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The Observer wants to hear about your recent "I Did It Myself" home improvement project for a Sept. 9 special section. Send photos and details about how you accomplished it. Why did you tackle the project, how much did it cost and what would you do differently if you had to do it all over again? We will publish photos and testimonials as space permits.

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Include a stamped, self-addressed envelope if you want photos returned.
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Cooling off period



Splash down: Meridith Bailey, right, and Courtney Ward, both 12 from Plymouth, cool off at the Rolling Hills Water Park in Ypsilanti Township last week. (Below) Kelly Tabaka, a supervisor with Plymouth Kid's Time Day Camp gets splashed by Michael Eisenburg, from left, Jessica Thoe, Gretchen Seibel and Amanda Burnard last week at the Rolling Hills Water Park in Ypsilanti Township. Supervisor Marlene Vipond is at upper left. More than 130 children and several supervisors beat the heat during a day trip to the water park, which features a wave pool, water slides and various waterfalls.



After years as an assistant coach, new Plymouth resident Marty Mornhingweg is settling in and ...

Taking the reins

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When the players show up today for the official start of the Detroit Lions training camp at Saginaw Valley State University, the loudest whistle they hear will be the one blown by new head coach Marty Mornhingweg.

And once camp breaks and as the season unwinds, Mornhingweg (pronounced MORN-hen-wig) will hang up that whistle in his new Plymouth Township home.

Hired as the Lion's 21st head coach in January, Mornhingweg, 39, moved into the home on the township's west side about three months ago with his wife, Lindsay, and their four children: daughters Madison, 10, and Molly Lynn, 5, and sons Skyler, 7, and Bobby Cade, 2.

Initially, Mornhingweg chose to live in Plymouth because of its close proximity to the team's new practice facility in Allen Park, which will be operational next year. However, once he



and Lindsay really began to take a look at the community, they fell in love with the area.

"We are so happy to be here. We have fallen into the best neighbor-

hood. We have a lot of privacy and the neighbors are just great," said Lindsay, Mornhingweg's wife of 11 years.

Like most people involved in professional sports, the Mornhingwegs have

Johnson Controls prepares to move

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Johnson Controls, Plymouth Township's second-largest taxpayer, is moving forward with its plans to relocate its automotive systems headquarters to Salem Township.

The global manufacturer of seating, interior systems and batteries for the auto industry still has to jump several hurdles before it can build on the 360-acre parcel of land it purchased in April. The new facility would replace the three offices the company currently owns or leases on Halyard Road.

The first hurdle the company faces is to have the property, which is approximately bordered by Napier, Joy, North Territorial and Gotfredson roads,

rezoned to research/research associated. It is currently zoned agricultural residential, along with a strip of recreation conservation. The Salem Board of Trustees recently changed the language in the township's zoning ordinance, a move that will allow Johnson Controls to apply for the rezoning.

According to company spokesman Dean Boik, the company will apply for the rezoning after a mandatory 30-day period expires in mid-August.

"This is our preferred location. We have been working very closely with Salem Township to get the property rezoned," he said.

The other major hurdle is the lack of utilities, such as sewers, at the Salem property. According to Boik, one possibility is to have the property rezoned.

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Museum addition opens with grand ceremony

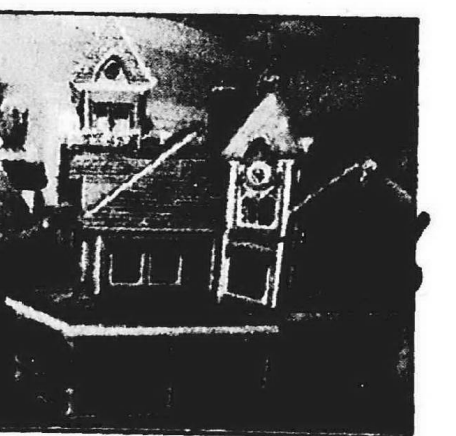
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Margaret Dunning said it's no surprise the Plymouth Historical Museum's expansion project came in well above the \$1.2 million that was budgeted.

"I'm not shocked. Isn't there always an over-run?" asked Dunning, who declined to say how much more the museum project cost her. "There was some additional detail work I wanted to see in the museum, and I was able to pay for it."

Sunday is the dedication of the addition to the Margaret Dunning Building, which houses the Plymouth Historical Museum. The original 15,000-square-foot museum was paid for by Dunning nearly 30 years ago, and she subsidized the entire cost of the 9,440-square-foot expansion. Sunday's grand-opening ceremony runs from 2 to 5 p.m.

Visitors will notice outside brick that matches the original structure; a new main entrance on Church Street; three vapor-lock rooms for the Lincoln exhibit, archives and research; plus several new and refurbished exhibits.



On display: Architect Dave Reitzel, left, and museum volunteer Bill Elliott put the finishing touches on a Queen Anne-style doll house, circa 1890, at the Plymouth Historical Museum, which opens Sunday. The house features more than 90 windows that open and close and more than 700 hand-carved field stones.

"I hope everyone realizes what kind of quality this museum really has," said Beth Stewart, museum director. "I believe that before we had a great museum. The expansion has allowed us to address a number of issues and help us to be more organized."

"We collected things well into World

Please see MUSEUM, A3



At home: New Detroit Lions head coach Marty Mornhingweg, above and left, with his wife, Lindsay, liked what they saw of Plymouth-Canton schools and decided to make Plymouth Township home.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY'S POPULAR PICKS

Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their list of "Best Authors" based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library, 483-0790.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) Leap of Faith, Danielle Steel
- 2) P is for Paul, Sue Grafton
- 3) Seven Up by Janet Evanovich
- 4) The Jury, Steve Martini

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) John Adams, David McCullough
- 2) Stolen Life, Malika Oufkir
- 3) Ghost Soldiers, Hampton Sides
- 4) Napalm & Silly Putty, George Carlin

CHILDREN'S CHOICE

CHILDREN'S NEW PICTURE BOOKS

- 1) The Rain Came Down, David Shannon
- 2) I Will Never, Not Ever, Eat a Tomato, Lauren Child
- 3) Mama Elisabeth, Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen
- 4) Max, Bob Graham

Township reminds residents of odd-even water restrictions

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Due to the recent dry weather, Plymouth Township has instituted an emergency water use reduction ordinance to comply with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department's mandatory water use restrictions.

To limit water use, all Plymouth Township water customers are required to abide by an odd/even outdoor water use schedule. Individuals with odd numbered addresses are required to do outdoor watering on odd numbered dates. Likewise, those having even numbered addresses should water on even dates.

The restrictions apply to watering lawns and gardens, filling swimming pools, washing cars, etc.

Because water consumption is at its peak between the hours of 6-9 a.m. and 3-6 p.m. daily, the township is also asking residents to voluntarily avoid outdoor watering during those

'The situation is very serious. Detroit wouldn't be mandating these restrictions if the problem wasn't serious.'

Tom Hollis
—Water director

hours. According to Tom Hollis, director of the township's water department, compliance with the ordinance is important to combat low water pressure, and even the possibility of customers having to boil water for drinking purposes. Other communities, including the city of Plymouth, have instituted similar restrictions.

"The situation is very serious. Detroit wouldn't be mandating these restrictions if the problem wasn't serious," Hollis said.

Since the township began the restrictions July 17, Hollis said

the township has not had a problem with low water pressure.

"Prior to the water use situations, we were having some pressure problems. Since the restrictions were put in place, we've had good pressure. I think we are getting good cooperation from our residents," he said.

Hollis stresses that these are mandatory restrictions. Residents who violate the ordinance could be fined \$500 per day of violation.

"We've alerted our police officers, ordinance officers, and water department employees to be on the lookout for people using water on days they are not supposed to.

First-time offenders will be issued a warning. If they continue, then we will issue a citation," he said.

Hollis said the water use restrictions will be in effect until further notice.

For more information, call the Plymouth Township Water

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Correction

A Plymouth resident who stood up to speak at last week's city commission candidates' forum should have been identified as Ken Wheeler in the July 22 Plymouth Observer.

Fall Fest brochure

The Plymouth Observer will once again publish a comprehensive brochure with all the information you'll ever need about Plymouth's Fall Festival.

The festival is scheduled for Sept. 7-9, and the Observer's guide will be published in the newspaper Sept. 6. Copies of the brochure will also be available at various locations around downtown Plymouth throughout the festival.

Local businesses wishing to advertise in the Observer brochure should contact Lisa Walker, (734) 953-2168, by Aug. 17.

Forum broadcasts

The city commission candidates forum taped July 19 is ready to hit the airwaves.

The forum was sponsored by the Plymouth Observer and the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County. It featured 10 of the 11 candidates (including one write-in hopeful) vying for four seats on the Plymouth City commission. The primary is set for Aug. 7.

The forum, taped by Comcast, will be aired on Cable Channel 18 at 7 p.m. Friday, July 27; 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 31; and again at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3.

Bottle drive

The Canton High School cheerleaders are sponsoring a bottle drive fund-raiser Saturday, Aug. 4. Drivers are available to collect your donations. To donate please call 734-397-2931.

Chill fest

One of the highlights of the annual Plymouth Fall Festival will be the 23rd annual Michigan State Chili Championship, which takes place Saturday, Sept. 8, in Kellogg Park.

Winners go on to the 2001 world championship in Reno, Nev. First prize is a \$1,000 check and a trophy; trophies also go to the second- through fifth-place finishers, as well as the best booth.

Cost is \$35 for International Chili Society Members; \$30 for new members who haven't cooked. There is also a salsa contest available for a \$20 fee if you're cooking chili, \$25 for non-chili cooks.

For more information, call Annette Horn, (734) 455-8838.

Symphony creativity

At its Concerts in the Park next weekend Aug. 3 in Plymouth's Kellogg Park and Aug. 5 at Heritage Park in Canton, the Plymouth Symphony will host interactive tables for children to participate in top-hat making and musical instrument making activities. Children (and parents) will be able to make hats out of construction paper and musical instruments out of common household items.

The symphony is looking for donations of ordinary household items ranging from plastic table cloths and cardboard oatmeal containers to children's scissors, colored markers and balloons.

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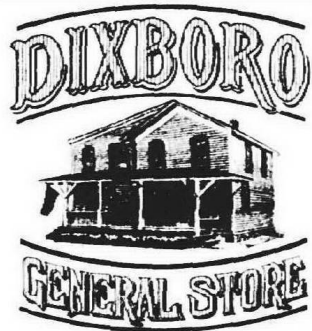
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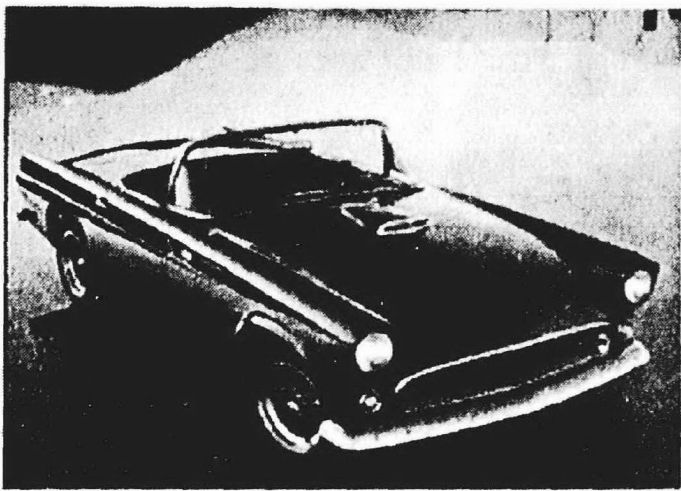


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Township, city exploring joint options along Ann Arbor Road

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Plymouth and Plymouth Township elected officials are discussing a joint agreement that could help pay for a \$12 million streetscape and landscape plan to beautify the Ann Arbor Road corridor from I-275 to Sheldon Road.

The group of three city commissioners and three township trustees met recently to talk over the township's effort to institute a downtown development authority along Ann Arbor Road. Part of the plan calls for the city to contribute taxes collected from businesses along Ann Arbor Road to help pay for improvements where the two communities share a border, mainly between Mill Street and Sheldon Road.

'I think it's going to benefit the entire community. Ann Arbor Road is the gateway into the Plymouths, and downtown as well. It's going to make for a better community in all aspects.'

Steve Mann

—Plymouth Township Supervisor



"The key obstacle to making Ann Arbor Road beautiful is money," said designer Sally Hodges with McKenna Associates in Northville. "That's where the DDA comes into play."

The city and township have an award-winning joint zoning ordinance, the first of its kind in the country, to govern improvements along Ann Arbor

Road, which borders both municipalities. Last March, township officials unveiled landscape and streetscape improvements along the corridor. Now, the two governments are attempting to work out how much money each will contribute to the project.

Of the estimated \$12 million cost, nearly \$6.7 million is required to put

the overhead utility wires underground, making the corridor more aesthetically pleasing. Most of those wires hang from Mill Street to Sheldon.

"I like what Livonia did along Plymouth Road with their streetscape," said Dan Dwyer, city commissioner. "If we can make the same difference, it will be a big improvement."

Township Trustee Chuck Curmi wants to see the project move forward as soon as possible.

"We need to do some selling on this project to the citizens," he said.

Plymouth Commissioner Bill Graham, a member of the sub-committee meeting with the township, likes the plan, but with a caveat.

"I'm a great believer in cleaning up what we have," he said. "However, the

impact on the city's revenue stream is a concern to me."

Commissioners are concerned about the loss of future tax money to the city's budget, and how that could impact city services. The city administration is investigating the financial feasibility, as well as discussing with its attorneys the legal ramifications.

Township Supervisor Steve Mann considers the beautification plan the next step in the process, which began with the joint zoning ordinance.

"I think it's going to benefit the entire community," he said. "Ann Arbor Road is the gateway into the Plymouths, and downtown as well. It's going to make for a better community in all aspects."

Coach from page A1

different homes in six years.

"I think we know how to do it," Marty said of moving.

Still, the couple said this move was a little more difficult than those in the past, because three of their children were already in school. But they were relieved when the three began attending Plymouth-Canton's Bird Elementary for about a month before school let out for the summer.

"This was an emotional move, because the kids had to start a new school. But they adjusted very well. They are real happy, because they met a lot of friends. Bird seems to be an excellent school," Lindsay said.

Starting from scratch

Mornhinweg is an integral part of a major restructuring effort that began when the Lions hired broadcaster and former player Matt Millen as their new president after another disappointing season last year. One of Millen's first moves was to hire Mornhinweg, who is known around the National Football League as an offensive wizard.

Despite the fact Mornhinweg had never been a head coach at either the pro or collegiate levels, Millen liked his pedigree. He comes to the Lions after coaching stints with the San Francisco 49ers and Green Bay Packers, two franchises known for winning Super Bowls.

The last three years, he was the offensive coordinator for San

Francisco. In 1995-96, he coached the quarterbacks in Green Bay, and was largely responsible for the maturation of Brett Favre into one of the game's best players.

Now with a team that has only won one playoff game since 1957 and has a reputation of being snake-bitten, Mornhinweg said he will use the lessons he learned in Green Bay and San Francisco to build the Lions into a contender.

"There's no question, I've been very fortunate to have been involved with those two franchises. The previous problems this franchise has experienced doesn't bother me much because Matt (Millen) and I are doing everything our way," he said.

According to Mornhinweg, there are four steps for a team to become a winner. He feels the Lions are already past the first step of becoming competitive and the second step of being able to win games. His task will be to guide the team through the next two steps — how to handle winning and becoming an elite team.

"I don't know how close we are to the fourth step, but we are definitely going to do some damage at the third. We are trying to instill a winning attitude. You can accomplish just about anything with the right attitude," he said.

Success comes natural

Lindsay said her husband is



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Teaming up: Lions coach Marty Mornhinweg, left, enjoys a laugh with team president Matt Millen at the new Mornhinweg home in Plymouth Township.

ready to prove to the world he is head coach material. After years of being further down the chain of command, he will finally have control of the reins.

"I have to pinch myself everyday. I don't think it has really sunk in yet. I am so happy for him," she said.

While thousands of nervous Lions fans have their fingers tightly crossed that Mornhinweg will end nearly a half-century of misery, Lindsay has little doubt her husband will succeed. She said his track record speaks for itself, which is why they are both

confident they will be Plymouth residents for many years to come.

"Marty will always be successful. He is successful in everything he does. It's his attitude and the people he surrounds himself with," she said.

"We're not really nervous. Marty doesn't get nervous. The only time he ever got nervous was the day he walked down the aisle when we got married."

Museum from page A1

War II, but then kind of fizzled out," she said. "Now, we can start aggressively collecting more into the 20th century."

The Lincoln exhibit won't be ready until the scheduled dedication next February, but there is a new doll house that lights up and has miniature furniture, new exhibits as well as some which have been upgraded and expanded, and a gift shop where patrons can buy real antiques.

"We have collectibles that people give us and tell us to do whatever we want with them," said Stewart. "We can only keep so much, so selling them helps us raise money for the museum."

While the current stair-stepped entrance off Main Street will remain open, the new Church Street entrance will allow for visitors to enter at street level.

"When visitors enter, they'll see a large stained glass window which was taken from the Wilcox House," said Stewart. "It's on the wall and looks exactly like it did on the house, down to the exact-style molding."

There will also be an exhibit that's a tribute to Dunning and her family.

"There are various items from Margaret, like some old pearls she wore as a young girl. And there are some things made by her mother, including a log cabin quilt," Stewart said. "We wanted to



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Grand opening: Plymouth Historical Museum Director Beth Stewart is excited about Sunday's grand opening for the addition to the building.

do this for all the great things she's done for the museum."

Dunning said she's proud of the new addition, and the progress the museum has made over the past three decades.

"I'm very happy to do it," she said. "I just hope it will benefit the community and give pleasure to those who visit it."

Move from page A1

bility is to expand the service of the Western Townships Utilities Authority, which supplies sewer services to Plymouth, Canton and Northville townships. The expansion would have to be approved by all three communities.

Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards, for one, is against expanding WTUA to Salem for the company's use.

"Why would we want to help build their infrastructure so they can move? We didn't build a sewer system so they could devalue the property of this township," Edwards said.

According to Boik, the company has had discussions with Plymouth Township officials about remaining in Plymouth. However, he said the company has outgrown the Halyard facilities.

"We've known for years that we've outgrown our facilities in Plymouth. Because of that we have some inefficiencies, and our whole goal is to be more efficient. We like being part of Ply-

mouth Township, but the problem is there isn't enough property for us to build the kind of facility we need," he said.

Boik said the proposed development will be "a campus-like research facility with a lot of green and rolling lands." It will also house some 2,000 employees.

Many residents in Plymouth's Country Club Village, a multi-phase Pulte development at Ann Arbor and Napier roads, have opposed the project because it will bring increased traffic and congestion to the area.

Salem Township Supervisor Fred Roperti said he has heard numerous complaints from both Plymouth and Salem residents about the proposed development. Although he understands the fears, he welcomes the move.

"I think a great deal of Johnson Controls. They are a world-class company and we would love to have them in our community," Roperti said. "At the same time, I recognize there are a lot

of people concerned about traffic and property values. If I lived nearby, I would probably feel the same way. But I firmly believe this will absolutely be a first-class development that everyone will be happy with when it is complete."

Boik said the company is looking forward to meeting with residents from both communities.

"When the time is appropriate, we would like to be able to meet with the neighbors. We are confident that once they see what our plans are they will be excited about the project. Since we won't have any people at the facility on the weekends or weeknights, traffic will not be a problem during those times," he said.

Even if everything falls into place and Johnson Controls is able to relocate to the Salem property, Boik said the actual move is still "many years down the road."

CAMPUS CLIPS

DEAN'S LIST

Christopher Sample was included on the Dean's Honor List at Michigan State University for the Spring 2001. He also won a MSU Study Broad Scholarship, sponsored by the Coca-Cola Foundation. Currently, he is studying in Great Britain with MSU's Mass Media Program at the University of London and at the University of Edinburgh. He is a 1996 Plymouth Canton graduate.

The following students have made the Dean's List for the winter session of 2001 at the University of Detroit Mercy. The Canton residents are Denise Burske, Melissa Cobb, Linda Ferland, Kathleen Gazsi, Sharon Hall, Matthew Keltz, Jennifer Koloski, Marie Longhran, Jason Mortiere, Robert Parsons, Van Rakovitis, and Anwar Sayed.

Christopher Machnacki of Canton and Andrew Oleszkowicz of Plymouth were named to the Dean's List for the 2001 winter term at Alma College.

Brian Matthew Decker and Andrew J. Merrick, of Plymouth, have been named to the Dean's List at Iowa State University for the 2001 spring semester.

Grand Valley State University announces following students were placed on the Dean's List for the Winter 2001 semester. This includes from Plymouth, Maureen E. Kearney, Michael C. Kress, Timothy J. Nuttall, and Christopher J. Pocock; and from Canton, Angeline E. Boyde, Kristie, J. Good, Katy B. Grainger, Nancy L. Hoffman, Christina M. Mokienco, Adam J. Podolan, Kristine E. Roulo, Scott P. Setlock, Kristen D. Thomas, Jennifer E. Wrobel, and Kimberly A. Yount.

Kelly Ann Honecker of Plymouth, under-graduate student, has been placed on the Dean's List at University of Wisconsin-Madison, for the past fall semester.

Erica Lynn Swan, a resident of Plymouth, was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Scripps College in Claremont, Cal. She is a junior.

GRADUATES

Elizabeth Mack of Canton graduated recently from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy with a Marine Engineering degree.

Christine M. Abbott, BA in Communications, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Abbott of Plymouth and Jana E. Strom, BS in Biology, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Strom Jr. of Plymouth, have graduated from John Carroll University in Cleveland.

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Annual charity tournament proves good therapy for mother

BY TRACEY BIRKENHAUER
SPECIAL WRITER

Organizing an annual charity golf outing proves therapeutic for Barb Kilgore, whose 16-year-old son, Mike, died on May 4, 1998 from a heart arrhythmia.

"I'm surrounding myself with a community that cares and giving back to students who have similar beliefs to Mike's so they can carry on his legacy," said the 46-year-old Canton resident.

"As you can see, we are pretty passionate about this...but we are passionate and proud of Mike, who he was and who he continues to touch."

Mike was a student at Salem High School and an Observer Newspapers carrier.

The fourth annual golf outing is July 30 at Ann Arbor's Polo Fields Golf and Country Club. The course will be closed to the public for the event.

Students pay \$65 and adults pay \$90 for the 18-hole best-ball scramble and hole-in-one contest. The price includes a cart, a chance to win a two-year lease on a 2001 Chevrolet with a hole-in-one, door prizes, golf awards and a place in line for the 2 p.m. lunch buffet.

The shot-gun start is at 10

How you can get involved

To participate in the Michael Kilgore Fourth Annual Scholarship Fund Golf Outing, call Barb Kilgore at (734) 455-8679. Directions to Polo Fields from the Plymouth-Canton area:

- Take M-14, or Michigan Ave., west to I-94, past Ann Arbor.
- Exit I-94 at exit 169, Zeeb Rd.
- Turn left onto Zeeb, heading south
- Proceed across Jackson Ave.
- Continue on Zeeb - 0.9 mile to The Polo Fields entrance on the left
- Continue 1/4 mile on subdivision road to Polo Fields Golf & Country Club
- You may drop off your clubs prior to parking if you wish.

a.m. Note that Polo Fields allows only soft spikes or tennis shoes. Proper golf attire is required -no

denim allowed. Only 144 golfers are allowed to play and 138 registered as of this week. Last year, a full 144

signed up and they had a waiting list.

Months after her son's death, Kilgore and her family joined

several of Mike's friends to coordinate the first Michael Kilgore Scholarship Fund Golf Outing with the slogan "Success is Never Giving Up," which was Mike's mantra.

Funds from the annual golf outing fund seven scholarships for graduating seniors at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Michael Kilgore Scholarship Fund was established by Mike's family and friends to keep his spirit alive. More than \$13,000 has been allocated through this year.

Students who receive scholarships must demonstrate concern for family, friends and community. Potential scholarship winners don't have to be top academic students, but they must show that they have continued to strive to obtain their future goals while maintaining responsibility toward personal values.

"I get thank-you notes from kids not only for the financial part of the award but for recognizing their qualities as a student," Kilgore said. "They appreciate being acknowledged for their beliefs that no matter how hard something is in life, if they try, they will succeed."

Kilgore described her Mike like this: "He always had a smile and a positive word for others. He had a willingness to help others. He was a quiet leader."

A lot of students looked up to him. So did his brother and sister."



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Ready to go: Organizer Barb Kilgore, left, and her daughter Sherrill are ready for the annual golf tournament to benefit the charity named after Kilgore's son, Michael.



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Special evening honors Sister Francilene

BY SUSAN ROSIEK
STAFF WRITER

July 2001 marked a new transition at Madonna University in Livonia.

Sister Mary Francilene Van de Vyver, who had led the school through 25 years of growth and development, stepped down as president handing over operation of the university to Sister Rose Marie Kujawa.

But before the official changeover on July 1, more than 700 people gathered last month at Laurel Manor in Livonia to salute Sister Francilene for her vision, compassion, service to the university, commitment to higher education and leadership throughout the region and state.

Andrea Nodge said that gifts totaling more than \$50,000 have been raised for a scholarship in Sister Francilene's honor. Nodge, director of marketing and public relations at Madonna, served as emcee for the June tribute and coordinated plans for the evening.

Speakers representing civic and political leaders, the Felician Sisters, higher education, the Van de Vyver family and Madonna University praised Sister Francilene's strength, vision and compassion. A special video presentation gave the audience a personal and professional look at Madonna's longest-serving president.



SISTER FRAN IS...

Mayoral tribute: Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey delivered a tribute to Sister Francilene on behalf of civic leaders.

Family tribute
In a poignant tribute, her siblings, mother and extended family — nearly 40 strong — assembled on stage to serenade her with "Song of Praise" sung to the tune of "Edelweiss."

"Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor" they sang to a rousing ovation from the audience.

Sister Mary Renetta, Provincial Minister of the Felician Sisters, cited Sister Francilene's 42 years as a Felician Sister.

"You have lit the way for so

many in need by giving of yourself. You have seen solutions where other have seen problems.

"I came to realize that by your ministry of presence you have multiplied yourself thousands of times and you have touched the hearts of hundreds of thousands of people these past 25 years.

"Church representatives, civic and community members, graduates, families, organizations, your Felician Sisters and many others (as evidenced by those present here today) are representative of your being a woman of great love of God and neighbor."

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey called Sister Francilene "a compassionate dedicated person, a true leader in every sense of the word."

"She leaves a legacy of accomplishment for which she humbly takes little credit aside from supporting and rejoicing in the initiatives of others," said Kirksey.

Legend among leaders

Edward O. Blews, Jr., president of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, called her "the dean of Michigan independent higher education leaders." He presented her with a resolution conferring upon her the title of "Legend of Michigan Independent Higher

Education."
He cited her transformation of Madonna from a "small though special college" into a large, growing, dynamic university highly respected in the state and nation with an international reach and reputation.

Sister Francilene had served on the association's executive committee for five years and as chairwoman of the board of directors in 1983-1984.

Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, praised the outgoing president's vision and strength and pledged to continue her work at Madonna University.

In addition to the speeches and tributes, guests were entertained by Linette Popoff-Parks, chairwoman of the Madonna University Music Department, playing Chopin and a sign language musical presentation of "You'll Never Walk Alone" by Mike Meldrum, Rebecca Shriner and Katie Balough of Madonna's Office of Disability Resources.

Meaningful gifts

Guests received copies of "Walking Through the Woods," a book written by Sister Francilene during her treatment several years ago for colon cancer, bookmarks, small stones hand-painted with messages of peace, love and joy and a violet pin with the symbol of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.



Special occasion: Sister Mary Francilene greets Betty Jean and Bob Awrey of Plymouth Township. The Awreys, owners of Awrey Bakeries Inc. in Livonia, are longtime supporters of Sister Francilene and Madonna University.

son for the stones is an inspired statement that came in one of the get-well cards. It read: "The path will wait while you take the stone from your shoe..."

"During our lifetime, each one of us experiences challenges, difficulties, death, pain, separation, troubles — so when we stop to take out that stone that is bothersome, let's remember to look up and see that the path is still there — our path of life here and into eternity," said Sister Francilene.

"Please put that pin on today and become a member of a group that together with our dedicated doctors and medical personnel, can make a real difference in advocating for early detection and effective treatments for pancreatic cancer."

creatic cancer."
She quoted from the letter she wrote her parents on her first day as President of Madonna University — July 1, 1976.

"I owe so much to my two dear parents. You first taught me to do all of life's work for the glory of God..."

"Allow to me end my reflections as I began — "Thanks be to God for the past 59 years of life; 25 serving as the leader of Madonna University, I trust God wanted me to be."

"For all that has been, I give thanks."

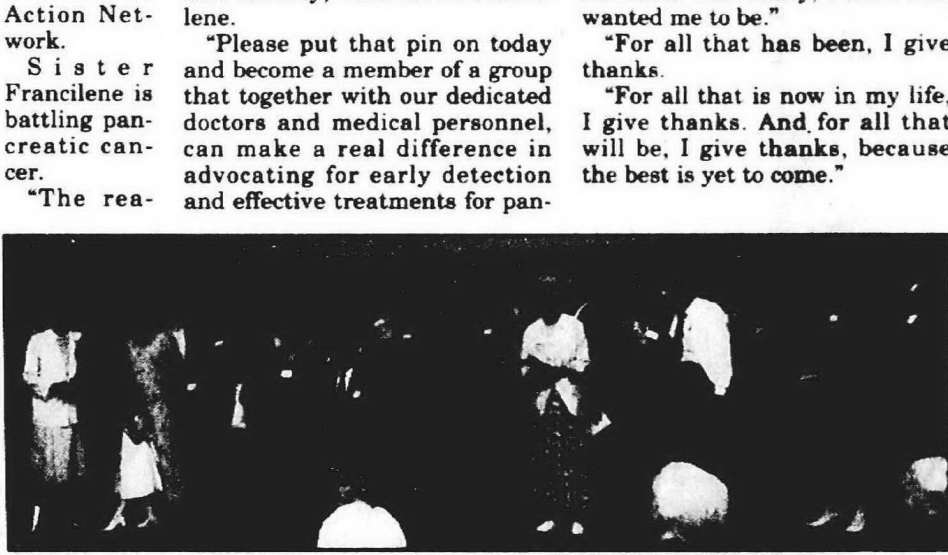
"For all that is now in my life, I give thanks. And for all that will be, I give thanks, because the best is yet to come."



Family: Sister Mary Francilene Van de Vyver (left) enjoys some special time with her mother, Irene Van de Vyver, and her sister, Sister Joyce Marie Van de Vyver, director of St. Mary Mercy Hospital Child Care Center. Sister Francilene's other siblings (not pictured) Joanne McMurray, Margaret Ales, Jerry Van de Vyver and Ron Van de Vyver also attended the tribute dinner.

HIGHLIGHTS OF A LIFE WELL-LIVED

- Native Detroit, the eldest of six children of the late Hector and Irene Van de Vyver.
- Holds bachelor's from Madonna and master's and doctoral degrees from Wayne State University.
- Fifth president and longest-serving president of Madonna University
- During her tenure enrollment doubled, academic programs grew to include 50 undergraduate and 18 master's level programs. Campus expanded to include a \$4.5 million library and Kreage Hall, the educational Development Center and acquisition of DiPonio Building and the Merten's Building. Madonna College became Madonna University. Growth included development of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Center of International Studies.
- Named one of the 100 most effective college presidents in the country in 1987.
- Received the first "Winning Ways" Community Leadership Award of Wayne County in 1988.
- In 2001 received the Distinguished Service Award in Educational Leadership from the Michigan Business and Professional Association.
- In 2001 received the National Entrepreneurship Action Day Award from the state of Michigan and a Distinguished Service Award from the Michigan Colleges Foundation.



Musical tribute: Sister Mary Francilene's family — nearly 40 strong — serenaded her with the family's special song "Song of Praise" sung to the tune of "Edelweiss."

Sister Francilene: In her own words

The following are excerpts from the speech given by Sister Mary Francilene at her June 6 tribute in Laurel Manor.

This is really how I imagine Heaven ... wonderful banquets where we come together and share each other's life story... and the marvels that God has done. Now, I am thinking that it will take 10,000 or so years of eternity to share the first billion of people's stories! So by that time, we won't remember what the first group said — and we just start the banquet all over again...

As we are surrounded tonight with so much love from family, friends, colleagues, benefactors, volunteers and co-workers in the ministry, it is truly a night in which to give much thanks!

I'd like to follow the program and begin by thanking all of our civic leaders who model for us commitment to the welfare and good of all members of society. Every time I have had the privilege of offering an Invocation for a civic event, I am overwhelmed by the dedication of those among us who give countless hours to make our cities, counties, state and country a better place in which to live, work, pray and nurture families.

To my presidential colleagues — and there are many here this evening — I shall always treasure our interactions, projects and shared mission of higher education in educating students for truth, goodness and service.

Please welcome among your ranks now, Sister Rose Marie, that as she accepts the role of presidential leadership on July 1, she can count on your loyal support, advice, and collegiality.

In truth, Sister Rose Marie is already a leader among leaders given her 17 years as chief academic officer at Madonna; one who established many of the programs of study on both the national and international levels.

Now let me tell you something about being a nun for 42 years. That is all I ever wanted to be.

The first memory I have is from the age of three, when my mother took me to the corner drugstore. Remember how the old drugstores had a small recording booth in the back that you could make a 45 record? Anyway, we went to make a record for Daddy's birthday. I said the prayer "Hail Mary" followed by the words, "Happy Birthday, Daddy, This is Patricia!" But I loved to pray and follow the nuns and couldn't wait to become one...

I met the Felician Sisters when I was in eighth grade and left home at the age of 13 to enter the Felician Academy — a preparatory program for girls interested in the sisterhood; and subsequently entered the Felician Sisters at the age of 17. I



Blessing: Sister Mary Renetta Rumpz, Provincial Minister of the Felician Sisters, presented Sister Mary Francilene with a special Papal Blessing.

share these memories with you because I have the deepest love for my community. I thank you, my dearest Sisters, for 42 years of membership — for my education — for your deep attention, prayer, and support of my spiritual and health needs and above all, for the tremendous opportunities that have been given me to be of service in the ministry of education...

To all the religious clergy here this evening, thank you for witnessing to me the love of God in your daily lives.

To the administrators, faculty, and staff of Madonna University, I can only say: "We are family!" In truth when one studies the strides made over the past 25 years, so much is due to the hard work, dedication, and energies of others, not myself. Mostly, I tried not to stand in the way of others' ideas. I felt it a major responsibility to encourage creativity and to acknowledge the accomplishments of our faculty, administrators and staff.

Above all, the one goal for which I did strive was to develop a sensitive, respectful, loving, diverse, university community. That we are! It has been a blessing and privilege to have held the role of leader among so many wise people.

You have already met my talented family! Can you imagine when we were all young children? There were six of us and together with Mother and Dad we had our own little orchestra. We would go on Sundays to the various hospitals to play for the patients. We had two violinists, a pianist, a clarinet and Hawaiian Guitar player, one accordionist, organist, string bass player, guitarist, and drummer. That's another thought I have about Heaven — that there will be a lot of music!

Tonight I want to especially acknowledge and thank my Mother. She and Dad supported and helped each of us throughout our lives. In my case, when I was a music director, they came for many evenings of musical rehearsals. They helped with our other volunteers in raising bingo funds for scholarships, and they have always been there whenever I needed advice or wise counsel. She gave life to me 59 years ago and continues to give love every day — our mother, Irene Van de Vyver.

