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Pipetting

Granholm vetoes prison expansion

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

The proposed 400-bed expansion at the Western Wayne Correctional Facility may still happen at some point,

but it isn't coming any time soon. Gov. Jennifer Granholm today (Thursday) vetoed the line item in Senate Bill 540 that would have funded the expansion. SB 540 was a supplement-

tal appropriations bill passed by the Legislature July 17. Granholm vetoed the item because no environmental studies have been done. And while the deal is off for now, Granholm spokesperson

Liz Boyd said all future options are still being considered. "We would like more time to assess all of our options in locating those 400 beds, which are needed," Boyd said Wednesday. "As we look at our

options, the Western Wayne site will be among the sites we consider, and it is entirely possible the site could ultimately be located there. But we want

PLEASE SEE PRISON, A7

Fund-raiser

Tickets are available for the Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza 2.5 p.m. Sunday Sept. 21. The new VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft is the site for this year's event, which will feature food, wine, beer and other beverages from more than 50 area restaurants and vendors in southeast Michigan. Tickets at \$50 per person are available by calling the Schoolcraft College Foundation at (734) 452-4670. The annual gourmet food and wine event raises money for student scholarships at the college. More than 500 Schoolcraft students receive scholarships from the foundation annually.

Artists exhibit

The annual special exhibit sponsored by Village Art runs through Aug. 28 at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road in Plymouth. The exhibit features mostly new works and many for sale. Village Artists, which currently has 25 active members, hosts the exhibit in an effort to allow the public a chance to meet the artists at a festive reception. The exhibit features the work of more than a dozen artists.



including Priscilla Hilton and her watercolor *Garden Delights* (pictured). The Meet the Artists reception is 5-7 p.m. Friday Aug. 22. For more information call (734) 455-1487.

Good grief

The New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville sponsors its Good Grief Golf Outing Saturday Sept. 6 at Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon. The outing begins with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. The proceeds from this outing will benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support, a bereavement outreach center located in Northville. New Hope provides free grief support services and resources to men, women, teens and children throughout south eastern Michigan. The cost for this four-person scramble which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, dinner and prizes is \$100 per person. Dinner only is \$50 per person. For information about sponsorship opportunities or for registration information visit the center's Web site at www.newhopecenter.net or call (248) 348-0115.



LIZ OROZCO | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Man's best friend

Sarah Henry, 4, of Garden City gets a hug from Sue Engle who dressed as a dalmatian for the annual Plymouth After Dark event Friday on the streets of downtown Plymouth. For more on the story, please see Page A3.

School board reconsiders weekend busing cuts

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The idea of cutting weekend sports transportation is getting a second look by the Plymouth-Canton school administration after parents and school board members Tuesday voiced concerns about having parents and young drivers transport athletes to sporting events.

However, it appears the \$125 pay-to-play proposal given by the three athletic directors at the high school Park will remain intact, raising \$200,000 in revenue for the sports budget.

During spring budget talks, trustees

ordered the athletic department to cut its \$2 million budget by 10 percent. A mix-up by athletic directors concerning an edict from two years ago, requiring a \$44,000 cut in transportation costs, was tacked on by athletic directors for a total of \$244,000 in cuts presented to trustees.

Board members appeared surprised at the additional \$44,000 in cuts, and the administration is expected to iron out the discrepancy by coming back to the board, at its Aug. 26 meeting, with a proposal to reinstate weekend transportation, while moving forward with the \$125 pay-to-play fee.

PLEASE SEE CUTS, A5

P-C Schools, college partner for survey

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Officials at both Plymouth-Canton Schools and Schoolcraft College have a vested interest in finding out how they can best serve their students, and the two entities are hoping combining their resources will help them do just that.

P-C Schools and Schoolcraft will partner to conduct a survey next month they hope will tell them what residents in this community want out of both educational facilities. The two will partner with the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, which publish papers in all of the communities served by both P-C schools and Schoolcraft.

The unique partnership should benefit all three parties. More importantly, officials for all three said, the survey will help both P-C Schools and Schoolcraft College provide better educational opportunities for all students.

We're hoping to use the survey to talk about the future a little bit, school Supt. Jim Ryan said. I'm hoping the survey will give us another resource and help evaluate what we're doing well and where we need help.

The Plymouth-Canton Community Survey will be taken Sept. 10-11, according to Schoolcraft Dean of Instruction Denise Sigworth.

PLEASE SEE SURVEY, A6

Birthday club helps keep Mayflower memories alive

Former employees gather to lunch, remember

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The old Mayflower Hotel is long gone as a landmark in downtown Plymouth, but the friendships made there are lasting a lifetime. The Mayflower Girls Birthday Club, comprised of

eight former workers at the Mayflower, meets at the Hilton Garden Inn in Plymouth Township whenever one of the women's birthdays rolls around.

I kept calling Cindy (Schiffer), we were wait staff partners, and we stayed in touch, said Dana Hughes, 76, of Plymouth Township. "She suggested we stay in touch on our birthdays. That was seven years ago."

That's just about the time the Mayflower met its fate with the wrecking ball.

I stood there and watched it," said Hughes, who worked in the restaurant the six years before it closed. Several customers were there, it was pretty emotional.

All of the women have fond memories, no matter which position they held while working at the Mayflower.

It was like a second home because we were there so much, remembers Donna Bossio of Westland, whose 50th birthday was celebrated

earlier this month. "With all the regulars at the Roundtable Club, you knew what they liked on the side, or for cocktails."

That was part of the ambiance," said Bossio, who worked at the Mayflower 11 years. "If you were a regular customer, we knew exactly what you wanted — regular or decaf (coffee) with sugar, tea with lemon or cream."

Schiffer of Wayne chuckles when reminded she was



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Former Mayflower Hotel employee Helen Ortman smiles about the memories she had working there.

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Township police nab radio thieves

A Plymouth Township police officer Sunday pulled over two men who had apparently been engaged in stealing automobile radios. The officer saw the car pulling out of a residential area without headlights around 4 a.m. Sept. 10. The officer pulled the car over in a routine traffic stop. During the incident, according to police reports, the officer noticed a tire iron sitting out in the open on the back floor of the car.

He asked the driver to get out of the car, then found a screwdriver in the pants pocket of the driver. He also subsequently searched the passenger and found another tool. The passenger admitted the pair had been involved in the theft of radios in the I-275-Ann Arbor Road area, although he implicated the driver in the actual thefts.

ATTEMPTED BREAK-IN

The manager at Plymouth Hills Park may have prevented a break-in earlier this week.

The manager told police he happened by a Grant Drive residence and saw two male juveniles and a female juvenile

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running away from the residence. He also spotted a third male standing on a deck, holding open a door to the residence. All four suspects took flight when they saw the manager, who reported the incident to Plymouth Township Police.

The manager told police he recognized at least one of the suspects, and police were in the process of making contact.

STOLEN VAN

Someone stole a van belonging to a local cleaning service, according to a police report dated Sept. 10. The owner of the business reported the van had been carrying a mounted carpet cleaner along with 150 feet of hose, a portable carpet cleaner, two air movers and a dehumidifier and several other items.

BIKE MISSING

A Plymouth Township resident told police someone stole her bicycle right out of her fenced-in yard sometime after

8 p.m. Aug. 9. She said she put the bike in the yard, and when she went back for it around 4:30 the next day, it was gone.

MAILBOX DAMAGE

A Plymouth Township homeowner told police he was inside his Ann Arbor Trail home around 10:15 p.m. Aug. 9 when he heard a loud banging noise outside his home. He looked out the window, but couldn't see anything happening. The next morning, he told police, he woke up to find his mailbox had been dented by a blunt object of some sort. He said it was the second such incident in the past few weeks.

CAR DAMAGED

A Plymouth Township homeowner told police someone damaged his 1991 Plymouth Acclaim. The owner said that sometime between 10 p.m. Aug. 6 and 10 a.m. Aug. 7, someone used a key to scratch an obscenity in the front quarter-panel, and to slash the left front tire.

Damage was estimated at approximately \$500.

AROUND TOWN

CULINARY FUND-RAISER

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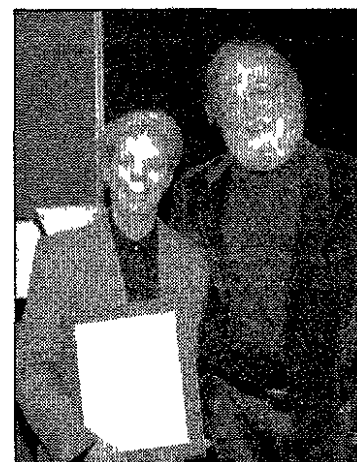
ASCAP HONORS

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, under music director and conductor Nan Washburn, won an Award for Adventurous Programming, offered by the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers and the American Symphony Orchestra League.

The awards were presented at the American Symphony Orchestra League's 57th National Conference in San Francisco.

The PSO was awarded its first ASCAP Award last season, as well. Washburn has earned a total of 15 ASCAP Awards and was instrumental this season in bringing to Plymouth-Canton audiences contemporary composers Emma Lou Diemer, Santa Barbara, California, Harold Farberman, New York, Felicia Sandler, Massachusetts, Gary Schocker, New York, Pam Conn, Plymouth, Andre Myers, Ann Arbor, for concerts featuring their pieces.

At the "On Stage" presentations prior to concerts, audience members could hear about the composition process, the music and meet and ask



Composer Peter Schickele presents Plymouth Symphony Music Director Nan Washburn with an Award for Adventurous Programming, offered by the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers and the American Symphony Orchestra League.

the composers questions.

The Awards for Adventurous Programming, initiated by ASCAP in 1959, recognize American orchestras whose programs demonstrate a strong commitment to the works of 20th-century composers. Since the establishment of the awards, ASCAP has presented more than \$500,000 to prize-winning orchestras of all sizes.

"The ASCAP Awards provide much-needed recognition of those orchestras promoting and programming contemporary repertoire," said Charles S. Olton, President and CEO of the American Symphony Orchestra League. "We applaud ASCAP for its longstanding platform for its awards ceremonies for so many years."

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The Plymouth Community United Way sponsors a School Supply Drive in an effort to make sure all children are ready to go back to school.

United Way officials are looking for pencils, crayons, rulers, highlighters, three-ring binders, glue sticks, scissors,

backpacks, three-prong pocket folders, spiral notebooks, markers, pens, large pencil erasers, protractors and pencil boxes/bags, among other items. Donated items can be dropped off at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Community Federal Credit Union, 500 S. Harvey, Plymouth Township offices, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Bank One, 235 S. Sheldon, or the Plymouth Observer office 794 S. Main. For more information, call (734) 453-6879.

FIRST STEP VOLUNTEERS

First Step, the western Wayne County project on domestic and sexual violence, is looking for volunteers.

Opportunities include assisting with support groups, 24-hour help-line workers, court advocacy, on-call assault response team, providing services and support to families in First Step's emergency shelter, and organizing family events and field trips.

Men and women ages 18 and older are eligible. For more information, call (734) 416-1111.

MDA CAR WASH

Steak & Ale, located at 40347 Ann Arbor Road, hosts a car wash to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association from 1-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16.

A minimum donation of \$5 is being asked, and all proceeds will benefit MDA.

For more information, call (734) 416-7076.

CHORUS AUDITIONS

Plymouth Community Chorus will be starting its 30th year this fall. Open auditions will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2 at Hillside Middle School in Northville. Auditions will continue by appointment only on Sept. 9, 16, and 23. For more information, call (734) 455-4080.

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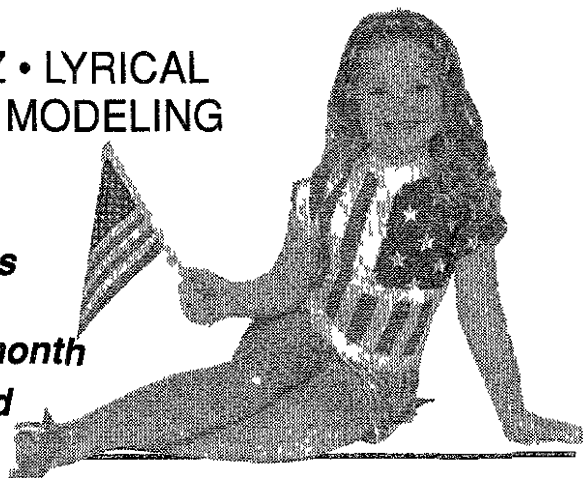
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Annual 'After Dark' shines



Marilyn Monroe (Ashley Godfrey) leads "celebrities" through Kellogg Park



Nancy Lanyon (left) of Livonia and Laura Ferrant of Livonia dance to the music of Bobby Lewis and the Cracker Jack Band in Kellogg Park during Friday's Plymouth After Dark event



PHOTOS BY L. Z. OROZCO | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Panera Bread employee Cat Umstead of Canton dresses as a pink lady from the movie 'Grease' during the annual Plymouth After Dark event Friday

Popular chamber event draws large crowd

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of people roamed

the streets of downtown Plymouth Friday, wandering through stores and eating at local restaurants, and generally having a good time

Since that was the goal of the annual Plymouth After Dark event sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, executive director Fran Toney was ready to proclaim the event a huge success

"It was the best one we've had," Toney said of the third-annual event. "The streets were crowded, the stores were

crowded, and everyone had a wonderful time"

The idea of the retail event, of course, is to get people into the community's stores. Many of the businesses extended their hours until 11 p.m. to take advantage of the increased crowds

To help make the event a success, there were dozens of celebrity look-alikes and costumed characters. For instance, Sandra Marulis at Michigan Made & More, sponsored a visit by Karl Slover, the shortest of the original

Munchkins from the 1939 movie *The Wizard of Oz*

In addition to the Munchkin, celebrities in attendance included, among others, Mae West, Bonnie and Clyde, Elvis, characters from the film *Saturday Night Fever*, Marilyn Monroe, Uncle Sam and Clark

Gable. The event also featured music on street corners, horse-drawn carriage rides, free limousine service and refreshments in the stores

Toney, who dressed as a 1920s-era flapper, said the large crowd is good for business. Even if people don't buy

anything that night, being in the store will bring them back," Toney said. Studies have shown that if you get potential customers into your store, they will come back

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Rector: Church struggles with gay issues

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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The rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth said he'd rather discuss issues such as poverty, racism and education, than the election of a gay bishop and affirmation of same-sex marriages

However, he understands the issue of gays and lesbians, and their role in the church, is widespread among many denominations and needs to be addressed

Delegates to the Episcopalian national meeting in Minneapolis recently completed a 10-day session in which the headline news was the confirmation of Bishop-elect Gene Robinson of New Hampshire, who is gay

"I think this is a wedge issue, one that tends to split," said the Rev. Bill Lupfer, who has been the rector at St. John's for seven years. "I wish we focused on issues more common to us"

However, I think it should have been an issue," Lupfer said. The Supreme Court, everyone, is talking about this. The church has to be engaged with the world today. It's sometimes difficult to take a stand

Lupfer said the Episcopal church is struggling to find its voice concerning the controversial issue revolving around gays and lesbians

This is one issue we need to struggle with, admit it's part of our life, part of our reality," Lupfer said. "Many people are beginning to see they have a direct experience with gay and lesbian people in their families"

"That's why the Episcopal church has dealt with it because, quite frankly, we've been blessed with wonderful gay and lesbian clergy in the church, and people have begun to think of it as appropriate," added Lupfer. "Many people have experienced powerful ministry from people who are

gay and lesbian. We all seek to be Christ to each other."

Following Wednesday morning services at St. John's, parishioner Dave Smith of Ann Arbor said having a gay bishop in the Episcopal church doesn't bother him

"I think we should let people live their own lives," said Smith, "rather than some churches which try to tell people how to live their lives. I wouldn't leave the church because of it"

A Plymouth Township woman, who only identified herself as a longtime church member, said she was open-minded

"It's my belief that we are all children of God, and the bishop was thoughtfully and prayerfully picked to be their bishop," she said. "If he was called to be a bishop, it must be part of God's plan"

Lupfer said while same-sex marriages received affirmation, "Let's be clear, the Episcopal church said 'no' to same sex liturgies." However, Lupfer said the church does acknowledge marriages among gays and lesbians are taking place on the local level. "It's not ready, as a church, to develop a liturgy for same-sex blessings," he said

Lupfer said no one has ever asked him to officiate a same-sex wedding, and when asked if he would perform such a service, he said, "As a pastor, you deal with reality. It's never a simple yes or no"

Lupfer believes there are other issues that should be taking the spotlight

"I'd love to be talking about poverty in Detroit, the racism that's still deep in our communities, hunger, the lack of education," he said. "Those are important issues, and I'd hate to see them move aside in favor of this issue"

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Concert series dances in park

The sounds of music will fill the air as "Downtown Fridays, Music in the Air" continues Friday at 7 p.m. in Kellogg Park

"The concert series seems to get more popular each year," said Bob Anderson, director of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, a main co-sponsor, along with Plymouth Guitar and Signature Sound. "It has a real following"

The line-up of concerts includes

- Aug. 15 Mass Transit - music to dance by
- Aug. 22 The Rude - classic rock
- Aug. 29 Pamela Ransford

& Plymouth Guitar Band


Anderson said the entire concert series comes with a \$25,000 price tag, most of which is paid by the Downtown Development Authority, with the remainder picked up by sponsors

Anderson said the impact on downtown businesses as a result of the large crowds in Kellogg Park isn't necessarily reaped the night of the concerts

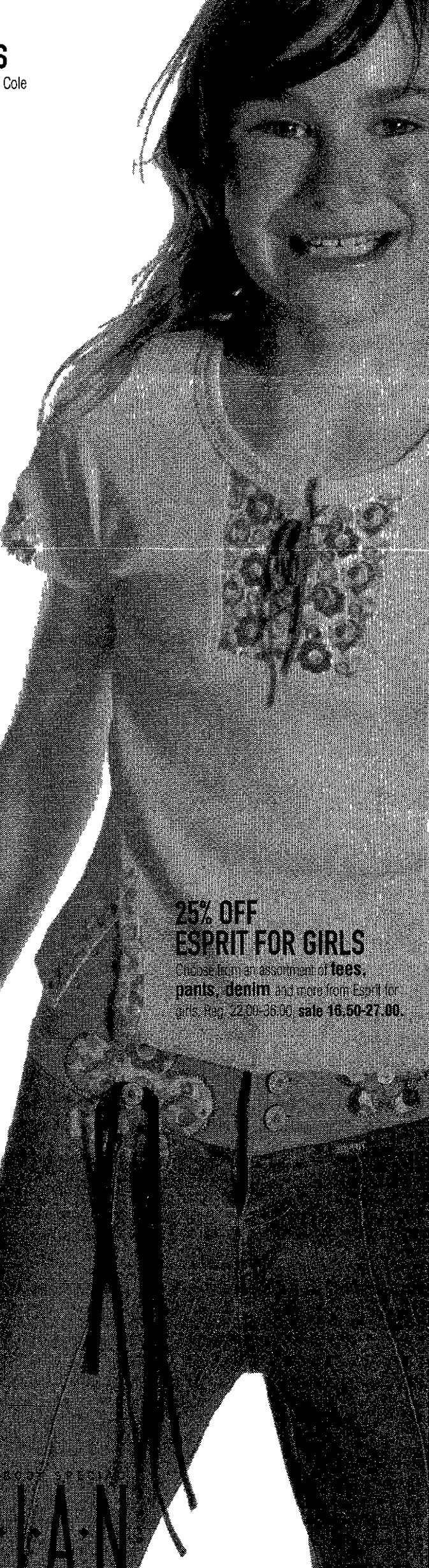
"The idea is to bring people downtown to experience the Plymouth magic," he said

"Hopefully, they'll feel good about their experience and will come back another time"

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CAMPUS NEWS

Boston University

Katherine Heid of Plymouth has received her J.D. in law from Boston University during the spring semester.

Concordia University-Saint Paul

Derek Klemm of Canton, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Concordia University, St. Paul, on May 17, 2003, with a bachelor of arts degree in theology.

Fairleigh Dickinson University

Sameera Ahmed of Canton has graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University with his M.A. degree in psychology-clinical.

Grand Valley State University

The following students from Canton have been placed on the dean's list for the winter 2003 semester. The students are, Harry A. Bedard, Elizabeth A., Bonnell, Katie L. Good, Kristie J. Good, Tracy E., Roulo, Scott P. Setlock, Laura J. Wallace, and Jennifer E. Wrobel. Students from Plymouth are, Kaelah L. Gould, Katherine M. MacDonell, and Christine A. Szubczak.

Kettering University

Students Michelle Magat of Canton and Michael Ferryall of Plymouth were among those placed on the dean's list for the winter 2003 semester at Kettering University.

Madonna University

The following students from Canton have been placed on the dean's list at Madonna University. They are, Aaron Barbee, Sarah Baxter, Stephanie Birch, Christopher Brown, Pamela Jean Buchanan, Kellie Anne Buczek, Jessica Beth Burzynski, Sara Ann Casper, Laura Kathleen Clark, Shannon Jean Collins, Gianna Cristu, Kathryn Grace Demey, Justin R. Fishaw, David Fogoros, Carol Fox, Ryan William Gardner, Carol Gerus, Francine Ann Girard, Richard Govan, Douglas Granowicz, Amanda Renee Graves, Nathan Shimon Harwood, Andrew Hays, Stephen Hebel, Alonzo Hursin, Jennifer Lynn Jablonski, Kimberly Johnson, Dennis Kapp, Allison Knight, Sean Klisz, Jeffrey Jonathan Kramer, Alyssa Macfarlane, LaDonna Sue McElfresh, Lindsey Sara Moore, Lauren Beth Murphy, Scott Napier, Sarah Elizabeth Pack, Sang-Hyep Park, Jennifer Pikula, Heidi Christine Pohlman, Diane Pomorski, Mary Putin, Mary Leona Robinson, Josette Andrea Sanaw, Natalie Lyn Sayre, Christopher William Schreber, Ruth Seitz, Kelly Ann Smokovitz, Nicholas Staley, Rita May Unis, Rachel Watson, Alexandria Wengrowski, and Neil Wildfong.

Leonard Michael Simpson

Services for Leonard Simpson, 41, of Port St. Lucia, Fla. (formerly of Livonia), were held Aug. 9 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating.

Mr. Simpson was born Sept. 8, 1961, in Grosse Pointe and died Aug. 6 in Florida. He graduated from high school in Taylor where he competed in gymnastics, winning first place in Still Rings. He was a produce manager. He enjoyed bowling, music, the beach and warm weather.

Survivors include parents, Gaylord and Dolores Simpson of Ft. Pierce, Fla., brother, James Simpson of Livonia, sister, Roxanne (Kenneth) Lindquist of Plymouth, aunts, Sheila Rose and Ann Driscoll, niece, Jeannette Lindquist, and several cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Detroit Teen Challenge, 17667 Pierson, Detroit, MI 48219.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Mary Margaret Dorosh

Mary Dorosh, 80, of Canton Township died Aug. 10, 2003, at home. She was born Aug. 15, 1922, in Mt. Pleasant, Pa. Mary had worked as a secretary in the automotive field.

Survivors include son, William (Leola) Dorosh, grandchild, Matthew Dorosh,

and great-grandchild, Kashyra. Arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.

Dolores Dean Klingbeil

Services for Dolores Klingbeil, 63, of Livonia were held Aug. 14 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington, with the Rev. Calvin Ratz and the Rev. John Ratz officiating.

Mrs. Klingbeil was born Feb. 21, 1940, in Kentucky and died Aug. 10 in Ann Arbor. She worked in sales for Midwest Medical. She had formerly worked for the Trading Times and Aamco Parking Company at Metro Airport. She loved gardening, home decorating and antiques.

Survivors include son, Kevin (Diana) Chapel of Canton, daughter, Kimberly (Troy) Johnson of Rochester Hills, brother, Roger Bates of Arizona, and grandchildren, Hannah and John-Paul Johnson and Lydia Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to Detroit Teen Challenge, 17667 Pierson Street, Detroit, MI 48219-9957 or Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

Arrangements made by Thayer Rock Funeral Home.

Phyllis P. Cameron

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Saturday,

Aug. 15, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth with the Rev. John J. Sullivan officiating for Phyllis P. Cameron, 67, of Pinconning (formerly of Plymouth).

Mrs. Cameron was born Dec. 20, 1935, in Cleveland, Ohio and died Aug. 11 at home. Phyllis was a retired cosmetologist, a member of St. Michael's Church and a Eucharist Minister, active in ministering to the residents of Huron Woods Nursing Center. She enjoyed flower gardening, especially tending her rock garden.

Another of her favorite pastimes was watching the eagles in her back yard.

Mrs. Cameron was preceded in death by her children, Douglas and Alison Pappin, and father, Edward.

Survivors include husband, Robert Cameron, daughters, Judith Scafuri of Florida and JoEllen Pappin of Arizona, mother, Florence Lawler of Kawkawin, grandchildren, Steven and Elizabeth Scafuri and Ryan Pappin, and brother Edward (Axia) Lawler of Florida.

Memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice, St. Patrick's Senior Center of Detroit, or Dominican Cloistered Nuns at Blessed Sacrament Convent of Farmington Hills.

Please register in the family guest book at www.leeram-sayrivers-township.com.

Arrangements made by Lee-Ramsay Funeral Home.

Agnes McCraith

Services for Agnes McCraith, 93, of Livonia (formerly of Plymouth) were held Aug. 11 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating.

Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Ms. McCraith was born Nov. 3, 1909, in Detroit and died Aug. 10 in Livonia.

She was a retired school teacher from the Detroit school system. She received her B.A. degree from Wayne State University.

Ms. McCraith was preceded in death by her sister, Margaret McCraith.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Matthew Charles Hardy

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16 at Mt. Hope Congregational Church in Livonia on Schoolcraft Road for Matthew Hardy who was born and died July 24, 2003.

Matthew is survived by parents, Paul and Wendy, siblings, Rachel and Mitchell, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period from Aug. 6-12.

■ Tuesday, Aug. 12 — Residential rescue runs on Northville, Haggerty, W. Ann Arbor Trail and Wilson, industrial rescue run on Sheldon, vehicle accident rescue run on Wilcox and Schoolcraft.

■ Monday, Aug. 11 — Residential rescue runs on Sheridan, Northville and Burroughs, commercial rescue run on W. Ann Arbor Trail, grass/brush run on Plymouth, dumpster fire run on Canton Center Road.

■ Sunday, Aug. 10 — Residential rescue runs on S. Sheldon Parkview, Rockledge Burroughs and Haggerty special wash down run on Ann Arbor Road.

■ Saturday, Aug. 9 — Residential rescue runs on Filmore and Huntington.

■ Friday, Aug. 8 — Residential rescue runs on Haggerty and E. Ann Arbor Trail, commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road, rescue run at a public building on Ann Arbor Road, and vehicle accident rescue run on Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon.

■ Thursday, Aug. 7 — Residential rescue runs on Pinehurst and Northville, commercial rescue runs on Haggerty and Schoolcraft, vehicle fire run on Beck and S. Burning Tree, special wash down run on Five Mile, and rescue run at a public building on Ann Arbor Road.

■ Wednesday, Aug. 6 — Residential rescue runs on Northville Road, Arbutum, Brownell and two on Shadywood, vehicle accident rescue run on Joy Road and I-275, and Sheldon and Ann Arbor Trail with special wash down, and industrial rescue run on Port.

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Canton writer launches into publishing

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

An author and her publisher have to be on the same page.

"They have to live with a book for a long time," said Virginia Bailey Parker of Canton. They have to be a good fit.

Few know that lesson better than Parker, a well-known published author and historian. In 2000, she turned yet another page in her literary career when she transformed her Snowy Creek Press from writing and editing services to a literary press.

"I believe in the value of what I do as a literary press. I love what I do and believe in that," said Parker, whose first book off the Snowy Creek Press was her own historical novel *The Water's Edge*. She is also known locally for her *Ghost Stories of Canton*.

"I believed in *The Water's Edge*, she said. I had tremendous endorsements. I had the ability to publish that book because I had a press in place."

In addition to plenty of endorsements for the historical novel set in colonial New England, Parker was recog-

nized with significant literary awards, including Book of the Year, second-place fiction, by *ForeWord Magazine*, which is specifically for booksellers and librarians. Also, she received notice from *Writer's Digest*, the foremost magazine for published authors.

INTRINSIC VALUE

Parker's second effort through Snowy Creek Press is a work titled *Victory Over Depression*, written by Annick Hivert-Carthew of Rochester Hills. Two things drew Parker to Carthew's book, which offers 150 tips to move people suffering with depression toward healing.

"I found a property that has intrinsic value. And the author has the personality and the ability to market her book," Parker said.

One of the first steps toward publishing the book is to reshape it for the market.

Every book involves writing and re-writing. The next step is a graphic layout to determine what the book, specifically the individual pages, will look like. Parker also handles all registrations required in

book publishing. And the next is a big thing—a marketing plan. Without it, no one knows about the book.

"Three hundred to 360 books are published every day of the year," Parker said. The competition for attention is so intense. Word-of-mouth is one of the most important marketing tools.

LESSONS LEARNED

The switch to a literary press also stems from lessons learned for Parker.

"One of the primary lessons I have learned in the last 15 years is that writing is a business," she said. "This is a very hard concept for writers to grasp."

