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Blood drive

The Plymouth post office sponsors a blood drive and bone marrow registry at its Beck Road office 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday Aug 5

Postal officials said they're sponsoring the event because of a shortage of blood in southeast Michigan and to make marrow transplants available to all. Potential donors can call to make an appointment but walk-ins are also welcome. Call Barb Mitchell (734) 453-6111

Blues fest

The Lower-Town Grill in Plymouth will be the site of the Lowertown Blues Fest to benefit the Detroit Music Awards Show in April 2004

The blues festival takes place at Lower Town Thursday Aug 7 with doors opening at 6 and showtime at 7:30 p.m. The show will feature Waxom Slim & The Wyze Gyze, Shirley Franklin and Delta Drive, the Sax Maniacs, Jerry Mack and the Terraplanes, Stoney Mazur and the

Westriders and Val Ventro and the Motorcity V8 Thayne X of the Bone Conduction Blues Show will host

Admission is \$5. Lower Town Grill is located at 195 W Liberty in Plymouth. For more e-mail Nancy Schoenheide at motorcitymusic@hotmail.com or call (248) 486-3424

Bike day

McDonald's and the Plymouth police are teaming up for Bike Safety Day Saturday a chance for area parents and kids to have their bicycles and equipment checked and for kids to get a crash course in bicycle safety

Kids ages 4-8 can bring their bikes and join the Bike Safety Rodeo. Each child who completes the course gets a Bike Safety Certificate

Visitors will get a chance to meet the Hamburglar as well as enter a drawing for bike-related prizes donated by companies such as Coca-Cola and Planet Cycle of Canton. McDonald's will donate 50 cents from the purchase of any new McGriddles extra value meals to the city's bike unit. Call (734) 398-4965

Car wash

Members and supporters of the Salem football team will be washing cars in a daylong fund-raiser Sunday

The Salem Football Car Wash takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mobil gas station at Sheldon and Warren

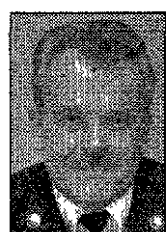
Chief douses 40-year fire career

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When Larry Groth was a high schooler, he used to watch out the Plymouth High School windows when fire trucks would go by

So intent was he on the fire sirens, his teachers had to remind him to sit back down in his seat

Groth, 61, will return to the



Groth

May 1979, announced in a letter to Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann that he

spectator's role in September, when he rings the bell on a 43-year career fighting fires

Groth, Plymouth's fire chief since

will retire, effective Sept. 19

"I've got four grandchildren and a pretty large family," Groth said Wednesday. "I want to spend quality time with them. I like to hunt and fish, and I plan on doing some of that. My wife and I want to do some traveling, which is something we've not been able to do."

While his departure leaves a hole to fill, Mann wished Groth well

"We're very pleased for him, Mann said. He's put in a very long, dedicated career. We're happy to see him reach a retirement that we know he'll be able to enjoy."

CHANGE OF PACE

After 43 years fighting fires, it'll seem a little odd for Groth to no longer be involved. The son, nephew and grandson of

firefighters started his career in the city as a volunteer firefighter in 1960. Hired by the township department as a volunteer in 1965, Groth got his first full-time gig from the township three years later.

It fulfilled a lifelong dream for Groth, who watched (along with brother Richard) as fire trucks plowed down the streets

PLEASE SEE CHIEF, A2

Athletes may have to pay to play

Move would help district cut costs

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Student-athletes will be required to pay a one-time fee of \$125 to participate in Plymouth-Canton high school sports programs during the 2003-04 school year, if a recommendation by the high school athletic directors is approved by the Board of Education

The stipend to play an unlimited number of sports is expected to help shave \$244,000 from the athletic department budget. It's part of an overall plan by Supt. Jim Ryan

PLEASE SEE ATHLETES, A5

CITY MANAGER REVIEW

SECTION 1 - PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

OBJECTIVE	MAX	ACTUAL	%
Meetings	35	33	94
Preparing Budget	35	34	97
Administers Budget	35	29	83
Working Relations	35	30	86
Responsibility	35	33	94
Management	35	34	97

SECTION 2 - KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

OBJECTIVE	MAX	ACTUAL	%
Planning/Organization	35	27	77
Teamwork	35	29	83
Self-Management	35	32	91
Technical Knowledge	35	35	100
Subordinate Development	35	25	71

*Each of the 7 commissioners rates on a 1-5 scale for a maximum score of 35 in each area

Sincock gets favorable grades

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

In his first review since becoming city manager in March 2001, Paul Sincock received high average marks from his bosses - the seven city commission members, who graded him in areas of performance, knowledge, skills and abilities

Sincock received an average 89 percent when scored on 11 performance objectives. They included 97-percent rat-

PLEASE SEE SINCOCK, A3



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On display

John Sterling of Livonia stands by his brother's 1941 Buick. Sterling's brother, 2nd Lt. Gordon H. Sterling Jr., died while serving at Pearl Harbor. Sterling's vehicle was one of dozens on display during the Old Village Car Show sponsored by the Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club. The event also included an ice cream social.

Prison expansion eyed in Plymouth

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

It is, or it isn't. It might be, but it might not be. To be, or not to be, that's another story.

The only thing clear to Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann is this: In the budget

appropriations bill expected to be signed soon by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, the Western Wayne County Correctional Facility is in line for a 400-bed expansion. And he isn't happy about it.

The expansion, which has been bandied about for some time now between three facilities -

Brighton, Western Wayne and the Scott Correctional Facility in Northville Township - will be set for the Plymouth Township facility when Granholm signs Senate Bill 540, a supplemental appropriations bill passed 29-1 by the state

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Lessenberry named HomeTown vice president

Journalist and educator Jack Lessenberry has been named vice president of editorial for HomeTown Communications Network, the parent company of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

He replaces Jeanne Towar, who announced her retirement Monday Lessenberry's appointment is effective Sept 15

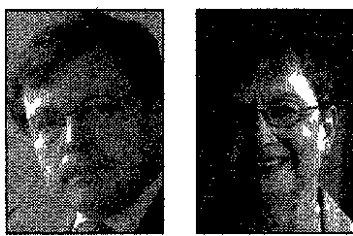
"It is a very exciting opportunity," Lessenberry said "Papers like these are the future of journalism," he said, referring to the community newspapers published by HomeTown Communications

Lessenberry, 51, is a member of the journalism faculty at Wayne State University and has been a writer for many national and regional publications, including Vanity Fair, Esquire, George, the New York Times, the Washington Post and the Boston Globe

Locally, he is a contributing editor and columnist for Hour Detroit magazine, the Metro Times, the Traverse City Record-Eagle and The Toledo (Ohio) Blade He also was a columnist for The Oakland Press

He holds a master's degree from the University of Michigan His wife, Karen Lessenberry, teaches history at Groves High School in the Birmingham school district They live in Huntington Woods

"I intend to be a strong advocate for editorial," Lessenberry



Lessenberry



Towar

said of his new position

Towar is retiring after seven years of working with HomeTown Communications Network Inc In addition to her duties as vice president of editorial, she also served as publisher of the Birmingham Eccentric and as advertising manager of the Mirror newspapers

"Jeanne Towar has been in our business for 50 years She started when she was 13, writing a column and working in the circulation department at the Wayne Eagle," said Phil Power, chairman of the board of HCN, the parent company of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

"Over these illustrious years, there is very little she hasn't done editorial, sales, circulation, general management She came to our company seven years ago She has been an enormous help to every phase of our newspapers and a rewarding colleague to us all Working with a legend in her own time has been a great experience for us all, and I wish her a wonderful time in her retirement," Power said

"It's with mixed emotions that I leave," Towar said "This is a great company, but after 50 years in newspapers it's time to move on to the next phase of my life

"We specialize in the kind of journalism that really makes a difference in the lives of our readers I have found great satisfaction in being a part of the community as well as the finest suburban newspaper company in America," Towar added

Towar plans to travel extensively She'll spend time in Royal Oak, Sandcastles on the Beach (a resort in Port Austin she owns with two others) and Florida She is the mother of five adult children, grandmother to nine and great-grandmother to four children

"I am going to miss Jeanne's wit, practical experience and straight-forward manner She was invaluable to the corporation and I wish her well in retirement and her other endeavors that she is involved with," said Richard Agniman, president of HomeTown

"I am excited that we were able to attract a talented individual like Jack," he added

His broad range of editorial experience, including his teaching abilities, will greatly assist the corporation as we strive to put out the best damn community newspapers we know how

CHIEF

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of Plymouth when he was a young boy

"I watched my dad being a fireman (he was an assistant chief in South Lyon) and I was just enthralled," Groth recalled "I was probably 4 or 5 when I took my first ride on a fire truck I made up my mind when I got out of high school that I was going to be a firefighter"

And he's done it all in Plymouth

He remembers his first day on the job, in 1965, when he walked into Station One and the firefighter on duty said to him, "Hi, Larry The red phone is the hotline, I made a fresh pot of coffee for you Have a good shift"

In those days, staffing levels were low, but so were fire run totals

Groth said he remembers the days when they wondered if they'd reach 400 runs for the year Now, the department exceeds 3,500

Groth has seen just about everything in the township since then, having been at the scene of almost every major fire since 1960 Some of them are memorable, such as the fire that burned the 35th District Court to the ground in 1997

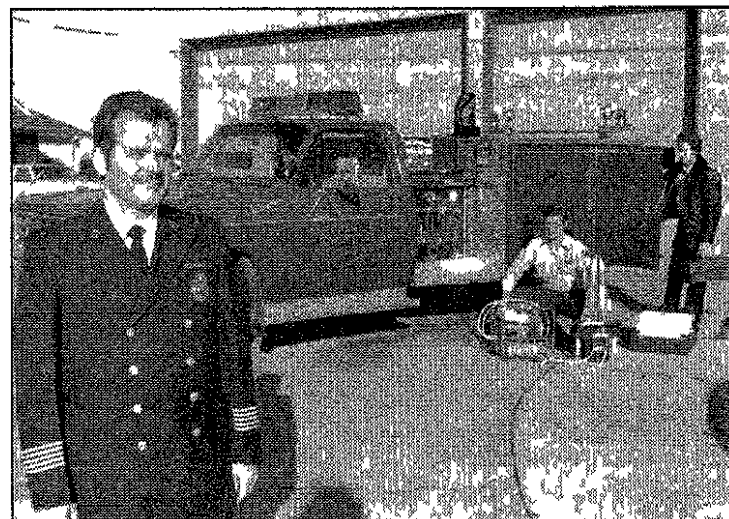
He's also been at the scene of eight fatal fires in those years, fires that resulted in the deaths of a dozen people, including four children Those, he said, are the hardest on the emotions

"It's not easy to lose anyone in a fire, but it's very difficult to lose children," Groth said "You never forget that"

CLIMBING THE LADDER

Groth was promoted to sergeant in 1978, then was promoted to chief in May 1979 In that time, he's seen lots of changes, most significantly in training, equipment and technology For instance, he pointed out, there was one fire that killed a woman and two children

"We had to crawl around and



Plymouth Community Fire Department Chief Larry Groth, pictured here in 1979 with firefighters Sgt Randy Maycock and Clayton Miller, will retire in September after a 43-year firefighting career

feel for them," Groth recalled "Now, we have thermal imaging cameras"

He also saw the merger of the city and township departments, which took place in February 1995 after some four years of wrangling between governments and unions

Still, he said, it's been a good thing

"It's been good for the community," Groth said of the merger "There's more staff to initially respond It just made sense"

While he's enjoyed working with the firefighters, the people and even the various township boards he's served, Groth said it's time to move on His department opens up room for promotions within the department According to state Civil Service Act 78, Groth's replacement will be chosen by competitive testing among officers lieutenant and above within the department

The department currently has three captains, three lieutenants, plus Assistant Chief Mark Wendell, who would be eligible under the act

"They would all be highly qualified candidates," Groth said "I think the union is pretty strong on the idea of promoting from within"

However, according to Mann, township officials and firefighter union negotiators are currently discussing the possibility of opening the search outside the department

"Given Chief Groth's notice he intends to retire, we're going to have to sit down with the union and see if this item is something we can agree on for this next selection process or not," Mann said "We have a lot of great candidates within our department currently, but it's always nice to see what's available outside the department, as well"

While Groth will miss the relationships and the idea of being a firefighter, he won't miss all of the aspects of the job Union negotiations and budget planning were never his favorite things

"Negotiations every three years aren't pleasant," Groth admitted "I can't say I enjoy budget time, either I enjoy the job, and those go with it, I understand that But I won't miss that"

But the job itself is another matter Groth counted it up once, and there are 275 years of firefighting experience on his father's side of the family Groth's brother Richard spent some time fighting fires Groth's son, Larry Jr, has been on the Metro Airport department for 17 years

It's in his blood "It will probably feel weird, especially when there's a blaze going on," Groth said with a smile "It's going to be different, watching it from the other side of the street"

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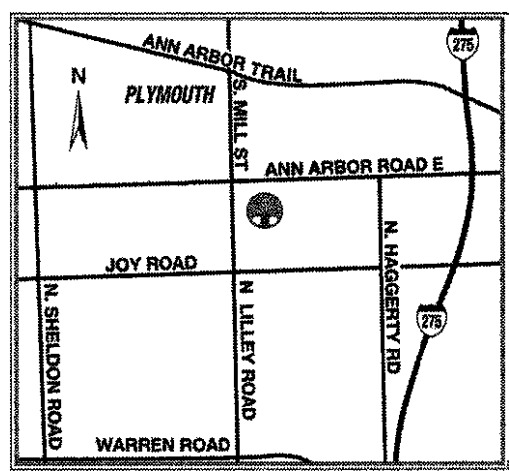
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Canton officer laid to rest

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Exactly on cue a white dove fluttered into the sky above NorthRidge Church, flew north for a short distance then banked and flew over the church grounds, as if following the departing hearse.

It was the final tribute to Canton Police Officer Lew Stevens, who was killed last week when his parked police cruiser was struck from behind by a speeding car.

More than a thousand people - including hundreds of police and firefighters from as far away as Chicago - turned out for the 11 a.m. ceremony on Monday. Following the service, dozens of police motorcycles and squad cars, lights flashing, drove in a ceremonial procession from the church at Ridge and North Territorial in Plymouth Township to Canton's Summit on the Park where a memorial luncheon was held.

As the procession passed the police station on Canton Center Road, it moved through an arch set up by two Canton Fire trucks parked on each side of the street. The ladders from the trucks were extended over the road, forming the arch that was draped by two American flags.

'COP'S COP'

"Lou was a cop's cop," Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro told the mourners during the service. "He gave of himself not only to the community that he served, but to everyone in this room who knew him. He loved his family. He loved his profession."

On Wednesday of last week, Stevens, who had just started his shift a few minutes earlier, stopped his patrol car on Lotz Road just north of Van Born to check out a car parked in some tall grass. He returned to his vehicle to check on the status of the abandoned car through the Law Enforcement Information Network when he was struck from behind by a white Grand Prix



LIZ OROZCO | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Officers begin to fold the American flag over Officer Gordon Lew Stevens' casket at his funeral service Monday at NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township.

He was pronounced dead at Oakwood Hospital-Annapolis in Wayne about an hour later.

The driver of the Grand Prix, Curtis Bragg, 22, of Kentucky was charged with second-degree murder on Saturday. He is being held without bond in the Wayne County jail. A preliminary exam is scheduled in 35th District Court on Friday, Aug. 8, before Judge John MacDonald.

Mourners began arriving at the church a couple of hours before the service was scheduled to begin. In addition to police and fire personnel from the metro area, officers came from Grand Rapids, Howell, Kent County. Even the U.S. Customs Service was represented.

Judges John MacDonald, Ron Lowe and Mike Gerou of 35th District Court attended, along with court bailiffs and court administrator Kerry Erdman.

"We got a real good start on things at the court," Erdman said. "Everybody started early and we got through the dockets in time to allow the judges and the bailiffs to attend."

Canton Township trustees arrived in a group where they were greeted by Township Supervisor Tom Yack and Santomauro.

But it was the ordinary cops - people who had never met Lew Stevens - who were there in force.

As the service got under way,

two members of the Canton Police honor guard escorted Stevens' wife, Karen, to the front of the church.

Canton Police Chaplain Wayne Byrum, who had known Stevens and his wife for 17 years, officiated at the service.

GOOD ATTITUDE

"He was a very positive police officer," Byrum told the mourners. "He never talked about others. He never complained, never griped."

A somber Chris Valinski, a Van Buren Township officer, stood silently in the vestibule after the service.

"Everyone of these is different," he said of Stevens' death and the ceremony. "It's tough."

For Valinski there was a special connection. His father, Keith, of Belleville, and Stevens were close friends in high school.

After the ceremony in the church, Canton Police Sgt. Jerry Hardesty played *Taps*, the police honor guard rendered a 21-gun salute and the Metro Detroit Police/Fire Pipes and Drums played *Amazing Grace* while the flag-draped coffin was loaded into the hearse.

As the hearse pulled away and left the grounds, the dove was released, made its turn, circled over the church and disappeared from view.

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Plymouth resident's life celebrated at garden memorial service

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

Avis Waldecker was a colorful person, so it seems only fitting to her family that her memorial service be held in a garden. The long-time Plymouth resident, who was known for her green thumb skills, died in February but will be remembered at a special garden-themed service Saturday, Aug. 2, at her daughter's Plymouth home.

Waldecker, who lived to be 99, was raised on a farm that her father John Blackmore maintained on Canton Center Road. She later married Frank Waldecker, who operated a commercial farm on Warren Road - and together they raised three daughters: Virginia, Doris and Ann.

"She was a great gardener," daughter Ann Leland said. "We're all gardeners and we know how much she loved hers, so we thought that would be her favorite spot to have the party."

Leland said she's expecting approximately 70 people to attend the celebration for her mother, which will include a display of Waldecker's art work

including acrylics, watercolors, folk art, etc.

A former member of the Three Cities Art Club, Leland says there were very few creative endeavors her mother didn't try.

"She did just about everything," Leland said. "She was very talented. I'm going to display some of the things she painted for me and I know others have said, 'Your mother made this for me' so they plan on bringing those things, too."

Waldecker was also able to express herself creatively in the garden. Her garden at her home in Plymouth on Joy Street, where she resided for more than 60 years, was well-known by many. "She had so many varieties of beautiful flowers," Leland said. "Everyone knew about her garden."

Waldecker's ties to the Plymouth-Canton community began in the early 1900s, after her family moved there from Ypsilanti. She was a longtime teacher in the South Redford School District and taught at many of the one-room school houses in the community.

Leland said her mother, who was widowed in 1942, received



SPECIAL PHOTO

Avis Waldecker will be remembered at a special garden memorial service Aug. 2 at her daughter's home in Plymouth.

her degree in education from Eastern Michigan University in 1954 and lived in the dorm during that year as a dorm monitor to help offset the cost of her education.

Waldecker is survived by daughters Virginia McDoubray of Concord, Mass., Doris Carol Noblit of Norwich, Vt., and Ann (Jerry) Leland of Plymouth. She had eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, and sisters Mabel Fake of Novi and Amy Bertrand of Livonia.

Friends are invited to attend the memorial service at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at 1115 Roosevelt Plymouth. If you would like to make a donation in her honor the Canton Historical Society will accept gifts at CHS, P.O. Box 87362, Canton, MI 48187.

SINCOCK

FROM PAGE A1

ings for drafting the annual city budget, as well as for his management of the city.

The only score Sincock received on the performance scale that wasn't in the 80s or 90s - 74 percent - was for "preparing and submitting reports to the city commission in a timely fashion as requested."

In Section II, which graded Sincock's knowledge, skills and abilities, he received an average grade of 85 percent for eight categories from the seven commissioners.

Sincock received a 100-percent rating for his "technical and professional knowledge of techniques, processes and proce-

dures necessary to perform the job." However, when it came to the degree he is able to "encourage, nurture and develop the technical and professional talents of subordinates," Sincock received a 71 percent rating.

As a whole, Sincock gets two thumbs up from the commissioners who hired him.

"In my nearly six years as city commissioner, the best thing I ever did was spearhead the campaign to make him city manager," said Mayor Pro Tem Colleen Pobur. "He is perfect for this job, working for the city since he was a rink guard, and is incredibly dedicated. His heart is all Plymouth."

Commissioner Dan Dwyer concurred, saying Sincock is the best thing to happen to Plymouth in a long time.

He's trying to bring Disney to

Plymouth," Dwyer said. "His focus on quality, customer service and appearance really shows."

Mayor Bill Graham, who compared Sincock's annual compensation to city managers in similar-size communities, said his \$82,400 salary "is right at the average."

Sincock's pay is expected to be an item for discussion during Monday's city commission meeting.

Graham, a longtime city resident who is familiar with all the Plymouth city managers since the late 1950s, said Sincock "best represents what a city manager in Plymouth should be. Of all the things he does, his greatest single contribution is his commitment to the city."

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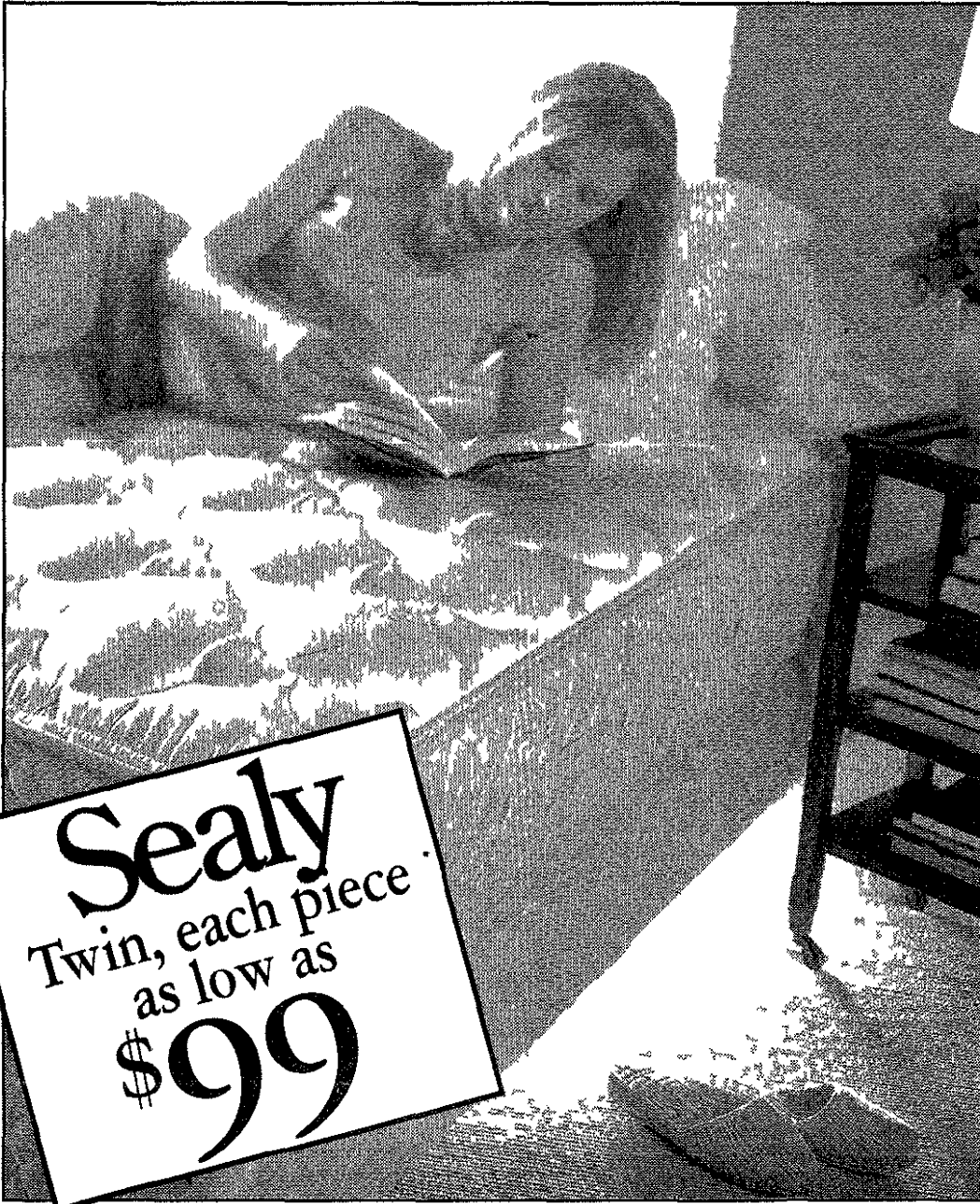
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PRISON

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Senate July 17
The only nay vote was cast by Sen Bruce Patterson (R-Canton Township), who offered an amendment to the bill that would have moved the expansion back to Brighton (his amendment got no support).
While no decisions are written in stone, the target for the controversial expansion is Western Wayne. Mann doesn't like the idea, because the state, he said, doesn't compensate the township as it stands for services rendered. Expanding the facility, he said, gives the township a larger burden.
"We provide a great deal of services, especially fire and rescue services, to the correctional facility, and we get a disproportionate amount of money, if any, for those services," Mann said. "This is going to provide a further drain on our services at the same time the state has already eliminated payments in lieu of taxes, cutting back those to nearly nothing."
Western Wayne is one of three women's correctional facilities in the state (the others being Scott, which is across the road, and Brighton).
Lawmakers have been debating the location of the expansion. The Brighton facility apparently has sewerage problems that make it an unlikely candidate.
The trial of this expansion gets difficult to follow. The supplemental bill originally came out of the Senate Appropriations Committee with Scott as the target, but a Patterson amendment moving it back to Brighton was passed.
However, when the bill got to the House, the Western Wayne facility ended up with the expansion, according to Todd Harcek, chief of staff for House Appropriations Committee chair Marc Shulman.
"This was done at the tail end of session," Harcek said. "I think this was a case of nobody wanting this in their back yard, and that's understandable."
The bill then passed the House unanimously. When it went back to the Senate with Western Wayne as the target, Patterson voted against it.
"I believe Western Wayne has received its fair share of prisoners," Patterson said of the Plymouth Township facility, which houses some 925 inmates. "I have constituents who have made investments based on that number of prisoners."
Stewart said he voted for the bill believing Scott Correctional Facility was the target for the expansion.
"I was under the understanding that the expansion was going to Northville Township to the Scott Correctional Facility, and was even hopeful it would go back to its original destination in Brighton," Stewart said. "I was not aware it was being shifted from Northville to Plymouth Township."
Mann said township attorneys are looking at the legality of expanding the Western Wayne facility. He said there are court cases involving Scott, which he believes include Western Wayne, that would prohibit the state from enacting the expansion at either facility.
"Our attorneys are looking into it, because some consent judgments seem to set a cap on the number of beds at those facilities," Mann said.
Mann also said the news comes at a time when township officials were excited about high-tech advances in that area, including the purchase of part of the Detroit House of Corrections property by DeMatna to expand the technology park.
"Now we have to look at the same time at an expansion of the correctional facility," Mann said. "It's something you'd rather not see. You'd rather see it slowly diminished, not increased, but unfortunately that's exactly what they're proposing."
Patterson said further changes to the plan may be coming.

ATHLETES

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to eliminate a total of \$5.6 million from this year's school district budget.
District athletic directors estimated approximately 2,000 athletes would take part in sports at the high school level. Making them pay to participate could cut that to some 1,700, which would generate at least \$212,000 in revenue. The athletic directors expect to use any overage in collected fees to cover costs for students who claim a financial hardship.
Another \$50,000 in savings is expected to be derived from cur-

tailoring transportation to weekend sporting events.
Canton High School Athletic Director Sue Heinzman said the decisions were made with the help of athletic parent advisory groups.
"It was overwhelming that parents didn't want us to reduce any of the teams," said Heinzman, who noted the A.D.s considered cutting ninth-grade sports. "The other way we're going to help with the reduction is weekend transportation. There won't be any, unless a team qualifies for district, regional or state competition. We'll pay for that."
"We're trying to work with everyone to make this as viable, and the least painful, as we can,"

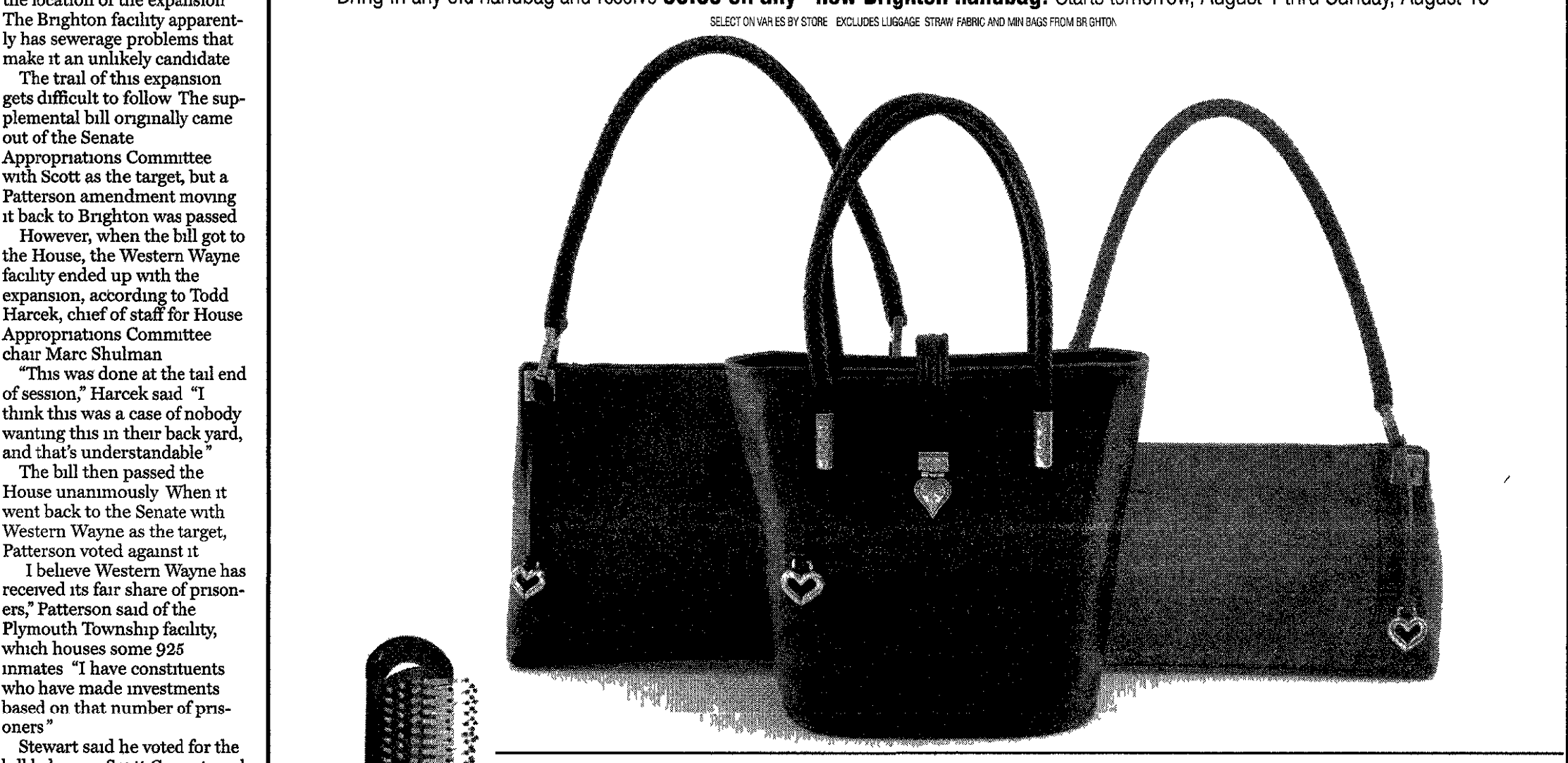
Heinzman added. "Hopefully, this is only a one-year situation that will be evaluated at the end of the year."
The exceptions to the \$125 fee will be boys and girls who play on the high school hockey teams, which are fully funded by booster clubs and student fees. Heinzman said participation in hockey costs approximately \$1,000 per student.
It's not the first time Plymouth-Canton has charged students to participate in sports. Heinzman said students paid \$50 per sport, with a maximum \$100, to play during the 1991-92 season.
"We didn't want them to cut freshman teams because we want as many students to par-

ticipate as possible," said Colleen Brown of Plymouth Township, vice president of the softball booster club. "Parents jumped on the pay to participate because it's the easiest. Hopefully, it won't last very long."
Marie Farkas of Canton, whose son Dan played defense for a successful Canton football team last year, said reality of the budget crisis is starting to set in.
"We are realistic and realize the money can only be stretched so far," said Farkas, president of the Canton football boosters. "We are committed to our kids being involved in an activity that keeps them busy from August through November. And if that includes paying to participate,

or fund-raising, we as a group are willing to do that to keep it a viable program."
Heinzman said the elimination of weekend transportation will mainly affect cross country, track, volleyball, wrestling, baseball and softball teams "because those are the sports that play quite a bit on the weekend, and they have invitational tournaments. The booster clubs can raise money for transportation on the weekends, if they choose to."
Ryan declined to comment on the pay-to-play recommendation, except to say the Board of Education will receive the proposal at its Aug. 12 meeting.
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OUR VIEWS

Good deeds make town so special

Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards is often critical — sometimes even rightly so — of the media for reporting on everything negative while ignoring the good things people and organizations are doing in this community.

The folks at Lou LaRiche are a good example. Brent Pantaleo of Novi is living with osteosarcoma, a form of bone cancer, and he wanted his 1997 Grand Prix restored. The people at Make A Wish Foundation contacted LaRiche, and General Manager Scott LaRiche and his body shop staff took care of it.

Deb Madonna and the folks at the Plymouth Community Arts Council go to great lengths every year to bring music and fun closer to the lives of the children of Plymouth through their weekly Music in the Park series. What better way to spend your day than enriching the lives of children?

Plymouth benefits from multiple Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, from a Lions chapter and Goodfellows. You can't turn around in this community without running into one of the many good deeds these clubs do on a regular basis, often with little fanfare.

Majors Steve and Jacqueline Hull have expanded the reach of the Plymouth Salvation Army, including the hiring of the corps' first full-time Red Kettle Campaign coordinator. The annual Christmas bell-ringing endeavor is a key piece of the Salvation Army's outreach program and a full-time coordinator gives it a chance to be better than ever.

Beth Stewart continues to turn the Plymouth Historical Museum into one of the community's best assets. The "Hidden History" series is a wonderful idea, well executed by Stewart and her staff.

Jim Grutza's name is one you don't hear often, unless you run a youth organization or some other charitable group in town. Grutza, owner of Papa Romano's on Ann Arbor Road, hasn't yet learned how to say "no" to such groups, providing pizza, money or other support whenever asked.

The folks at Visteon have a strong sense of community, as do the Costanzas, owners of LaBistecca and Station 885. Don Massey has a baseball field named after him. Ron Lowe of the 35th District Court has an innate feel for the youth in town.

There's no way to list everyone, and we apologize to anyone who feels left out, but you get the idea. There are simply far too many people doing far too many good things to get them all in such a small space.

It's a community spirit that helps give Plymouth the small-town feel it cultivates — and basks in.

State wisely lowers drunken-driving law

A new law that redefines drunken driving in Michigan should help make the streets a little safer and smoother.

On Oct. 1, the new legal limit for intoxicated motorists drops from a 0.10 blood-alcohol level to 0.08. The lower standard will bring Michigan in line with the vast majority of states in the nation and guarantees that a full share of federal highway funds is preserved.

Legislation lowering the DUI level was signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm on July 15 and appears to have widespread support. Although some lawmakers grumbled about linking the withholding of millions of dollars in federal road funding with the bill, perhaps that was the push our politicians needed.

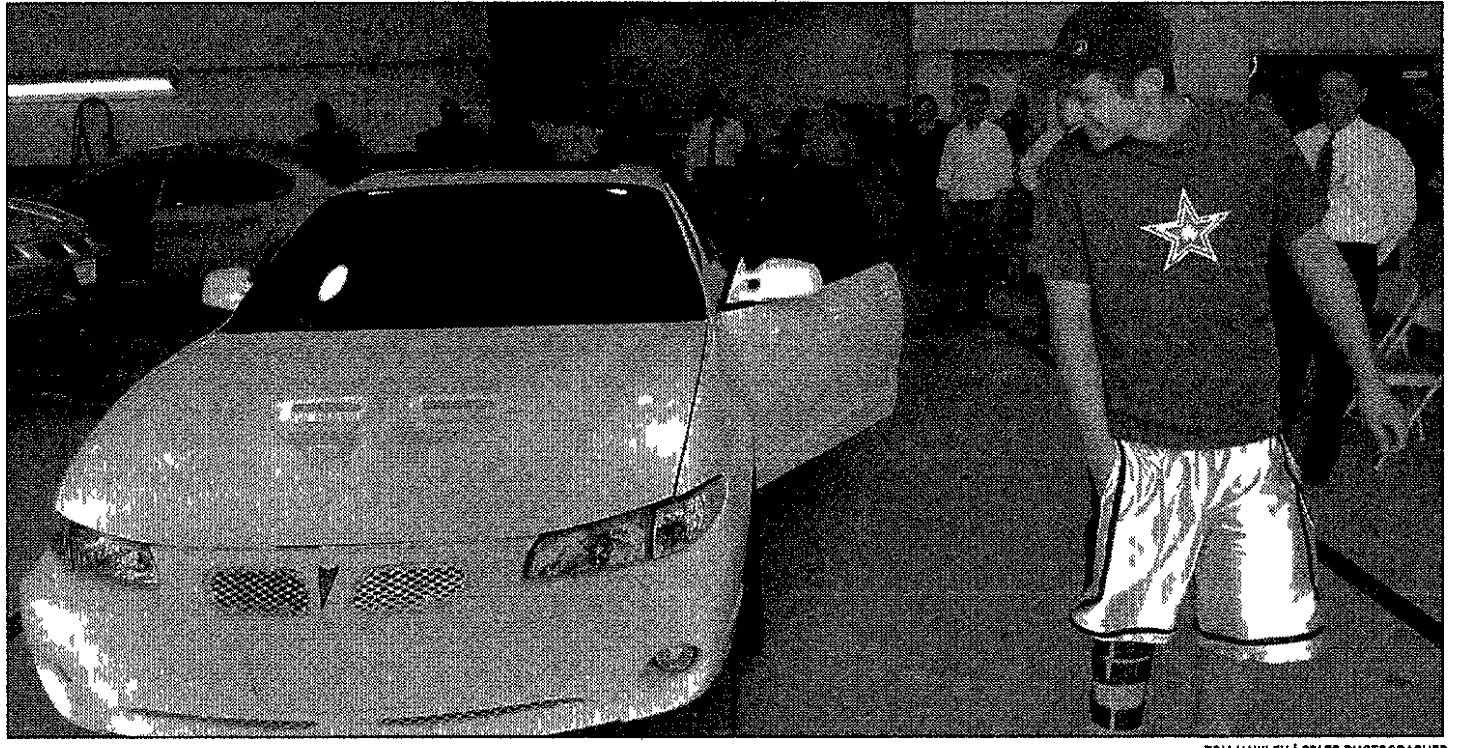
Nobody likes to feel they've been blackmailed into doing anything, but this looks like a case where the end justified the means.

Michigan's move to a 0.08 blood-alcohol level was overdue and springs from a bill Congress passed in 2000 requiring states to adopt the lower standard or forfeit some federal highway construction money.

Long-term failure to switch from 0.10 to 0.08 blood-alcohol content could have amounted to a loss of about \$272 million during the next decade.

Despite the financial pressure from the federal government, lowering the BAC level is a move more about safety than sanctions. Supporters view 0.08 as a sensible standard. Drivers should not exceed and don't believe the change will impact responsible social drinkers.

