, 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, 415 4th Ave., Ann Arbor, (734) 769-2999, www.kerrytown.com/concerthouse.

Cranbrook Music Guild
Rebel, a Baroque music ensemble, from Biber to Bach, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, sanctuary of Christ Church Cranbrook, 460 Church Road, southwest corner of Cranbrook and Lone Pine Roads, Bloomfield Hills. Program of music from the late 1600s to 1700s, afterglow in the Guild Hall. $30 adults, $15 students at the door, (248) 644-6352.

Birmingham Musicale
Parade of American Music, 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, the Community House, 380 Bates, tea follows program. Bonnie Brooks, soprano, presents a program representing 15 American composers. No charge, donations accepted.

Ann Arbor Symphony
Virtuoso Italian, 8 p.m. Saturday, Michigan Theatre, downtown Ann Arbor, (734) 994-4801, www.a2so.com

Nardin Park
Music of Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, Richard Rodgers, Leonard Bernstein, 2:15 p.m. reception, 3 p.m. concert, Sunday, 29887 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. (248) 476-8860, no charge.

FOLK/WORLD

The Ark
Battlefield Band 8 p.m. Friday, RFD Boys 8 p.m. Saturday, Willy Porter 7:30 p.m. Sunday, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, (734) 763-8587, www.a2ark.org

UMS
Israeli folk singer Chava Alberstein 8 p.m. Saturday, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington, Ann Arbor, $20-$34, (734) 764-2538, www.ums.org

Blackthorn
At O'Mara's Restaurant and Pub, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 14-15, Nov. 28-29, Dec. 5-6, Dec. 19-20, (248) 399-6750, www.blackthornt.com

John Cowley & Sons Irish Tavern
Joy Sparks & Chris Brantley, modern acoustic duo 9:30 p.m. Thursday; The Lash, Celtic rock music 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 33338 Grand River, Farmington, (248) 474-5941.

John McCutcheon
Folk music/storytelling 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Royal Oak First United Methodist Church, 320 W. Seventh, Royal Oak, $15, $12 students/seniors, (248) 541-4100, www.whosatfirst.org

Barrage
Brings *Vagabond Tales* to the Palace of Auburn Hills 8 p.m. Saturday. International cast of 11 use a variety of instruments including violin, harmonica, guitar, Irish whistles. $35, $25, and $10, at the box office, Ticketmaster, (248) 645-6666 or www.palacenet.com

JAZZ/BLUES/MOTOWN

Ron's Fireside Inn
Shahita Nurullah, vocals, 7:30-11 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12; Russ Miller, reeds, Nov. 17, Harvey Thompson, vocals, Nov. 26; 28937 Warren, Garden City, $5 cover with dinner, $10 cover without dinner and two-drink minimum, reservations recommended. (734) 762-7756.

Battle of the Blues Contest
At Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., downtown Royal Oak, 8 p.m. to midnight, Sunday; final showdown Sunday, Nov. 23. For schedules, performers and more information, call (866) 464-2947.

Silky's Martini & Musical Cafe
Jill Jack, Thursday, Desire (Motown) Friday, KGB (Motown) Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., 21931 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, $5 cover weekends after 8:30 p.m., (313) 565-6278, www.silkyslounge.com

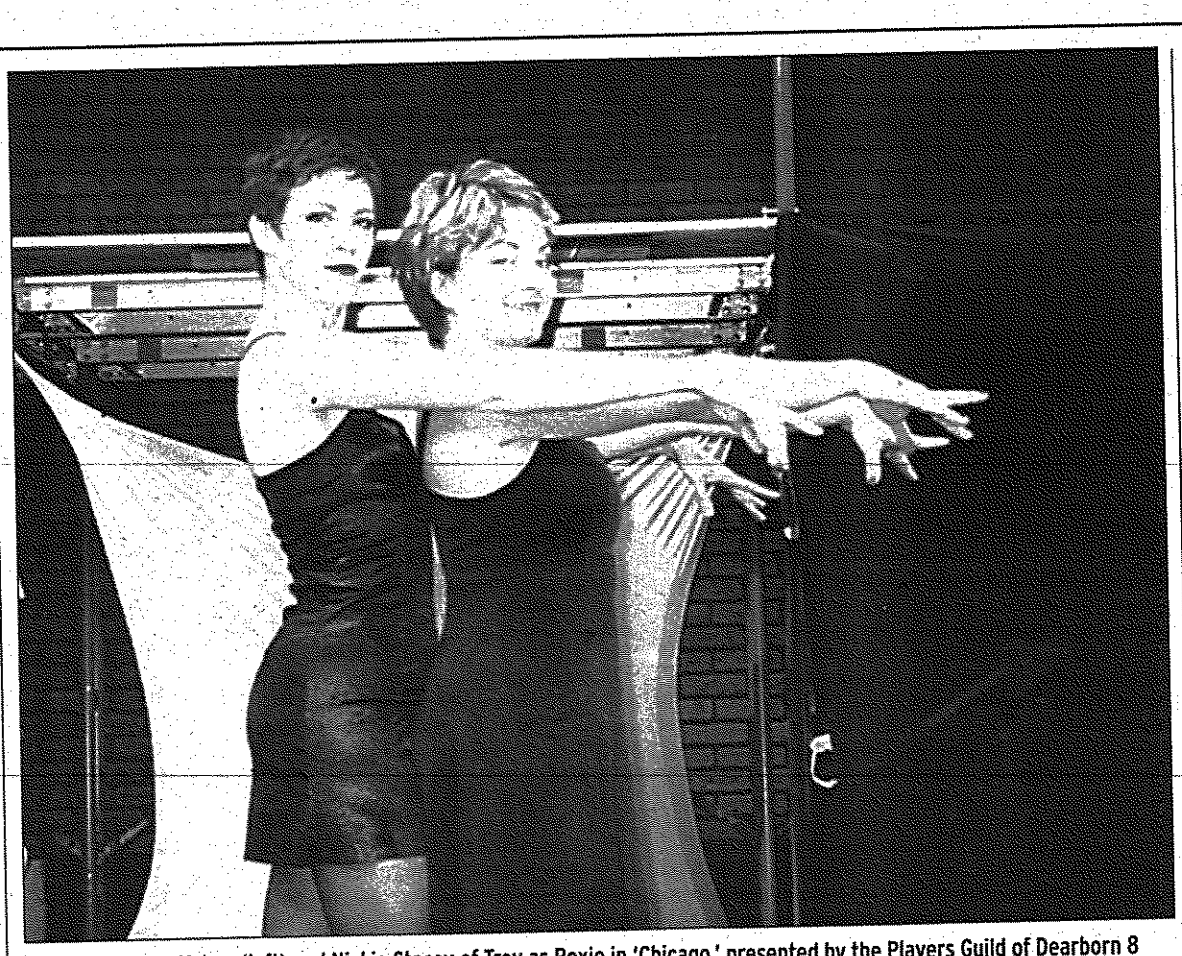
Mocha's Coffee Bar and Cafe
Classic tunes of saxophonist Alan Posner and keyboardist, Justin Wedes, 8-11 p.m. Friday and Nov. 14, Dec. 12, 6343 Haggerty Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 669-7400.

Edison's
The Blue Kings, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday; Thornetta Davis, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, (248) 645-2150.

Bird of Paradise
Frank Morgan 9 & 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 312 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, $20, (734) 662-8310.

ROCK

Bullfrog Bar and Grill
Troubleman with Openers, 15414 Telegraph, Redford, (313) 533-4477.



Emily Tyrybon as Velma (left) and Nickie Stacey of Troy as Roxie in 'Chicago,' presented by the Players Guild of Dearborn 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 21730 Madison, southeast of Monroe and Outer Drive, Dearborn. Show continues weekends through Nov. 30. Tickets $14, call (313) 561-TKTS, www.playersguildofdearborn.org

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Birmingham Temple
Juried art show, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday; opening night gala reception, 7-10:30 p.m. Friday; 28611 12 Mile Road, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills, works of over 100 artists. Reception tickets $15, no charge for art show.

Stoney Creek Christmas
Folk art and craft show 2-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Van Hoosen Farmhouse, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, Rochester Hills, $3 at the door, children 10 and younger free, (248) 656-4663, www.rochesterhills.org/museum.htm

Red, White & Blue Christmas
A holiday celebration featuring the 200 voice Michigan/Ohio Choir, the Three Tenors, a brass ensemble and dancers 3 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, Dearborn, 3 & 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, Macomb Performing Arts Center, $19, $17, (800) 993-7464.

COMEDY

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle
Mike Lukas, 8 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastley.com

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase
Leo Dufour, 8 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 996-9080.

Professional Comedy Seminar
Presented by Chili Challis and Dobie Maxwell, 4-8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, registration, meet and greet 3 p.m. Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase, $99; (734) 996-9080 to register.

DANCE

Ballroom Dancing
Moondusters will host ballroom dancing to live bands, featuring popular swing, fox trot, waltz, cha-cha and other Latin 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday $6. Dressy attire. Singles and married. Meet at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road and Five Mile, Livonia. Call Joe (248) 968-5197.

MUSEUMS, PARKS AND TOURS

Cranbrook Institute of Science
Full Circle First Contact: Vikings and Skraelings in Newfoundland and Labrador, through Jan. 4, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, $7 adults, $5 children (877) 462-7262, www.cranbrook.edu

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm
The 16-acre museum complex tells the story of Oakland County's earliest pioneers. Admission includes tours of the 1840 Van Hoosen Farmhouse, 1850 Tenant Red House and 1927 Van Hoosen Dairy Barn. The museum's new permanent exhibit, A Lively Town, uses more than 200 images and 100 artifacts to show the development of the Rochester area. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, at the museum on Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off Tienken. (248) 645-4663 or visit www.rochesterhills.org/museum.htm

Ann Arbor Hands On Museum
Celebrating 20 years of discovery, museum offers more than 250 science and technology exhibits to explore the world of science, 220 E. Ann. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. $7, $5 children, students and seniors. (734) 995-KIDS or www.laahom.org

The Henry Ford
Fall harvest at Greenfield Village, Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. $8.50-$13.50. (313) 271-1620. For IMAX ticket prices and show times, call (800) 747-IMAX (4629).

Meadow Brook Hall
Tours 1:30 p.m. Monday-Sunday, and 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, cost is $12.50, $8.50 seniors over age 62, $6 children under 12, children under 2 free; Tea on Tuesday $35, at Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. For information, visit the Web site at www.meadowbrookhall.org

CLUBS/BARS

Sevin The Nightclub
Sevin, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac, (248) 745-7461, www.sevinthenightclub.com. Hours are 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. Ranges from $5 to $20; no charge for ladies, excluding special events and holidays.

George & Harry's Blues Cafe
George & Harry's, 22048 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. Call (313) 359-2799. Friday and Saturday shows begin at 10:30 p.m. Weekday shows begin at 9 p.m.

Club Bart
22726 Woodward, Ferndale. All shows at 10 p.m. Ongoing Thursdays and Sundays, comedy night; and Fridays and Saturdays EvenExchange (Motown, R & B and Jazz). Call (248) 548-8746.

Mephisto's
2764 Florian Avenue. Want a taste of the music at Mephisto's? Visit its entertaining Web site www.mephistosdetroit.com. While surfing you'll dance in your seat to the heavy techno beat repeating 'here we go.' Mephisto's is close to both I-75 (off Caniff) and I-94 in Hamtramck (off Mt. Elliott). This 21 & over club where proper attire is mandatory is new to our ever-changing club scene and features three levels including a VIP lounge and terrace. Music is techno, hip hop, old school and top 40. And when you aren't dancing, check out the very worthwhile art: 1940s glamor girl pinups and much, much more. Hours: Thursday, Friday and Saturday 7 p.m. to 2 a.m., (313) 875-3627.

Reggae
Tropical Hut Lounge, 14925 Livernois, Detroit near Fenkell. This is not one of those suburban nightclubs that pretend to be an island-style bar with fake grass and palm. It's one of Detroit's truly authentic Reggae/roots clubs that attracts the city's island-born residents. Tropical Hut DJs have the pulse on the freshest music from Africa, the Caribbean and West Indies. Wednesdays, Ladies Night; Thursdays, Reggae Night; Fridays, Friday Surprise; Saturdays, African Night; Sundays, Fun Sundays. Open 4-9 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday; 4 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Thursday-Saturday; 5 p.m. to midnight Sunday, (313) 861-5340.

Majestic Theatre
4140 Woodward Ave. Detroit. Parking available on street and behind building. It seems that every blues, underground, industrial, punk, reggae, world and Americana band has played here. Buju Banton and Burning Spear played here as did Social Distortion's Mike Ness. Attire is freestyle, casual and up. There the lanes and balls glow in the dark and the rock n' roll crowd enjoys a good bowl while the Ramones play off in the background. Call for hours, (313) 833-9700.

Parabox Cafe
1927 Michigan Ave., Detroit, at the corner of Rosa Parks Blvd. Metro Detroit's friendly Latin residents gather here for salsa dancing to DJs and live music. Women wear dresses and high heels and men wear suits or flamboyant club wear. Strict dress code, no jeans or tennis shoes. This is the place where couples dance. And if you're a woman going stag, it's no problem. You'll be asked to dance by patrons, who are skilled dancers. Expect to be politely spun around the dance floor and thanked afterward before they move on to the next partner. Fridays are occasionally world music night and the Latin music is on Saturdays. Valet parking is available. Call for hours, (313) 313-268-2325.

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Art

Meet new artists at local galleries

Local galleries are hosting receptions to introduce new artists this week. Here are some you won't want to miss.

Print Gallery
Fine art assemblage by Michael Smith and lithography, intaglio, oils and mixed media by James Connor, Nov. 6 to Dec. 15. Reception to meet the artists 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6 with karaoke, 29173 Northwestern Highway, Franklin at 12 Mile Plaza, Southfield, www.EverythingArt.com, (248) 356-5454.

Art Leaders Gallery
"Come Visit Europe" through the eyes of Russian master Viktor Shvaiko. His one man exhibition of original paintings and limited edition serigraphs on canvas continues through Nov. 30.
Gala opening reception and book signing with the artist 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served; daytime open house 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, 33030 Northwestern Highway at 14 Mile Road, West Bloomfield, (888) 264-4887, www.artleaders.com.

Washington Street Gallery
Heiju Oak Packard, *Linescapes*, Woven Panels, through Nov. 30, opening reception 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, 120 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 761-2287, www.wsg.-art.com

University of Michigan
On the Wall, Nov. 7-30, School of Art & Design, Work gallery, 306 S. State St., Ann Arbor, undergraduate artists and designers exhibit two-dimensional work in a range of media. Opening reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, (734) 998-6178; www.art-design.umich.edu

Lemberg Gallery
Beverly Fishman, *From Here to There*, gallery talk and book signing, 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, show continues to Nov. 22, 23241 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com

Detroit Contemporary Gallery
Actual Size Biennial, over 250 works of art the size of a 1/4 sheet of paper, Nov. 8 to Dec. 21, opening reception 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, 5141 Rosa Parks Blvd., Detroit, (313) 898-4ART, www.detroitcontemporary.com

Revolution
John Gains, Consuming the American Landscape, and Robert Turner, Shaping Silence, lecture 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, 23257 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 541-3444.

Creative Arts Center
Tibetan Buddhist monks will construct a Mandala Sand Painting, Tuesday-Saturday, Nov. 11-15, at the center, 47 Williams St., Pontiac. Opening ceremony at noon Tuesday, Nov. 11, closing ceremony, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15.
Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, noon to 7 p.m. Friday. For more information, call (248) 333-7849.

Family fun

Discover new traditions at Harvest Indian Festival

Let's be honest: For most us, Thanksgiving is dinner with the family and not much more.

Which is not to say such an act falls short of a bona-fide tradition or even a ritual of sorts.

But if you've grown weary of Mr. Turkey and his trappings, why not seek out a fresh point of view, one that's truly a cornucopia of rituals, ceremony and legend?

The 11th Annual Autumn Harvest Indian Festival, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, presents such an opportunity.

Native Americans representing the People of Three Fires – Michigan's indigenous tribes – and their art work, crafts, music and especially dance ceremonies are the heart of this festival.

In full regalia, ceremonial dance may be customary to the Ottawa, Ojibwa and Potawatomi tribes, all of which are represented here, but not to outsiders, said William Memberto, a Native American and coordinator of the festival's ceremonial programming.

"It's not just our dances, but our culture, that really kind of catches people," he remarked, adding, "It's interesting, a lot of people are very moved by the fact that we still have this culture."

More than 50 Native American dancers, all from Michigan, plan to perform. Some do so as families, but each performer has been handpicked by Memberto. The youngest dancer is 5. One family will represent four generations, Memberto said.

"We are primarily doing a social type of dance that really has its origins in the Pow Wow forms of dancing. We will talk about the history and of the different types of dances presented also."

Several categories of dance, including the ever-popular hoop dance, are done. Each form, and each dance for that matter, tells a narrative story while also exploring Native American spiritual beliefs. Cultural chants, traditional songs, drumming and storytelling are prominent elements, as well.

11TH ANNUAL AUTUMN HARVEST INDIAN FESTIVAL

When: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.
Where: Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen Road, south of 11 Mile Road.
Tickets: General admission, $6.50, children age 2 and younger are free; call (248) 352-0990.

CRAFT DEMONSTRATIONS

New this year are craft demonstration areas where observers can watch the making of dreamcatchers, moccasins, baskets and beaded wares.

All food will be Native American, so look for Indian tacos, buffalo burgers, corn soup and the crowd favorite, fry bread.

Likewise, all arts and crafts are Native American, with vendors coming from the Midwest, East Coast and Northern Canada, said Alexis Bourkoulas, festival coordinator.

About 15,000 attend the event annually. Currently, about 4,000 pre-show tickets have been sold, she said.

"The culture and ritual are so beautiful and rich," added Bourkoulas. "It's really an educational event that's entertaining, which is a good formula for families. It's around the time of Thanksgiving, so many kids are learning about Native Americans, it's part of the curriculum in many schools during the next two weeks."

So gather together and harvest some tradition, ritual, learning and festivity for November.



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Jody Gaskin, an Ojibwa and accomplished hoop dancer, is set to perform at the 11th Annual Autumn Harvest Indian Festival in Southfield.



It's Time To PARTY!

All around the metro area, people are getting revved up to head out to their favorite bars and clubs this Thanksgiving weekend. Whether they're checking out a show, a game or hitting the dance floor, the cities are going to be flooded with people looking for a great time.

On November 27, Filter will feature a guide complete with cover story, editorial listings and more. This is your opportunity to show our readers that your establishment can provide an experience that will meet their expectations of the night. After all, it's the holidays! And that means that everyone will be flocking home to reunite with their friends from the hometown. Don't miss out on this chance to market yourself as the place to be on this popular weekend!

Don't miss this opportunity! Our cover story on November 27th will celebrate the Big Weekend Party's s! Plus, FILTER will include a complete guide to going out during Thanksgiving Weekend. Reserve your ad space early. The proof deadline is Thursday, November 20th!

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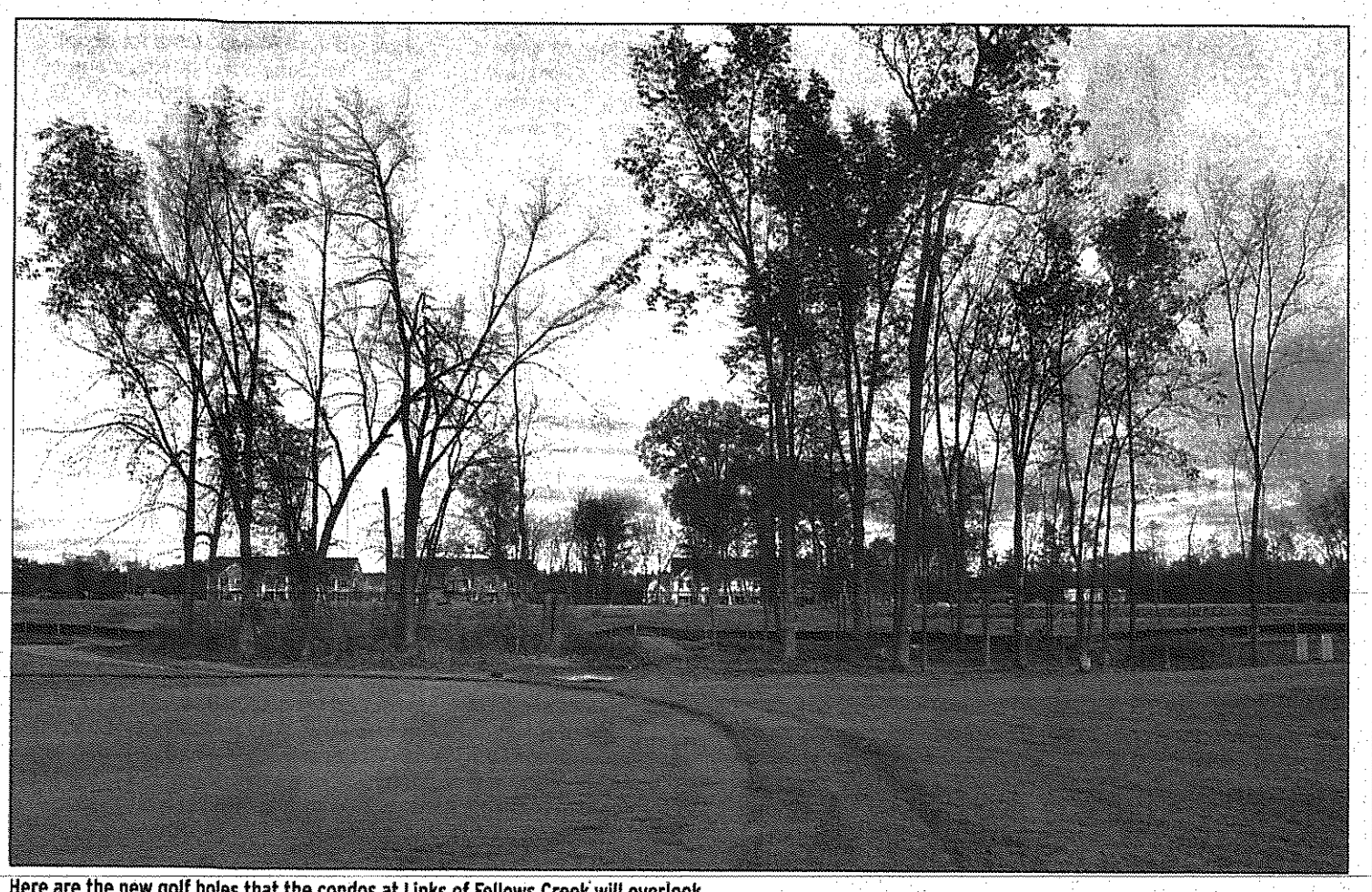
I agree with you that it is unfair and unreasonable, but unfortunately, the federal appellate courts have felt that it's not a violation of the U.S. Constitution's Equal Protection Clause. The courts have stated that because of the presumption of constitutionality, and the legitimate economic rational for these types of ordinances, the ordinance generally survives equal protection scrutiny and is upheld. It does not mean, however, that you cannot exert political pressure on your local municipality to change these conditions.

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Here are the new golf holes that the condos at Links of Fellows Creek will overlook.

Beautiful land, not golf, reason people choose home on fairway

BY BARRY JENSEN
CORRESPONDENT

Living in a home along a golf course has long been a sign of serious wealth. After all, condominiums are not built along golf courses. Or are they?

More and more subdivision and condominium communities are going up along golf courses. You don't have to play golf to enjoy living in one of these golf course developments, said David Steuer, owner/manager of Steuer & Canvasser Inc. of Farmington Hills, which developed Golfside Village of Superior and Golfside Village of Westland.

Many people, perhaps most of the people who buy condominiums along golf courses, do not play golf. But they like to be associated with the golfing lifestyle and perceive many benefits from living next to a golf course.

