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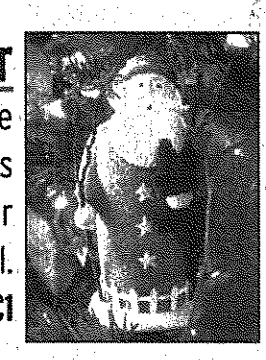
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The Red Cross will host a blood drive 1-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at the Canton Public Library. Appointments are encouraged to help nurses schedule, but walk-ins are welcome. Appointments may be made by calling the library at (734) 397-0999. Each pint of blood can help save the lives of three people.

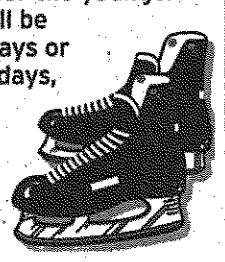
Phone home

Some 3,000 phone cards were presented to the Michigan National Guard and Army Reserve members Wednesday by Sens. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton), Laura Toy (R-Livonia) and Valde Garcia (R-Howell) and Rep. Phil Lajoy (R-Canton).

The cards are for 60 minutes of domestic long distance and were donated by DTE Energy and Verizon. The cards were given as a gift of appreciation from the Michigan Legislature to the men and women who are dedicating their lives to their state and county, according to a Legislature press release.

Learn to skate

The Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton is offering a winter Learn to Skate program for various levels of instruction. Tot Time for the younger set will be Tuesdays or Thursdays, while Learn to Skate classes will be on Saturday mornings. All classes are eight weeks, beginning Nov. 15 and ending Jan. 24, 2004. For more information for the classes at the Arctic Edge, 46615 Michigan Ave., call (734) 487-7777.



In motion

The Plymouth Symphony will present Tango-Music in Motion at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial in Plymouth Township. Peter Soave will be the guest artist on the accordion and bandoneon. The evening will begin at 7:15 with a pre-concert chat and conclude with an afterglow. Tickets are available by calling (734) 451-2112.

Hiller's heads for Canton

Market will build in Cherry Hill Village

Three years ago it was a bombshell that exploded at a Canton Planning Commission meeting. This week, news that a supermarket is in the works for Cherry Hill Village was greeted with enthusiasm from Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

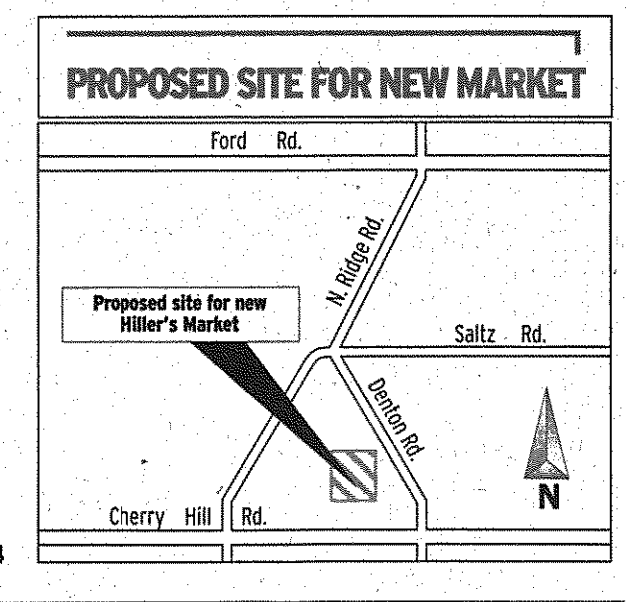
"I think it's great. I think they'll do wonderful," Yack said in response to the news that Hiller's Markets is planning a 50,000-square-foot store at the northwest corner of Canton Center and Denton roads.

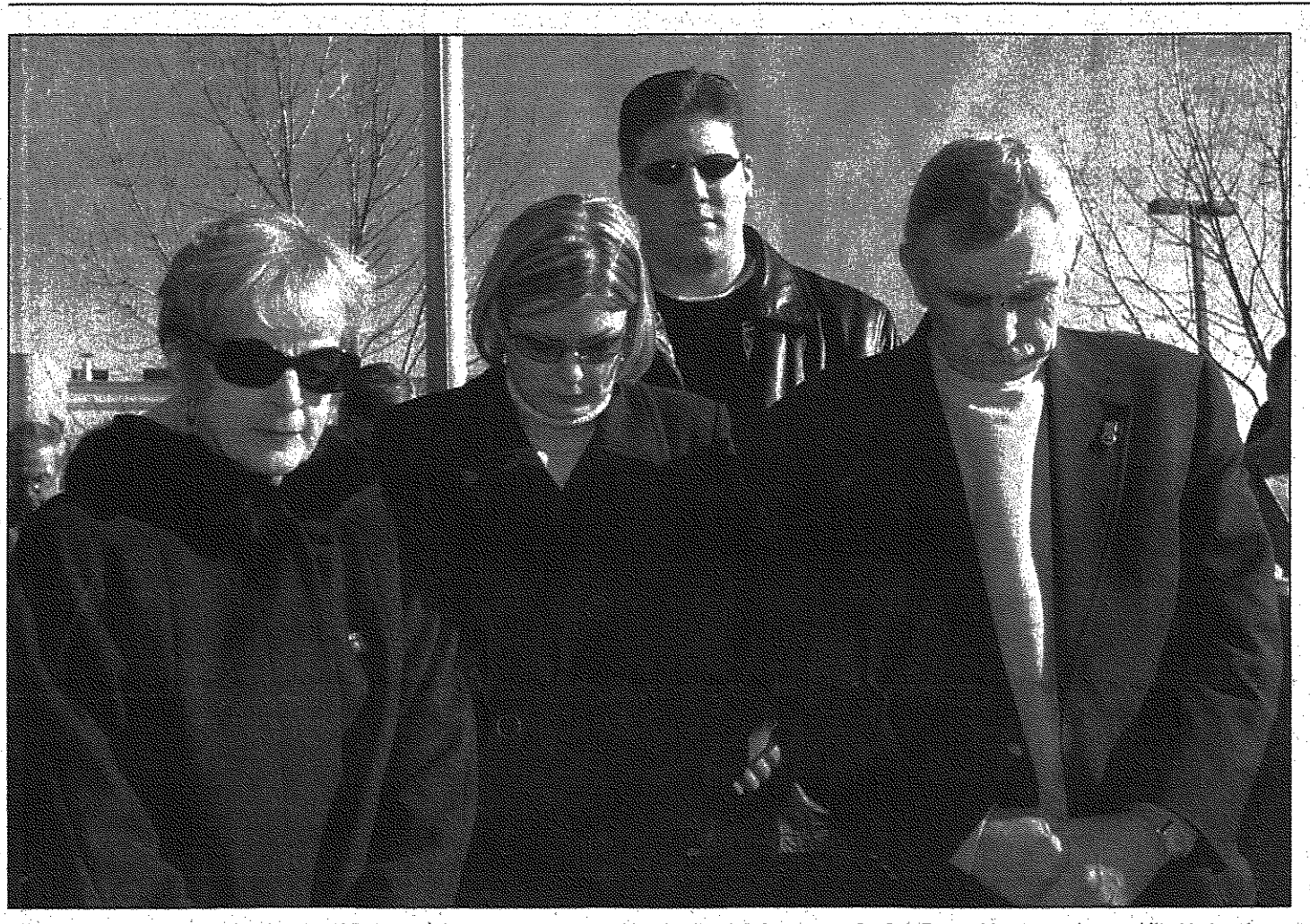
Jim Hiller, president of Hiller's Markets, said the Canton store will be the seventh store in his group, which also has markets in Ann Arbor, Berkley, Commerce Township, Northville, Plymouth and West Bloomfield.

"It will be a perfect fit for me," Hiller said Wednesday. "The people who are currently living there and moving there are the ideal profile of Hiller's Markets customers. We'll bring a level of quality to the area that is equal to the residential area being developed by David Stollman of Biltmore Properties."

Hiller said he's reached an agreement in principle with the owners and developers of the property.

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The Blumberg family including Janet and Terry, and daughter, Amanda, and her husband, Brian, mourn for Sgt. Trevor Blumberg who was killed in Iraq in September. The family attended a memorial service at the Veteran's Memorial in Heritage Park.

Soldier is honored at memorial

A brick in his honor added at Canton Veteran's Memorial

Sgt. Trevor Blumberg, a Canton resident who was killed Sept. 14 in Iraq, was honored Sunday at the Veteran's Memorial in Heritage Park, where a brick paver bearing his name was added to those of other fallen veterans.

The memorial was built in 1993 and contained pavers honoring 21 Civil War casualties, four from the Vietnam War and three from World War II.

"We had hoped to add no more

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Rainy day fund could shrink with MEA plan

If Gov. Jennifer Granholm goes along with a proposal by the Michigan Education Association, Plymouth-Canton Schools could be forced to spend some of its rainy day money to help the state erase a $350 million shortfall in the School Aid Fund.

Granholm has already announced an executive order to cut the foundation grants for school districts by $200 per pupil. The result, if the Legislature doesn't come up with an alternative plan by Dec. 5, would mean Plymouth-Canton's state aid would drop to $6,825 per student.

The MEA plan would reduce state

PLEASE SEE **MEA, A3**

Help Goodfellows deck the halls for needy families

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

While the rest of us are planning how we will deck the halls for the holidays, the Canton Goodfellows are busy working to give less fortunate families in the area an equally jolly yuletide.

"We have way more people this year," said Nancy Spencer, now in her 10th year as Goodfellows president.

The poor economy has put more people in Canton in need and the Goodfellows are determined to help them. "It took a big jump last year and higher one this year."

Already, the Goodfellows have 400 children – part of the "Be An Angel, Adopt a Child for Christmas" program. The group is asking residents to adopt any one or

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Dispute goes to the birds

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

It's not quite a scene out of Alfred Hitchcock's *The Birds*, but Nancy Spencer says a ticket accusing her of creating a nuisance that draws pigeons to her neighborhood is just as silly.

"I believe this now makes me a pigeon priestess," said Spencer, who has lived on Woodbridge, west of Lilley Road, for 17 years.

A battle with her neighbors that Spencer says has been going on for more than eight years on various issues culminated in certified mail last week. Spencer received a ticket requesting her appearance Nov. 25 in 35th District Court to answer a complaint — issued by Canton Township — that she creates a nuisance by feeding birds, which attract other bigger birds, namely pigeons.

"They don't complain about other people's feeders," said Spencer, a well-known community volunteer activist. "I don't think their rights supercede mine."

The neighbors, Tony and

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Nancy Spencer of Canton was ticketed for feeding birds and in turn drawing pigeons to the area that bother her neighbor.

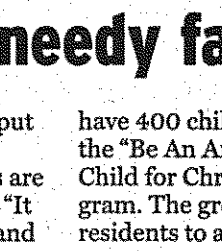
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DTE Vice President of Corporate and Government Affairs Fred Shell (from left), Canton Supervisor Tom Yack and state Sen. Bruce Patterson shovel dirt onto a maple tree to dedicate 18 new trees planted around the historic Cherry Hill School in Canton. DTE donated $4,000 for the plantings.

Dine on spaghetti and raise money for charitable causes

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Ginnie Hauck has a secret ingredient for her spaghetti.

"It's sugar," said the member of the Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club. "And just a lot of love that you stir in there."

Hauck is the chef behind the first-ever Kiwanis "Eat Until You Bust" Spaghetti Dinner 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15 at the Masonic Temple across from Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. The public is invited to attend and not only enjoy the spaghetti, but help to raise money for the club and to donate sweatshirts for First Step, a program for abused and battered women.

"All of our money goes back into the community for good causes," Hauck said.

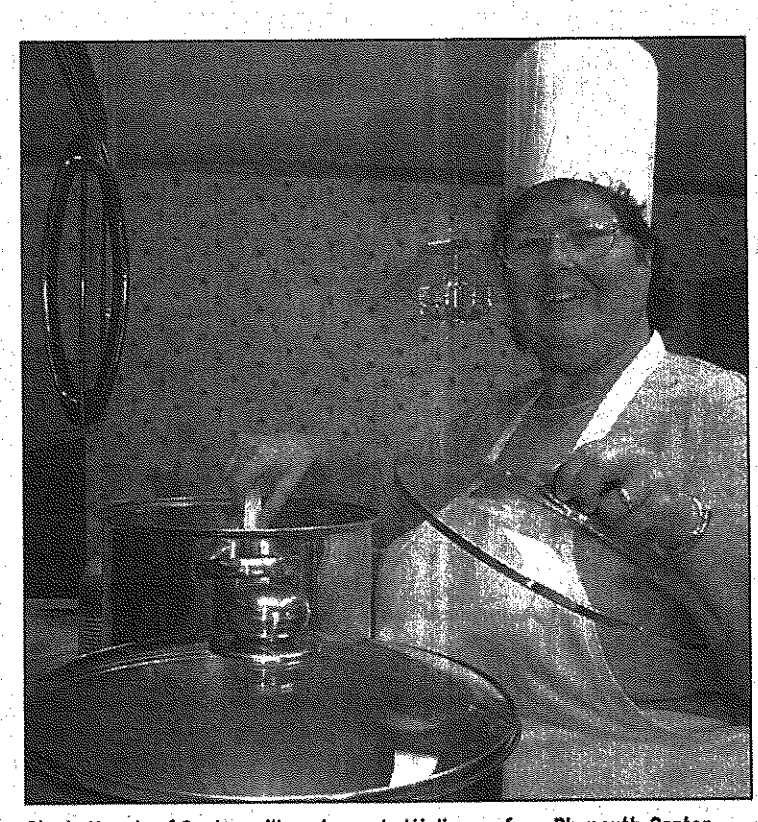
Tickets at the door are $6 for adults, $3 for children ages five to 10, $5 for senior adults and children younger than five are free.

"It's a good opportunity for those hunting widows to bring their children for dinner," Hauck said.

In addition to homemade spaghetti from Hauck's kitchen, guests will have salad, rolls and cookies for dessert. Beverages also will be provided.

When you arrive at the dinner, be sure to bring with you a complete sweat suit, any size. You will then be entered into a drawing for a huge holiday gift basket provided by "What a Card Creations" of Canton.

Hauck said the club plans to make the spaghetti dinner an annual event and fund-raiser. Among projects the club contributes to are high school scholarships, donations to First Step, hosting a Thanksgiving dinner for Canton Place senior residents and donations to the Michigan Technical Rescue Operations Team (rescue dogs).



Ginnie Hauck of Canton will cook spaghetti dinners for a Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club dinner Saturday, Nov. 15. The public is invited.

Money raised for local gunshot victims

More than a month after a botched robbery left four people dead and two wounded at Neil's Party Store in Westland, caring residents recently raised $5,200 for the victims and their families.

"It's a wonderful thing," party store owner Amy Bakko of West Bloomfield said, as a bingo and bake sale benefit started inside the Wayne-Ford Civic League.

She and husband Nick Bakko own the party store on Newburgh, north of Ford, where gunman Michael Lamont Schofield of Detroit opened fire on employees and customers on the evening of Sept. 11, in a bloodbath that became the city's worst massacre.

Schofield, who killed himself following a high-speed car chase, left a trail of dead, including store employee Feras Yousif, 29, of Oak Park; customer James Kuebler, 35, of Westland; and customers Kenneth Sherman Littlefield, 63, and his nephew, Keith Gaddis, 44, both of Canton.

Schofield also wounded customer Fuad Abuali, 29, and employee Conrad Allen Hasper, 24, who, alone, has amassed tens of thousands of dollars in hospital bills after receiving surgery and treatment for a gunshot wound to his face. An estimated 150 people attended Monday's fundraiser, which included a bake sale by Westland Jaycees and bingo by the civic league. A bucket also was passed to collect money, and more dollars came from individual donations, such as a $1,000 gift from the Greenfield family, which runs the civic league.

Some of the $5,200 was distributed Monday.

Potential donors still may make checks payable to the Citizens Memorial Fund and mail them to the Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union, 500 S. Wayne Road, Westland, MI 48186.

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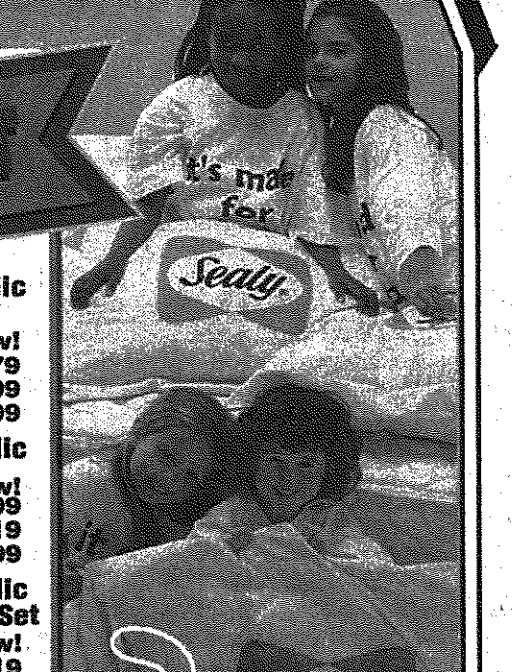
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U.S. Undersecretary of Education Dr. Eugene Hickok gets a lesson on making a Roman medallion from Canton Charter Academy sixth-grader Kirsten Benner during his visit to the school.

Education secretary gets flavor of charter school



U.S. Undersecretary of Education Dr. Eugene Hickok speaks with Canton Charter Academy third-grade teacher Jim Markey at Roman Fest.

It wasn't much different from any other day at Canton Charter Academy last Friday.

Students met in the gym to start the day, uttered the Pledge of Allegiance and sang a patriotic song before heading to class.

However, this day – standing in front of more than 600 students, teachers and parents – the United States Undersecretary of Education, Eugene Hickok, made an appearance and received a warm welcome.

"I bring greetings from the President of the United States," said Hickok to the crowd, which gave him cheers and applause. "I care a lot about charter schools. I care a lot about National Heritage Academies. I care a lot about the kids in Michigan, that they get a good education."

Hickok, along with National Heritage Academies chairman and founder J.C. Huizenga, spent the morning watching parents put on the monthly Moral Focus skit – Hickok joining students on the floor to learn about the value of generosity – and visiting with students and teachers in their classrooms.

"I draw energy from sitting down and watching kids and parents and teachers," said Hickok. "Energy and attitude is what makes places like this possible. Most charter schools that are working are because of people that care."

Charter schools have been battling traditional public schools in Michigan for state aid, which is paid on a per-pupil basis. Hickok said it's time for all schools – whether they are traditional public, charter, magnate or private – to co-exist.

"The notion that somehow there should be an adversarial process needs to be put aside," said Hickok. "We all have an obligation to take care of these kids. It doesn't matter where a child goes to school, it matters that a child gets a good education."

John Gorzalski's three children attended Plymouth-Canton Schools before enrolling at Canton Charter Academy. "We were looking for something that was much more focused on education and the kids, and much more challenging for them," said Gorzalski, of Canton. "Here, it's back to the basics for the math, English and the writing program; beyond what was taught in the traditional public school.

"There's no politics at all," he said. "Everyone is focused on the kids and having them do their best."

For Olga Baruk of Canton, the concentration on morals and discipline are what she wanted for her seventh grader.

"I like the moral focus of this school because the parents can be involved in so many areas," said Baruk, who volunteers at lunch time. "And, discipline is much better."

Huizenga, whose NHA is the parent of Canton Charter Academy, said the focus at National Heritage Academies' charter schools is not the school board, the administration or unions.

"We have to approach education through a child's perspective," he said. "We focus on giving that child what they need to become a good citizen; to have not only knowledge, but wisdom; which includes a moral aspect on life.

"Children are the future of this nation," added Huizenga. "If this nation is going to stay strong, we need to do proper service to them."

Canton Charter Academy Principal Claudia Williamson said Friday's regimen is nothing out of the ordinary for her students.

"I wanted to show we have a very safe and nurturing environment here," said Williamson, "and that our program is based on a strong academic and moral focus. I wanted him (Hickok) to see a quality education program, which is what I think we have here."

EXPENDITURES and RESERVES

This chart shows area school district expenditures for the 2002-2003 school year, reserves, and reserves as a percentage of expenditures.

School Districts	Reserves	Expenditures	Reserves as % of expenditures
Ann Arbor	$40,900,000	$158,100,000	26%
Clarenceville	2,237,000	17,054,000	13%
Farmington	31,091,264	129,332,464	24%
Garden City	862,314	39,670,000	2%
Livonia	13,304,334	158,355,606	8%
Northville	5,500,000	52,000,000	11%
Redford Union	134,000	35,200,0000	3.8%
South Redford	6,600,000	27,500,000	24%
Plymouth - Canton	15,000,000	130,000,000	11.5%
Wayne-Westland	20,600,000	115,017,000	18%

MEA

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aid to the 337 school districts it says have fund balances greater than 15 percent, and compel them to spend some of that money on local programs. The other 345 school districts wouldn't lose any state aid.

"This plan generates $335 million and protects the districts that most need protecting," said Lu Battaglieri, MEA president. "Taxpayers expect that money to be spent educating children."

'You can't keep adding and adding and adding to the fund balance. We're not a savings and loan, we're here to educate kids.'

Chuck Portelli
Plymouth-Canton Education Association

According to figures released by Patricia Brand, the district's executive director of business services, Plymouth-Canton has a general fund balance of $15.2 million, after adding $1.9 million at the end of the 2002-03 fiscal year.

The ending balance doesn't include another $5.7 million in Durant funds, a one-time award from the state for not properly funding special education programs.

It's the third year in a row — despite opening three new schools and facing budget shortfalls — that the district has increased its fund balance.

With the district's budget at approximately $130 million, a 15-percent fund balance would equal about $19.5 million. The MEA plan would force Plymouth-Canton to spend some of the nearly $21 million fund balance.

"Fifteen percent is a reasonable number," said Chuck Portelli, president of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association, which represents the district's teachers. "Anything above that you should spend on programs. But we keep cutting programs.

"You can't keep adding and adding and adding to the fund balance," he added. "We're not a savings and loan, we're here to educate kids."

Supt. Jim Ryan believes the district will be forced to use the fund balance to save programs.

"My concern is that Plymouth-Canton has cut just about all we can cut, and I think we'll be using any money we have above 15 percent," he said. "I think we've been saving as much as we can for the rainy day, and it's raining out there."

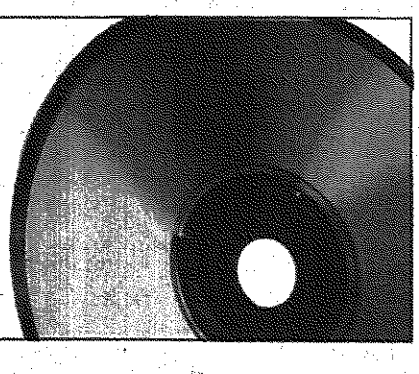
Ryan has doubts the MEA plan could work.

"I don't think they'll be able to make some unequal concept work in this state because every community has a different set of taxes they pay, and a different set of qualities of life," Ryan said. "I just don't think it's going to work."

Even Battaglieri knows the MEA's proposal isn't a long-term solution.

"This is the last quick fix," he said. "We will continue working with the governor and lawmakers on a long-term solution. Ultimately, we must solve the structural deficit in the state budget."

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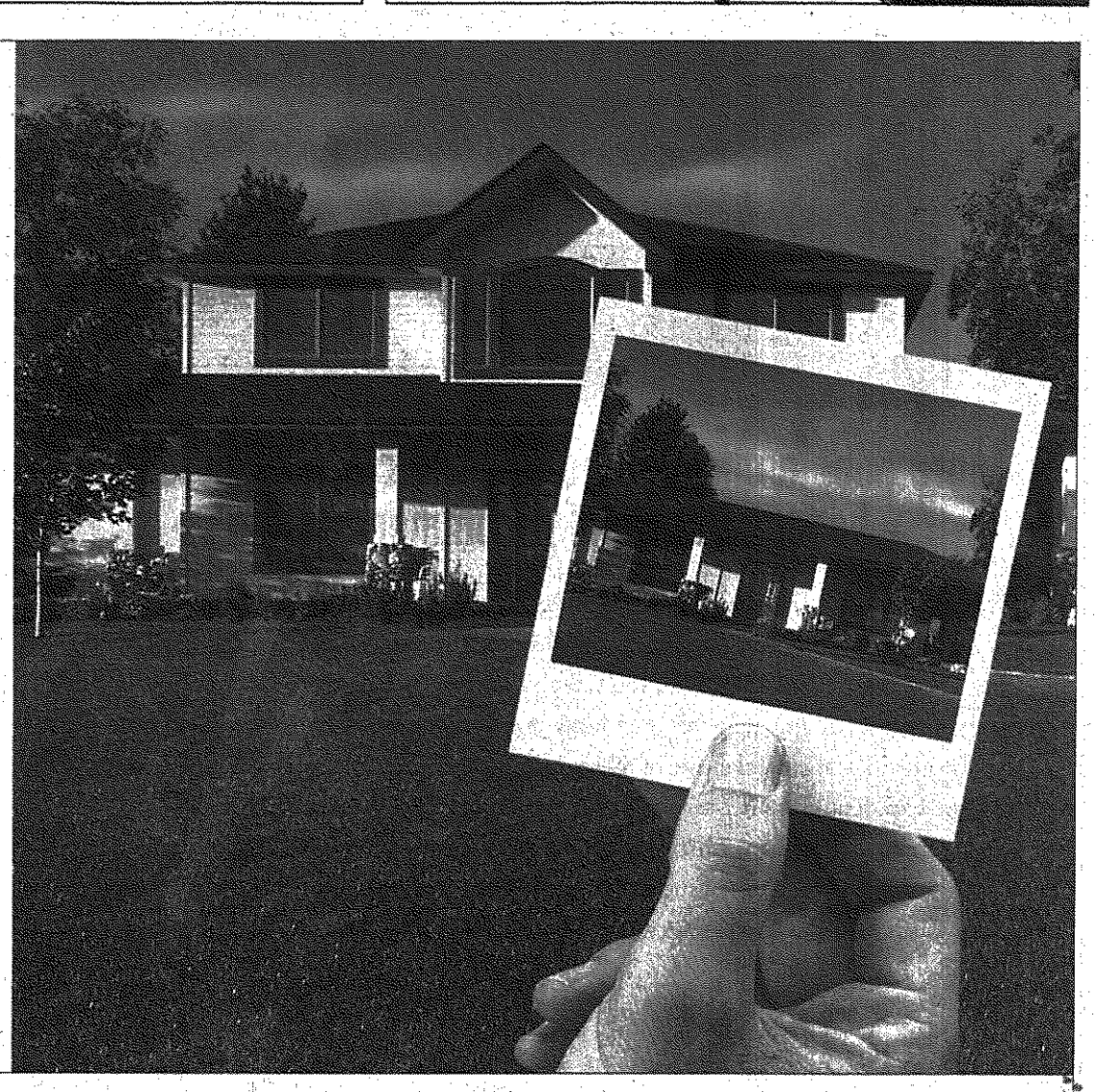
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They're nailing down Habitat's long-term goal

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

There's a certain smile that comes over their faces when they see new owners - many who have never had a home - take possession of their new life. "I was hooked right away on the concept of providing housing for folks who wouldn't otherwise have it," said Canton resident Herb Scott, a charter member and pass president of the Western Wayne Habitat for Humanity.

Board member Dave Champagne of Canton describes a similar response. "To me, it's giving back to the community. To establish and give people any opportunity to own a home when they might otherwise never be able to."

Despite working on the board of director's level in Habitat for Humanity, Scott and Champagne have gotten right out there with volunteers wielding hammers and whatever other tools to get brand new houses built for low income families.

"It's a blast," Champagne said, adding that his background in construction, which he used to put himself through college, has indeed come in handy.

Scott and Champagne are currently working with others to present Habitat's first-ever dinner and auction fund-raiser Nov. 22 to benefit the Western Wayne County Habitat.

The black tie event will take place at the Ritz- Carlton Dearborn, with 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. auction and keynote speaker Mort Crim. Chuck Gaidica, WDIV-TV 4 personality will emcee the evening.

The fund-raiser is instrumental in Habitat's plans to build 50 houses in 15 years. So far15 houses have been built in western Wayne County. Other communities include Wayne, Romulus and Taylor.

"Our biggest endeavor is finding the property," Scott said. "Inkster has a lot of property and is willing to work with us."

Some of the new houses are built on the same street. Other lots are in areas that used to be dumping grounds for neighborhood trash. Habitat just started a new house in Taylor.

"Every year we fall a little bit behind schedule," Champagne said. While Habitat provides houses - with a no-finance mortgage - for low-income families, Scott and Champagne say the program also improves the communities in which the houses are built.

"This is not a give-away program. But of the people who have gotten Habitat houses, something like 60 to 70 percent have gone on and improved their educations. Their children also have done much better in school," Scott said. "There is such a need for housing. It brings stability."

With the goal of building 50 houses by 2010, Habitat board members decided to be even more ambitious with fund-raising efforts. That gave birth to the gala planned later this month.

"We are eventually hoping to raise a couple $100,000 a year," Scott said, adding key sponsors include La-Z-Boy and Yazaki North America.

Another goal of the gala is to provide visibility for the Habitat program. Volunteers are always needed as are sponsors who are willing to donate money. "We will showcase the organization," Scott said.

The board has also tapped community leaders and political leaders to serve on the gala executive committee. Some of those leaders are state Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton), Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, U.S. Rep. John Dingell (D-Dearborn) and U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia).

For more information about the gala, log on to www.habitatgala.com Tickets are $150 per person or $250 per couple.

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Lori Rivas, who live in a two-story house next to her ranch home, did not return the *Observer's* calls.

The Rivas complained to the township about the pigeons that are drawn to their home, specifically the roof, said John Weyer, Canton building official.

An ordinance inspector reportedly investigated. Weyer said the Rivas provided Municipal Services staff with videotaped documentation of just how many pigeons congregate at the Spencer's bird feeder and then fly to the neighbor's house, where they congregate, dirty the driveway and damage the roof.

"Through the feeding of the pigeons, it causes them to congregate in the neighborhood," Weyer said. He acknowledged that the Spencers have made many attempts to control the pigeons with various devices.

Spencer says she is not feeding the pigeons. She is feeding smaller birds with song bird and finch feed in feeders in her front yard. Most of those birds appear in the morning for feeding. The pigeons generally arrive in the afternoon looking for leftovers.

"I'm not ground feeding in any way, shape or form," she said.

To prevent the pigeons, Spencer and her husband, John, put two large pots with mesh over the opening below the feeders.

"That's so when the seed is knocked down, it's caught," Spencer said.

"I have done everything the bird people have told me to do. I've got the mesh on buckets. I've changed seed. I've changed the perch on the feeder. I have those flying birds with flappy wings. I have an owl, a rubber rat just in case and the two rubber snakes. John sweeps the sidewalk every night."

Spencer says she even used to have a sign by the feeders that said, 'Pigeons, go away.'" As can be expected, it didn't work.

Weyer, who says the same problem occurred in the Sunflower subdivision, admits he can't explain why the pigeons are so drawn to the area.

"For whatever reason, the type of seed, the open area, I don't know," Weyer said. "The other thing is that the neighborhood has lots of ranches and the Rivas have a colonial."

Spencer has no intention of giving up or giving in. "I have done what I can. They need to make the change now. If they don't want them on the roof, they have to do something. I have talked to roof people who say there are things they can do."

But Spencer also believes it's not just the pigeons that are the problem. A number of incidents have occurred between the neighbors.

"When only one person in a neighborhood of 375 homes is complaining, I see a problem with that one person."

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MARKET

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"We're down to the paper work," Hiller said. "We hope to break ground no later than June of next year."

Hiller's Markets, which were started by Jim Hiller's' father, Sidney, have been operating in the Detroit area for 40 years. They are known for their quality products, such as fresh meat butchered daily and imported foods from around the world.

"I think it will be a real asset to Cherry Hill," Yack said, "because it will bring people into the village."

When the issue of a supermarket in the village first surfaced in July of 2000, it was met with strong opposition from the planning commission.

"This undoes acres and acres and years and years of hard work," Planning Commissioner Karl Zarbo said at the time. "That doesn't remind me of going back to grandma's house. I want to go back in time to where you guys took me. You created it. Now don't pull me out of there."

But Stollman told the commissioners that after talking at length with John Pardington, owner of Holiday Market at Cherry Hill and Lilley, he had reconsidered his original plan for small markets and stores.

He said at the time that Pardington told him that small shops hadn't survived in Canton for many years because customers prefer the "one-stop shopping" offered by the larger stores.

Pardington, himself, was eying the Cherry Hill Village site for a second Holiday Market.

"We looked at it," he said Wednesday. "The developer was talking to both us and Hiller's and Hiller signed on it. I wish the best of luck to him."

Pardington said he was quite interested in locating another store in the area.

"But I've got one store," he said. "The financial wherewithal required to buy a piece of land worth several million dollars is beyond my capacity at this point."

He reiterated his belief that the smaller stores included in the original Cherry Hill Village concept just wouldn't work.

"People don't have time to go to the butcher, the baker the candlestick maker anymore," he said.

Hiller said he was aware of the controversy surrounding the notion of a supermarket in the village.

"I'm aware of the flap," he said. "But I think the consensus among the residents and developers and the township is that the area deserves the highest quality market and that's what we'll bring."

Yack said he thought the original dissenters had changed their minds about locating a supermarket in the village.

"Over time they all came to understand why it would make sense doing it there," he said.

"It can be done in a very tasteful way. Hiller is working to have it done in a very revolutionary way."

Yack said future plans for the district also include a bank and a gas station, both of which must fit into the motif of the area.

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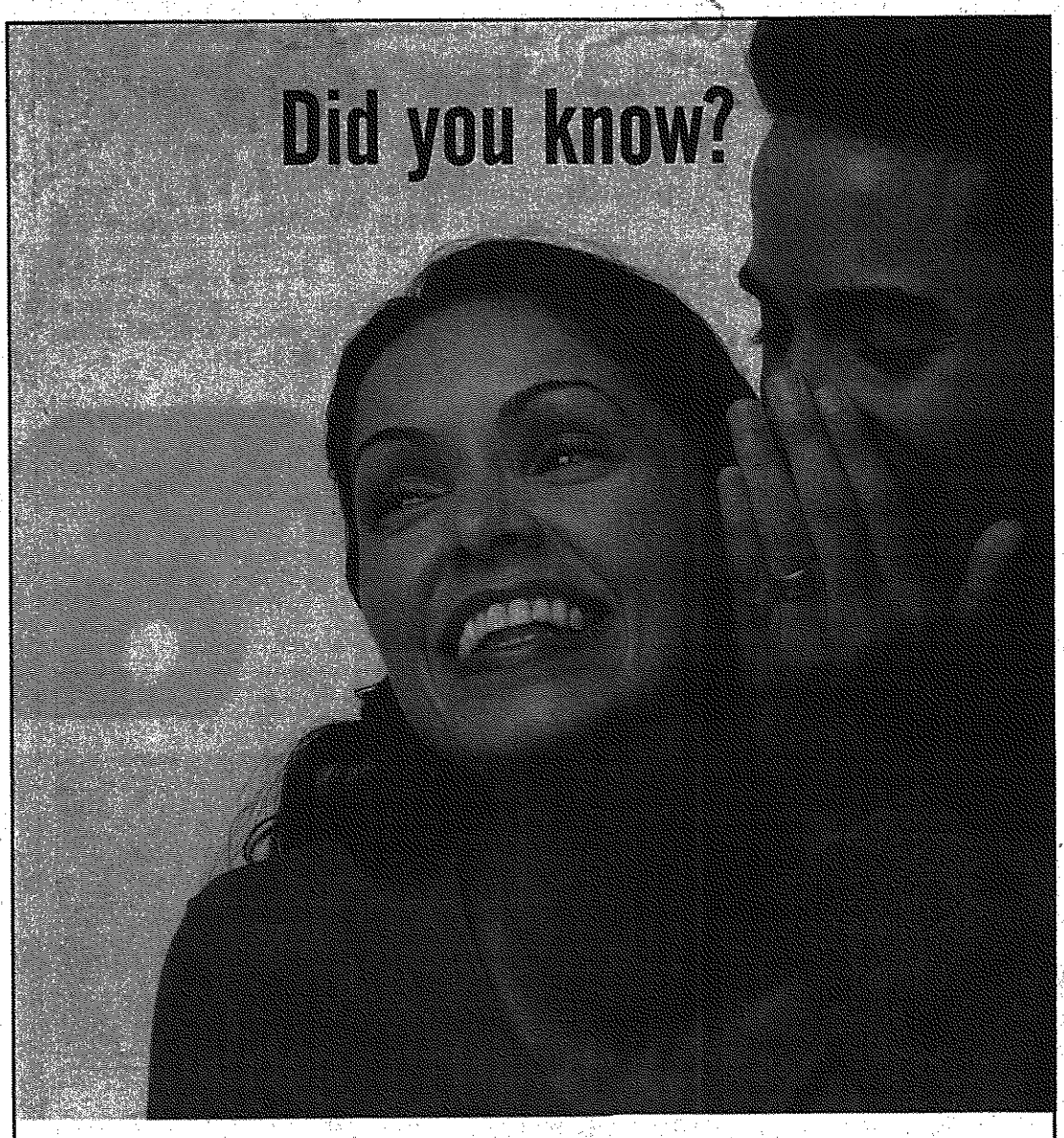
The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the ***Salem High School Carpet Replacement Bid***. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Laura Hagan of the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2953. 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.

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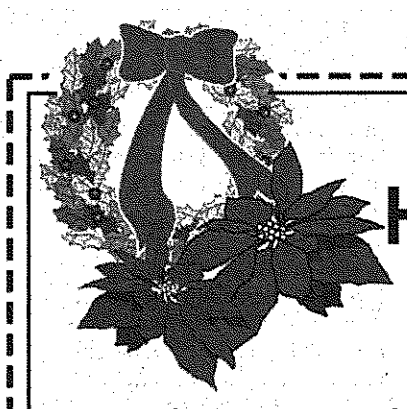


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GOODFELLOWS

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more than one of these children for the holidays. That means go out and buy them Christmas gifts. The Goodfellows will take care of the rest. "We need people to call and take a name and then go shopping for Christmas gifts," Spencer said. "We will tell you their name, age and size." Beyond that, who these kids are is confidential.

What Spencer can say is that the 400 children range in ages to not yet born, but soon, to 18. Residents may also adopt a family to help for the holidays. If you are interested in the holiday adoption, you just have to call Spencer at (734) 397-8975.

After you have shopped for the kids, all you have to do is drop off your gifts at the Canton Public Library on the Goodfellows' sorting and wrapping days, Dec. 17-19.

In anticipation of the holidays and their annual work, the Goodfellows have been fund-raising to help the kids and to do their annual work, which has long been to provide families with an honest-to-goodness Christmas dinner with all the fixings. Families also will receive gift certificates so they can buy perishable foods for the meal.

To do that, the Goodfellows are still accepting donations of either cash, checks or nonperishable foods. On Dec. 6, the Goodfellows will conduct their annual paper sale to raise money for their efforts.

"We will be at driveways throughout the community," she said. "We can't go in the stores anymore. We will be on main streets and shopping centers."

The Goodfellows still need volunteers for the paper sale. "You can give two hours or you can stay out all day," Spencer said.

Other fund-raisers include 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, at Fazoli's restaurant on Ford Road. "It's all you can eat spaghetti. The restaurant will donate a portion of all the proceeds," Spencer said. A similar fund-raiser is planned at the Canton Big Boy.

The group is accepting new toys, clothes and non-perishables beginning next week through Dec. 17. You may drop off donations at Canton Township Hall or the Canton Public Library. Delivery day for the Goodfellows is Dec. 20. Volunteers are also needed to help with sorting, wrapping and delivery, Spencer said.

Starbucks drive aids ailing children

Starbucks Coffee Company is teaming up with Starlight Children's Foundation and the metro Detroit community for the Holiday Angels Toy Drive.

From Nov. 13-Dec. 25, customers can make donations at Starbucks coffeehouses throughout metro Detroit, including the one in the Mayflower Centre in downtown Plymouth, to benefit seriously ill children served by the Starlight network.

During the holidays, customers can select gift tags printed with toy suggestions from special Holiday Angels "giving" trees in Starbucks retail locations in North America. Customers are then invited to purchase and deliver new, unwrapped gifts to their local Starbucks store.

The gifts donated in metro Detroit will benefit seriously ill children staying in Mott Children's Hospital, Children's Hospital of Michigan, St. John's Medical Center, William Beaumont Hospital, Henry Ford Hospital and Karamanos Cancer Institute of Detroit.

Busy customers who do not have time to purchase a gift can support the Holiday Angels Toy Drive with a monetary donation to Starlight. Prepaid envelopes will be available for customers to mail donations of any dollar amount.

Plymouth will host manufacturing summit

A Michigan Manufacturing Summit will be held Monday, Dec. 8, at the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center in Plymouth.

More than 35 key business and labor leaders representing the manufacturing industry are expected to join Gov. Jennifer Granholm in identifying the most critical issues facing the industry and explore possible solutions.

"The manufacturing summit is a key component of ensuring that the manufacturing industry continues to be a viable part of Michigan's and the nation's economic future," Granholm said. "I expect to come away from this meeting with a clear set of priorities and the basis of an action plan for how we can sustain and grow the manufacturing industry." Earlier this year Granholm announced a Manufacturing Matters initiative to raise awareness of the challenges that confront the nation's manufacturing industry. During the past three years, Michigan has lost more than 170,000 manufacturing jobs, while the nation lost more than 2.7 million.

Manufacturing employs approximately one out of every five workers in Michigan.

As part of the Manufacturing Matters initiative, Granholm held a series of informal meetings with manufacturing leaders and workers in Traverse City, Lansing, Saginaw, Detroit and Grand Rapids. A survey conducted on the Michigan Manufacturing Web site resulted in more than 1,000 responses that will be evaluated and presented in summary form at the summit.

After the summit Granholm intends to rally other governors of manufacturing states to Washington to raise industry issues.

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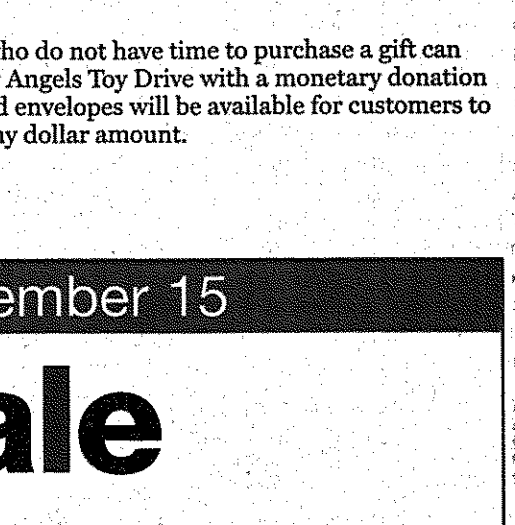
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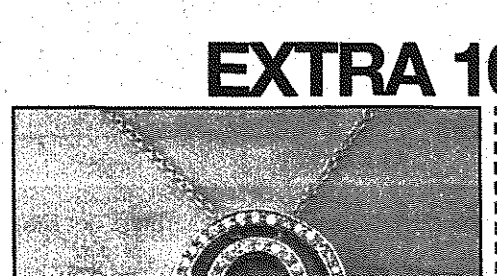
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Exhibit wards off coming winter chill

Fans brave the elements to see band perform award-winning show

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

Huddled beneath blankets, clasping cups of hot cocoa, some 700 fans braved the bitter November chill Saturday evening to enjoy a free exhibition performance — a gift for the community — from the nationally acclaimed Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band.

The 170 hometown marchers, under the direction of Marc Whitlock and Assistant Director Brian Miller, performed their dynamic 10-minute award-winning show, "Souls of the Gypsy Caravan."

The P-CEPers have added an amazing collection of hardware to the band trophy case during the fall in-state competition season, making a grand sweep of every Flight I first-place trophy, along with all Flight I caption trophies for Best Marching, Best Music and Best General Effect.

The band closed out the in-state season on Nov. 1 at the Pontiac Silverdome, capturing the Flight I state championship, all captions and the highest score of all 40 bands at the Michigan Competing Band Association State Championship Finals.

Saturday's performance was also a sendoff by the community as the band leaves for Indianapolis Nov. 13 for the Bands of America Grand National Championships at the RCA Dome.

Ninety-one bands from across the country will compete in preliminary competition Thursday and Friday before being narrowed down to the 30 top-scoring bands.

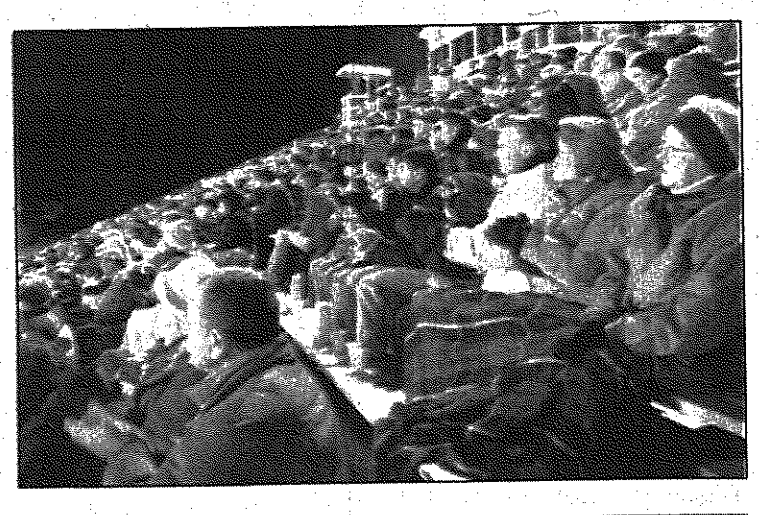
Those bands will play in semi-finals with the top 12 bands then selected to compete in the finals evening performance Saturday.

The P-CEP Band has placed in the top nine of the country's marching bands at BOA championships since 1988 and has been named BOA Grand National Champions in 1990, '91 and '99.

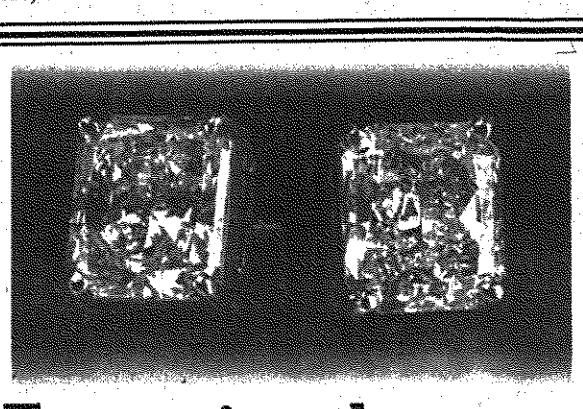


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The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band takes its high-octane show to Indianapolis this weekend for the national championships at the RCA Dome.



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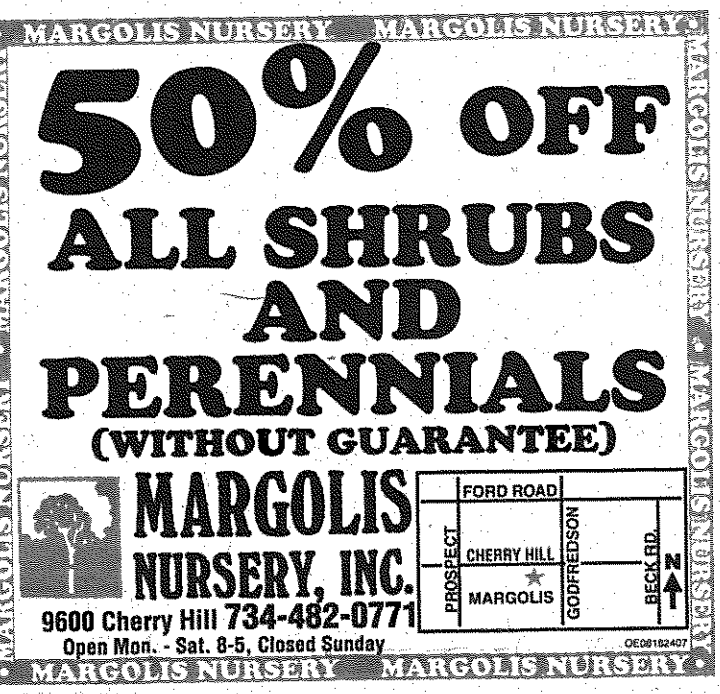
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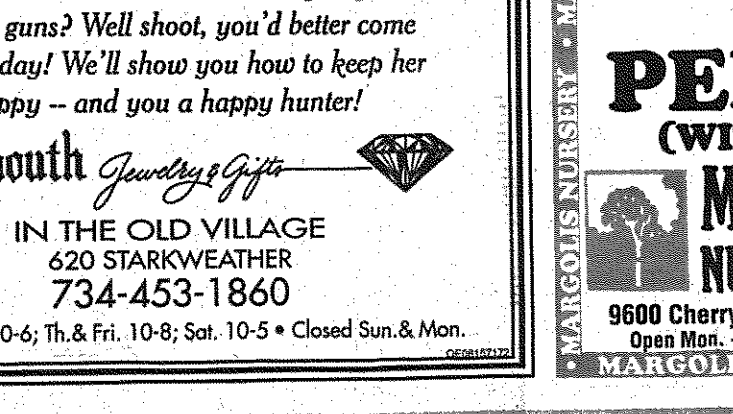
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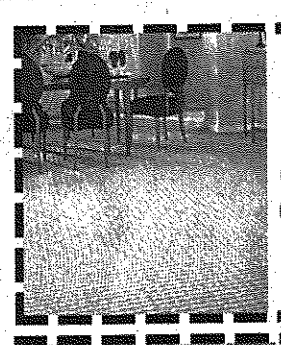
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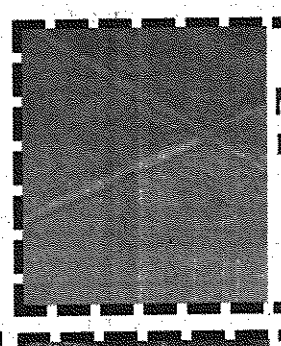
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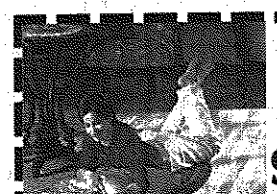
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Viola V. Pritchard

Services for Viola Pritchard, 86, of Plymouth were held Nov. 12 at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial followed at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Pritchard was born May 24, 1917, in Detroit and died Oct. 31 in Ann Arbor Township. She worked as a secretary at her husband's business, Pritchard Heating and Air Conditioning in Livonia. She was a 20-year resident of Plymouth and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. She was the ultimate homemaker, loving sewing, gardening, cooking, baking and crafts. Her family called her the "Martha Stewart" of her day.

Mrs. Pritchard was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas and grandson, Thomas.

Survivors include daughter, Marilyn (Paul) Johnson of Plymouth; granddaughter, Laura (Michael) Hoehn of Canton; sister-in-law, Marion Dunlop; and various nieces also survive.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Larry Alan Turner

Services for Larry Turner, 54, of Plymouth were held Nov. 8 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Kevin O'Brien officiating. Burial followed at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mr. Turner was born April 2, 1949, in Hanover, Ind., and died Nov. 5 in Southfield. He was a sales rep for Arvin Meritor in Troy. He came to the Plymouth community in 1978 from Detroit. He was a member of the Plymouth Rotary Club. He graduated from Purdue University. He was an avid golfer, hockey fan and gardener. He was a loving husband, father, son and brother.

Survivors include wife, Brenda Turner of Plymouth; children, Gail (Richard) Nimphie of Canton and Davie and his fiance Andrea George of Plymouth; parents, Wesley and Viola Turner of Hanover, Ind.; brothers, Robert (Sally) Turner of New York, Ryan (Debbie) Turner of Mulberry, Ind., and Kevin Turner of Hanover, Ind.; sister, Lana (Fred) of Kalamazoo; sisters-in-law, Carol Harrison of Canton and Valerie (George) Henigan of Plymouth; and many loving nieces and nephews and cousins also survive.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Plymouth Rotary Club or the Capuchins.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Virgil Carl Mooney

Services for Virgil Mooney, 79, of Pinckney, formerly of Florida and Plymouth, were held Nov. 12 at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Mich. with the Rev. James Vander Schuur officiating.

Mr. Mooney was born Feb. 9, 1924, in Toledo and died Nov. 8 at home. He married Louise E. Tousain on Nov. 1, 1946 in Kalamazoo. He entered the Army in 1942 as a member of the 102nd Division. He received a battlefield commission at the Battle of the Bulge and was also the recipient of the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He retired from the Army in 1984 with 42 years combined service in the active and reserves with the rank of Lt. Colonel.

Survivors include wife, Louise; daughter, Linda (Charles) Laughlin of Florida; sons, Jeff, Keith and Timm of Brighton, Brian of Canton and Craig of Saginaw; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospice.

Arrangements made by MacDonald's Funeral Home.

Esther R. Freeman

Services for Esther Freeman, 85, of Plymouth, were held Nov. 12 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Dean Klump officiating. Burial followed at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Freeman was born Jan. 3, 1918, in Coalport, Pa., and died Nov. 9 in Superior Township. She was a homemaker and member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. She came to the Plymouth community in 1944 from Coalport, Pa. She enjoyed traveling to Las Vegas and Lake Tahoe. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother and sister.

Mrs. Freeman was preceded in death by husband, Glenn Freeman; daughter, Shirlee Hayes; and son, Robert Freeman.

Survivors include children, James Freeman of Plymouth, Glenn (Marlene) Freeman, Jr. of Harrison, Richard (Sandra) Freeman of New Boston, Jack (Elaine) Freeman of Semi Valley, Calif., and William (Connie) Freeman of Livonia; 16 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; sisters, Mable Fasolia and Edna of Pennsylvania and Lola Trent of New Jersey.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Stanley B. Szuba

Services for Stanley Szuba, 66, of Plymouth, were held Nov. 8 at SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Mitchell Szarek officiating.

Mr. Szuba was born Jan. 13, 1937 in Detroit and died Nov. 4 at Tawas St. Joseph Hospital. He was an attorney.

Survivors include wife, Barbara A. Szuba of Plymouth; mother, Sophie Szuba; sons, Michael (Anne Marie) Szuba, and Steven Szuba; granddaughters, Madeline and Sarah; brother, Joseph (Carrie) Szuba; and sister, Virginia (Ray) Schreiber.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Magic Foundation, 6645 W. North Avenue, Oak Park, IL 60302; Garden City Osteopathic Hospital Cardiac Unit Attn: Development & Community Services Department, 6245 N. Inkster Road, Garden City, MI 48135-9990.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Gregg Allan Campbell

Services for Gregg Campbell, 49, of Plymouth were held Nov. 13 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Mr. Campbell was born April 14, 1954, in Detroit and died Nov. 11 in Plymouth. He was an auto mechanic for Rogen GMC in Romulus. He came to the Plymouth community in 2003 from Carlton. He served in the U.S. armed services. He loved to play golf. He was a loving father, son and brother. Mr. Campbell was preceded in death by father, Ivan Campbell.

Survivors include children, Jennifer (Mark) Budd of Novi and Jason Campbell of Miami, Fla.; grandchildren, Midori and Noah; mother, Jan Chandler of Westland; brothers and sisters, Joel (Carla) Campbell of Bluffton, S.C., Leslie Campbell of Ft. Worth, Texas, Jerry (Rebecca) Campbell of Plymouth, Beth (Bob) D'Angelo of Plymouth, Pam Campbell of East Pointe, and Jill (Mike) Gibbons of Carlton. Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Bethel R. Goodwin

Services for Bethel Goodwin, 67, of Lavergne, Tenn., were held Oct. 30 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial followed at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Goodwin was born March 26, 1936, in Plymouth and died Oct. 26 in Nashville. She was a homemaker. She came to the Tennessee community in 1977 from Plymouth. She loved to read, do puzzles and play Scrabble. She was a loving mother and sister. Survivors include sons, John M. Goodwin of Lavergne, Tenn., and Elliott L. (Rhea) Walters of Orlinda, Tenn.; sisters, Glenda (Robert) Jones of Canton and Norine G. Miller of Plymouth; and also many nieces, nephews, and good friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Robert J. Little

Services for Robert Little, 78, of Plymouth, were held Oct. 29 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Dean Klump officiating. Burial followed at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. Little was born Aug. 6, 1925 in Jackson, Kentucky and died Oct. 27 in Livonia. He retired from the Ford Motor Company Transmission Plant in Livonia. He was President of the U.A.W. Local 182. He came to the Plymouth community in 1947. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, serving in the Navy during World War II. He recently made a video for the Plymouth Historical Society regarding his military experience during World War II. He was a former Cub master, and enjoyed camping, golf, and traveling.

Survivors include wife, Katherine Little of Plymouth; daughter, Wilma (James) Stoops of Canton; son, Kenneth (Nancy) Little of Plymouth; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and sister, Vada Sargent.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice in Livonia. Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

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WHEN IT HURTS TO EXERCISE
The good news is that Americans are increasingly following their doctors' recommendation to get more exercise. The bad news is that, although exercise provides a path to better health, it also creates more potential for injury. According to the latest U.S. Centers for Disease Control study, during one recent two-year period, seven million Americans (16 out of every 1,000 people) received medical attention for sports-related injuries. This number of injuries from sports and recreational activities was substantially higher than those sustained from car crashes during the same period. The majority of the injuries were to the upper and lower extremities, with sprains and strains being the most commonly reported injuries. Basketball caused more problems than any other sport.
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OUR VIEWS

Let's celebrate Canton diversity

You don't have to look at census figures to know Canton's population over the years has changed. There was a time when any local newspaper in this area featured primarily white faces. A photograph of a nonwhite face was rare and only because there just weren't many out there.

Today, Canton has a new face. It is one of diversity in every sense of the word. On Sunday, the *Canton Observer* featured on its front page a story about Canton Muslims celebrating Ramadan, a month of blessing marked by prayer, fasting and charity. A few weeks earlier, the Canton Mosque opened its doors to welcome the community into the facility and to learn about Muslim beliefs and practices.

Also in October, Canton resident Anand Kumar, an Asian Indian, hosted India Fest 2003, a celebration of Diwali, the festival of lights and the New Year. Kumar owns a Web site, a communication device for the Indian community in Michigan. Consider that the Asian Indian community includes some 75,000 people in southeast Michigan. Canton alone is home to approximately 3,400 Asian Indians.

What just these few people bring to Canton is immeasurable. They have a love for where they live and they bring their own unique cultures to add to the mix.

People of all these diversities are urged to participate in the community. Local officials are urged to tap into these various cultures for volunteers who want to leave their mark.

The best example of seeking involvement is the Canton Public Library. This week, the library will host community representatives on its multicultural committee. The influx of new and different cultures into Canton is evident at the library, which has increased its foreign-language publications, including magazines, books and videos.

Library trustees have recognized that Canton has changed. The committee will plan activities and celebrations in the library to acknowledge the many cultures that call Canton home.

Let what the library is doing be just a beginning. Just as we celebrate Canton's farming history. One day, Canton's history will include all these new and fascinating cultures.

MEA plan interesting but not the answer

Gov. Jennifer Granholm calls the idea "intriguing." Republican legislative leaders say they're willing to take a look at it. Several frugal school administrators call it "Robin Hood," robbing from the rich to give to the poor.

The Michigan Education Association has proposed reducing state aid to the 337 school districts with fund balances greater than 15 percent and making them pay some of that money on local programs. The MEA is suggesting this as a one-time quick fix to cover an estimated $350 million shortfall in the School Aid Fund.

The MEA suggests that 15 percent of annual expenditures is an adequate amount for what are known as "rainy day funds." The Michigan School Business Officials group suggests 17 percent. Some school district reserves are well over 20 percent of expenditures.

Granholm said in a recent interview on public radio that she was "intrigued" by the idea when she learned that Michigan schools overall had $1.8 billion in their general fund accounts at the end of the 2001-02 school year, an average of 15.75 percent. But some school districts have very little in reserve and others have a lot at a time when the governor is proposing a $196 per pupil cut in state funding.

The MEA said many school districts are struggling and further cuts in state aid will force them to shut down.

"School districts weren't chartered to be savings and loans," said MEA President Lu Battaglieri. "They have stockpiled $1.8 billion of the taxpayers' dollars. Taxpayers expect that money to be spent educating children."

The MEA says in its press release that this is meant to be "the last quick fix" and not a solution.