There is an altruistic side to writers. They write because they have something important to say. They have the feeling that they should contribute. Writers are artists. Artists are terribly paid. Many writers are having to learn to be better business people.

Parker knows that writers can contribute to the world and still make a living.

A business in the process of making a profit can still make

a contribution to society, she said.

To that end, *Victory Over Depression* will be sold to corporations, for example, at a discount to promote quality of life and to get the word out to regular people—who, whether clinically depressed or just having one of those days—it can get better. Parker also has committed a number of the books to literary programs and organizations.

PREVALENT PROBLEM

When it became known that Parker was switching to a literary press, she reviewed a number of manuscripts for her second publishing project.

She chose Carthew's work because she believes in what it says.

Depression is such a prevalent problem in our society, Parker said. "I believe it speaks to a social problem. It is written by the survivor of depression so we get an inside look into what it is like to be depressed. It will help those with depression. It will speak to families and friends to help them assist their loved one. Carthew makes no bones



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Virginia Bailey Parker, publisher, is expanding her work horizons.

about her problem with depression.

A breast cancer survivor, with a number of subsequent cancer scares, the author offers readers simple ways to make a day better.

It is upbeat. It is about winning the battle," Carthew said, adding her book is easy to read with plenty of short sentences and white space on the page.

Carthew's book does not deal with the medical side of clinical depression or the myriad of drugs available to address the range of depressions. It offers tips as simple as wearing

bright clothes when you feel low, or opening the blinds and letting the sun shine in.

These are tips that don't cost money, Carthew said.

Feb. 1, 2004, is the tentative publication date for *Victory Over Depression*, which means that Parker's work must be complete by Sept. 1—in a few weeks.

The book is written in a straightforward, honest manner, Parker said. "It really allows the reader to get inside that experience (depression)."

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CUTS

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I think we were going to recommend reinstating the busing out of a safety concern, said Superintendent Jim Ryan. We've been directed to go back to consider safety issues by the board and parents, alike.

"We'll then have to sit down and look at the long-term plan, what should everyone be funding equally, salaries, entry fees and transportation," added Ryan. Lynne Grady of Plymouth, whose daughter runs cross country, expressed concerns about the lack of transportation for her daughter's team.

During the school year, my child is not allowed to ride in another parent's car to ride to an activity, she said. My concern is my child will be put in other parents' cars and I won't have a lot of say in who she's riding with.

Trustee Carol Saunders said, The elimination of weekend transportation may hurt certain sports harder than others.

Which was exactly the point brought out by Bill Boyd, a high school girls' cross country coach, who said wrestling, volleyball, track and cross country teams will be the most affected by a cut in weekend transportation.

"This will be devastating to these programs," said Boyd. "In cross country, three quarters of our season is on weekends. We have no facilities, very little need for uniforms. Our only real costs are entry fees to meets and buses."

To tell us our kids will pay the same as everybody else and yet have three quarters of what they do taken away, screams of inequity, he said.

Tom Willette, athletic director at Salem High School, said the three athletic directors met with booster clubs to discuss options, and the pay-to-play fee and transportation cuts were the easiest cuts to make.

We knew that some individual sports would be hit harder than some of the team sports, Willette said. "We were trying to find a potential cut that was fair to all three schools so we came up with transportation."

Trustee Tom Wysocki said he didn't think the \$125 fee to play sports was unreasonable, considering ice hockey and the band pay \$1,000 each year to participate. There are still groups out there that are paying a lot more than we are talking about tonight to play these sports, he said. "I'd like to continue to look and see how we can make things a bit more equitable."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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AROUND TOWN

Divorce Recovery Workshop

To help people thinking of divorce in the process of divorcing divorced or separated to heal and grow Being held 7-9:30 p.m. Thursdays from Aug 14-Sept 25 A different topic will be discussed each week Held at Forum Room of First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Chorus Auditions

Plymouth Community Chorus will be starting its 30th year this fall Open auditions will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday Sept 2 at Hillside Middle School in Northville Auditions will continue by appointment only on Sept 9, 16 and 23 For more information call (734) 455 4080

Bake Sale

The American Legion Auxiliary Beasley Zalesny Unit #12 will have a garage/bake sale at 344 Elizabeth from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug 14-16 An assortment of items too numerous to mention will be available

Caregivers Conference

For seniors or anyone meeting the needs of older adults Qualified professionals will speak answer questions provide helpful materials and advice Taking place at the Plymouth District Library 6-8:45 p.m. Thursday Sept 25 Call (734) 453 1234 ext 236 to pre register

Art Exhibit

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Shadia Sassak runs through Aug 29 at the Plymouth Coffee Bean Call (734) 641 3996 for further information

Crafters Needed

Crafters are needed for the 17th annual juried show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Oct 18 at West Middle School 44401 W Ann Arbor Trail Plymouth Call Jan at (734) 844 1707 or e-mail to theways@comcast.net

Farm Tours

Cobblestone Farm Museum is open for tours Memorial Day weekend through the end of September 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday Group tours by appointment year round Call (734) 994 2928 for further information

Junior Golf Tournament

Strategic Fox Junior Tournaments are being held Aug 21 Cost is \$25 which includes 18 holes of golf hot dog pop chips and prizes Please call for tee times and reservations to (734) 453 7272

Drop-In Tennis

The City of Plymouth will be holding adult drop in tennis at Central Middle School tennis courts this summer Season runs from June 17-Aug 30 and is free For more information contact Chris at (734) 453 0917

Couples Night Out

Fox Hills is holding Couples Night Out at the Fox Classic on Aug 17 Cost is \$69 which includes nine holes of golf for two with cart and dinner after golf Tee times begin at 4:30 p.m. Call for reservations to (734) 453 7272

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School Registration

Music matters at the School for the Performing Arts in Ann Arbor and registration for summer camps classes and lessons has officially begun For further information call (734) 995 4625 or log on to the school's Web site at www.spa.aia.org for a complete listing of classes and camps

Crafters

Crafters are needed for the 16th annual juried show on Saturday Oct 18 The show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at West Middle School Call Jan at (734) 844 1707 or e-mail theways@comcast.net

Preschool Registration

Willow Creek Co Op Preschool is accepting registrations for the 2003-04 classes for 3 and 4 year olds

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Preschool Registration

The Plymouth Salvation Army is opening registration for its preschool programs for fall 2003 The 3 year old program is on Tuesday and Thursday and the 4 year old program runs Monday Wednesday and Friday For more information call Peggy at (734) 459 1358 or (734) 453 5464 Ext 25

Fish Fry

Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center is again hosting an All You Can Eat Friday night fish fry or pasta dinner at the Fox Classic Clubhouse from 5-9 p.m. The cost is \$8.75 per person

Nursery Co-op Registration

Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op registration has begun for the 2003-04 school year Openings for 3-4 year olds various class times and days Call Nola Wellman at (734) 453 0595 for information

Storytime

Peggy Price Heiney presents a special story time for children ages 5-7 Stories creative dramatics and book selection round out this monthly session at the Plymouth Library Registration is required Call (734) 453 0750 for further information

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Recreation Registration

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The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth Call (866) 841 9140 ext 4329 or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com

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Meetings are 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays at the Plymouth Historical Museum 155 S Main in Plymouth

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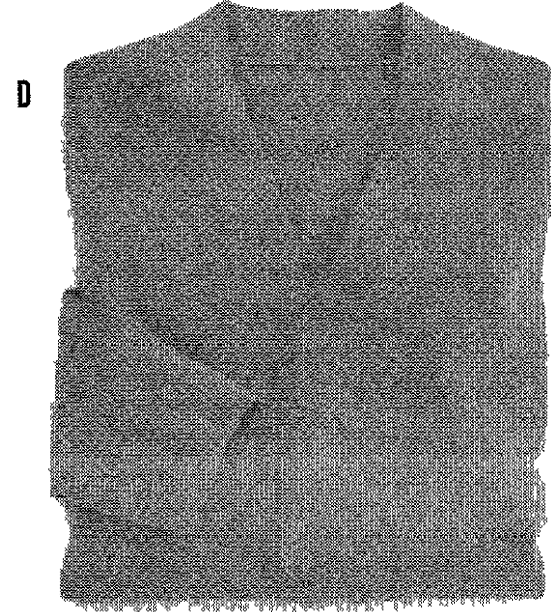
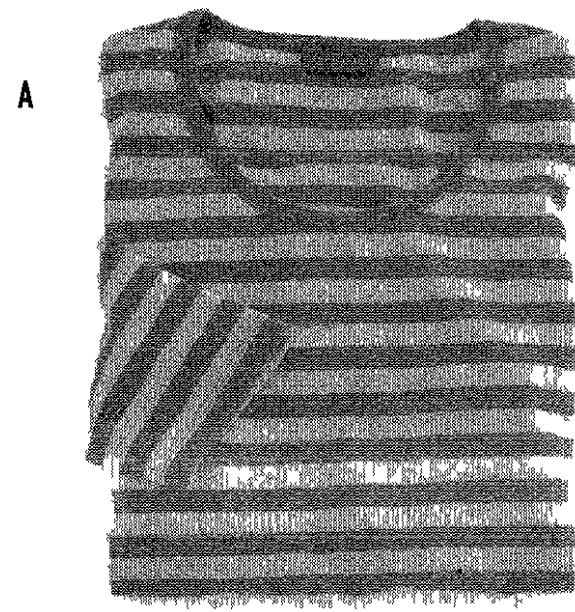
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SURVEY

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Volunteers provided by Plymouth-Canton Schools will use a phone bank at the school district to ask questions developed by officials both at the district and at Schoolcraft

The purpose of the survey fits in well with the *Observer & Eccentric's* twice-weekly mission: Enhancing the lives of its readers

'Our mission is community journalism, and making life better for the people in the communities we serve,' said Susan Rosiek, executive editor of the *O&E*

This survey is an excellent opportunity for us to do exactly that, and we're very happy to be a partner with both Plymouth-Canton Schools and Schoolcraft College

According to Ryan, the questions will probe residents' feelings about everything from the quality of the curriculum to the competence of teachers Questions will be asked by members of the district's Community Council, made up of a volunteer from each building in the district

The questions will include queries about residents' feelings on potential bond requests from the district, but Ryan was quick to point out that will only be a small part of the discussion

Mostly, it will focus on what residents want in terms of

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'Anyone who thinks we're using this in any way to help get a bond passed is simply missing the point,' Ryan said

The strategic plan (for the district) as I think of it is almost non-existent This will help us do that

According to Sigworth, Schoolcraft benefits in much the same way as P-C Schools College officials hope to glean from the survey things people in the districts from which the college draws students think should be done to improve the educational environment at Schoolcraft

If we identify some things in the survey it allows us to work on them together, Sigworth said

It's got us talking about programs, what we do and how we can better service the students With the location and growth of Plymouth and Canton, that's a big pull for us in terms of students

Sigworth said Schoolcraft staffers will take the data gained by the survey and analyze it, a process she hopes to complete within three or four weeks

'We have a system in place to enter the data, run the statistics and analyze it, then write the report,' the dean said 'We do a lot of survey work here already, so we have staff trained to work on that

Sigworth will keep an eye on the success of this project and, if it works, will look to conduct similar surveys in partnership with the other school districts the college serves

'This is our pilot,' Sigworth said 'If it goes well and we feel as though it would be something the other districts would be interested in, we'll approach them'

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Helen Ortman (from left) Ileana Tibeau, Dana Hughes, Cindy Schiffer, Claudia Steinke and Donna Bossio talk about old times at the Mayflower Hotel during a recent birthday party for Donna at the Hilton Garden Inn in Plymouth

CLUB

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called the "House Brat" because everyone liked her. It was like home, you felt safe and secure," she said. "You always enjoyed going to work. And, if you did your job, nobody bothered you." "There are so many memories, she said. Dennis, the cook — he was known as Dennis the Menace — was the best. It was a fantastic place to work. Everybody was like family." Ileana Tibeau of Plymouth was a dishwasher and baker for

12 years after leaving her hometown in Romania. While she may have had trouble speaking English, Hughes said, "She made birthday cakes, and would make delicious rolls in the oven and then go up and wash dishes." Helen Ortman, who worked at the Mayflower for more than 48 years before it closed, was known as the group's mother. "If they needed a bobby pin, or safety pin, or candy or gum, I had it," remembers Ortman, 83, of Plymouth Township. As the mom, Ortman also handed out advice. "If they asked for it, I gave it," she said. "They listened pretty good." Whenever any of the women

speaks about former owner Ralph Lorenz, it's always with a "mister" in front of his name because of the respect they had for their boss. "I always had great respect for him," said Ortman. "I told him I couldn't call him Ralph, even though we were about the same age, because I had too much respect for him." Bossio summed up what it was like working at the Mayflower. "If the Mayflower was still there, we'd still be there," she said. "We looked forward to being together." tbruscato@eohomecomm.net (734) 459-2700

PRISON

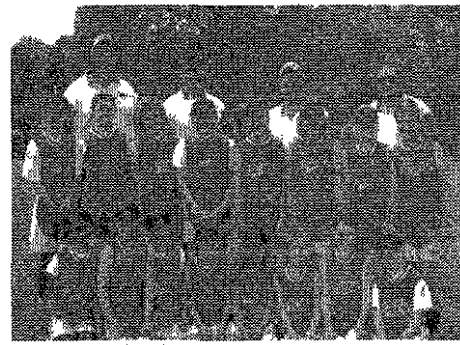
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more time to make a clear assessment, and we're going to move in that direction." Boyd said no timetable has been set for any decision, although, "It's something we want to move on fairly quickly," she said. Granholm had originally recommended the expansion for Scott Correctional Facility, across the street in Northville Township. The plan was changed to Western Wayne when the bill passed through the state House. State Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township) who admitted he wasn't aware of the shift when he voted for the bill July 17, petitioned the governor in two letters to veto the line item. Granholm, citing a lack of preparation and environmental studies, vetoed the item Thursday. "There will not be a prison facility built at this time," Stewart said. "This is the way decisions are supposed to be made, according to the facts."

The original plan was to expand at Scott Correctional Facility, but before the supplemental appropriations bill left the Senate, state Sen. Bruce Patterson got an amendment passed moving the expansion to Camp Brighton, near Pinckney. However, when the bill came back from the House, the location had been switched to Western Wayne. It isn't clear who made the switch, or why. The House Appropriations Committee chairman, Rep. Marc Shulman (R-West Bloomfield), didn't return phone calls seeking comment. Patterson tried to change the site back to Brighton, but his proposed amendment failed. He then cast the only nay vote against the bill. The shift caught everyone by surprise. Department of Corrections Director Patricia Caruso acknowledged in a letter last week that her department neither requested, nor was notified of, the change. Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann found out about it from a local newspaper reporter. Mann was pleased to hear the governor had vetoed the

plan. "That's great news," Mann said. "Rightfully so, that's the only action that should be taken. This was somehow snuck into the legislation with only a few people knowing about it." Patterson, who twice authored amendments that would have kept the beds out of Wayne County, was glad to hear the governor had vetoed the bill. "I'm pleased the governor finally saw the light, and it confirms I was the one who was right all along," Patterson said. "I was prudent enough to read the bills and know what was going on. I was the only one in the whole Legislature who voted against it, and now she has come around to my point of view." bkadrich@eohomecomm.net (734) 459-2700

PRIDE Girls Fastpitch Boasts Three Bids to the World Series Tournaments



The Plymouth Canton PRIDE Girls Fastpitch Organization proudly announces three of their teams have won bids to World Series tournaments this season. Premier Travel Teams in the U 13 division, coached by Rich Rohn, in the U 12 Premier Team, coached by John McKinley, and in the U 10 division, coached by Rick Schmidt, all secured bids throughout this summer. Teams traveled to World Series Tournaments in St. Louis, MO for the U 13 division, Indianapolis, IN for the U 12 division, and Dallas, TX for the U 10 division.

PRIDE 2003 10-U Team
Back Row (left to right): Bob Lee, Rick Schmidt, Clint Johnson, Steve Hunley
Middle Row (girls standing): left to right: Jordan Larocco, Carrie MacDonald, Cara Greenwald, Lauren Schmidt, Kaitlyn Mattson, Carol Ann Sexauer, Mary Johnson, Tessa Helmeyer
Bottom Row (girls sitting): left to right: Brianna Lee, Lauren Roberts, Megan Johnson, Erica Martin, Heidi Schmidt, Sarah Blue, Jamie Hunley, Jamie Bricker



PRIDE 2003 12-U Team
Top Row (left to right): Dan Bressler, John McKinley, Jim Rysdorp, David Payne
Middle Row (left to right): Erin Rodes, Kyla Suchy, Amber Gold, Arnel Rohn, Miranda Rysdorp, Hilary Payne, Amanda Emmons, Stacey Klonowski
Bottom Row (left to right): Jessica Feldscher, Alyssa Taylor, Lizzy McKinley
Not Photographed: Sondra Plante



PRIDE 2003 14-U Team
Top Row (left to right): Mike Beaudoin, Tony Gould, Claire Ostrowski, Kristen Warnick, Laura Drum, Alyssa Johnson, Melissa Butzow, Russ Warnick, Kim Beaudoin, Rich Rohn
Middle Row (left to right): Kim Keppan, Kim Klonowski, Kara Downey, Stephanie Sackel
Bottom Row (left to right): Sarah Anthony, Kaitlyn McKinley

With the PRIDE opportunities are available to play Fastpitch softball with girls of the same age and ability. Age groupings are 10 and under, 12 and under, 14 and under, 16 and under, and 18 and under. The PRIDE offers three basic levels of competition:

- **Western Wayne County Travel**—These PRIDE teams will play in the Western Wayne County League (WWCL). All members of a team play at least two innings per game. One tournament and 14 league games comprise a typical schedule for these teams.
- **Community Travel**—These PRIDE teams compete with other travel softball teams from the WWCL and surrounding area. They play 14 WWCL games per year and may play in 2 to 3 tournaments in the Metro Detroit Area, resulting in about 30 games per year.
- **Premier Travel**—These PRIDE teams endeavor to play and compete with the best teams in the Great Lakes region. They play in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, and strive to qualify for the World Series each year. Anticipate playing 60-80 games per year, including indoor winter scrimmages and tournaments.

2004 Tryouts
Only girls that attend or live within the Plymouth Canton school district are eligible to play for the PRIDE Tryouts for team placement will be held at the Canton Softball Center on Michigan Avenue between Beck and Canton Center Road. Attend only one of these dates:

- Saturday, August 16, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, August 17, 2003 at 1:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 19, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.

Arrive at least 30 minutes early for sign up. Wear athletic clothing and bring necessary equipment. Parents plan to stay for an informational meeting to be held 30 minutes after the start of tryouts.

For more information visit the PRIDE website at www.eteamz.com/pcpride or call 734-254-0421 or 734-981-5989

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OUR VIEWS

Police efforts build relations

Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington and City of Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll – and the men and women in their respective departments – deserve to be congratulated on their efforts to bring their departments closer to the children of the community.

Both departments have gone the extra mile to connect with youngsters in an attempt to create a healthier working relationship with the communities they serve, and to bring about a better understanding of the problems faced by police officers in this community.

While neither the city nor the township is exactly a crime mecca, police officers in both communities have their share of crime. Fostering a better understanding between police officer and resident – young and old – can only make their jobs that much easier.

The latest effort in that regard came in the form of the Plymouth Bike Rodeo, hosted by the Plymouth Police Department at the Ann Arbor Road McDonald's last weekend. Officer Jennifer Dergis worked it out with McDonald's officials to allow the department to use the McDonald's parking lot to road test children on their bicycles, check safety gear and preach safety precautions to the children.

McDonald's, in a nice show of community support, chipped in a percentage of the sale of their new breakfast sandwich, the McGriddle, to help fund the city's bike squad.

While Dergis was somewhat disheartened by the turnout, there's no reason to be disappointed with the effort. Some 20 youngsters showed up to take advantage of the police expertise.

Similarly, the township police are making a concerted effort to connect with the children of the township. Last month, they graduated the third Youth Academy class, with a couple of dozen students earning their "degrees" in police training.

Organized by Officer Jamie Senkbeil, the academy utilizes the strengths of many of its officers to teach kids about road patrol operations, traffic safety and other police responsibilities. They get a chance to use the weapons simulator and they complete an obstacle course that gives them some idea of what it's like to be a cop.

These efforts, and others being put forth in both departments, are part of an overt plan to make police in this community more accessible and to foster solid community relations. Judging by the way youngsters are taking to it, it's a plan that's working pretty well.

Agriculture mainstay of Michigan culture

In a state whose largest city is best known for the automobiles it produces and whose governor is trying to portray the state as a great place for tourism, it would be fairly easy to forget one of Michigan's best-kept secrets: its agricultural producers.

For years, Michigan has been one of the country's best agricultural providers. According to the 1997 Census of Agriculture (it's the last year for which results are available, 2002 details will be released in 2004), Michigan has some 46,000 farms covering nearly 10 million acres of farmland. In 1998, net farm income was some \$308 million, with a total output over some \$3.9 billion. The state produced 970 million pounds of apples and 263 million pounds of cherries, 75 percent of the nation's total.

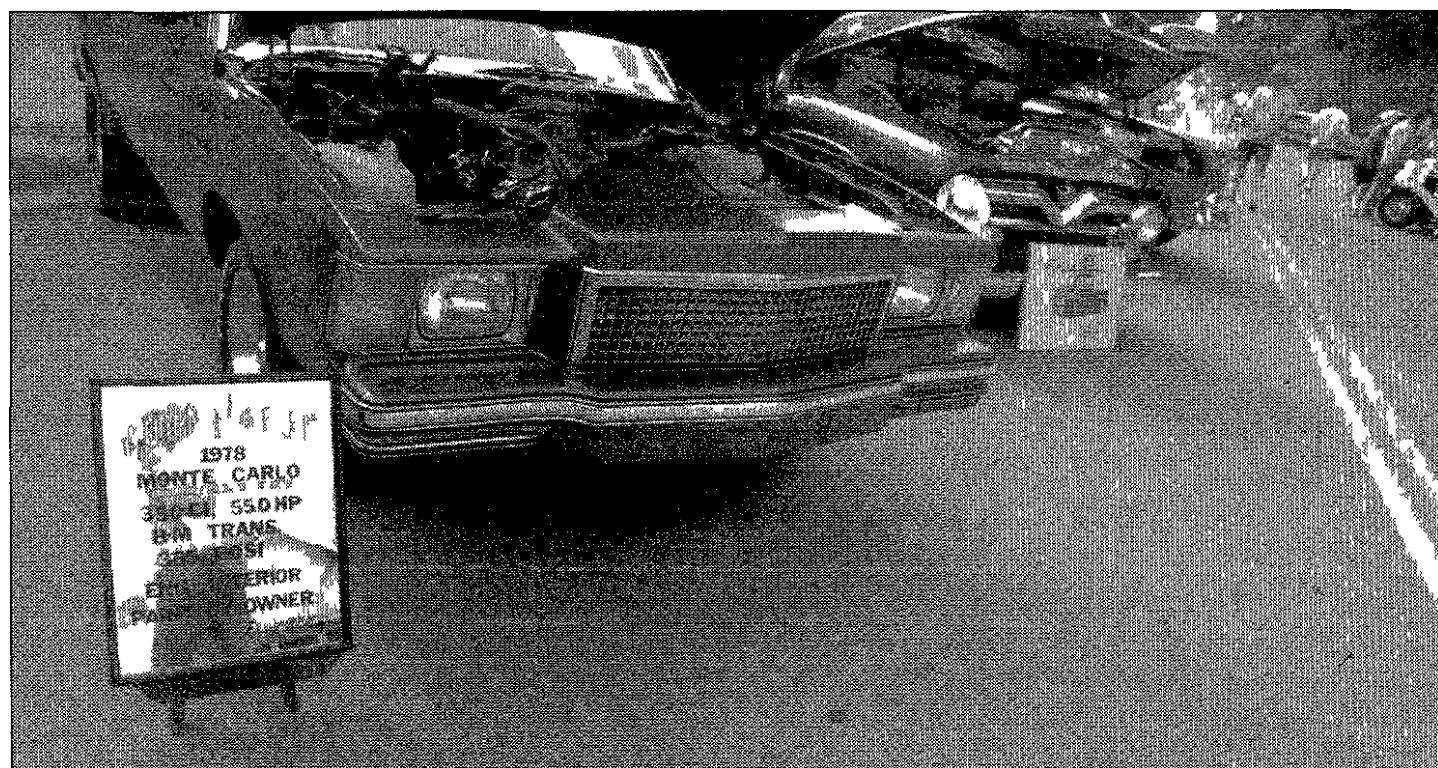
Farmers harvested 240,000 acres of corn for silage with an average yield of 12.5 tons per acre, and growers planted 120,000 acres of oats.

And that's just from the professional farmers, who grow the grains and the fruits that help feed not only Michiganders, but people around the country.

That doesn't count the thousands of others who help bring the goods to our tables. There are the farmer's markets in places like Plymouth and Rochester Hills, and roadside stands that crop up in-season all over the state.

People like Mary Hauk-Valdivia of Mary's Farm Market and Ernie and Chris Costantino, of Costantino's Farm Market, are part of this state's agricultural success. Both markets are flourishing in Canton, where a once-burgeoning farm population has begun to dwindle in recent years.

Various communities have come to depend so much on produce production they've named local events after them. It's something to remember when you're hopping into your automobile and traveling to one of the state's tourism meccas. On the way, stop by a roadside produce stand and pick up a symbol of one of the things that really makes Michigan grow.



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Visitors to the Plymouth Old Village Car Show walk by a 1978 Monte Carlo owned by Darryl McGarry of South Lyon. The car show has become a popular attraction for Old Village.

LETTERS

Doughnut thanks

In this day of dog-eat-dog, pushing and shoving, always striving to be first, I had a very nice thing happen to me.

Tuesday morning, while waiting in a fairly long drive-through lane at one of our local doughnut shops, there was a lady who had come in another entrance and was patiently waiting for the end of the line. I could appreciate her dilemma, so I let her go in front of me. The line was moving pretty well, and when I got to the window to pay for and receive my order, I was told that the lady in front of me had paid for my order.

So, if you are reading this, kind lady, a big "Thank you" for showing your appreciation in such a nice way. It was a great beginning for my day.

Brenda Urlick
Canton

Linebacker thanks

The Salem High School football team and the Salem Linebackers would like to thank everyone in the community who supported our recent car-wash fund-raiser. Your generosity helped to make this a successful fund-raiser.

A special thanks to Tum Chan for allowing us to conduct the car wash at his Mobil station at Warren and Sheldon. Your support is truly appreciated.

Linda Sorensen
chair, Salem Linebackers
fund raising and community activities

Consolidate prisons

It seems like \$3.6 million dollars is a great deal of money to add an additional 400 inmates to any prison in any area.

Has the state considered using those allocated funds to consolidate the three women's prisons into one? If that were done, it could potentially save money by reducing operating costs for staff, utilities, transportation, etc. Is there a reason that we need several distinct locations?

The three current prisons are located in developing areas with increasing real estate values – once a new, consolidated prison was built, the land that the current prisons are on could be sold and the proceeds used to help pay for the new prison.

An appropriate location within the city limits of Detroit should be identified for a consolidated prison. A conveniently chosen location could take into account pertinent logistics such as proximity to Hutzel Women's Hospital, available legal services and courts, and demographics of the inmate population.

What is an estimate of the net cost or savings of this proposal?

Sandi Martin
Plymouth

You know who you are

My husband and I live on North Beck Road between Ford and Cherry Hill. On Monday, Aug. 4, our beloved family pet, a sheltie 2 years old, was hit and killed in the apron area of his own driveway around 6:10 a.m.

I would like to say, if the person who hit our pet whose name was Zip, would have taken a few minutes to come to our door, there is a good chance he may have survived this horrific accident. Instead, I found him all alone and already gone. It's a shame this happened to him and he was all alone. When I looked out my kitchen window and realized this was Zip, I only hope this never happens to anyone else. Since the paving on Beck Road, it's

driven as though it's a race track. People forgetting there is an elementary school at the end of the street. If you are the person responsible for this hit and run, I hope you realize you not only took my beloved pet, but my toddler's puppy dog and my husband's best friend. Pets are like people, they have their own sense of humor and personality that is precious to only them and can't be replaced.

I hope whomever you are, you made it to your destination on time and the few extra minutes it would have taken to come to our door, made all the difference because you made all the difference in our lives. I hope when people cut into others' circular driveways or pull up into the apron of someone's driveway, you remember on the other side of that fence or gate there may very well be a small child or pet dashing out thinking some one has come to visit them and not realize it's only someone who doesn't care about them, but rather themselves.

Only you know who you are and for that you have to live with for the rest of your life.

Michelle Bradley
Canton

Imports flooding markets

Read with great interest your article, "A trip to Wisconsin," and couldn't agree more. Makes me sick to see all the imports flooding our markets. The U.S.A. does believe in free trade but, sorry to say many of our "trade partners" don't.

My wife kids me about my obsession with checking for "place of manufacture" when I'm shopping. Went into the "American Eagle" store at Laurel Park and was shocked that I couldn't find a shirt made in U.S.A. Wonder why they call it "American"?

Some friends rave about their import cars. Then I tell them about my 1976 Olds that had over 180,000 miles on it when I gave it to my daughter. Still running great. Also I sold my 1991 Dodge Caravan to my other daughter with over 145,000 miles on it. I never had to touch the accelerator when starting. Even in the winter it started right up. In 1984, the Honda Accord (then) cost over \$130 for a tune-up. The dealer told them that because it had "solid lifters" that they had to manually adjust each one when tuning the car up.