Thank you to my family, my aunt, uncle, cousins, nephews and nieces, and to my friends who came for this evening from such places as Philadelphia, Chicago and Buffalo.

Thank you to the benefactors, volunteers and board members of our wonderful Madonna University. If love could effect an immediate cure, I'd be cured a long time ago!

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Local author tries novel approach, bringing her vision to print

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER
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Virginia Bailey Parker knew she had a novel percolating inside. She even had the setting and some of the characters committed to memory.

The Canton resident and local historian just didn't realize it would take two decades to see her vision in print.

The release this month of *The Water's Edge*, a story of three British families and their emotional emigration to the New World during the 1600s completes the author's own journey — one that began with a 1980 trip to Salem, Mass.

"We were vacationing in New England and I could just feel the history," Parker said. "I was standing there with the wharf in

front of me and Nathaniel Hawthorne's place behind me."

"I taught history, I love history. It seemed like the easiest thing to do."

Of course, it wasn't.

A meticulous collector of facts, Parker's research took her to four states, countless libraries and museums, interviews with experts — she even enrolled in a hearth cooking class at Greenfield Village. Then there were numerous drafts and the struggle to find a publisher. (She ended up taking those duties herself, using a small press she owns.)

The book, which covers roughly 60 years from the mid- to late-1600s, revolves around the lives of the Weymouth, Lilburne and Cooper families and their migration to New England. It mingles

fictional characters with personalities and events of the time.

The protagonists' reasons for setting sail to the New World range from financial ambition — patriarch John Weymouth leads a group of London financiers who invest in a Massachusetts banking company; to Richard Lilburne, a country gentleman seeking to flee England's Puritan overlords.

Mary Cooper though was the most intriguing character she developed, Parker said. Cooper, midwife to the Weymouth's newborn son, wants nothing more than to improve her own family's lot in life. Her vision of the New World is dominated by fertile soil that produces enough to feed her husband and two children.

That far-off dream leads Mary and Thomas Cooper to throw in

with the Weymouths, trading four years of service for passage, clothing, provisions and the future promise of their own land.

"My original thought was to tell the story from different viewpoints," Parker said. "Then things came to me during research. Mary Cooper was one. So then I had to go off and research that topic, midwifery."

She credited the late Dr. John Gosling for his immeasurable help. "He also had been to England many times and told me the narrative describing the country was perfect," said Parker, who has never visited the continent.

Another challenge, Parker said, was staying true to historical events and the character of the times. Always an historian first, she found this difficult.

"In order to make a fiction

story compelling, you do have to make some changes. I tried to keep these minimal," Parker said.

She said the effort to find a publication was an education.

"They pigeonhole you. I kept hearing this book has regional appeal that would limit sales."

"I know that the setting is New England but I believe the themes are universal, something everyone can relate to," she added.

Canton author Virginia Bailey Parker will teach a session at the Detroit Women Writers annual conference at Oakland University in October. The class is titled "Turning History into Historical Fiction." For information call (248) 370-4386 or visit www.oakland.edu/continue-ed/writersconf/



Book signing

Virginia Bailey Parker will sign copies of *The Water's Edge* 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday at Little Book Shoppe on the Park in downtown Plymouth. The 384-page softcover retails for \$18.95 and is available at the Plymouth store. It will be in other area book stores next month and will also be available through Amazon.com, B&N.com or by ordering from the publisher, Snowy Creek Press. For further information, go to www.snowycreekpress.com

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OBITUARIES

LAVERNE ELIZABETH HANSON

Services for Laverne Hanson, 77, of Plymouth were held July 25 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Lewis W. Towler officiating.

Mrs. Hanson was born Sept. 2, 1923, in Washburn, Wis., and died July 20 in Livonia. She moved to Plymouth in 1990 from Iron Mountain. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by husband, Gordon; brothers, Virgil, Rohan and Clifford; and sisters, Lillian and Irene.

Survivors include daughter, Linda (William) Anderson of Plymouth; grandson, William (Amy) Anderson of Geneva, Ill.; granddaughters, Tracy (Brian) Rosewarne of Ann Arbor and Katherine Anderson of Plymouth; great-grandson, Cooper; and great-granddaughter, Sophia.

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

Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

DORIS A. MATHEWS

Services for Doris Mathews, 59, of Canton were held July 21 at the John N. Santeiu Chapel with the Rev. Kurt R. Radke officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Mrs. Mathews was born Oct. 23, 1941, in Detroit and died July 18 in Canton. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her son, Patrick Louis.

Survivors include son, Michael (Pam) Louis; daughter, Kelly (Paul) Haas; son, Brian (Rene) Louis; son, Donald Louis; son, Todd (Ellen) Louis; 12 grandchildren; sister, Diane (Rich) Davis; and brother, Lindsay (Delores) Schmidt.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Arrangements were made by John N. Santeiu & Sons Funeral Home.

RITA MARIE TRIPP

Services for Rita Tripp, 80, of Westland were held July 20 at St. Theodore Catholic Church with the Rev. Gary Michalik officiating. Burial was at Rural Hill

Cemetery in Northville.

Mrs. Tripp was born Nov. 17, 1920, in Binghamton, N.Y., and died July 18 in Westland. She was a medical receptionist at Northville State Hospital. She was a member of St. Theodore Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Francis Sullivan, John Jack Sullivan, and Robert Sullivan.

Survivors include son, Michael (Debra) Tripp of Canton; son, Mark (Denise) Tripp of Westland; sister, Margaret Baumgartner of Johnson City, N.Y.; grandchildren, Jamie (Kim), Erica, Melissa, Nathan, Andrea and Jared; and great-granddaughter, Danielle.

Memorial contributions may be made to Community Hospice Services, 32932 Warren, Westland, MI 48185.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

JOSEPH GEORGE BITTMENN

Services for Joseph Bittmenn, 91, of Plymouth were held July 23 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. David Bittmenn officiating. Burial was at Colonial Memorial Park in Hamilton, N.J.

Mr. Bittmenn was born Aug. 23, 1909, in Newark, N.J., and died July 18 in Plymouth. He was a retired machinist with Crucible Steel in Newark. He moved to Plymouth from Jackson, N.J., in 1997. He loved gardening and bird and squirrel watching. He enjoyed helping others but especially his family. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Survivors include his wife, Eva of Plymouth; son, Joseph (Ida) Bittmenn of Tooele, Utah; daughter, Kathryn (William) Sautter of Plymouth; grandchildren, Rev. David Bittmenn of Salt Lake City, William (Carol) Sautter of Livonia, Mark (Michelle) Bittmenn of Arlington, Texas, Paul (Carrie) Bittmenn of Enoch, Utah, and Scott (Cassandra) Sautter of Redford; and great-grandchildren, Victoria, Elyn, Samantha and Christina.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Research Department,

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GARNEL P. HEUGEL

Services for Garnel Heugel, 76, of Canton were held July 25 at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial West.

Mr. Heugel was born May 16, 1925, in Logan, W. Va., and died July 23 in Canton. He was an inspector for the railroad.

He was preceded in death by his son, Fred Heugel.

Survivors include his daughter, Judy G. (Dennis) Fraser; two grandchildren, Dennis Fraser Jr. and Brandon Fraser; three great-grandchildren, Austin, Noah and Nicole Fraser; two brothers, Robert and Ralph; and one sister, Ada Barker.

VIRGINIA G. DYER

Services for Virginia Dyer, 75, of Plymouth were held July 25 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Peter M. Berg officiating. Burial was at Livonia Center Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Dyer was born Nov. 28, 1925, in Livonia and died July 22 in Livonia. Mrs. Dyer and her husband, James, had been married for 55 years. A lifelong resident of Livonia and Plymouth, she was a 1943 graduate of Plymouth High School and was also a long time member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Plymouth. She was a homemaker, although she had worked during World War II as a machine operator at Wall Wire Company. She also spent time as an assistant manager at the Little Angel Shoppe in Plymouth, which featured children's clothing. Mrs. Dyer enjoyed playing cards, cooking and spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, James of Plymouth; son, James (Barbara) Dyer of Columbia, Mo.; son, Richard (Deborah) Dyer of Canton; brother, Edward Landau of Novi; sister, Margie Steingasser of Santa Clara, Calif.; sister, Doris (Roy) Singleton of Northville; granddaughter, Kristin (Jeffrey) Highbarger of Orlando, Fla.; grandson, Shaun Dyer of Canton; and

Ryan Dyer of Canton.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Karmanos Cancer Institute, 3807 Monroe Street, Dearborn, MI 48124.

MARGARET MURPHY

Margaret Murphy, 93, died July 8 in Canton. She was born Nov. 6, 1907. She was in sales.

She was preceded in death by granddaughter, Debra Daniels.

Survivors include daughter, Margaret Billings of Canton; granddaughters, Linda O'Neill and Donna Heard; grandsons, Kenneth Billings and Rick Billings; great-grandson, Brendan O'Neill; Lee Daniels and Brian Daniels; great-granddaughters, Kelly Daniels and Megan Heard.

DOROTHY E. STEIN

Services for Dorothy Stein, 84, of Plymouth were held July 25 at St. John's Episcopal Church with the Rev. William B. Lupfer officiating.

Mrs. Stein was born Feb. 11, 1917, in Toronto. She was a retired teacher in the Plymouth/Canton schools. She came to the Plymouth community in 1943 from Dexter. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth, the Order of Eastern Star in Dexter, and the Michigan Education Association. She loved music and playing the violin. She was active in

her church and enjoyed gardening. She was a loving wife, mother, sister and aunt. She received her master's degree from the University of Michigan.

Survivors include her husband, Harold of Plymouth; daughter, Kathleen (William) Hunt of Canton, N.Y.; sister, Alice (Robert) Walz of Chelsea; brother, John Arthur (Onnie) Lovell Jr. of Monroe Falls, Ohio; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church.

GEORGE C. MARKOU

Services for George Markou, 56, of Canton were held July 26 at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church in Canton.

Mr. Markou was born Sept. 26, 1944, in Ontario and died July 24 in Canton. He was a mechanical engineer for the automotive industry.

Survivors include wife, Sylvia of Canton; sons, Jason, Nathaniel, Joshua and Nicholas; three brothers; and one sister.

Arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

DANIEL A. FLETCHER

Services for Daniel A. Fletcher, 62, of Canton will be held July 28 at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth with the Rev. John Grenfeld officiating.

Mr. Fletcher was born Oct. 27, 1938, in Cumberland, Md., and died July 23 in Superior Township. He attended West Point Military Academy after graduating from Dickinson College in Pennsylvania. He was in the insurance industry for 40 years and was employed by Munders & Munders Agency, Ann Arbor for 14 years. He was the former president of Canton Lions Football/Booster Club Plymouth. He was the former president of Salem Football Booster Club. He was a golf enthusiast and an avid supporter of University of Maryland Terrapin Club. He was a sergeant in the U.S. Army and a member of Canton Chamber of Commerce. He was married for 19 years.


Mr. Fletcher was preceded in death by his son, Bradley Fletcher.

Survivors include his wife, Sheri Fletcher of Canton; children, Paul Fletcher of New Haven, Conn.; Wendy (Steven) Nipper Payt of Columbus, Ohio; Tricia Fletcher of Boston; and Andrew Nipper of Canton.

Memorial contributions may be made to: In Memory of Daniel A. Fletcher, Cardiac Care Fund, St. Mary Mercy Hospital Foundation, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154.


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These 8 deserve look in Aug. 7 city primary

When voters go to the polls in the Plymouth City Commission primary Aug. 7, they get a chance to vote for four of 10 candidates to advance to the November general election (with write-in candidate Ron Loiselle also eligible).

While voters only get to choose four, here are the eight we think deserve a chance to face off in the November general election:

The incumbents

We believe incumbent commissioners **Dave Byers** and **Colleen Pobur**, the mayor pro-tem, deserve to advance.

We have reservations about both. Right or wrong, Byers is seen as trumpeting the ideas of his political backers. We'd like to see Byers emerge as a commissioner with his own ideas and his own vision.

Pobur is too closely linked to Mayor Dave McDonald, whose absentee mentality since last November's election loss in the race for the 20th District seat in the State House hasn't set well with many. It'll be interesting to see if her combative style changes with McDonald gone (he decided not to seek re-election).

But both Pobur and Byers sat on a commission that oversaw a city whose budget now has a surplus, that developed a master recreation plan nearly everyone has heralded, that finally (after offering the job to four other people) got the right man for the city manager's job.

There is still work to be done, particularly on infrastructure issues. Pobur and Byers deserve a chance to see it through.

The other six

Ron Loiselle is a past commissioner (and mayor) and current head of the city's planning commission. He's got at least one unpopular idea (raising water rates to fund infrastructure repair), but he has an intimate knowledge of how the city is supposed to work, has kept up with the issues and would require a much shorter learning curve.

He's running as a write-in, so historically his chances aren't good, but we like him for the primary.

Stella Greene, like Loiselle, is a past commissioner who couldn't run two years ago because of term limits. As an integral part of the Plymouth Communi-

ty Arts Council, Greene continually demonstrates her devotion to the city. With five new commissioners elected two years ago, the commission lost some of the historical perspective it would regain with Greene's election.

Dennis Shrewsbury, the third former commissioner in the fray, has many of the political attributes of Greene and Loiselle. He spent eight years on the commission and knows the operation of the city, as well as some of the central issues, including an aging infrastructure and the acrimony that befell the commission at times. He wants to slash costs by looking for places to cut the city's manpower by attrition. We'd like to see him more excited about the possibility of getting elected - "If (voters) elect me, they do; if they don't, they don't" - but we think he deserves a primary vote.

Phil Pursell, like most other observers of Plymouth city politics, thinks there's too much acrimony on the commission. He also thinks more work needs to be done on the city's infrastructure, and that the city should keep an eye on what Plymouth-Canton schools officials are going to do with Central Middle School. He seems at least knowledgeable, if not well-versed, in many of the issues, and has a solid political pedigree: His dad is longtime politician and former U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell.

The other two are political newcomers **Peter Bunting** and **David Murphy**. Bunting brings a particular strength we like to the table: a tie to Old Village. The current commission has paid far too little attention to Old Village; Bunting could help solve that problem.

Murphy's key issue is a merger of the township and city into one government. It's an idea that could be a tough sell in both communities, but at least it's an idea no one else is discussing.

There are going to be at least two new faces on the commission, with McDonald and Commissioner Sean Fitzgerald not seeking re-election. To fill the open spots on the November ballot, we think these eight are definitely enough.

School district 'branding' raises questions about health, ethics

The news media were among those raising red flags over the creeping commercialism in public schools more than 10 years ago. Well, we still have the same concerns - except for the creeping aspect.

The brand invasion in hallways, classrooms and even on athletic fields is an everyday fact of life in most districts, as evidenced by the Plymouth-Canton school board's June approval of a new, five-year pact with the Coca-Cola Bottling Co.

The contract effectively extends a previous deal with Coke to supply vending machines and soft drinks at Canton and Salem High Schools and will add Plymouth High School when it's completed in fall 2002. The district will take in as much as \$1.5 million over the life of the contract.

The Observer understands the need to explore revenue alternatives in addition to state and federal funding, especially when the folks in Lansing are talking about spending less per student to cope with a shrinking budget. But neither should the pitfalls in these exclusive contracts be ignored. They range from health concerns; to marketing products to a captive audience of minors; to questions about the ethics of the companies themselves.

Plymouth-Canton officials say they have addressed the health issue and report that nearly half (43 percent) of the drinks sold are water and juice products. And those figures don't take into account the sale of milk in other machines placed throughout the high school complex. Some also stressed parental responsibility.

"I believe water and juice are healthier drinks, but I also know some of the discretion of what kids drink needs to be taken on at home, not just as monitoring what they are drinking," Trustee Susan

Davis said during the discussion regarding the contract.

Detractors say the juice drinks, which include Powerade and Fruitopia, aren't much healthier than carbonated beverages.

We know, too, that there's really nothing new in the idea of pushing products at young people to influence lifetime buying habits. Tobacco companies were doing it for years before the government starting cracking down on them in the 1990s. And if you think the proliferation of sponsorships and advertising at youth-oriented venues like concerts or sports events is a recent trend, recall that outfield fences were plastered with ads and promotions almost from the day baseball was tabbed the "national pastime."

The difference is that by-and-large those are private ventures, not publicly funded school buildings with a mandate from taxpayers to educate our children.

We wonder how closely Plymouth-Canton and other districts scrutinize the corporate policies and practices of commercial partners. For example, if Nike came checkbook in hand to the school board would there be any hesitation over the athletic footwear company's well-publicized poor treatment of employees in foreign factories? Should school officials consider the message they are sending with such deals - or is economics the overriding factor?

No amount of carping by the local newspaper - or anyone else, for that matter - is going to change the direction public schools have taken in searching out commercial tie-ins. Our hope is that in the rush for revenue Plymouth-Canton administrators and board members aren't blinded to the negatives of "branding" students, the supposed beneficiaries of this largesse.



LETTERS

No confusion

There is no need to send out a second set of absentee ballots in this primary. All of the first set of absentee ballots will be valid anyway. As an absentee voter, my wife stretched to fill in four candidates on her ballot. I struggled to pencil in two. Please save the postage and use it to help weed some city sidewalks.

Glenn A. Kremer
Plymouth

Pay for mistake

The error in the city commission primary ballot is the fault of all 10 candidates.

In May, City Clerk Linda Langnesser gave all candidates a copy of the ballot to proof. All 10 candidates missed the error of "vote for no more than EIGHT" when it should have been "vote for no more than FOUR."

So, while the city made a mistake on the ballot, they are not entirely responsible for this honest mistake.

New corrected absentee ballots must be prepared and mailed out. To defray the cost of our mistake I recommend a fund-raiser. I suggest we have a "Throw-a-pie at the Commission Candidates" downtown in Kellogg Park. Each citizen pays \$10 to throw a pie at any commission candidate they choose.

Dave Murphy
Commission Candidate

Primary rigged?

The shocking news about the structural illegality of our city's primary election and the need to void pending absentee ballots proves the point my campaign has been making.

Despite efforts by Commissioner Dave Byers to assure that we have a legal and fair election for city commission in the wake of election irregularities in Florida last fall, the current commission majority bent on perpetuating their power and incompetence has now insulted our citizens with a scandal that strikes at the very heart of our democratic process.

And this latest embarrassment is just another in a succession of scandals which has brought our city to the brink of administrative chaos.

It is time for the voters of Plymouth to return Commissioner Byers to office and elect only those other candidates who are pledged to reform and responsible government.

Sharon Graf-Horning
Commission candidate

No state in schools

Yes, please prove you are about education: end the NEA's involvement in advancing their agenda and give us our children back ("Engler, legislature will have to prove they are about education," July 19.)

The union marches in lock step with gay activists: The NEA wants children not to just tolerate homosexuality but to embrace it.

The NEA has likewise staked positions supporting statehood for Washington, D.C., gun control, a nuclear freeze, a world court - the NEA's left agenda goes on with our dollars.

How are these issues directly related to helping children learn and obtain the "quality education" that the NEA says it seeks? They're not.

Somewhere along the way the NEA lost its vision and has simply re-emerged as another political machine grasping for power.

In so doing, the NEA has betrayed parents and students, the very constituents our schools were created to assist. Parents, is this the education you want for your child - "gay propaganda, support for abortion, plus the NEA's call for condom distribution and safe sex" curriculum?

For many the answer is "no," but the NEA is seeing to it that children don't have a choice.

The NEA is nearly single-handedly responsible for thwarting a burgeoning parental choice movement. The union viciously attacks every viable reform initiative with our money - charter schools, vouchers, tax credits, and even home schooling. Kids are the casualties.

Ultimately, the NEA's leftward lurch has shattered its incredible potential to serve parents, students and its own members.

So for now, power and politics prevail. Yes, Lansing, prove you're for education; end taxes for the NEA and their political agenda.

Let parents choose what is the best way to spend their money for their children.

Walter Kwiatkowski
Plymouth

Ruling 'worst case'

Phil Power in his column (Observer, July 12) concerning the Michigan Supreme Court's ruling which deprives over 230,000 registered Michigan voters their constitutional right to vote on the new CCW law has concisely analyzed the reasons why the American electorate today has chosen to have a national government divided equally among Democrats and Republicans.

What we have in this Michigan Supreme Court's CCW ruling is the worst case scenario concerning what can happen when the legislative, executive and judicial branches of government are all controlled by one party. In this CCW situation, we have the Republican Party in Michigan controlling all branches of government. In so doing, the special interests which influence the party, here it is the National Rifle Association and the gun lobby, dictate the conditions under which the rest of us must live in the workplace, schools and daily walks of life.

As Mr. Power points out in his article, nothing corrupts as "absolute power." Fortunately for the voter in Michigan the "People Who Care About Kids" committee has vowed to undertake another referendum to force a vote on the CCW law. If you care, you can make a difference by supporting this referendum and those people trying to raise families in Michigan.

Hillary and Margaret McLeod
Livonia

Reunion thanks

It was truly a pleasure to join in the 70-year reunion of the Plymouth High School graduating class of 1931.

Thank you so very much for extending an invitation to me to share in your special celebration. I was touched by the stories many of you shared, particularly those about experiences you had as you rode in cars just like the vintage 1931 Roadster used in your 70-year reunion celebration picture.

I would also like to thank each and every one of you for signing the petition to save Central Middle School, formerly your Plymouth High School. It is clear that we share the same respect for our heritage and the passion to preserve the history of our community. It is this rich history that gave Plymouth the character that it had 70 years ago and that continues to flourish still today.

It is my goal that your Plymouth High School will continue to be an integral part of Plymouth's character in the future. Working together, I am confident we will be successful in preserving Central Middle School - your Plymouth High School alma mater, and the character of our community. Wouldn't it be wonderful if the school could serve as the celebration site for your next reunion?

Thank you again for giving me the honor of sharing in your special 70 year class reunion celebration.

Dave Byers
Plymouth City Commissioner

Bilingual ed no help

Very little of importance that may convince the populace that bilingual education is better in the classroom situation than the use of the English language as primary and efficient has been recorded. Students for decades have been learning with English as the only oral and written vehicle to accomplish learning and understanding.

Now we have considerable evidence the eschewment of bilingual education has produced students who score very well on every test they take. Some former bilingual proponents now admit the use of English in the classroom, without any obfuscation with the use of a second language, is better than the bilingual educational program.

Still, many liberals insist that it is fairer, more Democratic, and preferred to meet the condition of diversity in the classroom. They still don't get it or don't believe the overwhelming evidence of the results realized using English to communicate in the school-room situation.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

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No telling where exporting Michigan waters would stop

Water just might be the most important and valuable thing we have in Michigan. Whether it's the clear water in our streams, the rippling waters of our inland lakes or the water in the mighty Great Lakes — the largest source of fresh water on the planet — water is what makes Michigan.

It's not only the source of much of the remarkable quality of life in our state, but experts predict that as the world wide shortage of water intensifies, our water will become an enormously valuable resource. So when somebody starts dabbling with our water, Michigan hackles get raised right quick.

President George W. Bush found that out last week. According to the Toronto Globe and Mail, Bush said he wanted to talk to Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien about piping Canadian water to the parched American Southwest.

"Our nation must develop a comprehensive water strategy, particularly as these western states continue to grow," the newspaper quoted Bush as saying during a meeting with a group of reporters. "I'm from a part of the world where ... there was no water," said Bush, adding that when world oil prices crashed in the early 1980s to less than \$10 a barrel, water seemed more valuable than oil.

The President's remarks set off a firestorm. A spokesman for Prime Minister Chretien said that if Bush raises the issue, he will be told Ottawa has long opposed such a move. Canadian Environment Minister David Anderson said, "The Prime Minister will tell the President that we have a policy of not exporting water and that, I guess, will be it. I imagine it will be a brief conversation."

U.S. Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, who represents the Upper Peninsula and northern lower Michigan, told me "I'm just surprised at how cavalier his comment is or what a dangerous a precedent it could set. He doesn't seem to recognize the sensitivity of people about this subject."

The issue is far more consequential than the casual comment of a politician who grew up in the dusty oil fields of Texas and whose first instinct is to treat most liquids as though they were oil. By treaty, once water is moved commercially across an international border, it becomes a

commodity regulated by free-trade rules. That means any entrepreneur could imagine a business filling tankers with Lake Superior water to ship to Saudi Arabia or building a water pipeline

What is troubling about the President's remark is the underlying mind-set it reveals: A natural resource is something to be exploited for economic gain, not to be preserved for future generations.

to, say, Midland, Texas. Worse, once the export of Great Lakes water starts, there's no telling where it might stop. With water levels in the lakes already declining to record lows, I'd hate to see oil industry logic — pump it until it's dry, then go drill another well — applied to our water.

What is troubling about the President's remark is the underlying mind-set it reveals: A natural resource is something to be exploited for economic gain, not to be preserved for future generations.

Basically, the President was suggesting that if lots of people are moving where there is little water, the thing to do is figure out how to get the water out there regardless of the environmental consequences or the impact of international law.

Nothing about ways to conserve water. Nothing about the idiocy of subsidizing water shipments to arid regions to encourage further development that has already outrun the capacity of existing natural resources to sustain it. Nothing about the effect upon a state and region whose very identity is bound up in water — as much as Texas' is bound up with oil.

This is not a trivial issue. In the next election, Michigan will lose a seat in Congress as a result of population loss recorded in the last census, while southwestern states will gain. The balance of federal political power will shift away from Michigan.

Gov. John Engler, who has argued that control over Great Lakes water ought to be left in the hands of the states that border them, might want to use this episode as a teachable moment to help his friend, President Bush, understand he's now something more than merely the governor of a parched state.

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Phil Power



Brad Kadrich

Local politics prove you can never say you've seen it all

Every time you cover an election, you think you've seen it all.

Then along comes a letter like the one Sharon Graf-Horning sent out last week to prove you wrong.

In the wake of absentee ballot irregularities in the city commission primary, candidate Graf-Horning unleashed a vitriolic letter to the media via e-mail, alleging a conspiracy to "rig the primary and general elections in an effort to favor certain candidates over others in violation of Michigan election law and provisions of the Plymouth City Charter."

If that's true, Plymouth Clerk Linda Langmesser is the greatest conspirator in history, having concocted a two-year plot with two different sets of city commissioners, because this election was being conducted the same way the primary was run two years ago.

In case you missed it (and you'd have to be living under a stone to have missed it), Langmesser sent out this year's absentee ballots with the instruction to vote for eight of the 10 listed candidates, who would then advance to the November general election.

As you surely know by now, absentee voters are only allowed by state law to select a number equal that of the number of seats open, in this case four.

One letter writer suggested there wouldn't be any problems with the ballots as they were sent out, because he and his wife had trouble finding four qualified candidates, let alone eight. But we digress.

We thought the idea Langmesser — or anyone else, for that matter — tried to rig the election was pretty silly. But then we got hold of tapes of secret meetings she apparently held in ... umm ... secret. If you listen closely (and if the conversation was real), you'll hear all the evidence you need:

Langmesser: "The fix is in. All I had to do was doctor the absentee ballots in such a way that a seventh-grade civics student would find the mistake."

Mr. Big: "That should be smart enough so your political enemies won't catch you."

Langmesser: "Yes, sir. I don't think they made it through seventh grade civics."

Mr. Big: "Good. We'd hate to have you get caught doing something that stupid this close to a contentious election that is bringing the scrutiny of two newspapers and the tabloids."

This isn't the first time Graf-Horning, or her husband, has attacked something the clerk has

done. It's happened a couple of other times, and every time so far the Hornings have had to issue an apology. To be fair, they're new at this politics thing, so maybe they don't really know how it works, especially here.

In Plymouth, it's anything goes with a "do as I say, not as I do" twist.

Those who would control Plymouth politics are quick to blame two members of the city commission for the foibles and failures of the city manager search, yet the one candidate they support

It's the "let us tell you everything that's wrong as long as it doesn't affect our candidate" mentality that can skew the political landscape for voters just trying to do the right thing.

remains blameless, despite having a nearly identical voting record on the issue.

Those who would control Plymouth politics are quick to point out when a candidate they don't support is seen huddled with the former publisher of a local tabloid, yet don't admit the current owners of the same tabloid huddle with candidates of their own nearly every night.

They'll hail a candidate they support as someone who stands up for the constitutional rights of the individual without telling voters the constitutional rights in question belong to the candidate himself.

Don't get us wrong; everyone involved does the same sorts of things, though perhaps not to the same degree. There's a lengthy editorial on the opposite page of this newspaper letting voters know who the Plymouth Observer thinks they should support.

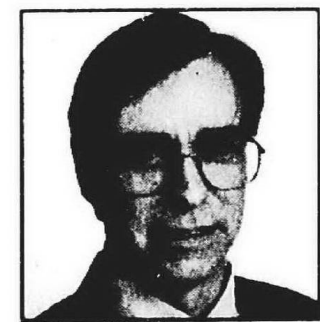
But it's the "let us tell you everything that is wrong as long as it doesn't affect our candidate" mentality that can skew the political landscape for voters just trying to do the right thing. A fair and balanced discussion of issues and views is the only thing that can properly serve the people.

Unfortunately, fair and balanced rarely come into play in politics.

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Soft money is just as much a problem at the state level

"The Michigan campaign finance system is so weak in its regulation of electioneering communications that any corporation, union, individual, interest group or political party can spend as much as it wants and report nothing."



Mike Malott

reform in the U.S. Senate are also present in Michigan elections, according to MCFN Executive Director Richard Robinson.

The definition in Michigan law as to what constitutes "election advocacy" is even more vague than at the federal level. Hard money is the money contributors give directly to candidates. In Michigan, that is all pretty well documented, and the law sets limits on contributions. Disclosure is extensive through reporting.

"Soft money" can come from the political parties or directly from interest groups. The national parties can feed money into state party organizations, which can then spend on "issue advocacy" directly from "administrative accounts" and without the need for disclosure.

Corporations and unions, as well as other interest groups, can spend directly on advertisements without having to report it. That's because the feds and the state don't regulate "issue advocacy."

Even when that issue advocacy pertains to an election race, it is still considered issue advocacy as long as the advertisement doesn't use words like "vote for" or "elect." In Michigan law, there has to be a "clear inference" to a candidate running for office. Nonetheless, the MCFN found that voters often are not able to distinguish between the two.

A prime example was the Supreme Court races run last November.

"The average amount raised by the candidates was more than \$1.1 million, a jump of 83 percent from 1998," the MCFN concluded. "But that still seems to be the smaller part of the overall effort."

"Published reports estimated that the two parties spend a combined total of \$10 million on

unreported advertisements related to the Supreme Court elections, compared to the candidates' combined total of \$6.8 million," the report states. "... But since issue ads are not disclosed on campaign finance reports, we can't track the source of some major political contributions."

If you remember those ads, Robinson said, "it is difficult to imagine a viewer not making a clear inference about candidates based on those spots." This does not seem to be a partisan issue.

It was Bill Clinton who discovered the soft money loophole in federal law back in 1994.

Republicans surely loved the \$450,000 given to the party by one contributor. Such party contributions are not limited, although they do have to be reported, but it is impossible to know where all that money goes.

The same holds true with the \$1 million given Democrats by a single union.

It was Bill Clinton who discovered the soft money loophole in federal law back in 1994, Robinson said. But it has been increasingly exploited by both sides ever since.

Unlike the McCain-Feingold bill, Robinson said the MCFN's list of reforms do not seek to ban soft money, only increase reporting and disclosure of it. The MCFN proposes limits on contributions to political parties, limiting caucus contributions to individual candidates, and mandating electronic filing of reports. The last proposal, he said, would enable watchdogs, like the Network itself, to track contributions and spending through a computer database.

But the most important change is to redefine what constitutes "issue advocacy" versus "election advocacy." The network suggests that any ad be considered election advocacy if it contains a candidate's name or a picture of that candidate, and is broadcast within 60 days of an election.

Robinson is skeptical about whether the political will exists in Lansing to crack down on soft money. After all, the politicians tend to like large contributors. But he also believes that if voters express to senators and representatives a desire for more accountability in state elections, lawmakers will warm to the idea.

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County commission names terminal for Ed McNamara

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Ed McNamara had a lot to do with the \$1.2 billion new mid-field terminal nearing completion at Detroit Metropolitan Airport. So why not name it after him?

The Wayne County Commission thought such an honor was appropriate, and Tuesday approved a resolution to name the facility the Edward H. McNamara Terminal. Only one commissioner voted against the resolution, but mostly because he thought the commission was rushing into the decision.

Those attending the commission meeting at Crowne Plaza Hotel enthusiastically supported the resolution, and gave the 14-year Wayne County Executive several warm ovations.

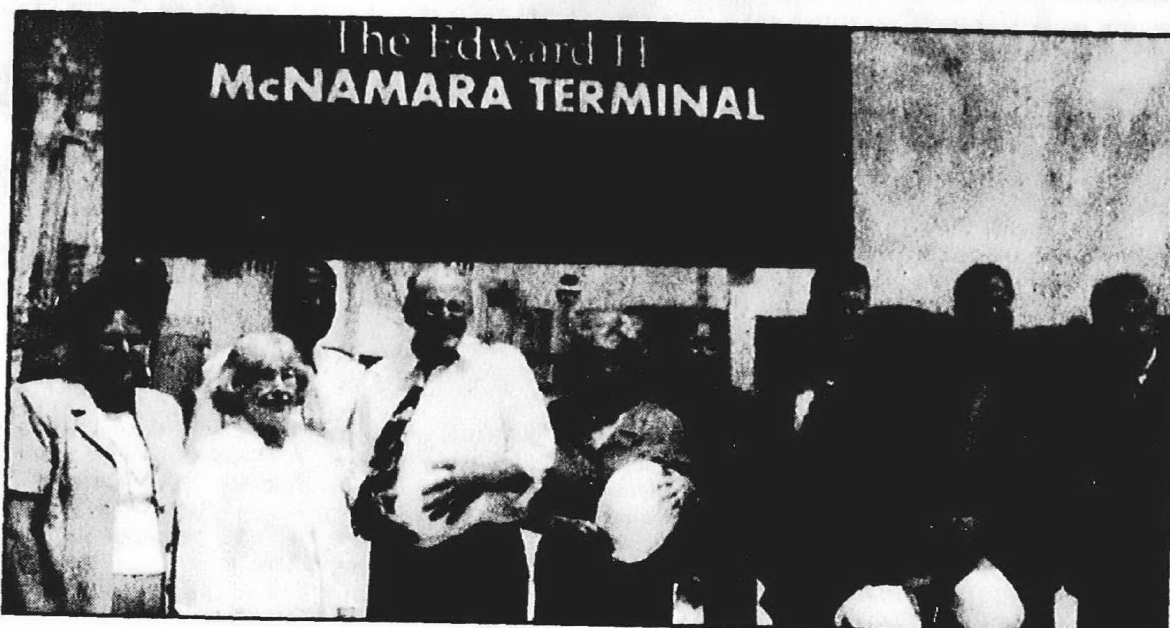
"This is normally an honor reserved for the dead," said McNamara with a wide smile.

In the resolution, summarized at the meeting by commission Chairman Ricardo Solomon, it was detailed how the "vision and unceasing effort and commitment" fostered by McNamara over the past decade greatly led to the terminal becoming a reality.

Clinton connection

McNamara secured important agreements with state officials, commissioners, Northwest Airlines officials and connected with former President Bill Clinton — a key meeting that brought \$150 million into the project's coffers. About 35.5 million passengers annually arrive and depart the airport, ranking it sixth in the world; when McNamara's tenure began in 1987, less than 20 million air customers used the facility.