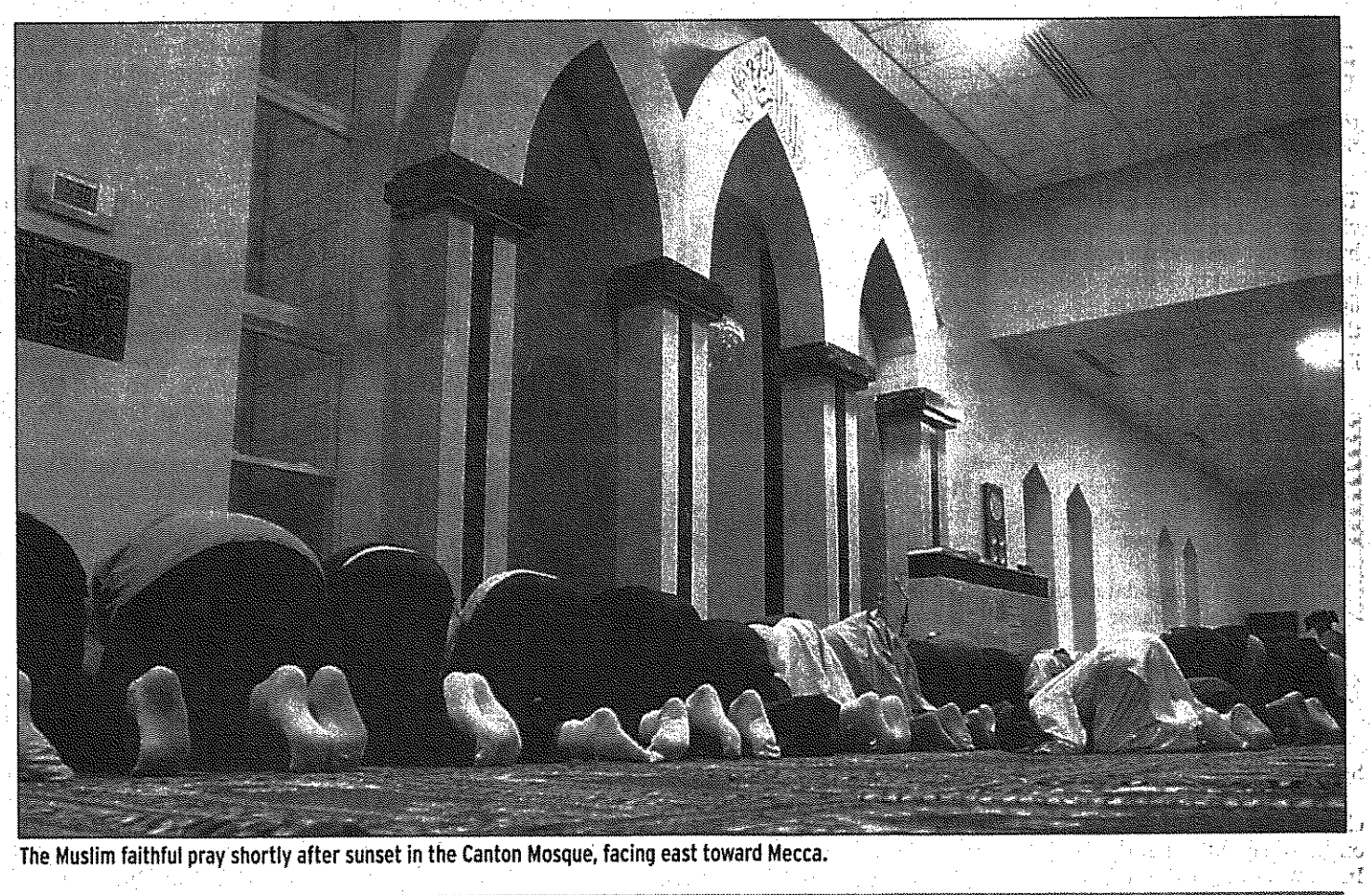
We agree that this is not the solution. A shift now in state allocations when the state hadn't mandated a maximum reserve seems unfair to those districts who see themselves as being "fiscally responsible."

But the idea is "intriguing," because it raises a serious question. Since school districts receive most of their funding from the state School Aid Fund, the state needs to look at whether some school districts are putting too much money in reserve, especially at a time when so many other districts are struggling.

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The Muslim faithful pray shortly after sunset in the Canton Mosque, facing east toward Mecca.

LETTERS

Walk the walk

In your recent article, "Governor orders cuts that could cost $3.4M," I was quite disappointed in the lack of concern, with the loss of funding for our schools, by the representatives of this district. I would hope that they had been working diligently in Lansing to protect the schools that they represent.

A good, strong, healthy community needs strong leadership to protect their schools. With the cuts Lansing proposes, I would hope that they would be out working to make sure that their school district gets its fair share. I have not seen any evidence of work being proposed to protect the school districts they represent. Their apathetic attitude to our school district's per pupil funding is disgraceful.

To allow and not change (or even attempt to change) the inequities to our school district funding is deplorable. Their willingness to allow an across the board cut ($196 per student) is unbelievable. This will affect our school district's future terribly.

If they truly are concerned with the future of education in our district this is not an option that they should allow. They have an opportunity to make sure that this does not occur. This order will not go into effect until Dec. 5. This gives them plenty of time to demand fairness and equity for our schools.

Bruce Patterson, Philip Lajoy and John Stewart, if you really believe in the future of our children you need to stop talking the talk and start walking the walk.

Dian Slavens
PCCS parent
Canton

Stealing history

It is hoped that the move into the new performing arts center in Canton will benefit the Plymouth Theatre Guild. For them to deny their heritage and change their name to the Spotlight Players does a disservice to the community from which they originally came. To require them to change their name in order to perform in the new arts center is another example of political ego winning out over historical perspective.

It is enough that they have found a home in Canton, as it is a recognition that the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township leaders were unable to satisfy the needs for promotion, financing and staging to keep them in their original community. But we should keep names so that we understand the history of western Wayne County and the realization that Plymouth Township in 1827 was the original community from which Canton Township, the city of Plymouth, Northville Township and the city of Northville spun off from.

Just as there was a push to the unthinking renaming of the District Court Building, and the dropping of the name Dunbar Davis Hall of Justice, there is a movement to deny the personalities and history that shaped and formed what is now Canton Township and Northville Township.

It is the Plymouth Theatre Guild and will always be that, regardless of the self- serving efforts of a few in Canton Township to force a rewriting of history. After all it was only a few years ago that Realtors sold north Canton as Plymouth. You may develop your own history but some will not let you steal the history of another community.

Bill Joyner
Livonia

Try it

The first Thanksgiving Day, set aside for the special purpose of prayer as well as celebration, was decreed by Gov. William Bradford of Massachusetts. The first Thanksgiving Days were harvest festivals, or days of thanking God for plentiful crops.

President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November 1863, as "a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father."

Today we give thanks to God for all our blessings. I wonder about my fellow Americans who have no God. Who do they thank? I invite them to join us. Lift your glass of apple cider and thank God. Please try it, you may even like it and feel as good as we do. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

Robert H. Bickmeyer
Troy

Bush hasn't erred

Liberals insist that Bush erred when he decided on the free world's pre-emptive strike in Iraq.

From the top let us agree that the left's insistence that the effort in Iraq has been unilateral in operation disregards the participation of several other countries in the war effort.

The liberal faults Bush's attitude, demeanor, and mostly his decision to war with Iraq as the next move to preserve the safety and freedom of our people, and not incidentally, other peoples in the world. Bush is quoted, "This nation is determined. And we're patient ... When it comes to defending our freedoms and securing our homeland and protecting innocent Americans and never forgetting what happened on September the 11th, we are some kind of tough. And that's the way it's going to be." (George W. Bush, May 14, 2002).

Some of the liberal element in our country insist that we show and prove our learning of history by repeating it. The left thinkers believe that pre-emption should have been out of the question since it hasn't been an historical option. What kind of thinking is that? Doesn't one of two combatants always strike first? Is that not pre-emption?

The United States is supposed to await attack before it can rattle a saber. Our Founding Fathers risked everything, their wealth, land, homes, their lives and their families' welfare to gain our freedom. Liberals, today, would not have us fight, at least not peremptorily, to preserve our freedom, to remain safe. Many of us believe Bush is correct in the decision to war with Iraq.

In the near future, decisions concerning rattled sabers and bellicose blathering will require our leaders to make important and courageous decisions about future engagements to preserve our freedom. Knowing about history is important, but it is even more important to know your enemies.

Many of us know that not only our might can be important in our salvation, but that the courage to defend our country, and the wisdom to make the offensive maneuver when it looks best meets with our heritage, our culture, our right to live in peace.

My recent letter to the prime minister of England thanking him for his stand with and behind our president was warmly received. May other leaders in the world see the wisdom in denying the terrorism, the demented and debaucherous domination of the good citizens of the world.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

Wants versus needs

Commenting on the recent column by Phil Power ("Time for Gov. Granholm to make bold statements on the budget," Nov. 6) I believe she has done some of this already.

Personally, I think Gov. Granholm has done a great job left to her by former Gov. John Engler.

My question is, how can Granholm tighten our belt when she doesn't have the tools given her by "We the People"?

We hold the key to a balanced budget. We have to stop telling our elected lawmakers that we want massive "wants" over "needs."

So far the "wants" have won. Now Engler is gone, but his cronies still remain. So what does our new governor have to do? Fight against the other party, which has given away our tax dollars, causing this huge deficit ... and here in nine or 10 months everything is suppose to be "ship shape"?

Richard "Red" Hughes
Troy

Where's the outrage?

Where are the cries of outrage from the good people as inhumane actions are in our name?

Ahmad al-Halabi is fighting for his life because he was sympathetic to the pitiful plight of the detainees at Guantanamo by responding to their pleas and showing compassion by providing mail contact with families.

The crime is not al-Halabi's but that of the system that can imprison "alleged terrorists" in cages that are open to the elements where the men must eat, sleep and defecate.

I can easily understand why some so called "enemy combatants" (some as young as 13) have become insane or tried to kill themselves. When good people remain quiet, bad things can happen.

Laura Perreault
Southfield

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QUOTABLE

"One of the most important things to teach is sincerity. And one of the most important things is our religion. Fasting represents sincerity to God. If we are sincere with God we can be sincere with other people."

– Sheikh Ali, Iman, spiritual leader of the Canton Mosque

Cheers, jeers on budget crisis and other matters

The governor and Legislature are the ones who are going to have to come to agreement about how the state balances its books. Call-in programs on radio and TV can't do it.

Columns like this are supposed to provide informed commentary and even insight. But sometimes they should get right down to it, call 'em as they see 'em and hand out "cheers" and "jeers." So here goes:

JEERS to State Rep. Susan Tabor (R-Delta Township) for focusing our attention on the vital issue of whether to allow Michigan hunters to shoot mourning doves. Gunning (ahem) for attention, she provoked a big demonstration of orange blaze-clad hunters on the steps of the capital. Why not add robins to your list, Rep. Tabor? They're plentiful, easier to hit than mourning doves and, I presume, just as tasty.



Phil Power

CHEERS to Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema (R-Grandville) for having the common sense to put the House-approved dove hunting bill on hold. "We must remain focused on creating a sound budget that makes sense and pushing forward with creating job opportunities for Michigan residents." With the state facing a $900 million-plus budget crisis this fiscal year, Sikkema has his priorities right.

CHEERS, also, to Peter Luke, Lansing bureau chief for the Booth newspaper chain and a thoroughly insightful reporter on state government. In a column over the weekend, Luke pointed out that the dove hunting bill had a distinct political purpose, so far overlooked by most reports: To mobilize (presumably mostly Republican) hunters and National Rifle Association members.

CHEERS to the voters in the People's Republic of Ann Arbor who passed by a 2-1 margin a tax to pay for buying land outside the city limits to create a greenbelt against development. The millage, which replaces a previous tax to buy parkland inside the city, is supposed to raise something like $85 million over its 30-year life. The majority of the money is to go for buying land and acquiring development rights on existing farms.

JEERS to some in the real estate community who spent a lot of money opposing the greenbelt measure, shortsightedly complaining that it denied developers the right to substitute the profit motive for rational land planning. It's always been a puzzle to me why developers (as distinguished from the public) should be the primary movers in land use decisions. In Novi and Troy, two sprawling communities whose fate was largely left in the hands of developers, local government folks are now trying (somewhat artificially) to create downtowns to give a sense of place and structure to what otherwise would be faceless and featureless cities.

JEERS to the state's Home Rule Act that gives individual local government units, whether towns, cities or townships, the ultimate authority to determine land use, zoning and development patterns essentially in isolation.

Equally, CHEERS go to Gov. Granholm's Commission on Land Use, whose weighty but far-reaching report will form the basis for much-needed policy changes in the state. We've been complaining about sprawl for 20 years without anybody actually doing something about it. I hope that time is coming to an end.

Modified CHEERS to Gov. Granholm for her tours around the state to explain to citizens the full measure of the budget crisis now facing Michigan and to ask for their suggestions about how best to get out of it. Certainly, asking people (even the carefully selected ones invited to the governor's sessions) what they think the state should do about big problems is a good thing. But at the end of the day, ours is a representative government, not a direct democracy. The governor and Legislature are the ones who are going to have to come to agreement about how the state balances its books. Call-in programs on radio and TV can't do it.

JEERS to knee-jerk politicians whose reflexive solution for any budget crisis is to call for more budget cuts. Anybody who has run a business knows that you might be able to save a troubled company from disaster by cutting costs, but for the business to thrive you ultimately have to figure out how to drive the top line and increase revenue. In the case of Michigan, there is no doubt we can cut state expenditures enough to eliminate the budget gap. The real question is what kind of state we will have afterward.

There you have it for this week. But ... what do you think? Readers are invited to send me their own mix of CHEERS and JEERS, either for a subsequent column or as letters to the editor of this newspaper.

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

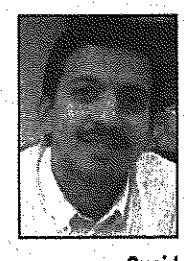
Ramadan: A month of reflection

Fasting teaches us self-restraint, prayers bring us close to God, and charity lets us thank God for His bounties. In particular, a Muslim performs extra acts of worship toward God, and acts of charity as service toward His creations in this month of Ramadan. Upon breaking the fast, the night is spent in acts of devotion and necessary sleep, not feasting and partying.

You must be kidding! You don't eat and drink all day long for the whole month?"

This used to be the response I would get when explaining fasting in the month of Ramadan. Although most Americans now know that their Muslim friends and neighbors fast from dawn to sunset in the month of Ramadan, many still don't know that fasting is just one aspect of Ramadan.

God says in the Quran (2:183), "O ye who believe! Fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you, that ye may (learn) self-restraint." And then again in (2:185), "The month of Ramadan is the one in which the Quran was sent down, as a guidance for mankind, with clear proofs for the guidance, the Criterion; so whoever amongst you witnesses this month, let him fast in it."



Quaid Saifee

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar year. Because of the lunar calendar, Ramadan falls in different seasons, as it moves up about 11 days every solar year. This year it started on the 27th of October. Fasting in the month of Ramadan is one of the five pillars of Islam. The other four being belief in one God, obligatory charity, pilgrimage to Mecca once in a lifetime (if physically and financially able to do so), and performing the five daily prayers.

Fasting has always been an important part of religious life. Every faith has it in some form or the other. For Muslims, fasting in the month of Ramadan is obligatory.

Every able Muslim who has attained puberty should fast, with exception being granted for the mentally and physically ill, the pregnant and nursing mothers, and for travelers. The goal during this month is to attain self-restraint and to become God-conscious in every aspect of our lives.

The Imam (spiritual leader) at the Islamic Association of Greater Detroit, Rochester Hills, mentioned in his recent Friday's sermon that Ramadan is comprised of three ingredients: fasting, prayers, and charity.

Fasting teaches us self-restraint, prayers bring us close to God, and charity lets us thank God for His bounties. In particular, a Muslim performs extra acts of worship toward God, and acts of charity as service toward His creations in this month of Ramadan. Upon breaking the fast, the night is spent in acts of devotion and necessary sleep, not feasting and partying.

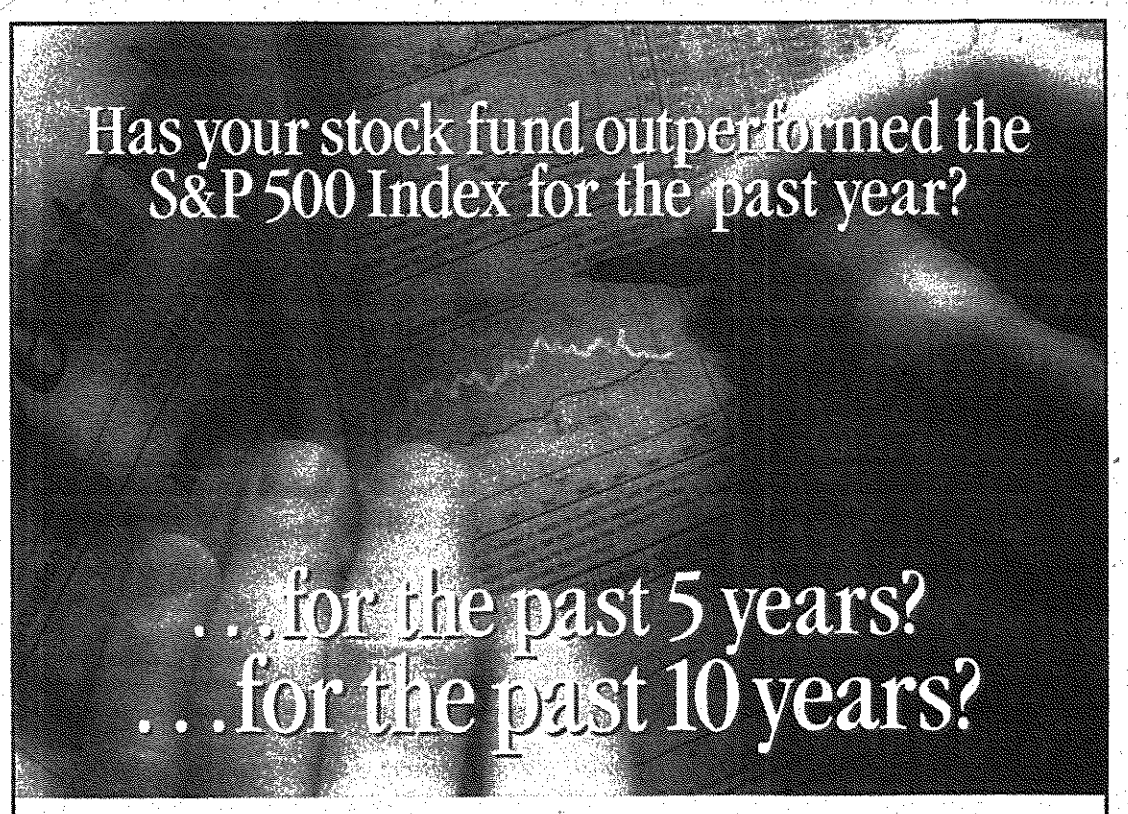
By fasting (not eating by choice) in this month we remind ourselves that although we might live in material luxury, there are millions of our fellow human beings who cannot afford a meal every day. By performing extra prayers this month we enrich ourselves spiritually and ask for the well-being of our family and of humanity at large. By giving charity we purify our material wealth and help those in need.

In addition, fasting is not a mere abstention from food, drink and sex. It also entails an abstention from seeing or hearing evil, speaking ill or gossiping or backbiting, going to sinful places, or doing any act that is contrary to God's pleasure and command. As such, the entire mind and body of a Muslim fasts, including the eyes, ears, tongue, hands, and feet, beyond the aforementioned restrictions.

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All types of projects keep construction busy

Following is an update on commercial and residential developments currently under construction, as well as projects under review in Canton.

Commercial Projects Under Construction:

- Integrated Health Associates (north of Cherry Hill, east of Ridge) - 37,825 square feet on two acres.
- B.A.P.S.Hindu Tample, east side of Canton Center, north of Geddes - 9.67 acres.
- Ford Quality Care Center, west side of Canton Center, south of Hanford.
- Beginner's Inn Daycare expansion, Canton Center north of Warren - 1,200 square feet on two acres
- Wendy's/Tim Horton's, Ford Road east of Canton Center- 5,312 square feet on 1.47 acres.
- Michigan/Lotz Service Court: Arby's/Sunoco, north of Michigan Avenue and east of Lotz - 4,900 square feet on 4.5 acres.
- Canton Auto Sales expansion, north of Michigan Avenue, east of Lotz - 0.78 acres.
- Quick Oil Change, Canton Center north of Ford - 1,680 square feet.
- Canton Performing Arts and Education Center and commercial liners, northeast corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge - 30,000 square feet. The 400-seat facility will be a regional center for music, dance, drama and education
- Cuddle Care, east of Canton Center, south of Joy - 14,000 square feet on three acres.
- Charter One Bank, on Canton Center north of Cherry Hill, - 3,502 square feet on 1.12 acres.
- Canton Administration Building renovation/expansion,(west side of Canton Center between Palmer and Cherry Hill - 66,000 square feet of new construction and renovation of the existing 45,000-square-foot building.
- Cherry Hill Village, Biltmore Commercial Building, in the square in Cherry Hill Village, which includes a general store, coffee shop, Remerica Hometown Realty, Habitat for Design and Sheahan Title.

Residential Projects Under Construction

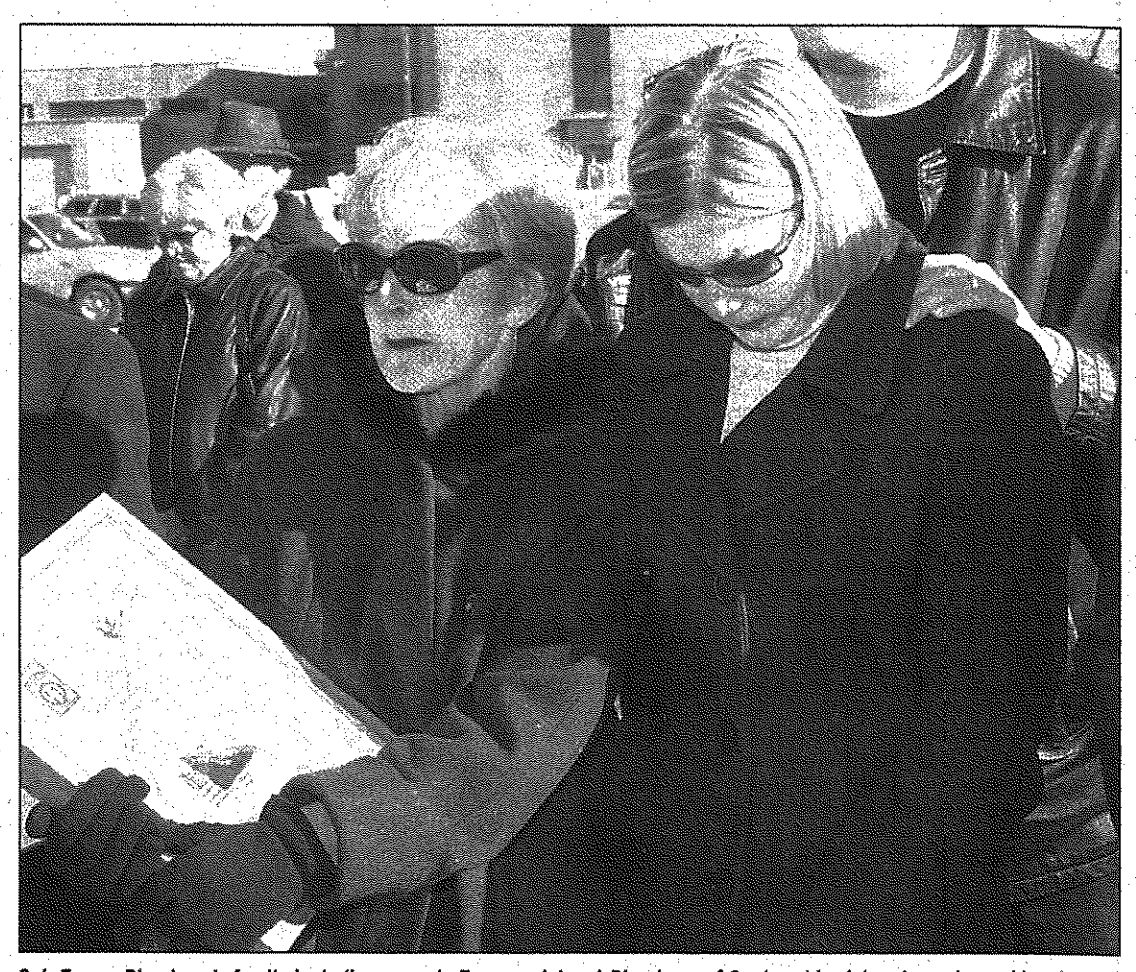
- Cherry Hill Garden Condominiums, southeast corner of Denton and Cherry Hill - 126 units on 32 acres.
- Canford Park, north of Cherry Hill, west of Beck - 90 units on 60 acres.
- Charring Cross, formerly known as Riverwood Trail, north of Geddes and west of Beck - 150 apartments and 124 single-family lots on 137 acres.
- Canford Park Site Condominiums, north side of Cherry Hill, west of Beck - 90 units on 60 acres.
- Grandover Park Site Condos, Lilley south of Ford - Seven units on 2.29 acres.
- Maben Woods, north side of Maben between Canton Center and Beck - Nine units on 16 acres.
- Wodbridge Estate Condominiums, south of Geddes between Beck and Denton - 479 units on 68 acres.
- Westchester Village, southwest corner of Warren and Ridge - 114 single family units on 100 acres.
- Arlington Park Site Condos, south side of Saltz between Ridge and Beck - 38 units on 23.5 acres.
- Maple Park Condos, southeast corner of Palmer and Morton Taylor - 42 units on 6.04 acres.
- Ravensfield Condominiums, south of Geddes and east of Denton - 140 units on 23 acres.
- Links at Fellows Creek Condominiums, southwest corner of Lotz and Palmer - 300 condos on 39 acres.
- Chelsea Square Condominiums, east side of Haggerty, south of Ford - Attached condominiums.
- Vintage Valley, (Ridge and Ford - Subdivision with homes that are traditional in design with side entry garages.
- Tottenham Woods, west side of Lilley between Palmer and Michigan Avenue - Houses on cluster lots in a natural wooded and wetland subdivision.
- Traditions at Cambridge Condominiums,(Saltz and Canton Center - Neo-traditional condominiums with rear-entry attached garages.
- Ravines Condominiums, south of Joy and west of Beck - Luxury detached condominiums with several wooded estate lots.
- Chatterton Condominiums, south side of Geddes, west of Beck - Attached and detached condominiums with apartments to be constructed later.
- Hampton Ridge North, south of Ann Arbor Road, west of Ridge - Site condominiums.

Commercial Projects Under Review

- Heartland Health Care, Lilley south of Warren - 44,955 square feet on three acres.
- Willow Creek Retail PDD, former Builders Square/HQ north of Ford, east of Lilley - 12.54 acres. Includes Panera Bread.



The military Honor Guard fires off a salute during Sgt. Trevor Blumberg's memorial service Sunday.



Sgt. Trevor Blumberg's family including parents Terry and Janet Blumberg of Canton, his sister, Amanda, and her husband, Brian Marshall, of Dearborn Heights, bow their heads in honor and memory of the soldier who was killed in Iraq.

MEMORIAL

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names to this memorial," Canton resident John Spencer said at Sunday's ceremonies. "Today we add a brick paver for Sgt. Trevor Blumberg. We hope to add no more names."

Spencer, a Vietnam veteran himself and a member of the Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528, served as master of ceremonies for the program, which was attended by Blumberg's parents, Terry and Janet Blumberg of Canton; his sister, Amanda and her husband, Brian Marshall, of Dearborn Heights; and various local and state dignitaries.

"This is an honorable moment," Janet Blumberg said after the ceremonies, "and I hope everybody just cherishes their children."

Trevor's father, Terry, who spent 14-1/2 months in Vietnam, said his son loved the Army.

"He wasn't perfect," Terry Blumberg said. "He was a good old boy. He could have died drunk, he could have died in some stupid ways. But he didn't. He loved the army."

Blumberg was killed when a roadside bomb hit a convoy and destroyed the Humvee occupied by himself and three other soldiers. They had been deployed to Iraq just three days earlier.

The 1999 Salem graduate was a member of the 1st Battalion of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) presented the family with a tribute signed by himself, state Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton) and Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

"He was a man of purpose, dedication, commitment and resolve," Patterson said. "A man who did not retreat from hard work or a daunting challenge. Sergeant Blumberg sought to make a difference for humanity and mankind and he did."

LaJoy, who briefly addressed the audience, said he visited with Blumberg's father at the funeral home after he heard the news.

"He told me, 'You're here to celebrate my son's life,'" LaJoy said. "He and others before him made the supreme sacrifice to protect the principles on which this nation was founded."

John Fleming, treasurer of the Plymouth-Canton chapter of the Vietnam Veterans, presented the family a plaque and Blumberg's dog tags.

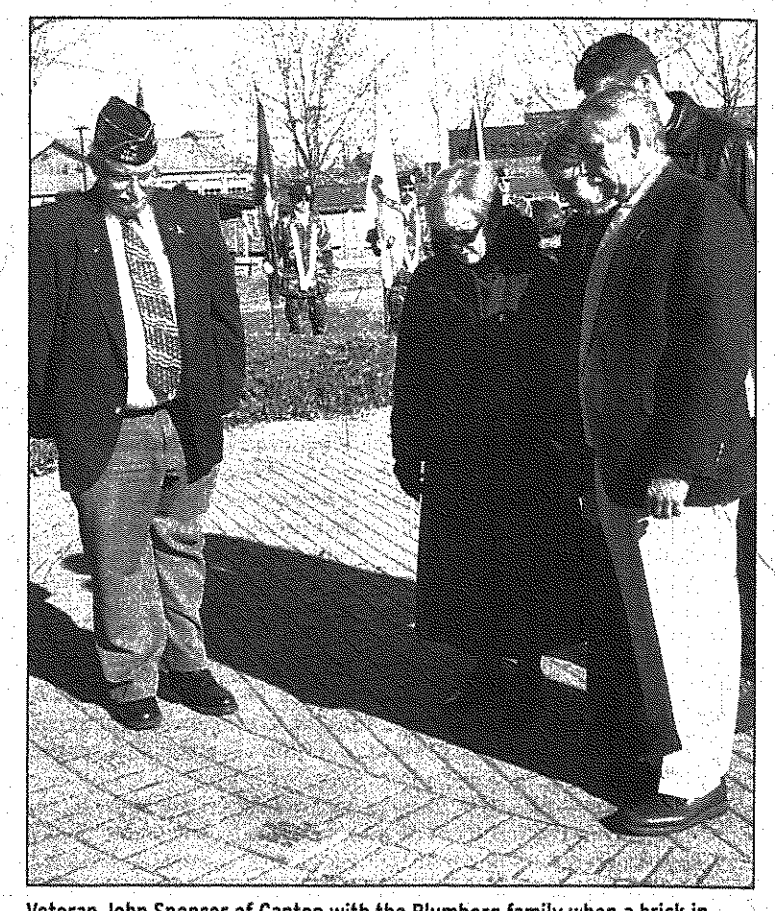
"It is the national motto of the Vietnam Veterans of America that never again shall one generation of veterans abandon another," he said.

Following the Blumberg ceremony, ceremonies honoring all veterans were held 2-4 p.m. at Summit on the Park.

The program featured displays of military memorabilia, free refreshments and patriotic songs from students from Gallimore and Tonda Elementary schools as well as the PCEP Chamber Strings Orchestra.



State Rep. Phil LaJoy speaks at a memorial service for Sgt. Trevor Blumberg, who was killed in Iraq.



Veteran John Spencer of Canton with the Blumberg family when a brick in honor of their son, Sgt. Trevor Blumberg was placed.

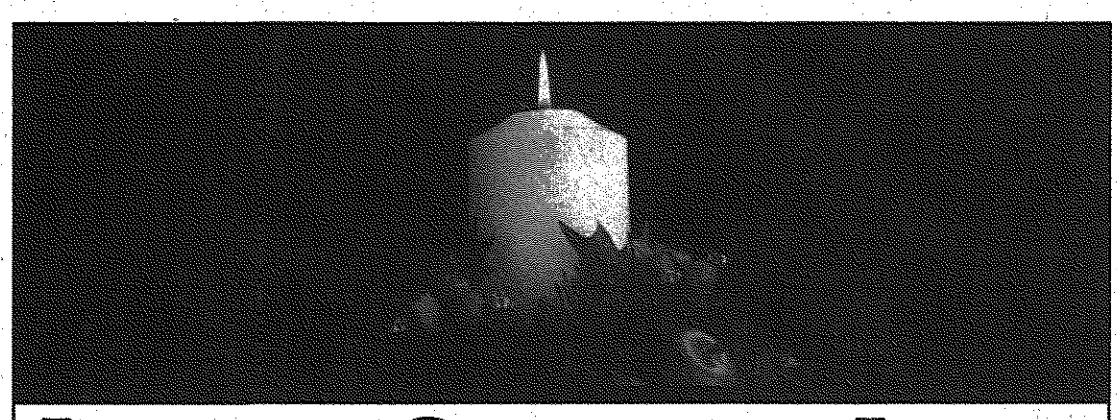
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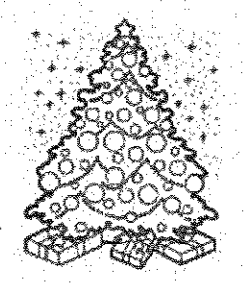
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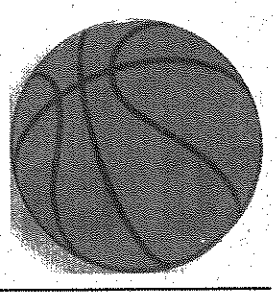
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Strong start
Madonna men win 2nd in a row. B5



Canton ready to face state power CC

FOOTBALL PREVIEW

This is all about control.

You have two coaches who would like nothing more than to be in complete control of the game they're playing. Since their teams are going against each other, someone's bound to be disappointed.

At 7 p.m. Friday, Canton will host Redford Catholic Central for the championship of Division 1, Region 3 in the football state playoffs. Canton is unbeaten (11-0), boasting its best record in school history; CC is 10-1 and pursuing another state title (the Shamrocks have won five of them since 1995, including the last two and 15 of its last 16 playoff games).

Both CC's Tom Mach and Canton's Tim Baechler would like to pound the ball on the ground, using four running backs to punish their opponents. Long scoring drives would make both coaches happy — as long as it was their team doing the driving.

So Friday's game comes down to defense; which team can stop the other.

Last year, when these teams met in the second round, CC kept Canton out of the end zone, made a couple of key plays, forced a couple of mistakes and ground out a 24-7 win.

"I thought we competed with them, they just made more plays than we did," Baechler said. "They deserved to win. It seemed we moved the ball between the 30s, but then bogged down.

"Last year they made the plays — I've got to give them credit. But we made a lot of mistakes."

PLEASE SEE **CANTON, B3**

Sidelines

Champions

The Canton Lions freshmen football team won its second-consecutive Super Bowl Sunday, defeating the Westland Meteors 13-0. The Lions finished 10-0.

The Lions received first-quarter touchdowns from Braden Price and Jack Slater. Price also added an extra point. The Lions got strong blocking from Austin Payne, Jordan Smith, Bobby Riche, Mohammed Saneh, Eric Thuma and Josh Peterson. Their defense – which recorded its second straight shutout – was led by Brad Trublowski, Chris Ostrowski, Adam Payne, Miles Clifton and Phil Emminger.

The team is coached by Jim Dexter.

Game-winner

Western Michigan University's men's soccer team advanced to Sunday's Mid-American Conference Championship opposite Bowling Green State with an overtime shootout win over Akron.

After playing to a scoreless draw through the first 90 minutes, the two sides were tied at 4-all after four penalty kicks – resulting in sudden-death penalty kicks. Akron's Hans Jorgen Haugland was stopped on the Zips' first sudden-death penalty kick.

WMU's Scott Duhl, a Salem graduate, had better fortune. Duhl's shot went just right of Akron keeper Justin Christafaris and into the net, giving the Broncos a berth in the MAC Final Sunday.

Akron, ranked 21st in the NCAA, finished its season at 14-4-2. WMU, now 11-6-2, goes against Bowling Green State Sunday with a berth in the NCAA Tournament going to the winner.

Duhl, a senior, is tied for first on WMU for game-winning goals (three) and is second in goals scored with five. He also has two assists for the season (12 points).

WMU advances

The Western Michigan University women's soccer team advanced to the Mid-American Conference Tournament Final for the first time with a 2-1 win over Ohio University last Friday in the conference semifinals, leading to a 4-1 win over Bowling Green State Sunday that propelled the Broncos into the NCAA Tournament for the first time. They will play at Illinois, the Big Ten champion, on Friday.

WMU needed some big plays to just survive the MAC Tournament semifinals. Trailing Ohio University 1-0 in the second half, the Broncos scored twice to gain the win and a berth in the MAC Finals.

The game-winning goal came off the head of former Canton standout Stephanie Johnson, who fielded a corner kick from Megan Urbats (from Livonia Stevenson) and one-hopped her header just across the goal line with 7:36 left in regulation. Mandi Marsh's header had tied the game midway through the second half.

WMU is 13-7-1 entering the NCAA Tournament.

Rocks crush Chiefs

Defense leads to a WLAA championship

Fred Thomann had a plan in place.

The Salem basketball coach knew his team could not allow Canton standout Katie Cezat to dominate the way she did in their first meeting, collecting 25 points, 15 rebounds and eight blocked shots. His Rocks had been predominantly a man-to-man defensive team during the season.

That was about to change.

"I think we'll try to play a little more zone," Thomann said as the two teams went through their pre-game warm-ups.

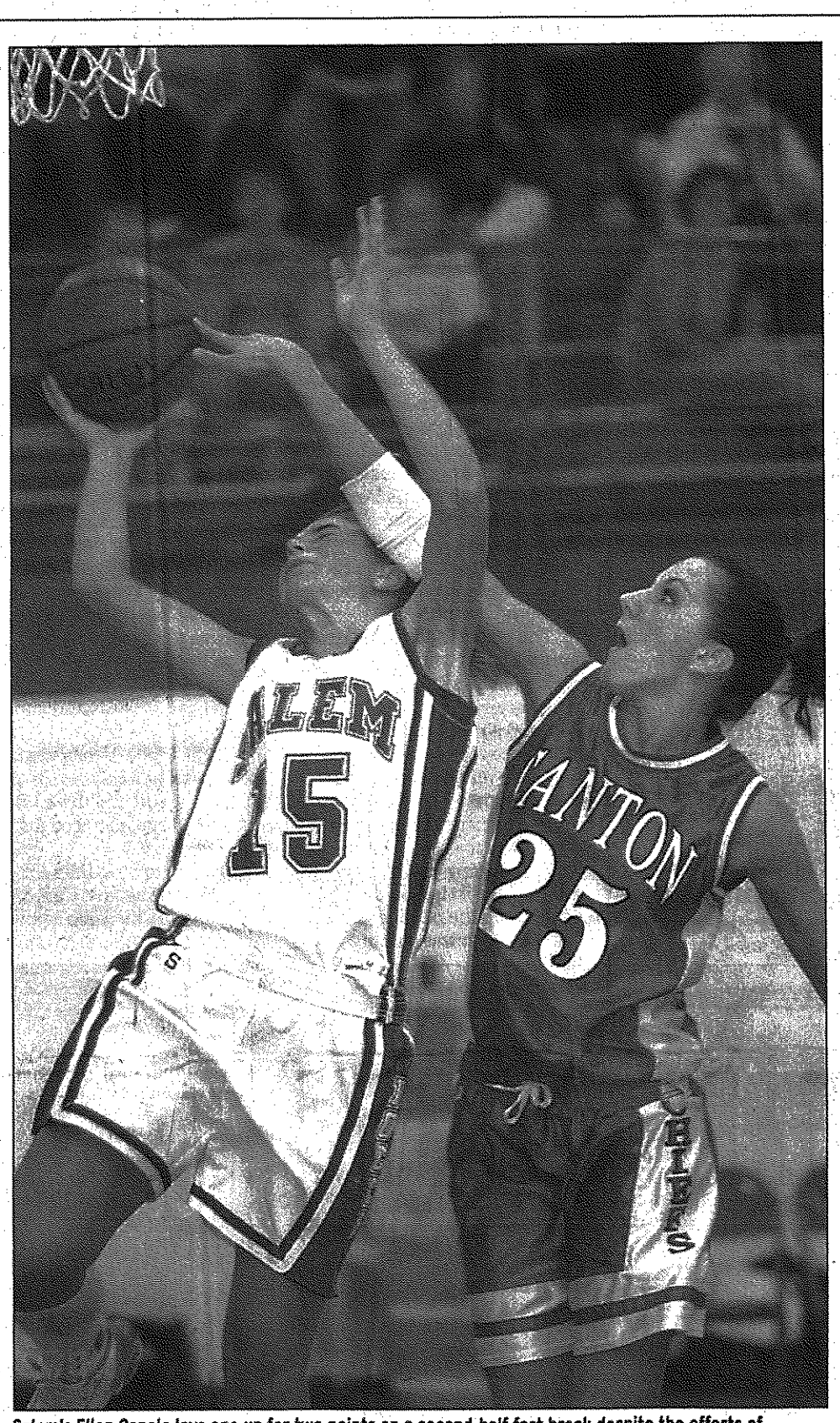
The zone defense Salem employed was the difference in this Western Lakes Activities Association championship game, played Wednesday at Salem. With Cezat limited to just eight points (four coming in the final inconsequential minute of play) and seven rebounds, and Salem's Alyssa Guerin shredding the Chiefs for 20 points, the Rocks rolled to a 41-28 victory.

Salem takes a 14-6 overall record into Wednesday's first Class A district semifinal at South Lyon, against the Novi-Northville winner. Canton falls to 17-3; the Chiefs play the South Lyon-Livonia Churchill winner in Wednesday's second district semifinal. The district final is at 7 p.m. Friday.

"Katie just had too many touches the first time we played them," said Thomann. "We tried to limit her touches this time. We didn't handle their offense well the last time. I thought we played way too fast. But we made some adjustments.

"I thought the kids accepted the challenge tonight."

PLEASE SEE **ROCKS-CHIEFS, B5**



Salem's Ellen Canale lays one up for two points on a second-half fast break despite the efforts of Canton's Katie Cezat. Canale scored 14 points in the Rocks' win.

SC advances to NJCAA Tournament

WOMEN'S SOCCER

A trip to the NJCAA Division I tournament, after missing out last year, was what Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team was pursuing.

Last Saturday, it got it.

In a dominating performance against host Moraine Valley (Ill.) CC, the Ocelots scored twice in each half to gain a 4-0 triumph in the NJCAA District D title match.

The win kept their record perfect at 16-0-0; they go into the eight-team NJCAA tournament ranked second in the nation, behind Lewis & Clark CC. The Cyclones finish at 15-4-1.

"They were a good side and we played a good game," SC coach Bill Tolstedt said. "But they only had one shot on goal. Out of the 90 minutes in the game, I'd guess we spent 85 minutes in their end (of the field).

"We didn't shoot a lot — we only had 15 shots — we just possessed (the ball)."

Which made it a relatively easy shutout for keeper Nicole Dalicandro.

Erica Ahrens (Canton) scored twice for SC and Michelle Kitta had three assists, one coming on a restart 13 minutes into the game. Kitta's ball reached Andrea Wright, and she headed it in for the score and a 1-0 lead.

Ahrens made it a 2-0 game with 1:32 left in the half, running onto a pass from Kitta and beating the keeper. Ahrens got SC's third goal as well 10 minutes into the second

PLEASE SEE **NJCAA, B4**

Rocks tough, but Spartans still best

So much for superstitions.

Thirteen was anything but an unlucky number for the Livonia Stevenson girls swim team Saturday.

The Spartans put together a solid, all-around performance to capture their 13th consecutive Western Lakes Activities Association championship with a team-high 623 points.

Host Salem was a strong runner-up in the 12-school field with 505, followed by Northville, 375; Canton, 323; Livonia Churchill, 267; Walled Lake Western, 229; Westland John Glenn, 195; Walled Lake Central, 172; Plymouth, 116; Livonia Franklin, 84; Walled Lake Northern, 73; and Wayne Memorial, 71.

"It was a good meet for us, we really swam well," said Stevenson coach Greg Phill, who has guided the Spartans to all 13 WLAA titles. "We picked up 23 points from our seeding in the prelims (Thursday) and another 12 today."

The Spartans used reverse psychology for the 2003 season.

"'Lucky 13' was our motto," Phill said. "We wore it on shirts today and it's been up on the wall at our pool all season long."

Stevenson started the meet with a bang, capturing the 200-yard medley relay as the foursome of Andrea Giczewski, Lisa Koch, Julie Ward and Marisa Gordon combined for a first-place time of 1:53.13. Salem was second in 1:54.86.

The Spartans also closed the meet by winning the 400 freestyle relay as the quartet of Giczewski, Anna Polkowski, Monica Pauza and Gordon hit the wall first in 3:43.64.

Of the nine individual events, Stevenson took four, led by the sophomore Giczewski, who won the 100 freestyle (54.24) and the 100 backstroke (1:01.22). Gordon, also a sophomore, added a first in the 200 freestyle (1:58.79), while Ward, a senior, took the 100 butterfly (1:01.36).

"Marisa had the biggest drop in the 200 freestyle, going 1:58," Phill said. "That was a big swim, and Andrea went into the meet with a 54.9 in the 100 freestyle to a 54.24 today."

One of Stevenson's best showings of the championship heats occurred in the 100 breaststroke, which was won by Salem's Amy Mertens in 1:07.55.

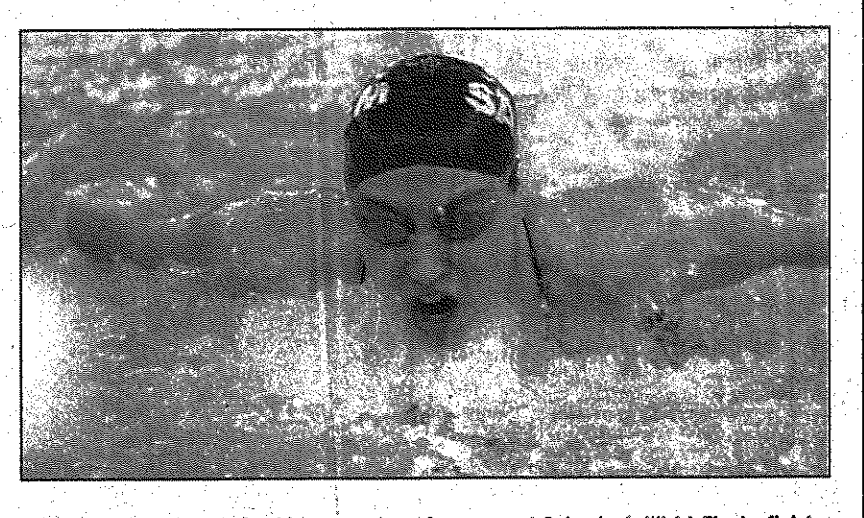
Stevenson took three of six places led by Ward (third), sophomore Lisa Koch (fourth) and senior Stephanie Turlo (12th).

"Salem pushed us," Phill said. "They did a good job and had a nice meet. We hung onto our seeds and went from there.

"A third of our swimmers are freshmen, and they really stepped it up. Everybody did their part. Things went really well."

A sign of Stevenson's depth was magnified in the 50 freestyle, when junior Meredith Bajor won the Consolation C heat in 27.27.

PLEASE SEE **ROCKS, B6**



Salem's Amy Mertens turned in a superb performance at Saturday's WLAA Finals, finishing first in both the 200-yard individual medley (above) and the 100-yard breaststroke.

Backup goalie boosts Whalers

OHL HOCKEY

Paul Drew was injured, and when Jeff Weber got off to a bad start Friday night, things looked bleak for the Plymouth Whalers, with Ontario Hockey League games also scheduled Saturday and Sunday against the Saginaw Spirit.

The Whalers managed to claw their way back Friday and tie the Windsor Spitfires, only to lose late in the third period on a penalty shot. The relief goaltending of Ryan Nie kept them close against Windsor; his performance was good enough to earn him the start Saturday against Saginaw at Compuware Arena.

Nie responded by blanking the Spirit, 3-0, making 21 saves in getting his first OHL shutout. Nie was supported by Vaclav Meidl and Brent Mahon, who each had a goal and two assists. Dan Collins contributed a goal and an assist, while James Wisniewski (from Canton) had an assist.

Eric Pfligler was in goal most of the way for the Spirit, making 32 saves.

On Sunday at the Saginaw County Event Center, Nie was again in good form, stopping 24 of 26 shots in Plymouth's 3-2 win over the Spirit.

Meidl, Tony Iaquinto and Jordan Grant got the goals for the Whalers, all of them coming before the second period was 2 1/2 minutes old. Tom Pyatt and Mike Suggs scored power-play goals for the Spirit, making it a 3-2 game with 13:16 still left in the second period.

But Saginaw could not get the equalizer as it fell to 4-12-1-1 (10 points), last in the OHL's West Division. The Whalers improved to 10-6-4-0 (24 points), second in the West, two points behind the division-leading Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds.

The extent of the ankle injury to starting goalie Drew was not immediately known; he's listed as day-to-day.

CC capitalizes on Lion miscues

Shamrocks advance with 40-20 win

Mistakes, mistakes, mistakes.

The Division I, District 1, Region 3 football playoff game between Redford Catholic Central and South Lyon Saturday at Redford's jam-packed Kraft Field featured plenty of both, by both teams. But in the final analysis, CC handled theirs better and that led to a 40-20 Shamrock triumph.

CC, the defending Division 1 state champ, is now 10-1; it advances to the Region 3 championship against unbeaten Canton at 7 p.m. Friday at Canton. South Lyon finishes at 8-3.

"We took advantage of their mistakes in the second half," said CC coach Tom Mach. "Of course, they took advantage of our mistakes in the first half."

The game started poorly for the Shamrocks when South Lyon's Ryan Carroll slipped on the opening kickoff, rolling the ball to CC's Kevin Horal at the 20-yard line. Horal fumbled on the return, giving the Lions possession on CC's 41.

A 32-yard pass to Jeff Schaible put South Lyon at the Shamrock 4; Nate Spurgess ran in it from there, giving the Lions a 7-0 lead just 1:18 into the game.

They would increase it to 14-0 on another Schaible run, this one 9 yards after two consecutive Dennis Reedy passes advanced the Lions from the CC 34 to the 9. However, the key play in the drive was a CC personal foul penalty for a face-mask violation on a third-down pass play that CC had intercepted. "Today, it took us a little while to get going," said Mach. "They took it to us in the first half. That left us 24 minutes to get it going (in the second half)."

Actually, the Shamrocks didn't wait that long. They put together a nine-play, 61-yard drive – all runs – capped by Dave Thomas' 2-yard plunge for the score, trimming the deficit to 14-7 with 9:31 left in the second quarter.

From that point on, the momentum was in CC's favor. Jason Gingell booted a 21-yard field goal on the final play of the first half, ending a 66-yard drive and making it 14-10 at the half.

The Lions had played errorlessly in the first half. In the second, they committed turnovers on their first two possessions and had four in the half.

Horal was responsible for the first miscue, stepping in front of a Lions' receiver to pick off a Reedy pass on the third play of the half. A few elusive moves later, Horal was in the end zone after his 44-yard return and CC was in front, 17-14, just 71 seconds into the half.

On the fourth play of the Lions' next possession, Eric Vojtkofsky stole another Reedy pass, but despite good field position the Shamrocks could not capitalize, eventually punting back to South Lyon. The Lions also stalled and punted, but CC's David Herberholz fumbled the kick and South Lyon's David Ivezaj recovered at the Shamrock 20. A 20-yard fly pattern to Brett Curtis in the corner of the end zone restored the lead to South Lyon, 20-17.

"The second half turnovers hurt us," said South Lyon coach Bob Scheloske. "On one of them, the quarterback read (the defense) wrong, and on the other the receiver didn't hear him and went the wrong way. But we came back from them. Some things just bounced the wrong way for us."

CC's running game was beginning to take its toll on the Lions, opening up the passing game for Thomas, who was starting to find his receivers. A 20-yard completion to Darnell Tyson put the Shamrocks on the South Lyon 10, leading to a 12-yard TD toss from Thomas to Sean Shahrestani with 1:05 left in the third.

CC was back in front – for good. On their next possession, the fourth-down snap to Lions' punter Sean Herman went awry and the Shamrocks took over at the South Lyon 13. Thomas threw a 13-yard strike to Tyson on the first play, increasing their lead to 31-20 with 11:04 left in the fourth quarter.

Three Lion turnovers, leading to 14 CC points.

A fourth Reedy interception, this one by Herberholz at the South Lyon 35, eventually spelled doom for the Lions. They got the ball back on an interception of their own, but it was at their 1-yard line. On second down, Spurgess was stopped by CC's Jason Horton in the end zone for a safety, making it a 33-20 game.

After South Lyon's free kick, Tyson finished a 41-yard Shamrock drive with a 7-yard run to make it 40-20.

"I'm not sure it was any adjustments we made (at halftime) as executing what we had been trying to do," Mach said of CC's second-half surge. "We've seen spreads (offenses) before, but it took us awhile to get adjusted."

Once the Shamrocks got going, however, the Lions couldn't stop them. Derek Brooks finished with 112 rushing yards on 22 tries, and Thomas completed 6-of-10 passes for 64 yards and two touchdowns, with one interception. Nick Barrett also had 71 yards rushing – CC had 264 yards on the ground – and Tyson finished with 56 yards rushing and one TD and two catches for 35 yards and another score.

For the Lions, Reedy was 18-of-36 passing for 211 yards and a TD, but he suffered three interceptions. They managed just 78 rushing yards.

It figures to be a different kind of game against Canton Friday – the Chiefs are a power-running team (there's no spread offense) that makes few mistakes – and it also figures to be a good one.

Canton-CC rematch rekindles memories

OK, boys and girls, players and coaches, adults and parents, here's the moment you've all been waiting for.

It's been 371 days in the making, ever since Redford Catholic Central clamped down on Canton's offense and wound up with a 24-7 win.

The loss has stuck in the craw of every Canton fan since then because everyone knows CC recruits and that's the only reason they won, right? But the win also stuck in the craw of every CC fan, because Canton coach Tim Baechler told everyone that CC recruits and that's why the Shamrocks won, right?

Only problem is that Baechler NEVER ONCE said that CC recruits. Never did it. Might have thought it, just as every coach whose team loses to a private school thinks it, but never publicly said it.

But the Canton fans started foaming at the mouth insisting that their coach was right and CC does recruit. And the CC fans started defending their school saying that not everyone goes to CC to play football and that the program's success is responsible for bringing players to the school, not coaches' recruiting.

What Baechler did say was that he lost to a team of all-stars and that he didn't think it was fair that public schools have to play private schools for the same title, since the private schools have the ability to draw from a wide area.

Period. That's it. And part of it was right – CC was a team of All-Stars. For example, the Shamrocks had six players on the *Observer's* first team, six more on the second and eight more on honorable mention. For the record, Canton had five on the first team, three more on the second and six honorable mentions. The only problem was he said it to reporters from the *Ann Arbor News* and the *Observer* – not once, but twice – after a very emotional loss, and his private beliefs became public.

But people, normally intelligent and literate, began reading what they wanted to read into the comments instead of actually reading the comments themselves and suddenly, things got ugly. Papers were filled with letters supporting or attacking Baechler for comments he never made. Letters were written demanding reporters apologize for misquoting Baechler when that was never an issue.

All of this – all this anger, all this negative emotion, all this misguided, misplaced and mistaken energy – over a 48-minute sporting event involving a bunch of kids.

For this year's rematch, we

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offer one piece of advice to fans, classmates, parents, and family members of both schools – lighten up and grow up.

When the game is over, be happy for a while, be sad you lost, but let it go. Not that'd we'd ever follow the advice of former Michigan State football coach George Perles, but in this case, the 24-hour rule needs to apply to grown-ups who need to grow up supporting both schools.

From about 10 p.m. on Friday to 10 p.m. on Saturday, celebrate, get angry, do what you need to do. After that, it's over with. Move on with your lives.

It's a game; these are kids. Their battle is on the field; your battle is not sticking up for their wins and losses, it's teaching them to handle success and failure. By whining, exactly what example are you setting?

It won't be how to win with class and lose with grace.

Take last week's grid picks, for example. After a dismal 1-2 week, Paul Beaudry – the Redford-Garden City sports editor – got on with his life, even after dropping to 6-3 overall. And once he got done dancing on the desks, Livonia-Westland sports editor Brad Emons didn't gloat for his 2-1 week and his first-place showing at 8-1. And Plymouth-Canton's C.J. Risak didn't complain about his 2-1 week and 7-2 showing – probably because no one told him yet.

Only two teams and one game left . . .

Friday's Game

Redford CC (10-1) at Canton (11-0), 7 p.m.: OK, it's showtime. Canton – on its home turf – wants to beat the team that knocked it out last year on the road. Revenge is a dish best served cold, and it's going to be cold on Friday night.

And CC wants to send the Chiefs and their supporters home with their tails between their legs and remind them that to be the man, you have to beat the man. And for the last two seasons, they've been the men by winning state titles.

The Chiefs have been pretty darn convincing, beating a pretty fair Wayne team and stopping John Glenn twice this season – the first time that's happened in five tries to a Chuck Gordon-coached team. The Shamrocks also have to play at a place and time – a road playoff game on a Friday night – they haven't played in two years. (The trivia answer is Nov. 9, 2001, at John Glenn.)

But CC won that road game, too. They've rallied from behind to win both their playoff games so far. They haven't faced a defense as stingy as this, but Brighton is a close second. And the Shamrocks haven't seen running backs like this in a long time.

My guess? Canton comes out too intense, makes a couple of errors early, CC takes the lead and the two teams spend the rest of the way trading points. Just a hunch. **PICKS: CC** – Beaudry, Emons; **Canton** – Risak.

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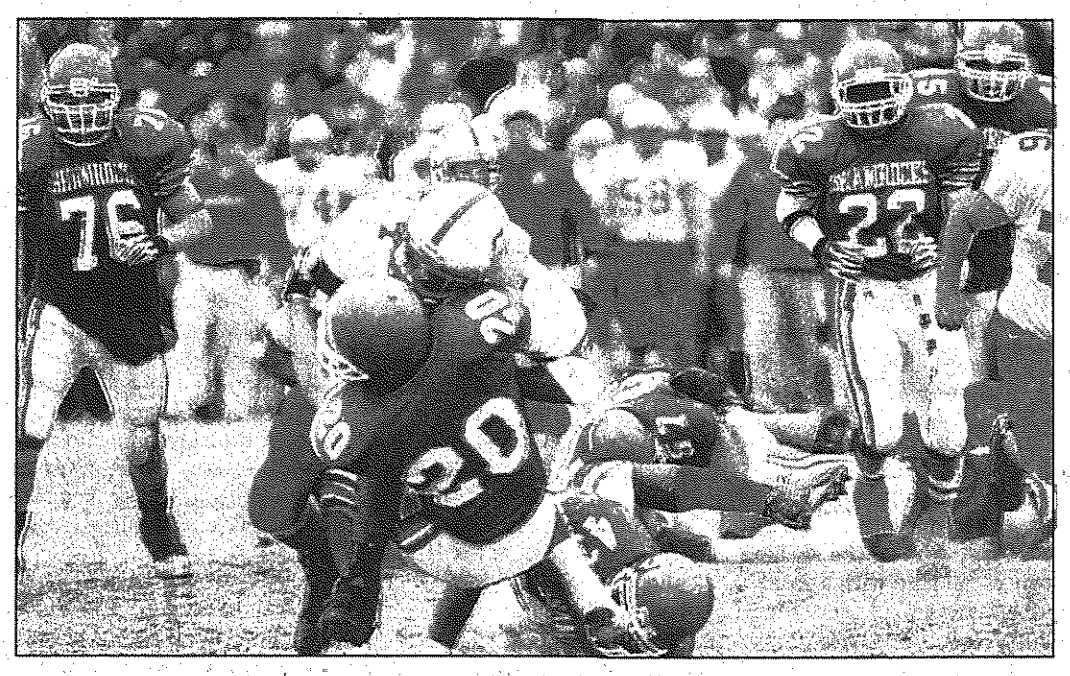
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CC's Alex Wojcik tackles Canton running back Devin Thomas in last year's 24-7 win by the Shamrocks.

CANTON

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For Canton, adjusting to those mistakes made in last year's game is a key component to beating CC on Friday. As Baechler noted: "As (Florida State coach) Bobby Bowden says about the game of football, 'Most games are lost, not won.'"

Translation: make mistakes and you lose.

Mach knows how important this game is, but refuses to get caught up in the hype of two *Observer*-area teams facing each other.

"Going into each game, we prepare exactly the same way as we always have," Mach said. "This might get more billing because it's a local game, but we're constantly playing big games throughout the entire year. The next game you play is always the biggest one to worry about."

What the Chiefs bring to the table is, obviously, a perfect record — something CC hasn't faced in this year's playoffs. The Shamrocks have faced running teams like Canton; question is, were they as good as the Chiefs?

"I'd say they have three real solid backs and they make big plays and go right at you, grind it out," said Mach, referring to Canton's Chuck Schumacher, Travis McKinney and Devin Thomas. "I think ball control is something we have to be concerned about. We have to try and get it back once they have it.

"That's always a concern when a team runs like they do."

Of course, Baechler could say much the same thing about the Shamrocks.

"They have so many options," he said. "Obviously there's Derek Brooks, they run two fullbacks effectively, (Darnell) Tyson will get the ball a few times a game, and their tight ends can run and catch.

"They've just got a neat package. Just look at what they do and it seems simple, but it's not so simple to stop. We've got to try and stop everything, put them in third-and-five (yards) or more and then make them punt."

Which brings into focus the key elements of any game: making big plays and keeping mistakes to a minimum. Both are pivotal; both are intertwined.

One thing Baechler learned from last year's game was don't preach perfection. When a team has won as many championships as CC has, an opponent often times beats itself psychologically.

The Chiefs, Baechler believes, did that by believing they had to be perfect to win.

"That's just not going to happen," Baechler said. "You're not going to play a perfect game. You're going to make mistakes."

How a team handles mistakes is more important. Four 12-minute quarters leaves no time for despair.

Certainly, CC is the type of team to both dish that out and handle it. Against South Lyon last Saturday, the Shamrocks found themselves in an early 14-0 hole and climbed out to go up 17-14 in the third quarter. Then they lost that lead after a turnover and, midway through the third period, they were down 20-14.

Yet CC knew what to do, eventually winning 40-20.

Asked what he thought this game hinged on, Mach said, "I think defense, which team is able to stop what the other is trying to do, which puts them in a bind and keeps them from playing control football.

"Like all great seasons and great games, it comes down to defense in the end."

Canton's biggest advantage might be the home field, playing on a Friday night (CC usually plays on Saturday afternoons) on artificial turf.

But the Shamrocks have played on that type of turf, too. And they've been in more close games than Canton — that could be a factor. And never discount their string of championships.