Also the general public hardly ever hears about the import "recalls." For some reason, recalling imports isn't as noteworthy as domestic cars. Presently I'm driving a 2000 Town & Country Chrysler van with over 60,000 miles on it and it runs and rides great.

Finally I would recommend the parents of this generation to insist their children learn Japanese and Chinese because that's who will be making their paychecks out in the future.

William Barnard
Livonia

Thankful for home

After arriving in Kuwait, March 15, traveling north into Iraq during the war, then returning to Kuwait for another mission. After the tensions of war, scud alerts, the threat of chemicals, enduring sand storms, extreme heat, you sure come to missing home.

I mean of course my wife, my daughter and beautiful granddaughter, and friends. But also my hometown, Westland. The stores and shops, malls that we take for granted to always be there for our convenience. The many restaurants and fast food places, where someone always greets you with a friendly "hi," "good morning" or "How are you today, can I help you?" and

even "Have a good day."

People that you know always greeting you with a friendly smile, wave, or simply tooting the horn of their car as they pass. They always have something to say somewhere, in line at the grocery store, at the drugstore, gas station, at the nursery buying plants and flowers for the spring planting.

It's "Hey, how ya dom?", "Nice day, huh," or just "God, I hate this weather." Maybe it's a comment about your car or motorcycle, or just a helpful suggestion about what to put on your lawn for grubs or bare spots.

The summer festival, parades and the Fourth of July celebration that brings out all the city to celebrate in red, white and blue. The fire department whose members are always there and concerned. The police department, tough, reliable and fair, what more could you want? City employees and staff, council members and mayor. Even watching the local channel on TV as the city council is challenged by a little old lady who gives 'em hell.

City parks and recreation areas, the sound of the Canada geese flying over to land at the park. You can call it being homesick, but I call it coming to grips with all that I have.

Thanks for your support, Westland. I miss you.

Master Sgt. Sidney R. Morris
U.S. Marine Corps, Kuwait

Make it a rule

A recent letter to the editor revealed a frustrated teacher because of cell phone use in his classroom.

The easy solution is to state the conditions and practices in the classroom setting the first day so that an active cell phone situation is precluded.

In my classroom in the good ol' days, students could not eat, drink or smoke at any time. Leg apparel was a must and hats or other head adornment were denied.

College students in my classes knew from day one that coming to class under the influence of drink or other drugs was forbidden. It's easy. Tell the students attendance under the influence is not an option, that they would be excused and denied classroom attendance for the day. Say it and follow through.

In earlier years teaching in the high school setting, cooperation and discipline in the classroom were easily accomplished. Just insist on it.

In 20 years of teaching in the junior and senior high grades, I was able to manage classes and accomplish the daily class assignments without ever sending a student to the office. Just insist on proper behavior and make it happen.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

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"The Department of Corrections did not request this change, nor were we consulted prior to passage."

– Patricia Caruso, DOC director, about shift of prison expansion to Plymouth Township

Recent invasions likely a preview of things to come

Consider what the following things have in common: Japanese beetles, zebra mussels, AIDS, emerald ash borers, West Nile virus, spiny water fleas, purple loosestrife, gypsy moths, bighead carp, round-eyed gobies.

They're all invasive species. In one way or another, each of these now infests our woods or waters or people. More importantly, each is an "exotic" in our Michigan environment. Each originated somewhere else in the world and was transported to our shores, where it encountered no natural enemies or predators and therefore spread very rapidly.

Some examples will illustrate the point. The Japanese beetle and the emerald ash borer arrived in the U.S. from Japan and China via infested wood pallets. Over the 50-odd years it has been in the U.S., the Japanese beetle has decimated the giant elm trees that used to be the pride of our streets, while the emerald ash borer in just a couple of years has killed an estimated 6 million ash trees in southeastern Michigan. Neither bug has any native natural enemies, which explains their prodigious and unchecked spread.

The AIDS virus originally looks to have jumped the species barrier from infected apes to man sometime back in the 1920s, when a West African bush meat hunter butchered his kill and nicked himself. Of course, AIDS is now a worldwide disease with no real cure yet in sight and millions dead and dying. The West Nile virus was once confined to the Nile River valley in Egypt. But mosquitoes carrying the virus wound up in the U.S. (probably on an airplane), where it was transmitted to birds and humans. Just as HIV took root in other species — humans have no evolutionary protection against the disease — native American birds are essentially defenseless against West Nile virus.

Spiny water fleas (a sort of small, spiny shrimp) and round-eyed gobies (a kind of small fish) both were passengers in the ballast water of freighters that came up the St. Lawrence Seaway into the Great Lakes. When the ships dumped their ballast into Duluth harbor, they also dumped pests that could wipe out the food stock for a whole range of native fish species. So far, neither species has any serious native predators, experts predict they will spread through the Great Lakes just like the zebra mussel.

In a few cases, scientists have discovered biological control agents that differentially attack invasive species without damaging others.

Purple loosestrife, a wetland plant species that blooms in August, came originally to the U.S. as a

decorative garden plant sold through nurseries. But it "escaped" the garden and spread invasively through wetlands, choking out native species. Researchers at Michigan State University and the Michigan Sea Grant are experimenting with a beetle, *Galerucella californiensis*, that feeds on loosestrife growing tips and leaves and nothing else. They've been releasing the beetles on test plots throughout Michigan for several seasons, so far effectively knocking back the loosestrife on 20,000 acres of wetlands with the long-term promise of statewide control.

And the gypsy moth that migrated from its original areas of infestation in the northeast to defoliate acre upon acre of Michigan oak trees appears to have been kept pretty much under control by aerial release of a bacterium that infects and kills the moth's ravenous larvae.

Recently, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has decided to concentrate research on invasive species at its lab in Ann Arbor. The new National Center for Research on Aquatic Invasive Species will house the greatest concentration of scientists doing research on invasive species, especially on pests infesting the Great Lakes. That's a sign of progress, but hardly grounds for optimism.

Successes against invasive species are few and far between. Certainly the spread of species from one part of the world to another will continue apace. Who knows what kind of Asian beetle will infect the next load of wood furniture made in Thailand or what American bacterium will turn up in automobiles manufactured in Michigan but sold in East Africa? International trade and travel will move goods and people — together with their invasive passengers — increasingly from one place to another.

In past centuries, various parts of the world were essentially isolated from each other, allowing unique assemblages of plants, animals and insects to establish local biological equilibria with each other through the normal processes of evolutionary selection. But in an increasingly interconnected world, environments will no longer be able to evolve in isolation one from the other.

So what's likely to happen? Hard to tell, of course, but I suspect we are on the way to seeing uniform, worldwide assemblages of plants, animals and insects gradually supplanting the diversity of species that now make one place different from another. And anybody who knows about the dangers inherent in monoculture — planting just one kind of potato, for example — knows full well how extraordinarily dangerous that would be.

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



Phil Power

Expansion of charter schools comes at public school expense

I am the father of two children enrolled in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. I commute to work for the Detroit Public Schools (DPS), so I am a member of the Detroit affiliate of the Michigan Federation of Teachers (MFT). Both of these home/work roles have spurred my opposition to charter school expansion as expressed in SB 393.

I was in the Senate gallery on June 19 when the Senate passed SB 393, (S-1) strictly on partisan lines, 21-16. In this bill Sen. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, and the majority caucus raised the cap on charter schools to 450 from the current 150. The bill also includes 15 charter schools for Detroit funded by a \$300 million grant from the Thompson-McCully Foundation, headed by Robert Thompson of Plymouth.

This last provision for 15 charter schools for Detroit is the only part of the legislation which passed the House on July 17. The intent was to use those 15 charter high schools as a vehicle to move the bill and restore the charter expansion cap up to 320 in a conference committee.

The House Fiscal Agency has estimated that it will cost local school districts in Michigan \$36.4 million the first year of enactment of SB 393 (S-1). Started as an 'education reform' in 1993-94, public charter schools have already come at a high cost to traditional public school systems. These academies divert the per pupil foundation allowance from the neediest school systems. It is illogical to throw out traditional public education en masse (where 90 percent of all K-12 education in Michigan takes place) now during a state budget crisis to subsidize this private/quasi-public (70 percent of the charter schools in Michigan are run by private management-for-profit-companies) charter school industry!

I don't doubt Mr. Thompson's sincerity in wanting to help Detroit high school students. Mr. Thompson, please adopt 15 current DPS schools in 2003-04 and help them to become world-class secondary schools.

If each chosen high school received an award of \$13 million, think of the positive effects Mr. Thompson's generosity would produce. A sample "adoptee" list would represent all parts of Detroit (east and west sides), include most ethnic populations and emphasize existing quality programs with a vocational/technical focus.

This investment by the philanthropist Mr. Thompson in existing high schools in Detroit would mean a reduction in dropout rates, a

decrease in negative law-enforcement contacts/criminal justice efforts/incarceration resources, reduction in welfare dependency and an increase in employable skills, further lessening the taxpayer burden. These will be measurable outcomes on both a short- and long-term basis.

With minimal administrative costs and with proper accountability mechanisms, there could be immediate results by funding capital improvements, staff training, IT, quality enhancement, school-to-work-readiness and links to institutions of higher learning such as what Cass Technical High used to be to Lawrence Tech, circa 1955. The balance of non-adopted high schools provides a natural, immediate control group for evaluation.

I work as a school social worker and I see children and parents who left DPS to try a charter school. Teachers in charters are generally more poorly prepared. In 2001-02, more than 700 students returned to the DPS system from charters. The foundation grant money did not follow these students back to the public school system. We try to help these students as much as possible, as they actually fell behind their peers academically while in the charters.

Public education in this society is historically the primary democratizing institution for social classes and immigrant groups seeking to live the "American dream," preparing youngsters for the responsibilities of citizenship in a highly pluralistic democracy. Why must each ethnic-special interest community run its own school, inculcating only its language and values?

Sen. Kuipers told me that his bill is necessary because people want "choice" in education. That is an ironic term, for what choice do citizens of Detroit have in education since they have lost their right to vote for their elected school board? There are already 60 charter schools in Detroit.

Returning to Canton, it seems that most parents agree. We want local schools to be safe, accountable and responsive. We want quality education within walking distance. Parents generally seem to want to support resources for local public education. SB 393 assaults local public education in PCCS, a high-performing district where 573 Salem and Canton HS students are set to receive \$41,432,500 in Merit (MEAP) scholarship awards in 2003.

Please say no to SB 393. I urge all members of the state Legislature to consider the harmful potential effects of further charter school expansion upon already burdened public school systems.

Leonard Zabawski is a Canton resident who works in the Detroit Public Schools.



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Culinary Extravaganza scheduled for Sept. 21

The VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College will be the site of this year's Culinary Extravaganza set for 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21.

Nearly 60 restaurants and vendors from throughout southeast Michigan will prepare a sampling of food and beverages for eventgoers at the 11th annual event.

The new venue provides a more inviting space for gourmet food tasting, a comfortable setting for a wine tasting class by expert vintner Lee Hershey, along with the new silent auction and a live auction, according to co-chairpersons Suzanne Thomas-Hughes of Flagstar Bank and John Bowen, executive director of the Novi Expo Center.

Thomas-Hughes is passionate about the event. A past-president of the Schoolcraft Foundation, this marks the eighth year she has worked on the event and her sixth year as either chair or co-chair.

In addition to raising more than \$100,000 for student scholarships this year, Thomas-Hughes says the VisTaTech setting and other improvements will enhance



Suzanne Thomas-Hughes and John Bowen toast to the success of this year's Culinary Extravaganza at Schoolcraft College.

the entire event and benefit patrons and restaurateurs. The committee is working hard to make the Culinary Extravaganza a premiere

event," said Thomas-Hughes who owns a net branch of Flagstar Bank in Livonia and is a senior loan officer and branch manager.

Bowen, who has been on the foundation for two years, brings organizational and big-venue experience to the event. As executive director and

general counsel of the Novi Expo Center for nearly six years, Bowen has helped plan and/or organize more than 160 major consumer events annually at the Oakland County site.

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He's excited about this year's culinary event and the chance to help Schoolcraft students.

"It's a great event," said Bowen, who's been concentrating his efforts on attracting event sponsors. "This also gives me a chance to give back to the community - something that's very important," he added.

A new silent auction will feature gift baskets and gift certificates to area merchants, restaurants and sporting events. At the live auction, bidders will have an opportunity to purchase a dinner (with wine) for eight prepared by a Schoolcraft Chef. In addition, NASCAR and vineyard trip packages will be on the auction block.

New this year, guests will receive a recipe book prepared with information provided by

participating restaurants and beverage vendors.

Guests will also vote the Peoples Choice awards for first, second and third place among participating restaurants.

A special champagne reception, priority seating at the wine tasting and tours of the new state-of-the-art Schoolcraft culinary kitchens is planned for gold (\$1,000), diamond (\$2,500) and platinum (\$5,000) sponsors.

Tickets, at \$50 per person, are on sale for the gourmet food and wine event which raises money for student scholarships at the college. The event is sponsored by the Schoolcraft College Foundation, which annually awards 500 students with scholarships and grants. For tickets or more information about the event, call Brenda Durling at (734) 462-4670.

Schoolcraft College is a public two-year college offering class in Livonia, Garden City and online. The college serves more than 30,000 students per year in traditional programs, continuing education and business training.

Hospice offers groups to support relatives

Arbor Hospice & Home Care announces its fall series of PATHFINDERS Grief Support and Education Groups developed for children, teens, and parents/caregivers beginning Oct. 1, 2003. These support groups will meet for eight consecutive weeks on 6:45-8:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings. All sessions will be held at Gretchen's House, 2340 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, next door to the Arbor Hospice Residence.

PATHFINDERS is a unique program specifically tailored to families so that each member has the opportunity to process individual grief concerns in a

group setting. Participants meet in age-appropriate groups in order to gain strength from their peers who have experienced a similar loss.

Our PATHFINDERS program provides education and support to participants as they make adjustments to life without their loved one, confirms Ana Maria Jackson, Bereavement Coordinator. Being among others who are walking the path of grief can be an invaluable experience, especially for a family when everyone can have their needs addressed in a compassionate and supportive setting.

PATHFINDERS is open to

all individuals age five and older who have experienced the loss of a loved one, regardless of type, circumstance, or choice for end-of-life care. There is no charge for this program, although donations are welcome. Interested participants are asked to register by phone and then complete a family assessment prior to the beginning of the program. To register for PATHFINDERS or for further information, please contact Grief Support Services at Arbor Hospice & Home Care at (734) 662-5999, ext. 113, or visit Arbor Hospice & Home Care on-line at www.arborhos.org.

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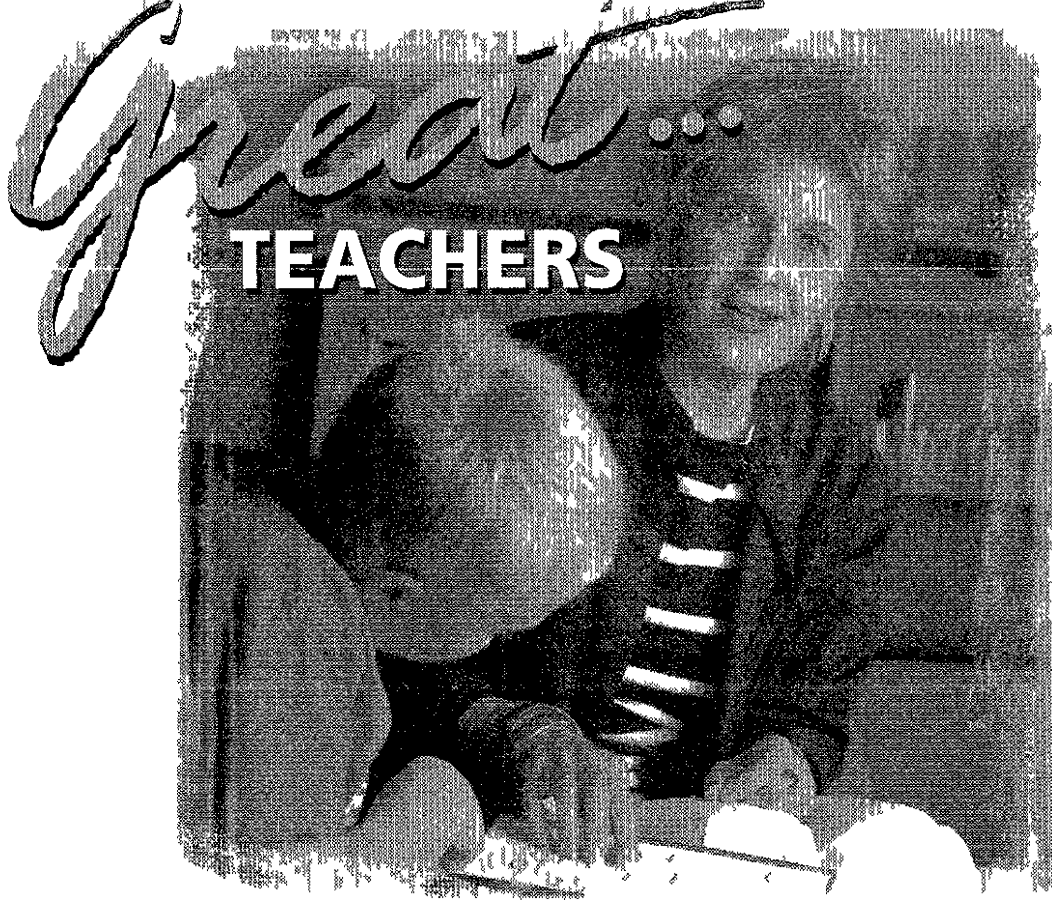
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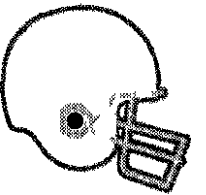
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Another win

Jeff Roth the Plymouth Salem HS graduate who currently serves as the golf pro at Knollwood Country Club continues to rake in the state's top prizes.

Earlier this year he teamed with Randy Erskine to win the Michigan PGA Align Golf Senior Junior Championships and the \$2,000 first place prize that went with it. Then he joined Josh Mondry to capture the Michigan PGA Pro Am Tournament.

On Monday and Tuesday in the Michigan PGA Ashworth Callaway Pro Assistant Championship at Arcadia Bluffs in Crystal Mountain in Frankfort, Roth and Chad Byron, his assistant at Knollwood, added to that list of accomplishments when they edged Erich Kuhlman and Erskine, who were representing Great Oaks CC, to gain top honors.

Roth and Byron posted rounds of 66 and 63 for a 15 under par 129 total compared to the 66 and 64 14 under par 130 carded by Kuhlman and Erskine. Joseph Pollack and Lynn Janson from Egypt Valley CC and Kenneth Allard and Tom Fortuna from Wabek CC tied for third with 13 under par 131s.

The first place finish earned Roth and Byron \$1,500 each in prize money. Kuhlman and Erskine won \$1,200 apiece.

Tourney champs

The Plymouth Premier men's soccer team proved winning the Metro Detroit Soccer League's Premier Division regular season title was no fluke when it rolled through the double elimination post-season tournament without losing a match.

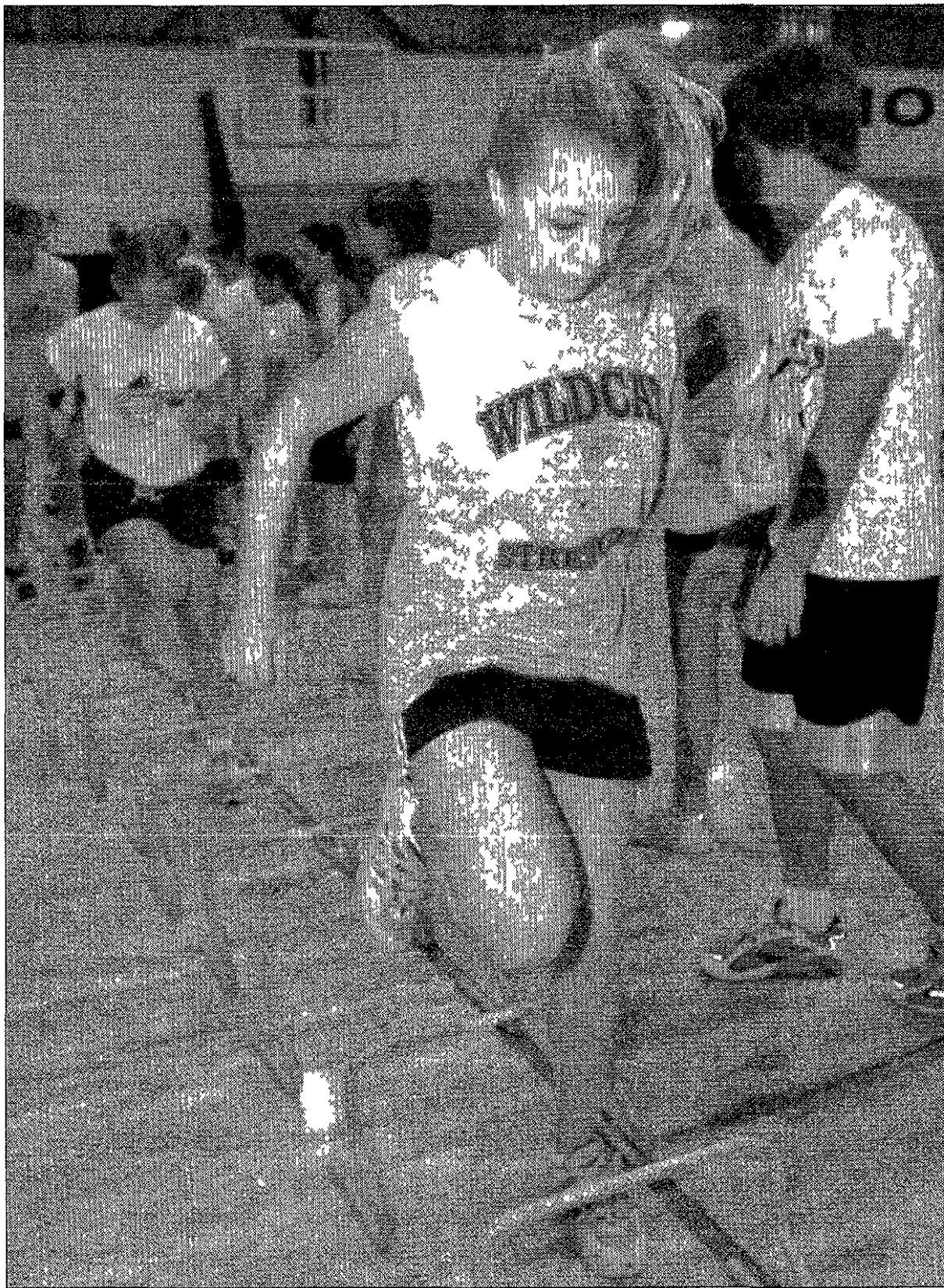
Plymouth posted a 4-0 tournament record, bringing its overall record for the summer season to 17-3-0 against some tough competition. In Sunday's finals of the MDSL Tournament, Plymouth edged the Ann Arbor Hattricks 1-0 on a goal by Canton HS graduate Nick Houdek. Josh Yeager was in goal for the shutout; it was the third consecutive year Plymouth had played in the MDSL's tournament championship game.

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

Cardinals tryouts

The Canton Cardinals 13 and under travel baseball team will have tryouts from 3-6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 17 and Sunday, Aug. 24 at Field No. 1 in Griffin Park, located at Sheldon and Cherry Hill roads.

For more information, call head coach Chris Merandi at (734) 729-0489.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sarah Haskins, a 10th grader at Plymouth High School who plays volleyball, goes over the speed hurdles during conditioning camp.

Plymouth HS getting set for big year

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

It's a schedule that just won't be kept. Anyone interested in athletics at Plymouth HS better understand that right now.

It was all planned out more than a year ago, before the new high school first opened its doors. There would be just a freshmen class and its teams would compete only at that level.

In its second year of operation, once a sophomore class had been cultivated, a junior varsity level would be added. And in its third year — the 2004-05 school year — the varsity would join the program, making Plymouth a full-fledged member of the Western Lakes Activities Association and a school offering athletic opportunity at all levels.

Terry Sawchuk, the Wildcats athletic director, began to realize early on that this directional design on how to build an athletic program was not going to work. But it wasn't because the kids involved in the new school's programs were lacking in anything.

In fact, it's been just the opposite.

Plymouth's programs are nearly all ahead of schedule. Some teams, such as this fall's boys soccer and girls basketball squads, will play other school's varsities.

"Not in the WLAA," Sawchuk said. "No, a school with just freshmen and sophomore classes won't be allowed to compete against athletes in the league who are two years older. The Wildcats will not be official members of the WLAA until next fall."

But they will go against Class C and D teams, even some Class Bs.

How has this happened? There are those at other schools who are filled with suspicions. However, Sawchuk says the formula is really a simple one.

"I think of our athletic department as one team, not 15 different ones," he said.

In fact, the opportunity to build a department from the bottom up was too alluring to pass up for Sawchuk.

Take over a program at an established school and you

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Taormina gets silver at Pan Am triathlon

Livonian Sheila Taormina came away with the silver medal in Sunday's women's triathlon at the Pan American Games in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Canadian Jill Savege finished first in the 1,500 meter swim, 24.8-mile bike and 6.2 mile run in 1 hour, 58 minutes, 29 seconds to earn the gold medal.

Taormina, who led after the swim at San Souci Beach and the bike, was second in 2:00:12. American Becky Gibbs Lavelle (Cupertino, Calif.) took the bronze with a time of 2:00:36.

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The women's race started in the cooler hours of the morning, around 7:30 a.m. However, the swim was still very warm, making it hard for Taormina, a 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games gold medalist (women's 4 x 200 freestyle relay), to take her usual large lead out of the water.

"On the swim, I felt really weak," said Taormina in a USA Triathlon press release. "I felt really hot and queasy. I felt better on the bike."

Taormina, sixth in the inaugural women's triathlon at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, came off the water first, followed closely by Savege and Lavelle. The three

PLEASE SEE TAORMINA, B6

Swinehart selected as new Glenn A.D.

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Brian Swinehart, Farmington Public Schools athletic director from 1998-2002, has been hired to replace Ron Targosz as the new A.D. at Westland John Glenn High School. The 37-year-old Swinehart,

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who spent the past semester as a principal and athletic scheduler at Bellevue High School, will officially take over duties Aug. 28 at Glenn Wayne-Westland Supt. of Schools Dr. Gregory Baracy made the final decision after

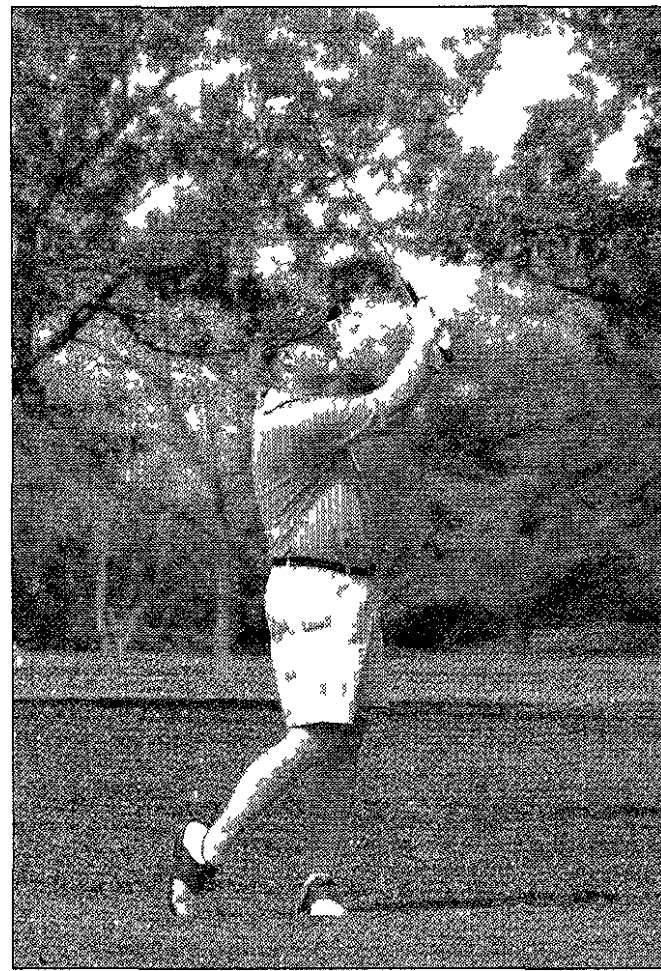
an interview committee met with six to eight candidates from an estimated pool of 45 applicants.

The interview panel consisted of Glenn Principal Joan Sedik, Dan Slee, assistant superintendent of Employee Services, and William Kamp, executive director of Secondary

Education.

Targosz resigned from the position in June after just one year to take a teaching and coaching position at Livonia Churchill HS. "On paper, and in the interview itself, Brian was the top choice of the commit-

PLEASE SEE SWINEHART, B6



ERIC BRONSON | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kevin Wallon of Canton, the O&E champ in 2002, tied for second this year, losing on the second playoff hole to Robert West.

Churchill golf coach wins O&E tourney

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Wow. This is starting to get suspicious.