As a result, later this year, the McNamara terminal will open and be used entirely by North-



High honors: The Wayne County Commission honored County Executive Edward McNamara, fourth from left, by naming the new Metro Airport mid-field terminal in his honor. On hand for the ceremony were, left to right, Commissioner Lyn Bankes, Airports Director Lester Robinson, Commissioner Kay Beard, Commission chair Ricardo Solomon, Lucille McNamara and Colleen McNamara, the executive's wife and daughter, Commissioner John Sullivan, Commissioner Chris Cavanagh and Commissioner Joseph Palamara.

west, the airport's driving force. There will be 97 gates, 11,500 parking spaces, 1.5 miles of moving walkway, a new entrance off of I-275 at Eureka Road, 80 shops and restaurants and a sixth jet runway.

"One of the smartest things we did was sit down with Northwest" and turn over construction of the terminal to the airlines, McNamara said. "And it is true they are a 400-pound gorilla and they are people that are in business to make money. ... But they also are people who know what they are doing."

If not for that partnership, McNamara told the gathering "this terminal would not be in the position it is today."

"This airport is the greatest

economic generator this state has seen or ever will see," emphasized McNamara. "It will create more permanent, high-class jobs than any other activity that has taken place."

Before McNamara spoke about the honor, several commissioners appeared to be enthusiastic about the new terminal and naming it in honor of the county executive.

"This has been a long time coming, but it's here," said District 3 commissioner Robert Blackwell, who heads up the commission's airport committee.

Commission Vice-Chairwoman Kay Beard of the 12th district said she was "proud to be a part of naming the terminal in honor of Ed. He worked so hard to get

the funding. ... If anybody deserves a name on that terminal, it's Ed."

Don't rush it

District 2 commissioner Bernard Parker was the only one to vote against the resolution, after commenting that the decision should be put on hold. Although Parker said he generally supported the contents of the resolution, he thought members of the public should have had an opportunity to give their input into the process.

"See what the public thinks and then come back," Parker said.

He also asked commission counsel Ben Washburn about controversy about naming the

High praise for Ed

City, county and state officials sent letters to Wayne County Commission Chairman Ricardo Solomon, in support of a resolution to name the mid-field terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport in honor of Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara.

Following are some of those testimonials:

■ Governor John Engler: "Michigan has a proud tradition of honoring men and women who have made significant and enduring contributions to the cultural, social, or economic life of our state."

■ Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer: "Mr. McNamara has been the guiding force in making this dream a reality, and it is only fitting that it be named in his honor."

■ U.S. Rep. Joseph Knollenberg: "Executive McNamara is universally credited with being the most effective advocate for

the 97-gate, \$1.2 billion terminal. Under his leadership, Metro Airport will be able to advance into the 21st century as a principal, up-to-date transportation center."

■ U.S. Sen. Carl Levin: "While the airport has spurred economic growth, it has been Ed McNamara's vision that has propelled the airport's growth into this increasingly important role."

■ U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers: "I believe it is fitting for the commission to recognize Ed McNamara's efforts in bringing Metro Airport into the 21st century."

■ Detroit Renaissance President Paul Hillegonds: "As the opening of the mid-field terminal draws near, recognition of Ed McNamara as a driving force and effective advocate for the successful completion of this project is appropriate."

■ Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson: "The Edward McNamara Terminal would be a fitting and much deserved tribute."

terminal in honor of McNamara when Northwest reportedly will refer to it as the Northwest WorldTerminal.

Washburn responded that since Northwest is leasing the terminal from Wayne County that it did not have authority to formally name it. But that doesn't mean the airlines couldn't affix a secondary name if it wanted to.

"They don't have formal authority to name the facility," Washburn explained. "But they can call it whatever they wish."

Dignitaries, guests and members of the media later took a bus tour of the new mid-field terminal, where a temporary sign was unveiled. McNamara, wearing a hard hat, took part in the unveiling.

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FRIDAY



The ape army charges into battle in "Planet of the Apes" opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY



Tim O'Rourke, "Tim the Bartender" from "The Drew Carey Show," visits Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase, 314 E. Liberty. Shows 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Call (734) 996-9080.

SUNDAY



The Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents "Broadway Under the Stars" featuring tenor Craig Schulman, 7:30 p.m. at the Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets \$10-\$56, call (313) 576-5111, (248) 377-0100, or (248) 645-6666.

HOT



AlleyCat Productions presents the musical "Madame X," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 27-28, Aug. 3-4; 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 28-29, Aug. 4-5 at the Mendelssohn Theatre in Ann Arbor. Tickets \$18, \$15 seniors/students, call (734) 763-TKTS.



Princess Dragonmom: Noise comes courtesy of (left to right) Warren Defever, Davin Brainard, and Dion Fischer

COLLAGE BY DAVIN BRAINARD

Annual phenomenon ready to rattle CPOP Gallery

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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The sturdy wooden sign perched outside Time Stereo headquarters in Livonia reads - in giant carved letters - "Noise Camp." Its simplicity hardly reveals a hint about this annual phenomenon, a combination of performance art and sound that delivers a camping aesthetic in an urban setting.

Now in its seventh year, Noise Camp is brought to you by the fine folks at Time Stereo records, and it remains unrivaled in the metro area. Where else can you play Penguin Toss, indulge in tofu hot dogs and listen to a noise band, Princess Dragonmom, by moonlight?

"Camp. Go to camp."

Livonia resident, artist, and Time Stereo founder Davin Brainard is to blame. He came up with the concept while working as a counselor for a kids camp organized by Clarenceville United Methodist Church. He decided to record the sounds of camp but realized that as soon as he revealed a microphone, the campers would just start screaming. "I took all the tapes and made it into a sort of camp collage," he said. It mixed children's giddy voices with the sounds of the environment and spurred an idea. "We decided to make it a live show."

Brainard, along with musical cohorts Warren Defever, Kevin Callaway, Dion Fischer and newest import Ronald Cornelissen (a Dutch visual artist making his first American Noise Camp appearance), captured this ambience in sound - under the moniker Princess Dragonmom.

"It starts off quiet and it slowly builds," described Defever of Noise Camp. "By the end, it is an over-the-top noise battle."

If you're going to Noise Camp...

What: A strange electro-acoustic camp-themed noise project featuring music by Princess Dragonmom
When: 7-11 p.m. Saturday, July 28
Where: CPOP Gallery, 4160 Woodward Ave., Detroit.
Cost: No charge, for all ages
What to bring: Lawn chair, compass, marshmallows, ghost stories, a sense of humor.
For more information: Call (313) 833-9901 or visit www.timestereo.com or www.cpop.com

As far as Brainard knows, no one has ever attempted to top this "strange outdoor electro-acoustic noise project."

Noise Camp debuted at Alvin's in 1995, then moved onto Zoots Coffeehouse. Four years ago, organizers found new, spacious grounds at Detroit's CPOP Gallery.

"They're friendly," said Brainard of the CPOP staff. "They have a nice outdoor area, and they let us do it."

Defever thinks its the perfect setting for the event. A completely urban corridor is taken over by manufactured

natural surroundings. The event - part art installation, part noise rock show - includes a crafts table for kids, a photo booth to capture camp memories, camp haircuts, songs and ghost stories, all before a campfire.

Act like a kid

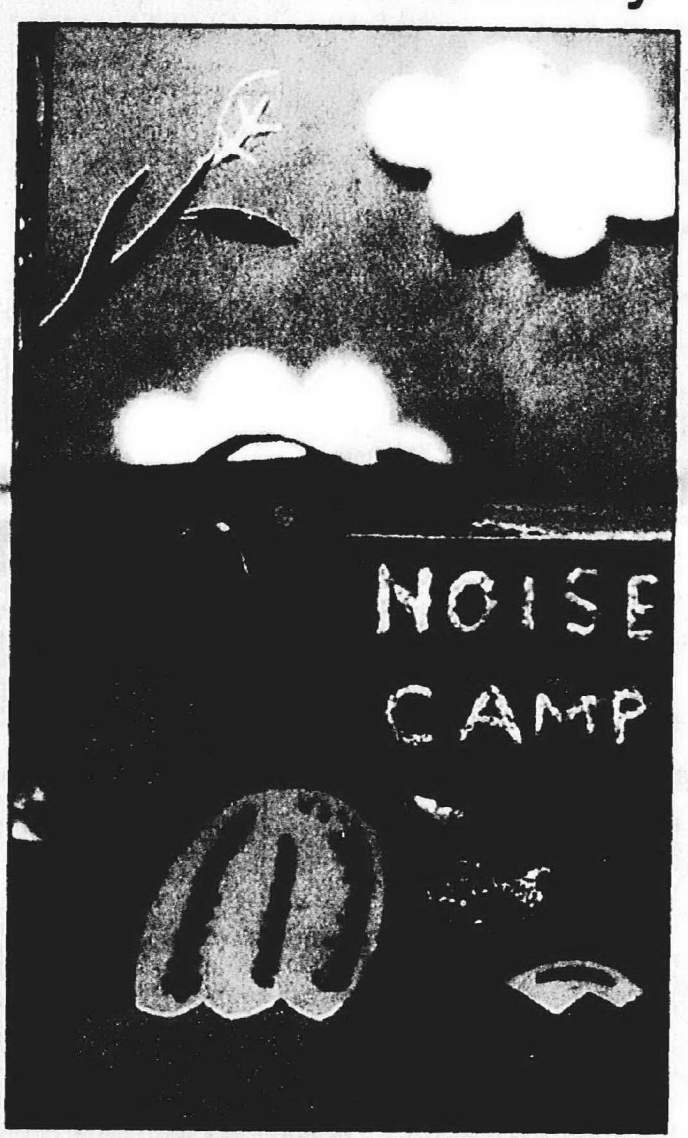
Ribbons are handed out to those campers considered the best swimmers at "Fort Lake" and best eaters munching tofu hot dogs. Camp counselors and Girl Scouts are on hand to protect campers from impending danger - such as skunks that spray insect repellent.

Noise Camp doesn't evolve much from one year to the next, yet it caters to campers of all ages. "Some people we know like to have ideas for Noise Camp," said Brainard, feeling misunderstood. "We're not trying to make an all new Noise Camp."

Undisputed highlights include the "good bush" and tree, walking works of art. "The bush kind of thinks he's Iggy Pop," said Defever, who is sometimes known to don the "Tree" suit, which never has eye-holes.

"Sometimes the tree gets in a fight with the bush," said Brainard, in a serious tone. "Last year the big fight spilled out onto Woodward," added Defever. No one was

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Don't spook the skunk: Noise Camp returns 7 p.m. Saturday, July 28, to CPOP Gallery in Detroit.

SPECIAL EVENT

Celebrate Scottish heritage at Highland Games

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Participants: David Martin and Amy Burnett Calmes will take part in the 152nd annual Highland Games.

Give them a day, and they'll give you Scotland - the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit isn't kidding. Its Highland Games, being held this year on Saturday, Aug. 4, at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia, are the oldest continuous event of its kind in North America.

The event features a variety of activities including piping and drumming contests, Highland dance and heavy athletics competition, parade of clans, three stages of entertainers, children's activities, genealogy tent, and vendors selling Scottish related items.

"We learn a lot, we meet a lot of people, it's just plain fun," said Craig Stewart of Canton about the 152nd annual event. "I like bagpipes, wearing the family kilt, and learning things about our Scottish heritage."

Stewart's a member of St. Andrew's Royal Scottish Honor Guard, and will be participating in the games with his wife, Suzanne, and stepdaughters, Amy and Jessica Burnett Calmes. In the morning, Amy, an award-win-

ning Highland dancer, will be among the more than 100 dancers competing for the chance to take home titles and medals. In the afternoon, she and Suzanne will help marshal dancers for competition. Jessica is working at a vendor booth for the St. Andrew's Society.

Suzanne got her family involved in the St. Andrew's Society, and remembers attending Highland Games as a child. Her grandmother, Mary Burnett Summers was born in Scotland, and her great uncle was a Highland dancer.

"I was too shy to compete, but I used to go to the games and watch my cousins," remembers Suzanne.

Her daughter Amy wanted to start dancing after she attended Highland Games in Fergus, Ontario.

"I love dancing, it's my heritage, and it's fun competing," said Amy, 12, an eighth-grader at East Middle School in Plymouth. She's been in nine competitions and won 36 medals, 20 of them first place. This summer she attended the Ohio Scottish Arts School Highland Dance Camp, and recently won her sixth best in group champion trophy.

On Aug. 4 she'll be competing between 9-11 a.m. in the novice, age 12 and under. Please see **GAMES, B5**

What: St. Andrew's Society of Detroit presents the 152nd Annual Highland Games
When: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4
Where: Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh Road (at 8 Mile Road) Livonia
Admission: \$8 per person in advance, \$10 at the gate. No charge for children age 12 and under accompanied by an adult. Advance tickets available 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at the Greenmead office until Tuesday, July 31. Call (248) 593-5064, or visit www.highlandgames.com for details

Parking: Limited parking on site, \$5, enter from Newburgh Road at the south entrance. Off site parking available at Schoolcraft College, Haggerty Road, between 6 and 7 mile roads, no charge, free shuttle to the games.

Food: \$5.00 (adults) - individual \$5.00, each additional family member, \$3.00, each child, age 7-12, \$1.00, no charge for children under 7, available at the Greenmead office through Friday, Aug. 3. Call Bill Wroblek, (734) 972-1100 for information.

Hours: 9-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3 on the Greenmead grounds. Advance tickets, \$10, available at the Greenmead office until 4:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, or \$15 at the tent. Includes Scottish dinner and soft drink. www.highlandgames.com

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injured, and it's all part of the fun at Noise Camp.

Livonia resident Kevin Callaway is a returning noise camper. "I was scared. It is a different camp experience. ... You can't predict what's going to happen."

Campers are surrounded by Brainard's paintings, which often depict camp counselors who have suffered some evil fate - a beehive or bucket of paint that has fallen on the counselor's head, for instance. Brainard studied art at Wayne State University. Using bright primary colors and a childlike vision, the artwork becomes an integral element in understanding Noise Camp.

Noise provided by...

The evening culminates in a performance by Princess Dragonmom. True to its noise roots, the band plays unconventional instruments.

Noise Camp offers a rare opportunity to hear the sounds of the electric pine cone, the electric log and even the electric bear. The instruments combining elements of nature and art with electronic pick-ups, like those used on a guitar.

Dion Fischer (The Go) is likely to reprise his role, playing the only perishable instrument in the bunch, the electric watermelon. "It's a fairly primitive," said Defever.

Detroit resident Crispy Fachini lives just down the street from the campsite. "It's not as scary as when I used to go camping as a kid." A native of rural Applegate, Mich., Fachini camped deep in the woods on his parent's property. He never once encoun-

tered an electric bear. "The last camp at CPOP, I went with four of my friends, and we arrived on a scooter, a Vespa, and we made a grand entrance."

On the road

Princess Dragonmom will take Noise Camp on the road after this performance. The band will set up its tent in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York. Drawing from its successful tours of Japan and Europe, the band hopes to draw interest around the United States.

As if that's not enough to get convince you that seeing Noise Camp is believing, Defever added: "I think there's a really good chance of a UFO sighting this year."

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12 and under category.

"I like the Sword Dance best," she said. "It's difficult to do, I like the challenge. The dances all have a story behind them. I like the bagpipes, how they sound. It makes me feel like I'm dancing for Scotland."

Caitlin Campbell of Plymouth and Holly Dorger of Bloomfield Hills competed in the U.S. Highland Dance national championships in Long Beach, Calif., and will also compete in at Greenmead.

Local dancers

Other local dancers scheduled to participate in competition at Greenmead are Kelly Cook of Franklin; Lindsay Corbets, Christina Hugo, and Allison Gibson of Rochester Hills, Erin Welsh of Plymouth, Elizabeth Maylen of Birmingham, and Anna Falkowski of Livonia.

If you're Scottish, Craig said the games are the perfect place to learn more about your heritage. "If you're not Scottish you can come and have a good time," he said. "There's a lot to see - the athletic events, dancing, it's a nice day."

Susie and Bill Baker of Bloomfield Hills joined the St. Andrew's Society after visiting Scotland in 1997.

"We loved it so much we wanted to get involved," Susie said. "We're part of the melting pot, but chose to celebrate our Scottish roots."

Family entertainment

Susie is chairing the Ceilidh on the Field on Friday, Aug. 3, a celebration of Scottish music and food. Bill is field chairman for

Highland Games

- Gates open 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 4
- Massed bands, parade of clans, and welcoming ceremony - noon
- Events throughout the day**
- Heavy athletics competition
 - Highland dance competition
 - Piping and drumming - pipe band, solo piping, and drumming competitions; massed bands
 - Drum major competition
 - Genealogy tent
 - Children's activities
 - Scottish entertainment
 - Arts & crafts
 - Animals of Scotland - showcases sheep, dogs, cattle, deer-hounds and horses
 - Historic reenactments and encampment

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*Amy Burnett Calmes
Highland dancer*

the games. "There's something for everyone - food, pipe bands, dancing, vendors, including kilt makers, and children's activities."

Heavy athletics

Kurt Paulie of Westland is participating in the heavy athletics competition with his brother Jason. The competition includes tests of strength including a 16-pound hammer toss, 28-pound weight for distance, and the popular cabre toss.

Liam Neary of Redford is in charge of clans at the games, David Martin of Livonia is Pipe Major.

Event proceeds benefit a variety of local groups including the Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, Detroit Rescue Mission, and Meals on Wheels.

At least 30-40 clans will be represented at the festival, maybe you'll find yours.

You can even kick up your heels and join the mass fling - Highland dancing on the field after all the bands parade at noon.

Singles can mingle at DSO event

It could be the perfect place to meet a new friend or perhaps a wonderful event to enjoy your own freedom.

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra is hosting two events for single people at Meadow Brook where professionals can meet and mingle over picnic dinners and classical Overtures.

This summer's events especially for single professionals ages 25-45 feature *Vive La France!* on July 27 and *Tchaikovsky Spectacular* on Aug 11.

The picnic dinners begin at 6 p.m. and concerts are at 8 p.m. and include pavilion seating. Tickets for each are \$45 which includes dinner.

Vive La France will be led by French conductor Emmanuel

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Villaume and followed by fireworks. *Tchaikovsky Spectacular* will feature an all-Tchaikovsky evening including the passionate *1812 Overture* and concludes with fireworks.

Partnership

Both events are presented in partnership with Metropolitan

Single Professionals.

Other shows

On Saturday, July 28, Villaume will conduct the DSO in an all-Beethoven program including Beethoven's intense Symphony No. 5 and Piano Concerto No. 4 featuring soloist Andrew von Oeyen. The Beethoven event is one of the most popular at Meadow Brook.

On Sunday, Broadway tunes will be performed at 7:30 p.m. under the direction of guest conductor Sue Anderson.

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Intuit-Solar shifts the musical climate



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

It isn't easy to catch up with Jon Layne these days.

The owner of the Birmingham-based Intuit-Solar record label rarely takes a break. Between promoting new records by his artists, like DJ Assault's latest, *Jefferson Avenue*, flying out to high profile events like Miami's Winter Music Conference where he organized a music showcase, and staying one step ahead of the music scene, the West Bloomfield native never seems to rest. He even runs the label out of his quaint Birmingham home - a way to make living and breathing the business that much more comfortable. It started out simply enough.

"The label was created from our club night, Solar," he

recalled of the company's five-year history. What started as a weekly event at Ann Arbor's Blind Pig spun into a burgeoning opportunity for Layne and a handful of intriguing local artists.

"Disco D came to me and said he wanted to put out a record," said Layne. "I had some money and said 'Let's do it.'" In 1998, he released Disco D's *D-Down EP*.

Layne considers Intuit-Solar and its related projects - such as Area Code Management and the hip hop subsidiary DTW - to be "a platform for emerging Detroit artists."

Area Code handles the day-to-day affairs of DJ Assault, Jive Electro recording artists the Detroit Grand Pubahs and rapper Hush, while the electronic-based label Intuit-Solar includes artists like Japanese Telecom and Sean Deason.

As one of the only non-artists in the metro area who runs a record label, Layne possesses a

different perspective. He's even chosen to keep the company suburban-based. "It wasn't my fault Ameritech changed my area code from three-one-three to two-four-eight," he said with a smile. "Basically, I don't look at this as Birmingham. It's Detroit. It's where the music comes from - the inner city and the people that support it. It's all here."

And it certainly doesn't sound Birmingham. From the electro-sonic beauty of Deason's music to the brazen attitude and beats of DJ Assault, Intuit-Solar artists don't fit any existing mold - city or suburban.

"I wanted to help propel things to a much higher level, and get this music heard by the masses," said Layne, from a comfortable room in his home-office. There exists no one characteristic that links Intuit-Solar artists to one another, except perhaps a penchant for innovative, experimental sounds. Those sounds fall into many categories - from

drum 'n' bass to hip hop, techno to electro. The label known for compilations like the *Comin From Tha D* installments (featuring tracks by DJs Godfather, Terrence Parker, Ectomorph, Reeloose, Sean Deason and Disco D) keeps gazing toward its future.

Layne realizes some listeners aren't quite prepared for Intuit-Solar's artists, but he carries on believing that someday it will be understood. "With the label and artists, we are very advanced, very futuristic. Today, the world might not be ready for us."

His is a new vision of Motown, another reason to make Detroiters proud of the music coming from the city and surrounding areas. "We're going to keep doing what we're doing."

Layne proposes nothing short of a sonic take-over. "You just gotta hear it and be part of our experience, part of our world."



DJ Assault

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DJ Assault dismisses his 'ghettotech' past for accelerated funk

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"Music is not as good as it used to be six or seven years ago," laments Detroit's Craig Adams. "It's hard. It's just a lull."

Better known as DJ Assault, Craig Adams should know. After all, he was raised on Top 40 radio. The sounds of Run DMC, LL Cool J and the Beastie Boys filled his home at age 10. Even his parents, avid R&B fans, encouraged music. And when he reigns behind the turntables, there's no telling what's going to happen.

Adams started spinning records in 1993 while attending college in Atlanta. "I knew I didn't want to work for anybody," he said during a phone interview. "I continued thinking of my own ideas. Not always music. I like my time to be my own."

His time doesn't seem to be his own these days, though, as he traipses across the globe spreading his brand of accelerated funk to the masses. Assault's latest effort, *Jefferson Avenue*, hit stores July 24 to show a new side of the artist once deemed "ghetto-tech."

Replacing his speed-of-light beats and techno-driven dance tracks with what's being called the future of hip hop, a more complete Craig Adams has emerged. He wrote, produced and recorded the entire album himself.

Around 1999 Assault met and began working with Intuit-Solar's Jon Layne. Now associated with the label and managed by Layne's Area Code Management, Adams' notoriety has skyrocketed. DJ Assault seems to be everywhere - his music is reviewed in *Rolling Stone* and the *New York Times*, and the

'Electronic music, you can't name me one person who has made as much money as Dr. Dre has. That's a fact.'

Craig Adams
DJ Assault

artist is even featured in ads for Fresh Jive Clothing. "It was kinda interesting," he said of the experience. "Maybe its like a clue or a hint to keep the body pretty tight."

But DJ Assault won't soon abandon his music for a career in front of the camera. *Jefferson Avenue* redefines the artist - and he's proud of it. "I was just being myself. I just kind of let it flow, natural."

Adams admits, if you're expecting ghettotech, if you're expecting Detroit techno, you're bound to be disappointed. "I don't listen to that music. It's not

me."

For DJ Assault, this is more than a sign of change - it's an evolution. "I've been rapping as long as I've been DJing," he said. "I'm sick of like, gimmicks."

Look out Jay-Z, Assault isn't kidding. A marketing major in college, he knows where the lucrative side of music falls these days. "I wanna be where the people making money is, and it's rap," he said. "Electronic music, you can't name me one person who has made as much money as Dr. Dre has. That's a fact. The music is not nearly as big."

Layne believes in this direc-

tion. "It's the best Assault record to date," he said. "I think he really explodes with *G-String*, *Bounce and Ride It*."

Despite the buzz about *Jefferson Avenue*, Adams is not so sure it's going to be a success. "I don't think it'll do real well," he said. "It's going to surprise people. It's like a new idea about hip hop. If you listen to techno, you won't like this. I did something so new and different. It could work, but it would need, like, major money behind it."

On this record, Assault introduces a new personae to match

his new outlook. Meet Craig Diamonds. "I thought it was cool to have a bunch of aliases," he said. "Then I got deeper with it. I could be myself, so I didn't have to have a character to be who I am. The first part is me. Diamonds ... I could be myself and shine and (be) valuable."

"If you're true to what you do, you still shine."

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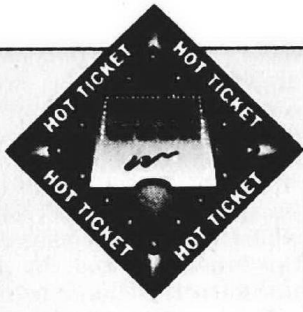
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CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AT MEADOW BROOK: Family Fun Friday, July 27 *Vive La France* featuring the music of French composers with fireworks (special singles tickets including dinner available for \$45), Aug. 3 *Best of Baroque* and Aug. 10 *Tchaikovsky Spectacular: Sensational Saturday Series*, July 28 *Beethoven's Fifth*, Aug. 4 *Mozart in the Meadows* and Aug. 11 *Tchaikovsky Spectacular II* with fireworks (special singles tickets including dinner available for \$45), and Sunday Summer Pops, July 29 *Broadway Under the Stars*, Aug. 5 *Big Band Bash II* and Aug. 12 *Marvin Hamlisch*, at Meadow Brook Music Festival. (313) 576-5111

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Along with the Plymouth Historical Museum, the Plymouth Community Arts Council, and Canton Project Arts, kick off the Passport to the Arts & Culture program with two free family concerts 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3 in Kellogg Park, Plymouth and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5 in Heritage Park, Canton. The program features a chamber orchestra performing summertime music including ragtime, waltz, a little Gershwin, Alan Menken's *Colors of the Wind*, and the all American march - John Philip Sousa's *Stars and Stripes Forever*. (734) 451-2112

OPERA

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE: *Learning @ the Opera House* continues with lectures, lecture/workshops, performances and demonstrations for children, young adults, adults, seniors and special programs for the entire family Monday Saturday to Aug. 26, at the opera house. (313) 961-3500

CHORAL

UMS CHORAL UNION: Summer Sings 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 30 (Verdi's *Requiem*), no auditions necessary, in the University of Michigan Modern Language Building, Auditorium 3, north of Hill Auditorium on Thayer between Washington and North University, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8996

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

ARTS LEAGUE OF MICHIGAN: Looking for students throughout the metro Detroit area who have an interest in pursuing the arts as a career and are eager for an experience that will challenge and engage them. Art in the Park, July 30 to Aug. 10, is a four-hour a day program offered at no charge to students in grades 7-12. Under the guidance of a professional artist, students will create art in the park at Nankin Mills in Westland after lessons in the visual arts, poetry and photography. (313) 870-1680

COUNTERGROOVE DANCE COMPANY: Summer Dance Intensive July 30-Aug. 11, open to high school and college students, dance educators, pre-professional and professional dancers, at Wayne State University, Detroit. (810) 945-0330

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE: Auditions for *Winnie-the-Pooh* 7-9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20 and Wednesday, Aug. 22, high school juniors through adult age actors, in the Mackenzie Fine Arts Center on campus, Dearborn. For 13 performances running Nov. 23 to Dec. 2. (313) 845-9817

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS: Searching for a director. Rehearsals are held 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays September through May at Frost Middle School in Livonia. The chorus, composed of approximately 60 singers, presents two concerts a year at Christmastime and in the spring. (734) 427-5397

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC OF MICHIGAN: Call Wendy Bernard at (734) 591-7649 or visit the Web site at www.lypm.org for information about the philharmonic and auditions for the 2001-2002 season.

METRO DANCE JUNIOR COMPANY: Call for dancers ages 7-10 years old with two years ballet and one year jazz training for performances, conventions and master classes through 2001-2002 season, company class and rehearsals Saturdays beginning mid-September, no audition required. (734) 207-8970

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS: Auditions for *Once Upon a Mattress* 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, 20 adults ages 18 to 60s for auditions consisting of singing, dancing and reading from script, audition song must be either from the show or an upbeat character song, at the playhouse, Troy. For October performances. (734) 591-3405 or www.ridgedale-players.com

POPS/SWING

BIRD OF PARADISE ORCHESTRA: 9 p.m. Monday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310 (big band, swing, pop)

BOSTON POPS: 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$37.50-\$75. (248) 433-1515

JAZZ/BLUES

MARK ARKSHAK: 9 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

RON BROOKS TRIO: 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

THORNETTA DAVIS: 9 p.m. Friday, July 27, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

PAUL FINKBEINER'S JAM SESSION: 9 p.m. Sunday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$2 cover. (734) 662-8310

DALE GRISA TRIO: 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, at Sweet Lorraine's in the Livonia Marriott Hotel. (734) 953-7480

LOS GATOS: 9 p.m. Wednesday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

FRED HUGHES GROUP: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, July 27-28, at Cafete House, Detroit. (313) 898-3781

JAZZ ON THE RIVER: Joe Sample, Chuch Mangione, Joe Yellowjackets, Alexander Zonjic & Friends, Ken Navarro, Gerald Veasley, Tim Bowman, Brothers Groove, Detroit Jazz Fantasy, Spencer Barefield Detroit Jazz Fantasy, and Gordon Camp 1-9 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 4-5, at Elizabeth Park, Trenton. Free. (734) 261-1990

PAUL KELLER: And the 17 piece Bird of Paradise Orchestra play Benny Goodman's music, features Jim Wyse as Benny, 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus, Livonia. (248) 476-2674/(248) 855-1342

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: 8:11:30 p.m. Wednesday, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road (east of Middlebelt), Garden City. Reservations recommended for the Jazz Room. \$5 cover with dinner order, \$10 cover without dinner. (734) 762-7756

LARRY NOZERO JAZZ QUINTET: Perform 8 p.m. to midnight Mondays, at Mitch Housey's Food & Spirits, Livonia. (734) 425-5520 or visit the Web site at www.larrynozero.com

NINA SIMONE: 8 p.m. Friday, July 27, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$55, \$65. (248) 433-1515. For information, call (313) 471-6611

STONE TERRACE PATIO PARTY: 7-11 p.m. Tuesday (Gratitude Steel Band) and Wednesday (The Warren Commission) through the summer, at the Big Rock Chop & Brew House, Birmingham. (248) 647-7774

URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON: 4:6 p.m. Thursday, July 26, and Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23 and 29-30 at Cafete House, Detroit. (313) 898-3781; 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Saturday, Aug. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18 and 24-25, at Columbine's Champagne Cellar at the Harlequin Cafe in Indian Village, Detroit. (313) 331-0922

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RAMBLIN' JACK ELLIOT: 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$17.50. (734) 763-TKTS

COUNTRY MUSIC

TRISHA YEARWOOD: 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30 at Meadow Brook Music Theatre. \$34.50 pavilion, \$15.50 lawn. (248) 645-6666

WORLD MUSIC

ALONG CAME JONES: Thursday, July 26, at Dick O'Dow's Irish Pub, Birmingham. (248) 642-1135

MARY BLACK: And the Black Family 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$30. (734) 763-TKTS (Irish)

RANDY BROCK: Friday, July 27, at Dick O'Dow's Irish Pub, Birmingham. (248) 642-1135

PAT MCDUNN: 8-11 p.m. Friday, at Duke Humphries, Rochester Hills. (248) 601-1100 (Irish)

MOGUE DOYLE: Thursday, July 26, at Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2968

THE DISTRACTIONS: Saturday, July 28, at Dick O'Dow's Irish Pub, Birmingham. (248) 642-1135

THE JAR: Saturday, Aug. 4, at Dick O'Dow's Irish Pub, Birmingham. (248) 642-1135

TRIVIA: Monday, July 30, at Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2968

DANCE

ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE: 8 p.m. Friday, July 27, at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 665-8863

BLACKBERRY CREEK DANCERS: Country western dancing 8-11:30 p.m. Friday, July 27 and Aug. 24, dance lesson at 7:30 p.m., at the Italian American Cultural Center, Warren. (313) 526-9432

COUNTERGROOVE DANCE COMPANY: New works in concert 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 10-11, in the Old Main Building at Wayne State University, Detroit. \$15, \$10 seniors/students with ID, children age 12 and under. (810) 945-0330

FIRST SATURDAY CONTRA DANCE: 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 769-1052

MOON-DUSTERS: Ballroom dancing to live bands, featuring swing, fox trot, waltz, cha-cha and Latin. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road at Five Mile. \$5. (248) 967-1428

TRINITY IRISH DANCE COMPANY: Show starts 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 17 and 18 at Meadow Brook Music Theatre. \$35 and \$25 pavilion, \$15 lawn. (248) 645-6666

U-M BALLROOM DANCE CLUB: Ballroom dance lesson and open dancing 4-10 p.m. Sunday, at the Union Ballroom, Ann Arbor. \$2. (734) 763-6984

WATERFORD-OAKS BALLROOM DANCING: 8-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, at 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford. (248) 673-4764

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

POETRY @ THE OPERA HOUSE: Linda Neme Foster, Miriam Pederson, Karen Williams, and Ayy Schreiber 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 30; Timothy Jeffrey, Ellen Hildreth, Lynn Cohn Schreiber and Jere Stormer 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6, at the Detroit Opera House. Free. (313) 267-5300, ext. 338/(313) 237-3270

COMEDY

ANN ARBOR COMEDY SHOWCASE: Tim O'Rourke Friday-Saturday, July 27-28; Joel Zimmer Friday-Saturday, Aug. 3-4; Cascade of Comedy for Chrissy Burns (benefit) 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5 features eight comedians (donation of \$10 or more if you like). Burns, a regular Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase performer, is battling inoperable brain cancer, at the club, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Frank G. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 10-11, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

THE AMAZING JONATHAN: Comedy at 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 31 at Meadow Brook Music Theatre. \$20 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. (248) 645-6666

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Steve Mingolla Thursday-Saturday, July 26-28; Dennis Ross Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 2-4; Kevin McPeck Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 9-11, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

8 Guays a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Stephanie Casola; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279. Items must include the date, time, venue, admission price and a telephone number.