Clearly, drinking and driving is a problem that won't go away, and reducing the BAC level from 0.10 to 0.08 isn't a cure. But by insisting on a tougher standard and raising consciousness among those who choose to drink, Michigan is moving in the right direction.



Brent Pantaleo of Novi was ecstatic with his restored '97 Grand Prix, done at Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth. Unveiling the car was Scott LaRiche (right). In yet another community outreach effort, LaRiche body shop and Make-A-Wish Foundation representatives helped make this dream come true for Brent, who is living with bone cancer.

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LETTERS

No foresight

Well, the township has made the decision to buy the Haggerty Road property for its hall. When asked why not the Beck Road property that originally was going to be the site, (Supervisor Steve) Mann explained that the site was for future clubhouse expansion.

Just how big will this expansion be? If Powell Road were closed east of Beck, it would be enough for both. No foresight here. Just overpay for something you already have and be happy.

What really amuses me is the current "appraisal" on the township hall is for \$2.4 million, 35,000 square feet of building. What a buy! Let me be first in line. I'll buy it. You need not look any farther.

If you're buying high and selling low, let me be the one to be buying yours.

Joseph Van Esley
Plymouth Township

Auxiliary thanks

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6695, has disbanded as of June 2003.

The Auxiliary was formed in 1947 (56 years ago) and you, the community, have supported us in many of our money-making projects, ice cream socials held in Kellogg Park (many years ago), fashion shows, dinner, smorgasbord and beef, pancake breakfasts, bought our poppies when we helped our post sell them.

You came to our rummage sales and card parties, and so many more projects we had going over these many years. You applauded our Ladies Drill Team when they marched down Main Street. They were state champs for many years and were applauded in other cities and states. The ladies were always proud to let everyone know they were from Plymouth.

With the moneys you have helped us raise, we have accomplished a lot. We have helped take care of our hospitalized veterans and have aided their families, given to our national home in Eaton Rapids, where orphaned children of veterans live, given hundreds of flags to our schools and to the many scout troops that ask, given to Camp Trotter, a camp for underprivileged children.

We have supported legislation that benefited our vets and their families, people with special needs. Along with other organizations — the Salvation Army and Goodfellows, just to name a couple — we donated to cancer aid and research, and supported our Voice of Democracy program to give scholarships to youth planning on going to college.

I know that there are many more that have been helped over the years. Before we disbanded, I am very proud that four of us donated to a brick with our auxiliary post number and years of existence for the Vets Monument to be built. A lot of us didn't agree to the location of this monument, but now it will be built on this site, so be it.

All should come together and make it one of the nicest to be seen as a tribute to all of our veterans, the men and women that served during World War II, most who attended Plymouth High School and now their name will be on a brick in the yard in front of their old high school.

Thanks again to the community and especially to our Mayflower-Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6695 for being our biggest supporter for all these many years.

Anna Smith, president
VFW Ladies Auxiliary

Thank you

On behalf of myself, the organizations I am involved with and many other organizations as well, I would like to take this opportunity to send out a special thank-you.

You see, it is common practice for sports teams and students organizations to do fund-raising over the summer. Often, this fund-raising takes place in the form of car washes. I am sure everyone has seen those kids on the weekends standing on the corner in gas station parking lots with signs and towels trying to wave cars in.

Car washing is a lot of hard work for us, but we get paid back through donations. The gas stations that allow us to use their facilities, however, get nothing. They do not charge a fee of any kind, despite the fact that they let us use their water and that having half of their location full of cars waiting to be washed is not especially convenient.

I know from personal experience that the Mobil station on the corner of Sheldon and Warren, the Sam's Club in Canton and the Shell station at Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon have been very obliging to both the Salem Girls Swimming and the Salem Senior Class car washes.

I would just like to publicly express our appreciation to these places that provide such a helpful and often un-praised service.

Katy Truesdell
Salem 2004 class president
Salem swimming captain

Stewart helps

It has always been my son's dream to attend a certain public university here in Michigan. I went to school there as well as 10 of his aunts and uncles. He has grown up loving this school.

Although he applied early, and was academically eligible, my son had been on the waiting list for months. It appears he would never be admitted, and he reluctantly made plans to attend another university.

A family member suggested we contact our state representative to see what he could do to help. This was something we had not considered, and we were, quite frankly, skeptical that he could make a difference.

When we contacted John Stewart's office, he immediately called us back offering his assistance. He personally wrote a letter to the university in question, asking them to take another look at my son's credentials.

We received several calls from Rep. Stewart apprising us of the status of my son's application, including the good news that my son had finally been accepted.

The service and communication Rep. Stewart provided to our family was fabulous. It is obvious that he feels a strong commitment to serve the community he represents and his constituents. Isn't this exactly what we should expect from our elected officials?

Thanks again, John Stewart. This is one voter who will always be in your debt.

Jim Whipple
Plymouth

Blair a fine man

Some fine, some decent words about Tony Blair have been written in several of our large city newspapers in recent days. Hoorays and bravos have been ringing and rightly so.

There are more souls among us than I thought who realize that Blair understands the events of the day which affect all of us in the world. Like many Americans, including our administration, Blair believes that Hussein and the world's terrorists mean to

wreck havoc on any and all peoples they choose to envy, to despise, and to hate. Americans and Jews have been identified by the "believers" to be the most hateful.

Early in Blair's administration, I wrote the Prime Minister that his intent to undo Margaret Thatcher's dismantling of the 10 largest enterprises privately administered, taking them from private interests and returning the leadership to government edifice, was regrettable. He has been slow to resocialize the British economy, which is good, but very importantly, he has continued his country's friendship with ours, and its outlook with America concerning world affairs.

He has become a champion. If he were to run for office as a Democrat in America, it would be difficult not to vote for the man I like his integrity and respect his courage. He truly helps us in our now dark days. He will help make them brighter.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

Affirmative action

In the last six months we've heard and read many opinions on affirmative action. Some I agree with and some I don't, but I respect them all. However, I have absolutely no respect for a rather vocal flock who espouse the virtue of hard work and a level playing field while obviously having limited experience with either.

Two of the more high-profile birds of this feather are President George W. Bush and Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. These two could be poster boys for the joys of preferential treatment but you'd never know it listening to them preach.

While they may have done some hard work in their lives, neither one would be where they are today but for skin color and cronyism. If we could somehow retroactively level the playing field, today Clarence and George would be pounding the pavement looking for a job.

No! I'm sorry! I take that back. Left to sink or swim on their own merit, one of these guys might very well be a judge today. The other would surely be sitting in a bar at 10:30 in the morning bemoaning the high unemployment rate among male cheerleaders.

In the High Court's majority opinion, Justice O'Connor ventured that in 25 years, affirmative action policies such as U-M's would be obsolete. I would think that every American, pro or con, hopes she's right, but when it comes to selling the benefits of hard work and fair play on a level playing field, we would be wise to insist our salespeople have experience in such.

William McCleverty
Livonia

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"The resolution for the funding is the part I have the biggest problem with ... It's my understanding that if the bond doesn't go through, the property won't be financed anyway."

— Don Schnettler, Plymouth resident, on petition drive against funding for new township hall

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A trip to Wisconsin gives 2 views of ailing economy

Last week, I experienced two very different but dovetailing views of what ails our economy. Over the weekend, my wife, Kathy, and I drove to Wisconsin to attend her 40th high school reunion. The people who sent their kids to Clinton High School were mainly family farmers who worked the beautiful, deep black soil of southern Wisconsin. Their heritage lives on in the magnificently well-kept farms that dot the gently rolling landscape.

As she socialized with her classmates at the Milwaukee Grill in Janesville, I got a chance to learn about how things are going in small-town America. Not particularly well, it seemed.



Phil Power

Although almost everybody I met came from a farming background, only a few carried on family farming. "Doesn't pay any more," said one, "and it's too expensive to buy the land outright if you don't inherit it." Big, corporate farms are increasingly the norm here, with a smattering of "sundowners," folks who have a day job but come home to work their 100 acres as the sun goes down.

So what did people do when they quit farming? For a time, they went to work in manufacturing plants, where the wages were good enough to support a family and leave a little bit left over for extras. And what happened to the manufacturing jobs? Mostly all gone by now.

The big local employer was the Beloit Corp., which for a time led the world in manufacturing enormous papermaking machines. But the company went bust about a decade ago, and the firms that make papermaking machinery these days are in Japan and Finland. Most who got laid off managed to catch on somewhere else, but at much lower wages and fringes.

It was a happy evening, but behind the smiles and warm greetings of decent people, you could see eyes that were a little tight and hopes that had worn more than a little thin.

Then last Thursday, President George W. Bush was in Michigan, raising a reported \$2 million at a \$2,000-a-plate fund-raiser at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn, and speaking at the Beaver Aerospace & Defense company in Livonia. There, he touted his \$330 billion tax cut over the next 10 years as a boost for jobs and the economy. "The more money people have in their pockets, the more they demand goods and services. And the more they demand goods and services, the more someone is willing to produce goods and services."

His comments lie at the core of our present economic predicament. By all rights, the macro-economic stimuli already in place — a federal budget deficit now estimated at \$450 billion, repeated

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enormous tax cuts, interest rates at 40-year lows — should by now have produced a terrific boom. But no boom is in sight.

So what's going on here? Kathy's classmates in Wisconsin understand a big part of it. All over the country, what were once solid jobs in manufacturing have simply evaporated. Companies have gone bust, unable to compete with cheaper foreign labor, jobs have been exported to lower wage countries, first to Mexico and now to India or China. And now it isn't just the metal-bending jobs on the line that are at risk. The higher value-added jobs in engineering and information technology are moving abroad, especially to India, where an enormous pool of well-educated English-speaking people are willing to work for what we would regard as pennies.

The other part of the no-jobs puzzle emerges from dry data provided by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics. Enormous productivity gains stemming in very large part from the investments made in information technology over the past decade are enabling businesses to displace labor while maintaining output. And with top line sales stubbornly flat or even negative, businesses have no choice but to lay off workers to maintain profit margins.

Both these factors — the evaporation of our manufacturing base and the productivity revolution — lie at the heart of the puzzling phenomenon of the "jobless recovery." In Michigan, for example, the current jobless rate is 7.2 percent, the highest since 1992. And since President Bush entered office, Michigan has lost 140,000 manufacturing jobs. It's hard for me to see how tax cuts alone address the fundamental changes in the labor market that have led to so much persistent unemployment.

If I had to choose between Kathy's classmates in rural Wisconsin who have lost their roots in farming and their good jobs in manufacturing or President Bush, who thinks that there is no economic problem a tax cut cannot cure, I'd pick her classmates. At least they know there's no free lunch. And if they have to, they'll grit their teeth and make do on a day job and sundown farming.

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

Challenging new course draws ire of parents who feel left out

This fall Farmington Public Schools will offer its high school seniors an International Affairs elective.

Based on the syllabus, this promises to be an intellectually challenging course that will help the students understand the seemingly unending conflicts in the world and their place as citizens of the last superpower.

I regret that they didn't have anything even remotely as interesting, challenging or relevant when I was a high school senior. Senior year's social studies curriculum back in the distant '60s, just as Vietnam was erupting, was divided into a semester of economics and a semester of American government. Neither instructor moved beyond the textbook, nor did they offer any conflicting perspectives on the ideas presented.



Hugh Gallagher

Probably many of my classmates didn't care. But in our house politics and current events were a constant part of the conversation. My father didn't read newspapers, he devoured them. And he had an opinion about everything and expected you to have one as well (though he didn't always like to hear those that differed too strongly).

The new course for Farmington seniors has been controversial both for the process that led to its development and approval by the school board and for the proposed content of the course. The issues raised are important to all of our school districts, but need to be considered separately. Many parents complained that they were excluded from the process when the school system decided to move the government class from senior year to freshman year and created the International Affairs class. The school administration says that parents did have an opportunity to provide input.

A school district has to be careful not to alienate parents or disregard their ideas and feelings. On the other hand, curricula cannot be steered by vocal minorities who might favor their particular view of science, mathematics or social science. Several states have been confronted by promoters of creationism as a viable substitute for the teaching of Darwin's theories of evolution. Various methods for teaching mathematics have strong advocates. A school system has to choose.

In social studies, the choices are difficult because they directly involve political, ethnic, cultural and religious issues. That's what the subject is all about and a school system has to be aware of the many conflicting voices in any community. Few of our suburban communities have as many of those conflicting voices as the Farmington community.

That brings us to the second issue — the content of the course. The syllabus was developed by teachers from the district's three high schools, Elhas Khalil

from North Farmington High School, Angela Leach and Chip Bridges from Harrison High School and Lisa Sievert from Farmington High School. The course has yet to be taught and a syllabus is only an outline around which a talented teacher builds a course.

The subject for this course is important in our ever-shrinking and ever-conflicted world. The events of 9/11 were proof enough that we can never isolate ourselves against the rest of the world. Students, many of whom reach voting age while seniors and some of whom will take up arms as members of the military, need to understand the world and its many different voices.

The syllabus states that "Students will study specific countries and regions of the world currently undergoing significant political, economic, social, cultural and environmental change."

"Students will explore fundamental concepts of culture, international relations and diplomacy through historical and theoretical perspective." Whew! One parent suggested that the course was too deep for high school students and suitable for a graduate university course. How insulting to the young people of Farmington. The young scholars I meet each year for our Academic All-Stars would relish this opportunity. There are serious concerns about the language used in the syllabus and some of the presumptions that are made. This issue might have been put to rest with broader parental participation.

But complaints primarily seem to center around that wonderful new teaching tool, the Internet. Some parents have claimed that several suggested Web sites are too "left leaning," anti-American, anti-Semitic or pro-Arab. Those sites are, of course, supplemental and include sites for the State Department, two major Israeli newspapers, *Haaretz* and the *Jerusalem Post*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *National Review*, the *London Financial Times*, the World Trade Organization, and other far from radical organizations. It also includes sites that present positions opposing U.S. interventionism and the positions of the Israeli government and promoting anti-capitalist economic positions.

That's how an open dialogue and free discussion arise. You read, examine, question every position. High school seniors are up to the challenge. A good teacher can be a moderator for discussions that will open young minds to new possibilities while at the same time make it clearer why our democratic, capitalist and politically free system has been so successful.

At 17 and 18, students don't need propaganda. They need to know what others think. They need to see events from a variety of perspectives. They need to begin forming their own world views.

Let the thinking begin.

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State toughens drunken-driving law by lowering the limit

BY ANN ZANIEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Driven by promises of safer streets and a share of federal money, state lawmakers recently voted to toughen Michigan's definition of drunk driving.

A bill lowering the threshold of legal intoxication from a 0.10 to 0.08 blood alcohol level received a final stamp of approval from Gov. Jennifer Granholm July 15.

The new level goes into effect Oct. 1 and means stiffer penalties for those caught drinking and driving. It also makes it illegal for people to

drive with any amount of illegal drugs in their system.

"We are pleased with the 0.08 bill. Clearly, data shows that virtually everyone is impaired at that level," said Homer Smith, executive director of the Michigan chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, one of the bill's most vocal supporters.

The move helps Michigan secure a chunk of federal funds only available to states with the lower limit. Lawmakers had previously not responded to pressure from Congress to change the limit, resulting in a loss of millions of dollars in federal aid for road repairs over the last few years. The state would have lost another \$9.2 million next year if the law was not changed.

While the financial incentive was key in drawing support, state Rep. William Van Regenmorter, chair of the Criminal Justice Committee, said he sponsored the bill because a lower limit will protect lives.

The drunken driving limit remained at 0.10 even after the financial incentive was established in 2000 because

some lawmakers didn't want the federal government meddling with a state's right to set its own drunken driving limit.

But Michigan's sour financial situation left lawmakers with little choice. When Granholm took office Jan. 1, the state was facing a \$1.7-billion deficit for fiscal year 2003-04.

Until now, the money Michigan lost was not included in what it normally receives for federal highway funding. But fines would have started next year, and the state stood to lose 2 percent of its highway funds annually if the limit remained at 0.10. That amount would have increased every year until it reached 8 percent in 2006-07.

Van Regenmorter said that is a loss of about \$272 million during the next 10 years.

Representatives from the Michigan Restaurant Association, an organization that represents 4,000 restaurants and taverns across the state, helped legislators craft the bill.

MRA Communications Director Kristyn Sorensen said the group has been supportive

of the legislation because most members don't believe the limit is so low that it will penalize social drinkers or have an impact on business. However, she said the law was passed in a way equal to "federal blackmail."

But MADD's Smith said in this situation, the spotlight was on safety.

"I've heard it expressed that it's an issue of states' rights. It's not an issue of states' rights. It's an issue of public safety," he said.

Supporters of the 0.08 limit say it will have little effect on people who have an occasional beer or glass of wine with dinner. According to Dennis Bryde, alcohol and drug enforcement studies director of the Michigan State University Highway Traffic Safety Program, an 180-pound man would have to drink 6 1/2 shots of 80-proof whiskey in a two-hour period on an empty stomach to reach a blood-alcohol level of 0.08.

An 140-pound woman would have to drink about five shots under the same circumstances. Jenny Lozano, director for Wayne County's

MADD chapter, said it can take even less to impair a driver.

In Michigan, it is already illegal for someone to operate a vehicle with a 0.08-0.09 level, which is considered impaired driving. Under the new bill, there is no set blood-alcohol level that determines impaired driving. All it takes is a person showing signs of impairment and suggested alcohol use for officers to make an arrest.

Driver's license suspension is not a required penalty now for people convicted of drunken driving.

After Oct. 1, first-time offenders convicted of having a 0.08 BAC or above will face a mandatory 30-day license suspension, and a judge can restrict the use of a license up to 120 days. The fine is bumped up from \$300 to \$500.

People arrested for driving under the influence typically have a blood-alcohol level much higher than 0.08.

The average amount detected in drunken-driving arrests is around 0.15, said Michigan State Police Sgt. Matt Bolger.

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Sidelines

■ Premier champs

Rebuilding? Hogwash
The Plymouth premier men's soccer team had eight new players on its roster this season but that didn't stop it from capturing the top spot in the Metro Detroit Soccer League with a 5-2 victory over the Ann Arbor Hattricks last Sunday.

The win over the second place Hattricks sparked by four goals by Nick Houdek (Canton HS/Kalamazoo College) gave Plymouth Premier a 9-1-0 record outscoring its opponents 41-10. The team begins the playoffs against the African Stars Sunday at Canton's Independence Park.

It's been a successful summer season for Plymouth Premier which reached the final of the MSA Tournament of Champions in June with a 1-0 win over Southfield Chaldean Arsenal and a 3-1 triumph over Ann Arbor United before losing 1-0 on a penalty kick to the Carpathia Kickers in the title match.

Other team members are Jeff Bennett, Justin Fishaw, Andy Gignac, John Kaczmarek, Scott Kahanec, Brandon Kennell, Dan Kogut, Chris Lamasse, Chris Longpre, Dan Longpre, Aaron Schmidt, Nick Sczcechowski, Brett Stinar, Anthony Verrino, Brendan Welsh, Scott Wright, Josh Yeager, Jamie Zdrodowski, and Rob Zdrodowski. The team is coached by Paul Kogut.

■ Award-winner

The award winners from the University of Michigan's Fundamental Girls Basketball Camp included a Canton resident.

In the 3 on 3 competition the team of Sara Stone (Canton), Brittany Stallworth (Southfield), Tyler Hardy (Ann Arbor) and Venice Session (Detroit) finished first in the 8-11 age division.

■ Race results

Garden City's Ken Ahlgren started in second and stayed there the whole way finishing runner up in the 35 lap Late Model feature at Flat Rock Speedway Saturday night. Westland's Steve Cronenwett was 13th in that race.

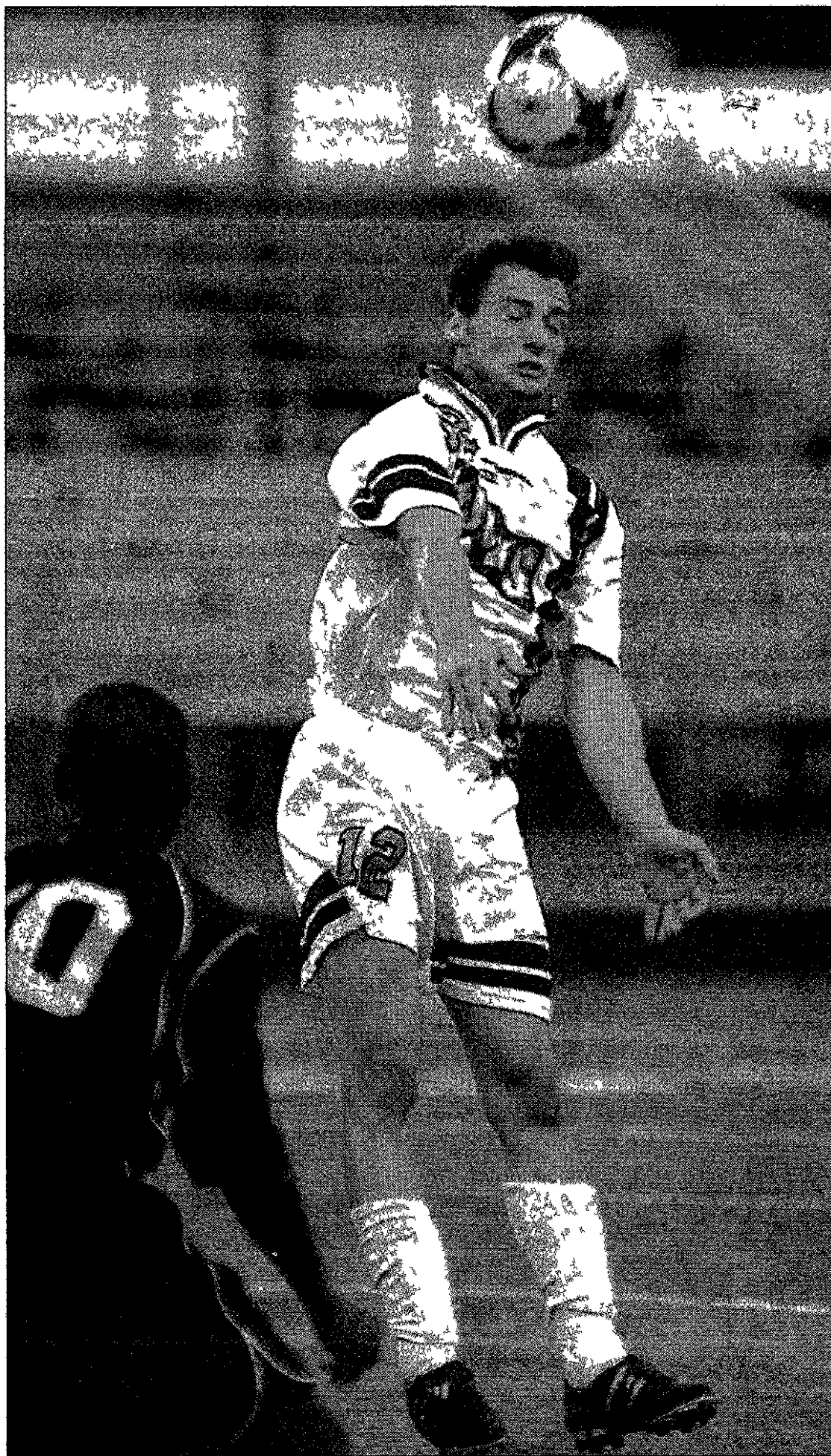
Vern Okopski Jr. (Canton) won the first heat of the Figure 8 race and was second in the 25 lap feature with Chuck Pankow (Livonia) coming in 13th. Canton's Justin Schroeder also won his heat of the Street Stocks class.

Redford's Chris Holbrook came a fraction of a second short Sunday to finish second at the IHRA's AC Delco Canadian Nationals in Cayuga, Ontario.

■ Unbeatable

The LA Dodgers were undefeated in their division of the Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association posting a 12-0-1 record.

Dodger players are Katrina Alber, Kelsey Nikkila, Jennifer Herzfeld, Natalie DeMeyer, Kayleigh Lemon, Caroline Jungquist, Amy Shoemaker, Morgan Franke, Natalie Maurer, Kristi Durkin, Rachel Killian, Katie Zink, Alyssa Kochan, and batgirl Kristi Zink.



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The Bucks' Erik Nelson puts his head into the ball during Saturday's win over the Menace.

Fire Reserve strike fast, beat Bucks

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

The key word in describing the Mid-Michigan Bucks' match against the Chicago Fire Reserve was early.

Because it was what happened early that decided the outcome of a game that would put the winner in the Premier Development League semifinals. And it was the Fire that struck early, scoring on a penalty kick in the 15th minute and adding another goal late in the match to gain a 2-0 triumph Sunday at Berkley's Hurley Field.

The Bucks finish their season at 15-4-1 and as Great Lakes Division champs. Chicago, 17-2-1, will host its PDL semifinal against the Western Conference champion Saturday.

In Saturday's opening round of the Central Conference championships, which the Bucks hosted, the Des Moines Menace battled Mid-Michigan down to the wire before relenting, 1-0. Chicago, on the other hand, played an Indiana Invaders' team torn asunder by defections and, with a roster half made up by high school players, the predictable result was an 8-0 cakewalk.

What did that have to do with Sunday's Bucks-vs.-Fire Reserve championship match? Trying to play on one day's rest can seem like playing with sandbags wrapped to your legs.

At least it did for one team — the Bucks, who had to work to get to the final, while Chicago could "save some legs for (Sunday), and at the end I think that made a difference," Fire Reserve coach Mike Matkovich said.

The game's pivotal play came when the Fire Reserve, after applying most of the offensive pressure early, saw it pay dividends with the Bucks' Nate Craft knocking down Kevin Wickart in the keeper's box and a penalty kick being awarded. Wickart converted it and Chicago had a 1-0 lead 15 minutes into the match.

That allowed the Fire Reserve to adjust their scheme and concentrate on defense while looking for quick-striking counters. And although for the next 60 minutes of playing time they were outplayed by the Bucks, the Fire Reserve didn't surrender the tying score.

Instead they dodged a few bullets, some thanks to keeper Matt Pickens, others by just good fortune.

"I thought on the night we played the better soccer," Bucks coach Don Gemmill said, "but you need luck to win. Sometimes it just doesn't go your way."

Case in point: With just over 10 minutes left in the first half, Paul Snape fielded a throw-in deep in the Chicago zone and slipped it to John Minagawa-Webster, whose hard shot was stopped by Pickens. The rebound ended up back on Webster's foot, but this time his shot grazed the outside of the post.

The Bucks had other chances, one of the best coming in the 71st minute when Snape flicked the ball over a defender to Mychal

PLEASE SEE **BUCKS**, B4

Wolves win title in a shootout

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Wolves' run to the 2003 Snickers Youth Soccer National Championship had a distinct Western Lakes Activities Association flavor to it.

Coached by Livonia Stevenson's Lars Richters, the Wolves captured the coveted boys under-18 division with a 3-2 shootout victory Sunday over Marin (Calif.) United in the finals held at Germantown, Md.

SOCCER

Salem High's Brian Popeney (ninth minute) and Stevenson's Nik Djokic (51st minute) each tallied a goal in regulation, both assisted by Farmington's Matt Konopinski, which resulted in a 2-2 draw after Marin United, coached by Richters' former Yale University teammate Rick Fullerton, forced overtime on goals by Gage Hills and Kaman Hill.

In the shootout, the Wolves pulled out the victory when goalkeeper Jason Tylman (Brighton), named the boys under-18 adidas Gold Glove Award winner, came up with a

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Huskies upset Lakers for title in OT

SUMMER HOCKEY

One rally after another. This one was truly a classic.

The championship game in the Metro Summer Hockey League, featuring the unbeaten and top-seeded Lakers against the eighth-seeded Huskies, had one team scoring five unanswered goals from the middle of the second period to the

middle of the third — only to be offset by the opposition scoring five straight goals in the final eight minutes of the game.

It ended up taking three one-minute overtimes before Dwight Helminen put one past

Lakers goalie Matt Howard to give the surprising Huskies an 8-7 win Sunday at Farmington's Suburban Training Center. Overtime starts with four skaters against four with one minute on the clock, if no one scores (it's sudden death), another minute is added, with three against three.

The game-winning goal was scored in the third OT, two skaters against two.

Helminen finished with the top total of the day, getting three goals and adding two assists for the Huskies, who led 4-2 after two periods and then

PLEASE SEE **HUSKIES**, B6

Cummings: A man who got things done

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Unassuming. Quiet, yet forceful. A leader. A guy who got things done. Paul Cummings could best be described, at least professionally, as the man who guided the Plymouth-Canton schools' athletic departments into the 21st century. And when he retired from there in 1995, he did the same thing at Redford Thurston HS.

Last Friday Cummings — or 'PC' as he was called by his multitude of friends — passed away after suffering a heart attack. He was 65.

"As I said to Pat (his wife), he impacted just about everybody in the school system over the past 30 years," said Bob Blohm, longtime girls basketball coach and a former building athletic director at Canton HS. "He updated things and always worked real hard. He was

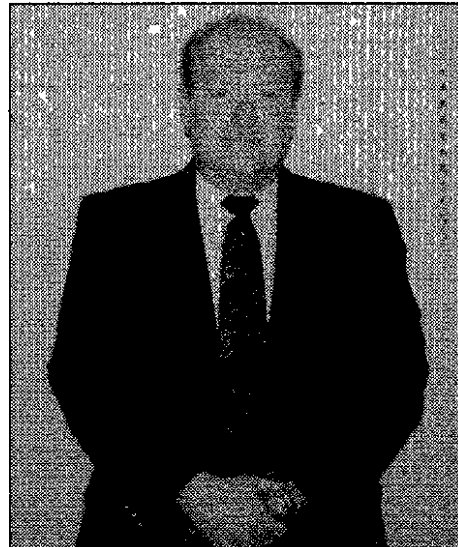
patient but he let you know where you stand.

"And he really cared about his coaches."

In fact, Cummings was responsible for bringing several coaches into the school district, including Blohm, Salem swim coach Chuck Olson and a host of others. Finding someone more dedicated to the Plymouth-Canton district would be impossible.

Cummings attended, and graduated from, the old Plymouth HS (now Central Middle School) in 1956. He played football and baseball while there, cultivating his passion for sports.

He then attended Eastern Michigan University, working during the summers for the Plymouth-Canton community education department as a life-guard at the pool. That's where he met



Paul Cummings was instrumental in constructing what would become the model for Plymouth and Canton athletics.

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Observer golfers post top scores at several tournaments

Tommy Lucko of Livonia shot a 77 on the 6,032-yard course at Stonebridge Golf Course in Ann Arbor to win the boys 13-14 year-old division on the Mejer Junior Players Tour Monday.

Lucko's score earned him 75 first-place points.

Plymouth's Matt Talbot finished sixth in the division with an 83, scoring 25 points, while Jimmie Viecek of Plymouth placed 10th with an 87 (scoring nine points) and Plymouth's Jeffery Selasky was 12th with an 87, scoring seven points. Non-scorers in the division were Ross Geruhs of Canton with a 94 and Brandon Pilzner of Plymouth with a 95.

In the girls 15-and-over division, played on a course measuring 5,601 yards, Samantha Talbot of Plymouth was second with an 88. She scored 45 tour points.

In the girls 13-14 division, Kelly Thomas of Livonia shot a 103 and took

fourth place, scoring 35 tour points, on the 5,400-yard course. In the boys 10-12 division, Ryan Alger of Livonia's 86 was good for a sixth and 25 points on the 5,400-yard course. John Keller of Farmington Hills shot a 112.

In the boys 15-and-over division, Stephen Pilzner of Plymouth shot an 86 on the 6,458-yard course. Right behind him was Mike Yates of Canton with an 88, Andrew Pellegrino of Farmington Hills with an 89, Jim Brady of Farmington Hills with a 97, Andrew Rousos of Farmington Hills with a 98, James Sovinsky of Livonia with a 105 and Nick Forsman of Canton with a 123.

Fortress conquerors

At the Power-Bilt Junior Players Tour Event at The Fortress in Frankenmuth Monday and Tuesday, Livonia's Shannon Warner finished third in the girls 11-15 division with an 82-86/168 total on the 5,410-yard

course, scoring 60 tour points.

In the girls 16-and-over division, Jenny Kubert of Livonia scored an 85-87/172 and Rachel McHenry of Livonia was right behind with an 87-86/173. Kubert was ninth, scoring 15 points, McHenry was 10th and got 14 points.

In the boys 11-15 division, Joseph Stefan of Farmington Hills placed 14th and scored eight tour points with an 80-78/158 on the 6,409-yard course. Brian King of Livonia shot an 84 on opening day and did not make the cut, neither did Anthony Malizia of Farmington Hills with an 89 and Michael Gersch of Plymouth with a 101.

In the boys 16-and-over division, Matt Kruczynski of Westland had the best score of Observer-area golfers with a 78-85/163 on the 6,814-yard course. Tomas Bryce of Livonia shot 80-93/173.

Not making the cut were Adam

Dwyer of Plymouth with an 86, Mike Fierk of Livonia with a 91, and Andrew Lulek of Canton with a 92.

Collegiate scorers

Ryan McKendry of Canton teamed with Drew Piazza of Grand Blanc to tie for 13th place and score 4.5 points at the Fdra Midwest Collegiate Series Two-Man Best Ball Tournament July 23 at Forest Akers West in East Lansing.

The McKendry/Piazza team shot rounds of 71-74/145. Jimmy Cappelli of Garden City and Matt Cushman of Hamilton, OH, tied with Nikos Markellos of Redford and Tom McCall of Garden City for 17th, scoring two points each with identical scores of 73-73/146.

At the Top50jrTour.com Tournament at the Golf Club of Michigan July 23, Brandon Raymond of Farmington Hills fired a 78 to place second in the boys 15-and-under divi-

sion. Justin Ables of Wayne shot a 98 and Ryan Gonzalez of Livonia had a 110 in that division.

In the boys 16-and-over division, Jonathan Noble of Farmington Hills was fourth with an 80. Aaron Cheesman of Canton was right behind with an 81 and Dru Girard of Livonia had an 82.

In the Top50jrTour.com point standings for the season, Ables leads the boys 15-and-under division with 288 points. Gonzalez is third with 229 and Raymond is seventh with 99.

Steve Robinson of Livonia is fifth in the boys 16-and-over division with 187 points, with Girard seventh with 141. Noble is tied for ninth with 136 and Cheesman is 11th with 93.

Kate Amrhein of Livonia is tied for sixth in the girls division with 141 points. Alexandra Martella of Farmington Hills is 11th with 44 and Kelly Rouher of Livonia is 12th with 43.



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Entries close at 6 p.m. Sat., Aug. 2nd.

For pairings and starting times call (248) 476-4493 after noon of Thursday, August 7th.

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Pairings will be made by the tournament committee.
No requests for individual pairings will be taken. No changes will be made.

Men's Observer & Eccentric Open

Saturday & Sunday, August 9 & 10, 2003

36-Hole Medal Play...18 Holes at Fox Creek and 18 Holes at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

Entries close at 6 p.m. Sat., Aug. 2nd

For pairings and starting times call (248) 476-4493 after noon of Thursday, August 7th.

ENTRY FEE: \$95.00 (does not include cart)
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SPORTS ROUNDUP

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The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers will sponsor two golf tournaments in August. The Men's Open is a 36-hole medal-play tournament to be held Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 9-10, at Fox Creek and Whispering Willows golf courses in Livonia. The entry fee is \$95 and does not include cart. The event is flighted and prizes will be awarded. The Women's Open will take place Sunday, Aug. 10, at Whispering Willows. The entry fee is \$50 and does not include cart. The event is flighted and prizes will be awarded. All participants must have a USGA handicap. Entries are open to the first 200 golfers, entry deadline is 6 p.m. Aug. 3. Call (248) 476-4493.

SOCCER CAMP

Grace Lutheran Church of Canton is accepting registrations for its seventh annual soccer camp, open to children 5-11 years old. The camp will run from 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 4 to Thursday, Aug. 7 at Grace Lutheran Church, located at 46001 Warren Road, west of Canton Center Road. The camps aim is to help beginning and intermediate players develop proper skills and a knowledge of the game. Cost is \$25, payable at registration, and includes instruction, T-shirt and a soccer ball to take home. Register by calling (734) 414-7422.

VOLLEYBALL CAMP

The fifth annual Community Volleyball Camp for girls in grades five through eight will be from 5-8 p.m. Aug. 5-7 at St. John Center, located south of Five Mile and east of Sheldon. The camp will be conducted by certified AAU and OLCG volleyball coaches. Cost is \$75. Call Kim Price at (734) 635-7498.

BOOSTERS MEETING

The next meeting for the Plymouth Wildcat Football Boosters will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5 in Room 401 of Plymouth HS. Parents of all freshmen and sophomore football players are encouraged to attend. There will be informa-

tion regarding practices, financial reports and upcoming fund-raising events.

COACHING POSITIONS

There are several positions for coaches for the 2003-04 seasons currently available at Plymouth HS. Included are girls basketball assistant, football assistant, volleyball assistant and boys basketball assistant.

Anyone interested in any of those positions should contact Plymouth athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5702.

GOLF OUTING

The two Plymouth-area high school hockey teams will be hosting a golf outing on Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Hickory Creek Golf Club in Plymouth.

Cost of the event is \$110 per player or \$400 for a foursome and includes green fees and a cart, a steak dinner, on-course beverages and a chance to participate in a silent and live auction.

Check-in for the event is at 7 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. The dinner and auction will start at 1 p.m.

There will also be prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin. Anyone who gets a hole-in-one at the event can also win a two-year lease on a car courtesy of Hines Park. Contact Deborah Tollison at (734) 981-2802 or Chris Wolfe at (734) 453-8332.

GOLF OUTING

The Plymouth-Canton Thunderbird Softball Organization will host their second annual scrambles golf outing on Saturday, Aug. 16 at the Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course.

Cost of the event is \$100 per person or \$380 for a foursome, which includes greens fees and a cart, unlimited driving range use, buffet dinner, lunch at the turn, door prizes and the chance to win a 2003 Chevrolet with a hole-in-one.

Check-in for the event is at 7 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Dinner will start at 1 p.m.

Contact Mike Burnard at (734) 844-3528 or visit the web site at <http://thunderbirdsoftballtripod.com/Parents/golfouting.htm>.

Errors, lack of hitting wreck Rams

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

BASEBALL

The Lake Michigan Area Rams put themselves behind the eight-ball in their All-American Amateur Baseball Association regional opener Tuesday in Zanesville, Ohio.

The Rams, representatives of the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League, committed five errors in a 5-2 defeat to 2002 AAABA runner-up New Orleans.

The loss puts the Rams into Wednesday's loser's bracket of the double-elimination tournament against host Zanesville, which dropped its opener Tuesday to Lansing, 3-2 (Zanesville and the Rams met Wednesday night, results of that game will appear in Sunday's Observer).

Four of New Orleans' five runs scored were unearned. The errors were uncharacteristic, Rams manager Rick Berryman said. "I don't know if it was jitters or bad play but when you play sloppy defense you better hit your way out of it, and we didn't."

The Rams, 21-11 in the LCBL, collected just three hits

off three New Orleans pitchers.

Winning pitcher Mark Fernandez allowed just one hit in 6 2/3 innings. He struck out nine and walked five. Dan Rodriguez went 1 1/3 innings, allowing one earned run on two hits, while Jon Wilhite came on in the ninth inning to pick up the save as he retired the order with a flyout, groundout and strikeout.

Meanwhile, Rams starter Mark Lundquist went the first six innings, allowing four runs (one earned) on two hits. He struck out two, walked five and hit one batter.

Wayne State's Gary Zielke (Livonia Stevenson) came on for the final three innings and gave up three hits and one run. He struck out three and walked two.

"I have no complaints about the pitching," Berryman said. "It was one of the worst played defensive performances of the season for us. It was a combination of things, some untimely throws, a passed ball

and some balls that didn't get picked up at first base."