How many other Livonia Churchill HS graduates are out there that possess more than a passing ability on the golf course? Heavens knows, three of them have surfaced in the last three years, all of them good enough to claim the title as the Observer & Eccentric's best golfer.

Last Sunday, Dave Higham — a Livonia native who not only graduated from Churchill HS but currently serves as the school's boys golf coach — fired a one-over par 71 at Whispering Willows to pull away from the field and capture the title by six strokes.

Higham, who shot a 76 on Saturday at Fox Creek, finished with a 147 total. His nearest pursuers in the championship flight were Robert West of Livonia and the defending tour-

nament champ, Kevin Wallon of Canton (another Churchill graduate), each of whom posted two-day scores of 153. West won the sudden-death playoff for second place with a birdie on the second hole.

The one who started the Churchill streak, Chris Kiehler, the winner in 2001, had entered to play this year but had to withdraw.

Although Higham's score suggests a certain dominance over the tournament field, he didn't necessarily feel that way in the clubhouse afterward. His play on his final hole of the tournament provided a perfect example of the way his game was going on this day.

His drive on the 394-yard 18th hole went off the fairway well to the right, but he chipped from about 150 yards to within 12 feet of the cup. He two-putted from there to make par.

"I hit the ball awful, actually,

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Senior cyclist collects four medals

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

You could call 66-year-old cyclist Yvonne Constas the Tyler Hamilton of her generation. Hamilton rode this year's Tour de France with a broken collarbone en route to an astounding top ten finish.

Meanwhile, the 66-year-old Constas earned two gold and two silver medals in the Women's 65-69 age division at the 24th annual Michigan Senior Olympics, Aug. 1-2, in Okemos despite suffering a nasty fall during a training ride just four days earlier in Hines Park.

I had a third degree concussion, I was unconscious for a half hour," said the Livonia widow, who clipped the back wheel of a fellow training partner. "I had face scrapes, a black eye, scrapes on my knees and elbows. I got banged up pretty good."

But I was going to ride and why not? I'm a very spiritual person and I said to myself, 'Why worry? You have nothing to fear, but fear itself.'

Prior to the Senior Olympics in Lansing, Constas came away with eight medals, including two gold in cycling, at the Detroit Senior Olympics held last month on Belle Isle. She also competed in track and field (sprints), the 1-mile walk and the basketball toss.

Although she was a swimmer and racewalker, cycling became her passion eight years ago

SENIOR OLYMPICS

when she went on a singles weekend sponsored by Ward Presbyterian Church. She rode with her granddaughters on a cross trainer bike and later discovered she could race in the Senior Olympics.

Constas picked up a Trek road bike, but admitted she didn't know how to sit in the saddle. She began to ride out of Plymouth with the Ann Arbor Bicycle Tour Society, which meets each day except Saturdays.

"They tried to send me back on a 50-mile ride, they didn't think I could make it," Constas said.

She participated in her first National Senior Olympics six years ago in Tucson, Ariz., and finished in the back of the pack. She also went to Orlando, Fla., four years ago for the nationals.

Along the way Constas sought out coaching from the coach of a fellow competitor, and it immediately began to pay dividends.

"I learned you have to keep pedaling, moving even when breaks are supposed to be on," she said. "I learned about shifting gears on the hills and I learned how to draft."

There were a total of seven cyclists in her age group, but her chief rival in the 65-69 division was Peggy Acton of Bear Lake.

She's been my idol ever since I started racing, Constas said.

She's a wonderful person and has been doing triathlons for 30 years. I hate to say this, but I wanted to beat her.

After breaking out too fast and burning out at the finish a year ago, Constas was determined to learn from her mistakes.

This time she was able to finish strong and overhaul Acton to win both the 20- and 40-kilo meter events, on courses which were actually measured to be 15 and 27 miles (instead of 12.4 and 24.8, respectively). In the 15-mile event, Constas averaged an impressive 18.4 MPH.

Overall she was the third fastest among all cyclists 50 and up in the distance events.

"I pushed through and got the victory," Constas said. "I don't want to sound like I'm bragging, but it's a matter of doing the work that needs to be done to be a winner."

In the 10K (6.2 miles) and 5K (3.1 miles) time trials, Constas ended up with a pair of silver medals.

"I guess my legs are made more for long distance," she said.

Before she took up Senior Olympic events, Constas was busy raising four children. As a teenager growing up in northwest Detroit, she liked to dance, but had only a slight interest in sports.

"I tried out for basketball and got cut, I was devastated," she said. "I got married at 16, had my first child at 17 and had four children by the time I was 23."

Constas eventually got her high school diploma at age 25

after going to night school.

She did saleswork for 15 years and ultimately earned an undergraduate degree, a Bachelor of Arts in Dietetics, from Madonna University. She also obtained a Masters in Social Work from Wayne State.

Constas went into part-time practice as a counselor where she currently serves four clients. She also self-diagnosed herself 10 years ago with Attention Deficit Disorder.

Thirteen years ago her husband Nick died while taking his test for a third degree Black Belt.

"I have no regrets, I've had a wonderful life," she said. "My husband and I had a good life together. We did a lot of things. We went to Hawaii twice and we spent a month in Greece."

Constas says her six grandchildren have been nothing but supportive of her competitive cycling efforts despite a few major scrapes and bruises.

"They think I'm awesome," Constas said. "I'm also avid about mountain hiking. I've gone out with them."

Constas is an ambassador for Michigan Senior Olympics, which attracted 750 competitors this year to the Lansing area.

She would like nothing else, but to attract more competition.

If interested in being a Senior Olympian, Constas can be reached at (734) 261-7710 for more information.

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Twisters gallop past Mustangs

TWISTERS FOOTBALL

A commanding performance by the running game was the key component in the Michigan Twisters' 35-14 romp over the Indiana Mustangs Saturday at Willow Run's Devin Stadium.

The Twisters, who improved to 3-0 in the Mid-Continental Football League with the triumph, gained 345 on the ground on 43 attempts, scoring four touchdowns.

Jason Gibson was the top ground-gainer with 159 yards on 19 carries, scoring one touchdown, but he got plenty of support from Jaquan Wright, who gained 119 yards on 10 tries, including a 74-yard touchdown run.

The Twisters also got TD runs from Matt Koskie (from Garden City) from 5 yards out and Kimani Chambers from 6 yards out. Ricky Tutson added another touchdown on a 27-yard pass play, and Pat Gibson was 5-for-5 on extra-point kick tries.

The Twisters' defense was equally effective, with the Mustangs' Erick Harper and Jason Spears, two of the MCFL's top-rated running backs, limited to 75 rushing yards on 26 carries.

Defensive backs Ray Fleming and DeVaughn Smith made their mark, too, Fleming making three solo tackles and adding five assists and Smith posting six assisted tackles and grabbing two interceptions, which he

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returned for 42 yards. The Twisters travel to play the Louisville (Ky.) Bulls Saturday, then return home to host the American Football Association's AAA national champion Cleveland Lions Aug. 23 at Willow Run's Devin Stadium.

Judges contemplate new Hall inductees

You won't know the rest of the story for a few weeks, but here's one to think about in the meantime.

The Greater Detroit Hall of Fame electors met last week to select the Class of 2003 for election to this hallowed shrine.

To get selected, there is a voting process with electors made up from the various segments of the bowling community, including bowling proprietors, journalists, American Bowling Congress hall-

of-famers, the Women's International Bowling Congress hall-of-famers, manufacturers, and bowling organization executives.

This year's crop was characterized by the great overall talent on the slate, as everyone on the ballot was easily deemed worthy of this honor. That alone made it harder than usual to pick out the one or two among many. To win, the nominee must garner at least 70 percent of the weighted (5-4-3-2-1) votes. The criteria is based on performance.

The results are not yet released for publication.

Meanwhile, you can play a little game. Make your choices and see how that compares to the winners when the press release gets published.

The men's category includes Nick Wissinger, Utica, Tony Dadeppo, Troy, Jerry Penxa, Clinton Township, Lee Snow, Wixom, Doug Spicer, West Bloomfield, and Robert Stempien, Wyandotte.

The women's category features Virginia Austin, Detroit, Tina Mikolowski, Utica, and Crystal Trombley, St. Clair Shores.

The veterans category was comprised of Ron Byrd, Larry Crake, Sr. and Ray Williams.

For the Meritorious Service Award, the criteria is not based on performance, but for service above and beyond. The nominees include Myrtha Cooper, Detroit, George Zamea, Grosse Pointe Woods, Roland Snodgrass, Al Harrison, Livonia, Robert Schumacher, Dearborn, Mark Martin, Pontiac, and Joe Gutana.

The Judge Watts Award nominees were Joe Gutana, Rick Strobl and Dorothy Thompson.

There is not enough space for the resume, record and qualifications of the candidates, and many of these names are familiar to those who have been around the bowling scene a while. Some of the names may be totally unfamiliar as they had bowled several generations ago and we can only go by their

records and the memories of those around back then.

The special section on bowling was originally scheduled for today, but it was set back one week, look for it in the Sunday, Aug. 17 edition. This is a once-per-year four-pager dedicated to bowling, two full pages of Ten Pin Alley plus two more pages of advertising copy from your local bowling lanes, pro shops, suppliers and manufacturers. Look for it next week.

Lew Saad will be celebrating his 100th birthday on Oct. 26. He is the oldest active registered bowler in Michigan, one of the oldest in the USA and certainly one of the most dedicated to the sport.

You might have seen him year-after-year collecting dollars from everybody to help pay for the Greater Detroit Bowling Association annual yearbook.

He has served many years as a director of the GDBA and is still bowling in the Board of Education league at Oak Lanes in Westland, his 77th consecutive year in a league that he helped back then as one of the original founders.

Let's put this into another perspective, Lew was born before the first powered flight by the Wright Brothers.

Hey, Lew! Congratulations and keep it going. Al Harrison, a resident of Livonia is a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.

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TOURNEY

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Higham said "My chipping saved me. My putting was good and my chipping was great."

His score seemed to indicate a certain erratic style. He had five birdies on the 6,056-yard Whispering Willows course - and three double-bogeys. It was similar on Saturday on the 6,612-yard Fox Creek course, with three birdies, six bogeys and one double bogey.

Still, it was good enough. And although his Churchill team calls Whispering Willows its home course, Higham said he had never taken advantage of that knowledge in the past. The last time he even played in the O&E Tournament was his senior year in high school, in 1996.

Higham's victory earned him the top prize in the championship flight - a \$140 gift certificate and a trophy. West's second-place prize was a \$110 gift certificate and a trophy, while Wallon collected a \$90 gift certificate for finishing third and Kevin Howley of Northville (who led after the opening round at Fox Creek with a 74) and James Ometanski of Livonia tied for fourth, each earning a \$65 gift certificate.

Paul Rys of Redford won best low net score and the \$100 gift certificate that goes with it, carding a 143. Dave Benham of Novi was second with a 146, earning an \$80 gift certificate.

In first flight, Doug Harmala of Walled Lake earned top honors with a 157, collecting a trophy and a \$130 gift certificate. Steve Mato of Livonia outdueled Dale Cordes of White Lake in a playoff for second place, each having posted a two-day total

of 163. Mato got the \$100 gift certificate and trophy, Cordes got an \$80 gift certificate. Nick Moutafis of West Bloomfield and Craig Tripp of Plymouth divided the fourth-place prize, each getting a \$30 gift certificate.

In the first flight low net category, first went to Darin Albany of Livonia with a 138 (\$90 gift certificate), second went to Steve Anton of Canton with a 139 (\$70 gift certificate) and third went to Dan Ometanski of Livonia with a 140 (\$50 gift certificate).

Clear winner for women

The O&E Women's Tournament returned after a 15-year hiatus and Nancy Rhatgan of Livonia proved to be the best in the field, shooting a 93 on the 5,424-yard Whispering Willows course to win the 18-hole tournament on Sunday.

Rhatgan, who works part-time at Whispering Willows and plays in a league there, finished 10 strokes ahead of her nearest rival, Liz Beyer, who posted a 103.

"I didn't really play well," said Rhatgan.

"The greens were running faster than usual. My handicap is 15, and my goal is always to break 90, but with the number of three-putts I had I can't complain."

A 1993 graduate of Livonia Franklin HS, Rhatgan played golf for four years at Albion College. She still lives in Livonia, working part-time on the golf course during the summer. In the fall, she'll start a new job teaching special education in the Taylor school district.

Rhatgan's score earned her a \$70 gift certificate and trophy. Peggy Stevens of Livonia had the top low net score, worth a \$50 gift certificate.

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David Higham displays his championship form during the recent Observer & Eccentric Tournament. Higham is the golf coach at Livonia Churchill High School.

GOLF RESULTS

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Men's Championship Flight	
David Higham	76 71 147
Robert West	79 74 153
Kevin Wallon	77 76 - 153
Dave Benham	82 72 154
Kevin Howley	74 81 - 155
James Ometanski	77 78 155
Alex McLuckie	84 73 - 157
Paul Rys	77 80 - 157
Dan Donohue	82 76 - 158
Michael Caruso	77 83 - 160
John Corrigan	79 83 162
John Proben	86 79 - 165
Dwayne Jones	81 86 167
Steven Robinson	90 77 - 167
Brad Ralls	91 78 - 169
Daniel Tacker	90 86 176
Men's First Flight	
Douglas Harmala	79 78 157
Steve Mato	84 79 163
Dale Cordes	87 76 - 163
Craig Tripp	80 84 164
Nick Moutafis	89 75 - 164
Brian Hoff	86 79 165
Vincent Albany	85 80 - 165
Darin Albany	83 83 166
Dan Ometanski	84 82 166
Rick Wheeler	87 79 - 166
Steve Anton	86 81 167
Ray Demart	84 84 168
Michael Cosgrove	87 84 171
Craig Nehasil	87 86 - 173
Ty Iles	90 87 177
Tom Hollman	91 95 186
Randy Hicks	98 88 - 186
Piotr Mianowski	102 88 190
Matthew O'Neill	95 98 193
Women's Flight	
Nancy Rhatgan	93
Liz Beyer	103
Kathy Konkel	104
Peggy Stevens	104
Martha McDermott	106
Norma Cuevas	118

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GOLF OUTINGS

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 is \$110 per player or \$400 for a foursome and includes green fees, a cart, steak dinner, on-course beverages and a silent and live auction.

Check-in 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 be prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin. Anyone who gets a hole-in-one can 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.

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, door prizes and the chance to win a 2003 Chevrolet with a hole-in-one. Check-in is at 7 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Contact Mike Burnard at (734) 844-3528.

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■ The Canton Cougars, a 14-year-old travel baseball team, will have tryouts for their 2004 season starting at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17, and Sunday, Aug. 24 at Heritage Park in Canton. The Cougars will play around 40 games, including Little Caesar's League play and several tournaments. Persons born on or after Aug. 1, 1989, are eligible to play.

Those interested in trying out for the Cougars should be at Heritage Park by 3:30 p.m. on the above-listed days to sign in. Contact Marc Madias at 207-5424.

■ The Canton Cubs, a Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association 13-and-under travel baseball team, will hold a tryout from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Aug. 16 at Heritage Park in Canton.

Players must live in Canton or Plymouth. The Cubs won their WABA baseball division. Call coach Larry Ott at (734) 981-4280 in advance of tryout.

■ The Canton Cobras 13-and-under travel baseball team will have a second tryout at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23 at the UAW Hall No. 735, located at 48055 Michigan Avenue in Canton. The coaching staff has over 30 years of youth baseball experience and specializes training skills and drills. Call Jim Patterson at (734) 207-7793.

ROCKETTES GOLF BENEFIT

A golf outing to benefit the Salem HS Rockettes is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30 at Fox Hills Golf Course in Canton. There will be a shotgun start followed by dinner and door prizes. The playing

format is a four-person scramble. Prizes will be awarded for first place, men's/women's longest drive, closest to the pin, and lots of door prizes. Also, on all par-threes, there will be a prize of \$15,000 awarded.

Single registration is \$100 (\$400 per team). Call Bill Friske at (734) 578-5115.

LEARN TO SKATE

Starting Sept. 20, the Arctic Edge Ice Arena will offer a fall learn-to-skate program for various levels of instruction. Classes will be from 10-11:45 a.m. on Saturdays through Nov. 13. There will also be Tot classes from 10-10:45 a.m. on Tuesdays and from 12:15-1 p.m. on Thursdays.

Registration begins Aug. 14. Call (734) 487-7777 for more information.

COACHING POSITIONS

There are several positions for coaches for the 2003-04 seasons currently available at Plymouth HS.

First, The Wildcats need a hockey coach for the 2003-04 school season. The head coach is responsible for the entire organization of the sport, including supervision of all varsity assistants and junior varsity and freshmen coaches.

Also needed a varsity baseball coach for the 2004 season, who will be responsible for the organization of the sport, varsity assistants and junior varsity and freshmen coaches.

Other coaching positions that are open are girls basketball assistant, football assistant, volleyball assistant and boys bas-

ketball assistant. Contact Plymouth athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5702.

SOFTBALL TRYOUT

The Canton/Plymouth Thunderbird Softball Incorporated girls fastpitch organization has scheduled a tryout for the 2004 season on Aug. 23 at Discovery Middle School in Canton.

Age group times are 14-and-under, 10 a.m., 16-and-under, 11 a.m., 12-and-under, 11 a.m., 10-and-under, noon. The rainout date is Aug. 24.

Visit the Web site at <http://members.tripod.com/thunderbirdsoftball> or call (734) 737-9968 for 16-and-under, (734) 844-2656 for 14-and-under, (734) 397-1355 for 12-and-under, and (734) 981-7280 for 18-and-under and 10-and-under.

FALL SOFTBALL

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will sponsor men's slow-pitch and women's slow-pitch softball leagues this fall, with all games

at Plymouth's Massey Field. New teams may start registering until the league is full. The season will tentatively begin the week of Aug. 25.

Call the Plymouth Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, ext. 302.

LEARN-TO-SKATE

The Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association Mini-Mite instructional program is enrolling new players.

This learn-to-skate hockey program is geared toward beginning players. It emphasizes skill development with instruction by experienced USA Hockey-certified coaches.

The program runs from September through March. Registration forms are available at the Plymouth Cultural Center or on line at www.pchockey.org.

UPDATE MHSAA RECORDS

The Michigan High School Athletics Association is trying to update its all-time records for all of its sanctioned sports.

The MHSAA is calling on reporters, newspapers, coaches,

athletic directors or anyone affiliated with high school sports to pass on this information to the MHSAA.

Send the MHSAA press clippings, or any other published information about all-area, all-conference, season and career statistics by mail to 1661 Ramblewood, East Lansing, MI 48823-7392.

BICYCLE TOUR

Applications are available for the 33rd annual Dick Allen

Lansing-to-Mackinaw bicycle tour, which begins either Wednesday, Aug. 27 or Thursday, Aug. 28 through Sunday, Aug. 31 at the Mackinaw Bridge.

Over 1,600 riders participated in the 2002 tour.

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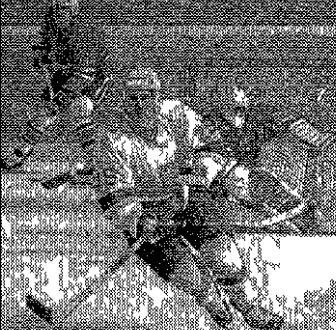
Items for the Sports Roundup may be faxed to (734) 591-7279 or mailed to The Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

This is to give notice that the Plymouth City Commission will hold a hearing on a request for issuance of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate at its regular meeting on Tuesday September 2, 2003. The public is invited to provide comments or other information on this request either in writing or in person at this hearing.

The request is from E & E Manufacturing, 300/400 Industrial Drive, Plymouth, Michigan, regarding the following property located at 101 201 and 301 Industrial Drive.

TAX ID #49-007-99-0010-000 THAT PART OF THE SW 1/4 OF SEC 25, T1S R8E DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT DISTANT S88D 21M 80 00 FT AND S01D 39M W 120 62 FT FROM THE W 1/4 COR OF SEC 25 FOR A POB, TH CONT S 01D 39M W 326 70 FT TH S 88D 21M E 370 00 FT, TH N 01D 39M E 326 70 FT TH N 88D 21M W 370 00 FT TO THE POB 2.78 ACRES AND

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The Certificate would allow tax abatement on new manufacturing equipment and modifications to existing facilities. The cost of the project is estimated to be \$7,454,947. The Certificate would result in abatement of one half (1/2) of the property taxes which would otherwise be levied on the estimated additional State Equalized Valuation of \$3,727,470 for a maximum period of twelve (12) years.

This notice is given pursuant to the Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development Districts Act (PA 1974 No. 198 as amended MCL 207.551 et seq.) which provides that the legislative body of each taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in the City of Plymouth shall be notified of a request for issuance of a IFE Certificate, and shall be given an opportunity for a hearing before the City takes action on the request.

LINDA J LANGMESSER CMC
City Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CANTON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER BID PACKAGE #3

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton will receive firm sub contractor bids for the Canton Performing Arts Center Project located at the northeast corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads in Canton Township. The work to be released in this bid package will be the CCTV systems.

The bidding documents consist of plans and specifications. Documents may be obtained with a \$50.00 per set deposit payable to George W. Auch Co. at the office of the Construction Manager, George W. Auch Company, 735 South Paddock Street, Pontiac, MI 48341, 248-334-2000 at 12:00 noon on July 29, 2003.

The envelope bearing your proposal must identify the Bid Category being bid and addressed to the attention of the Township Clerk. It shall be delivered to the Canton Administration Building, Business Offices, 1150 Canton Center Road, S. Canton, MI 48303 or to the office of George W. Auch Co., 735 S. Paddock St., Pontiac, MI 48341, but must be delivered no later than noon August 28, 2003. Each proposal must be submitted on the forms furnished by the Construction Manager and must be completed in full. Each proposal shall be identified and sealed in an opaque envelope and marked with the name of the project, the name of the bidder and the Bid Category(s) being bid. All acceptable bids will contain a bid bond naming this project executed by a U.S. Treasury listed surety company acceptable to the Charter Township of Canton and licensed to do business in the state of Michigan or a cashier's check naming this project in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal payable to Charter Township of Canton.

All proposals shall be firm for a period of sixty (60) days. Bids will be publicly opened and read at a meeting convened at the Summit on the Park Conference Center, 4600 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI starting at 4:00 p.m. August 28, 2003.

Successful bidders whose proposals are \$50,000 or more will be required to furnish a U.S. Treasury listed Performance and Payment Bond issued by a surety licensed to do business in the state of Michigan in the amount of 100% of their bid. The cost of the Bond shall be included in each proposal.

The Charter Township of Canton reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids in whole or in part and to waive any informalties therein. Charter Township of Canton reserves the right to accept that bid which in its opinion is in the best interest of the Owner, Charter Township of Canton.

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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 28th 2003 for the following:

MOBILE COMMAND VEHICLE

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.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - August 5, 2003

A regular study session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday August 5, 2003 at 4947 S. Sheldon Road. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Conklin, Carol Quinn, Lori Poma, Anna Stump, Bill Laird, Melame Sherwood, Joe Teramino, Todd Zalinski, Jerry Luca, Nick Ferri, Mike Karll. Staff Absent: Director Santomauro. Other: Robert McEachern.

Adoption of Agenda. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 1: Tour of the Canton Public Works Building (4847 S. Sheldon Road) The Board of Trustees met at the newly expanded and rehabilitated Public Works Building. The Board of Trustee members individually had time to walk through the building with a staff guide. A sewer camera demonstration was also provided.

Item 2: Tour Of Administration and Community Services Department Location (44237 Michigan Ave.) Following the tour of the Public Works Building the Board of Trustees met at the Community Services location. The building was modified to house the Community Services Department, Administrative Services Director and the Grounds Maintenance Department. The building is a temporary location for these township services, pending completion of the Administration Building addition and rehabilitation.

Item 3: Discussion of 125 Cafeteria Plan for Canton Township. Director Durack described the plan the Canton Township employees presently have. There are generally two types of plans: Employee sponsored benefits and Employee paid benefits. Canton Township has been asked to consider an Employee paid program which would allow pre-tax dollars to be placed in an account and made available for reimbursing either medical expenses not covered by other insurance, dependent care expenses and child care. Additional premiums for dental vision, accident death, cancer or group term insurance could be paid from this account. Director Durack outlined the pros and cons of the program. Director Durack indicated that he will spend more time investigating the Plan and come back to the Board with more details of responsibility and costs.

ADDITIONAL COMMENT: Supervisor Yack informed the Board that a Public Art Donation Policy is being developed. There is consideration of development of a Sculpture Park in the triangle at Summit Parkway and Veteran's Way. The Board will see a policy brought forth in the future. Guidelines will have to be established for donations. Trustee Zarbo brought forth the need for consideration of additional property standards enforcement. Noxious weed enforcement needs to be looked at. Perhaps we need to pick an area and target enforcement to get compliance. Ford Road has been a concentration, but other areas of the Township need attention as well. Trustee McLaughlin agreed and indicated the recent Planning Commission meeting brought to light these blight/maintenance issues along the Michigan Avenue corridor. It is important to get the legal system on board by continually bringing the offender in front of the court. Trustee McLaughlin indicated that in the most recent copy of Planning and Zoning news articles related to Mega Churches brought to light the need to look at Canton's Zoning. She asked that this issue get a re look.

OTHER: None. **ADJOURN.** Motion by Bennett, Supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 8:20 pm.

Thomas J Yack Supervisor / Terry G Bennett Clerk

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188 during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.cantonmi.org.

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HIGH SCHOOL

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must deal with all the accrued baggage. Start your own and you can hire all your own coaches, making certain they're on the same page in terms of program goals right from the get-go.

Once Sawchuk had his coaching staff assembled, the program began to take shape. And it started in the weight room.

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tioning program is set up for success.

"We ask a lot of our kids and they've responded.

And just what have they asked? Again, suspicions are rampant about mandatory weight-training sessions, but Sawchuk insists only those on teams that are in season are required to do weight work three times a week. There is no mandatory weight training for those athletes not in-season.

But you know what? Sawchuk added. They're here (during the off-season).

The level of dedication shown by the athletes has surprised even Sawchuk. Certainly the coaches have played a role. "There are eight to 10 coaches

here during summer weight sessions, noted Sawchuk. Those voluntary sessions have benefits for all involved.

"You get so much working with the other coaches," said Jeff Neschuch, who serves as the boys soccer coach.

It's something Sawchuk encourages. He wants to see his coaches learn from each other, to gain different perspectives in the physical conditioning of athletes. And he wants to see his athletes compete in more than one sport. When more than one team is working out in the weight room, support for each other is bound to blossom.

But it all must start with the coaches. "The coaches have to buy into it," said Sawchuk. "We

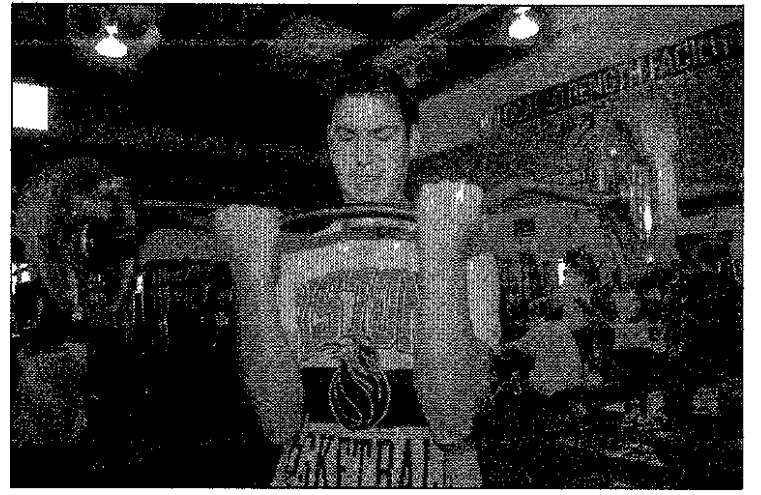
will not hire coaches who don't." Nor will he judge them on win/loss records.

"What I tell our coaches is we do not judge ourselves on the scoreboard, he said. "If we do things right, that will take care of itself. We want our kids to be the best they can be, academically and athletically."

Being ahead of schedule — Plymouth's football squad, 6-2-1 in its freshmen season, could be the only team that follows the original plan — hasn't bothered Plymouth's athletes. Most welcome the challenge.

As Sawchuk said, "We're going to be playing against varsity teams, and no one will feel sorry for us."

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Dan Jammoul works out in the Wildcat weight room as part of the Plymouth HS conditioning camp. Jammoul will be playing soccer this fall.

TAORMINA

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took off together on the bike. Julie Swail (Irvine, Calif.) came out of the water sixth, and joined a second pack that also included three Brazilian women — Sandra Soldan, Mariana Ohata and Carla Moreno — along with Gillian Moody of Canada. The leaders continued to put time on the chasers and came off the bike 2:50 ahead.

Taormina, the former all-state swimmer from Stevenson High, got off the bike first and led the run for about a lap of the 10K before Savege pulled ahead.

I tried to match her pace, but I felt the heat coming over me, said Taormina, a former All America swimmer at the University of Georgia. "I held a pace my body could handle."

SWINEHART

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tee Baracy said "I was impressed with his background and his experience. He had all the things necessary for an A D. It was not a difficult decision because he'll step right in and go. It will not be much of a learning curve for him."