It looks to be an interesting matchup, and will likely be decided by a factor both coaches abhor, simply because they have little control over it: Intangibles, a generalization that puts such elements as missed tackles, penalties and blown blocking assignments together with fumbles, dropped passes and interceptions.

What fun.

WLAA SWIM RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS SWIM MEET Nov. 6-8 at Salem

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 623 points; 2. Salem, 505; 3. Northville, 375; 4. Canton, 323; 5. Livonia Churchill, 267; 6. Walled Lake Western, 229; 7. Westland John Glenn, 195; 8. W.L. Central, 172; 9. Plymouth, 116; 10. Livonia Franklin, 84; 11. W.L. Northern, 73; 12. Wayne Memorial, 71.

FINAL RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Andrea Giczewski, Lisa Koch, Julie Ward, Marisa Gordon), 1:53.13; 2. Salem, 1:54.86; 3. Northville, 1:58.61; 4. John Glenn, 1:59.34; 5. Canton, 2:01.09; 6. Churchill, 2:02.81; **consolation heat:** 7. W.L. Central, 2:02.77; 8. Plymouth, 2:05.99; 9. W.L. Western, 2:07.56; 10. Wayne, 2:09.89; 11. Franklin, 2:10.07; 12. W.L. Northern, 2:15.73.

200 freestyle: 1. Marisa Gordon (LS), 1:58.79; 2. Haley Mitchell (WLW), 1:59.13; 3. Monica Pauza (LS), 2:03.09; 4. Mary Shereda (LC), 2:03.1; 5. Alandra Greenlee (N), 2:03.25; 6. Sarah Carr (N), 2:06.61; **consolation:** 7. Becky Hurn (LS), 2:05.95; 8. Katie Stewart (N), 2:06.62; 9. Elaine Lafayette (P), 207.91; 10. Amanda Newman (S), 2:08.76; 11. Katie Musson (S), 2:08.83; 12. Stacy Yee (S), 2:10.48.

200 individual medley: 1. Amy Mertens (S), 2:10.59; 2. Kelsey Lincoln (S), 2:16.2; 3. Kristyn Peterson (WJG), 2:16.74; 4. Magda Stawikowska (LC), 2:18.45; 5. Lisa Koch (LS), 2:20.23; 6. Stephanie Turlo (LS), 2:21.55; **consolation:** 7. Alyssa Johnson (C), 2:24.27; 8. Heather Michalsen (S), 2:24.32; 9. Sarah Bardsley (N), 2:25.87; 10. Lauren Siedlik (LC), 2:25.92; 11. Molly Dowd (C), 2:30.71; 12. Kristin Cruce (LS), 2:31.56.

50 freestyle: 1. Jill Peterson (WJG), 25.31; 2. Ashley Kaminski (WLC), 25.41; 3. Alex Tereszcenko (N), 25.76; 4. Anna Polkowski (LS), 25.89; 5. Lisa Gullikson (S), 26.15; 6. Danielle Powers (S), 26.6; **consolation:** 7. Allison Goldsmith (C), 26.0; 8. Izabela Paskowska (C), 26.61; 9. Susan Patrick (C), 26.86; 10. Ashley Miller (N), 27.11; 11. Megan Gray (LS), 27.14; 12. Abbey Crandall (WLW), 27.16.

Diving: 1. Charlotte Martin (WLW), 378.50 points; 2. Ashley Aquinto (S), 355.00; 3. Ashley Belrose (WLW), 354.60; 4. Stephanie Fura (WLC), 334.75; 5. Lisa Thompson (LS), 331.25; 6. Nicole Dunn (LS), 296.85; 7. Paige Albers (LS), 292.75; 8. Patty Ahern (C), 28.10; 9. Chelsea Selden (C), 270.19; 10. Stefanie Schmaltz (WLC), 263.90; 11. Mina Pirzadeh (C), 262.65; 12. Chelsea Smith (WLN), 261.70.

100 butterfly: 1. Julie Ward (LS), 1:01.36; 2. Anna Polkowski (LS), 1:02.66; 3. Allison Goldsmith (C), 1:02.7; 4. Magda Stawikowska (LC), 1:02.9; 5. Susan Patrick (C), 1:04.79; 6. Heather Michalsen (S), 1:05.03; **consolation:** 7. Ashley Aquinto (S), 106.86; 8. Alyssa Schwiring (N), 1:07.0; 9. Katie Hughes (P), 1:07.07; 10. Caitlin Larsen (LC), 1:07.21; 11. Meredith Bajor (LS), 1:07.22; 12. Katie Kress (LS), 1:07.63.

100 freestyle: 1. Andrea Giczewski (LS), 54.24; 2. Ashley Kaminski (WLC), 55.21; 3. Alex Tereszcenko (N), 55.82; 4. Katy Truesdell (S), 57.41; 5. Danielle Powers (S), 57.51; 6. Kathryn Kusuplos (N), 58.63; **consolation:** 7. Amanda Newman (S), 58.48; 8. Katherine Fitz (N), 59.45; 9. Abbey Crandall (WLW), 59.46; 10. Ashley Miller (N), 59.63; 11. Megan Gray (LS), 59.66; 12. Whitney Wilson (WLW), 59.81.

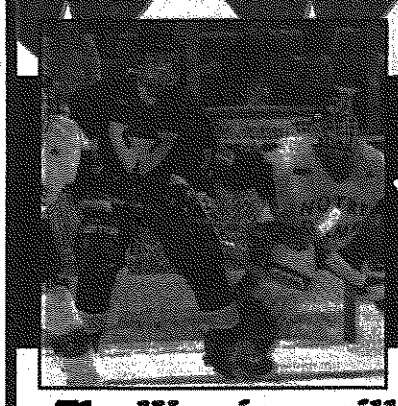
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200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Lisa Gullikson, Kelsey Lincoln, Amanda Newman, Danielle Powers), 1:43.59; 2. Stevenson, 1:44.51; 3. Northville, 1:44.52; 4. W.L. Western, 1:45.11; 5. Canton, 1:46.51; 6. W.L. Central, 1:49.54; **consolation:** 7. John Glenn, 1:48.8; 9. Churchill, 1:50.16; 9. Plymouth, 1:53.6; 10. Franklin, 1:55.21; 11. W.L. Northern, 1:57.4; 12. Wayne, 1:58.57.

100 backstroke: 1. Andrea Giczewski (LS), 1:01.22; 2. Marisa Gordon (LS), 1:01.25; 3. Kelsey Lincoln (PS), 1:03.11; 4. Kristyn Peterson (PS), 1:04.37; 5. Alyssa Johnson (C), 1:05.78; 6. Lisa Gullikson (S), 1:06.63; **consolation:** 7. Kathryn Kusuplos (N), 1:06.72; 8. Alex Asato-Tellez (LF), 1:07.15; 9. Katie Kress (LS), 1:07.17; 10. Sarah Timson (LC), 1:07.44; 11. Kasey Shimp (S), 1:08.0; 12. Molly Dowd (C), 1:08.03.

100 breaststroke: 1. Amy Mertens (S), 1:07.55; 2. Jill Peterson (WJG), 1:09.63; 3. Julie Ward (LS), 1:11.29; 4. Lisa Koch (LS), 1:11.42; 5. Lauren Siedlik (LC), 1:11.77; 6. Stephanie Turlo (LS), 1:12.86; **consolation:** 7. Kim Heaney (S), 1:14.01; 8. Kristin Cruce (LS), 1:14.2; 9. Alyssa Lindow (C), 1:17.4; 10. Lucy Liu (C), 1:17.63; 11. Kylie Flaten (LS), 1:18.55; 12. Brittany Buchanan (WLC), 1:20.08.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Andrea Giczewski, Anna Polkowski, Monica Pauza, Marisa Gordon), 3:43.64; 2. Salem, 3:50.35; 3. Northville, 3:52.77; 4. Churchill, 3:55.92; 5. John Glenn, 3:56.6; 6. Canton, 3:57.95; **consolation:** 7. W.L. Western, 3:59.86; 8. Plymouth, 4:03.56; 9. Wayne, 4:08.77; 10. W.L. Northern, 4:19.87; 11. Franklin, 4:24.37; 12. W.L. Central, 4:26.32.



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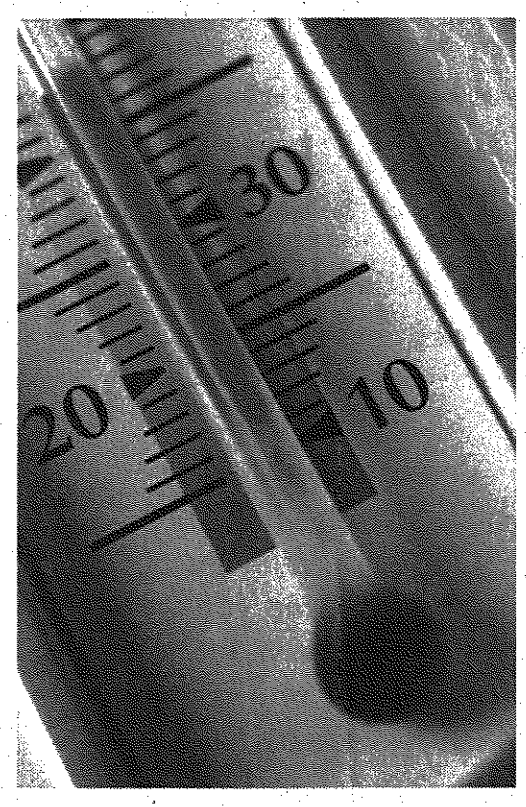
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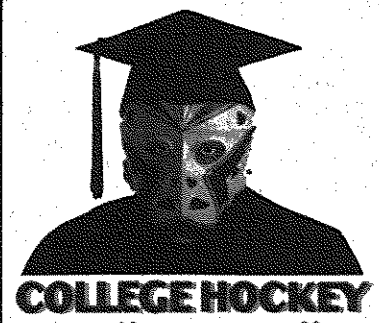
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Madonna bounces back to capture WHAC crown

With a top seed in the NAIA Region VIII playoffs at stake, the Madonna University women's soccer team was on the verge of its first home loss Saturday in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament championship game.

Siena Heights University, which lost the WHAC regular-season championship to the Crusaders on the same field just 10 days earlier, was clinging to a 1-0 lead with 20 minutes left.

Two minutes and two shots from Kelly Japowicz and Sarah Pack later, the Crusaders led 2-1, extending their perfect record at Livonia's Greenmead Field to 7-0 and finishing 16-5-1 overall.

Japowicz, the freshman forward, scored Madonna's first goal 70:37 into the game, with an assist from senior defender Christen Shull (Salem).

Pack (Westland John Glen), the Crusaders' all-time leading scorer, got the game-winner on a breakaway, finding the left corner of the net from the opposite side. Pack now has 28 goals, one short of her single-season

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record, and nine assists (65 points).

The Saints (13-6-2) scored unassisted on a breakaway by senior Mary Roman at 26:58 in the first half.

Both teams earn a trip to the NAIA Region VIII playoffs, which start Friday at Indiana Wesleyan.

In the semifinals, MU, the WHAC's top seed, takes on the University of St. Francis (Ind.), while Siena clashes with the host.

Seven Crusaders hailed

Following the win Saturday, MU was honored with its WHAC season and tournament title plaques as well as several individual achievements.

Six players earned berths on the all-conference team and five were named to the all-academic team.

The all-WHAC team included Pack, Shull, senior forward Becky Guibord, senior midfielder Emily Jackson (Farmington Harrison), sophomore midfielder Lacey Catarino (Westland John Glenn) and senior defender Tonya Bruce.

Shull, a defender/midfielder, collected seven goals and five assists for the Crusaders (19 points), while Guibord had 12 goals and five assists (29 points) and Catarino totaled eight goals and five assists (21 points). Jackson finished with nine goals and a team-best 20 assists (38 points), and Bruce had two goals and two assists (six points).

Crusaders on the all-academic team, open to players who are at least a junior academically with a 3.25 or better grade-point average, were Pack, Guibord, Jackson, Bruce and junior forward Danielle Strickland.

Cornerstone ends MU win streak

The Madonna University men's soccer team had everything rolling its way up until the 23rd minute of Saturday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship game against Cornerstone University.

With a 16-game win streak and a 1-0 lead, it all looked good.

But good turned into bad and bad turned into worse when the Golden Eagles scored two goals to upend the Crusaders, stealing the WHAC Tournament title with a 2-1, and giving the Crusaders their first loss since the start of the season.

MU, now 16-2, gears up for the NAIA Region VIII playoffs in Mishawaka, Ind.

The Crusaders scored first with the team's leading scorer, junior forward Worteh Sampson, striking unassisted with his 13th goal of the season 13 minutes into the game.

MU continued its attack, outshooting Cornerstone 28-9, but a stingy Eagle defense and a strong effort by keeper Justin Breckan held the Crusaders scoreless the rest of the way. Breckan finished with 11 saves, including eight in the second half when MU outshot Cornerstone, 18-2.

Crusader keeper Eric Sicilia (Livonia Churchill) made two saves and allowed two goals as both Tom Nykamp and Jonathan George connected on

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assists from Layne Kreh.

Nykamp tied the game 10 minutes after the goal by Sampson and George nailed the game-winner with 15 minutes left to play.

In the regionals, MU first had to deal with Bethel (Ind.) College (13-5-2) yesterday. The regional title match will be played Saturday.

MU players saluted

For the second-straight season, MU's mens soccer team cleaned up with the highest conference honors: WHAC Coach of the Year and Player of the Year.

In his first season as a collegiate head coach, Tino Scicluna guided his team to an undefeated conference record and a first-place finish.

Sampson was selected as the player of the year by the conference coaches with his 13 goals, including three game-winners, and six assists (32 points total).

Joining Sampson on the all-WHAC team were teammates T.J. Djokic (Livonia Stevenson), a sophomore midfielder who totaled nine goals and 13 assists (31 points); James Miller (Stevenson), a sophomore forward who had seven goals and seven assists (21 points); and senior defenders Matt Rosek and Dan Kurtinaitis.

Receiving all-academic team recognition were midfielders Justin Fishaw (Canton) and Zach Wilkes. Fishaw is a senior, Wilkes is a junior.

SC eliminated

Despite playing "some of the most exciting soccer I've seen," Schoolcraft College's men's team was beaten for the second time this season by Springfield (Ill.) College 5-3 in an NJCAA District D championship match Saturday in Springfield.

The loss ends the Ocelots' season at 12-5-1 overall, one win short of making the NJCAA Tournament. They lost 4-1 to Springfield in the first weekend of the season.

"We had great preparation going into the game," said SC coach Dominic Scicluna. "But we had some major mistakes made that shouldn't have been made.

"We gave a valiant effort but the finishing touch wasn't there."

NJCAA

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half, with assists from Liz DiPonio and Sarah Plymale.

The Ocelots' final score came from Natalie Thomas (Salem High), on an assist from Kitta.

Now SC must prepare for the NJCAA tournament, which begins next Thursday (Nov. 20) at Phoenix, Ariz. The Ocelots' first-round opponent is Hinds (Miss.) CC, which was 17-1-1 this season and is ranked 10th in the NJCAA.

According to the NJCAA, both Wright and Ahrens are ranked in the top 15 nationally in scoring. Wright has 17 goals and 17 assists, while Ahrens has 18 goals and seven assists. Kitta is next best for the Ocelots with nine goals and 11 assists.

For Hinds CC, Stephanie Little is the scoring threat. She collected 22 goals and had 13 assists this season. More of a problem for SC is Hinds' keeper Karen Denney, who leads the NJCAA in goals-against average (0.278 per game). Dalicandro is 10th in the NJCAA (0.769).

Still, Tolstedt is confident. He's taken two other SC teams to the NJCAA tournament, in 2000 and 2001, finishing fifth both times. He's never, however, had an unbeaten team at this stage of the season.

"I think we've got all the pieces," Tolstedt said. "My biggest concern going in is nerves. We've got a young team — 16 freshmen and four sophomores. They need to continue to believe in themselves.

"Our task this week is to get them settled. I want them to be confident, but not overconfident."

A win over Hinds would put SC into Friday's semifinals. The NJCAA title game is scheduled for Sunday.

SPORTS SHORTS

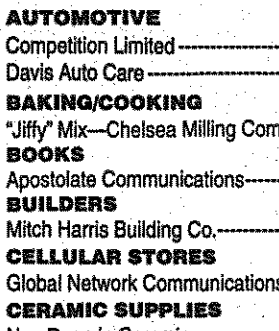
BASEBALL MEETING

The Plymouth-Canton Little League Baseball November meeting and registration will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at the Plymouth Public Library.

For more information, call Jim at (734) 207-7793.

PCJBA REGISTRATION

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association will have high school registration for boys in grades 9-12 from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22 at West Middle School. Cost is $125.

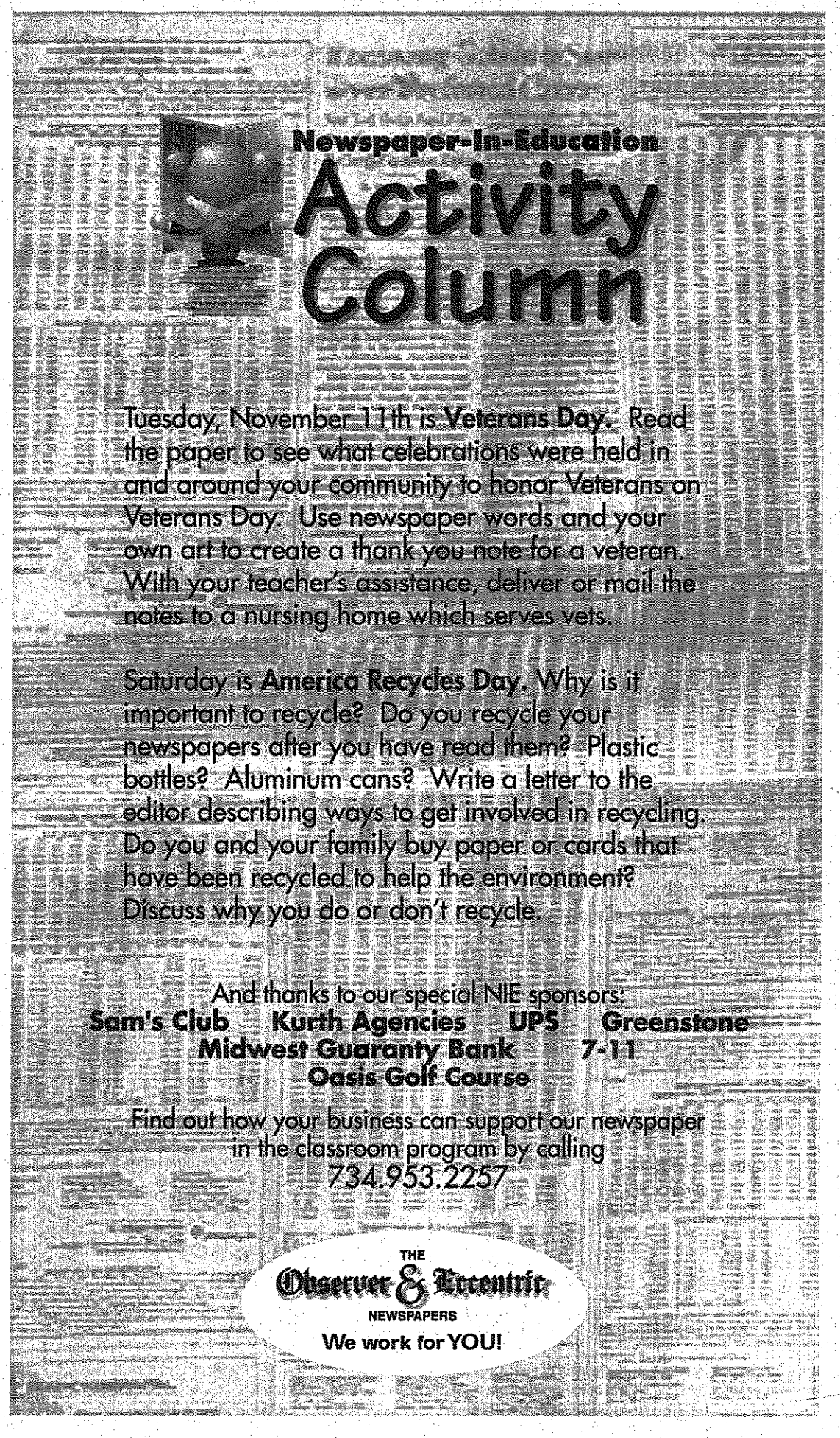


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Strong 1st quarter lifts PCA to win over Steiner

The first quarter spelled disaster for Rudolf Steiner Academy Tuesday in its girls basketball game at Plymouth Christian Academy.

The Eagles blanked Steiner 15-0 in that opening period, putting them well on their way toward a convincing 51-27 victory.

PCA improved to 6-13 with the win. Amanda Saagman led the Eagles with 14 points; she also had five steals and four assists. Shannon Murray collected nine points, with April LaBenne getting 13 rebounds to go with her three points and Carissa Elenbaas had six points and 11 boards.

Kim Vachon provided nearly all the offense for Steiner, scoring 20 points.

PCA finishes its regular season by hosting Taylor Baptist Park Friday. Next Thursday (Nov. 20), the Eagles meet the winner of the Canton Agape-Redford Bishop Borgess game in the Class D district semifinals at Detroit Urban Lutheran.

Canton Agape 61, Macomb Christian 20: Things went from bad to worse for Macomb Christian Tuesday at Discovery Middle School.

Canton Agape Christian outscored the Crusaders 17-10 in the opening period, then outpointed them 14-3 and 16-6 in the second and third en route to an easy win.

Agape improved to 9-10 with the non-division win. Macomb Christian is 4-12.

The Wolverines were ignited by senior guard Emily Tong, who had 20 points, six rebounds and four steals; junior forward A.J. Creps, with her 13 points and 12 boards; and senior guard Tarah Armbrester, with 10 points.

Alicia Gross topped the Crusaders with eight points.

Crusaders' Emenhiser nets 1,000th point in 92-80 win over St. Francis

MEN'S HOOP

Noel Emenhiser joined the 1,000 point club Saturday night as the host Madonna University men's basketball team disposed of St. Francis University, 92-80.

With the win, the Crusaders stay perfect at 2-0, while St. Francis drops to 2-1.

With 25 points, Emenhiser became only the fifth player in Madonna's history to reach the 1,000-point milestone. A technical foul free throw sealed the magic number. A junior, he now has 1,002 career points.

Emenhiser, named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference player of the week, led all scorers, while point-guard Dan Kurtinaitis, who played earlier in the day in MU's WHAC men's soccer final, contributed 20 points in 35 grueling minutes. The Dearborn Edsel Ford graduate made some key free throws down the stretch that proved to be vital. He shot 10-of-14 from the line. The Crusaders showed poise, shooting an impressive 69 percent from the field in the first half while the Cougars shot only 41 percent, including 2-of-11 from three-point land. The Crusaders built their lead to as much as 23 points in the first half. Emenhiser proved to be the catalyst for Madonna, netting 10 points in the first 10 minutes of the game and winding up with 14 points in the first half. Emenhiser finished the night hitting 3-of-4 from beyond the three-point arc.

Kurtinaitis followed with 13 points as Madonna led 52-36 going into the second half.

St. Francis began to come out of its shell to begin second half, pulling even at 61 with 13 minutes left.

Dusty Beucler paced St. Francis in scoring with 20 points, connecting on 10-of-13 from the foul line. Nick Ankenbruck was the only other Cougar to score in double figures with 11.

"We let (St. Francis) back into the game," said Kurtinaitis. "We just had to keep fighting, we weren't running the offense and our shot selection was poor. Hopefully in the future this wouldn't happen again."

It stayed close in the second half before Chris Behrns scored two of his 14 points that pushed Madonna ahead for good 78-76 with 4:00 remaining.

"We've battled through some tough times and have come through as a team," said Emenhiser. "If I can get the shots to go in, I'll be happy to be the leading scorer. If someone else wants to, that's fine, too. We need to come together and play well every night to get those 'Ws.'"

Joe Kofahl, 5-of-7 from the floor, notched 12 points and eight rebounds.

Ocelots open with easy win

It was the survival of the fittest Monday night as Schoolcraft College came out the lighter team, handing the visiting Marygrove College Mustangs a heavy 67-24 thrashing as the Lady Ocelots won their opening game of the season.

Schoolcraft came out strong, outscoring Marygrove 35-15 despite going only 14-of-39 (35.8 percent) from the field.

The Ocelots' defense and offense awoke in the second half, as the Mustangs only managed to score nine points.

Ashley Gibson scored a game-high 18 points, with seven assists, for Schoolcraft.

Both Crystals shined brightly in the Ocelots' favor, with Crystal Pittman netting 14 points and Crystal Taylor contributing 11 points and 12 rebounds.

The Ocelots shot 10-for-19 (52.6 percent) from the free throw line, while the Mustangs managed to convert only 3-of-12 (25 percent).

ROCKS-CHIEFS

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Particularly Guerin and Ellen Canale. The twosome accounted for 34 of the Rocks' points, hurting Canton in every possible way: from behind the three-point arc, with short jumpers, defense and at the free-throw line, where Guerin was 11-of-13.

Perhaps what bothered Canton coach Bob Blohm most was the confusion the Salem zone seemed to cause his players.

"I thought we were tentative," he said. "I wouldn't let Cezat get 25 points and (15) rebounds again. The zone was a good call. (Thomann) was going to make us beat them from the outside."

But Cezat, a 6-foot junior, has wreaked havoc all season long in the paint, even with zone defenses collapsing on her. True, the others may not have played their zones as effectively as Salem did, but the bottom line is the Chiefs did get some open looks at the basket.

They just missed them. From the field, they made a pitiful 10-of-41 shots (24.4 percent); Salem was 13-of-32 (40.6 percent).

The Chiefs, who had not lost to a WLAA opponent all season, never led in this game. Two triples by Canale gave Salem an 8-4 lead after one quarter; five second-quarter points by Guerin, including a three-pointer in the final seconds, gave the Rocks a 15-10 halftime advantage.

Cezat scored in the opening minute of the second half to bolster Canton's hopes, but seven-straight Salem points deflated them once again. After Cezat's basket to start the quarter, the Chiefs missed seven-straight shots.

Meanwhile, Guerin and Canale continued to wreak havoc. "Both those kids showed why they were all-conference players," said Thomann.

Canton's only answer was Rachele Guastella, who led the Chiefs with 15 points.

"They just played better than we did today," said Blohm, before adding another troubling factor: "I can live with losing if we work hard, but I don't like being outworked. Today, they outworked us."

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ROCKS

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"She was seeded 18th and she got seven points for us there," Phill said. "That was a huge jump for us."

Salem coach Chuck Olson was also pleased with his team's outing.

The Rocks had been beaten by Walled Lake Western, Stevenson and Northville in the 200 freestyle relay during the regular season. But Saturday, the foursome of Katy Truesdell, Heather Michalsen, Kelsey Lincoln and Mertens emerged victorious 1:43.59, which also qualified as a state meet cut.

"We were the fourth fastest coming in, that was a nice drop for us," Olson said. "And the other two relays we got second. We've been solid in the (200) medley all year and in the 400 (freestyle relay) we went a little faster today.

"It was a good meet all the way around."

Salem's two main guns were Mertens, a senior, and Kelsey Lincoln, a 10th-grader.

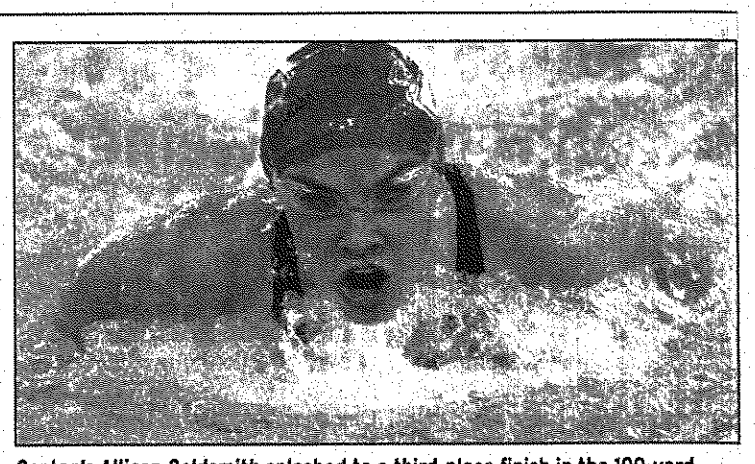
Mertens, who moved back to the area after swimming for the Rocks her freshman year, showed she's a state meet contender by winning the 200 individual medley in 2:10.59, nearly six seconds ahead of her teammate Lincoln, and the 100 breaststroke in 1:07.55, more than two seconds ahead of Glenn's Jill Peterson.

"She's really focused on the state meet," Olson said of Mertens. "She was close to our record in the breaststroke. We hope she can get some of our records at the state meet, which will hopefully stick around.

"And Lincoln had a good day, too. She was second to Mertens in the IM. She also got a state cut in the 100 backstroke (third in 1:03.11) and was in 200 freestyle relay. That's tough double coming out of the 200 freestyle relay right into the 100 backstroke."

Other individual winners included Glenn freshman Jill Peterson, who captured the 50 freestyle in 25.31, and Western's Haley Mitchell, who won the 500 freestyle in 5:18.10.

In diving, Western's Charlotte Martin scored 378.50 points to finish ahead of Salem runner-up Ashley Aquinto, who tallied 355.00.



Canton's Allison Goldsmith splashed to a third-place finish in the 100-yard butterfly at Saturday's WLAA Finals.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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Thursday, Nov. 14
Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Churchill at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Canton Agape at Detroit Urban, 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 15
New Haven at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.
Baptist Park at Ply. Christian, 7p.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING
Saturday, Nov. 15
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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Nov. 15
Lorain CC (Ohio) at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.
Calumet (Ind.) at Madonna, 7 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Friday, Nov. 14
(Chipola CC, Fla. Tourney)
Schoolcraft vs. Vincennes (Ind.), 5:30 p.m.
(Huntington College, Ind. Tourney)
Huntington vs. Trinity Christian (Ill.), 6 p.m.
Madonna vs. Cedarville (Ohio), 8 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 15
Huntington College (Ind.) Tourney, 1 & 3 p.m.
(Chipola CC, Fla. Tourney)
Schoolcraft vs. Gulf Coast (Fla.) CC, 5:30 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, Nov. 14
Whalers vs. Brampton (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 15
Whalers vs. Sarnia (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.

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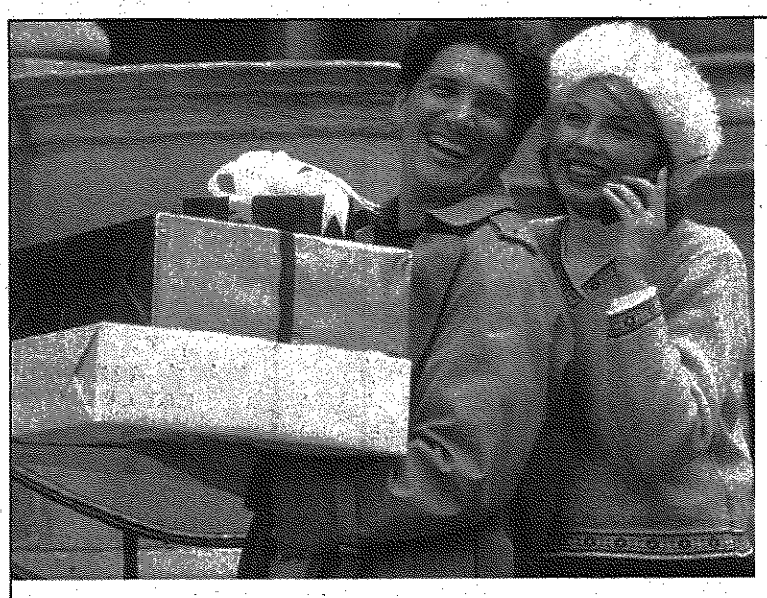
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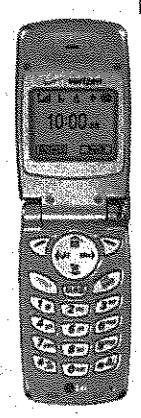
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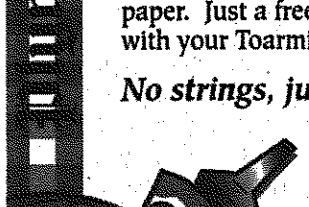
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Antiques Market

Step into the 2003 holiday season at Michigan's Holidays Antiques Market, Friday-Sunday, Nov. 21-23, at the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen, in Southfield.

Antiques and collectibles will be featured from dealers from around the country.

There will be a range of accessories including art deco, estate and designer jewelry, rare books, clocks, textiles, candlesticks, vintage bowls, serving platters and glass. Selections also include jewelry, furniture, garden and architectural pieces, lighting, stained glass, silver, bronzes, paintings, prints, quilts, folk art, vintage clothing, purses, perfumes and posters.

Admission is $7 or $6 with any ad or listing. Children 12 years and under are free.

Show hours are 2-9 p.m. Friday; noon to 8 p.m., Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The Southfield Municipal Complex is at Evergreen Road at Civic Center Drive (10½ Mile Road) Exit south on Evergreen from I-696.

He said, she said

There are no two ways about it, designing or renovating your home is stressful – especially when your significant other is involved.

Couples often don't agree on life's daily decisions, but begin a design or renovation project and watch what happens. Many designers have stories about couples who refuse to compromise.

"The role of a designer often involves being a psychologist," said Connie LeFevre of Houston's Design House.

To foster harmony among couples, designers strategically combine elements from each partner's ideas to create a unique balance, employing drastically different styles, materials and suggesting compromises to stay within budget.

Designers report that men often gravitate toward glass, steel and leather, and women favor draperies, stone and wood.

Here is a list of key points from Wilsonart International for couples to survive home improvement and design projects without filing for divorce: Determine budget, scope and quality; research manufacturer offerings through Web sites and brochures; consult with a designer, and make the commitment without getting frustrated.



Anne Musson stands in her living room where she has decorated her fireplace mantel. Musson's home will be on the 2003 Plymouth Holiday Home Tour on Nov. 22.

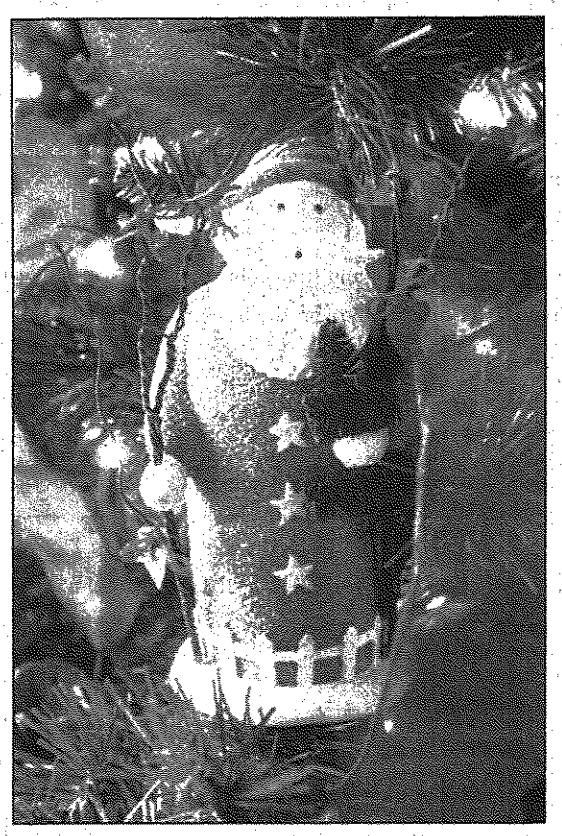
Traditions, decor and design

Country French home one of five on Plymouth tour

Guess who's coming to Thanksgiving dinner? Well, according to the nameplates at the home of Anne and Warren Musson in Plymouth, guests will include Christopher Columbus, Ben Franklin, Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, Louis Pasteur and Mother Teresa.

The nameplates of the make-believe dinner and Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday settings throughout the Mussons' Country French home are all part of the fun of this year's Plymouth Symphony Holiday Home Tour on Sunday, Nov. 23. The Mussons' home will grace the cover of this year's tour book and is among five homes on the tour. (See related chart.)

PLEASE SEE **HOLIDAYS, C3**

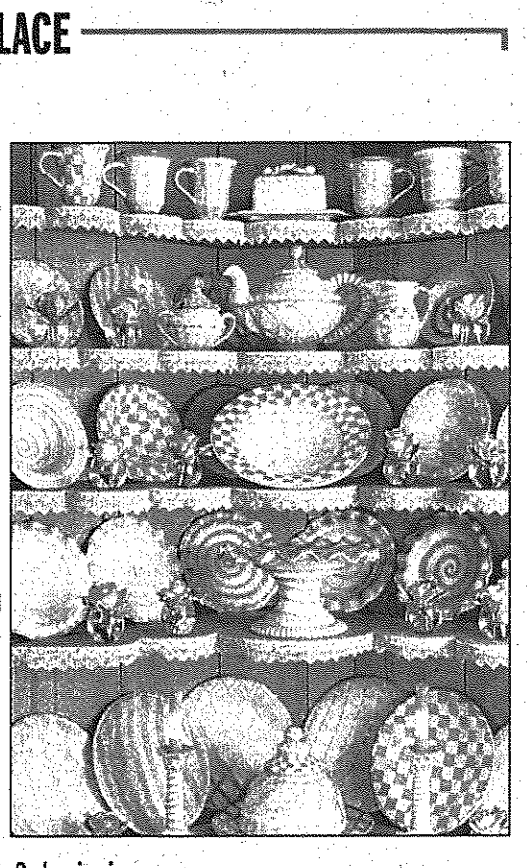


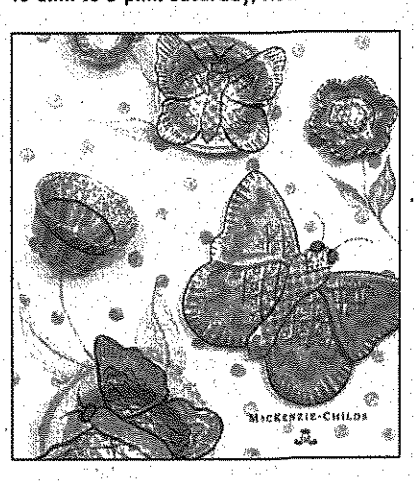
A Santa Claus figure brightens a tree in the home of the Musson family.

MARKET PLACE

MacKenzie-Childs art

La Belle Provence, 185 W. Maple in Birmingham, will host Tisch Johnson, an artist from MacKenzie-Childs, Friday, Nov. 14, and Saturday, Nov. 15. La Belle Provence will be introducing Mackenzie Childs new collection. La Belle Provence also will donate a percentage of all MacKenzie-Childs purchases to Variety, the children's charity. Every visitor will receive a special bulb. Johnson will be hand-painting pottery in the window of La Belle Provence that can be purchased and personalized. Budding artists can come in and paint their own piece or pottery, which are great holiday gifts. Hours are 3-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15.





Submissions

Do you have a special item you'd like to showcase in Marketplace on the front of At Home?
We'd like to feature it!
Send a photo or slide of the piece, along with information, to: Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

'Oh my!' 16 win a $1,000 shopping spree

Sixteen lucky people are going on a shopping spree courtesy of area merchants and the *Observer & Eccentric's* Fabulous Furniture 2003 promotion.

The winners will receive a $1,000 gift certificate to spend at one of the 16 sponsors in the *O&E* contest. The winners were drawn by store managers or store owners and were notified last week.

"Oh, my!" said an obviously delighted Christine Steffen of Livonia when told she'd won a $1,000 gift certificate to Laurel Furniture in downtown Plymouth.

Steffen said she has been trying to win for the last three years.

"I'm tickled pink. My furniture guardian angel must have been looking out for me," said Steffen, who said she won't have any trouble spending her gift.

"I always look, now I can buy," she added.

James Gibbs of West Bloomfield, the winner of a $1,000 gift certificate to Sherwood Studios, has already purchased a desk for his office with his prize.

Other winners (drum roll please) are:

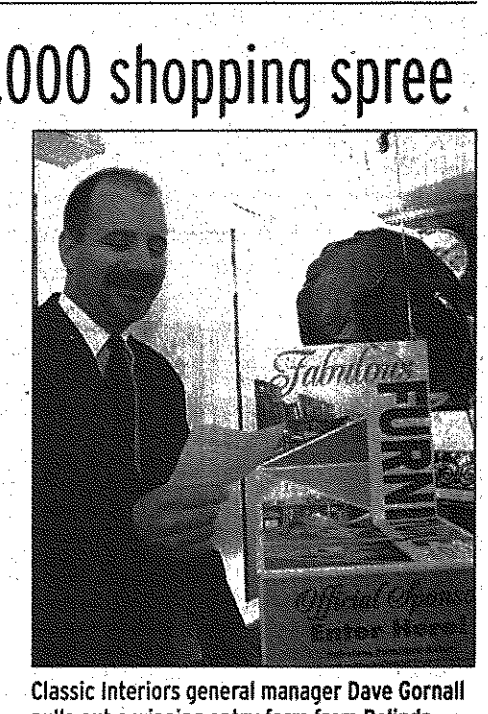
■ Karen Pokorski of Macomb Township, Amish Direct Furniture in Shelby Township.

■ Mark Henderson of Lake Orion, House of Lights and Designers Emporium (locations in Rochester, Farmington Hills, Roseville, Shelby Township/Utica, Grosse Pointe Woods.

■ Lilia Silagi of Canton Township, Mans Lumber and Millwork in Canton.

■ Belinda Boothrody of Plymouth, Classic Interiors of Livonia.

■ Edward T. McDonnell of Farmington Hills, Newton Furniture



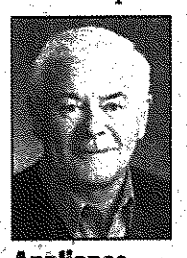
Classic Interiors general manager Dave Gornall pulls out a winning entry form from Belinda Boothrody of Plymouth

PLEASE SEE **SHOPPING SPREE, C4**

Fix those odors from the washer

Don't you get the feeling of autumn?

It's the time of year when we see the changes of nature such as squirrels packing away the winter groceries, chipmunks finding a hole to keep warm and birds flying south.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

Let us not forget the fallen leaves which have created many aching backs.

My phone also rings off the hook. It is the same type of call I get every year around this time and has to do with odors in the house.

The caller usually describes a putrid smell coming out of the washer, much like a sewer gas, or a "rotten egg" smell emerging from the kitchen sink. They ask what they can do about it.

At this time of year I give out three different prescriptions for this "ailment" and usually people call me back to thank me.

For starters, the drain hose from the washing machine that fits into a stand pipe must fit loosely. Too tight a fit allows the washer pump to act as a vacuum when it is washing clothes. The hardware stores sell an adapter to make the pipe larger to give you a looser fit for the drain hose.

Secondly, you should pour a quart of bleach into the drain hole on the basement floor. If you plan to carpet or tile the basement floor, remember to give yourself access to that drain. Doing this two or three times a year will help to kill the bacteria growth which causes these odors.

The third cure – and my personal favorite – is to resolve a common problem, which is created by leaves that floated through the air and landed in the stack vent pipe on the roof.

In the spring time a bee's nest might be in there, but at this time of year leaves are most likely the culprit. You should take a garden hose up on the roof, turn on the water on the pipe for two minutes and soon you'll smell the difference. (Please use care in getting up there.)

Another odor of strange smell comes from many clothes dryers at this time of year.

It usually affects gas dryers and also the clothes after drying them. Thousands of homeowners call for needless service every year and spend a lot of money to be told a solution that you are in the process of reading here.

A gas dryer takes in 200 cubic feet of air per minute for combustion reasons and sucks in air, even from the other end of the house.

That air movement means any odors emitted from a household project, such as painting or caulking, are transmitted into the dryer. (For all you hockey moms out there, don't hang the kids hockey gear near the dryer.)

Speaking of the dryer, have you taken an old toothbrush and cleaned the little hinge area of the flapper outside on the vent line exhaust? I have heard the story a thousand times about the squirrel which entered the dryer through the vent line only to receive the equivalent of the electric chair. (Talk about odors. That is one you won't forget.)

I had a squirrel come down my chimney just a few weeks ago. Getting rid of the squirrel was as simple as opening the patio door and the poor little guy really wanted out. Kenmore, our cat, was acting like a mountain lion. Before I let the squirrel out, it took three complete trips through downstairs rooms to grab Kenmore and lock him in the bedroom.

I also reminded him that he didn't have any claws. 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.

Plan ahead to cut costs, save time

I spend time and money on gifts, cards and wrapping paper. My children are invited to friends' birthday parties on a regular basis. Monthly we celebrate birthdays of extended family members. I must purchase gifts and wrapping paper. Can I cut my expenses and the time spent going to the store?



Domestic Planner

Diana Koenig

"Let's go shopping!" "There is a great sale!"

This is sweet music to most women's ears.

Many women already juggle work and home schedules but do not be afraid to add economical shopping to your list of jobs.

Make it your mission to save money with every purchase and have gifts available in your home. If you read about a sale, go to the store and check out the good deal they are advertising.

To maximize your dollar it is important to be a prudent shopper. Buy most items on sale.

Plan and buy ahead of time so you do not have to emergency shop.

You will spend more money if you are under a time constraint to purchase an item. For example, if you have a week's notice about a birthday party, do not shop the night before or the day of the event. You can use any of several approaches to buying gifts:

- Buy a specific gift for a specific person.
- Buy gifts that are inexpensive and store them.

The best time to purchase clothing is to buy off season. Whenever you are in a store look through the sale items. I have a large shelf in my basement on which I keep gifts. It is my own shopping center and everything is paid for. Purchase items fifty to seventy-five percent off the regular price. It is not only economical but fast and convenient.

When one of my children needs a gift for a friend, the first place I shop is my basement shelf.

I store gifts in categories on my shelf. There is an adequate supply in each group from which to choose.

Household: Towels, sheets, decorative bowls, baskets

Children's Birthday: Books, stuffed animals, kids crafts, games

Wedding: Picture frames, silver pieces

Baby: Blankets, sleepers, plaques

Friend's Birthday: Perfume, lotions, jewelry, books, stationary

Teacher: Pencils, notepads, teacher mugs

Clothing: Shirt (men's large, ladies medium), ties, scarves

Keep an abundant supply of products such as wrapping paper, ribbons, bows and tissue. These items are enjoyed briefly, opened and thrown away.

For this reason it is important to get these paper items cheaply.

Organize these items in separate containers. Create a small container for scissors, tape, small notebook and a pen. Keep all of these wrapping supplies in the same location so you will be able to wrap a gift quickly and not be hunting for materials. Your goal is to save money and be efficient. Store cards in a drawer or closet and separate by categories.

Keep them in their original card box or place in clear plastic containers the size of a shoe box.

Separate and label by subject. For example, designate a separate container for Birthday, Get Well, Sympathy, Baby Congratulations, Thank You Notes, Holiday Cards and stationary.

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Replace those missing shingles

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Q: John asks: We have a 25-year-old asphalt shingle roof which seems to be in excellent condition.

A storm took four shingles off.

There is no leaking anywhere, but we aren't quite sure how to make the repair.

We have extra shingles.

Also, there is a greenish-gray mold growing on part of the roof.

A. To replace the missing shingles, simply slip the new ones into place where the old ones existed and hold them in place with barbed roofing nails.

Roofing nails are short and have larger than normal heads. Two in each shingle is all that should be needed.

Hold the shingle above – up and out of the way – and use a flat pry bar as an extension of your hammer to drive in the nails.

Be careful not to pry too hard on the existing shingles because they very likely will be dry and brittle.

It sounds as if you have a combination of moss and mildew growing in a shady part of your roof.

All you'll need to do to solve this problem is to mix a cup of household bleach into a gallon of warm water.

Apply the solution with a nylon bristle brush and rinse with fresh water.

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Musson's small decorating details enhance the total look.

What: Plymouth Symphony Holiday Home Tour 2003 "Holiday Traditions Decor and Design" The tour features five homes (one in the city of Plymouth and four in Plymouth Township). A fund-raising event to benefit the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra by the Plymouth Symphony League. Visitors on the tour are asked to bring and wear their own slippers in the homes.
When: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 23
Tickets: Ticket guide is $18 in advance, $20 the day of the tour. They can be purchased at Colonial Card & Camera, 44465 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, (734) 455-2930; Gabriala's, 322 S. Main, Plymouth, (734) 455-8884; Michigan Made & More, 830 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, (734) 207-8794; Plymouth Symphony Society Office, 18 Forest Park in Plymouth, (734) 451-2112; and Gardenviews, 202 W. Main in Northville, (248) 380-8881.
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The largest of several trees in Musson's home is located in the living room and features a miniature village at the base of the tree.

HOLIDAYS

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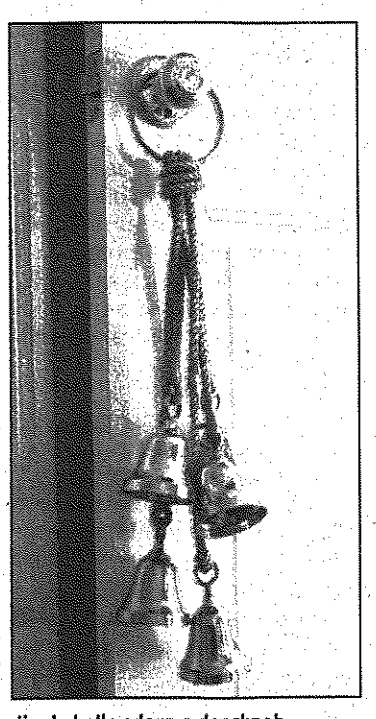
Homes vary as much in style as their owners do.

SOMETHING FOR ALL

Whether you enjoy Country French, transitional, Queen Anne or classic colonial, this year's Plymouth Symphony Holiday Home Tour promises guests a generous mix of holiday décor inside a variety of homes. Proceeds benefit the symphony.

"Homes are chosen because of either their historical significance, their architectural interest and or their design and décor," said K.C. Mueller, tour organizer. "For the Holiday Tours, they must also love to decorate. Some homes are recommended, some homes are volunteered, and some are requested from the public to be seen.

"We will have two or three boutiques and some surprise raffles which will all be related to holiday crafts and gifts. Ideas for holiday decorating will also be unique in each home."



Jingle bells adorn a doorknob.

For the Mussons, their second appearance on the tour and the first in this home gives them a chance to contribute. "It's a lot of work, but it's for a good cause," Anne said. Anne, an interior design consultant, owns AM Designs and decorated her entire home.

The dining area will be decorated for Thanksgiving with the table set for the turkey dinner. An oil painting of Santa graces the wall. Anne first saw it at an auction, but she was outbid for it. It was a painting she really wanted it.

Several weeks later, her husband came up with a ruse, telling her one night that he thought he heard somebody downstairs and wanted her to accompany him there. "He led me downstairs and he had set (the painting) on a chair," Musson said. "He really surprised me."

The living room will be decorated in creams and golds, she said. Illuminated candles will light up the tree. Underneath the tree a Christmas village is displayed.

That eclectic Department 56 collection of Dickens' Village represents a symbolic chronology of the Mussons' travels – the Watertower in Chicago, the Eiffel Tower, a London taxicab, a London phone booth and a police car. The police car was purchased locally, she said.

"One year one of the fences broke, so I told one of my daughters 'We have vandalism, so we need a police car,'" Anne said.

Miniature trees will decorate a buffet in front of a Norman Rockwell painting of Ichabod Crane.

Along another wall is an antique secretary desk Anne remembers sitting at as a child when it was her aunt's.

"That's the room where we spend Christmas Eve," Musson said.

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The kitchen is decorated in what Anne describes as a "homespun" style. She expects to decorate the room using greenery, snowmen and Santa.

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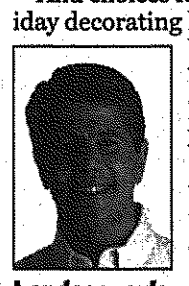
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Rick Vespa

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■ Gather all tools before you begin. Light strands, extension cords, gutter clips, shingle tabs and light timers make the job easier. Use products labeled for outdoor use, including extension cords.

■ Make sure everything works before installing. Use a light tester to troubleshoot light strands that aren't working.

■ Plug in lights first. Nothing is worse that stringing lights on a house and discovering the wrong end of the plug is near the outlet. You'll also get a better picture of the final result.

■ Follow manufacturer recommendations for connecting light sets. Usually, no more than three sets of lights can be connected, unless plugs are "piggy-backed" (connected one on top of another). English Gardens' Professional Outdoor Light Set can connect six sets for 315 feet of continuous lights.

■ Start early and take advantage of the warm weather. Remember, you don't need to turn them on right away.

Rick Vespa is vice president of Landscape Design & Installation at English Gardens.

Northville home tour benefits endowment funds

Five homes, ranging from 2-years-old to 30-years-old and in size from 3,000 to 7,000 square feet, have been selected for this year's Northville Community Foundation's Holiday Home Tour.

Organizers describe the homes as "unique, unusual and must see." Visitors will see a custom boudoir in a home with contemporary décor, 15 rooms and 5,000 square feet.

Another home has a new master suite and an upstairs walk-in closet has a washer and dryer in it. A third home has an Old World feel to it, as it overlooks a lake.

A fourth home has 12 rooms and is 6,200 square feet with a 'killer' lower level – with a bar and big screen television. The owners of the fifth home relocated from Florida, and brought a little of that state with them in their French Normandy, 5,500 square foot home, decorated in sage and custard.

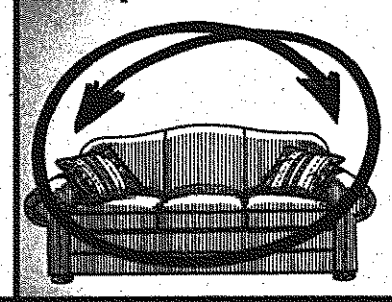
Decorators this year include Peggy Robison from Preferences in Northville, Catherine Pratt from the Design Center, Leigh Pisolisi from French's Flowers in Livonia, David McKnight from Emerald City Designs in Farmington Hills, and Patty Baker from Village Green in Livonia.

Recently, the Northville Community Foundation took over operations of the Maybury Farm.

Proceeds from this event will help fund the Foundation's endowment funds including the healthy youth and seniors endowment.

What: Northville Community Foundation's 6th Annual Holiday Home Tour
When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14-15
Tickets: $18, available in Northville at Preferences, Changing Seasons, Community Federal Credit Union, Gardenviews, Chamber of Commerce and the Northville Community Foundation office, and in Livonia, at French's Flowers. Tickets are limited and this event has been a sell out each year.
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(locations in Livonia, Bloomfield Hills, Novi and Sterling Heights).

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■ Mary Kay Gendron of Plymouth, Walker Buzenberg in downtown Plymouth.

■ Cindy Roos-Ritz of Livonia, Grant's Cabinets in Redford Township.

■ Thomas Helinski of Livonia, Independent Carpet One in Westland.

■ William E. Woodfin of Troy, Azar's Oriental Rugs in Birmingham.

■ Todd Magnone of Sterling Heights, Master Spas (locations in Utica and Novi).

■ Ron Sperling of Macomb, Pine Tree Lighting in Lake Orion.

■ Shawn Papadelis of Sterling Heights, Recherche with locations in Waterford and Farmington Hills.

■ Joyce Kane of Rochester Hills, Rochester Rug Gallery in Rochester.

More than 4,000 people entered Fabulous Furniture 2003.

A fireplace is a popular home feature

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

According to remodeling and real estate industry statistics, a fireplace is among the most popular of home features. Moreover, adding a fireplace or stove is an improvement that pays top-dollar return on investment.

Today's fireplaces and stoves are very different from those of yesteryear. They are available in a wide range of styles, sizes, finishes and colors. Some are built on site while others are prefabricated in a factory. And the fuel sources that feed the fire are as diverse as the appliances themselves.

Nowadays, more than 75 percent (more than one-half million) of all fireplaces installed each year are factory-built and shipped to the construction site.

A factory-built fireplace is a firebox lined with refractory brick panels that resemble mortared firebrick enclosed within a steel cabinet. A blanket of insulating air keeps the outer wall cool, and spacers surrounding the cabinet allow it to be installed in proximity to the wood framing (hence the name "zero-clearance" fireplace).

They use a safe, lightweight chimney and do not need any additional footing or other structural support. They are finished like their brick and mortar cousins using a brick, stone, tile, granite or marble face and hearth, and can be accessorized with a mantel system that will suit any decor.

Wood, natural gas, propane, coal, wood byproducts, fuel oil and even electricity are the resources that keep the flames flickering in most of America's fireplaces. Wood, however, is losing its luster as a principal fuel source for fireplaces due to poor heating efficiency and stricter air-quality standards imposed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Wood does remain a popular fuel source for EPA-certified fireplace inserts and wood stoves. They are the most environmentally friendly and energy-efficient wood burning appliances ever manufactured.

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More information on fireplaces, inserts, stoves and other hearth products can be found at the Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association Web site at www.hpba.org.

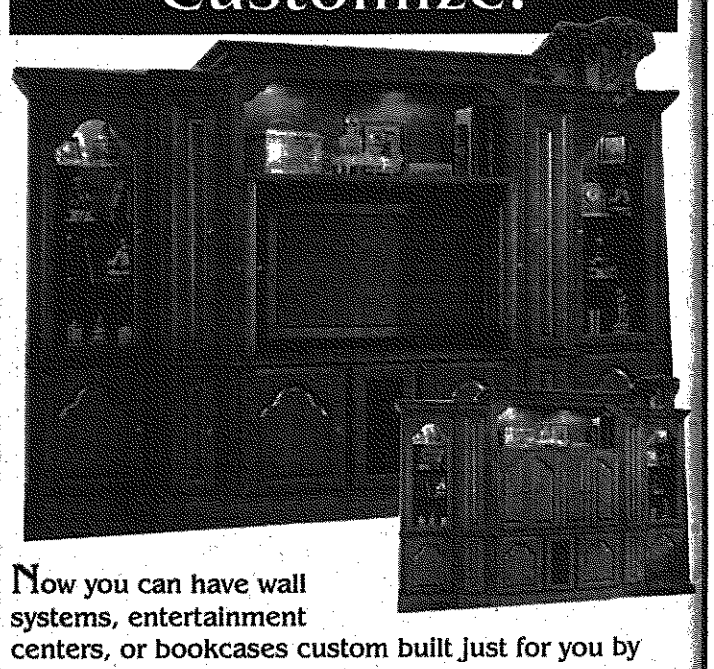
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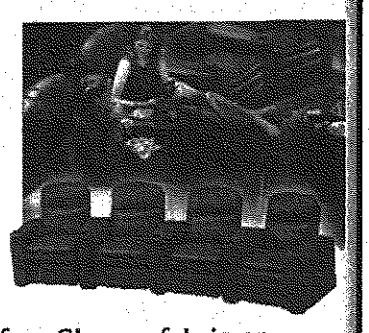
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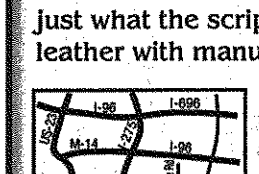
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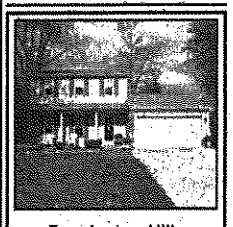
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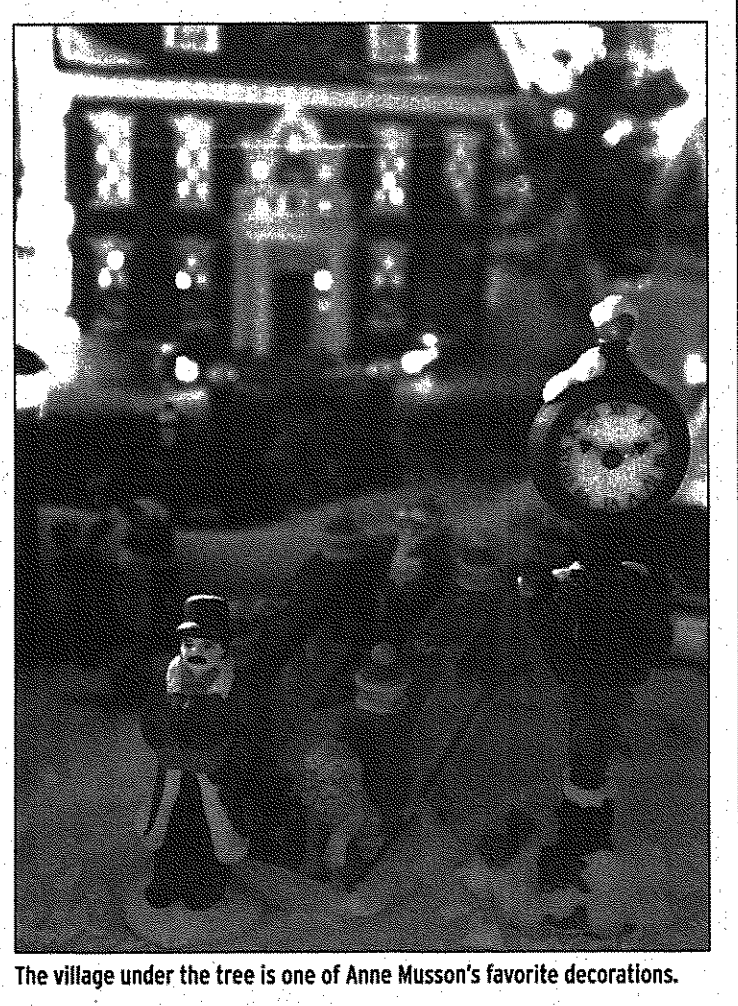
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Plymouth homes shine on tour



The village under the tree is one of Anne Musson's favorite decorations.