New Orleans jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first inning when leadoff man Gary Duhe reached second base on an error by Rams center fielder Bryan Marulli. Duhe then scored on Ryan Spencer's double.

In the second inning, New Orleans scored two more runs to increase its lead to 3-0.

Chase Dardar went to first on a hit batsmen and Sheldon Catchot followed with a walk. Both runners moved up on a sacrifice bunt by Kerry Cardinale. Dardar scored on Jason Schwab's sacrifice fly and Catchot made it all the way from home on throwing error by Albion College's Chris Trott (Salem High).

New Orleans made it 4-0 in the fifth when Duhe reached base and advanced to second on an error by Rams first baseman Mike Pisha. Jeremy Helton then singled home

Duhe.

The Rams cut the deficit to 4-2 with single runs in the seventh and eighth innings.

In the seventh, Pisha singled with two outs and Michigan State's Oliver Volcott walked. Brandon Wolos then singled Pisha home, but Rodriguez, coming on in relief of starter Fernandez, got Marulli to pop out to end the inning.

In the eighth, Alex Martin, a pick-up player from LCBL rival Michigan Panthers, doubled, advanced to third on groundout by Central Michigan's Brian Campbell and scored on Trott's single.

New Orleans got an insurance run in the ninth on when Schwab singled to right and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt. Two successive passed balls led to the run.

The win improved New Orleans' overall record to 34-14. The Rams fell to 22-13.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Department of Management and Budget, Office of Retirement Services

The Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 21, 2003, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The hearing will be held in Conference Room A, 1st Floor of the General Office Building, 7150 Harris Drive, Dimondale, Michigan.

The public hearing is being held to receive comments from interested persons on the rescission of R38 1205, which pertains to hearing procedures. This rule is being rescinded under the authority of section 25(2) of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1980, as amended, being section 38 1325(2) of the Michigan Compiled Laws. The rescission will become effective seven days after filing with the Secretary of State.

Hearing comments may be presented in person, with written comments available at the time of presentation. Comments may also be submitted by mail or FAX until August 29th at 5:00 p.m. Address communications to:

Office of Retirement Services
Public School Employees Retirement System Rule Hearing
Attention: Chris DeRose, Executive Secretary to the Board
P.O. Box 30171
Lansing, MI 48909
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FAX 517 / 322 6145

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BUCKS

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Turpin as he broke in on goal. However, Turpin slipped and could not get off a shot, the scoring chance was lost. Less than three minutes later, Chicago's Rob Mow carried the ball toward the Bucks corner, to the right of keeper Jeff Wiese, and from there drilled a shot over Wiese and into the net for the clinching

goal. A Snape direct kick five minutes later forced Pickens to make a diving save, and in the final 10 minutes of play both keepers made dramatic stops on headers. "We never really established a rhythm on the game," Matkovich said. "But we were on the road while they were at home sleeping in their own beds. The Fire Reserve were also without leading scorer, Ned Grabavoy, who was with the U.S. National Team (as was the

Bucks Knox Cameron). On Saturday, just after Chicago demolished the Invaders — Jamal Sutton had two goals and two assists, Patrick Grange had two goals and one assist and Kirk Harwatt had two goals — the Bucks got an early goal from Turpin and hung on, thanks to some superlative play from Wiese in goal, to beat the Des Moines Menace. Turpin's goal came just 10:15 into the match following a pass from Jason Perry, who sent the

ball toward the corner of the net for Turpin to slide into and finish. It took the Menace a while to recover, but by the end of the opening half they were playing better and, by the start of the second, the play was going their way. Which left it to Wiese and defenders Kevin Taylor, Perry and Erik Nelson. Just as the match entered extra time, Wiese knocked a ball out of the box but was caught out of position as the

rebound reached a Menace player. However, Perry was there, kicking out a pair of shots on goal. The best, however, was to come. A hand ball was called during the foray, giving the Menace a penalty kick, taken by Tomas Boltnar. The Heartland Division's top scorer and second overall in the nation, Boltnar nevertheless had his shot stopped with a dive by Wiese, preserving the shutout. "All the pressure was on

him," Wiese said afterward. "We were ahead by a goal. I don't really guess, but I do try to figure out which way his foot is going to go. "With four minutes left in the game, it comes down to the goalkeeper. "You've got to win it for your teammates. They've been working hard for you the whole game." Against the Menace, Wiese came through when he had to

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the purchase of one Ford F-250 4x4 Styleside Pickup Truck Specifications and bid forms are available by phoning Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due to the E J McClendon Building, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48154 on or before 2:00 p.m. Monday, August 11th, 2003. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school.

Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

JULY 22, 2003

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, July 22 2003 at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Motion by Bennett to appoint Treasurer Kirchgatter for chairperson in the absence of Supervisor Yack. Supported by Zarbo. Motion carried by all members present. Treasurer Kirchgatter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, McLaughlin, Zarbo, Kirchgatter, Shefferly. Members Absent: Yack.

Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Tom Casari, Chief Rorabacher.

Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett supported by Burdziak to approve the Regular Board Minutes of July 8 2003. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to approve the Study Session Board Minutes of July 15 2003. Motion carried by all members present.

Citizen's Non Agenda Item Comments Mr Robert McEachern of 46593 Larchmont Drive, Canton, MI, appeared before the board restating the claims sited in the Petition previously brought before the Board. He said the citizens that signed the Petition would like a response from the Township. Treasurer Kirchgatter stated the Board was aware of the Petition and also understands that Mr McEachern has been in contact with Supervisor Yack and the Township Engineer Mr Casari. Mr Casari indicated he spoke with Mr McEachern on several occasions regarding the process with regard to storm water and retention ponds.

Mr McEachern believes the Township is in violation of their own ordinance and that is why the petition was submitted. Mr McEachern believes this is a public health issue and wants the Board to intervene.

Treasurer Kirchgatter asked that the conversations and opinions Mr McEachern indicated took place be put in writing and submitted.

Payment of Bills. Motion by Zarbo supported by Bennett to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Expenditure Recap for July 22, 2003**

General Fund	101	\$326,497.11
Federal Grants Fund	274	26.61
Fire Fund	206	50,397.12
Auto Theft Grant	289	1,486.69
Police Fund	207	122,484.14
Cap Proj Summit Const	402	1,209,324.68
Summit Operating	208	80,969.57
Golf Fund	584	39,168.75
Cable TV Fund	230	1,790.39
Water & Sewer Fund	592	665,322.96
Twp Improvement	246	18,350.82
Post Emp Benefits	736	22,651.29
E 911 Utility	261	5,200.00
Total - All Funds		2,543,570.13

current Resident Sharing and Neighborhood Improvement tree planting programs, as proposed. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 4. Approve Contract with Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries. Motion by Bennett supported by Burdziak to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the contract with the Department of History, Arts and Libraries for the \$5,000 grant to fund the research and writing of a manual/resource guide for the preservation of historic cemeteries. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 5. Approve Municipal Credit Agreement with Smart. Motion by Bennett supported by Shefferly to approve the 2003 2004 Municipal Credit Contract between SMART and the Charter Township of Canton for \$71,768 and to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the contract on behalf of the Township. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 6. Consider Authorizing Additional Funds to Wayne County for the Previous Installation of the Left Turn Traffic Signal at Canton Center and Ford Roads. Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve additional funds in the amount of \$6,149.01 to be paid to Wayne County for the installation of left turn phase signal at Canton Center and Ford Roads. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 7. Consider Award of Contract for the 2003 Sidewalk Repair Program. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award the contract including Add Alternate "A" to Gaglio Brothers Corporation in the amount of \$502,775 plus a 10% contingency of \$50,278 for a total not to exceed amount of \$553,053 with the option to extend the contract for 2004 Sidewalk Repair Program and to authorize the Clerk to execute the contract documents. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve funding in the amount of \$10,000 to perform emergency sidewalk or drive approach repairs for the DPW based on the contract prices for 4" and 6" and taken from account 592 441 933 0000. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to reimburse Wade Trim Associates for inspector days performed as provided by the contract and that a separate purchase order be opened in the amount of \$22,880 or 44 inspector days for the Base and Add Alternate "A" Bid. This amount will be subtracted from the original contract and authorize finance and budget to subtract any additional costs based on the per day rate of \$520 for an inspector day if the contractor exceeds the number of specified inspector days in the contract for the Base Bid and for Add Alternate A. And further move to approve the following budget amendment for the 2003 sidewalk replacement program.

GENERAL FUND - Increase Revenues. Appropriation from Fund Balance #101 000 699 0000 \$253,053.00 **Increase Appropriations.** Maint & Repairs of Sidewalks #101 441 930 0000 \$253,053.00. This budget amendment increases the Public Works Division budget from \$728,338 to \$981,391 and the General Fund budget from \$24,146,311 to \$24,399,364. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 8. Consider Awarding the Fellows Creek Naturalization and Flow Reductions Project to Smith Group JJR, LLC. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to award the design and construction management of the Fellows Creek Naturalization and Flow Reduction Project to Smith Group JJR, LLC. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 9. Consider Authorizing Wade-Trim/Associates, Inc. to Provide Construction Management Services for 2003 Sidewalk Repair Program. Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to authorize Wade Trim/Associates Inc to perform Construction Management Services for the 2003 Sidewalk Repair Program in the amount not to exceed \$5,000. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 10. Approval to Purchase a New Motorola Base Station for Warning Siren Activation. Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of a Motorola base station from Mobile Communication Sales, Roseville, MI under state bid for a cost not to exceed \$9,800. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 11. Request to Install Epoxy Floor Covering at Station One. Motion by Bennett supported by Burdziak to approve the installation of epoxy floor covering at Station One by Horger Flooring Corp, Oakland, MI for a cost not to exceed \$16,000. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 12. Approval to Purchase Two Canines for the Department of Public Safety. Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to approve the purchase of two canines from Mid Michigan Kennels, Eaton Rapids, MI for a cost not to exceed \$6,800, also approve the sale of "Shilo" to Officer Todd Koch and "Maverick" to Officer Jenkinson for the purchase price of \$1.00 each. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 13. Sale of Sheldon/Michigan Property. Motion by Bennett supported by Shefferly to approve the agreement between the Charter Township of Canton and TRI CITY Christian Center in accordance with the Offer to Purchase the balance of the property located on Sheldon Road. Motion carried by all members present.

OTHER: There will be no study session next week. The next study session will be on August 5 and will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a tour of the new Public Works Building on Sheldon Road. **ADJOURN.** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Thomas J Yack Supervisor / Terry G Bennett Clerk

CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD. CANTON, MI 48188

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on Tuesday August 5 2003 at 10:00 A.M. The auction is to be held at Westland Car Care Towing 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185.

Please note: The bidding will start at the towing and storage charges.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton 1150 Canton Center S, Canton Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, August 14th 2003 for the following:

POLLMASTER VOTING UNITS

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2003

REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION FOR ARGENT INTERNATIONAL, INC.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday August 12, 2003, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Argent International Inc for an Industrial Facilities Exemption covering a new leased facility. The company will lease new machinery equipment, furniture and fixtures to be used within the new facility. The facility is located at 41016 Concept Drive, lot 11 and a portion of lots 10 and 12 Metro Plymouth Business Park Plymouth Township Wayne County, Michigan.

The request of Argent International, Inc is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 on Tuesday August 12, 2003, during the regularly scheduled Board Meeting. Telephone number (734) 354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC, Clerk,
Charter Township of Plymouth

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CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. Special Community Event Status For Canton's Historical Society's Annual Market. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve special event status for Canton Historical Society's annual flea market and placement of signs. Motion carried by all members present.

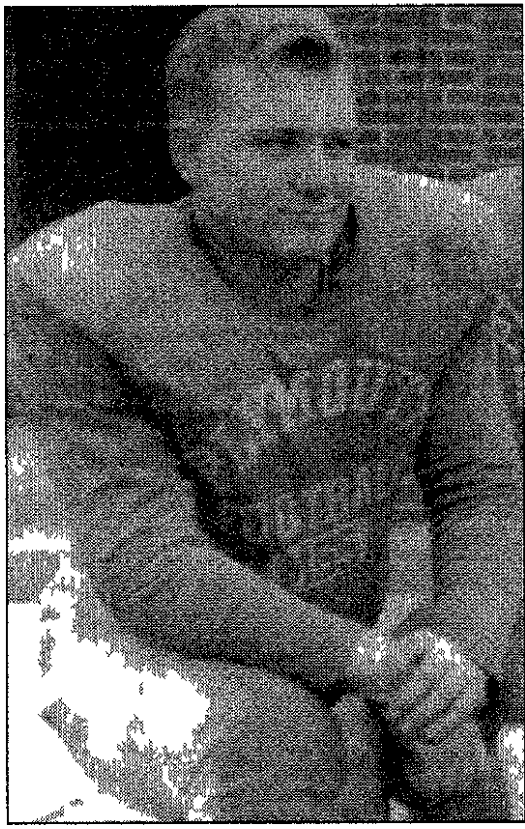
Item 2. Consider Resolution Requesting Traffic Signal Installation at The Intersections of Ford Road at Ridge Road and Napier Road. Motion by Bennett supported by Shefferly to approve the request for Michigan Department of Transportation install traffic control devices at the intersections of Ford/Ridge and Ford/Napier, including whatever improvements are necessary for their proper operation as soon as possible. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 3. Renewal of I-Series Software Maintenance. Motion by Bennett supported by Shefferly to approve the annual HTE support line services and AS400 software subscription with HTE VAR, LLC, Chamblee, GA for the Public Safety Department's Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System for a cost of \$7,560. Motion carried by all members present.

GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. Consider Parking Lot Expansion For Calvary Baptist Church. Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the request of the petitioner Ms Jane Greenway, to approve the site plan for the proposed Calvary Baptist Church parking lot expansion subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 2. Consider Site Plan for Uptown Cherry Hill Village. Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the request of the Project Sponsor, Mr Fritz Fransted to approve the site plan for Phase One of Uptown Cherry Hill Village subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 3. Tree Planting Partnership Program Guidelines. Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the Tree Planting Partnership Program guidelines as a replacement to the



Paul Cummings graduated from Plymouth HS in 1956, where he played both football and baseball

CUMMINGS

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Olson, a friendship that endured since

But that kind of relationship wasn't unusual for PC. "He was a great organizer," said Olson. "And he was instrumental in getting coaches hired out there. He got me hired at the high school."

"He designed the physical education department to a large extent. It was one of his responsibilities back then."

Designing the school system's athletic department in the '70s was a daunting task, with so many changes in athletics both in the system and statewide, with the advent of girls sports. "He was the key in the development of the whole park concept," Olson said, referring to the two high schools being positioned side by side.

Although he spent most of his life in the Plymouth-Canton system, Cummings was certainly one

to help out when needed. He didn't stay on the sidelines long after retiring as the high school's director of athletics in 1995, contracting to help the South Redford school system revamp its athletic program, working three days a week and training the new athletic director.

As well as updating the facilities. "Bob Sickles, the Thurston AD, just said 'He saved me,'" said Thurston assistant principal Jim Finn, who worked with Cummings in the Plymouth-Canton athletic department. "With PC, the final deciding factor was always what affected the kids."

Being taught by Cummings was something longtime friend Gary Balconi, a former track coach and building athletic director at Salem HS, was familiar with. "He took me under his wing," said Balconi, who retired at the same time Cummings did. "He really involved me in all phases of the athletic department. And he

treated me like a partner.

"He wanted to provide an opportunity for the kids. How many people he touched. We went through a lot of difficult, some very challenging times together. He used to say, 'It's not Salem and it's not Canton, it's the kids.'"

Those responsible for guiding the kids in athletics — the coaches — often have their own ideas on how to run an athletic department. Cummings was well aware of this, indeed, one of his greatest qualities was keeping his coaches informed.

"He loved his job," said former Salem football coach Tom Moshimer. "He was willing to put in the hours."

When Moshimer took the football position at Plymouth HS in 1967, Cummings joined his staff as an assistant coach. He remained in that position until becoming an assistant to the late John Sandmann, then the school district's director of athletics.

"One of the things about PC," said Moshimer, "he was a real loyal assistant coach. He was the kind of guy you'd want on your staff."

"Then, when he became my boss, the relationship didn't change. What made him a great administrator, in my mind, was he always consulted me before making changes in the program. He could have done that if he wanted to, but he wanted to work with people, not step on toes."

Cummings did his job without fanfare, he never sought the limelight. "He did not look for or want individual praise," said Balconi. "He was the boss. But there wasn't a coach who didn't respect him. And like him."

There were many attributes rightfully assigned to Cummings. This was Moshimer's. "If I had to describe him, he was a very compassionate humanitarian."

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Taormina now ranked 3rd in the world

With the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece only a year away, Americans now hold down the top three positions in the latest International Triathlon Union world point rankings.

The group includes top-ranked Barb Lindquist of Victor, Idaho, Laura Reback of North Palm Beach, Fla., second, and Livonian Sheila Taormina, who has moved up to No. 3 spot after being ranked No. 5.

On July 21, Taormina, the former Stevenson High All-

TRIATHLON

State swimmer and University of Georgia All-America, finished runner-up to Canadian Jill Savege in the ITU World Cup event held in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, which located in a town of 20,000, on the west coast of Canada's eastern-most province.

Savege, Taormina and Susan Williams of the U.S. led through the 1,500-meter swim and 40-kilometer bike (24.8-mile) portions of the race before Savege pulled away to finish 33 seconds ahead of the Livonian in the hilly 6.2-mile run. The Canadian ran the 10K in 36:27 to Taormina's 37:05.

Savege completed the three-pronged event in 2 hours, 5 minutes and 26 seconds. Taormina was clocked in 2:05:59, while Williams finished third in 2:06:21.

Dating back to her runner-up finish last August at the New York City Triathlon, the former 1996 Olympic gold medalist in swimming (women's 4 x 200-meter freestyle relay), has placed first or second in 13 of her last 14 pro races.

Taormina, who finished sixth in the inaugural women's triathlon at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games, started the season ranked No. 10 with her only blemish a 24th at the 2002 ITU World Championships held last November in Cancun, Mexico.

Taormina's next scheduled race is this Saturday in Minneapolis, Minn. for the Life Time Fitness Triathlon, which offers the largest purse in the history of the sport with \$250,000 each going to the overall male and female winners.

USA Triathlon also announced the sites for three U.S. Olympic Trials qualifying events for 2004, including April 18 in Maui, Hawaii, May 8-9 at the ITU World Championships in Madeira Island, Portugal, and next June at a date to be determined in Bellingham, Wash.

Sites also considered, but not chosen included Clermont, Fla. and Tempe, Ariz.

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HUSKIES

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got three goals at the start of the third period to open up a 7-2 advantage with 9:17 left in regulation. The deal seem sealed. But the

Lakers thought differently and, from the 7:53 mark until just 33 seconds remained, they poured in five goals to knot it and force overtime.

The tying goal came from Bryan Marshall (from Livonia), with an assist from Stavros Paskaris. Helminen's game-winner was unassisted.

Marshall certainly fueled the Lakers comeback, scoring twice in the rally. He also had an assist in the game. Jim Brennan, Paskaris and Mike Vigilante also had third-period goals for the Lakers. The Huskies, however, never did trail. Lars Helminen opened the scoring 2:17 into the game, after a marker by Trent

Daavettula (making it 2-1 Huskies) was answered by the Lakers' John Vigilante with 6:45 to go in the second period, the Huskies broke open the 2-2 game with two goals by Dwight Helminen and single scores by Kurt Krivisto, Bill Kulunen and David Rohlfs. Or so they thought.

Lars Helminen and Daavettula each had a goal and two assists in the game for the Huskies, with Krivisto and Rohlfs adding a goal and an assist apiece. For the Lakers, John Vigilante and Marshall both had two goals and an assist, while Paskaris had a goal and two

assists and Mike Vigilante contributed a goal and an assist. Brandon Tucker started in goal for the Huskies, he was replaced with Brent Booson (Troy) midway through the second period. Lanny Jardine (Bloomfield Hills) and Howard divided time in goal for the Lakers.

WOLVES

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game clinching save. The Wolves outscored Mann United 4-3 in penalty kicks as Bam Rumohr (Mason), Kevin Savitskie (Salem), Popeney and JT Katikos (Stevenson) found the net.

This has to be at the very top of my coaching career because the level in this tournament is so high," said Richters, who led Stevenson as a prep all-stater to the 1988 state Class A title and played professionally for the Detroit Rockers. Something like this is tough to accomplish as a player and that makes it pretty special.

Popeney, named the adidas Golden Boot Award winner, tied teammate Djokic with three tournament goals in four games. "It was a real battle, it was a fight until the end," Richters said. "We got some really good goalkeeping from Jason (Tillman)."

The Wolves were somewhat of a surprise getting to the nationals after beating the Chicago Sockers 3-2 in overtime for the Midwest Region title June 23 in Des Moines, Iowa.

"At this age group it's a lot different," Richters said. "There were four teams there (in Germantown) that were not expected to win their regions. There were four underdogs and we felt we had a good chance as anybody, but it would not come easily."

In preliminary round action July 23, the Wolves opened with a 2-0 victory over the Syracuse (N.Y.) Blitz. Blissett on goals by Katikos (32nd minute) and Djokic (66th minute). Tillman got the shutout.

In the second round last Thursday (July 24), goals by Djokic (13th minute) and Popeney (64th minute) offset Austin Woolard's goal (45th minute) to beat the Tulsa (Okla.) Nationals 85-2-1.

Paul Johnson (Stevenson) and Savitskie.

The first two prelm games we played well enough to win," Richters said. "But in the final we played very well. It could have gone either way."

With a spot already clinched in the finals, Richters rested players in Friday's 1-1 tie with Mann United.

Daniel Van Acker scored for Mann United in the 58th minute to force the deadlock after Jeremy Stacy (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central) scored for the Wolves in the 41st minute.

"We went to win, but we didn't want to compromise anybody's health," Richters said. "We also used a different system than the one we were going to play with on Sunday."

Players like Popeney, Savitskie, Djokic, Katikos, Konopinski and Johnson weren't the only Wolves with WLAA ties. Among the others included midfielder Patrick Kelleher (Northville) and defender Brian Emerick (Livonia Churchill), along with assistant coach Kevin Callaway (formerly of Churchill).

Rounding out the national champion Wolves includes John Pizanis (East Lansing), Brady Vance (Traverse City), Mike Borowiak (Fraser), Steve Hecker (Portage Northern), John Grigorakus (Windsor, Ontario) and Ryan Bennett (Ann Arbor Pioneer).

Youth soccer's ultimate prize attracted 48 teams from 39 clubs from 19 different states vying for six boys and girls age bracket titles, under-14 through under-18.

The only other national qualifier from Michigan, Vardar under-14, won its first two games before being eliminated by 88 CASL Elite (N.C.), 5-0.

"The soccer is so good at all the different age groups," Richters said. "It was a pretty amazing experience."

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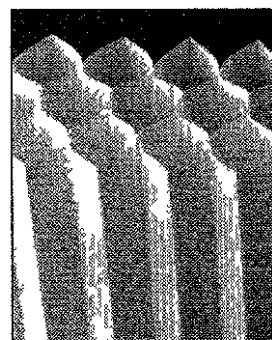
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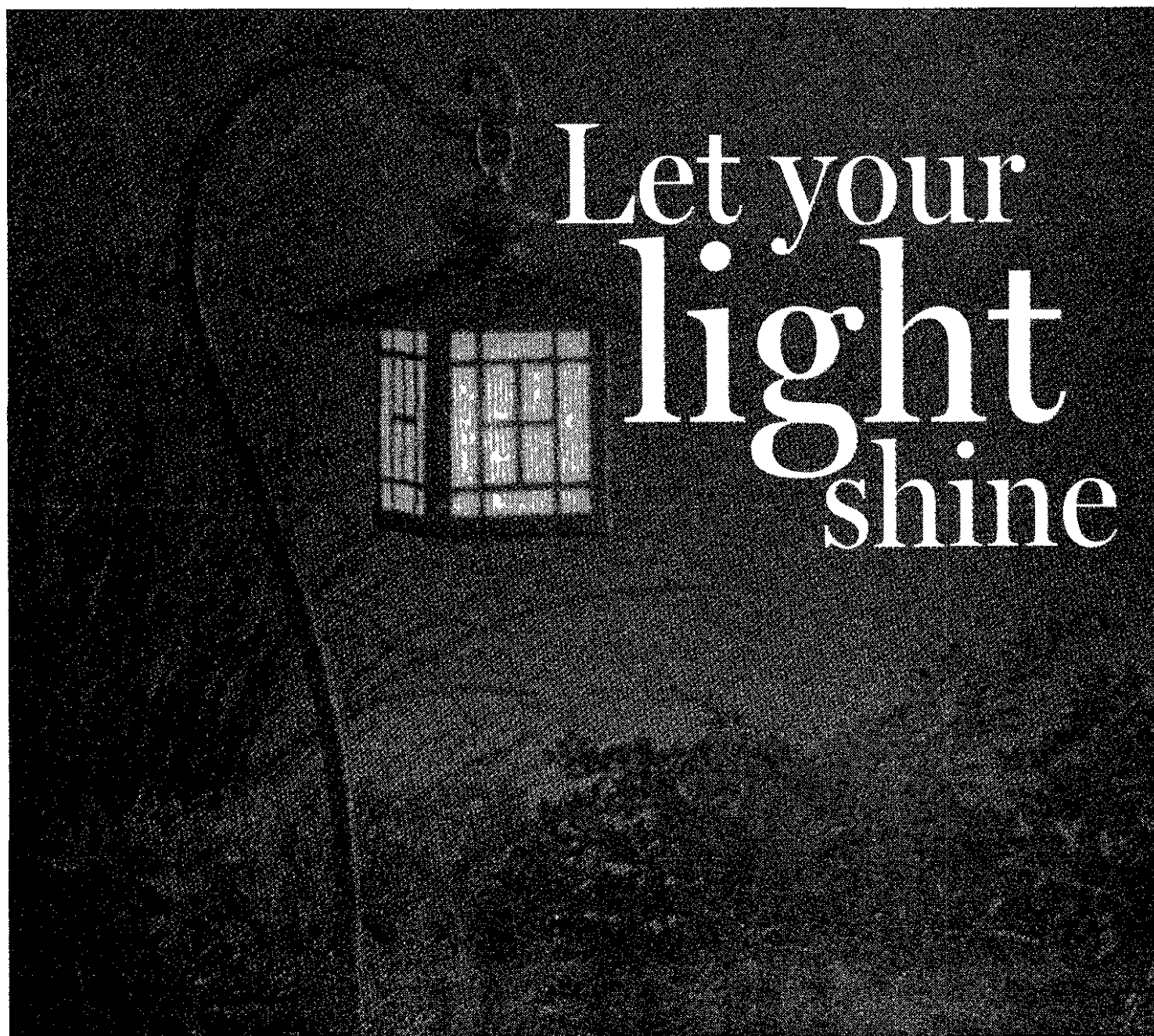
Keep child safe

The Child Safety and Prevention Initiative of the Children and Families Commission of Orange County (Calif.) offers some tips to keep children safe this summer. Stay within arm's reach of children playing in or around a pool or other bodies of water, including a bathtub.

Don't leave children unattended in a closed vehicle. Know where your child is when you are backing out of a driveway. Hold hands with your child when you are near or crossing streets.

Be aware when children are near open windows or ledges.

For more child safety information, visit the American Academy of Pediatrics at www.aap.org or the Children and Families Commission of Orange County's Web site at www.occhildrenandfamilies.com



Let your light shine



Outdoor lighting can be as beautiful as it is practical

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Folks talk about extending the indoors outside. Landscape lighting does just that.

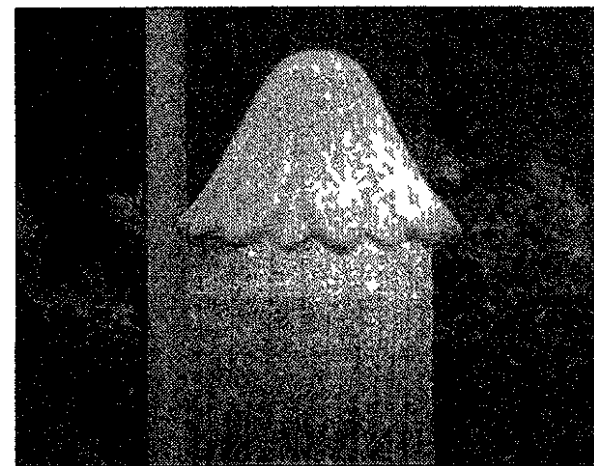
Decks, porches, patios and pools, if illuminated, get more extensive use when the sun goes down. Lights enhance beauty and safety with their functionality. And there are lots of styles from which to choose.

In short, landscape lighting now entails more than just the 60-watt front porch light or the traditional spotlight shining on the basketball hoop in the back yard.

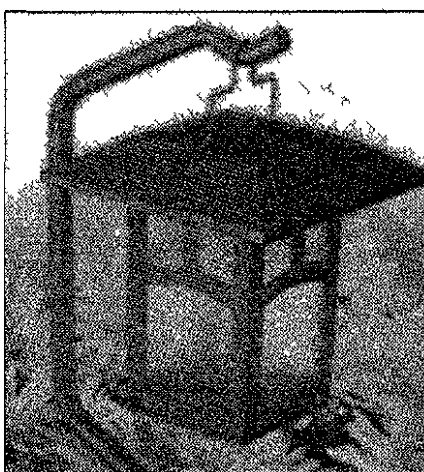
"Lighting lends another dimension to the landscape and also gives the house a little embellishing at night," said Steve Simon, owner of Paramount Landscaping in Livonia.

Three objectives I try to achieve, he said: "Safety, some strategic markers for pedestrian traffic. Look at security. It's proven that an illuminated house is less likely to be violated. And, night-time aesthetics."

"You can approach it by illuminating the (home's) architecture, you can avoid the architecture and focus on aspects of the landscape or you can combine both," he said.



Enjoy your yard, pond, deck or patio with outdoor lighting. Top, this mission lantern from Kichler adds a touch of beauty to a front or side walkway. This Antique Copper Finish from Malibu will give any fountain a modern look. Second from bottom, this ginkgo lamp by Kichler will light up your pathway. Bottom, this porcelain tulip from Kichler contributes elegance through accent lighting.



TASTE MATTERS

More doesn't necessarily mean better, Simon said. "I put an emphasis on tasteful. I've seen the runway effect and it's just not aesthetic. I try to minimize the amount of lights. At the higher (price) end, four lights can be very effective."

"If you're going to spend money, spend it on a quality system," he said. "Make sure it's installed properly. That will get you longevity."

Lighting can be aimed up or down, said Tony Konja, owner of Artistic Outdoor Services in Farmington Hills.

"I had a job in Franklin in a wooded area where we mounted a light on the tree so it would shine down on the driveway and the pavers, but you don't know where it's coming from," he said. "We strive to get imaginative."

Contact a landscaping professional to explain possibilities.

PLEASE SEE LIGHTING, C8

Have basics at hand for home repair

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Home improvement jobs can become a lot easier if you have the right tools and you keep them organized.

While specific tools are needed for certain jobs, there is some basic equipment that should be in every homeowner's toolbox.

Some of the "have to haves" are a tape measure, a hammer, a measuring square, flat-tip and cross-tip screwdrivers, a small electric hand saw and a 12-volt, multi-purpose drill — for making wall holes and quickly screwing in screws.

Channel locks, a type of pliers that bite from the side instead of the front, can be used to loosen bolts and nuts and grab onto pipes for plumbing jobs.

Power drills and miter boxes are essential if you're doing woodwork, like moldings and replacing doors.



Every home

needs a good ladder that folds and extends, for painting, repairs and maintenance work, said Vito Alongi of Alongi Construction in Livonia.

A rechargeable cordless screw gun, a flashlight, duct tape and electrical tape are necessary, too, Alongi said.

He also recommends that homeowners have a hot glue gun for temporary water leak fixes. A glob of glue around a pipe will stop a nagging drip until it can be repaired properly.

"In case you have to wait for someone to come and fix a leak, or you need to go out and get supplies, this is a quick fix to get by," Alongi said.

Nails are one thing you don't want to stock up on ahead of time, because each project calls for a different size.

Always have a good stock of batteries for various gadgets around the house and in the car.

Nothing is more frustrating, Alongi said, than not being able to get into your home because the batteries in your garage door opener are dead.

QUALITY COUNTS

Look at the quality of the tool more than price, especially if you plan to use the tool often, said Glen Norgan, project coordinator at Sears Home Improvements in Lyon Township.

"It's always easy to buy cheap tools," Norgan said. "Everybody and their brother are making tools that look basically the same."

"But they're different in various ways — the biggest way is quality."

Norgan said while he worked as a contractor he bought good — and often more expensive — tools that would wear out after three or four years. Lower quality tools sometimes have to be replaced three or four times a year, he said.

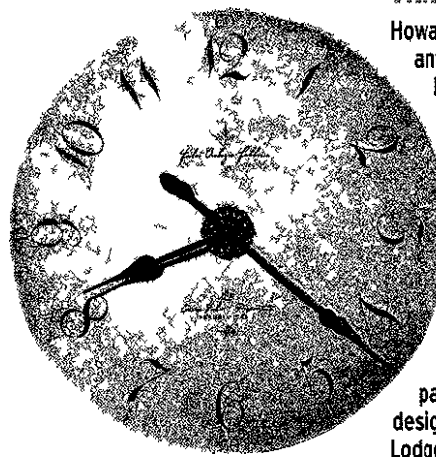
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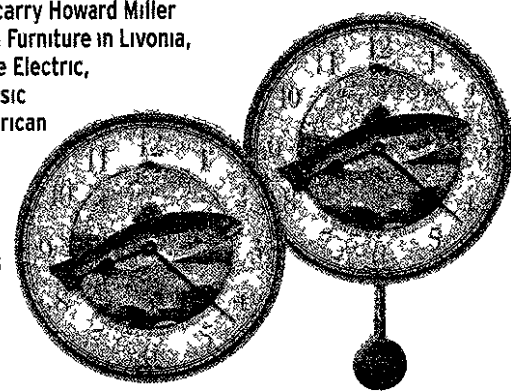
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HOME AND GARDEN CALENDAR

Herb Fest 2003
The daytime and evening herb study groups at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens 1800 N Dixboro in Ann Arbor will host Herb Fest 2003 noon to 4 p.m. Sunday Aug. 3 Joanna Larson will speak on Bountiful Basil, the herb of the year at 1 p.m. while Joan Wysocki will discuss the role of herbs in Cancer Prevention and Conventional Treatments at 2:30 p.m. This event will also feature educational displays and herbal treats as well as providing an opportunity to stroll the herb and botanical gardens

at Matthaei with herb enthusiasts Admission is \$5 for Friends members and \$10 for nonmembers To register contact the Gardens at (734) 998-7061 For more information contact Joan Wysocki at (248) 349-5310 or jdwysoc@aoi.com
Old Friends visit
The Friends of the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens Evening Herb Study Group will meet on Monday Aug. 4 for a field trip to Old Friends in Chelsea The group will enjoy a lecture on drying herbs and flowers a wreath mak-

ing demonstration and tour of the production gardens Refreshments will be provided Anyone interested in a car pool should meet at 6 p.m. near the west parking lot at Matthaei Botanical Gardens 1800 N Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor Call Lesley Chace at (734) 730-2212 for instructions to Old Friends
All about roses
Roger and Nancy Lindley owners of Great Lakes Roses in Belleville are conducting a series of Saturday programs that will enable gardeners to

succeed with roses in their gardens this summer Nancy Lindley will discuss rose propagation 1 p.m. on Aug. 9 and 23 Participants will prepare and root roses from cuttings Reservations requested \$20 material fee collected at the door Participants are asked to bring their own pruners (This workshop won't be offered in the fall since summer is the ideal time to root roses) At 1 p.m. Saturday Aug. 2 Roger Lindley will lecture and give a hands-on demonstration on Japanese beetle control on roses Admission is free and no reservations

are needed Each presentation or workshop will last for about 1 1/2 hours Attendees are asked to dress for the weather and to bring a hat if it's sunny Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) Roads in Sumpter Township just south of Belleville Its roses are available at the Northville Farmers Market
Iris Plant Sale
The Iris Club of Southeastern Michigan will have its annual Iris Plant Sale 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday Aug. 9 at the Royal Oak Sen. or Community

Center 3500 Marais three blocks east of Crooks and three blocks north of 13 Mile Many types of bearded irises will be for sale along with a selection of Japanese irises Free admission For more information call Ann at (248) 280-0848
If you have an item for the calendar please submit it at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published Send to Ken Abramczyk At Home editor Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.hometownlife.com

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Check insurance, breakers during outages

Here it is, the middle of summer 2003 and what makes this summer any different than any recent years gone by? Nothing

We have had our normal deluge of power failures spread far and wide and they have put a little strain on many a person's normal life

With these power failures and problems with appliances I suggest that you examine your homeowners insurance policy and double check what is covered and what isn't. If a computer or refrigerator goes to "appliance heaven" because of voltage problems, you need to know if you're covered by insurance before it happens, not after

While we're on the subject of circuit breakers, you should know that the new GFCI outlets you have in the bathroom and outside outlets should be tripped every month. You should physically trip them to keep the contacts from welding shut and making them useless. These newer outlets are designed to cut off the power at the source in a quarter second should you drop the hair dryer in a sink full of water

An electrician reported to me that many of these GFCI

outlets installed in homes are not working and he blames that fact on the quality of the products. The circuit breaker boxes which control all circuits in your home are also mechanical devices which should be tripped a few times a year

When we have a power failure at our house, I go downstairs and shut off the main breaker. I don't turn it back on until the power has been restored up and down the street. During this period I will trip each and every breaker several times. This action helps to keep the contacts clean inside and is a good maintenance step to follow

There are many major home appliances sent to the landfills of America because of brownouts and power surges. Much of this can be avoided by some cautionary thinking. If you see the light bulbs dimming in the house, that's a sure-tell sign that there is not enough voltage being supplied to your home

You should immediately pull the plug on all appliances and other units or pull the main circuit breaker to the "off" position. Many products in your home will suffer damage because they need a certain amount of voltage to operate properly. You might think about having a generator installed and if so, have it done correctly (You will be liable if it's installed improperly and a lineman working on the pole outside is killed). Make sure the unit is in a well-vented area

making it safe for the homeowner

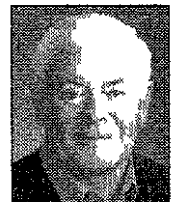
If you can afford the new system of generators you might want to contact DTE about installing their system which runs off of natural gas. This new system is installed outside and looks similar to your air conditioning condenser, is very quiet and totally automatic

All homeowners with the luxury of a pool or hot tub should spend the dollars necessary to make sure everything is grounded and wired properly. Hire a qualified electrician and have them go over every aspect of electricity around your house. Make sure the house itself is grounded properly. Does your washing machine have a ground strap leading from it to the cold water pipe? Take a look!