Swinehart, who could not be reached for comment as of Tuesday night, was expected to attend a Western Lakes Activities Association athletic directors meeting Wednesday.

Under Swinehart's stint as district-wide A D for the Farmington Public Schools, the three high schools — Farmington, North Farmington and Harrison — opted to leave the WLAA to join the Oakland Activities Association during the 2002-03 school year.

"A D's don't make those decisions, superintendents do," said Baracy, referring to the league switch.

In August 2002, Swinehart was granted a one semester paid leave of absence by the Farmington Public Schools and did not return to his \$92,000-a-year position. He was replaced on an interim basis by Ron Holland, who was the Farmington Public Schools A D before retiring in 1998. (Dennis Noe was then hired to replace Swinehart.)

At the time, Swinehart told the *Farmington Observer* that he was looking at a number of options, including working on his doctorate degree at Michigan State.

He said it was time for "new experiences and challenges."

Swinehart also said "It was a tough job," adding he was responsible for overseeing 254 coaches at three high schools and four middle schools. It was difficult seeing myself doing that job for 25 years. I would say I was drained from the job. It's very difficult. I didn't understand the scope of the job when I took it. There's a lot that goes on there.

Swinehart, a native of Ionia, was hired by the Farmington Public Schools in 1990. He coached varsity girls basketball at Farmington High, freshman and JV hoops at Farmington, varsity boys basketball at North Farmington and freshman football at North.

"We got outstanding recommendations from both Bellevue and Farmington," Baracy said. "We checked references at both places. He's the right man for the job. He's well-respected."

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Fired up

You're Fired! The pottery shop in The Boardwalk at 6925 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield is now owned and operated by Sallyjo Levine, the former owner of Scribbles off-center supply in the Town Center in Southfield.

Levine and the former staff of You're Fired have introduced jewelry making and painting at the shop.

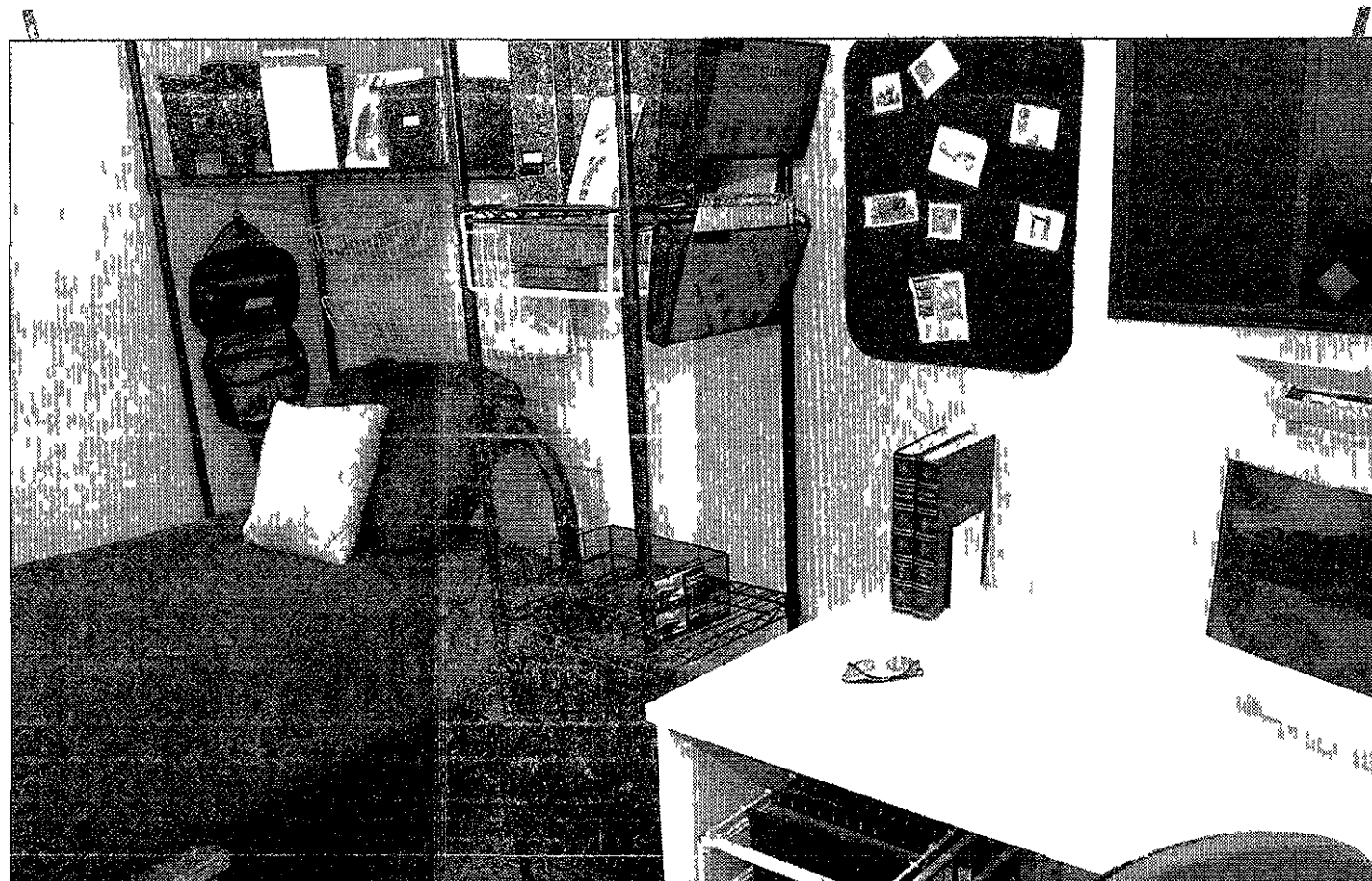
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A dorm mockup at Organized Living in Troy shows how to maximize dorm space. Shelving makes use of vertical space over the bed. A Tac On™ mat on the wall holds photos and notes in place. Baskets and containers help organize other items.

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Lesson in living

Organize to make dorm comfortable, functional

STORY BY MARY KLEMIC
 STAFF WRITER

Regardless of his or her major, a student can make the grade when it comes to making the small living space of a dorm comfortable and organized. For many students, going off to college will be the first time they are living independently. Along with the excitement is some anxiety, as parents want their son or daughter to be happy, well-adjusted in a new school.

Take note: A few basic ideas can help a student make the most of the dorm space. And many items are available to do this in style.

Make it comfortable, make it functional and make it organized, Stephanie Denton, nationally recog-



nized professional organizer and national spokesperson for Organized Living, said at a visit to the Troy store last month.

Organized Living stores in Troy and West Bloomfield recently presented College Nights, two Sunday evenings when they were open only to college-bound students and their parents.

Not only is a dorm room small — about the size of two or three parking spaces, Denton says — but a student will likely be sharing it.

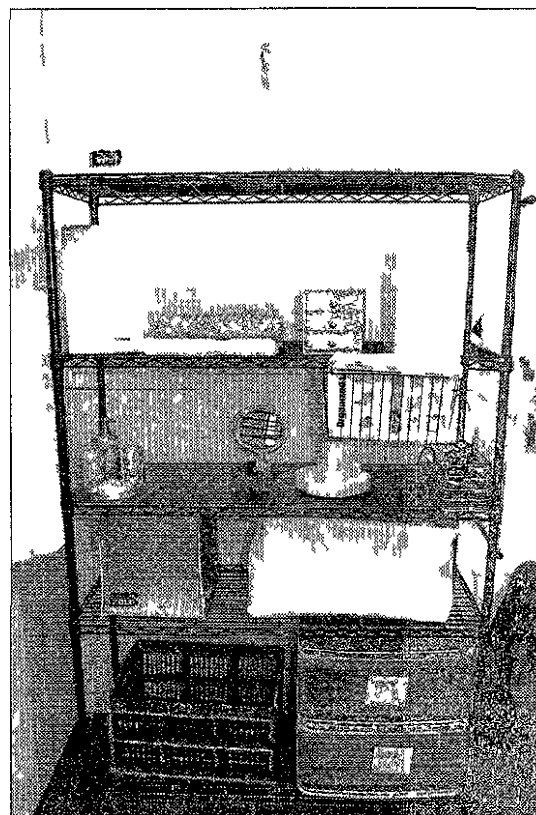
PLEASE SEE DORM, C4

Organizing expert Stephanie Denton, national spokeswoman for Organized Living, says there are many ways to create and maximize space in a small dorm room.

DORM NECESSITIES

- A dorm room checklist includes:
- Clear plastic boxes
 - Stacking drawers
 - Shower totes
 - Under-the-shelf baskets
 - Broom and dust pan
 - Multi-pant and multi-skirt hangers
 - Reusable plastic hooks
 - Laundry basket
 - Iron
 - Drying rack
 - Sheets, blankets, pillows, pillowcases
 - Kitchen utensils and appliances
 - Cordless handheld vacuum
 - Cordless phone
 - Flashlight
 - Surge protectors
 - Extension cords
 - Picture frames

Sources: Organized Living, Home Depot



Many different items are available to help organize a dorm room, including containers and shelving.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kelly Hovermale co-authored the book *Homespun Gifts from the Heart* with two friends. The Westland resident encourages readers to give gifts that are meaningful to the giver and receiver.

Co-author writes book on homemade gifts

BY KIMBERLY MORTSON
 STAFF WRITER

Kelly Hovermale has always been a believer that it's the "little things" that make the biggest impression.

"I've always found that the gifts that came from the heart or were homemade in some way have been the ones that people have clung to and had a more profound connection with," she said.

One of three authors of the new book *Homespun Gifts from the Heart*, Hovermale says gift giving should focus on showing your love for someone in small, tangible ways.

Hovermale, 39, a longtime Westland resident, collaborated with college friend Karen Ehman, 39, and Trish Smith, 34, to turn what was once a self-published gift-giving idea book with a country flair — into an attractive and creative book that features more than 200 gift ideas, 250 gift tags, recipes and easy-to-follow directions.

"We're so pleased with the look of the book and with the feedback we've already received," Hovermale said. "The ideas came so easy to us, it was just a matter of sitting down and putting them all together before we marketed our idea around to different publishers."

INVENTIVE

Hovermale said the first-themed gift idea evolved out of a present she gave Karen's daughter approximately six years ago. The young girl liked Laura Ingalls Wilder, so Hovermale put a basket together filled with items. Laura received in the book titled *Christmas in the Big Woods*.

"I gave her red mittens, a rag doll, cup, a penny and some candy just like Laura got for Christmas in the book," she was thrilled, Hovermale said.

Pooling their creative talents, Hovermale and Ehrman, a resident of St. Johns, began offering workshops titled *Homespun Gifts from the Heart* in 1997 to women's groups, churches and MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) clubs. The seminars focused on gift giving that didn't require a lot of time, effort or money, but conveyed a message to the receiver that someone truly cared about them.

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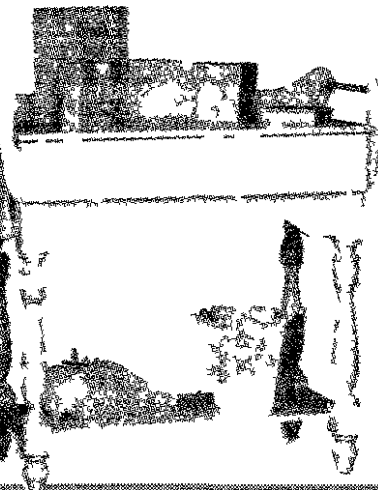
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Nursery times

A Touch of Lace has added a new collection to its baby boutique called Sweet Beginnings. This completely handcrafted and handpainted furniture and accessory line can be customized for any nursery theme. Featuring elegant cribs, beautiful armoires, beds, dressers and changing tables, each furniture piece may be personalized with any creative design or one of Sweet Beginning's four sig-

nature design selections with coordinating color palettes. Design options include children experiencing a garden of topiaries, butterflies and flowers, playing with magical dragon flies, waking up to the bright smiling sun and going to bed with sleepy moons or being whisked away on an exploring adventure in an old world map and sailing around in a pirate's ship. A Touch of Lace, 4036 Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills, is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. In-home and weekend consultations available upon request. For more information, please call (248) 645-5223 or visit www.atouchoflace.com.



GIFTS

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"We came up with a lot of ideas that children could do themselves or with some supervision," Hovermale said. "We also offered people projects they could do as a family or a group like gift mixes and kits, instead of just mom putting the package together, Ehrman added.

While their workshops became increasingly more popular, Ehrman and Hovermale were being barraged with requests for something in writing they could hand out at the seminars.

The result was a self-published book of gift giving ideas they sold at workshops and speaking engagements. Eventually Hovermale said they recruited friend Trish Smith to help them organize and assemble all of their recipe, sewing, craft and themed gift basket ideas into a book they could submit to a publisher.

It took three days and we heard back from Revelle (a division of Baker Book House Company) that they wanted to publish the book. Hovermale said.

That's almost unheard of these days, Ehrman said.

In addition to having the same gift giving philosophy,

they all homeschool their children and have a strong belief in their Christian faith. Many of the gift giving ideas in the book were based on biblical passages and include inspirational Proverbs and Psalms, plus quotes from Corinthians, Romans, Matthew and Ephesians.

We used many of our favorite quotes or the words of Christ that were particularly meaningful when it comes to sharing, Hovermale said.

COVER TO COVER

Homespun Gifts from the Heart features 10 chapters, including almost 50 pages of gift tags and labels the reader can copy on cardstock or decorative paper, dozens of recipes from Michigan Dried Cherry Cashew Bars to Cakelike Cornbread and Ready Reader Alphabet Soup.

Gift ideas include things baskets themed around popular children's books such as *Black Beauty*, *Old Yeller*, *Winnie the Pooh* and *If You Gave a Pig a Pancake*, and gifts based on life events such as moving, getting married and having a baby.

There's really something for everyone and every occasion said Ehrman, a former teacher and cheerleading coach.

While the word homespun might evoke thoughts of glue guns and sewing machines, the



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Westland mother Kelly Hovermale co-author of the book *Homespun Gifts from the Heart*, suggests several gift ideas that children can do by themselves or with the family. Above she involves her own kids Jonathan, Steven, Austin and Autumn in making a layered cookie mix in a jar.

authors put readers at ease by explaining things in simple terms and including ingredients you can find every day in your kitchen pantry. People think they have to be

crafty to give a good gift and that's just not the case, Hovermale said.

Ehrman, who refers to herself as 'craft impaired,' said there is nothing challenging in the book and that homespun equates to projects that can be done in a short amount of time, without a lot of materials but delivered with a message of love.

One of my favorite chapters is 'Let's Leave a Legacy,' said Smith, also of St. Johns. I think it's so important to give things that you pass from generation to generation or from one family to another."

Smith said copying pages of a Bible where your mother may have written notes in the margins makes for creative and personal gift wrap around a small package.

"Take a glass bowl of your grandmother's to a wedding shower with fruit salad in it," Smith added. "The bride gets to keep the dish that is now passed on as an heirloom."

With eight children between the three authors, the women are taking some time off this summer, despite requests from their publisher to create a sequel to *Homespun Gifts*, to

spend time with their families. "We'll more than likely do another book. We just have a lot going on right now and wanted to take a break," Hovermale said. "We are interested in ideas if people have them for our next book. Particularly gift ideas that children can make themselves. Aren't those the best gifts we give and receive?"

Homespun Gifts from the Heart can be purchased online at Amazon.com or BarnesandNoble.com. You can also visit www.homespungifts.com or write the authors at *Homespun Gifts*, PO Box 484, St. Johns, MI 48879.

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For more information, call the store in West Bloomfield (248) 851-7506, Royal Oak (248) 280-9500, Dearborn Heights (313) 278-4433, Clinton Township (586) 286-6100 or Eastpointe (586) 771-4200. Call (800) 335-GROW for the nearest English Gardens location or visit www.englishgardens.com. Other scheduled topics include Tropical and Flowering Plant Care Aug. 30, Enhance Your Outdoor Living Areas Sept. 6, Attracting Birds to your Yard Sept. 13, Planting Spring Flowering Bulbs Sept. 20 and Perennial Gardening with Color Sept. 27.

Fall planting
Fall is a wonderful time to plant roses and work outdoors. Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, are celebrating fall with a series of fun and educational programs at their nursery.
Fall Rose Planting, a popular demonstration on by the Lindleys in the large display garden, will take place 11 a.m. Friday Aug. 29. The program will be repeated 1 p.m. Sunday Aug. 31 and 11 a.m. Monday Sept. 1 (Labor Day). The programs are free. Reservations aren't needed. Each presentation will last about an hour. Dress for the weather.
Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road, between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) Roads in Sumpter Township, 7 miles south of Belleville. For information about the roses and nursery visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230 to request a flyer.

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It's time to put a stop to those annoying pop-up ads

I wrote awhile back about software that helps fight junk e-mail, also known as spam. Today I'm setting my sights on pop-up ads, which have tarnished the Web experience in much the same way spam plagues e-mail.

You know pop-ups: those little windows that appear out of nowhere when you visit certain Web sites. And if you're like me, you'd be glad to be rid of them.

For the record, pop-up ads are kind of a necessary evil. Pop-ups are harder than banner ads to ignore, hence their popularity among advertisers.

On the other hand, advertisers help pay for some of the Web's most treasured free sites, so I don't blame them for their efforts.

For instance, ads help support Excite.com, a great portal site that gives me customized news, stock reports, weather and other useful information.

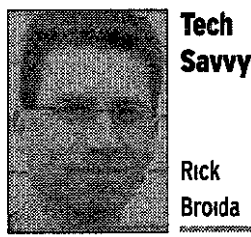
Excite serves as my Home page in Internet Explorer, meaning it's the first thing I see when I fire up my browser. And invariably a pop-up ad appears right along with it.

Even Google, the Web's most popular search engine, serves up the occasional pop-up. Of course, given the choice between that and having to pay for it, I think most of us would choose to live with the ads.

Fortunately, we don't have to. For many months I've been using Pop-Up Stopper (www.panicware.com), a Windows utility that, to paraphrase a popular TV ad (ironic, no?), kills pop-ups dead.

Indeed, when a pop-up wants to well pop up, the software prevents it from happening.

All you hear is a little sound (which you can turn off if it gets annoying).



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Ah, but what about pop-up windows that you actually need, like when you're ordering something online or want to look at a product photo that's expressly designed to appear in a window?

In those instances, you simply hold down your keyboard's Ctrl key while clicking the link that produces the pop-up. It sounds like a hassle, but I must admit it's become like second nature to me.

Now for the really good news: Pop-Up Stopper doesn't cost a cent.

Specifically, the 'Free Edition' is free, and that's the one I've been using. However, you may want to check out Pop-Up Stopper Professional (\$29.95) as well.

It offers more features, support for America Online (which produces its own, often difficult-to-prevent, variety of pop-ups), and Web-browser privacy.

One final note: I welcome comments and questions at the e-mail address below, but please don't call me at my home. Much as I'd love to chat with all of you, time just doesn't allow.

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 rickbroida1@excite.com.

Don't 'take' photos, make them

One of the best ways to shift from 'taking snapshots' to 'making photographs' is to realize that the true lens of the camera is in the mind and heart of the photographer. This is the lens that lets us all appreciate the beauty in the world around us.

The lens that looks at a sunset, a flower, a dramatic landscape or the smile of a child and really gets turned on is not the lens in front of the camera.

Rather, it's the lens inside us.

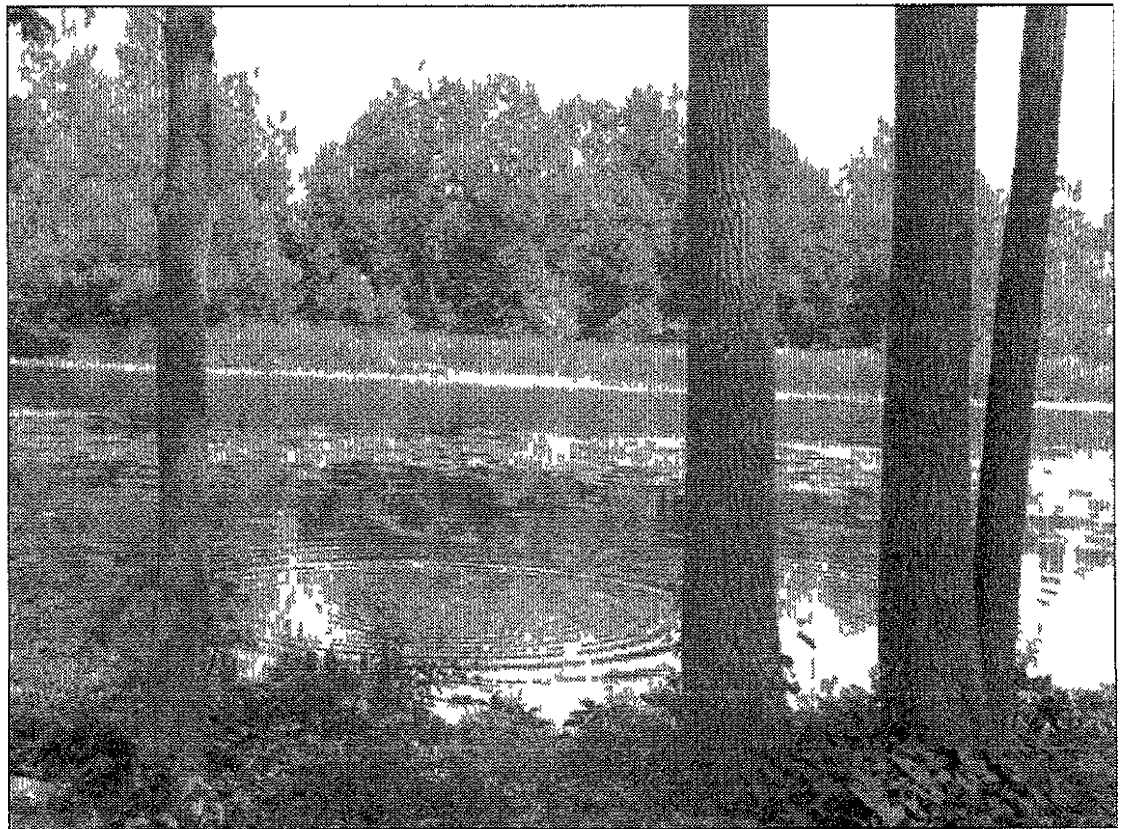
We all know about grammar in the English language. We know where to place the commas and the periods just as with our cameras we know basically how to set shutter speeds and lens openings.

Focus on Photography

Monte Nagler

What is important is to do as the writer does. He is not as concerned about where the comma goes as to the words flowing from his heart. The writer makes a grammar a secondary thing, just as we have to make the mechanics of photography a secondary thing and concentrate on the importance of what we're feeling and trying to say with our photographs.

We can all learn to get proper exposure with our cameras.



Monte Nagler puts his inner lens to work when he made this early morning serene photograph. It was taken in Coldwater.

Now let's work on getting proper exposure with our photographic feelings.

Photographs speak in a strong language. They can bring out a person's raw emotions and can make someone happy, sad, even angry.

A photograph can stir people to action or just make us feel good. In short, a photograph and we as photographers have the ability to reach out and

touch the nerves of human emotions that often the spoken or written word cannot.

We have the ability to make visible what others can only sense: what an exciting concept!

But we can only do this when we learn not to underexpose our feelings. Remember, it's not the brush of the artist that produces the painting, not the bow of the violin that produces

the music, nor the pen of the poet that writes the sonnets. Similarly, it's not the camera that produces the photograph; it's really you!

Put your inside lens to work for you and become a poet with your camera.

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

Design program benefits hospital

Sherwood Studios of West Bloomfield will present The Modernmix with Metropolitan Home magazine's retail merchandising editor Jo-Anne Pier 7-8 p.m. Wednesday Aug. 20.

Jo-Anne's design demonstration reveals insider tips on blending different elements inside your home, said Mark Morganroth, head designer and CEO of Sherwood Studios. "She will teach you how to define your unique style to create an unexpected modern mix."

A reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Sherwood Studios,

6644 Orchard Lake Road at Maple. The program is free. For registration information, call Sherwood Studios at (248) 855-1600 between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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DORMS

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with another person. Showing examples from the dorm mockup in the store, Denton offered three basic suggestions for the transition from home to college.

First, look for items that do double duty, she said. A steamer trunk is great because you can store things in it (such as) clothing you're not wearing, and it becomes extra seating.

The trunk can also be used as a coffee table or night stand.

Second, think, How can I take advantage of underutilized space? Denton said.

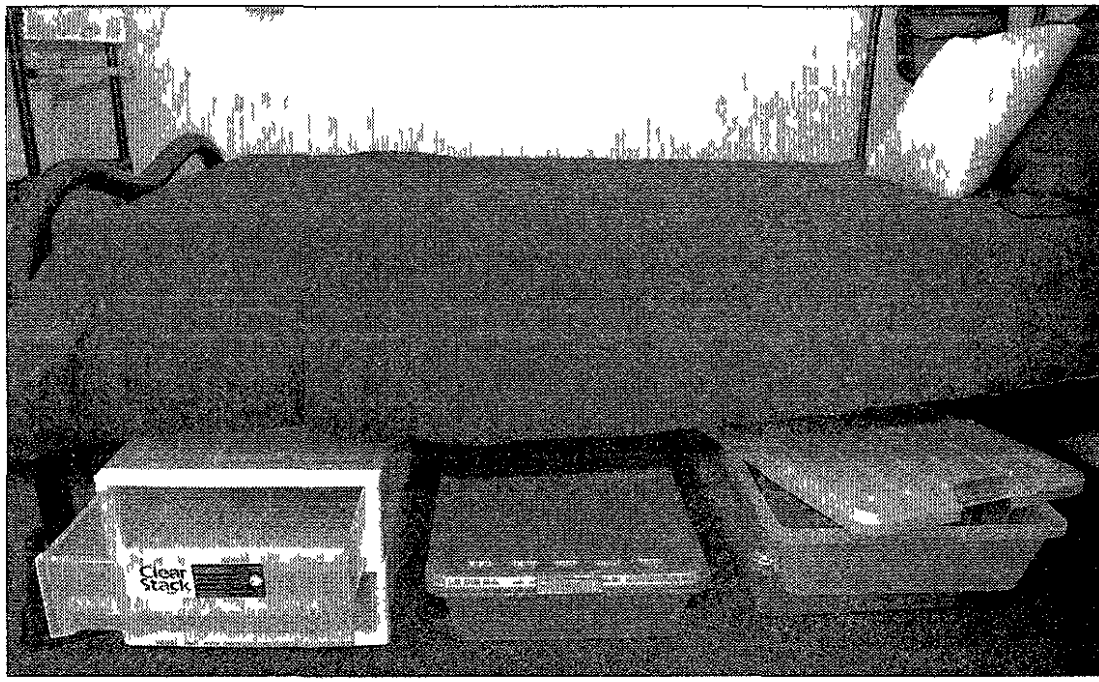
Such over-the-door items as ironing boards, shoe racks, towel racks and accessory organizers put space to use. Bed risers make room for storage containers under the bed.

Look up and find ways to fill vertical space. For example, prepackaged steel shelving can make use of the area above and beside the bed.

Denton's third suggestion is to get as much information as you can about the size of the dorm and closet, what the beds are like, what furniture is included and rules about altering the room.

Talk with your roommate as soon as you can about appliances and what each person will bring, to avoid needless duplication.

Along with the items mentioned above, the dorm mockup contained stacking shelves, which are attractive and strong enough to go to a first apart-



LAWRENCE MCKEE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Space under a bed can be used for storage. Bed risers create extra room.

ment after college.

'Black stacking shelves are very durable, good looking and easy to put together,' Denton said.

Another piece was a Tac-On™ mat which holds notes and photos in place with an adhesive. The items can be removed and reused repeatedly.

'Fold and hold' objects, including pop up cubes and collapsible containers that lay flat when not in use are popular this year, Denton said.

As basics, she recommends bed risers, some sort of under-the-bed storage (drawers or steamer trunk), a shelving unit (on the wall or over the bed) and Double Hang, a wooden rod that hangs from an overhead rod in the closet to

expand use of closet space.

Poor organization can cause stress and make it harder to find things.

Denton said that when she conducts organization seminars for people in business, they tell her 'I wish I learned this when I was going to college it would have helped me

SPRUNGING UP

Low-cost items can spruce up a dorm and give it personal touches.

A dull and dreary dorm room isn't exactly the most welcoming sight, said Karen Thompson, a designer with Home Depot. Inexpensive products combined with creative touches can help turn a new space into more than just a place to sleep.

Thompson suggests:
 ■ Have a desk lamp with a hidden data port, and a floor lamp for warmth. For a day or nighttime twilight effect, string miniature lights around the ceiling.
 ■ If housing officials approve, paint an accent wall

in school colors. Garage sale furniture could be revived by painting the pieces, too.

■ Dress up a window with decorative window film that is easy to install and isn't permanent (which landlords will appreciate).

■ Wall and door mirrors are practical and create the illusion of added space.

■ Cinder blocks and 1-by-12s make a sturdy bookshelf or TV stand.

■ If the housing office approves, build a loft for the bed to free up floor space. Home Depot offers a plan for an easy-to-construct loft, and will cut boards for free.

■ Use hooks and knobs for hanging up winter coats, backpacks and damp towels.

■ Use floor fans and smaller desk models to circulate air.