Four other homes on the Plymouth home tour will light up guests' eyes like the Christmas trees inside the homes themselves.

Cynthia and Paul Anderson's classic pillared colonial was remodeled, as the couple tore down a wall between the kitchen and the family room to create a great room.

With help from a kitchen designer from Fingerlee in Ann Arbor, all new cabinets and furniture style were designed for the news space with a black granite island in the center.

Cynthia based her decorating ideas on Alexandra's Stoddard's philosophy of decorating around the family. This year the themes are angels in the living room, snowmen in the kitchen/family room, Santas are in the powder room, one child's room is filled with bears and another is planes, trains and automobiles. The master bedroom will celebrate a White Christmas.

FAMILY MATTERS

The ornaments on the family tree are a collection of over 65 years going back to Paul's grandmother, Cynthia's grandmother and mother and from the families' travels.

Cynthia also enjoys making greenery from plants in the yard and leftover branches from Christmas trees.

Renée and Steve Alexandrowski's home has a parlor, a display space for a favorite family memento over the baby grand piano – an ivory nativity with 24 karat gold feature highlights. The living room represents the focal point of holiday activity in the home. Renée's grandparents handmade each of the nearly 100 ornaments on the tree.

Reclaimed hardwood flooring constitute a farm table and antique pine cupboard. A large family room was redesigned during a 1996 addition to the home. Renée handpainted each of the 60 cabinets.

The master suite, bedrooms and bathrooms are located upstairs. A large glass block multihead shower can be a place to unwind after a busy day. Greg Franko created a stained glass half-moon window in the master bedroom.

Chris and Tom Kolakowski's home is a custom ranch, with a second floor bonus room, making it a "ranch plus" according to the tour program book.

Walking up a stone-wall lined driveway, a totem pole stands, created with a chainsaw by Jim Pieczulewski out of a tree that once sat on that spot.

Other artistic touches dress up the house. Jeff Conran faux painted the dining room in rich tones to accentuate a favorite painting, "The Touch" by Yuroz. A master bedroom suite has a sitting room, two-way fireplace, a large walk-in closet and bath. "The Bedroom Suite," a romantic themed six-print set by Yuroz is the focal point for the full bedroom wall. James Conran's mural transforms the master bath into one of the owner's favorite places, St. Andrews. The family room opens out into the home's latest addition, a four-season conservatory.

COUNTRY ENGLISH

Carole and Gerald Baker's home has been transformed over the past two years into a Country English home. Several pictures of the grand abbeys and cathedrals of England, collected by Carole and Jerry during their trips to England, hang in the foyer.

A library houses Peruvian artifacts, mementos from Jerry's recent archaeological digs in Centr Maliqui, Peru. Carole's Department 56 collection of Dickens' Village sits on the fireplace. The fireplace is a replica of the fireplace in their first home.

An old-fashioned Christmas tree is decorated with herbs, eucalyptus, dried flowers and handmade ornaments in the living room. The focal point in the room is an old leaded glass church window salvaged from St. Hedwig's Catholic Church. A handpainted mural of English flowers and brick shambles are by Sandi Hammerstrom Oliverio, owner of Descendents Galeria in Plymouth.

DECOR

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The family room contains the sentimental tree and it is the room where Christmas Day is celebrated. That's the tree that has the old ornaments and the big bubble lights that once were so popular years ago. "I've learned to keep in mind, it's Christmas, it's all about memories and it gets the bubble lights and the old sentimental types of ornaments," Anne said.

The home tour will also offer a jewelry boutique, holiday crafts and a surprise raffle. Cookie Lee Jewelry Boutique will be featured at Mussons' home with a percentage of sales to benefit the PSO. The Symphony League Holiday Crafts with crafts created by League members will be sold at Chris and Tom Kolakowski's home.

The tour organizer also has a special request for this year's walk. "This year we are asking the public to bring their own slippers to wear when they remove their shoes," Mueller said. "We found out on the last spring tour that our footies did not fit all sizes."

Picture-hanging made easy

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Isn't it annoying when you attempt a simple home improvement task like hanging a picture and it becomes a struggle? You measure to center the hook, you measure the wire on the back of the picture so that the height will be just right and when you go to hang it, you simply can't find the tip of the hook.

How can you get the wire on the hook without becoming frustrated? The answer is an everyday drinking straw. You can leave it intact or cut it in half – depending on the size of the picture.

The bigger the picture, the longer the straw must be. Place the straw over the end of the picture hook. It will extend the line of the hook to a point above the picture frame.

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- Put whatever you want to store into a high-quality plastic (food or clothing) storage bag.
- Place the mouth of the bag around the tip of your vacuum cleaner hose and turn on the vacuum.
- When all of the air has been sucked out of the bag, twist it several times, fold at the twist and use tape or a rubber band to maintain the bend.

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BUNGEE CORDS

There are few things more frustrating than going to your workshop to look for something and discovering that, between that moment and the last time you were there, someone jumbled the thing you now need – be it string, rope, rubber bands or bungee cords – into a knotted mess.

We have a solution – pipe or tubing.

We suggest a lighter material like plastic, but any kind of pipe will do. Cut the piece a little longer than the cords you want to store.

Then all you have to do is hook the bungee to one end of the pipe, stretch it slightly and hook the bungee over the other end of the pipe.

Cut as many pipes as you have bungee cords. The diameter of the pipe can vary according to your needs.

String and twine are easy too. Cut the letter "H" out of a piece of cardboard, plastic or thin plywood.

Wrap your string or twine around the center part (horizontal section) of the H.

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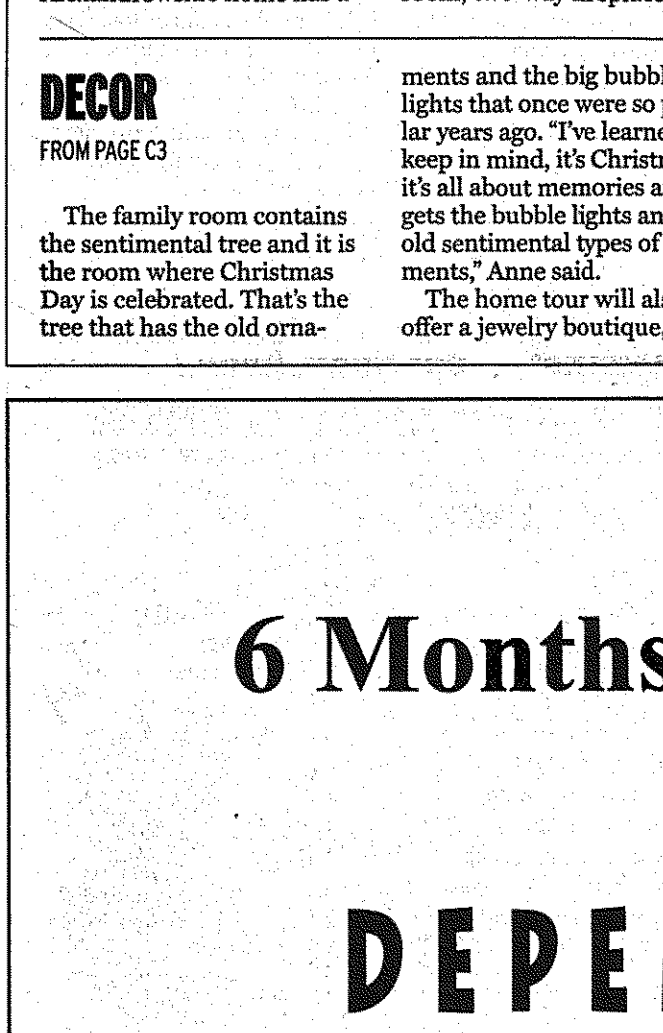
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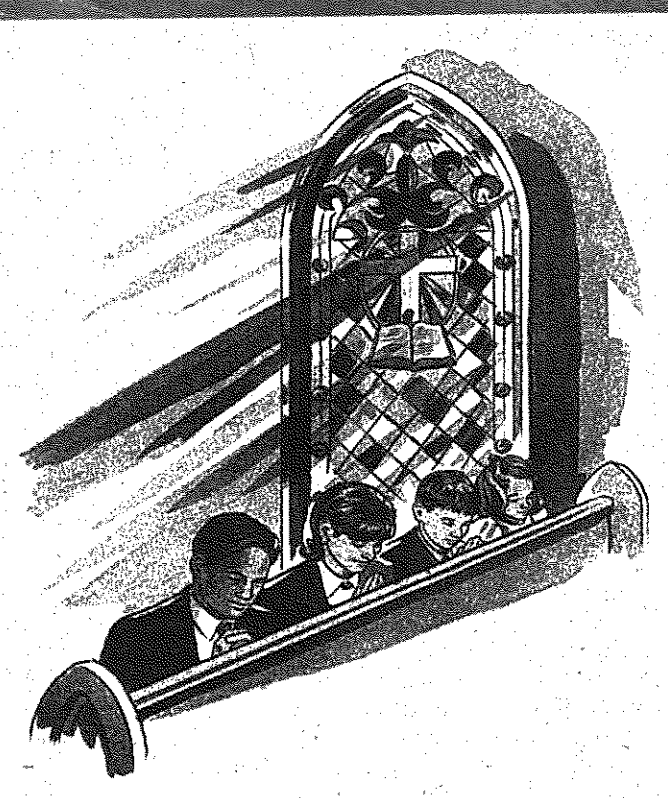
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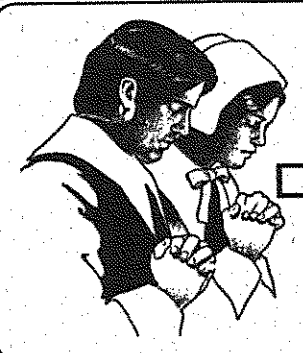
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A Simple Prayer.....



Perhaps the simplest and most fitting prayer is the prayer of thanksgiving, which says, "Thank you, God." There really isn't any need to elaborate on this prayer, at least not for God's sake, because He certainly knows what we have in mind when we thank Him. But for our sakes, to be mindful of all the things we should be thankful for, we may choose to mention the blessings that God has given us. Saying "Thank you God for this food" is a perfectly acceptable way to say grace, and if we are sharing food with family or friends, we might thank Him also for those special people. Starting each day with a prayer is a good way to greet the new day, and what could be easier than saying Thank you God, for this day as we get out of bed. It is also important to thank God for the loving and supportive people around us, including family and friends that make our lives complete. Think how empty our lives would be without our loved ones, and we will undoubtedly be thankful. Finally, it is worth remembering that our very lives are a gracious gift from God: Thank you God, for creating me, and for creating me as me!

We give thanks to God always for you all, constantly mentioning you in our prayers. ***R.S.V. I Thessalonians 1:2***

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

NOVEMBER

Alternative Christmas Fair
Featuring items from 23 nonprofits 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 W. 12 Mile, east of Haggerty, Farmington Hills. Tickets are $1. The variety of gift choices range from hand made items from Guatemala to coffee that will provide a fair price to independent coffee growers. Silver and beaded jewelry from Zambia goes to buy first aid kits, hats and livestock for those assisted by Orphans Medical Network International.
Purchase livestock (chicken, goats, etc.) through The Heifer Project for food and income for a family in need, or purses and totebags made by widows in El Salvador. St. Vincent & Sarah Fisher Center in Farmington Hills is selling gift items, Christmas cards and stationery, Lutheran Adoption Services "Little People" pins. Money from the sale of small decorative chairs goes to the Furniture Bank of Oakland County.
Seedlings Braille Books for Children offers everything from Braille and print placemats to Braille jewelry, key chains, T-shirts, sweat shirts, totebags, and Book Pins specifically designed to support literacy organizations. Shoppers can also purchase Holiday Gift Cards. For a $10 donation a book will be inscribed with the purchaser's name. Each donation subsidizes the production of another Braille book for a visually impaired child.

Divorce workshop
For Lay Caregivers 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, in the Multi-purpose room at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Presenter is the Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan Workshop for persons who are caregivers working with families/couples who may be going through a divorce. For more information, call (248) 474-4701.

Choral music concert
By the Choir of Old St. Mary's Church (Greektown) 2:15 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23. No charge. Free parking in church lot. For more information, call (313) 961-8711.

Holiday Bake Sale
Homemade baklava ($18 a tray of 30 pieces) and ready to bake spinach pie ($16 a tray of 15 pieces), also available a new, revised version of Yassoo Cookbook ($12), from the Ladies Philoptochos Society of St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 43816 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Phone orders welcome but will not be processed until payment is received. Phone (248) 335-8869 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Messages may be left on the answering machine at other times. Orders may be picked up at the church Sunday-Monday, Nov. 16-17.

Tots wanted for toys
St. Mary Catholic Church Community Outreach Center is accepting applications through Nov. 29 from residents in Wayne, Westland and Belleville requesting assistance from its Toys for Tots Campaign. The center is at 34646 Sims at Second, Wayne. For more information, call (734) 326-2234.

Spiritual growth campaign
Participants can choose from various small groups meeting in a home in their area during a spiritual growth campaign presented by Faith Covenant Church continues to Nov. 16. They will explore the 5 purposes for their lives as spelled out in the best selling book *The Purpose Driven Life*. No charge to attend or for the book and materials. Call (248) 661-9191.

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

New worship service
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 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.
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Fall Speaker Series
Continues 7 p.m. Wednesday,Nov. 19, with 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.

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

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. Many 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.
Their lyrics express a concern for the least of God's people and a celebration of His greatness. Instrumentation includes Highland and Irish pipes, fiddle, whistles, flute, harp, guitars, bouzouki, cello, and bodran. Members of the group reside in Chicago where they live and work full-time as inner-city missionaries in a Christian community of 400, the Jesus People USA. Tickets are $10. For more information, call (734) 42502800 or send e-mail to TrinCovCh@aol.com.

UPCOMING

Christmas Cookie Walk
Cookie Walk sale with cookies sold by the pound 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at St. Michael's Orthodox Church, 26355 W. Chicago, between Beech Daly and Inkster, Redford.

Christmas craft show
More than 80 crafters exhibit their wares 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Bake sale and lunch available.
Tickets are $2, children under age 12 free. Fore more information, call (734) 981-1481.

ONGOING

Contemporary worship service
11:30 a.m. the fourth Sunday of the month at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-6038.

Worship services
8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. For information, call (734) 422-1470.

Ablaze Young Adult Ministries
Presented by Detroit World Outreach 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Using cutting edge music, high-tech video and lighting, drama, multi-media, and a relevant message that can change lives, Ablaze is giving young adults ages 18 to 28 the opportunity to meet friends and hang out with people their age. Evening includes a live band, pool tables, ping pong, basketball, and the Motown Cafe in the Freedom Center on the Detroit World Outreach campus, 23800 W. Chicago near Telegraph, Redford.

War on spam is a war worth fighting

Spam makes me sick. Not the mystery-meat-in-a-can variety – I've never even tried that, though I hear it's surprisingly tasty. I'm talking e-mail spam, the junk messages that flood my PC on a daily basis.



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

This morning I received perhaps the most insidious and annoying piece of spam ever – a seemingly innocuous message stating I had an e-card waiting (presumably one of those nice greeting cards people exchange via e-mail).

Largely because the coffee hadn't kicked in yet, I blindly clicked the "View E-Card" link contained in the message.

Two browser windows popped up – one containing an ad for free prescriptions, the other a very graphic ad for pornography.

In recent weeks I've received two separate e-mails from eBay telling me I need to update or verify my account information in order to continue using the service. Only they weren't from eBay – they were fraudulent attempts to get me to reveal my credit card number.

Got a similar come-on from PayPal, the online payment service I use for auctions. This e-mail looked remarkably official, right down to the PayPal logo and even the font. It said my account had been randomly flagged as part of routine security measures, and that I simply had to click a link and verify my information.

Fraud. Neither PayPal nor eBay ever sends e-mails asking users to verify their information. If I hadn't known this, I'd probably have had some frantic discussions with my credit card company by now.

Buyer beware? These days, it's browser beware. The simple (yet indispensable) act of having a personal e-mail account leaves you open to a flood of obnoxious, offensive advertising and potentially harmful scams.

In other words, if you've got mail, you've got spam.

In a previous column I wrote about spam-catching software (and got the most feedback of any of my columns, so I know I touched a nerve). Forget that, it's time to stop spam at the source. Unfortunately, that's easier said than done. Even if Congress passes legislation that levies fines against spammers, it may be almost impossible to enforce. And it won't stop spam from overseas, which is where much of it originates anyway.

That said, I urge you to learn more about the issue and express your concern to members of Congress. You can find out how at the Coalition Against Unsolicited Commercial Email (www.cauce.org), an excellent anti-spam resource. One of the site's spokespersons is John Mozena of Grosse Pointe.

I will discuss my favorite subject – PDAs – at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, at the Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill. I will be teaching the basics, demonstrating the latest and greatest models, and giving away books, Handheld Computing subscriptions, and a PDA! Hope to see you there.

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

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It's the time of the season for festivities

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

People have been celebrating in the middle of winter probably since time began. Festive events often were planned to take the gloom off long winter nights, observe the winter solstice, and prepare for the next planting season.

The first official Christmas was celebrated in Rome during the 4th century. Hanukkah began after Judah Maccabee reclaimed the Holy Temple in Jerusalem in 164 B.C. A more recent establishment is Kwanzaa, started in 1966 for black Americans to recall harvest celebrations in ancestral Africa.

Whatever the reason, most people around the world seem to be hard-wired to take a break in their routines at this time of year to observe, festoon, party, sing, feast, give, or pray. Here are a very few of the events going on this season:

■ Thanksgiving starts the season, and that distinctively American holiday began in Plymouth, Mass.

On Thanksgiving Day the Pilgrim Progress will reenact the march of the Pilgrims to church, and an ecumenical church service will take place at the First Parish Church on the site of the Pilgrim's original Fort-Meetinghouse.

The "Day of Mourning" on Cole's Hill overlooking Plymouth Rock recalls members the Wampanoag tribe, whose lives were altered by the coming of the colonists.

Their descendants will demonstrate their culture and speak to bring awareness of their cause.

■ At the Winterthur Museum in Delaware, they're dressing up the rooms to look like the images of holiday customs from the 1800s to early 1900s for the annual display, "Holiday Views and Visions," Nov. 8-Jan. 4.

Using period paintings, prints, illustrations and photographs as sources, the rooms will evoke Clement Moore's "A Visit from St. Nicholas;" a scene with Queen Victoria and her family around the Christmas tree at Windsor Castle; and a sentimental holiday scene with a mother and daughter, from a painting by Louis Lang.

Winterthur was once home for the du Pont family, and one of the scenes is devoted to how they celebrated the season during the 1930s and 1940s – including the bridge parties they hosted in the Chinese Parlor.

On the Web: http://www.winterthur.org.

■ "Stille Nacht: A German Christmas" will be presented Dec. 17-Dec. 21 by the Folger Consort at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C.

The programs focus on ancient hymns and folk melodies from German-speaking lands during the 15th, 16th and 17th century, including pieces from the earliest German songbooks. Selections include works by Praetorius, Buxtehude, and Schultz as well as early baroque sonatas.

Performing in the library's Elizabethan Theatre, the company will play on period instruments such as viols, violins, medieval fiddles, lutes, harp and recorders.

On the Web: http://www.folger.edu.

■ When Frederic Law Olmsted laid out the gardens at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, N.C., he knew that the George W. Vanderbilt family would spend many winter days, including holidays, at the mansion.

So he planted the gardens with evergreens, holly and ivy that would twine around the branches of deciduous trees.

The fruits of his vision are on display for the "Christmas at Biltmore Estate" celebration Nov. 7-Jan. 4, with the winter greenery providing decorations for the house.

The house also is open Nov. 7-Jan. 3 for a series of "Candlelight Christmas Evenings," when visitors are serenaded by musicians playing holiday music in candlelit rooms. Reservations required.

On the Web: http://www.biltmore.com.

The first official Christmas was celebrated in Rome during the 4th century. Hanukkah began after Judah Maccabee reclaimed the Holy Temple in Jerusalem in 164 B.C. A more recent establishment is Kwanzaa, started in 1966 for black Americans to recall harvest celebrations in ancestral Africa.

■ Garden of Lights, Norfolk, Va., Botanical Garden, Nov. 27-Dec. 31. Light displays over a 2.5-mile range in the gardens can be viewed nightly by car, horse-and-carriage or the Polar Express.

On the Web: http://www.norfolkcvb.com.

■ New York City's best-known holiday event is the early-evening lighting of the Christmas tree in Rockefeller Center, this year on Dec. 3.

This can be a bone-crusher in terms of crowds but fun if you're young and-or flexible.

Otherwise, watch the live television broadcast and come admire the tree and other decorations afterward, through the holiday season.

On the Web: http://www.rockefellercenter.com.

■ Another Manhattan tradition is George Balanchine's "The Nutcracker, performed by the New York City Ballet at the New York State Theater in Lincoln Center. Performances are Nov. 28-Jan. 4. Early advance purchase of tickets advised.

On the Web: http://www.nycballet.com, or call (212) 870-5570. Also through Ticketmaster.

■ In Chattanooga, Tenn., the bright spot is the Rock City Gardens, where The Enchanted Garden of Lights shines atop Lookout Mountain Nov. 21-Jan. 3.

Twenty-five fantasy scenes are created with 500,000 lights.

On the Web: http:www.seerockcity.com.

■ "Rites of Enchantment – When the Creatures Come Out to Celebrate" is the U.S. Botanic Garden's way of reminding you that not all places that observe the winter holidays are in wintry zones.

The display, on view in Washington, D.C., Nov. 27-Jan. 4, will focus on cultures and landscapes of Brazil, Costa Rica, Mexico, the Caribbean nations and other regions between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn.

And in the Garden Court, visitors can consider the legend of how tree frogs, geckos and other jungle animals have carried out their own tradition of dressing in holiday finery.

On the Web: http://www.usbg.gov, or call (202) 225-8333.

■ If it's really possible to gild a lily, that might be the Tivoli Christmas Market at Copenhagen's Tivoli Gardens, Nov. 18-Dec. 23.

One of the world's oldest and most famous fantasy parks for its normal spring-summer season, Tivoli reopens for the winter holidays to present several Christmas markets, ice skating on the lake, a gnomes' dollhouse village and other treats, all with the glittering light shows.

On the Web: http:www.tivoligardens.com.

Sunroom manufacturer improves aesthetics

National sunroom manufacturer, TEMO Sunrooms, Inc., recently rolled out its new Nino Vitale Signature Collection sunroom, its latest offering in innovative sunroom products that span more than 30 years of development, including the industry's first thermal roof and wall application in sunrooms.

The Nino Vitale Signature Collection is named after TEMO founder and CEO, Giovanni "Nino" Vitale, represents the sunroom pioneer's vision.

The new style is a major departure from current sunroom styles and building techniques that are defined by attaching sunroom walls and a roof system to the exterior of a home – with the look of an obvious add-on. The Signature Collection sunroom appears from the outside as if it were built during the home's original construction.

"But inside, it's pure sunroom," says Vitale.

TEMO creators believes this combination will be well received, based on market research that identifies a large homeowner segment who responds to the idea of a sunroom – an all-window room that gives homeowners the benefits of being outdoors without insect intrusion or weather interruption – but desire the exterior to match their existing architecture.

One way the Signature Collection improves exterior aesthetics is by blending the sunroom roof to the home's existing roof.

This includes matching the home's overhang and roofing with shingles or the same materials as the home's roof.

Also new is the roll out of TEMO's first-ever sunroom hip roof, using thermal sunroom panels, designed to compliment the roof style found in most current home styles.

Overhead interior wood beams, crown molding and an elevated sunroom ceiling give the sunroom more of a "great room" feel.

The Signature Collection also draws itself into the home with an option to build on a knee wall that uses the same brick or exterior siding material found on the home.

With the Signature Collection, TEMO expects to open new territory among upscale homeowners and those in areas with demanding homeowners' associations that set strict architectural standards for additions or changes to the home.

"We also expect to attract homeowners looking for that conventional construction appearance, but who don't want the same cost or wait for conventional construction," says Vitale.

TEMO sunrooms price out significantly lower than conventional construction, and can be built in days, compared to weeks, because of their pre-manufactured panel system design.

"The Signature Collection sunrooms are designed for quick construction and they're engineered to meet the same snow and wind load requirements as standard home construction, says Bob Walz, TEMO's registered engineer.

Walz led the team that developed and tested the prototype and final versions of the Signature Collection and new hip roof.

TEMO Sunrooms sells and installs its rooms through its national dealer network. Locally, TEMO sunrooms are distributed in southeastern Michigan through its retail outlet, Tony V's Sunrooms and Spas, with two showroom locations in Clinton Township and Canton.

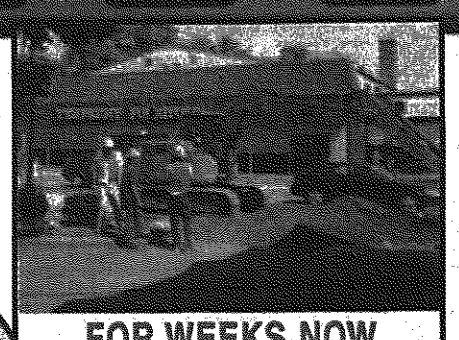
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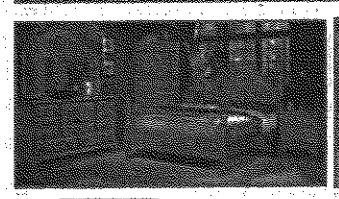


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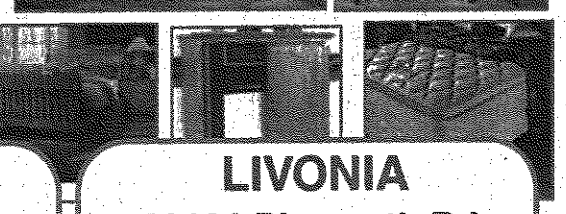


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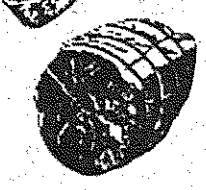
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Fixing repairs now helps prevent hassles next spring

Several months of sun, heat and humidity from extreme spring and summer weather can leave its mark on your home's outdoor oasis.

Canvas umbrellas and cushions tear and wear through, plastic chairs develop cracks and chips, hoses spring leaks, garden tools lose handles, favorite ceramic pots and garden ornaments break and screens develop small tears from "munchkin" traffic.

Here's a smart tip: A little "triage" and repair before storing lawn furniture, garden tools, hoses and even pots and garden ornaments for the winter will make bringing them out next season easier and a lot more fun.

"Most of these problems can be solved quickly and easily with adhesives, but using the correct adhesive is important," says Steve Velten, technology manager and chemist for Eclectic Products, Inc.

"If you are repairing a leaky hose, for example," says Velten, "the adhesive must remain flexible after drying or it will just crack or chip off. It also needs to be waterproof and UV resistant."

According to Velten, canvas or any material which is not rigid needs flexibility and an ability to withstand the contraction and expansion caused by temperature extremes. This is also true for repairing cracked or broken flower pots and garden ornaments.

Some adhesives are specialized and work well only on one or two materials.

Traditional white glues work great, for instance, on paper-to-paper projects but are inappropriate for outdoor use.

However, not all adhesives work well when joining two different substances which may have different drying times - like a wooden handle to a metal trowel or a metal flag holder to a brick wall. "When the adhesive cannot allow for the variance of drying time between the two materials, the bond may fail," says Velten.

Yet you don't need a drawer full of specialty adhesives. Your best bet for most repairs is a versatile, strong, one-part adhesive that dries to a rubbery, flexible, waterproof finish, like Amazing GOOP adhesives.

They are some of the strongest one-part adhesives available, replacing glues, paste, rubber contact cement, silicone and patch kits.

Use them to repair, mend, seal and permanently bond two different materials. They are easy to apply and ready to use right out of the tube and they won't break or crack under pressure. Outdoor GOOP is UV resistant, but if your project sits in direct sunlight, painting over the completely dry adhesive enhances this quality.

Rubbery, flexible, waterproof adhesives like this can create a protective coating for garden gloves, a non-slip surface for tool handles, seal roof gutters and drainpipes and fix leaks in cement ponds and birdbaths. Inside the house, they can be used for sealing, mending, reattaching, coating and bonding.

Most home improvement and hardware stores carry a variety of adhesives, including Amazing GOOP adhesives, which come in 11 varieties including Household GOOP and Outdoor GOOP.

For more information about one-part adhesives, contact Eclectic Products, Inc. at (800) 767-4667 or visit the company's Web site at www.goopit.com.



Repairing lawn furniture, garden tools and pots before storing them for the season will make it painless to bring them out next season.

Combating 'dry home' syndrome

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

While your home's heating system is designed to keep you warm during the cold winter months, it can cause your home to become too dry.

Symptoms you experience as a result can range from a dry nose and throat to colds.

One of the most effective methods of dealing with "dry-home syndrome" is use of a whole-house humidifier. A central humidifier supplies humidity to a home through the ductwork in a forced-air heating system.

Whenever the furnace blower kicks on, the low-voltage electrical circuit that operates the humidifier does so as well. The humidifier operates when a room-mounted, moisture-sensing device called a humidistat detects the air in the home is too dry.

Homes with no duct work or those heated with hot water or electricity cannot use a central humidifier. In these cases, small localized units are the answer.

CALENDAR

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.

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.

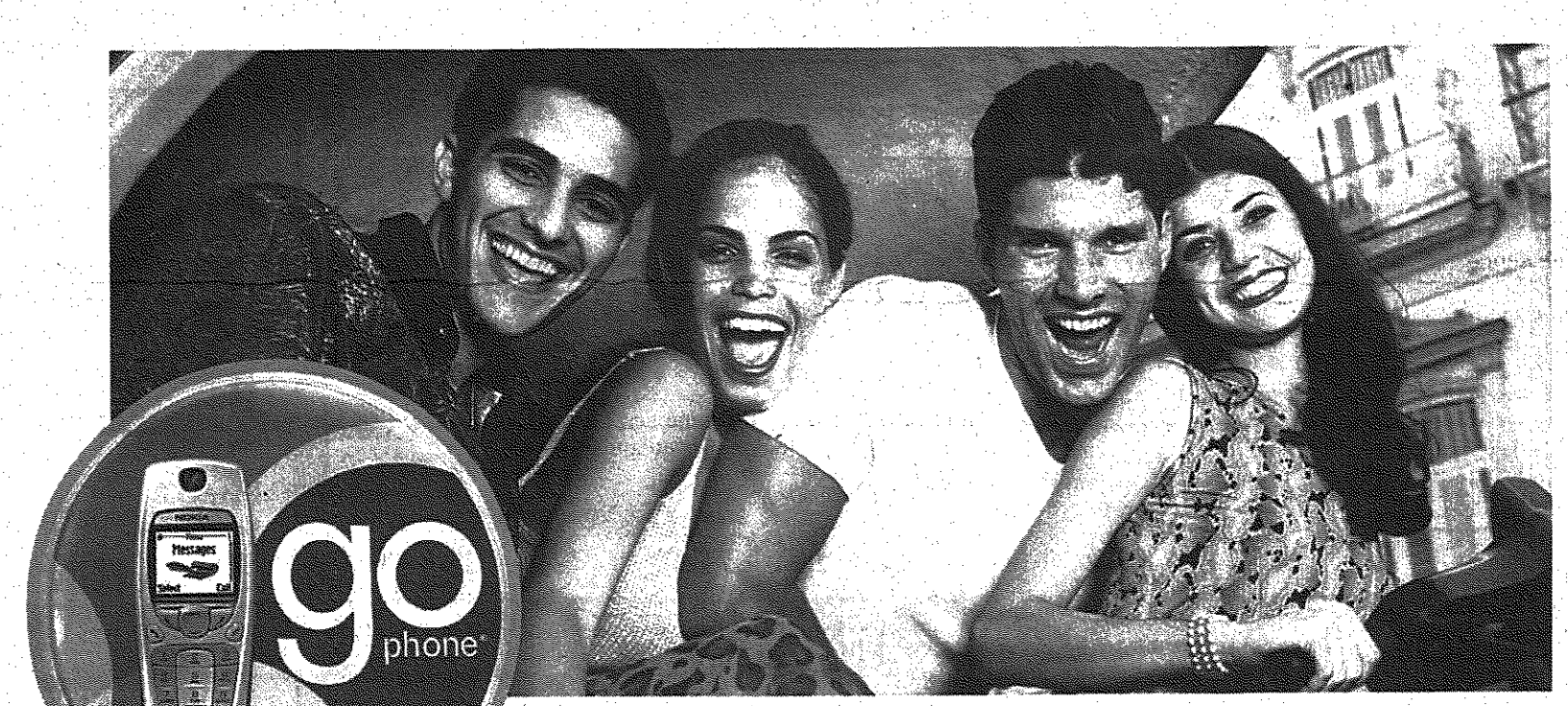
Michigan Orchid Society

Mario Ferrusi from Marsh Hallow Orchids in Canada will be the guest speaker for the Michigan Orchid Society's meeting at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, at the First Presbyterian Church, 4328 Livernois in Troy. Ferrusi will discuss Odontoglossums and their hybrids.

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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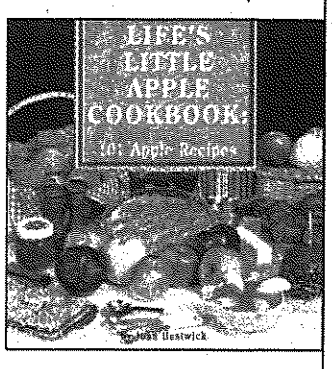
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Apple cheese pie features sharp cheddar cheese added to the pie crust, while apple cookie cake sandwiches apple slices between two cookie dough crusts.

And of course, there's apple sauce, apple pie, baked apples and apple pancakes.

Life's Little Apple Cookbook, Avery Color Studios, $11.95, is available at bookstores or by calling (800) 722-9925.

Edible wraps

Tara McHugh, a scientist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and her fellow USDA researchers have created edible food wraps made of vegetables and fruits, according to an article in the Food & Beverage Report published by the Associated Food Dealers of Michigan.

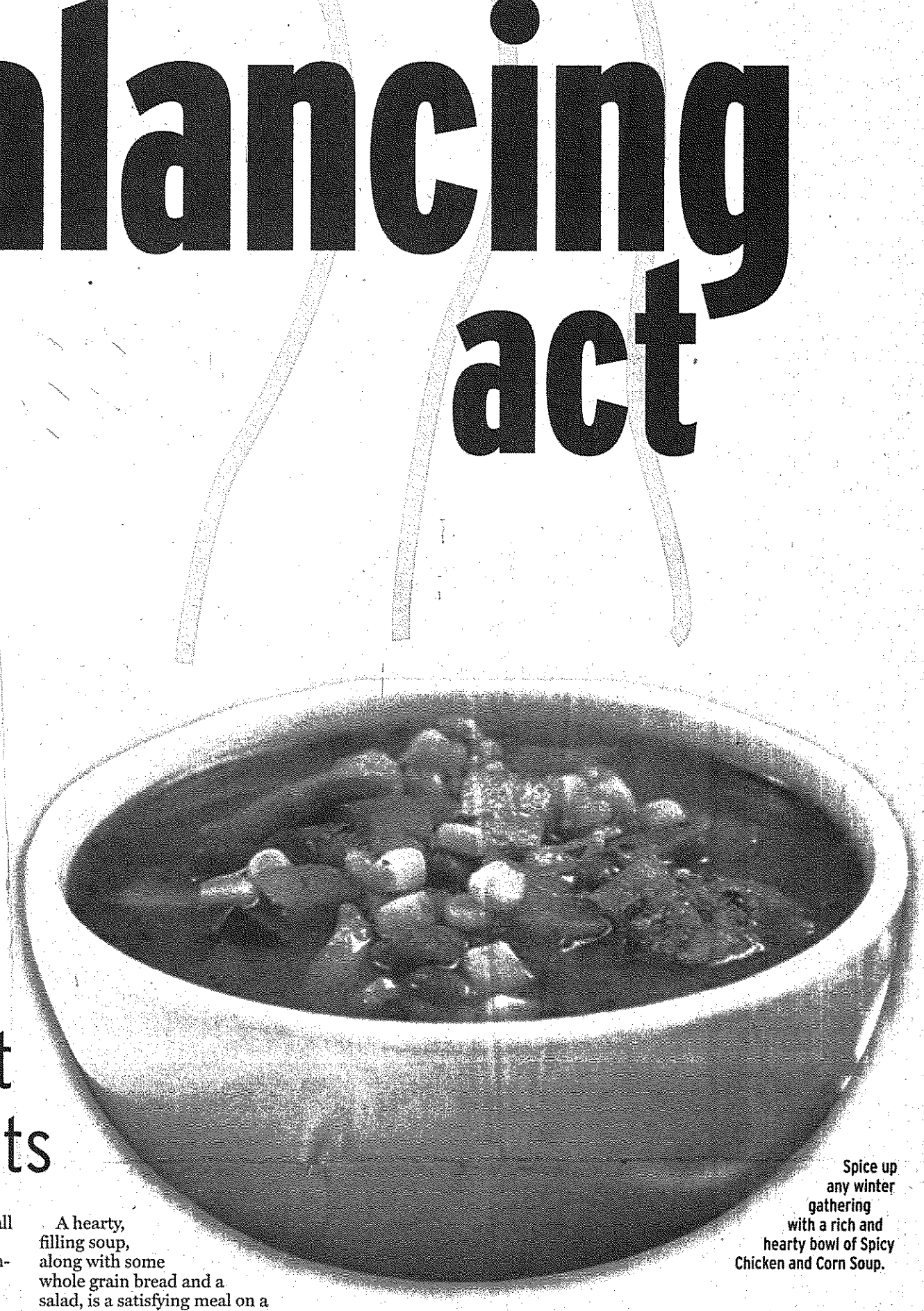
McHugh says the wraps would be a healthy alternative to plastic or aluminum and better for the environment because they'd reduce waste produced by synthetic wrapping.

The wraps can be made from fruits and vegetables, including broccoli, carrots, tomatoes, mangoes, peaches, pears, apples, papayas and strawberries. The wraps consists of a flexible, paper-thin film and help preserve food. But the use of the wraps could go beyond sandwiches, says McHugh, research leader in the processed foods research unit at USDA's Western Regional Research Center in Albany, Calif.

McHugh says you could cover leftover pasta with a tomato wrap, which would melt into the pasta when heated or wrap pork chops in an apple film that would become a glaze.

Balancing act

Use homemade soup to offset holiday feasts



Spice up any winter gathering with a rich and hearty bowl of Spicy Chicken and Corn Soup.

Before you sit and enjoy all the festive meals and side dishes, you may want to consider lighter fare.

Why bother dieting right now when you should perhaps balance some of the weighty dishes you'll be dealing with soon? And why not have a little soup?

The fall weather is now turning and the pleasant temperatures will dip. Soon we'll be getting snow accumulations of an inch and beyond, so soup will be right on the money in terms of warming you up without adding tons of calories.

It is almost as easy to make vegetable soup as it is to open a can of vegetable soup. And homemade soup will have more flavor and more nutrients than what comes off the shelf.

A hearty, filling soup, along with some whole grain bread and a salad, is a satisfying meal on a cool November night.

Any recipe for vegetable soup is just a guide.

Add or subtract according to taste and what looks good at the market that day, or in your refrigerator or pantry.

'Have some leftover bell peppers? Throw them in. Whatever goes into the pot, what comes out is a meal full of nutrients.'

Add hot pepper flakes, a dash of Tabasco or chopped chilies for a spicier soup. Low-sodium chicken broth can be used instead of vegetable broth. Spinach and cabbage would add color, crunch and nutrients.

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For years, nutrition experts have been promoting the health benefits of at least five daily servings of vegetables and fruits.

They now say five servings a day should be the minimum, with nine servings as a goal.

In addition to containing the powerful natural anti-cancer substances called phytochemicals, foods like vegetables, fruits, whole grains and beans are loaded with fiber, which creates a full feeling with a minimum of calories. These foods also tend to keep you feeling full longer than starchy, higher calorie foods such as potatoes and refined pasta.

So vegetable soup can warm you up, fill you up and build

PLEASE SEE **SOUPS, D5**

Spice up winter days with hearty recipe

"No soup for you!" shouts the man behind the counter.

The infamous Soup Nazi episode, which aired on the sitcom *Seinfeld* in 1995, showed how soup was perceived by many as a hearty, satisfying meal.

Indeed, soup is more than just something you eat when you have a cold. Soups boast versatility - a gourmet bisque can be an appetizer at a dinner party; a chilled soup can cool you on a summer's day, or a bowl of noodles and broth can be a meal in itself. Soups can be as simple as some vegetables, water and stock or as complex as you desire.

Brew up a pot of this Spicy Chicken and Corn Soup courtesy of *The Soup*

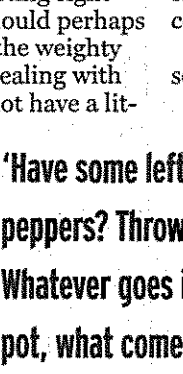
PLEASE SEE **CHICKEN, D5**

Create fabulous wine and cheese pairings

Fine tune food flavors. That's the first tip to making a great food and wine match. But you can't do that with cheese, it's a finished product. So how do you make a fabulous wine and cheese pairing?

Beringer Vineyards food and wine pairing expert, Chef Jerry Comfort says, "That's correct. Cheese, like wine, is a finished product. You can't add a pinch of salt or a twist of lemon without changing it from what the cheese maker intended it to be.

"Despite a common belief, all cheeses do not pair well with all wines. If you've ever eaten gorgonzola with a crisp sauvignon blanc or a delicate, fresh chevre



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or boucheron with a big, tannic cabernet sauvignon, you'll never forget the dramatic way the flavors interacted."

After gargling with mouthwash, how does orange juice taste? That's the kind of dramatic interaction Comfort means.

Comfort's wine and cheese journey began when he was invited to teach a wine and cheese pairing seminar at the Culinary Institute of America. After some trials and errors, he quickly found there were too many exceptions to the pairing "rules."

He maintained that wine and cheese pairing is a moving target, it's subjective, and it comes down to the fact that each person must decide whether or not he or she likes it.

GETTING IT CORRECT

In an effort to understand how to make good wine and cheese pairings, Comfort classified both wines and cheeses in four categories. He concluded that when the cheese has a balance of sweet, sour, salt and protein/umami, with no one taste dominating, the wine will remain relatively unchanged in the pairing.

Sweet cheese makes wine taste stronger and more tart, while sour/salty cheese makes the wine taste mild or softer. An example of a balanced cheese is a young sharp cheddar with a sauvignon blanc. The cheese does not change the flavor of the wine in the pairing.

Following his research, Comfort created Beringer's Progressive Wine & Cheese Pairing Wheel through the

"With this guide," Comfort explained, "people don't have to rely on unproven culinary myths. They can choose cheeses that will taste great with their favorite wine or vice-versa." The guide puts wine and cheese in balance.

PAIRING WHEEL

If you're planning a wine and cheese party or would simply like to enhance your own enjoyment of wine and cheese, you can purchase Beringer's Progressive Wine & Cheese Pairing Wheel through the

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Web site at www.beringer.com for $10 including shipping. Instructions on how to host your own wine and cheese tasting are included in the guide.

We recently prepared a dish that included the strong, pungent Spanish blue Cabrales (available at Holiday Market in Royal Oak).

The Pairing Wheel suggested several dessert wines such as port, sauternes and ice wine as well as a dry amarone, a robust northern Italian red wine from the Valpolicella region.

We selected the 1997 Allegrini Amarone Classico which was a great match with the Cabrales; a much better pairing than we would have made without the aid of the Pairing Wheel. Once purchased, you can use the Pairing Wheel to help with matching wine and cheese or you can dig a little deeper. Comfort not only explains how to categorize wine styles, he helps determine the taste profile of the cheese.

The method not only works but now you'll know why. The bonus is that, in the process, you'll be introduced to an extraordinary array of wines and cheeses.

If you've ever wondered why an acid/sour goat cheese pairs well with a crisp, grapefruity sauvignon blanc but makes a cabernet sauvignon become tannic and astringent, you'll appreciate the Pairing Wheel.

If you have discovered that you like a rich, red Porto with an aged, salty, blue cheese like Stilton, you may be surprised to find out why it works.

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WINE PICKS

Use the Beringer Pairing Wheel to learn great cheese matches for the following CABERNET SAUVIGNON wines. If not cheese, then a big steak will be hard to beat.

Picks of the Pack: 1999 Shafer Hillside Select Cabernet Sauvignon ($150) and 2000 Chateau St. Jean Cinq Cepages ($70).

Very good deals at $20-$30: 2000 Markham ($27); 1999 Rutherford Ranch Silverado Trail Vineyard ($25); 2001 Barnwood ($22); and 2000 Mazzocco Vineyards ($20).

Wallet friendly: 2001 Avila ($13) and 2001 Andretti Selections ($13).

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.

Institute advises salt cutback

High blood pressure, or hypertension, is on the rise in the United States.

According to a recent study at the University of South Carolina and the Medical College of Wisconsin, nearly one third of all adults – 58 million – have high blood pressure, an increase of approximately 7 million in the past decade.

Once developed, hypertension significantly increases the risk of cardiovascular disease, accounting for nearly 40 percent of all deaths in the United States each year.

According to the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, unless Americans make changes now, nine out of 10 will risk the debilitating and fatal complications of stroke, heart and kidney disease at some point in their lifetime.

The Institute advises everyone – including those with normal blood pressure – to make lifestyle changes, including cutting back on salt.

"America is hooked on snacks and food high in sodium," said Dr. Mohammad Akhter, executive director of the American Public Health Association (APHA). This diet is killing us, he said, but it also is preventable. Placing the onus on the food industry, APHA is pressuring manufacturers and restaurants to reduce the sodium content of foods by 50 percent over the next 10 years. They are also urging consumers to purchase products with less salt.

Americans consume 4,000-6,000 milligrams (mg) of sodium per day – two to three times the recommended level of 2,400 mg (about 1 teaspoon salt).

"If you think the saltshaker is the culprit, think again," said Bobbie Mostyn, author of the new book, *Pocket Guide to Low Sodium Food.*

"It accounts for less than 25 percent of our daily intake, the majority comes off the grocery shelves – such as sandwich meats, cheese, condiments and other packaged products."

Hungry for a taco? Mostyn recommends using a corn tortilla (3mg sodium) instead of flour (234mg). Ready to barbecue? Rather than using teriyaki marinade (up to 3,050mg sodium per tablespoon), substitute one of the many grilling sauces with less than 140mg.

As far as eating out, "fast food places are particularly bad," Mostyn said, "there's no way to know what has been added to what you're eating.

"For example, a healthy garden salad with low-fat dressing oftentimes has more sodium than a hamburger and French fries. It may be low fat, but it's not low salt."

In addition to her book, Mostyn has launched a new web site, www.lowsaltfoods.com, to help raise sodium awareness.

"Perhaps one day, with enough public demand, not only will the foods we purchase have less salt," she added, "they won't be a detriment to our health."

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This pasta dish features chicken, broccoli and squash

Obesity is, quite literally, big news. Health experts are calling rising obesity rates a national epidemic. But consumers get a lot of conflicting directives: diets that are high-protein, low-sugar, low-carbohydrate, low-fat, high fiber.

Nutrition experts are concerned that many diets urge people to cut back drastically on the fruits and vegetables that have been shown to help prevent chronic disease. They fear consumers are trading long-term health for short-term weight loss.

The American Institute of Cancer Research, which focuses exclusively on the link between diet and cancer, has responded with an approach to eating called The New American Plate which advises people to focus on both proportion and portion size.

The New American Plate urges people to reverse the traditional American plate, and think of meat as a side dish or condiment rather than the primary ingredient – to reduce the amount of meat, fish or chicken and fill the dinner plate with vegetables, fruits, whole grains and beans. This approach also emphasizes the importance of portion size.

For the first time in history, the majority of Americans - an estimated 65 percent - are clinically overweight, while one in every four Americans is obese (severely overweight), according to the National Institutes of Health. That puts most Americans at increased risk for obesity-related diseases such as cancer, heart disease, stroke, diabetes, high blood pressure, gallbladder disease and osteoarthritis.

Hundreds of studies link consumption of fruits and vegetables with cancer prevention. These foods provide vitamins, minerals and phytochemicals (natural substances found only in plants) that protect the body's cells from damage by cancer-causing agents. A diet rich in plant-based food is protective against heart disease, stroke and diabetes as well as cancer.

A one-dish meal such as this penne with chicken and vegetables has a little bit of everything necessary to fit on the New American Plate.

(Note: You can read the New American Plate brochure online at www.aicr.org, along with the other brochures in the series: One Pot Meals, Comfort Foods, Veggies, and For Breakfast. To order a single free copy of the New American Plate brochure for yourself, call AICR between 9:00 and 5:00 Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, at 1-800-843-8114, ext. 394.)

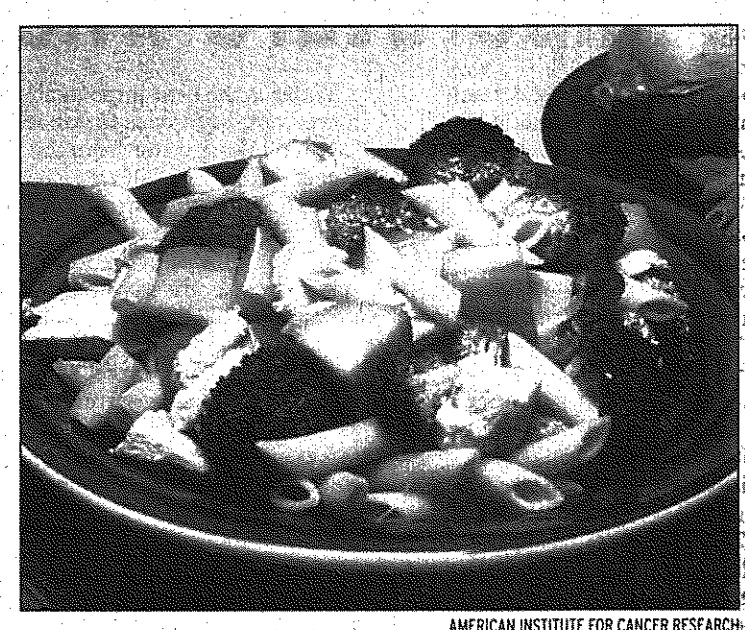
Penne with Chicken and Vegetables

- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, sliced very thin
- 1 large red onion, halved lengthwise and cut in thin wedges
- 2 cups butternut squash, peeled, seeded and cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 cup fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 12 ounces boneless, skinless chicken breast halves, torn into bite-sized pieces
- 8 ounces penne pasta
- 2 cups small broccoli florets
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Heat oil in large non-stick skillet over medium-low heat. Add garlic and cook until fragrant but not too brown, about 2 minutes. Add onion, squash and thyme and cook until onion is golden and caramelized and squash is almost tender, stirring occasionally, about 20 minutes. Add broccoli and cook, stirring occasionally, until broccoli is tender, about 5 minutes. Add broth and chicken and bring to a simmer.

Cover and continue gently simmering until chicken is opaque, about 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, cook pasta in large pot of boiling salted water until pasta is al dente (just tender), 8-12 minutes. Drain pasta and return to same pot. Stir in chicken mixture. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Makes 4 servings.



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A one-dish meal such as this penne with chicken and vegetables has a little bit of everything.

Nutritional information per serving: 356 calories, 5 g. total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 48 g. carbohydrate, 29 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 213 g. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Squash, sweet potato lasagna make appetizing meal

BY J.M. HIRSCH
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Whether for a simple family meal or a festive dinner party with friends, it's always nice to shake things up a bit. Serve something familiar, with a not-so-familiar twist.

This was my approach for a recent dinner party, which started with platters of cheese, crackers and grapes, then progressed to fresh bread and olive oil before a main course of soup, salad and lasagna. A rich chocolate cake gave a nice finish.

At first glance there was nothing particularly unusual about the menu. But I kept things interesting by playing up subtle variations on the expected each step of the way.

For example, though a cheese platter piled with Italian imports would be a natural with this meal, I decided to highlight cheeses produced at New Hampshire farms. These days nearly every state has tiny dairies producing wonderful artisanal cheeses.

And we were rewarded for sticking close to home. My local farmers' market offered an impressive array of cheeses, including a superbly sharp Swiss, an earthy chevre, and a delicate Gouda.

For the bread and olive oil, all it took was a bit of salt and pepper to liven things up. I cut the bread into 1-inch cubes, then offered it with two plates of oil for dipping — one sprinkled with salt, the other with fresh ground black pepper.

The soup was a fairly standard puree of butternut squash and apples that takes advantage of both ingredients in their prime. The difference here is at the very end. When pureeing, I added several tablespoons of corn miso.

More typical of brothy Asian soups, this lightly sweet and salty soy paste gives the soup an extra layer of flavor with savory undertones. Any light miso would do nicely, though corn seemed most seasonally fitting.

The latter substituted a well-seasoned squash puree for tomato sauce, and nestled thin slices of sweet potato between the layers of noodles and cheese. The result was a surprising and satisfying harvest dish that was as attractive as tasty.

By now a bit bloated, we wound up the meal with a delicious flourless chocolate cake that combined loads of cocoa with pureed almond slivers. It's a dense and chewy alternative to the typical fluffy chocolate cake.

For the lasagna, both traditional and no-boil noodles work well.

Be sure to follow the directions called for by whichever you use. The potatoes are cut very thin, so there is no need to peel.

Squash and Sweet Potato Lasagna

(Preparation 1 hour 15 minutes)

- 12 ounces (roughly 1/2 packages) lasagna noodles
- 1 1/2 pounds butternut squash, peeled and cut into 1-inch cubes
- 3 medium sweet potatoes, cut into very thin slices
- 1 cup water
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 18 ounces (three 6-ounce packages) shredded mozzarella cheese
- 12 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 375 F.

If using lasagna noodles that must be boiled, cook according to package directions, then drain and rinse with cold water. Spread the noodles flat on kitchen towels and set aside.

Bring 1 inch of water to a boil in the bottom half of a steamer. Place the squash in the steamer basket, cover and cook until tender, about 10 to 12 minutes. Transfer the squash to a blender or food processor.

Keep the water in the steamer boiling. Steam the sweet potato slices for 5 minutes, or until just tender.

While the sweet potatoes cook, add the water, garlic, salt and pepper to the squash and puree until very smooth. Set aside. When the potatoes are finished, remove from the heat and set aside. Lightly coat a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with the olive oil. Spread about 4 tablespoons of squash puree over the bottom of the baking dish, then place a layer of noodles over that. Spread another 4 tablespoons of squash puree over the noodles.

Arrange a single layer of sweet potato slices over the squash puree, then sprinkle 3 ounces (half a package) of mozzarella and 2 tablespoons of Parmesan cheese over them. Cap with a layer of noodles.

Add four more layers of squash puree, sweet potato slices, cheese and noodles, in that order. Top the final cap of noodles with remaining cheese, but no squash puree.

Cover the lasagna with foil and bake for 30 minutes. Uncover and bake an additional 10 minutes. Remove from the oven and let stand for 5 minutes before serving.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.

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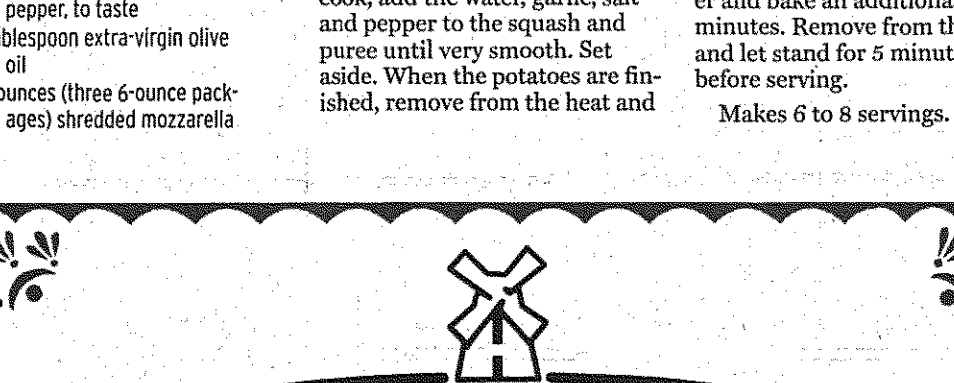
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Watch ingredients, temperature when baking



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Gerald Matthes

For the aspiring Artisan bread baker, baking at home can be very frustrating. you wouldn't think so – with so many "how to" books available. Truth is, though, many of these are full of beautiful photographs and misleading information and recipes that just do not work.

At the Give Thanks Bakery, we are often asked to help. Customers ask "why can't my multigrain come out like yours?" Or, "where can I get flour like you use?" Or, "if I were to get one book, which one would you recommend?"

I have a lot of empathy for people in such a quandary because 10 years ago (Give Thanks opened only 4 1/2 years ago), I was baking at home, with mixed results. Often I produced a brick rather than an irresistible loaf. So, within the space limitations of this article I thought I would try and provide some information to make things easier.

THE RIGHT INGREDIENTS

Flour is the primary ingredient and it's important to avoid using bleached or bromated flour. Instead, visit your health food store. There you will find a pure flour, without chemicals. You can select an organic one or not – your preference.

At the Give Thanks Bakery we use the flour selected by the National Baking Center as the one closest to the flour used for Artisan bread in France. We buy it in 50 pound bags. If you are baking at home quite often, we will sell you a bag for the price we pay, as long as we have a good amount in our supply room.

Water is the next important ingredient. My advice to you is to avoid taking water from the faucet.

Chances are the chlorine level will be high and that impairs the flavor of bread. Instead, use bottled spring water or distilled water.

You will need a little salt. It's not critical, but we prefer sea salt. A number of supermarkets now carry it.

A starter (or pre-ferment) will be far preferable to using commercial yeast. In previous articles in this newspaper I have described how to prepare a Biga starter and a Poolish starter. And I have offered to provide a small amount of our sourdough starter – from which you can grow your own continual supply. Just phone ahead if you're interested in this, so that we have sufficient prepared to give you some.

Lastly, when all the ingredients have been mixed and kneaded together there is one more important factor for you to consider – temperature. The dough at that stage should be between 75º and 78º F. Then, you know you're on the right track.

THE RIGHT RECIPE

Your local bookstore will probably have a lot of books with recipes. Beware. Many of them just do not work well.

The book I trust is called *Bread Alone* by Daniel Leader.

It's terrific for not just recipes but also chapters on technique, relevant experiences, etc. It's a great book to have. In past months' bread columns I have provided recipes for Challah, Apple bread and a country bread from the Altamura region in Italy. More recipes will appear in the months ahead. (If you would like copies of past recipes, just come by The Give Thanks Bakery in Rochester and we'll be happy to make them for you.)

OK. You have used the right ingredients and recipes that really work. Now it's important to give your precious loaves the right conditions during the baking time.

First thing to do is to equip your home oven with terra cotta tiles. These will retain the heat and give your loaves a good strong crust. You can buy the tiles (usually a set of nine) in a metal tray from a store like Williams Sonoma or the King Arthur's Flour Catalog.

Next, you will get better results when baking if you can introduce steam into the oven. There are two ways you can accomplish this. One would be to place a cast iron dish, filled with water, on the floor of the oven.

An alternative is to use a spray bottle and mist the oven just before sliding the loaves onto the tiles. And again, about five minutes into the bake.

Finally, oven temperature. Quite often, home bakers bake at too low a temperature. Most of our Artisan loaves are baked at 485º F.

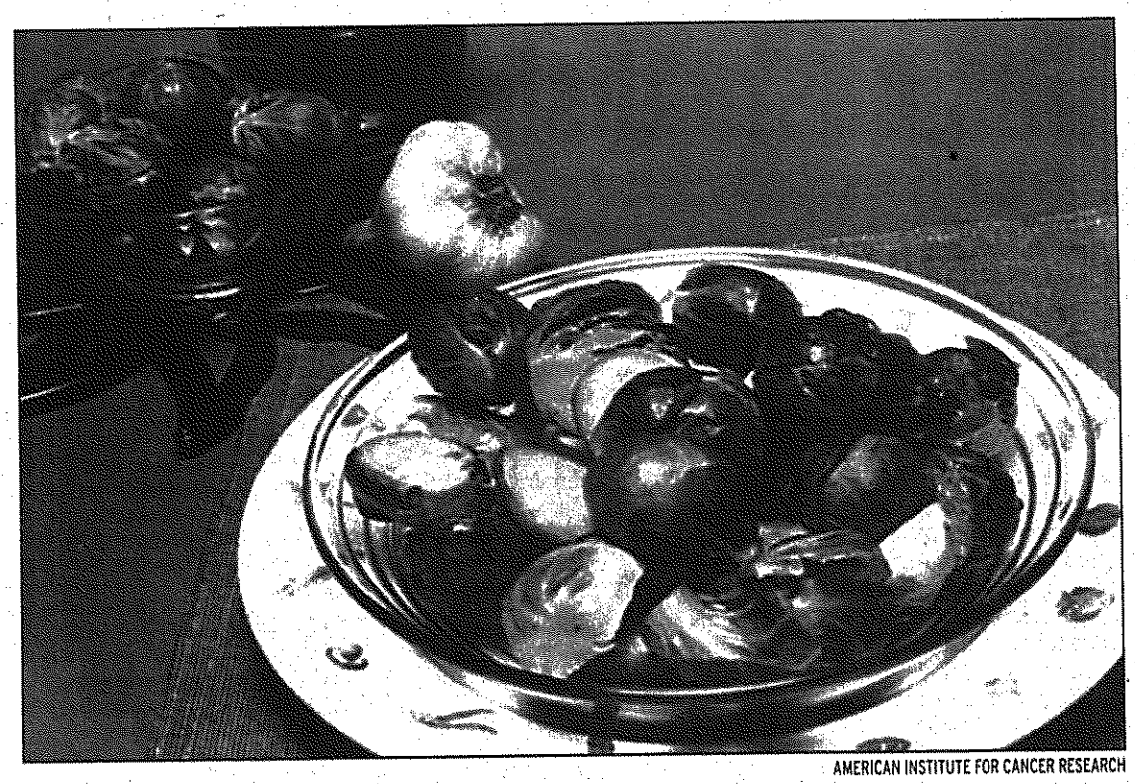
The exceptions are the breads made with eggs, butter or milk in the dough.