SECOND CITY: Tuesday, July 31 The McLaughlin and Green Eggs and Hamtramck; Jammin' Wednesdays featuring The Best of Second City; Mayor-Go-Round previews Saturday-sunday through Aug. 15, officially opens Aug. 16, at Second City-Detroit. (248) 645-6666

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

GRANDROCK HOUSE: Tours continue to Oct. 25, walk-in Sunday tours at 3 p.m. for \$10, and 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Thursday for \$10, \$15 for lunch (reservations needed), at 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3147. Tours also available of Saarinen House, call (877) 462-7262

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM: "History Comes Alive" Adventure Day Camps for ages 9-12, July 30-Aug. 3, at the Parkman Branch Library, Detroit. \$30. (313) 833-9720

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS: Terry Riley performs his original compositions 8 p.m. Thursday, July 26, at the museum. \$20, \$15 members. (313) 833-4005

DETROIT ZOO: Dinosauria III exhibit continues through Sept. 3, at the zoo. \$7.50, \$5.50 seniors/students and ages 2-12. (248) 398-0900 or visit the Web site at www.detroitzoo.org

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM: Frontier Metropolis, an exhibit looking at the city of Detroit as it was recorded in pencil sketches, watercolors, and oil paintings before the invention of the camera, continues to Sept. 4, at the museum on Belle Isle. (313) 852-4051

HENRY FORD ESTATE: Memories of Henry and Clara Ford, a Ford festival featuring the Model T demonstrations, special tours with historic role players impersonating fascinating individuals 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, July 30, at the estate on the campus of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. \$5, children age 10 and under free. (313) 593-5590

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE: America's Hometown Celebration continues to Sunday, Aug. 19 with dramatizations in the streets and buildings; The exhibit "Kids Stuff: Great Toys From Our Childhood" continues to Sept. 16, Imax movies "N Sync" and "Super Speedway" continue at the museum, Dearborn. (313) 271-1620

LIVING SCIENCE LIVE ANIMALS CAMPS: Make friends with an animal from the rainforest, Africa and many other places in the world in camps in Canton, Grosse Pointe, Oak Park, West Bloomfield, Wixom, Ann Arbor, Bloomfield Hills, Northville and Redford townships through Aug. 24. (734) 207-8291

SCARAB CLUB: Architectural lectures and tours with Michael Farrell as part of Detroit 300 Partnership Program Romanque Revival 9 a.m. (lecture) and 11 a.m. (tour) Saturday, July 28; World's Fairs and the Beaux Arts 9 a.m. (lecture) and 11 a.m. (tour) Saturday, Aug. 4, at the club behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$10 each for lecture and tour. (313) 831-1250

LIVE MUSIC

THE ALLIGATORS: 10 p.m. Friday, July 27, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

THE ALLMAN BROTHERS BAND: Susan Tedeschi, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$22.50-\$39.00. (248) 645-6666

AL'S COPPER MUG FUND-RAISER: 2-10 p.m. tent party and fund-raiser for Oakland County Foodbank, featuring Ron Otis Blues Band, Al's Copper Mug, Walled Lake. 21 and older. (248) 624-9659

BACKSTREET BOYS: With Shaggy, Krystal has been rescheduled to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$29.50-\$49.50. Tickets for the original July 24 date will be honored. Refunds available at the point of purchase. (248) 645-6666. The group's publicist released the following statement: "This announcement comes as the group reveals that member AJ McLean will immediately undergo a 30-day treatment for his clinical depression which has recently led to anxiety attacks and the excessive consumption of alcohol. A key factor causing this depression is the recent death of his grandmother, with whom he was very close."

ERYKAN BADU'S MARIMBA

FESTIVAL: With Macy Gray, Jill Scott and Sunshine Anderson: 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$32.50-\$59.50 (248) 645-6666

BARENAKED LADIES: With The Proclaimers, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$28.50-\$47.50. (248) 645-6666

JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 10 p.m. Fridays, Center Street Pub, Detroit. (313) 965-3651

THE BEACH BOYS: Thursday, Aug. 30, Michigan State Fairgrounds, Detroit. (248) 645-6666

JIM BIZER: CD Release Party, 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, Woodward Avenue Breweries, Ferndale. Free. (248) 546-3696

THE BLUE HAWAIIANS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 3-4, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800

LLOYD'S BLUES MUSIC FESTIVAL: With B.B. King, Buddy Guy, John Hyatt & The Goners, Tommy Castro, 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$18.50-\$39.50. (248) 645-6666

THE BLUES ARMEN: Saturday, July 28, Village Bar, Wayne. \$2. (734) 729-2360; Saturday, Aug. 4, Nik's Bar & Grille, Romulus. (734) 326-9300

BLUE SUIT TRIO: 7 p.m. Thursday, July 26, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

MICHAEL BOLTON: With Symphony Orchestra 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$23-\$44 (248) 645-6666

THE BRAWL AT THE HALL: With The Bump-N-Uglies and Assorted Pro Wrestler, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$12. (248) 645-6666

THE BROTHERS GROOVE: 10 p.m. Thursdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU

BUJU BANTON: With Dr. Israel, 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. 18 and older. \$25. (248) 645-6666

AL CARMICHAEL: 7 p.m. Monday, July 30, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800

NICK CAVE AND THE BAD SEEDS: 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. \$26.75. (248) 645-6666

CHAIN REACTION: Saturday, Aug. 4, Club Bart, Ferndale. (248) 548-8746

CHICAGO: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25.25-\$40.25, with 25 cents per ticket donated to charity. (248) 645-6666

THE COME ONS: With Happy Supply, 10 p.m. Friday, July 27, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313)833-6873

CORPORATE AVENGER: With Insolence, 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$8. (248) 645-6666

CROSBY, STILLS & NASH: 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$32.50-\$42.50 (248) 645-6666

CROUCHING FISH, HIDDEN FINGER TOUR: Features Reel Big Fish, Goldfinger, Homegrown, Moviellife, 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, Phoenix Plaza Amphitheatre, Pontiac. All ages. \$18.50 advance. (248) 645-6666

BILLY RAY CYRUS AND AARON TIPPIN: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$18.50-\$32.50. (248) 645-6666

DELTA 88: With Jo Serrapere, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, August 16, The Attic, Hamtramck. \$5. (313) 365-4194

ELECTRIC LIGHT ORCHESTRA: Featuring Jeff Lynne, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$29.50-\$62.50. (248) 645-6666

TERRY FARMER: 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, Crazy Wisdom Tearoom, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2757

FIFTH ANNUAL FERDALE PUB CRAWL: Features a walking tour of clubs and night spots for the 21 and older crowd. Begins 7:30 p.m. at Boogie Fever on Woodward, Friday, July 27. The \$5 charge and tee shirts available for \$10 donation will raise money for FANS of Ferndale and The Ferndale Veterans Memorial. Call (248) 645-1435

DAN FOGELBERG: A solo acoustic

show, with Liz Larin, 8 p.m. Monday, July 23, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. (248) 645-6666

FOLK NIGHT: With Blair, 10 p.m. Saturday, July 28, 313.JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 962-7067

FORD DETROIT MUSIC FESTIVAL: With Luther Vandross, Frankie Beverly, Maze and Genuine. Master of Ceremonies is John Salley, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, Comerica Park, Detroit. \$35-\$125. (313) 359-6110

GHOSTFACE KILLA: With Raekwon, 10 p.m. Friday, July 27, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 18 and older. \$12. (248) 645-6666

GIRLS NIGHT OUT: With Reba McEntire, Martina McBride, Sara Evans, Jamie O'Neal, Carolyn Dawn Johnson, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$32.50-\$58. (248) 645-6666

GODSMACK AND DEFTONES: With Puddle of Mud, Cky, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$28-\$41. (248) 645-6666

GRATITUDE STEEL BAND: 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 1-2, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800

THE GUESS WHO: With Randy Bachman, Burton Cummings, Joe Cocker, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$20-\$48. (248) 645-6666

SAMMY HAGAR & THE WABORITAS: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$18-\$35. (248) 645-6666

IMMUNITY: 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, Heritage Park, Farmington Hills. Free. (248) 473-9570

JANET JACKSON: With 112, 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, July 30-31, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$34.75-\$77.75 with 25 cents from each ticket donated to the Boys and Girls Club of America. (248) 645-6666

JACKYL: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$10.10 for first 250 tickets sold, \$15 after. (248) 645-6666

AL JARREAU: With George Duke, Rachelle Farrell in Hot Summer Nights, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 28, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$42.50-\$75. (248) 433-1515

JAY-Z: 7 p.m. Friday, July 27, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. \$25.50-

\$49.50. (313) 983-6606

JUNK MONKEYS: Celebrate the final night at the Gold Dollar, with The Wildbunch, Climax Divine, Saturday, Aug. 18, at the club, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-6873

THE KINGSNAKES: 10 p.m. Friday, July 27, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. 21 and older. \$5. (248) 542-9922

DJ JAY LANGA AND IVAN PASKAL: "Stretch" Sundays at The Groove Room beginning this month, Royal Oak. Cover charge after 10 p.m. (248) 589-3344

THE LANTERNJACK: With Stungun, 9 p.m. Friday, July 27, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$7. (313) 833-9700

LIZ LARIN: Wednesdays, Good Night Gracie, Royal Oak. Free. (248) 544-7490

BOBBY LEWIS & THE CRACKERJACK BAND: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, Heritage Park, Canton. (248) 348-4399

HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$17.50-\$29.50. (248) 645-6666

DJ MAC D: Funka and Hip Hop, Thursdays, The Groove Room, Royal Oak. Cover charge after 10 p.m. (248) 589-3344

MATCHBOX TWENTY: With Train, Old 97's, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25-\$45.50. (248) 645-6666

MAZE FEATURING FRANKIE BEVERLY: With Keith Sweat, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. Tickets \$28.25-\$50.75. Due to the date change, tickets for the original July 21 show are honored or can be refunded at point of purchase; (248) 645-6666

TIM MCGRAW: With Kenny Chesney, Mark Colley, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, July 26-27, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$35-\$64.50. (248) 645-6666

MEKKA: With Danny Tenaglia, Doc Martin, Armand Van Helden, Josh Wink, Junior Sanchez, Derrick Carter, H-Foundation, Stacey Pullen, Roni Size, Talib Kweli, DJ Jazzy Jeff, DJ Assault, Detroit Grand Pubahs and more, Noon, Saturday, Aug. 4, Fairgrounds Park, 8 Mile and Woodward Ave., Detroit. All ages. \$50. (248) 645-6666

JOHN MELENCA: With The Wallflowers, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday,

Aug. 28, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25.50-\$55.50. (248) 645-6666

MOKUM: With The Haskels, The Winonas, 10 p.m. Thursday, July 26, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313)833-6873

EDDIE MONEY: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 2, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$13-\$20. (248) 645-6666

LORRIE MORGAN: With Sammy Kershaw, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$20-\$29.50. (248) 645-6666

MTV TOTAL REQUEST WITH DESTINY & CHILD, NELLY, EVE, DREAM AND 3LW: 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$29.50-\$49.50 (248) 645-6666

MURDER CITY DEVILS: With Cave-In, Botch, 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (248) 645-6666

MYSTIKAL: Featuring Jagged Edge, Nivea, Jaheim has been canceled. Refunds available at point of purchase.

VINCE NEIL: "The Voices of Metal," Ratt featuring Stephen Pearcy, Slaughter and Vixen, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$16.50-\$28.50. (248) 645-6666

NIGHT RANGER: With Survivor, Blush 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 26, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$10.67 for first 300 tickets, \$33 after. (248) 645-6666

96 DEGREES: 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$23-\$42.50. (248) 645-6666

TED NUGENT: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$18.50-\$39.50. (248) 645-6666

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Eating at Antonio's just like eating at home

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
SPECIAL WRITER

When Antonio Rugiero says the food in his family's restaurant is just like what mama makes, he's not kidding.

"Most restaurants don't have a mama like mine," said Rugiero, who with his family owns Antonio's Cucina Italiana in the Halsted Plaza, Farmington Hills.

When you sit down for a taste of the central Italian cuisine, know this: Mama, also known as

Rita, is lending her family's culinary traditions and heritage.

Signature dish

If you want to know immediately what that heritage is about, try Antonio's signature entree, gnocchi with "Rita" sauce, and don't count on getting a peek at the recipe. It's a secret.

This much Rugiero will say about his mother's recipe: "It is a tomato base, with a hint of cream, mushrooms and Parmesan. People love it and go crazy



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREZLER

Specialty: Roberto (left to right), Rita, and Antonio Rugiero present gnocchi, a specialty dish at their family-owned restaurant, Antonio's Cucina Italiana.

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over it. It's the sauce that has given us a reputation."

That reputation is all about freshness, home cooking and reasonable prices.

"We aren't the kind of place where we make a computer menu everyday," Rugiero said. "We are more traditional. We don't have anything premade."

Other signature entrees offered at Antonio's are the chicken Antonio and veal chop. Pan-prepared, chicken is smoth-

ered with cream sauce and topped with Provolone, and featured with a side order of Fettucine Alfredo. The 10-12 ounce veal chop is broiled and seasoned with rosemary, salt and pepper. "The veal chop is the closest

thing we find to a traditional Italian menu," Rugiero said.

Soup at Antonio's is the same as the Rugiero boys were served as kids with mama at the stove. Signature recipes include mine-

strone, which is more like the traditional Italian soup rather than puree, and chicken soup.

"We make chicken soup the old-fashioned way," Rugiero said. "It is slow-cooked."

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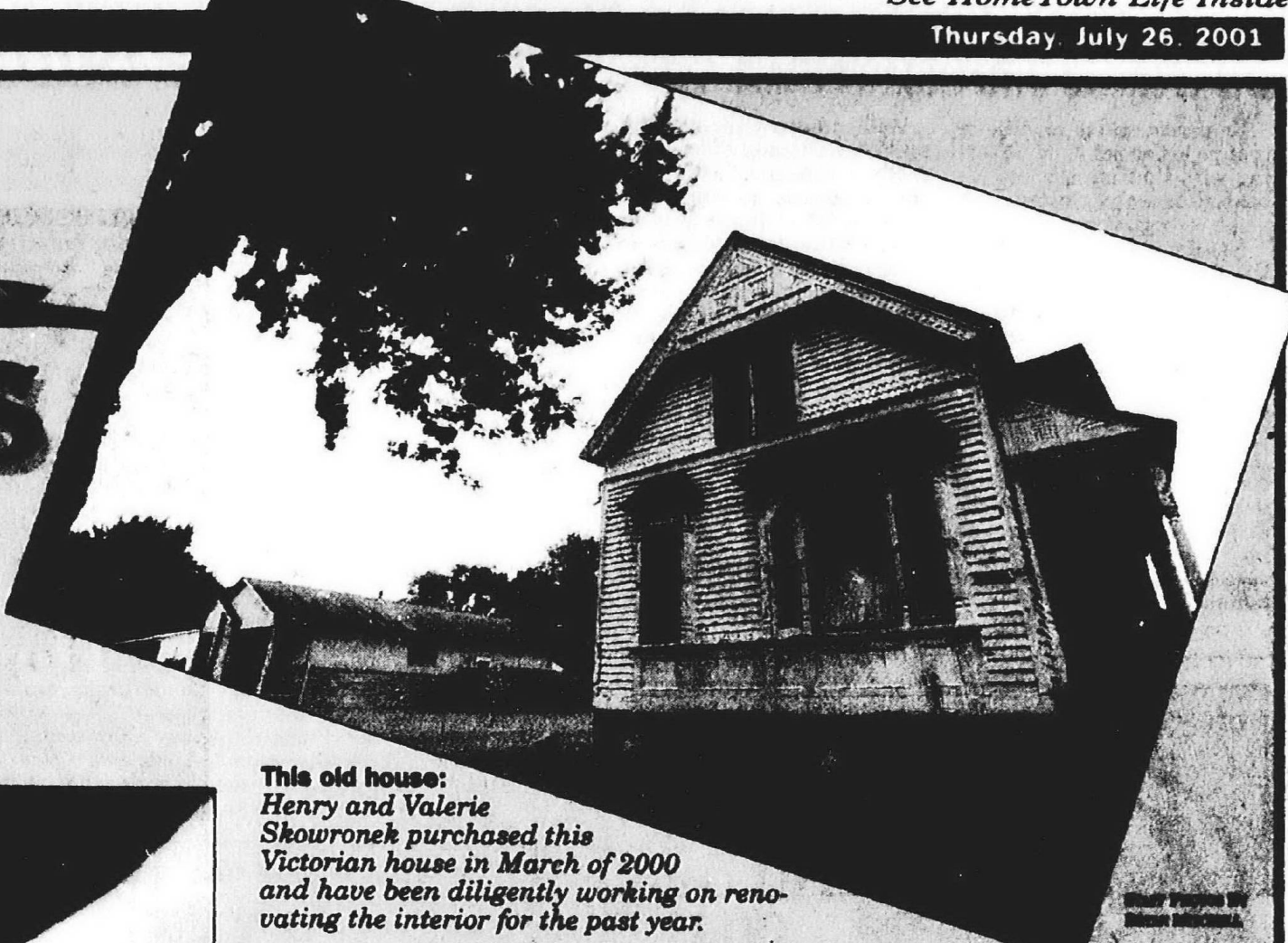
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Victorian Dreams

COUPLE POURS HEARTS INTO RESTORATION OF LIVONIA HOME



This old house: Henry and Valerie Skowronek purchased this Victorian house in March of 2000 and have been diligently working on renovating the interior for the past year.

Original: Henry Skowronek holds some of the original hardware for the windows in this turn-of-the-century Victorian house.



house they describe as something out of the television show "This Old House." "We started cleaning the place inside and out first," said Henry. Between the bugs, 15 broken windows, a dead tree in the front yard, bird nests in the attic and countless old cars and boats that were scattered about the property — the pair had a lot of work ahead of them.

One of their first tasks was to tear off the old roof with the help of a brother-in-law. They found four layers of cedar shakes, but they completely updated the roof after they found shingles that complemented the Victorian-style home.

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Fit for a queen

The five-bedroom, two bathroom home also features a parlor, formal dining room, kitchen pantry, and a back porch the Skowroneks had to gut and rebuild because it deteriorated and separated from the house, just like the chimney.

The second level of the home also has a porch-like room that overlooks the back of the property. They installed a ceiling fan in that A-frame room and plan to use it for a sitting area and storage.

"Some of the things they did to this house makes you wonder," said Valerie, who discovered that some of the broken windows were replaced with Plexiglas that someone screwed onto the window frames, then caulked around the seams. She said she spent countless hours replacing and reglazing windows and stripping away layers of paint around the window frames that masked beautiful wood trim and molding.

"I used a heat gun first, then a chemical stripper," said Valerie. "Luckily we have all the original hardware that went with the windows."

Over the past year they have spent much of their evenings and weekends at the home. Together Valerie and Henry have power-sprayed the exterior, plastered, drywalled, stripped wallpaper, installed a new floor in the bathroom, updated electrical and plumbing, installed a new 1/2 bath upstairs, breathed new life into the original claw-foot tub they found in the downstairs bathroom and removed the hot water tank someone installed in the kitchen.

"It's a labor of love," said Valerie. "Every time we start a project we try and focus on what it will look like when it's all done."

The couple renovated both bathrooms and hope to reinstall the claw-foot tub soon. They enjoy antiquing and look forward to furnishing the home with period furniture and accessories.

For the outside of the house they envision a white picket fence around the front of the property and a Victorian rose garden with fruit trees on one of the two vacant lots.

After 12 months of labor they plan to move in by the fall and begin siding the exterior clapboard that is aging and faded.

"It's hard to find people you can trust who are experienced enough to do this kind of work and who will maintain the historic integrity of the house," said Valerie.

Although the couple hasn't been able to find county records verifying the date the house was

constructed, many of the architectural aspects of the home point to the 1870-90s. They said they visited the City County Building (now the Coleman A. Young Building) in Detroit and Livonia's planning department, but to no avail. "The city of Livonia doesn't have records before the 1950s," said Henry.

They did learn from a neighbor that the home was moved from its original location.

Valerie also started the process of having the house listed with the state of Michigan historical registry.

Ups and downs

Despite the obstacles and challenges of renovating a home more than 100 years old, the Skowroneks say they have never wanted to give up.

"We do have to take a break from time to time and stop working on it," said Henry, who bears the scars of his work. "I was in a hurry and nearly cut my finger off with the saw a few weeks ago."

Henry and his brother-in-law have also fallen off a ladder while working on the house. "I bruised a few ribs doing that."

All in all, the project has been a learning experience for the couple. "I'm afraid once we're all done, she's going to want to sell it and start all over again with another house," said Henry. "It can be a vicious cycle."



Restoring: Valerie Skowronek paints the trim around the doorway of a bathroom just outside the kitchen. In the foreground you can see the detailed wood trim and original wainscoting.

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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For a decade Valerie Skowronek had her heart set on an old Victorian house she saw in a Livonia neighborhood. It was love at first sight after she spotted the turn-of-the-century home while shopping at a garage sale across the street.

"I said, 'if there was ever a house I could have ... that would be my dream house,'" remembers Skowronek.

Ten years later, Valerie and her husband, Henry, find themselves standing in the parlor of the late 1800s house they purchased in March 2000, and Valerie couldn't be happier.

"It's the house I always wanted and I'm so excited we were able to buy it after seeing it all those years," said Valerie.

The couple estimates they looked at 100 houses while they were in the market but always went back to the house on St. Martin Street near Inkster and Seven Mile roads. Ironically, they only lived a few blocks away in Redford. They walked by regularly to keep an eye on the property.

In order to make their intentions known to the homeowners, they stopped at the home, introduced themselves and left their name and number — hoping that one day if the property was ever sold they'd be the first to hear about it.

The Skowroneks were eventually contacted by the seller, but the road to home ownership was a bumpy one.

"We had so many obstacles and heartaches when it came to purchasing this house," said Valerie. "We went back and forth with the seller on whether or not he really wanted to sell it, what the selling price was, whether he was going to sell the lots on each side of it. We thought we were going to lose it before we got it."

Patience is a virtue

Finally in March 2000 the final purchase agreement was signed and the Skowroneks had their dream house. They paid approximately \$150,000 for the 2,000-square-foot house with a detached garage that also included two additional vacant lots, one on each side of the home.

By no means though was the house ready for inhabitants, other than the infestation of ladybugs and other four-legged creatures that took over the inside. The couple also didn't start working on the house for another four months after they closed, because they had exhausted all of their extra income on the down payment with hopes of making their monthly payments smaller.

"We worked so many hours to get the money for the down payment, and then even more, to have the money for the monthly payments, that we didn't have any extra cash to start the renovations," said Henry.

The pair owned two rental properties in Detroit, one of which was built in 1919, that required refurbishment. Once they sold one of those two homes, they were free to start working on the



Unique: Valerie got creative painting the base of the claw foot tub she and Henry will install in the next few weeks.



Details: Valerie Skowronek holds up a roll of wallpaper she ordered from England that will be hung in the formal dining room.



MARTY FIGLEY

Reading books

Two new books teach youngsters about animals and plants.

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JOE GAGNON

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INTERIOR DESIGN

Bring the colors of outdoors inside

Get creative with child's furnishings

No parent wants to stifle or confine his or her child. Keeping with that philosophy, it's easy to see why children are tough on home furnishings.

As they explore the depths of their energy and creativity, they can't avoid giving the interior design a tremendous beating.

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Gardening is the No. 1 pastime in America, according to lifestyle experts.

The feeling of the sun on your back and dirt in your hands can be rejuvenating and refreshing. But in a world of longer work hours and packed schedules, even the most enthusiastic gardener has less time to get outdoors.

People who love the outdoors but rarely get to enjoy it need not despair. Creative decorating techniques in the "garden style" can enable even those with a brown thumb to bring the peaceful feeling of the outdoors into their home.

"The garden style is about bringing the outdoors inside by decorating interiors with elements of the garden and nature - blurring the lines between inside and out," says Linda Hallam, author of *Better Homes and Gardens Garden Style: Decorating Ideas for Indoors & Out*.

"With our hectic lives, we all long for the feeling that fresh air and sunshine can create."

Elements of nature reflected inside the home through furniture, floor covering, and accessories can relax homeowners after a long day.

"Natural designs in flooring are increasingly popular with today's consumers- sisal, ceramic, and wood with colors, patterns, and textures that echo those of nature are all favorites," said Francis Francavilla of Independent Carpet One in Westland. "And with today's new laminates, vinyls, and man-made fibers, you can combine a natural look with high performance and affordability."

One of the simplest things a home owner can do to bring the feeling of the outdoors inside is buy a few hardy potted plants - such as a spider or baby jade plant - and lay a sisal or jute rug on the floor. The green of the

plants and the natural tones of the sisal fibers will echo the outdoors while making the space inviting and warm.

If you don't have a dried flower or herbs, bouquets of fragrant eucalyptus, or botanical prints can create a garden feel.

"Natural fibers such as sisal, jute, and seagrass are as old as time itself," says Rick Fields, sales manager of Design Materials in Kansas City. "These fibers are strong enough to make rope, so they make an incredibly sturdy floor covering."

According to Fields, these rugs work for any home because they can be cut to any size and easily dyed to in a spectrum of colors, from natural golds and browns to greens and blues that echo the outdoors.

A natural extension of backyard brooks and winding stone walls, stone flooring has also made its way inside. "Natural stones like slate, granite, flagstone, limestone, and travertine give a room a classic timeless feeling," says Glenn Strohl, general manager of residential sales for Dal-Tile. "They are also extremely durable and will last the lifetime of your home - adding great value to the home itself."

Likewise terracotta ceramic tile can go from kitchen to family room to patio so you can't tell where the home's interior ends and the outside begins. "This is also a great way to make your home seem larger," said Francavilla.

In the bedroom, nature can find its place in subtle floral car-

pets and colorful area rugs that are both romantic and soothing.

Hallam notes that bringing the outdoors in does not require spending an handsome chunk of change to replace all your furnishings. Attractive and affordable prices can be found in surprising places.

"The great thing about the garden style is that it concentrates on a more casual lifestyle. Your local home and garden center is a great place to find affordable ideas," Hallam said. "Less expensive furniture originally meant for the outdoors can work perfectly inside. You can even recycle items from your own backyard or basement and turn castaways into keepsakes."

Home furnishing experts suggest some fun ideas to bring the freshness of the outdoors into your home:

- Give older furniture a facelift with a fresh coat of white or brightly colored paint.
- Keep the feeling and colors of summer year-round with dried flowers or flowering houseplants throughout your home.
- Use tile, floral area rugs or sisal floor coverings in a room for a natural look from the floor up.
- Bring "outdoor" furniture inside. Put wicker chairs or Adirondack chairs in the living room or outdoor bistro sets in the breakfast room.
- Recycle elements from your yard as whimsical, decorative touches, like picket fencing as a headboard, tree branches as curtain rods, and birdbaths with glass tops as side tables.

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HOME WORK

Malfunctioning hair curlers can overheat, then burn you

APPLIANCE DOCTOR



JOE GAGNON

For women everywhere, using one is a part of an every day routine. (All I know is that I am very glad I don't have to go through this routine every morning before I

leave the house.) A few weeks ago I heard the most frightening scream from the upstairs bathroom. That sound was my darling Valorie. I raced up the stairs, three at a time. I came around the corner and saw smoke coming off the top of her head and a hair curler in her hand. There was a hair wrapped around it and still smoking when I pulled the plug out of the wall.

Thermostat fails

It was apparent that the thermostat inside the curler failed, which caused the unit to overheat. It also injured Valorie by burning a spot on top of her head. It's not enough to take it to

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court, but enough to create concern and write this column.

Based on the amount of hair curlers that Val has purchased in the past 10 years, I imagine that a few million are sold every year.

Writing about hair makes me think about all the drains in America which get plugged because of it. A plumber once explained it to me by describing how durable human hair is. We

discover a body, thousands of years old, and the hair is still as strong as rope. We can expect the same thing when the plumber cleans out the sink or bathtub drains.

A plumber once told me that his services would never be needed if consumers would turn up the hot water tank to the tank's maximum temperature and let hot water run into drains for 10 minutes each month. He also gave me a proven remedy for unplugging a blocked-up drain. Put a cup full of baking soda into a drain and then slowly pour in a pint of vinegar. Make sure that there isn't a drop of water going into that drain for at least an hour after you have

put in the remedy. Then let hot water flow in there for at least 10 minutes.

Condenser cleanup

I think back to the many refrigerators I have cleaned in my lifetime, especially at homes with cats and dogs. Often I pulled out enough animal hair from the condenser to fill a brown grocery bag. Cats and dogs often are to blame for overheated compressors or the need for replacement.

Once animal hair covers the condenser tubing, every little piece of lint will stick to it. Keep in mind that during the winter months, animals like to lay in front of the refrigerator.

A cousin of the hair curler mentioned earlier is the hair dryer. You can save yours by following simple advice here and use an eyebrow plucker.

The hair dryer needs air flowing through it and when the air inlet area is plugged with hair, the elements inside overheat and burn out. Every few months I take the plucker or tweezers and pull out the hair and lint which builds up on the air inlet side.

Joe Gagnon can be heard Saturday and Sunday on 760 WJR. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (313) 873-9789.

Plan remodeling with future in mind

"Accessibility" is the new keyword for home buyers and owners who are approaching retirement and intend to continue living in their new or existing residences as long as possible.

"Rather than allowing physical limitations to threaten their quality of life, such people are custom building or retrofitting their homes now, to ensure ease of use later," said Stephen Taglione, president of Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and of Westminster & Abbey Homes in Bingham Farms.

Indeed, special additions can go a long way toward preserving a person's ability to live independently in the golden years, whether physical impairments are great or small.

For example, replacing regular doorknobs with latches and regular locks with keyless entry systems can help those with arthritic hands. Creating a master bedroom on the first floor can avoid dangerous situations for people who have difficulty climbing stairs.

When envisioning an accessible home for seniors, several obvious modifications come to mind, including grab bars in the bathroom, wide doorways that accommodate wheelchairs, and ramps in place of stairs.

But other important features are easy to overlook, including the provision of ample space in the kitchen and bathroom for easy wheelchair access.

The following is a fairly comprehensive list of obvious and not-so-obvious features to consider when outfitting a home for long-term accessibility:

Overall home design

- First floor master bedroom and bath
- Single-story, "open" floor plan
- Secured, low-pile carpeting
- Higher-than-standard wall receptacles
- Lower-than-standard light switches and thermostats
- Sound-activated lights
- Security system
- Broad rear deck (accessible outside area)
- Sliding or automatic windows and doors
- Wide doorways
- Levers in place of doorknobs
- Low closet rods
- Rocker or push-button light switches
- Chair lift or elevator where applicable
- Smoke alarms with flashing lights
- Handrails along stairs and hallways

Entryway

- Paved, level driveway
 - Paved, level path to door
 - Secured carpet, if any, at door
 - Well-lit, covered and spacious entryway
 - "Lever" doorknob
 - Set-down shelf outside door
 - Keyless locks
 - Lower peephole in front door
- Kitchen**
- Appliances with front-mounted knobs
 - Overhanging sink for wheelchair access
 - Low shelving with swing-out doors/rollout trays
 - Low counter space with wheelchair access
 - Under-counter or side-by-side refrigerator
 - Room for refrigerator door to swing wide
 - Space to maneuver wheelchair
- Bathroom**
- Low medicine cabinet
 - Raised toilet with grab bars
 - Grab bars in shower and tub
 - Walk-in or roll-in shower
 - Roll-under sink
 - Built-in shower seat
 - Wide doorway
 - Hand-held shower head
 - Non-skid strips in bath and shower
 - Space to maneuver wheelchair

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GARDENING

Books teach youngsters about animals, plants

GARDEN SPOT



MARTY FIGLEY

Two books for children take center stage in this book review.

Ghost Bat in a Gum Tree, Benette Tiffault (Falcon, \$9.95, soft), is wonderfully illustrated by Peter Grosshauser. Tiffault has taken the rhythm from the Christmas song *The 12 Days of Christmas* to create a poem about 12 endangered animal species.

Fun for the youngsters and all the family as they discover what happens to each animal for 12 hours of Earth Day. A profile of each one and a list of concerned organizations are included.

Unearthing Garden Mysteries, Ellen Talmage (Fulcrum, \$17.95, soft), is full of fun and exciting experiments for children as they

discover a garden's ecosystem; some may need adult supervision.

They'll learn why the sensitive plant is that way, why the Venus fly trap eats insects, the different ways vines twine, why plants need light, and about good and bad insects. These are just a few of the 20 projects that can be done at home or in school. Some may take several days.

The book is a great resource for use in the classroom as well as at home—great afterschool project ideas. The ISBN number is 1-55591-993-6. Call Fulcrum at (800)992-2908.

Informative

A very scholarly book, *Wildflowers of the Fairest Cape*, Peter Goldblatt and John Manning (Timber Press, \$34.95, paper), details 652 of the most common wildflowers to be found at "the fairest cape," as Sir Francis Drake called it.

Arranged by groups of related families, many of the plants are presently in cultivation; there-

fore the book is a guide to the region as well as a source of information about many plants grown in home gardens. Enjoy the color photos as you take a journey to this "flowerful" country with these eminent botanists.

The Herbal Epicure, Carole Ottesen (Ballantine Wellspring, \$16, soft), contains much information about growing, harvesting and cooking 60 plants that can be homegrown and provide nutrition for a healthier lifestyle. "All those chosen are safe," Ottesen says.

Most of the recipes are for cooking, using the herbs that are healthful; others are for decoctions, syrups, etc. for medicinal use. I like the little tips in the sidebars, such as drying chamomile blossoms for tea and how to make pumpkins easier to peel. Ottesen approaches the subject in a relaxed manner.

Inspiring

A Fierce Green Fire, Marybeth Lorbiecki (Falcon, \$19.95, pub-

lished in 1996), is the biography of Aldo Leopold, the driving force of the conservation movement in this country.

Influenced by his grandfather, Leopold became concerned about the destruction of our land during the 1800s and throughout his life. The struggles he faced to sway many opinions and the tide of indifference were mostly uphill. Father, writer, teacher, he devoted his life to ecology. This is a lesson about love and perseverance.

"His greatest dream was to learn how to live on the land without spoiling it."

David Brower, founder of the Sierra Club Foundation, also suggests reading *A Sand County Almanac*. Good stuff.

Ann Lovejoy's *Organic Garden Design School* (Rodale, \$35) contains a wealth of information to help design a garden that is pleasing to you, suits your lifestyle, and works.

Lovejoy's goal is to have each garden be interesting in all sea-

sons, be low maintenance and bloom with healthy plants. She talks about the layers of plants in the garden and their maintenance, and ties it all together with descriptions and photos of mouth-watering plants.

From soil to pests, it's all here. The lessons are presented in a four-color format. Thirty-four workbook pages of your "homework" allow you to record your progress.

You've probably all heard of the Chicken Soup series of books. My friend Pat Stone, who publishes *Green Prints*, was one of the seven editors for the inspiring *Chicken Soup For The Gardener's Soul* (Health Communications Inc., \$12.95).

The 101 stories will inspire, bring a chuckle or two and/or invoke a memory. Some of the pieces were by writers such as Erma Bombeck, James Michener and Charles Kuralt. Others were by folks just like you and me.

This is a perfect book to take on vacation, or read in the shade of a big tree in your own back

yard. You'll love it.

GOODGARDEN TIPS

■ Pull off any tomato blossoms that cling to young fruit. The odd conditions called "catfacing" and "zipper streak" may result where the clingy flower pistil causes the fruit to scar at a young age.

■ If lettuce tastes bitter or secretes a milky white sap, it has been in the ground too long. If the juices are clear, it's still good for picking.

■ Give carrots a twist when you pull them up so the leaves don't break off. Then immediately cut the leaves off just above the stem so they won't steal moisture and nutrients from the roots.

■ Azaleas, rhododendrons and camellias would like your leftover tea and the leaves.

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

Enjoy wildflowers this summer on the freeways

More than 1 million metro Detroit motorists will get daily views of a sight that inspired one of the world's most famous artists to paint some of his greatest masterpieces—acres of wildflowers.

Wildflowers Paintings, sponsored by Southeast Michigan Chrysler-Jeep Superstores, are inspired by the gardens of Impressionist painter Claude Monet. Monet, whose works are among the most valuable in the

world, planted huge fields of wildflowers and would later paint the fields at their most vibrant.

Monet carefully patterned the placing of different plants to produce rich textures and moods of colors. He would constantly experiment with different colors and chose certain patterns because of the way wildflowers can change colors and shapes due to light and weather. The artist spent the final 20 years of

his life painting his gardens, eventually employing six gardeners.

As the summer continues and grows into fall, different flowers will develop and grow, while others will subtly change, so that each day and week brings new surprises for passing motorists.

The wildflowers were planted in the medians in the interchanges of I-275 and I-96, I-94 and I-696, and I-96 and I-75.

GARDENING CALENDAR

Does your garden club have an upcoming event or meeting you want publicized? Send items for consideration in Gardening Calendar to Ken Abramczyk, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net. To send a fax, call (734) 591-7279.