■ Bring nature indoors with a few indoor plants that don't require much attention.

■ Add warmth and create a focal point with area rugs, or use inexpensive carpet remnants to cover the entire floor.

Keeping areas dry helps curb mold problems

Mold is now one of the scariest words in the home industry. Though there is much debate on its effects on health, a recent rash of litigation has contractors taking this problem very seriously.

Molds are fungi and there are thousands of known species, with mildew and mushrooms some of the more familiar fungi known to us. Fungi feeds on just about anything that was once living. Fungal spores will germinate and grow in just about any temperature that humans can comfortably tolerate. Fungi also needs high moisture (at 60 percent or more) levels. Most mold problems can be traced back to moisture problems.

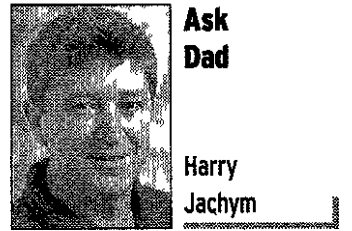
Today, we read and hear about more mold problems than in the past. Some of this, of course, can be attributed to media hype. However we are seeing more mold problems because of changes in building techniques and materials.

ENCLOSED SPACES

Homes are built much tighter than in the past. Tighter homes tend to hold moisture more than older homes. Better insulation slows heat flow, which also slows drying.

More and more of the lumber used today is cut from young trees. This lumber has a higher proportion of sapwood, which can promote mold growth. Oriented strand board (or OSB) and other engineered wood products are replacing conventional lumber. These products are easy for water to penetrate and slow to dry. Even drywall, which has all but replaced wet plaster, is paper faced. Paper creates an excellent breeding ground for molds.

If you want to prevent mold, it's mostly a matter of keeping dry in the home. Houses are not waterproof.



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

Windows, doors and all sealant (caulk) joints eventually will leak. Keep checking all caulk joints, especially those around roof flashing and repair as necessary. Maintain venting as well as drainage weep holes to dry any moisture that gets into the walls. Keep rainwater away from the foundation by maintaining gutters and downspouts.

Install and use a bathroom fan, even if there is a window in the bathroom. Vent this room to the outside air rather than an attic space.

Keep air moving within the house using ceiling fans and continuously using the furnace fan. If you have an enclosed space that often develops mold or mildew problems, keep the doors open as much as possible and direct a fan into them.

Air conditioning and dehumidifiers are great for keeping the relative humidity below 60 percent in the home.

CLEANING IT UP

The common practice is to use bleach on mold. Bleach, however, will not kill mold spores and is an irritant itself. The Environmental Protection Agency suggests using detergent and water. Dry the cleaned area as soon as possible. If the mold area is large, over 30 square feet, or heavily molded, call a professional.

Go to www.epa.gov and type 'mold' in the search box near the top of the page.

Send any questions or comments to Harry Jachym at askdad@comcast.net

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'FRANKIE'S PLACE,' BY JIM STERBA (GROVE PRESS, \$23.00).

We follow a pine needle path that led through ferns and bayberry bushes, touching our way over twigs and roots and then past a dwarf juniper to a lichen-encrusted granite ledge. The path switched back over a series of smooth, descending ledges and down a rounded ridge to massive rocks matted with seaweed and dotted with periwinkles.

Yearning to visit the beautiful coast of Maine this summer? This book may not exactly land you there in the flesh. But it could very well be the next best thing.

Penned by mid-Michigan native Jim Sterba, *Frankie's Place* turns out to be part travel guide, part cookbook, and part love story — as Sterba introduces us to his wife, Frankie FitzGerald, and the place where they now spend their summers, hiking mountain climbing mushrooming boating, swimming (an anemic euphemism for the shock therapy in the icy ocean waters), shopping, playing tennis, and cooking for family, each other and any lucky guest who happens to show up for dinner (Sterba and FitzGerald spend the remainder of the year in Manhattan).

This is all of course when they are not writing. Sterba was first a foreign correspondent for *The New York Times* and later for *The Wall Street Journal*.

Frances Frankie FitzGerald authored the Pulitzer Prize winning

The recipes here add some real spice, too, so don't skip past them as you read. This is probably especially true of Frankie's recipe for Steamed Lobsters. (This gal really knows her way around a lobster.)

Vietnam novel, *Fire in the Lake*

While in Maine, he works on a laptop, while she pounds out thousands of words each day on an old-fashioned standard Remington Noiseless.

After breakfast and newspapers on the front porch they retire to separate parts of Frankie's secluded cottage on Mount Desert Island and toil till around 3 or 4 p.m.

Though Sterba tells us that this story takes place in a summer that was the same as others in many ways but in many ways not, the statement is a bit misleading, for his story takes place in the past, the present and even in a sense in the future (as he sketches a vivid picture of his own burial plot).

He takes us back to his childhood, and the dilapidated dairy farm where he spent most of his years growing up near Owosso. Because his stepfather worked a factory job to make ends meet it was pretty much left to him and his mother to keep the farm going.

At first intrigued by the woods and the land that made up the place, the young Sterba eventually came to regard the farm as constant drudgery and was relieved when the family finally gave up on it and

moved to town. Shortly afterward, he left for college, and eventually carved a noted name for himself in journalism.

Briefly, we accompany Sterba on assignments to Vietnam and hot spots like Pakistan in 1972. And, through his present-day research at the local library, we learn something of the early days of colorful Northeast Harbor, Maine.

Then one day Sterba receives a message from his father, a man he hasn't seen since he was about 2 years old, when his parents divorced. The elder Sterba has since remarried and is living in retirement in Florida, and, till now, has reached out to his son only once in the intervening years.

Does Jim Sterba want to reestablish a relationship with his father at this late date? Turns out, he does, and on these pages, we are witness to their rather awkward though touching, reunion.

Against a tapestry of ocean, forest, pink granite hills, gulls, ravens, crows, a bald eagle, an osprey, jays, thrushes, cormorants, loons, chipmunks, red squirrels, ships, boats, quaint villages and their inhabitants, fog, deluge, drizzle, sun, humpback whales, a small army of mice, and (of course) lobsters plus much more, Sterba tells a memorable story.

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You might want to cover your ears though, as the hapless sea insects scratch and claw around inside the pot en route to the Great Lobster Beyond.

Victoria Diaz is a Livon resident and writes about books, movies and travel for the *Observer & Eccentric* newspaper's

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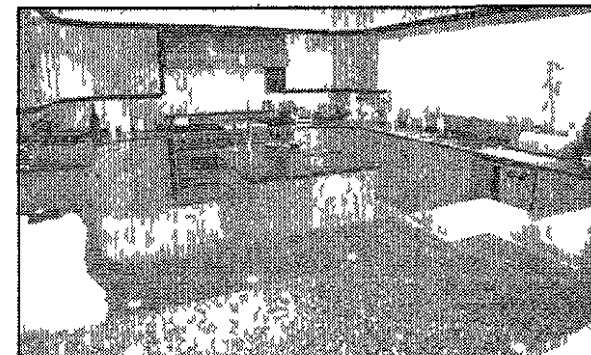
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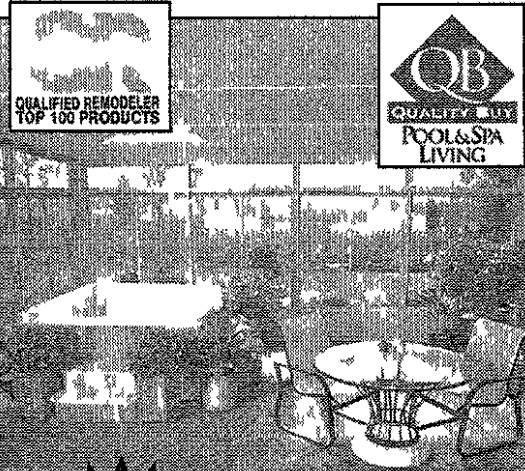
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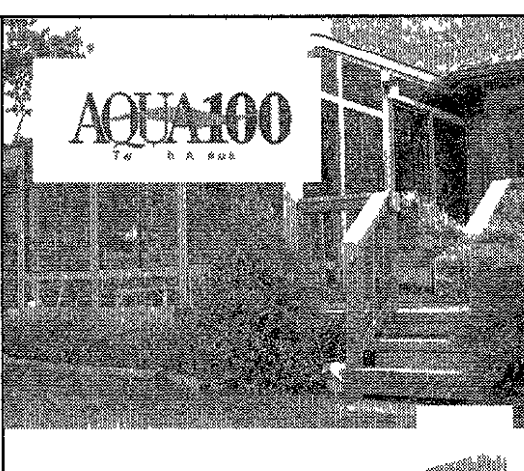
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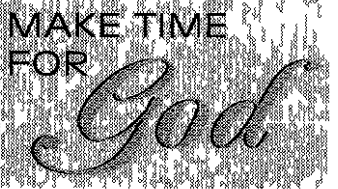
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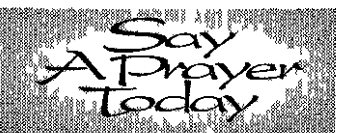
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The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. - R.S.V. Song of Solomon 2:12

WHERE CAN I FIND?

Through reader feedback this interactive column is dedicated to helping readers locate retail merchandise that is 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.

WHAT WE FOUND

To have a Bell & Howell 8mm projector repaired, try Huron Camera in Jackson, Mich., (888) 880-7278. They will repair it if the parts are available.

To have vintage jewelry repaired, try Rizzo Jewelers in Rochester, (248) 651-3334.

The game Balder Dash is sold at area Meijer, Target and Toys 'R Us stores. Toys 'R Us also has the game Beyond Balder Dash. Pilot gel ink pens can be bought at the Kroger store in Westland on Ford near Central City, and at area Wal-Mart's, Meijer's and Sam's Clubs.

To replace a Black & Decker toaster oven tray, call Fox International (Black & Decker parts and accessories), (800) 738-0245.

For small, black clip-on (quarter size) button earrings, try the Great Midwestern Antique Emporium on Dixie Highway in Drayton Plains.

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WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

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A store that sells Ecco (Echo) Bay women's clothes for Delores Sears used to sell them.

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A store that sells Palmolive bar soap for Brenda of Farmington Hills.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

Plan your next party with these tips

We all enjoy attending parties, but someone has to plan the party, pay for the party and pick up after the party is over.

Why not have fun planning a party? If you are having a birthday party for one of your children, involve them in the preparations.

This not only gives you time to share an important event in their life, but it also trains them in the area of organization.

If you are planning a party for someone other than your children enlist the help of a friend or relative. You will get twice as much done and enjoy the company of someone else.

PLANNING THE PARTY

We have pop-up books - why not a pop-up party?

We need to be able to plan a party that is quick and easy. First make a list of everything you need to do. This list would include the theme for the party, invitations, games, food, entertainment, decorations, prizes, cleanup and thank you notes.

Decide on a theme first and then purchase (or make) invitations, decorations, prizes and goodie bags. If you hire entertainment for the party, call the organization to schedule the date. Make a guest list and fill out the invitations, mailing them two weeks prior to the party.

If the party is a surprise, design a plan to make sure the person is surprised. For children's parties write a schedule for everything you will do so you can maintain control. Plan extra activities so if you finish early you will have something for them to do.

A typical schedule for a 6-year-old's birthday party would include 10 minutes-guests arrive, introductions, five minutes-group picture, 15 minutes-



Domestic Planner

Diana Koenig

utes-open gifts, 30 minutes-entertainment, 20 minutes-sing 'Happy Birthday', refreshments, 20 minutes-games or an art project, 10 minutes-read a story, and 10 minutes-hand out goodie bags and good-byes.

Remember to capture these special memories with photos and video.

Take a group picture to make sure you have a memory of each guest.

While your child is opening gifts, write down each gift and who it is from so you will have accurate records for thank you notes.

Each child is given a goodie bag when they leave. Prizes are awarded for the winners of the games. However, for groups of children under the age of seven everyone is given a prize.

Allow plenty of time to shop, prepare food and decorate. Lay everything out ahead of time such as camera, video camera, goodie bags, candles, paper goods, refreshments, pad of paper, pen, games and matches (in your pocket). Prepare a gift table.

Clear a place in the closet to hang coats if it is a fall or winter party.

Try to do some cleaning during the party. Have three paper bags available during the gift time for paper trash, bows and cards and smaller gifts. As each child finishes his refreshments, ask him to throw away his plate and cup while you wipe the table and floor.

Try to plan activities in different rooms so your husband, friend or an older sibling can clean up the activity from one room as you move to the next room and activity.

Thank you notes are a must in our home because I want to teach my children the importance of being grateful.

If someone has taken the time to buy them something they need to thank the person in three ways, when they open the gift, when the person leaves, and with a written note. If they are too young to write, then I compose the note as if they wrote it.

Once they have learned to write, I design a basic thank you note on which they just have to fill in the blanks. For example: 'Dear _____, Thank you for the _____. It was nice of you to think of me. Love, _____'. By the time my children are 8-years-old, they can write their own thank you notes. However, it is my job to either buy the cards on which to write notes or make generic cards on the computer.

THEMES FOR KIDS PARTIES

Possible themes are Western

party, slumber party, sports party, dinner party, dress-up party, tea party, carnival party, beach party, 1950s party, ballet party, movie party and detective party.

Some of the easiest parties for boys are sports parties. You can plan a three-hour party. During the first 45 minutes, open gifts and serve refreshments.

The remainder of the time the boys can divide into teams and play an organized game such as soccer. You can watch them from the kitchen window while you clean up refreshments and take an occasional picture.

When the party is over, they leave from the backyard and you have a clean house by the time the party is over.

For my oldest daughter's 9th birthday, we had a formal dinner party with eight girls. The attire was dress-up in your Sunday best.

My husband and I functioned as cooks and waiters. We served a four-course meal on finest china with the beverage served in crystal.

Our daughter was given a dinner bell so we could be summoned. It was a smashing success and the video captured some interesting dinner conversation.

ENTERTAINMENT

Use a storyteller, magician

or clown, or have pony rides.

If you are on a limited budget, you can be the entertainer instead of hiring entertainers.

You can dress as a clown, do a few tricks and hand out treats. You'll be a smashing hit with young children.

My youngest daughter wanted a magician, so after checking the cost I bought a magic book and a few supplies.

With the help of my older daughter we had 10 seven-year-old girls in awe at our performance.

PARTIES AWAY FROM HOME

These can be scheduled at the park, pizza place, batting cage, sports complex, bowling, miniature golf, gymnastics and swimming.

Although I have focused on children's parties, you can use the same basic techniques to plan an anniversary party, adult birthday party, graduation party, baby shower or wedding shower.

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Garden designed in Victorian style

Time has turned back the clock in the Victorian style garden that Joan Billings of Warren has constructed and designed.

Surrounded by tall solid fencing, this private and quiet place is filled with many different plants and objects that reflect the Victorian era.

Garden Spot

Marty Figley

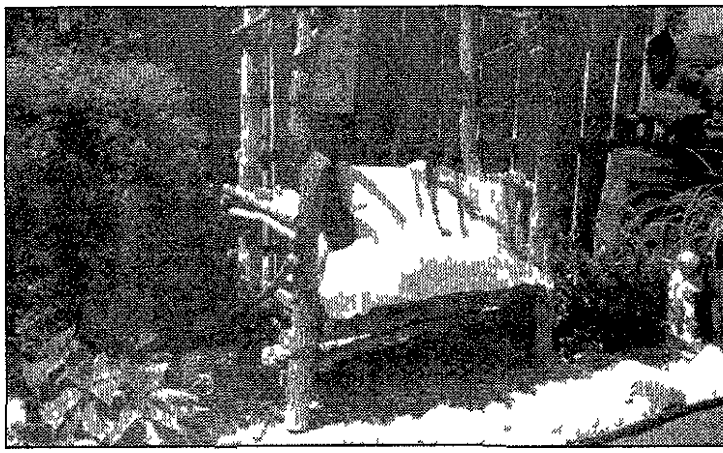
Joan began the garden two years ago by placing small rocks about 3 feet from the outer edge toward the middle of the garden. She laid a weed barrier under the rocks and a mowing strip along the edges. The barrier almost eliminates most of the weeds.

You enter the garden through an arbor that is festooned with realistic artificial flowers. This in no way takes away from the many live plants Joan carefully has planted and nurtured. When a vine clambers up and over the pergola, the artificial ones will be removed.

FLOWERS

Now to the flowers. Joan has used a mixture of colors and plants in shades of blue, yellow, red and white.

Blue clematis grow in two corners, and a fuchsia-colored bougainvillea grows on both



Joan Billings Victorian garden is a source of delight to her and all visitors. Two seating areas are shown here.



PHOTOS BY MARTY FIGLEY

sides of the tall fence. A white jasmine adds its clean color to the scene. Blue delphinium grows near purple iris and roses and lilies add their beauty.

Along one wall, a pretty vine is trained up a metal form shaped like a butterfly with a tree rose on either side. Their bloom is light pink.

A butterfly bush near two rustic chairs and a table will soon bloom. Behind it a large fern fills a corner and a deep pink mandevilla grows nearby.

Topiary evergreens are positioned on either side of a large rustic swing. Its counterpart is a sturdy bench that sits across the small lawn area. Each is outfitted with three soft bouncy pillows dressed in pastel colors of cream and rose.

FURNISHINGS

In fact, plenty of seating allows you to sit and enjoy the

view from any angle.

In the center of the garden, which is grass, a black wrought-iron table and six chairs take center stage and rest on large, colorful patio blocks. A pretty, flowery tablecloth covers the table and a pair of tall crystal candelabras rests on it.

A friend made wooden frames to hold living pictures, so Joan filled the shallow frames with moss and planted different succulent plants in them.

She then hung them on both the inner and outer walls of the fence.

Many hanging baskets also adorn the fence on both sides. They are filled with an array of colorful flowers such as dark purple lobelia, hot pink geraniums and weeping and yellow geraniums.

The area that abuts the house is now a potting area. Featured is a piece made of

large twigs. A lacy white cloth covers one shelf to bring the Victorian idea into that area. It is full of things that are used to keep the garden in tiptop shape, and pretty pottery holds various plants for added texture and interest. Joan also uses it as a buffet for entertaining.

There are delightful surprises everywhere you look - a pot-bellied stove, little statues, etc.

Several birdhouses entice the birds, as do the colorful plants.

Because of the number of flowers and other plants, the garden is a haven for birds, bees and butterflies.

Sometimes Joan is surprised to find a stranger or neighbor enjoying her lovely garden and she welcomes them.

In addition to all this, the front garden is colorful and inviting with clever placement of plants and garden objects. Joan works full time and

devotes the rest of her time to the garden, and it shows. She regularly waters the garden, which helps the plants to grow and stay healthy. It's obvious she is passionate about her special garden.

"My Samoyed dog, Charlie, is always helping when I'm working in the garden," Joan said.

GOODGARDEN TIP When you're cleaning up the grounds this fall, a new broom from Fiskars will help.

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

Balustrades add charm, elegance

(WMS) - The magic of a good porch is truly remarkable.

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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.

Prayer Group
Madonna University Prayer Group presents an evening of healing with Bruce Simpson full-time Catholic evangelist with a healing ministry in Florida 6 p.m. Sunday Aug. 17 in the Madonna University Center on ground floor at 14421 Levan north of Schoolcraft Livonia. Everyone is welcome to join the prayer group for this evening. For more information call (734) 422 5611 or (734) 525 5032.

On Friday Aug. 22 Unity of Livonia will host the 12th annual Be an Angel Day with Be a Healer Day. The agenda includes free hands on healing 6-7 p.m. group hands on healing experience 7-8 p.m. and Cosmic Dance 8-9 p.m. and an Emissaries of Light Meditation Wheel at 9 p.m. Love offerings accepted. Be an Angel Day is a nonprofit non-denominational event with participants encourage to celebrate anonymously by performing small acts of service or through group activity by holding an angel party where angels are invited to inspire ideas on ways to be of service to the community. Unity of Livonia is at 28660 Five Mile between Inkster and Middlebelt. For information call (734) 421 1760 or visit the Web site at www.unityoflivonia.org.

Picnic celebration
Our Lady of Loretto parish in Redford is planning a 50th anniversary celebration picnic Sunday Aug. 24. Former parishioners and school alumni are invited. Call (313) 534 9000.

Center 4401 Five Mile Road Plymouth. Registration fee is \$50. For information or to register call (248) 528 2512 or (810) 286 5524 or visit the Web site www.rcnet/detroit/wmme. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a Roman Catholic nonprofit organization dedicated to marriage enrichment.

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.

UPCOMING

Labor Day picnic
Ward Church's Crossing Jordan Labor Day picnic games food concert fun. Guest artist is Nashville's Todd Agnew Six Mile and Haggerty Northville. Call (248) 374 5934 for information or send e-mail to lisa.cashero@wardchurch.org.

Birmingham Bible Institute
Birmingham Bible Institute and Marantha Tours Inc. present a visual presentation of walking through the Holy Land of Israel by a licensed guide Sept. 4-7. The 15-hour program includes interactive lectures biblical application by institute staff. Communion service at the Garden Tomb and authentic Israeli breakfast and Middle Eastern dinner. Cost is \$99 per person \$175 for husband and wife. Call (248) 646 2000.

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Presented by Detroit World Outreach 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Using cutting edge music high tech video and lighting drama multi-media and a relevant message that can change lives. Ablaze is giving young adults ages 18 to 28 the opportunity to meet friends and hang out with people their age. Evening includes a live band pool tables ping pong basketball and the Motown Cafe in the Freedom Center on the Detroit World Outreach campus 23800 W. Chicago near Telegraph Redford. For more information call (313) 794 0684 or visit the Web site at www.motownministries.org.

Redford Church
Detroit World Outreach a nondenominational church for all colors at 23800 West Chicago in Redford has Sunday services 9 a.m. 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. They also offer Sunday school 9:30-10:30 a.m. for all ages. Wednesday night is family night at 7 p.m. Tuesday night they offer a young adult services for people 18-28 at 7:30 p.m. Bishop Jack C. Wallace is the senior pastor. Call (313) 255 2222 or visit www.dwo.org.

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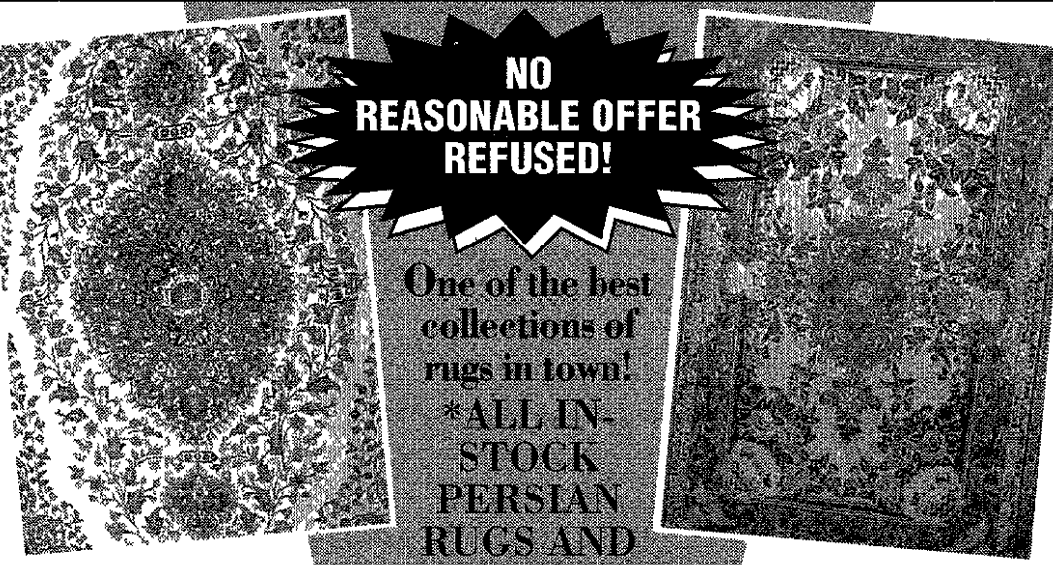
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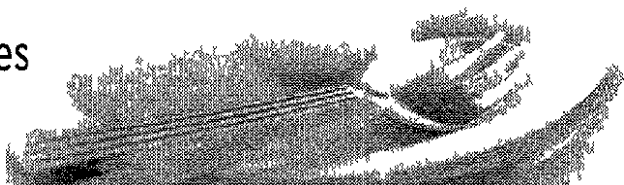
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Chefs cook up ideas for home kitchens

The country's top chefs work in state-of-the-art kitchens designed to feed thousands daily at the grand hotels, luxurious spas and trendy restaurants where they work.

In the privacy of their own homes, however, their personal choices vary concerning the types of kitchens in which they prepare meals for family and friends.

To provide a rare peek at what some of the country's leading chefs consider the most essential cornerstones of their home kitchens, Wilsonart International has gone to the experts to provide their answers.

■ **Geoffrey Cousineau**, executive chef, The Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables, Fla. - If you're serious about cooking, Cousineau recommends installing laminate on kitchen walls from floor to ceiling.

It keeps things sanitary and it looks great, he said. "I like white because it cleans up nicely and enhances the lighting - I like a bright kitchen. Laminate also goes well with stainless steel."

Other things that top Cousineau's kitchen list include stainless steel shelving to attractively house his olive oils, vinegars and pastas, high-quality lighting, a water filter, an 8-inch butcher block on wheels, and his baby grand piano.

"I'm a jazz guy, he said. 'I have to play jazz when I'm cooking. When I'm between steps in the kitchen I go to my baby grand piano, which is next to the kitchen, and bang out a few songs."

■ **Robert Carter**, executive chef, Peninsula Grill, Charleston, S.C. - I don't want any commercial items in my kitchen, Carter said. I want it to look like a home kitchen. Therefore, I didn't want granite countertops and opted for laminate. It's easy to clean and it doesn't stain.

Carter also stresses the importance of a good ventilation system to combat the heat and smoke caused from cooking at high temperatures, in addition to a deep sink.

Pots and pans fit easily into a deep sink, giving you room to maneuver and it keeps the kitchen from looking cluttered, said Carter.

■ **Dwaine Clare**, executive chef, Our Lucaya Beach and Golf Resort, Bahamas - Like Cousineau, Clare is also a fan of proper lighting in the kitchen as well as jazz.

I like a kitchen that has music in it. It helps me focus, he said.

Among other must-haves are an oversized island in the center of the kitchen for prepping food, quarry tile flooring, a marble rolling pin and cutting board for pastries, and an oversized freezer and refrigerator.

I like to have a central area and two full sides, said Clare. I keeps the fridge looking more organized.

■ **George McNeill**, executive chef, Marriott Marquis, N.Y. - Considering that McNeill recently complete a \$200,000 renovation on his 1,000-square-foot kitchen, he has many top-of-the-line kitchen toys, including wall-mounted ovens, two stoves with 16 burners between them, custom built cabinets and an outdoor kitchen with a spit roast.

When asked to name the three top items that every kitchen should have, McNeill said, A great stove - spend the money, your baking and sauteing will be better - great pots and pans and most importantly, arrange your kitchen to be user friendly.

Look at where your drawers and cupboards are, what you do and if you are always in one area. It may be easier to bend down and get something than walk across the room for it. Keep like items together instead of spreading them throughout the kitchen.

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Codes ensure project quality, safety

BY DAVID BRADLEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

So you think you've thought of all the tools and materials you need for your home improvement project?

Chances are there's a critically important aspect you've overlooked: local building codes.

According to an authority on building codes, do it yourselfers are frequently oblivious to code requirements or simply think their project doesn't need an official stamp of approval.

The homeowner could be wrong on both counts, often with unfortunate consequences.

The consumer needs to know about codes and permits or know someone who does, said Bill Petitta of The Home Service Store. They run the

risk of injury, poor construction results, and can suffer financially, too.

Building codes usually are administered by local municipalities to create minimum standards to protect life, limb, property and environment for the protection of the consuming public, according to Petitta.

The bottom line: Codes are a series of regulations to limit use of certain materials, products and construction practices.

It's obvious new construction or major additions must meet code requirements, but the average homeowner should look into codes and subsequent building permits if even minor renovations will affect the structural integrity of the home or create a safety or environmental problem.

Surprisingly, the United

States is the one major industrialized nation without a uniform building code. Cities and counties are free to adopt one of four competing code systems.

Much of the variation owes to geographic reasons, such as earthquake zones or snow loads in mountains. Petitta says such wide swings in building requirements make it a good practice to call local building departments if the homeowner or contractor has a hint of doubt.

But homeowners should think twice if they perceive codes as nothing but bureaucratic red tape.

"What cities want to do is stop the guy who builds a deck on supports too small for the load or runs wiring that could create a fire hazard," said Petitta.

Codes protect your property

and maintain its value.

Codes are an expense for homeowners. The cost of building permits ranges from 9 cents per square foot for new construction to \$30 to \$50 for electrical or plumbing permits on existing buildings.

Contractors typically tack code costs onto their fees. Permits are valid for one year and must be posted on the job site.

Still, some do-it-yourselfers simply aren't aware they need a permit or try to dodge codes in an effort to save a few bucks.

This makes building inspectors frequent visitors to job sites. Most visits are scheduled when permits are issued but others are unannounced.

Inspectors must sign off on various phases of construction. If deficiencies are found, the problem must be corrected and re-inspected. Fines of \$100 or more can be levied,

and, in a worst-case scenario, work must be torn out at the homeowner's expense. Evictions of homeowners for glaring errors or obvious abuse of the code system are not unheard of.