If power problems should ever take out your major appliances, computers and electronics, it would be wise to document the model and serial numbers, take pictures and check with your neighbors to find out if it happened to them as well. Your utility might be willing to help with the money woes if you sound well-versed on the subject

Make sure you check out your insurance policy on what's covered in your home

Joe Gagnon is host of Ask The Handyman on Infinity Radio AM 1270 8 a.m. noon Saturdays and Sundays. You can hear his tips on WWJ 950 on weekdays. You can call him on his show at (248) 356-1270



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Garden books offer maintenance help

Things begin to slow down a bit in the garden on these hot days, although it seems the weeds do persevere! Take time to enjoy a book and a glass of iced tea while you



Garden Spot

Marty Figley

learn and refresh yourself Here's one that I really liked when I just began to read it

Gardening in Eden, The Joys of Planning and Tending a Garden, by Arthur T Vanderbilt II (Simon and Schuster, \$25) From just the thought of gardening (he calls it "waiting weather," in the winter, until the end of summer this book captivates Vanderbilt believes that planning, patience, and persistence are the three human ingredients necessary to create a garden and shares many thoughts, not always about plants For instance, as cold weather approaches, he thinks about the goldfish, knowing that the pond won't ice up when he puts the pump in the water to keep it from freezing This reflects his concern for all parts of the garden I like the soul of this book It's a must-have, and what a nice gift

SMALL, PRETTY SPACES

Natural Gardening in Small Spaces, by Noel Kingsbury (Timber Press, \$29.95) tells to create such a garden that, when established will stay viable and healthy with very little work on the gardeners' part Kingsbury explains how plant communities work and then suggests suitable plants for many kinds of situations such as dry, exposed habitats, grassland, meadow and prairie and the edge of a wood He also shares how to garden

without watering, using mulches and building shelters for wildlife

The plant directory lists many plants for their beauty and ease of growing Photographs encourage this type of ecological gardening These are great ideas

Don't let the size of this book deter you from *The Well-Designed Mixed Garden*, by Tracy DiSabato-Aust (Timber Press, \$40)

Written in three parts, it is very well organized, taking each step, one at a time, to create a mixed garden

She discusses color and design principles of unity, dominance, repetition, and rhythm and also tells how to draw a design for your personal space Nothing has been left to chance

The design examples include drawings of successful gardens that are accompanied by lists of plants used, and the photographs are stunning Included is information about maintaining the garden The last section is an encyclopedia of plant combinations that will whet your appetite In addition, the appendices are full of excellent information

COVERING GROUND

The 'bible' of ground covers, *Perennial Ground Covers*, by David S MacKenzie is now in paperback (Timber Press, \$29.95) This is the book to have if you want all kinds of information about such an array of plants

Readers will be surprised at the alternatives available other than grasses and the more familiar ground covers often used Just think-no more mowing!

MacKenzie shares ground covers' ornamental characteristics and subtleties He owns and operates a wholesale nursery, Hortech, in Spring Lake, Mich., one of the country's largest and most progressive



MARTY FIGLEY

Foam flower is a ground cover that prefers NOT to be stepped on It blooms in early spring

ground cover nurseries He has been hybridizing, photographing, researching and lecturing on ground covers since 1983

One more Timber Press book, *The Color Encyclopedia of Cape Bulbs*, by John Manning, Peter Goldblatt, Dee Sniman (\$59.95) contains photographs of these flowers taken in their native habitat

Readers will be amazed at the bright colors of these beauties

Nearly 1,200 species of bulbs grow in this southern tip of Africa All the species are described with information on habitat, flowering time and geographic distribution

If you like to try something new and/or learn new ways to garden *The Adventurous Gardener*, by Christopher Lloyd (The Lyons Press, \$16.95 soft) will be of interest This Englishman's style is direct and clear There are no photos, but that leaves more room for

advice We must remember his garden is in England, so times for specific chores may be different

Lloyd addresses the following Taking cuttings and caring for them, woody plants, problems and how to solve them (such as experiments in bedding, or small garden, large trees)

The chapter titled *People, Plans, and Plants* includes all kinds of ideas as diverse as making paths and his praise of Gertrude Jekyll It is interesting reading

Good garden tip: If you're trying to get pachysandra to fill in an area, pinch or prune back the central leader to encourage multiple side shoots for fuller plants

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

Find these gems on the Internet

I'm a huge fan of National Public Radio, but I'm rarely able to catch my favorite shows, like Fresh Air and This American Life Thanks to a technology known as stream-



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

ing audio, you can listen to these and other shows online - but only while chained to your computer Enter **Replay Radio** (www.replay-radio.com), a program that lets you record Internet radio to your PC The files are stored

in "MP3 format," which means you can copy them to a portable MP3 player or burn them to a CD for listening in the car Best of all, Replay Radio can automatically record shows at designated times, TiVo-like, so you never miss a favorite

Of course, you're not limited to NPR - you can record any Internet broadcast, which opens the door to radio from around the world Replay Radio is refreshingly easy to use, works like a charm, and costs \$29.95

Here's more useful sites Save for anti-virus and Internet firewall programs, I think most PC utilities are a waste of money Either they're too invasive and cause problems of their own (I'm looking at you, Norton Utilities), or they're just fancy front ends for utilities already built into Windows

The exception **TuneUp Utilities 2003** (www.tune-up.com), a polished and genuinely useful suite of tweaking and optimization tools It can purge the clutter from your hard drive, accelerate your Internet connection, improve overall system performance, and lots more

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shareware product, meaning the only place to find it is online

I'm a sucker for good deals (much to my wife's chagrin), which is why I'm addicted to **Spoofee.com** Every day it serves up a few new Internet bargains One of the latest a top-of-the-line 80GB hard drive for \$50 (shipped!) after rebate CompUSA price \$120

I'm also partial to **Overstock.com**, where I recently found the 60th Anniversary Edition of Dumbo on DVD (for my daughter) for \$10.49 Best price elsewhere \$21.59 No obnoxious shipping charges, either - I paid only \$1.40 Overstock.com is also a great place to score closeout PDAs for cheap Sony's Cle PEG-SJ20, for instance, an excellent entry-level model, currently sells for just \$39.99

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

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Saturday, Aug 9 Arranging Garden Flowers - Bring the beauty of the outdoors indoors with this step-by-step demonstration of how to use your annuals and perennials. English Gardens designers will provide design basics to get you started.

Saturday, Aug 16 Organic Gardening - Gardening and a concern for the environment go hand-in-hand. This program will teach you how to recycle yard waste into usable materials. The basics of com-

posting will be reviewed, and tips provided on how to grow plants and flowers without the use of pesticides and insecticides.

Saturday, Aug 23 Fall Landscaping Ideas - Fall is the best time of year to plant. Bring color into a yard and garden with seasonal favorites and learn the proper techniques for planting to ensure gardening success!

Saturday, Aug 30 Tropical & Flowering Plant Care - Nothing brightens a home better than flowering and tropical plants. Learn how to select and care for plants that will thrive indoors. Tips will be given on how to use plants to enhance a home's decor.

Saturday, Sept 6 Enhance your Outdoor Living Areas - Learn how to make the best use of your outdoors with plants, outdoor decor, as well as spaces for entertaining, recreation and relaxing. Tips will be shared on developing a plan, selecting plants and trees

according to environmental conditions, and proper planting procedures.

Saturday, Sept 13 Attracting Birds to your Yard - Get tips on plant materials and other elements necessary to create a garden that's home to birds, butterflies and other small creatures.

Saturday, Sept 20 Planting Spring Flowering Bulbs - To achieve spring color from tulips, hyacinths, daffodils or crocus, you must plant the bulbs now. Get an overview of different bulbs, and tips on proper planting techniques, and care throughout the winter and during the next growing season. Also, learn the basics of designing a bulb garden.

Saturday, Sept 27 Perennial Gardening with Color - Create a colorful, beautiful garden using perennials. This program will discuss the basics of design, care and planting of perennials in the landscape. Information will be given on selecting plant materials, combining color and varieties of plants, as well as caring for perennials during and after the growing season. For more information about the seminars, contact the Clinton Township store at (586) 286-6100, Dearborn Heights at (313) 278-4433, Eastpointe at (586) 771-4200, Royal Oak at (248) 280-9500, or West Bloomfield at (248) 851-7506. Call 1-800-335-GROW (4769) for the nearest English Gardens location, or check the web site at www.englishgardens.com.

BY AMY HOOVER CORRESPONDENT

After the flooring, paint and furniture are all picked out for a room, many homeowners then turn their thoughts to lighting, almost as an afterthought.

That's their first lighting mistake.

"People don't think about lighting," said Paul Feiten, interior designer, Paul Feiten Design in Lathrup Village.

It's more than just a ceiling fixture and a lamp. The correct lighting can transform a room and create instant atmosphere. "Whether you're going to hire an interior designer, or do your home renovations yourself, it's essential to know the basics of lighting."

There are three major types of lighting for a room:

- **Ambient** - A hidden source of light that helps give the room a glow, creating very few shadows. A wall sconce or using a dimmer switch would create ambient lighting.
- **Accent** - Directional lighting or lighting that highlights a certain object or feature of a room. Halogen spots or table lamps are good examples of accent lighting.
- **Task** - Lighting that's used to help perform daily activities like reading, cooking and shaving. Task lighting can be under cabinets in kitchens or above mirror sconces in bathrooms.

Not every room needs all three types of lighting, but they are something to consider when designing the room and

choosing the fixtures. There are several other things homeowners need to consider when lighting a room.

"They need to think about the size of the room, height of the ceiling, the dimensions of the furniture and what style and finish they're interested in," said Lori Koss, showroom manager of Ray Lighting Centers in Troy.

Lighting stores recommend that customers come in with a floor plan of the room or rooms in which they need lighting.

Also, think about the overall architectural style of the home and what look they're trying to create. Feiten had a few more tips to help appropriately light a home. "I would recommend fewer recessed lights, mixed with recessed low-voltage pin spots to accent art work," said Feiten.

"Stay away from overhead lights in bedrooms and put a dimmer in your bathroom. It's a gentle way to start your morning and you will use it every day."

As for current trends in lighting, both Feiten and Koss agree that under cabinet lighting in kitchens is popular.

Many homes have halogen spots under the cabinets to create task lighting. Since halogens can become hot, there is a new trend leaning toward miniature low-voltage lights that use Xenon bulbs. Xenon bulbs have more than twice the amount of light of halogens while consuming half the power. The ease of installing under cabinet lighting depends

on what fixture you choose. For some, you just drill holes in the cabinets to mount and then plug them in. Others have a more complex installation process and would be better handled by an electrician.

These rules of thumb can apply generally to all lighting fixtures as well.

"If you're just replacing one fixture with another, it's a simple thing that most homeowners can tackle," said Koss. "But some lighting jobs are more complex and need to be done by an electrician. Most lighting stores are happy to recommend one."

Lighting stores aren't the only places to find light fixtures these days, but they do tend to have a larger selection.

However, many homeowners find it easier to shop at home improvement stores like Home Depot, Lowe's, EXPO and The Great Indoors. Other retailers like Pottery Barn, Restoration Hardware and even Target are offering a small yet diverse selection of lighting fixtures.

Wherever homeowners decide to find their fixtures, there are still some pitfalls to avoid. "The biggest mistake many people make is just not getting enough light for the space they want," said Koss.

Feiten says that lighting can enhance a home. "A house can look more expensive and more sophisticated with the proper lighting," he said. "Don't look like everybody else's house. Get some interesting and unique fixtures that are timeless and will last a lifetime."

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Hamilton guides us through suspense, rough terrain

"BLOOD IS THE SKY" By Steve Hamilton (Thomas Dunne Books \$21.95)

Though most of it is set on the fringes of chilly Lake Superior, don't expect this blazingly paced crime novel to cool you off as you read. It's so suspenseful and tension-filled, you might feel like you're inside an overcrowded sweat lodge, as you turn these pages.

Welcome back to Paradise, the Upper Peninsula home of ex-cop, Alex McKnight. Perhaps you have met McKnight before in some of his earlier adventures: *North of Nowhere*, *The Hunting Wind*, *Winter of the Wolf Moon*, or *A Cold Day in Paradise*.

For a semi-recluse, Alex gets out a lot, and when he gets out, he almost always stumbles into a big bunch of trouble. As readers, of course, that's usually to our advantage.

This time around, it's no different.

Toward the beginning of this stirring, atmospheric tale, Alex and his stalwart Ojibwa pal, Winnie LeBlanc, head north of the UP to some of the most remote reaches of Ontario. They are on a mission, and their mission is to find Vinnie's missing brother, Tom.

Tom, acting as a guide, has vanished on a moose-hunting trip, along with a number of men he was supposed to lead into the Canadian wilderness.

Where are they now? Are they dead? Are they alive? And, if they are in mortal danger, can Alex and Winnie reach them in time to save the day?

We will find out soon enough, of course. But, in the meantime, this game is afoot in some of the most rugged and picturesque locales in North America, and we're along for the ride. I can think of no other writer who is better able to capture the essence of this neck of the woods—and thus guide us through it—than Michigan native, Steve Hamilton. Perhaps he's done his very best job of it in *Blood is the Sky* (the phrase is taken from a traditional Ojibwa war song, according to one of the book's characters).

From the bat-infested walls of old cabins, to the bone-chilling wail of a black bear at night, to the mud-choked side roads, to the unadorned bars in the scattered, unpretentious villages, right down to Alex's standby—a cold Molson Canadian beer—we can see, hear, feel, smell, sometimes even taste this place.

Here, an old Cree's rez home "If you believed what was left of the paint, it looked like one side had been green and the other side red. A thin stream of smoke rose from a metal chimney pipe, set at a crazy angle. Someone had put down the black tar paper on that roof, but had never bothered with the shingles."

Here, a remote, Canadian hunting lodge "The whole place had a run-down look from the cracked foundation to the porch ceiling overrun with

spider webs. The room we stepped into was a lot nicer than what I expected. A big wooden table stood in the center of the room, with eight hand-carved chairs. There was a stone fireplace on the back wall and a great moose head looking down at us, its rack of antlers as wide as a piano."

And here, the unprepossessing entrance to the Michigan Ojibwa reservation, near Paradise. "If there wasn't a sign there to tell you, you wouldn't even know you were on Indian land. It looked just like any other middle-class housing development. There were raised ranches on either side of the road, with well-kept lawns dying off in the cold weather."

Into this vivid locale, Hamilton brings a cast of characters as colorful as a war bonnet. Among others, there's Leon Prudell, Alex's orange-haired buddy who yearns to be a private investigator, if only his wife would allow it, Winnie, the part-time casino dealer who plays his cards close to his chest in almost every way, an odd couple of couples who run that remote hunting lodge (and never use the fireplace), and Alex himself, of course, living solo in that lonely little cabin in the woods, sort of stuck in the past, and forever trying to find a way out of it. And then, there's attractive Ontario cop, Natalie Reynaud. Keep your eye on her. Most readers will probably agree we'll be hearing and seeing much more about her later.

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

Plan and organize your next move

Moving is difficult because there are so many things to remember to do. I feel disorganized and



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The best way to remember things is to keep a written list. There are different things to do when moving to a new city or state. I must familiarize myself with stores, cleaners, service stations, and schools.

Besides knowing the location of places, I need to change my drivers license, apply for a grocery check cashing card and open a bank account.

It is important to be flexible and be ready to implement Plan B when Plan A fails.

We rented a house for nine months while we were building a home.

We moved into the rental property from another state. I made the move while seven months pregnant and with two small children.

I had my written list but I had to adapt to some unexpected changes.

The moving van arrived one day later than expected.

The men that were scheduled to unload the truck never arrived.

My husband and extended family helped unload instead of doing other tasks I had them scheduled to do. Due to the changes and fatigue from pregnancy, I sat on the steps crying and pointed to the room each box should be taken. I learned a significant lesson from this experience. Planning is good but I also needed to be flexible to a change in plans.

Here's a system I use to prepare for a move.

I prepare a written list by labeling the top of a piece of paper with the words, "To Do List." When I think of something I need to do, it is written on the list. When I accomplish a project on the list, I draw a line through it.

Moving is an excellent time to get rid of items. I schedule a garage sale before the move and give the remaining items to a charitable organization.

We list our home with a Realtor and begin looking for a new home.

I minimize purchases at the grocery store prior to the move. I try to use the food we have or give it to a neighbor.

I clean out every closet and drawer in my house. I am in the mood for a new beginning so it is amazing the number of items I get rid of.

I make new purchases for decor items, drapes and linens once I know where we will be moving.

I have a few extra boxes to pack for the move, but with my early preparations I can decorate my new home immediately.

Moving is difficult for me

because I like things organized so the quicker I can decorate my new home the more satisfied I am.

The day of the move I pack the car with bed linens, towels, toiletry items, and a couple changes of clothes.

This will avoid the problem of hunting for these items the first night in our new home.

Once the house we are moving from is empty, I clean the bathrooms and vacuum.

When we are in our new home, I clean everything before I begin unpacking. I make sure the furniture is placed in the middle of the room. If we have possession of our home a few days before the big move, I spend the time cleaning and hanging window treatments.

I follow the same procedure whether a moving company moves us or we move ourselves. I make sure the closets and drawers are organized so like things are packed together. I file papers in their appropriate place. I clearly label each box.

If I am responsible for the move, I start packing early. The more time I organize as I pack the easier and faster it will be unpacking in the new home.

Today's Refrigerator Bulletin

"Organize your packing for a smooth transition from old home to new!"

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WHERE CAN I FIND?

Through reader feedback this interactive column is dedicated to helping readers locate retail merchandise that's difficult to find. If you know where a product is sold or service is available call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. Please be patient about your requests and feedback we receive an overwhelming number of phone calls. Also please spell any uncommon items. If you don't see information about your request we couldn't find it. Requests are published twice.

WHAT WE FOUND

Roman Meal bread can be purchased at the Dolly Madison bakery on Wayne Road in Westland. The loop yarn for making pot holders can be purchased

at Meyer's stores in the toy department.

Instead of having a Bell & Howell projector repaired, the Transfer Zone in Oak Park can transfer your movies to videocassettes or DVDs. Call (248) 548-7580.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

A store that sells the replacement baking tin tray for a Black & Decker toaster oven/broiler for Judy of Birmingham.

A store that sells a white chest (to be placed at the foot of a bed), including cedar inside (nice, but not necessary) for Alfreda.

A store that sells clip-on earrings button style (about the size of a quarter) in white or

black with no trim for Halina.

A store that sells brown socks to make the monkey puppets for Margaret of Livonia.

A store that sells Pilot gel ink pens for Leo.

A store that sells 8 inch candles for a wall sconce in colonial blue for Ann of Garden City.

A store that sells Ashley Taylor shoes (formerly sold at Kmart) for Karen of Redford Township.

A store that sells Red Wing wrapping paper and a Red Stamp hand stamp for Nancy.

A store that sells the game Bolder Dash for William.

A store that sells plastic canvas alphabet letters for Teri of Garden City.

By Sandi Jarackas

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With fall approaching, many homeowners are preparing to pack away summer gear and make room in their garage for cars and equipment that is vulnerable to cold weather.

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Winners will be notified via mail and/or email. The system will be designed and installed by a local GarageTek franchisee. For more detailed con-

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GarageTek closed its first year with sales of \$2 million, 2002 sales topped \$6 million. By 2003, sales are forecasted to reach \$18 million.

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

RELIGION CALENDAR

Lighthouse Kids
Vacation Bible School featuring stories, songs, games, crafts and fun. 9 a.m. to noon Monday Thursday Aug 4, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday Aug 7. Ice cream social 7 p.m. Thursday Aug 7 at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 422-3550.

Promise Keepers
Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia is looking for any men who want to attend the event Aug 8-9 in Columbus, Ohio and would like to go with other men from Memorial Church. Call Tom Rich (734) 421-4782.

Kids Fair
Pony rides, petting zoo, games, food and contests. Noon to 1:15 p.m. Sunday Aug 10 at First Congregational Church, Wayne Road between east and westbound Michigan Avenue, Wayne. Free. Call (734) 729-7550.

Vacation Bible School
For ages 4 years to sixth grade. 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday Aug 11-15. SonHarvest County Fair is a week of fun on the farm at First Congregational Church, Wayne Road between east and westbound Michigan Avenue, Wayne. For information or to register call (734) 729-7550.

Speak Up With Confidence
Learn to speak confidently in public at a seminar with Carol Kent. 6:15-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday Aug 14-15 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Aug 16 at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Canton and is open to all area churches and individuals. The cost is \$100. To register call (888)870-7719. For more information call (734) 455-0022 Ext 144.

UPCOMING

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

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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 2003 season through Aug 25.

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 Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple Birmingham, MI 48009. To fax call (248) 644-1314. Judges will notify contest finalists to verify height and size. One entry per household.
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Despite all of the timesaving technologies at our disposal, from fast food to fax machines most of us feel more hurried and harried than ever before. Recently, I had the experience of walking across a beautiful college campus and noticing a newly erected sculpture. My first impulse was to say to myself, "Don't stop to look at it now, you don't have the time." Then I realized that I honestly didn't need to be in such a hurry and that an extra minute or two to look at this work of art wasn't going to negatively impact my day. On the contrary, slowing down to enjoy this artwork impacted my day in a very positive way. A wise man has said that the secret of life is enjoying the passage of time. But we can't enjoy the passage of time if we are forever trying to beat the clock. Today's lifestyle is fast paced, however, slowing down and enjoying God's beauty, such as watching a sunset, or just sitting outside and watching the birds, can be relaxing and is beneficial to our well being. There are countless things that we can see or do to make our lives more enjoyable and peaceful. The Bible tells us that God generously gives everything to us for our enjoyment. We should be aware and thankful to God for all the wondrous things in our lives.

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

Slow Down and Enjoy Life!

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TOOLS

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that you use repeatedly, you want to buy the name brands, Norgan said. Craftsman brand tools carry a lifetime guarantee, he said.

ORGANIZING

Separating tools for different projects in different toolboxes is one way to keep your work area organized, said Jim Rhoades, owner of Remco Remodeling in Garden City.

One box might have wood-working tools, another would have the right tools for an electrical job, while a third toolbox would hold all the plumbing devices, like grips, pipe wrenches, channel locks, a set of screwdrivers and Teflon tape or some other kind of sealant, Rhoades said.

Put all your painting equipment, like brushes, tape and floor coverings, in a separate plastic bin, Alongi said.

The separate storage areas give homeowners easy access to everything they need for a specific job.

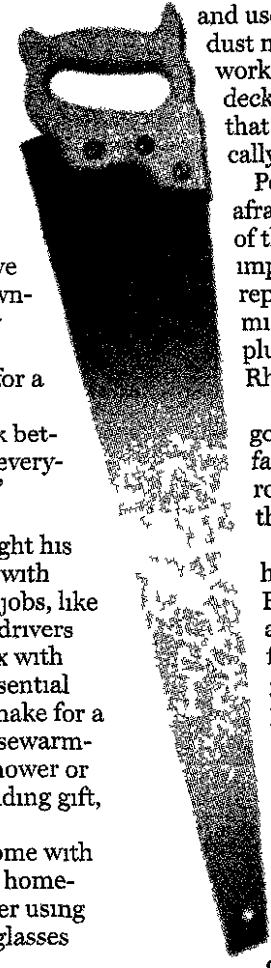
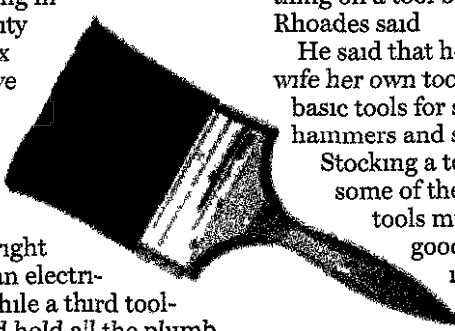
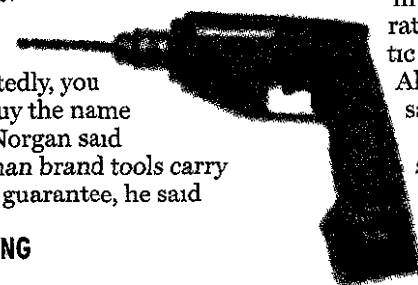
'That seems to work better than trying to put everything on a tool bench,' Rhoades said. He said that he bought his wife her own toolbox, with basic tools for small jobs, like hammers and screwdrivers. Stocking a toolbox with some of these essential tools might make for a good housewarming, shower or wedding gift, too.

Most power tools come with standard safeties. But homeowners should consider using ear covers and safety glasses for certain jobs.

Be sure to wear a dust mask for minor drywall work, and use a respirator or dust mask if you're working on an outside deck or other project that involves chemically-treated lumber.

People shouldn't be afraid to tackle some of their own home improvement and repair jobs, like minor electrical or plumbing work, Rhoades said.

'If a light switch goes bad or your faucet leaks, it's not rocket science to fix them,' he said. If you don't know how to begin, Rhoades said, go to a book store and find a 'how-to' guide, or save yourself the money and find the books you need at the library. Home improvement stores also have employees who are eager to give customers advice.



Enjoy your photos more by framing them

If you're like most people, you have lots of photographs tucked away in drawers or stacked in a box on the top shelf of the closet, brought out only on rare occasions.

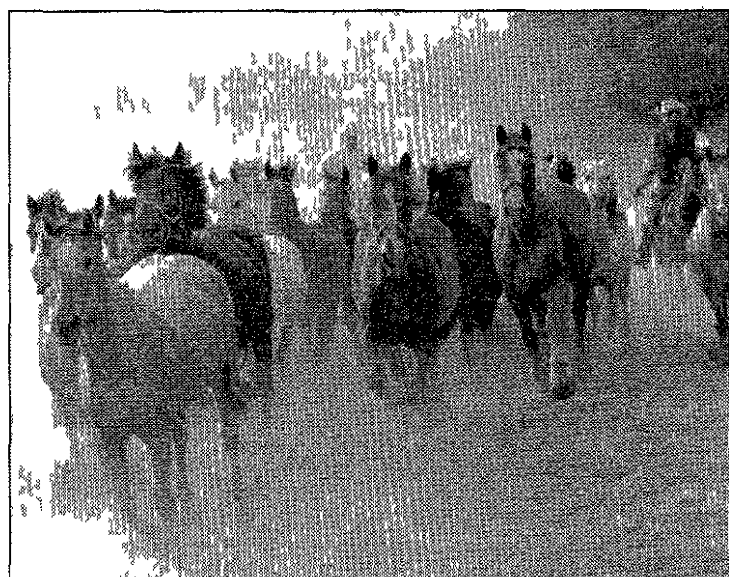


Focus on Photography

Monte Nagler

Many are of memorable family events, so you're probably not getting full enjoyment out of them. Perhaps you're even a good amateur photographer and have plenty of 8-by-10s piled neatly away but they are not placed on the wall where they belong.

Mounting and framing pictures may seem hard, complicated and expensive, and so you stay clear of what truly is an exciting and rewarding part of photography. Actually, mounting is easy and framing effortless. One of the easiest mounting procedures is using photo spray adhesive. The adhesive comes in a spray can and is applied by spraying the back of your photograph with criss-cross strokes. Wait a few seconds until the adhesive becomes tacky and then press into position on a mounting board. Center the picture equally left to right, but for aesthetic reasons, allow a little more mat board on the bottom than on the top. With a



This is one of Monte Nagler's favorite new pictures. It was taken at the Double JJ Ranch in Rothbury, Mich. It proudly hangs in Monte's home.

protective sheet of paper, apply pressure to insure a permanent, high-strength bond. The size of mount board should be large enough to provide a 3- to 4-inch border around the print.

Another product for mounting photographs is double-sticky mounting sheets available in most camera shops. They come in sheets to match any size photograph. Simply remove and discard one of the protective release sheets and press carefully onto the back of your print. Then remove the other release sheet and press your picture onto the mount board.

Your mounted photograph should have an overmat either in white or, if you prefer, a

complementary color. Many can be bought pre-cut to size or your local frame shop can cut them for you.

Pre-assembled frames in many sizes are available at all local discount stores or you can easily assemble a frame kit carried by all frame stores. Placing your matted and mounted photograph in a frame is easy and fun by just following the simple directions. Imagine how much enjoyment you and your family will get out of your photographs when you tastefully hang them on the wall.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave a message for him at (734) 953-2047.

LIGHTING

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and craft a plan, Konja advises. Safety versus enhancement means different strategies.

'Generally, it runs \$100 per (low voltage) light fixture delivered and installed with a timer, Konja said of an upper-end, cast-iron Kichler brand.

There's also hope for the do-it-yourselfer with financial issues.

Lighting is probably one of the simplest ways to improve the looks of a house, said Phil Kinzer, marketing manager for Intermatic Malibu, a landscape lighting manufacturer. Ours are soft, accent lighting, easy to install and people can add to their living space.

You can go anywhere from a single solar fixture for \$7 to \$8 to a complete low voltage set of 10 plastic lights with 4 watt bulbs, a transformer and cable for \$25 or less on special, Kinzer said.

Or you can spend \$40-\$50 per fixture. There's lighting for

every budget,' he added.

HERE COMES THE SUN

Stick solar-powered lights, which store energy from the sun, in the ground wherever you want as long as they can attract rays over the course of a day. The light comes on automatically at dusk.

The transformer for a low voltage system can be mounted near and plugged into a standard outdoor electrical outlet. The individual lights can be snapped anywhere along the cable. A timer at the transformer directs lights on and off.

'Solar doesn't cost anything (to operate), Kinzer said. Low-voltage, about what it would cost to run a 40-watt light bulb.

It takes about an hour to install a low voltage system.

The first step is kind of look around and think small - a small focal point or project you'd like to light up to start, Kinzer said. Walk around with a flashlight where you would like to see beams of light.

Let your imagination be your guide. There's no right or wrong way. I guess beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

I don't recommend that you bury the (low-voltage) cable in the ground right away, he said. See that the lights are in the position you want them.

Another caveat from Kinzer: Solar-powered lights aren't real bright. They're accent lights. If an area absolutely has to be lit on a regular basis, go to low voltage. And because sunlight is sporadic in winter at best, Kinzer only uses his solar powered lights April through October, storing them inside during cold-weather months. Intermatic Malibu products are available in stores like Lowe's, Home Depot, Ace and True Value Hardware. 'You can get a pretty good idea - you get a flavor - of what you want,' Kinzer said.

Editor's note: Staff writer Doug Funkhouser died July 20 of a heart attack. His death is a tremendous loss for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and he will be missed dearly by his colleagues.

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More eat out

A Gallup Poll conducted in April found that about 40 percent of households that earn \$75,000 or more annually ate out three or more times a week. The survey shows no decline in dining out compared with April 2001 in fact there was a small increase in the rate of eating out.

Bacon's resurgence

Bacon sales have increased 21 percent in the past few years and many credit low carbohydrate diets for the upswing in sales according to the Christian Science Monitor and the Food & Beverage Report a publication distrib-

uted by the Associated Food Dealers of Michigan.

Dietitians argue the Atkins diet has made people eat more meat but they also conceded that bacon is hard to resist for anyone who enjoys it.

Recipe contest begins

Barbara's Bakery a natural foods producer has scheduled a national Get Around Recipe Contest.

The contests is open to consumers of all ages who submit original recipes and usage ideas featuring Barbara's Go Go Grahams an organic round graham cracker. Go Go Grahams are available in supermarkets and natural food stores nationwide in honey cinnamon chocolate and lemon ginger varieties. Prizes include a grand prize specialized Hardrock bicycle teamed with Razor scooter and Heely's skate shoes three first place prizes of Razor scooters and five second place prizes of Heely's skate shoes. Recipes will be judged on basis of taste ease of preparation appearance creativity and appropriate use of Go Go Grahams.

Entry forms are now available at participating retailers online at www.barbarasbakery.com or by writing to the company at Get Around Recipe Contest Barbara's Bakery 3900 Cypress Drive Petaluma CA 94954. A copy of complete rules and regulations is also available on the company Web site or by mail. All entries must be postmarked by Oct. 31.

Fitting foods in

Looking for ways to fit fruits and vegetables into your diet? Here are a few ideas.

Add fruit at breakfast. Bananas kiwi strawberries or dried fruit combine well with breakfast cereal. Add a piece of fruit with toast or cooked rice or create a smoothie by adding fresh fruit to yogurt or milk in a blender.

Experiment with vegetables you've never had before. Mash avocado and use as a spread instead of butter. Grate zucchini beets or red cabbage and add to salads or sandwiches. Remember the greater the variety of colors on your plate the healthier the meal is likely to be. Bright colors in natural foods like tomatoes carrots sweet potatoes and green vegetables mean they contain antioxidants food substances that help prevent disease.

Get children into the habit of snacking on fruit. Try to include a variety of fruit so they aren't bored with the same thing.



JOHN STORMZANO | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Chef Rick Michels (left), Jason Camarata and owner Gerald Matthes put together blueberry treats at Give Thanks Bakery in Rochester.

Blueberry Craze

Fresh or baked in sweets, this fruit is a summertime treat

BY CHRYSAL LIEBOLD
STAFF WRITER

Florida has oranges Washington has apples and Michigan has blueberries.

The dark, delectable berry rich in antioxidants is invading the mouths of fruit lovers this summer with its sweet, tangy goodness. And if you're a blueberry lover, you're in the right state. "Blueberries remind people of up north and the woods, and they associate blueberries with summer," said Dennis Hazen, owner of Hazen's Blueberries in Howell. "Michigan is one of the leading producers of blueberries in the country. The taste and freshness is hard to beat. You can't beat a blueberry pie, or blueberry anything, really."

People seem to have a love affair of sorts with the blueberry. The fruit can be used in everything from yogurt to pancakes, flans to salsa. The nutritional benefits are reason enough to indulge, if not for the homegrown taste. One of the leading cancer-preventing fruits, blueberries are recommended for diabetics because of its natural sugar. Hazen has been in the blueberry-picking business for 50 years and says blueberries and summertime go hand in hand. His U-Pick operation specializes in three varieties of blueberries, and despite a challenging spring, he says business has been prosperous this summer.

"Our main crop is blueberries," he said. "We also sell raspberries and peaches, but blueberries are our biggest drawing card."

When picking your own berries, Hazen recommends to look for plump, appealing berries free of bruises.

"People are after the big ones," he said. "They

think bigger is better, but that's not necessarily better. I like the smaller ones."

Chef Rick Michels and other bakers at Give Thanks Bakery in Rochester, owned by Gerald Matthes, utilize the blueberry in their pastries, cakes and muffins. The fruit's versatility allows the bakery, which specializes mainly in European pastries, to create a variety of treats.

"Blueberries go well in everything, especially in muffins," said Michels. "We also do many fresh blueberry tartlets which sell like crazy."

The bakery's best seller is the Blueberry Cream Cheese Linzer Flan with a butter streusel topping and apricot glaze.

One of the more unique dishes the bakery prides themselves in is a variation of the classic Linzer tart that boasts a pastry crust and a raspberry jam filling. They adapted the tart with cream cheese and blueberries for a Michigan-style Linzer.

"We do many fresh blueberry tarts and flans with butter pastry crusts," said Michels. "They're nice and light for the summer and they sell real well, especially since blueberries are in season."

For an easy-to-make blueberry treat, Michels recommends pouring blueberries over vanilla ice cream.

"It's fantastic," he said. "I love blueberries. I love their taste and their texture. They have a tartness to them that's good as long as you don't overly sweeten them up."

"Peaches are also a nice combination with blueberries. They go so well with so many things whether they're in a pound cake or a muffin."

BLUEBERRY - CREAM CHEESE LINZER FLAN WITH BUTTER STREUSEL TOPPING

1 pint blueberries

Linzer Pastry Dough:

1 pound unsalted butter
1 1/4 cups (12 ounces) sugar
4 teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon allspice
10 ounces ground almonds
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 eggs
5/8 cups (1 1/4 pounds) cake flour

Cream cheese filling:

1/2 pounds cream cheese
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup (4 ounces) butter (unsalted and softened)
1/2 cup (2 ounces) cake flour
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 cup milk
3 eggs

For streusel topping:

1/2 pound butter (unsalted)
1 cup (1/2 pound) sugar
1 pound (3/4 cups) cake flour

For pastry dough, blend butter, sugar and spices at low speed until smooth. (Do not cream until light.) Add vanilla and ground nuts and blend in. Add flour until absorbed. Add flour and mix just until evenly blended.

Chill several hours before using.

For cream cheese filling, blend cheese, sugar and butter together until smooth. Mix eggs and flour, add vanilla and enough milk so that mixture can be piped or spread.

For streusel topping, mix all streusel topping ingredients together until crumbly.

To assemble the flan, roll out the linzer dough to slightly less than 1/4 inches thickness on a floured surface. Line a 10-inch flan tin (with removable bottom) with the pastry dough. Fill 1/2 full with cream cheese filling.

Spread fresh or frozen blueberries evenly over cream cheese filling until entire surface is covered. Sprinkle streusel topping evenly over flan surface.

Place on baking sheet and bake at 350°F for 30-40 minutes.

When completely cool, remove the flan tin and sprinkle with confectioner's sugar.

Recipe courtesy of Give Thanks Bakery.

PLEASE SEE BLUEBERRIES, D2

Here are a few 'Down under Starz' from Oz

Last year, the Australian wine industry celebrated a milestone, reaching \$2 billion in annual export sales for 2001-02. Of 55 million cases of wine exported, 15 million cases come to the United States, making Australian wines the second largest import category in the U.S. market.

Australia has a long history of grape growing and winemaking (uninterrupted by any prohibition) since the first explorers brought vine cuttings to their shores more than 200 years ago.



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

Australians love their wine (and beer) but with 1,600 wineries in more than 53 different growing regions, they just can't keep up! Exports keep the Australian wine biz booming. With the assistance of

Merchants Fine Wines and the Unique Restaurant Group, the Australian Wine Bureau brought 30 importers representing 250 wines to the metro Detroit market in June. These wines get from the importer to the retail shops and restaurants via 14 Michigan distributors.

Shiraz has been adopted as the red wine grape of choice throughout Australia. It has its origins in the Rhone Valley region of France and is best known as the red variety of Cote-Rote and Hermitage,

where it is better known as Syrah. Shiraz can be found as a varietal wine or in combination with cabernet, merlot, malbec and others. In a blend of grape varieties, the label lists the dominant variety first.

GRANT BURGE WINES

At the tasting, Shiraz became our principal focus along with a host of red wines, many from producers that were new to us. Grant Burge wines were particularly impressive. Since they

were founded in 1988, these wines have grown to become one of the top 10 privately owned wine companies in Australia.

Grant Burge is a fifth-generation winemaker committed to the Barossa Valley. He strongly believes that fine wines are born in the vineyard and that vineyards are the cradle of wine quality. With this in mind, he has developed one of the most extensive networks of premium

PLEASE SEE WINE, D4

Blueberries in season make great desserts

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quick-to-assemble desserts using blueberries combine the fruit of the season with simple extras to delectable effect.

The blueberry-mango colada salad is refreshingly light, easily made in a matter of minutes, using blueberries, mango and frozen pina colada mix, plus an optional dash of rum.

The blueberry summer pudding is an old-fashioned recipe that is not likely to go out of style, given its name - evoking both a favorite comfort food and a favorite season.

unpeeled mango thin slices of lime

In a large bowl, combine blueberries, mangos, pina colada mix, and rum, if used. Into 4 martini glasses or dessert dishes, spoon fruit mixture, dividing evenly.

Garnish with blueberries, mango slices and thin lime slices threaded onto long toothpicks, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 130 cal, 1 g fat, 1 g protein, 31 g carbs

BLUEBERRY SUMMER PUDDING

3/4 cups fresh blueberries
1/4 cup sugar
2 teaspoons orange juice
3 tablespoons butter softened
6 to 9 slices firm white sandwich bread crusts removed
Whipped cream or vanilla ice cream if desired

Line a loaf pan (about 8 1/2-by-4 1/2-by-2 1/2-inch) with plastic wrap. In a medium-sized saucepan, combine blueberries,

sugar and orange juice. Over medium heat, bring to a boil, cook until berries release their juices, about 5 minutes, cool.

Meanwhile, spread butter on one side of each bread slice. Line the bottom of the pan with some of the bread slices, butter side down, trimming to fit. Spoon half of the fruit over the bread. Repeat layers of bread and fruit one more time, finish with a layer of bread. Cover with plastic wrap, refrigerate 8 to 24 hours, until bread has absorbed blueberry juice.

Remove plastic wrap on top. To prevent sticking, run a thin knife between the plastic wrap and the pan. Place a large serving plate on top of the pudding, invert, remove plastic wrap from the pudding.

To serve, use a serrated knife to cut in thick slices. Serve with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream if desired. Makes 6 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 275 cal, 7 g fat, 3 g protein, 52 g carbs

Recipes for AP from U.S. High-bush Blueberry Council.

responds well to Michigan produce. We try to support it."