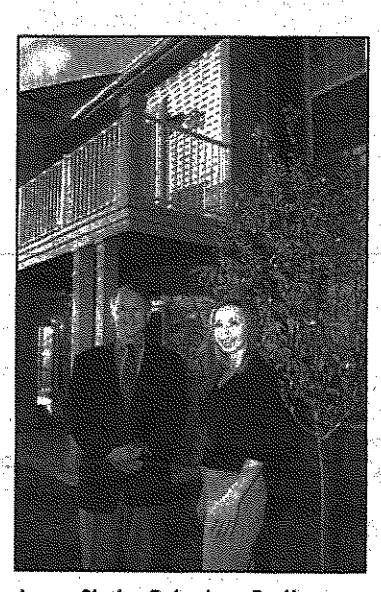
"Only 30 percent of the people who buy along a golf course actually play golf," said Paul Robertson, president of Robertson Brothers. "It's just such high-quality open space. It's well-maintained. It's always green. And for those who enjoy people watching, there's always someone walking by. It's all good and no bad."

COMMUNITIES BENEFIT

Golf course condominium developments can be good for the communities in which they are built. "The golf course takes up maybe 150 acres that otherwise might be filled with more homes and stores," Steuer said. "This way, there is less traffic and puts fewer cars on the neighborhood streets."

These condos use land efficiently, yet the "attached" golf course provides the feeling of extraordinary spaciousness. Pretty land is just one of the benefits of a golf course community.

"There is a certain amount of prestige associated with golfing communities," said Suzette Collins, sales representative at



James Clarke, Robertson Brothers vice president and chief operating officer, and Melanie McCarthy stand in front of Melanie's condo at Links of Fellow Creek in Canton.

The Links of Fellows Creek in Canton. "And people like to be a part of the things they enjoy.

"A lot of people come in here (The Links of Fellows Creek) because they are golfers and want to be identified as a member of a golf course community. But we also get a lot of people who like the look of a home along a golf course."

OPEN SPACE

Even having a home along a fairway is not critical to many people. "Just having the golf course there adds another 155 acres of open space to our condominium community (Golfside Village of Superior)," Steuer said. "People love it. They love the scenery. The land is maintained by someone else. It's paid for by someone else."

"Having the lush green backdrop of a golf course, this place (The Ponds at Gateway in Romulus) has a resort atmosphere. Coming here is like being on vacation," said Ron Benivegna, president of Benivegna Building Co. in West Bloomfield.

"The golf course here (The Ponds at Gateway) is more like a benefit than a big deal," said Jill Gallagher, the sales manager at the condominium community.

"Not a lot of the people are really excited to be on a golf course," Gallagher said. "Most of the people I've talked with are more interested that they won't have to concern themselves with whether their neighbor mows his grass and takes care of his yard. They know the golf course will."

It isn't just the beautiful land. For some future homeowners, it's the activity. "People like to sit on their balconies and watch the active sports," said James Clarke, Robertson Brothers vice president and chief operating officer. "It's a good place for people-watching."

"Some golf courses allow neighbors to cross country ski in the winter," Steuer said. "That means year-around recreation."

More than half the land at Pine Knob Enclaves condo development in Independence Township is devoted to open space, said Mario D'Agostini. His condominium development adjoins Pine Knob Golf Course.

People who buy a condo at that development get a deal — $5,000 worth of golfing at the course is included in their purchase price.

D'Agostini also made a deal with the landowner so he could build alongside a golf course. "The man who bought the golf course bought it with an additional 20 acres included. We are building on that additional 20 acres," D'Agostini said.

THE FUTURE

There would seem to be an extreme shortage of space next to golf courses, but Robertson says that's not necessarily so.

"Golf courses have been a bit overbuilt, so we can sometimes make deals that benefit both the golf course owner and Robertson Brothers by converting the last nine holes into a condominium community," he said.

"When an opportunity to built along a golf course comes up, we make contact with the seller and see whether he's interested in working with us to develop a golf course community," Clarke said. "We can go in and tell the owner of the golf course that we have experience doing these type of projects. We are familiar with the spaces necessary and the way homes should be built along courses. In some cases, we build on land made available to us by the golf course. In others, we buy land next to a golf course and give some of the land to the golf course in exchange for the right to build there."

Because it's the beautiful land, more than the sport of golf, that attracts people, developers are looking beyond golf courses.

"We're always looking for more high-quality land," Robertson said. "Our next opportunity may be building along two lakes near Milford. It's the same high-quality open space along lakes that you find along golf courses."

HISTORY

The local boom in golf course community probably began in the 1980s, when Robertson Brothers bought a former gravel pit in Bloomfield Township.

"It was unbuildable," Robertson said. "I was turning over in my mind what could be done with the land, and I came up with the idea of putting a nine-hole golf course on top of the gravel."

That plan became The Heathers.

"We acquired the land in '84, but weren't able to begin construction of the homes until '89," Robertson said.

"Our interest in golf course communities sorta rolled on from The Heathers," Clarke said. "A golf course is a good amenity for the lifestyle we're selling."

Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

No cash, no excuse

Homebuyers with very little cash — or very little desire to spend their cash — often use high loan-to-value loans to purchase properties. Unlike traditional mortgage lenders who grant loans based primarily on borrowers' strengths, "equity lenders" grant mortgages based more on the value of the property.

Buying a home using a very small down payment lets borrowers leverage their investment. If you pay $10,000 out-of-pocket for a home that appreciates $5,000 per year, you would achieve a 50 percent annual rate of return on your investment. Purchase the same property with $1,000 instead, and your rate of return jumps to 500 percent.

FHA mortgages are great for homebuyers with small down payments. Qualified FHA borrowers can get up to 97 percent financing to purchase homes if the loan amounts do not exceed prescribed limits. Others with badly bruised credit, those in need of 100 percent financing, or those requiring very large or "jumbo" mortgages, may still qualify for "FHA look-alikes" which some lenders offer to fill those niches.

Equity lenders offer loans (or loan combinations) totaling up to 100 percent of a property's value without deeply scrutinizing the borrowers' credit history. Most will also allow the property seller to pay for the borrower's closing costs and will not require escrow accounts. Mortgage insurance premiums are usually factored into the interest rate so they can be tax-deductible.

MINIMUM DOWN

If you decide to pursue a minimum-down home purchase, the lender will validate that the property is worth the requested amount. You should plan on added time and expense for a "review appraisal" prior to final loan approval. Also, expect to pay a slightly higher interest rate on your new mortgage, especially if the PMI is factored into the rate. A very high LTV makes for a more risky mortgage because the borrowers have a small or non-existent ownership stake.

There are plenty of discounted homes on the market right now. A small or non-existent down payment should not keep you from a great opportunity. If you can secure an appropriate "nothing down" deal right now, you could realize some hearty gains as the economy revs back up.

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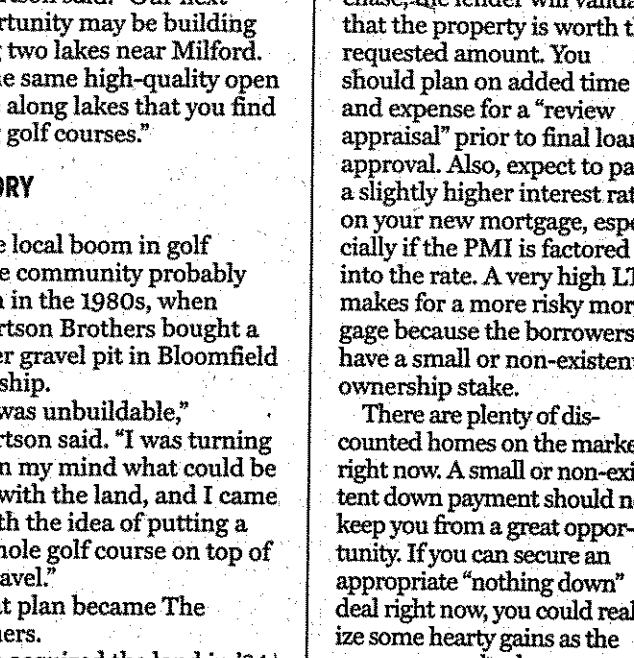
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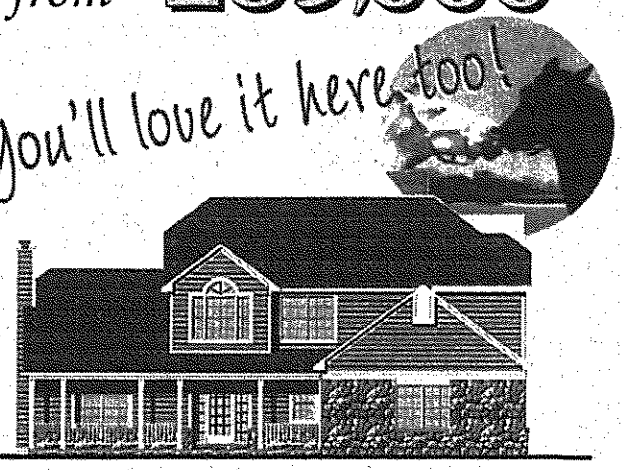


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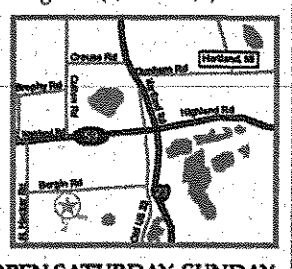


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35308 Banbury	$348,000
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26309 W 7 Mile	$50,000
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Westland

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Mortgage rates dip this week

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mortgage rates around the country edged down this week, a dose of good news for people thinking about buying a home.

For the week ending Oct. 31, the average rate on 30-year mortgages dipped to 5.94 percent, down from 6.05 percent the previous week, Freddie Mac, the mortgage giant, reported Thursday in its weekly nationwide survey of mortgage rates.

Rates on 30-year mortgages have bounced up and down since the middle of June when they slid to 5.21 percent, the lowest level in more than four decades.

"Fear of inflation is still unwarranted. And, that should keep mortgage rates from rising too quickly or steeply anytime in the near future," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

For 15-year mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates declined to 5.26 percent, from 5.39 percent last week. Rates for one-year adjustable mortgages averaged 3.74 percent, down slightly from last week's 3.76 percent.

Even with the recent gyration in mortgage rates, home sales are expected to set new record highs this year. And, home-mortgage refinancing activity remains healthy.

The Mortgage Bankers Association of America reported that refinancing activity accounted for 53.3 percent of all mortgage applications filed last week, up from 50.5 percent in the previous week.

"The ARM share of applications is at its highest point in over two and a half years," said the association's manager of member services Michael Cevarr. Adjustable-rate mortgages accounted for 26.5 percent of all mortgage applications filed last week.

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 0.6 point, while one-year ARMs carried an average fee of 0.7 point this week.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 6.13 percent, 15-year mortgages were 5.51 percent and one-year adjustable mortgages stood at 4.25 percent.

Rochester area estates open Nov. 8-9

Several competing real estate companies are combining forces to host a special home-a-rama Saturday and Sunday of six previously owned and new estate homes in Rochester Hills and Oakland Township.

Realtor Rick Rosen, broker/owner of Emporio Casa Real Estate, explains that this is a rare opportunity to preview homes in the $1 to $2 million price range in one weekend.

All of the homes were commissioned by their owners by well-known designers/builders like Doug Crain, Moceri & David Kellett.

Realtor Carol Eizelman of Cranbrook Associates said that these estates are great values. "As a matter of fact, they would sell for double or more in the Bloomfield Hills market. Many of my west side clients have taken a great interest in this area with the recent development of upscale shopping, highly rated schools and access to major expressways," she said.

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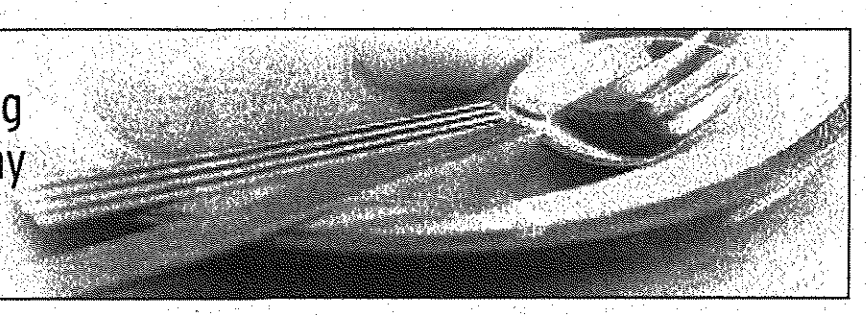
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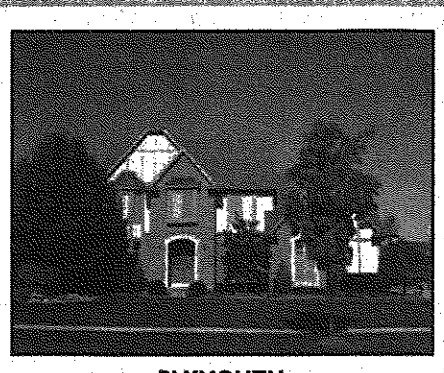
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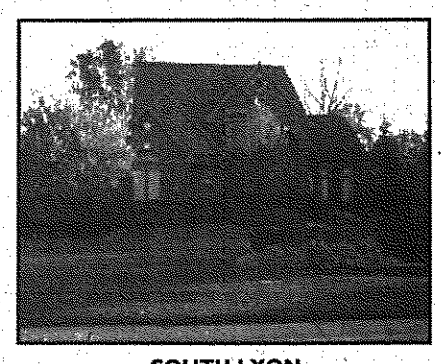
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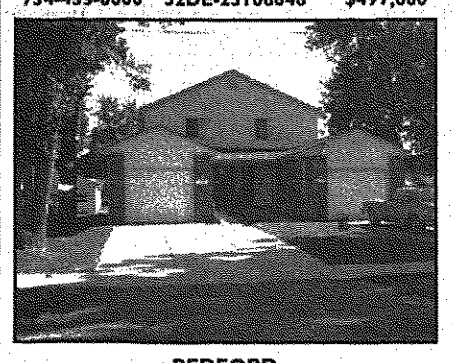
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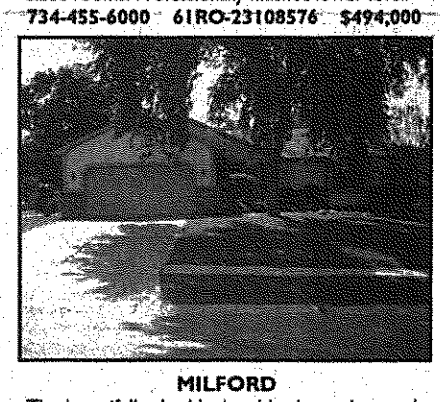
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Entertain with style and ease in this classic colonial in a popular development. Vaulted family room and breakfast room open to warm and cozy 4-seasons room. Park-like back yard with a wrap around deck.
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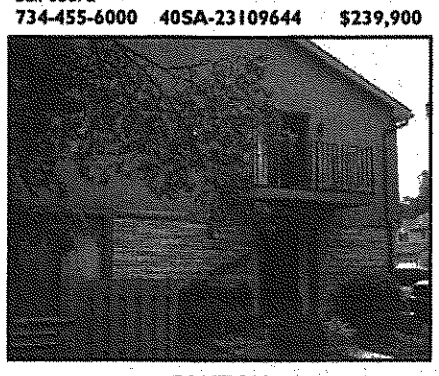
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This stately executive home, located on a deep wooded lot in desirable golf course community, is tastefully decorated in soft contemporary colors and impeccably maintained. Generously sized rooms. Professionally finished lower level.
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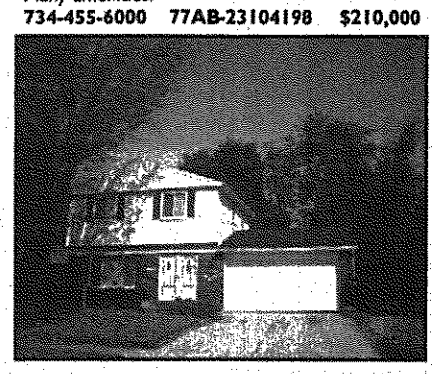
REDFORD
Live in one unit and move your very "active" senior in the other. This 1995 built duplex has it all. Open floor plan, neutral décor thru-out. 2 bedrooms 1.5 baths each. Large lot with a volley-ball court.
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The beautifully shrubbed and landscaped grounds are a fitting intro to a superb interior. Neutral tones throughout. Meticulous is an understatement. Almost 1400 square feet of living space. Many-amenities.
734-455-6000 77AB-23104198 $210,000



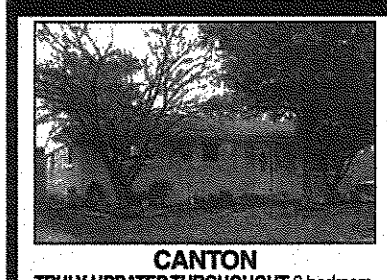
CANTON
End unit upper level ranch condo with an attached garage. Clubhouse and community pool. Convenient to shops, expressways, restaurants and more. All appliances. Extra storage main level. Home Warranty.
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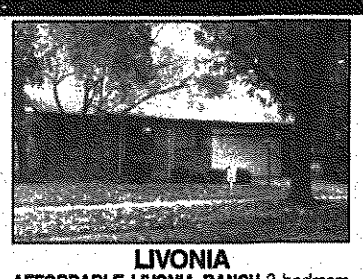
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Great opportunity to create value – Priced under competition. Improvements: windows, A/C cement drive. Wood floors in LR & Br's. Fam Rm. W/FP off kitchen. Full basement. Lot backs to park.
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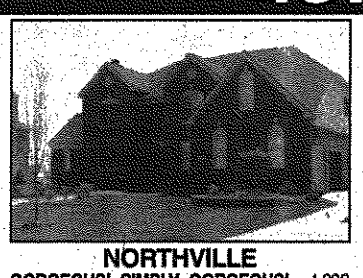
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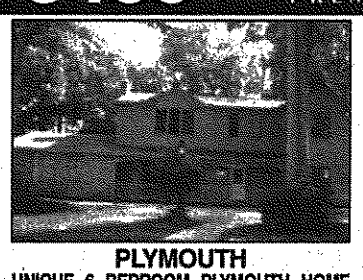
CANTON
TRULY UPDATED THROUGHOUT 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, family room with fireplace. Newer kitchen with built-ins, roof, windows & doors, flooring, hot water heater, A/C & more. Finished basement. (P76HIL) $185,900



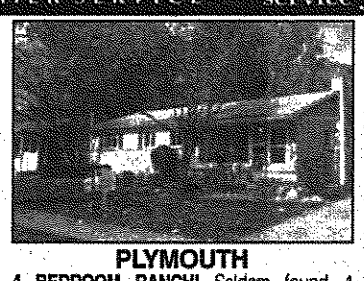
LIVONIA
AFFORDABLE LIVONIA RANCH 3 bedroom brick ranch with family room and fireplace. Neutral decor with newer carpet. Year-round room – perfect for den. Basement, 2 car attached garage, fenced yard. Quiet location! (P83PAR) $189,900



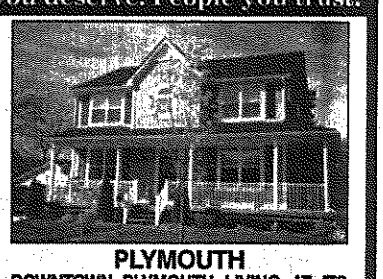
NORTHVILLE
GORGEOUS! SIMPLY GORGEOUS! 4,293 sq. ft. 5 bedrooms, 4.5 bath home with granite, marble, huge walk-in closets, 3 fireplaces, finished walkout with wet bar, family room, game area, 5th bedroom, full bath with steam shower. Located on highly-rated 18 hole Arnold Palmer Golf Course overlooking 9th hole and pond.(P89TOU) $1,120,000



PLYMOUTH
UNIQUE 6 BEDROOM PLYMOUTH HOME $299,900 Perfect for large or extended family with a new second floor with 3 bedrooms/bath and huge 27x21 great room in addition to the 1st floor with 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 21x17 living room with natural fireplace. Call today to see this fantastic home. (P25GOV) $299,900



PLYMOUTH
4 BEDROOM RANCH! Seldom found 4 bedroom ranch with 2 full baths on the 1st floor. Nice open kitchen and family room. Brick natural fireplace. Basement is partially finished. Newer roof, A/C, furnace, & HWH. Patio, 2 car garage, and fenced yard--perfect for kids or pets!! Bring offers!! (P64HAM) $209,900



PLYMOUTH
DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH LIVING AT ITS FINEST 1-year new home shining with tradition. Hickory flooring, fieldstone fireplace, huge gourmet kitchen, large lot, attached garage. This home is a must see! (P40UNI) $524,900

CANTON
GREAT UPDATED TOWNHOUSE CONDO Canton's Hunters Grove. Gas fireplace in living room. Luxury master bath w/soaking tub & separate shower. Double sinks & double access. 1st floor laundry. 1200 sq. ft. w/2 bedrooms. Premium location. (P88HUN) $159,900

LIVONIA
LIVONIA'S IDYL WYLD ESTATES This beautiful 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath quad-level with possible 4th bedroom or library off family room. Looks like a model. Updates throughout. Open floor plan, large kitchen, hardwood floors. Must see! (P72MEA) $214,900

PLYMOUTH
LAKE POINTE VILLAGE SUB! Lake Pointe colonial w/cape cod look! 3 bedroom, 2.5 baths, formal living room, dining room & family room w/fireplace. Spacious bedrooms w/walk-in closet. Newer windows, furnace, roof, finished bsmt, 2 car gar. Quiet location! (P35LAK) $239,900

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UPDATED PLYMOUTH HOME BACKS TO WOODS Beautiful 4 BR, 1.5 BA colonial has Pella patio door to sunroom, Andersen windows, oak kit, FR w/gas fireplace, ceramic foyer, hdwd. floors. Nicely landscaped w/sprinklers. Prem lot backing to county park. (P28PAR) $229,900

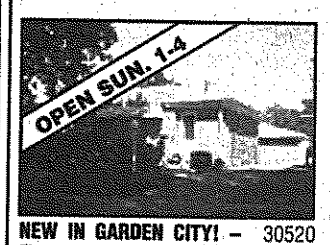
REDFORD
STOP THROWING YOUR RENT MONEY AWAY! Cute 2 bedroom ranch in quiet family neighborhood on a large lot! New windows, hardwood floors, garage, & all appliances stay! (P74SAN) $104,900

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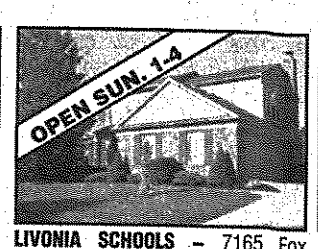
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NEW IN GARDEN CITY! – 30520 Florence, East off of Merriman, S. of Ford. Sharp 3 bedroom brick ranch. New kitchen, all appliances stay. Hardwood floors, C/A, finished basement with wet bar, possible 4th bedroom, 16x16 deck, 2.5 car garage, Immediate occupancy. $164,900



LIVONIA SCHOOLS – 7165 Fox Chase. Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick colonial in Westland w/side entry 2 car garage. Built in 1993 in the popular Overbrook sub. Neutral throughout w/oak kitchen cabinets and a doorwall leading to the deck overlooking a park-like setting. $249,900



NORTHVILLE END UNIT CONDO – 16329 Brookwood. Gorgeous great room w/fireplace, study, 2 large bedrooms with private baths, kitchen with extra cabinets, pantry & ceramic tile floor. New Andersen doorwall to the deck. Professionally finished daylight basement. Attached 2 car garage. All perfectly located in a golf course community. $289,900