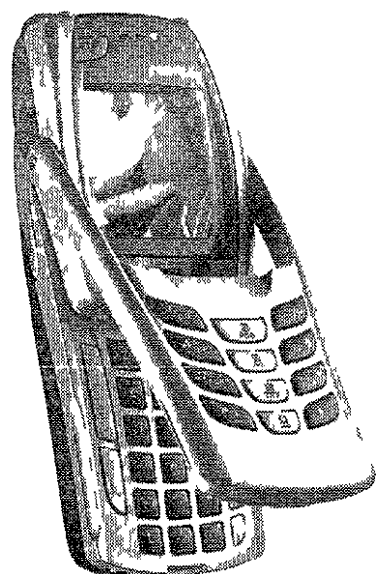
Non-code work can haunt a homeowner when they try to sell their home. If problems are discovered, the would-be home seller must make corrections.

"A good contractor will inform his or her customers about codes and necessary permits," said Petitta. "When in doubt, call your city building department. It's really about safety, and it's the law, too."

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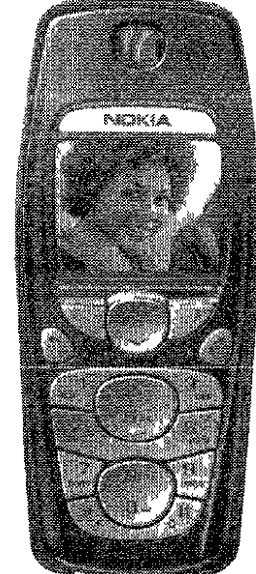
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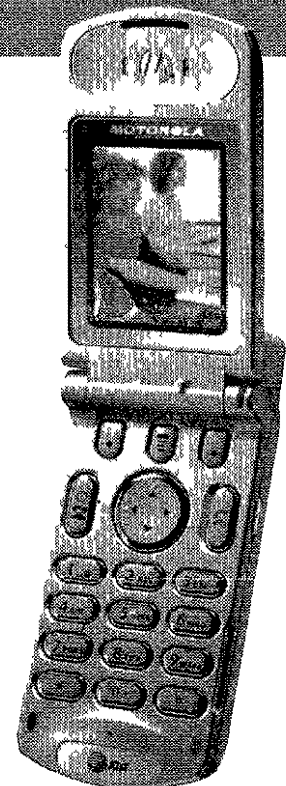
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Side dish

Sauce available

The Ristorante Cafe Cortina 30715 W Ten Mile in Farmington Hills offers the restaurant's line of sauces in



specialty markets throughout Michigan. The sauces include the Pomodoro Veneziana Sugo Del Veneto Sugo Con Pesto and Aglio del Veneto. The light tomato basil cream with parmesan in Sugo del Veneto has become the most popular according to restaurant officials.

Organic and oil-free

While the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has announced that packaged foods must contain labeling information on trans fatty acids by 2006, there is a solution today for consumers seeking to avoid these ingredients in their supermarket shopping. Whole Foods Market creates the country's organic and natural supermarket sells products free of hydrogenated oils, which produce trans fats. Whole Foods Market has stores in Troy and West Bloomfield providing shoppers with options now for dealing with uncertainties regarding trans fatty acids in the food they buy. Visit www.wholefoodsmarket.com or inquire at the stores for more information.

Check labels

Juices provide many essential nutrients, but consuming untreated juices may not be so healthy according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

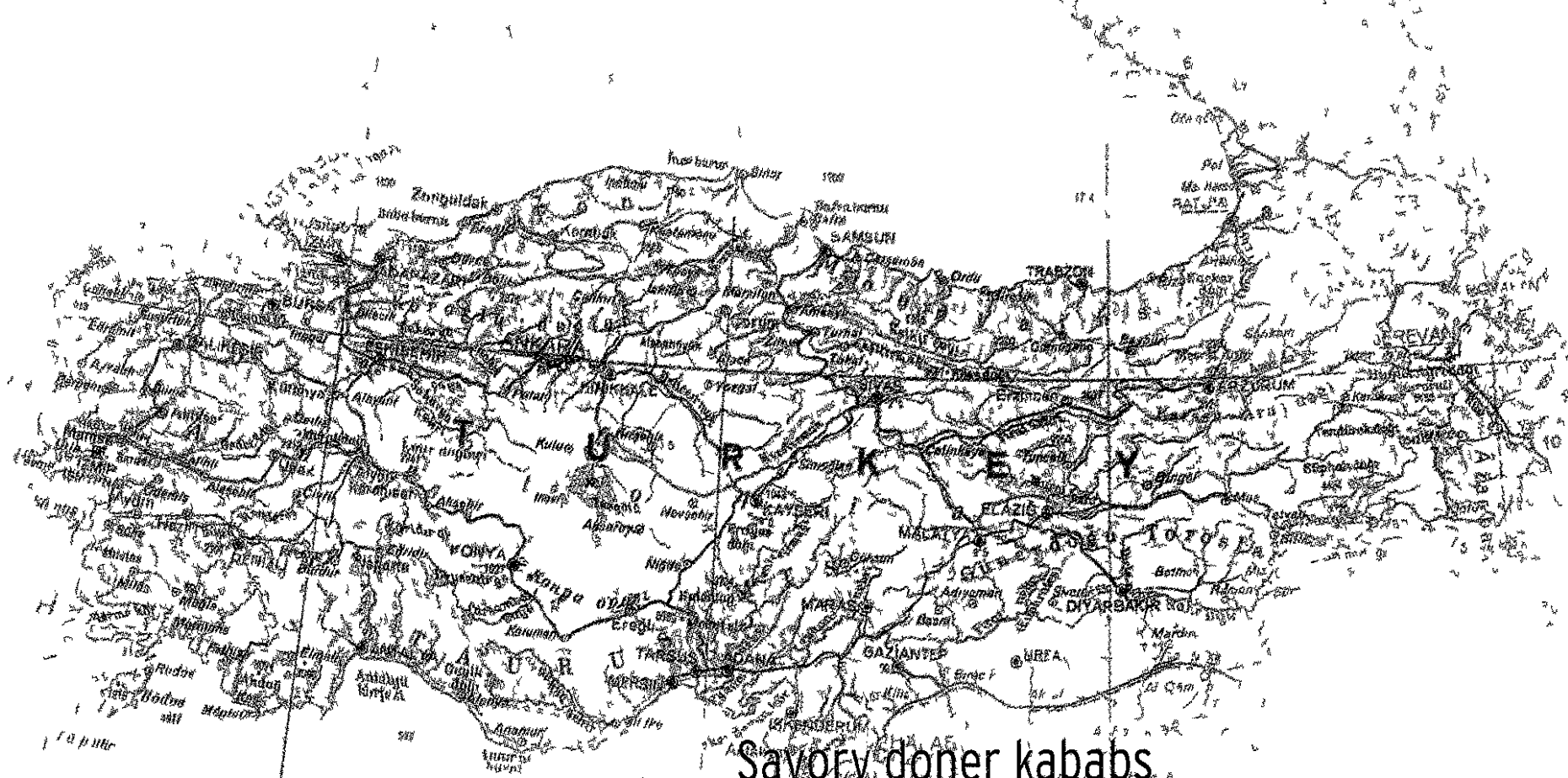
When fruits and vegetables are fresh squeezed, harmful bacteria from the outside of the produce can become a part of the finished product. If these bacteria are ingested, children risk serious illness or even death. In fact, recent serious outbreaks of foodborne illness involving young children have been traced to the drinking of untreated juices.

Warning information about health risks of drinking untreated juice is now on product containers. However, only 2 percent of all fruit and vegetable juices sold in supermarkets is not treated in any way to kill harmful bacteria. These products will carry a warning label noting that the juice is not pasteurized.

While consuming dangerous foodborne bacteria usually cause illness in one to three days after eating the contaminated food, sickness can occur within 20 minutes or up to six weeks later. If foodborne illness symptoms occur, it's best to see a doctor who can properly diagnose and treat the specific bacteria involved.

Don't hesitate to ask employees or managers at a specific market or cider mill whether a juice is treated and look for the warning label.

For information contact the FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition Food Information Line at (888) SAFEFOOD or visit www.cfsan.fda.gov.



Turkish

Savory doner kababs highlight Turkish cuisine

If you have traveled abroad, you may well have seen or sampled doner kebabs. A mainstay of everyday Turkish fare, they have been popularized in many other countries.

Sold from small storefronts or food carts, they are characterized by the large vertical rotisserie on which rotates a layered mix of minced lamb and/or beef, combined with a selection of spices, which is pressed hard into a distinctive conical shape. When the doner kebab is carved up, it produces long,

wafer-thin strips of meat which are then stuffed into pita bread and topped off with salad and sauce.

It's called doner — which means "turning" — because the vertical spit is rotated or turned in front of the heat source (charcoal, gas or electric). Since the meat is vertical, it is self-basting, which helps to account for its rich flavor. In Greece, doner is often translated as gyros, with which metro Detroiters are very familiar.

PREPARE KEBABS

Rochester resident Dr. William Halacoglu recently invited me to a doner kebab party. Halacoglu is president of the 250-member Turkish-American Cultural Association of Michigan. The group includes a number of Turkish students, particularly from the University of Michigan's Ann Arbor campus. That may account for why the only area Turkish restaurant is Ayses Cafe on

TOPPING (COPAN SALASI)

- 2 pounds medium size tomatoes
- 3 English cucumbers
- 4 green peppers
- 3 bunches of scallions
- 1/2 bunch parsley
- 4 small red radishes
- For the sauce:
- 1 cup olive oil
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- salt

Peel the tomatoes, remove the seeds and cut into small chunks. Remove

seeds of green peppers and cut into cubes. Slice only the white part of the scallion. Peel the cucumbers, cut them into four diagonal pieces and slice them. Cut the parsley leaves. Quarter the radishes. Put everything into a salad bowl and mix. Stir the sauce before you dress the salad. Spoon onto lettuce to serve. Serves eight.

Adapted from Turkish Cuisine by Tugrul Savay

PLEASE SEE TURKISH, D2

BY JUDITH DONER BERNI

Zeynel Aksoy, vice president of the Turkish American Cultural Association of Michigan, said it took four days for him to prepare the doner kebabs.



Key varieties and the best wines of central Italy

About 20 percent of Italy's wine is made in six regions: Tuscany, Marche, Abruzzo, Molise, Lazio and Umbria, known as Central Italy.

The Apennine mountains to the north, the Tyrrhenian Sea to the west and the Adriatic to the east govern climatic conditions.

Since Tuscany is probably well known to you and not many wines from Molise are imported, we're introducing you to the four other regions.

MARCHE

Marche lies along the Adriatic coast, where the climate is moderated both by sea breezes and the Apennine mountains on its western border.

Historically, the region is famous for production of verdicchio, a crisp white wine recognized by a green amphora-shaped bottle.

Today producers in the Marche are revitalizing the image of verdicchio by taking



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measures to improve quality deserving of the description.

Italy's premier fish wine, Red wines from Marche are made principally from sangiovese and montepulciano — some times blended, other times not.

The most important wine is Rosso Piceno, which is principally sangiovese.

There's a lot of excitement about this area, said Leonardo Locascio, founder and president of Winebow, a major importer of Italian wines based on the U.S. east coast.

Many are convinced that Marche is capable of producing wines comparable to Super Tuscans.

Recommended producers in the Marche: Colonnara and Dezi.

ABRUZZO

In this region, known for two climates — cool and damp in the higher interior, and warm and dry along the Adriatic, two varieties dominate: trebbiano for white wines and montepulciano for red.

Don't confuse the grape name with the Tuscan town of the same name, known for the wine Vino Nobile di Montepulciano.

Abruzzo's montepulciano grape is deserving of more recognition than it receives. It makes wines in a broad range of styles from light, refreshing roses to robust reds full of character.

These wines pair perfectly with the spicy cuisine of Abruzzo that does not use chilies sparingly!

Recommended producers in Abruzzo: Monti, Valle Reale and Villa Diana.

LAZIO

Lazio touches all five other

regions in central Italy, but in reality, shares more traits with Campania in the south, Locascio noted.

It's home to volcanic soils with vines planted on gentle slopes.

Lazio is home to the capital city Rome and has been linked historically to white wine, Frascati and the fabled Est' Est' Est'!

Once slightly sweet, today's improved winemaking has transformed them into crisp, dry wines that match seafood well.

Recommended producers in Lazio: Falesco (which is located on the border with Umbria) and Colle Picchioni.

UMBRIA

Beside a global demand for its famed white wine Orvieto, Umbria, with its lime-rich soils and cooler climate, may have as great a potential for superior red wine production as Tuscany.

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New Zealand winners: 2002 Villa Maria Private Bin East Coast (\$13) and 2002 Esk Valley (\$15).

New bargain from Australia: 2002 Thirsty Lizard (\$8).

Wallet friendly: 2002 Rosemount (\$10) and 2001 Carmenet Cellar Selection (\$8). All wines mentioned are available in the metro Detroit area. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

TURKISH

FROM PAGE D1

Plymouth Road in Ann Arbor Zeynel Aksoy, who presided over the kebabs at TACAM's modest community center in Wixom, said it took four days for him to prepare them a day for shopping a day for grinding the lamb and beef and marinating them in the spices, a day to layer the top sirloin with the ground meat, and a day to cook them

Aksoy, who lives in Clarkston, is vice president of TACAM and an operations and quality manager for General Electric He served them up to us in pita bread, into which we spooned plenty of the lovely cucumber-yogurt sauce known as tzatsiki

Leyla Ahmed, a board member who works in Rochester Hills, seasoned the cucumbers and yogurt with fresh dill, a little olive oil and lots of garlic The rice pilaf she made to accompany it was actually orzo that she browns in butter on top of the stove before boiling it in a chicken or vegetable broth She then adds sauteed slivered almonds

MEZES AND MUCH MORE

Turkey is the only country I've visited that prompted me to return home and invite friends over for a Turkish dinner party - in fact, I did it twice



Two of the mezes the eggplant puree (left) and the cucumber yogurt salad await the guests arriving for a Turkish dinner

I loved the food there, consisting of appetizers, called mezés, delicious soups, fresh vegetables and salads, fresh fish grilled with olive oil and lemon juice, and, of course, kebabs So did our friends and fellow West Bloomfield residents, Bill and Ellen Sachs, with whom we traveled Spurred on by Ellen's purchase in Istanbul of an English version of the *Turkish Cuisine* cookbook and by my successful search for Turkish placemats, we co-hosted several couples

We made some of the dishes we discovered in Turkey and some that we didn't And we served ouzo that was a welcoming gift from a hotel in Athens, Greece and two different Turkish wines

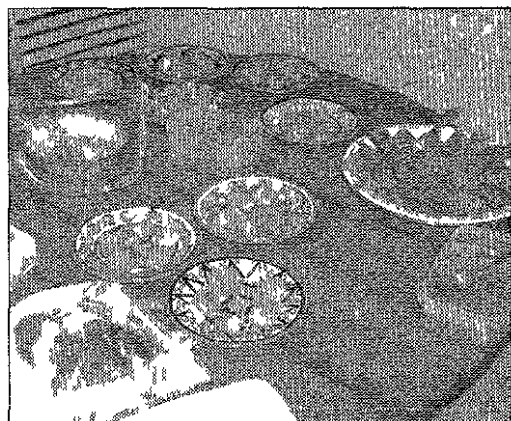
Turkish cuisine seems to revolve around the eggplant The Ottoman Palace reportedly had more than 200 recipes for eggplant, many of which are still in use Our mezés included an eggplant puree (patlican salatas) that we slathered on pita bread, a more salad-oriented form of tzatsiki and vegetables chopped into a shepherd's salad (coban salatasi)

A cream of vegetable soup (ezm sebze corbasi) was the second course

As an entree we served a version of Iskander Kebab the yogurt kebab that was my favorite food in all of Turkey Considered the supreme of doners, it was reportedly created in the 1700s in the Turkish city of Bursa by a famous chef Iskander (Alexander)

It differs from the doner kebab in that the lamb is roasted a la doner but then spread atop diced flat pita bread, topped with a savory tomato sauce and browned butter, and served with a dollop of fresh yogurt on the side

For dessert at the kebab



Apricots with clotted cream sprinkled with pistachios offer an exciting blend of flavors

party, our Turkish-American hosts served up an assortment of Mediterranean pastries, including baklava Turkish desserts tend to be either syrupy pastries like baklava, milk puddings or fruit confections For our dinner party, Ellen chose to prepare apricots with clotted cream (kaymakli kayisi tatlisi) The dried apricot stuffed with the sweet cream turned out to be an amazing combination

Since the party, the Mediterranean Market and Bakery has opened up on Northwestern Highway near Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills

There sitting on shelves next to foods from countries along the Mediterranean are many Turkish products They include

RECIPES

CREAM OF VEGETABLE SOUP (ESME SERBZE CORBASI)

- 2 carrots
- 3 potatoes
- 2 onions
- 2 celery roots
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons flour
- salt
- 12 cups beef broth

Peel the onion and cut into small semi circles Chop the other vegetables into small pieces Put the butter in a pan and add the vegetables Cook at medium heat for five minutes, stirring Add the flour, stir, add the salt and meat stock and cook for half an hour When ready, put through a blender and serve with croutons Serves 10

Recipe from *Turkish Cuisine* by Tugrul Savkay

YOGURT KEBABS

- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon finely grated lemon zest
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon coarse salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 3 cups cubed (1/2 inch) roasted leg of lamb beef or chicken warmed
- 4 pita breads (six inch diameter) cut into cubes
- 3 cups tomato sauce (see following recipe)
- 1/2 cups plain non fat yogurt
- 2 tablespoons coarsely chopped flat leaf parsley
- 4 scallions (3 inches green left on) sliced 1/4 inch thick on diagonal

Place the olive oil lemon zest, lemon juice salt and pepper in a bowl and whisk to blend Add the lamb or chicken and toss to cover the cubes completely When ready to serve spread the pita squares on the bottom of a large rummed serving dish Cover the pita evenly first with the tomato sauce (recipe below) and then with a layer of yogurt Distribute the meat pieces evenly over the

yogurt Sprinkle the parsley and scallions over the top Serves four

TOMATO SAUCE (MAKES 5 CUPS)

- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1 cup of diced (1/4 inch) onion
- 3 cans (two 28 ounces each one 14 ounce) plum tomatoes drained but reserving 1 cup juice tomatoes lightly crushed
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 cup dry red wine
- 2 large cloves garlic
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 1/4 cup coarsely chopped fresh mint leaves

Heat the oil over low heat in a large heavy pot Add the onion and cook 10 minutes, stirring often Add the crushed tomatoes with the reserved juice, the tomato paste, honey, red wine, garlic, and cinnamon sticks to the onion Simmer uncovered, stirring occasionally, for an hour Remove the garlic and cinnamon and stir in the fresh mint Serve immediately or cool slightly and refrigerate for up to three days

Adapted from *Shela Lukrns All Around the World Cookbook*

APRICOTS WITH CLOTTED CREAM (KAYMAKLI KAYISI TATLISI)

- 1 pound dried apricots
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 1/2 cups water
- 1 cup clotted cream
- Pistachios

Soak the dried apricots in plenty of cold water overnight Boil up the water and sugar to a syrup Drain the apricots, place in the syrup and cook for at most 15 minutes

Set aside to cool Split open the apricots, stuff with clotted cream and close Arrange on a service dish Sprinkle whole or ground pistachio nuts over and serve Serves 10

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Fire up grilled pork kebabs with ginger molasses barbecue

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pork with a low fat content can be a good companion for rich sauces, giving fat-conscious cooks the chance to create dishes that taste smulfily good

This recipe, created by Shelley Wiseman for the Every Day feature in Gourmet magazine's August issue, uses pork tenderloin, one of the leanest cuts available

The recipe's barbecue sauce takes the summertime backyard favorite and adds an invigorating twist of ginger and chili. Add the smoky flavor from the grill and you have a filling, savory main course that belies its low-fat status

GRILLED PORK KEBABS WITH GINGER MOLASSES BARBECUE SAUCE

- For barbecue sauce
- 6 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons ketchup
- 1/2 tablespoons molasses (regular or robust not blackstrap)
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh serra

- no or other small hot green chili (1 or 2) including seeds
- 1/2 tablespoon minced peeled fresh ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

- For pork
- 1 pound pork tenderloin trimmed
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Special equipment About 30 8 inch wooden skewers soaked in water for 30 minutes

To make barbecue sauce
Stir together all sauce ingredients in a 1- to 1 1/2-quart heavy saucepan and briskly simmer, uncovered, stirring occasionally, until thickened and reduced to about 1/2 cup, about 3 minutes. Transfer sauce to a medium bowl and cool to room temperature

To prepare and grill pork kebabs
Put tenderloin on a cutting board. Starting about 5 inches from narrow end of tenderloin and holding a large sharp knife at a 30-degree angle to cutting board, cut a thin slice (1/8 to 1/4 inch thick) from tenderloin, slicing diagonally toward narrow end and cutting through to cutting board. Continue to cut thin slices from tenderloin following same diagonal, starting each consecutive slice closer to wide

end (You will have about 12 slices. Cut any slices more than 2 inches wide in half lengthwise.)

Thread two skewers, one at a time and 1/2 to 1 inch apart, lengthwise through each slice of pork and transfer to a tray lined with plastic wrap

If using a charcoal grill, open vents on bottom of grill then light charcoal. Charcoal fire is hot when you can hold your hand 5 inches above rack for 1 to 2 seconds. If using a gas grill, preheat burners on high covered, 10 minutes

Sprinkle pork slices with salt and brush both sides with barbecue sauce then grill on oiled grill rack, uncovered, turning over once, until just cooked through 2 to 3 minutes total

Discard any leftover sauce
Note: Barbecue sauce can be made 6 hours ahead and chilled, covered

Kebabs can be prepared 6 hours before grilling (without salt or sauce) and chilled. If you aren't able to grill outdoors, cook kebabs in a hot oiled well-seasoned ridged grill pan over moderately high heat. Makes 4 servings

Nutritional information per serving: 241 cal., 8 g fat

Menu of tilapia, avocados and margaritas

BY JOAN BRUNSKILL ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — Eating well without spending hours in the kitchen is Rachael Ray's specialty and she's more than ready to encourage everyone to enjoy it as much as she does. "I'm always trying to figure out, what do people really want, what can they really do," she said on a recent visit to Manhattan.

To further her mission to make good, streamlined cooking accessible, besides extolling it on her popular TV food shows on the Food Network, she has a new cookbook out "Rachael Ray 30-Minute Meals 2" (Lake Isle Press, 2003 \$16.95 paperback)

She'd written an earlier book, "Rachael Ray 30-Minute Meals" but points out, "This is the first book in full menus." Why 30 minutes? She answers her own question "It's like the Goldilocks of time. Fifteen minutes is too little, an hour is too much."

She doesn't want anyone to imagine this speedy cuisine is difficult, that her level of cooking is beyond ordinary folks' reach. "I don't wear a chef's coat, I'm not a chef," she says. "The recipes are set out freestyle. I don't measure a thing, I think it's much more fun to cook that way."

With characteristic energy and high spirits, she runs through reasons why the 30-minute thing should be a breeze for anyone. Easy shopping, first off, before any cooking begins. "The book's very practical. You'll see a lot of the same flavors overlap across menus. I always try to think of the customer, what can they use again?"

Ray lives in upstate New York and has her own routine. "In the country I tend to do one big shopping day, getting the pantry staples, and sturdy things like onions and durable herbs like parsley. Then a couple of times a week you can get fresh supplies, like basil."

Fresh herbs, including parsley, sage, rosemary, thyme and bay leaves are very important, and they all keep about a week, she says, but basil is more delicate.

She always keeps a supply of basics: pasta, olive oil, anchovy, canned tuna, beef and vegetable stock.

Here she interjects a tip: "These stocks are such a great thing. If you add stock and crushed tomato, something tastes like it's been cooking all day. And fresh herbs make all the difference if you're cooking with canned items."

You can tailor the basics, she says, and build a pantry to your individual taste.

"Using adventurous foods is the way I've always eaten. I think it's important to invest in the cuisine you love the most. If I loved Tex-Mex, I'd make sure I always have the cumin, coriander and chilies. I love Mediterranean so I always

have those things on hand. If I was a meat-and-potato man, I'd have the Worcestershire."

She describes Mediterranean cuisine as "peasant food, really simple food." Many of her recipes are rooted in her family's cooking, often going back a generation or two.

"I try to come up with a new twist, but I still try to honor the tradition. I try to read up on it, figure out what spice or seasoning is at its center — and then I try to make it into what you can do in 30 minutes in real time."

The fast food you cook at home can be healthy, too, she says reassuringly. It can be good for you, the way she learned to make it.

I write about what I eat in real life and I eat healthy, she says. "That's why I call for things like the extra-virgin olive oil, oneless, skinless chicken, ground sirloin, not ground chuck. 'Every recipe I write is on that principle. I'm a size 4 and I want to stay that way,' she adds, laughing.

About budgeting. Processed food may be inexpensive — "but I want to show people that it's still economically sound, and better for you, to make things fresh. You can get more for your money buying a bunch of fresh broccoli or whatever."

Note her kitchen style, too. I don't spend a lot on gadgets, I don't have fancy kitchen equipment," she says. "I have a processor I bought for about \$28 at Kmart." She suggests you get a couple of heavy-bottomed pots, a huge slab of wood for your cutting board, a very sharp knife — "and one big garbage container for all the bits. That's a real time saver."

A tangent to budgeting is her book's "special dinner" category, she explains. Cooking lobster or tenderloin steak at home can make a level of dining accessible to people who can't afford to eat out at restaurants.

"I hope to empower people to eat at home, but to have get-away experiences doing it. That's important to the day-to-day quality of life."

JOHN'S FISH: TILAPIA WITH TOMATILLO SAUCE

- 4 fillets tilapia (11/4 to 1/2 pounds)
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1 tsp ground cumin (eyeball it)
- 1/2 tsp sweet paprika (eyeball it)
- 2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil (twice around the pan)
- The juice of 1 lime
- 1/2 medium red onion chopped
- 1 jalapeno or serrano pepper seeded and finely chopped
- 2 or 3 large cloves garlic finely chopped
- 8 to 10 tomatillos, peeled and diced with juice
- Coarse salt to taste
- 1/2 bottle pale beer
- 2 tbsp chopped cilantro (a palm full) plus a few sprigs for garnish
- Avocados With Creamy Maque

- Choux (Corn and Peppers)
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil (once around the pan)
- 1/2 red onion chopped
- 1 jalapeno pepper seeded and finely chopped
- 1 small red bell pepper seeded and chopped

- 4 ears fresh corn on the cob husked
- A sprinkle of sugar
- Dash cayenne pepper
- Dash salt
- 2 tbsps butter
- 2 ripe avocados
- The juice of 1 lime
- Coarse salt

Season tilapia on both sides with salt, pepper, cumin and paprika. Preheat a nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add 1 tablespoon olive oil to the hot skillet and saute tilapia 3 minutes on each side, turning carefully with a thin spatula. Squeeze the juice of 1/2 lime over the fish, and transfer fillets to a warm serving platter.

Return skillet to the stove over medium-high heat. Add 1 tablespoon olive oil, red onion, jalapeno and garlic and saute 1 minute or 2, then add tomatillos. Season with salt and pepper and saute another 1 or 2 minutes.

Add beer and the juice of 1/2 lime and bring sauce to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer 5 minutes.

While sauce is simmering, get a second skillet hot over moderate heat. Add olive oil, onion, jalapeno and bell pepper, and saute 2 or 3 minutes. Working on a plate to catch the milky juices, scrape corn off the cob. Break up kernels and pour into the skillet. Combine with peppers and onions.

Season with sugar, cayenne and salt. When mixture bubbles, reduce heat to a simmer. Cut butter into pieces, stir into corn mixture, and simmer until creamy, 5 to 7 minutes.

Cut avocados in half lengthwise and remove pits. Squeeze lime juice over the avocados to keep them from browning and season with a little coarse salt.

Back to the sauce for fish. Add cilantro, and adjust salt and pepper to taste.

Spoon hot tomatillo sauce over the fish and garnish with sprigs of cilantro.

To serve, set 1/2 an avocado per person alongside a serving of fish, topped with tomatillo sauce. Fill the avocado with maque choux, allowing the corn to spill down and over the sides.

The ripe avocado is spooned away from its skin with bites of creamy warm corn and peppers. Makes 4 servings.

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Tomatoes 101 plus

Chef teaches all-tomato menu

BY JOAN CIRILLO

PORTLAND, Ore (AP) — It's a tasty question to face: What to do with all those colorful, juicy, ripe tomatoes growing in your garden, or spilling from farm fresh market stands?

This is the season to explore new ways to prepare the plump fruit, and taste the different heirloom varieties that come in a rainbow of colors, including red, orange, yellow, green, white, purple — and even brown, black and mottled.

"They're powerful flavor bombs," says Paul Klitsie, executive chef and co-owner of Ristorante Fratelli in the fashionable Pearl District here. "You can do so many things with them. I'll use tomatoes whenever I can."

The 39-year-old Dutch chef sees them as one of the most versatile foods, adaptable to every course of a meal from the simplest uncooked salad to a tomato sorbet.