Then, the temperature needs to be much lower – around 325º F. When you start baking at higher temperatures and you find the loaves are becoming too dark, you can drape a sheet of foil over them, when you judge the color is perfect. Then they can continue in the oven without becoming darker.

Well, that's more than enough for you to remember. Now, relax and enjoy the whole experience of making Artisan bread.

The more you do it, the better the results will be. And the more your friends will be putting in their orders for your next creation.

Gerald Matthes is the owner of Give Thanks Bakery in Rochester. Visit www.givethanksbakery.com or call (248) 601-1542.



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Use broth instead of water when braising Brussels sprouts because it adds flavor.

Not your grandmother's Brussels sprouts

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

If you hated Brussels sprouts when you were young because they tasted strong and bitter, it is definitely time to try them again. Today's Brussels sprouts are sweeter and milder-tasting than you may recall, especially if you have avoided them since childhood.

Originally, Brussels sprouts were strictly a home garden vegetable, where they made for a striking sight: miniature cabbages rising in spiraling rows around a rigid, waist-high stalk. Here and there, cabbage-like leaves flutter out from the stalk to shelter the individual sprouts from sun and rain as they mature.

Today, you can buy these stalks at farmers' markets. When you get one home, take your pick. You can cut off the mature sprouts that cluster around the bottom of the stalk, or pick off the finger nail-size babies near the top, which are tender enough to toss into a salad.

Around 1900, when commercial farmers first started cultivating the Brussels sprouts most of us know, they sought out varieties that would be less time-consuming and labor-intensive to harvest. By the 1960s, they succeeded, growing only those varieties that were easiest to pick. Unfortunately, they tasted so bitter that people were turned off.

Recently, as interest in eating and enjoying vegetables has increased, growers have finally responded by cultivating Brussels sprout varieties that meet their needs while tasting far better, too.

At the store, look for loose Brussels sprouts. Pick out sprouts around the same size, as small as you can find. Buy only as much as you plan to cook within a few days, because their bitterness increases as they age.

My favorite method is braising them, which means briefly sautéing the sprouts in a pan which holds them in one layer, using just enough oil to coat them, adding liquid, and gently simmering them until tender-crisp.

I always use broth instead of water because it adds flavor.

On special occasions, I take time to halve or quarter the sprouts lengthwise so the broth penetrates their layers, and I cook them uncovered so the flavor concentrates as the broth evaporates.

Cooking Brussels sprouts uncovered also reduces the "cabbage" flavor, though it takes longer and requires more liquid.

BRAISED BRUSSELS SPROUTS

1 container (about 10 ounces) fresh Brussels sprouts, preferably small ones
2 teaspoons olive oil
1 large garlic clove, cut lengthwise in 3
½ cup fat-free reduced-sodium chicken broth
Pinch of dried red pepper flakes (optional)
Salt and freshly ground black pepper slices

Cut off hard end at bottom of each Brussels sprout. With your fingers, pull off one or two layers of outer leaves and discard. Small Brussels sprouts can remain whole but large ones should be cut in half lengthwise.

Heat oil in a medium nonstick skillet over medium-high heat.

Sauté garlic until lightly colored on both sides, turning pieces once, about 1 minute in all. Remove garlic from pan and set aside.

Add Brussels sprouts to pan, stirring with wooden spoon until they are bright green, 1-2 minutes. Pour in broth.

Return garlic to pan. Add pepper flakes, if using. Reduce heat to simmer, cover and gently simmer just until Brussels sprouts are tender, about 6 minutes.

Season Brussels sprouts to taste with salt and pepper, and serve. Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 52 calories, 2 g. total fat (<1 g. saturated fat), 7 g. carbohydrate, 3 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 90 g. sodium.

Dana Jacobi is the author of The Joy of Soy and a writer for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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Learn about healthy soup presentations during November, free to the public at the following Weight Watchers meeting rooms: 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
Great Ways with Fish will be taught at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, at Bonnie's Patisserie, 29229 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Other classes include Good Food Fast, Monday, Dec. 1; and Holiday Treats, Monday, Dec. 8. Classes are $35. Call (248) 357-4540 for information.

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.-2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 4. Class is $30 per person. For information call (248) 377-2300.

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.

Taste Fest 2003
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.

Wassail Feast
Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute presents its 18th annual Wassail Feast at the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, on the third floor in the campus' Building J.
The Wassail dinner is a contemporary version of an "Olde English" holiday feast with five courses prepared and served by the institute's students and chef instructors. Appropriate wines are included, and jesters, merrymakers, singers and musicians are on hand to make the event memorable. Admission is $50 per person and reservations must be made in advance. Call (248) 522-3703 for tickets. The Orchard Ridge campus is located at 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696. Parking is free in nearby campus lots.

Cookie Walk
Delight yourself in all kinds of Christmas cookies on a Christmas Cookie Walk 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at St. Michael's Orthodox Church, 26355 W. Chicago, Redford (between Beech Daly and Inkster.) Cookies will be sold by the pound.

Make a Gingerbread House
A fun, holiday project where each student (grades K-6) creates his/her own Gingerbread House using snow icing, then decorates it with a variety of candies. It makes a wonderful holiday decoration and a great gift (use it as a surprise box and hide gifts of money inside). Each is a unique work of art. The class is presented by Ginger Works and is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 16, at Derby Middle School, Room 115. The class fee is $13 per person. For registration and information, please call 248-203-3800.

Parent and child workshop
Together a parent and child will assemble and decorate an extra-large gingerbread house, approximately 4 pounds (or about 10-by-12 inches) made of sweet, fragrant gingerbread with lots of icing and candy. Please bring a cardboard box to carry it home. This class will be presented by Ginger Works, 10- 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20 at Derby Middle School, Room 115. The class fee is $30. For registration and information, please call 248-203-3800.

CHICKEN

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Book (Fog City Press). It will change your perception of soup for good.

SPICY CHICKEN AND CORN SOUP

Soups improve in flavor when allowed to mature a day or two before being served. This soup can be made a day ahead. This recipe calls for cilantro, also known as fresh coriander.

This strongly flavored herb is popular in Asian, Indian, Latin American and Middle Eastern cooking. To store, rinse under cold running water and shake dry, then wrap in paper towels and keep in a plastic bag in the refrigerator for up to one week.

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, sliced
- 5 ounces chorizo (Spanish cured spicy sausage), chopped
- 2 onions, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- ¼ teaspoon chile powder
- 3 cups chicken stock
- 3 cups tomato juice
- 2½ tablespoons tomato paste
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 2 zucchini, chopped
- 1 can red kidney beans, rinsed, drained
- 1 can corn kernels, drained
- 2½ tablespoons chopped cilantro
- Salt and ground pepper

For the soup: Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat and cook the chicken and chorizo in batches, stirring, until lightly browned; remove from pan and set aside. Add the onions and garlic to the pan and cook, stirring, until the onions soften. Add the cumin and chile powder and cook, stirring, until fragrant, about one minute.

Stir in the stock, tomato juice, tomato paste and sugar and bring to a boil. Add the bell peppers and zucchini and simmer, uncovered, about five minutes or until just tender. Stir in the reserved chicken and chorizo, the beans, corn and cilantro.

Simmer, uncovered, until heated through. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

SOUPS

FROM PAGE D1

up your ability to fight disease – all in one bowl.

HEARTY VEGETABLE SOUP

- 2 medium zucchini, sliced thin
- 2 medium carrots, sliced¼ inch thick
- 10 mushrooms, sliced
- 2 ribs celery, sliced¼ inch thick
- 15½-ounce can corn, drained
- 1 russet potato, peeled, cut into 1-inch chunks
- ½ pound green beans cut in half diagonally
- 4 cups (1 quart) vegetable broth
- 3 cups canned crushed tomatoes, drained
- ½ cup chopped fresh parsley
- ½ cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 tablespoon chopped garlic
- ¼ cup chopped fresh basil (or 2 teaspoons dried)
- ¼ cup chopped fresh oregano (or 2 teaspoons dried)
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Combine zucchini, carrots, mushrooms, celery, corn, potatoes and green beans in heavy large soup pot. Add vegetable broth, tomatoes, parsley, cilantro, garlic, basil and oregano. Bring mixture to boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer until vegetables are tender, about 20 minutes.

With slotted spoon, take 3 cups of vegetables from pot and put in blender or food processor. Add 1/4 cup cooking liquid. Puree until smooth. Stir puree into rest of soup. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Bring soup to simmer. Heat through and serve.

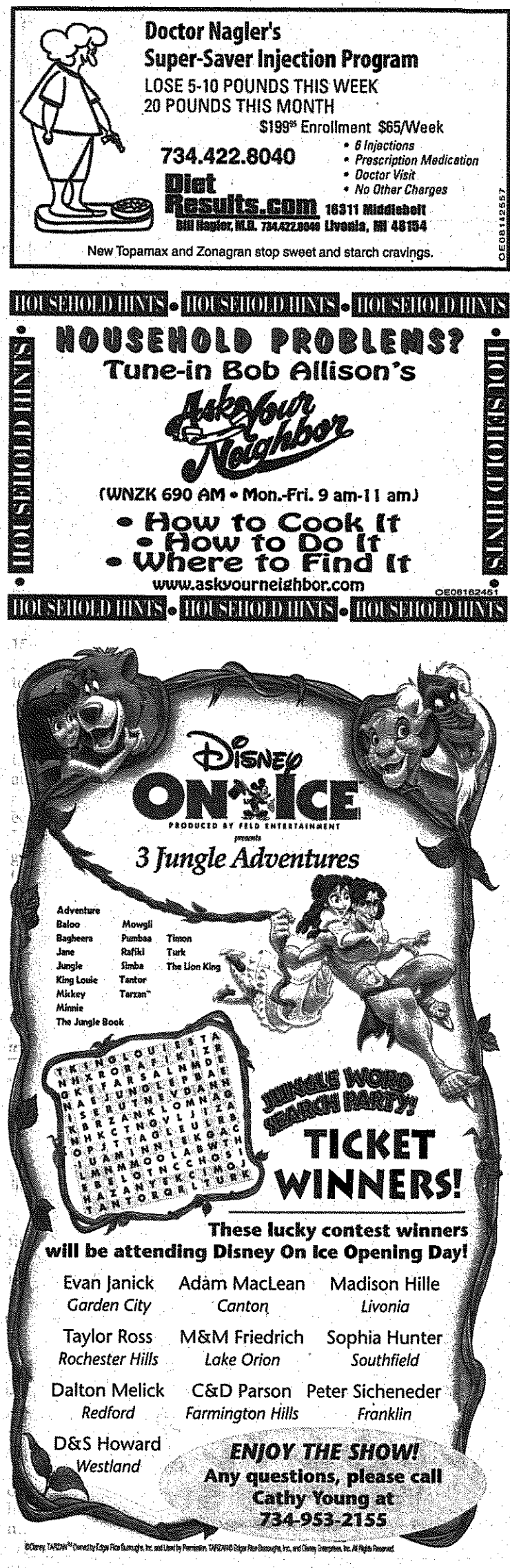
Makes 8 servings.

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Triple chocolate cookie captures grand prize

When she set out to create the "ultimate" oatmeal cookie, Beth Royals of Richmond, Va., figured she couldn't go wrong with the popular combination of chocolate and oatmeal.

Her recipe, One-Bowl Triple Chocolate Oatmeal Jumbles, captured the $6,250 Grand Prize in the "Search For The Ultimate Oatmeal Cookie" Recipe Contest, co-sponsored by Quaker Oats and Blue Bonnet, a brand of ConAgra Foods.

With two little cookie monsters of her own, Royals likes to keep her cookie jar filled with homemade cookies but doesn't have a lot of time to bake. These chewy, chocolatey oatmeal chippers call for just five ingredients and one bowl so they can be an "everyday" treat rather than saved for a special occasion.

A devil's food cake mix is the secret to keeping the ingredient list short and preparation super simple-just stir, drop and bake!

"Everybody is so busy that the fewer ingredients a recipe has the more likely it will be made," explained Royals, who often creates new recipes using ingredients from her pantry shelf.

Cake mix, oats, eggs, margarine and chocolate chips are all ingredients that moms who bake tend to keep on hand. Royals' choice of white and semi-sweet chocolate chips enhances the flavor and appearance of these family-pleasing cookies.

Baking with Quaker Oats and Blue Bonnet comes naturally to Royals. "Both of these baking ingredients have been around a long time, and I associate them with quality and consistency. You just know your recipe will turn out right."

Royals entered her winning recipe in the "Easy Everyday Cookies & Bars" category. The contest had one additional category, "Special Occasion Cookies & Bars" and a total of 30 prizes.

In addition to the Grand Prize, two $1,000 first prizes and two $250 second prizes were awarded. Twenty-five honorable mention winners each received $50 and a Quaker heritage cookie tin.

One-Bowl Triple Chocolate Oatmeal Jumbles

½ cup (1 stick) Blue Bonnet 65% vegetable oil spread
1 package (18.25 oz.) devil's food cake mix
2 cups Old Fashioned Quaker Oats, uncooked
3 eggs
⅔ cup each white chocolate and semisweet chocolate chips

Heat oven to 350°F. Place spread in large microwavable bowl; cover loosely with waxed paper. Microwave on high (100%) 30 seconds or until melted; cool slightly. Add remaining ingredients. Stir until well blended (dough will be very stiff).

Drop dough by level one-fourth measuring cupfuls 2 inches apart onto ungreased cookie sheets; flatten slightly.

Bake 13-17 minutes, just until set. (Do not overbake. Centers should be soft.) Let stand on cookie sheets one minute; using wide spatula, transfer to wire racks. Cool completely. Makes two dozen cookies.

Baker's Notes: Devil's food cake mix with or without pudding may be used. To substitute quick (1 minute) oats, decrease oats to 1½ cups. Cookies will not be quite as fudgy as with old fashioned (five minute) oats.

Nutrition Information: 1 large cookie

Calories 190, Calories from fat 90, Total Fat 10g, Saturated Fat 3.5g, Cholesterol 25mg, Sodium 210mg, total Carbohydrates 24g, Dietary Fiber 1g, Protein 3g.

Chicken taco-puff pie is easy to prepare

Mexican continues to be one of the best liked ethnic food trends. Delight your family with this popular taste in an easy-to-prepare recipe – Chicken-Taco Puff Pie.

Make a puffy crust from Original Bisquick and eggs and spread into a prepared pie plate.

Spoon refrigerated, fully-cooked seasoned shredded chicken over the batter, top with your family's favorite cheese and bake. In the 20 minutes it takes to bake you can catch up on your kid's school day, start a load of laundry or put your feet up and watch the evening's headlines.

Chicken-Taco Puff Pie

1 cup Original Bisquick mix
3 eggs
1 cup taco sauce with seasoned shredded chicken
1 package (4 ounces) shredded taco-seasoned or Cheddar cheese (1 cup)

Heat oven to 400 degrees Fl Spray 9-inch pie plate with cooking spray.

Stir Bisquick mix and eggs until blended. Spread in pie plate.

Spoon taco sauce with chicken by tablespoonfuls onto batter; sprinkle with cheese.

Bake about 20 minutes or until golden brown. 5 servings.

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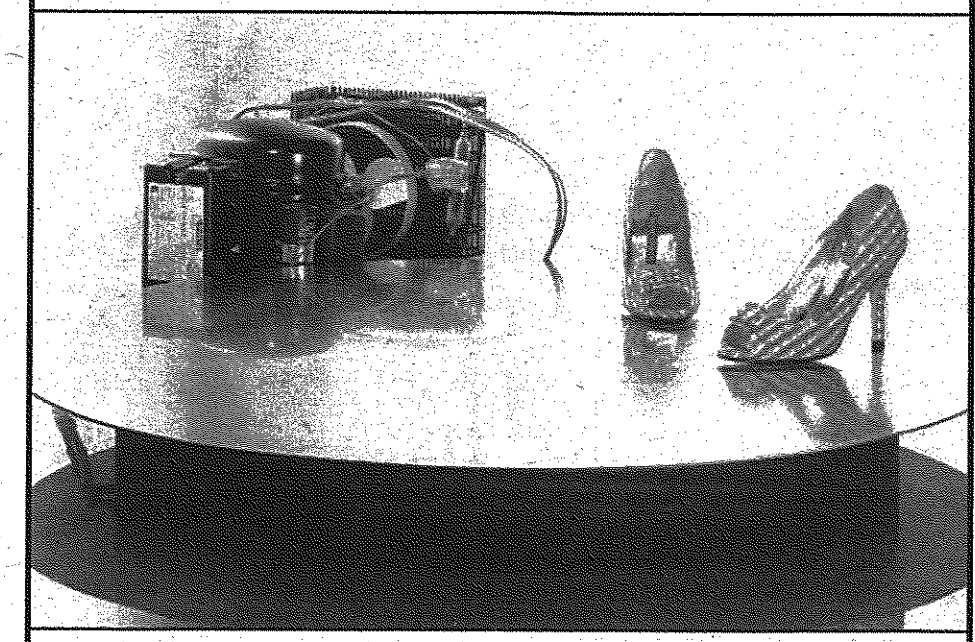
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Art

Ride the edge at DIA's latest exhibit

How would Andy Warhol portray the pride and joy of the Motor City — the automobile?

At *On the Edge: Contemporary Art from the DaimlerChrysler Collection*, on display through Jan. 18 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, visitors can find out.

Among the 100 contemporary works presented are four silk screens of Mercedes-Benz vehicles by the 15-minutes-of-fame artist.

The exhibit marks the launch of an international tour of the corporate art collection, which began its formation in 1977 and now comprises 1,300 pieces by about 300 artists.

"I am absolutely thrilled that the Detroit Institute of Arts is presenting an extensive selection from the DaimlerChrysler Collection as our major fall exhibition," said Graham W. J. Beal, DIA director.

The works are presented in 11 theme-organized galleries. Mediums include oil, digital ink, video, installation, photography and multi-media.

The exhibit focuses on work done in the last 40 years, covering concrete and constructive art, as well as minimal and conceptual art.

The approach draws attention to "the unusually wide array of contemporary media – video and installation art that differentiates this corporate art collection from so many others," said Beal.

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What: 'On the Edge,' Contemporary Art from the DaimlerChrysler Collection.
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Where: Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit.
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Send, fax or e-mail information about gallery openings and receptions to Keely Kaleski, assistant managing editor features, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009, fax (248) 644-1314, e-mail: kkaleski@oe.homecomm.net

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Visit Dickensian London with new Meadow Brook exhibit

They say a picture is worth a thousand words.

The 19th century photographs displayed in *Dickensian London and the Photographic Image*, certainly speak on many levels and about more than one subject.

The exhibit of images, film and artifacts, open through Nov. 16 at Meadow Brook Art Gallery on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills, traverses European history, the development of photography, sociology, media studies and, of course, the literature of Charles Dickens.

"These images conjure up the ethos of Dickens' works," said Dick Goody, the art gallery's director.

Dickens, who wrote *Great Expectations* and *Oliver Twist*, is famous for his lively but dark portrayals of London. What's interesting about *Dickensian London* is the fact that its images nearly approximate the time period in which Dickens was writing and publishing.

Dickensian London's 50 images, then, contrast Dickens' narrative realism with a graphic one.

The images capture the dark, somber streets of London that include several decaying inns and residential dwellings. St. Paul's Cathedral can been seen in at least one of the photographs.

WHAT THE DICKENS DO YOU SEE?

What: *Dickensian London and the Photographic Imagination*, an exhibit of 19th century photographs of London.
When: Through Sunday. Gallery open noon to 5 p.m. Thursday-Sunday.
Where: Meadow Brook Art Gallery, 208 Wilson Hall, campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills.
Admission: No charge, call (248) 370-3005 or visit www.oakland.edu/mbag



MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY/GEORGE EASTMAN HOUSE INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHY AND FILM

'Street Doctor,' 1876 by John Thomson is one of 50 19th century photographs from the George Eastman House Collection on display at Meadow Brook Art Gallery.

STARK PORTRAIT

Many of the images are focused on the people of London, offering a stark portrait of life in the city during the Victorian era.

Homeless, taken in the mid-1800s, depicts the desperation of a small boy who lives on the street. Head in hands, shoeless and wearing torn pants, the boy could be Dickens' Oliver.

The photographs come courtesy of the George Eastman House International Museum of Photography and Film and the American Museum of Photography.

At least 10 photographers, some of whom are anonymous, are represented.

Claude Baillargeon, an Oakland University professor of art history who specializes in photography, served as the exhibit's curator.

Another faculty member assembled clips of movies based on Dickens' stories into a 23-minute video.

No doubt of great interest to many visitors is the displayed daguerreotype, a light sensitive metallic plate representing the earliest stage in photography's development.

Interestingly, Dickens is said to have had mostly harsh words for photography, at the time both an artistic and a scientific endeavor that fascinated just about everybody.

Dickens had a problem with the amount of time one had to wait to have a picture taken, said Goody.

"He didn't like having to sit for more than a minute."

But, hey, that was candid photography back then.

Big screen

Give yourself a present and go see 'Elf'

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

Buddy the Elf, a thirtysomething man who's enjoyed a blissfully naive existence cobbling toys at the North Pole, craves any food loaded with sugar.

He covers a plate of pasta with jelly beans, Pop Tart pieces and maple syrup, then gleefully crams fistfuls of the glucose-infused glop into his mouth. And that's just for breakfast.

Elf director Jon Favreau goes easier on the sweet stuff, however.

The screenplay writer and star of *Swingers* has made a Christmas movie that's almost edgy. And as Buddy, Will Ferrell brings a boundless boyish enthusiasm to the role that's infectious.

It's a joy to watch Ferrell in action – and he's constantly in action, thanks to his perpetual sugar rush – because he seems to have genuine affection for this character. He never plays down to Buddy, never treats him like he's slow or goofy. He plays him like an innocent kid stuck inside a 6-foot-3 (1.9-meter) man's body, and he makes you want to wrap your arms around him and protect him from the Scrooges outside the walls of Santa's workshop.

PLEASE SEE **ELF, E7**



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Will Ferrell (left) stars as Buddy and Zooey Deschanel as Jovie in 'Elf.'

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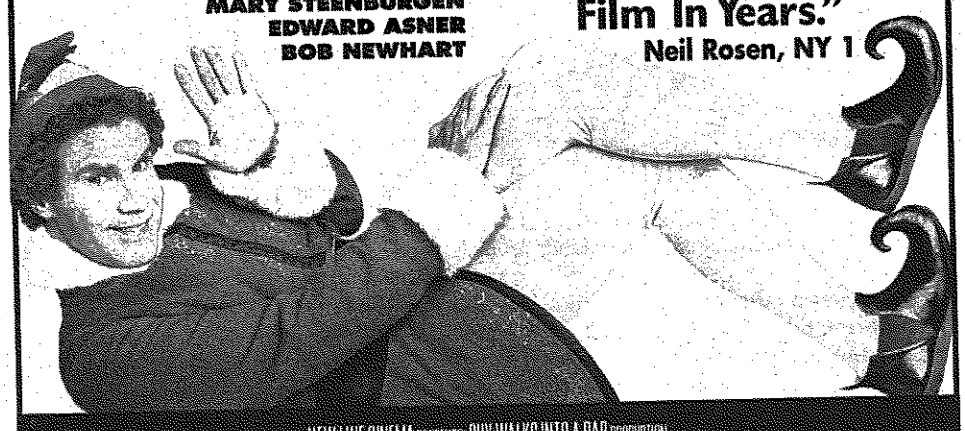
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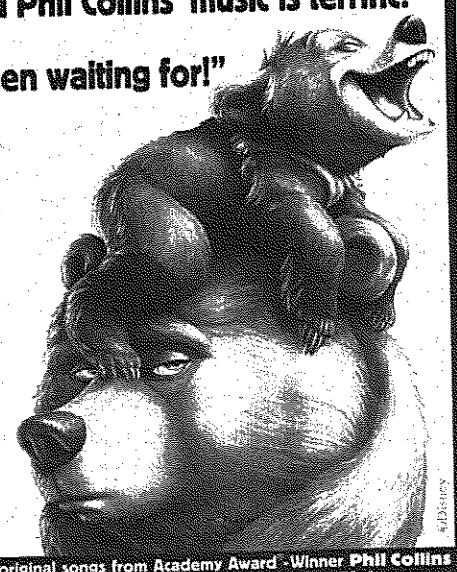
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'Cemetery Man' offers lively look at the dead

There's so much good stuff in *Cemetery Man* that it's difficult to describe it all.

The Italian masterwork (originally known as *Dellamorte/Dellamore*) has been largely overlooked, even by aficionados of such films, and that's a shame.



Beyond Bad

Greg Kowalski

Cemetery Man is one of the quirkiest films to come along in years.

Francesco Dellamorte is the caretaker of the local cemetery, which he maintains with the help of his rotund assistant named Nogi, who never speaks, only grunts and eats spaghetti with his fingers. The cemetery is a peaceful place, but has one peculiar feature. After seven days, the dead return to life. In fact, within the first 30 seconds of the movie, Francesco dispatches one of the dead who appears at his front door using a pistol he keeps around for just such occasions. The only way to permanently kill the dead is with a bullet through or a shovel to the head.

Francesco and Nogi keep the dead in their place, for the most part, but their appearances do create some awkward situations. One fellow claws his way out of the ground just as Francesco and the fellow's widow are in a rather compromising position on his grave. How they got there in the first place is another interesting sidelight.

The dead are dangerous, however, as their purpose in life, er, death, is to bite the living so they can also return from the dead.

If this isn't bizarre enough, things really do get weird when the mayor's daughter is run over by a bus. Nogi had a real thing for her, so much so that he threw up on her the first time he met her. If that isn't love, I don't know what is.

Nogi can't wait for her to return from the dead, so he unearths her coffin but accidentally pulls her head off.

No matter, she likes the big lug and is quite content to take up residence in his smashed TV set (which was shot to pieces when Francesco blew off the heads of a troop of Boy Scouts who were in the bus that ran over the mayor's daughter and then flew off a cliff).

And so it goes - A thoroughly mad work that is made to seem normal by the matter-of-fact way all deal with their bizarre lot.

There are moments of utter grotesqueness and vile gore mixed with hilarity. The look on Francesco's face when he blows apart Nogi's beloved TV is priceless. The film tends to drift into metaphysics toward the second half as Francesco deals with the reality of life and death.

But the ending is a stunner as Francesco and Nogi trade places.

Cemetery Man is definitely worth a trip to the video store. You may have to do some searching or check into Thomas Video in Clawson.

Greg Kowalski cherishes Italian horror films above everything else in the world. Well, almost everything. He can be reached at (248) 901-2570 or by e-mail at gkowalski@oe.homecomm.net.



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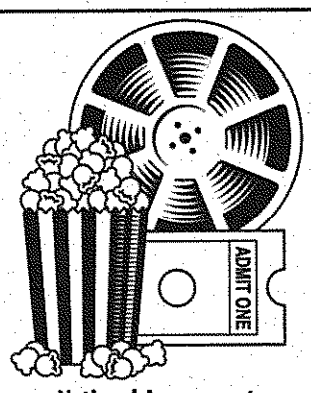


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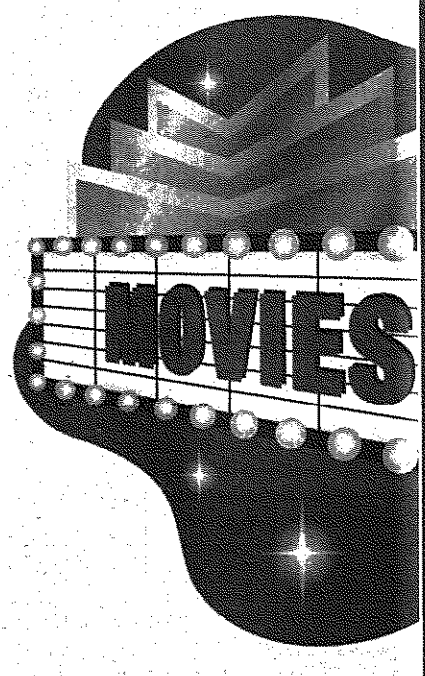
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As a *Saturday Night Live* alum, he early has no qualms about making a fool himself for the big laugh.

Elf begins with a flashback, narrated by apa Elf (Bob Newhart), which explains ow Buddy sneaked into Santa's toy sack an orphaned infant on Christmas Eve. pon returning to the North Pole, Santa (a onderfully unjolly Ed Asner) decides the oy should stay, and the elves raise him as ne of their own.

After a lifetime of crouching through tiny elfin doorways and squatting on tiny elfin chairs, Buddy is shocked to learn he's not an elf – he's a grown man with a father in New York City who doesn't know he exists. So he sets out to find Walter (James Caan), even though the callous children's book publisher is on the naughty list.

David Berenbaum's script really picks up, and the best sight gags and fish-out-of-water jokes come, after Buddy hits Manhattan (which he reaches by creeping carefully through the Lincoln Tunnel). He bounces through the city in his uniform – festive green jacket, yellow tights, pointy green hat – spinning through revolving doors and waving at hardened New Yorkers.

"I just like to smile," he responds when asked why he always appears so happy. "Smiling's my favorite."

Walter thinks Buddy's a nut when he shows up in full yuletide splendor at his Empire State Building publishing office, but has to accept him when a blood test proves this person is indeed his son. Walter's wife and son (Mary Steenburgen and Daniel Tay, among the solid supporting cast) eventually warm to him, too.

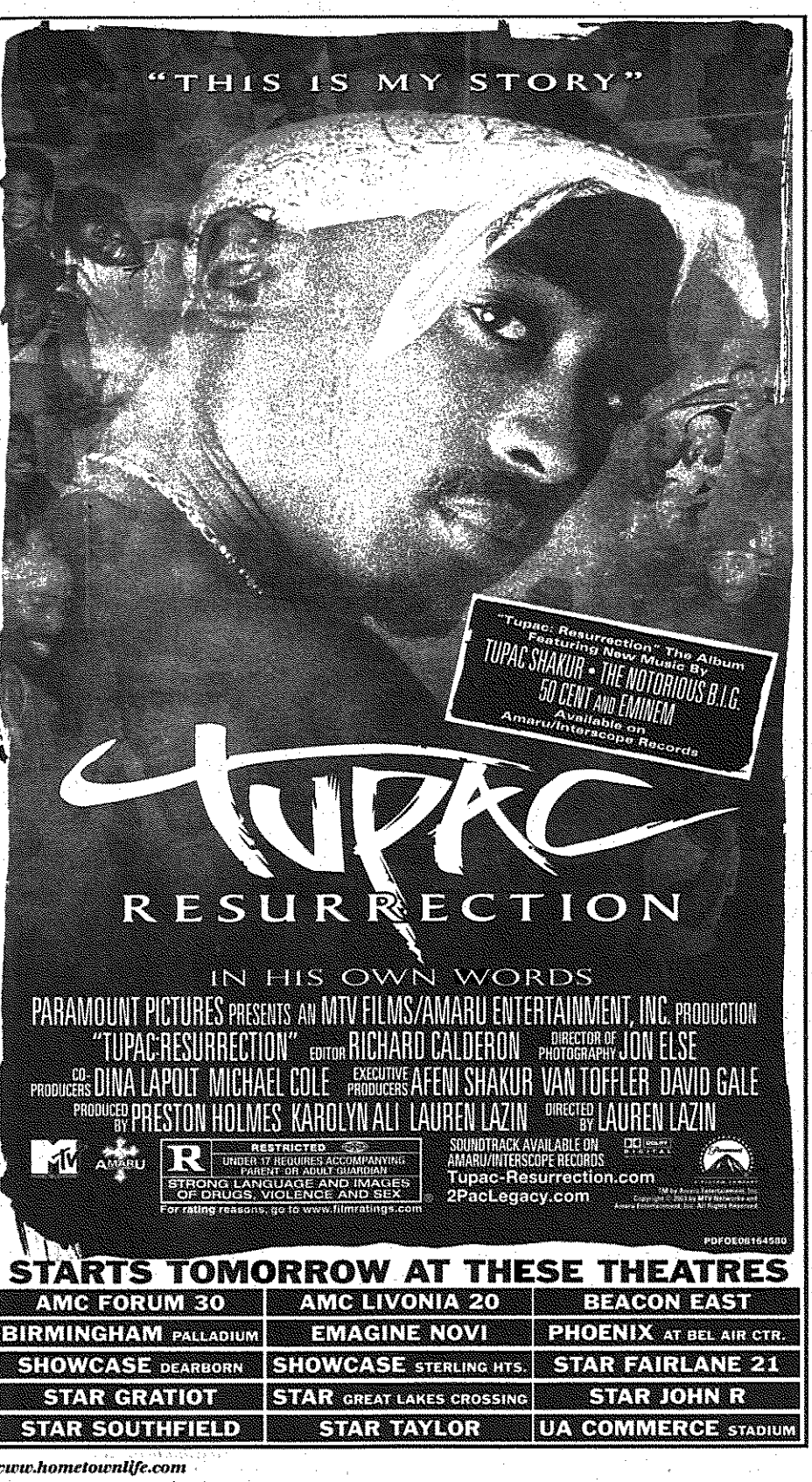
Speaking of the supporting cast, many of the choices are totally genius.

Besides Newhart and Asner, Zooey Deschanel charms as the fair-haired object of Buddy's affections, and Andy Richter and Kyle Gass have some funny scenes as Walter's useless underlings.

But as an egomaniacal children's book author – a dwarf whom Buddy mistakes for an elf – Peter Dinklage seizes the scene he's in and doesn't let go. It would have been a disarming performance anyway, but it's especially forceful compared to the quiet dignity he brought this year to his starring role in *The Station Agent*.

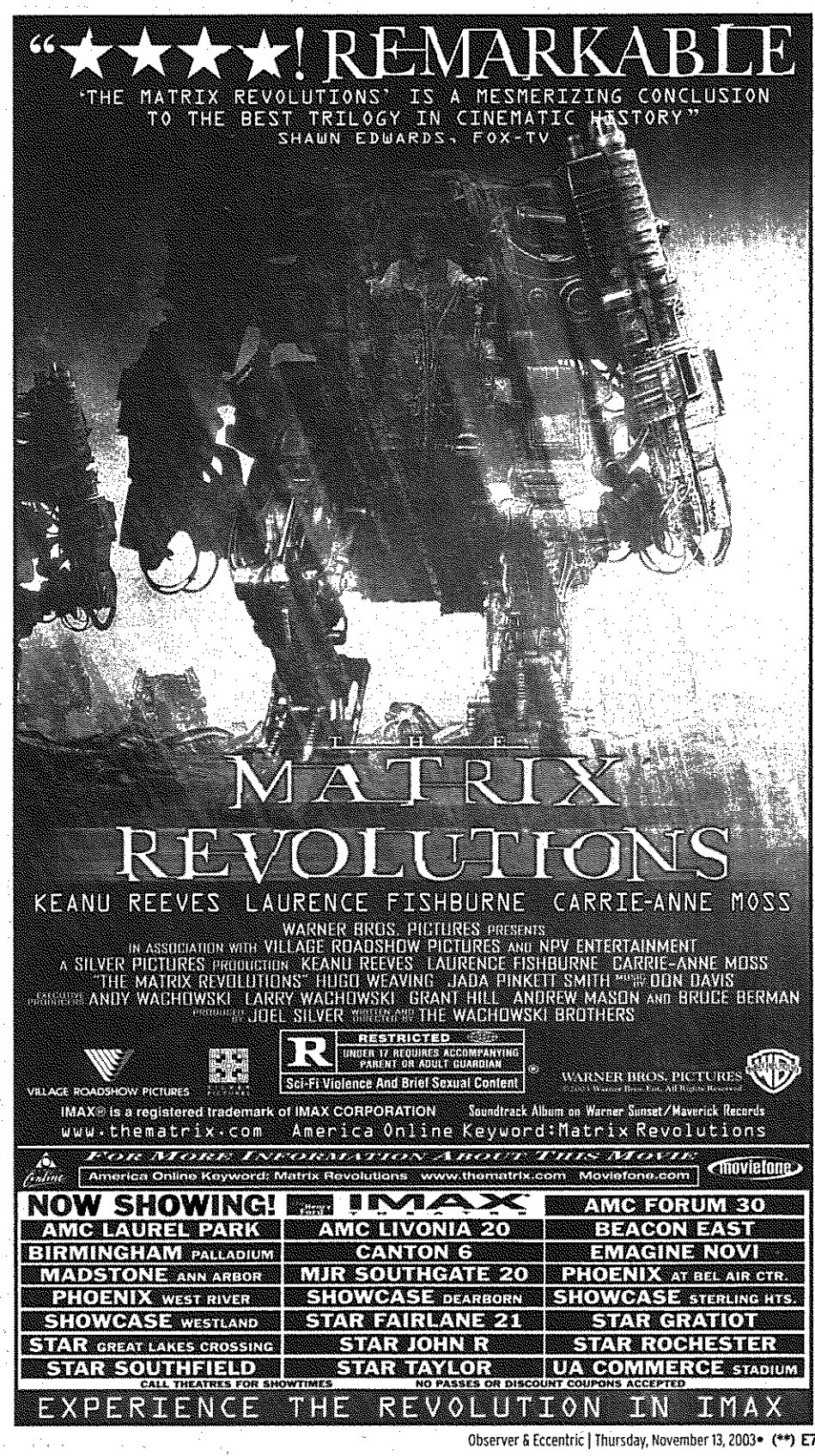
Sure, *Elf* feels a little too feel-good at the end, but what do you expect? It's a Christmas movie! Anything else would be the cinematic equivalent of finding coal in your stocking.

Elf, a New Line Cinema release, runs 90 minutes. Three stars out of four.



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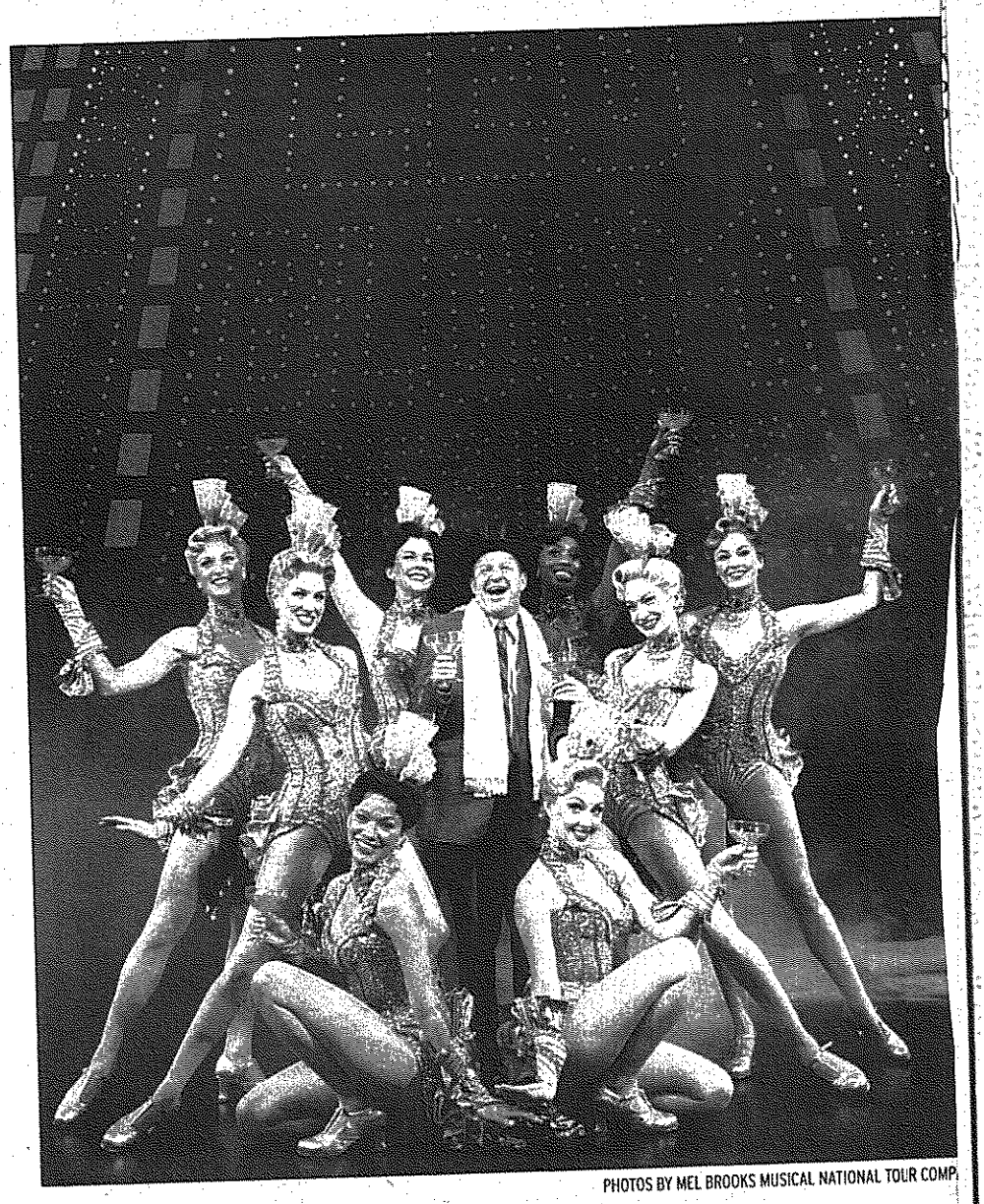
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THE PRODUCERS

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Where: Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit.
Tickets: $27.50-$75, available at the Fisher Theatre box office, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, (313) 872-1000 or visit www.nederlanderdetroit.com; also available through Ticketmaster, (248) 645-6666.

If you haven't heard, there's a big must-see Broadway hit headed to Detroit.

The Producers, the Mel Brooks musical based on his 1968 Academy Award-winning film of the same name, opens Tuesday, Dec. 1, at the Masonic Temple Theatre in Detroit.

The show, which garnered a record-breaking 12 Tony Awards, runs through Sunday, Jan. 11.

And, yes, tickets are available.

"We have four or five weeks to go, so there's plenty of time left," said Alan Lichtenstein, executive director of Nederlander Theater, which operates the Masonic Temple. "And we still have an excellent selection of seats."

But don't wait too long. Although a complete sell-out is unlikely – Masonic Temple boasts a whopping 3,000 seats – some show dates ultimately will become unavailable, said Lichtenstein. If your heart's set on a weekend night, better not linger.

"Obviously, on the weekends, tickets sell out pretty quick. You can always find a ticket on a Tuesday or a Wednesday night, but the earlier you buy the better the selection you will have."

Now, if you didn't know, *The Producers* is a big hit about a planned Broadway flop.

Susan Stroman, winner of five Tony Awards, directed and choreographed *the show.*

THE STORY

As the story goes, down-on-his-luck producer Max Bialystock and his accountant, Leo Bloom, concoct a scheme to raise money to produce a Broadway show that's sure to close as fast as it opens and then pocket the remaining funds.

Bob Amaral, who played Pumbaa in the national tour of *The Lion King*, portrays Bialystock, and Andy Taylor, who originated the role of Howard in *Moon Over Buffalo* with Carol Burnett, co-stars as Bloom.

The producers' choice of play is a little something called, *Springtime for Hitler*. But as if such a prospect doesn't smack of failure, Bialystock and Bloom hire the worst director they can find: the incompetent, yet arrogant, Roger De Bris, who is played by Broadway stage veteran Stuart Marland.

"I think of him as a truck driver in a dress," Marland said from Chicago, where he is currently performing in the show. "It's a very individual role and also very physically demanding."

But all of the roles are quite taxing, he said. There's a lot of singing, dancing and costume changes in *The Producers*.

However, it's Mel Brooks' humor that steals the show. "Nobody escapes the humor of Mel Brooks," Marland said of the musical's sometimes politically incorrect jabs. "But it works, you hear these audiences at matinee shows just screaming with laughter. I mean, they're just beside themselves."

At the same time, *The Producers* is a tribute to the Broadway musical, added Marland. Song and lyrics traverse the world of music, from Leonard Bernstein to Elvis Presley.

The story is warm and entertaining, and the dialogue and choreography is "beautifully crafted for the Broadway stage," said Marland.

"I've done a lot of Broadway shows. This is like a gem, it's totally a love letter to the musical."



THE THEATRE COMPANY

University of Detroit Mercy's The Theatre Company is in its 34th season. Shirley Benyas (left) and Susan Berch star in 'The Children's Hour.'

Not just talk ...

The Theatre Company walks the walk

The Theatre Company doesn't play cute, especially when it comes to play selection.

If anything, the University of Detroit Mercy ensemble takes pride in taking risks and making tough creative choices.

Consider *Lobby Hero*, which opens tonight and runs through Sunday, Nov. 30, at McAuley Auditorium on the university's Outer Drive campus in Detroit.

"It's kind of the hot new play. It's being done all over the country," said Yolanda Fleischer, chair of the school's theater department and the show's director.

The work has been described as a modern-day comic morality play that transcends the categories of comedy and drama.

The Theatre Company's production premieres the play in Michigan.

In it, a luckless security guard, his uptight boss, an over-sexed police officer and his rookie partner are faced with having to *do the right thing*.

The problem: You can't do the right thing until you know what it is.

"These are moral dilemmas that are relevant today," said Fleischer, who lives in West Bloomfield. "There are no easy answers, and that's what makes this play feel contemporary. Today, doing the right thing isn't cut and dry."

Lobby Hero asks other equally joyless, yet pertinent, questions such as: Should we trust other human beings?

"These are four people who are looking for heroes, and they put their trust in people only to be let down," said Fleischer.

"But it is, in the end, a hopeful play, you won't go away depressed."

The play was written by Kenneth Lonergan, screenwriter for the movies *Gangs of New York* and *Analyze This*.

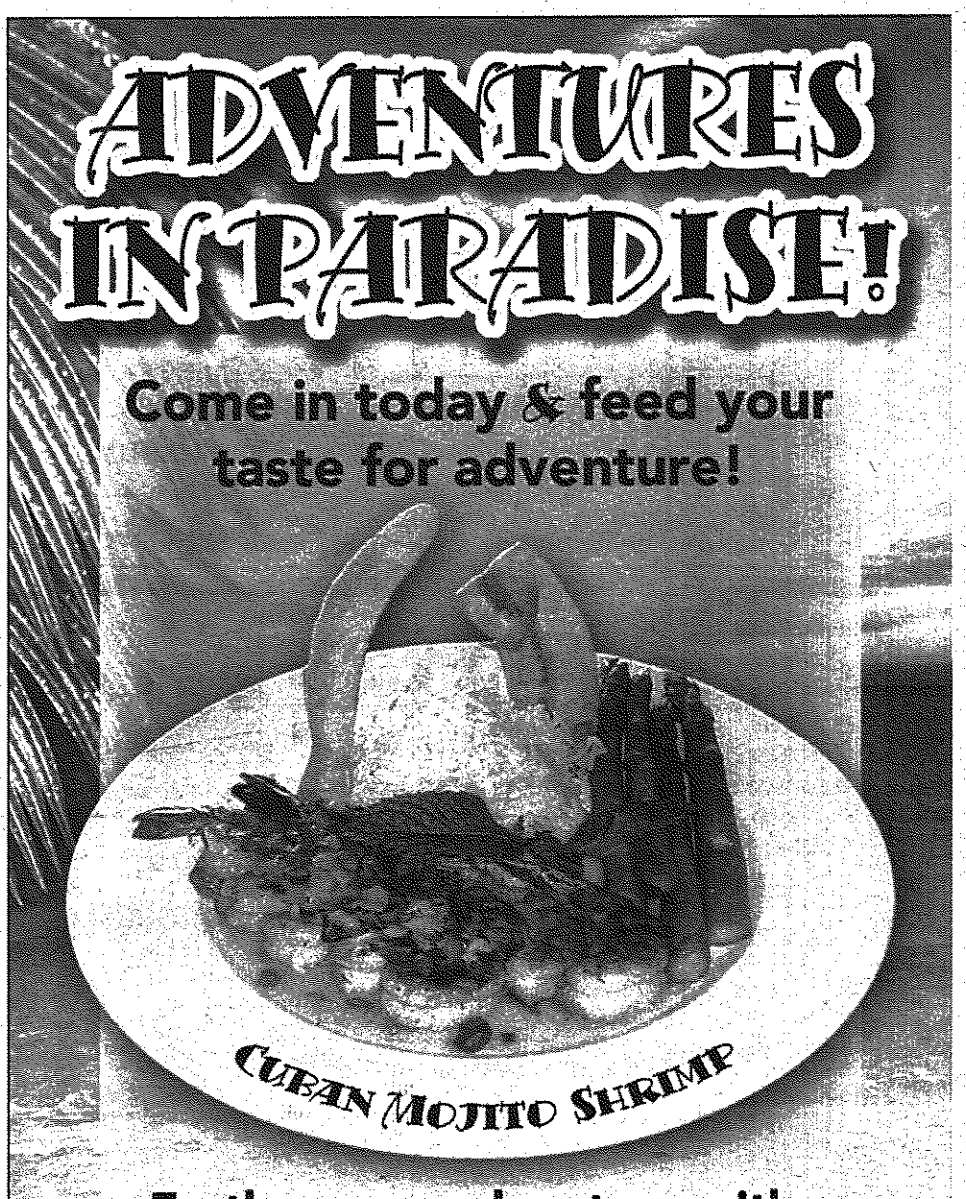
In its 34th season, the Theatre Company has a legacy of undertaking resolute stage works.

After *Lobby Hero*, the 24-member troupe offers up another cutting-edge Michigan premiere, *The Glory of Living* by Rebecca Gilman.

"We never do it for shock," said Fleischer. "It's just that they have more expression potential."

LAUGH AND LEARN

What: *Lobby Hero*, a comedic morality play.
When: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday (no performance on Thanksgiving Day) Thursday, Nov. 13, to Sunday, Nov. 30.
Where: The Theatre Company on the campus of the University of Detroit Mercy, 8200 West Outer Dr., Detroit.
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Sports, good food the goal at Cheli's Chili Bar

BY MIKE MURPHY
CORRESPONDENT

Normally, getting a glimpse of a professional sports star's trophy room is a rare opportunity, but at the recently opened Cheli's Chili Bar, it's an everyday occurrence.

It's all there, from Chris Chelios' days as a Montreal Canadien to his tenure with the Detroit Red Wings.

Spaced in between are mementos from Chris's trip to the 2002 Olympics and a smattering of non-hockey paraphernalia, including a baseball autographed by legend Joe Dimaggio.

For the football fan, there's a helmet signed by Jim Brown and jerseys donated by everyone from Wings favorite Steve Yzerman to football great Dick Butkus.

In case you didn't get the picture, Cheli's Chili Bar in Dearborn is all about sports. From the home plate-shaped wood-finished and marble-topped bar to the 20 television screens strategically placed in the main dining room.

A smaller auxiliary dining room that's accessible through sliding glass doors lies due west of the main dining room; it's been opened most of the time due to the heavy traffic that Cheli's has been enjoying since it opened for business in August.



Chef David Starzyk presents baby back ribs with flash fries and garlic mash potatoes, some of the items you'll find on the menu at Cheli's Chili Bar. Also pictured is tap beer and Death by Chocolate Cake.


STEVE KOVICH | DETROIT RED WINGS
Fans cheer Chris Chelios when he's on the ice playing hockey with the Red Wings, and in Dearborn, where he opened a restaurant that's becoming a popular gathering place.

EXPECT A CROWD

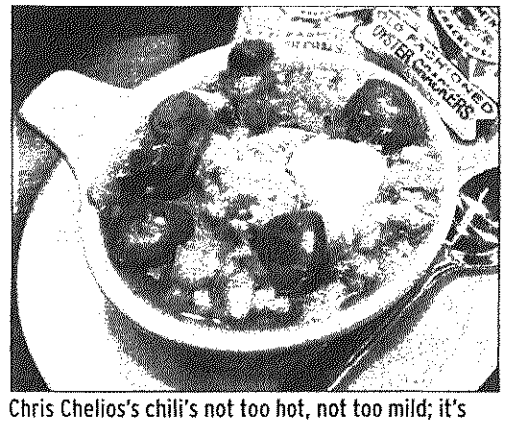
When it's packed, the restaurant holds about 300 customers, and according to chef David Starzyk, customers can expect a crowd. "We've been blessed to have a lot of business," Starzyk said.


Watch the game and munch on nachos or Philly Steak and Cheese with onion rings at Cheli's Chili Bar.

An elevator and staircase lead to an open-air deck that's open during warmer months. Nestled between the two dining rooms downstairs is a VIP player's room where the Wings and other sports celebrities dine when they visit Cheli's.

But Cheli's would simply be a sports museum if it wasn't for the food and drink, which is commandeered by Starzyk, whose list of credits include time at Mike Illith's American Pizza Café, Boss Hog's Smoke House in Livonia, Jack's Waterfront in St. Clair Shores and 220 Merrill Street in Birmingham.

All told, Starzyk brings 30 years experience in cooking and restaurant management to the restaurant, which is owned by Chelios and limited partner and general manager Rob Marano.


Chris Chelios's chili's not too hot, not too mild; it's centerpiece of the restaurant.

EXPANSIVE MENU

Besides being a showcase for Cheli's Chili, which is also being sold at area Farmer Jack's stores, Cheli's boasts an expansive menu, which offers everything from Coney dogs to filet mignon.

Starzyk, who's keenly aware of all the competition for the dining dollar that exists along Michigan Avenue in West Dearborn, where everything from Vietnamese cuisine to Transylvanian fare is offered, said the new restaurant has been holding its own.

"As far as our menu goes, we have our own niche," Starzyk said. "And if you're looking to see a star or an athlete, this is the place to go. We get them all."

Starzyk feels that the West Dearborn location, which is rapidly becoming a destination area for restaurant-goers due to the wide variety of food in the area, has helped Cheli's.

"Dearborn offers a smorgasbord of restaurants," Starzyk said. "There's just so much to choose from. I think that's very unique, especially in such a small area."

Starzyk said the restaurant serves approximately 7,000 meals a week and that the initial menu, expanded to include popular specials, is approved by Chelios.

"It's based on what Chris wants and feedback from our team and Chris," Starzyk said.

The menu includes sandwiches, burgers, grilled fish and chicken and ribs dinners. Chili, which is a tomato-based bean-and-meat-filled favorite, can be zipped up with an arsenal of hot sauces that's part of every table setting. Starzyk said the restaurant serves about 1,300 pounds of its special recipe chili with variations that are available as chili-of-the-day features during the week.

"The chili's great because it's not too hot or too mild and appeals to everyone," Starzyk said.

"It's Chris' recipe and it's the centerpiece of the restaurant."

Starzyk said he believes people keep coming back because the food is fresh and made primarily from scratch.

Whether it's an appetizer like fried calamari and buffalo wings, or main courses such as New York strips and baby back ribs, customers are not served yesterday's catch.

"If we make something today, it will be used today," Starzyk said. "Even our burgers for lunch are hand-pattied every morning, and that's a little unusual."

Cheli's Chile Bar is also kid-friendly, and offers a full kids' menu that includes burgers, macaroni and cheese and chicken dishes.

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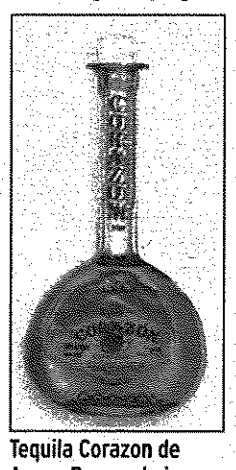
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Ramadan dinner

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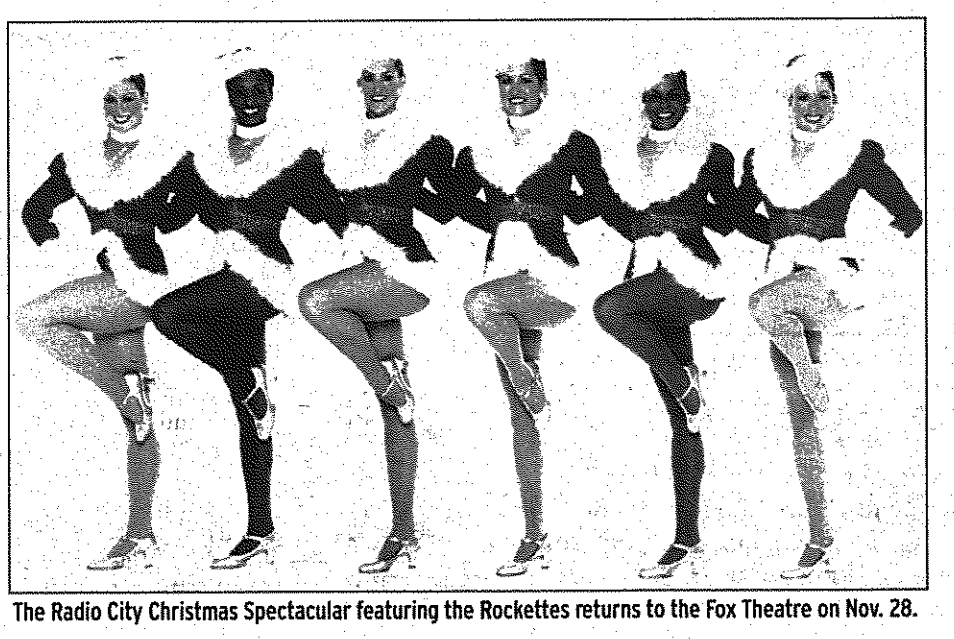
Share your memories and favorite holiday kicks for the chance to win a family four pack of tickets to the 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, performance of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular at the Fox.

Winners will get to meet one of the Rockettes prior to the performance.

Winners will be notified by phone prior to the performance. Look for the winning entries in the Dec. 11 edition of Filter. Three prizes will be awarded.

Send entries by Monday, Dec. 1, to Keely Kaleski, assistant managing editor features, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009. To send a fax, call (248) 644-1314 or e-mail kkaleski@oe.homecomm.net

The Radio City Christmas Spectacular returns to the Fox Theatre Friday, Nov. 28, to Saturday, Dec. 27, with 54 performances. Tickets are $18.50 to $60.50 and can be purchased at the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices and Hockeytown Authentics in Troy (without service charges), and all Ticketmaster outlets.



The Radio City Christmas Spectacular featuring the Rockettes returns to the Fox Theatre on Nov. 28.

To charge by phone call (248) 433-1515. Purchase tickets online at www.ticketmaster.com. For information, call (313) 471-6611 or visit www.OlympiaEntertainment.com

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Meadow Brook Theatre is offering five opportunities to become a member of the *Christmas Carol* tradition and perform onstage with the cast.

By entering the Silent Night Auction you can benefit the new Meadow Brook Theatre Ensemble and create a holiday experience you'll remember for many Christmases to come. Simply choose the performance you would like to bid on by visiting the theater's Web site at www.mbtheatre.com.

If you're the high-bid winner, you and a guest will join the cast of *A Christmas Carol* for that particular show and participate in all the street scenes. The high-bid winner also receives four tickets to that performance.

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The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra celebrates Tango, and the music of Astor Piazzolla, with guest artist Peter Soave at 8 p.m. Saturday at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road.

Pre-concert chat is at 7:15 p.m. Also on the program is Napoli Variations by Herman Bellsted, *Bizet's Faranldol from L'Arlesienne Suite No. 2* and Dvorak's Symphony No. 7 in D Minor. Tickets $17 adults, $15 seniors.

School-age children in grades K-12 are admitted free with an adult.

Call (734) 451-2112 or PSOExecDirect@aol.com.

For information, visit www.plymouth-symphony.org

Renowned pianist Diane Helfers Petrella performs Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 25 in C Major with the Oakland Symphony 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Varner Recital Hall on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills.

Other highlights include Bach's *Concerto For Two Violins* and Dvorak's *Serenade No.1 in E Major, op.22.*

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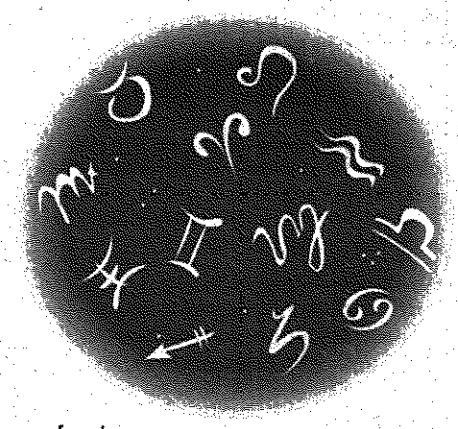
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Horoscope



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ARIES (March 21-April 20)

If you insist on doing things your way or refuse to discuss certain subjects, then you will only have yourself to blame if others give you the cold shoulder. It'd be a pity to mess up just as a breakthrough is about to take place. Use your head and turn on the headlights!

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

You may be of the astro-opinion that the best way to deal with a problem is to beat it into submission, but that approach won't work outside the bedroom now. Strive to find a more subtle way to exert your will. As you think, so you are.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Putting on a brave face and boosting others' morale is commendable. However, the time has come to determine whether or not those around you are worthy of your trust. The greatest test of courage is to bear defeat without losing heart. Make love, not lesions.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Movement, change and upheaval is in the stars, moonchild. However, once the dust has settled at the end of the week, you will come to realize that seldom have you been in such a strong position to make your mark. Aim high - you deserve the best.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Don't worry over trifles or work yourself into a lather when things do not go according to plan: Be still and listen to your inner voice, which is now telling you that a recent financial setback has only set you free. This week, you can learn the easy way or the hard way.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Tackle obstacles with the belief and knowledge that they can't slow you down for long. The world is your oyster and now contains a pearl. The more you give and listen, the more you'll be justified in taking for yourself. Confidence and compassion brings success.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Attitude is everything at this time, when there is so much to gain, and as much to lose. If you don't get overconfident or push your luck, you should end up the winner on your own terms. Stop trying to do too much. Do "mellow," and then delegate and discard!