IT'S TRUE! – 352 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr. You can own this 2 year old, 4 bedroom, 3 bath condo in Canton! Skylights in cathedral ceiling, lovely gas fireplace, maple cabinets in large kitchen, hardwood floor in foyer, tons of storage, neutral decor, daylight basement, deck w/awning & view of woods! $274,900



PERFECTLY LOCATED! – 825 Harding, N. of Ann Arbor Rd., E. of Main. Just a short walk to downtown Plymouth in this gorgeous 4 bedroom colonial w/2.5 baths and a 2 car garage. Beautifully updated w/brand new carpeting, new blinds, fresh paint inside and out! Nice kitchen w/all appliances and new doorwall to the new deck. $299,900



CANTON 4 BEDROOM COLONIAL – 2314 Amber Drive, E. of Sheldon, S. of Palmer. Gorgeous Colonial w/lots to offer: large room sizes, finished basement w/bedroom, 2nd floor laundry, large kitchen w/eating area. Family room w/marble fireplace, large deck w/awning, hardwood floors and a central vac system, all in 2000 sq. ft. of living space. $254,900



BRIGHTON QUAD – 5044 Hollywood, N. of Brighton Lake Rd., S. of Main St., E. of Forst Way Dr., W. of Grand River. 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath Quad in popular neighborhood in Brighton just listed! 1500 sq. ft. of living space w/extended 2 car garage and a wood shed. Come see all the details. $214,900



BEST IN SHOW – 1531 Barchester. Pride of ownership! Remodeled kitchen and main bath. All appliances included. Newer windows, finished basement, family room, deck, nice lot nestled deep in Westland's Surrey Heights sub! 3 bedrooms, 2 bths, and a 2 car garage. Upgraded and updated...Meticulous in every detail. $176,900



A GREAT BEGINNING – 35846 Avondale, S. of Cherry Hill, W. of Wayne. Brick ranch featuring 1100 square feet with 3 bedrooms, an eat-in kitchen and a spacious living room. New carpet and a freshly painted interior. Newer roof on the home and the garage. $119,900



ELEGANT AND IMPRESSIVE – 369 Elmington. Traditional colonial backing to a parkland w/3,623 sq. ft., 3 car gar, dual staircases and a gourmet kit w/hearth room. Formal living/dining combo w/den. Volume ceilings, crown moldings, wainscoting & hdwd floors. Handsome master, bath. Canton's Fairways West Sub. $474,900



BETTER THAN BUILDING! – 6957 Poppleton, off of Warren Rd. This 4 bedroom Canton Cape Cod offers a 1st floor master w/dual walk-in closets and a Jacuzzi tub. Large kitchen w/upgraded cabs, island cooktop and built-in oven. 2 sliding glass doors overlooking paver patio. Private den with French doors. One of a kind! $412,900



COUNTRY CLUB VILLAGE OF PLYMOUTH – 51391 Northview, N. of Ann Arbor Rd., E. of Napier. Spacious cape cod offering over 2,400 sq. ft. Great room w/fireplace and doorwall to deck. Island kitchen w/hardwood floors, dining room and den. Master suite on first floor. Pulte built in 2000. Move in and enjoy. $362,613



NEED A LITTLE ELBOW ROOM? – 21222 Larkspur, N. of 8 Mile, E. of Farmington. Then this gorgeous Cape Cod is the home for you! 5 bedrooms, 2.5 baths w/2000 sq. ft. Formal dining, family room w/cozy fireplace, hdwd floors and neutral decor throughout. Updates include: roof, furnace & vinyl windows. $249,900



CALL IT HOME! – 1406 Rand, N. of Saltz, W. of Sheldon. Maintenance free 3 bedroom, 1 bath Canton Colonial. Walk to the elementary school. This home offers a fenced yard w/a 16x16 deck, wonderful open floor plan, full basement and detached 2 car garage. $229,900



STUNNING! – 38695 Milton. Stop by Sunday 12-4 and check out the absolute beauty of this 5 bedroom, 2.5 bath Westland colonial. Endless custom features & completely updated. Follow the signs from Cherry Hill and Hix. You won't be disappointed! $199,900



CANTON CONTEMPORARY – 181 s. Norma. 3 bedroom Tri-level located in Carillon Village Sub near Canton. Updated kitchen, central air, and newer carpet. Family room with a cozy fireplace, large front porch, patio and lot. Immediate occupancy. $157,900



PLYMOUTH CAPE COD CONDO – 44550 Pinetree Dr. First floor master, 2 bedroom & full bath up w/loft overlooking great room, oak kitchen w/granite counters, daylight window basement, hardwood floors in foyer, kitchen, powder room & hall, 1st floor laundry, 2.5 car attached garage, central vac, deck w/hot tub, private setting. $334,900



CANTON ON THE COMMONS – 48200 Royal Pointe Drive, Beck to Warren, W. to Royal Pointe. Immediate occupancy for this gorgeous 4 bedroom, 2 full and 2 half bath colonial w/3 car garage. Profess fin bsmt. Extra large master w/sitting room & frplc, great room w/fireplace, gourmet kitchen w/all appls, hdwd flrs. $429,900



S. LYON'S FINEST GOLF COURSE COMMUNITY – 23480 Sawgrass, Enter Tanglewood on Spyglass to Sawgrass. 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath condo on golf front property. 2,669 sq. ft. & walk-out LL. Hardwood flrs, ceramic in 1st floor laundry & master bath. First floor master w/large walk-in closet & master bath w/Jacuzzi tub. 2 tiered deck overlooks 3rd hole & ravine. $405,000



COMPLETELY UPDATED – 9285 Northern, N. of Joy, E. of Sheldon. Plymouth ranch w/new electrical, plumbing, windows, C/A, furnace, hot water heater, white kitchen w/new appliances, new bath & tile flooring in kitchen & bath! Cathedral ceilings w/recessed lighting, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath and 1,362 sq. ft. Immediate occupancy. $181,900



AWESOME COLONIAL – 46406 Aaron's Way, N. of Geddes, W. of Canton Center. Island kitchen w/doorwall leading to deck. New dishwasher '03, new hot water heater '03, master w/private bath, partially finished basement w/playroom & office. C/A, family room w/gas fireplace and 1st floor laundry. For sale or lease. $234,900 or $1600 mo.



CHARMING RANCH CONDO – 42551 Lilley Pointe, N. of Ford, W. of Lilley. Ground end ranch condo with 2 bedrooms, 2 baths ready to go! New carpet and a freshly painted interior in '03. Open floor plan with a great view of the courtyard. All appliances remain. Home warranty. $126,900



POPULAR NEIGHBORHOOD – 14239 Cardwell. Livonia 3 bedroom home near shopping, schools & freeway access. Updated kitchen & baths. Fresh paint, updated windows, 3rd bedroom w/WIC, adjoining lav & doorwall to patio. 2 car garage, gleaming hardwood floors, home warranty plus $1000 credit to buyers at closing. $176,000



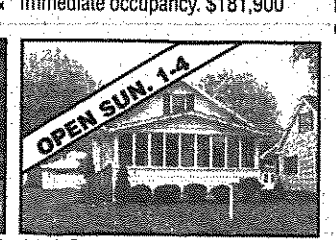
MICHIGAN'S SMALLEST TOWNSHIP – 44040 Wyngate. Novi Rd, N. of 9 Mile. Sprawling ranch on over ½ an acre w/4 bdrms, 3 BA in area known for its towering pines, winding roads and abundant wildlife. Gigantic FR w/fireplace opens to a renovated kitchen. New septic field, circular drive. $379,000



NORTHVILLE WOODLANDS! – 17126 Orchard Ridge, N. of Six Mile, W. of Sheldon. Move right into this well maintained 3646 square foot Cape Cod with 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 story foyer and great room, 1st floor master, formal dining, butler's pantry, den, dual sided fireplace, huge kitchen, garden basement and 3 car garage. Come visit. $619,900



INVITING AND EXCITING – 48210 Gyde Rd., N. of Warren, off of Beck. Canton 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath cape cod on wooded 1.77 acre lot. GR, Florida room, lg FR w/frplc, cath ceilings, fresh interior paint, recessed lighting, main level master w/jetted tub & WIC. Updated kit. Patio, garden terrace & satellite dish. $389,900



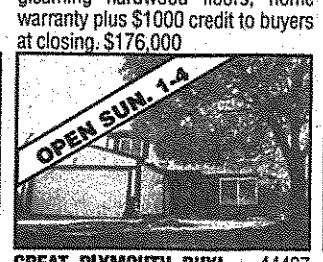
CLASSIC CHOICE – 628 N. Harvey, N. of Ann Arbor Trail, E. of Sheldon. Act fast! This great Plymouth Bungalow is sweet and clean. Glowing hardwood floors, basement and 2 car garage. All within walking distance to downtown parks & shopping. $189,900



GREAT LIVONIA BUY – 29535 Lamar, N. of Curtis, W. of Middlebelt. Spacious 3 bedroom contemporary, large living and family room w/walk-out. Newly tiled kitchen and dining area, hardwood floors t/o, 1.5 baths, partially finished basement, attached carport and a 2.5 car garage. Move-in condition. $194,500



AFFORDABLE CONDO! – 42536 Lilley Pointe, N. of Ford, W. of Lilley. Upper ranch condo with 2 bedrooms, 2 baths and a wonderful open floor plan. Cathedral ceilings, new Berber carpet throughout, tastefully painted interior. In great condition. Motivated seller. $129,900



GREAT PLYMOUTH BUY! – 44437 Oregon Trail. Hurry on this 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home with updates galore including the furnace, central air, window, roof and beautiful hardwood floors. Three season room overlooking a large fenced yard. Great location, close to schools, shopping and parks. $225,900



A PRESTIGE FEEL! – 48776 Manhattan Circle, Beck Rd. to Central Park. Enjoy the luxurious touches of this beautifully kept Pulte Belmont model situated on a premium lot. Elegant features, dual staircases, gourmet kitchen w/cherry cabs, hdwd flrs & butler's pantry. Impressive master with FP & cath ceilings, 3 car garage. $479,800



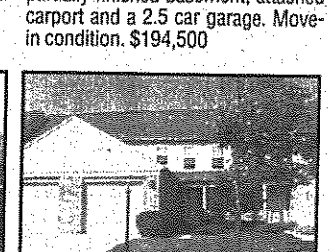
DESIGN FOR MODEL LIVING! – 496 Waterview Ct., S. on Beck, W. on Glengarry. 4 bedroom, 3+ bath Pulte Carrington Colonial w/2 story foyer and soaring ceilings. Gourmet kitchen w/cherry cabs, hdwd floor & gas fireplace! Master suite w/dual WIC and luxury bath. Neutral decor, expert landscaping, deck, court location, hard to resist! $469,900



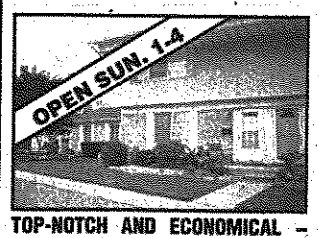
YOUR KIND OF COMFORT! – 49206 Manhattan Circle, Beck W. on Central Park. Well maintained 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial! 2 story foyer w/hardwood floors, large FR w/fireplace. Formal living, dining & 2nd floor laundry. Cook's dream kitchen w/nook. Master w/vaulted ceiling, WIC, bath & 3 car garage. $379,900



PRICED RIGHT AND WON'T LAST – 472 Holbrook, N. of Plymouth, E. of Main. Walking distance to beautiful downtown Plymouth. This home offers 1700+ sq. ft and an open floor plan w/extra high ceilings. Don't miss the new bath, updated kitchen or all new neutral 1st floor carpeting. Hardwood floors, C/A, new roof & gutters, more. $209,900



MOVE IN AND ENJOY! – Spacious great room floor plan w/marble fireplace, 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Kitchen overlooks the dining room w/a doorwall to deck and private yard, 1st floor laundry, spacious bath w/jetted tub. Basement and garage. $154,900



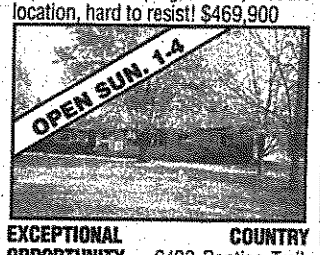
TOP-NOTCH AND ECONOMICAL – 38282 Carolon Blvd. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath condo in Westland with a full basement and many quality updates. Kitchen and baths are beautifully re-done. Full basement, huge master and an attached 1 car garage. In move-in condition. Perfect for a young professional. $124,900



MOVE RIGHT IN! – 4005 Winifred. Cozy 3 bedroom ranch with an updated oak kitchen with a doorwall to the deck, newer carpeting, updated electrical and a finished basement for entertaining! Nice yard, 2.5 car garage with an extra wide drive. Close to the elementary school. $131,700



OUTSTANDING VALUE – 38476 Maes, W. of Cherry Hill off of John Hix to Maes. Large 5 bedroom, 2.5 bath home with many updates. Spacious floor plan with 1500 square feet with a large garage, carport, basement, deck, hot tub and Florida room. Great location. An absolute must see. $229,900



EXCEPTIONAL COUNTRY OPPORTUNITY – 6420 Pontiac Trail, N. of North Territorial. Privacy, serenity and beauty best describes this wonderful 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home situated on 3.5 acres in Salem Township. Lovingly cared for w/over 1900 square feet. Horses allowed. Very well priced. Better hurry! $269,900



DOWNTOWN LIVING – 392 W. Ann Arbor Trail. A much sought after 3 story condo has just gone on the market. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath and a 2 car garage! Just a short walk to concerts, ice show, art fairs, parades and farmer's market. Specialty shopping galore!! $217,900



WESTLAND COLONIAL – 2152 Wilshire, S. of Palmer, E. of Newburgh. Move in condition! This 4 bedroom Westland Colonial has lots of updates – kitchen, furnace, A/C, hot water heater, windows and doors. Large private yard w/brick paver patio. Shed for extra storage and a basketball court.



PERFECTLY LOCATED CONDO – 43449 Arbor Way, E. of Sheldon, S. of Palmer. Private location - faces woods. End unit ranch. Spacious rooms, kit & bath w/skylights. Formal dining. Kit has plentiful cabinets & built-in desk (upgrade from original floor plan). Huge, full private bsmt - carpeted. Neutral t/o, private deck, landscaping. $139,900



SURE TO PLEASE – 6142 Gulley. Fussiest buyer will love this beautifully updated Dearborn Heights ranch w/3 BRs & 2 baths! Updated furn, C/A, roof, driveway, vinyl siding & gutters. Excep master w/whirlpool tub. Newer crpt & fresh paint t/o. New 2.5 car gar, deck & home warr. $178,899



MINT CONDITION – 1675 Christopher, N. of Palmer, E. of Sheldon. Bright, open 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath condo with a full basement. Large dining room, living room and kitchen. Master w/walk-in closet and private bath. 15x12 deck. Freshly painted t/o. Many custom features. All appls included. $158,900



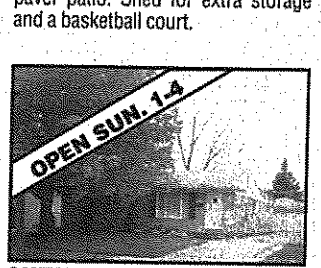
ROSEDALE RANCH – 9311 Fredrick, N. of Joy, W. of Merriman. Livonia 3 bedroom ranch with 1.5 baths and 1077 sq. ft. Vaulted ceilings and beautiful hardwood floors, newer furnace & copper plumbing, full finished bsmt, 2 car garage. Screened porch, yard w/lily pond. $168,500



YOU CAN HAVE IT ALL! – 24422 Orangelawn, N. of Joy, W. of Telegraph. Redford 3 bedroom ranch w/over 1100 sq. ft. on extra deep lot! New windows, C/A w/humidifier, new side entry doors, new vertical blinds, 10x10 shed, furn, HWH & roof. Freshly painted & carpeted w/neutral decor t/o. $114,900



HARD TO FIND DETACHED CONDO – 6247 Twin Oaks, N. of Ford, W. of Central City Parkway. This brick beauty has everything you want! 2 full baths, attached 2 car garage, first floor laundry, a full basement, 1302 square feet, a treed backyard and all of the appliances will stay! $209,900



CANTON RANCH – 8647 Holly, E. on Joy from Haggerty - South on Holly. Sharp all brick 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home is ready for immediate occupancy. This one has a family room w/fireplace, C/A, finished basement, 2.5 car garage and much more. Immediate occupancy. $177,500



NORTHVILLE CONDO – 42290 Norwood. S. of 8 Mile on Silver Springs, left on Scenic Lane to Norwood. Great opportunity to own this 2BR, 1.5 BA condo with a fireplace in the LR, offers a deck and a partly fin. lower level. All appliances stay. Close to the clubhouse, pool & beach. $152,900

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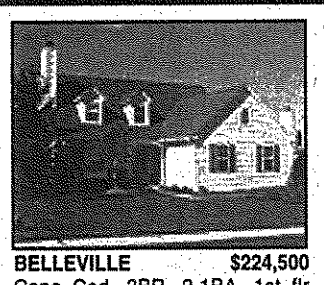
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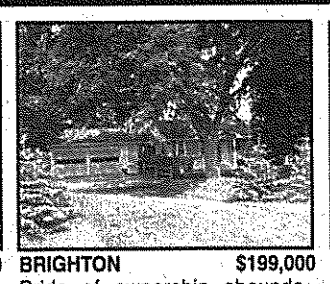
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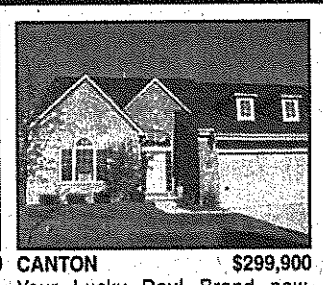
BELLEVILLE $224,500
Cape Cod. 3BR, 2.1BA, 1st flr master w/bath & WIC. LR w/nat FP, 1st flr laundry. Island kit, DR w/doorwall access to deck. All appls stay. Prof. landscaping, sprinklers, pool. BGP-50Sad 888-870-9127



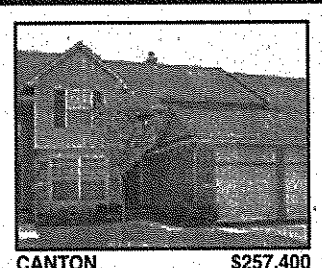
BELLEVILLE $149,900
Priced to Sell! and on 1 Acre. Lowest priced 1 acre home in area! Updated oak kitchen, windows, doors, roof. Hardwood floors 3 out buildings with electric. A lot of room to add sq. ft. full basement. (BGN70TYL) 888-870-9123



BRIGHTON $199,000
Pride of ownership abounds.. Large deck across back of home with a huge backyard and you won't believe how quiet. Open floor plan. Many upgrades. The basement has been totally finished. (BGSLY30WHI) 888-870-9131



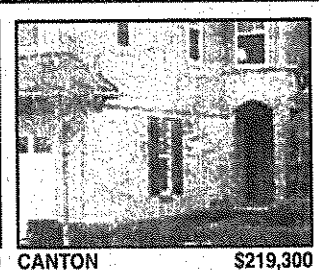
CANTON $299,900
Your Lucky Day! Brand new, immed occupancy on golf course. 2bdrm, 2 bath condo. 2 car attached garage, full basement & many upgrades. (BGN73LEX) 888-870-9123



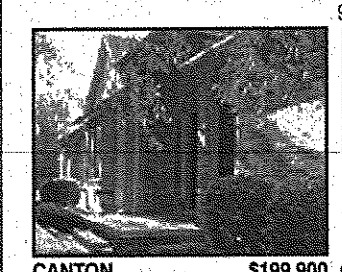
CANTON $257,400
Special Home in Great Area! 2 story unit in golf course sub. Tranquil setting on pond. East facing deck. Close to pool & clubhouse. Like new-only 2 yrs old. Very private. 2 BR, 2.5 BA. BGP-27Hog 888-870-9127



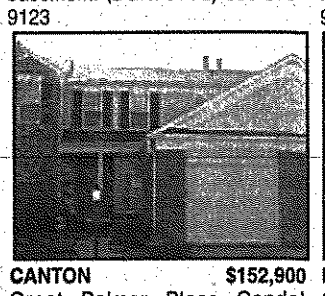
CANTON $219,900
Fantastic Home! All dressed up for you to move into. Lots of updates in the past 2 years, 3br, 1.5 bath, liv rm, fam rm w/frpl, part.finished bsmnt. Great Location, close to schools. (BGN01VER) 888-870-9123



CANTON $219,300
Beautiful 2 bdrm, 2 baths, 1 lav Condo! Ceramic tile foyer, great rm w/cathedral ceiling, gas frpl, Oak cabs. gourmet kitchen, 2nd flr has loft, built-in entertainment center. All appl. stay. Sec. System. (BGN86HER) 888-870-9123



CANTON $199,900
End Unit 3BR, 2.1BA Cape. Spacious kit-nook w/plenty of cbnt-cntrtop space. Great rm w/vaulted clg & gas fp. Lux 1st flr master ste w/fash bath. Full bsmt-part fin w/2 BR's. Deck off DR & nook. BGP-56Sar 888-870-9127



CANTON $152,900
Great Palmer Place Condo! Located deep in the complex on private Cul-De-Sac. Separated dining area w/doorwall to deck, large master w/walk-in closet & bath. att.garage. neutraul decor. (BGN52BEN) 888-870-9123



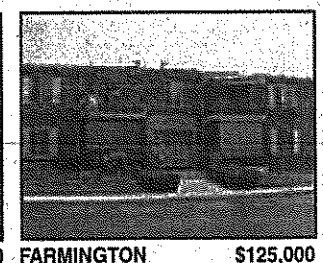
DETROIT $69,872
Charming Home. Large corner lot, fenced yard with sprinkler system. HUGE master bedroom, formal dining room just off the kitchen, open into the family room. 1 year Home Warranty. (BGSLY46ASH) 888-870-9131



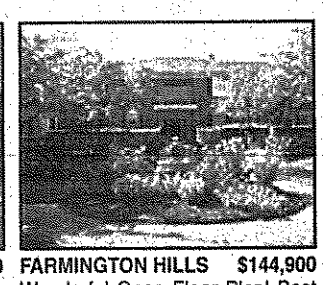
FARMINGTON $167,500
Features Incl Furnace/newer Wtr Htr & Most Wndws*FRDoorwall Leads To Tiered Deck & 2nd Deck Around Pool*m Bdrm Has 2 Closets+bunus Rm For Home Office Or Den*over Sized 2 Car Garage. OEL40COL 888-870-9105



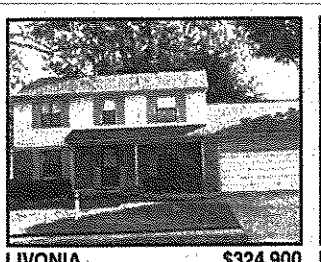
FARMINGTON $159,900
Charming, Updated Ranch w/Full Basement! Oak 42" upper cabinets, flooring, windows, AC, furnace, garage & opener, glass block basement-microwave & DW. Pretty patio & fenced yard. (BGN99VIO) 888-870-9123



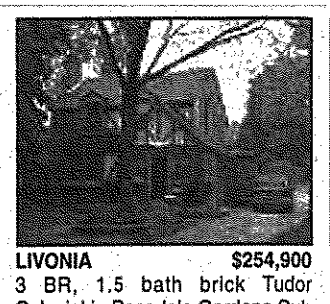
FARMINGTON $125,000
Designer Decor* Updates Inc. Blt-in Bookcases, Ceramic Flooring @ Entry * Bath W/limestone Counter & Flooring * Kitchen W/ceramic Flr; Granite Counter* Open Flr Plan. OEL57SHI 888-870-9105