GARDEN WALKS

YPSILANTI
The Ypsilanti Garden Club's third annual Heritage Garden Tour is scheduled 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, during the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival. View six local gardens, plus a bonus garden, the newly planted re-creation of what might have been planted from 1837-1880 at Ypsilanti's Historic Tower House. Tickets are \$7 per person, available in Depot Town and at each garden on the day of the event. For information, call (734) 485-7339 or visit <http://community.mlive.com/cc/ypsigardenclub>

FARMERS MARKETS

WILSON BARN

The Friends of Wilson Barn will host the 12th annual Farmers Market from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. every Saturday until Sept. 30 at the Wilson Barn on the northeast corner of West Chicago and Middlebelt in Livonia. The market offers fresh produce, honey and a variety of crafts. Vendors pay \$10 a week for a 10-foot by 20-foot space. WIC Fresh Start coupons accepted. For information, call (734) 427-4311 or (734) 522-5039.

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Produce is available 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturdays through October at The Gathering on Penniman Avenue at Main Street in downtown Plymouth. Call (734) 453-1540.

NORTHVILLE

Market items are available 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursdays through October at the Northville Downs parking lot at 7 Mile and Sheldon in Northville. Call (248) 349-7640.

OPEN HOUSE

PONDS

A pond designer will be at a recently completed pond in the yard of a home at 18914 Aspen in Livonia noon-4 p.m. Sunday, July 29. Casey Wright, owner of Splashy Designs in Novi, will be on hand to answer questions on water gardening. The home is located in the Whispering Pines subdivision, on the south side of Seven Mile between Wayne Road and Gary. For information, call (248) 477-7482.

FIELD TRIPS

OJIBWAY PRAIRIE TOUR
Join the Detroit Garden Center for a naturalist guided tour of the Ojibway Tallgrass Prairie Provincial Park in Windsor at 10 a.m. Friday, July 27. The tour costs \$8 for Detroit Garden Center members and \$10 for non-members. The tour will begin at the Ojibway Nature Center, 5200 Matchette Road. A catered lunch is available afterward for \$8.50. Call the Detroit Garden Center at (313) 259-6363 or fax (313) 259-0107 or e-mail detroitgardencentr@yahoo.com for reservations and directions.

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ENGLISH GARDENS
English Gardens conducts free gardening seminars for the public 7 p.m. Thursdays at its West Bloomfield store, 6370 Orchard Lake Road, north of Maple (phone (248) 851-7506). The schedule includes *Garden Pests & Diseases*, by Kelly Jo Burnham July 26; and *Do-it-yourself Landscaping: The Design Process*, by Heather Tomlinson July 31 and Michael Boron Aug. 2. In this week's seminar, learn about some of the more common problems you'll encounter during the gardening season. Solutions will be provided.

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Growing sunflowers this summer? Keep nurturing them, give them plenty of sunshine and water and you just may have a winner next month.

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and English Gardens are sponsoring their second annual High Hopes Sunflower Contest. First-, second- and third-place finishers for the tallest plant and widest

seed head categories will be awarded.

Winners will receive \$75, \$50 or \$25 gift certificates from English Gardens. Check the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers for entry forms. Please enclose information on how you cared for the plant or any other details or circumstances about the plant.

The deadline for entries is Monday, Aug. 27. The top

entries in length and seed head for the 2001 season will be verified by judges.

Prizes will be awarded Sunday, Sept. 16, at English Gardens, 6370 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Winners must appear at the awards to claim their prize.

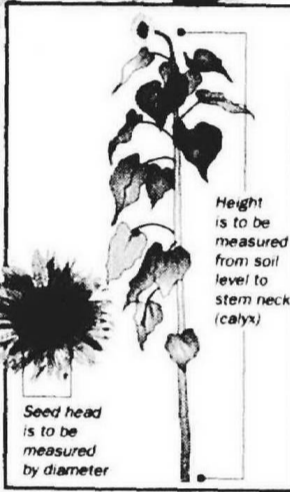
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PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE NEWSPAPER. Use the entry form below (or a facsimile) printed in this newspaper. Entries must be postmarked by Monday, Aug. 27, 2001. Fill in all the blanks. Clearly print or type the information. Include area code with your telephone number and the best time of day to call if we wish to take photographs. Children should include their ages. Your comments about how you care for the plants can also be sent along with the entry. This information may be passed on to our readers when we announce the winners. There are two categories of winners in this High Hopes Sunflower Contest: The tallest sunflower and the one with the largest seed head (not including the rays of the flower), grown in the 2001 season through Aug. 27.

1. Sunflower measurement must be taken from soil level to the base of the head where the stem attaches to the flower.
2. Seed head measurement must be taken diagonally across the seed head (not including the rays of the flower).
3. Participants must send the official entry form (or a facsimile) to: High Hopes Sunflower Contest, The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax call (734) 691-7279. Judges will notify contest finalists to verify height and size.
4. Winners will be announced in the newspaper in September.
5. Employees and families of the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers aren't eligible.
6. Decisions of the judges are final.
7. Entrants must live in Oakland or Wayne County to be eligible.
8. Gift certificates from English Gardens will be awarded to the winners — \$75 first place, \$50 second place and \$25 third place. Prizes will be awarded 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16 at English Gardens, 6370 Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield, MI. Winners must appear at awards to claim their prize.



My sunflower height is: _____ My sunflower's seed head is: _____
 Name: _____ If Child, include age: _____
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 Phone number: () _____
 Best time of day to call: _____
 Plant-care comments: _____

DESIGN CALENDAR

The Michigan Design Center's semi-annual Floor Sample and Clearance Sale will take place 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 28, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 29. The event, which happens twice a year, is the only time the public is invited to shop the fabulous showrooms of MDC and the only time it will find sale savings of 60 to 70 percent off list prices on hundreds of floor sample items, including furniture, Oriental rugs, lighting, original art, ceramic tile and accessories. Admission is \$6, with a portion of the proceeds going to benefit Gilda's Club, which provides free emotional and social support to cancer patients as well as their families and friends. MDC is at 1700 Stutz, which is north off

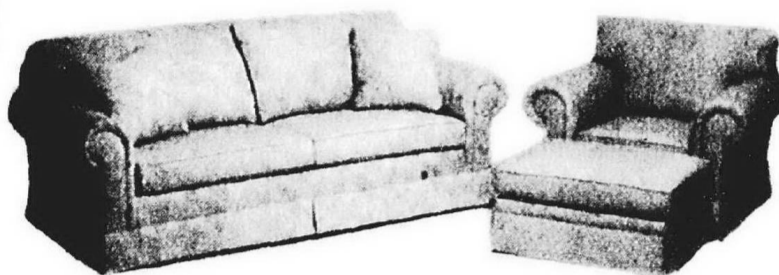
Maple, between Crooks and Coolidge in Troy. A delivery service will be available and arrangements can be made at the customer's expense. During the sale, MDC's Designer On Call interior designers will be available to answer questions.

A Christmas in July Home Party Extravaganza, with representatives from more than 20 different direct sales companies, will take place 1-5 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at Parkside Church of Christ, 17200 W. Outer Drive, between Ford and Hines Drive in Dearborn Heights (call (313) 278-8120). Admission is free. Each representative will donate 10 to 30 percent of the day's sales to Rochester College of Rochester Hills. Scheduled participating

companies are Avon, Country Peddler, Creative Memories, Discovery Toys, Henn Workshops, Highlights-Jigsaw, Home & Garden Party, Home Interiors, House of Lloyd, Mary Kay, NestFamily, Pampered Chef, PartyLite and others.

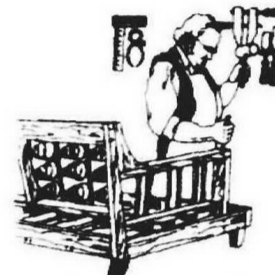
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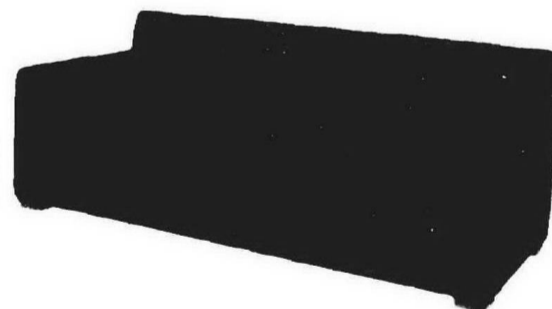
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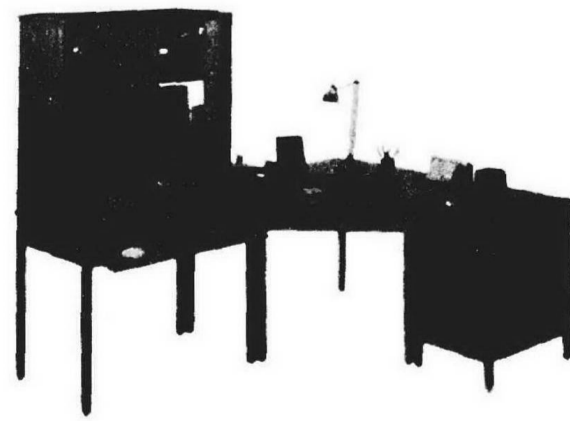
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pelli-Harrison

Dave and Carolyn Pelli of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynne, to Jeffrey Alan Harrison of Dearborn Heights.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Garden City High School and attends Schoolcraft College. She is a teacher at The Learning Tree.

Her fiancé, son of Charles and Carolyn Harrison of Dearborn Heights, is a 1997 graduate of Divine Child and attends University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is self-employed.

A July wedding is planned at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church.



Gregoire-Shrewsbury

Dennis and Carol Gregoire of Newport announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Renée, to Aaron Todd Shrewsbury of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Madonna University where she earned a bachelor of arts degree. She is currently working toward a master's degree at Marygrove College in the art of teaching. She works for St. Michael in Livonia as a sixth grade teacher.

Her fiancé, son of Ray and Judy Shrewsbury of Dearborn, is a graduate of Madonna University, where he majored in criminal justice, and is working toward his master's degree in police administration there. He is a police officer.



A September wedding is being planned at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Carleton.

Vaughn

Roger Vaughn Jr. and Anna (Dodge) Vaughn of Plymouth are celebrating 50 years of marriage this month. The couple wed July 26, 1951 in Flint and have lived in the Wayne County area for 46 years.

The Vaughns have two children: Barbara Vecchioni of Manchester, Mich., and David and his wife Julie Vaughn of Plymouth. Christina Vecchioni is their only grandchild.

Roger Vaughn worked for the Fisher Body division of General Motors, in Livonia and has since retired. His wife, Anna is a homemaker and works at Wayside Gifts in Plymouth.

Roger Vaughn is a member of the Plymouth Lions Club. Anna is a member of P.E.O., a philanthropic and educational organization. They both enjoy spending time with friends and family and are always on the go.



To celebrate the occasion, the couple will enjoy a special dinner with family. Congratulations!

Heuer-Weller

Steve and Geraldine Heuer of Shelbyville, Ind. announce the engagement of their daughter, Carri Dawn Heuer, to Matthew James Weller of Indianapolis, Ind.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Waldron High School, a 1998 graduate of the University of Indianapolis and works as a special education teacher at Southwestern Elementary School in Shelbyville, Ind.

Her fiancé, son of Raymond D. Weller of Livonia and Kathy L. Printz of Wixom, is a 1989 graduate of Clarenceville High School and has worked for the past 10 years as a government employee with the Internal Revenue Service.



An August wedding is planned at ABE Martin Lodge at Brown County State Park in Nashville, Ind.

Guajardo-Blakita

Harold Cloud of Dearborn Heights and Jo Wanda Cloud of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Vivian Louise Guajardo, to Kevin Brian Blakita of Canton.

The bride-to-be is employed by Waste Management.

Her fiancé, son of Jerry and Mary Blakita of Ypsilanti, is employed by Eaton Corp.

An August wedding is planned at Henry Ford Estate.



Berry-Lord

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Berry of Troy announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle, to Eric Lord, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lenart of Plymouth and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lord of Troy.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University and is currently attending Michigan State University's graduate program. She is a fourth grade teacher at Morse Elementary School in Troy.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University. He is a project manager at Giffels-



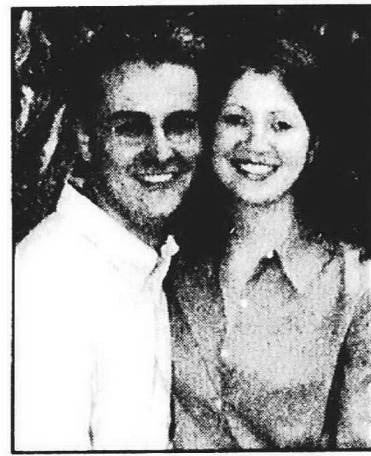
Webster Engineers in Rochester Hills. An August wedding is planned at St. Thomas More Church in Troy.

Modreski-Planko

Paul and Pat Modreski of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Lynne, to Shawn Matthew Planko of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Franklin High School and a 2000 graduate of University Detroit-Mercy. She is a registered dental hygienist at Progressive Dental Group in Novi.

Her fiancé, son of Joe and Cheryl Broudhecker of Westland and Henry Planko, is a 1993 graduate of Franklin High School and is pursuing his bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University. He works at MCI Internet Wholesale as a shift leader in technical support.



A July wedding is planned at St. Michael Lutheran Church.

Keller-Ollar

Robert and Delphine Keller of Sun City West, Ariz. announce the engagement of their daughter, Gail Lynn, to William Ollar of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1979 graduate of Michigan State University, where she earned a degree in dietetics. She works at Rivergate Convalescent Health Center.

Her fiancé, son of Edith Newmeyer of Traverse City, is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and works for General Motors.

An August wedding is planned at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

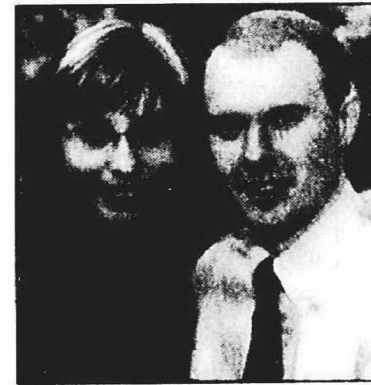


Loeb-Casper

Milton and Linda Loeb of Grand Island, Neb. announce the engagement of their daughter, Anne Marie, to Christian Frederick Casper of Ann Arbor.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Grand Island Senior High School and a 1999 graduate of University of Nebraska, where she earned her bachelor's degree in biology. She is currently a graduate student in human genetics at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé, son of Richard and Jennifer Casper of Canton, is a 1995 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and a 1999 graduate of Iowa State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry. He is pursuing a master's degree in chemistry from the University of Michigan and plans to graduate this year. He works as a technical writer for Kaiser Optical Systems, Inc. in Ann Arbor.



An August wedding is planned at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia.

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JACK GLADDEN

He's pining for the old days

It's a silly thing to be nostalgic about. It was just an old computer bulletin board: oonline.com. It evolved into being primarily an Internet service provider and — a victim of its own success, I suppose — it is merging with its sister service — HTonline.com — to form a new unit called HTDconnect.com.

The new service promises "fast, reliable Internet access" and from what I've seen so far, it seems to be delivering.

I made the switch-over this weekend from oonline to HTDconnect and, in a kind of coup de grace, deleted the oonline icon from my computer. I'm gonna miss it. It's been there since oonline was started up, sometime in the early '90s.

Back then the big craze for computer hobbyists was computer bulletin boards. Some guy with a home computer and a modem would set up a "bulletin board" on his system, and other people could dial it up and see what was there.

What was there, usually, was games that could be played online, software that could be downloaded (some legally, some not, depending on the bulletin board), discussion or message areas where users could interact with each other.

The Internet, although technically in existence at the time, was, for all practical purposes still in the future. The World Wide Web didn't exist.

Computer guru

A colleague of mine here at the Observer, a computer guru named Greg Day, set up a bulletin board system at his home and I spent a lot of time online visiting his site. One day Greg walked over to my desk and said he'd found a software program that would allow newspapers to put their stories online and he'd gotten permission from his boss to try it out.

He wanted to test it for a while before going "live" with it, so he installed a copy on my PC at work and gave me another copy to install at home. Oonline.com was born.

It was all text based, no pictures. So-called "graphical interfaces" were yet to come. There were discussion areas where users could leave comments and others could respond to them. And in some of the areas, respond they did! Some of them read like out and out dog fights.

There was software to download — games, word processing programs, various computer stuff. Then there were the news stories that users could read. I can't even picture how they looked now. In computer years, that was a long time ago.

After that version of online had been around for a year or two, computer hobbyists had discovered the Internet. Greg added Internet access to oonline.

It was nothing like it is today. Like the bulletin boards, everything was text based and (usually) made use of a "gopher server."

Gophers used a series of directories that led to another series of directories that led to ... well, eventually some site in Australia or Sweden where you were actually looking inside a computer located there. With an FTP program you could actually download files from one of those distant sites.

"Wow!" we'd say, looking at the computer screen. "We're actually downloading this from Switzerland."

Then came the addition of e-mail — a text-based program called Pine. No pictures. No graphics. Now you could send electronic messages to friends in distant places (as long as they had e-mail access also).

Oonline was always a little slow to connect. There were a lot of busy signals. It was often klutzy and sometimes frustrating. But it was fun.

Then came the big revolution: hypertext and the World Wide Web. Hypertext allowed you to move from one site to another simply by clicking on a word or phrase and the Web introduced graphics as well as text.

Oonline now had a genuine Web site and also became an Internet Service Provider. Things just grew.

And now it's being replaced by state-of-the-art technology that promises speed and reliability. That's good.

But a part of me is going to miss those old days when, after getting a busy signal 15 times in a row, you finally got connected. It was frustrating. But it was fun.

Special olympians



Celebrate: Special Olympics athletes on the Plymouth-Canton Stars team put their hands together to celebrate their win.



Winners: (Above) Volunteer Lauren Ruprecht of Livonia awards Sean Bowers' (#32) of the Plymouth-Canton Stars, by placing the bronze medal around his neck. Kevin Welgosh (left) pitched the first half of the game leading the Plymouth-Canton Stars to the bronze medal. After the game, Ron Walzak, #43 (right) of the Stars cools off by pouring water over his head. Walzak was excited that his team made a comeback in their last game to win the bronze medal.

Athletes display their talents on softball field

PHOTOS BY HEATHER SONNTAG

BY TONY FRANCETIC
SPECIAL WRITER

More than 1,400 Special Olympic athletes gathered in Canton and Ypsilanti July 19-20 for the seventh annual Summer Sports Classic.

Area 23, which includes Livonia, Redford, Plymouth-Canton and Wayne-Westland, had 161 athletes participating in the softball tournament at Canton Softball Center and golfing in Ypsilanti.

Special Olympics Michigan Public Relations Director Marcy Lindberg said 58 softball teams, and an additional 176 golfers from all over the state, participated in the weekend festivities.

"This year is the largest ever," said Lindberg.

Joel Smith, Area 23 director, said the local athletes represented their hometowns well. "Our teams lost a few games toward the end due to rain, but we did better this year than last."

Although the humidity caused some athletes to become dehydrated, Smith said the weather for the event was

good.

Volunteers are an important role for Michigan Special Olympics, and Chuck Edwards, from Detroit Country 99.5-FM, said his radio station helped bring in volunteers.

"We advertised the need for volunteers and got a lot of calls. (Special Olympics) has received a lot of support this year," said Edwards. "And it doesn't matter if you win or lose, everyone is a winner."

Lindberg said nearly 400 volunteers showed up to help events run smoothly.

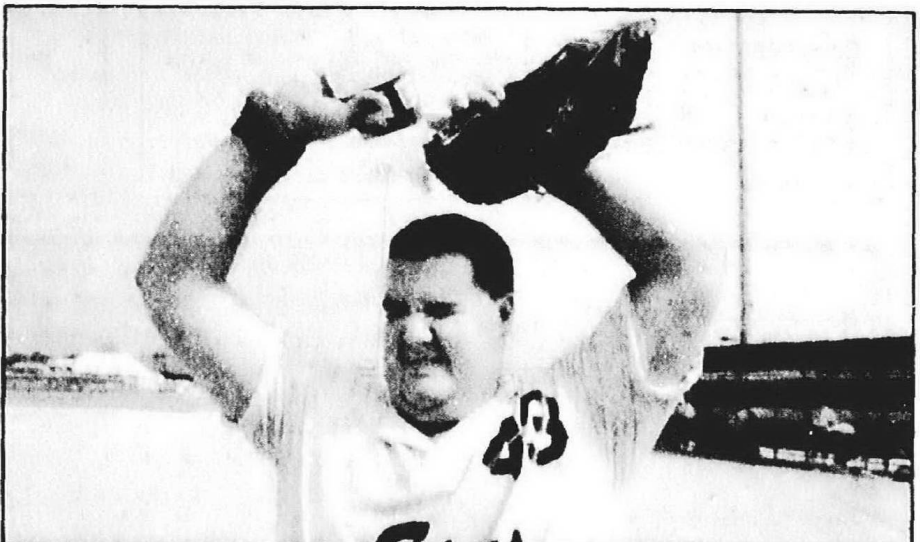
"We couldn't hold it without volunteer support. We needed the water people to keep people cooled off, the officials were all volunteers ... we need those folks to make events like this happen," she said.

The motto all athletes follow — "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt" — is an important part of the competition.

"I think our goal is to keep them active in sports year-round and these two sports are great summertime sports for them. It helps them stay



Motivation: Stars' Coach Jason DeMink greets Sean Bowers at first base after getting a key hit for the team.



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Do everything without complaining or arguing.
 Good News Bible Philip 2:14

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Praise Chapel (36115 Plymouth Road, Livonia) is inviting all area children to "Son Creek Junction", a week-long Vacation Bible School beginning Monday, July 23 through Friday, July 27 nightly from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. The program culminates with a musical grand finale during the morning worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday, July 29. Registration information is available at (734) 513-5174.

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Polare Expedition is a fun and exciting way for kids to discover Jesus. program includes memorable Bible-learning activities for kids of all ages, songs, teamwork building, treats, crafts, etc. Family members and friends are encouraged to join us daily for this special event at noon. Expedition begins 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 23-27 at Clarenceville United Methodist Church (20300 Middlebelt road) between 7 and 8 Mile roads in Livonia. Call (248) 474-3444.

SUMMER BIBLE CLUB

The Boys and Girls Bible Clubs will be having a five-day summer bible club July 23-27 Monday through Friday from 10-11:30 a.m. This will be held outdoors on the northwest corner of the grounds of Hamilton Elementary (Schuman and Avondale). All children 5-12 years are welcome for songs, Bible stories, snacks and prizes. Pre-schoolers are welcome with an attending parent or guardian. No charge. Call 641-9452.

FAIR HAVEN BAPTIST

The Fair Haven Baptist Church (34850 Marquette) in Westland continues its Summer Bible Conference at 7 p.m. July 25. Pastor Jim Hensley, Calvary Baptist church in Whitmore Lake will preach. Child care provided to those three and younger. Call (734) 728-4549.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other. The next weekends are scheduled: July 27-29, Sept. 21-23 at the St. John's Family Life Center (44011 Five Mile Road) in Plymouth. There is a \$50 registration fee. Call Bill and Carol (248) 528-2512, Dan and Debbie (810) 286-5524 or visit www.rc.net/detroit/wwme

PRAYER GROUP

Madonna University Prayer Group will have a guest speaker Deacon Bruce Simpson Catholic evangelist from Florida at their prayer meeting at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 29. The Madonna Center is located at 36600 Schoolcraft in Patio I classroom. Call John 422-5611.

ST. JOHN'S VBS

St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford (13542 Mercedes) will host Vacation Bible School from 5:30-8:30 p.m. July 30-Aug. 3. Classes will be available for children ages 4-12. Theme is "Beach Trek." Supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. followed by games, crafts, drama, music and Bible lessons. Call (313) 538-2660.

SUMMER BIBLE CONFERENCE

The FairHaven Baptist Church

(34850 Marquette) in Westland will hold a summer Bible conference at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1. Paastory Mike Gray, Baptist Tabernacle, Franklin, OH will preach. Child care provided to those 5 and younger. Call (734) 728-4549.

BEACH TREK

Get wet this summer. Join the Beach Trek Vacation Bible Experience, Aug. 6-10 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Timothy Lutheran Church (8820 Wayne Road), Livonia. Discover "water stories" about Jesus while learning in a fun-filled beach-themed program with crafts, music and games. There is no charge. Register by July 23. Call (734) 427-2290.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Memorial Church of Christ (35475 Five Mile Road) in Livonia will host Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 6-10. Call (313) 563-6276 or Diane Jacobs (734) 522-1534.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Truth Trackers and the Secret of the Stone Tablets will be held from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 6-9. Supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. at Church of the Savior (38100 Five Mile Road), RCA in Livonia. Call (734) 464-1062 or e-mail

cots.rea@juno.com

ST. MATTHEW VBS

Registration is being taken now through Aug. 12 for Vacation Bible School at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church (W. Six Mile between Merriman and Middlebelt) in Livonia. This year's theme is "Way to Go!"

Good Neighbors Tours. Get your passport and ride with us through lots of fun at VBS. Join us Aug. 21-23 from 6:30-8 p.m. and on Aug. 26 for a concluding celebration from 10-11 a.m. Call Sally Coughlin (248) 477-3777 or Anne Fairchild (734) 422-6038 or visit www.gbgn-umc/stmatthews-livonia

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Canton will host Vacation Bible School from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 13-18. The theme is "The Mystery Mansion: Unlocking God's Truth." Activities include music, crafts, games, snacks and the exploration of five Bible stories. Registering children ages 3 through sixth grade. \$10 individual cost, \$20 for families. Call (734) 522-6830.

VEGGIE TOWN VALUES

Livonia Church of Christ will host Vacation Bible School from

7-9 p.m. Aug. 13-19 at 15431 Merriman Road. The theme is "Veggie Town Values for the Family." Children's classes are for preschool through sixth grade. The adult classes will be "Parenting by Heart," by Minister Larry Stephens. Call (734) 427-8743.

NATUROPATHIC SPEAKER

Dr. Mary Roby will speak at Unity of Livonia (28630 Five Mile) in Livonia at 7 p.m. Aug. 15. He will lecture on holistic and spiritual healing. Call 9734) 421-1760.

JIM LEE TO SPEAK

Rev. Jim Lee senior minister at the Church of Today, will speak at Unity of Livonia at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Aug. 19. All are welcome.

WOMEN'S DAY LUNCHEON

The Detroit Church of Christ presents a women's day luncheon "What Women Really Want" from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Ann Arbor (State Street and I-94). Registration is \$20 per person. Checks payable to: the Detroit Church of Christ. Call Kimberly Tate (734) 483-7026 or e-mail wlb@techemail.com

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active, and overall our program is helping them build self-confidence and social skills," Lindberg said.

Jackie Foust, Plymouth-Canton program coordinator, said two softball teams consisting of 13 players each enjoyed the festivities.

"We did very good. The other teams had a couple of lucky catches, but we hit well and the athletes played their hardest. I was very proud," said Foust.

Ron Kulas, Westland program

coordinator, said he's charged with getting all the equipment and sites for training, paying the bills, submitting registration forms and any additional paperwork.

"I'm basically the liaison between the county program and the coaches," he said. Kulas said he was glad everything ran smoothly.

"I thought it was one of the best competitions of the last five years. Everything was well organized and I was very happy with

the whole tournament," said Kulas.

Area 23 sent a total of nine softball teams, and brought back one gold medal, three silver medals and a bronze medal. Smith added that four teams were unable to finish because of the weather. "We also sent 21 skills athletes and they brought home 10 gold medals, nine silver medals and four bronze medals," said Smith.

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Class of 1961
A 40th reunion is planned for Oct. 6. Contact Carol (Gustine) Paton (734) 455-5248 or Dianne (Rebel) Colleton (248) 887-1571.
Class of 1981
A 20-year reunion is planned for Aug. 3 at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. Tickets are \$65 each. Call Janine (734) 632-8473 or e-mail jgurka@todaylink.com

GARDEN CITY

Class of 1991
A reunion will be held Nov. 24 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Contact (248) 561-4773, (248) 692-0065 or (734) 266-8040.

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Class of 1971
A 30-year reunion is being planned for the class of 1971 on Saturday, Aug. 11. Festivities include entertainment by a dee jay, sit-down style dinner and dancing. For reservations call (248) 542-8918 Jenette or (313) 541-6834 Mary.

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Class of 1970
Reunion is planned for Oct. 6 at the Romulus Marriott. Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com or culbertson@taylorreunions.com or write: Taylor Reunion Services, P.O. Box 597, Dallas, TX 75221-9929.

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A reunion is planned for Oct. 5 at Burton Manor in Livonia. Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

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A reunion is planned for the January and June classes on Sept. 29 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in Grosse Pointe. Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

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A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 11, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. E-mail GPSouth71@aol.com or call Cathy DiSante at (248) 646-9977 for more information and to provide your current address.

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A reunion is planned for Oct. 12 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia. Call Micheleen (734) 429-9474 or Diane Goran (734) 547-1889 or e-mail gha_class_of_81@hotmail.com
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A 10-year reunion is planned for Friday, Nov. 23. Athenium Hotel in Greektown. Call Darcie Hurbis (248) 877-2036.

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Classmates are being sought for a 50th reunion planned Saturday, Oct. 6. Call Gerard McMaster for information, (248) 471-1534.

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Classmates call Frank S. Barkovich regarding the class reunion in 2002. Call (734) 397-8777.

JOHN GLENN

Class of 1971
A 30-year reunion is planned for Sept. 29 at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. Call Peggy (734) 981-4723.

Class of 1981

A reunion is planned for Nov. 24 at the Warren Valley Country Club in Dearborn Heights. Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

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Reunion is planned for Aug. 18 at the Hillcrest Banquet Center (Clinton Township). Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com or culbertson@taylorreunions.com or write: Taylor Reunion Services, P.O. Box 597, Dallas, TX 75221-9929.

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Requests the pleasure of your company to celebrate 25 years of adventure at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, at Beaver Creek Golf Links in Lake Orion. Write: Class of 1976, Tina (Walzer) Jackson, 984 McClellan, Lake Orion, MI 48362 or e-mail tina-classof76@aol.com

LINCOLN HIGH

Class of 1951
Lincoln High School of Ferndale will host a reunion for the January and June classes of 1951 Sunday Sept. 9 from 3-9 p.m. at Bay Pointe Golf Course in West Bloomfield. Contact Kay (Withers) Burland (248) 357-4168; Jack Bellefleur (248) 335-7383 or Rod Chubb (734) 459-9017.

LIVONIA BENTLEY

Class of 1976
A reunion is being planned for Sept. 1 at the Doubletree Suites Hotel in Novi. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Classes of 1975-77
Stevenson High School Class of 1975, 1976 and 1977 are holding a combined reunion on Oct. 6. Call (248) 879-9267.

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Class of 1956
A 45th reunion is planned for Sept. 7-9 at Holiday Inn-Livonia West. E-mail helenk@tir.com or (734) 261-0325 for information.

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Fastpitch clinic

The Our Lady of Good Counsel coaching staff is conducting its second Fastpitch Softball Clinic from 8:30-noon on Saturday, Aug. 18, at Plymouth Township Park (McClumpha and Ann Arbor Trail).

Cost is \$15 with a home run derby following the clinic.

Girls fourth- through eighth-grade are invited. The clinic features instruction, games, contests, snacks, cold drinks and a T-shirt.

To register or request more information, call Dave Hall (734) 455-8257 or Kim Del Col (734) 454-3403.

Voluntary practice

The Plymouth-Canton boys cross country team has begun non-mandatory summer conditioning. Any high school boys, including incoming ninth graders, interested in joining the cross country team can attend.

The team meets at 8:30 a.m. at the high school track Monday-Friday.

For further information contact Ross O'Hara at 459-0010, Patrick Pruitt at 455-3497 or Brandon McClellan at 981-7438.

Baseball tryout

The Michigan Indians will hold tryouts for its U10 baseball team at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 11, at Don Massey Field in Plymouth.

For more information, please call Jim Gendron at (734) 454-3708.

Softball information

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association is hosting an informational meeting for parents of girls interested in fastpitch softball, also to inform and enlist coaches for both Travel and Premier Travel teams.

The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6, in the Dunning Room of the Plymouth District Library.

For more information call Tony Gould at (734) 397-8121.

Soccer camp

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Canton is hosting its annual Soccer Camp for kids age 5-11 from 6:30-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Aug. 6-9.

The church is at 46001 Warren Road, just east of Canton Center.

Cost is \$20 and is payable at registration.

Included are instruction to help beginning and intermediate players develop proper skills and knowledge of the game, materials, a T-shirt and a soccer ball to take home.

To register or get more information, call (734) 522-6830.

The USSSA Boys World Series for teams 14 and under continues through July 29 at the Canton Softball Center.

A total of 72 teams representing 19 states began play July 22 in four-team pools. The field was trimmed to the half with the best records after pool play for the double-elimination championship bracket starting today.

Remaining teams could continue in the single-elimination or friendship tournament for more games.

Admission is \$20 for the week or \$5 daily for adults, children under six free and youngsters 6-12 \$12 for the week or \$3 daily.

The Dragon Warriors from downriver were 2-0 through mid-Tuesday's play along with the Mid State Dirt Dawgs of Rochester and Oakland County.

The Michigan Indians were 0-2 along with the Ann Arbor Mustangs while the Westland Cougars and A. Green Financial of Ann Arbor were 1-2.

Goalkeeper Academy

The annual Michigan Goalkeeper Academy will conduct its final two weekly clinics in metro Detroit in upcoming weeks. The camps will take place at Borden Park in Rochester Hills (July 23-27) and at Madonna University in Livonia (July 30 through Aug. 3). The camps are open to boys and girls ages 8-17 and conducted by Mark Hamilton, a former collegiate All-America at Oakland University and current ODP state goalkeepers coach, along with a staff of highly-regarded goalkeepers coaches. Cost of the camp is \$190 per player. The camp is 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

For more details or to register, please call (248) 656-1695, e-mail mgacademy@earthlink.com or visit the MGA Web site at mgacademy.tripod.com

Indians on way to national classic

The Michigan Indians' 13s baseball team took the Madison Heights Summer Invitational Tournament during the weekend as a stepping stone to their appearance in a national tournament.

The Indians will represent Michigan in the Cocoa Expo Summer Classic July 28-Aug. 5 in Cocoa Beach, Fla. They are 45-12.

The Indians went 4-1 to win the Madison Heights tournament, taking four in a row after an opening game 3-2 loss to the Oakland Rams.

The Indians defeated the Rams, 10-5, coming from 4-0 and 5-3 deficits to win.

A seven-run bottom of the sixth was the key with Shawn Little relieving Nick Marrone in the sixth and picking up the victory.

Steve Merlo (Livonia), Little (Canton) and Marrone (Plymouth) each had two hits while Nick Sarkissian had a two-run double.

The Rams pounced on defensive mistakes to score four runs in the first two innings and were up, 5-3, after 5 1/2.

Little had hurled a four-hitter in the tournament opener but was beaten, 3-2. Merlo had two hits in that game.

In the second game, the Indians trounced the defending champion Perrysburg (O.), 22-0, with Marrone firing a no-hitter over the game's mercy shortened 4 1/2 innings.

Kyle Gendron (Plymouth) had three hits including a double and a triple. Eddie Duggan (Livonia) also had three hits, one of them a three-bagger. Adam Everson (Livonia) went 2-for-3 with a home run and a triple.

In the third game, the Indians trampled Novi, 17-2, with Brian Kirkendall (Plymouth) driving in six runs with three hits. Matt Forystek (Plymouth) and Gendron both scored three runs.