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Retreat from the brink and avoid squabbles this week - puh-leeze! Far too much has already been said in haste or anger. What is required is a cooling-off period. If you come on too strong, those who feel threatened will join forces to stand in your way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

If pushed too far, you are quite capable of displaying ruthless determination. And if ever there was a time to change your tactics and put to light those who are taking your kindness for granted, this must surely be it, Archer! You know it, they know it; now's the time to shout!

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

You won't settle for second-best this week. However, problems of a partnership - possibly romantic or familial - nature are liable to escalate unless a new understanding is agreed upon by others. Be persistent, define your goals and intentions and stick to them.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

That you're not on the same wavelength as loved ones lately is painfully obvious. However, don't risk making a bad situation even worse by refusing to discuss important family or property matters. If you suspect that you're being taken for a ride, take evasive action.

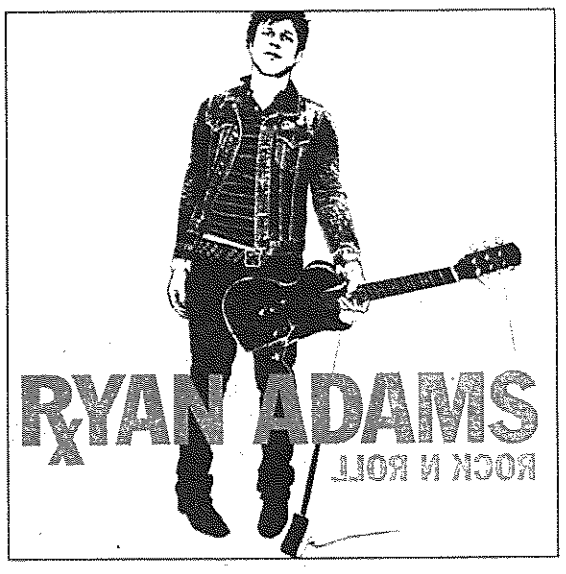
PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

If a partner or loved one appears to be working against you or not listening, the problem could be your misguided perception of the situation. Be objective and don't let your personal insecurities create difficulties where none exist.

Dennis Fairchild is a Birmingham-based astrologer and author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations, phone (248) 646-3555 or e-mail at DenFairchild@aol.com.

Pure Picks

Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda, we present our top entertainment picks for the week, "Filtered" just for you.



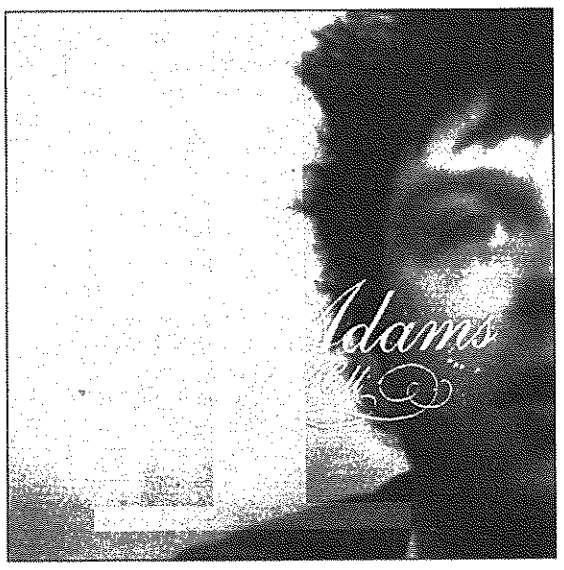
Albums With his latest release, **Ryan Adams** (that's Ryan, no B) answers the question: Just because you can, does it mean you should? ***Rock N Roll*** sees the former alt-country hero and Whiskeytown frontman taking a turn into rock 'n roll territory.

The album was released at the same time as the EP, ***Love is Hell Part I,*** half an album shelved earlier in the year by his record label for being "too dark" (the second half will be released in December).

In *Rock N Roll*, Adams proves he may be on a happier road now, but he is also seemingly in the middle of an identity crisis. The album adopts the likes of The Strokes, early U2, Tom Petty, Nirvana (*Luminol* could very well be Adam's answer to *Lithium*) and even Def Leppard – it's a little like listening to a history of rock 'n roll sampler.

There is some tongue in cheek here. On *Burning Photographs*, he sings "I use to be sad/Now I'm just bored with you."

The album is full of cameos – Melissa Auf Du Mar of Smashing Pumpkins fame and Green Day's Billie Joe Armstrong and even Adams' girlfriend, actress Parker Posey, sings backup on *Note to Self: Don't Die.*



Anybody Wanna Take Me Home is the album's closest brush with alt-country and provides the melody, introspection and lyrical double meaning that makes Adams a prolific songwriter. *Rock N Roll* may guitar lick with the best of them – but I miss the old Ryan.

Fortunately, you can find just that on *Love is Hell Part I.* The eight-song EP is overflowing with more hooks and introspection than can be pinpointed anywhere on *Rock N Roll.*

This House is Not for Sale and *World War 24* contain the kind of lyrical storytelling that made 2000's *Heartbreaker* such a wonderful album. A winnowing, angular cover of Oasis' *Wonderwall* is haunting.

These are sad, desperate songs, but they have an odd kind of hope – and this is trademark Adams. The piano melody of *Shadowlands* kicks into a full-on orchestra of redemption. We can only hope Adams finds his way back to them.

Both albums are available at local record stores.

Concert Formed the year I was born (send hate mail to the e-mail address below), **Duran Duran** was one of the first MTV video-friendly bands. A few years ago, rumors began surfacing that the band was back together and working on a new album. In preparation for that release, frontman and cult icon Simon LeBon has taken his New Wave boys back on the road. They will play Saturday at the Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth Street in Royal Oak. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the 21 and up show is set to begin at 8 p.m.

With standing-room-only tickets going for $55 a piece, this show will most likely draw an older crowd and die-hard fans. Tickets can be purchased at Ticketmaster outlets or by calling (248) 645-6666.

Film Directed by Peter Hedges (screenwriter for *What's Eating Gilbert Grape?* and *About a Boy*), ***Pieces of April*** follows East Village resident April Burns (Katie Holmes) as she tries to make Thanksgiving dinner for her suburban family. April, the family's black sheep, wants to prove she can do something "adult."

But she also wants to make amends with her mother, Joy, who is dying of cancer.

What ensues is a comedy of errors and an introspective tale of mother-daughter relationships. The Magnetic Fields' Stephin Merritt provides the soundtrack.

Running time: 1 hour, 21 minutes. PG-13. The film is playing at the Landmark Maple Art Theatre in Royal Oak.

For show times, call (248) 263-2111.

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PROFESSIONAL THEATER

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, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, (313) 237-SING, www.MichiganOpera.org

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Twelfth Night, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18 ($45), Thursday-Friday, Nov. 20-21, 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, 1 p.m. & 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23 ($55), Michigan Union Ballroom, Ann Arbor, (734) 764-2538 or www.ums.org

DINNER THEATER

Spotlight Players
The Odd Couple; 7 p.m. seating, 7:30 p.m. dinner, 8:30 p.m. curtain, Saturday; and 1 p.m. seating, 1:30 p.m. luncheon, 2:30 p.m. curtain, Sunday 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.spotlight-players.net

Genitti's Hole-in-the wall
Motel Murders, 7 p.m. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22 and Nov. 29, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, dinner and show, $45, 108 E. Main, Northville, (248) 349-0522, www.genittis.com

COMMUNITY THEATER

Village Players
Stage Door, classic play about theater, which inspired the 1930s movie, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, through Nov. 22; 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16 & Nov. 23, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham, $15, (248) 644-2075.

Farmington Players
On Golden Pond by Ernest Thompson 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 20-22; Friday, Nov. 28-29, 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, Nov. 30 and Dec. 6; 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 4-6; Farmington Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, $13, (248) 553-2955.

Novi Theatres
A One-Act Festival, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, $10 advance, $12 door, (248) 347-0400.

Trinity House Theatre
Hospitality Suite by Roger Reuff, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday; $12, $9 for theater members, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 464-6302.

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, through Nov. 23, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 541-6430, www.stagecrafters.org

Pontiac Theatre IV
Scrooge, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 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, through Nov. 22, $10 Thursday & Sunday, $12 for Friday-Saturday, (248) 625-8811 or www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org.



Tibetan monks will perform 'Sacred Music Sacred Dance for World Healing,' as part of their international tour of The Mystical Arts of Tibet, 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Creative Arts Center, 47 Williams St., Pontiac. Tickets $20, $15 advance, seating limited, call (248) 333-7849. The monks are constructing a Mandala sand painting at the center through Saturday. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, noon to 7 p.m. Saturday. Closing ceremony is 1:30 p.m. Saturday. For more information visit www.cacpontiac.com



Bill Everson stars as the King (left) Laura Raisch, Cinderella, and Jeff Davison, the Prince in 'Cinderella' presented by St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook, 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14 & 21; 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15 & Nov. 22; 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16 & 23 at the playhouse, 400 Lone Pine Road, just west of Christ Church Cranbrook. Tickets $7 advance, $8 at the door. Call (248) 644-0527 or www.stdunstanstheatre.com. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Camp Make-A-Dream.

Michigan Classical Repertory Theatre
Candida by George Bernard Shaw, featuring Kathryn Ruth Mayer of West Bloomfield as Candida, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti, $15, $12 students/seniors, (734) 477-0000, www.mct.org

Players Guild of Dearborn
Chicago, musical, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday through Nov. 29, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, 23 & 30, 21730 Madison, corner of Monroe & Outer Dr., $14, reserved, (313) 561-TKTS.

COLLEGE

University Productions
Operatic double bill, Giacomo Puccini's *Suo Angelica* and *Gianna Schicchi*, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Power Center, Ann Arbor, $20, $15, (734) 764-2538.

Hilberry
David Mamet's *Glengarry Glen Ross* opens 8 p.m. Friday continues in rotating repertoire to Jan. 31, 4743 Cass, Wayne State University campus, Detroit, $12 to $20, (313) 577-2972.

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Disney on Ice
The Jungle Book Tarzan, the Palace of Auburn Hills, 7:30 p.m. 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

Theatre Livonia
Oliver, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday, Livonia Mall, 29514 Middlebelt at 7 Mile Road, use G entrance, $8, seniors & students $6, (586) 344-7774.

Marquis Theatre
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday through Jan. 18, 135 E. Main St., Northville, $8, (248) 349-8110.

Figure Skating Competition
Sponsored by the Westland Figure Skating Club, features 240 skaters, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Mike Modano Ice Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood, one block north of Ford Road, Westland, no charge, (734) 729-4560.

AUDITIONS

Village Players
Swingtime Canteen, musical, 6 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Monday. 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.

Ridgedale Players
The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy, (248) 988-7049, email dancermandan@comcast.net. Performance dates weekends Jan. 9-25.

DANCE

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Atmospheres, Dialogues with the Unknown, 7:30 & 9 p.m. Saturday, brunch/concert combo 12:30 p.m. brunch, 2 p.m. performance, Sunday, Ford Community & performing Arts

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Polka Boosters
Dance to the music of Duane Malinowski on Sunday at Monsignor Hunt K of C Hall, 7080 Garling, Dearborn Heights. Doors open 1:30 p.m. dancing 3-7 p.m., admission $12, (734) 697-0183, (586) 751-2834.

COMEDY

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle
Kathleen Madigan, 8 p.m. Thursday ($20), 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday ($23), 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastley.com. Next week, Paul Mercurio.

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.

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Beethoven and Belioz, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 8:30 p.m. Saturday; The Max, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 576-5111, www.detroitsymphony.org

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Masters of Movie Music, 8 p.m. Saturday, Michigan Theatre, downtown Ann Arbor, (734) 994-4801, www.a2so.com

Chamber music
There are a limited number of single concert tickets for the 2003-04 Chamber Music Society of Detroit season available. Concerts include: Oct. 11 Richard Goode on piano; Nov. 15, Juilliard String Quartet; Dec. 13, Emanuel Ax on piano; Jan. 10, 2004, Bergen Woodwind Quintet with Orli Shaham on piano. Tickets may be purchased by calling the CMS of Detroit (248) 855-6070.

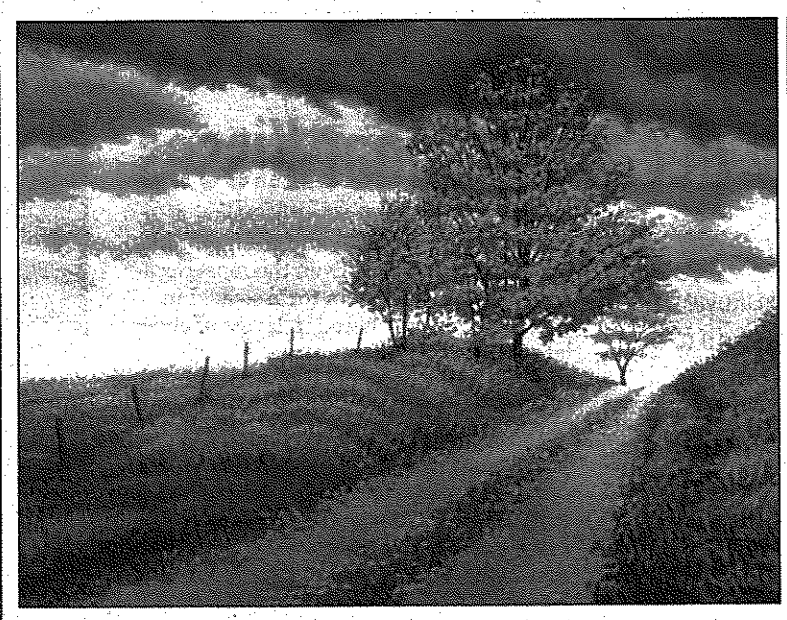
Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings
Night Notes series 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, Hagopian World of Rugs, 850 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham, Kenneth Thompkins, trombone, Kathryn Goodson, piano, vocalist/pianist David Vaughn, $19, $10 children 12 and under, (248) 559-2095.

FOLK/WORLD

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.blackthorn1.com

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

Csipke Dance Ensemble
Professional folk ensemble of Pozsony, Slovakia, 6:30 p.m. (light dinner), 7:30 p.m. performance, Friday, Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church, 8423 South St., Detroit, $20, children 12 & under free, (734) 783-1012, (313) 842-1133.



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JAZZ/BLUES/MOTOWN

Ron's Fireside Inn
Russ Miller, reeds, Nov. 17, 7:30-11 p.m. Wednesday, 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
Bob Roy, (modern rock) Thursday, Diamond Dukes, (R&B) Friday-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, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, 6343 Haggerty Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 669-7400.

Edison's
John D. Lamb, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday; The Brothers Groove, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, (248) 645-2150.

Bird of Paradise
Ryan Dehues, 9 & 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 312 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, $10, (734) 662-8310.

B'ham Jazz Vespers
The Buddy Budson Quintet, 6-8 p.m. Sunday, First Baptist Church, 300 Willits at Bates St., Birmingham, no charge, (248) 644-0550.

ROCK

John Cowley & Sons Irish Tavern
Joy Sparks & Chris Brantley, modern acoustic duo 9:30 p.m. Thursday; The Killer Flamingos, dance/rock 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 33338 Grand River, Farmington, (248) 474-5941.

Andiamo Celebrity Room
Engelbert Humperdinck, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, $20, E. 14 Mile Road, Warren, (586) 268-3200.



Classical guitarist Paul Vondiziano performs 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Birmingham Temple's Vivace Music Series. Afterglow follows, 28611 W. 12 Mile Road, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Tickets $18, students/seniors $15, call (248) 788-9338 or (248) 661-1348.

The Magic Bag
The Fixx, 8 p.m. Friday, ($18), Mega 80s' 8 p.m. Saturday, Robert Earl Keen, 8 p.m. Sunday, $20, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

Majestic Cafe
Listen Closely: CD Listening Party, performance, singer/activist Nadir, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9700, www.majesticdetroit.com

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Pewabic Pottery
Ann Arbor Fall Tile Fair sponsored by Pewabic Pottery, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, First Unitarian Universalist Church of Ann Arbor, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, admission $3. Holiday Invitational, Earthly Treasures, opens Saturday, Nov. 15 continues through Dec. 31, items from $10 to several hundred dollars, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, open until 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, (313) 822-0954, www.pewabic.com

Livonia Mall
Welcome Santa noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, disc jockey will play holiday oldies, face painting, free balloons for children, Seven Mile Road at Middlebelt.

Westland Mall
Holiday parade for Santa 10 a.m. Saturday, photographs with Santa begin 11 a.m. Warren Road at Wayne.

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. 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.mephistos-detroit.com. Mephisto's is close to both I-75 (off Caniff) and I-94 in Hamtramck (off Mt. Elliott). 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. 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. 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. (313) 313-268-2325.

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Welcome to Sugar Kisses, a natural pastry shop on Washington in Royal Oak.

Have a food allergy? No problem, Sugar Kisses can accommodate your dietary restrictions.

Are you vegan who refrains from dairy, egg and other animal products? Sugar Kisses has something sweet for you, too.

Or maybe you just want high-quality pastries. Sugar Kisses makes everything from scratch without preservatives or refined flour or sugar. Its desserts are gluten-free and wheat-free.

The berry scones are made with fresh blackberries and the cheesecake is topped with fresh raspberries. They serve organic coffee and artichoke heart spelt pizza.

Sugar Kisses is owned by newlyweds Lisa Turkawski and Brian Hack of Ferndale. Hack, a former buyer/manager in the music business, handles the business aspect of the shop. Turkawski creates the desserts. She managed the kitchen at Ridley's Bakery in Troy and worked in The Whitney's pastry shop.

SUGAR KISSES

Where: 1025 S. Washington, Royal Oak (next to the bowling alley, south of the downtown area)
Open: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, (248) 542-5622
Specialty: Decadent desserts made from scratch with no preservatives, additives or refined sugar. Also offer wheat-free and vegan products, and items for people with food allergies.

Owning a pastry shop is her dream come true.

"I have a niece who's allergic to everything artificial," Turkawski said. "And we don't eat garbage at home. We realized there was a need for this shop – for good pastries prepared from scratch."

Organic foods, as everyone knows, are typically more costly than non-organic. However, at Sugar Kisses, huge sugar and oatmeal cookies are under $1; a big slice of cheesecake is $3.25; a 20-ounce cup of organic coffee is $1.75; and fresh pumpkin pie is $1.25 per slice. Even the most decadent dessert, the Opera torte soaked in espresso and smothered in layers of chocolate, is $1.75. An organic spelt pizza is $6.

Some of the most popular items, the ones that customers flock to Sugar Kisses for, are spelt nutty bars with honey, hazelnuts, pecans and walnuts. The spelt brownie burst has hints of vanilla and cocoa.

Excellent flavors, and the couple's willingness to experiment and accommodate customers, is what makes people like Lauren Hirsch of Huntington Woods a die-hard fan.

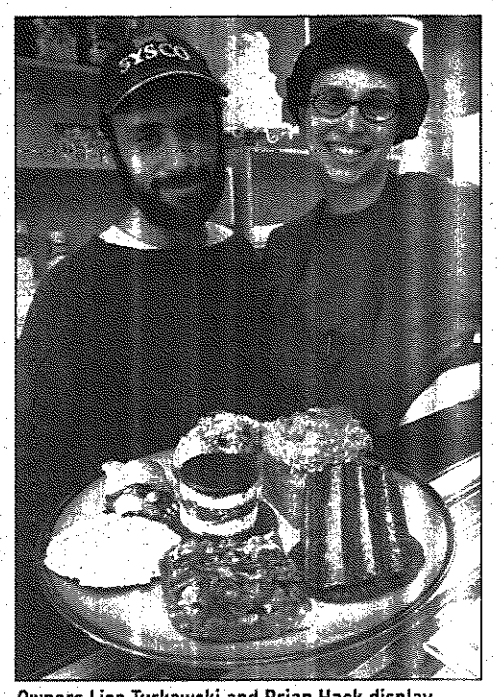
Hirsch has three children all under 5 who have food allergies.

"(Turkawski) is so willing to try new things and to educate herself about ingredients," Hirsch said while sipping coffee and munching on a fudge brownie. "Recently I bought cupcakes for a class of elementary kids and they loved it – they didn't know they were vegan or wheat-free. They were fantastic."

Sugar Kisses is a small shop with a counter and bar stools. Customers get to know one another, and many come back to see what's baked day after day.

Rich Purcell isn't on a special diet nor was he looking for healthy treats.

"I just like the taste of the brownies," Purcell said. "And the truffles, and the I'm on my third cup of coffee."



Owners Lisa Turkawski and Brian Hack display their popular desserts including spelt nut bars; raspberry chocolate torte; sour cherry bread pudding; apricot almond rugelach; sugar cookie; coconut berry bar and chocolate layer torte.

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Vikings come 'Full Circle' at Cranbrook exhibit

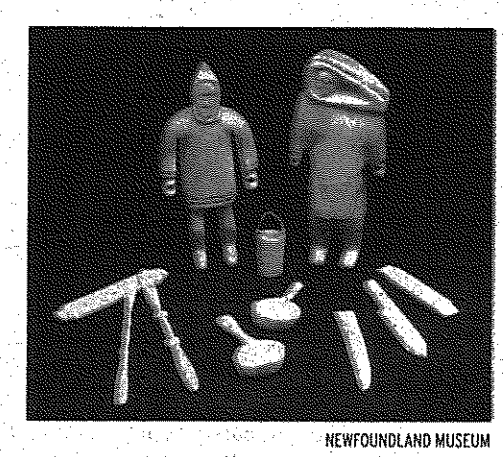
Artifacts from the first encounter of peoples on both sides of the Atlantic are on display at *Full Circle, First Contact: Vikings and Skraelings in Newfoundland and Labrador* at Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills.

"It's the meeting of peoples from Africa who separated and reconnected thousands of years later," said Cameron Wood, Cranbrook educator and anthropology specialist. "It's about the first contact of descendants of the people who turned right and those who turned left – some going to the Middle East and Europe and others to Asia and the Americas."

Ancient peoples fled the African continent more than 100,000 years ago in search of a better life. Centuries later, descendants of those who turned left met descendants of those who turned right. *Full Circle: First Contact* is a tale of separation and reconnection of the Vikings and the Aboriginal peoples they called Skraelings at L'Anse aux Meadows in Newfoundland.

The 500-square-foot exhibit includes more than 250 Viking and Aboriginal artifacts made of silver, iron, bone, ivory and wood. Visitors will find jewelry and household items along with arrowheads and harpoon tips from Aboriginal peoples.

A Viking encampment illustrates daily life during the Viking Age. The common man lived in a tent constructed of oars, lashings and a sail. The exhibit also shows how the Vikings made their food and clothing, and the games they played for fun.



NEWFOUNDLAND MUSEUM

Ivory objects from the Viking Age are on display at Cranbrook Institute of Science.

Full Circle attempts to tell a balanced story from the Viking and Skraeling perspective, Wood said.

"'Viking' is really a word used to described an illegal occupation," Wood said. "Vikings were raiders, pirates." They were usually young men with no money who joined other criminals to get rich quick.

"As Viking men matured they usually realized the dangers of their lifestyle," Wood said. "Then they sought more legal ways to earn a living."

Full Circle is also the story of why the Vikings came to Vinland and met the aboriginal people, why they stayed and why they decided to leave. The exact location of Vinland, on the tip of Newfoundland, wasn't discovered until 1960.

The exhibit sails out of Cranbrook on Jan. 4.

FULL CIRCLE

What: Vikings and Skraelings in Newfoundland and Labrador
When: Through Jan. 4.
Where: Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills.
Open: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday.
Admission: $7 adults; $5 senior citizens and children 2-12.
For more information: Call (877) GO-CRANBROOK or www.cranbrook.edu



THE MUSEUM OF NATIONAL ANTIQUITIES, SWEDEN

This silver pendant of a man on horseback is one of the items on display at Cranbrook Institute of Science.



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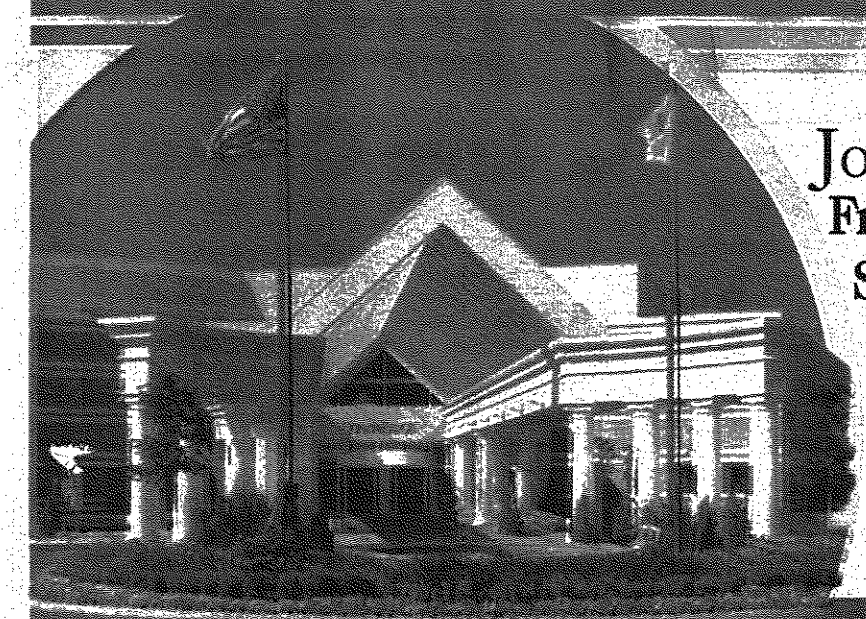
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Association obliged to fight lawsuit

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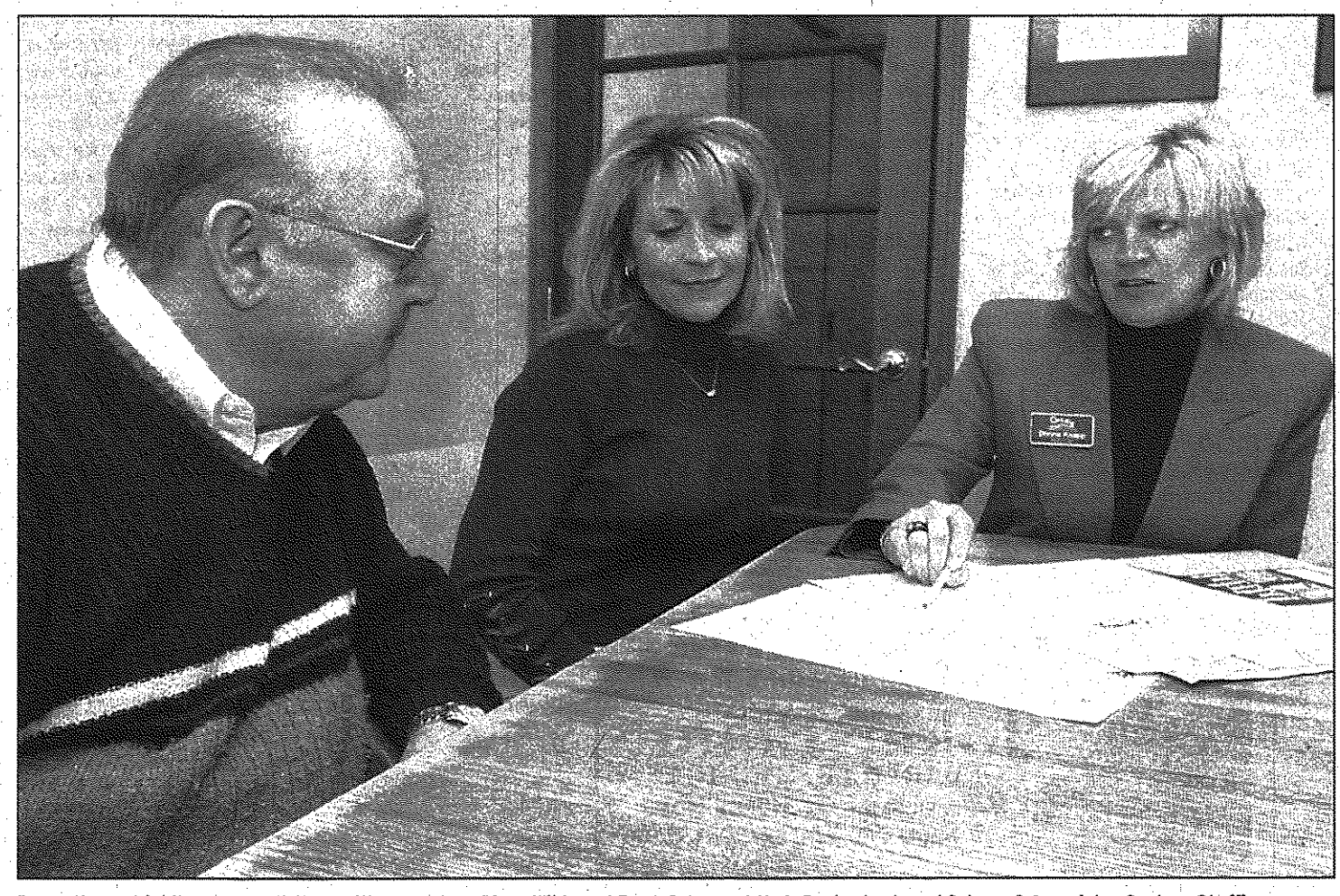
The association may well have a legal and fiduciary responsibility to protect the rights of its members including their property rights. The fact that the association does not have the funds is probably because it has chosen not to raise sufficient funds to pursue the lawsuit. Assuming that there is a reasonable basis to pursue the lawsuit, the association should do so and you should so advise the association and its directors that you will hold them responsible for the damages suffered in the event that they do not discharge it legal and fiduciary responsibilities. It might be best if that letter comes from an attorney.

Our homeowners association is interested in borrowing money to make certain repairs to our infrastructure. Some of the banks in the local area have found it to be not an interesting proposition from the loaning stand-point. Do you have any recommendations?

As a Community Association Practitioner, I recently received a letter from an investment banker who indicates that his company provided a closing of $2.1 million construction and a permanent loan for a homeowners association in Tennessee. He indicated that the loan would be used to fund exterior and infrastructure renovations. It further provides for both construction period and 15-year fixed rate permanent financing. The loan is secured exclusively by the monthly maintenance fees of the association without any property liens or personal guarantees from the owners. The plan, he claims, was designed to be serviced by monthly maintenance fees only without special assessments. You may be best advised to determine whether such an arrangement would be beneficial to your association.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for $9.95 plus $2 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@mich.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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Donna Knapp (right) goes over listings with co-workers Diane Wilde and Frank Sakmar at their Rochester based Sakmar & Associates Century 21 office.

Being informed buyer takes work

Agents offer service to help save time

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

Kathy Kaltz says yes. Donna Knapp says probably not.

Both work as buyer agents, the real estate official who represents the needs and interests of someone who wants to find and buy a house.

Kaltz thinks the service is of value to house-hunters, but Knapp isn't convinced.

Until 1994, all Michigan real estate agents worked only for home-sellers. The agent's assignment was to make the most successful deal possible in the seller's interests.

Then along came a national trend in the 1990s of agents representing either the buyer or the seller, said Ann Millben, a spokesperson at the real estate licensing bureau for the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services. The idea was to give home buyers and sellers equal footing. What evolved was the concept of the buyer agent.

"They have to sign a contract," Knapp said. "It says that I'm working for them, the buyer, rather than for the seller who pays the commission. And they agree to pay me a fee for my services."

However, the fee only comes due if the buyer circumvents the buyer agent and makes a purchase through a seller's agent during the life of the contract.

When a house is purchased with a buyer agent's services, the buyer agent is compensated with a share of the sales commission.

SHARING INFORMATION

If she's the seller's agent, Knapp said, there might be information affecting the property that she will not or cannot share with the buyer.

"I might know, for example, that the seller's been transferred and is desperate to sell," she said. "As the seller's agent, I don't want you to know that. As your buyer agent, I do. I can recommend this house instead of that house, I can make sure you don't overpay."

Yet, according to Knapp, buyers are sometimes reluctant to sign with buyer agents.

"They just don't want to make the commitment," said Knapp, a sales agent with Century 21 Sakmar & Associates, Rochester. She's in her sixth year in real estate after 10 years as a paralegal.

"Most people drive around, see a house for sale, call that agent, drive some more, see another house, call that agent. A buyer agent can do it all for them," Knapp said.

Would Knapp do away with the buyer-agent program? "Absolutely," she said, adding that any information a buyer might want is available at government offices and on various Web sites.

There's no reason, she said, for a buyer to be uninformed. It just takes some work. She likes to think that home buyers don't need the special advantages and safeguards presumably offered by the buyer-agent concept.

"All we want to do is go out and sell houses and I like to think that all agents are honest and you shouldn't have to worry about protection," she said.

But Kaltz, with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer, Livonia, likes that she can "build good rapport with the person."

MORE SERVICE

"Instead of being a customer, the person becomes a client and gets more service," she said. As a buyer agent, "you can provide more information, direct them to Web sites, help them find out what they want to know about crime rates, schools and more.

'They just don't want to make the commitment.'
Donna Knapp
real estate agent

"By law, I can't give this information as a seller's agent, but as a buyer agent I can help the person move forward to make decisions."

The terms of the contract, Kaltz said, can be for any amount of money, for any period of time, or any condition the agent and the buyer decide on.

Kaltz, in real estate sales for almost nine years, said that in her three years as a buyer agent she's learned to keep the contracts "as simple as possible."



Donna Knapp is a sales agent with Century 21 Sakmar & Associates, Rochester.

Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

Weigh debt to decide on refinancing

Mortgage brokers do not often talk clients out of taking out loans, but it happens. Being a mortgage loan officer is much more than just putting together a loan. Like other professionals, we have to first decide if the proposed action serves our clients' needs before we move forward.

Because home mortgage interest rates remain very attractive, many homeowners are still considering consolidating their debts before this window of opportunity closes. It seems attractive to most debt-laden homeowners to relieve consumer debts — credit card balances, furniture payments — with loans against their homes. Sometimes it's smart, sometimes not.

CALCULATE

To determine if a debt consolidation refinance is right for you, calculate the effective interest rate for your entire debt using a "weighted average." Let's presume you have three categories of debt — a $150,000 home mortgage at 6 percent interest, a $30,000 personal loan at 9 percent interest and $20,000 in credit card debt at 18 percent interest.

In this scenario, your mortgage represents 75 percent of your total debt, the personal loan is 15 percent, and the credit cards are 10 percent. These are the relative "weights" of your debts.

Simply multiply these "weights" by the respective interest rates, then add those numbers together. Hence, 75-percent of your mortgage interest rate equals 4.5 percent; 15-percent of your personal loan interest rate is 1.35 percent, and 10-percent of your credit card interest rate is 1.8 percent. Add these numbers to get a weighted interest rate of 7.65 percent. In other words, on average, you are paying an interest rate of over 7.5 percent to maintain your debts.

Your loan officer or financial planner can help you fine-tune your calculations to account for transaction costs and tax implications. For now, this short math primer should give you a general idea as to whether or not a debt-consolidation refinance makes sense for you.

Timothy J. Phillips is a mortgage broker and newspaper columnist. You may access his archives at www.HomeQuarters.BIZ, or call (866) 369-4516. Home buyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

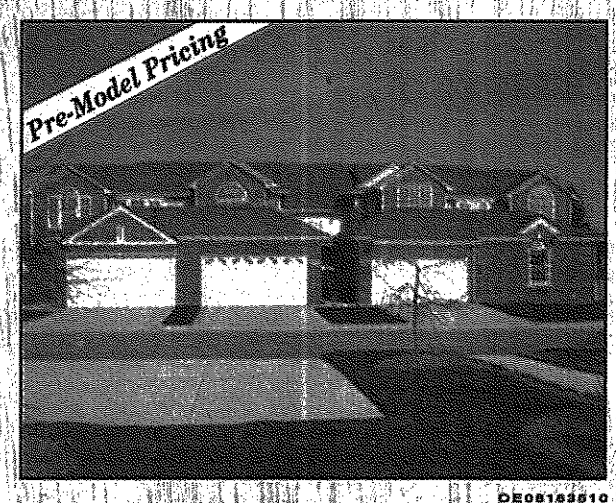
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SELLING YOUR HOME

Learn the ins and outs of selling your home from loan preapproval to title closing 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, at Peninsular Title Company, 34020 Seven Mile Road, Suite 105, Livonia. Free seminar presented by Allied Home Mortgage Capital Corporation and Peninsular Title Company. For details, call Heather, (248) 477-2575.

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The course will also be offered 67-10 p.m. Monday & Wednesday, Nov. 24 to Dec. 3, at Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail. The cost is $205 plus $20 for textbook/sample questions. Call (248) 956-5000 to register by Thursday, Nov. 20. For building course free brochure and current schedule call (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771, www.buildersinstitute.com.

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Standard Federal Bank will host a free home buying seminar on how to select and finance a home 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 22, at St. Timothy Methodist Church, 15888 Archdale at Puritan in Detroit. For more information, or to register, call (313) 835-8190, Ext. 18, or (800) 643-9600, Ext. 22532.

GRADUATE REMODELER COURSE

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's Remodelers Council will sponsor a Certified Graduate Remodeler course 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. The fee, which includes breakfast, lunch and course materials, is $125. Call (248) 862-1033 for information.

AWARDS NIGHT

Top residential builders will be honored Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn. The 2003 Leadership Recognition and Awards Night is presented by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and the Apartment Association of Michigan. This year's program includes the induction of Dominic Moceri Sr. of Auburn Hills-based Moceri Companies into BIA's "Hall of Fame." Reservations are $150 per person for the reception, dinner and program. Call (248) 737-4477.

HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the *Observer & Eccentric*-area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of June 30 - July 3 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton

1647 Aberdeen	$241,000
1685 Brookline	$204,000
42267 Chase	$289,000
502 Cherry Orchard	$226,000
7616 Corbin	$212,000
46818 Creeks	$262,000
46718 Crosswick	$400,000
2028 Fairway C	$210,000
472 Filmore	$489,000
627 Filmore	$410,000
633 Filmore	$390,000
647 Filmore	$335,000
49620 Garfield	$511,000
396 Hamilton	$390,000
50360 Hancock	$382,000
8672 Holly	$176,000
43417 Lancelot	$267,000
355 Liberty	$432,000
374 Merion	$415,000
50291 Monroe	$295,000
50463 Monroe	$273,000
50477 Monroe	$288,000
47357 N Pointe	$365,000
44434 Newburyport	$107,000
42321 Oakland	$285,000
471 Roosevelt	$425,000
620 Roosevelt	$280,000
801 S Ridge	$168,000
42450 Saltz	$196,000
8299 Sandpiper	$255,000
46289 Spinning Wheel	$268,000
48854 Stanton	$205,000
48950 Stanton	$260,000
675 Sutten	$209,000
798 Taylor	$385,000
3769 Times Square	$225,000

Garden City

28825 Block	$132,000
31527 Bridge	$150,000
32719 Donnelly	$121,000
31017 Florence	$150,000
33500 Florence	$140,000
6822 Henry Ruff	$148,000
32635 John Hauk	$132,000
5927 Lathers	$117,000
29981 Leona	$147,000
28941 Rosslyn	$129,000
28050 Sheridan	$116,000

Livonia

33617 8 Mile	$95,000
15159 Adams	$215,000
10060 Arcola	$170,000
14032 Arcola	$180,000
11331 Auburndale	$191,000
14246 Blackburn	$235,000
16803 Bloomfield	$300,000
16557 Blue Skies	$283,000
19910 Floral	$135,000
35438 Gardner	$270,000
18422 Glengarry	$360,000
15380 Golfview	$335,000
15506 Green Lane	$138,000
9331 Hix	$53,000
9820 Horton	$155,000
14123 Ingram	$199,000
29544 Joy	$130,000
29716 Joy	$150,000
33305 Kentucky	$194,000
37241 Ladywood	$230,000
10000 Loveland	$169,000
32015 Maine	$182,000
29618 Mark	$190,000
8885 Merriman	$160,000
9735 Middlebelt	$91,000
11004 Middlebelt	$43,000
31646 Middleboro	$197,000
30100 Minton	$176,000
20369 Oporto	$234,000
30722 Pembroke	$199,000
31390 Pickford	$325,000
15433 Richfield	$235,000
29913 Richland	$150,000
16845 Riverside	$274,000
16480 Rougeway	$180,000
15734 Southampton	$210,000
18591 Southampton	$265,000
20051 Stamford	$464,000
18216 University Park	$124,000
18292 University Park	$107,000
17341 Vacri	$285,000
32730 W Chicago	$193,000
16779 Woodside	$294,000

Plymouth

15139 Amber	$282,000
334 Arthur	$275,000
1702 Cassady Place	$230,000
767 Fairground	$210,000
11101 Gold Arbor	$153,000
9093 Northwood	$398,000
1599 Old Salem	$240,000
49962 Plymouth Way	$172,000
42478 Schoolcraft	$183,000
11846 Trailwood	$295,000
46857 W Ann Arbor	$375,000

Redford

26392 Barbara	$123,000
19628 Brady	$145,000
14177 Crosley	$138,000
18417 Delaware	$105,000
18638 Delaware	$146,000
18705 Delaware	$102,000
20571 Delaware	$101,000
18721 Denby	$85,000
11339 Garfield	$166,000
19254 Garfield	$93,000
15517 Gaylord	$146,000
17446 Indian	$100,000
26375 Ivanhoe	$245,000
25709 Kendall	$148,000
15377 Leona	$61,000
25925 Lyndon	$188,000
12817 Marion	$140,000
9550 Mercedes	$150,000
14334 Mercedes	$162,000
18667 Negaunee	$120,000
17201 Norborne	$145,000
18873 Olympia	$110,000
15429 Pomona	$92,000
9012 Robindale	$136,000
25599 Student	$96,000
20551 Sumner	$112,000
12891 Woodbine	$132,000

Westland

30712 Avondale	$131,000
8606 Beatrice	$70,000
8523 Blackburn	$157,000
8574 Cardwell	$170,000
33646 Chief	$144,000
31275 Cooley	$154,000
1711 Edwin	$143,000
1675 Elias	$98,000
36290 Farragut	$119,000
31211 Fernwood	$120,000
31218 Gladys	$164,000
32712 Hazelwood	$139,000
38050 Hixford	$119,000
35743 Hunter	$116,000
31741 Lonnie	$152,000
35121 Melton	$95,000
33059 Merritt	$170,000
2022 N Crown	$154,000
8347 N Henry Ruff	$164,000
5782 N Newburgh	$155,000
7417 N Wildwood	$154,000
35275 Pardo	$108,000
8110 Pickering	$284,000
29014 Richard	$105,000
29070 Richard	$98,000
2500 S Brandon	$130,000
2112 S Harvey	$107,000
5340 S Inkster	$65,000
1230 S John Hix	$167,000
4923 S Middlebelt	$91,000
8401 Shari	$156,000
1644 Shoemaker	$115,000
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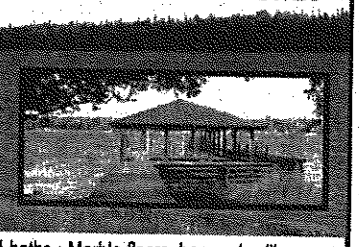
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5yr Arm	1.25	0.00	30day	Low	4.12apr
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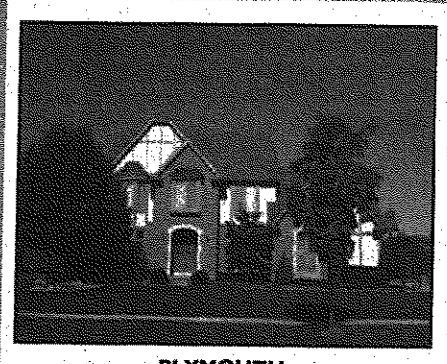
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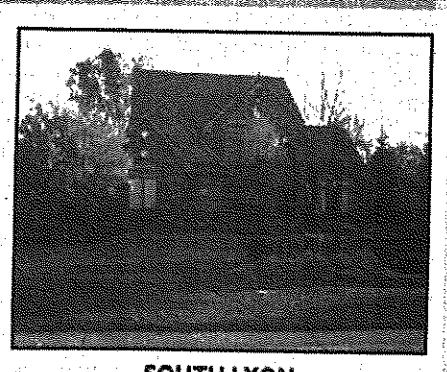
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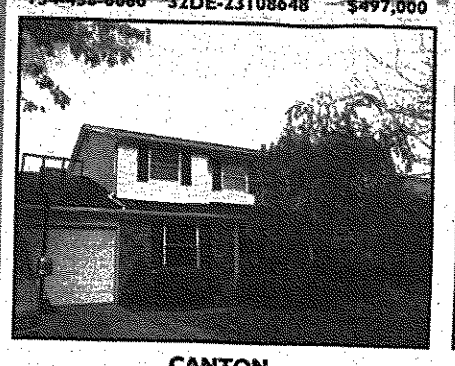
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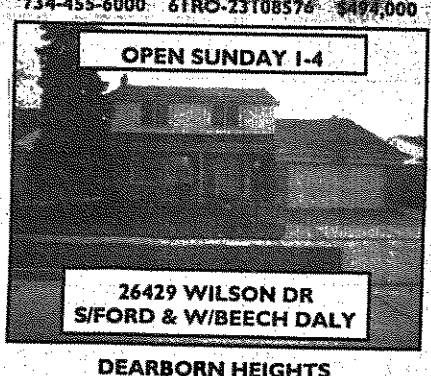
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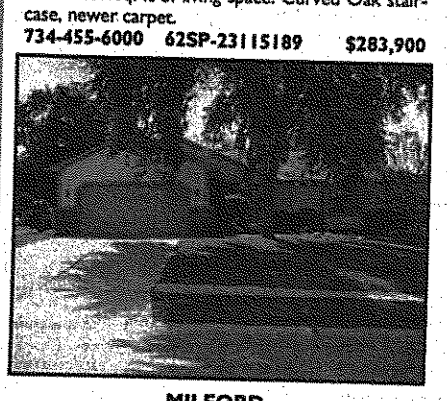
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This stately executive home, located on a deep wooded lot in desirable golf course community, is tastefully decorated in soft contemporary colors and impeccably maintained. Generously sized rooms. Professionally finished lower level.
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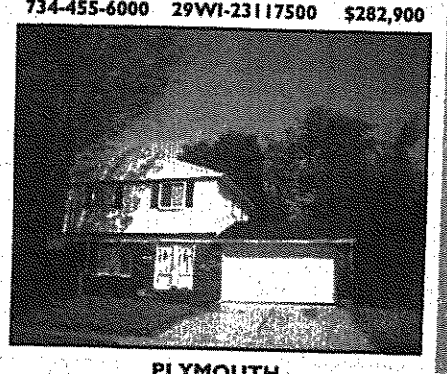
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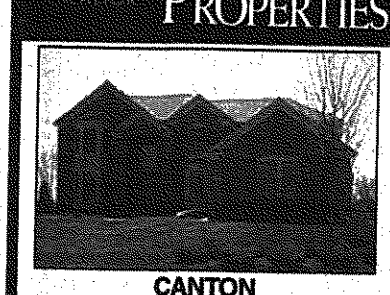
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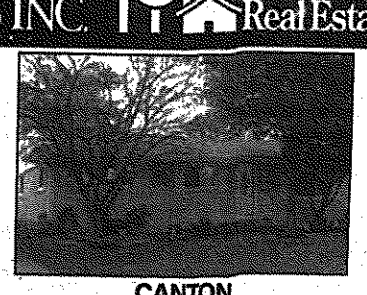
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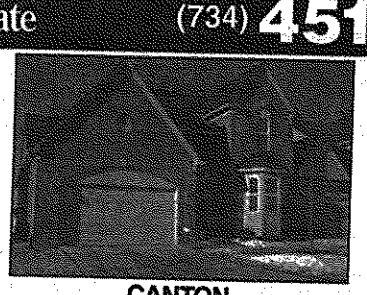
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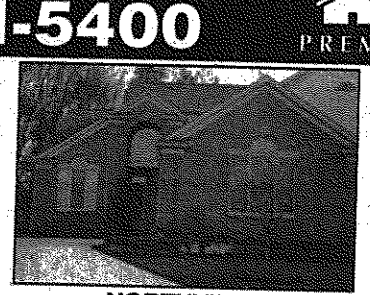
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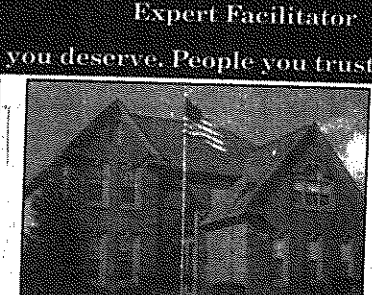
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Earthly homes build sense of community

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ben Graham remembers the way he felt the first time he stepped into an earth house.

The house was in Oregon. The floor was made of earth, and the walls were clay, sand and straw, with big chunks of stone in them. The roof was wood, mostly from trees cut down around the home site.

The handmade home built from natural materials integrated his two passions: building and community.

"The feeling I got in there was something I'd never experienced before. It wasn't a subtle energy; it was big-time," said Graham. "I said, 'This is what I want to pursue ... this is what the world needs more of.'"

Pursue it he did. Today, Graham and his partner, Amber Wiggitt, teach others how to build their own earth, or cob, homes. The pair offer workshops that cover all aspects of cob construction, from the drainage in the floor to the logs of the roofing.

Cob means a small lump or mass, and cob builders use the word to describe earth mixed with sand and straw into lumps that are pressed into place by hand to form thick walls. Cob builders enhance structures with other natural materials such as straw bales, stone and local wood.

Cob's proponents say it's an ideal alternative to materials like the lumber, concrete, fiberglass and drywall so common in the building industry because earth is free, readily available and organic. Plus, builders can sculpt cob into appealing, fluid shapes instead of the straight lines and sharp angles demanded by many mass-produced ingredients.

"This ancient technology doesn't contribute to deforestation, pollution or mining nor depend on manufactured materials or power tools," says the Web site for the Cob Cottage Co. of Cottage Grove, Oregon, whose founders study and teach natural building. "In this age of environmental degradation, dwindling natural resources, and chemical toxins hidden in our homes, doesn't it make sense to return to nature's most abundant, cheap and healthy building material?"

CREATING COMMUNITY

Graham thinks so. Born into a commune in Cleveland in 1975, he's hoping to recreate the strong, diverse community that surrounded him as he grew up.

"I got a lot of values from that," he said.

Graham graduated with an architecture degree and then traveled for a while, visiting cob homes that were hundreds of years old and still in use in Scotland. He learned about alternative building methods besides cob.

Today, Graham and Wiggitt live in Plainfield, Vermont where he and several others are looking for land nearby where they and the nonprofit group they founded, Spiralworks, can start a commune. They want the families to use renewable energy and grow as much of their own food as possible – and teach others who want to live that way as well.

Building with indigenous materials fits right into the plan.

"First of all, it's about the quality of life," said Graham. "Look at the decision between building a toxic, lifeless space to live the rest of your existence in by yourself, or building a beautiful structure made with natural materials that are healing and integrated with the web of life."

Cob is affordable. About $5,000 can build a 450-square-foot (40.5-square-meter) cob home (though Graham uses the term "round feet" because there are no straight lines).

"One of the main reasons it's cheaper is because we encourage people to be a part of their building process, so there's sweat equity," he said.

Although building by hand takes time, Graham points out that there is no need for an architect or engineer.

This past summer, Graham and Wiggitt offered for the second time a number of cob building workshops around the country. In a five-day course at the Sky Meadow Retreat in Stannard in mid-July, students helped build a large round freestanding cob room that will be used for meditation.

WAY OF LIFE

Like Graham, they see cob construction as a way of life – not just a building method.

"I feel that there's a better way to live," said 24-year-old Mike Tokarz, a new builder from Raynham, Massachusetts.

Tokarz, a college graduate, works in the service department at Tweeter, a Massachusetts home electronics retailer. But he and some friends dream of starting a commune where they can build their homes of natural materials, grow their own food, work together and avoid the agonizing repetition of commutes and a 40-hour workweek they see around them.

"Where I live, not lots of people know their neighbors and the history of the area where they live; that doesn't seem right," he said. "People walk through life with blinders on."

Mikhael Yowe, a 45-year-old truck driver from Irasburg, Vermont said he is looking for land in the Duxbury area to build a cob house.

"For $65,000 you get a contractor building your house, and it's not really your house," Yowe said as he patted a mixture of earth and straw into brick-sized lumps for a crew pressing them into place on the Stannard project.

"When you create a space that you live in, you're connected to it," Yowe said.

Rising rates offset by rebounding employment

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rates on 30-year and 15-year mortgages edged up this week amid signs that the economic rebound continues to push ahead. Rates on one-year adjustable mortgages dipped slightly.

For the week ending Nov. 7, the average rate on 30-year mortgages rose to 5.98 percent, up from 5.94 percent the previous week, Freddie Mac, the mortgage giant, reported Thursday in its weekly nationwide survey of mortgage rates.

Rates on 30-year mortgages slid to 5.21 percent, the lowest level in more than four decades, in the middle of June. Since then, rates on these benchmark mortgages have bounced up and down.

For 15-year mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates increased to 5.31 percent, from 5.26 percent last week. Rates for one-year adjustable mortgages, however, averaged 3.73 percent, down slightly from last week's 3.74 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 solid.

The Mortgage Bankers Association of America reported that refinancing activity accounted for 51.1 percent of all mortgage applications filed last week, down from 53.3 percent in the previous week.