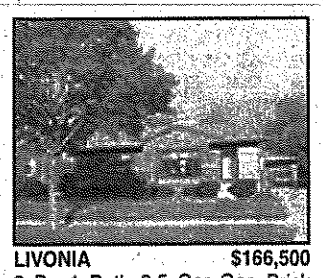
FARMINGTON HILLS $144,900
Wonderful Open Floor Plan! Best describes this 2br, 2 baths condo marble floors, new carpeting t/o, granite kitchen totally redone. Large master suite w/bath & walk-in closet. (BGN44MID) 888-870-9123



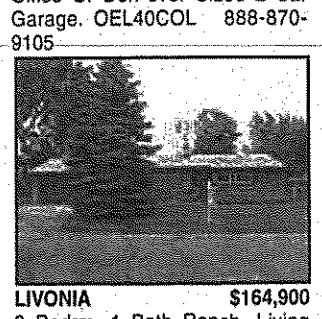
LIVONIA $324,900
Classic colonial.. Large den, eat-in kit w/view of the back yard-fam rm has cath ceiling w/slider to deck. Mbr suite has w/i closet. Seller is motivated. Refrig nego. $2,000 flrg allow. (BGSLY01BRE) 888-870-9131



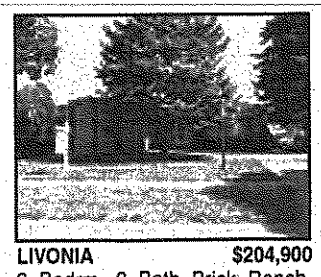
LIVONIA $254,900
3 BR, 1.5 bath brick Tudor Colonial in Rosedale Gardens Sub on double Lot. LR W/fplc. Nice kitchen w/updated built-in oven, range & counters. Formal DR w/entrance to 3 season Fla rm. Oversized 2.5 car gar. Newer tear-off roof shingles. OEL30AUB 888-870-9



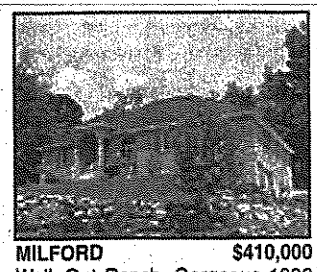
LIVONIA $166,500
3 Br, 1 Bath 2.5 Car Gar, Brick Ranch Features: Hardwood Floors, Eat In Kitchen, Newer Windows & Steel Entry Doors. Walking Distance To Park, Church And Indoor Ice Arena. OEL50HIL 888-870-9105



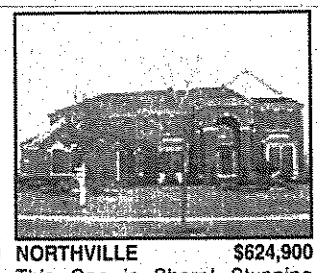
LIVONIA $164,900
3 Bedrm, 1 Bath Ranch. Living Room W/newer Carpeting. Large Country Kitchen W/stove & Built-in Dishwasher. Updated Furnace, C/A, Vinyl Windows. 2 Car Heated Attached Garage. OEL66BRO 888-870-9105



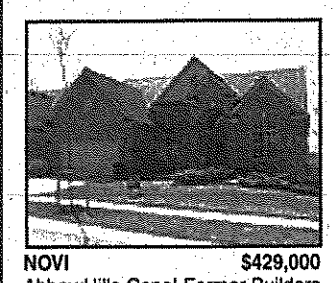
LIVONIA $204,900
3 Bedrm, 2 Bath Brick Ranch. Large Brick Foyer Overlooking Living Rm. Open Kitchen W/oven/range. Pretty Family Rm W/brick Wall FP. 2 Car Att Garage. 1 Yr HW. OEL22RAM 888-870-9105



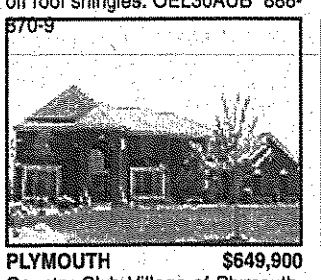
MILFORD $410,000
Walk-Out Ranch. Gorgeous 1996 custom home on 1.2 acres offers 2847 ft & 1100 sq. ft. Fin bsmt, 4BR, 3BA, Great Rm w/FP, Master suite. Huge 2 car gar. Neutral decor, Florida Room. BGP-33Ann 888-870-9127



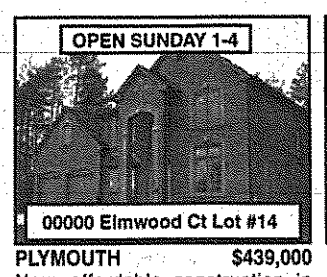
NORTHVILLE $624,900
This One is Sharp! Stunning Richmond model! Gour. kit w/42" cbnts & oversized nook. Hdwd flrs in kit, nook, foyer, DR. Impressive circular staircase. 2-story foyer & FR. Lux mstr ste. BGP-48Spr 888-870-9127



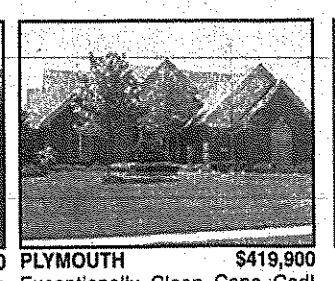
NOVI $429,000
Abbey Hills Cape! Former Builders model filled w/upgrades, finished walkout LL w/family rm, bdrm & full bath. Beautiful mstr ste w/glamour bath. Back to wetland. Great lot. (BGN10ABB) 888-870-9123



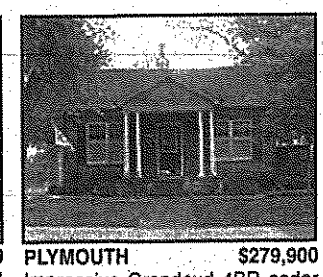
PLYMOUTH $649,900
Country Club Village of Plymouth. 4BR, 3 full & 2 half bath colonial. Priv wooded setting. Gour kit w/cherry cbnts. Hdwd flrs nook & hearth rm. 2-story FR. Master ste w/sitting rm. Full extra hgt walkout. BGP-29Ply 888-870-9127



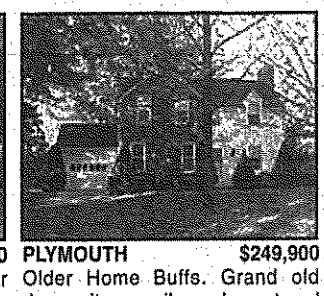
PLYMOUTH $439,000
New affordable construction in Plymouth! On small lake w/stonecast FP, cherry cbnt, granite cntrs. Custom mlds & trim. Brazilian hdwd flrs. Ceramic BA & laundry. 4BR, 2.5BA, daylight bsmt. Available in Nov. BGP-00Elm 888-870-9127



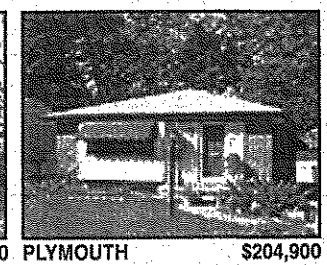
PLYMOUTH $419,900
Exceptionally Clean Cape Cod! 4BR, 2.5 BA with 3 car garage. Gourmet kit w/cherry cbnts, hdwd flrs & walk in pantry. Hearth Rm w/FP off kit. Impressive GR w/soaring clgs. Lux 1st flr master. BGP-49Kno 888-870-9127



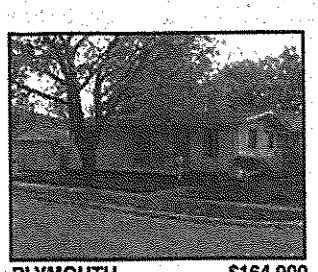
PLYMOUTH $279,900
Impressive Grandeur! 4BR cedar bungalow within walking distance to town! Updates inc newer Andersen wndws, covered front porch, roof, cedar decking, paver patio, AC, HDWD flrs, 1st flr lndry. BGP-32Ann 888-870-9127



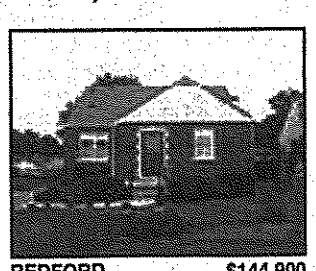
PLYMOUTH $249,900
Older Home Buffs. Grand old dame sits proudly on large treed lot. 3 BR, 1-1/2BA, Library, Fam Rm, 2 fireplaces, formal Dining Rm, attached garage. Respected Plymouth Township location. BGP-67Bal 888-870-9127



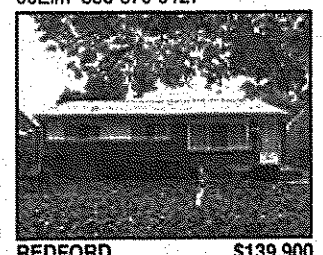
PLYMOUTH $204,900
Near Downtown Plymouth! Re-modeled baths, newer windows, roof shingles, furnace & central air, deck with awning, extra wide driveway, hardwood floors, & coved plaster ceilings. (BGN20HOL) 888-870-9123



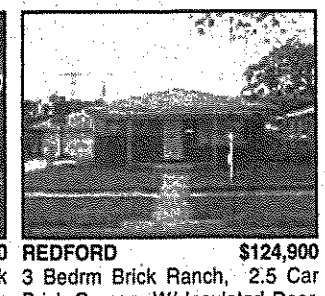
PLYMOUTH $164,900
Downtown Plymouth! Tired of paying rent? 3 BR, 2 BA updated kitchen round out this very low maint beauty. New roof, vinyl siding, carpet & paint in neutral colors. Garage, private patio. BGP-67Roe 888-870-9127



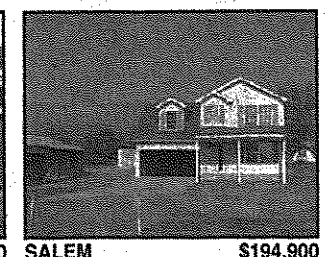
REDFORD $144,900
Nice 3 Bdrm Brick Bung.On A Dble Lot: Nearly 100 Ft Wide. New Front Porch. 2 Car Gar W/ Opener. Updated Kitchen, Cer Foyer, Newer Entry Doors. Glass Block Wdows. Hrdwood Flooring. OEL58INK 888-870-9105



REDFORD $139,900
Move Right In!! 3 Bdrm Brick Ranch.1st Fl Ba,newer Wndws,In Prof.. Fin. Bsmt W/full Cer.Bath, roof(01),2 1/2 Car Gar,extra Wide Driveway,hdwd Flrs Under Carpet,. All Neutral, C/A. OEL26DEL 888-870-9105



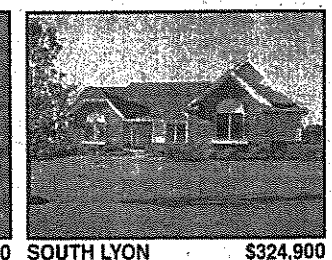
REDFORD $124,900
3 Bedrm Brick Ranch, 2.5 Car Brick Garage, W/ Insulated Door. Hardwood floors, Large basement. Clean and well maintained. Close to schools. One Year Home Warranty. OEL29WOR 888-870-9105



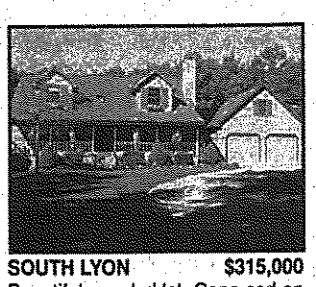
SALEM $194,900
Excellent Price for Quality New Construction! Open floor plan ranch with cathedral ceilings. Be part of a small town that's growing fast! (BGSLY97SIX) 888-870-9131



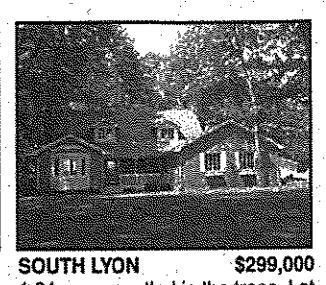
SOUTH LYON $1,200,000
Great investment opportunity! Almost 7 acres of development friendly land. In the city of South Lyon. All utilities to property. (BGSLY00STR) 888-870-9131



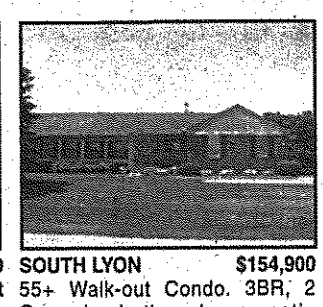
SOUTH LYON $324,900
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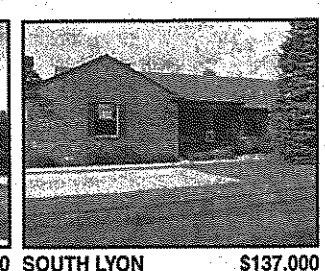
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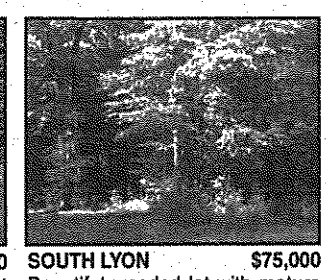
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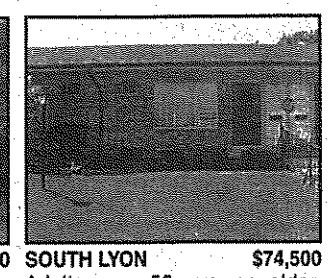
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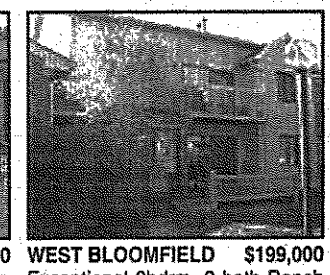
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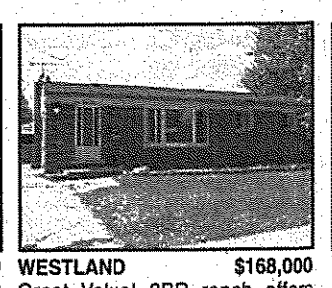
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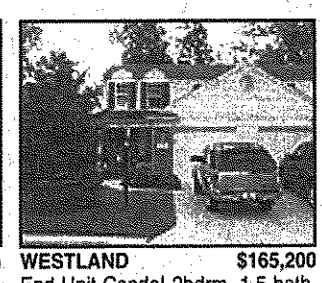
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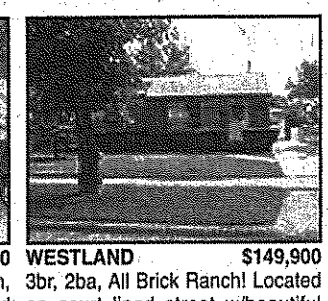
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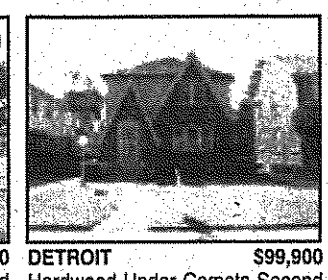
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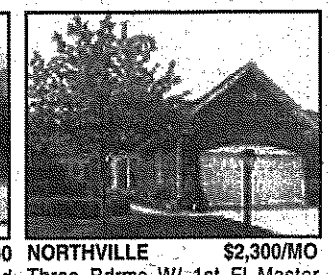
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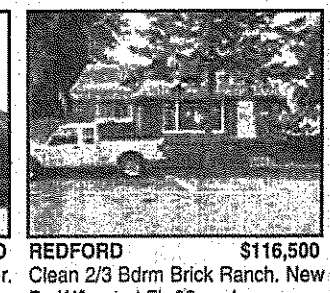
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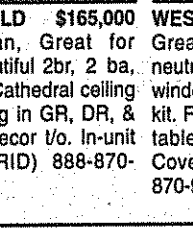
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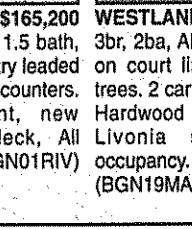


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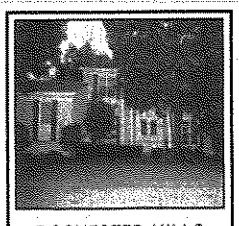
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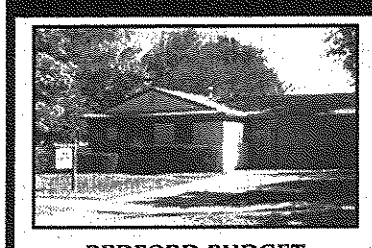
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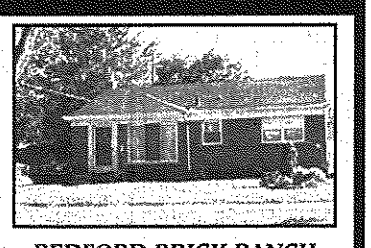
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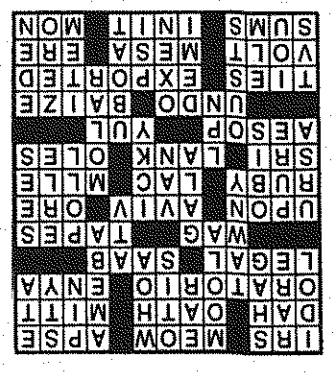
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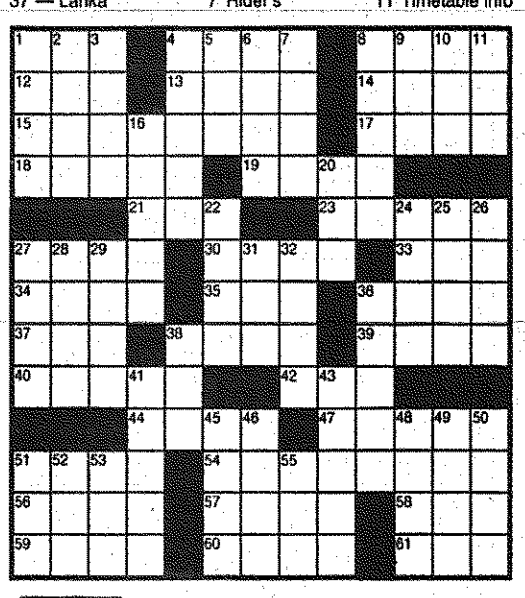
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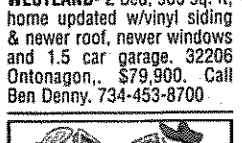
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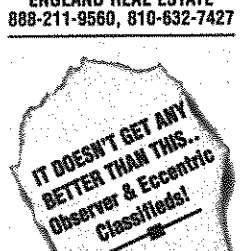


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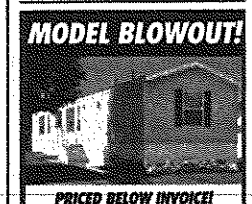
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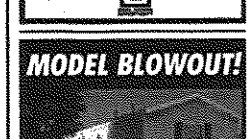
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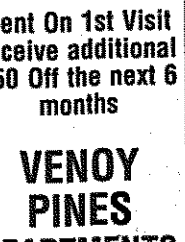
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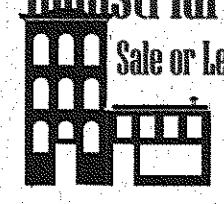
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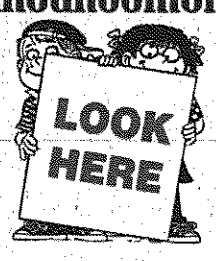
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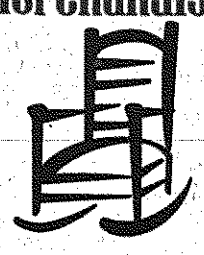
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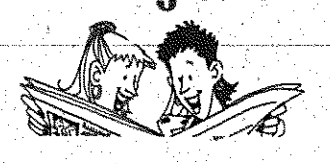
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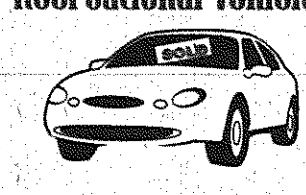
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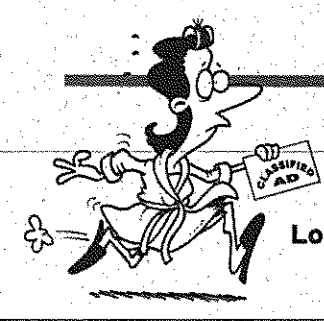


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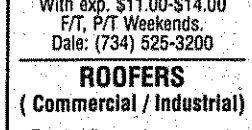
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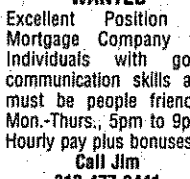
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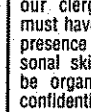
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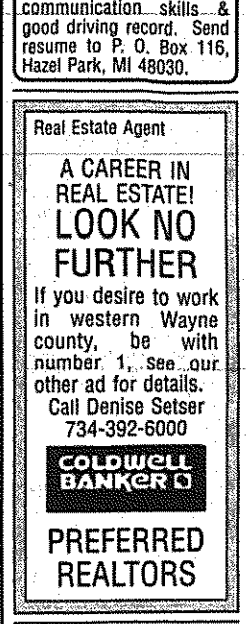
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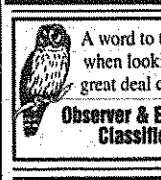
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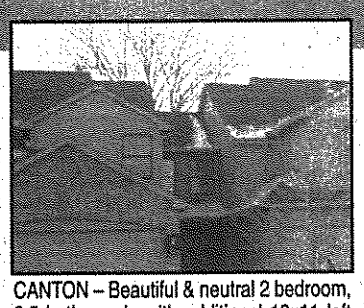
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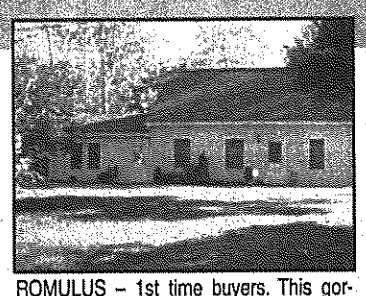
CANTON – Beautiful & neutral 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo with additional 19x11 loft area. Kitchen offers updated cabinets. Newer carpet thru-out, recessed lighting, custom wood blinds & gas fireplace in living room. $189,900 (89HOR) 734-455-5600



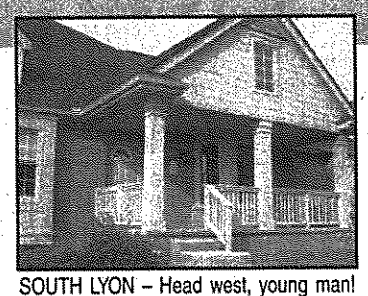
CANTON – Beautiful end unit. 2 bedroom, 3 bath ranch w/attached garage, professionally finished basement, master suite w/Jacuzzi tub & separate shower, kitchen w/cherry cabinets & matching panels on stove & frig. Fireplace in living room, formal dining room w/mirrored wall. $223,900 (09COP) 734-455-5600



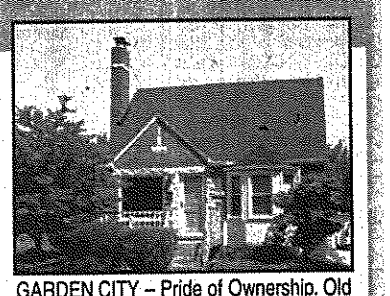
MELVINDALE – Excellent investment. Fantastic buy on this sharp 2 unit brick income. Upper & lower flat both units identical w/2 bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen & bath. Separate basement & separate furnaces. Very well maintained. $133,000 (81WOO) 734-455-5600