The Indians defeated the St. Clair Shores Mariners, 7-4, with Kevin Gordon (Redford) tossing a five-hitter. Merlo had three hits and scored three runs.

Concealed wins NABF

Farmington-based Concealed Security steamrolled through the rest of the field over the weekend and wound up with a national championship.

Concealed, sporting four players from the Observerland, capped off a



Indians: Coach Nick Marrone (left) will lead his Michigan Indians 13s into the Cocoa Expo Summer Classic July 28 through Aug. 5 in Cocoa Beach, Fla. The Indians take a 45-12 record with them.

National Amateur Baseball Federation u-14 World Series with a 13-3 win over Kennewick, Wash., at Canton, Ohio on Sunday.

Steve Karchefsky (Detroit) scattered seven hits on the mound for Concealed, which improved to 59-7 overall, struck out four and walked one in the final game win to up his record to 8-3.

Eric Vojtkofsky (Wayne) only had one hit in the finals, but had four RBI on the day, while Jon Roddy (Caro) was 3-for-4 with three hits, a home and an RBI, Ryan Shay (Garden City) was 2-for-5 with two runs score and an RBI, Brian Roland was 2-for-3 with three runs scored and an RBI and Adam Reilly of Taylor was 3-for-5 with two runs scored.

Concealed advanced to the finals Sunday morning by outlasting the

Indiana Bulls, 8-3, thanks to a seventh-inning rally.

After Vojtkofsky's homer in the top of the sixth put Concealed up, 2-1, Indiana came through with two more in the bottom of the sixth for a 3-2 lead. Concealed rallied in the seventh as Karchefsky hit a one-out pinch-hit single, followed by Roddy with a double. Reilly singled to score Karchefsky, then Roland walked to load the bases. Shay then singled to put Concealed, up 4-3.

After an intentional walk, Brandon Garner (Melvindale) doubled home two more insurance runs.

Vojtkofsky led the way at the plate in the game by going 3-for-4 with the runs score and added a walk. Will Jostock (Lapeer) improved to 7-1 with the win.

Concealed advanced to the final four on Saturday thanks to a 10-inning,

four-hour marathon that ended with a 10-9 win — as Vojtkofsky singled home Shay with the winning run. Vojtkofsky (13-0) also earned the win on the mound.

A six-run rally in the fifth inning gave Concealed a 9-4 win on Friday in the third game of the tourney. Eric Drieselman (Garden City) went 3-for-4 to help the hitting attack and had a run scored and an RBI, while Reilly was also 3-for-4 with two runs scored. Roland and Garner both went 2-for-4 with a run and an RBI.

Jeff Richard (West Bloomfield) improved to 6-0, earning the win in relief of Shay.

Concealed has another shot at a second national crown starting this week-

Please See **BASEBALL**, D5

Summer hockey winds down with week of playoffs

They were seeded first, and through the first round of the Metro Summer Hockey League playoffs the regular season champion Lakers showed they deserved the honor.

The Lakers, 10-1 during the regular season, blanked the ninth-seeded Wildcats, 6-0, Monday night to earn a Wednesday night matchup against No. 8 Spartans.

The first upset came when the seventh-seeded Bulldogs outscored the No. 2 Whalers, 11-7, in Tuesday night's first game.

And the second followed immediately thereafter, when the No. 6 Warriors upended the third-seeded Wolverines, 7-6.

All games are at the Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills.

The Lakers scored twice in the first period Monday and finished the Wildcats off with three third-period tallies.

John Vigilante had a hat trick and assisted on another goal to lead the Lakers to their win over the Wildcats.

John Picklo started and earned the shutout in goal for the Lakers.

Jamie Ferrara was the Wildcats' goalie for the first two periods and was replaced at 10:51 of the third period by Brandon Tucker. The Wildcats were 1-9 during the regular season.

Josh Shuryan opened the scoring with a goal at 7:19 of the first period, assisted by the Jardines, Nick and Brian.

Vigilante made it 2-0 just 11 seconds from the end of the opening period, assisted by Bryan Marshall (Livonia) and Steve Sharp.

Vigilante scored the second period's lone goal at 9:40. Marshall and Sean Smith (Livonia) drew the assists.

Brian Jardine made it 4-0 at 8:41 of the final period, assisted by Nick Jardine and Sean Baltazar (Plymouth) hiked the lead to 5-0 with 6:49 to play, assisted by Vigilante.

Vigilante completed his hat trick with 2:03 to play, assisted by Nick Jardine and Jim Wheaton (Plymouth).

A string of six unanswered goals in

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the second period of Tuesday night's first game were the key to the Bulldogs' upset of the Whalers, who were 8-4 in the regular season.

Ryan Radakovich (Livonia) and Matt York each scored twice as the Bulldogs, who were 4-5-2 in regular season play, scored roughly every 90 seconds in their string.

Jason Basile and York each had a hat trick while Basile, York, Ian Smith, Andrew Martin and Mike Radakovich (Livonia) had two assists apiece.

Rich Storm and Tim Kastamo scored in the last 3:12 of the opening period to give the Whalers a short-lived 3-2 lead that disappeared when the Bulldogs scored the first six goals of the second period.

Storm scored twice while Lars Helminen, Jim Helminen, David Gill (Canton) and Bryan Young (Canton) scored once each for the Whalers. Mark Pietila and Lars Helminen each had three assists.

Dan Dobrowski went the distance in goal for the Bulldogs while Art Baker (Canton) played the entire game for the Whalers.

In the second game Tuesday night, the Warriors scored four in a row at the end of the first period and start of the second to overcome a 3-0 lead by the Wolverines.

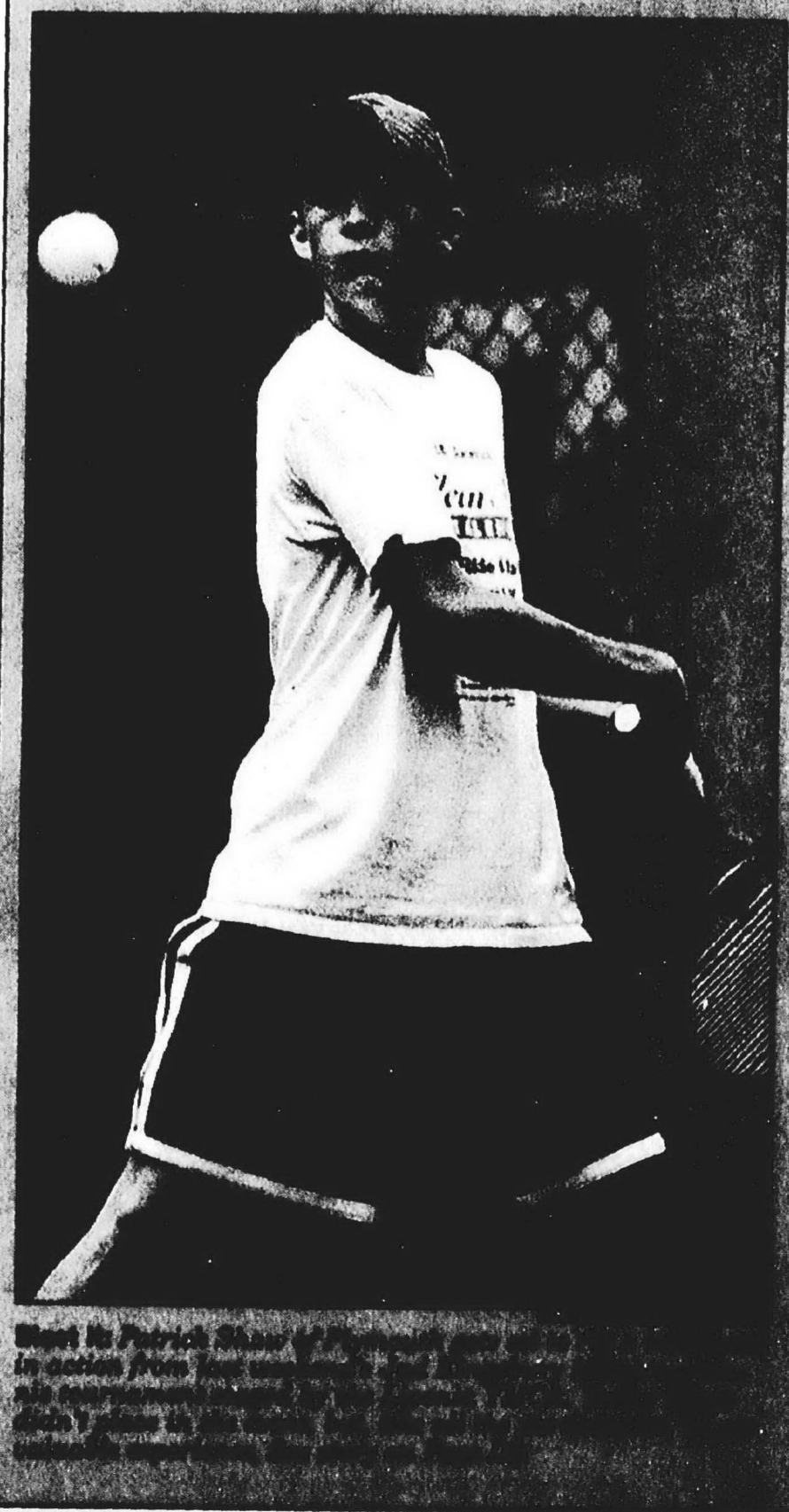
The Warriors tallied three straight to close the second period and shut the Wolverines down until just 16 seconds remained to be played to take the win.

Eric Hawkins (Redford) put up a hat trick for the Warriors, 5-6 during the regular season, with Brandon Kalniecki (Livonia), John Schultz (Canton), Brian Sutherland (Plymouth) and Dave Moss (Livonia) notching the other goals. Matt Van Heest had three assists while Moss had two.

Hawkins had two of his goals after the Wolverines had retaken the lead, 5-

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Kingsbury Tennis Tournament



Shane H. Patrick (above) in action during the Kingsbury Tennis Tournament.

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It's off to nationals for DCI

BY BRAD EMONS
 SPORTS WRITER
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Left-hander Ryan Ford didn't have his best stuff Monday night at Ford Field, but it was more than enough for he and his Decision Consultants, Inc. teammates.

In its final regular season game, Ford gave up 13 hits, but pitched a complete game as DCI clinched the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League title outright and earned its fourth consecutive trip to the prestigious All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament with a 7-3 victory over the Adray Hurricanes.

DCI will get a direct seed into the 16-team, 20-under AAABA tourney which starts Monday, Aug. 6 in Johnstown, Pa.

DCI, which finished the regular season 27-6-2, eliminated the second-place Michigan Lake Area Rams II squad (24-8 through Sunday) from the LCBL title hunt with the victory.

"It seems it always comes down to the last game of the season to decide if we go down to Johnstown," said DCI manager Mike George, whose team led the LCBL this summer from start to finish. "It's been a fun group of kids because they listen and they're anxious to get back to Johnstown."

Ford, who threw 60-plus innings during his freshman year at Eastern Michigan University while earning a starting spot in the Eagles' rotation, improved to 10-1 on the year despite the 13 hits.

Over the first three innings the Rochester Adams High grad yielded three runs on eight hits, but settled down over the final four innings, allowing six hits and no runs. He did not walk anybody, but hit one batter.

In a jam

Ford also worked himself out of a one-out bases-loaded jam in the top of the seventh inning by getting Brian Wilson on a fly to right and Tim Poley on a strikeout to end the game.

"I'll use the old quote that 'the only thing he (Ford) had on the ball tonight was his fingers,'" George said. "He's usually right around the plate, but everything was up in the strike zone over those first couple of innings."

"But I like guys to finish what they start and that's why Ryan is 10-1 — he really gutted this one out."

Ford had some friends in the field as DCI turned double plays in each of the first three innings to avert a disastrous start.

"It was probably my worst outing," Ford said. "I didn't have good location, but I tried to keep the ball down and have my fielders help me."

"I felt loose out there, and Mike (George) has done a good job giving me ample rest between starts."

Wilson, the Hurricanes' cleanup hitter, was 3-for-3 at the plate when he faced Ford with the sacks filled in seventh, but flew to right for the second out.

"We're a bunch of 18 and 19-year-olds who are still learning to play baseball," said Hurricanes manager Rick Radzinski, whose team finished 14-21 in the LCBL. "DCI is at a better talent level and they have those Division I players who have been in those situations before. They don't get rattled and they come up with the key plays."

"Those double plays just killed us, but I was happy we showed that we could play with them."

Hurricanes strike first

The Hurricanes jumped out to a 1-0 advantage the top of the first inning on singles by Joe Mielkovicz and James Radzinski, followed by Nick Smith's groundout. But Ford got Poley to end the inning on a 6-4-3 DP.

DCI then tallied three times in the bottom of the first.

Tim Andrzejak's bloop single scored Spencer Hynes to make it 1-1. Shawn Dobson scored on a wild pitch and Andrzejak raced home when he teamed up with Dave Lusky for a 3-0 advantage by executing a double steal.

The Hurricanes threatened again in the second on singles by Adam Novak and Joe Ortiz, but Ford had other ideas, getting Nate Biringer on a 4-6-3 DP.

The Hurricanes, however, tied it in the third on RBI singles by Smith and Wilson. But then Novak hit into a 3-6-1 DP to prevent further damage.

"The last couple of games we've been able to turn double plays and today that was the difference," George said.

In the top of the third, Andrzejak

jak jacked a low line drive over the left field fence and Lusky, the grinder from EMU and Redford Catholic Central High School, doubled in Derrick Peterson to make it 5-3.

DCI added another run in the fourth when Hynes reached base on an error and scored all the way from first on Dobson's double.

Peterson comes through

In the fifth, Peterson tripled and scored on Jim Nowicki's bloop single to center.

Like it had done all season, DCI made most of its eight hits.

"Through the first 19 games we had only a .252 team batting average," George said. "But we won it this year with timely hitting."

And having a solid pitching staff doesn't hurt either as the team's four top starters — Ford, Peterson, Bobby Lindsey and Brent Brown — are a combined 26-4.

"Those guys kept us in games earlier in the year," DCI coach Frank Corej said. "The first part of the year we could have been .500, but we got the pitching until we could manufacture some runs."

"We've been able to move the ball and force other teams into errors. Many a game we came up with the clutch hit and the defense played well."

"The kids have the tenacity and they never quit. That's often demoralizing to the other teams."

George can also add four additional LCBL players to his roster for the trip to Johnstown.

Most likely to be added are three pitchers — Madonna University's Dale Hayes (Westland John Glenn) and Brad McCloskey (University of Michigan/West Bloomfield), a pair of right-handers from the Michigan Lake Area Rams; and left-handed pitcher John Picco of the Michigan Bulls.

Picco, who pitched for Villanova (Ont.) High, was a 15th-round pick of the New York Yankees.

Also expected to get an invite to Johnstown is former Redford Union High standout Mike Macek, a hard-hitting utility player who is transferring this fall from Saginaw Valley State to Wayne State.

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end as they opened American Amateur Baseball Congress district play Wednesday at Steppingstone in Farmington.

GC Broncos win

The Garden City Youth Athletic Association Broncos Division (U12) tournament team won the District 6 title over the weekend

in Westland and advanced to state title play in Grand Ledge.

The team opened with a 15-10 win over Westland II, but lost to Tri-Village, 11-7. Garden City rebounded with a 9-6 win over Westland I and came back to beat Tri-Village twice - 5-4 and 13-10 - in the finals to take the crown. Brennan Clendening had a pair of homers in the finals

and Jonathan Helston added another during the tourney.

Team members include Josh Lewallen, Josh Hudson, Brandon King, Carl Ford, Andrew Pack, Joey Velasquez, Steven Rochowiak, Helston and Clendening, all of Garden City; Drew Thompson and Chris Lind of Westland; and Brian Armstrong of Livonia. The team is

coached by Mark Hudson, Marty Clendening and Brian King.

Rams clinch title

The 12-and-under Michigan Rams clinched a share of the Little Caesars Pee Wee Division title July 9 by defeating the South Farmington Blues in 10 innings, 11-9.

Derek Fairchild had the game-winning hit, knocking in the Rams' last two runs in the top of the 10th inning.

Matt Fenster (Bloomfield Hills) had five hits to lead the Rams; Sean Falvo (Redford) and Kyle Verbeek (Birmingham) had four hits apiece, including a home run by Verbeek. Drew Davenport pitched the

first seven innings and A.J. Webb worked the last three to pick up the win.

Both the Rams and the Blues had identical 18-2 records.

During a recent trip to New York, the Rams were 6-3 competing against 47 other teams from around the country at Cooperstown Dreams Park.

Naturally - a Kingsbury wins the Jud Kingsbury tennis tournament

BY BRAD EMONS
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It was only fitting that Livonia's Ryan Kingsbury regained the tennis title and trophy that bears his late grandfather's name.

Kingsbury, a freshman this fall at Franklin High School, won the Boys 14-and-under title by beating top seed Charlie Schuster of Ann Arbor, 6-2, 6-4, in the third annual Jud Kingsbury Memorial Tennis Tournament staged last weekend at the Livonia Family YMCA.

The tournament, honoring the former part-time teaching pro who passed away in 1998, attracted 125 boys and girls junior players vying for singles titles in four age groups.

Ryan, who won the 12-and-under Kingsbury crown in 1999, avenged a loss to Schuster in last year's quarterfinals.

"I tried hitting deep into the corners with a lot of topspin," said Kingsbury, who is spending the week at Michigan State University's summer tennis camp. "I tried to make him tired by hitting into the corners, but he threw a lot of drop shots at me and he came to the net."

"He (Schuster) played a totally different game than last year."

Kingsbury reached the finals with a 6-0, 6-2 victory over Trevor Kogut after winning by injury default in his opening round match against Alex Chao of Ann Arbor.

As a 12-year-old, Ryan was

ranked No. 5 by the Southeastern Michigan Tennis Association. The 13-year-old has good bloodlines.

Not only was his grandfather a teaching pro, his father Jack has been head pro at the Livonia Y for over four decades.

Ryan is also a kid for all seasons as an athlete in his own right.

He plans to try out for the Franklin football team and played basketball last school year at Emerson Middle School. He also plays roller hockey.

As far as football, Ryan would like to play wide receiver.

"He wants to give it a shot because he has pretty good hands and he's got good speed," Jack said.

Meanwhile, Ryan Kingsbury wasn't the only Livonian to come away with a title at the tournament.

Livonian Kristen Palombo, who plays at Farmington Hills Mercy High School, won the Girls 18-and-under title with a 6-4, 6-0 victory over Christy Podolski.

Glenn Wozniak of Livonia took the Boys 14-and-under consolation final.

Dan Carlson of Farmington Hills, who played doubles this spring at North Farmington High, upset two higher seeds to win the Boys 16-and-under championship.

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18-and-under: Ketan Sagger (LaSalle, Ontario) defeated Adam Kogut, 6-0, 6-1.	16-and-under: Dan Carlson (Farmington Hills) def. Andrew Selikov, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1. consolation final: Ryan Pirooz (Ann Arbor) def. Adam Miller Howard, 6-2, 6-3.	14-and-under: Ryan Kingsbury (Livonia) def. Charlie Schuster, 6-2, 6-4. consolation final: Glenn Wozniak (Livonia) def. Robbie Shekhar, 6-1, 6-4.	12-and-under: Matthew Morich (Ann Arbor) def. Nicholas Schwartz, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4. consolation final: Dustin Goldenberg (West Bloomfield) def. Peter Rothstein, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.

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4, on goals by Krikor and Varujan Arman late in the middle period. Hawkins scored at 2:35 and then again 35 seconds later with Schultz notching the eventual game-winner with 1:54 to play.

Frank Bourbonais scored twice for the Wolverines, who were 7-4

during the regular season, with James Crank and Steve Swistak getting the other goals.

Mark Lavender (Farmington Hills) and Joseph Rutherford split time in goal for the Warriors while Nate Shoppell went the distance between the pipes for the Wolverines.

The MSHL championship game was scheduled for 7 p.m. Sun., July 29, with the league hosting a skills competition prior to the match.

The Lakers dominated the MSHL final regular season statistics.

Brian Jardine was the top

scorer with 51 points on 23 goals and 28 assists as his team swept the top four places on the scoring chart.

Marshall was next with 23 goals and 21 assists for 44 points while Vigilante was third with 42 points on 22 goals and 20 assists. Nick Jardine was fourth

with 38 points, coming from 22 goals and 16 assists while Dave Moss (Livonia) of the Warriors was fifth with 18 goals and 18 assists for 36 points.

Top goalie with a 4.70 goals-against average was Rick Marnon (Canton) of the Huskies. He gave up 31 goals in 296 1/2

minutes of playing time.

Matt Migliaccio of the Wolverines was next at 5.24 goals-against per game. He was scored against 21 times in 180.3 minutes while Lanny Jardine also gave up 21 goals, but in 179.6 minutes for a 5.26 goals-against average.

Twisters kick off season

The Michigan Twisters open their 2001 season Saturday night at 7 p.m. at Willow Run's Devlin Stadium when they host the Lima (O.) Thunder.

Admission for adults is \$6, children 10 and under are free when accompanied by an adult and seniors 60 and older are free.

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The Twisters play at River Rouge High against the Motor City Cougars on Aug. 4. Their second home game is Aug. 18 against the Battle Creek

Rage.

The Michigan Twisters feature mostly players from Southeast Michigan including numerous from the Observer-land area.

Included are WR/DB Reggie Brandon of Wayne Memorial; RB Corey Davis of Farmington Harrison; WR John Galla of Garden City; WR Frank Niscoromni of Farmington; DE/LB James Chapman of Plymouth Canton; RB/LB Ben Ferguson of Garden City; LB/NG Chuck Lauber of Westland John Glenn; LB/DE Kalil Jaafar of Livonia Churchill; OL/DL; Bill Davey of Westland John Glenn.

RB/WR Dave Redmond of Livonia Franklin will begin the season on the injured list.

SPORTS ITEMS

Tryouts for the Livonia Knights U15 girls hockey team will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. on Fridays, Aug. 10 and 17 and Tuesday, Aug. 14 at Devon-Aire Ice Arena in Livonia. The team

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LCBL regular season comes to an exciting close

The Lake Michigan Area Rams tried to give away their season finale Monday at Ford Field.

The Rams (19-16) yielded a run to Mt. Clemens in the top of seventh inning and let them load the bases with the tying run in the on-deck circle — but Sean O'Connor (Madonna/RU) pitched out of the jam he worked into for the save, resulting in an 8-3 victory.

Rob Hudson (Garden City) led the hitting attack by going 4-for-4 with two runs scored.

Mike Hayes (Madonna/RU) went 2-for-4 with a run scored,

while Mike Macek was 1-for-4 with three RBI and a run scored, while Kevin McKnight was 1-for-4 with three RBI.

Steve Kniebbe got the win (3-3) by giving up two runs (one earned) in six innings, with seven strikeouts. He ends the season with a 1.68 earned run average.

Bud Mittleman led Mt. Clemens (5-29) at the plate by going 3-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored, while Derek Scapeller was 2-for-3.

•DCI 8, MT. CLEMENS 1: Decision Consultants, Inc. moved to within one

game of clinching the LCBL title as winning pitcher Derrick Peterson (6-1) tossed a three-hitter Friday at Ford Field.

Peterson struck out seven and walked just two.

DCI mounted a 13-hit attack as seven different players had RBI.

Catcher Randy Ortiz led the way by going 3-for-3, while Tim Andrezak and Mark Cole each added two hits.

•RAMS 4, THUNDER 2: Winning pitcher Sean O'Connor tossed a six-hitter Friday as the Lake Michigan Area Rams downed the Tecumseh (Ont.) Thunder at Ford Field.

O'Connor struck nine and walked three to square his LCBL record at 3-3 (with two saves).

Mike Macek had two hits to lead the Rams (18-16), including a solo homer in the fifth inning. Rob Hudson contributed two RBI.

Sean Plumers went 2-for-3 with an RBI for the Thunder (6-22-1).

•DCI 6, RAMS 4: Spencer Hynes' two-run triple highlighted a five-run second-inning uprising Wednesday as DCI downed the Michigan Lake Area Rams.

Jim Nowicki, who went 2-for-3, added a two-run double during the rally, while as DCI collected six of its 10 hits.

John Sullivan also went 2-for-3 with a run scored. Dave Lusky contributed an RBI sacrifice fly in the fifth.

The Rams scored all four of their runs in the third with the help of two DCI errors.

But winning pitcher Brent Brown (6-1) struck out nine, walked one and allowed just three hits over seven innings to earn the victory.

Rams ace Dale Hayes, a right hander from Madonna University and Westland John Glenn High School, suffered his first defeat in 10 decisions.

FINAL LCBL STANDINGS

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Hines Park 21-12-0/42 points

Lake Area Rams II 19-16-0/38 pts.
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CAROL STONE
Admin. Services Dir.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
JOINT BOARD PROCEEDINGS - JULY 17, 2001**

A joint study session of the Board of Trustees and the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, July 17, 2001. Supervisor Yack at 7:00 p.m. called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Board of Trustees
Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, Ladoy, McLaughlin, Sheffery, Yack

Members Absent: None

Planning Commission
Members Present: Gustafson, Johnson, Lieberman, McLaughlin, Wade, Zarbo

Members Absent: Dodson

Staff Present: Director Conklin, Director Machnik, Kathleen Salla, Jeff Goulet, John Weyer

Others Present: Gregg Greene, Debbie Greene, Chuck Supnick

Discussion involved possible ordinance modification(s) regarding current non-conforming signs, buildings that are not occupied that continue to have a sign, residential signs, banners and conflicts and inconsistencies that currently exist in the ordinance.

Kathleen Salla explained the standards for the DDA District and the recent projects being undertaken. The DDA board will meet this fall for a long-range planning session to identify future projects and priorities for those projects. The DDA board welcomes any input about the Canton DDA for enhancements and/or improvements in how the board can best serve the needs of merchants, business owners, residents, and other property owners within the District's boundaries.

Discussion involved the Mature Neighborhood Improvement Program and sidewalk replacement program where sections of the sidewalks are being replaced beginning with older neighborhoods first.

Discussion involved this issue dealing with sidewalk sales, outside sales and displays. Enforcement in this area could include ordinance modification(s) and/or a citizen's committee, which also has the DDA as a component.

Discussion took place and the Planning Commission felt that it is time to examine for Future Land Use revisions. The areas that were considered for first evaluation include the following:

Michigan Avenue, Canton Center Road, North and South, and Ford and Lilley Roads

A strategy session for the Planning Commission will be scheduled for this purpose.

Options for possible regulations on the small subdivision developments to have these areas be more compatible with those surrounding it was discussed. Landscaping along road frontage (both the county road and private roads) may be a possibility through ordinance modification(s).

Discussion took place regarding a Beautification Award. A marketing campaign is forthcoming for beautification and pride in the community. This will help the community understand what is important to Canton Township.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin at 9:50 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The above is a synopsis of the joint study session of the Planning Commission and the Board of Trustees meeting held Tuesday, July 17, 2001. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular board meeting of Tuesday, July 24, 2001.

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**PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 6, 2001 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

AVIS RENT-A-CAR SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR AN AUTOMOBILE RENTAL BUSINESS AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 17.02B.4 FOR PARCEL NO 044 99 0008 001. Property is located on the north side of Ford Road east of Lilley Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, August 2, 2001, in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the City of Plymouth on Tuesday, August 7, 2001 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.; Eastern Standard Time. At the time candidates for the following offices will be voted on in the City of Plymouth:

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LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC
City Clerk

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She makes hair stand on end running her drag racer

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

If only hair styling went that fast...

Stephanie Yearkey, full-time hair stylist, is also on the go as the full-time weekend driver of a drag racer.

Yearkey, 32, recently went to the IHRA (International Hot Rod Association) Nationals in Cordova, Ill., where she finished first in the E.T. Bracket handicap division last month (June 14-16).

It's not the highest carving on drag racing's totem pole, but first place is first place — whether you're playing solitaire or tournament bridge.

There were 128 drivers in

Yearkey's division and she drove her 1970 Nova through seven rounds to win.

She took the finals with a reaction time of .529 and an elapsed time of 9.830 seconds in the quarter-mile. She won the combo final when her rival broke down but her reaction time was .579 second with an elapsed time of 9.844.

No doubt about it, that is scissor-quick.

"I love the whole thing," said Yearkey, who finances her avocation from her Studio 66 Hair Salon, located on Wayne Road between Ford and Warren in Westland. "It's definitely my world. It's hard to explain. I just

love it."

Yearkey has a one-woman crew, Vanessa Balash, her best friend.

One peek into Yearkey's Studio 66 hair salon confirms her devotion to drag racing. Everywhere you look is a photographic or emblematic reminder.

"We definitely get clientele from the races," said Yearkey. "They love it's a two-girl team. We come out and do it all ourselves. We love the people out there. They're like family."

Yearkey was attracted to automobiles and racing as a youngster growing up in Redford. But she didn't fully understand why until she was 27.

"I had taken auto mechanics through high school," said Yearkey, a product of Redford Union High, the adoptive daughter and only child of Donna and Rob Parkki.

"I owe a lot to them because they helped me out there, too," she said.

After graduation from RU, Yearkey decided to do something about life's necessities — like paying the rent and buying groceries. So she enrolled in beauty school.

A boyfriend, John Cassar, "really got me involved in racing about 10 years ago. When we split up, he let me keep my (racing) car. He's still one of my best friends and helps me out to this day."

Cassar was also curious about Yearkey's background.

"He found out my biological parents," said Yearkey, whose biological father was Ron Stone. "They used to drag race, so it's in my blood."

"I got my first win in '97 at Detroit Dragway — where my parents used to drag."

That explained, to Yearkey's satisfaction, her fascination with cars.

"My mother and father split up early," she said, "and I would take care of my mom's cars. Guys would come over to work on them and I always pitched in."

"My poor mother thought I'd never put a dress on."

Yearkey, who has no desire at all to try oval track racing, got \$2,000 from her E.T. Bracket victory plus another \$1,900 in contingency money for displaying various stickers, decals and

logos.

That will help, she said, because she spends an estimated \$10,000-20,000 a year to keep the old Nova humming.

She runs weekends, mostly at Milan Dragway, and nurses two sets of tires provided by Harlow Tire in Westland through a season of racing.

"This year alone I've already gone over \$6,000 in expenses," she said.

Thus Studio 66.

"I always wanted to cut hair," she said. "I used to tell my mom I was going to buy a semi-truck, go out on the road and do hair."

She doesn't do hair at the race track, though. Just scorches it.



Familiar place: Stephanie Yearkey with her car.

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Legislation set to erase DNR deficit with trust fund bucks

OUTDOOR MOMENTS
BILL PARKER

Legislation awaiting Gov. Engler's signature would allow the Department of Natural Resources to avert a projected \$3.3 million deficit for the year 2003. That's good news for sportsmen, who faced the prospect of possible layoffs of field personnel in the wildlife, fisheries and law enforcement divisions without the legislation.

Sponsored by Rep. Larry DeVuyst (R-Alma), H.B. 4912 allows the legislature to appropriate up to \$6 million annually from the Game and Fish Trust Fund into the Game and Fish Protection Fund, the general operating fund of the DNR.

The bill sacrifices a portion of revenue that was supposed to alleviate the need for license fee increases in the future. The Trust Fund was established in 1987, and receives royalties from the sale of natural resources such as timber, and oil and gas, on lands purchased with money from the Game and Fish Protection Fund.

The Trust Fund currently stands at approximately \$85 million and interest from that fund is transferred back into the Protection Fund to provide additional finances to the Department in lieu of a license fee increase. License fees make up the lion's share of revenue in the Protection Fund.

Now that the DNR can take up to \$6 million from that fund annually, it obviously won't grow at the rate it has been, about \$3 million to \$7 million annually.

While that news appears dismal, it could have been much worse. The original bill called for a cap of the Trust Fund at the current level and for all future revenues to be diverted to the Protection Fund.

Thanks to a powerful effort by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, that version of the bill was amended in the House to the current version, which also calls for an appropriations process, with input from the public, before a penny can be diverted from one fund to the other.

We're fortunate to have such a group as MUCC supporting and watching over the rights of sportsmen in Michigan. Without MUCC, our future would be a little dimmer today.

Even with this legislation, there likely will be license fee increases in the near future. But that's not a bad thing, either. Stagnant license sales and rising inflation certainly make balancing the DNR budget a cumbersome affair. Periodically implementing \$1 license fee increases generates millions of dollars that will be dearly needed in future years.

Let's face it, current license prices - \$14 for deer licenses, fishing licenses, small game licenses - is really quite a bargain. To pay \$14 to enjoy Michigan's abundant fisheries is still a fantastic deal when compared to other recreational pursuits like a round of golf, an afternoon at Comerica Park, or a concert.

Even if you pay \$28 for an all species fishing license, which includes trout and salmon, it's still a heck of a deal that runs all year long. Thanks to sound fisheries management practices by the DNR, salmon are plentiful throughout the Great Lakes, walleyes are stacked like cord

wood in many areas, and hundreds of inland lakes have benefited from DNR stocking efforts.

The opportunities are even more abundant in wildlife. There are more deer and turkeys in Michigan than there were at the turn of the century. The bear population is thriving and has grown to some 16,000 animals. Canada geese, nearly nonexistent some 25 years ago are so plentiful today they are causing a nuisance in some urban areas.

We really do have a lot to be thankful for, and the DNR can take much of the credit. But while we're saying thanks, we better say a big one to MUCC for ensuring that our future will be as bright as the present.

Complications

If you've had trouble in recent days making a campground reservation through the DNR's 800-44-PARKS number, you're not alone. The Department has been experiencing technical diffi-

culties with its campground and harbor reservation number.

Evidently a train derailment has knocked out major cable and telephone circuits used by the system.

"We regret any inconvenience and ask that State Parks customers please be patient with us while the circuit damage is repaired," said DNR Parks and Recreation Bureau Chief Rodney Stokes. "We hope the situation is quickly corrected."

In the meantime, the DNR is

encouraging people to make reservations via the Internet at www.michigandnr.com.

Permit deadline nears

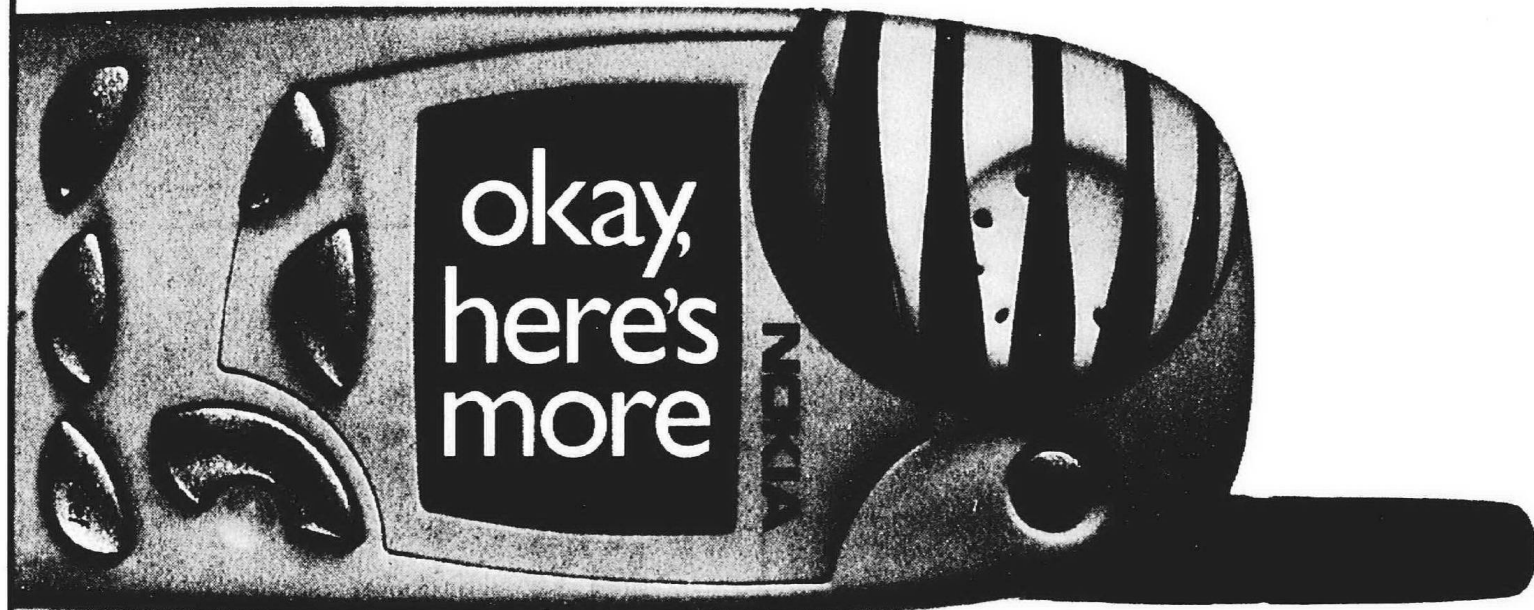
Aug. 1 is the deadline to apply for a fall turkey permit and an antlerless deer permit. Leftover antlerless deer permits will go on sale in September, but hunters can apply now to nearly guarantee themselves a permit for their desired Deer Management Unit.