Moran is a big fan of the fruit and says he doesn't bother with any of the fancy desserts. He likes his berries simple and to the point.

"I eat them right out of the container," he said, chucking. "Blueberries are excellent this time of year with them being so fresh and huge and sweet and plump. They're as sweet as your first kiss."

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Mini melons sized for small families

BY SANDY YANG ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

PHOENIX (AP) - With its bulky size, the watermelon is usually reserved for big family meals and large picnics.

But that could be changing, with two companies unveiling a downsized version aimed at people who might hesitate to buy the standard variety.

"It's the perfect melon for today's smaller families. Otherwise, they'd eat half of it (a regular watermelon) and throw away the other half," said Gary Koppenjan, spokesman for Seminis Seeds, an Oxnard, Calif.-based company that developed the Bambino, one version of the petite melon.

"We chose a size that was easy to handle, an individual melon that can feed one or two people."

At about 6 pounds, the petite watermelons are roughly the size of a cantaloupe. Regular watermelons run about 15 to 25 pounds for the seedless variety and up to 30 pounds for those with seeds.

The smaller watermelon was a long time coming, and represents a new direction in the way produce companies develop fruits and vegetables.

Instead of growing a unique breed and then deciding how to advertise it, Seminis and Switzerland-based Syngenta Seeds - the world's top commercial seed producers - reversed the process.

They each collaborated with retailers, marketers and distributors and began with an idea they believed would draw widespread interest.

They followed up with extensive polls and market research.

"We start with the consumer," said Bruce Axtman, president of the Perishables Group, which markets Syngenta's melon.

"What do they want? Do they want better taste, or in this case, a smaller size? We think by doing this, we bring exciting new things to consumers."

It took roughly 10 years for food scientists to breed the

Chicken recipe is quickly prepared

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Some summer recipes are both special enough for entertaining and simple enough for a family dinner.

What gives them added appeal for the cook is that they can be so quick and easy to make - part of the preparation can be done ahead if you wish, and no oven is needed.

This chicken noodle salad is a fine example, for a no-stress, enjoy-the-party-yourself occasion.

It's included in a feature in Real Simple magazine's August issue, among suggested recipes by food editor Kay Chun for "the easiest dinner ever."

This is healthy eating, too. Peanuts and pears add texture to the recipe, and you can give the seasoning a touch of chili if you wish.

Serve the salad along with other salad choices, or just with fresh bread and fruit, according to the number of diners and your appetites.

PEANUT NOODLES WITH CHICKEN AND PEARS

- 1 pound spaghetti
- 1 cup smooth peanut butter
- 1 cup water at room temperature
- 1/4 cup white vinegar
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1/2 precooked roasted chicken shredded (2 cups)
- 1 Asian pear or Bosc pear peeled and thinly sliced
- 5 scallions trimmed and thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup roasted peanuts roughly chopped
- 3 small red serrano chilies thinly sliced (optional)

Cook the spaghetti al dente according to the package instructions.

Drain, rinse with cold water, then drain again.

Combine the peanut butter, water, vinegar, oil and salt to make a smooth sauce.

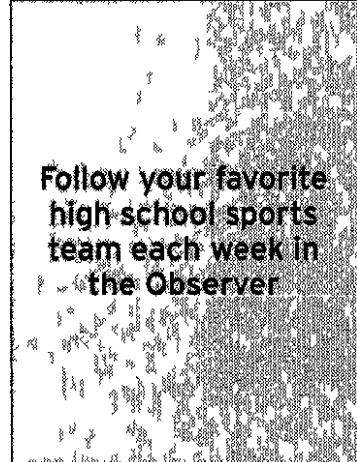
Toss the noodles with the peanut sauce.

Arrange on a platter and top with the chicken, pear, scallions, peanuts and chilies (if using).

To make ahead: Mix the sauce and cook the spaghetti up to 1 day beforehand.

Refrigerate separately. Bring the sauce to room temperature before mixing with the pasta.

Makes 8 servings.



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BLUEBERRIES

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Jim Moran, general manager of Westborn Fruit Market, 14925 Middlebelt in Livonia, says blueberries are "flying out of the store."

"People put blueberries in everything now," he said. "There's blueberry salsa, all kinds of cakes, pies and pancakes. They're healthy and have a lot of antioxidants. Everyone

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Grill spaghetti squash pairs with tomato-artichoke sauce

BY J.M. HIRSCH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

The beauty of grilling is its simplicity. Put food over an open flame and in a matter of minutes you have a glorious fire-kissed meal.

Yet reading the current crop of grilling cookbooks (some of which make the New York City telephone book seem like light reading) could give the impression that you actually need skill to wield the flames.

Get real. If cavemen could do it with sticks and stones, you should be able to master the propane monster.

Start with the basics. Beyond a grill, the most important tools are tongs and sealable plastic bags. Tongs let you move anything anywhere, usually without burning yourself too badly. Plastic bags let you season your foods minus the mess.

So here's the objective - a quick and simple vegetarian menu for the grill that requires no special skills, is high in flavor and visual appeal, and can be made in just minutes. It's easier than you think.

Since it's so abundant and inexpensive, let's start with zucchini. For vegetarians, this is a perfect grilling food. It seasons easily, cooks quickly and gets crispy on the outside while staying tender on the inside.

For best flavor, stick with small zucchini, no more than about 6 or 8 inches long. Larger zucchini tend to be fibrous.

To prepare, cut off the ends of each zucchini, then cut each into quarters - start with one slice down the center lengthwise, then cut each half across the center. Figure one whole zucchini per serving.

Toss the zucchini quarters into a large sealable plastic bag. Add 2 or 3 tablespoons olive oil, a pinch of salt (kosher is nice) and a dash of freshly ground black pepper. Seal the bag and shake to coat zucchini evenly.

Grilled as is, these zucchini chunks are wonderful. The simplicity of the seasoning lets the taste of the flame really shine.

For zucchini with more oomph, toss a teaspoon or two of a spice mix into the bag. Fish and barbecue rubs are particularly good - I recently used a Cajun catfish rub with

delicious results.

Grill these zucchini over a very hot flame. There is no need to oil the grill, as the pieces will be well coated already. Grill the pieces about 3 to 4 minutes per side. For satisfying grill marks, let the grill get very hot before starting. For something sweeter, try grilled onions. Cut off the ends of each onion (again, figure one per serving), then cut each in half.

Toss the onion halves in a plastic bag with a few tablespoons of olive oil and an equal amount of balsamic vinegar.

Allow the onions to marinate 15 minutes, then place on a very hot grill. Grill for about 10 minutes over a medium-high flame.

Turn occasionally with tongs and cook until the onions just begin to brown and soften.

While the onions cook, bring $\frac{1}{2}$ cup balsamic vinegar to a low boil in a small saucepan. Add 1 tablespoon strawberry jam and mix well to combine. Stir occasionally and simmer until the liquid has reduced by about half.

To serve the onions, drizzle with the vinegar-strawberry reduction.

If cut into large chunks, any number of vegetables could be substituted in either of these recipes. Broccoli and cauliflower are especially good grilled in these ways, as are acorn squash and carrots.

But enough with the vegetables, bring on the meat - or at least the meat-like part of the meal.

When it comes to grilling, most soy products fail miserably. Even the firmest varieties of tofu tend to break up and fall through the grate, so tofu is much better suited for roasting.

There are soy hot dogs and sausages and though some are good, many tend to dry out when grilled. These products are best when pan-fried in a touch of olive oil.

The exception is tempeh, which is made from fermented soy beans. Sold in thin, sturdy blocks, tempeh is relatively tasteless on its own, but shines when seasoned and grilled.

To grill tempeh, cut each block into six pieces and place in a plastic bag. Add enough of your favorite barbecue sauce to cover, then seal the bag and marinate 30 minutes.

Grill the tempeh pieces over a high flame for about 4 minutes per side. Use the leftover marinade from the bag (since this isn't meat, it's safe to use) to baste between flips.

For something a little more exotic, try this easy recipe for grilled spaghetti squash with tomato-artichoke sauce, adapted from Sue Spitler's "1,001 Low-fat Vegetarian Recipes" (Surrey Books, 2000, \$19.95).

Spaghetti squash looks like an ordinary hard squash from the outside, but when cooked the flesh separates into thin strands similar to pasta. It also can be baked and microwaved (with cut side down in a baking pan of water). The original recipe calls for making your own sauce, but jarred is so much easier on a hot night. It also calls for fat-free Parmesan cheese, but if fat isn't an issue, go for the real thing.

GRILLED SPAGHETTI SQUASH WITH TOMATO-ARTICHOKE SAUCE

2 small spaghetti squash cut into halves and seeded
1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
 $\frac{1}{2}$ chopped onion
2 cloves garlic, minced
9 ounce package frozen artichoke hearts, thawed and cut into halves (canned also work)
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup dry white wine or water
3 cups chunky pasta sauce
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup grated fat free Parmesan cheese

Preheat the grill to medium-high.

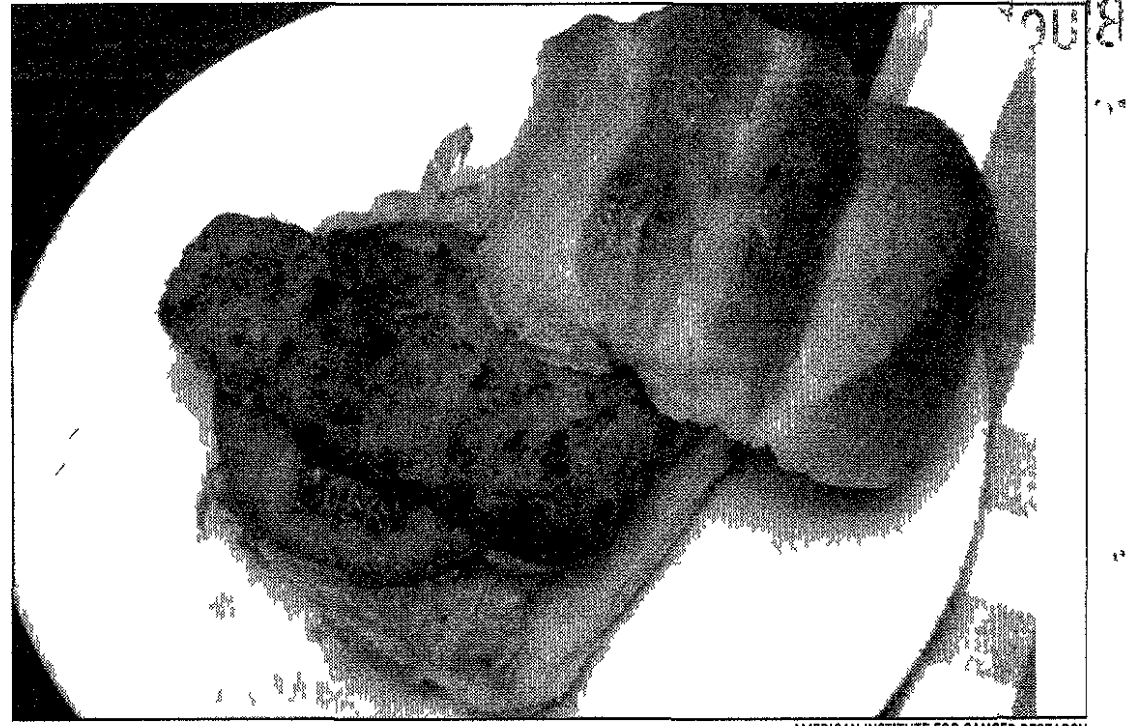
Wrap each squash half loosely in foil and place on the grill. Cook, turning occasionally, until flesh is tender and flakes when prodded with a fork, about 35 minutes. Allow the squash to cool enough to touch.

Meanwhile, heat the olive oil in a medium saucepan over a medium flame on the stove. Add the onion and garlic and saute until tender, about 5 minutes.

Add the artichoke hearts and wine and heat until boiling. Cover, reduce heat and simmer until the artichokes are tender about 5 minutes. Add the pasta sauce and heat another 3 minutes or until warm throughout.

To serve, use a fork to scrape the flesh from each half into a separate plate. Spoon tomato-artichoke sauce over each mound of squash, then sprinkle with Parmesan.

Makes 4 servings



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Cumin, garlic and onion powder and herbs add a little zing to this catfish sandwich

Cajun catfish sizzles for summer

BY DANA JACOBI
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As a teenager growing up in New York City, I was Yankee to the bone. But once I read "To Kill a Mockingbird," everything culinary south of the Mason-Dixon line fascinated me.

I especially wanted to try fried catfish. The first time I had it, the fish was succulent in its crisp cornmeal crust, but I did not like its muddy flavor. The second time, it was blackened Cajun style, and the searing spices were all I could taste.

Recent publicity about farm-raised catfish made me decide to try it again. This was partly because it was claimed that today's catfish, farmed commercially in Mississippi and other states, is sweet and lean.

Most supermarkets now sell meaty catfish filets. Often, they are flavorfully marinated and ready to toss in the pan. Beneath the seasoning, they do taste far sweeter than those caught in streams, though there is still a trace of the characteristic, earthy flavor found in other fresh water fish as well. But catfish is so lean, holds together well in cooking and so easy to cook, that I set out to prepare it in a

way I would like.

Instead of prepackaged spices, I chose to blend my own, making a blackening mixture with bold flavor and a kick that leaves tastebuds tingling rather than singed. Apply it like a dry barbecue rub and let the fish set for a few minutes before cooking. A cornmeal coating creates a crisp crust despite the minimal amount of oil. To serve, put the pan-fried fish on a toasted bun, along with mayonnaise, lettuce and tomato. (Southern readers might try Remoulade Sauce and pickle slices instead.)

This treatment is so good you'll go back for a second serving.

CAJUN CATFISH SANDWICH

1 teaspoon each cumin, garlic powder, onion powder, dried oregano, dried thyme, salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon sweet paprika
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cayenne pepper
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup low fat mayonnaise
4 (3 ounce) pieces catfish fillet
3 tablespoons yellow cornmeal
1 tablespoon canola oil
3 romaine lettuce leaves, finely shredded
8 thin tomato slices
4 hamburger buns (preferably whole wheat), toasted

In a small bowl, combine all spices and salt together. Mix 1 tablespoon of the mixture into the mayonnaise and set aside.

Lightly rub each side of the filets with the dry spice mixture and let it sit 10 minutes. (This spice mixture is also delicious on other kinds of fish as well as on chicken and pork.)

Lightly coat fish with corn meal. Heat oil in a medium skillet over medium-high heat. Sauté fish until browned on both sides. Reducing heat, if necessary, cook until fish is opaque in the center at the thickest points, about 4 to 5 minutes.

Spread a thin layer of seasoned mayonnaise on the surface of the bottom and top buns. Reserve remaining mayonnaise mixture for another use.

Cover bottom of each bun with one-quarter of the lettuce. Add a slice of tomato to each. Top each with a fillet. Add a tomato slice on top of each fillet and cover with top of bun. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 313 calories, 14 g total fat (2 g saturated fat), 29 g carbohydrate, 18 g protein, 4 g dietary fiber, 603 mg sodium.

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'Takeout' revised for healthier eating

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"Takeout tonight" is a familiar refrain, given the busy lives most people lead. It's one solution for dinner at the end of a hectic day - but there may be a better way to interpret the concept, especially if you want to eat for health and avoid putting on weight.

How about easy recipes for making your takeout favorites at home? A new cookbook collection, "Weightwatchers Take-Out Tonight!" (Fireside, 2003, \$13.95 paperback), offers some 150 restaurant-type dishes that the home cook can make, many shown in color photos.

The recipes are reworked to provide portions, fat content and calorie amounts that won't make eating a guilty pleasure.

Recipes sound familiar: jumbo muffins, chowder, tuna melts and Reuben sandwiches from the deli menu, plus Chinese, Mexican and Italian classics - not forgetting Indian spice and Japanese rice-and-sushi specials.

From the Greek cuisine, there's a lamb souvlaki with rice to make at home that can more than rival the takeout version because it's still packed with flavor, but it cuts fat and calories. Note: Once you've done the marinating, it's a matter of minutes to broil the savory skewers.

LAMB SOUVLAKI WITH RICE

- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 1/2 pounds boneless leg of lamb, trimmed of all visible fat, cut into 30 cubes
- 2 small red onions, root end left intact and cut into 6 wedges each
- 1 large green bell pepper, seeded and cut into 12 pieces
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 3/4 cup long grain white rice, cooked according to package directions

To make the marinade: Combine the oil, garlic, oregano and thyme in a large zip-close plastic bag, mix well. Add the lamb, seal the bag and turn several times to coat. Marinate the lamb at room temperature 30 minutes or refrigerate overnight.

Preheat broiler. Spray a broiler pan with nonstick spray, set aside.

Thread 5 lamb cubes, 2 onion wedges and 2 bell pepper pieces onto each of six 12-inch metal skewers, alternating the ingredients. Transfer skewers to the broiler pan.

Broil the skewers 4 inches from the heat, turning at least once, until the vegetables are tender and the lamb is cooked through, 8 to 10 minutes. Serve with the rice. Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition information per serving (1 skewer with 1/4 cup rice): 291 cal., 9 g fat (3 g saturated fat), 73 mg chol., 252 mg sodium, 25 g carbo., 1 g fiber, 26 g pro.

Recipe from "Weightwatchers Take-Out Tonight!"

Yard-sale is great source for recipes

BY J M HIRSCH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

It's yard sale season again, that time of year when virtual buffets of bargains laid out on lawns draw us from our homes at obscenely early hours on weekends.

My wife and I have a routine. On Thursdays we scan the classifieds for good hits Saturday morning, coffee and cash in hand, we're on the road by 7 a.m.

What does this have to do with cooking? Aside from the occasional cookware bargain (I've snagged new Le Creuset pots for \$5), there also often are reams of inspiring and entertaining recipes to be had for pennies.

Yard sales are not suited for recipe snobs. I relish the adventure of spending a few bucks on boxes of sometimes decades-old cookbooks with ugly photography, knowing I'll find at least a few items of interest.

Where else could you find a self-published cookbook from Guam for 10 cents? Though recipe testing indicated the price actually may have been a bit high, it still was fun to try. But it also is easy to find some real keepers. I recently carted off nearly two dozen issues of *Cooking Light* magazine from the 1990s for \$2. They may be old, but I wasn't reading the magazine then, so they are new to me.

By far my favorite yard sale finds are recipe boxes, those tiny treasure chests packed with scribbled index cards, folded up newspaper clippings, and kitchen kitch recipe cards filled with family favorites.

It is a treat to peer into a cook's past, seeing and tasting the recipes a family may have

grown up with. And it can be entertaining to see how tastes, ingredients and even appliances have changed over the years.

During recent weekend bargain hunts, I picked up three such boxes for 50 cents each. One dated from the 1960s or 1970s, but the other two went back at least to the 1930s.

The woman who sold me one of them said she had found it buried in a wall of her house when she renovated. It felt like reading an anonymous diary as I picked through the fragile cards brown with age.

Among them were oddities, such as Auntie Bond's "Tomatoes," which calls for 1 can of tomatoes, 2 tablespoons flour in a bit of water, a large onion and celery seed - but never says what to do with any of it.

Prunes apparently were a favorite. One box had recipes for fluffy prune frosting and "Delicious Prune Sponge." I decided to take the author's word on that last one.

Another recipe card left much a mystery: "See Mom about drop cookies."

Cooking from such recipes is hit or miss. Often the cards were just reminders of recipes known by heart, making it a challenge to recreate them. Others benefit from updating.

I was intrigued by one recipe scrawled in a shaky hand on an index card: "Anna Shorey's Dessert" offered little guidance when it said "I can Carnation evap milk beaten stiff. Add 1/2 cup sugar. Fold in juice of 1 lemon or 1/2. Freeze."

Made as directed, the dish was a milky block. Likely, there was more stirring involved that didn't make it into the written recipe. For round two I tossed

the mixture into an ice cream maker. Now that was a sweet and creamy treat!

Since zucchinis are just coming into season, I couldn't resist another recipe called simply "Zucchini Delight." This dish calls for sauteing onions and zucchini in tomato juice, but doesn't do much with seasoning or offer serving advice.

This seemed like a great low-fat meal, perfect for using up abundant produce, but in need of a bit of updating. A dash of salt, a bit of freshly ground pepper, and some garlic got the flavors going. Served over couscous, it was delicious.

Another recipe for sliced tomato salad needed little tinkering. This simple and tasty salad calls for a bed of greens covered with sliced tomatoes and drizzled with a sour-cream dressing.

The original recipe instructs the cook to "peel the tomatoes and chill them thoroughly in the electric refrigerator." I skipped both the peeling and the chilling, the latter because cold robs tomatoes of taste.

The final recipe I tested was "Bishop's Bread from New Hampshire." What I assumed would be a sandwich loaf of some sort ended up a tasty cross between angel food cake and a blondie.

A bit of Internet research turned up countless variations of this dessert, and the trivia that this bread dates from Colonial New England. Housewives apparently baked it in anticipation of the parson's visit.

ZUCCHINI DELIGHT

- 28 ounce can crushed tomatoes
- 2 medium onion roughly chopped
- 3 medium zucchini, sliced in half

- lengthwise then cut into 1/2-inch half moons
- Salt and fresh ground black pepper
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup water
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1 cup couscous

Drain the juice from the canned tomatoes into a medium saucepan. Reserve the tomatoes. Add the onions to the pan and sauté over a medium flame until onions are tender, about 7 minutes.

Add the zucchini, stir well to combine and sauté 5 minutes. Add the reserved tomatoes, salt and pepper to taste, and garlic, then reduce heat to low and simmer 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, combine the water and oil in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil over a high flame, then remove from heat.

Add the couscous, shaking the pan gently to ensure all grains are covered by the water. Cover and let sit 5 minutes.

To serve, fluff the couscous with a fork and transfer to a large plate or platter. Spoon the zucchini mix over it. Serve hot. Makes 4 servings.

SLICED TOMATO SALAD

- 4 cups salad greens (baby spinach leaves or Romaine are nice)
- 4 medium slicing tomatoes (beefsteak are good) cut to 1/2-inch slices
- 1/2 cup sour cream (or soy alter native)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
- Pinch cayenne
- 1 to 2 tablespoons grated horse

radish

Arrange the greens in a bed on a large plate or platter. Layer the slices in an overlapping circle on top of the greens.

To make the dressing, combine all ingredients in a small bowl and whisk until smooth and well combined. Drizzle the dressing over the tomatoes. Serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings

BISHOP'S BREAD FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE

- 3 eggs, yolks and whites separated
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups all purpose white flour
- 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup slivered almonds
- Powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 375° F.

Use a mixer to cream the egg yolks and sugar in a large bowl. While mixing, add vanilla and milk.

Sift together the salt, flour and baking powder, then add to the bowl and mix well. Add the raisins and almonds, and mix to combine.

In another bowl, use the mixer to beat the egg whites to stiff peaks.

Using a rubber spatula, fold the egg whites into the batter, being careful not to overmix.

Spread the batter across a standard baking sheet, about 1/2- to 3/4-inch thick. Bake for 18 to 20 minutes, or until top begins to brown and a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean.

Let the bread cool, then cut into squares and dust with powdered sugar.

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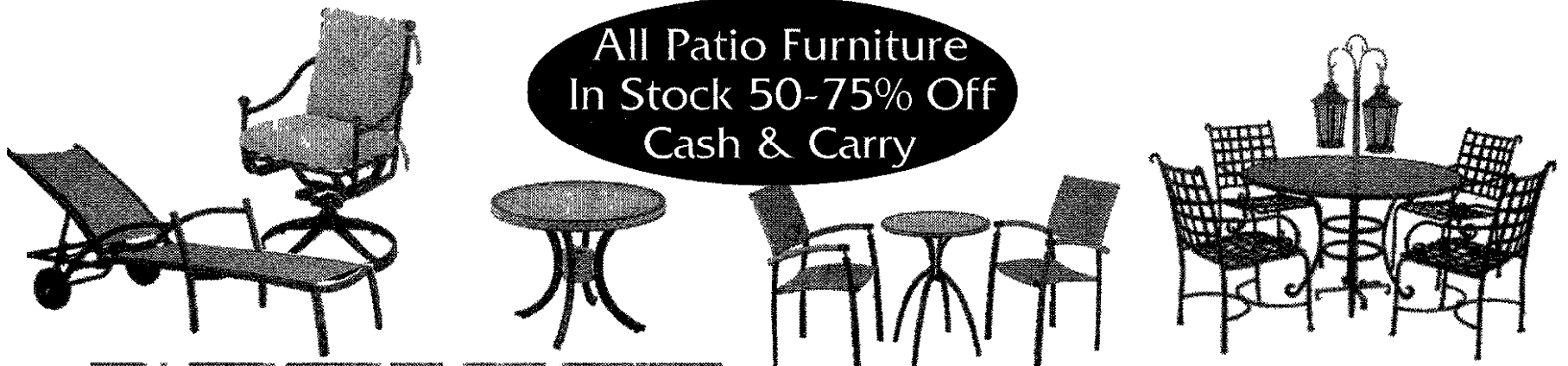
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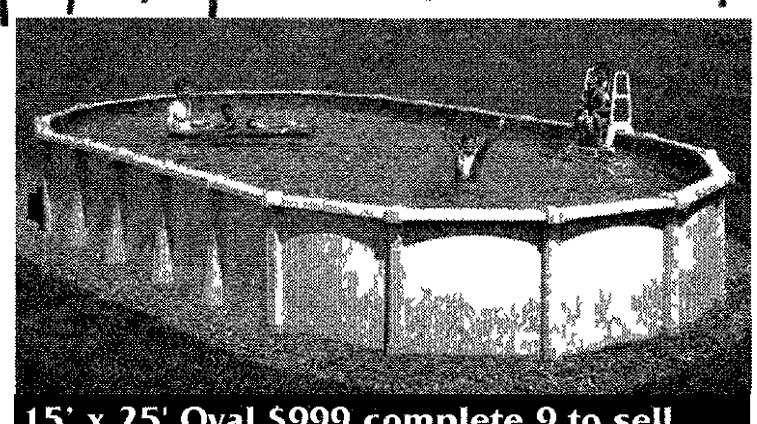
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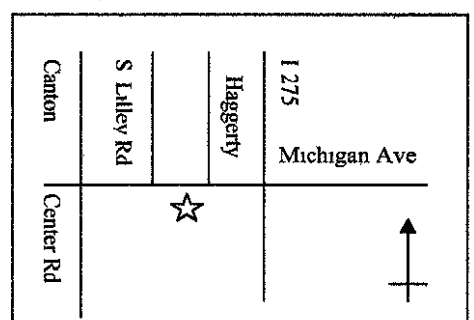
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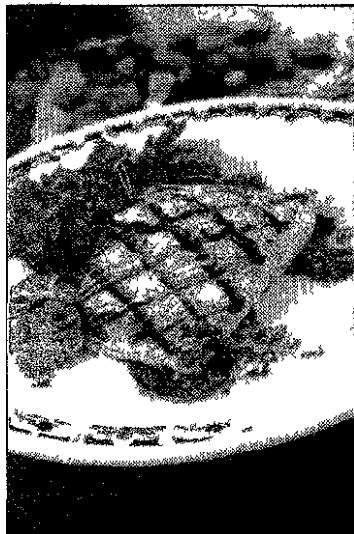
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Go ahead, bag that fish

FISH IN A BAG

- 8 sheets parchment paper
- 4 servings Vegetable Mix (see recipe below)
- 12 lemon wheels each cut into 1/4 inch pieces
- 4 thyme sprigs approximately 3 5 inches each
- 1 teaspoon Chef Paul Prudhomme's Blackened Redfish Magic
- 4 5 7 ounce pieces of tilapia skin off

- Vegetable Mix Recipe**
- 1 medium red onion cut into half slices
 - 1 medium red pepper cut into 1 1/2 inch x 1/4 inch strips
 - 2 stalks of celery sliced into 1/4 inch pieces
 - 8 ounces carrot slims
 - 2 tablespoons of McCormick's It's a Dilly Seasoning Blend
 - 2 baking potatoes
 - 2 teaspoons kosher salt
 - 1 teaspoon black pepper
 - 2 tablespoons fresh thyme chopped
 - 1 teaspoon Chef Paul Prudhomme's Vegetable Magic



Infuse grilled salmon with basil, then add a tomato and arugula salad to your menu

the fish Place one large thyme sprig on top Repeat with the other three pieces of fish

Place one sheet of the buttered parchment paper on top of the tilapia Crimp the two sheets of parchment paper like a piecrust until the bottom and the top are completely sealed Repeat with the other three pieces of fish

Place the bags of tilapia onto a cookie sheet Cook in a 450°F oven for approximately 12 to 15 minutes To check the temperature, insert a probe into the side of the bag until you have reached the middle of the fish The temperature of the fish should be between 140-150 degrees Place the bag onto a plate Slice the parchment open right at the table to enjoy Makes four servings *Recipe courtesy of Red Lobster*

Wine Pairing Recommendation A Sauvignon Blanc is a nice accompaniment because it won't overpower the light, subtle flavors of the fish, which is a delicate preparation Another good pairing would be a Chateau Ste Michelle Riesling This light, fruity wine complements the spice and citrus seasoning of the fish

BASIL INFUSED GRILLED SALMON WITH A TOMATO AND ARUGULA SALAD

- 4 10 12 ounce pieces of fresh salmon filets skinless

- Tomato and Arugula Salad
- 8 ounces fresh arugula rinsed and dried
- 2 roma tomatoes cored and quartered

Place these items in a large mixing bowl and refrigerate until you are ready to toss the salad

- Herb Vinaigrette
- 2 ounces Ken's Sun Dried Tomato Salad dressing
- 4 ounces Ken's Raspberry Walnut Vinaigrette
- 1 teaspoon red onion (finely diced)
- 1 tablespoon fresh basil (chopped)

Mix all ingredients well and refrigerate until you are ready to toss the salad

- Basil Oil
- 4 ounces Boyajian basil oil
- 1/4 cup fresh basil (chopped)

Mix ingredients well

Brush the skin side of the salmon filets with the basil oil and season with kosher salt and fresh ground pepper

On a clean hot grill, place the salmon seasoned side down and grill each side for 3-4 minutes

Place the salmon in a baking dish and brush generously with the remaining basil oil

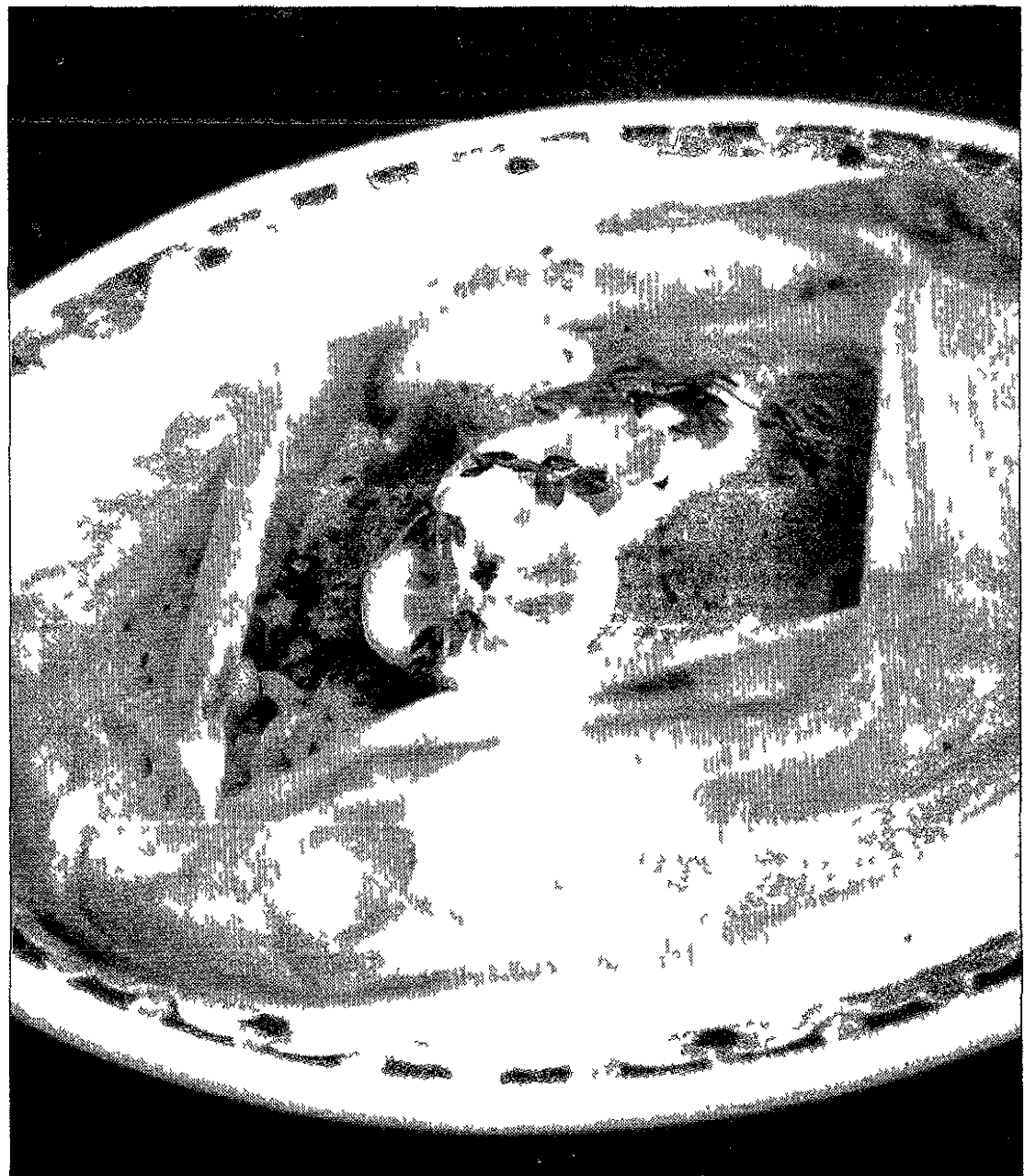
Add a small amount of water to the baking dish and finish cooking in a 450°F oven for approximately 8 minutes (internal temperature will be 130-135 degrees)

When the salmon is almost done, add the herb vinaigrette to the arugula salad and toss until evenly coated

Evenly portion the arugula salad and two tomato quarters on each plate, mounding the arugula in the center of the plate and placing the tomatoes to the side

Place one salmon fillet up against the arugula salad and garnish with a lemon wedge

Recipe courtesy of Red Lobster



RED LOBSTER

Enjoy fish in a bag featuring tilapia flavored with seasonings

Peel the onion and cut in half Slice into 1/4 inch half moons Cut the red pepper into 1/2 inch long by 1/4 inch wide strips Trim the celery and cut into 1/4 inch pieces Cut the potatoes in half in the middle and then into 1/6ths Steam potatoes for approximately 8 to 10 minutes or until tender Cool in ice water to stop cooking Once cooled drain well Place all vegetables into a mixing bowl Add the following to the vegetables It's a Dilly seasoning blend, kosher salt, ground pepper, chopped thyme and Chef Paul Prudhomme's Vegetable Magic Mix well

On the skin side of the fish make 3 to 4 1/4 inch slices approximately 1/2 inch apart This will ensure even cooking Brush the tilapia with liquid butter and then season with kosher salt Lightly sprinkle Chef Paul Prudhomme's Blackened Redfish Magic on the fish

Brush each piece of parchment paper lightly with liquid butter (one side only) Place 1/4 of the vegetable mixture in the center of one sheet of parchment paper Place one piece of tilapia on top of the vegetable mixture Place three lemon wheels across

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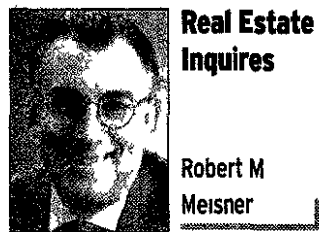
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Real Estate Inquires

Robert M. Meisner

College degree not required of board members

Our co-op is considering a requirement that any board member have a college degree. I am wondering if you think that is a reasonable restriction, although it may make good sense.

Based on a recent New York intermediate appeals court decision, a board amendment which required that board members have college degrees was set aside as unreasonable. It was an apparent board attempt to keep a disliked chair holder with a high school education from running for the board. While normally cooperative boards are protected by the Business Judgment Rule, in some instances, courts will not give deference to arbitrary decisions made by the board particularly if they are self-serving.

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Look for ways to eliminate eyesores

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Why can't so-and-so be more like me?

That's the lament of some sellers who work hard to get their property in mint showing condition inside and out.

The lawn is immaculate. You could eat off the floor of the uncluttered garage. Windows sparkle. Individual rooms could serve as photo opportunities for *Better Homes & Gardens* magazine.

Then there's the house next door, behind the back fence or across the street.

Several cars in various states of efficient operation, some dripping oil, are parked in the driveway, on the street and in the rear yard. The grass, to paraphrase that great show tune, is as high as an elephant's eye.

Wrappers, cups, straws and napkins - remnants from visits to the local convenience store - he discarded among overgrown shrubbery next to the crumbling concrete porch steps. Twigs sprout in clogged gutters. Toys, bikes and skateboards are strewn everywhere. And the final kick in the butt that big dog always outside whose mess is as ever present as its obnoxious bark.

Who wants to buy into that kind of setting?

PRICES IMPACTED

'A year ago, I showed a



home to a darling young couple. It was their first house,' said Deborah Field Cavanaugh, a Realtor with Hall & Hunter in Birmingham. 'From their yard you could see five other back yards and two were disgraceful - junk paint was peeling.'

'It was really a good deal,' Cavanaugh said of the house she showed. 'It needed work and he was an architect and needed a project.'

The couple saw beyond the eyesores, bought and got an even a better deal due to the condition of the properties around them, Cavanaugh added.

Nada Ilich, broker/owner of Century 21 Nada in Farmington Hills and a 38-year veteran of the real estate business, knows that an eyesore impacts sales. She also knows that everyone isn't as understanding or attuned to the possibilities as Cavanaugh's clients.

'They might look but say, 'Oh my gosh,' Ilich said. 'It's the American way. You barbecue, sit in the back yard. If something isn't pleasant, you don't want to buy it.'

So what's a seller to do?

IALOGUE

Ilich suggests a non-confrontational talk with a neighbor whose standards of upkeep differ substantially from yours. An offer to do some work also may be appreciated.

'Say something like, 'I'm selling my house, I know you're very busy, don't have much time. Is there any way I can help?'

Joe Durso, associate broker with RE/MAX Classic in Livonia and also a 38-year veteran, said he prefers to be the bad guy and deal directly with problem neighbors for the seller.

If things really are bad, communications probably have broken down and the problem

neighbor is a big reason for the move anyway, he said.

Make it clear to the offensive neighbor that his cooperation can go far in getting the sellers out more quickly - if that's his goal, too.

And offering to lend a hand with the work may be the icing on the cake.

'It's a matter of being as diplomatic as you can,' Durso said. 'I'll go over and say, 'We've come up with a marketing strategy and frankly, I need some help from you. Can I cut your grass?'

A lot of times, a little old lady lives there alone, her son won't come over to do it, she doesn't have a lot of money. They will appreciate it,' he said.

Durso finds that four out of five times, a sloppy neighbor will take care of business or let him do it when he explains the situation.

However, there's always that knucklehead who won't listen to or respond to reason.

'Then you certainly go to code enforcement,' Durso said. 'Most municipalities have ordinances on parking unlicensed cars on a property, boats and motor homes in driveways. There are laws on how high grass can get, letting garbage get out of control and keeping unruly pets.'

But with warnings, tickets and court action, the process can take time.

Nobody wants to buy a problem,' Durso said. 'It does take longer to sell. It definitely takes longer, much longer. Unless a buyer gets a good deal, as a rule, you're not going to buy a problem.'