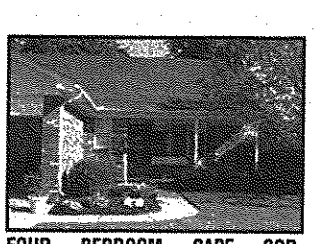
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HOME SWEET HOME! Charming upper ranch end condo with two bedrooms and 2 baths overlooking the courtyard in popular Lilley Pointe! Bright open floor plan with lots of windows and cathedral ceilings. Freshly painted great room and kitchen, private entry and best of all pets are welcome! Great location. $128,000 (775LI)



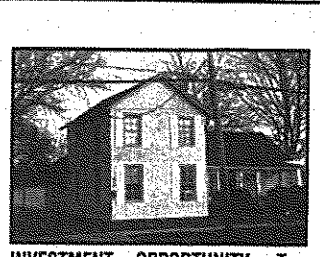
WIDE OPEN SPACES. Lovely brick home sits on an oversized lot with 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. Showcasing a beautifully remodeled kitchen, finished basement with wet bar, fireplace, bath and hot tub! Above ground pool and much more. $179,900 (138BO)



FOUR BEDROOM CAPE COD. Completely updated with a newer kitchen, flooring, new patio, central air, fenced yard, new roof (tear-off), a freshly painted interior with no wall paper, and neutral décor. 4 bedrooms,, 2 baths, with 1820 square feet! $259,900 (644HO)



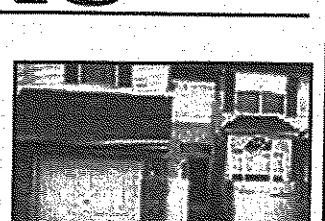
WARM AND WELCOMING. Tantalizing Pulte Belmont model with 3455 sq. ft. accented by a formal living and dining room, library, and a spacious family room with gas fireplace. Four beds, 3 full and 2 half baths. Hardwood floors, upscale kitchen, master w/sitting room, WIC, and ceramic bath. Beautifully landscaped. $469,000 (317MA)



INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY. Two apartments – Each have two bedrooms and are housed in this 1800's built duplex near Plymouth's "Old Village". Important to note that zoning does allow office or low intensity commercial as well. $224,900 (464NO)



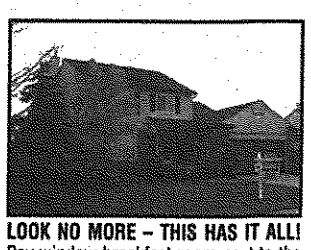
SHARP DEARBORN HOME. Almost like new 3 bedroom brick Bungalow. New kitchen, new windows, new roof, new furnace, new A/C, new front door, and a freshly painted interior. Ready for immediate occupancy. $129,900 (719PA)



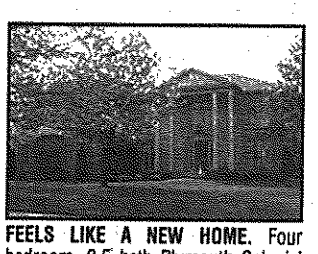
WHAT DO YOU WANT? This two bedroom, 2-bath condo features a gas fireplace in living room, dining room, skylights, walk-in closet in master bedroom, private entry, full basement, 2 car attached garage, pool, tennis courts, clubhouse and more. If you want all this for an excellent price, this Plymouth condo is for you. $167,900 or $1,450 lease (852PO)



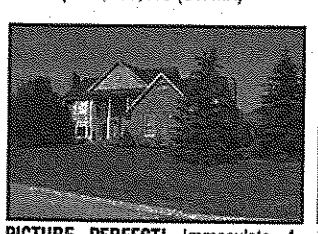
BEAUTIFUL QUAD LEVEL. Quiet and convenient! Only 10 minutes to Canton. Large fenced yard includes a mini-basketball court and deck. Updated roof, windows, carpeting, ceiling fan, kitchen floor, cabinetry, counters, and water heater. Home completely repainted. Carpet cleaned as well. Move in, relax & enjoy! $215,000 (834HA)



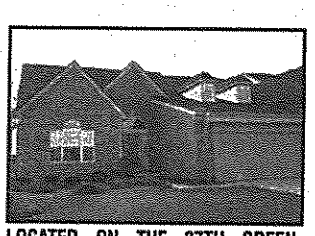
LOOK NO MORE – THIS HAS IT ALL! Bay window breakfast room next to the lite oak kitchen with desk and wine rack. Nice sized back yard with a deck and hot tub! Master with vaulted ceiling and plant shelf. Overhead lighting in all of the bedrooms! Large family room with fireplace. All appliances. Sprinkler system, full basement & more! $219,995 (205CR)



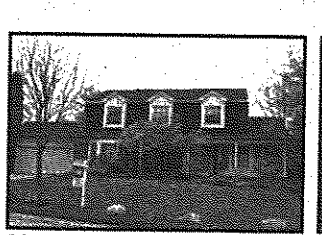
FEELS LIKE A NEW HOME. Four bedroom, 2.5 bath Plymouth Colonial with fresh neutral paint and carpet throughout. Beautiful hardwood floors in the foyer, powder room, and kitchen. Updated kitchen and baths. Finished basement, large yard and deck with a hot tub. $379,900 (885NO)



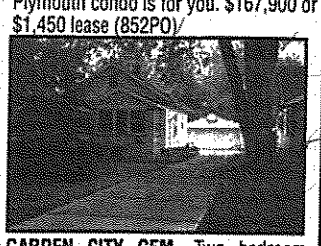
PICTURE PERFECT! Immaculate 4-bedroom, 3.5 bath Colonial in prestigious Deer Creek Sub with custom features like glass panel doors and custom mirrors, a spiral staircase, large kitchen w/custom cabinetry, an outstanding lower level w/wet bar, office and lav. Freshly painted interior, hardwood floors and 3827 square feet of living space. $649,900 (217DE)



LOCATED ON THE 27TH GREEN. Approximately $30,000 in upgrades in this meticulous 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Full basement, attached 2-car garage, great room a w/dual sided fireplace into the dining room. Outstanding master suite/master bath. Gourmet kitchen, Den, 1st floor laundry & more! $317,900 (597VI)



GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY. Open and airy 4 bedroom colonial nestled in Independence Hills amid 2 parks and walking trails meets all the comforts you need! First floor laundry, formal dining room, bay windows, full basement and so much more. $339,900 (387WI)



GARDEN CITY GEM. Two bedroom starter home sitting on a nice country lot over 300' ft deep. Close to everything. Some appliances stay. Updates: roof, furnace, circuit breakers, HWT, oversized 2-1/2 car detached garage. Sq. feet does not include a 15x13 loft. Michigan basement waterproofed, great for loads of storage. $109,900 (917BO)



REMODELED HOME. This 2 bedroom home can easily be converted into a 3 bedroom. Wayne-Westland schools. Family room, attached garage, and a large breezeway. Many updates. Excellent investment property. Immediate occupancy. $72,900 (529BI)



MOVE IN BEFORE THE NEW YEAR! This 3 bedroom brick ranch can be yours in time for the new year! Ready to move into with new carpet and paint. New roof, bathroom, and newer furnace. Great location – the park is next door! All appliances are included and the city repairs are complete! Call now to see! $114,900 (583HA)



WONDERFUL RANCH CONDO. Two bedrooms and 2 baths ranch condo in a popular and attractive complex. Ready for your occupancy. First floor laundry, basement, and an attached garage. The perfect arrangement. $159,900 (836MA)



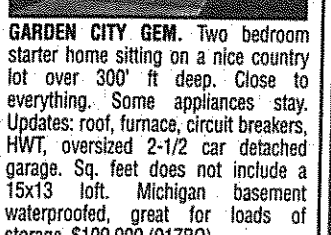
CUSTOM BUILT ON 1 ACRE. Spacious 3400 sq. ft. executive home with a 2-story foyer, gourmet kitchen with a granite cook island and Cherry cabinetry, 4/5 bedrooms, and 3.5 baths. Formal living and dining rooms perfect for entertaining along with a fireplace in the family room & master. Many unique features. $535,000 (741CR)



NEW PLYMOUTH RANCH! Three bedrooms, 1.5 baths on a pretty interior treed lot. Updates galore including the kitchen, both baths, carpet, and much more! Master bedroom has access to the bath, finished basement with wet bar is carpeted, and an attached 2 car garage with extra off street parking. Walk to the elementary. $210,000 (945TA)



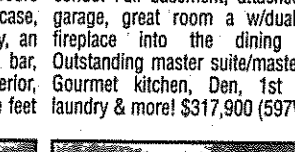
WALK TO SCHOOL. From this three bedroom ranch in a great location. Family Room with a fireplace, 2 full baths, central air and 2 car attached garage. One year home warranty. $209,900 (534HA)



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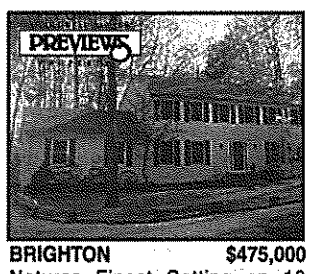
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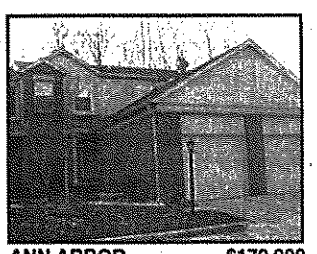
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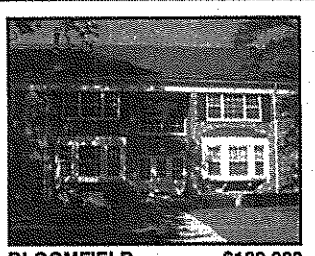
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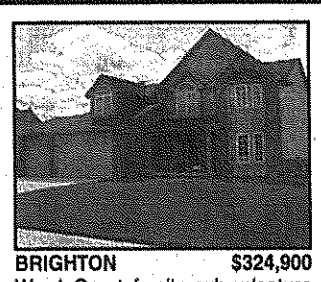
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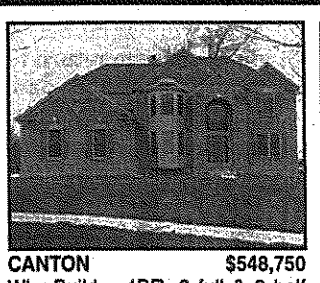
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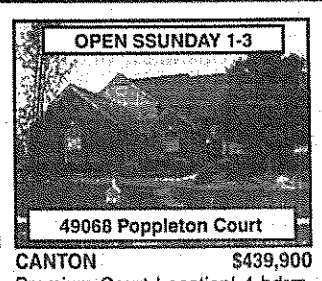
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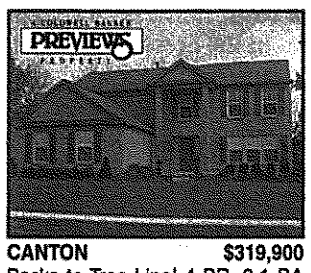
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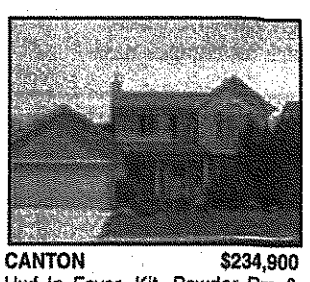
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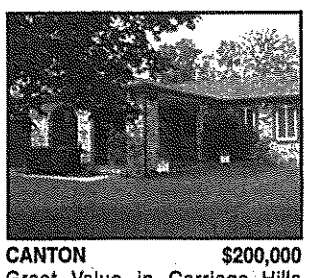
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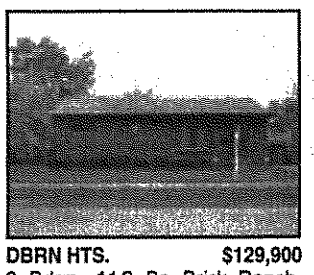
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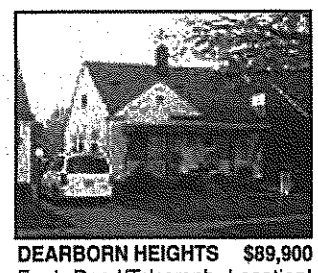
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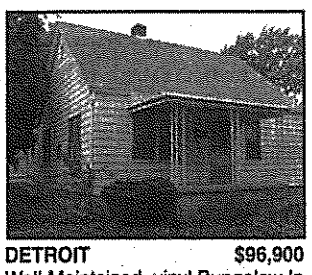
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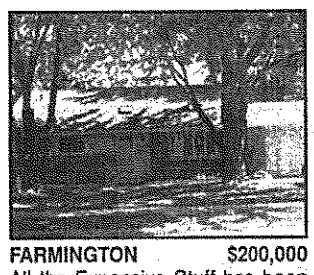
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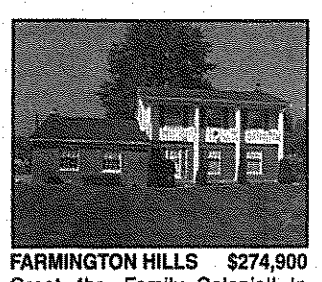
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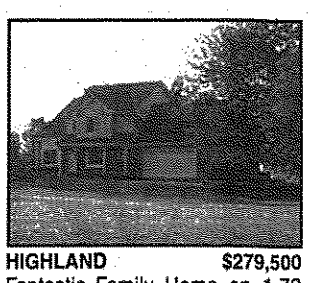
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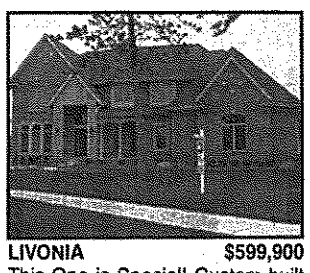
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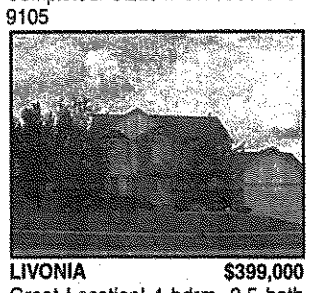
FARMINGTON HILLS $274,900
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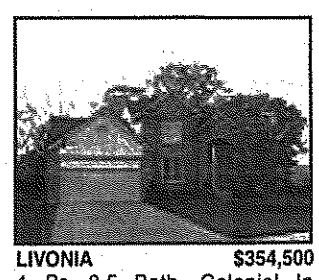
HIGHLAND $279,500
Fantastic Family Home on 1.79 Acres in Highland. Includes hot tub and above ground pool. All appliances and ADT alarm system. Newer home has hardwood floors and island kitchen. (BGSLY45HID) 888-870-9131



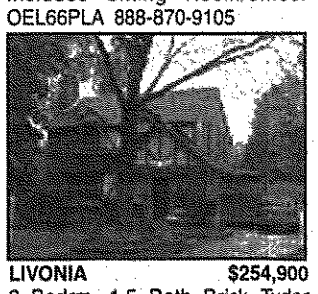
LIVONIA $599,900
This One is Special! Custom built brick colonial. Gourmet kit w/granite cntrtops & b/i appl's. Two-story Fam Rm. Lux master ste, guest ste. Extra deep bsmt. 3 car s/e garage. Cul-de-sac. BGP-49Van 888-870-9127



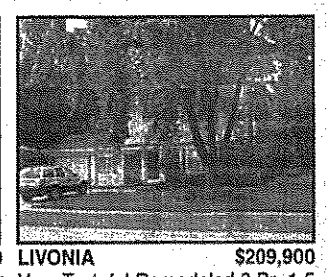
LIVONIA $399,000
Great Location! 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial w/great rm, 2 story foyer, 1st flr laundry, library, Jacuzzi, frpl, spacious deck & private yard. Home warranty provided. (BGN94KIN) 888-870-9123



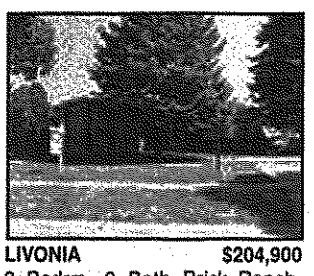
LIVONIA $354,500
4 Br, 2.5 Bath, Colonial In "Caliburn Manor" Sub. Grand 2-story Foyer, 1st Flr Laundry Rm. Bay Windows In Living Rm & Mstr Bdrm, White Kit W/built-in Oven. Fin Basement, Alarm System. OEL37GLE 888-870-9105



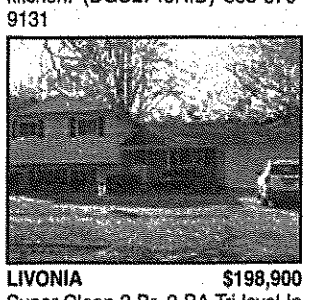
LIVONIA $254,900
3 Bedrm, 1.5 Bath Brick Tudor Colonial InRosedale Gardens Sub On Double Lot. LR W/frpl. Kit W/Built-in Oven, Range & Counters. Formal DR, 3 Season Fla Rm. Oversized 2.5 Car Garage. Newer Roof Shingles (4 yrs)OEL30AUB 888-870-9105



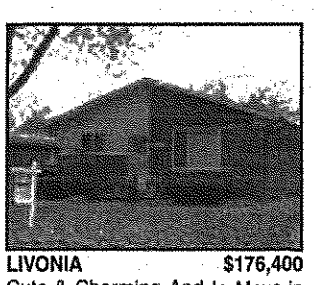
LIVONIA $209,900
Very Tasteful Remodeled 3 Br, 1.5 Brick Colonial! Backs to woods! Merillat oak kitchen w/newer Kenmore appliances. Deep sinks, wine rack, newer windows, furnace, hwh, roof, siding, baths, etc. Beautiful area. (BGN66LIN) 888-870-9123



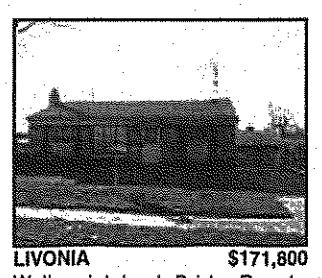
LIVONIA $204,900
3 Bedrm, 2 Bath Brick Ranch. Large Brick Foyer Overlooking Living Rm. Open Kitchen W/oven/range. Pretty Family Rm W/brick Wall FP. 2 Car Att Garage. 1 Yr HW.OEL22RAM 888-870-9105



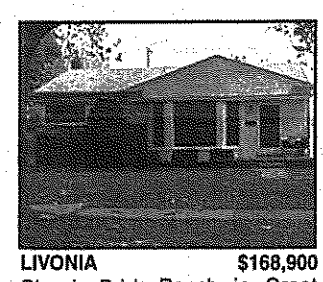
LIVONIA $198,900
Super Clean 3 Br, 2 BA Tri-level In Livonia. Newer Oak Kitchen & FR W/nat'l Fireplace. Neutral Decor & Wndw Treatments Stay. Stove, Refrigerator As Well As A 15x30 Above Ground Pool W/equip Stays. OEL51WES 888-870-9105



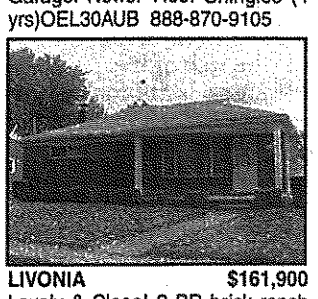
LIVONIA $176,400
Cute & Charming And In Move-in Condition! Beautiful And Super Clean 3 Bedroom Brick Ranch With Hardwood Floors Through Out. Newer Windows, Doors, And Roof. Beautiful Kitchen With White And Oak Cabinets. OEL01HIL 888-870-9105



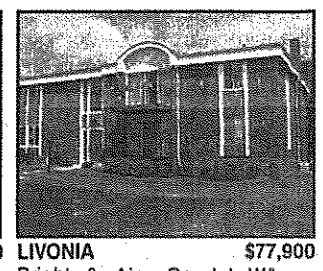
LIVONIA $171,800
Well-maintained Brick Ranch. Furnace, CA & Vinyl Windows 10 Yrs. Enjoy Summer Evenings From Covered Patio. Walk To Elem & High Schools; Short Ride To Middle School. Perfect Family Neighborhood! OEL13PER 888-870-9105



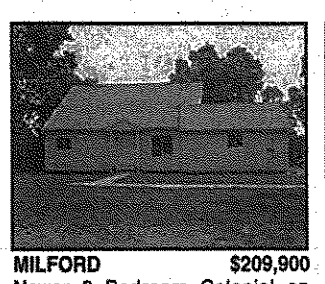
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Classic Brick Ranch in Great Livonia Neighborhood! 3 Br, 2 bath, 2.5 car garage, finished basement! New kitchen, windows, furnace & C/A & driveway. Hardwood floor t/o. (BGN10DOL) 888-870-9123



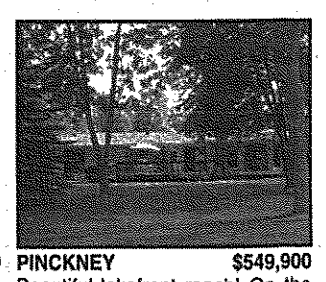
LIVONIA $161,900
Lovely & Clean! 3 BR brick ranch w/2 car attached garage & finished basement. Updates include kitchen, windows, roof, furnace, AC & more. Appliances stay. Immediate occupancy. BGP-24Lat 888-870-9127



LIVONIA $77,900
Bright & Airy Condo! W/large rooms. Pleasant view from balcony. Many updates include kitchen, bath & newer windows. New roof in 2001. Pool & clubhouse for relaxation. (BGN07BOB) 888-870-9123



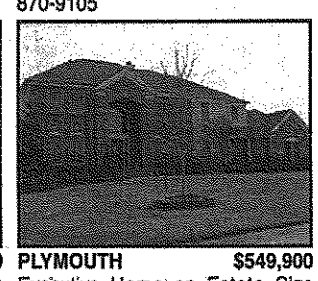
MILFORD $209,900
Newer 3 Bedroom Colonial on Almost an Acre. Open Floor plan, neutral and ready to move into. Great room with cathedral ceilings - fireplace, sprawling kitchen, 2 car garage. full basement. (BGSLY57OLD) 888-870-9131



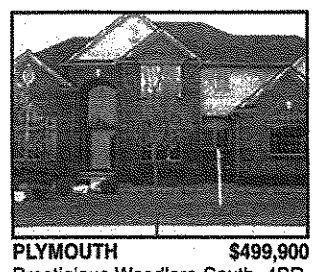
PINCKNEY $549,900
Beautiful lakefront ranch! On the Portage-Strawberry chain of lakes. Almost one acre w/120 ft on the lake. Totally updated home w/3 brs, 2 baths, 3 car gar, C/A & fireplace. Excellent condition. (BGSLY75DUN) 888-870-9131



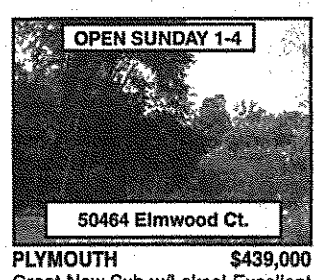
PINCKNEY $49,900
Priced below SEV! Nice build site 1 block from golf course. Deeded access on Rush Lake. Private lake with beaches. Land contract available. (BGSLYVLCC) 888-870-913



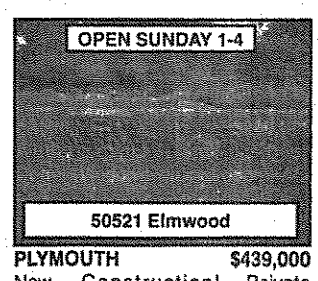
PLYMOUTH $549,900
Executive Home on Estate Size Lot.... Incredibly priced, located, decorated & landscaped. Lot backing to treed commons. Spac kit & nook w/granite island. Fin bsmt w/full bath. 4BR, 4 full & 2 half baths. BGP-60Fel 888-870-9127



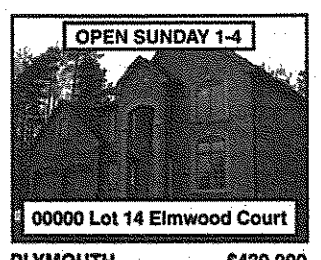
PLYMOUTH $499,900
Prestigious Woodlore South. 4BR, 3.1 BA colonial. Large Master BR w/walk-in closet & vanity. Ceiling fans in bedrooms, powder rm on 1st floor. Island in kit. Dual staircases. Finished basement. BGP-83Tan 888-870-9127



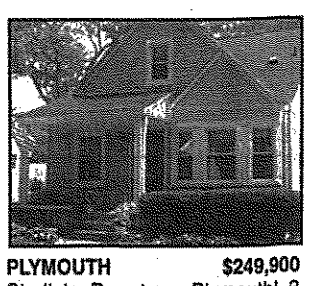
PLYMOUTH $439,000
Great New Sub w/Lakes! Excellent craftsmanship & builder pulled out all the stops on features even xtra deep bsmnt. Great pre-construction prices. (BGN18ELM) 888-870-9123



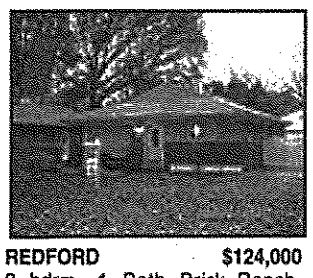
PLYMOUTH $439,000
New Construction! Private Lakefront 4 bdrm, 2.5 baths, mstr ste w/sitting rm. Stone frpl, cherry cabs w/granite counter. Brazilizn hdwd flrs. 9"ceilings, central vac, 4 zone audio sys. (BGN12ELM) 888-870-9123



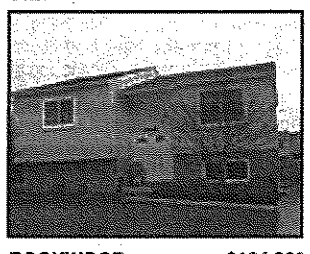
PLYMOUTH $439,000
New Affordable Construction In Plymouth! On small lake w/stonecast FP, cherry cbnt, granite cntrs. Custom mlds & trim. Brazilian hdwd flrs. Ceramic BA & laundry. 4BR, 2.5 BA, daylight bsmt. Available in Nov. BGP-00Elm 888-870-9127



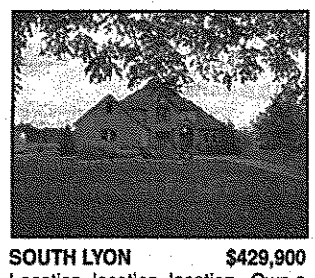
PLYMOUTH $249,900
Stroll to Downtown Plymouth! 3 BR, 2 BA charming bungalow. Updates incl: roof, windows, H2O Htr, driveway, patio, kitchen appls. Part fin bsmt. DR w/bay wndw, built-in china cabs. Hdwd flrs, coved clg. BGP-50Art 888-870-9127



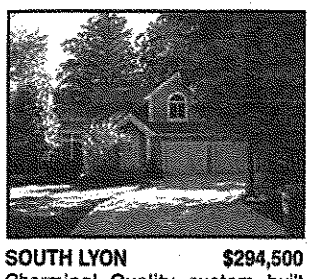
REDFORD $124,000
3 bdrm, 1 Bath Brick Ranch. Spacious Open Floor Plan W/ Lg Eat-in Kitchen. Lots Of Storage Space In Attic. Updates: Furnace & Hwt (97) Circuit Breakers, Windows, Storm Doors, Interior Doors, Bthrm, & Garage. OEL64ROY 888-870-9105



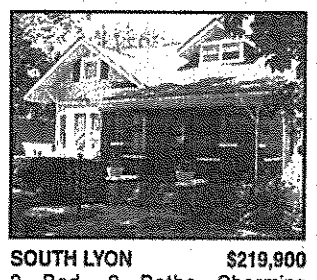
ROCKWOOD $164,900
4 bdrm, 2 bath Bi-level. Updates '03: Roof, Windows, Gutters & Downspouts, Doors Throughout, All Flooring, Hwh, Lighting Fixtures, Fascia & Freshly Painted Throughout- Neutral. Newer Oak Kitchen Cabinets. OEL66GLA 888-870-9105



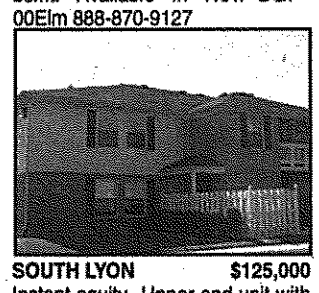
SOUTH LYON $429,900
Location, location, location.. Own a little bit of country with a touch of class! 2 1/2 acres - 4 bdrms. Great 1st flr master suite. Open floor plan soaring ceilings. 3+car garage. Close to xways.(BGSLY30HEN) 888-870-9131



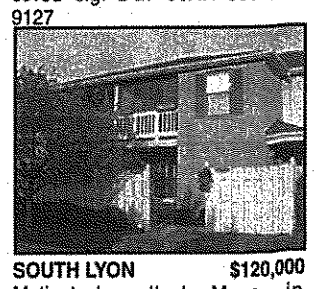
SOUTH LYON $294,500
Charming! Quality custom built home. Mstr suite + sunken mstr bath. Plenty of quality cabinetry in kit w/island. Study on lower level w/first flr lau. 3 car garage. Priced to sell! (BGSLY79CAL) 888-870-9131



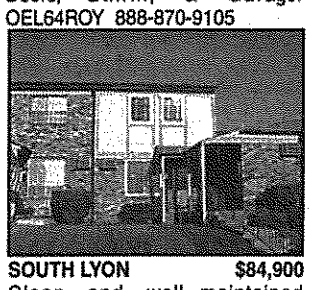
SOUTH LYON $219,900
3 Bed, 2 Baths Charming Bungalow in Downtown. Gas fireplace, Central Air, hardwood floors, and lots of storage space. Partially finished basement, 1 car garage plus space for a boat. (BGSLY10WLAK) 888-870-9131



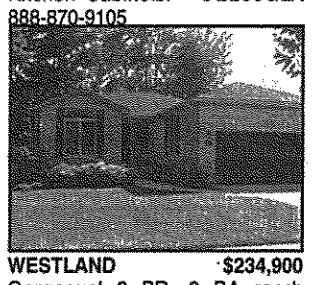
SOUTH LYON $125,000
Instant equity.. Upper end unit with vaulted ceilings. Private enclosed deck or work from your library. Pull down stairs to storage shives in attic, 2 carports, many upgrades. (BGSLY84GRE) 888-870-9131



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Motivated seller! Move in condition! Immediate occupancy. 2 Br lg master Br w/bath, 2 full bths. Open floor plan. 1st floor laundry. Plenty of storage. Walking distance to school & town .(BGSLY32GRE) 888-870-9131



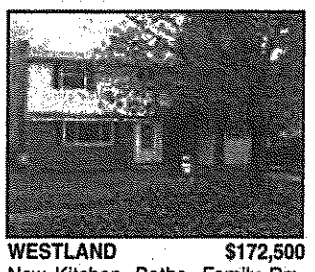
SOUTH LYON $84,900
Clean and well maintained updated Co-op 55+! Nice open floor plan! Newer kitchen, newer carpet, freshly painted. Basement offers 3rd bedroom and family room!(BGSLY26FRA) 888-870-9131



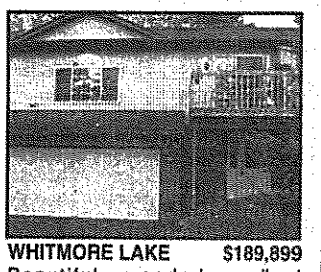
WESTLAND $234,900
Gorgeous! 3 BR, 2 BA ranch w/open flr plan. Wilsonart flr in foyer, GR, DR, nook, kit & 1st flr lndry. Upgraded crpt in BR's. Ceramic tile BA's. Gas FP in GR w/cath clngs. DW off nook. BGP-23Blo 888-870-91



WESTLAND $191,900
Spacious Cape Cod on Premium Lot! 3bdrm, 2.5 bath, basement & lovely deck w/beautiful wooded view of wetlands. Neutral decor plus extra insulation make for quiet atmosphere. (BGN84RAV) 888-870-9123



WESTLAND $172,500
New Kitchen, Baths, Family Rm, Dinette, Carpeting, Plus Redecorating In 2002. Also Roof, Windows,& Vinyl Siding Replaced In 2001. New Garage Door W/ Opener, 6 Panel Doors, Beaut Fin Hdwd Flrs. 11 X 21 Rec Room. OEL10SOM 888-870-9105



WHITMORE LAKE $189,899
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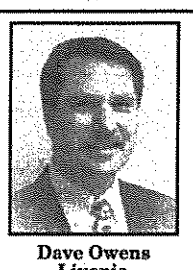


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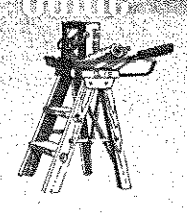
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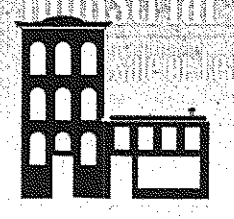
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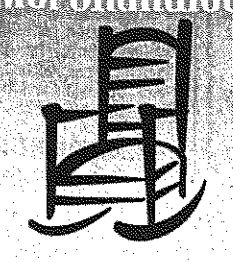
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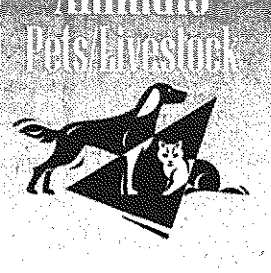
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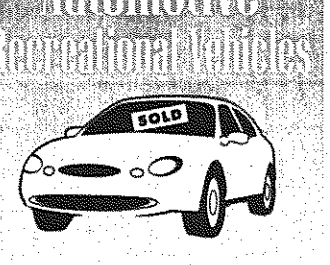
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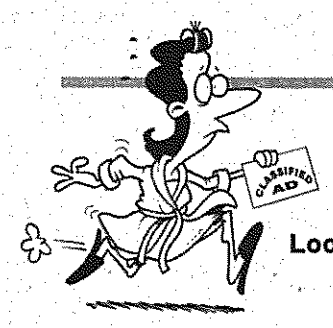


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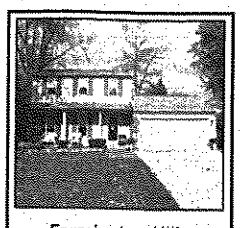
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Birmingham 3050

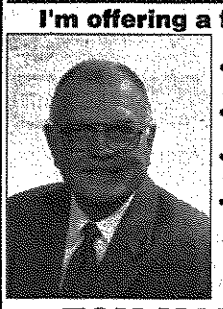
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Dearborn-3400 Woodside
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Ypsilanti-7921 Creekbend
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Ypsilanti-5857 Pine View
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Dearborn Heights-6050 Dwight
3 bdrm, 1.5 bath brick ranch w/finished. Basement & 2 car garage. Mint Condition!! $177,400

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OPEN SUN 2-5 **Van Buren-10823 Jackson**
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Redford-17215 Delaware
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Redford-20372 Fox
3 bdrm brick ranch w/ vinyl windows, new carpet, fin bsmt, garage, oak kitchen. $119,900

Westland-32479 Birchwood
3 bdrm, ranch w/2 fully remodeled baths. updated t/o. newer oak kitchen, c/a, fin bsmt. $144,900

Westland-36756 Dartmouth
3 bdrm 1.5 ba Colonial, 2 car gar, part finished bsmt. Built in 1990. $197,900

Westland-38436 Palmer
Sprawling 3 bdrm ranch w/huge LR & FR w/nat. fireplace. 1+ acre, 3 car gar. $209,900

Westland-1290 Shoemaker (condo)
Stunning 2 bdrm, 2 ba. Condo, skylights & deck for entertaining. Backs to woods. $114,900

Westland-1621 Shoemaker (condo)
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Westland-39236 Phlox
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Westland-605 S. Wildwood
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Westland-1517 Norris
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Westland-8470 Rickie
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Livonia-- 9610 Cardwell
Beautiful brick 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath bungalow; custom updated kitchen, finished bsmt. $164,900

Livonia-- 28505 Clarita
Newer const. Built in 2002. 3 bdrm ranch, basement, 1 bath. Nice lot. Livonia schools. $144,900

Garden City-31531 Bock
3 bedroom 1 bath. Colonial. 2 car garage w/220, double lot. Updated kitch. 2 car garage. $149,900

Wayne-34880 Winslow
Beautiful home in mint cond.2.5 car gar. Double lot, newer roof & C/A. Basement. $117,900

Detroit-7610 Beaverland
3 bedroom bungalow approx 1,100 sqft. Newer windows, great curb appeal. $79,900

Detroit-6422 Auburn St.
Beautiful 3 bdrm bungalow, fin basement, den upstairs, garage, updated throughout! $114,900

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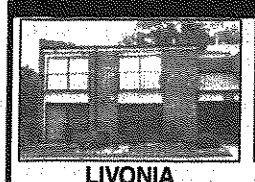
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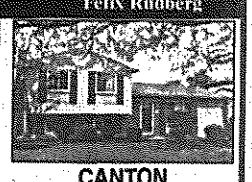
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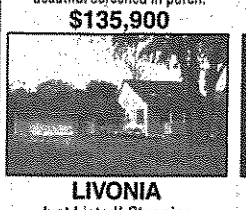
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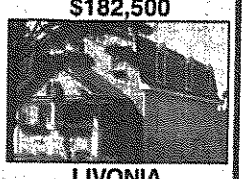
LIVONIA
Comfortable & convenient! This "Woods" complex condo in NW Livonia offers 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, a spacious living room, plenty of closet space, neutral decor, and a beautiful screened in porch.
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CANTON
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$182,500



LIVONIA
Just Listed! Stunning contemporary 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch. 2+ car attached garage. Large lot with Livonia schools. Completely updated. Master suite with full bath & walk-in closet. Feels like new construction. Must see!
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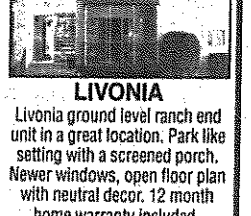


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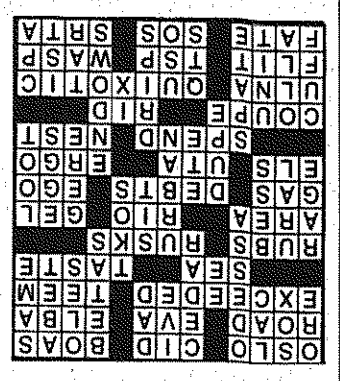
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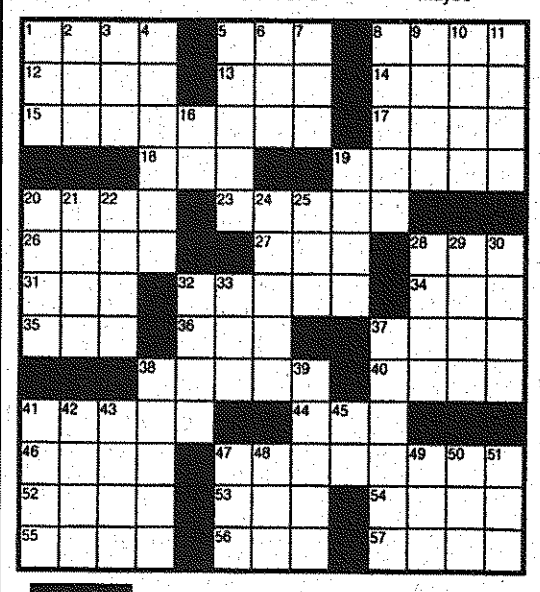
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Canton 3080

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FARMINGTON HILLS Nice ranch on 80x265 lot, 2 bedrooms, bright living room, 20x15 family room, nicely decorated, large laundry room, 1.5 car garage w/workshop, 30x12 patio $174,900.

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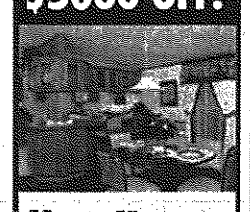
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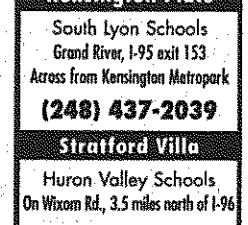
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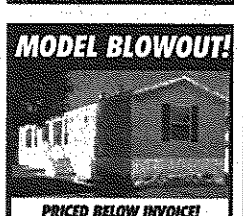
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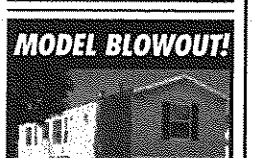
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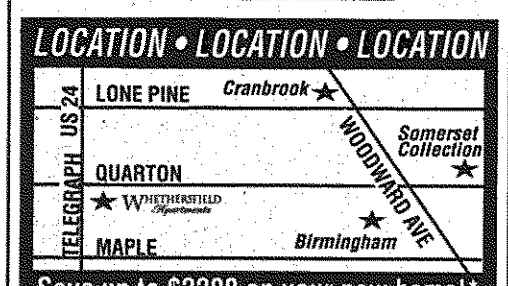
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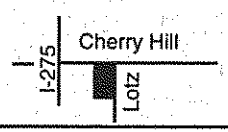
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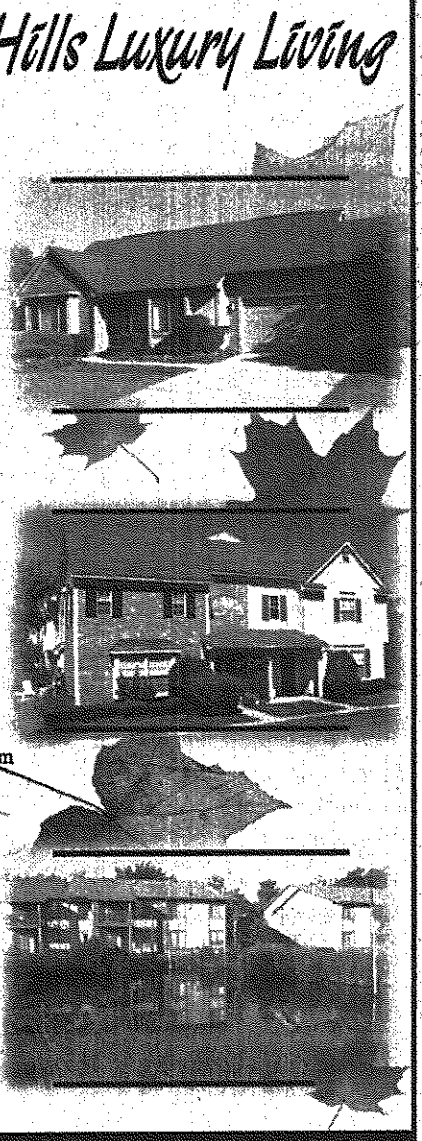
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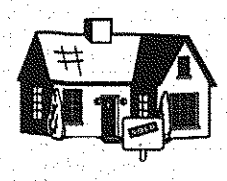
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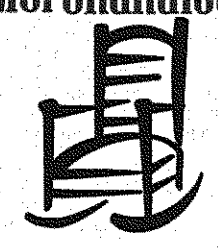
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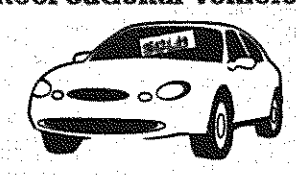
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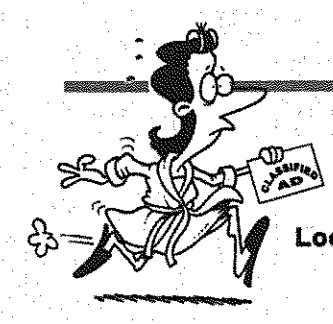


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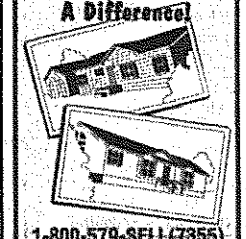
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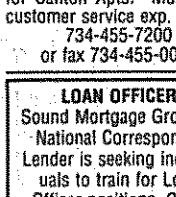
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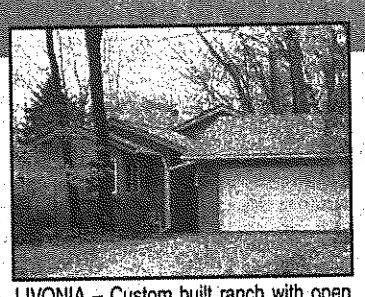
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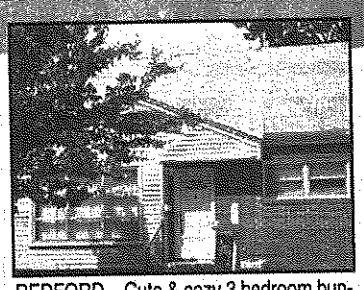
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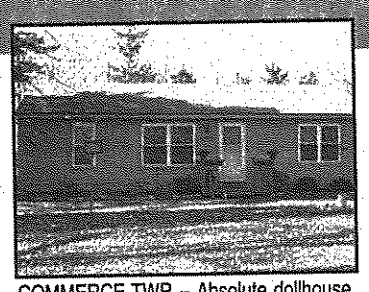
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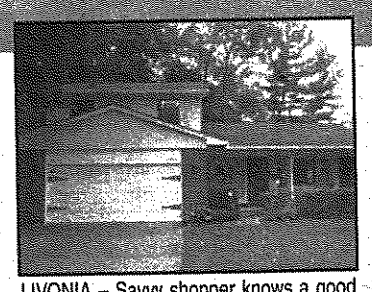
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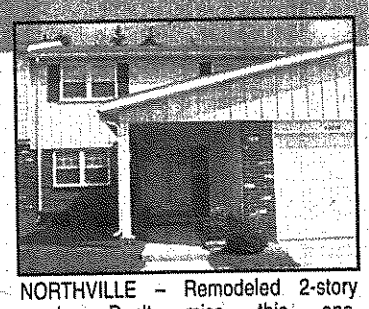
REDFORD – Cute & cozy 3 bedroom bungalow w/updated oak kitchen, roof, some windows, vinyl siding & much more + 2 car garage w/newer door & basement. $134,900 (95DEN) 734-455-5600



COMMERCE TWP. – Absolute dollhouse. You will love this wonderfully updated 3 BR ranch. Very open floor plan featuring open kitchen, dining & 2nd great room. Wonderfully updated bathroom. Great lot and location. Newer siding and roof. Walled Lake schools. $159,900 (39BAL) 248-349-5600



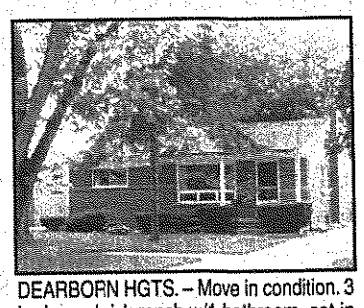
LIVONIA – Savvy shopper knows a good buy. A 1980 built brick colonial w/1st floor laundry. Has nice finished basement and 2 car attached garage, C/A, sprinklers, wood windows, deck & patio. Family room w/fireplace & formal dining room. Leisure living. $235,000 (27WOO) 248-349-5600



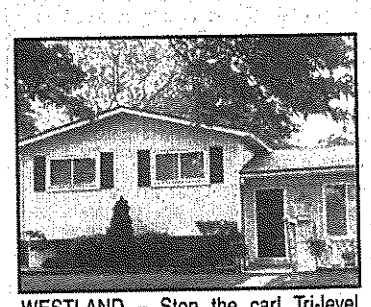
NORTHVILLE – Remodeled 2-story condo. Don't miss this one. Hardwood,crown molding, fireplace, C/A, fresh paint, fin basement, all appls stay. Large kitchen, newer windows, private fenced patio, dining room, att garage. Walk to downtown. Gas and water included. $205,000 (16QUE) 248-349-5600



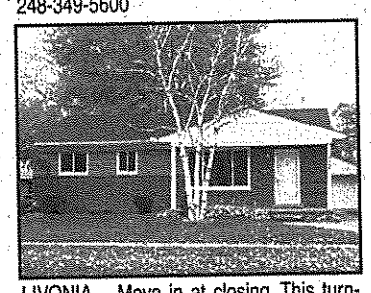
PLYMOUTH – Ranch w/finished walkout. One of a kind custom built 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home. Awesome finished lower level w/wet bar. Very spacious. Backs to woods. Clean & updated. $409,900 (36CHA) 734-455-5600



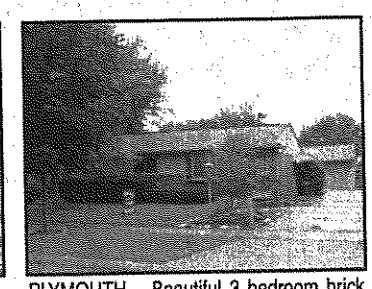
DEARBORN HGTS. – Move in condition. 3 bedroom brick ranch w/1 bathroom, eat-in kitchen, dining L, spacious living room, all vinyl windows, 2 car garage. $150,000 (63SIL) 734-455-5600



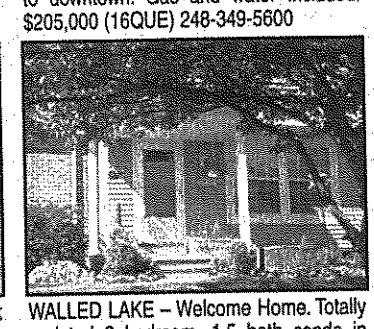
WESTLAND – Stop the car! Tri-level w/neutral colors, open floor plan & cath ceilings, newer kitchen, ceramic bath, newer .5 bath, newer carpeting, 2 car garage & shed, newer deck off doorwall. Close to elementary school & park. Home warranty. $138,900 (54BUR) 734-455-5600



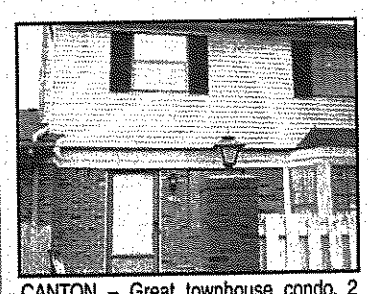
LIVONIA – Move in at closing. This turnkey ranch is spotless. Totally updated kitchen w/maple cabinets, ceramic tile floor and appliances. New bath '03 w/custom tile, maple vanity, furnace & C/A '01, windows & shingles '02, fresh paint & more. Basement w/lav & 2 car garage too. $157,500 (32MER) 248-349-5600



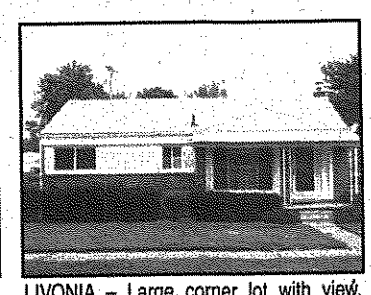
PLYMOUTH – Beautiful 3 bedroom brick ranch w/newer furnace, roof & windows. Hardwood floors. Large yard & deck. Finished lower level. Oversized 2 car garage. $209,900 (19RUS) 248-349-5600



WALLED LAKE – Welcome Home. Totally updated 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath condo in desirable area. Professionally painted, custom moldings & custom lighting. Newer appliances included. Condo offers basement and garage. Close to schools, lake & M-5. A must see. $135,900 (53HAR) 248-349-5600

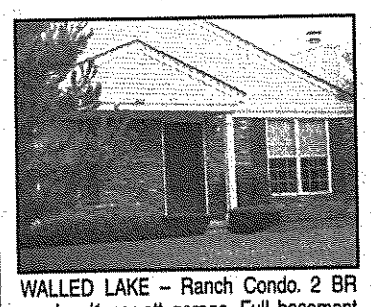


CANTON – Great townhouse condo. 2 bedrooms w/1.5 baths. Crisp & clean, freshly painted, quiet location, updated kitchen & .5 baths. Nice bay window in dining room w/window seat, 2 skylights, brick paver patio, full basement, appliances stay. A must see. $139,900 (79ARB) 734-455-5600

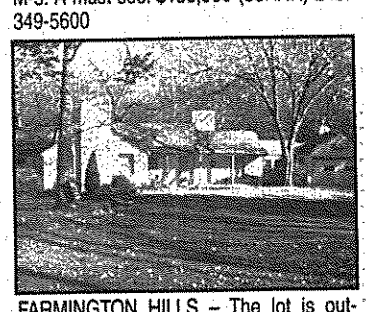


LIVONIA – Large corner lot with view. Updated 3 bedroom ranch, finished basement, newer roof, windows, C/A & all newer appliances stay. Right across from school. 2 car garage w/electricity. Florida room, fenced in backyard w/BBQ. This one will go fast. $174,900 (12HAL) 734-455-5600

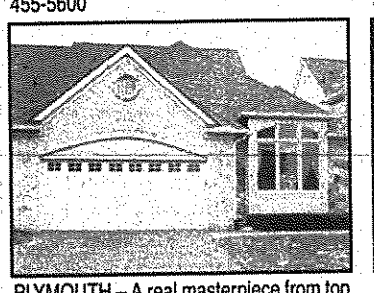
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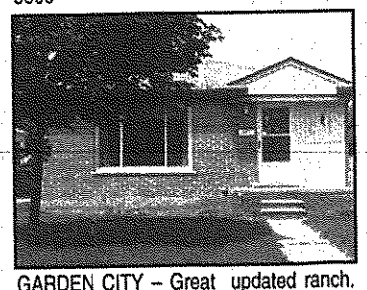
WALLED LAKE – Ranch Condo. 2 BR ranch w/1 car att garage. Full basement w/cedar closet. Newer hardwood floor in GR, kitchen and dining room. Vaulted ceiling in great room w/natural fireplace. Private patio off dining area. Master bedroom w/walk-in closet. Super clean. $156,500 (02DOV) 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS – The lot is outstanding. Bring your builder or contractor! Renovation opportunity in Woodcreek Farms on a large treed ravine lot w/stream. 4 bedroom ranch w/2.5 baths. Excellent floor plan including a walk-out basement. Don't miss this one. $298,000 (56WES) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH – A real masterpiece from top to bottom! 3 bedroom suites, 2 car attached garage, 2 gas fireplaces, marble foyer, maple cabinets, den w/wet bar, impressive great room, stunning walkout lower level. Beautiful view of wooded area. $445,000 (41BEA) 734-455-5600

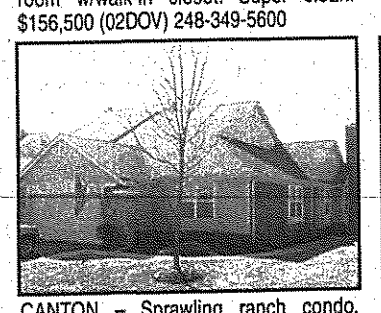


GARDEN CITY – Great updated ranch. Cute 3 bedroom brick home w/newer furnace, C/A, electricity, roof, windows & carpet. Glass block windows in finished basement, doorwall to patio & large 2 car garage. $143,500 (71CAR) 734-455-5600

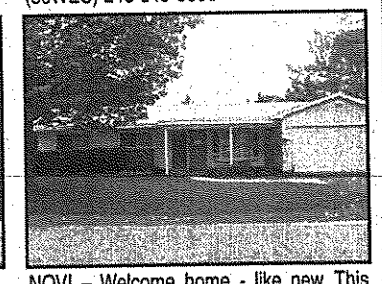
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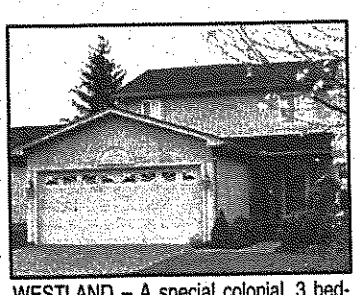
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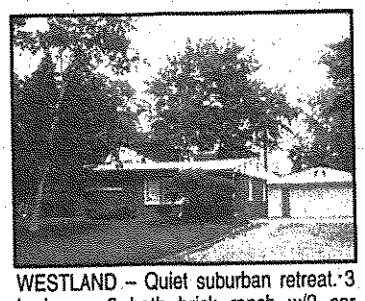
CANTON – Sprawling ranch condo. Fantastic 2 bedroom end unit backs to the 11th hole. Sit on your deck & watch the golfers or join in. Spacious unit w/hardwood flooring, gas fireplace in GR w/custom mantel, white kit w/all built-ins. Jetted tub & double sinks in master. $274,900 (32THI) 248-349-5600



NOVI – Welcome home - like new. This awesome ranch on a large lot features: open floor plan, newer windows, updated kitchen - custom paint & crown moldings, hardwood floors, updated lighting & newer carpet. Shows like a new home. Move in and enjoy. $189,900 (11MCM) 248-349-5600



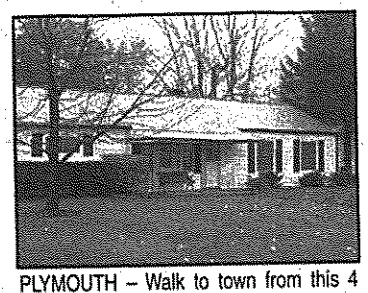
WESTLAND – A special colonial. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home w/bright kitchen w/all appliances, family room w/gas fireplace leading to private yard w/pool & hot tub. Finished lower level & 2 car attached garage. $199,900 (39BRY) 734-455-5600



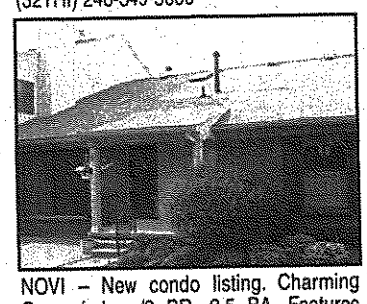
WESTLAND – Quiet suburban retreat. 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch w/2 car attached garage, newer roof, bath, windows, furnace & C/A + large deck w/gazebo, 1st floor laundry, full wall fireplace w/insert. Take a look! $159,900 (70GLO) 734-455-5600



CANTON – Located on premium lot! Charming 2 story condo overlooking scenic pond. Offers upgraded Pergo floor in kitchen, all kitchen appliances, fireplace in great room, finished basement w/drywall, recessed lights & carpeting. Also, lovely deck for entertaining. $169,500 (75HUN) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH – Walk to town from this 4 bedroom ranch w/many newer updates. Furnace, C/A, 2 full baths & newer windows. All appliances stay. 2 car attached garage and more. $204,900 (05MAR) 248-349-5600



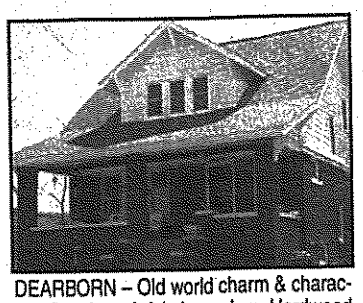
NOVI – New condo listing. Charming Crosswinds w/2 BR, 2.5 BA. Features many updates. Home located at back of condo complex for maximum privacy. 1 car garage w/opener. Includes all appliances. Great location - close to major x-ways. $174,500 (76PON) 248-349-5600



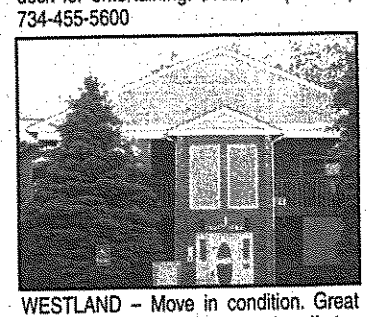
SOUTH LYON – Custom Built. Hurry, still time to make selections. 4 bedrooms, 3 full and 2 half baths. 3+ side entry garage. Golf course community. Walk out lower level. Corner lot in great neighborhood. Builder uses only top quality materials. $499,900 (91GRE) 248-349-5600



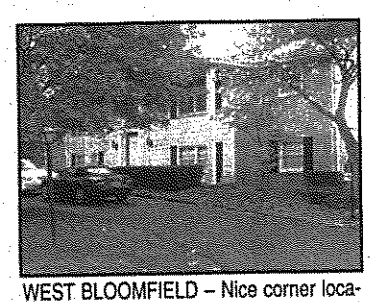
CANTON – Wooded end unit ranch. Sharp like new 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo offering 2-way fireplace, great room, formal dining room, 1st floor laundry, basement, 2 car attached garage in excellent location. $304,755 (40HOG) 734-455-5600



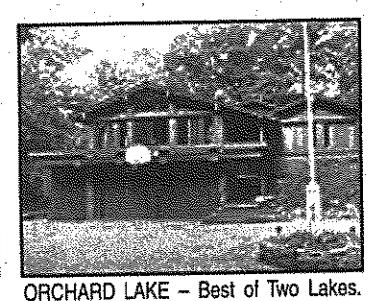
DEARBORN – Old world charm & character. Spacious brick bungalow. Hardwood floors throughout, natural woodwork, leaded glass, 2 baths & kitchen updated. Most windows replaced, newer furnace, C/A, roof, electricity, insulation, HWH & sprinklers. Formal DR, FR, bsmt, 2 car garage. $244,900 (05MOR) 734-455-5600



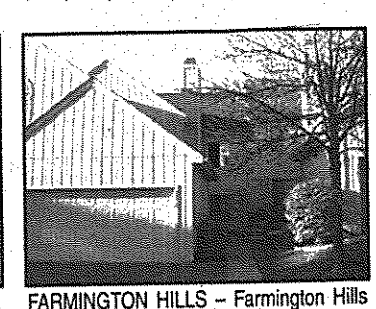
WESTLAND – Move in condition. Great buy on this 2 bedroom condo offering vaulted ceilings in living room w/skylights, open floor plan & appliances stay, + 1 year home warranty included. $105,900 (26SHO) 734-455-5600



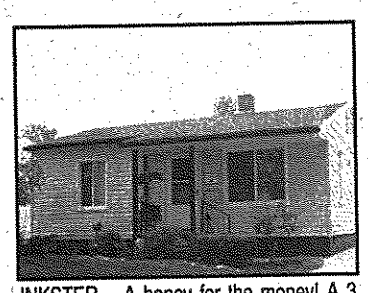
WEST BLOOMFIELD – Nice corner location in wonderful sub. 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 2 car garage. Newer carpet & roof. Fireplace in great room. Eat-in kitchen & separate dining room. Very large living room. Master bedroom w/walk-in & full bath. $285,000 (90TAD) 248-349-5600



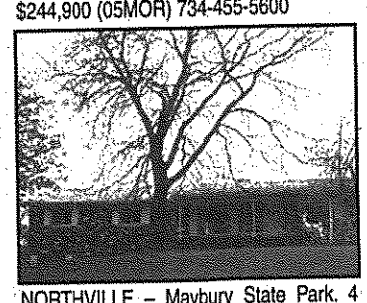
ORCHARD LAKE – Best of Two Lakes. The views will amaze you. Orchard Lake in front and Upper Straits in back. 6 bedroom, 3.5 bath contemporary home. Huge dining room can entertain your largest group. Fabulous opportunity. Has not been available for 30 years. $2,399,900 (47OLD) 248-349-5600



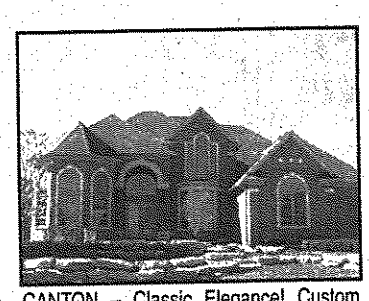
FARMINGTON HILLS – Farmington Hills Condo. Beautiful Oakcrest condo w/2 BR, 2 full baths, WIC, cathedral ceilings in LR & FR, fresh paint and carpet, bonus room over 2 car attached garage, same floor laundry, fireplace & balcony. All appliances stay. Water included. $174,900 (40LAU) 248-349-5600



INKSTER – A honey for the money! A 3 bedroom home with C/A. Many updates including kitchen w/oak cabinets, bath with ceramic tile, plumbing & electricity. Family room leads to lovely deck + garage. $79,900 (16LEH) 734-455-5600



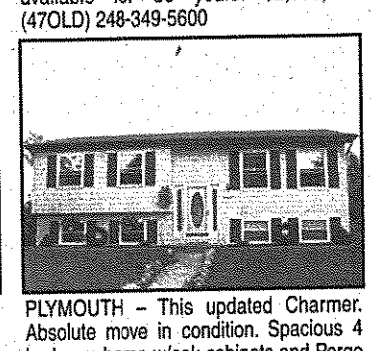
NORTHVILLE – Maybury State Park. 4 bedroom ranch that backs to State Park. Walk-out basement, 2 car attached garage, large country kitchen, beautifully landscaped w/mature trees all sitting on a very serene 3 acre lot. $539,900 (25WES) 734-455-5600



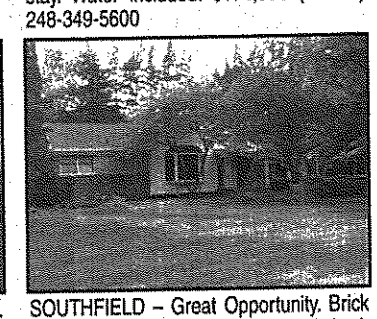
CANTON – Classic Elegance! Custom built on approx. 1 acre lots. Foyer w/wrought iron & wood trimmed staircase, 2 story great room w/fplc & crown molding, kit & mstr bath w/granite tops. All 3 bedrooms have a bath & WIC. Full basement w/walk-out & 3 car attached garage. $759,000 (51ROL) 734-455-5600



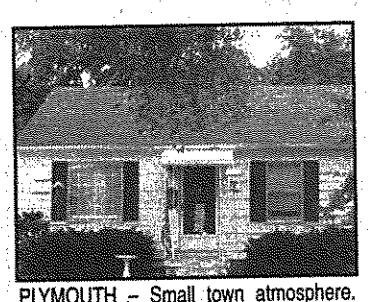
NORTHVILLE – Historic Vintage charm gracefully updated w/newer windows, furnace, hot water heater, A/C, roof & more. Baths recently remodeled by current owner/architect. The investment is golden, lifestyle is sterling & potential is priceless. $329,900 (34RAY) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH – This updated Charmer. Absolute move in condition. Spacious 4 bedroom home w/oak cabinets and Pergo floors. Newer windows, entry & patio doors. Top rated Plymouth schools. Walk to elementary school. $205,000 (53ORE) 248-349-5600



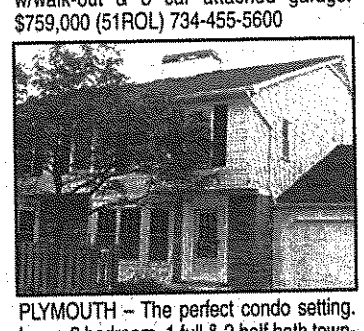
SOUTHFIELD – Great Opportunity. Brick ranch on approx 1 beautiful acre w/2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, FR & DR. Large eat-in kitchen. Knotty pine interior for up north feel. Partially fin basement w/built-in bar. Master bedroom w/WIC & built-ins. Newer roof, furnace, HWH, C/A & attached 2 car garage. $179,900 (14FOR) 248-349-5600



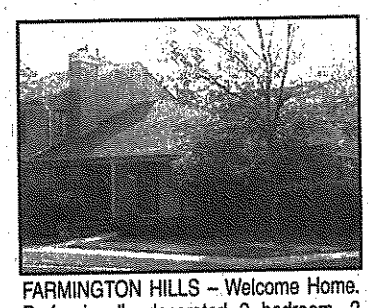
PLYMOUTH – Small town atmosphere. Country-like location close to downtown Plymouth. 3 bedroom ranch on tree-lined street. Great starter home. $169,900 (47MOR) 734-455-5600



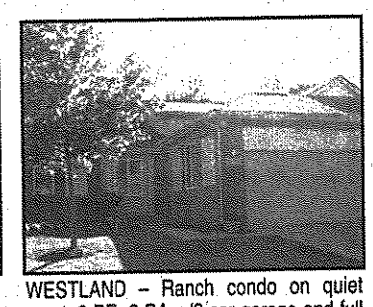
WESTLAND – This is the one. Spacious 4 bedroom, 2 bath tri-level w/large eat-in kitchen, newer windows, garage, C/A & nicely landscaped w/pond in backyard. $168,500 (55CHI) 734-455-5600



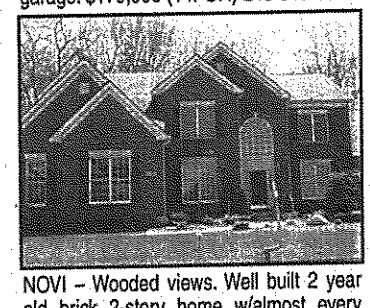
PLYMOUTH – The perfect condo setting. Large 2 bedroom, 1 full & 2 half bath townhouse w/finished basement, attached garage, private deck, all appliances, newer carpet & fresh paint. You must see this one. $152,900 (75MIL) 734-455-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS – Welcome Home. Professionally decorated 2 bedroom, 2 bath ranch end unit in desirable area. Newer appls included. Walk to pool &tennis courts. Home offers fireplace, cathedral ceilings & full basement. 1 car garage & deck. $188,500 (43COU) 248-349-5600



WESTLAND – Ranch condo on quiet court. 2 BR, 2 BA w/2 car garage and full basement. First floor laundry, neutral carpet and walls. Ceramic tile in foyer and vaulted great room ceiling. Eating area in kitchen w/white cabs. Walk-in closet and deck. $179,900 (92CON) 248-349-5600



NOVI – Wooded views. Well built 2 year old brick 2-story home w/almost every option. 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, sunroom, large dream kitchen, 2-story Fieldstone fireplace, enlarged family room & 2-level deck, 3 car garage, 6' whirlpool, alarm system, skylights, C/A, basement & more. $859,900 (99ABE) 248-349-5600