When applying, be sure to

check the map carefully as all the Deer Management unit boundaries have been changed, as have the numbers.

(Bill Parker writes a weekly outdoor column for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.)

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Bucks miss league title

The Mid-Michigan Bucks concluded their 2001 season Sunday by losing a 3-0 decision to the Indiana Invaders at Alma College's football stadium.

Goalie Eric Pogue fought off Indiana early in the first half but the Invaders eventually scored for a 1-0 halftime lead.

The Bucks started the second half with pressure but again were unable to convert, which hurt when Indiana was able to break through for a second goal despite several more spectacular saves by Pogue.

The Invaders closed out the scoring late in the game with their third goal to end the Bucks' season at 10-9-1.

It was the first time in its six seasons that Mid-Michigan has not won a Great Lakes Division championship.

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You may be stuck with condo

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Does a buyer have any recourse against a builder who "cheats down"? The model had a fireplace with dual doors that opened. Mine has one heavy glass sheet across the front. The model had a 34-inch upper and a 16-inch base kitchen cabinet. Mine has a 30-inch upper and a 12-

inch base kitchen cabinet.

Also, can you tell me who is responsible for a radon test?

The answers depend on the purchase agreement that you presumably signed. Most builders/developers indicate that the unit you buy is not necessarily exactly like the model.

On the other hand, if representations were made to you in writing or perhaps orally upon which you relied that you unit would be identical with the model, then you may have a claim against the developer/builder.

With respect to the radon test, the builder may have disclosed the fact that any radon testing must be undertaken by the buyer, which is normally the case.

If you are living in a condo, the homeowners association may have some responsibility to undertake radon testing but that's not normally the case. Who's responsible is a difficult question because it depends on whether the radon is coming from a common element. Most associations leave it to the co-owner to do the testing, although it has never been definitively determined whether the association has a direct responsibility to do so.

Robert M. Meisner is an Oakland County area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics that you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467, Bingham Farms MI 48025. His e-mail address is bmeisner@mich.com, and his Web site is www.meisner-law.com. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.

HOME SEEKER'S CHECK LIST

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- LEAD DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (REQUIRED BY LAW)
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- CONDITION OF NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES



RANDALL MASTERS/STAFF ARTIST

Sun smiles on tidy owner

BY NORMAN PRADY
SPECIAL WRITER

How much might it cost you to leave the hose lying across the front lawn?

How much might it cost you to leave the rake leaning against the side of the house?

How much money might you lose by not spending a few dollars on a potted flowering plant?

If it's summertime and you're selling your house, can you drive down your own sales price with inattention, carelessness or neglect?

Yes, you certainly can, said residential real estate expert Carol Frick. Summertime, she said, can highlight house or property flaws that might not be seen or even exist in other seasons.

Frick, office manager at Ralph Manuel-Real Estate One in Birmingham, said that a strong first impression outside is vital to a possible summertime sale of your home.

People drive around in the summer and make comparisons, Frick said.

"Be sure the lawn is well maintained, the grass mowed and watered. Make sure the front door is painted and the windows are clean. Don't leave the hose or yard tools around.

"Any one of these things can be a turn-off and say the house isn't well maintained."

Some maintenance items, she pointed out, are essential to a sale, such as a crack-free driveway required for FHA approval.

Don't forget flowers

"And put a lot of flowers on the front porch. It looks welcoming and friendly and doesn't cost much."

At Hannett, Wilson & Whitehouse, Bloomfield Hills, sales manager Carol Nystrom guides summertime home sellers into week-long dress rehearsals of showing their homes.

"When we list the home, we tell the seller to take the first week of marketing time to get the house ready."

It can hurt a potential sale, Nystrom said, if a "customer walks up and sees bushes that need pruning or trees with

■ 'If the curb appeal is bad, even if the inside is gorgeous, the customer doesn't even want to get out of the car.'

David C. Sacco
Horizon Real Estate Group
Livonia

dead branches. Or if there aren't any flowers. Or if there's a broken step."

On the other hand, Nystrom said, the appearance of the outside should make the house look lived in. "Let the customer see the toys in the play yard."

A pool can be a plus or negative. "Is it safe? Is there a fence to protect children and animals? Has the swing set been installed according to Consumer Product Safety Commission standards?"

Nystrom said she wouldn't be surprised to see \$2,000 in maintenance being worth 10 times itself.

"The most important thing is to have the outside attractive," said Vicki McAskin, Realtor, Hall & Hunter, Birmingham. "Keep shrubs trimmed. Keep grass trimmed, maybe twice a week instead of once a week. Keep flowers watered. Maybe add more flowers than you're used to.

"Make sure the front door brass is polished. Take away any possible reason why a buyer wouldn't want to come in."

McAskin said she has had buyers who refused to go into a house because the condition of the outside "makes it look like the owners wouldn't be keeping up the interior."

If the outside is well maintained, McAskin said, buyers can assume that the inside is taken care of as well.

"If the outside stays neglected and the house sits on the market, showings stop and the seller has to lower the price. I give sellers that scenario every time."

Mike Root agrees that the house

should look lived in, that it should look homey. "Customers don't mind that people live there. They just don't want dirty dirt."

Root is a sales associate with Century 21 Hallmark West, Clarkston.

"Summer is a hot time of year to buy or sell. School seems to be the major factor. Everyone wants to get settled in before the new school year starts.

"You want the lawn looking good, bare spots filled in. Pull weeds from cracks in the front walk. Otherwise, it looks as though you don't maintain the house inside. Customers wonder, if they let this go, what do they take care of? What kind of homeowner is this?"

"Powerwash the outside."
One more item on his Not-to-Do List: Don't hang laundry outside.

Looking for curb appeal

"The main thing is curb appeal," said David C. Sacco, broker, Horizon Real Estate Group, Livonia. "If the curb appeal is bad, even if the inside is gorgeous, the customer doesn't even want to get out of the car."

"If your house is messy," said sales agent Marilyn D. Udman, "you have to be realistic about the price. Udman is with Dempster A. Ross Realty, Westland.

"That doesn't mean it has to be as nice as the neighbors," but you're not likely to get as much for yours.

Joan B. Char, associate broker and office manager, Coldwell Banker Schweitzer, Farmington Hills, said a seller should remember that customers might have been drawn to the home by sales photographs and now are facing reality.

"If the house is immaculate inside and out, the seller will get more money." So fix up, Char suggests, or possibly cut the price.

On the other hand, Realtor Harry Wagner doesn't see anything about summertime as a special challenge.

Wagner of Prudential Chamberlain Stiehl, West Bloomfield, said, "Price and location are still the main thing."

A customer who really likes a house "can always cut the lawn."

Cash-shy can make big buys

MORTGAGE BITS



TIM 'TIMBO' PHILLIPS

Homebuyers with very little cash - or very little desire to spend their cash - often use high loan-to-value (LTV) loans to buy properties.

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The FHA loan is a fantastic mortgage option for homebuyers with small down payments. Qualified FHA borrowers can get up to 97-percent financing to buy homes. However, if a borrower has bad credit or needs 100-percent financing, or requires a "jumbo" mortgage, he may not be able to use the FHA. Many lenders have designed mortgage programs to fill these niches.

Some lenders today will give borrowers a loan (or a combination of loans) totaling 100 percent of their property's value without deeply scrutinizing the borrowers' credit history or worrying about the size of the loan. Many of these lenders will also allow the property seller to pay for the borrower's closing costs and, in most situations, will not require escrow accounts. Mortgage insurance premiums are usually factored into the interest rate.

If you decide to pursue a minimum-down home purchase, the lender is going to make certain that the property is worth the amount he is loaning you. Plan on added time and expense for a "review appraisal" prior to final loan approval.

Also, expect to pay a higher interest rate on your new mortgage. A high LTV makes for a riskier mortgage because the borrowers have a small or non-existent ownership stake.

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Tim "Timbo" Phillips is a mortgage loan officer in Plymouth. For a free mortgage pre-qualification or credit assessment, you may contact him at PhillipsHQ@yahoo.com, or at (734) 797-5522 (24 hours). Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of May 21, 2001, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	46351 Bartlett Dr \$235,000	46449 Bartlett Dr \$225,000	7105 Becky Ct \$225,000	1645 Bennington Ct \$140,000	6952 Carriage His \$170,000	1200 Crowdale Ln \$158,000	41420 Cumberland Dr \$200,000	1072 E Lemont Ct \$470,000	47592 Giengarry Blvd \$447,000	7502 Havenhill Ln \$402,000	45145 Horseshoe Cir \$183,000	4306 Hunters Cir W \$156,000	4564 Hunters Cir W \$125,000	44825 Kirk Ct \$215,000	42727 Lilley Pointe Dr \$285,000	2290 N Woods Ct \$123,000	41377 Northwind Dr \$210,000	6205 Portledge Ln \$250,000	1971 Preserve Cir E \$232,000	1995 Preserve Cir E \$232,000	
Garden City	32211 Avin St \$109,000	32920 Barton St \$127,000	7010 Burnly St \$140,000	32610 Cambridge St \$123,000	33510 Florence St \$134,000	149 Greenwood St \$142,000	32950 Hennepin St \$133,000	652 Henry Ruff Rd \$157,000	31979 Kathryn St \$122,000	6841 Mansfield St \$121,000	32258 Maplewood St \$118,000	634 Michelle Ct \$138,000	29725 Rosslyn Ave \$110,000	28945 Sheridan St \$70,000							
Livonia	15121 Alexander St \$126,000	16302 Alpine Dr \$250,000	35176 Barbry Rd \$358,000	29225 Barkley St \$180,000																	
Westland	6641 Caribou St \$131,000	7330 Deering St \$52,000	8105 Donna St \$153,000	8264 Flamingo St \$96,000	7518 Floral St \$160,000	7708 Manor Cir \$83,000	37859 Marquette St \$159,000	2027 N Crown St \$157,000	8425 Rickie Ln \$138,000	38573 Sycamore Pl \$180,000	27744 Trailbrooke Cir \$118,000	7370 Woodview St #3 \$86,000									

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PLENTY OF LIVING SPACE

Choice location for this Dearborn 1999 built Condo. \$10,000 in upgrades. Three bedrooms 2 1/2 baths plus a library. Enjoy the charm of 2 way fireplace between living room and kitchen. Finished walk out lower level includes rec room.

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CAPTURE THE VIEW

1000+ sq. ft. of cedar decking overlooking aerated pond & treed commons. Custom built cape cod offers 1st flr mstr suite w/contemporary bath, large library w/bay window & bookcase wall, vaulted great room w/Fieldstone fireplace, framed by French doors w/curved transoms.

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UPDATED DOLL HOUSE!!!

Great 3 bedroom ranch on low traffic street. Nice open floor plan w/ numerous updates including kitchen. Ceramic bath, windows, door wall, garage, siding, C/A, carpet & more! (36KRA) \$129,900

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SPOIL YOURSELF

Relax & enjoy the peaceful pond views from the 1st flr great rm & mstr suite decks & the newer brick patio off finished LL sunny white kit. joined to the dining room thru butler's pantry. 2nd bdrm currently being used as a library. 2nd kitchen, family room, guest room w/bath + much more.

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Home sales unexpectedly strong

WASHINGTON - Despite slowing economic conditions, existing single-family home sales rose in May, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Existing-home sales increased 2.9 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.37 million units in May from an upwardly revised pace of 5.22 million units in April. Last month's sales activity was 3.5 percent above the 5.19-million unit pace in May 2000.

Sales activity is exceeding some expectations, said David Lereah, NAR's chief economist.

"With slightly higher mortgage interest rates in a slowing economy, some forecasters have been expecting a sales slowdown," he said. "However, demand is still very high, interest rates remain close to historic lows and many people are confident about their own economic future."

"Some of the current rise in home sales may result from 'fence-jumping' as people take advantage of good interest rates before they move any higher, but any way you cut it, this is an exceptionally strong housing market," Lereah said.

The national average commitment

rate for a 30-year, conventional, fixed-rate mortgage was 7.15 percent in May, up from 7.08 percent in April; it was 8.52 percent in May 2000, according to Freddie Mac.

The current level of home sales underscores the importance of homeownership in achieving the American dream, NAR President Richard A. Mendenhall said.

"Record high levels of homeownership translate into stronger communities as more first-time buyers make the transition from renter to owner, establishing their own economic foundation - this helps to foster deeper commitments and community involvement," he said.

"At the same time, we need to focus on the fact many families still can't afford decent housing, and it's important to expand opportunities for those at the bottom rung of the housing ladder," he added.

The national median existing-home price was \$145,500 in May, up 5.7 percent from May 2000 when the median price was \$137,600. The median is the midpoint, which is a typical market price where half of the homes sold for more and half sold for less.

Housing inventory levels at the

end of May dropped 6.1 percent from April to a total of 1.53 million existing homes available for sale, which represents a 3.4-month supply at the current sales pace; there were 1.63 million homes available at the end of April. However, the May inventory level is 2.7 percent higher than May 2000, when 1.49 million homes were on the market.

Regionally, the existing-home sales pace in the South rose 3.8 percent in May to an annual rate of 2.19 million units, and were 7.4 percent above May 2000. The median price of an existing home in the South was \$138,200, which was 9.2 percent higher than a year ago.

In the Midwest, existing homes were selling at an annual rate of 1.18 million units in May, up 3.5 percent from April; the pace was 0.9 percent above May 2000. The median price in the Midwest was \$124,000, up 3.9 percent from May 2000.

Home resales in the West rose 2.3 percent in May to an annual rate of 1.36 million units, and were 0.7 percent above May 2000. The median existing-home price in the West was \$196,000, up 6.8 percent from the same month a year earlier.

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U.S. Averages Rates at a Glance

30-yr. fixed mortgage	7.21%
15-yr. fixed mortgage	6.78%
Adjustable mortgage	6.29%
FHA-insured mortgage	7.25%
Fed. funds	3.77%

Finance Rates

Prime Rate	6.75%
Discount Rate	3.25%
90-day T-Bill	3.55%
6-mo. T-Bill	3.54%
1-yr. T-Bill	3.60%
2-yr. T-Note	3.98%
10-yr. T-Bond	5.13%
30-yr. T-Bond	5.53%

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

This week's releases:

- July 27 - Department of Commerce, Gross Domestic Product
- July 27 - Federal Reserve Board, Bank Credit (H 8)
- July 27 - Department of Commerce, Selected Economic Indicators
- July 30 - Department of the Treasury, 13 and 26 Week Treasury Auction Results
- July 30 - Federal Reserve Board, Selected U.S. Interest Rates
- July 31 - The Conference Board, Consumer Confidence

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15/1x	6.500	6.700	1.0	\$325	5%	\$6,711		
30/1xjumbo	7.000	7.109	1.0	\$325	5%	\$6,653		
7/1balloon	6.375	6.617	1.0	\$325	10%	\$6,239		

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Michigan Averages

Program	Avg. Rate*	Avg. APR*	Disc. pts.	Orig. fee	Mo. pmt.	Income required
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15-Yr. fixed	6.44%	6.62%	0%	0%	\$867	\$34,707
5/1-Yr. ARM	6.50%	6.77%	0%	0%	\$632	\$25,282

SOURCE: The Meyers Report, 1-847-205-9222

MEYERS ON MORTGAGES

REFINANCE RULES PART 1 OF 3 PARTS

by GARY S. MEYERS



It's another refinance boom. And, as with every refinance boom two things happen, more people want new mortgages and are prepared to lay out cash for them and more mortgage companies spring up to take that cash. While most will provide reasonably priced products that work, too many don't. The problem for consumers is that they can't tell difference until they are committed. No pun intended.

This week The Meyers Report begins a new series of the "rules" for wise mortgage hunting and what can go wrong is you choose badly.

(RULE #1) PICK THE RIGHT LENDER FIRST. Before you look for the lowest interest rate, choose a lender that you know will be there at the closing table with enough money to close, at the promised rate and with the promised closing costs. "You also want to know that, in the event of problems, the lender will be there when you need them today, tomorrow and next year," said Peter Boomer, vp/regional manager for Chase Manhattan Mortgage.

(RULE #2) CHOOSE THE RIGHT MORTGAGE PROGRAM. All mortgages are not alike. Even in the computer age, we are still unique. Some of us need smaller down payments, or higher income ratios to qualify. Perhaps you need to rehab or upgrade your new

dream house to increase its value. Different lenders have different programs to meet those needs. Choose the lender who has the best program for you. If the lender is honest, the mortgage rate will be competitive and the fees will be relatively low.

(RULE #3) THE TRUST RULE. Don't just follow the lowest rate advertised. The wise borrower should first find out if, "they can trust the loan officer and their their company? And, can they help you?" Unless you are absolutely assured of a yes to both of those questions, the lowest advertised interest rates are irrelevant, or worse, dangerous to your financial health.

But there is a problem with Rule #3, the trust rule. There is no local, state, or federal agency that will tell you if a lender is in trouble, has numerous complaints against them or is under investigation for anything, even criminal activity.

"We are prohibited by law from releasing any information about any mortgage licensee who has complaints against them or is under investigation. We can release information only if there is an indictment, conviction, revocation or surrender of licenses, because only at that point is the issue public record," said Dea Brennan, a director of mortgage banking for an Office of the Commissioner

of Banks and Real Estate.

The sad fact is this: A state license to do business in a state is no guarantee of performance, strength or integrity. However, banks, thrifts credit unions, and insurance companies are heavily regulated and routinely examined by state and federal agencies, such as the FDIC, the U.S. Controller of the Currency and the SEC if they are publicly traded. The longer a company is established, the more it is tied into the community and the more it must be responsive to good and bad press.

Our advice for consumers: Stay with name brand lenders, who have been around for a long time. These companies have a lot to lose if any of their employees behaves badly. They also have the financial strength to correct mistakes made by their employees, others do not.

Does this mean that all mortgage brokers are bad? Absolutely not. Just be sure to know with whom you are dealing and know what is a fair price, including closing costs. Above all, remember, if the offer is too good to be true, be very careful.

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CONTINUING ED

The sales and marketing council of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan sponsors a continuing education seminar to fulfill annual state real estate license renewal requirements.

The class goes 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

Cost, which includes continental breakfast and lunch, is \$50 for sales

and marketing council members, \$55 for Apartment Association of Michigan and BIA members and \$80 for others.

To register, call (248) 862-1033.

CAREER OPEN HOUSE

Real Estate One presents a free class on how to get into residential real estate sales noon to 1:15 p.m. Wednesdays, Aug. 8 and 22, at its West Bloomfield office, 7499 Middlebelt at 14 Mile.

Topics include licensing, training and evaluating a broker.

To register, call Steve Leibhan at (248) 851-4100 Ext. 105.

MORTGAGE CONVENTION

The Michigan Mortgage Lenders Association presents its 23rd annual convention Sunday-Tuesday, Aug. 12-14, at Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire.

For information, call Brian Ludtke at (248) 945-5239 or Joanne Misuraca at (248) 356-8857.

ULI GOLF OUTING

The fourth annual University of Michigan Real Estate Forum and Urban Land Institute Golf Outing takes place Monday, Aug. 20, at the U-M Golf Course in Ann Arbor.

Cost, which includes golf, prizes, lunch, beverages and a hot hors d'oeuvres reception, is \$150. Corporate sponsorship, \$1,500, includes one foursome and a hole sponsorship.

To register, call Beverly Lyons at (248) 360-9515.

BIA UPDATES

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan now provides weekly updates of news and information affecting the construction industry to members via e-mail.

Contact Rosalie Lamb at the association, (248) 737-4477 for details.

CONTAMINATION SITES

VISTAinfo, a publicly owned company based in San Diego, has a Web site that offers a free overview of environmental conditions - contaminated waste sites, hazardous waste locations and landfills - by ZIP code.

The Internet address is www.NearMyHome.com

More specific reports are available for a fee.

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

A book available from the Community Associations Institute can help community association managers and board members ensure that their playgrounds and tot lots are as safe as possible.

Detailed information is provided on safety inspections and implementing

an effective maintenance plan.

"Playgrounds for Young Children" is available for \$40 by calling (708) 548-8600, or ordering through www.caonline.org

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit continues a membership drive. Categories include individual membership (\$15), family (\$25) and organizational (\$50)

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LIVONIA. This is a home that has been completely remodeled from the main floor to the basement including ceramic floor in kitchen, bathroom & basement. Hardwood floors in living room & hall. Newer roof, windows, carpet in bedrooms and CA. Must see all other improvements to appreciate \$164,900 (L99Cav)

PLYMOUTH. Move in to this very nice upper end unit condo before summer is gone. Newer carpet, neutral colors, all appliances included. Private deck overlooking wooded area. Lots of storage in shed off deck. Walk to the park or downtown Plymouth. \$93,900 (L67Ply)

REDFORD. Nature habitat in the city! 2-3 Bdrms., 1287 sq. ft. home sits on a 60x296 private lot w/deck, patio & pond. Newer furnace & AC. 2 1/2 mechanic's garage, 220 extra wide drive. Close to all amenities: Redford Union schools, low taxes, home warranty included. \$149,900 (L39Gay)

WIXOM. A little Garden of Eden on a private cul-de-sac, end unit condo. 2 Bdrms. & 2 baths. Mstr. Bdrm. w/bath, 2nd bdrm. w/adjacent bath. Great room w/high ceilings & fireplace. Neutral decor, great kitchen w/open eating area patio (appliances stay). 14x24' rec room, 2 car garage. Home warranty included. \$204,900 (L24Map)

WESTLAND. Great 3 Bdrm. brick ranch w/vinyl gables & alum trim. Updates include vinyl windows 92' front & side entry doors 92' 200 amp & box 701. Natural fire place in family room, hardwood floors, remodeled main bath, huge finished basement w/1/2 bath. \$149,900 (L67Mar)


VAN BUREN. All the major work has been done! Newer roof, furnace, CA & water heater. Electrical & most plumbing has been updated. Stove, refrigerator, dish washer & disposal, all about 2 yrs. old, stay with the house. Two car heated garage & large utility room. \$119,900 (L75Jac)

REDFORD. Handy person special-needs TLC. Updates after 1993 include roof replaced, hot water heater, furnace, & electrical panel. 3 Bdrm., 1 bath, dining room & basement. Home to be sold "As is" \$78,900 (L95Nor)


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NOVI. Awesome wooded lot! Located on an extensive landscaped lot and features an open floor plan, hardwood floors, Kohler plumbing fixtures, three fireplaces (living room, family room and master), master suite also has Jacuzzi tub, spacious rooms, large patio and is tastefully decorated \$525,000



NORTHVILLE. Queen Anne Victorian! New home has never been lived in. Features an authentic Victorian paint scheme, wide plank hickory flooring, extra wide tread stairs, custom wood trim throughout, gourmet kitchen w/granite counter & top of the line appliances, Marvin windows, wrap around porch & located within walking distance to shopping, entertainment & more. \$775,000



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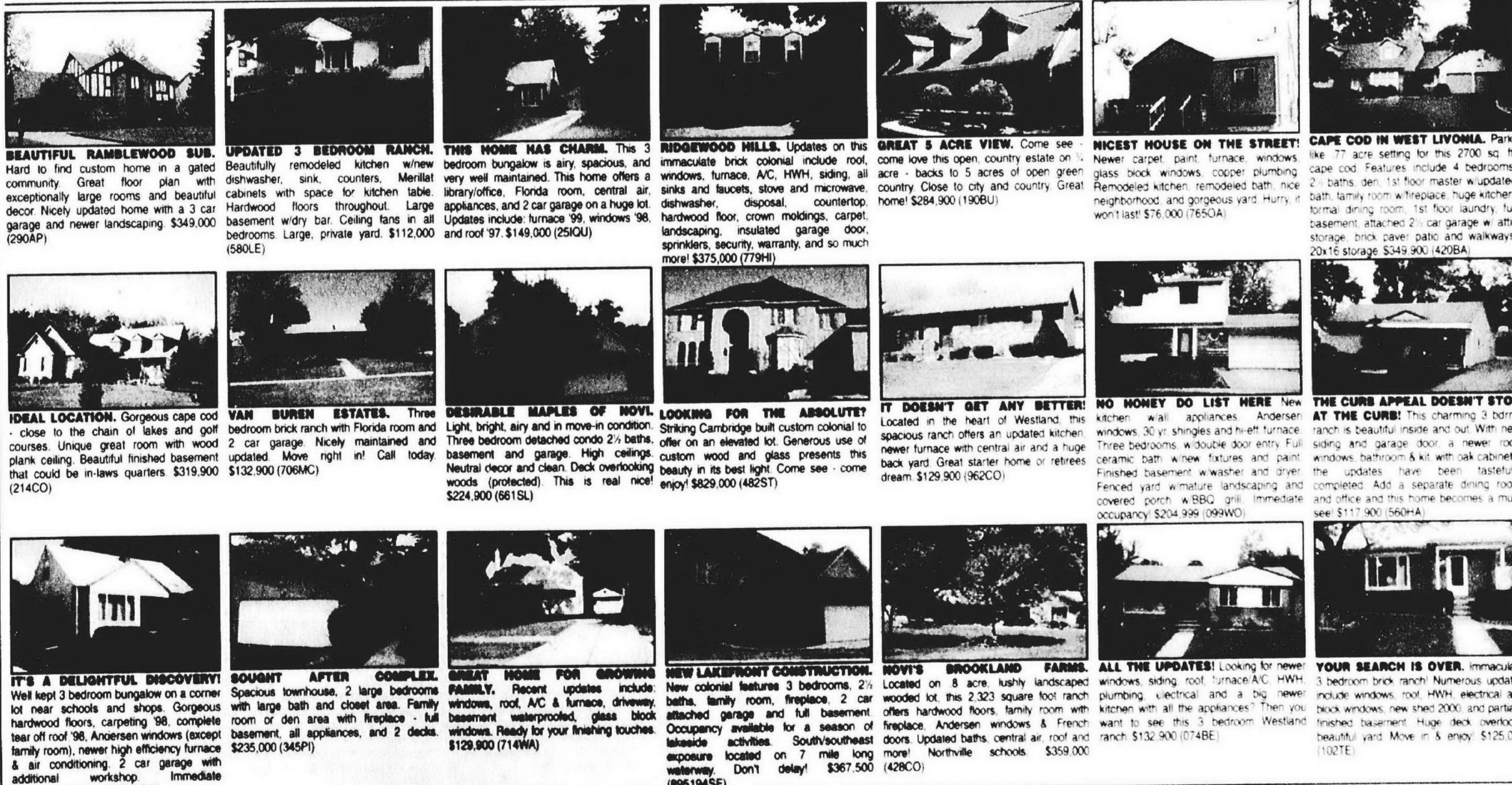
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THIS HOME HAS CHARM! This 3 bedroom bungalow is airy, spacious, and very well maintained. This home offers a library/office, Florida room, central air, appliances, and 2 car garage on a huge lot. Updates include: furnace 99, windows 98, and roof 97. \$149,000 (251QU)

RIDGEWOOD HILLS. Updates on this immaculate brick colonial include roof, windows, furnace, A/C, HWH, siding, all sinks and faucets, stove and microwave, dishwasher, disposal, countertop, hardwood floor, crown moldings, carpet, landscaping, insulated garage door, sprinklers, security, warranty, and so much more! \$375,000 (779H)

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CAPE COD IN WEST LIVONIA. Park-like 77 acre setting for this 2700 sq. ft. cape cod. Features include 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, den, 1st floor master w/updated bath, family room w/fireplace, huge kitchen, formal dining room, 1st floor laundry, full basement attached 2 1/2 car garage w/attic storage, brick paver patio and walkways. 20x16 storage. \$349,900 (420BA)

IDEAL LOCATION. Gorgeous cape cod - close to the chain of lakes and golf courses. Unique great room with wood plank ceiling. Beautiful finished basement that could be in-laws quarters. \$319,900 (214CO)

VAN BUREN ESTATES. Three bedroom brick ranch with Florida room and 2 car garage. Nicely maintained and updated. Move right in! Call today. \$132,900 (706MC)

DESIRABLE MAPLES OF NOVI. Light, bright, airy and in move-in condition. Three bedroom detached condo 2 1/2 baths, basement and garage. High ceilings. Neutral decor and clean. Deck overlooking woods (protected). This is real nice! \$224,900 (661SL)

LOOKING FOR THE ABSOLUTE? Striking Cambridge built custom colonial to offer on an elevated lot. Generous use of custom wood and glass presents this beauty in its best light. Come see - come enjoy! \$829,000 (482ST)

IT DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER! Located in the heart of Westland, this spacious ranch offers an updated kitchen, newer furnace with central air and a huge back yard. Great starter home or retiree's dream. \$129,900 (962CO)

NO MONEY DO LIST HERE New kitchen, wall appliances, Andersen windows, 30 yr shingles and hi-eff furnace. Three bedrooms, wide double door entry. Full ceramic bath, w/new fixtures and paint. Finished basement w/washer and dryer. Fenced yard w/mature landscaping and covered porch w/BBQ grill. Immediate occupancy. \$204,999 (099W0)

THE CURB APPEAL DOESN'T STOP AT THE CURB! This charming 3 bdrm ranch is beautiful inside and out. With new siding and garage door, a newer roof, windows, bathroom & kit with oak cabinets the updates have been tastefully completed. Add a separate dining room and office and this home becomes a must see! \$117,900 (560HA)

IT'S A DELIGHTFUL DISCOVERY! Well kept 3 bedroom bungalow on a corner lot near schools and shops. Gorgeous hardwood floors, carpeting 98, complete tear off roof 98, Andersen windows (except family room), newer high efficiency furnace & air conditioning, 2 car garage with additional workshop. Immediate occupancy. \$184,900 (505GA)

BOUGHT AFTER COMPLEX. Spacious townhouse, 2 large bedrooms with large bath and closet area. Family room or den area with fireplace - full basement, all appliances, and 2 decks. \$235,000 (345PI)

GREAT HOME FOR GROWING FAMILY. Recent updates include: windows, roof, A/C & furnace, driveway, basement waterproofed, glass block windows. Ready for your finishing touches. \$129,900 (714WA)

NEW LAKEFRONT CONSTRUCTION. New colonial features 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, family room, fireplace, 2 car attached garage and full basement. Occupancy available for a season of lake-side activities. South/southeast exposure located on 7 mile long waterway. Don't delay! \$367,500 (895194SE)

NOVI'S BROOKLAND FARMS. Located on 8 acre, lushly landscaped wooded lot, this 2,323 square foot ranch offers hardwood floors, family room with fireplace, Andersen windows & French doors. Updated baths, central air, roof and more! Northville schools. \$359,000

ALL THE UPDATES! Looking for newer windows, siding, roof, furnace, A/C, HWH, plumbing, electrical and a big newer kitchen with all the appliances? Then you want to see this 3 bedroom Westland ranch. \$132,900 (074BE)

YOUR SEARCH IS OVER. Immaculate 3 bedroom brick ranch! Numerous updates include windows, roof, HWH, electrical and block windows, new shed 2000, and partially finished basement. Huge deck overlooks beautiful yard. Move in & enjoy. \$125,000 (102TE)

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David Beneteau joins Etkin Skanska Construction Co. in Farmington Hills as business development manager. He will concentrate on institutional clients.



Beneteau

Beneteau, who

has 30 years experience in the construction and architectural/engineering industry, previously was director of business development and marketing for Walbridge Aldinger.

Beneteau has a bachelor of science degree in architecture from the University of Windsor. He lives in Canton.

Richard Borrelli, AIA, joins the staff at TMP Associates, an architectural/engineering firm in Bloomfield Hills, as a senior associate.



Borrelli

He formerly was director of design at MAS Associates in Farmington

Hills.

Borrelli received a bachelor's degree in architecture from Ball State University. He's a member of the American Institute of Architects.

Borrelli lives in Berkley.

James F. Meredith, AIA, joins Gensler, an architectural, design and planning firm in Detroit.



Meredith

Meredith, with 25 years experience, previously served as a member of the board of directors of Giffels Associates. He also started and served as chief operating officer for Giffels Strategic Consultants, a subsidiary firm.

Meredith is chairman of the urban policy advisory team for AIA-Detroit and is a member of the Urban Land Institute and the International Development Research Council.

Signature Associates-ONCOR International, a commercial real estate firm in Southfield, recently was recognized as the top income-producing company in the ONCOR organization for the year 2000. It was Signature's second consecutive year for the honor.

Steve Gordon, president, and Dave Miller, manager, accepted the award. Last year, Signature leased or sold 18.4 million square feet including \$90 million in investment sales, sold 1,800 acres of land and managed properties totaling 5.3 million square feet.

Real Property Law Section helps build home

The Real Property Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan raised \$50,000 to sponsor a "House Build" for Habitat for Humanity-Detroit.

A real-estate themed gift was contributed to the city's land and community development. The money for the construction of the house were provided primarily by the following law firm, bank and business project sponsors:

Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone; Stan-

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Several individual council members also provided financial support for the project. In addition, many section members, friends and families worked on-site to build the house in Detroit's Core City Neighborhood Development in southwest Detroit. The site was a mile from Tiger Stadium on Roosevelt between Michigan Avenue and M.L. King Jr. Boulevard.

Section members worked during the section's four designated "Build" days in June, constructing the floor, walls and roof.

For Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, June 16 was the Saturday designated for their 24 volunteers to work together "to wall" the house.

Under the direction of section member Scot Norris, the group worked to make a house appear on the floor they built the prior Satur-

day, also under his direction. Standard Federal's Legal Department worked June 23 to bring their 36 volunteers to "roof" the house and to do ground work on other HFH lots. Standard Federal also provided lunch that day for all of the volunteers working on the house.

The house is 1,150 square feet with a full basement and three bedrooms. The land was provided by the city of Detroit via the Michigan State Housing Authority. MSHDA and the Federal Home Loan Bank Board each provided \$10,000 grants for the construction of the house, in addition to the section's \$50,000.

Prior to becoming the new homeowner and taking on the responsibility of the monthly interest-free (20-year) mortgage payments, the new homeowner must contribute "sweat equity" to qualify for the ownership of the house. Homeowner Mavis Street worked with section volunteers June 9 and 23. She is the single mom of Stephanie, 11, and is working as a clerk at the Detroit Medical Center.