Mary Ferrazza, affiliated with Real Estate One in Rochester, agrees that a neighborhood-wide cleanup a couple of times a year may be one way to deal with problem properties without embarrassing individual owners.

Also, many hands make for a lighter load.

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times goes a lot farther than criticism,' Ferrazza said. 'Try that first.'

VEGETATION/FENCES

Create an oasis, Cavanaugh suggests. Plant trees, shrubs or hedges to screen problems. However, because many new developments have deed restrictions, check first to see what's allowed. Keep in mind, too, that vegetation needs time to mature.

Privacy fences, especially in older, more-established neighborhoods, also may be a solution. Again, check with your municipality and association for permit procedures and restrictions.

Cavanaugh offers another piece of advice.

'Get your Realtor to help you find out where their mortgage is and let the mortgage company know they're not complying with basic maintenance, that the house isn't being protected,' she said.

All mortgages have clauses requiring borrowers to keep property from deteriorating, Cavanaugh said.

Check municipal records for information on ownership and where property tax bills go. Many folks pay through their mortgage companies. So drop the lender a line, she said.

Mortgage Bits

Tim 'Timbo' Phillips



Still time to make move

It seems like the "back to school" sales hit the retail stores earlier every year. What's the rush? Heck, it is late July and my 4-year-old daughter pointed out to Mom some cool Halloween items out on store shelves (No kidding!)

Retailers may want you to believe that summer's already over, but I am not buying it. There's still plenty of summer left, and that means there are ample opportunities for renters and home-seekers to land some incredible real estate deals before school begins.

There is no way to predict where the real estate market and mortgage interest rates will be next spring and summer. However, we can be certain that the current conditions are absolutely marvelous for home buyers to make a move. The housing market inventory is plentiful, and many mortgage lenders are offering attractive programs and premium pricing for purchases now that the refinancing market has begun to slow.

Many professionals characterize the current real estate market as a "buyer's market." Simply put, that means there are more homes for sale than there are qualified buyers to purchase them. That's great news if you are a buyer, because it means you may be in a better position to negotiate a deal for yourself for your purchase.

INTEREST RATES

Do not let the recent interest rate increases stop you from being an active real estate shopper. Interest rates in the 6 to 7 percent range may seem high compared to the 45-year record low rates we have experienced over the past quarter, but they are fantastic relative to just a few short years ago, when rates were dancing around 8 percent. Back then, folks would have done back-flips to get a rate below 7 percent.

A benefit of the recent interest rate increases is that most lenders are getting "caught up" with their underwriting. Some mortgage lenders recently reported underwriting turn-times in excess of a week, some even longer. As the refinancing market softens, so will the mortgage underwriting chaos. That means faster loan processing, and that's great news for buyers.

So go find yourself that home. There's still time to make your move.

Timothy J. Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. You may reach him toll free at (866) 369 4516 or via www.HomeQuartersBIZ. Home buyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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HOME Of The WEEK

Beautiful and charming centennial home on 1.14 acres in Bloomfield Township. Guest cottage with kitchen, living room, bedroom, and full bath is surrounded by enchanting and lush gardens. There are hardwood floors throughout. A new kitchen with granite counter, formal dining room, and den all have French doors leading to slate porches. The music room could be 5th bedroom. Butler's pantry is off kitchen. There's 1 1/2 baths on first floor. Fireplaces are in large living and family rooms. Upstairs offers a master suite w/updated bath, Jacuzzi, and large dressing area w/walk-in closets. 3 additional bedrooms, Jack and Jill bath, and laundry area. Shown by appointment. **\$1,499,000.**

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MOVERS AND SHAKERS

This column highlights promotions, transfers hirings awards won and other news within the real estate construction architecture and mortgage communities. Send a brief summary including town of residency and photo to Real Estate Movers and Shakers Attn Keely Kaleski Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 805 E. Maple Birmingham MI 48009 Our fax number is (248) 644 1314

Roberta Peterman has been chosen to head sales at Cressbrook Robertson Brothers new luxury condominium community on the Kahn estate in Franklin

She will be responsible for the day to day sales at Cressbrook which will include 21 detached condominiums with prices starting in the high \$900 000s

Peterman was previously media director and senior vice president at FCB Worldwide She provides makeovers to cancer patients and senior citizens as a volunteer artist with Look for Success a charity organization sponsored by Estee Lauder

A resident of Commerce Township Peterman completed her real estate education at Middleton Real Estate Training Inc in Southfield

The **Detroit chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women** has named seven finalists for its Real Estate in Excellence Award which recognizes two southeast Michigan commercial property developers that significantly impact their surrounding communities

Finalists in the new construction category include **Altair Engineering**

world headquarters Troy submitted by Liberty Property Trust

LOC Performance manufacturing facility Plymouth submitted by SME

Telcom Credit Union main office Novi - submitted by Campbell/Manix Inc

Ricardo, Inc. Detroit Technology Campus, Belleville - submitted by DeMattia Group

NSK Corporation North American headquarters and technical center Ann Arbor submitted by DeMattia Group

Finalists in the redevelopment category include

Ford Field Detroit - submitted by Boadman Longley & Dahling

Thea Bowman Community Health Center Detroit - submitted by Providence Hospital

A panel of eight judges in the commercial real estate industry selected a winner in each category on July 30 The award will be presented at a Sept 25 luncheon at Oakland Hills Country Club in Birmingham where all finalists entries will be on display

Luncheon tickets are \$60 for more information call Donna Hanson (248) 375 7239 or see www.crewdetroit.org/awards.html

Projects earn points for being environmentally friendly improving the surrounding community and creatively using current materials space and technology

Mike Bilbey and Sharon Laurain have joined Coldwell Banker Schweitzer's Clarkston office 7151 N Main St Laurain is a resident of Waterford Bilbey lives in Grand Blanc

Subdivisions sprout in Montana farmland

BY MICHAEL JAMISON
AP CORRESPONDENT

Bob O'Neil looked worried, arms folded over his chest, standing knee-deep in the middle of a piece of Flathead Valley farmland thick with grasshoppers

It was land just like the land he spent his life farming, land that in recent years has been growing a cash crop of subdivisions

Up in the Flathead and up in the Bitterroot and up in valley after Montana valley, cash-strapped farmers have been selling off their wheat fields to a seemingly endless stream of developers

Between 1992 and 1997, census data show the Flathead lost farmland at a rate of 1.4 acres per hour, an overall drop in agricultural land of 22 percent The individual farms decreased in average size by 29 percent

Meanwhile, the market value of crops sold from those farms shipped, on average, by 9 percent

If you're a farmer like O'Neil, it's a balance sheet that doesn't balance

"We sold it to the developer for obvious reasons," said Flathead farmer Brent Johnson "Just to clear up the debt"

A good field of wheat brought him 100 bushels per acre, Johnson said, and a good market put \$5 in his pocket for every bushel But things weren't always good Sometimes, he got just 80 bushels per acre, and sometimes a bushel was worth only \$3

"Eventually," Johnson said, "we just started to go backward"

And so he whacked off a chunk of dirt, sold it to a developer and kept farming the rest

Meanwhile, big landowners

like Plum Creek Timber Co also have been selling off land

The company's real estate manager, Jerry Sorenson, said agricultural and timber lands go for between \$300 to \$500 per acre Carve it up into residential lands, however, and the price jumps 20 times to \$10,000 per acre

"There is a tremendous demand for rural real estate within any proximity of town and the airport," Sorenson said Since 1996, he said, his company has cashed in on 37,000 acres

And government has joined the rush as well

The state Department of Natural Resources and Conservation relies on its land base to make money for Montana's schools After years of logging and grazing those lands - while at the same time keeping them open for uses such as hunting and fishing - the DNRC is increasingly looking at single-use commercial and residential leases

On the north side of Kalispell, a square mile of DNRC land that is currently farmed brings in about \$45 per acre A new shopping center planned for those same fields will pay \$3 per square foot, or \$120,000 per acre

"But before you join the gold rush," warns Sonny LaSalle, "you better realize, when the house is built, that's about it"

No more hunting there, no more biking or horseback riding or swimming in that favorite shady pool As farmers and companies and governments sell off what was open space, LaSalle said, communities lose values they need to compete in the modern economy

"People need to recognize that ag land has a value that's much greater than the

production of crops," LaSalle said

LaSalle is a former member of the Ravalli County Planning Board, and says there exists a "direct and obvious" relationship between the health of a community's economy and its scenic open spaces

Perhaps that is why Bob O'Neil was standing in that grasshopper patch talking not to farmers but to the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce Local business leaders spent most of a sunny July day last week touring the Flathead's farmlands, talking about the connections between amenities like open space and the dollars and cents of economics

Most of the time, the problems that come with carving up farmland are articulated by the "smart-growth" and wildlife advocates They worry about losing habitat, about polluting waterways, about turning 100 acres of wheat into 20 five-acre patches of knapweed

But now, it seems, business is worried, too

Business is worried about sustaining land values, about the costs of servicing those new developments, and about preserving the landscape that is driving the economies of places like Kalispell and Hamilton

Business is worried about the fact that for every dollar a residential parcel pays in taxes, it requires somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1.50 in government services, while farms require only about a quarter in services for every dollar spent in taxes

Wheat doesn't need a cop, hay doesn't need a firefighter, and neither needs an education

Some contend impact

'You can't expect the farmer to give up land for nothing, and you can't just condemn a guy to his farm. There has to be a fair trade.'

Sonny LaSalle
former planning board member

fees are a way to balance those books, requiring developers to pay the price of development upfront Developers, however, say that would only drive housing prices higher

Economist Tony Prato is embarking on a three-year study on Flathead Valley land-use trends He argues that allowing development that costs local government more than it brings in "is simply a way to subsidize developers, and developers aren't going broke here"

After all, he said, developers will always maximize profits, regardless of what's considered affordable

"It is absolutely about business and economics," said Larry Swanson, an economist who heads the Regional Economy Program at the Missoula-based O'Connor Center for the Rocky Mountain West "What makes the economies of these places is the fact that they're attractive, and what makes these places attractive for development is that they're undeveloped"

The trick, Swanson said, is to develop and design smart

For years, Swanson said, the plan for limiting sprawling development was to put everyone on a 10- or 20-acre chunk of dirt Time and again, however, that approach has resulted in a haphazard appearance with a house poking up every which way you look









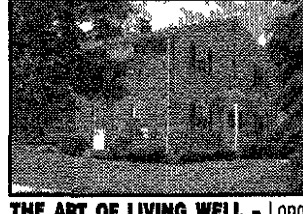

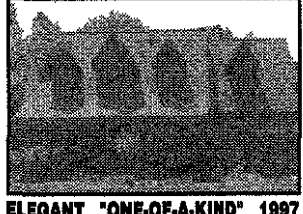







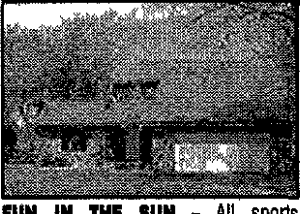


The new approach, he said, is to cluster development - to build nice neighborhoods on sizable lots with common streets and infrastructure, with trees and sidewalks and nice homes Give the developer a few extra spots in the density codes, Swanson said, to entice cluster development, and then leave the rest of the space open around the cluster

A 100-acre subdivision that would have had a house on every 10-acre lot becomes instead 15 houses on 15 acres, with 85 acres of farm land or open space surrounding the neighborhood The cluster homes are worth more to the developer, and the farmer keeps farming

There are other tools, such as the now-common conservation easements

Gallatin and Missoula counties have passed public bonds to simply buy the open space and farmland Grand Junction, Colo., has passed a bond to buy land in the spaces between small surrounding towns, so they don't bleed together and lose their individual identities "But whatever you do," LaSalle said, "there has to be a fair exchange You can't expect the farmer to give up land for nothing, and you can't just condemn a guy to his farm There has to be a fair trade"

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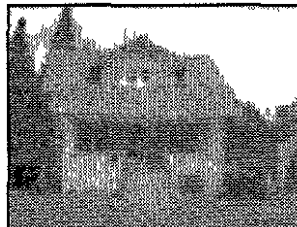
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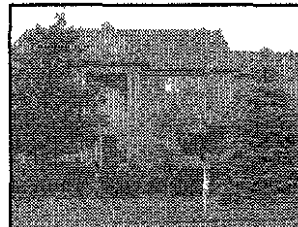
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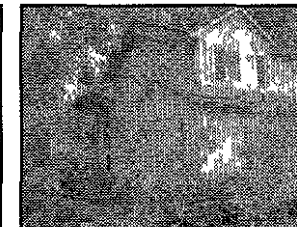
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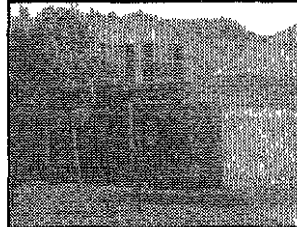
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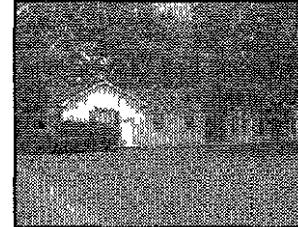
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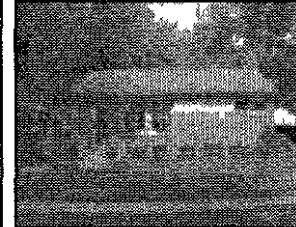
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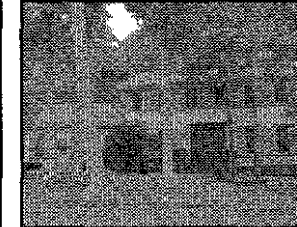
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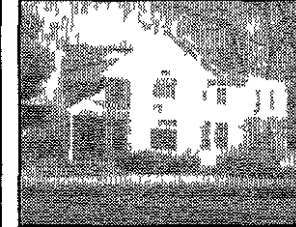
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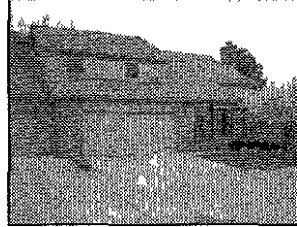
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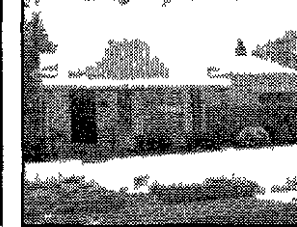
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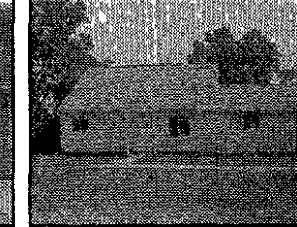
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Remarkable Updating! New kit w/HDWD flrs oak cab tile walls & more! Custom ceiling updated w/n carpet paint closets & trm Open k: to LR g ves open modern feel! Updated furnace & CA BGP450ra 888 870 9127



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Newer 3 Bedroom Colonial on Almost an Acre Open Floor plan neutral and ready to move into Great room with cathedral ceilings fireplace sprwing kitchen 2 car garage full basement (BGSly57OLD) 888 870 9131



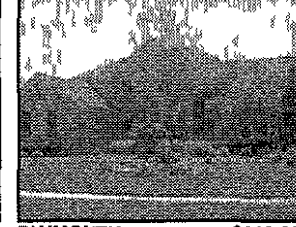
NORTHVILLE \$299,900
Stunning 3 BR Ranch n Highlands Fireplace in LR&FR Master w/bath Fin bsmt w/full bath & Lg storage rm Fenced yard backs to wood Spectacular fall view Walking d stance to 4 lakes Lake prv (BGSly63RIP) 888 870 9131



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PLYMOUTH \$669,900
Country Acres of Plymouth 4BR 3 full/2 half BA Colonial! Priv wooded setting Cherry cbnts b/ appls hwd flrs in gour kit nook & Hearth Rm 2 story FR w/soaring cigs Lux mstr ste w/fash BA BGP 29Ply 888 870 9127



PLYMOUTH \$619,900
Fabulous Landscaping Impressive 4BR 3 1/2 BA Cresthaven Cape Cod Low traffic court setting Gourmet kit & nook w/upgraded cbnts & granite cntrtops Lux 1st flr mstr w/vtd clgs & 2 WIC BGP 21 Pow 888 870 9127



PLYMOUTH \$525,000
Cape w/Luxury! Mbr ste finished basement w/br bath wet bar & wine room Backs to rich hardwoods on large court setting 2 story great room Expensive upgrades t/o Warranty (BGN98ADA) 888 870 9123



PLYMOUTH \$374,900
Fabulous Williamsbury Colonial! 3070 sq ft on almost 1/3 acre 4br 2.5 baths This home has all wood floors nat frpl newer roof A/C hwh Exceptional value Home warranty incl (BGN70GLE) 888 870 9123



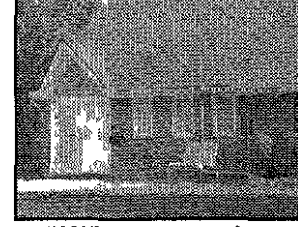
PLYMOUTH \$374,900
Incredible! 4BR 2 1/2 BA Colonial in Beacon Trail Priv wooded setting New dream kitchen (cbnts cntrtops appl flr) Anderson wndws 01 Mostly new oak flrs BRs completely redone BGP 00Moo 888 870 9127



PLYMOUTH \$249,900
Fabulous Plymouth Colonial! Gorgeous re modeled kitchen beautiful hardwood floors newer roof sprinkler system updated baths paver patio & within walking distance to downtown (BNG80ROS) 888 870 9123



PLYMOUTH \$229,900
Move In Condition! Remodeled in 1999 3/BR w/hwd flrs & cig fans Stone FP in LR Hwd flrs in FR & Kit Heated Florida room Fn bsmt w/full bath & Franklin Stove Must See BGP 01Ros 888 870 9127



PLYMOUTH \$129,900
Great 2br 1.5 bath Condo! Windows roof & vinyl all have been replaced! Doorwall to private patio off spacious living room Storage galore end unit immediate occupancy (BGN34KEL) 888 870 9123



REDFORD \$167,000
Quality Built Newer Home Inviting open floor plan includes island kitchen w/built in dishwasher fireplace master bedroom with bath and walk in closet 2 car garage full basement (BGSly74GAR) 888 870 9131



SOUTHFIELD \$397,000
Bursting w/upgrades Hardwood floors & Tuscan ceramic floors kitchen w/granite countertops & backsplash stainless appliances Enjoy wooded lot w/brick pavers & Sprinklers OEL66SEN



SOUTH LYON \$334,000
Like open & airy living you will adore this home This 3 bedroom 2 bath ranch has neutral colors Marble fireplace 1st floor laundry 9 bsmt ceiling Water access Immediate occup (BGSly49EME) 888 870 9131



SOUTH LYON \$326,875
Gorgeous cul de sac home on Hidden Creek 2600 square feet plus and walkout with daylight windows waiting to be finished Huge master jetted tub deep walk in plus 2nd floor laundry (BGSly70RID) 888 870 9131



SOUTH LYON \$222,900
Former model home w/numerous upgrades Lots of amenities with the upgrades Home warranty plus all appliances stay! This home is meticulously maintained (BGSly26PRI) 888 870 9131



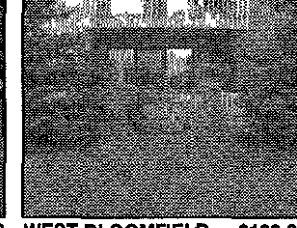
SOUTH LYON \$219,900
3 Bed 2 Baths Charming Bungalow in Downtown Gas fireplace Central Air hardwood floors and lots of storage space Partially fn shed basement 1 car garage plus space for a boat (BGSly10WLA) 888 870 9131



SOUTH LYON \$124,900
Motivated seller! Move in cond t on immediate occupancy 2 br lg master br w/bath 2 full bths Open floor plan 1st floor laundry P enty of storage Walking distance to school & town (BGSly32GRE) 888 870 9131



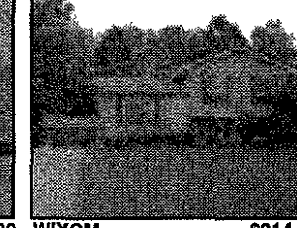
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You'll love the character features extensive use of ceramic tile gourmet kit w/maple cabinets crown moldings & lib w/built ins Walkout basement w/extra high ceilings OEL78CHR 888 870 9105



WEST BLOOMFIELD \$192,900
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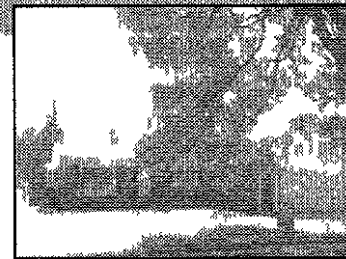
SOUTH LYON - Private country setting on approx 4 acres Maintenance free 3 bedroom ranch! Major updates roof furnace C/A elec well pump! LR w/crown molding custom built ns natural FP w/slate hearth hdwd floors in bedrooms oversized 3 car garage full bsmt & home warranty \$299 900 (00TOW) 734 455 5600



WESTLAND - Charming starter home Cute 2 bedroom ranch with 2.5 car garage updated furnace C/A vny windows roof circuit breakers and much more plus a home protection plan \$104 817 (24KAR) 734 455 5600



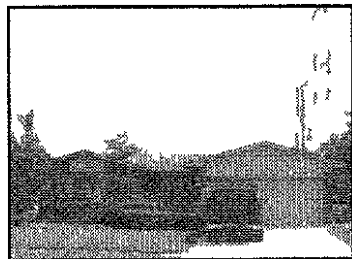
SOUTH LYON - Too many fine qualities Spectacular best describes this stately 4BR 3 2BA custom Colonial deep in golf community Certain nothing spared \$100 000 n upgrades and over \$40 000 n landscaping including pavers and custom deck \$884 500 (57SAT) 248 349 5600



LIVONIA - Shows beautifully A 3BR 1 5BA Castle Garden beauty that's totally neutral updated and ready for you to move n Hardwood floors newer windows some Pe a updated baths and large eat n kitchen Family room wth fireplace \$205 900 (62BLU) 248 349 5600



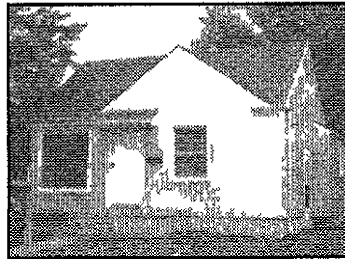
FARMINGTON HILLS - Condo convenience Beautiful 2BR 2BA located in an adult community that offers full service plus health care options Spacious ranch w/FP 1st floor laundry att garage & basement too Wonderful private wooded setting Like new must see \$247 900 (29ARC) 248 349 5600



CANTON - Move right in! Wonderful 3 bedroom 2.5 bath brick/vinyl ranch wth 2 car attached garage finished basement family room wth fireplace and cathedral ceiling French doors and updated inside and out from top to bottom Plus beautiful inground pool \$221 900 (43FAI) 734 455 5600



DEARBORN - Old world charm & character Spacious brick bungalow Hdwd floors throughout Natural woodwork leaded glass 2 baths & kitchen updated Most windows replaced Newer furnace C/A roof elec insulation HWH & sprinklers Formal DR FR basement 2 car garage \$247 000 (05MOR) 734 455 5600



DETROIT - Darling! 3 bedroom wth partially finished basement includes family room Newer kitchen and bath plus hardwood floors add charm Freshly painted and oaks great ready for you to move in \$65 000 (10BRA) 734 455 5600



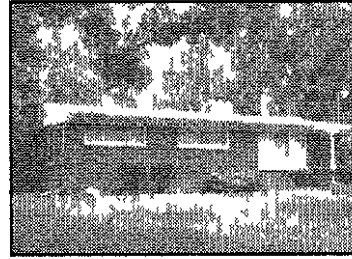
NOVI - Lovely 3BR 1 5BA home n truly move in condition A sliding doorwall leads from the family room w/FP to an extensive patio that extends to an in ground heated pool Recent kitchen & bath upgrades central air newer roof & windows fresh paint newer carpet neutral throughout \$257 500 (59OAK) 248 349 5600



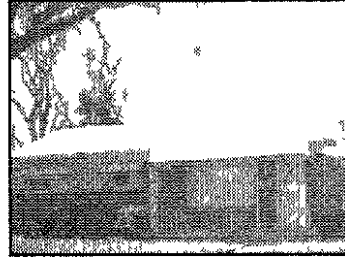
WALLED LAKE - Updated townhouse All new since 2000 carpet kitchen and baths windows and doorwall Pass through breakfast bar 2 large bedrooms partially finished basement Newer hot water Nice to show Close to expressways \$140 000 (15KIN) 248 349 5600



CANTON - Fantastic 1998 built home All the needed touches are already done 3BR 3 5BA Colonial w/deck sprinklers landscaping and an incredible finished basement with full bath & great storage island counter kitchen open to FR Beautifully decorated from top to bottom \$289 900 (09BRO) 248 349 5600



WESTLAND - Quiet suburban retreat 3 bedroom 2 bath brick ranch wth 2 car attached garage newer roof bath windows furnace and C/A plus large deck wth gazebo 1st floor laundry full wall fire place wth insert Take a look! \$159 900 (70GLD) 734-455 5600

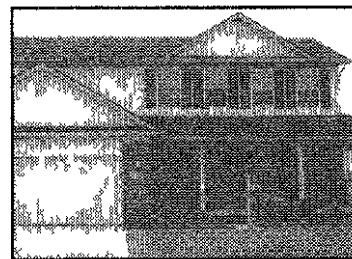


TAYLOR - Clean 3 bedroom brick ranch Finished basement with full bath 2 car attached garage family room wth fireplace C/A sprinkler system full brick exterior hardwood floors and wood trim throughout \$139 900 (53WIC) 734 455 5600

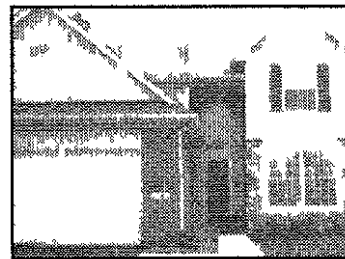


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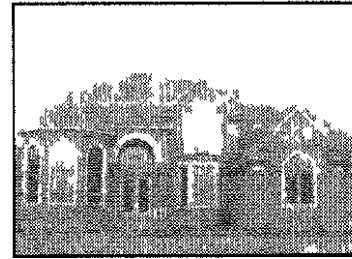
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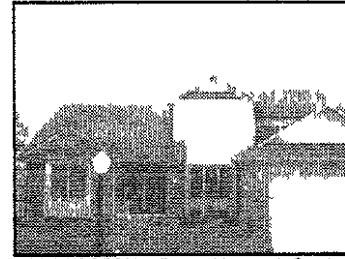
BROWNSTOWN - Hurry it won't last 4 bedroom 2.5 bath Colonial with 2 car attached garage family room with fireplace large master bedroom with his and her walk in closets dining room 1st floor laundry C/A \$224 900 (61BUC) 734 455 5600



CANTON - Resort like living on secluded pond setting at Lakeside of Pleasant Run 3 bedroom 2.5 bath wth 2 car attached garage basement 1st floor master/Jacuzzi hdwd floors great room w/cath ceiling oak staircase wall of windows gas FP large custom deck alarm system \$319 900 (83HOG) 734 455 5600



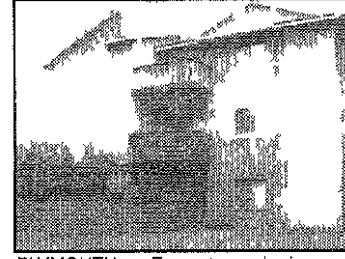
CANTON - Classic elegance! Custom built on approx 1 acre lot Foyer w/wrought iron and wood trimmed staircase 2 story great room w/fireplace and crown molding kitchen & master bath w/granite tops All 3 bedrooms have a bath and walk in closet Full basement w/walkout and 3 car attached garage \$759 000 (51ROL) 734 455 5600



NEW BOSTON - Better Homes & Garden home 4 bedroom Cape Cod sitting on 1/2 acre lot w/1st floor master suite w/walk in closet & Jacuzzi 2.5 baths LR w/gas FP DR g county kitchen w/gh oak cabinets floor n foyer light oak trim to 2.5 car attached garage 90% eff furnace & C/A Home warranty \$318 900 (09BRY) 734 455 5600



MELVINDALE - Excellent investment Fantastic buy on this sharp 2 unit brick income Upper and lower flat both units identical wth 2 bedrooms living room dining room kitchen and bath Separate basement and separate furnaces Very well maintained \$133 000 (81WOO) 734 455 5600



PLYMOUTH - Elegant condo living in Plymouth's Hidden Ridge Master bedroom w/1st floor bath oak kitchen LR wth fireplace Deck overlooks wooded area leading to Hines Park Neutral decor and newer carpet Finished basement offers office/playroom plus large storage area \$154 900 (61SYC) 248 349 5600



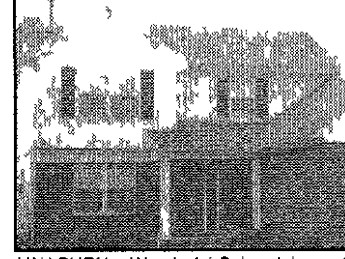
SOUTH LYON - Trotters Pointe sub Premium lot 3 bedroom 2.5 bath Colonia w/2 car attached garage Master bedroom w/bath & jetted tub Family room w/replace Hdwd floors basement Contemporary Colonial home wth neutral decor Sprinkler system large private deck & appliances \$269 900 (51COL) 248 349 5600



NOVI - Enjoy warm sunsets from your oversized deck This newer detached condo has everything DR LR balcony overlooks family room w/FP finished basement w/garden windows & 2 car garage Short walk to Walled Lake Golf community Clubhouse pool & more \$285 900 (94CHA) 248 349 5600



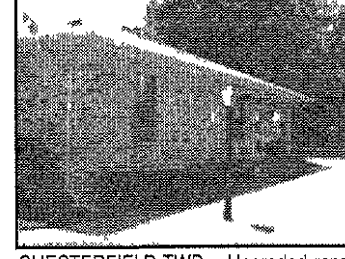
PLYMOUTH - The perfect condo setting Large 2 bedroom 1 full and 2 half bath townhouse with finished basement attached garage private deck all appliances newer carpet and fresh paint You must see this one \$157 900 (75MIL) 734 455 5600



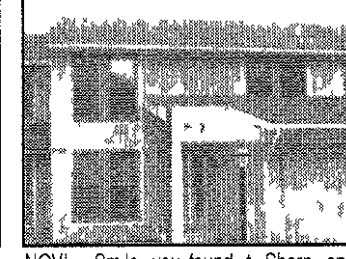
VAN BURN - Wonderful Colonial Large 3 bedroom 2.5 bath Colonial offering 2 car attached garage basement beautiful landscaping master suite with walk in closet formal dining room and much more \$247 000 (65ANN) 734 455 5600



PLYMOUTH - Custom contemporary home Equisite throughout 3 story atrium foyer spruce oak staircase great room w/fireplace opens to sunroom kitchen w/veiner granite counters formal DR w/hardwood floor brary or music room master suite has FP jetted tub finished LL walkout to inground pool \$675 000 (77WES) 734 455 5600



CHESTERFIELD TWP - Upgraded ranch condo Great value on 2BR 2BA end unit w/attached garage and 1st floor laundry Full basement partially finished wth many upgrades Private entrance park ke setting close to water and shopping Low association fees \$137 500 (50MEL) 248 349 5600



NOVI - Smile you found it Sharp spacious 2 story condo with 3BR 2 5BA and private entrance Open floor plan and many updates All appliances and attached garage Walk to pool and clubhouse Private deck overlooks park A must see \$165 000 (67CRA) 248 349 5600



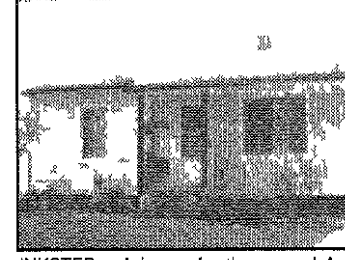
SOUTH LYON - Shows like a model nothing to do but move right in Custom white cabinets and island in kitchen Master suite wth soaking tub Custom mini blinds on all windows Lots of upgrades 1st floor laundry Paver patio deck and profession al landscaping \$269 900 (62CHE) 248 349 5600



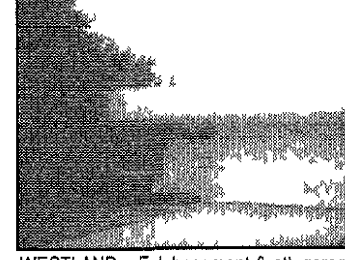
LIVONIA - Living room w/recessed lighting neutral carpet & decor Open floor plan! Kitchen has newer flooring oak cabinets appl roof 2001 C/A sprinkler system newer vinyl windows refinished hardwood floors n bedrooms newer vinyl siding storm door Full basement 2 car garage HPP \$211 500 (12HIX) 734 455 5600



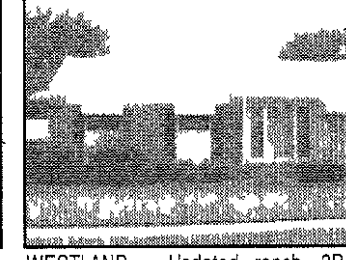
REDFORD - Beautiful brick bungalow Charming 3 bedroom home with many updates including windows family room in lower level roof elec carpet in up and in basement Fenced yard wth lots of flowers Home is freshly painted throughout Conveniently located to everything \$138 800 (15VIR) 734 455 5600



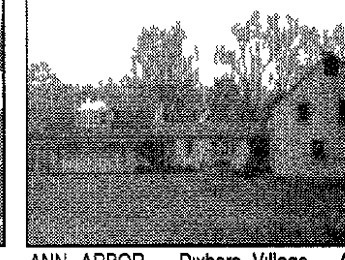
INKSTER - A honey for the money! A 3 bedroom home wth C/A Many updates include kitchen with oak cabinets bath with ceramic tile plumbing and elec Family room leads to ovely deck plus a garage \$84 500 (16LEH) 734 455 5600



WESTLAND - Full basement & att garage 3BR 1 5BA ranch with newer windows furnace C/A block windows circuit breakers kitchen cabinets & exterior door Most appliances stay Formal living room and dining room Nice location n sub Close to school's shopping freeways and parks \$167 900 (64FAI) 248 349 5600



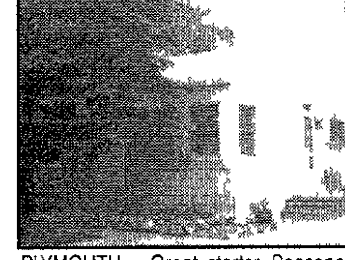
WESTLAND - Updated ranch 3BR 1 5BA home with newer roof windows deck furnace & A/C Hardwood floors 2 car garage wth newer door and electric opener Finished lower level makes nice family room Fenced yard and highly sought after Livonia schools \$167 000 (50SAN) 248 349 5600



ANN ARBOR - Dixboro Village Ann Arbor schools Farm style for 21st century on approx 1 acre 3 bedroom home with many upgrades and additional square footage in studio/office over garage Many extras Must see to appreciate \$430 000 (60CHU) 248 349 5600



WAYNE - Cute bungalow Great Wayne bungalow with updated carpet windows furnace C/A and roof Remodeled kitchen neutral decor throughout Open floor plan must see \$118 000 (89WIN) 734 455 5600



PLYMOUTH - Great starter Seasoned with love and care cozy ranch with all appliances Nice backyard double driveway newer carpet paint and new (5/03) roof on house & garage plus home warranty \$142 000 (01JUN) 734 455 5600



CANTON - Gorgeous condo Beautiful view of pond from large deck Gas fire place in living room oak kitchen 1st floor laundry master suite with Jacuzzi tub daylight basement and 2 car attached garage Must see! \$270 000 (01HOG) 734 455 5600



NORTHVILLE - Stunning historic duplex Charm personality & curb appeal 3 hstoric flats that are beautifully updated w/tumbled marble granite & wide plank oak floors Flat #1 new designer carpet Flat #2 & Flat #3 3 bedrooms 3 baths 3 kitchens Babbling brook Close to downtown \$314 900 (01RAN) 248 349 5600



GENOA TOWNSHIP - Executive retreat Pnecreek sub offers this 4BR 2 5BA home w/open floor plan 2 story LR w/2 way FP Open FR butlers pantry cherry cabinets w/cor counter Andersen windows & prof landscaped w/sprinklers 2nd floor sun deck w/porch Access to Brighton Lake \$599 000 (64ARB) 248 349 5600



CANTON - Great Windsor Park location for this 3BR 1 5BA colonial Remodeled kitchen Family room with natural fire place Newer furnace C/A Marvin wood windows and doorwall Finished basement extends under family room Plymouth Canton schools \$204 800 (97LOM) 248 349 5600

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Westland Condo 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath condo with attached garage natural fireplace & basement Open floor plan Livonia schools and unit backs to woods App tances included Nice complex
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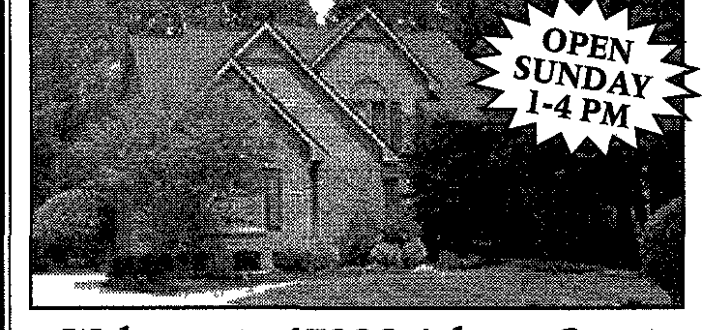
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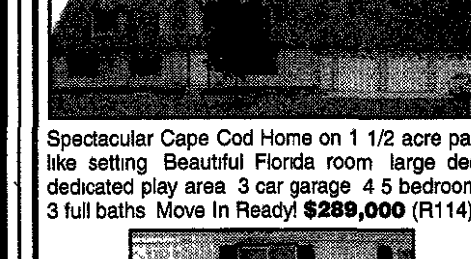
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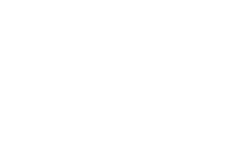
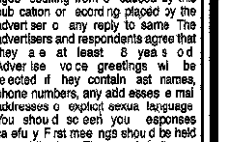
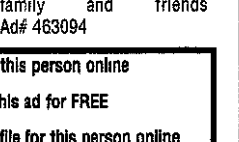
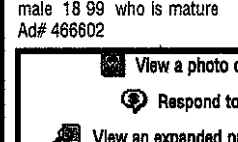
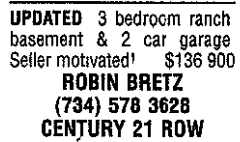
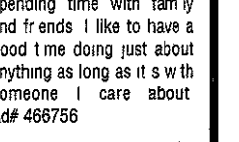
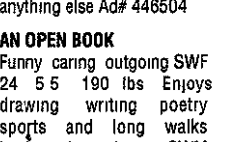
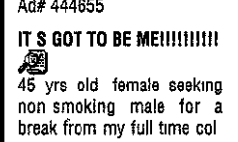
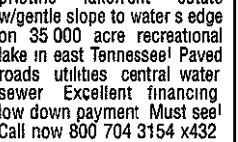
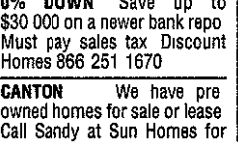
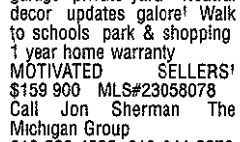
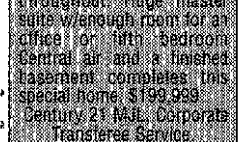
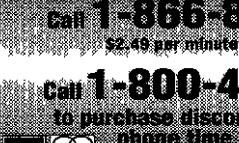
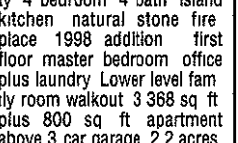
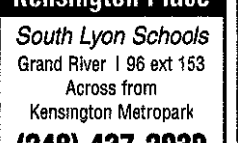
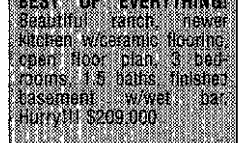
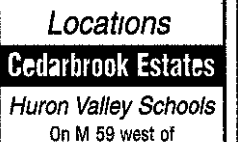
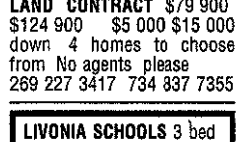
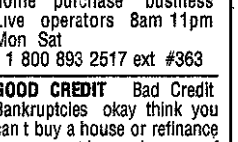
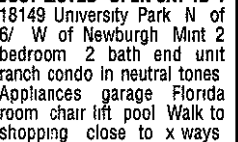
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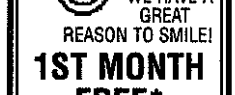
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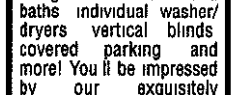
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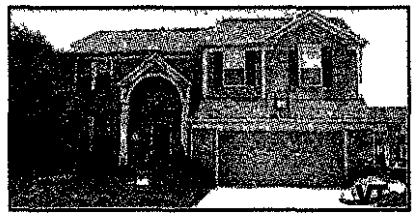
CANTON \$334,900
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Beautiful Condo in Country Club Village Open spacious sunlit condo with view of pond 3 bedrooms 3.5 baths 2 fireplaces study with bay window island kitchen Perfect! (90COU2)