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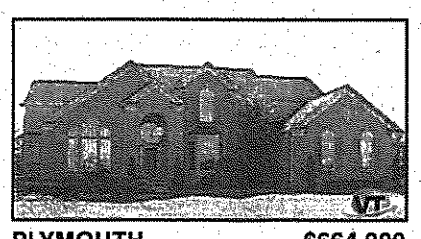
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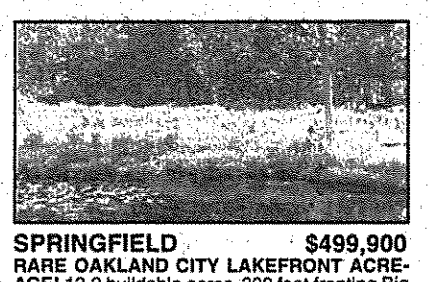
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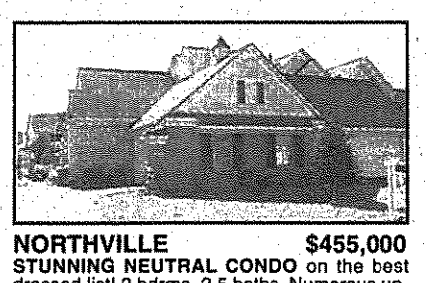
NORTHVILLE $1,150,000
ELEGANT LAKEFRONT HOME IN NORTHVILLE 4bdrm,3 baths/2lavs. Hrdwd, granite,2 stairways. Mstr ste. w/glamour bath & 20x10 Closet. Neutral decor. Lush landscaping,Trex deck,patio, private beach. (25PAR2)
248-348-6430



PLYMOUTH $664,900
A HARVEST OF FEATURES! 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath cape cod. GR, DR, library. 2 bdrms w/loft up. Kit w/cherry cabs, island, pantry, appls, hrdwd flr. Dual fp. Walkout bsmt. 3 car gar. (23M50311)
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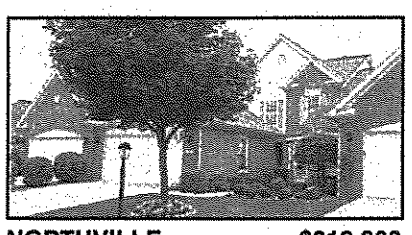
SPRINGFIELD $499,900
RARE OAKLAND CITY LAKEFRONT ACREAGE! 13.2 buildable acres. 300 feet fronting Big Lake. Perked & surveyed. Wetlands, spring-fed pond. Minutes from M-59 & I-75. Will partner with builder until sold. (23S12042)
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NORTHVILLE $455,000
STUNNING NEUTRAL CONDO on the best dressed list! 2 bdrms, 2.5 baths. Numerous upgrades incl: granite, lighting, carpet, & cabinets.Extra Crown mldg. Luxury Mstr Bath. (80LYO2)
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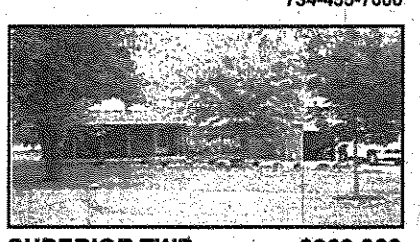
FARMINGTON HILLS $347,900
RARE RAMBLEWOOD RANCH UPGRADES GALORE! Architectural delight with dramatic vaulted ceilings, plant shelves & circle top windows, 2br, 3 bath, den, fin LL, dream kitchen. Must See! (71SEQ2)
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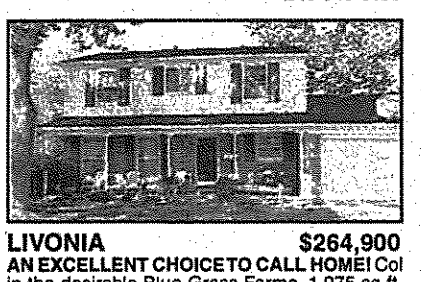
NORTHVILLE $319,900
BEAUTIFUL CONDO IN COUNTRY CLUB VILLAGE Open, spacious, sunlit condo with view of pond. 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 fireplaces, study with bay window, island kitchen. Perfect! (90COU2)
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NOVI $290,000
BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL IN WHISPERING MEADOWS Spacious 4 BR home w/large Master Suite & Bath. Wooded yard and front sidewalks a real plus. Newer roof, furnace & windows. Home Warranty provided. (09SUN2)
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SUPERIOR TWP $269,900
LOTS OF PRIVACY Large Ranch w/nice open floor plan on 5 acres. 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath, fabulous new oak kitchen, newer roof shingles, fireplace, super family & game rm, pole barn. (R165)
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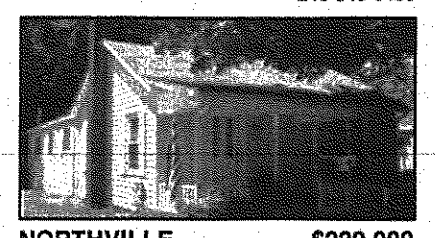
LIVONIA $264,900
AN EXCELLENT CHOICE TO CALL HOME! Col in the desirable Blue Grass Farms. 1,975 sq ft, FR w/natural fp, DR w/a built in curio, LR, 1st flr laundry. Nice lg yard w/mature trees. Great location! (23N15640)
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FARMINGTON HILLS $254,990
BEAUTIFUL 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 att gar, more. (B34658)
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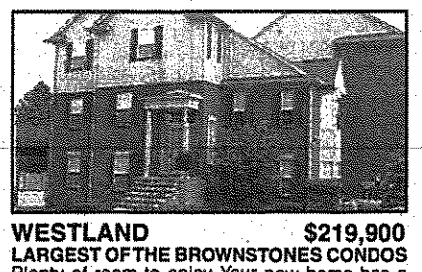
WESTLAND $245,000
ABSOLUTLY GORGEOUS HOME IN BEAUTIFUL SUB Aside from the lush landscape & beautifully maintained exterior, this home is mint & ready for you to move right in! Large deck leads to submerged pool and more (S727)
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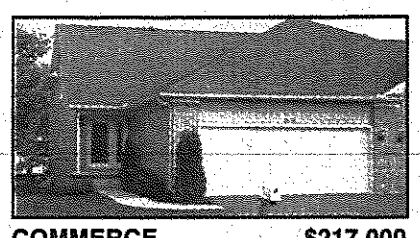
NORTHVILLE $229,000
CUTE AS A BUTTON Lot's of possibilities in this Northville ranch. Beautiful stone fireplace in family room. Special wood flooring in entrance.Large fenced yard. Home warranty (25nov8)
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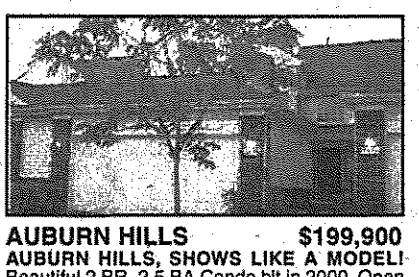
CANTON $224,900
BEAUTIFUL BRICK CONDO W/1ST FLOOR MASTER Move right in to this spacious, neutral 3 BR, 2.5 BA condo w/2 stry GR RMw/corner FP, Loft w/full BA, crown moldings, skylights, 1st Flr Laund & 2 Car Att Gar! (03SHE2)
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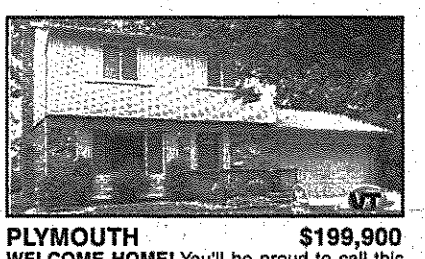
WESTLAND $219,900
LARGEST OF THE BROWNSTONES CONDOS Plenty of room to enjoy. Your new home has a fireplace in the living room with vaulted ceilings. 3 Floors of comfort. Close to shopping & entertainment. (C704)
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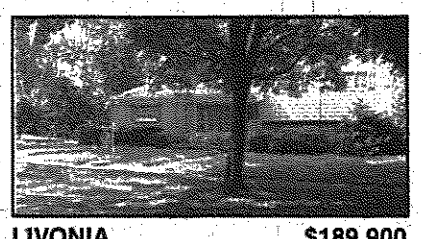
COMMERCE $217,000
BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY CONDO End unit, 1850 square ft, 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath, 1st flr master & laundry, 2 car garage, 9 ft basement, pergo floors. Job transfer forces sale. (S2933)
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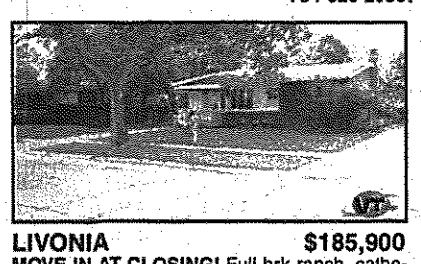
AUBURN HILLS $199,900
AUBURN HILLS, SHOWS LIKE A MODEL! Beautiful 2 BR, 2.5 BA Condo blt in 2000. Open floor plan, GR w/FP, vaulted ceiling, part fin bsmt w/office. 2-car garage, deck & more! (34WIL2)
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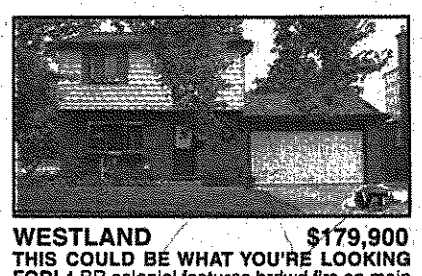
PLYMOUTH $199,900
WELCOME HOME! You'll be proud to call this beautiful colonial your new home! Pride of ownership shines w/many updates: newer wndws, siding, rf, kit, elec bx, appl, & more. (W10063)
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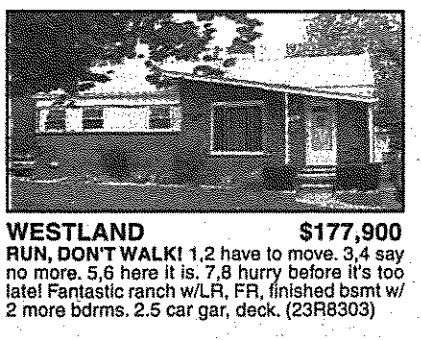
LIVONIA $189,900
HIGHLY DESIRED COVENTRY GARDENS! 1753 SF tri-level with large lot. A great opportunity at this price! (C34037)
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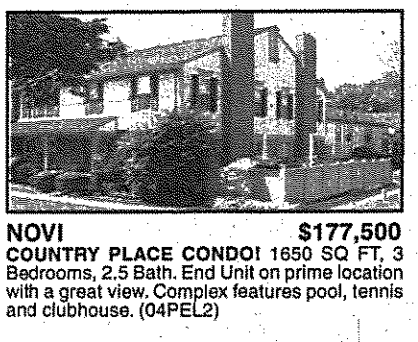
LIVONIA $185,900
MOVE IN AT CLOSING! Full brk ranch, cathedral ceilings thru-out, 3 bdrm, 1.5 baths on main flr, newer windows, elec, & plumb, c/a, bsmt has wet bar, 2+ car garage. Hurry, won't last!!! (O19184)
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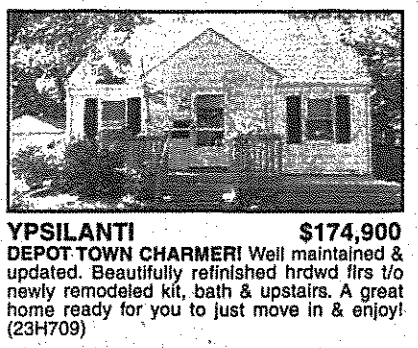
WESTLAND $179,900
THIS COULD BE WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR! 4 BR colonial features hrdwd flrs on main floor and thru-out 2nd flr, nice, flowing open flr plan, neutral decor, all big tickets are done. Over 1500 SF! (A36672)
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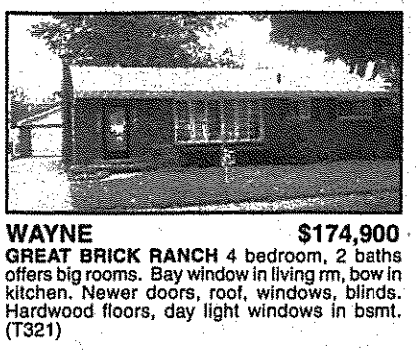
WESTLAND $177,900
RUN, DON'T WALK! 1,2 have to move. 3,4 say no more. 5,6 here it is. 7,8 hurry before it's too late! Fantastic ranch w/LR, FR, finished bsmt w/ 2 more bdrms. 2.5 car gar, deck. (23R8303)
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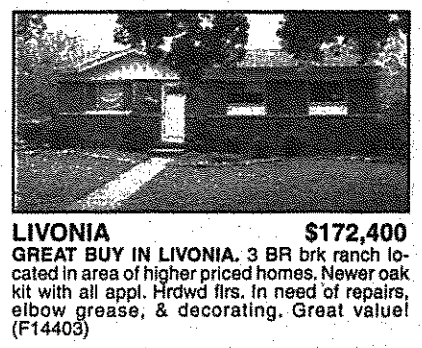
NOVI $177,500
COUNTRY PLACE CONDO! 1650 SQ FT, 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Bath. End Unit on prime location with a great view. Complex features pool, tennis and clubhouse. (04PEL2)
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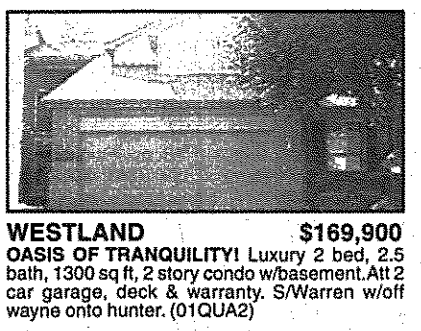
YPSILANTI $174,900
DEPOT TOWN CHARMER! Well maintained & updated. Beautifully refinished hrdwd flrs t/o newly remodeled kit, bath & upstairs. A great home ready for you to just move in & enjoy! (23H709)
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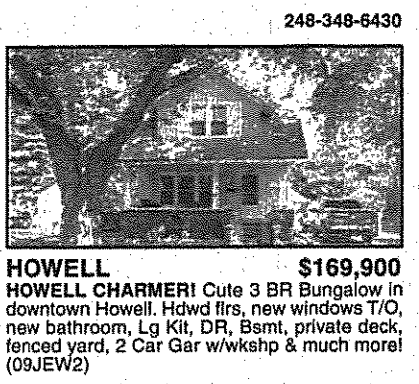
WAYNE $174,900
GREAT BRICK RANCH 4 bedroom, 2 baths offers big rooms. Bay window in living rm, bow in kitchen. Newer doors, roof, windows, blinds. Hardwood floors, day light windows in bsmt. (T321)
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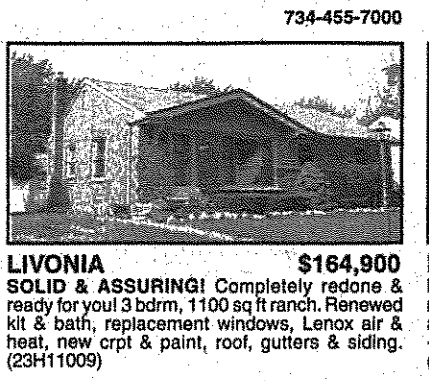
LIVONIA $172,400
GREAT BUY IN LIVONIA. 3 BR brk ranch located in area of higher priced homes. Newer oak kit with all appl. Hrdwd flrs. In need of repairs, elbow grease, & decorating. Great value! (F14403)
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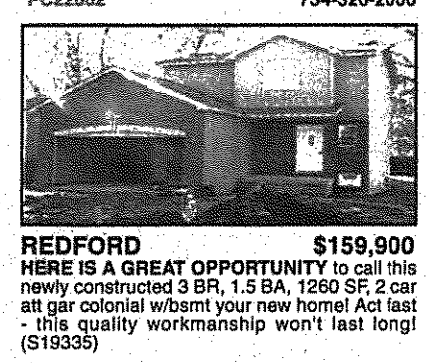
WESTLAND $169,900
OASIS OF TRANQUILITY! Luxury 2 bed, 2.5 bath, 1300 sq ft, 2 story condo w/basement.Att 2 car garage, deck & warranty. S/Warren w/off wayne onto hunter. (01QUA2)
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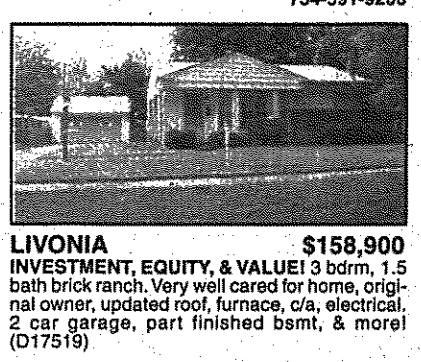
HOWELL $169,900
HOWELL CHARMER! Cute 3 BR Bungalow in downtown Howell. Hdwd flrs, new windows T/O, new bathroom, Lg Kit, DR, Bsmt, private deck, fenced yard, 2 Car Gar w/wkshp & much more! (09JEW2)
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LIVONIA $164,900
SOLID & ASSURING! Completely redone & ready for you! 3 bdrm, 1100 sq ft ranch. Renewed kit & bath, replacement windows, Lenox air & heat, new crpt & paint, roof, gutters & siding. (23H11009)
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REDFORD $159,900
HERE IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY to call this newly constructed 3 BR, 1.5 BA, 1260 SF, 2 car att gar colonial w/bsmt your new home! Act fast - this quality workmanship won't last long! (S19335)
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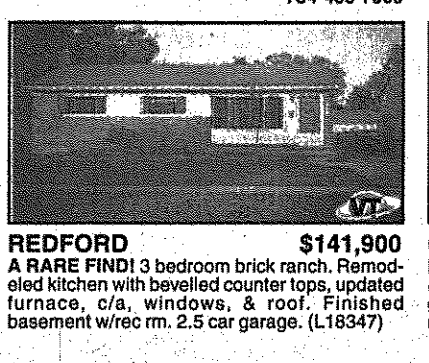
LIVONIA $158,900
INVESTMENT, EQUITY, & VALUE! 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath brick ranch. Very well cared for home, original owner, updated roof, furnace, c/a, electrical. 2 car garage, part finished bsmt, & more! (D17519)
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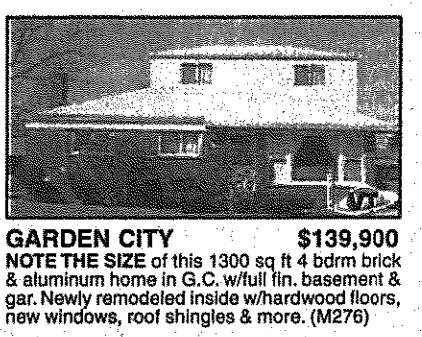
LIVONIA $154,900
THIS FULL BRK OLD WORLD CHARMER OFFERS! Huge living rm w/newer carpeting, formal DR, newer kit, elect, wndws, shingles, 1st flr laundry, 2 car garage, beautiful landscape with pond. (L27901)
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WESTLAND $149,999
IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE Is this 3 bedroom brick Westland Ranch w/full basement. 1 1/2 baths, on a nice quiet dead end street. Master bdrm has 1/2 bath. Newer carpet & roof shingles. (H383)
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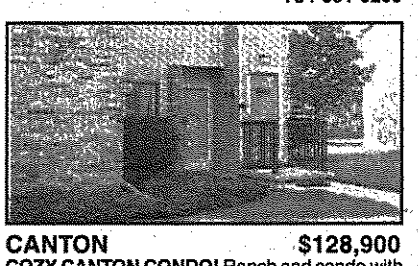
REDFORD $141,900
A RARE FIND! 3 bedroom brick ranch. Remodeled kitchen with bevelled counter tops, updated furnace, c/a, windows, & roof. Finished basement w/rec rm. 2.5 car garage. (L18347)
PC070102 734-591-9200



GARDEN CITY $139,900
NOTE THE SIZE of this 1300 sq ft 4 bdrm brick & aluminum home in G.C. w/full fin. basement & gar. Newly remodeled inside w/hardwood floors, new windows, roof shingles & more. (M276)
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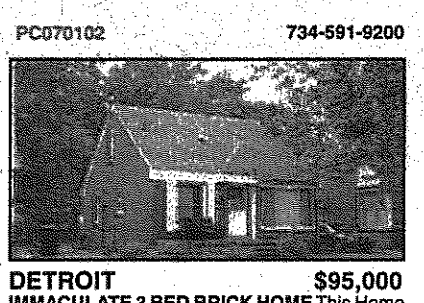
WESTLAND $129,900
WOW! Homes this clean, this updated just don't come on the market too often. Check out these updates: kit, windows, roof, bath, most carpeting, hwh, c/a, furn. Move in! (F34425)
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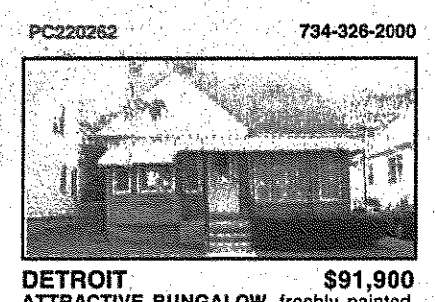
CANTON $128,900
COZY CANTON CONDO! Ranch end condo with view of courtyard in great location! 2 bedroom, 2 bath- a must see!! (23L42808)
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WESTLAND $120,000
SIMPLY LOVELY WESTLAND CONDO Ground floor unit near the Mall, Post Office, Library & City Services. Oak kit, newer doorwall, carpeting, HWH, bdrm window, stove & frdg. Garage w/ opener. (H358)
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DETROIT $95,000
IMMACULATE 3 BED BRICK HOME This Home offers many updates: roof, windows, vinyl eves & soffets. Spacious and tastefully decorated home. Refinished hardwoods. Enormous yard. (L176)
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DETROIT $91,900
ATTRACTIVE BUNGALOW, freshly painted, newer, furnace 99, central air 99, roof 99, master bdrm has walk in closet 2 1/2 car garage close to schools immediate occupancy. (17GRA2)
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INKSTER $75,000
EXCELLENT FOR A GROWING FAMILY Beautiful 3 bedroom Bungalow with basement offers lots of storage space and large yard. Many updates, you can move right in. (O267)
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NORTHVILLE
MAGNIFICENT NEW CONSTRUCTION! Country French home nestled on private 1 AC site.5 BRS, 5.5 BA. Marble & hdwd flrs.Granite & marble cntrs.Full fin au-pair res w/private entrance.Quality T/O! 70VAL2
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HOWELL
STUNNING CONTEMPERARY! Elegantly appointed, cherry cabinetry, 1st floor master, over $20,000 in upgrades. Lake access, gorgeous views, premium lot! 23L3354
$419,900 734-455-7000

FARMINGTON HILLS
CHARMING RANCH CONDO Lovely condo w/ 2 br & 2 full ba:Eat in kit.Main flr laundry.Well located w/priv. backyard & deck.Incl. appls.Very sharp & neutral. Close to downtown Farmington. 56LAR2 **$250,000**
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FARMINGTON HILLS
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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REDFORD
EVERYTHING YOU ARE LOOKING FOR! Full brick! 3 bdrms! Fin bsmt, 24x24 block garage, newer windows, rf shingles, electrical, copper plumbing, & carpet. Remodeled white kit, privacy fenced yd. I20455 PC070192
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7440.....Firewood-Merchandise
7450.....Hobbies-Coins, Stamps
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7470.....Jewelry
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7800-7930 Animals/Pets



7800.....Animal Services
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7860.....Horses & Equipment
7870.....Horse Boarding-Commercial
7880.....Household Pets-Others
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6000-6980 Announcements



Personals 6000

PREGNANT? CONSIDERING ADOPTION? WE can help! We specialize in matching families with birth mothers nationwide. TOLL FREE 24 hours a day 866-921-0565. ONE TRUE GIFT ADOPTIONS.

Announcements & Notices 6200

WOLVERINE HUMAN SERVICES
Foster Care Program
A CHILD NEEDS YOU!

Wolverine Human Services is looking for responsible caring adults to join our team of foster parents. For more information please call the following number. 313-259-9905
Qualifications of foster parents include.
•Must be 21 yrs. of age
•Income sufficient to meet your own needs
•Participation in training
•Reside in suitable house or apartment
"Helping Children to Be Victors"

Card of Thanks 6300

ST. JUDE
Thank you for all your answered prayers. V.E.

THANK YOU ST. Jude for prayers answered
D.J.R.

Death Notices 6340

SKAISGIR, JOHN G., Age 98 of Livonia, died Saturday November 8, 2003. He is survived by his son Joseph, daughter in-law Gail, grandchildren Sandra Tobin, Kathy Abrahamson, Joseph Skaisgir, Patty McCabe, Stacey Davis, and 12 great grandchildren. Arrangements by the Martenson Funeral Home, Trenton.

Lost & Found-Merchandise 6360

FOUND: 11-9, ladies bi-focals glasses, on 6 Mile, btwn. Merriman & Middlebelt. 734-525-3157

LOST & FOUND PETS
See Classification 7930

LOST: Black & White Cat, wearing yellow collar, 6 Mile, Merriman or Middlebelt area. (734) 261-7417

Health Nutrition & Weight Loss 6420

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7000-7780 Merchandise



Absolutely Free 7000

CAT, orange, male, declawed. Very friendly!!!! To a good home. 313-538-2594

Absolutely Free 7000

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Excercise Machine: Flex Cross Training system by Weslo. Good condition. 313-203-6559

FREE VARIOUS GOLF CLUBS (734) 522-5227

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FREE FIREWOOD Ready to burn. Cut, clean & dry. Eves only after 3pm 248-673-4701,

Ironrite Ironer, chair, new pad, instructions. You pick up. (248) 477-2227

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Antiques & Collectibles 7020

1930s walnut 7 piece dining set w/extras. Good cond. Dryden. $980. 810-796-9154

20th Century Modern Estate Sale - See Everything Goes ad section 710 todays paper.

ANOTHER ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE
15%-30% OFF
Nov. 13 th-Dec. 31st.
Town & Country Antique Mall, 31630 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 734-425-4344

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BEDROOM SET Mahogany, Queen Anne, 7 pcs., exc. cond. $3000/best. 734-453-3191

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Nov. 15 & 16 Ford Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan, (corner of Greenfield) Dearborn, MI. Sat. 10-5; Sun. 11-4. Admission $4 586-772-2253 or 248-765-1205

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Used & rare books, bought & sold, since 1978. 169 W. 9 Mi., Ferndale. 248-545-4300

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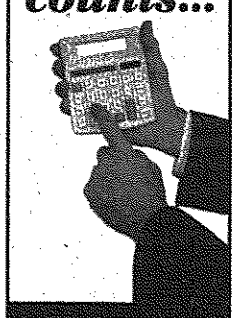
TOYS FOR SALE
Action figures and comics from a former business, Card-omics. (734) 422-2109

Arts & Crafts 7040

ART & CRAFT VENDORS needed for show on Tues., Nov 18 at American House Westland II. Will provide 8' table & lunch. 734-454-9838

HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW
Hawthorne Valley, Westland
Nov. 30, 10-4
Vendor space available!
Call (734) 844-3128

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Auction Sales 7060

PUBLIC AUCTION
FORT KNOX SELF STORAGE
Sunday, November 23rd - 10:00am
39205 Ford Rd - Westland
(734) 981-0700
Unit #
082 - Adam J. Stern Appliances, dining set, misc.
213 - Shelly S. Hoagland Instruments, amps, appliances
214 - Ken McLaughlin Antique furniture
275 - Daniel S. Justin Desk, aquarium, misc.
286 - Edward L. Barker Doors, microwave
302 - David R. Anderson Misc. garage items
312 - Joanne C. Mcmillan Furniture, misc.
332 - Phillip Moore Clothing, toys, framed art
350 - Arthur J. Schouw Misc. boxes, books, magazines
403 - Catherine Oltersdorff Bed, bike
412 - Barbara Nadolski Dressers, beds, misc.
519 - Christopher L. Perry Furniture, beds, tables
520 - Jessica Martinson Matresses

• ESTATE • AUCTION
Saturday, Nov 15th, 7pm
CULTURAL CENTER
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PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
Collectibles/Antiques
Furniture/Glassware
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Household Items
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AmEx/Discover
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734-451-7444
www.jcauctionservices.com

Rummage Sales & Flea Market 7080

GREATER DETROIT CHAPTER OF HADASSAH'S FABULOUS 12TH ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE
Gently used clothing and Household items.
Wed., Nov. 12, 9am-5pm
Thurs., Nov. 13, 9am-5pm
Fri., Nov. 14, 9am-3pm
Sun. "Bag Day" Nov 16 9a-2pm
Sarah & Ralph Davidson Hadassah House, 5030 Orchard Lake Rd (between Walnut Lake & Lone Pine).
Cash/Mastercard/Visa.

7100 Estate Sales 7100

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ANOTHER MAJOR ESTATE SALE BY DECORATIVE ANTIQUES
Fri. & Sat. Nov. 14 & 15
Fri. 9-4, Sat. 10-4 (St.#'s OK)
28590 S. HARWICH WOODCREEK SUB
(Take Danvers N. off 12 Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt, to S. Harvich)
CONTENTS: Rolex Presidential 18K watch, large Sobel bronze, 7' marble sculpture by Fransisco Aciteli, rare miniature Schoenhut piano, collections of perfume bottles, tins, and porcelains, fab. antiques including great lamps, mahogany carved furniture, mirrors, reliefs, oils, rugs, ink well, posters, glassware & cloisonne, Hibel, Baccarat, sterling, old playboys, Dansk, pottery, wicker furniture, wood dining and kitchen sets, outdoor chairs, hall counsel, hospital bed, couch & chairs, large planters, chair sets, wheelchair.
PLUS Fab modern like Paul Frankle bedroom set, sectional couch, Eames copy chair & ottoman, 60's lamps, great modern art, desk, dressers, silverware, lots of collectibles, household, loaded kitchen & basement, books, ladies clothing, costume & gold jewelry and more.
I GIVE THE BEST DEALS!!!

A word to the wise, when looking for a great deal check the **Observer & Eccentric Classifieds!**

7100 Estate Sales 7100

A BIG ESTATE SALE
W. BLOOMFIELD
Cumberland Common Sub
Fri, Nov 14, 9-5
Sat., Nov. 15, 9-5

Living Room: 2 Century loveseats, 2 pedestal tables, fine etched Italian mirror, tables, lamps & Ralph Lauren lamp table.
Dining Room: DAVIS table, 6 chairs & buffet. Wool area rug.
Den: Beige sofa & chair & 8 upholstered chrome chairs.
Kitchen: Oak trestle table, chairs, Amana refrigerator.
Bedroom: Queen bed, 2 nightstands, dresser/mirror & chest.
Bedroom: Twin bed, double chest/desk.
Bedroom: Twin bed, nightstand, double chest/desk, Country French vanity & bench.
Office: Desk, chair, office cabinets.
Accessories Include:
Estate Jewelry
Royal Daulton, Spode, Lenox, Staffordshire china & pewter
Poppytail dishes
Bikes, stereo equip.
Books & LPs
Washer & dryer
Lots & lots of misc.
3265 Winchester
N. of Maple, onto Middlebelt, turn W. on 2nd blk, follow signs.
SALE BY
Lilly M. & COMPANY

ANNOUNCING 2 HUGE SALES!
By Everything Goes
Both Fri/Sat Nov 14, 15, 10-4
#1) 4695 Commerce Road, Orchard Lake. S. side of Commerce, W. of Orchard Lk
20TH CENTURY MODERN FURNITURE
Seating, dining & occasional table by Knoll. Bar stools by Fritz Hansen. Modular seating by Harvey Probber, OBI & Vecta. Large collection of artwork by Alexis Lahti. Pool table by Brunswick. Tanning bed. Lots of deck furniture by Woodard. Molded plastic wall shelving. Hot tub. 4 complete bedroom sets. Exercise equip. Closet systems. All appliances. Windsurfer. Boating. Golf. Great accessories & more!

#2) 32451 Rockridge, Farmington Hills, S. off 14 Mi, between Inkster & Middlebelt
ONE GREAT SALE!
Black lacquer Grand Piano. Carved mahogany Queen Ann dining table & 8 chairs, by Henredon. 10' oriental china cabinet. Carved cherry grandfather clock. Hall table. Bronze on stand original art by David Schluss. 2 sectional sofas. Large desk by Slish. Oak dining table & chairs. Wing & arm chairs. Bedroom sets. Mirrors. Antiques. Pool & deck furniture. Large TV & entertainment center. Electronics. Sports: Christmas. Antique accessories. Vintage clothing. Bird cage. Pool table. Crystal, silver, china, art. Aunt Carries rag dolls. 1974' Larson boat & much, much more!
248-988-1077 For more info.

Another
GREAT ESTATE SALE
HISTORIC BOSTON - EDISON
Fri. & Sat.
Nov. 14 & 15, 10-4
671 EDISON
West off Woodward, 1 Mile north of the Fisher Building
LARGE BEAUTIFUL HOME
ANTIQUES & TRADITIONAL FURNITURE THROUGHOUT
Chippendale sofa, Jacobean dining room set, tall mahogany secretary, mahogany breakfronts & china cabinets, Chippendale settee, many pieces of mahogany bedroom furniture, antique mahogany inlaid bedroom set, arts & crafts desk, Tiffany style lamps & chandeliers, 3 crystal chandeliers, room size oriental rugs, Roseville pottery, china, crystal, sterling candelabra, Hummels, art, graphics, collectibles, men's clothing plus much more. What a nice sale!
SEE YOU THERE!
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LIQUIDATORS & APPRAISERS
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Another
ESTATE SALE
15915 Ryland, Redford
1 blk. E. of Inkster, S. off 6
Nov 14 & 15, Fri & Sat, 10-4,
Our #'s 9:30am Fri only
Living room furniture, Duncan Phyfe dining set, mahogany Gov. Winthrop desk, ornate brass queen bed, maple dbl bed set, 70's formica kitchen set, Viking sewing machine, much sewing misc., 2 ornate hanging lamps, lots of kitchen & household misc., 2 sets of china (Lenox & Continental), glassware, knickknacks, records, tapes, turntables, nice ladies clothing & accessories, invalid items, all appliances, lots of everything & more!
SCUPHOLM SALES

DETROIT Estate Sale Over 60 yrs. of treasures. Furniture, dishes, silverware, tools, albums, small & large appliances. Reasonable prices. Nov. 14 & 15, 10-4. 15810 Normandy, 1 block E. of Linwood.

Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SELL(7355)

7100 Estate Sales 7100

DUMAR MOVING SALE
Fri & Sat, Nov 14 & 15, 10-4
NUMBERS Fri. at 9:30am.
Living room & family room furniture, bedroom set w/Bridge headboard, refrigerator, stove, freezer, washer, dryer, lawnmower, snowblower, jewelry, misc. Cuckoo Clock & Nutcracker Collections. Antique china cabinet, Capodimonte, treadle sewing machine, misc.
7484 Pointe, Canton
Take 275 to Ford Rd., W. to Lilley, rt. to Warren, left to Hillsboro, rt. to Pointe, rt.
SYLVIA 734-981-1625.

ESTATE SALE
Furniture, household goods, collectibles. 22819 Renford, Novi, W. of Haggerty, N. of 9 Mile. Nov 14, 8-3, Nov 15, 8-2.

FARMINGTON HILLS - 30605 Squires Tr., Hunters Ridge Apts., 14 & Orchard Lk. Fri. & Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-1. Genuine antique mahogany chest w/8 drawers, antique French style headboard, mahogany Queen Ann dining table, black Chinese screen, bedroom suite in faux marble very heavy with bed, mattress & 3 other units, large coffee table, 6 pieces of glass shelving 63x1'', new Hoover carpet cleaner, heated server, 1 antique iron garden seat, all kinds of cutlery, small fridge, garage items, much much more.

FERNDALE ESTATE SALE
Nov. 13-15, 9-5. This home contains contents from 3 Detroit Estates. 1385 Saratoga. Off Pinecrest, btwn. 8 & 9 Mile Rds.
SALE BY BAGS INCLUDED

PINCKNEY- French Antiques, Direct from France, first time offered, French Country furniture & accessories most pre 1930's. Armoires, buffets, beds, dining table, chairs, mirrors, recamier, chevets, enamel ware pottery, bistro collectibles, paintings, copper pots, misc. items. Fri. & Sat. 9-5, 1221 Lancelot Ct., Dexter Pinckney Rd. to Sarah. Cash & Carry, 734-878-3084. Dubois-Williams Antiques

SOUTHFIELD/BIRMINGHAM Everything from old to new goes. 1890's-2002. Men, women & kids items. Nov. 14-15-16-17th. 10-6, 30066 Everett, 4 blks. W. of Greenfield., 3 blks. S. of 13.

ST. ANNE'S MEAD 16106 W. 12 Mile, Southfield, between Greenfield & Southfield. Sat., Nov. 15th, 9-3pm only.

TROY
Square Lake & Coolidge area moving sale. Large 5 bedroom house full of QUALITY furniture priced to sell. Furniture, exercise equip. and more!! Thurs., 4-8pm; Fri., 10-7pm; Sat. 8-noon. Call for more info & directions. 248-828-7111

Garage Sales 7110

Birmingham 952 Brookwood. Sat, 9-noon. Misc. household, toys, clothes, patio furniture.

Bloomfield Hills: Nov. 13-15, Thurs-Sat. 10-4. 234 W. Hickory Grove. W. of Lahser.

CANTON Fri, 9-4 , Sat. 9-1, 47443 Madison, 1 block S. of Cherry Hill off Beck. Antiques to baby stuff & much more.

Livonia: Bsmt Sale! Nov. 13-15, 10-5. 28705 Buckingham. Lyndon & Middlebelt

ROMULUS Fri.-Tues., 10-5, 11560 Inkster Rd., S/Goddard. '82 Shovelhead Harley, '90 Fatboy Sheetmetal, 79' Lincoln, 50K miles, mint cond, 80' Elcamino Princess, mint cond. V8, ext. ladders, 2" water pump, mechanic & air tools, 110 wire feed welder, cutting torches & cart, 12' aluminum boat, 8hp boat motor, like new lawn mower, snowblower, bikes, much more. 313-903-3567

Moving Sales 7130

BIRMINGHAM - 2351 Yorkshire, Nov. 14 & 15, 9am-4pm. TV, VCR, microwave etc

BIRMINGHAM: Moving Sale. Hardware Rep. Tape, repair, garden, cleaning supplies & much more. Clothes, furniture, pictures, household items. Handmade Hundoros Mahogany TV/Stereo Cabinet, 7'2'' x 3'5'' x 22'' deep, retail $4500, best offer. Must see to appreciate. Nov. 14 & 15, Fri. 8am-6pm, Sat. 8am-12noon. 1250 Latham. Southfield/Lincoln Rds.

CANTON - Fri 10-6; Sat. 9-2. 3 pc. leather sofa, double refrig, computer desk, end tables, dinette set, much more. 43741 Gatehouse Ct., S. of Joy, W. of Morton Taylor, take Oakbrook to Congress, turn right to address.

DETROIT - Moving/Estate Sale. Everything must go! Fri, Sat & Sun, 11/14-11/16, 8am-5pm. 17177 Birwood.

REDFORD Best offer. Fri & Sat, 11/14 & 11/15, 9-5. 11481 Rockland, S. of Plymouth Rd, midway btwn Beech & Inkster.

REDFORD In-house, all take-with. Furniture, housewares, yard equipment, etc. Sat., Nov. 15, 9am-3pm. 16805 Five Points, S/6, W/Telegraph

Clothing 7140

Mink Coat, full legnth, blk, fox trim/sleeves, size 10-12, great cond. $550. 248-608-6083

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Household Goods 7160

ANTIQUE channelback chairs (pair). Baker mahogany dining room tables (includes round table). Kittinger dining room table with 3 leaves. Heritage banquet size dining room table with 3 double leaves (opens to over 11 ft). Executive kidney-shaped desk. Kittinger camelback sofas (pair). Large & small china cabinets, buffets & servers. Sets of mahogany dining room chairs. Oil paintings, lamps, mirrors, old room-size oriental rugs. Assortment of living room tables, bedroom dressers & chests. Too much to list!
Mahogany Interiors,
506 South Washington,
Royal Oak. (248) 545-4110

AR INTERIORS-Holiday Sale, Carved king 4 poster 6 pc. bedroom set $3800. Gorgeous large mahogany lighted china cabinet, $2900. Mahogany leather top 40"x72" partners deck. 1930's Carved solid oak Jacobean. 9 pc. dining set $2800. Round 54" Mahogany inlaid table & 6 chairs. Marble top tables, hand painted fruit design 36"x60" table & 6 chairs. Bombay chests, armours, artsy pieces, mirrors, stained glass and lots more.
607 S. Washington Ave.
DowntownRoyal Oak, Open Seven Days. 248-582-9646

BEAUTIFUL 3' X 6' Black marble pedestal table. $500. (248) 334-2884

BED
5 piece set, new in box, $400.
Can deliver.
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BED
7 piece cherry sleigh, new in box. Sacrifice $650. Can deliver. 248-470-3350

BED SET (kids) wood bunk beds with attached desk & book shelf. Set includes desk, chair and dresser. Can deliver. $300. (248) 661-6691

BED, $110 - double pillow top, full size mattress/box set. New in plastic, w/warranty. Can deliver. 248-941-4206

BED, $120 - double pillow top, queen size mattress/box set. New in plastic, w/warranty. Can deliver. 248-941-4206

BED, $210 - double pillow top, king size mattress/box set. New in plastic, w/warranty. Can deliver. 248-941-4206

BEDROOM SET - 5 pcs. walnut finish, good condition. $325. 248-471-7163

BEDROOM SET, GIRLS desk, hutch, bed, dresser, nightstand, chair, chest of drawers, mirror, headboard. Good cond. $850. (734) 495-3244

BEDROOM SET- queen size, complete set. $900. Desk, dressers, antique drafting table. 248-851-8166 after 4

BEDROOM SET. 7 piece, brand-new in boxes. Valued at $1,800, must sell, $699. Can deliver. 248-941-4206

BEDROOM SUITE 8 pieces, cherry sleigh bed, dove tailed, velvet line, paid $4200 in box sacrifice $1950. 248 982-5595

BOOKCASES (17) From $25-$150. Several light oak, 3 matching Danish walnut. 2 large sectional sofas, $300 and best offer. Modern, inlaid wood desk, Art Deco styling, $200. 248-788-2668

Box & Mattress Absolute Lowest Prices
Brand Name, in plastic w/warranty. All sizes. 734-231-6622

BOX & MATTRESS SET
Queen pillow top. New w/warranty. Only $160. Can deliver.
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BOX & MATTRESS
Full pillow top. Brand new in plastic. Only $125. Can deliver.
248-470-3350

BOX & MATTRESS SET
King pillow top. New w/warranty. Only $225. Can deliver.
248-470-3350

BOX SET & MATTRESS-
Queen plush top. New in plastic. Only $145. Can deliver.
248-470-3350

BUFFET Hickory House, 67"', very good condition. $500.
248-642-4799

CHINA CABINET
French Provincial. $125.
(313) 864-4093

DINETTE- Cherry Queen Anne. 11 piece, new in box. Worth $3400, sell for $950. Can deliver. 248-470-3350

DINING ROOM SET 9 piece pine. Exc. cond. $1,975/best. Must see! 810-632-7505

DINING ROOM SET. Walnut, by Drexel, lighted china cabinet, w/frosted Milk glass shelves, table w/ 5 chairs + Credenza, great cond. $750/best. 734-416-9290

DINING ROOM SUITE - table w/leaves, 6 chairs, china cabinet, buffet, area rug. $800.
248-646-5705

DINING ROOM suite 13 pieces, cherry, satin finish, double pedestal table w/8 chairs, lighted hutch buffet, paid $8,000. Sacrifice $2900. New in box. (248) 982-5595

DINING ROOM TABLE - like new, solid oak, table & 6 chairs, $950. 248-203-0340

DINING ROOM TABLE Brand new, Ethan Allan, solid maple, sierra finish. 42 x 68, 2 -18" leaves. $800. 734-812-2248

DINING ROOM, sewing machine, electric typewriter, desk & chair. (734) 595-7344

DINING SET CHIPPENDALE Mahogany, 8 chairs, china exquisite, new. 248-535-0089

Entertainment Center Ethan Allen, Solid Oak. Excellent Condition! $1,900
248-788-8943

Entertainment Center Light brown solid wood, 6 & 1/2 ft tall, 3 ft wide, 21 in. deep. $350. Eves 734-722-6998

Household Goods 7160

Everett Spinet piano $700, Emerson flute $200, crib mattress (never used) $35, 2 drawer file cabinet $10, 4 drawer file cabinet $20, double rope hammock $20. Evenings & weekends, (248) 969-0636

PIANO - $250. Child's oak bedroom set, $450. Twin mattress, $25. Hanging lamp, $20. 248-661-3173

SEWING MACHINE - PFAFF 7570 Embroidery, instruction books, owner handbooks, video, $1675. 248-557-9419

SLEEPER SOFA, kitchen table w/4 chairs, bedroom set, misc. After 6. 248-478-6288

SOFA & LOVESEAT BLACK leather, 14 mo. old, $600. Child bunk bed set, desk, bookcase & chest of drawers included. 2 mattresses 4 mos. old. $600. (734) 644-8725

SOFA Hunter green fabric sectional, $1000. Like new.
(248) 895-5073

Vacuums 2 Rainbows from the 60's. Chrome Dome. Exc. cond $600/best. 248-546-7314

WROUGHT IRON SET, Woodard, 8 pieces. New. Taipan design, verdigris finish. Cushions-white w/green vine. Berries, flowers in rose, cranberry, grey. Retails for $6500. $1500/best. 989-725-7332

Appliances 7180

FREEZER - UPRIGHT
$100/Best. Great cond.
(248) 478-0019

Washer & Dryer , excellent condition. $50 each.
248-693-4968

Pools Spas & Hot Tubs 7190

Blue Ridge Spa 2 years old, Seats 6 people. $1500
734-657-5099

Bargain Buys 7200

CHINA HUTCH- Solid Oak, $130, old fashioned school desk, $50, deacon bench. $50. 734-728-6433

Building Materials 7220

Cabinets Old, wooden. Great for rehab project or storage. $400/best. 248-227-1690.

Business & Office Equipment 7240

FILE CABINETS (6) used, HON, 53" tall, 36" wide, 19" deep. $50/ea. 248-641-0913

Cameras & Supplies 7280

CAMERA SHOWS
Sat, Nov 15, 10-3
BEST WESTERN, ANN ARBOR
Jackson Rd,
exit 172 off of I-94.

Sun, Nov. 16, 10-3
HOLIDAY INN, SOUTHFIELD
Telegraph Rd.
1/4 Mile S. of I-696.
Buy, Sell, Trade, everything photograhpic
Info 248-591-7437.
Adm. $6/5 w/ad.

Comm./Industrial/ Restaurant Equip. 7300

Beverage -Air commercial cooler, 2-door glass with shelves,great condition. $1,000 Tel: 248.449.6672

Computers 7320

GATEWAY Performace 733 w/Hewlett Packard Office Jet T45 color printer, fax, & copier w/ 19" monitor, Intel Pentium III processor, 30 GB hard-drive. $500. 248-433-0204

Power Mac, 7200/75. 17" Sony monitor, external hardrive, color printer, modem, more. $325/or best offer. (248) 669-5783

Christmas Trees 7420

CHRISTMAS TREE ARTIFICIAL 12 Ft., like new. $195. 248-814-8684

PINE CHRISTMAS TREE 7.5 ft. Pine. Pre-lit w/1200 lights. $100/best. (248) 661-2909.

Hospital/Medical Equipment 7460

WHEELCHAIR - Electric
Pronto. New $6000, asking $4000/best. (313) 473-9731

Lawn Garden & Snow Equipment 7480

John Deere 1984 - 16 hp, Lawn Tractor, 48" deck, new seat, hydrostatic, weights, chains, plow, leaf sweeper, exc cond. $900. 734-751-9173

LAWN MOWER- Riding, Walker, 1997, moving . $4000. 248-644-6052

SNOW THROWER/TORO Self propelled, electric start, like new. $400. (313) 537-2243

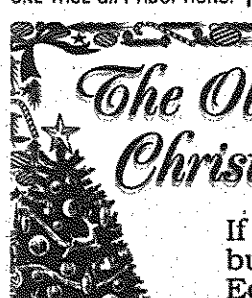
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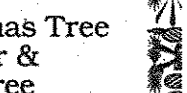
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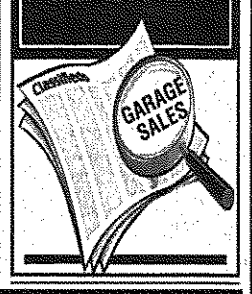
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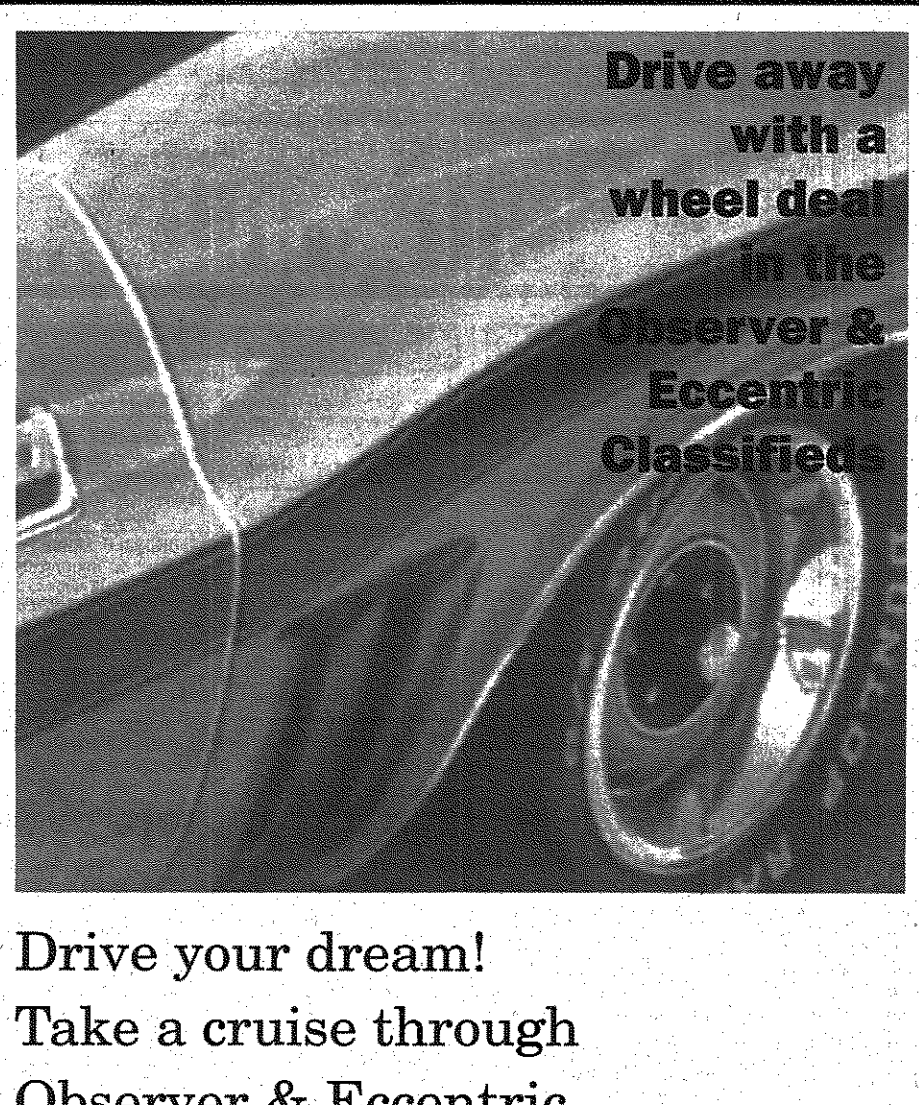

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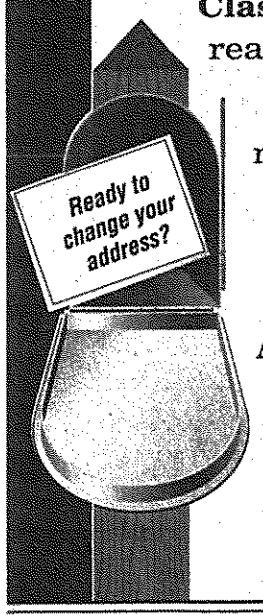
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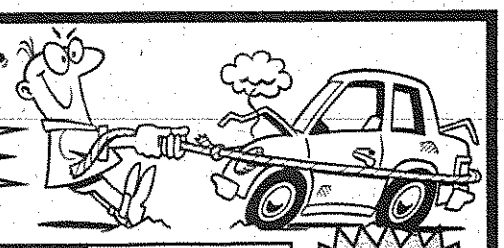
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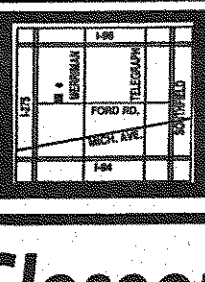
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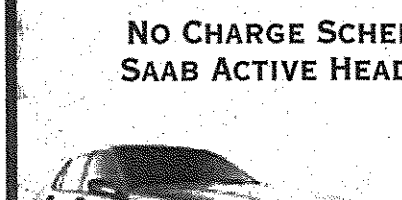
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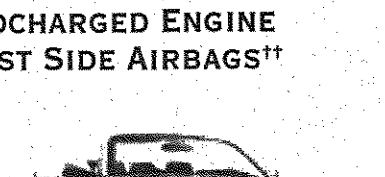
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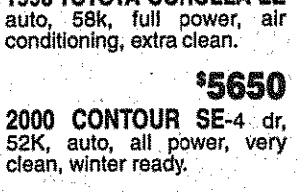
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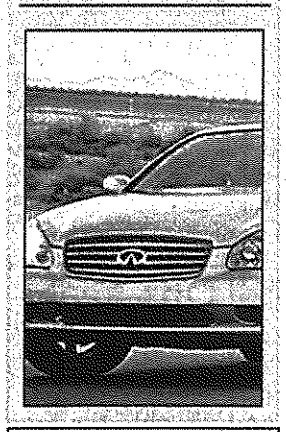
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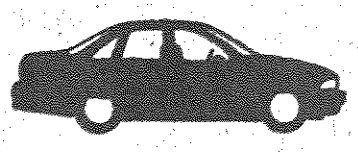
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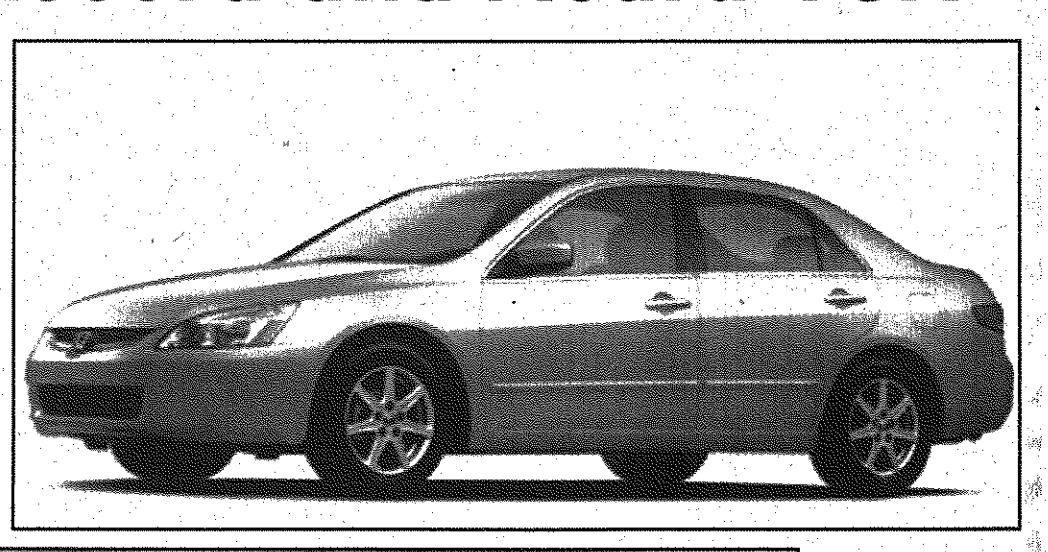
Occasionally, you get two vehicles that just beg to be reviewed together. That's what happened when I drove the Honda Accord and the Acura TSX in back-to-back weeks. Only considered together do these two like-sized vehicles -- which derive from very similar mechanical platforms – demonstrate how well Honda Motor Co. has arrayed its products across the various segments of the American car market to give U.S. consumers ever more choices.

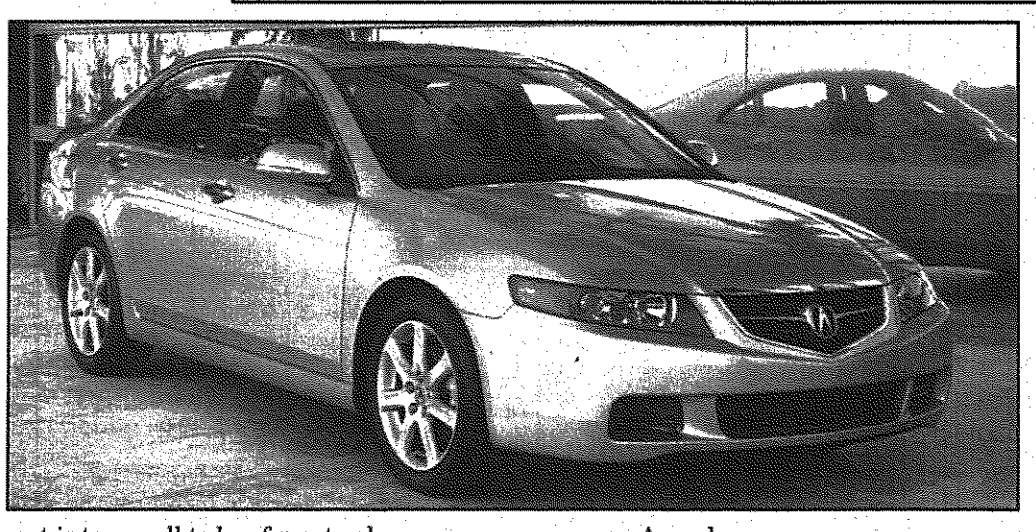
These cars, in fact, are a case of one basic vehicle configuration serving two very different market purposes. The short story is that the 2003 Accord may represent the best value of any small family car in America, which is why it remains one of the best-sellers in this market, with sales of more than 400,000 units a year, ranking it close to Toyota's Camry. And the near-luxury 2004 TSX gives Acura, Honda's upscale division, its first decent shot at attracting the rather narrowly definied 30-something demographic that is too established for Acura's entry-level models but not quite to the point of purchasing one of Acura's fine luxury sedans.

The 2003 Accord and 2004 TSX represent the two ends of Honda's timeline of success as well. Accord was one of the first models Honda introduced to the U.S., in the Eighties, larger than its earlier Civic model and a key to broadening Honda's success to the mainstream car market in this country. The TSX is brand new for 2004.

The 2003 Accord represents Honda's first redesign of the model since 1998, and the company succeeded handsomely in presenting a vehicle that shows upgrades here and there over the old one but that doesn't in any way sacrifice the Accord's perfect middle-of-the-road tone. For the money, it is certainly one of the best vehicles available in America.

Entry-level prices are $16,000, but you can pay more than $28,000 for a version with all the bells and whistles; the EX I drove retailed for $23,000. Gas mileage is 24 mpg in the city, a remarkable 33 on the highway, also a big boon for the budget-conscious. Yet Accord seats five people in some comfort, is powered by a reliably optimized four-cylinder engine (although a six-cylinder upgrade is available), and rides remarkably smoothly. There's even ample room in the trunk, although the pass through from the trunk to the rear seat is too small to be of great value.





Standard new features include a bright LED-display instrument panel, a narrow above-console display of readouts for the radio and climate-control system. Plus, Accord now will go 110,000 miles between tune-ups while meeting clean-air standards that don't even go into effect in most of the country until 2006.

One of the tradeoffs for Accord's broad appeal, of course, is that its exterior styling – even in the new version – is nothing at all to get excited about. The only significant new feature is a subtle crease that runs down the side of the car, but you really have to look for it.

On the other hand, TSX is meant to draw comparisons with European-made Audi and BMW sports sedans. And, in fact, Acura TSX is that rare automobile sold in the U.S. that actually originated on a performance-oriented European platform – in this case, the one for the Honda Accord, which is quite similar to the U.S. Accord.

TSX is all about performance, and in the six-speed, manual-transmission version I drove, the vehicle delivered in spades. Fast off the line and through the range of acceleration needs, its get-up-and-go belied its rather petite (though sufficiently chiseled) profile. Priced at a suggested $27,000, with mileage of 22 in the city and 29 on the highway, TSX comes loaded with perforated leather seats (heated up front), dual-zone automatic climate controls, a powe sunroof, a 360-watt stereo with in-dash six-CD changer, 17-inch wheels and high-intensity-discharge headlights. A $2,000 voice-recognition navigation system is optional. It remains to be seen how well TSX will serve Honda in the targeted demographic. But at least Acura has a credible entry there now.

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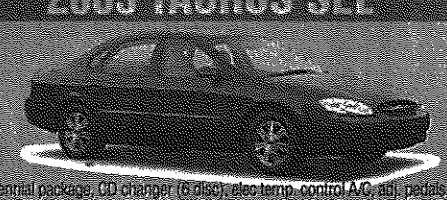
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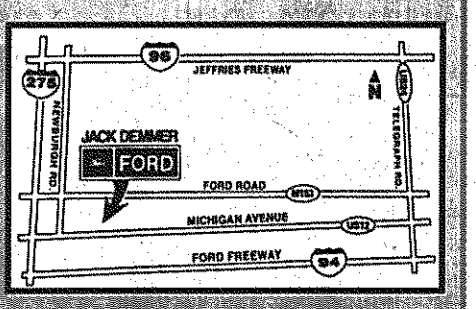
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