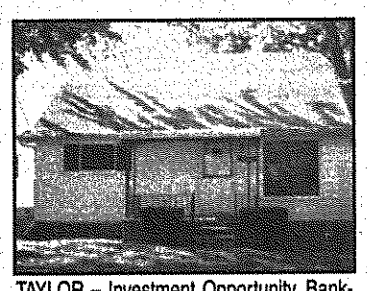
ROMULUS – 1st time buyers. This gorgeous 3 bedroom. First time buyers, this house is completely refurnished - see it for yourself. Beautiful kitchen with ceramic tile. Home sets way back on approx .35 acres of land with mature trees. Seller will assist in closing costs. $124,900 (67EUR) 248-349-5600



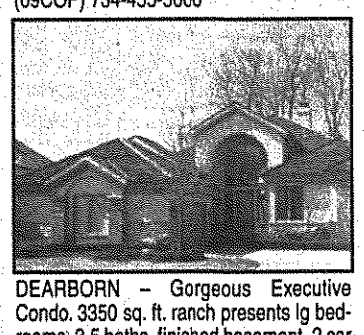
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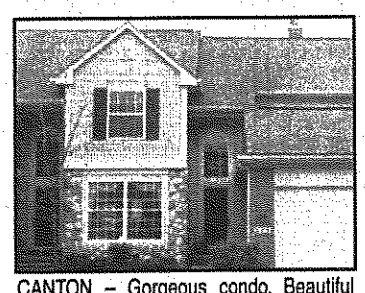
GARDEN CITY – Pride of Ownership. Old world charm & character galore. Turn-key cape cod shines from front to back. Beautiful decor t/o & plenty of updating. Just move in and enjoy. Large living room w/fireplace, dining room, finished basement, deck, brick paver patio, garage & more. $154,900 (46KRA) 248-349-5600



TAYLOR – Investment Opportunity. Bank-owned. Home being sold as-is. Good opportunity for investor. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, nice deck & shed in yard. $74,500 (00MCG) 734-455-5600



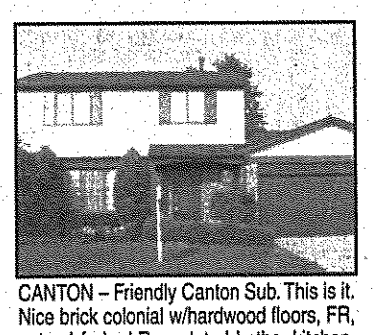
DEARBORN – Gorgeous Executive Condo. 3350 sq. ft. ranch presents lg bedrooms, 3.5 baths, finished basement, 2 car attached garage in gated community at the TPC golf course overlooking fairway. Master suite w/jetted tub & separate shower, spacious white kitchen w/granite counter. $879,900 (5PRES) 734-455-5600



CANTON – Gorgeous condo. Beautiful view of pond from large deck. Gas fireplace in living room, oak kitchen, 1st floor laundry, master suite w/Jacuzzi tub, daylight basement & 2 car attached garage. Must see! $249,900 (01HOG) 734-455-5600



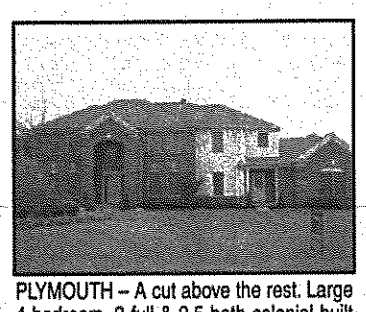
DEARBORN – Beautiful brick colonial. This spacious home features 3 bedrooms & 1.5 baths. Updated kitchen, electrical, custom window treatments, hardwood floors and a warm fireplace to welcome you home. $205,000 (25ORC) 248-349-5600



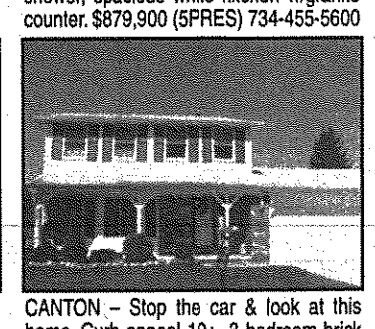
CANTON – Friendly Canton Sub. This is it. Nice brick colonial w/hardwood floors, FR, natural frplc, LR, updated baths, kitchen, attached 2.5 car garage, large covered patio, yard, partially finished bsmt. Appliances included. 1 year home warranty. Walk to township park or in-sub park. $209,900 (44BRO) 248-349-5600



LAKE ORION – Still brand new! Premium site backing to woods. Very private 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/open kitchen to family room w/soaring ceilings. Double staircases, whirlpool tub in master suite. Near Webber Elementary. $307,900 (21YOS) 248-349-5600

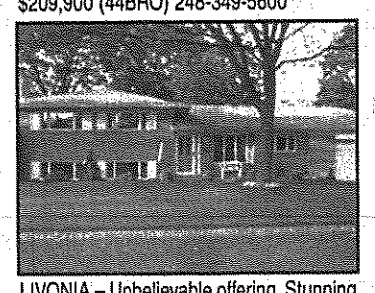


PLYMOUTH – A cut above the rest. Large 4 bedroom, 2 full & 2.5 bath colonial built in 2000 presents basement, 3 car attached garage, dual staircase, gourmet kitchen w/island, master bedroom w/sitting area & master bath, 2-way fireplace + deck & patio. $599,900 (75PLY) 734-455-5600

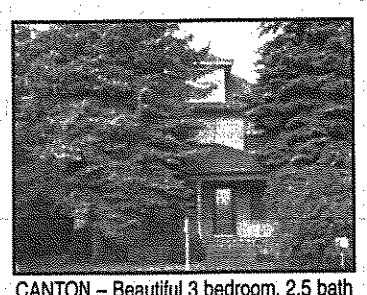


CANTON – Stop the car & look at this home. Curb appeal 10+, 3 bedroom brick colonial. LR w/bay window, newer Wilsonart woodlike flooring in LR, kit & foyer. Kit has white cabs, newer counter, sink, DW, micro, opens to FR w/brick FP, doorwall to deck, newer C/A, 6 panel doors. $215,000 (48APP) 734-455-5600

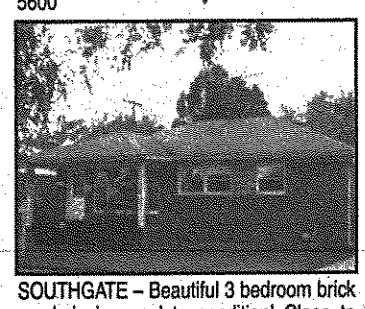
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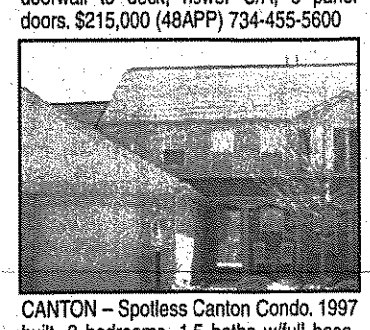
LIVONIA – Unbelievable offering. Stunning 4 bedroom, 2 full bath home in prime location & nestled on gorgeous landscaped & oversized treed lot. Updated oak kitchen, large FR w/fireplace, Andersen windows, sprinkler system, covered rear patio, oversized garage. Basement. $259,900 (02MUN) 248-349-5600



CANTON – Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/land & pole barn. Country living in the city. Hardwood t/o, air, newer roof to rafters, basement, oak trim, newer windows, kitchen cabs & furn. Home is gorgeous. Stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer & microwave stay. Home warranty included. $339,900 (08HAN) 248-349-5600



SOUTHGATE – Beautiful 3 bedroom brick ranch in immaculate condition! Close to schools & shopping. Partially finished basement w/family room & bar. Large living room, hardwood floors, appliances & 1.5 car garage. $105,000 (86TRE) 734-455-5600

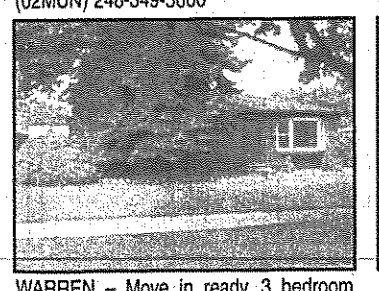


CANTON – Spotless Canton Condo. 1997 built, 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths w/full basement, attached garage, fireplace, 1st floor laundry, all kitchen appliances, spacious master bedroom w/WIC, huge bath w/garden tub & dual sinks. Brand new deck on back. Move right in! $159,800 (12HUN) 734-455-5600

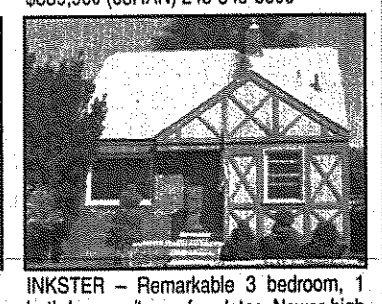
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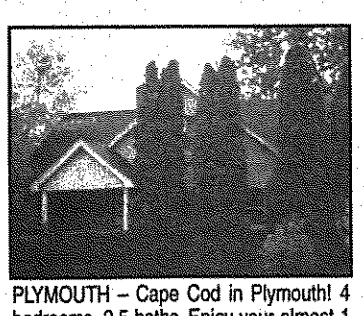
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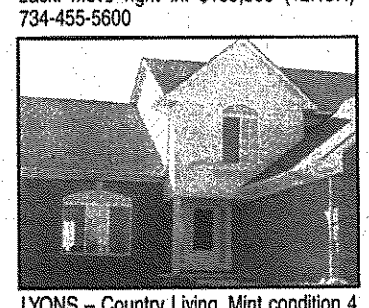
WARREN – Move in ready. 3 bedroom brick ranch w/ceramic bath & large kitchen. Family room has fireplace, C/A, hardwood, deck & newer driveway. Updates: Tikki bar in yard & 2 car detached garage. $168,900 (29COL) 248-349-5600



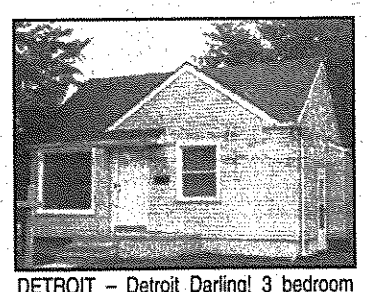
INKSTER – Remarkable 3 bedroom, 1 bath home w/tons of updates. Newer high quality porcelain tile in kitchen. Newer furnace, A/C and lots of fresh paint. Partially finished basement w/lots of room, light & dry. Large 2.5 car garage. $124,900 (84AVO) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH – Cape Cod in Plymouth! 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Enjoy your almost 1 acre of treed property! Home has beautiful newer kitchen, walk out basement. Some work to be done - but well worth the investment! $260,000 (35ANN) 734-455-5600



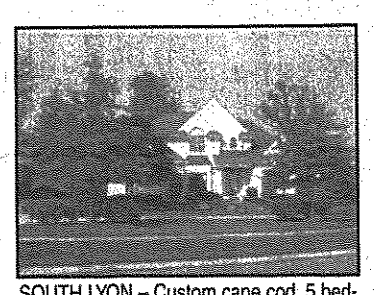
LYONS – Country Living. Mint condition 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/3 car attached garage, full basement, spacious great room w/fireplace, 1st floor laundry, gourmet kitchen w/eating area, all sitting on 1.11 acres. $299,900 (51FAI) 734-455-5600



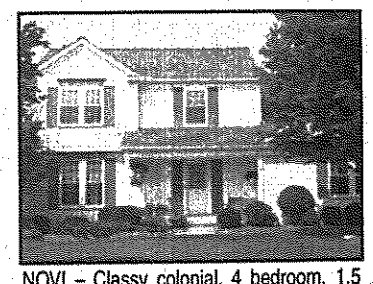
DETROIT – Detroit Darling! 3 bedroom w/partially finished basement includes family room. Newer kitchen & bath + hardwood floors add charm. Freshly painted & looks great, ready for you to move in! $75,000 (10BRA) 7334-455-5600



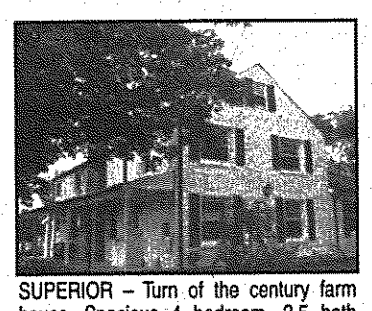
WESTLAND – Awesome Condo. Absolutely lovely and spacious ground level condo. Newly painted and carpeted w/neutral decor. Large living room w/fireplace, doorwall to patio overlooking beautiful pond w/fountain, A/C, Livonia schools & immediate occupancy. A must see. $79,900 (65WOO) 248-349-5600



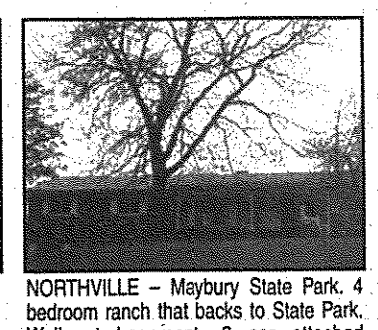
SOUTH LYON – Custom cape cod. 5 bedrooms, 3 baths & 2 lavs in a golf community on approx .65 acres. Solid oak doors & trim, sauna, dual staircase, Andersen windows, 4 car garage, finished basement, granite foyer, sound system. Bar in basement, 2 fireplaces, central vac. Walk to the course. $679,000 (65STA) 248-349-5600



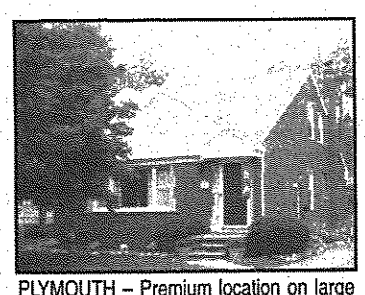
NOVI – Classy colonial. 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath home on approx 1/2 acre park-like setting. Newer hdwd flrs in foyer, kitchen & family room. Newer carpet. Formal dining room, doorwalls, A/C, glass blocks, storm door, lighting & outdoor lighting. 2 car garage w/overhead storage/access from upstairs. $299,900 (86SHE) 248-349-5600



SUPERIOR – Turn of the century farm house. Spacious 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial offering recent renovations, kitchen, baths (1 w/Jacuzzi tub), entire 2nd floor, great room, formal dining room w/woodburning stove. Separate living quarters. All in a beautiful country setting. $254,900 (90CHE) 734-455-5600



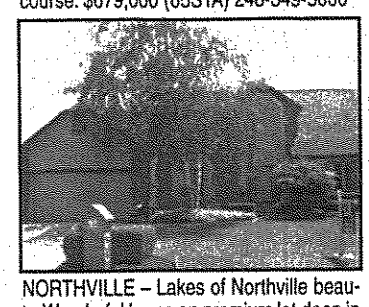
NORTHVILLE – Maybury State Park. 4 bedroom ranch that backs to State Park. Walk-out basement, 2 car attached garage, large country kitchen, beautifully landscaped w/mature trees all sitting on a very serene 3 acre lot. $539,900 (25WES) 734-455-5600



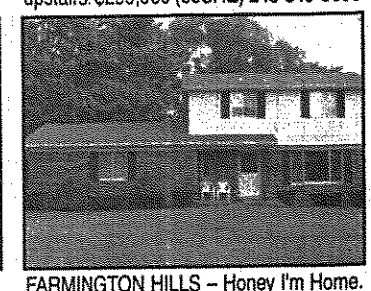
PLYMOUTH – Premium location on large lot. This 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick bungalow offers character & charm w/coved ceilings & hardwood floors, spacious room & Florida room. Large master bedroom w/2 walk-in closets. Beautiful perennial gardens. $254,900 (42PEN) 734-455-5600



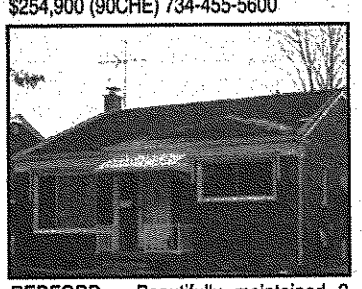
NORTHVILLE – Popular Highland Lakes. 3 bedroom, 2 story unit with living room, family room, dining room, full basement & patio. All appliances stay. Gas and water are included in association fee. Clubhouse, pool & Northville Schools. $163,000 (05CRY) 248-349-5600



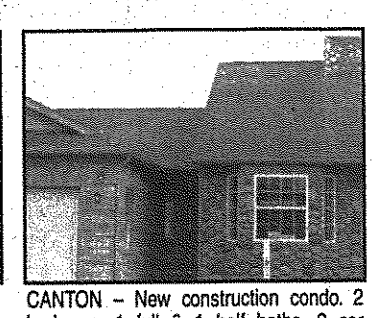
NORTHVILLE – Lakes of Northville beauty. Wonderful home on premium lot deep in sub. First floor master + 2 addl large bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Large kitchen w/ceramic counters and extra cabinets. Professional landscaping and decking, sprinklers, lighting & home warranty. $369,900 (21WHE) 248-349-5600



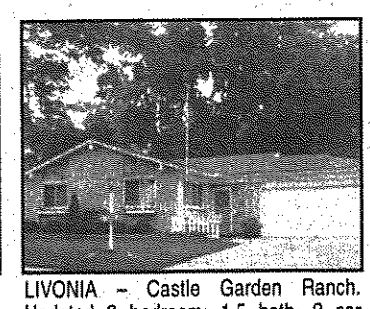
FARMINGTON HILLS – Honey I'm Home. Brick 3 bedroom colonial on approx 3/4 acres. Updates include: huge kit w/Corian counters, light oak cabs, carpet & roof. Freshly painted. Family room has fireplace, sunroom, patio, attached garage, full basement, appliances & home warranty. $249,900 (51DOH) 248-349-5600



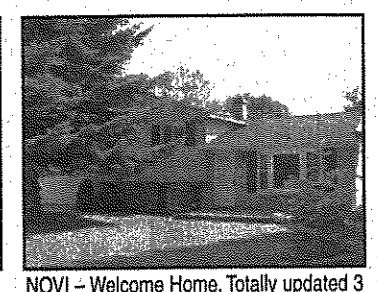
REDFORD – Beautifully maintained 3 bedroom ranch, hdwd floors, vinyl windows, plaster walls & coved ceilings, updates include: roof, furn & C/A, elec & carpet. Neutral colors, ceramic tile in kit, lg bsmt for added space. 2 car garage has 1 car door & South Redford Schools. $130,000 (73ORA) 734-455-5600



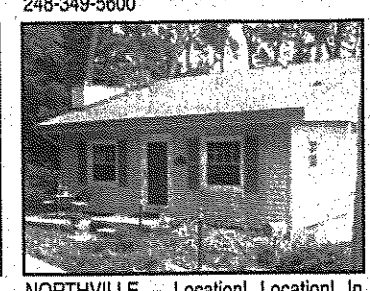
CANTON – New construction condo. 2 bedroom, 1 full & 1 half baths, 2 car attached garage, basement w/garden windows, C/A, 1st floor laundry, deck overlooking pond. $215,000 (58AVI) 734-455-5600



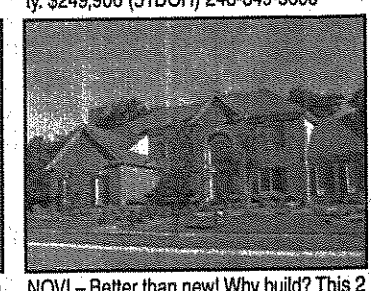
LIVONIA – Castle Garden Ranch. Updated 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2 car attached garage, finished basement, C/A & furn ('97), roof-tear-off ('00), vinyl windows, remodeled kit & baths. Hardwood, Berber, Pergo flooring. Maple cabinets, solid pine 6 panel doors t/o, doorwall off FR. $221,624 (76HOU) 734-455-5600



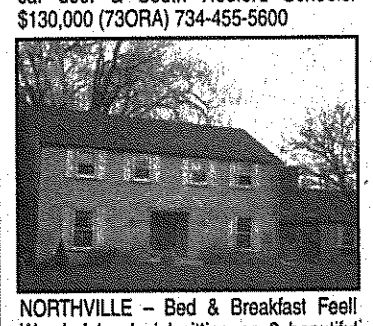
NOVI – Welcome Home. Totally updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath home w/bonus room & private entry. Great for home business. Family room all mic tiled, recessed lighting, custom paint. 2 car heated garage. Walk-out LL, tiered deck, pool & Novi schools. $219,900 (11TEN) 248-349-5600



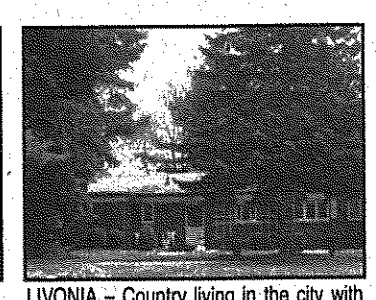
NORTHVILLE – Location! Location! In town! 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home. LR w/gas fireplace, library and lots of storage. New carpet '02, garage '01, siding & gutters '99, roof tear off ' 98, windows '96-'02. Steps away from library, parks, parades, cider mill & schools. $215,000 (44EAS) 248-349-5600



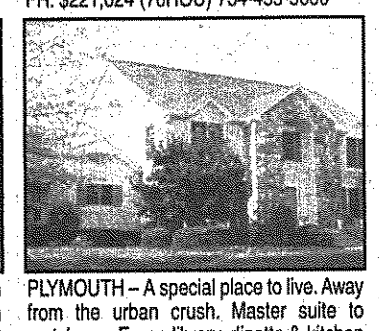
NOVI – Better than new! Why build? This 2 year old 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath colonial has all the upgrades. Cherry cabinets, granite counters, Jack & Jill baths, 2 story foyer & family room, conservatory, princess suite, finished lower level w/bedroom, bath & family room. Backs to woods too! $699,000 (10CHE) 248-349-5600



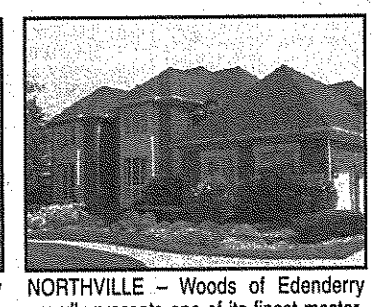
NORTHVILLE – Bed & Breakfast Feel! Wonderful colonial sitting on 2 beautiful acres, w/stocked pond! Traditional layout, living room, formal DR, huge FR w/panoramic view, spa room. Master suite w/WIC. Unique keeping room, 2 frplc, bsmt, deck & tennis court. REDUCED! $449,900 (00BEC) 734-455-5600



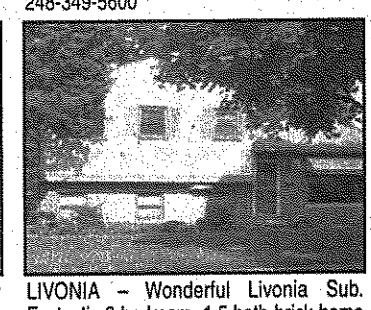
LIVONIA – Country living in the city with towering trees. Almost 2000 sq. ft. ranch on over 1.6 acres w/3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 2 fireplaces, (LR & FR), formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, 2.5 car attached garage & Florida room. 2 horses allowed. $324,000 (33CUR) 734-455-5600



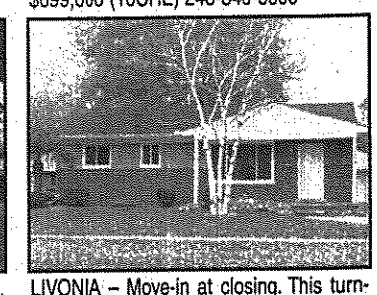
PLYMOUTH – A special place to live. Away from the urban crush. Master suite to match any. Foyer, library, dinette & kitchen hardwood floors. Kitchen has a ton of oak cabinets & appliances. Double door entry to library w/built-in bookcases. $629,900 (72KAT) 734-455-5600