Both Robert Dewaelsche, executive director of Habitat for Humanity Detroit, and Kenneth Benson, presi-

dent and founder of Habitat for Humanity Michigan, joined the section volunteers on the work site June 9 and 16. Benson was interested in participating in the raising of the house walls.

The walls of the home were built through Michigan's Prison Build Program. The program's more than 100 minimum security inmates frame walls, build cabinets and mill trim on prison grounds for the houses built by HFH in Michigan.

Prisoners earn \$1.75 a day working at prisons in Ionia, Freeland, Lapeer, Plymouth, Kinross and St. Louis and can learn skills they can use when they are released. The Thumb Correctional Facility in Lapeer provided the walls for the section's house.

The program has already received national recognition as a finalist in the Council of State Governments' Innovations Awards Program. The walls are delivered to the construction sites by the Michigan National Guard. On two of the section "Build" days, volunteers unloaded walls from Michigan National Guard trucks for other HFH houses under construction on nearby lots.



CUSTOM BUILT HOME
 Overlooking nature preserve on 1/4 acre. Professionally designed landscaping with gorgeous 2 tier deck and pavers. Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, formal living room & dining room. Spacious oak kitchen with island. Basement under entire house. (21055812-C) \$449,900

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 CANTON 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath Brick Colonial in Pheasant View. 3 car garage. Fab master ste w/jac tub, vaulted clg & fash bath. Gourmet kitchen & nook w/hdwd flrs & dbl oven. Gigantic open FR. Must see! Hurry! (BGP-07Ove) 734-453-6800	 CANTON Nearly New Condo Offers Immediate Occupancy! Why rent? This beauty has attached garage, basement, 1st floor laundry & dynamite master suite w/glamour bath. Hurry!! (BGN39HUN) 248-347-3050	 DETROIT Affordable, Well Maintained Bungalow! W/many updates including windows, furnace, air, hwh & more! Home sits on double lot, basement is finished w/bar & daylight windows, 2.5 car garage & more. (BGN22MAR) 248-347-3050	 LATHRUP VILLAGE Location, Location, Location! Wonderful Brick Tudor located on a fabulous large lot w/wooded view 3 bns, finished basement, 2 car & more. Hurry on this one! (BGN40SAN) 248-347-3050	 LIVONIA Ranch Condo. This lovely 2 bed 2 full bath ranch style condo has over 1500 sq. ft. 2 car attached garage. Full basement, large great room with gas fireplace and much more! (BGN28LAU) 248-347-3050	 NORTHVILLE Bellagio! Phenomenal Cambridge-built estate home. Situated on almost an acre. Gated comm. True gourmet kit & nook. Granite cntlpts. Luxurious mstr suite w/sitting area. Hurry! (BGP-70Rav) 734-453-6800	 PLYMOUTH Extra Clean - Inside & Out! Totally new kit, refinished hardwood floors, freshly painted, large heated garage (24x26), half acre lot, newer roof & furnace. CA close to Downtown (BGP-30Gol) 734-453-6800
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FARMINGTON HILLS - Open Sun 1-4 28335 Kendallwood, N of 12 Mile, E of Farmington, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 1700 sq ft ranch. \$239,900. 248-489-7077

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\$134,900 Great starter home. Adorable 3 bedroom Cape Cod w/ partially finished basement & garage. Appliances stay. hardwood floors under carpet. newer roof & furnace. Solid home in need of a few updates. (V1232)

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WALK TO DOWNTOWN Charming 3 bedroom Dutch Colonial. Fireplace overlooks the living room & dining area. Hardwood floors, finished basement, deep lot. \$199,999 (reb). Home warranty. \$159,999 (19B90)

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NICE 3 bedroom brick home with a spacious kitchen, newer roof and steel entry doors. Over 1,700 sq ft. \$129,900

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ARCHITECTS 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, new kitchen. Walk to lake, park, downtown. Walled garden. \$167,900. Open July 29, 12-4. 310 Summit. (517) 552-9366

3 BEDROOM, 1.5 bath, walk-out basement, all appliances included, 1/2 acre lot, \$134,900 offer. Realtor. (810) 491-8489

BY OWNER - 7791 Summer Breeze 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch 56 acres, country kitchen, Hartland Schools. \$213,000. 810-423-4310

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HOWELL - Full Walk-out ranch on 1.75 acres on water (no swimming, fishing only). 4 bedrooms, 2 bath, 2 1/2 car, 1,160 sq ft. Finished basement w/ 900 sq ft. living area! 1 bedroom/1 bath. Howell Schools. \$178,000. (517) 546-5466. See photos. For sale by owner. Call for info. Listing #10008937. Immediate occupancy.

STRIKING - 'Newly' built country-Victorian style 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home with lovely 1.25 acre cul-de-sac setting! Home includes great room with fireplace, deluxe kitchen, beautiful oak hardwood floors in foyer, living room, dining room, kitchen and 1/2 bath! Master suite with private bath that has both a shower and a Tara whirlpool tub! The walkout basement has radiant heat and is ready for finishing! 2 car attached garage is drywalled and painted! Howell Schools. \$269,900.

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320 Hartland

OPEN SUN. JULY 29, 1-4pm OPEN DOORS! Breathtaking views with the exceptional builder's home on 2 wooded secluded acres. Custom amenities and quality throughout. Open feeling this 3507 sq. ft. 5 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home includes beautiful white kitchen with island, wood floors and large dining area lead to great room and season sun porch. Den could be formal dining room, separate living quarters in walkout lower level with kitchen, living room, bedroom and bath, 2 car attached garage and paved drive. Hartland Schools \$495,000. Take Commerce Road Between Pleasant Valley and Hickory Ridge road to North on Wilderness Lake Drive then follow open signs to 48 Wilderness Lake Court.

OPEN SUN. JULY 29, 1-4PM OPEN. OPEN, OPEN! Striking new 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home nestled on wooded lot. Newer roof, central air, finished basement just outside the small town of Hartland! Spacious kitchen with Homecrest hickory cabinets open to great room with cathedral ceilings and beautiful fireplace, good sized family activity room great for pool table or large TV. This home also includes a 2 car attached garage and a separate detached garage! Hartland Schools \$299,500. Take Hartland Road North of M-59 to East on Maple/Hibner to left on Country Way following open signs to 4232 Country Way.

JUST LISTED! - Outstanding 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath ranch situated on 3 rolling acres. Spacious home offers formal living and dining rooms, large kitchen with vaulted ceiling, natural fireplace and doorwall to deck which extends across back of home! Nice kitchen and breakfast room. Master bedroom has private bathroom, closet and door to deck. Full basement, 2 car garage, wonderful 10x24 laundry/mud room, neutral decor and many updates. Hartland Schools. \$258,000.

SCENIC SETTING! - Appealing 5 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home designed for comfortable living on an outstanding 5+ acre lot. The well landscaped pond for swimming and fishing! Home features beautiful full stone fireplace in family room, 35x16 deck off living room for entertaining and viewing the pond. Living & dining rooms with 60x30 recreation room, Pergo floors in kitchen, newer windows and more! 32x30 pole barn with cement floor in insulated, 2 car attached garage and Hartland Schools. \$297,000.

IDEAL SPOT TO RELAX! - Comfortable 3 bedroom, 3 bath ranch in wonderful area of fine homes with easy M-59 & US-23 access! Good floor plan features convenient kitchen, formal dining room, great room with wood burning fireplace, large deck for entertaining and enjoying the beautiful yard. 1 1/2 bath finished walkout lower level includes bedroom, full bath and family room with wet bar, 3 car attached garage and Hartland Schools. \$229,900.

CLASSIC COUNTRY HOME! - Exceptional 2 story Colonial situated on 1.17 acres in Hartland! This wonderful home has so much to offer including 6 bedrooms, 4 baths, large great room, formal living room, huge kitchen, formal dining room, 1st floor den, 2nd floor office with adjacent work area and dark wood floors, 2 car attached garage also includes a partially finished basement and 2 car attached garage! The list goes on! Hartland Schools. \$469,000.

A WARM COMFORTABLE HOME! - Spacious 3250 sq ft 2 story farmhouse on 1.80 acres! This well cared for home includes 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, attached garage with fireplace and hardwood floors, formal dining room with hardwood floors and cove ceiling, large kitchen with cozy breakfast nook, covered deck off master bedroom, 1st floor laundry, 2 car attached garage & small barn! Hartland Schools. \$249,900.

COUNTRY INFLUENCE! - This beautiful new 2600 sq. ft. home situated on 2 acres has everything you could ask for! Loaded with many fine quality amenities this 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home includes a formal dining room, great room with separate shower, large deck, large deck. Other features include a 1st floor laundry, walkout lower level & 2 car attached garage. Call for your own private viewing of this home! Hartland Schools. \$359,000.

A PERFECT VIEW OF NATURE! - Peaceful views come with this home situated on 10 acres and designed for comfortable living. This beautiful 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home includes a fully equipped kitchen with separate shower, spacious bonus room is located 3+ car garage. 10' ceilings in walkout lower level, entertainment sized deck, beautifully landscaped & large 32x62 gambrel barn with cement floor and around carport! Hartland Schools. \$668,000.

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325 Livonia

MECHANIC'S GARAGE 3 bedroom, 3 bath brick ranch situated on tree-lined street has loads of potential. 1,168 sq ft. w/ large family room. Partially finished basement and insulated/vented garage w/ 80 AMP 220 service & natural gas. Asking \$161,000. (21059308)

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SHARP 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home, many updates including kitchen, roof, windows, furnace & central air. 1 1/2 detached garage. Walk out basement. C/A. Not a drive by. \$159,900. Call TOM REYNOLDS, RE/MAX 100, at (248)380-3900 for directions.

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BY OWNER - Updated 3 bedroom ranch home situated in the Village of Milford within walking distance to downtown, shopping, schools & recreation area. Perfect home for retirement or just starting out. The home also has a huge addition that doubles the living space of the average home in the neighborhood. \$147,000. (248)985-9342, (517)904-2877

326 Milford

CUSTOM 1987 built ranch on 1.2 acre wooded hilltop setting 3300 sq ft., 4 bedroom, 3 full baths, large great room (21x20), hardwood floors, neutral decor, year round Florida room, finished walk out basement w/bath, attached garage \$389,900. (248) 676-2206

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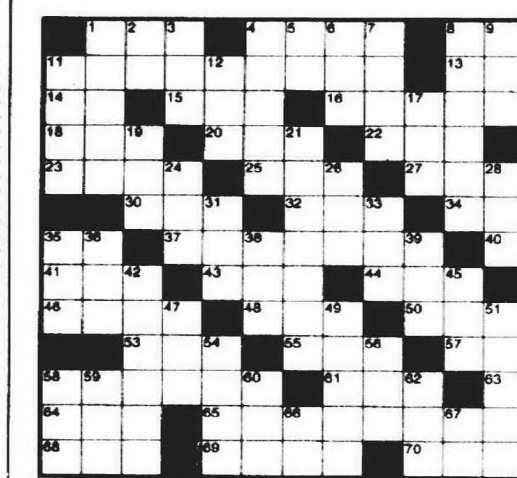
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WELL MAINTAINED 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Colonial on a nice treed lot with circular drive. Finished basement with wet bar & rec. room. Enjoy the 3-season Florida room with sights & sounds of the trickling fish pond. Concrete patio with built-in BBQ. \$188,900 (85REE) 248-349-5600



HOUSE WITH OVER 3 ACRES. Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Colonial with large master bedroom with walk-in closet and bath. Formal dining room and 3 car garage. Great kitchen with breakfast nook and first floor laundry. Horses are allowed. \$349,000 (20HAA) 248-349-5600



PERFECTION THROUGHOUT. Awesome executive home features first floor master suite, 4 bedrooms, 3 full & 2 half baths, 2 story great room, cherry & granite kitchen. \$649,900 (60POI) 248-349-5600



CUSTOM-BUILT RANCH WITH CHARM! Prime location 3 bed, 1 1/2 bath, hardwood floors, wet plaster, coved ceilings, natural fireplace, 1/2 bath off master. Back covered porch easily enclosed for Florida room. Many updates. Two car attached garage. \$184,900 (29BLO) 734-455-5600



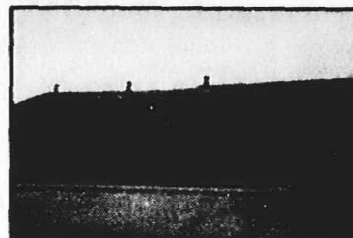
WONDERFUL CANTON COLONIAL! Attractive family room, knotty pine cathedral ceiling, hearth, gas fireplace, French doors to patio. Newer: vinyl windows, furnace. Awesome kitchen, snack counter. Main bath has cherry wood. 3 BR, 2 BA. Finished basement. \$219,899 (05MOR) 734-455-5600



EXCELLENT RANCH! This home is in excellent condition with many updates throughout. Recessed & track lighting, wood burning fireplace. Loads of extras. Home sits on approximately 1/2 acre lot. Two car garage. \$149,900 (19SHE) 734-455-5600



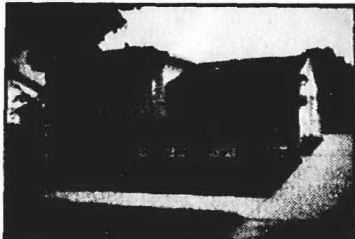
PERFECT STARTER HOME. This adorable 2 bedroom home is move-in ready. Freshly painted, newer carpet, kitchen floor, updates include furnace, roof, hot water heater. Includes refrigerator, stove, washer, fenced yard and detached garage with electricity. \$80,000 (48WIL) 248-349-5600



ADULT CO-OP RANCH. Two bedroom Condo with cathedral ceilings with skylights, 1 ceramic bath, Florida room, patio - front & back, neutral decor, carpet & huge basement. \$95,000 (05HER) 248-349-5600



GOLFER'S DELIGHT IN NOVI. Detached Condo built in '95 located w/custom upgrades. 4 BR, 3 1/2 BA, family room w/fireplace, finished lower level with possible in-law suite, wet bar, spacious master bedroom, 42" cabinets in kitchen & tastefully decorated throughout. \$289,000 (48TAN) 248-349-5600



"HOME & GARDEN AT IT'S BEST!" Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath with over 1,400 square feet. Newer furnace, central air, windows, roof, storm doors. Updated bathrooms. Bay Window, 2.5 car garage w/220, Work bench. \$159,000 (67CAN) 734-455-5600



THIS HOUSE HAS IT ALL & MORE! Four bed, 2 1/2 bath, large kitchen with cherry cabinets, first floor laundry, 3 fireplaces, finished basement, glass block windows. Newer Andersen windows. Beautiful back yard & large deck leading to wooded commons. \$414,900 (10NOR) 734-455-5600

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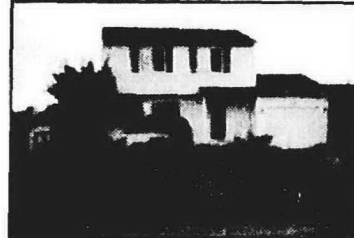
BEAUTIFUL DETACHED CONDO in Hickory Creek. Four bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths with first floor master suite with Jacuzzi tub & ceramic floor. Professionally finished basement with daylight windows, huge family room with custom wet bar. \$434,900 (61LAK) 248-349-5600



WOODED PARADISE. Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial with beautiful fireplace in family room. Finished walk-out basement with second fireplace. Great location. Pool, hot tub and sun room. \$324,900 (40WIN) 248-349-5600



ONE OF A KIND MANY POSSIBILITIES! Multi-family or single family residence. Many updates. Beautiful perennial garden with pond, paver walkway. New roof, privacy fence, large country porch. Indoor spa, shed, three bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths. \$199,000 (05CHE) 734-455-5600



NICE OVERSIZED LOT! Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Colonial. Doorwall to large deck. Open floor plan. Almost like new. Enjoyable oak kitchen. Immediate occupancy. Large shed for extra storage. \$174,105 (75NOR) 734-566-5600

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FANTASTIC 1989-BUILT COLONIAL that is totally neutral inside & out & ready to move into. The 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home is located at the entrance of a cul-de-sac setting. Finished lower level with play room & separate office/exercise room. \$379,900 (60LIT) 248-349-5600



UPDATED CONDO. Very clean 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath 2-story Condo. Nice patio backs to a commons, neutral decor, heating & cooling & all appliances are approximately 2 years old. \$139,900 (45WFR) 248-349-5600



BEST "BETTER HOMES & GARDENS" Upgraded 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial with great curb appeal. Many updates. Family room with extra large doorwall to covered patio, treed lot. Spacious master & bath, walk-in closet, partially finished basement. \$224,000 (45COP) 734-455-5600



PLENTY OF ROOM TO GROW! Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial with fifth bedroom in basement. Freshly painted. Newer: carpet in family room, vinyl windows, circuit breakers, steel entry doors, doorwall to large deck. Home protection plan. Bring offers! \$170,000 (03PRI) 734-455-5600



BEAUTIFUL WESTLAND CONDO! Two bedrooms, two baths, neutral decor. Newer carpet and windows. Wood trim, central air, master bedroom with walk-in closet, ceramic and oak. In-unit laundry. Freshly painted. \$107,900 (57SHO) 734-455-5600



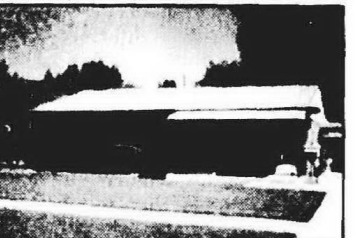
LIVONIA - Completely remodeled. Three bed, three full bath Colonial. Granite counters in kitchen, hardwood floor in lower level, roof, vinyl siding, windows & ceramic baths. First floor laundry, extra deep 2 1/2 car garage & double lot. \$179,900 (51FRE) 248-349-5600



OAKS OF NORTHVILLE. Private street and yard. Five bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, dual stairs, first floor master bedroom with walk-in closet and garden bath. Great room with fireplace and wet bar. Sunny breakfast room. Gourmet kitchen with all appliances. \$789,900 (92OAK) 248-349-5600



DREAM LOT. Duke-built 4 bedroom, 2 bath, walk-out Ranch on an incredible 1+ acre lot with stream in Woodcreek Farms. Custom home needs renovation. \$279,000 (84WEL) 248-349-5600



SUPER MAINTAINED RANCH! Three bedroom, 2 bath picture perfect home with Florida room & hot tub! Many updates: landscaping, sprinklers, vinyl windows, bow window. Finished basement! Great neighborhood. Newer roof, circuit breakers. \$154,900 (80FER) 734-455-5600



CUSTOM-BUILT NEWER HOME! On beautiful oversized lot. Three bed, 2 1/2 bath. Many updates: cathedral ceilings, sky lights, ceramic tile bath, granite counter tops, open floor plan. All appliances. Livonia schools. Lower level family room. Price decrease \$249,900 (25RAV) 734-455-5600



AFFORDABLE 3 BED PLYMOUTH RANCH! 1 1/2 bath. Updated kitchen overlooks family room w/fireplace & built-in shelves. Newer: roof, baths, Andersen windows, doorwall to deck. Fin basement & bar. Immed occupancy. \$2,000 toward closing for purchaser. \$179,500 (00TAV) 734-455-5600



UNDER \$80,000 PLYMOUTH. Can't live better for less. Walk to Plymouth. Two bedroom, newly carpeted. Beautiful decor. 55+ age restriction. Lower level family room, move-in condition. \$79,900 (33SHE) 248-349-5600



DETACHED CONDO with first floor master. Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, formal dining room, study, living room with fireplace and vaulted ceilings, crown moldings, island kitchen with ceramic tile, neutral decor and walk-out basement. \$342,900 (52RAM) 248-349-5600



CHARMING OLDER HOME. Three bedroom, 2 bath Bungalow with basement, attached garage, dining room, family room, hardwood floors, original wood doors, bay window, large master with walk-in closet, nice corner lot, well-maintained, appliances included. \$124,900 (18SUM) 248-349-5600



OWNER PRIDE PERSONIFIED! Four bedroom Colonial, beautifully landscaped & tastefully decorated. First floor laundry. Update, spacious yard. Great neighborhood. Home warranty! Warmth & charm guaranteed! Come see for yourself!!! \$221,900 (21HAR) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH TOWNHOUSE! Walking distance to downtown. Spacious & on corner lot. All kitchen appliances stay. Separate dining area. Living room gas fireplace. Full finished basement. 2 large bedrooms with built-in California Closets. \$143,500 (05RIV) 734-455-5600



JUST LISTED! Walk to downtown Plymouth, parks & schools from this 1912 2-story with newer windows & vinyl siding. Updated kitchen with oak cabinets, newer flooring, library, formal dining room, 26x7 sun porch. Two car garage. \$205,500 (68VIR) 734-455-5600



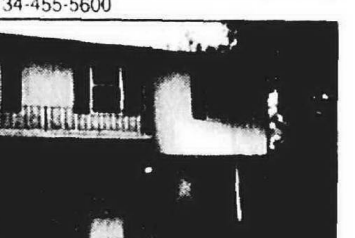
BEST VALUE IN TOWN. This spacious 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial features a remodeled kitchen & bath. Elegant decor throughout. Spacious master with Jacuzzi tub & walk-in closet. Approximately .41 acre lot backs to woods. \$309,000 (30SCE) 248-349-5600



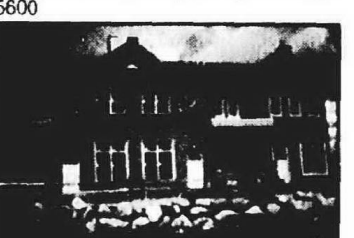
ALMOST AN ACRE OF COUNTRY LIVING. Totally updated ranch with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood floor in kitchen, dining room & hall. French doors, quality baths, jetted tub & fireplace in living room & dining room. \$274,900 (21STO) 248-349-5600



STAY COOL WITH THIS RED-HOT LIVONIA RANCH. Three bed, 2 bath & finished basement. Close to shopping, schools & park. Updates include: hi-efficiency furnace, central air, windows & paint. Great lot + 2 car garage. Updated kitchen with appliances. \$174,900 (60OAK) 248-349-5600



SHARP UPDATED CANTON TOWNHOUSE! End unit overlooks park-like commons area. Enjoy private entry and relax on brick patio. Full basement. Great location! Washer and dryer included. Great buy! \$117,900 (37HAR) 734-455-5600



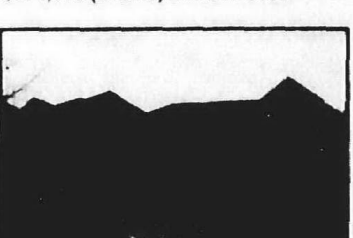
WONDERFUL NEW NORTHVILLE-CONDO! Ready for personal touches. Many upgrades. Fireplace with gas logs, ceramic tile baths. First floor laundry. Great room, master & main bath with sky lights. Upgraded kitchen appliances. Two bed, 2 1/2 baths. \$253,625 (69RIV) 734-455-5600



CLEAN! CLEAN! CLEAN! All the updates you dream about: furnace, central air, hot water heater, windows, exterior doors & storms, 1 1/2 bath, newer oak kitchen & floor. All new carpet, fresh paint. Just move in! \$151,900 (14WIL) 734-455-5600



1991-built Ranch. Nice & clean 3 bedroom ranch features 2 baths, ceramic tiles & maple cabinets in kitchen. Gas fireplace, hardwood floors, cathedral ceiling in living room & dining room. \$149,900 (05FLO) 248-349-5600



EXTRA ORDINARY custom-built 3 bed, 3 bath home. Owner has spared no expense. Kitchen with all appliances. Large master, finished walk-out with full kitchen, billiard room, bar & wine cellar. Too many extras to mention. \$599,000 (15WAD) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA-STEVENSON at this price! It's true the 4 bed home has 2 full baths including a master bath, country kitchen with doorwall to the pool & large corner lot. All appliances included. One year home protection plan is included. \$149,900 (91WOO) 248-349-5600

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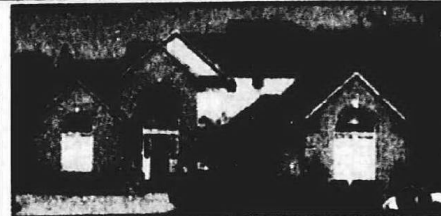
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NORTHVILLE \$949,000
MAGNIFICENT HOME! Tranquil view of Lake Elizabeth! Fin w/o bsmt w/full bth, 5th BR, media rm & play/exercise rm, 14' turret room, granite, cherry cabinets & flrs, 2 FP. (33FOX2)

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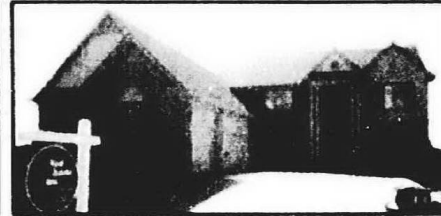
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PLYMOUTH \$479,900
AWESOME! Beautifully fin'd w/o backing to protected woodlands showcases this stunning home. 1st floor mstr w/FP. Let your dreams come true! (22W002)

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PLYMOUTH \$435,000
BEAUTIFUL 4 BR COLONIAL features 2.5 baths, gourmet kit, deck, landscaping, & outstanding mstr ste w/his/her closets and 11x12 sitting rm. Over 3400 sq ft. (E11635)

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FARMINGTON HILLS \$424,000
SPECTACULAR HOMESITE with gorgeous view from deck of commons area. Custom built, crown molding, cir. staircase, huge family rm w/cathedral ceiling, fp, w/o bsmt. (S22590)

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CANTON \$409,900
BEAUTIFUL VIEW! Golf course community. Private bk yd, prof landscaped front, lg deck, gourmet kit w/center island, mstr ste, study w/tp, prof finished bsmt. (S538)

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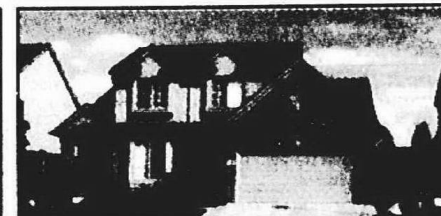
NORTHVILLE \$346,900
WHERE DREAMS COME TRUE! Situated on beautiful treed 1-acre lot. Still plenty of room for family activities. Offering 4 BR, 2.5 baths, FR, natural FP. Tucked away on a quiet setting! (49WH12)

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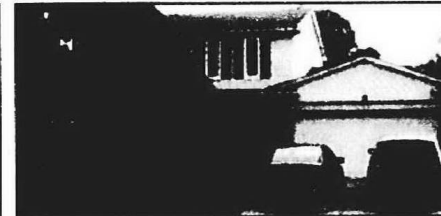
CANTON \$314,900
MOVE IN CONDITION COLONIAL is just waiting for you! 9' ceilings on main floor, island kitchen, ceramic foyer, 2,600 SF, deck & sprinklers. Plymouth/Canton schools! (57BRO2)

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PLYMOUTH \$299,900
GET THIS 4 BR CAPE FAST! This home, features some ceramic and hardwood, 2.5 baths, fp, deck, basement needs ceiling to be finished, transfer sale. (W12710)

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NOVI \$289,900
NOVI'S WHISPERING MEADOWS 3 BR colonial updated to perfection from new oak kitchen, new window & roof, FR w/tp, new doorwall to lg deck, & one of the larger lots in sub. Freshly painted. (S22391)

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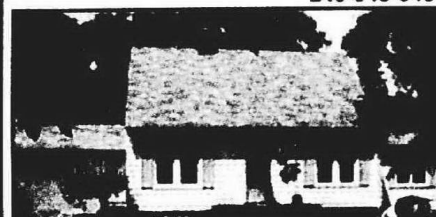
LIVONIA \$269,900
BEAUTIFUL PROFESSIONALLY DECORATED 4 BR colonial in Burton Hollow. Loaded w/updates. (G34443)

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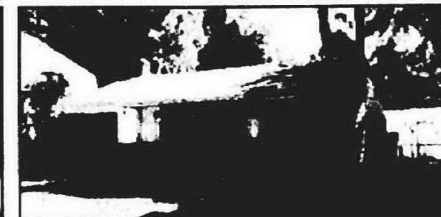
DEARBORN \$269,900
DESIRABLE DEARBORN HILLS CAPE COD! Welcome Home! This charming home is filled w/ character. Plaster walls, coved ceilings in DR, updated roof & windows. (35SIL2)

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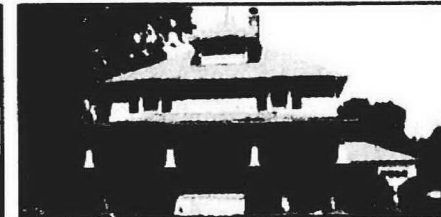
NORTHVILLE \$249,900
CAPE COD on 1.2 treed acres, 3 BR, 2,168 SF, hrdwd flrs, totally remodeled kitchen. Many updates, CA and a breezeway. What a find! (07SEV2)

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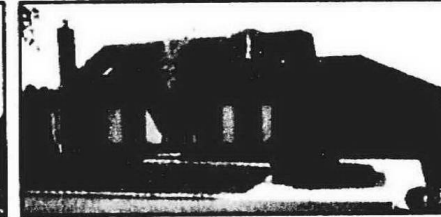
LIVONIA \$239,900
MOVE RIGHT IN 4 bedroom, 2 bath brick Ranch in Livonia. Large corner lot features attached 2 car garage, deck, fenced yard, part finished basement, C/A, family room. (B155)

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PLYMOUTH \$234,900
HOME WITH CHARACTER! Charming 4 bdrm colonial. Hrdwd flrs in LR & DR. New kit w/ceramic tile, new cabinets, counter, sink, 3 car gar on 1 acre, circular drive. Ready to move into! (23H14805)

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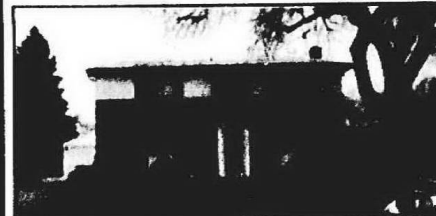
CANTON \$220,000
TASTEFULLY DECORATED in neutral tones. End unit, 1st fl mstr ste, 2nd fl 2 BR, loft, bath. Great rm w/tp, appl stay, deck, 1st fl laundry, 2 car att garage, bsmt. (W41679)

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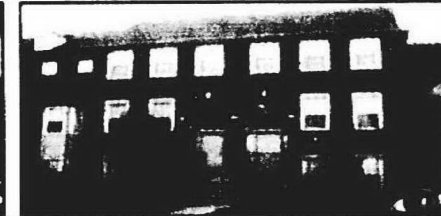
ROYAL OAK \$214,900
SAVOR THE PAST with this charming 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath col. Within walking distance to downtown Royal Oak. Totally updated kit, charming DR. Quaint home w/many updates!! (23K720)

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LIVONIA \$198,500
LOCATION, QUALITY, VALUE, & CHARM! Brick quad level, 2100 sq ft of living area, 4 BR, 1.5 bath, new kitchen, a/c, roof, windows, & doors, 2.5 car garage, landscaped & fenced yard. (P19680)

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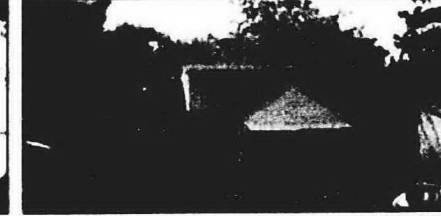
WESTLAND \$196,000
CLASSIC BROWNSTONE LIVING! Upgrades include open railings on staircase, hardwood floor & white kitchen, custom decor. All 3 floors totally finished. Seller loves area-but transferring. (C675)

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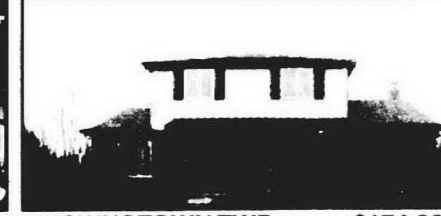
PLYMOUTH \$184,900
IMMACULATEDLY CARED FOR HOME at the end of cul-de-sac. 3 BR, family rm w/tp, 2 car garage, partly finished bsmt. Hurry! Won't last! (T9024)

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LIVONIA \$180,000
RED ROVER! RED ROVER! Martha move over, come and see this fabulous home on a very charming country setting! With 4 BR! Two baths! You just won't believe your eyes! (M20221)

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BROWNSTOWN TWP \$174,900
LIGHT & BRIGHT! Updated kitchen, baths, windows, roof, c/a, carpeting. All this & more! Sparkling clean, great FR w/FP, deck & fenced yard! Must see! (30ROS2)

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LIVONIA \$159,900
.45ACRE TREED/FLOWERED LOT! 1.5 story vinyl-sided Bungalow. 3 BR, 2 bath, FR, DR, newly decorated & 2-car detached garage. (50JOY2)

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DETROIT CONDO! \$156,900
1636 Campau Farms Circle, North of Lafayette off Chene onto Prince Hall Dr; 3-story, 1400 SF, brick, Townhouse style w/att garage. (36CAM2)

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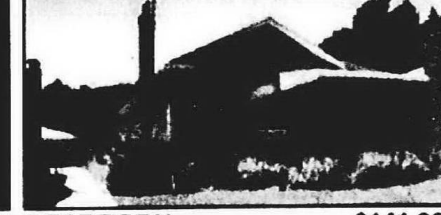
WESTLAND \$156,900
MINT CONDITION! Almost \$30,000 spent in updates in the last 2 yrs. New windows, deck that leads to pool, carpet in all 3 bedrooms, hardwood in LR, oak kitchen, interior doors. (D310)

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WESTLAND \$146,900
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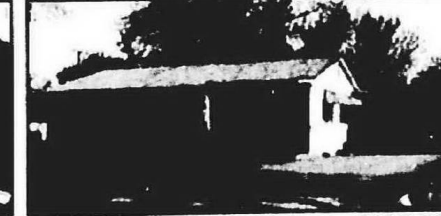
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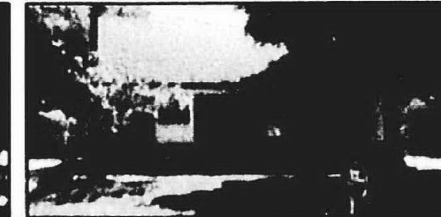
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A FAMILY RM, 2 BR, GARAGE, BSMNT, and huge deck highlight this 1230 sq ft bungalow. With a little TLC, it offers great value. PS -New roof! (W20427)

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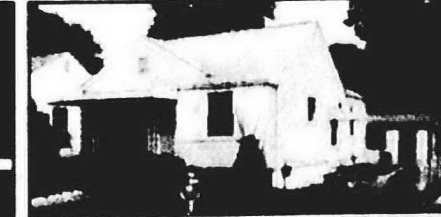
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The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which accreditation should be awarded the organization.

Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues & the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent & valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing & should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to:

Division of Accreditation Operations
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Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
One Renaissance Boulevard
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

The Joint Commission will acknowledge such requests in writing or by telephone & will inform the organization of the request for any interview. The organization will, in turn, notify the interviewee of the date, time & place of the meeting.

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Date posted: July 26, 2001

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702 Antiques/Collectibles

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704 Arts & Crafts

CRAFTERS WANTED for Annual Labor Day Country Fair in Clarkston, Sept 3rd. Call Colleen at: 248-625-5099, 248-394-0200

706 Auction Sales

COURT OFFICER SALE Pursuant to court order - redwrit of execution the following vehicle will be sold at auction, (1) 1993 Lincoln Towncar, date of sale Saturday, July 28th 2001 at 10:00 am. 313 and Sun Tower, 36573 Jans Road, Romulus 48174. Time of sale 12 noon preview at 11:30 A.M.

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Date: 8/18/01 Time: 12:00PM

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