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WESTLAND \$314,900
Pulte built in 1997 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths volume ceiling in great room hard to find dual staircase master bedroom with full bath and walk in closet professionally fin basement (58146)

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LIVONIA \$285,000
Great Family Home in Coventry Gardens 4 BR colonial 3 full baths Completely updated in past 5 yrs New roof most windows electric floors & carpet Beautiful honey oak kitchen A must see home! (67ASH02)

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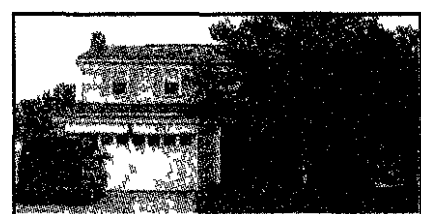
YPSILANTI \$246,900
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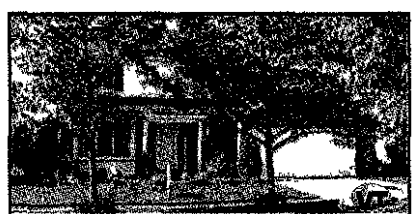
DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$244,900
1950 square feet! 4 bedrooms 2 bath brick colonial in sought after Kingswood Estates Tough to get in at this price equipped with nice amenities! (T26740)

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LIVONIA \$239,987
Makes Everything Else Look Ordinary! This fabulous 3 bedroom 3 bath Livonia ranch has a finished basement that is a dream rec room kitchen bath Totally awesome! Call for an appointment NOW!! (23C8966)

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CANTON \$239,900
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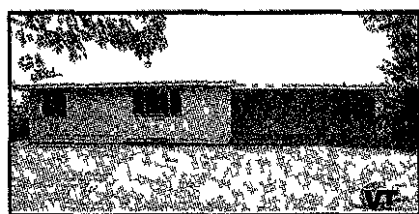
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SOUTH LYON \$219,900
QUALITY UPDATES THROUGHOUT! A MUST SEE Great 3 BR 2 full bath ranch on 1 acre Updates roof furnace A/C windows kit & baths 24x32 pole barn Low Salem taxes South Lyon schools (99EIG2)

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OXFORD \$214,900
Oxford Cape! 3 bdrms 2 full baths lovely 1st flr master Top of the line stainless steel kit Extra deep basement w/daylight windows Deck sprinklers 2 car attached gar (231855)

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CANTON \$209,900
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PLYMOUTH \$204,900
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LIVONIA \$197,500
Highly desired Coventry Gardens! 1753 SF in level with large lot A great opportunity at this price! (C34037)

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YPSILANTI \$189,900
STUNNING 3 BEDROOM 2.5 BATH BI-LEVEL This contemporary home sits on an extra large lot Big windows walk in closet master bath walk out lower level 1775 Sq feet Make this a must see! (H742)

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WESTLAND \$185,000
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WESTLAND \$179,900
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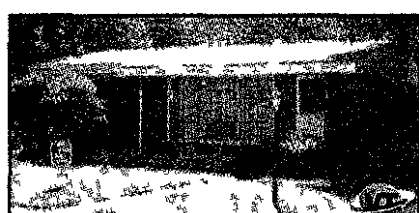
REDFORD \$174,900
Country in the city! This brk ranch sits on a half acre lot New windows in family rm w/FP and separate heat and air Roof 3 yrs furn/air 13 yrs part fin bsmt all appliances (M17394)

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WESTLAND \$169,900
LIVONIA SCHOOLS BEAUTY Wow! Don't miss this lovely 3BR home w/ 1 1/2 baths freshly painted updated oak kit nice warm feeling but C/A and 1800+ SF plus 2 car garage (845)

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LIVONIA \$168,900
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REDFORD \$166,900
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WESTLAND \$164,999
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LIVONIA \$149,900
GREAT LOWER LEVEL CONDO IN LAUREL PARK 2 BR 2 baths w/beautiful screened porch overlooking commons area Close to everything you need Assoc dues incl heat & water Immed occupancy (75UN12)

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REDFORD \$144,900
1200 plus square feet! 3 bedroom 1 bath brick bungalow 15k kitchen w/maple cabinetry updated bath plush carpets in neutral colors and more! (D9360)

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LIVONIA \$144,000
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REDFORD \$142,900
Will you be the lucky new owners? Full brick ranch loaded w/expense updates 3 BR 2 car garage full bsmt beautifully landscaped walk to schools and parks Hurry this one is nice (G15553)

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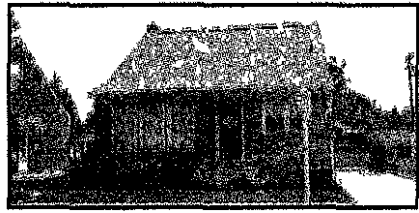
REDFORD \$138,500
Spotless South Redford ranch Lg eat in kit w/ lots of storage most wndws replaced new a/c & electrical panel new cooktop & stove immaculate yd w/2 5 car gar fin bsmt w/bar & xtra rm (A11430)

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REDFORD \$137,900
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REDFORD \$132,628
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WESTLAND \$84,500
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Aug 12 10-4 Hampshire House 31915 W 14 Mile just W of Orchard Lk Rd Furniture includes Henredon sectional 11 pc dining set etc Treadmill dishes lamps etc

GARDEN CITY Estate/Moving

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HUNTINGTON WOODS

Sat only 8am-5pm Contents of home & garage Furniture antiques glassware kitchen items clothing Everything goes Home sold 10825 Vernon 10 1/2 Mi & Scotia

LIVONIA ESTATE SALE

Aug 1 & 2 9am-4pm Vintage & designer clothes antiques furniture household and decorator items and much more 34730 Seven Mile between Gill & Wayne

Livonia Aug 1 2 10-4

House & Garage packed with 50+ yrs Furniture dishes glass ware Waterford doohouse items Christmas tools yard equip 16118 South Hampton N of 5 W of Farmington

PRESTIGE SALES

Sat Aug 2 9-5pm 1087 Westwood Birmingham N off Maple between Southfield & Cranbrook MOVING SALE Henredon sofa & chairs table & 6 chairs beautiful custom draperies lamps tables computer desk handsome outdoor furniture Old sheet music records tools side by side fridge washer/dryer 586 682 7373

ROCHESTER Builders Model

Home Furniture sale Stone Peak North Sub W of Daouandre N of Runyan 1415 Tubberry Circle Aug 1 3 10-6

ROYAL OAK

Fri & Sat 9am-4pm 612 Hildale Dr 3 blocks S/Catalpa E/Woodward Antique mahogany bedroom set maple bedroom set & hutch desk china cabinet stacking tables sofas tables lamps cedar chest cut glass sterling Haviland china vintage clothing & furs books records CD s linens kitchenware tools and loads of misc

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Aug 1 8am-4pm Aug 2 9am-4pm Aug 3 10am-3pm 24700 Tamarack Trail off 10 Mile between Lahser & Evergreen 80 years of accumulation huge collection of Royal Winton chintz hum mels antique furniture glass ware tools vintage jewelry china guns antique porcelain stove and much more This house is loaded! Something for everyone! Street numbers honored No pre sales or earlybirds

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BEVERLY HILLS July 31 Aug 1 9-4 22562 King Richard (off Robinhood) S of 14 btwn Telegraph & Lahser

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BIRMINGHAM Estate/Moving Sale

423 W Frank St E of Southfield N of Lncolin Furniture household items Sat Aug 2 9-5pm

BIRMINGHAM 8/1 2/10

4pm & Sat 8/2 10-2pm Decorative accessories small furniture shelving units & much more 830 Harmon W of Old Woodward N of Maple

BIRMINGHAM Huge Garage

Sale!!! Fri & Sat 9-4 2372 Manchester off Coolidge btwn Maple & Adams

BIRMINGHAM Sat 10am

2pm 757 N Old Woodward S of Oak N of Harmon Rug furniture portacrib stroller

BIRMINGHAM Tag Sale

Toys vintage books No early birds cash only Sat 9am 1219 Quanton W of Woodward

Bloomfield Hills 2633

Rambling yard in Hickory Grove Sub July 31 Aug 3 9-5 Make an offer sale everything must go Home accessories electronics moves music clothing and toys for kids under 5 free bin A must hit sale!

BLOOMFIELD HILLS 8/1 2

9-5 Toys stroller misc gar den 1085 Northover W off Adams N of Long Lake

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Fri & Sat 4518 Broughton Dr Franklin South of Quanton Furniture & household items

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Multi

family garage sale Greenlee & Westchester off Adams second street N of Long Lk Thurs Sat 9-5

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Thurs

10-4 1122 Ardmore Drive S off Quanton Rd E of Lahser

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Thur &

Fri only 6-6 High Pointe Ct E/Telegraph S off Hickory Grove Baby childrens vases chairs linens household books surfages big mens sports & much more

Bloomfield Village 1208

Santivilliam S off Quanton E Lahser 7 31 8 1 9-4 Furniture tons of misc

CANTON GARAGE/MOVING

Furniture household Fri Aug 1st 8am 42825 Oakbrook Ct E of Morton Taylor S of Joy

CANTON Sat only 9am

4pm Lots of childrens clothes & misc 48387 Central Park Dr off Beck between Cherry Hill & Geddes

CANTON 3rd annual sale

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CANTON Misc household

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CANTON Kitchen ware

home decorations k ds furni ture & toys 45189 Horseshoe Cir Carriage Park Condos July 31 Aug 1 & 2 9-4

CANTON Thur Sat 9-5

Furniture decorator items antiques household items & more 47550 Vistas Cir Dr N W of Beck btwn Cherry Hill & Geddes off Central Park Rd

CLARKSTON Books clothes

furniture toys misc house hold Thurs & Fri 8-4 Sat 11am 6882 Spring Crest Ct Big Lake off Dixie straight on Clark left on Spring Crest

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Indoor garage sale 1451 E Big Beaver btwn Rochester & John R Sat Aug 2nd 9-4 Sun Aug 3rd 1-4

FARMINGTON 7/31 8/2 10-5

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Toys including Little Tykes housewares baby/toddler items scrapbooking clothes sets k ds more! July 31 Aug 2 8-7 pm 30261 Green Ac Dr W on Firwood off of Orchard Lake between 13 & 14

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Farmington Hills Aug 1 &

2 9-4 25929 Tuck S/10 Mile E/Orchard Lake High chair rocker/glider changing table pack n play toys clothes kids Halloween costumes

Farmington Hills Sat 8:30-7

28350 Thornybrae (Farmington 12) Lots of furniture teen clothes misc

Farmington Hills Sat & Sun

9-5 29741 Minglewood Lane (West side of Middlebelt N of 12) Household & clothing

FARMINGTON HILLS 10-6

Friday & Saturday 28159 W/wood Trail Woodbine sub N onto Branhill off 10 mile Men s women s kids clothes toys office furniture kitchen misc more

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Farmington Fri & Sat Aug 1 & 2 9-4 35166 Drake Heights E off Drake between Grand River & Freedom Furniture baby items framed posters art kids bikes baby/kids clothes household items including Pfaltzcraft dishes silverware Laura Ashley bedding books vinyl records & much more

Garden City Thurs Fri

Sat 10-5 152 Ross 1 blk W of Venoy off Cherry Hill Appliances dishwasher bikes household kiln furniture

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LIVONIA SATURDAY ONLY 9-5pm

8166 Newburgh Books household goods etc

LIVONIA ESTATE SALE

37947 5 Mile Rd W of Newburgh Aug 1 & 2 10am-3pm

LIVONIA Fri & Sat 9am

4pm 15988 Foch Household goods

LIVONIA July 31 Aug 2 9-5

Antiques general household 29836 Pickford W of Middlebelt S of 7 Mile

LIVONIA 35685 Middleboro

N/Schoolcraft btwn Levan /Stark Thurs & Fri 7/31 8/1 9-4 Furniture teaching wome n s plus size new items

LIVONIA Fri & Sat 8/1 &

8/2 9-4 Furniture lawn care equipment XC ski equipment & more 9348 Butwell N of Joy E of Hix

Livonia Huge 3 family sale

w/ great stuff Thurs Sat 9-5 33519 Nancy off Farmington Rd bet Plymouth Rd & Joy

LIVONIA July 31 Aug 1 & 2

9-5 Multi family Toys household sports computer items much more! 31531 Gable 7 Mile & Merriman

LIVONIA 3 family garage sale

7/31 8/2 9am-3pm Exc fur niture bikes/toys kids clothes W of Newburgh S of 6 Mile enter off Myra

LIVONIA 5 families Thurs

Fri Sat 8-4 15316 Shadyside (N off 5 Mile E/Farmington) Something for everyone!

LIVONIA July 31 Aug 2

10am-3pm 19221 Fitzgerald NE corner of 7 & Newburgh Furniture appliances more

LIVONIA MOVING SALE

July 31st August 1st 2nd 8-30-4 Furniture dishes house hold/misc 35570 Orange Lawn off Wayne & Yale

LIVONIA Thurs Sat 9-3

14291 Knolson 5 Mile & Newburgh Lots of misc stove antiques & baby items

LIVONIA Basement sale

14365 Alexander off Linden E of Middlebelt July 31 Aug 1 2nd 9-4

LIVONIA July 30th Aug 3rd

9-5 37744 Howell near 5 mile and Newburgh Huge garage sale including home office equip and pro ect s

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LIVONIA July 31 Aug 1st 9-5 Aug 2nd 9-12 9819 Loveland Childrens clothes 3 T & up toys books kids kitchen set etc

LIVONIA July 31 Aug 2nd

9-4 35209 Elmira 1 block S of Plymouth rd W of Wayne rd Furniture toys children s clothes

LIVONIA July 31st 3-7 & Aug

1st 9-4 11400 Ingram W of Merriman S of Plymouth

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Madison Heights Fri 9am-3

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NORTHVILLE Fri 9-5 Sat 9-4

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Thurs Sat 7/31 8/2 9-4pm 45884 Ashford Cr Windridge Place sub S of 10 Mile E of Beck Furniture appliances toys etc Everything must go!

NOVI Sat only 8-5 Multiple

sale antique furniture 22815 13 Cranbrook St 1 blk W Haggerty 1 blk N 9

DAK PARK Huge 3 Family Sale

Thu Sun Aug 1 3 9-5pm 14580 Balfour N of 10 Mile btwn Greenfield & Coolidge

OXFORD Thurs July 31

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PLYMOUTH 46384 Quail

Ridge Drive corner of McCumphae Rd and Quail Ridge Dr Friday & Saturday August 1st & 2nd 9-4 Furniture & misc items

PLYMOUTH Sofa slip cover

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REDFORD 5 family Toys

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REDFORD July 31 Aug 3

10am-4pm 18496 Gaylord between 6 & 7 MI Misc clothes Christmas new/old

REDFORD 3 Family Garage

Sale 19701 Poconaca Aug 1 6 10-5 Video games movies knickknacks much mo e

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REDFORD Multi family Thurs & Fri 9-6 Sat 9-2 19728 Poconaca Baby items musical equip clothes computer desk

REDFORD Huge 2 Family +

items from closed craft booth. Fri & Sat 8-30 3 15829 Lexington N of 5 E of Inkster

ROCHESTER Sat Sun 11-3

Infant & baby boy clothing & toy sale 2735 Hessel

Garage Sales 7110

W BLOOMFIELD - Fri & Sat 9 5 11 7100 Yarmouth Dr (Wyndham Point Sub) N side of Maple W of Halstead Weight set household items furniture etc

W BLOOMFIELD Mainly kids & teens items Aug 1 & 2 9 3 4250 N McNay Ct N of Lona Pine E of Orchard Lk

W BLOOMFIELD 2611 Vaneer Off Birch Harbor Teacher materials new gift items toys some baby items collectibles misc THURS SAT 9 5pm

W BLOOMFIELD 3 Family Sale Fri & Sat 9am-4pm 2750 Pim Lake Rd off Orchard Lake N of Long Lake Baby furniture household bedding designer clothes antique fixtures great stuff!

W BLOOMFIELD Estate & Garage sale July 31st Aug 2nd 10 6 Except Sat 5pm 5955 Naneva Ct 16 Mile Rd betw Inkster & Middlebelt Furniture some antiques athletic equipment art objects piano rolls etc 248 865 8770

W Bloomfield Household Huge Record Collection scuba gear rugs much more Thur Sat 8 5 30 6712 Woodside Tr S of 15 E off Middlebelt

WATERFORD - July 31 Aug 1 9am 5pm 4547 Major Ave off Sassafras VINTAGE & ANTIQUES hand painted furniture authentic butcher block wicker carved oak dining set w/wedgewood prints complete 36mm camera set up much more

WAYNE Community Yard Sale Westwick Square (off Venoy S of Annapolis) August 1 & 2 8 4 pm

WAYNE Madison St Sale Sat Aug 2 9 4 S of Michigan Ave W of Merriman Follow the signs

WEST BLOOMFIELD Fri & Sat 10 4pm 6033 Glen Eagles Dr W/Walnut Lake E/Halstead Huge garage sale! Toys furniture clothes etc

West Bloomfield Thurs & Fri July 31 Aug 1 9 14 7301 Briarcliff Knoll N of 9 4 Mile W of Middlebelt

WESTLAND 4 Family Sale Thurs Sat 9-4 39301 Cam bridge (Palmer & Hannan) Fridge sports much more

WESTLAND 2 Family Sale 1574 North Haddon off Ford bwn Wayne & Woodwood Sat & Sun 9am-6pm Household items tools & yard items

WESTLAND CRAFTS! 7394 Garden 3 bks E/Middlebelt N/Warren Fri Sun 9 5 Desk kids clothes supplies ribbon

Moving Sales 7130

BERKLEY Aug 12 9 6 Furniture bedding dolls art supplies much more 1129 W Boulevard Cataula/Woodward

BIRMINGHAM Fri Aug 12 Sun Aug 3rd 9 4pm 1791 Stanley Blvd N/4 Mile S/Lincoln Household furnishings and more!!!

BLOOMFIELD TWP 2 sofas loveseat pool table entertainment center All in exc cond 248 644 2650

FARMINGTON EVERYTHING MUST GO INCLUDING HOUSE! 20928 Birchwood W/8 Mile E/Farmington Fri Sun 9 5pm No pre sales

FARMINGTON HILLS House hold items furniture toys & more Fri Sun 8 4pm 28300 Skye Dr N E of Middlebelt N of 11 Mile

FARMINGTON HILLS 34652 Valley Forge N of 12 Mile btwn Farmington & Drake July 31 & Aug 1 9 4 Small appliances bedroom & wicker furniture TV S books etc

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HUGE MOVING SALE www.klinks.com/sale.html July 26 & Aug 2 9 5pm 25465 Kiregh Dr Middlebelt & 11 Mile 248 476 8998

LIVONIA ESTATE/MOVING SALE South/6 Mile W/Farmington 33614 Wood off Pollyanna Fri & Sat 9 4pm Furniture tools misc

LIVONIA Couches chairs washer/dryer oak table all excellent cond - and much more Sat Aug 2nd 10 6 30747 Pickford E of Merriman S of 7 mile 248 473 2079

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PLYMOUTH AWESOME MOVING SALE! Ethan Allen furniture designer clothes antiques Kenmore washer dryer refrigerator Decorator items 12273 Pinecrest Dr W/Shelton off Ann Arbor Trail Fri Aug 1st 9am 7pm Saturday 9am 2pm

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FLEX STEEL Sofa loveseat floral print 2 yrs old beautiful cond \$1000 734 354 9019

GLASS TABLE 70x42 5/8 thick \$400 Call 9am 5pm 248 645 8700

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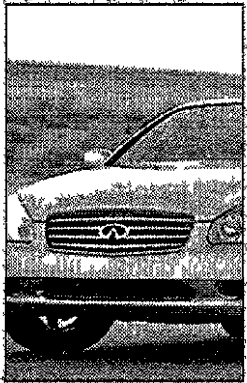
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BY DALE BUSS

By now, auto makers have the market for small-to-medium-sized sport-utility vehicles pretty well covered, so it's difficult for any particular model to stand out. But even with those odds, the Mazda Tribute distinguishes itself from the pack with its sporty appearance, responsive handling, brisk performance and ample interior amenities.

For prices ranging from under \$20,000 through the mid-\$20,000s, the 2003 Mazda Tribute delivers a great value for buyers who want the versatility and image of a true SUV combined with comfort features and handling of a true car-based vehicle. It seems overall to come as close to this mark as any of its class of competitors, which include Jeep Liberty, Ford Escape, Honda CR-V and Toyota RAV4.

Tribute manages to display a distinctive sportiness in its styling yet to avoid some of the extremes of rakishness that can look good on vehicles of this size - but which also can severely compromise the cargo room that SUV buyers expect. The body side cladding adds to the vehicle's overall armature but without being too heavy or ostentatious. Clear-lens front halogen fog lights, which are standard on the Tribute ES model that I drove, add a nice design touch.

Rather than the side openers on so many SUVs, I appreciate the Tribute's flip-up rear window, which opens high enough even for a six-footer not to bump and which actually is wide enough itself to allow the passage of a four-by-eight piece of plywood. The fully equipped power moonroof is just large enough for all passengers to benefit.

Another positive is that Tribute's structure is



The Mazda Tribute distinguishes itself from the pack.

unbody, meaning it's designed like a car rather than as a compartment sitting on a frame, as in truck-based SUVs. That design feature is responsible for much of Tribute's commendable responsiveness in handling, giving it more of the driving feel of the best minivans than of larger SUVs. Tribute is very agile in all situations and extremely stable at high speeds, making it not only safe but also fun to drive.

Under the hood, Tribute's 200-horsepower 3.0-liter V6 supplied by Ford, Mazda's North American partner (and manufacturer of the Ford Escape SUV which is derived from the Tribute platform and is, naturally, very similar), is standard on the mid-range LX and upper-end ES models. It supplies best-in-class zip to Tribute, and it works well with the full-time four-wheel-drive system and four-speed automatic transmission. Still, fuel mileage is a highly respectable 23 mpg on the road and 18 mpg in the city, strong for this class of SUVs and even competitive with some minivans.

Tribute handles the rutted roads of exurban Detroit very well, and it can tow trailers of up to 3,500 pounds if properly equipped, but it's definitely not meant to go off-road. It doesn't, for example, have a traction-control system nor a

low-range set of gears.

Interior amenities put the finish on Tribute's case for best-in-class. The instrument panel, including the climate controls, are simply laid out and easy to use. Standard interior features include power windows and locks, automatic-off headlights, air conditioning, power steering and a folding rear seat. The mid-range LX and high-end ES also offer a split folding rear seat, a cargo cover and a height-adjustable rear seat.

The front-bucket seats are more comfortable than in most competitors. The front of the vehicle also has plenty of places to put things, including the larger-than-expected covered box in the center console that has room for plenty of items like CDs and a full-size box of tissues. In back, the second-row seat folds down, revealing a flat cargo floor and nearly 64 square feet of cargo space. Handy, a 12-volt power outlet is located in the rear of the cargo compartment.

Luxury touches in the \$26,700 ES I drove include a six-way power seat, leather upholstery, an overhead console and heated seats and mirrors. The premium audio equipment held its own.

Overall, then, Tribute makes for a good show. Write Dale at daledbuss@aol.com.

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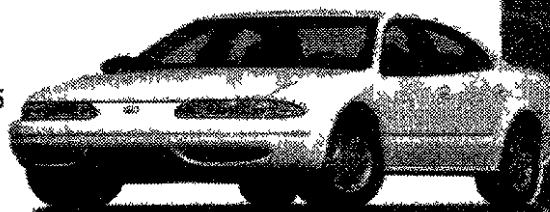
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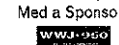
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Hot ticket

Enter the Bat Zone

Get up close and personal with night's winged creatures

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Bats are like women who play hard-to-get

We're intrigued because they're mysterious, distant, unavailable

"We see them flying all the time being that we live out in the country," said Jeff Hilton, who traveled from Ortonville to visit the Bat Zone, a sanctuary for injured and orphaned bats that's open to the public at the Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills

"But you could never get this close," Hilton said

As close as 4 or 5 inches, if you're watching a live bat program, during which staff directly handle and show many of the Zone's different breeds, from the famed Vampire bat to the Golden bat - one of the most endangered species - to those native to Michigan

Come Saturday, Aug 2, the date of the second Great Lakes Bat Festival, there will be no shortage of up-close-and-personal encounters with the sanctuary's black winged creatures

Eight experts are set to make presentations, some aimed at adults, others geared to a younger audience

The stars of the show more than a dozen different types of living, breathing, flying bats from around the world, plus other animals from wetlands and rain forests

Just don't touch the bats, which, contrary to popular belief, are on the cute side of dark and mysterious

And get ready for this Bats aren't blind In fact, many types see three times better than human beings Those native to Michigan see as well as dogs

Rest assured, a visit to the festival will net you more than a good look at a bat or two

An important goal of the event is education, so you'll learn plenty about the species, their conservation and the benefits of having bats nearby

Hands-on learning activities for children and a bat netting in the evening are also planned, said Kim Williams, executive director of the Organization for Bat Conservation, which runs the Bat Zone and is hosting the festival

"It's always fun to see live animals," said Williams "And the netting is very cool"



PHOTO COURTESY OF BAT ZONE

Living, breathing, flying bats are the stars of the upcoming Great Lakes Bat Festival at the Cranbrook Institute of Science

BATS, BATS, BATS

What: Great Lakes Bat Festival hosted by the Organization for Bat Conservation

When: Saturday, Aug 2, presentations, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., bat-netting, 8-10 p.m.

Where: Bat Zone at Cranbrook Institute of Science 39221 Woodward Ave Bloomfield Hills Regular Bat Zone hours are from noon to 5 p.m. daily through Labor Day After Labor Day hours are from noon to 5 p.m. weekends

Admission: Free with admission to science institute - \$7 for adults and \$4 for children age 2 or older, evening event is \$3 or day admission, call (800) 276-7074 or visit www.batroost.com

The procedure, called mist netting, will take place at about 8 p.m. on the river on campus Using a large stationary net, staff will catch a number of bats, identify them and then affix a degradable fluorescent light to each one

"Then we release them and they fly off all together," said Williams "It's like watching fireworks Everybody is like 'ooh . ahhh'"

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Big screen

'Spy Kids' has more than its share of irritating moments

SPY KIDS 3-D: GAME OVER

*1/2 (out of four)

At the risk of being singled out as unbelievably uncool, I hated *Spy Kids 3-D*

Here's the strange thing - there were a lot of elements that were impressive. There were even some things I found

admirable. But two words ran through my mind the entire time: "Please end."

The film was icky. Here's why: Episode three picks up with adolescent secret agent Juni Cortez (Daryl Sabara) called back to service by Agent Dora (Salma Hayek). His mission - save his sister, Carmen (Alexa Vega), from the psychological prison of an interactive computer

game called "Game Over." To do this, Juni must "enter" the game world, free Carmen and avoid the virtual pitfalls created by the villainous Toymaker (Sylvester Stallone).

The majority of the film takes place in the computer-generated landscape of the video game, which director Robert Rodriguez unwisely chose to shoot in old-fashioned 3-D.

Rodriguez is one of the few major Hollywood directors to embrace digital video as a shooting format (George Lucas is the other). And, to be fair, Rodriguez's high-def digital cinematography is conceived far more intelligently than old 1950s 3-D shockers like *Creature from the Black Lagoon* and *Robot Monster*. Rodriguez's weapons jab us, goo splatters us, cars race over our aching foreheads.

The scenes without 3-D effects are flat-out gorgeous - crisp, vibrant images and subtle, warm hues that seem impossibly lifelike. But when the glasses go on - announced by big, green text that reads, "Glasses on!" - the beauty drains out. Sure, there's some novelty fun for a while, but soon enough the blurry, blue-tinted image begins to irritate.

When the "Glasses on" signal returned for one last climactic scene, there was an audible groan in the theater. It's a shame, too, because Rodriguez's films don't need chintzy headwear to seem three-dimensional. His best work, like *El Mariachi*, his episode of *Four Rooms*, and the original *Spy Kids*, practically leapt off the screen with energy, humor and wacky, in-

your-face camera angles.

Spy Kids 3-D feels obligated to acknowledge its technology, both low and high. Juni greets a character named Rez by saying, "Hi Rez." Later, when we are mercifully returned to land of 2-D, a scientist remarks, "Those video games are killers on the eyes." This in-joke mambo line continues with the return of every minor character from the first two *Spy Kids* and cameos by Elijah Wood and George Clooney, the latter of which does a Stallone impersonation. Buffs who get off on being "in on the joke" will howl. The rest of us will pray for an Advil.

If you happen to love the 3-D effects, good luck navigating the story, which is similar to the '80s classic *Tron* - but gone wrong. Rodriguez makes it crystal clear that he doesn't give a hoot about coherency or logic and that is refreshing. Characters bark out clichés so fast that we know they are intentional - Rodriguez is merely advancing the plot swiftly to keep the interest of his young audience.

But, Mr. Rodriguez, everything has its limit. The characters wander aimlessly through "exciting" computer-generated landscapes with which I refuse to be impressed. Meanwhile, the plot is utter nonsense. It is organized with different "levels" like a video game and that's exactly how it feels. Ever watch somebody else play a video game? It sure looks like fun, doesn't it?

I know *Spy Kids 3-D* is cool. I can feel coolness dripping off every frame. But to me, it was loud and nonsensical and a technical failure. It was like watching two hours of bad Saturday morning cartoons. Which is, in a word, icky. Icky to the max.

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Small screen

'Seven Vampires' is pure campy delight

Do we dare delve into the world of Brazilian horror?

Sure
There's nothing hot at the video store, so let's go with an old classic — *The Seven Vampires*



Beyond Bad

Greg Kowalski

This is a delightful film from Brazil in Portuguese with English subtitles. Our friends far south of the border have their own ideas on making horror films, which we might find rather odd, but it's not without some merit.

To begin with, this film opens with an introduction by none other than Alfred Hitchcock, speaking Portuguese, no less. What is the grand master doing here?

Apparently someone got an episode of one of his old TV shows and dubbed him speaking Portuguese. Things just get more bizarre from there.

A scientist receives a special package from Africa, which turns out to be a man-eating plant. This nasty bit of

greenery has tentacles and big spiky teeth. Before you can "salto franga" ("let the chicken go") the plant chomps on the scientist's head. His wife, Sylvia, rushes to his rescue but the plant takes a big bite out of her arm.

The upshot is that she turns into a vampire because of the poisonous plant bite and needs fresh blood to keep from becoming a withered old witch. That leads to a string of murders that has the police department ("The finest in the world!" says the chief) baffled.

As the bodies pile up, Sylvia — who has her good moments and bad ones — agrees to help her friend stage a show at his nightclub. She hires seven sexy women and gives them plastic fangs for her show, the *Transylvanian Folies*.

With the police unable to find the killers, a private detective is called in to assist the investigation. His name is Ramudo Marlou. He has a sexy secretary and sits around all day reading detective magazines. There's also a character called Fu Man Chu, who does a magic act in the nightclub, and a goofy police detective who is the only person

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The Ghoul returns to his former haunt

It's enough to make you pluck your magic twanger, *The Ghoul* is coming back to the area.

Since being banished to Ohio decades ago, *The Ghoul* has maintained a loyal following and legendary status as a cult TV host. He is best known for blowing up firecrackers, sparring with Froggy — his plastic frog pal on a string summoned in a blast of fire extinguisher vapor and the call "Pluck your magic twanger, Froggy" — and for showing

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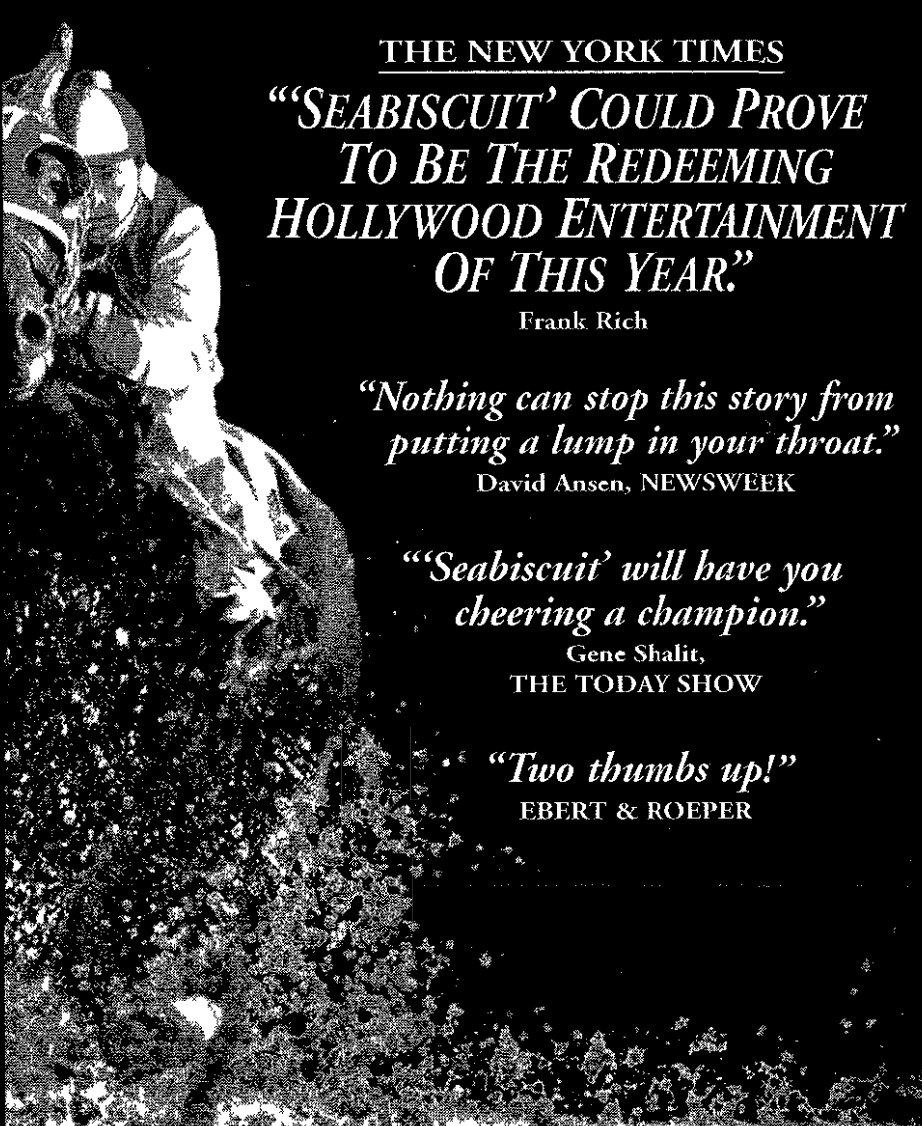
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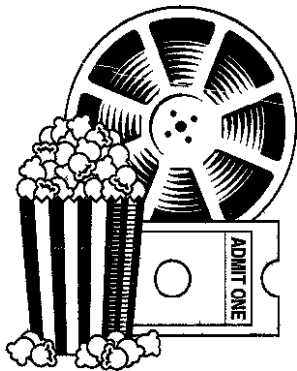
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SEVEN VAMPIRES

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who recognizes that a vampire is responsible for the murders

Of course, all the bodies with their necks ripped open and their blood drained gave a hint that these were no ordinary murders

And this is no ordinary movie. Brazilian horror movies are an

acquired taste, but one worth sampling. We haven't gotten into the world of Coffin Joe yet, with his mind-boggling Brazilian wonders. *The Seven Vampires* isn't widely available, but it is on the shelves of Thomas Video on Mam Street in Clawson.

Greg Kowalski has never been to Brazil but knows someone who was. She says there are no vampires there. He can be reached at gkowalski@ehomecomm.net or (248) 901-2570.

GHOUL

FROM PAGE E5

He'll be signing stuff, said Thomas owner Jim Olenksi. The Ghoul has his own line of products ranging from videos to T-shirts.

And while The Ghoul excels in excess with firecrackers and such, "He really is good with kids," Olenksi said.

Perhaps they see his fright wig, phony

goatee and sunglasses with one lens in a different light.

The Ghoul's visit will coincide with the Clawson Lions Club auto show, so Ghoul fans should enter the Thomas parking lot from the rear.

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The last time he was at Thomas, the store had an overflow crowd and — believe it or not — people waited for hours to meet him.