NORTHVILLE – Woods of Edenderry proudly presents one of its finest masterpieces. Beautiful hardwood flrs, gourmet kit w/double ovens, microwave & granite countertops. Masonry frplcs, security sys, wet bar, French drs to study. Prof fin bsmt w/2 addl BRs. Private wooded yard. $719,000 (62STO) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA – Wonderful Livonia Sub. Fantastic 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick home w/loads of updates. Newer roof, windows, furnace & C/A. Hardwood floors under carpet in bedrooms. Oversized heated 2 car garage. $169,900 (44SUN) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA – Move-in at closing. This turn-key Livonia ranch is spotless. Beautifully updated kitchen w/maple cabinets, ceramic tile floor & appliances. New bath '03 w/custom tile & maple vanity. Furnace & C/A '01, windows & shingles '02. Fresh paint & more. Basement w/lav, 2 car garage. $157,500 (32MER) 248-349-5600

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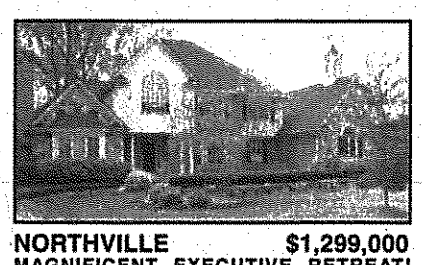
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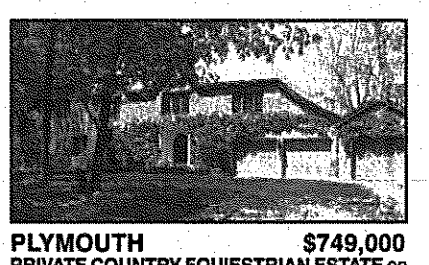
NORTHVILLE **$1,299,000**
MAGNIFICENT EXECUTIVE RETREAT! Luxurious living! Dramatic entry! Gourmet kit,indoor pool, fantastic fin bsmt w/sauna, bar & exercise rm. Gorgeous lot, Northville schools! A show place! (95OAK2)

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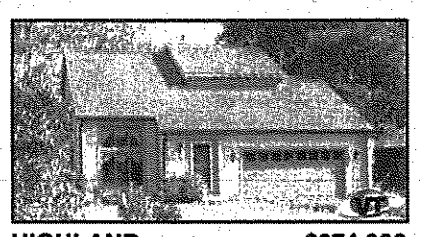
NORTHVILLE **$1,295,000**
MAGNIFICENT HOME on exceptional lot backing to nature preserve in Fox Hollow! Dramatic ceilings, gourmet kit w/granite. Magnificent mstr ste, fin'd w/o bsmt. Numerous amenities! (54WOO2)

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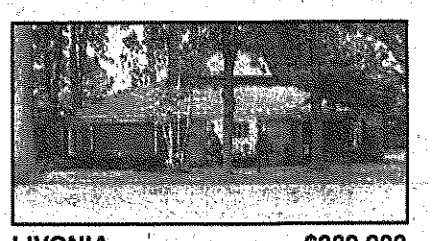
PLYMOUTH **$749,000**
PRIVATE COUNTRY EQUIESTRIAN ESTATE on 5.68 acres! Ply/Can schools, 5 BR, 3.5 ba, 3-car garage, 6534 SF, fin w/o. 1st floor mstr, corral/3-stall horse barn, cedar deck overlooks private pond. (91BRO2)

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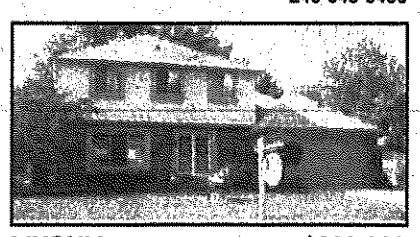
HIGHLAND **$374,900**
DUCK LAKE FRONTAGE! 3 bdrm, 2 full baths, 2.5 car gar. Beautiful hardwood flrs, island kit with oak cabinets, 1st floor laundry, Huron Valley schools- call for a private showing. (23K3690)

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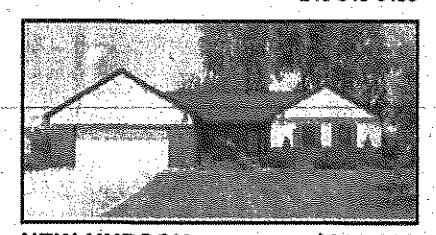
LIVONIA **$289,900**
WOODED LOT, 3 BR, 2.5 BAs fantastic 1100 SF addition, FR w/FP, pool, many updates - rf, wndws, gar, sun rm, furn, brk pavers, gutters, baths, mstr BR has cathedral ceiling. 2868 SF! (P30542)

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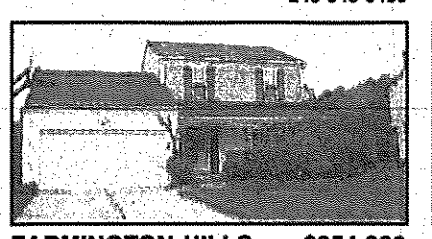
LIVONIA **$289,900**
PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP SHOWS THRU-OUT! 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial features newer rf, carpet, pergo flr in DR, updated baths, wood flrs in kit & nook, ceramic in foyer & lav, lg FR w/FP, & much more! (P14475)

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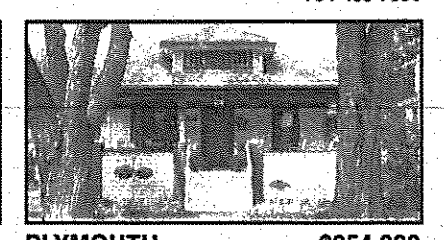
NEW HUDSON **$269,900**
THIS RANCH HAS IT ALL! Lg lot, cul-de-sac, 3 BR, 2.5 baths, FR/LR/DR & eat-in kit. Landscaped, lg deck w/spa, full bsmt w/extra BR. Great neighborhood! 5 min to x-way/shopping (18SUN2)

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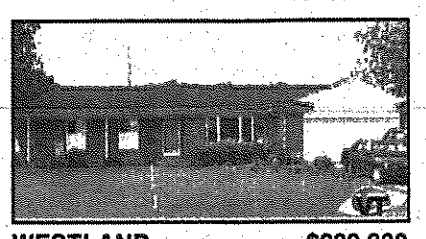
FARMINGTON HILLS **$254,990**
BEAUTIFUL SCENIC LOT BACKING TO POND surrounded by fruit trees & prk commons. 3 BR, 2.5 BA, fresh paint, nicely decorated w/oak trim & panels, marble FP, fin bsmt w/full bath, 2 car attd gar, more. (B34658)

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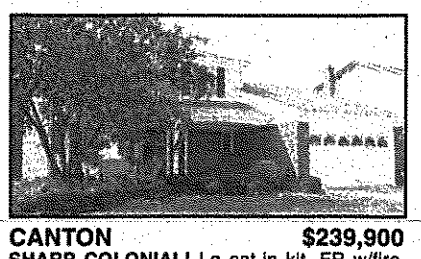
PLYMOUTH **$254,000**
"FALL" IN LOVE w/this downtown charmer! 3 bdrm, 2 full baths, new kit, corian cntrs, etc. (23A465)

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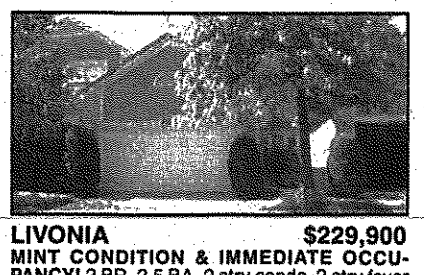
WESTLAND **$239,900**
BUY A DREAM 3 br custom brick & vinyl 1,549 sq ft Westland Ranch w/Livonia Schools. HW floors, Fam Rm w/fireplace, remodeled kitchen, newer windows, carpet, roof, 2 car. (P346)

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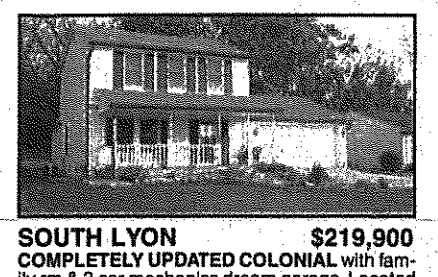
CANTON **$239,900**
SHARP COLONIAL! Lg eat-in kit. FR w/fireplace. 18x16 Florida rm. Finished bsmt w/full bath, main bath remodeled, corian & marble. Well maintained home! Plymouth/Canton schools. (23W1451)

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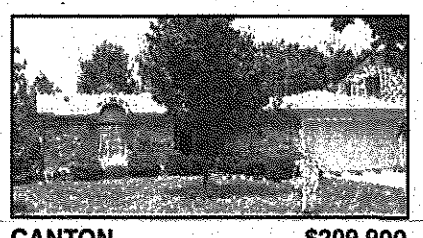
LIVONIA **$229,900**
MINT CONDITION & IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY! 2 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 stry condo, 2 stry foyer w/skylt, lg mstr ste w/cathedral ceiling, prvt bath w/sep shower & tub, deck off mstr BR & DR, full bsmt, 2 car garage. (W9409)

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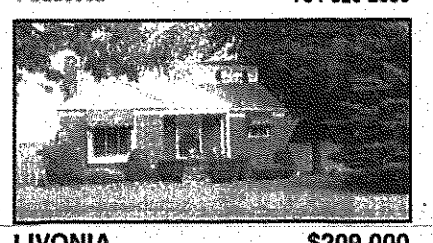
SOUTH LYON **$219,900**
COMPLETELY UPDATED COLONIAL with family rm & 3 car mechanics dream garage. Located deep in sub on oversized lot & just minutes to downtown. Truly a must see! (H1008)

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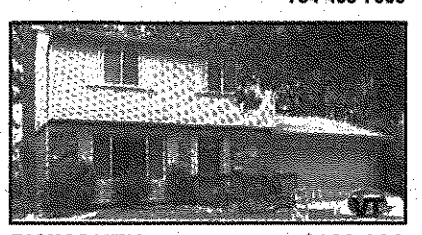
CANTON **$209,900**
CANTON BRICK RANCH! Lovely 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick ranch on a private cul-de-sac with a beautiful wooded view from deck. Spacious bright kitchen opens to family room. (23R6556)

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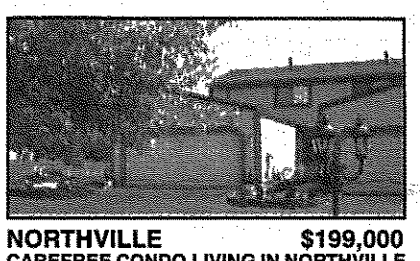
LIVONIA **$209,000**
COUNTRY IN THE CITY! 1/2 acre lot in the heart of Livonia. Brick colonial w/over 1900 SF, finished basement, & 2 car garage. Updated thru-out, move right in! (B14962)

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PLYMOUTH **$199,900**
WELCOME HOME! You'll be proud to call this beautiful colonial your new home! Pride of ownership shines w/many updates: newer wndws, siding, rf, kit, elec bx, appl, & more. (W10063)

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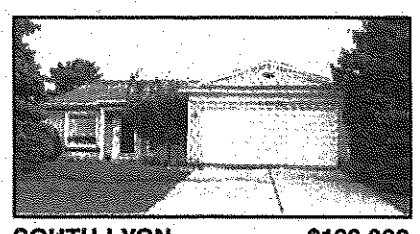
NORTHVILLE **$199,000**
CAREFREE CONDO LIVING IN NORTHVILLE Bright and cheery end unit with newer carpeting, crown moldings, master bath, partcially finished rec. room and 2 car garage. Great value at $199,000. (94CON2)

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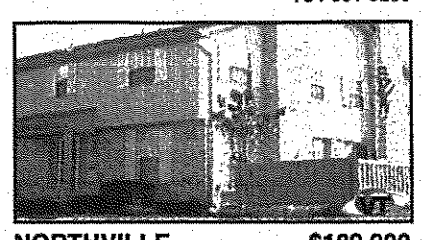
NORTHVILLE **$194,000**
JEWEL OF COUNTRY PLACE 1650 sq ft condoe has updates galore.Oversized L/R w/ WBFP.Fin. bsmt. w/dry sauna. Pation & many extras! Ready for you to move in! (18GLE02)

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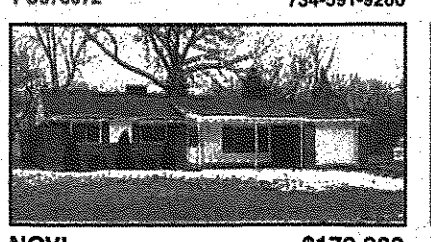
SOUTH LYON **$192,000**
GREAT SOUTH LYON RANCH! 1300 sq ft. 3 beds.Family room w/cathedral ceiling & fireplace,deck in fenced yard, new roof, newer windows,part finished basement w/pool table ready & waiting! (40WIN2)

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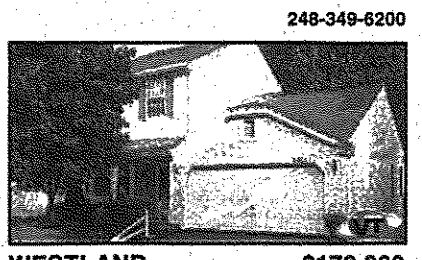
NORTHVILLE **$189,900**
CONVENIENCE, STYLE, & FUNCTIONALITY! Immediate occupancy in this end unit with all appl incl. New berber carpet, paint, & lg lndry rm w/ lots of storage. Neutral decor, 1 car gar, fin bsmt. Hurry! (G21228)

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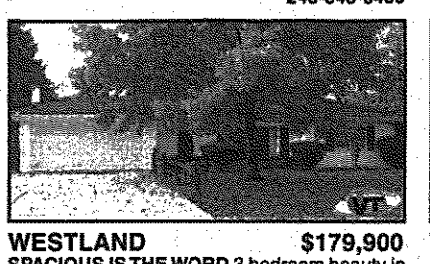
NOVI **$179,900**
ALL THE WORK IS DONE, SPARKLING NOVI RANCH! 3 BR, 2 baths, fresh paint & all new moldings. Kitchen remodeled, mstr bath updated, windows, HWH & carpet in 2001. Lg yard & close to school/park. (40WIL2)

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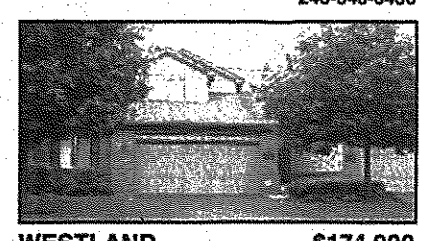
WESTLAND **$179,900**
WONDERFUL BUY Is this 3 bdrm 2 1/2 bath Westland Colonial in Millpoint. Full bsmt, family rm w/woodburner, C/A 2 car att garage. Back has a large 2 tiered deck, fenced yard. (R376)

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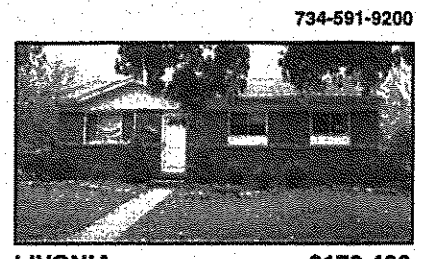
WESTLAND **$179,900**
SPACIOUS IS THE WORD 3 bedroom beauty in Westland. 2 baths one w/walk in shower, large 130x130 lot, 2 car att garage plus another 1 car garage in back, fam rm w/fireplace and more. (J348)

PC220102 734-326-2000



WESTLAND **$174,900**
S/WARREN & WEST OFF WAYNE RD! Luxury 1300 SF, 2 BR, 2.5 BA Condo w/fin bsmt & 2-car garage. (54QUA2)

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LIVONIA **$172,400**
GREAT BUY IN LIVONIA. 3 BR brk ranch located in area of higher priced homes. Newer oak kit with all appl. Hrdwd flrs. In need of repairs, elbow grease, & decorating. Great value! (F14403)

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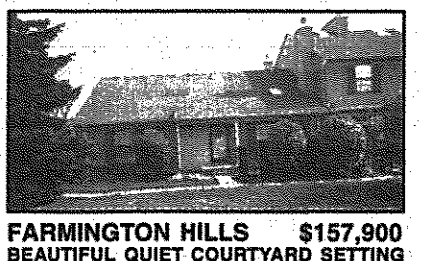
WESTLAND **$169,900**
THE FINEST HOME IN LIVONIA SCHOOLS Is this 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath, Westland ranch. Remod bath & kit with oak & ceramic, newer windows, HWH, copper plum, front door, roof shingles, rec rm, 26x26 gar. (M327)

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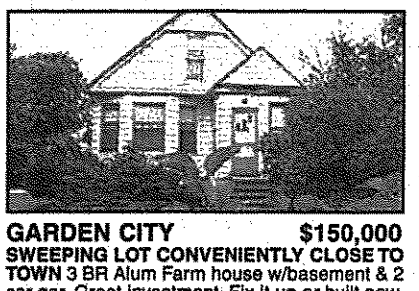
LIVONIA **$165,000**
WONDERFUL HOME READY NOW! 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, all brick ranch, full finished bas't, 2 car garage. Cute, clean, many updates. Great neighborhood & Livonia Schools too! (A9646)

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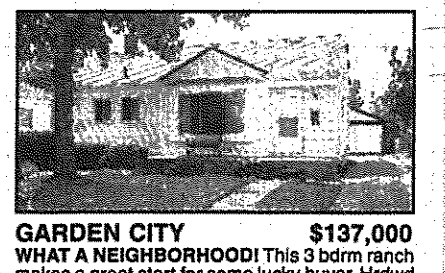
FARMINGTON HILLS **$157,900**
BEAUTIFUL QUIET COURTYARD SETTING overlooking pond. Sit & enjoy the deck, fireplace & skylights, lg mstr w/WIC, kit w/oak cupboards, fin bsmt w/rm w/closets, newer furn, soon a new rf(paid for). (C31131)

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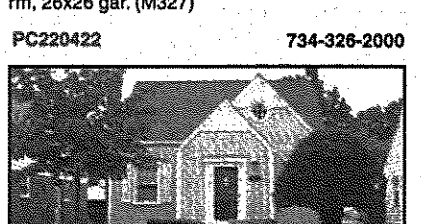
GARDEN CITY **$150,000**
SWEEPING LOT CONVENIENTLY CLOSE TO TOWN 3 BR Alum Farm house w/basement & 2 car gar. Great investment. Fix it up or built new. Has been split for 2 lots. 94x179 (H569)

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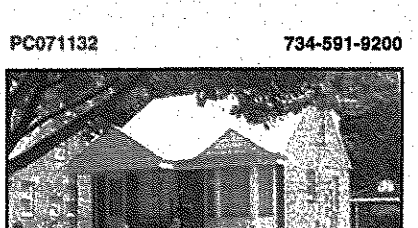
GARDEN CITY **$137,000**
WHAT A NEIGHBORHOOD! This 3 bdrm ranch makes a great start for some lucky buyer. Hrdwd flrs in bdrm & under carpet in LR. Newer furnace & c/a. Deck off back. 2.5 car gar w/opener. (23R30955)

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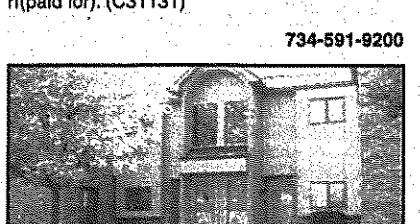
DEARBORN **$139,900**
THIS HOME IS CUTE, CUTE, CUTE! Over 1000 SQ FT & shows extremely well. Close to park, school, tennis & swimming. Nice garden patch behind 2.5 Car Gar. Too many updates to list! (21UNI2)

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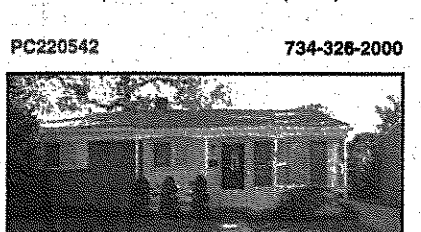
REDFORD **$132,999**
A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH! True 5 BR home in South Redford. Family Rm/Entertainment Rm in Basement. 2 Full Baths. Needs TLC & priced accordingly. 2 car GAR w/electric & gas hookup. (38RIV2)

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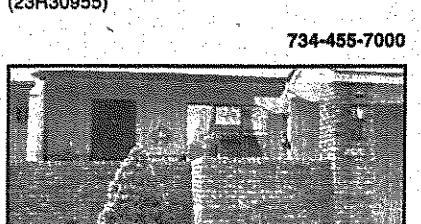
CANTON **$131,000**
NO MORE RENTING! Why rent when you can own this upper ranch condo remodeled in 2000?! Great condition, quiet location. Ready to go!! (23L42815)

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WESTLAND **$129,900**
WOW! Homes this clean, this updated just don't come on the market too often. Check out these updates: kit, wndws, roof, bth, most carpeting, hwh, c/a, furn. Move in! (F34425)

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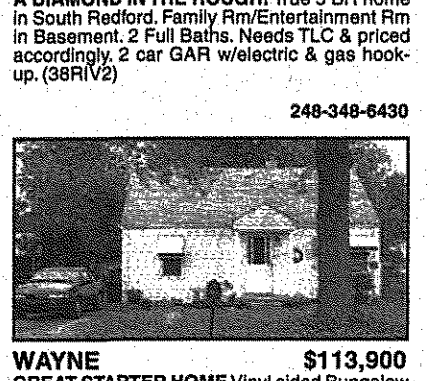
SOUTH LYON **$117,900**
RANCH UNIT WITH WALKOUT! Adult co-op 55+. Private courtyard entry. Florida room w/ walkout basement. Finished basement. Very large master. Pretty & neat as a pin! (23P25357)

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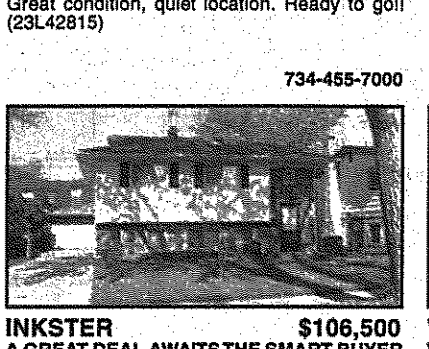
WAYNE **$115,900**
FANTASTIC 3 BEDROOM RANCH! New within the last year furnace, CA, kitchen, completely redone, paint, ext. door, carpet, newer windows. Walk to schools, rec center, pools, parks. (A342)

PC220022 734-326-2000



WAYNE **$113,900**
GREAT STARTER HOME Vinyl sided Bungalow with 2 bedrooms, a poillble 3rd. 10x10 barnstyle shed, large covered patio overlooking deep lot, 150+ feet, hutty. (J445)

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INKSTER **$106,500**
A GREAT DEAL AWAITS THE SMART BUYER In this nicely maintained four bedroom split-level. 1 1/2 baths, fireplace, 2 1/2 car garage. Newer carpet in living rm, hardwood floors in upper level. (B120)

PC220052 734-326-2000



WESTLAND **$75,000**
WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN OWN! Affordable 1 BR, 1 bth Condo w/freshly painted interior. New carpet, kit flr, dishwasher & blinds. Newer roof, huge walk-in closet. Patio faces beautiful pond! (95WOO2)

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DETROIT **$59,900**
COZY CAPE COD Cozy 3 bedroom with hardwood floors, fully enclosed front porch, partially finished basement with lav, fenced yard and 2 car garage. Newer roof and HWH. (C198)

PC220602 734-326-2000

WESTLAND
ABSOLUTELY ADORABLE! Well loved 3 bdrm, 1 bath ranch in Westland. Updates include large deck, bathroom beautifully renovated, refurbished hrdwd flrs. Bsmt living space w/storage. 23S38304 **$159,899** 734-455-7000