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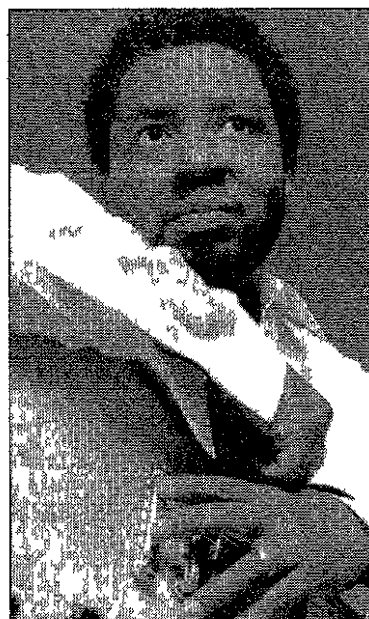
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Farmington

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Farmington Hills

7:30 p.m. Thursday July 31 PRime vocal Jazz Aug 7 Farmington Community Chorus Aug 14 Heritage Park on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile Roads

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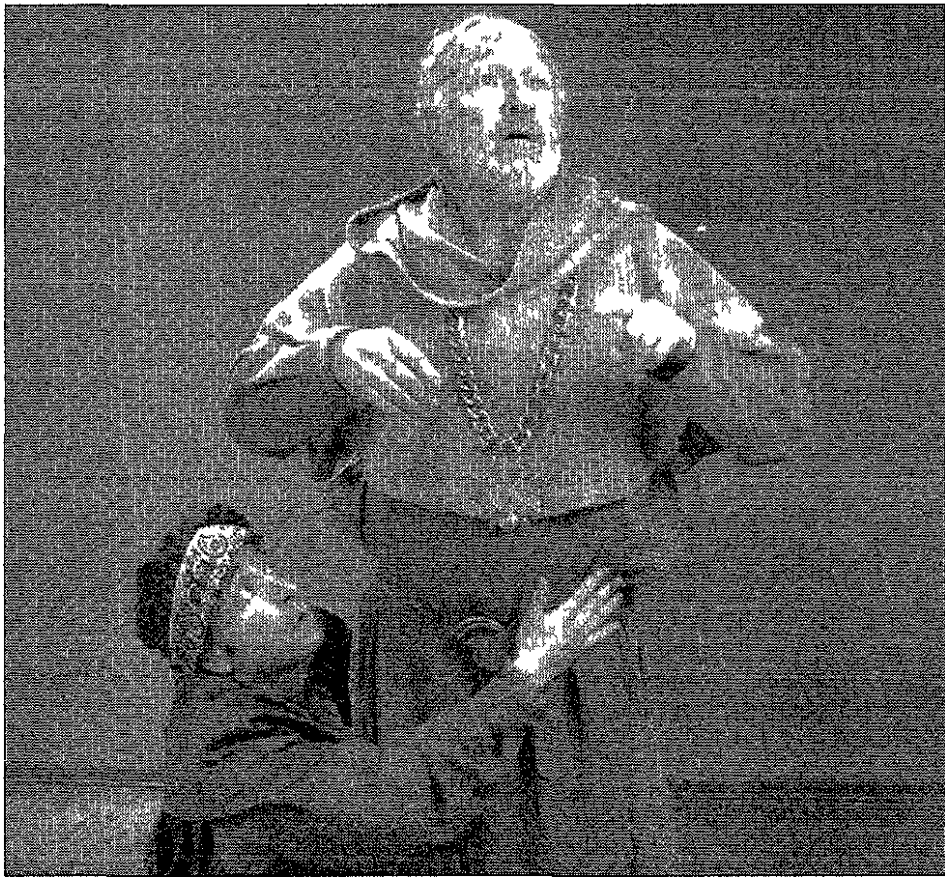


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John Peakes (right) as King Lear and Paul Riopelle as the fool in the Michigan Shakespeare Festival's production of 'King Lear'

Experience Shakespeare in the summer's breeze

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

To attend the Michigan Shakespeare Festival is to experience theater a lot like it was when the Bard himself lived outdoors and in the elements

In its ninth year, the festival brings Shakespeare's plays to audiences in an Elizabethan courtyard setting in 530-acre Ella Sharp Park in Jackson. The unique venue is one reason the state Senate recently designated the event The Official Shakespeare Festival of Michigan.

This year's season, which runs Thursday-Sunday through Aug. 3, features *The Taming of the Shrew*, a bawdy, comedic battle of the sexes, and *King Lear*, one of the Shakespeare's greatest dramas.

"Being outdoors brings us closer to what a Shakespeare play would have been like when it was done in his time," said John Neville-Andrews, the festival's artistic director and head of performance in the theater department at the University of Michigan.

In the 16th century, Shakespeare's plays were performed in courtyard or outdoor theater settings, the most famous of which was The Globe Theatre.

Last year, about 5,000 people - most from southeast Michigan - attended the festival.

"There is a feeling of unity in the audience when a play is performed outdoors and a sense of collaboration between the actors and the audience," said Neville-Andrews, who is directing *Shrew*. "There's also a festive feeling about coming to the theater, but you don't necessarily have to dress up. You can bring your chairs and a cooler, sit back and relax."

Though the conflicts at the center of plays like *Shrew* and *Lear* are timeless, Shakespeare's dialogue can be difficult for modern audiences to follow.

"We try to make the plays accessible through clarity of language and telling the story in its simplest form," said Neville-Andrews.

In the festival's staging of *Lear*, for instance, set and costuming aid language.

King Lear is some of Shakespeare's

THE BARD IN THE PARK

What Michigan Shakespeare Festival featuring *King Lear* and *The Taming of the Shrew* in an outdoor park venue

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Where Ella Sharp Park, off Park Road, Jackson. From I-94 west, take exit 138, go south on West Avenue (becomes South Fourth), turn left on Park Road.

Tickets Seating is general admission and first-come, first-serve (gates open 30 minutes before show). Adults \$18, children age 12 or less \$8. Call (517) 782-3221 or visit www.michshakefest.org.

darkest writing," said Judith Peakes, the production's director. "The play is not pretty."

To convey the tone of the language, Peakes set the play in the 10th century and used costumes and staging to create a "primitive feel."

Festival directors aren't above modernizing Shakespeare to make the Bard's plays more accessible, either.

"We're not fuddy-duddies that are purists or traditionalists. We sometimes update Shakespeare," Neville-Andrews said, adding he took a contemporary approach to Katharina and Petruchio, the lead couple in *Shrew*.

Instead of presenting Katharina as a quick-tempered woman unfit for marriage and Petruchio as the man who must tame her, Neville-Andrews has given the characters equal status.

"I see them as two people that identify with each other," he said. "They are both life forces. So the audience immediately identifies with the story, the characters and the emotions."

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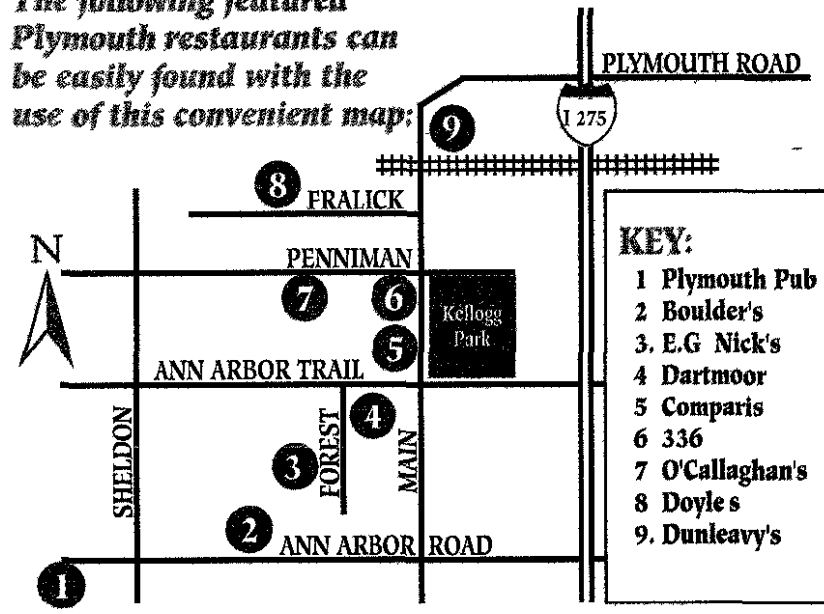
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Great Scots

Highland Games festival celebrates Scottish pride

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

154TH HIGHLAND GAMES AND CEILIDH

What: A spirited celebration of Scottish history pageantry traditional dance and dress and athletic events

When: The Ceilidh is 5-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1. The Highland Games 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2.

Where: Greenmead Historic Village at the southwest corner of Newburgh and Eight Mile Road, Livonia.

Admission: Ceilidh advance tickets are \$15, available at Greenmead or through The Highland Fling at Canterbury Village in Lake Orion. (248) 391-5819. Highland Games advance tickets are \$8, available at Greenmead. Event day tickets are \$12. Kids 12 and under admitted free with adults. Call (248) 593-5064 or visit www.highlandgames.com.

It seems the Scottish have a bold streak.

Take that Wilham Wallace guy, portrayed by Mel Gibson in *Braveheart*. Consider the volume of a typical 25-piece bagpipe band.

Haggis isn't found in the "lite" food section of the supermarket. And Scots Sean Connery and Rod Stewart aren't exactly shy.

Bagpipes, haggis, tartan plaid kilts, Celtic dancing and extreme athletics all get their day in the sun Saturday, Aug. 2, at the 154th Annual Highland Games, a one-day Scottish festival, at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia.

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Table hopping

New owners bring delicious

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

There have been a lot of changes at Inn Season Cafe in Royal Oak since new owners took over

In this eclectic vegetarian restaurant on Fourth Street, where it seemed little improvement was needed, new owners Nicholas Raftis and Chef Thomas Lasher have made the food even more tempting

For starters, there's brunch every Sunday. Among the menu items are vegan French toast, pancakes, spicy rancheros, frittatas, sweet coffee cakes, sausage patties and fresh juices. Everything offered is flavorful and worth the visit.

This month Inn Season will test market several dishes of trendy raw food, a cuisine that has been emerging in New York, L.A. and San Francisco and is considered worthy enough to be offered on a five-star level in those cities.

Inn Season will be the first restaurant in metro Detroit to offer a sample of gourmet raw meals.

The concept of vegetarian raw, said Inn Season's Sheri Lazar, is to prevent ingredients from reaching 118 degrees Fahrenheit in temperature.

Raw is much more than salads. It's burritos that could include cabbage as the shell. It's lasagna that might contain thinly sliced squash as the noodle. Lazar studied the art of raw in New York and is planning "pasta" dishes with daikon radish, carrots, beets, basil pesto and more.

"Raw foodists believe once a food hits 118 degrees the nutritiously beneficial enzymes are killed," Lazar said. "The taste and textures are very good without sacrificing its nutrients in the cooking process."

AESTHETIC CHANGES

Raftis is in the planning stages of redecorating the airy atmosphere of the already fashionable hardwood-floor dining room, where fresh flowers brighten the dark wooden tables and every few months new artists are featured on its walls.

Not to give away all his creative ideas, there is an interesting new waiting-room lounge, in the building adjacent to the restaurant, with a separate outside entrance. It's a sexy combination of hip meets Victorian, with dark purple hues dominating the room.

THE FOOD

Most importantly to the restaurant — that for years has enjoyed a loyal following — is the quality and flavor of the food. The majority of customers aren't vegetarians, rather, people looking for unusual and fresh



Chef Thomas Lasher presents a freshly made Inn Season

INN SEASON CAFE

Where: 500 Fourth St., Royal Oak east of Main St. (248) 547 7916, www.innseason-cafe.com

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Cost: Lunch entrees \$5.95-\$9.95 dinner \$6.50-\$13.95 Brunch items \$1.50-\$9.50
No smoking no alcohol
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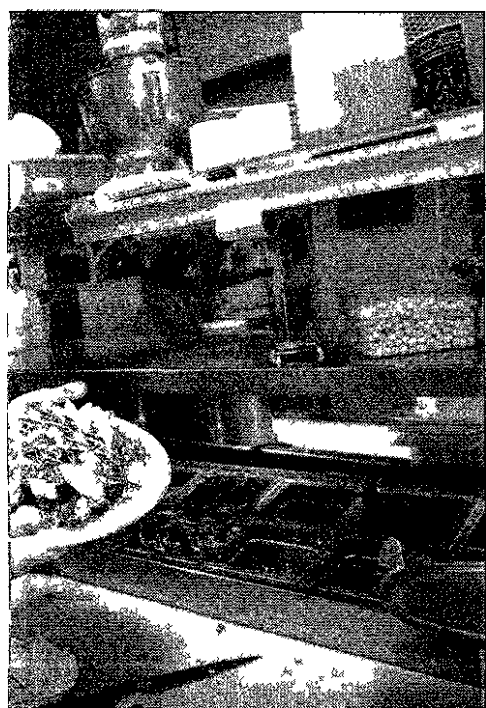
gourmet food

"People come here for high-quality, interesting meals that taste great," said Raftis. "Our customers are meat-eaters, vegetarians, senior citizens enjoying lunch, hip rasta-farians, business people. We have delicious dishes and not having meat makes it even more interesting."

More than 80 percent of the menu is organic, including the tortilla shells in the Mexican dishes, and the majority of ingredients are fresh, Michigan grown.

Proof, for example, is in the flavor of the popular Inn Season salad's cherry tomatoes

is changes to Inn Season



PHOTOS BY JOHN L. STURDY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



The Inn Season Salad at Inn Season Cafe features organic vegetables grown in Michigan

THE MENU

The biggest Inn Season change is the expanded menu. A brief sample

■ **Shiitake mushroom sauté** - mushroom caps sautéed with toasted sesame oil, tamar, mirin and garlic

■ **Basil Penne Salad** - with organic Penne pasta tossed with red onion, red pepper, carrot and creamy nondairy basil dressing served on baby greens

■ **Barbecue Seitan Sandwich** - Seitan is derived from soy and has a beefy texture and color. House-made seitan sautéed with onion in tangy barbecue sauce. Served on multi-grain bread with lettuce and tomato

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"Almost everything is made from scratch including our beets," Raftus said.

Lasher increased the menu. He has added pastas, more gourmet pizzas with toppings like garlic-roasted walnuts, capers, fresh basil and spinach, plus he has spiced up the stir-fries and added even more desserts.

One highlight is the sublime dessert called the Opera. It has layers of vanilla-coconut cake, vegan mocha creme, rich chocolate cake, raspberry vegan coconut custard and citrus frosting that's decorated with fresh raspberry sauce.

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BY ELEANOR AND RAY HEALD
CORRESPONDENTS

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Night spots

The Bosco lounge geared toward creative crowd

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

You might be this person. If not, you know one.

Intelligent, creative and hip with a longing to relocate to New York or L.A. — places where the young, intelligent and hip crowd tends to go.

Even Gov. Jennifer Granholm admits creative youths flee Michigan. Daniel Haberman knows it too.

He's smart and hip and he moved to the East Coast for law school. There he was surrounded by eclectic nightlife.

His hangouts were intimate, stylish lounges that were understated, comfortable and social. He avoided common pick-up bars or nightclubs with high-maintenance clientele, places where materialism and flamboyance ruled the atmosphere.

When returning with his law degree to Michigan, Haberman remembered why smart, creative people often leave. There isn't a lot for them socially, he said.

So he opened his own lounge that cele-



THOMAS HIBBELN

The outdoor patio at The Bosco in Ferndale is serene at twilight, and heats up with larger crowds as the sky darkens.

brated its two-year anniversary last week. The Bosco on Woodward Avenue in Ferndale, just north of Nine Mile Road.

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BOSCO

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It's adjacent to his brother's movie house/music venue, the Magic Bag

"I'm fighting the good fight," Haberman said. "I'm hoping that others might open places for people who are creative. Maybe down the road those people won't feel the need to leave."

Haberman wants metro Detroit to be a cool place for artists and intellectuals.

The lounge doesn't have a sign and its only advertising is the interesting orange squares that can be seen from Woodward — but only if you look hard.

"Royal Oak was too bland for (The Bosco) and is getting blander," Haberman said. "Birmingham definitely wasn't right either."

Haberman is specific about who is not a common Bosco patron: people who sport shiny shirts, chains around the neck, blue glasses, people with nothing to say except a pick-up line.

Bosco patrons are comfortable and hip — definitely not overdressed. You aren't at The Bosco to impress; you come to escape from a flashy world and mingle among like-minded people with your own creative, casual flair.

"The main crowd here are those in the advertising industry," Haberman said. "Writers, graphic designers, etc."

The advertising world is so key to The Bosco that the first Wednesday of each



TOM H. BEELIN

Bartender Shannon Tenes mixes a cocktail for The Bosco clientele during Wednesday's Sushi/Sake night.

month features Ad Lounge to welcome that crowd, and they come.

The most popular beers are Red Stripe, \$4.50 but \$2 on Tuesdays, and Corona, \$4.50. The most popular drink is anything vodka — Skyy, \$4.50, Banana Mojito, \$8.50.

THE ATMOSPHERE

Fashion buyer Sylvia Stefanovich of Royal Oak spends a lot of time in New York on the job. At her first visit to The Bosco she was reminded of her love for the Big Apple.

"There's a definite New York ambiance here," Stefanovich said. "On the patio I kind of feel like I'm on a New York rooftop, and inside it's definitely an East Coast lounge."

Indeed, when Haberman decided to open The Bosco he was influenced by the

minimalist, clean lines of New York establishments.

The Bosco is long and narrow. Pale gray ceramic floors and lighter-shaded walls immediately set a fresh tone.

The thin, muted-tone sofas subtly curve as they stretch across the lounge. They sit low to the ground against the walls, and each can seat about 15 to 20 people.

Low, blonde coffee tables and candles are specifically placed nearby. The furniture is set for comfortable socializing.

Some people smoke at The Bosco, but you might not notice.

"We spent a lot of money on the best air cleaners, ventilation we could find," Haberman said.

The Bosco smells clean with subtle hints of lime and vanilla.

The soft lighting and long bar adds to the posh, but understated, style.

The patio is a highlight in the summer. A comfortable Brazilian walnut, high-back sofa-style bench makes up one wall. A flat-stand waterfall creates an unintrusive allure. It also has small tables, chairs, trees, lamps and a darker gray brick floor.

BOSCO MUSIC

You won't hear typical techno. "Our music has more heart," Haberman said.

Instead you'll hear groovy dance hall and dub and modern Reggae — music that enhances the ambiance rather than overpowers it. The Bosco even has its own available CD, *Mr. Reynolds Opus*.

There isn't a dance floor, but people

THE BOSCO

What: An East Coast style lounge. Don't expect to see club goers wearing shiny shirts or chain necklaces. This lounge is neither faux trendy nor a meat market. It's hip.

Where: 22930 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, next to the Magic Bag, less than two blocks north of Nine Mile Road. Visit www.thebosco.com. Call (248) 541-8818.

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Open: 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

The Music: Funky, chic with some Reggae and dance hall influence. The Bosco released its first soundtrack called *Mr. Reynolds Opus, prime cuts Volume One*. Available at most stores.

dance when the groove is right.

"If people get into the music, it's not uncommon to see them moving to it — whether it's by their couch, in the middle of the room, wherever. And since we've got some of the best music in the world, I don't blame them," Haberman said.

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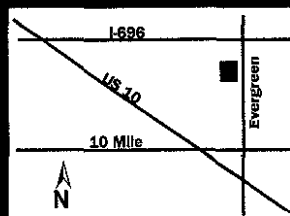


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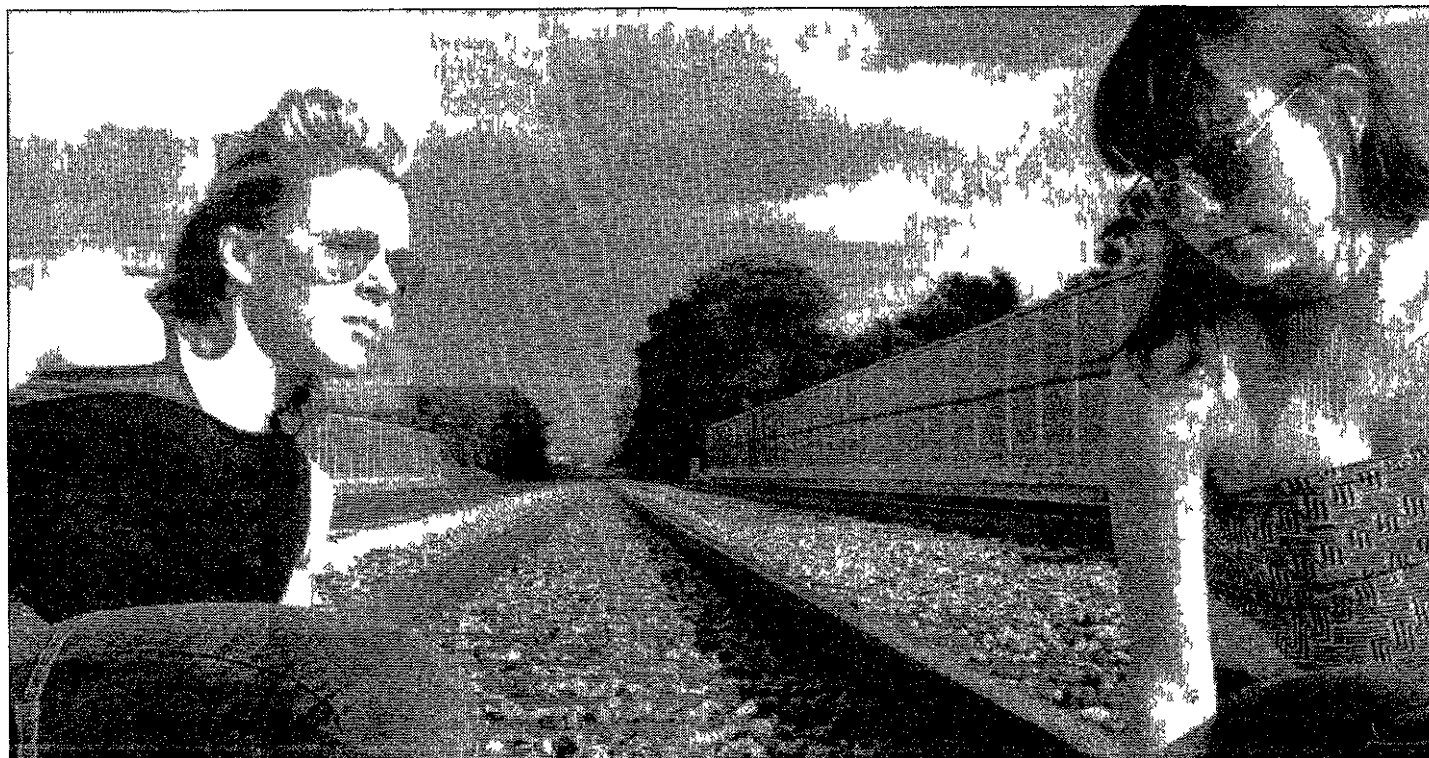
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Auto designers move talent from roadway to runway



BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

The clothing by designers Therese Tant (left) and Jovanka (Jennifer) Atanasovski highlights the fashion show at Fashionably Detroit a fund-raiser to benefit student artists

Jovanka (Jennifer) Atanasovski of Royal Oak emphasizes femininity, Therese Tant created an edgier line of couture

The two General Motors designers have created Detroit-inspired apparel to raise money for promising art students. They'll show off their creations during a fashion show at Fashionably Detroit on Friday, Aug. 1, in Shed Number Five at Detroit's Eastern Market.

After the fashion show, guests can mingle with the designers. Two hours later, at 9 p.m., the topic changes from fashion to food when Eastern Market merchants offer wine and cuisine during Tastefully Detroit.

Both events benefit Michigan Empowered Networking Unlimited, a new nonprofit group dedicated to empowering Detroit-area art students through a Talented Youth Outreach Program.

The charity is close to Atanasovski's heart. An interior color and trim designer for Saturn, she's also a painter. Atanasovski creates abstract landscapes using acrylic on mylar. The mylar canvas represents her engineering side.

As an artist she understands the struggles artists face. Her fashions are conceptual, but she hopes to open a boutique some day.

"My styles vary and there is a lot of Asian influence in them, but don't ask for the reason because I don't know why it hits me so strongly," Atanasovski said. "I make a lot of dresses, very soft and very feminine with flowing fabrics. Bright colors like blues and hot pinks."

She's inspired by Michigan's outdoors, and her clothing leans toward evening wear.

Tant is an interior designer for GMC trucks and named her creations

"Demolition Girl." Her tough line of clothing has secret compartments underneath sexy cuts.

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What: Fashion show followed by wine and food in a fund-raiser to benefit student artists

When: 7 p.m. Friday Aug 1

Where: Shed Number Five, Eastern Market on Russell off Gratiot, Detroit
Tickets: \$50 each VIP tickets \$100, call (313) 886-9074

Experience art among trees, flowers

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Art is often inspired by nature. So, organizers of a new art show are embracing the elements and making trees and flowers the backdrop for the Orchard Lake Fine Art Show.

The showcase of 120 artists from 27 states, Aug. 8-10, is set on the picturesque grounds of Orchard Lake Schools.

"We're looking at aesthetics throughout," said Mark Loeb, one of two show organizers. "Aesthetics form a cohesive palette for the art work and activities."

ART SHOW

What: Orchard Lake Fine Art Show, 120 artists in a natural setting with preview featuring complimentary beer, wine and savories from local restaurants.

When: Preview 6-9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8; free show, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10.

Where: Campus of Orchard Lake Schools, corner of Commerce and Orchard Lake roads, Orchard Lake Village.

Tickets: Free except preview which is priced \$25. Call (866) 468-3401 or visit www.ticketweb.com. For more information, visit www.artshowin.com.

And Loeb isn't stretching the truth. Plans for the show's main entry call for a \$20,000 garden courtesy of Donnelly Landscaping Brothers.

In another example of attention to aesthetic detail, floral arrangements from Gerych Florist of Walled Lake will be set up throughout the show.

A beautiful venue not only makes for a more pleasurable experience but also differentiates the art show from similar events, said Loeb, who has organized the Detroit Festival of the Arts and the Royal Oak Clay and Glass Show.

"We wanted to be able to create an event from scratch that was very beautiful and different," he said.

Even the show's entertainment

smacks of the unusual — a Native American flutist and an Andean acoustic ensemble.

Instead of just face-painting for the kids, there's a young collectors tent where pieces donated by artists are priced under \$20 for buyers under age 18.

Unlike most art shows, which cater to a variety of interests and draw a large number of people, the Orchard Lake Fine Art Show will be quiet and relaxing, said Loeb.

"It's aimed at people who want to be in a more intimate, more artistic, even off-beat, environment."

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'Girl with Flower,' a 49 inch bronze sculpture, is one of many pieces showcased at the Orchard Lake Fine Art Show.

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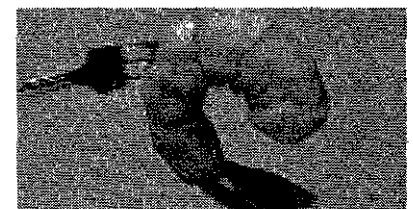
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FESTIVAL

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the traditional Highland Games lineup, which features mega-man events including poll-tossing and boulder-hurling, and Highland dancing – much more frenetic than traditional Irish folk dance

And don't forget Scottish cuisine, headed by haggis – the minced liver, heart and lungs of a sheep mixed with oatmeal and suet and seasoned with salt and lots of pepper

The concoction is traditionally boiled in a sheep's stomach

For years after its inception in 1849, no more than a few hundred Scots attended the annual event, in spots around metro Detroit that included Boblo Island, Historic Ft Wayne and the Eleanor and Edsel Ford grounds

But the games site shifted to Greenmead five years ago, after the release of *Braveheart*

'The movie was pretty moving and it did promote our Scottish heritage,' said event co-chairman Murray MacDonald, who owns Absorbence Midwest Inc, a plant safety supply firm

Plus, the rise of the Internet has made genealogy records easily available

'People are getting more aware of their ancestry post 9/11,' said Highland Games co-chairwoman Cathy Hasse 'They are realizing life isn't forever and they want to know more about their heritage'

Membership in the St Andrew's Society of Detroit, which sponsors the event, has grown from 200 to 450 Greenmead's dirt roads and bigger fields better suit the Highland Games Attendance at the games has grown from 1,000 a decade ago to 14,000 today

So what does it mean to be Scottish?

'You're a hard-working race, a fun-loving country, steeped in tradition,' Hasse said

Scots are proud that nine Declaration of Independence signers were Scottish, as were poet Robert Burns, industrialist Andrew Carnegie, inventors, scientists and more

ACTIVITIES

Preceding the games on Friday is the Ceilidh, which means 'party'

There's Scottish beer, just a good time, MacDonald said

Saturday activities for children, or *wee barns*, include shield-painting, face painting and creating tartans, or plaids

Some say the best thing about the Highland Games are bagpipes

'When you see at least 15 bagpipe bands enter the field, it gets me going,' MacDonald said

Young people from around metro



The bagpipe is restricted to a mere nine notes but its music is varied and has a powerful, moving effect Several bagpipers will be performing Saturday at the St Andrew's Society of Detroit Highland Games

Detroit who study Highland dancing will perform

Hasse said Scottish dancing has some movements that recall Irish dancing, yet the Scottish form involves more

hand movements and the dancer does not stay in one place

'They tell a story when they dance'

The event also features hulking giants in kilts, tossing everything from 56-pound boulders to hammers to the caber – a heavy pole more comparable to a telephone pole than a spear

Many male attendees wear their kilts, a nod to the days when the whole 9-yard-long

garment doubled as covering at night in the sheep fields

A genealogy tent will be on hand along with Scottish foods including fish and chips, meat pies and traditional American fare like hamburgers and hot dogs

The event is expected to raise \$35,000 for charities supported by the St Andrew's Society

Comparable Scottish festivals are presented annually in Stone Mountain, Ga, and on the East Coast

'When you see at least 15 bagpipe bands enter the field, it gets me going.'

Murray MacDonald
event co chairman

Festival

Festa Italiana serves up variety of food, music, fun

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Two years ago, 10,000 people attended Festa Italiana at Freedom Hill in Sterling Heights Last year, attendance doubled to 20,000

This year, organizers expect even more people to visit the Italian Festival that runs Friday-Sunday, Aug 1-3

Joe Vicari owns Freedom Hill and, along with chairman Reno Garagiola, is one of the organizers of Festa Italiana

The men attributed the festival's popularity surge to the added gourmet food vendors such as Andiamo, Picano's, Buca di Beppo, Antonio's and Papa Romano's

The biggest addition last year was the Nina Salvaggio tent, where Italian and Sicilian foods were offered in refrigerated cases underneath the huge tent Salvaggio will offer its fare again this year

'People come for that great Italian food, the music, the cars,' Vicari said 'And they come for the children's games We try to offer entertainment for every age group to enjoy'

Some foods to expect

- Cannoli created with handmade shells that are filled with ricotta cheese or cream, both flavored with chocolate, vanilla and cinnamon

- Homemade pasta noodles, fresh tomato marinara sauces and meatballs

- Italian sausage sauteed with green peppers and onions served on bread rolls

- Lemon ice

- Red and white wines

Vicari said he is excited to see the expanded exotic Italian car show at Festa Italiana that will include both Ferraris and Maserati

On a lighter side, there will be a meatball contest, too

The sounds of festive and romantic Italian music can be heard at the free performances by Stefano Garrisi, Mark Randisi, Tony Dannon, Pino Marelli and others

'We really worked hard at attracting sponsors this year to provide the top-name performers both locally and nationally,' Vicari said

Paul Anka will sing such hits as *Diana* at Freedom Hill's amphitheater on Friday On Saturday, Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons will sing *Candy Girl* and other hits, and on Sunday, the legendary Al Martino will sing such hits as *Spanish Eyes*



Frank Valli will sing hits like 'Big Girls Don't Cry'

FESTA ITALIANA

When: Aug 1-3 6-11 30 p m Friday noon-11 p m Saturday-Sunday

Where: Inside Freedom Hill County Park 14900 Metropolitan Parkway (16 Mile Road), three miles east of Van Dyke (M-53), Sterling Heights

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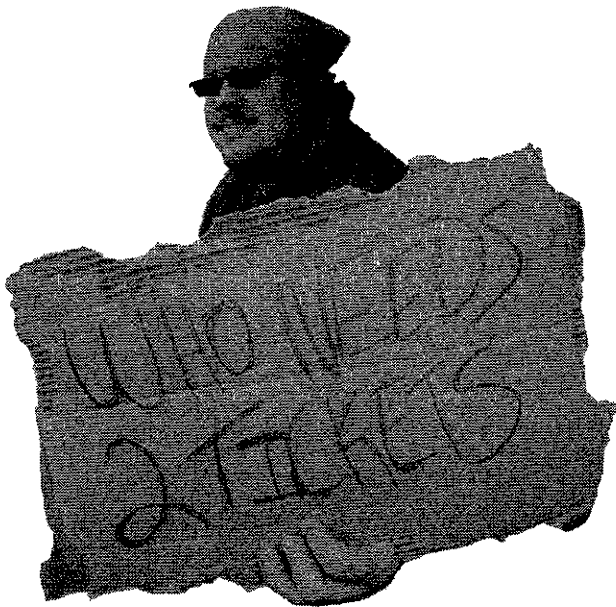
Martino is known for his smooth charisma

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Album

Generally when you read about new bands that are the twist of an original it seems more than a little contrived. But the **Kings of Leon** who can be described precisely as the southern Strokes feel so authentic in the classic revival music they play it's hard not to find your foot tapping along your arms aching to jam some air guitar. The Tennessee band moves from well crafted pop songs to twangy Southern rock with such ease that you might forget that they are a modern rock band. Their first full length a mix of Lynyrd Skynyrd and Bob Seger with New York cool "**Youth and Young Manhood**," will be released on August 18.



It certainly doesn't hurt that the band - three brothers and a cousin on bass - are a publicist's dream. The music press searching to break the next big thing has built up a huge amount of buzz for a band whose record has yet to hit American shelves. But don't let these things keep you from giving Kings of Leon a chance or enjoying them as a guilty pleasure. Available at local record stores. The band is online at <http://www.kingsofleon.com>.



DVD

The 46 year old Flatpoint High School freshman is back. A hilarious spoof of TV after school specials **Strangers with Candy** was taken off Comedy Central far too quickly. But fans of the show can rejoice - Comedy Central has released "**Strangers with Candy Season One**" on DVD this month. The DVD features the entire first season, the pilot episode, audio commentary by stars Amy Sedaris, Paul Dinello and Stephen Colbert, outtakes and deleted scenes. Available at select local video rental stores and retailers.

Art

If you haven't made it to the Detroit Institute of Arts in awhile **Friday Nights at the DIA** is a great excuse to take the trip downtown. This Friday's activities include magnet making, symphonic rock band Larval, a demonstration by artist Ruth Gordon, a youth drawing workshop and two guided tours. All programs are free with museum admission and run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information or a schedule for Fridays, click on <http://www.dia.org/events/Fridays>

Local band

Even if you follow Detroit garage rock, you may find yourself a little confused about who is in **The Sights** these days. Guitarist and vocalist Eddie Baranek has led The Sights since their first show in 1998. The newest member Bobby Emmett plays Hammond and piano bass while Dave Shettler of Koufax fame is on drums. And while the band may be noted for their continual lineup changes, their music, influenced by 60s pop, Motown and garage rock places them in the same circle as other successful Detroit garage bands. Simply put - The Sights revival rock with the best of them. Before heading out to tour the UK this fall, The Sights will play August 1 at the Magic Stick, 4120 Woodward Ave. Detroit. This is the band's first show in quite awhile at the Stick, so it's geared up to be an amazing one. The Shams and The Elevations open the show. Doors at 9 p.m. Cost is \$5-18 and up with ID. For more on The Sights, check out <http://www.thesightsband.com>



Concert

Raging hormones and punk rock will collide August 3 when **Vans Warped Tour 2003** rolls into the Pontiac Silverdome.

The tour hosts over 35 bands including headliners The Ataris, Suicide Machines and Simple Plan.

On the local stage Andrew WK, Cobalt, Ettison, Clio, No Alternative, Troubleman and Well in Doubt are scheduled to perform with others.

The tour also features skateboarding demos, charity booths, a rock wall, motorcycle stunts and even a reverse day care area where parents can hang out while their kids check out the shows.

Doors open at 11 a.m. Tickets are 29.50 and can be purchased through Ticketmaster.

For a complete lineup of bands scheduled to perform and more, check out www.warpedtour.com

Pure Picks is written by Stephanie Tardy. Have something you want considered? To submit information on local entertainment or other ideas to be featured in this space, e-mail her at stardy@oe.homecomm.net

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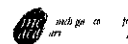
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While some might think of Jackson as a pit stop on the way to Chicago, there are plenty of reasons to stay awhile, especially if you fancy the Bard.

That's because the city is host to the Michigan Shakespeare Festival, which takes place outdoors on an Elizabethan-style stage in Jackson's Ella Sharp Park through Sunday, Aug. 3.

If you happen to make a weekend of it, another place you won't want to miss in Jackson is the Michigan Space Center. Celebrating its 26th year, the futuristic dome houses more than \$30 million in artifacts and displays, most having been provided by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the National Air & Space Museum/Smithsonian Institution, according to the center's Web site.

The center offers several hands-on exhibits including a space capsule simulator and exploring the moon's surface through 3-D glasses. It also holds a moon rock collected by Jackson astronaut Al Worden of Apollo 15. Other exhibits include a model of the Hubble Space Telescope, Mercury, Gemini and Apollo space suits and a display that focuses on Michigan astronauts.

IF YOU GO....

■ **Michigan Space & Science Center** - 2111 Emmons Road on the campus of Jackson Community College
www.jacksonccmi.us/spacecenter/
or call (517) 787-4425

■ **Linda McCartney's Sixties Portrait of an Era** is at the Ella Sharp Museum in Jackson through Sept. 14. Call (517) 787-2320.

PEACE, LOVE AND PHOTOGRAPHS

Through Sunday, Sept. 14, the Ella Sharp Museum is exhibiting "Linda McCartney's Sixties Portrait of an Era," which is sure to draw die-hard Beatles' fans looking for never-been-published photos of the band from its Sgt. Pepper era. The 50-photograph exhibit also captures Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, The Who and the Rolling Stones.

The city of Jackson is making a party of it by proclaiming this summer "The Summer of the 60s." Various events will take place at the museum, and its restaurant, Ella's Granary, will also feature vegetarian dishes from McCartney's cookbooks.



THE ESTATE OF LINDA MCCARTNEY

The Beatles in the recording studio is one of the photos featured in "Linda McCartney's Sixties Portrait of an Era."

Take a tour down memory lane

Here are some stops recommended by the Ella Sharp Museum in the spirit of the Summer of the 60s that take you from Jackson to Ann Arbor and Detroit.

■ **The Parlour** - 1401 Daniel, Jackson, (517) 783-1581. Originally known as "The Loud and Jackson Dairy Bar," this decades-old soda fountain and restaurant was very recently remodeled. Try the "Dare to be Great" - an ice cream sundae made with 21 scoops. Those who finish it, and those who attempt it, get their names on the Wall of Honor.

■ **Drive by attraction** - It all started at the Michigan Union on the campus of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. On Oct. 14, 1960, then Senator John F. Kennedy made an unprepared campaign speech to a group of University of Michigan students on the steps of the Michigan Union. He asked them if they would be willing to devote a few years of their life working in underdeveloped countries around the world to promote better understanding between the United States and developing nations and their peoples. Within weeks, 1,000 Michigan students had signed a petition calling for

the establishment of the Peace Corps program. On March 31, 1961, the Peace Corps was born.

■ **Motown Historical Museum** - 2648 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, (313) 875-2264. In the 1960s an independent record company in Detroit began creating and marketing hit records better and in larger volume than any record company in the world. The name of the company was Motown. Visit the original Hitsville USA building to learn more about this company started by Berry Gordy.

■ **Traffic Jam and Snug** - 511 W. Canfield, Detroit, (313) 831-9470, www.traffic-jam.com.

In 1965 a young high school teacher was having a drink in a dive bar near Wayne State University when a fight broke out. After cleaning up, a woman called out from behind the bar, "anyone want to buy a bar?" The high school teacher took out a loan from the Detroit Teacher's Credit Union and renamed the bar Traffic Jam. Still going strong, Traffic Jam and Snug prides itself on its homemade baked goods, beer, cheese and ice cream.

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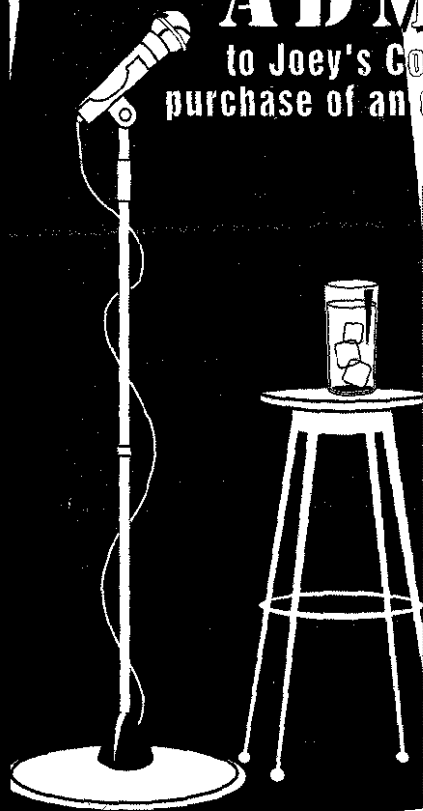
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