WESTLAND
STOP! THIS IS THE ONE! 3 BR, 1.5 BA bi-level, updated kit, new tear off rf, trim & gutters, front yd sprinklers, huge yd, FP in FR. Pride of ownership shows! 1760 SF! A lot of space! S900 **$155,000** 734-591-9200

NOVI
STONEHENGE CONDO 2 br, 1.5 bath townhouse. New carpet in LR & nook. Remodeled main bath. Small private patio. Fin bsmt. Immed. occupancy close to xway and shopping. 64STO2 **$139,900** 248-348-6430

LIVONIA
GREAT LOWER LEVEL CONDO IN LAUREL PARK 2 BR, 2 baths w/beautiful screened porch overlooking commons area. Close to everything you need. Assoc Dues incl heat & water. Immed Occupancy. 75UNI2 **$134,900** 248-348-6430

LIVONIA
PERFECT AS A STARTER! 2 bedroom ranch. Big lot with carport. All appliances, newer kitchen & bath, freshly painted, newer roof. One year home warranty. Needs a little TLC. C11788 **$107,000** 734-591-9200

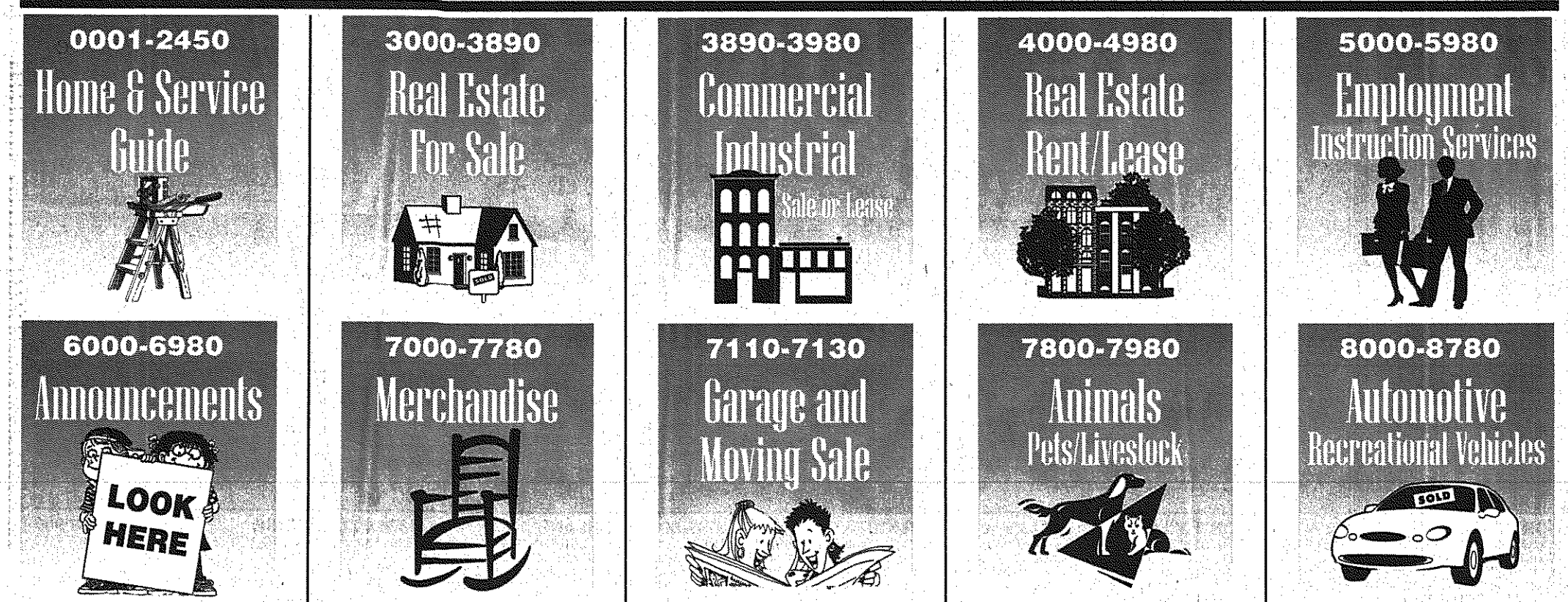
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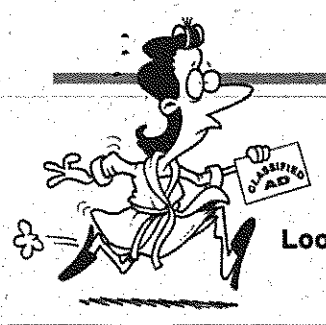
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CANTON: Royal Holiday Park Lot 89, N. off Warren, btwn. Hix & Haggerty Rds. Nov. 6, 7 & 8, 10-4. Tool Makers tools, 1,000+ books & magazines, misc. household. All must go.

DETROIT: 20162 Veach St. Nov, 6-8, 9-5. Hand tools & electric, Military misc., costume jewelry, hats, dishes, glassware & more. Off 8 Mile Rd., just E. of VanDyke.
SALE BY BAGS INCLUDED

ESTATE SALE Nov. 8 & 9, 9-5pm. 9316 Salem, Redford. Off W. Chicago, btwn. Beech Daly & Telegraph. Antiques, collectibles & household items. No early birds, please!

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LIVONIA House contents must be sold! November 6 & 7, - 9am-3:30pm. 34165 6 Mile Rd., W/Farmington Rd.

NORTHVILLE
KING MILL CO-OPS, Court 10, Northville Rd. bwtn. 6 & 7 mile rd. Fri, & Sat. Nov. 7 & 8, 9-5. Vintage Lionel train, Antiques, glassware, jewelry, tools, clothes & misc.

NORTHVILLE
FINAL WEEKEND! Indoor moving & estate sale. Everything 1/2 off! Antiques, household, furniture, collectibles, clothing, toys, close-out gift store stock, Christmas items & much, much more. THURS.-SUN., 9-5. 19260 Clement Rd., N. of 7 Mile between Sheldon & Beck.

Troy 5038 Dayton Dr.
W. of Dequindre off Long Lake (18 Mile) Rd.-turn right on Blair (2nd street W. of Dequindre) turn right on Dayton. Thurs Nov 6, (3pm-6pm) Fri/Sat Nov 7 & 8 (10am-4pm). Sofas, sofa beds, chairs, dining room, bedroom, kitchen set (glass & chrome) oak table (round pedestal circa 1900) kitchen table (antiques, circa, 1910-1920s), bookcases, oriental style rugs, crystal chandeliers & more.

Garage Sales 7110

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Garage Sales 7110

GARAGE SALE SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
Fri, Nov. 7, 9am-4pm. 18600 Haggerty Rd., btwn 6 & 7 Mile Roads. Tables, chairs, office equipment.

LIVONIA ESTATE SALE TOOLS!
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LIVONIA Thurs.-Sun., 9-5pm. 14681 Melrose, N. off Lyndon, W. of Merriman. Christmas, furniture & misc.

NORTHVILLE AMERICAN GIRL, BITTY BABY, BARBIE. Doll clothing sale. Northville Hills Golf Club Subdivision. Nov. 8 & 29. (734) 667-5563

NORTHVILLE
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NOVI In-Home Sale. Sat., 7am-4pm. Dining room furniture, double bed w/mattress & box spring, wall art & accessories. 39834 Village Wood Cr., in Lakewood Condos, off Haggerty, btwn 9 & 10 Mile.

NOVI November 7th, (9-5) & 8th (9-2.) 1375 East Lake Dr, between 13 & 14 Mile on Walled Lake. Piano, misc.

NOVI: 4 family sale. Sat., Nov. 8, 8am-4pm. 41470 Cypress Way.-Maples of Novi Sub. Off 14 Mi, btwn. Welsh & Novi Rd.

OAK PARK-Fri, Nov 7, 9-4pm. Sat. Nov. 8, 9-noon. 13731 Vernon. N/10 Mile, 1st blk. E/Coolidge. Office Desks, file cabinets, fax machine, computer. 248-756-3883.

Plymouth- N. Territorial & Ridge. Andover Lakes Sub. 12490 Wendover. Sat. only, 8am-5pm. Crib, dinette set, living room sectional & more.

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TROY - Apparel Sale, company moving, shirts, hats, jackets. Fri & Sat., 9-6, 1490 Premier, Suite C, Maple & Crooks.

Walled Lake: Nov. 8th, 10am, 725 Adelaide, N. of Pontiac Trail, W. off S. Commerce between Ladd & Wolverine Dr. 50 years accumulation to sell due to loss of husband who was antique collector. 248-624-2432, 734-453-6291

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Moving Sales 7130

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ESTATE SALE Sat., 11/8, 9-5. Furniture, appliances, leaded glass doors, misc. items. 24408 Scott, off Telegraph, S. of Michigan Ave., Dearborn

LATHRUP VILLAGE Sale, wall units, tables, some never used furniture, selling everything. (248) 559-8848 Days

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LIVONIA: In-House Moving Sale. Misc. furniture, some antiques. Nov. 7 & 8, 11-6. 15760 Woodside. 2 blks. N. of 5, 1 blk. E. of Levan.

PLYMOUTH - 49112 Quail Run Dr., Ridgwood West Sub. Nov. 7 & 8, 9-5. Furniture, household & misc.

Household Goods 7160

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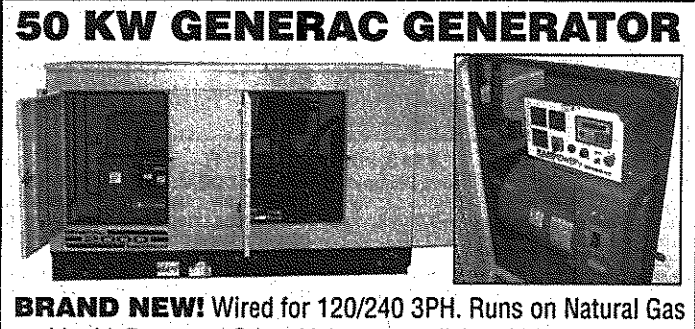
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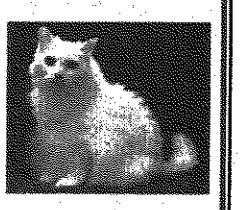


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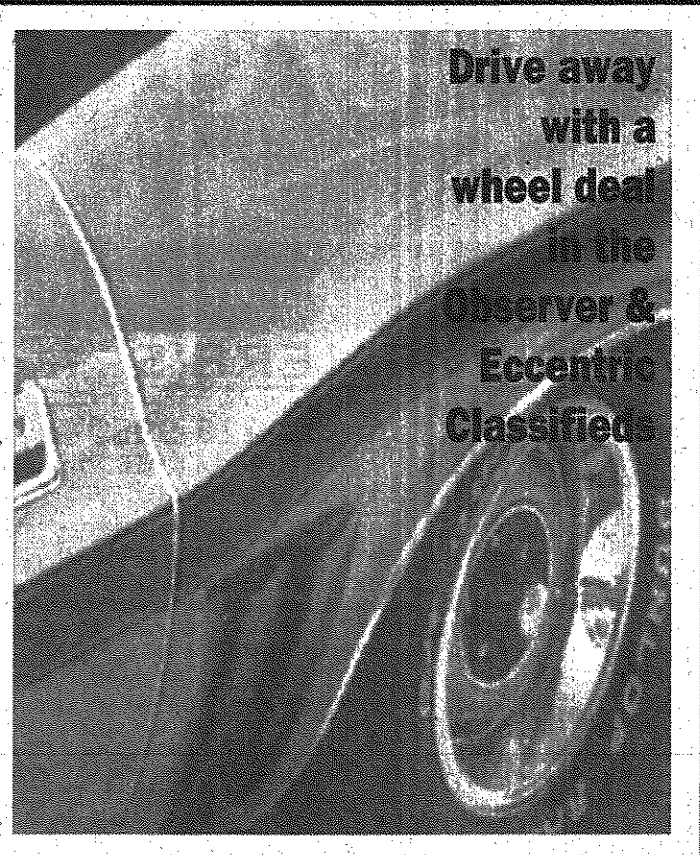
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SWF, 39, outgoing, attractive, 5'7", 135 lbs., with blonde hair. Enjoys long walks, dining, dancing and much more. Looking for a SWM, 40-60, to enjoy our passions together. Ad#:547194

GET IN TOUCH
Confident, humorous, fun, spontaneous SWF, 23, 5'2", medium build. Looking for a SWM, 23-31, N/S, N/D, drug-free. Ad#:545721

FLINT AREA
Family-oriented, SWF, 55 years old, green-eyed blonde, temporarily disabled. Loves concerts, dining out, etc. Seeks honest, kind, SWM, 50-60, with a sense of humor and similar interests. Ad#:545505

WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING?
SW Mom, 39, 5'4", blue-eyed blonde, fun to be around. I love long walks, movies and time with my daughter. I'm seeking a tall, honest, SWM, 34-45, who likes children. Ad#:544961

FOLLOW ME
Gregarious, SWF, 53, 5'7", slim, brunette with many interests. Looking to meet a handsome and financially secure SWM, 45-55, who is 5'10" or above with a slim build. Ad#:544561

HONESTY ABOVE ALL
Want to be spoiled? I'm a fun-loving SWF, 55, tall, with green eyes & blondish-brown hair, who enjoys movies, camping, sewing, cooking and time at home. Looking for a sincere, warm, genuine SWM, 55-68, who enjoys life. Must be a non-smoker. Ad#:543693

YOU
SB Mom, 19, short, light complexion, funny and sweet. Seeking a respectful, kind, fun-loving SBM, 18+. Ad#:543345

CANDLE LIT DINNERS
I'm a petite SWF, 49 years of age, searching for a tall, attractive, financially secure SWM, 42-57, who enjoys travel, theater, dancing and working out. Ad#:530593

THERE'S STILL HOPE
DWF, 28, affectionate, honest, sincere, with one child. Seeking SWM, 28-40, non-smoker, emotionally, financially secure man. Ad#:542629

ROMANCE
...Is just around the corner. I am 5'2", with dark eyes and hair, 63. Looking to meet a tall gentleman, 59-70, who likes dancing, cards, travel, and wants a long-term relationship. Ad#:403303

ENJOY LIFE
Friendly, caring, SWF, 57, 5'3", medium build, dark hair/eyes. Enjoys spending romantic evenings at home, cuddling and holding hands. Looking for a SWM, social-drinker, 56-60, who shares the same interests, for companionship and possible more. Ad#:504863

LETS TALK
Outgoing and friendly SWF, 19, 5'8", brown hair, blue eyes, smoker. Enjoys animals, crafts, the outdoors and loves roller coasters. Looking for an honest and up-front SWM, 40-51, with similar interests who has a get-up-and-go attitude. Ad#:539780

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

TIME FOR YOU
Short, petite, funny, honest SWF, 38, sarcastic. I like movies, local shows, reading, computer, etc. Seeking monogamous relationship with SWM, 40-45, long walks, good coffee, dancing. Ad#:540074

A NEW SMILE TODAY
Coffee with a friend. Everyday is something new with this SWF, 51, blonde hair, hazel eyes, fun, outgoing, little shy. Seeking forever young, SWM, 50-60, nice, sincere, hardworking Christian. Ad#:539821

PRETTY & PLAYFUL
SWF, 42, 5'4", with short auburn hair and blue eyes. Enjoys time with her children, biking, walking and much more. Looking for a N/S SWM, 40-48, who is fun-loving, good-natured and enjoys kids. Ad#:450939

SOCIAL BUTTERFLY
Brown eyes, light-skinned SWF, 22, nice, kind, jokes around, enjoys going to movies, watching television, enjoying social nights out. Seeking companionship with a good man. Ad#:539573

EXTRA NICE
Blonde, blue-eyed, proportionate SWF, 42, outgoing, bubbly, amiable, not shy. I like motorcycling, boating, hockey. Seeks monogamous relationship with SWM, 37-55, soul mate. Ad#:539134

FORMER MODEL
SWF, 49, 5'6", 125 lbs., slender, smoker, social drinker. Loves art museums, camping and more. Seeking an easygoing, attractive, creative SWM, 38-49, who likes to dance and is a music lover. Ad#:538187

CALL ME
23 year old single black female, searching for a professional, outgoing single white male, 30-40. Ad#:536248

WALK MY PIER
Slim, easygoing SWF, 58, is serious-minded, confident, knowledgeable. Enjoys summers and winters, going places, golf, boating. Seeking SWM, 55-68, for sharing, caring and warmth. Ad#:506784

STARRY NIGHT DRIVE
SWF, 60, 5'6" medium build, auburn hair, green eyes. Enjoys travel, outdoors & gardening. Seeking tall, educated, Indian descent M, 55-60, with same interests & family values. Ad#:534311

LOVES TO TALK
Faithful SW Mom, 37, 5'2", with brown, highlighted hair & blueish-green eyes. Interested in movies, dining out, cuddling and family outings. Seeking an honest, fun-loving SBM, 28+, who isn't afraid to be himself. Ad#:534212

TIRED OF BEING ALONE
SWF, young 50 years 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#:533963

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, 72-76. I am attractive, fun SWF, 72, Christian, local. Ad#:533625

ENJOY LIFE
SWF, 37, 5'7", with blue eyes and brown hair. Interests are time with her children, camping, basketball, golfing, music and concerts. Looking for a SWM, 30-45, who is fun to be around. Ad#:444655

THIS IS IT
DWF, 52, young-looking Jewish lady, medium to large build, humorous. Enjoys art fairs, crafting. Seeking supportive, financially stable SWM, 40-65. Give me a try. Ad#:532334

SHARE A MOONLIT NIGHT
Bubbly SWF, 55, 5'4", 135 lbs, redish/blonde hair, hazel eyes. Enjoys bowling, sports and exercise. Looking for a sincere, good-humored SWM, 50-62. Ad#:493215

LOOKING FOR FUN
SW Mom, 34, outgoing, cheerful, employed full-time, smoker, seeking a SWM, age not important. She enjoys talking, being with her friends, going to clubs and getting to know people. Ad#:531198

LOOKING FOR A COP
Capture this SWF, 30, 5'11", with wavy blonde hair. Can't believe I'm doing this, thought I'd try anyway. Enjoys true novels, painting, sculpture, interior design. Seeking a good friend SWM, 35-45. Ad#:531139

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 SHM, between 21-28. Ad#:509755

FULL OF LIFE
SWF, 5'7", 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

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
DWF, 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

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
I'm a SBF, 52, 5'5", with black hair & brown eyes, who enjoys bowling & jazz. Seeking an outgoing, smart SBM, 48-58, with a great sense of humor. Ad#:528909

MULTI- INTERESTED AAF
SBF, 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, 5'6", 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

LIFE OF THE PARTY
Attractive, fun, creative SBF, 39, loves to laugh. Enjoys dinner parties, travel and scrap booking. Looking for a chivalrous SM, 35-50. Ad#:512335

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, gentle, kind SWCM, 34-45, for romance and companionship. I prefer someone without children. Ad#:505052

HAPPY GO LUCKY
SBF, 31, 5'6", great sense of humor who enjoys decorating, cooking and reading. Seeking honest, trustworthy, respectful, intelligent SM, 31-50, has zest for life. Ad#:506016

DINNER?
Easygoing, attractive SWF, 29, enjoys dining out, clubs and long walks in the park. Looking for a laid-back, good-looking SBM, 29-39. Ad#:506117

NAUGHTY & NICE
SWF, 45, no dependents, social drinker, and smokes. Seeking SWM, 45-55, with a Harley. Ready for riding the open roads. Ad#:449543

LOOKING FOR ME?
SBF, 24 years old, in search of a hardworking SBM, 24-35, who believes in the Lord, enjoys movies, biking and having fun. Ad#:505295

AWAITING YOUR CALL
She is a SWF, 55 years of age, who enjoys riding Harleys, camping, travel and family life. She would like to build a friendship, possible relationship with a SWM, 45-65, no games! Ad#:501161

BEAUTIFUL SPIRIT
SWF, 22, with brown hair/eyes, a nice smile, collector of dolls. Seeking a drug and disease-free SM, 21-28, with similar interests. Ad#:500793

COUNTRY GAL
Christian, SWF, 48, 5'3", brown hair and eyes, N/S, N/D who loves the outdoors, church, and animals. Seeking SWM, 50 plus, with same interests. Ad#:500094

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

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

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

INTERESTED?
SBF, 44, enjoys church, plays, good conversation, singing and more...Looking for a SBM, 40-46, with similar interests. Sincere replies only! Ad#:482616

ALL MY LOVE
SNAF, 37, who is hoping to meet a SNAM around the same age. If this is you, call me! Ad#:482471

SOMETHING REAL
SWF, 25, blonde hair, blue eyes, bubbly, friendly and easy to get along with. Enjoys computers, movies, good conversation with friends and more. Seeking a SM, who is honest, trustworthy, humorous and open. Ad#:482193

NOT PERFECT
SBF, 38, with two teens, physically challenged, walks with cane. Seeking relationship with SM, 38-58, who is understanding and special. Ad#:473738

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DO I INTEREST YOU?
I'm a brown-eyed SB Mom, 28, 5'4", 185 lbs., who likes movies and partying. I'd like to find an older SM, who is outgoing, laid-back and likes to have fun. Ad#:505101

MARRIAGE-MINDED
Professional, SWF, 50, long blonde hair, full-figured, 5' tall, who enjoys gardening, movies, socializing, the outdoors, cooking and more. Seeking a compassionate, caring SWM, 43-52. Ad#:482898

HARLEY GIRL
SWF, 34, tall, dark, beautiful, 5'11", great sense of humor, loves her children, hunting and Harley's. Seeking a funny, tall, well-built SWM, 30-45, with similar interests. Kids welcome. Ad#:504545

NO GAMES
SBF, 50, seeking a sincere soulmate... a fun-loving SM, 40-60, who is gainfully employed, and knows what he wants, for a long-term relationship. Ad#:504299

LUCKY YOU
Open-minded SWF, 49, financially and emotionally secure. Seeking mature SWM, 43-57. Enjoys reading, good movies, all music, open to newer interests. One who is looking for friendship first, and possibly more. Ad#:502459

SOMEONE SPECIAL
WWWF, 65, 5'8", with brown hair, hazel eyes, attractive, friendly. Enjoys going to movies, casual dining, some walking, anything exciting. Seeking professional SWM, 65-70, companion, friend, helper. Ad#:503130

REAL SWEETHEART
SWF, 28, plump, with black hair, light complexion, pretty smile. Enjoys decorating, exercising, magazines/books, etc. Seeking SWM, 26-39, for sightseeing, and fun times. Ad#:502607

ARE WE ALIKE?
SWF, 50, with above average-looks, good communicator, amusing, loving soul mate. Seeking SDWM, 45-60, clean-cut gentleman, looking for serious relationship. Ad#:482566

LIFE IS TOO SHORT
SWF, 61, nice figure, with blue eyes and blonde hair. Enjoys music, dancing, theatre, travel, golf, etc. Looking for a N/S, pleasant SW gentleman, 59-64, who doesn't play head games. Ad#:420010

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

ARE YOU FOR ME?
Very attractive SBF, 34, seeking financially secure, generous gentleman, over 35. Talk first. Ad#:496880

TAME MY HEART
SWF, 65, 5'2", 130 lbs. She is adventurous, loves to travel, dine out, stay active and much more. Seeking a SWM, 55-70, who does not take life for granted and has similar interests. Ad#:496508

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

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

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

MY IDEAL MAN
SWF, 36, 5'7", sexy mom, sincere, with some college. I like kick boxing, exercising, swimming, and much more. I can offer honesty, sincerity, dedication to an educated, family-oriented SWM, 30-43. Ad#:494134

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

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

GOOD FRIEND
Semi-retired SWF, 59, 5'6", with blonde hair, stays busy. Likes home life, family gatherings, dances, fitness. Seeking reliable, good-hearted SM, any age. Ad#:484727

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SEEKING SPECIAL LADY
Easygoing, sincere, romantic, down-to-earth SWM, 33, 5'9", 180 lbs., brown hair/eyes. Enjoys cuddling, movies at home and dining out. Looking for an outgoing, affectionate, happy SHF, under 35, who knows where she is going in life. Ad#:558339

COULD THIS BE IT?
SWM, 44, 5'9", 175 lbs., dark hair. Looking for a fun, SWF, 36-46, for a possible permanent relationship. Ad#:558264

LIGHT UP MY LIFE
SWM, 23, 6'1, 150 lbs., black hair, brown eyes. Enjoys sports and outdoor activities. Seeking a sweet, honest and fun, SWF, 18-32, with a gorgeous smile. Ad#:558084

MUSCLE FEVER
New to Michigan. Attractive, 36, 6'3", SWM. Enjoys sports, concerts, travel, dining out and much more. Seeks female bodybuilder for dating and possibly more. Ad#:532058

ONE MAN FOR YOU
SWM, 50, 5'11", 195 lbs., searching for a well-proportioned, monogamous SWF, 35-55, who enjoys gardening, long drives & country life. Ad#:557006

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

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

CATCH OF THE DAY
Light, dimpled, educated, fun, loving, SBM, 22, likes reading poetry and watching television, seeking SBF, 18-29, head turner. Ad#:556358

A GOOD CATCH
Tall, sensitive SWM, 33, brown hair/eyes, likes hunting, fishing, reading, campfires and social events. Seeking an open, honest, goal-oriented SWF, 24-36. Ad#:556156

VERY COMMITTED
Funny, considerate, SWM, 33, 6', 230 lbs., with brown hair & eyes. I enjoy restoring my sports car, biking, miniature golf, movies, and cuddling on the couch. Hoping to meet an open, outgoing, assertive, SWF, 28-38, who likes to smile. Ad#:555410

ALL CALLS RETURNED
Very nice, SWM, 22, humorous, loyal. Enjoys skating, movies, watching television. Seeking a pretty, SW lady, drug/alcohol free, just for conversation, time out and chilling. Ad#:555152

RESPECTFUL
Dark hair, medium-build, polite, fun, SWM, 35, he plays racquet ball, golf and jogs. Good communicator. Seeking direct, SF, goals/interests important. Ad#:554870

EXTREMELY NICE
Young/attractive-looking SBM, 48, no dependents, transportation. I prefer/appreciate larger-sized woman, 200-350 lbs., D/SWF, 40-55. I like dining out, gardening, long drives, cuddling with someone special. Ad#:554832

LOVE & LIFE
Broad-minded SBM, 32, dark-skinned, slim, homeowner, one daughter is sending warm wishes to a SHF, 18-35, with the same attributes. Call and lets see where this goes. Ad#:554516

YOU+I= US
Brown eyes, easygoing, somewhat homebody, OWM, 45, up front, doesn't lie, yet enjoys canoeing, campfires in backyard, kids, carnivals. Love to meet S/DF, under 50, for dating, possible permanent relationship. Ad#:531101

HIGH SPIRITED
DWM, 42, adult children, reliable, enjoys the water, bowling, Cedar Pointe, cider mill and more, knows how to show affection to a talented, SWF, 32-43, witty, open to ideas. Ad#:553800

SOAR WITH ME
I am a SWM, 61, pilot who enjoys sand and sun, beaches, warm weather, flying, travel, etc. I would like to meet a SF, 48-58, in the White Lake area. All calls returned. Ad#:481076

HARDWORKING
Honest SWM, 46, seeking a SWF, 35-50, who speaks her mind and is willing to do her part in a serious relationship. Not looking for games. Ad#:552061

PERFECT PARTNER
Physically fit, attractive, healthy, pleasant, gentleman, 55, for a pretty, good-looking, slim to medium, SF, 50-56, good communicator and with similar interests. Ad#:551892

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

LIKE TO PLAY GOLF?
SWM, 68, 5'6", medium build, gray hair, hazel eyes, N/S, N/D. Seeks active, affectionate, attractive SWF, 58-68, who is looking for an honest relationship. Ad#:545431

HAVE EVERYTHING...
...but you. Me: SWM, 44, interests include down-hill skiing, camping, mountain biking, hunting, fishing and the lake. You-compatible SWF, 35-46. Calls answered. Ad#:533300

HAVE A SWEET LIFE
Black hair, chocolate brown eyes, nice SH guy, 30, physically fit. Likes playing guitar, NASCAR, studying religion. Seeking nature-lover, family-oriented, goal-oriented SF, 21-50, daring risk-taker. Ad#:545521

LOVE STRUCK
SHM, 28, 6', lifts weights, into fitness, long braided hair, honey complexion, pierced, large family, plays many instruments carries no extra baggage. Looking for same, SHF, 18-38. Where are you? Ad#:551277

TOUCH & CUDDLE
SWM, 49, with clear blue eyes, reserved, still lots of fun. I enjoy history, fire arms, can offer honesty and trust. In search of non-judgemental SF, under 50, sentimental over the past. Ad#:551211

LOOKING FOR LONG TERM
SWCM, 44, looking for a down-to-earth, loving and caring SWCF, 28-36. Ad#:440054

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

FOLLOW YOUR HEART
Outgoing SWM, 52, 6', 185 lbs., in shape. Enjoys golf, swimming, cultural events. In search of an in-shape SWF, under 50, who enjoys good times. Ad#:548415

YOUNG GIFTED AND...
...single, 25, light, jovial, serious too, enjoys playing basketball, mostly athletic sports. Seeking relationship with SBF, 19-32, who can offer loads of fun. Ad#:545449

INTRODUCE YOURSELF
Outgoing and easy to get along with SB Dad, 38, 6'2", 195 lbs., bald by choice. Enjoys movies, sports and is learning how to dance! Looking for N/S, full figured, SF, 30-45, who isn't afraid to be herself. Friendship first! Ad#:546194

GOOD CHEMISTRY
Very attractive, physically fit SWM, 55, open-minded, children grown, is seeking a special lady, 40-51, for romantic times, and treat you like a lady should be. Ad#:545448

PICTURE THIS
Attractive SWM, 38, 6', 190 lbs., physically fit, likes going out, dinners, sporting events (watch/playing), going to the gym, plus more. Seeking SF, 28-41. Ad#:501994

THE PERFECT MATE
Handsome SWM, 44, smoker, social drinker, emotionally available, seeks attractive SWF, soul mate, youthful 30-50, for dating, possibly more. Ad#:541008

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

HAPPY AND SANE
African-American SM, 26, seeking positive SBF, under 50, to share his interests in a quiet loving life style, friendships to start. Ad#:544836

CAPTURE MY HEART
Muscular SW Dad, 33, 5'10", 195 lbs., dark hair & eyes, funny, sincere & down-to-earth. Wants to fall in love with a family-oriented, romantic, thoughtful SWF. He loves dirt biking, the snow, walks in the park & exploring new territory. Call now! Ad#:544808

GIVE ME A CALL
Well-read SW Dad, 44, 5'10", 165 lbs., loves skiing, traveling and having fun. Seeks SWF, 28-50. Ad#:544801

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

NO DISAPPOINTMENTS!
SBM, 24, 6'1", 190 lbs., well-groomed, smoker, seeks beautiful, fun-loving SF, 18-40. Ad#:544781

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

TWO SPECIAL PEOPLE
Young-at-heart SWM, 61, who enjoys cuddling, holding hands, slow dancing, and knows how treat a lady nice. Wishes to meet a nice-looking SWF, 48-58, to take spontaneous trips. Ad#:484725

TWO SPECIAL PEOPLE
Easygoing SWM, 72, retired educator. Enjoys Church, boating, music, art, cultural activities, winters in Florida. Seeking gentle SW lady, 62-74, to enjoy the simple pleasures of life. Ad#:542774

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

WHERE IS MY JULIET?
Cute SHM, 24, 5'5", brown hair, skinny, with a good job. Enjoys sports and much more. Seeking someone special a SNAF, over 18, who is neat, and seeking her Romeo. Ad#:541955

LONELY NIGHTS
Entertaining SWM, 51, 5'8", brown eyes/hair. Enjoys sports, bowling and fishing. Looking for a special SWF, 35-58, with a good sense of humor, N/S, who likes to have fun. Ad#:541230

JUST BE YOURSELF
Fun to be around SB Dad, 36, 5'10", 190 lbs., clean cut, smoker. Enjoys sports, the outdoors, cooking, and time with his kids. Looking for hardworking, attractive SWF, under 39, who is honest and has a zest for life. Ad#:541227

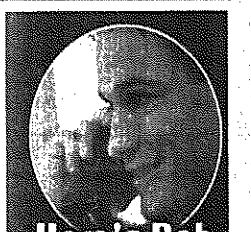
WARM GREETINGS
SBM, 25, looking for friendship with a friend, SF, under 40, for possibly enjoy going out and just having fun. Ad#:541097

HIGH ON LIFE
40 year old, SWM, 43, strong-willed, positive, with a great attitude, happy-go-lucky guy, and varied interests. I am seeking a kind, sweet, smart lady, 28-43, who is passionate about life. Ad#:540265

DOWN-TO-EARTH
SWM, 42, 5'9", 185 lbs., green eyes, gray hair, funny, shy at first and kind. Enjoys golf, bowling, the outdoors, motorcycles and more. Seeking a SF, 35-45, who is fun, outgoing, active, attractive and loving. Ad#:430316

YOU CAN TRUST ME
I'm 5'9", with brown hair, green eyes, fun, humorous, SWM, 43, financially secure. I enjoy camping, NASCAR, watching TV. Seeking fun-loving, SWF, 25-48, to have fun, do things together. Ad#:531143

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



Here's Bob.
He's looking for an attractive woman 30-40 years old.
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Hey Bob! Press 2 to CHAT LIVE or leave a voice message for any of them right now!

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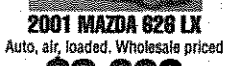
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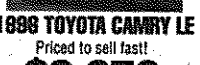
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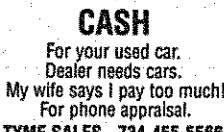
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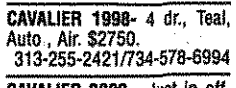
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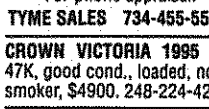
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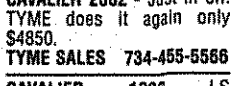
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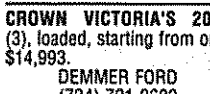
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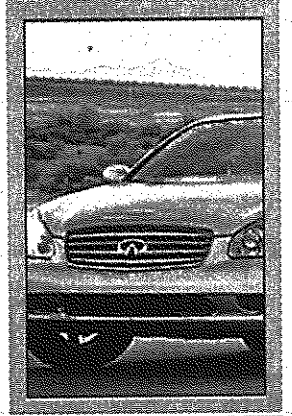
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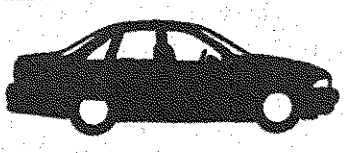
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2003 MERCURY MOUNTAINEER

Advertising Feature

Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

If you're looking for a well-appointed, rugged SUV but don't want to have to shell out way north of $40,000 for it, what you're looking for is the Mercury Mountaineer. It's powerful, it's stylish, it's roomy, and the upper versions of it are full stocked with the multiple amenities that SUV buyers prefer.

And although it essentially is the Mercury version of the much plainer Ford Explorer, the 2003 Mountaineer I drove was much more reminiscent of the upscale Lincoln Aviator and Navigator than of the Explorer. It's an impressive package, especially for the price.

Mountaineer emerged in 1997 when Ford Motor Co. took advantage of the SUV sales boom by re-badging the popular Explorer as a Mercury, giving it unique front and rear styling and somewhat different equipment. Fortunately, Mountaineer was able to escape relatively unscathed from the human and business disaster that was created by Ford with Explorer's tire-related rollover debacle in 2001. A complete redesign of Mountaineer for the 2002 model year has kept it fresh.

The design is bold, expressive and unapologetically aggressive, with a large grille that stretches from headlight to headlight, stylish 17-inch machined-aluminum wheels on the Premier version that I drove, running boards, chromed roof rails, and a moonroof. Mountaineer's appearance contrasts nicely with the blandness of Explorer, a necessity for the Mercury version to be considered in the near-luxury class with its higher-priced competitors. In fact, while Explorer seemed designed to fade innocuously into its typical suburban setting, Mountaineer actually makes a design statement in a crowded SUV field where it's increasingly difficult to get noticed.

Like Explorer, Mountaineer's standard powertrain is a four-liter, single-overhead-cam V6 engine mated to a five-speed automatic transmission driving the rear wheels. This engine generates 210 horsepower and 254 pound-feet of torque. All-wheel drive is available up and down the lineup. For the Premier version, a 4.6-liter V8 is available, putting out 239 horsepower and 282 pound-feet of torque, and I found it more than substantial enough. Acceleration was responsive enough for a vehicle this massive, producing a satisfying rumbling that quickly reminded me of



The Mercury Mountaineer is worth putting on your short list of SUVs to consider owning.

Mountaineer's truck-base origins. At 14 miles a gallon in the city and 19 on the highway, Mountaineer's fuel efficiency isn't exceptional for its class – but neither is it a concern.

More softly tuned than Explorer, it was clear that Mountaineer is designed to coddle driver and occupants on the pavement, not off – although it is capable of towing up to 7,300 pounds. The independent rear suspension gives Mountaineer a pleasantly firm ride and helps the chassis swallow up all but the biggest bumps and potholes on the roadway. Handling is excellent, predictable and stalbe in corners and higher-speed turns. But for some reason, Explorer offers an anti-skid system that is unavailable in Mountaineer.

Where Mountaineer will most impress buyers, however, is inside. For 2003, Mercury added a substantial list of new standard equipment, including security-approach lamps that nicely light up the area around the vehicle, automatic head lamps, dual illuminated visor vanity mirrors, heated exterior mirrors and power-adjustable pedals. Luxury models received color-keyed running boards and an Audiophile sound system as standard, and Premier added the power sunroof, a safety canopy system of head airbags, and rollover-protection sensors bundled with a reverse-sensing system.

The interior space in Mountaineer is impressively large for a vehicle that, on the outside, doesn't necessarily look as if it will yield that much room. Seven can be seated comfortably in this vehicle with a nifty (though not huge) cargo area left over in the rear. The new DVD-entertainment system for the rear seats came in handy for my teenaged son during one of those long parking lot waits for Mom. There's also an easy new rear-entry and -exit system for third-row passengers.

The interior of the Premier version is nicely swathed in a pleasing blend of black and gray leathers, including the leather-wrapped steering wheel. A nice touch that you still seldom see in any SUV was an amply sized, open tray on the floor and toward the front of the center console, which was the perfect size and configuration to serve as a generic catch-all for things like cell phones, house keys, change, a pen, sunglasses, a wallet – even a purse. Wisely, instead of dividing the real estate up into a bunch of tiny compartments, Mercury kept it whole – and handy.

The only esthetic exception I took to the Mountaineer inside was a patterned, metallic-looking (but definitely plastic) trim around the audio console on the dashboard and in certain other places. It smacked of the sort of low-quality compromise of which you knew Mercury had to make a few at this price point but were hoping not to find evident.

Fortunately, signs of compromise in the Mountaineer are few and far between. It's worth putting on your short list for this class of SUV.

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Used car prices take hard tumble

New car incentives push used car marketplace to record low

by G. Moore *Independent ad features*

Farmington Hills, MI – A Farmington Hills dealer is selling 2003 vehicles for one-half of the original manufacturer's list price. And they're offering many other 2003 models far below normal market values. The 0% financing offered by GM, Ford, and Daimler-Chrysler mesmerized so many buyers that far fewer shoppers even bothered looking at pre-owned 2003 models.

How does 0% financing on a new model do in a heads-up comparison to a pre-owned 2003 model? In the instance of the Buick Century, financing $21,960 plus tax vs. $9995 plus tax, the payments on the new car at 0% interest would be $392 monthly for 60 months, but only $233 monthly at 3.9% for 60 months on the program model. With the prime at a record low, today's interest rates are very competitive. Many credit unions charge under 6% for auto loans if the applicant has a good credit rating. And when purchasing the used 2003, don't forget that you'll be saving about an additional $1,000 in sales tax and licensing fees. (Taxes estimated at an average of 6%).

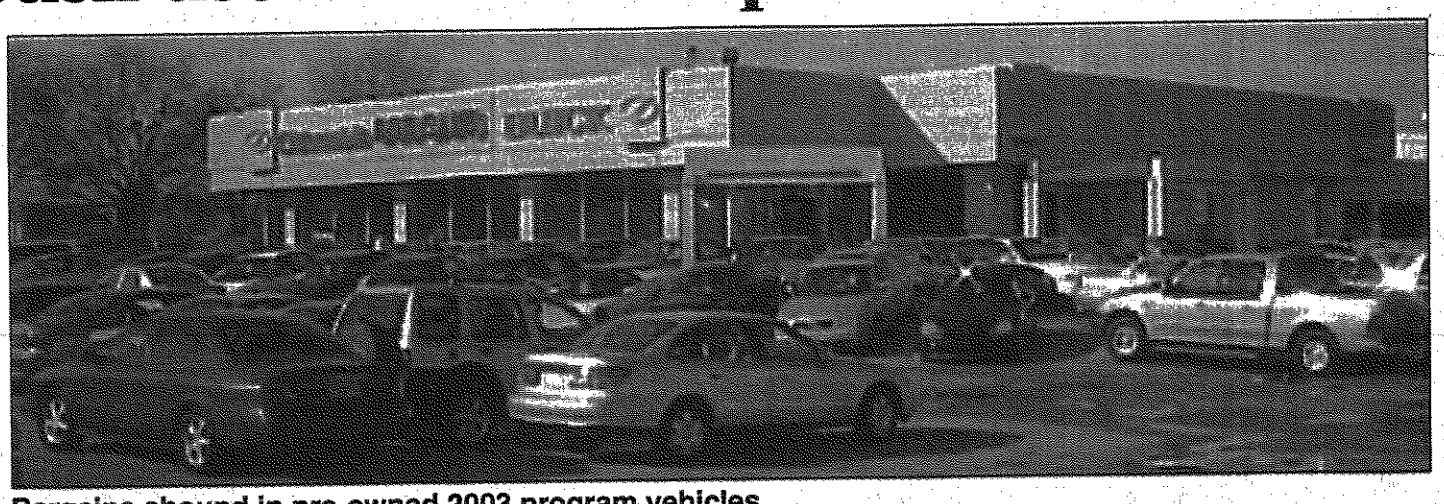
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A "program" car is a vehicle that has been leased by a premium rental company through a special "program" from the manufacturer. Strict maintenance is required, and all vehicles are carefully inspected upon return. In many cases, these program units receive better maintenance than vehicles owned by private owners.

Saks Buick-Oldsmobile Used Car Superstore in Farmington Hills has long been known as Michigan's "bargain hunting" dealer. Currently, they're selling more 2003 Buick Centurys than any other dealer in the nation. (Over 150 Centurys were sold during the first 30 days of their sale.) Last year, they sold the most pre-owned 2002 Chevrolet Luminas and Oldsmobile Intrigues in the nation from their single location. And the year before they set the sales record selling the most off-lease GMC Yukons.

Today's real bargain can be found at Saks in the pre-owned 2003 vehicles. The 0% financing on new 2003's has left the used models unnoticed and overlooked. So, with far fewer dealers purchasing these units, the prices have dropped to record lows.

So, once again, Bob Saks has gone shopping for the vehicles with a huge cart. They have just made a multi-million dollar purchase of these units from



Bargains abound in pre-owned 2003 program vehicles

General Motors, bringing in truckload after truckload from across the country. In addition to filling their giant used car facility to the brim, Bob Saks had to lease additional storage lots to accommodate their massive acquisition of vehicles. And they currently stock the largest inventory of 2003 program cars in Michigan.

The purpose of 0% financing is to clear out the remaining new 2003's. In another month or two, these vehicles will all be gone, along with the incentives. In the meantime, the 2003 program vehicles are truly today's "sleeping" bargain... But they'll soon disappear as smart shoppers begin to "wake up" and recognize the real deals.

The Bob Saks Superstore is located at 35300 Grand River Avenue at Drake Rd., Farmington Hills. Their used car superstore may be contacted directly at (888) 551-6917.

A *Beautiful* Buick

The 2003 Buick Century was the highest ranked Premium Midsize Car in J.D. Powers and Associates 2002 Initial Quality Study. This study was based on a total of over 64,900 consumer responses indicating owner reported problems during the first 90 days of ownership. Of those surveyed, Buick Century owners reported the fewest problems - An outstanding mark of excellence for superb workmanship and a prelude to the satisfaction yet to be experienced during the coming years.

Equipped with a powerful 175-horsepower V-6 boasting 20mpg city and 29mpg highway fuel economy, this front wheel drive sedan will capture your heart from the moment you slip behind the wheel. There won't be any need for a salesperson to explain how to operate "all the buttons," because this Century will greet you like an old friend, or a comfortable pair of slippers. The cabin is exceedingly driver friendly, with all controls neatly laid out before you like an elegant table setting. And everything just seems to "fit."

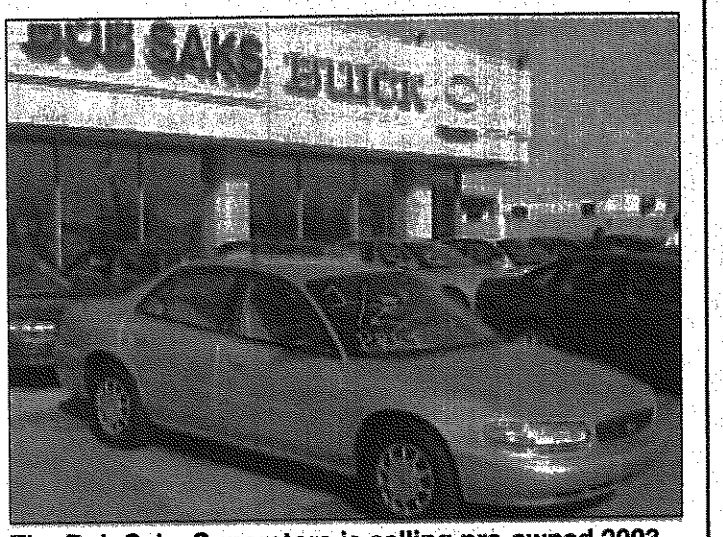
The Buick Century still retains a traditional 55/45 split-bench seat with armrest and the shift lever on the column. (It's amazing how few cars being produced today offer this familiar yet fast-fading option. (Does everyone really want the shifter on the floor?) This makes the Century one of the few remaining mid-size vehicles that will actually seat six passengers.

The standard features provide evidence that the Buick still remains just one step down from the Cadillac in GM's lineup. Dual (driver and passenger side) heat and air conditioning controls, six-position tilt steering wheel, cruise control, power windows, locks, and seats, remote key fobs operating doors and trunk, rear window defroster, plus a stereo system that will blow you away.

Children aren't forgotten with the rear seat upper and lower latch system for compatible child safety seats and rear door child security locks.

Four-wheel independent suspension provides for solid handling and the ride of a magic carpet.

Best of all, the new Century requires just a little more maintenance than a rock garden. 100,000 miles between spark plug changes. 100,000 mile transmission service intervals under normal driving conditions. Wow.



The Bob Saks Superstore is selling pre-owned 2003 Centurys at half their original price.

It's no wonder that Bob Saks of Farmington Hills considers the pre-owned 2003 Centurys to be the most car they've ever been able to offer for the money. And for the past several weeks, they've silently amassed hundreds of these wonderful units from throughout the country and brought them to Farmington Hills. Best of all, today you can purchase a pre-owned 2003 Century program unit from Bob Saks for only $9995 - half of its original $21,960 list price new. While they last.

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