He even teaches a tomato-themed cooking class here.

Tomato purists argue that nothing matches the succulence and sweetness of a just-picked tomato, eaten uncooked and out of hand. Advocates of fresh tomatoes accompany them with basil, or pair them with the freshest mozzarella or goat cheese, lightly seasoned with salt, fresh ground pepper,

and a sprinkling of extra virgin olive oil.

Tomatoes were not always so well liked, though. Indigenous to South America, the tomato was domesticated in Central America and Mexico, and then taken back to Spain by early explorers. But because tomatoes are members of the nightshade family, some thought them to be deadly. (Their leaves do contain toxic alkaloids.) They became popular in this country only in the 1900s.

Ironically, tomatoes also gained a reputation as a powerful aphrodisiac.

The French called them "pommes d'amour" or "love apples." Like the apple, the tomato is botanically a fruit, but in 1893 the U.S. government classified it as a vegetable for trade purposes.

Whether you call it a fruit or a vegetable, tomatoes rate high on the healthy foods scale. Because they're a good source of vitamins A and C, they have gained attention in recent years for their antioxidant value.

In particular, they contain the nutrient lycopene, which gives them their vibrant color and is related to beta carotene. The nutrient is concentrated when tomatoes are heated.

Both hot and cold dishes are the theme of Klitsie's tomato class. He recently demonstrated the recipes and talked about

his cooking and use of tomatoes during an interview in his restaurant's open kitchen.

The chef, who grew up eating hothouse tomatoes in his native Rotterdam, describes his cooking as traditional with a twist — simple. His kitchen philosophy: Use few ingredients, prepare them perfectly, and bring out natural flavor combinations that work well together.

"It's very unpretentious," he says of his cooking and his restaurant's food, which is often enhanced by the produce from his partner's prolific nearby garden.

Klitsie was trained at culinary school in Germany, apprenticed in European restaurants, and was the executive chef at the acclaimed Italian Restaurant Vasso in Amsterdam from 1989 to 1997 — he wrote the restaurant's cookbook.

The following year, Klitsie came to Portland and opened his rustic regional Italian restaurant with chef Tim Cuscaden, a 35-year-old Culinary Institute of America graduate.

Klitsie had met Cuscaden in Europe and hired him as his sous chef at Vasso. They named their restaurant Fratelli (Italian for "brothers"), Klitsie says, because it typifies their relationship.

For his class menu, Klitsie favors Italian plum (Roma)

tomatoes. "They hold up well," he says. Along with eggplant, they are the basis for caponata, the Sicilian dish which he calls a stew.

The dish is typically served cold or hot, as a salad or side dish. Klitsie recommends putting it on bruschetta and serving it as an appetizer. His special secret? Finishing the stew with a half-cup of strong coffee, which he says brings out the acidic flavors of the ingredients.

His Fratelli panzanella, or tomato bread salad, also has a twist.

Traditionally, this salad was the poor man's dinner in Rome and Tuscany because it used stale bread soaked in water.

Klitsie replaces the bread with toasted bread croutons and fresh

breadcrumbs. He substitutes roasted red peppers for the traditional raw peppers, adds Parmesan cheese and mixed greens, and eliminates the capers from the traditional recipe.

The chef demonstrated how he prepares a tomato dressing over sauteed halibut on wilted spinach.

The dressing is made with skinned, diced tomatoes which he prefers to skin with a knife instead of briefly plunging the tomatoes in hot and then cold water to loosen skins. He says the hot water treatment starts to break down the tomato flesh.

The flavorful dressing can also be used on an arugula salad or as an accompaniment to other fish.

The perfect finale to Klitsie's class menu is basil gelato, a complex and rich ice cream with a distinctly pleasing flavor — after all, what goes better with tomatoes than basil?

This fish dish has fresh halibut topped with a salsa sauce of tomatoes, red onions, garlic, lemon zest, orange zest, thyme, Italian parsley olives and anchovies.

It's served over lightly cooked spinach accented with wine and it has summer flavors that will taste great all year long.

SAUTEED HALIBUT WITH WILTED SPINACH AND TOMATO DRESSING

For the dressing
8 large Roma tomatoes skinned and diced into 1/2 pieces (see following directions)
2 small red onions diced
4 cloves garlic chopped
Grated zest of 1 lemon
Grated zest of 1 orange
1 tbsp fresh thyme chopped
2 tbsp fresh Italian parsley chopped
1/2 cup pitted sliced olives
2 anchovies minced (optional)
1/4 tsp salt
1/2 tsp fresh ground black pepper
3/4 tsp sugar
1/2 cup red wine vinegar
2 cups extra virgin olive oil
For the spinach
1 small yellow onion diced
1/2 cup white wine
1 1/2 pounds of fresh spinach
1/4 tsp salt
Freshly ground black pepper to taste

FOR THE HALIBUT:

Extra virgin olive oil to coat pan
6 halibut filets about 6 ounces each skin removed
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

TO MAKE THE DRESSING:

Slice off the top and bottom ends of the tomatoes and cut the tomatoes lengthwise into quarters, removing the seeds. Lay the tomato quarters skin side down on a cutting board and file the skins from the meat. Dice the tomatoes into 1/2-inch pieces.

Combine the tomatoes, red onions, garlic, lemon zest, orange zest, thyme, Italian parsley, olives and anchovies and gently toss in a metal bowl. Add the salt, pepper and sugar. Mix gently. Add the red wine vinegar and stir.

Carefully add the extra-virgin olive oil, making sure that the oil covers the ingredients. Marinate the dressing for four hours.

TO MAKE THE SPINACH:

Heat a large stockpot over medium heat. Add half the onions, half the wine, half the spinach, the salt and pepper.

Cook together until the spinach is wilted by half. Add the rest of the onions, wine and spinach. (Half of the spinach will be more cooked; this will add variation to the color and texture.) If desired, season with salt and pepper, to taste.

TO MAKE THE HALIBUT:

Season the fish on both sides with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Bring a large saute pan to high heat. Add olive oil and then saute the fish in the pan with the 'skin' side down for about 3 minutes, until this side appears to be crisp and golden brown. Flip the fish to its other side and cook for an additional 3 minutes. The halibut is best served when it is still medium rare to medium on the inside. Note: Longer cooking may result in the fish becoming dry.

TO ASSEMBLE THE DISH:

Divide the spinach among 6 plates and place the sauteed halibut over the spinach. Stir the dressing and then evenly divide the dressing over each portion of halibut. Makes 6 servings.

Chef's Note: The dressing used in this recipe can also be used with arugula to create a flavorful salad.

BRUSCHETTA

1 baguette
6 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil
1 clove garlic
Salt and fresh ground pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 450 F, or pre-heat grill over high heat. Slice six 1/2-inch pieces of the baguette on a 45-degree angle. Coat each slice with about 1 teaspoon olive oil, and salt and pepper. Roast the slices in the oven or on the grill until they are golden brown on each side. Remove from heat.

Cut the clove of garlic in half. While the bread is still warm, rub one side of the bread with the garlic. Top with Caponata, and small dollops of fresh goat cheese as desired. Makes 6 servings.

Basil gelato, made with a delicate and flavorful basil-infused tomato custard, is a perfect way to finish off a tomato-themed meal.




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A pasta sauce that cooks itself

Labor Day doesn't have to be celebrated with the grill. Hot weather and an abundant supply of ripe tomatoes create the perfect time for an easy, uncooked Italian pasta sauce called salsa cruda, or raw sauce. The heat from the cooked pasta mixed with it brings out the rich flavors of the ingredients.

If the holiday just doesn't seem right without grilled meats, offer pasta with salsa cruda as a side dish.

Salsa cruda can be varied like any pasta sauce by adding chopped olives, capers, anchovy, sun-dried tomatoes or any other favorite ingredient.

Whatever else goes into it, lush, ripe tomatoes are essential.

Tomatoes without flavor means a sauce without flavor. If they are juicy and flavorful, any type of fresh tomato - regular or plum - works well.

Like other light sauces, salsa cruda goes well with more than pasta. Try it with grilled, broiled or baked fish like salmon, swordfish or halibut. Or use it on slices of grilled or toasted garlic bread to make bruschetta. Add crumbled feta cheese or diced mozzarella to the sauce and sprinkle it over a salad, or add cooked bulgur to make tabouleh.

Summer is the best time to take advantage of fresh tomatoes, not only for their perfect flavor but for their health benefits as well.

Lycopene, the substance that gives tomatoes, watermelon and guava, as well as red and pink grapefruit, their characteristic color, seems to be a powerful antioxidant that neutralizes molecules that would otherwise react with and damage cells. Lycopene seems to reduce growth of prostate cancer cells, for example.

In a large Harvard University study, the risk of prostate cancer was one-third lower in men who ate the most tomato products compared to men who ate the least, and many researchers believe lycopene was the reason.

Later studies also linked greater consumption of foods high in lycopene to a lower risk of prostate and other cancers.

A summer salsa cruda is a good way to get great nutrition as well as the great taste of tomatoes at their flavor peak. The hearty flavor of whole-grain pasta goes particularly well with this sauce.

Although sprinkling grated cheese on pasta seems almost instinctive, salsa cruda is usually served without it.

SPAGHETTI WITH SALSA CRUDA

- 1 1/4 lb plum tomatoes seeded and diced about 4 cups
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/4 cup finely chopped red onion
- 3 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil divided
- 1/4 cup coarsely chopped flat parsley
- 2 Tbsp coarsely chopped fresh basil
- 1/2 lb whole grain spaghetti
- Freshly ground pepper

In a glass, ceramic or plastic bowl, combine the tomatoes with the salt, the onion and 2 tablespoons of the oil. Set aside for 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, boil a large pot of water and cook the spaghetti al dente according to package directions. Drain the spaghetti and turn it into a large warm serving bowl. Toss the pasta with the remaining tablespoon of oil to keep it from sticking together.

Mix the parsley and basil into the tomatoes. Season generously with pepper. Pour the salsa cruda over the warm pasta. Toss the entire mixture to blend well. Serve immediately. Makes 5 servings.

Per serving: 330 calories, 10 g total fat (1 g saturated fat), 55 g carbohydrate, 11 g protein, 10 g dietary fiber, 463 mg sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

How to tame your tomato

BY JOAN CIRILLO

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Paul Klitsie, executive chef and co-owner of Ristorante Fratelli, is a great fan of the tomato. Here's some advice from him on how to tame your tomatoes.

How to skin and seed a tomato with a knife:

1. Cut off both ends and slice tomato into quarters.
2. Lay tomato quarters, skin side down, on cutting board. Run sharp knife along flesh to remove seeds and pulp.
3. Gently press tomato quar-

ter flat on cutting board, skin side down, and insert knife between flesh and skin at narrow end of quarter. Run knife along tomato to remove flesh from skin.

Buy tomatoes that are firm and fragrant and give slightly to palm pressure. They should be heavy for their size and free of blemishes and cracks.

Store ripe tomatoes, stem side down, at room temperature away from direct sunlight.

Never refrigerate tomatoes. Cold temperatures destroy the flavor and create pulpy flesh.

Use ripe tomatoes within a few days. Cut tomatoes with an inexpensive tomato knife or use the tip of a sharp pointed knife to pierce skin and then cut into the skin at the pierced point. Seed tomatoes by cutting them in half horizontally and gently squeezing each half. Squeeze over a strainer and bowl to preserve juice to use in dressings or sauces. Don't use an aluminum pan to cook tomatoes or tomato-based sauces. The aluminum leaves a bitter aftertaste and the tomato will lose its bright color.

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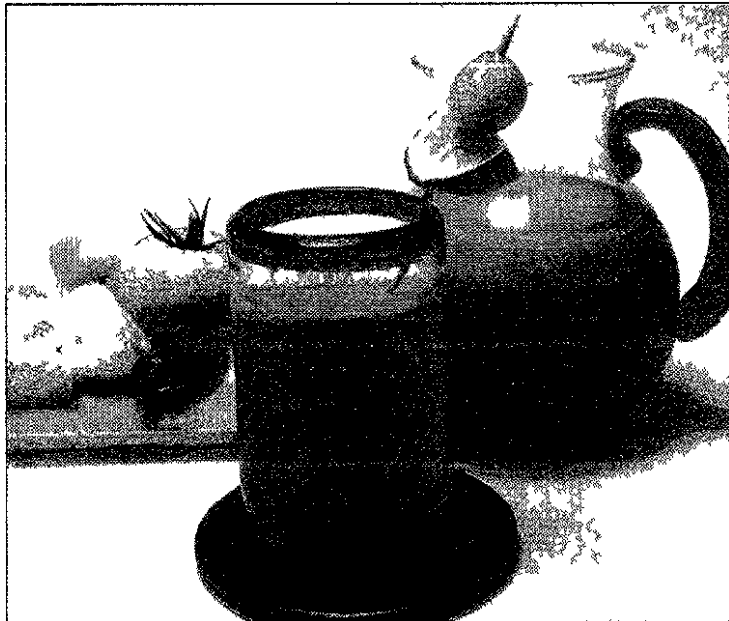
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Try this refreshing, savory, salsa-flavored smoothie

Tempting ways to serve tomatoes

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

Tomatoes are rich in so many good things, including vitamin C, lycopene and assorted carotenes, that eating them every day is a good idea — especially now, while local, ripe tomatoes are at their peak.

Here are ideas for serving tomatoes in a variety of ways. Delicious now, they will be even more welcome when out-of-season tomatoes need a flavor boost.

With their thick, sweet flesh, round cherry and oval grape tomatoes can be a better choice than the regular kind because even if bought at the super market, they taste good year round. They're great for adding color to a green salad, but they also do well on their own.

Halve these miniatures, then toss them with a light dressing of lemon juice, rice wine vinegar and a few drops of olive oil. This dressing makes it possible to serve them as a salad, heaped on a bed of lettuce that gets bathed with their tangy juices and the dressing.

Fresh salsa is another treat. Think of adding diced mango, jicama, cucumber or other produce when making a salsa.

A freshly made salsa richly textured with many ingredients can be so irresistible that your family members will each eat a whole cup, providing a healthy two servings of the minimum recommended five-a-day for fruits and vegetables.

Remember that juice counts, too, toward those recommend-

ed servings. Try this refreshing, savory salsa flavored smoothie

GAZPACHO SMOOTHIE

- 1 small tomato quartered
- ¾ cup tomato juice cocktail chilled
- 2 Tbsp minced fresh cilantro leaves
- 1 small garlic clove chopped
- ¼ jalapeño pepper (or to taste) chopped
- ¼ tsp ground cumin
- Juice of ½ fresh lime (about 1 Tbsp)
- Small wedge of fresh lime and a cherry tomato for garnish (optional)

Freeze tomato in a plastic bag until hard, about 3 to 4 hours (They will keep up to one week. Several tomatoes may be frozen at a time.)

Place frozen tomato, juice, cilantro, garlic, jalapeño, cumin and lime juice in a blender. Puree until well blended and almost smooth.

Pour into a tall tumbler filled with ice cubes. Garnish if desired with a small wedge of lime and a cherry tomato speared on a short skewer and added to the glass like a swizzle stick.

Serve immediately.

Makes 1 serving. (Recipe can be multiplied to make more servings, but you may want to cut down on garlic and jalapeño if you do.)

Per serving: 63 calories, 0 g total fat (0 g saturated fat), 14 g carbohydrate, 2 g protein, 2 g dietary fiber, 444 mg sodium.

Dana Jacob writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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Real Estate Inquires

Robert M Meisner

Board problems require help of an attorney

Does the Board of Directors of a Condominium Association typically have the authority to change, modify or grant waivers or variances to the Condominium Bylaws or is a vote of the members of the Association required to do so? Are the titles "Board of Directors" and "Association" one in the same? Does the Board always speak for and as the Association?

Typically, the Board of Directors has the authority to grant waivers or variances to the Condominium By-laws in the context of making modifications to the common elements. Other than that, it may require an amendment to the Condominium Documents which requires typically 2/3 of the Co-owners and perhaps 2/3 of the mortgagees. The terms "Board of Directors" and "Association" are not always synonymous and it depends on the documents. The Association typically operates through its Board of Directors and many times the Condominium Documents refer to the Board as if it were the Association. You are best advised however to have a knowledgeable condominium lawyer review your Condominium Documents to answer your questions with appropriate specificity.

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Myron and Mimi Singer are packing for their move to southern California

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Make sure everyone agrees on what stays, goes

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

A knob can close the door on a sale.

So can a ceiling fan, a wall mirror or the freezer out in the garage.

These are just some of the things real estate agents have to think about when listing a house or showing one to a potential buyer, said Charlene Lucas, Realtor and part owner of Century 21 Premier Realty.

Lucas offered a list of possible troublemakers that includes things like stained glass windows that aren't really windows but are attached to the front of the windows, swing sets, pools and some landscaping. Even mailboxes.

Sometimes the seller thinks that because they put it in, they can take it out. My best advice to agents and sellers is to walk around the house and observe everything and discuss it as being included for sale with the house or excluded.

How about that antique sconce the owner put on the dining room wall? If that's old Aunt Loretta's heirloom, remove it prior to showing. Let's not make a light fixture a negotiating item.

You're working on a \$250,000 sale and it comes down to one valance in the master bedroom that means something to both the buyer and the seller and the deal falls apart because of something as minor as that.

Seller and buyer, Lucas said, must be careful about anything that is possible to remove from the house or lot. "You can't remove the skylight you put in," she said, "but the blind over it can be taken away."

If the seller wants to keep the fancy ceiling fan in the dining room, it should be removed and replaced before showing, Lucas said, or the buyer should be told it will be replaced with a fan up to a certain value.

Lucas knows of backyard

playscapes that were removed by sellers even though the buyers thought something so large and seemingly permanent must be part of the house. And she knows of drapery rods that were removed and then the Realtor is out buying drapery rods.

In another house, the stained glass panels were not on the agreement and the seller hadn't intended to include them, but the buyer had expected them to be included. The buyer compensates the seller.

What about that door knob? Yes, Lucas said, the seller replaces antique glass knobs with cheap metal knobs and 'who wants to test that in court?'

She recalls a deal that said all appliances included, but the seller had forgotten about the freezer in the garage. Meant to keep it, but had to let it go.

And then there are gray areas, Lucas said, such as the ironing board that's attached to the back of a door or the mirror that's screwed onto the wall instead of hanging from a picture hook.

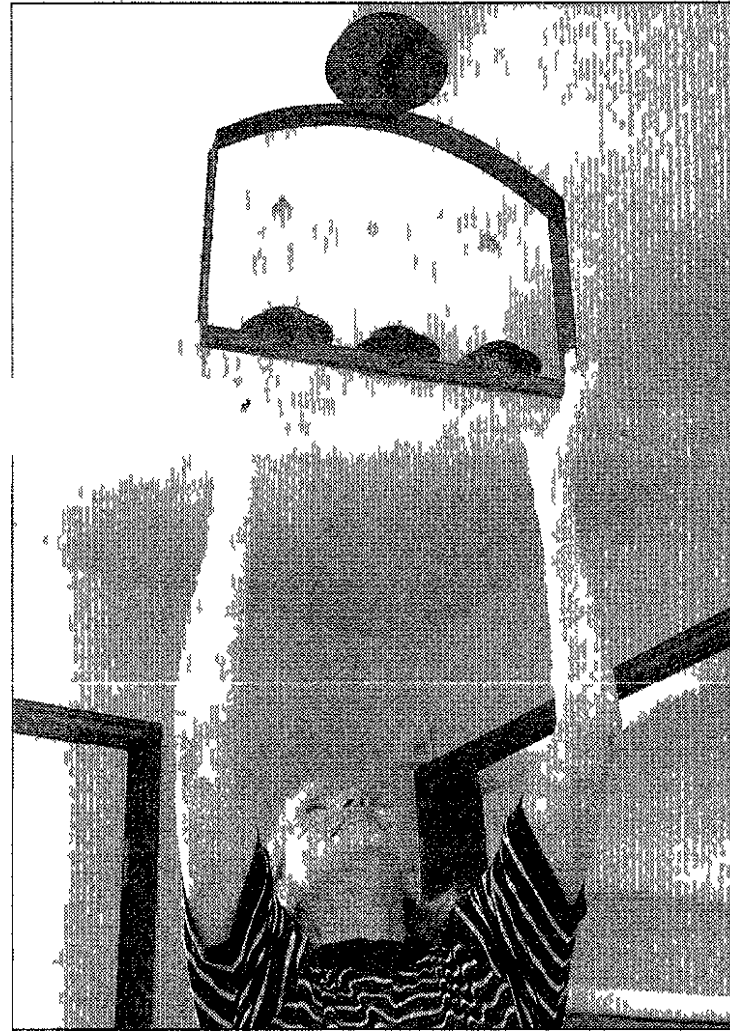
As an agent, Lucas said, it's your responsibility to protect your client, whether seller or buyer.

Mary Rettig agreed. Rettig, associate broker, ERA Alliance Realty, Farmington Hills, said, "I make sure my contracts list everything included and excluded."

But complications still can occur. Rettig said she had a deal where the seller was leaving the appliances, but the buyer didn't want them. The other agent and I scrambled to get them out and donate them to charity.

Even things 'bolted in' that are assumed to be part of the house, said Eva Goren, might not be. Things that look too big or too difficult to move might not be included.

Goren, Realtor Hall & Hunter, Birmingham, was caught in a planter pickle more than once.



Fixtures like this generally stay with the home when you move

One deal involved a set of very large, very expensive, Italian-made planters near the home's swimming pool.

Armed with her experience of resolving a conflict about large planters at the entrance of another home, Goren put on her psychologist's hat. "You want both parties to feel like winners."

She told the buyer that typically you wouldn't expect these oversized, costly pots to be included.

And the seller was praised for having such good taste and the design sense to use these pots to beautify the house and give it so much sales appeal. The pots stayed.

At Max Brock, Rochester, Brent Cleland, vice president of sales, said last-minute con-

licts about what stays/what goes should never happen if you're doing your job.

"There should be no misunderstandings," said Cleland. "We need to be sure that agents are verifying everything [that's on the original listing ticket] at the time of the purchase agreement. There should never be any surprises."

Right, said Michelle Phaup, broker, Clarkston Realty, Clarkston, attributing the absence of those last-minute surprises in her deals to the evolution of the purchase agreement. Much less specific in years past, she said, it now spells out everything.

Okay, but you still might want to check on those door knobs.

Mortgage Bits



Tim Timbo Phillips

Credit reporting war heats up

Recently wrote a four-part series on the rising hostilities between consumers and the country's major credit reporting agencies. Since then, the war has heated up.

Your consumer credit score more critically defines your financial capability than any other single indicator. A cash-stuffed mattress and a six-digit income mean little if you have a terrible credit score. Your credit score may now be used as the primary — if not the sole — factor in determining whether you can rent an apartment, get a mortgage, cash a check, use a debit card, be insured or even get hired.

These high stakes have consumers more closely guarding this precious commodity. Some have contested inaccurate entries to their credit reports on their own, while others have solicited help from professional third parties — credit repair companies, mortgage loan officers and attorneys. The resulting onslaught of challenges to credit report entries have the country's three major credit repositories — Transunion, Equifax and Experian — running for cover and sometimes shooting back.

Class-action and individual lawsuits against these credit giants are springing up like wildfires. To date, the three have paid many millions of dollars in settlement charges for Fair Credit Reporting Act violations, but these penalties cannot compare to the negative impact affected consumers have felt. According to the Federal Trade Commission's complaints, the bureaus blocked calls from more than a million consumers who wanted to discuss the contents of, and possible errors in, their credit reports, and kept others on hold for unreasonably long periods of time.

Under fire, the three have returned volley on the consumer credit repair companies who have led the charge against unfair and inaccurate credit reporting. In fact, several of my clients who have worked with me to exercise their consumer credit rights have received letters encouraging them to surrender their efforts.

GET HELP

If you are repairing your credit, stay the course. Do not surrender your right to an accurate credit report without a fight. If you need help, get it. Our country remains strong by balancing power. Inaccurate and unfair credit reporting practices cannot go unchecked lest we all suffer the dreadful consequences.

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These are the Observer & Eccentric area residential real estate closings recorded for the weeks of March 31 to April 4 at the County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

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1907 Preserve \$236,000	33700 Cindy \$172,000	27665 Perth \$146,000	12860 Columbia \$132,000
453 Princeton \$223,000	2810 Clarita \$81,000	16765 R vers de \$265,000	25551 Deborah \$150,000
43736 Proctor \$182,000	29532 Curt s \$184,000	16627 Rouge \$165,000	19327 Denby \$122,000
45264 Rector \$211,000	18245 Deering \$68,000	20108 Saint Franc s \$85,000	11302 Dixie \$136,000
44453 Savery \$109,000	18309 Deering \$117,000	39038 Stacey \$265,000	18285 Fox \$85,000
4549 Sherwood \$278,000	37923 Donald \$164,000	33960 Wadsworth \$110,000	17350 Garfield \$115,000
2461 Stanton \$370,000	39347 Dona d \$202,000	9760 Wayne \$234,000	15525 Gaylord \$163,000
1722 Thistle \$252,000	14903 Farfield \$266,000	29174 Westfield \$142,000	18511 Gaylord \$110,000
44515 Twyck ngham \$210,000	32997 Fargo \$85,000	19305 Weyher \$127,000	13130 Hemingway \$122,000
1981 Vine Way \$132,000	33237 Fargo \$97,000	19822 Weyher \$160,000	18869 Indian \$66,000
43493 Abbey \$276,000	16832 Farmington \$207,000	19961 Weyher \$175,000	14844 Inkster \$132,000
1757 Abeer \$177,000	16834 Farmington \$180,000	Plymouth	25741 Jennifer \$145,000
2250 Amber \$209,000	16838 Farmington \$175,000	272 Ann \$300,000	15639 K nichol \$117,000
39550 Bart \$162,000	28163 Farmington \$180,000	850 Arthur \$153,000	186504 K nichol \$108,000
47077 B ng \$475,000	16842 Farmington \$184,000	365 Auburn \$336,000	15858 Lenore \$40,000
8630 Brewer \$407,000	16846 Farmington \$184,000	1837 Chand er \$391,000	9030 Laverne \$125,000
7040 Chadwick \$249,000	47303 Woodlong \$375,000	44683 Charmwood \$360,000	23456 Meadow Park \$198,000
650 Cherry Grove \$277,000	Garden City	14171 Foch \$177,000	8927 Mercedes \$152,000
760 Cherry Grove \$254,000	6523 Arcola \$142,000	18552 Gillman \$120,000	12777 Mercedes \$194,000
790 Cherry Grove \$248,000	30081 Balmoral \$143,000	20230 Gillman \$151,000	13960 Minock \$172,000
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7150 C ealand \$272,000	244 Cardwell \$143,000	14969 Harrison \$112,000	18421 Poinciana \$142,000
2386 Cleve and \$257,000	29807 Dover \$135,000	28875 Hathaway \$155,000	15537 Pomona \$107,000
2049 Cobra \$309,000	29141 Hennepe n \$143,000	33901 Hathaway \$184,000	8953 Rockland \$125,000
2711 Cobra \$277,000	28821 John Hawk \$140,000	14183 Hix \$200,000	12840 Royal Grand \$96,000
6108 Courtland \$234,000	5658 Lathers \$122,000	30194 Hoy \$309,000	9161 Seminole \$148,000
45373 Danbury \$270,000	33624 Marquette \$174,000	11321 Ingram \$246,000	18605 Wakenden \$144,000
1678 Fern \$205,000	29730 Winter \$123,000	9583 Inkster \$142,000	19484 Wakenden \$65,000
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46721 Larchmont \$299,000	33829 8 Mile \$115,000	31197 Lyndon \$175,000	Westland
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6533 Marshall \$250,000	19383 Antago \$132,000	9101 Melvin \$70,000	2201 Buchanan \$181,000
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8525 N Canton Cente \$75,000	28619 Buck ngham \$197,000	9735 Newburgh \$172,000	32723 Haze wood \$134,000
1588 N Morton Taylor \$232,000	12353 Camden \$155,000	14746 Park \$172,000	

Colorado ranch goes on eBay

PRNewswire - One of the largest pieces of property in Southwest Colorado went on eBay Friday, Aug 8. The ranch is appraised at \$3.7 million and the price on eBay is \$2.914 million. What is unique to this auction is that the down payment is being auctioned on eBay. The owners have agreed to participate in the financing. Weber Canyon Ranch is 1,240 acres adjacent to Mesa Verde National Park, BLM land and the Southern Ute Reservation. The ranch is seven miles out of Mancos, Colo. There is a live stream through the property and enough water to build several ponds. Elk, deer, mountain lion, wild turkey and other small game are abundant on the ranch. For several years, Weber Canyon Ranch has been the home of Rapp Guides and Packers. Jerry Rapp has been described as one of the best outfitters in the country and *Condé Nast Traveler* did a cover story on Jerry, Weber Canyon Ranch and his Pack Trips Rapp Guide Service and Weber Canyon Ranch has been the site of several movie and video shoots, advertising photo shoots, articles in *Western Horseman*, *New York and Cosmopolitan*. The eBay auction will conclude on Aug 18 at 6 p.m. PDT. The winning bidder then has 20 days to travel to Mancos, Colo., to inspect his/her purchase. The interest rate will be structured around the credit score of the buyer. The buyer will be able to reject the offer on inspection of the property. The seller reserves the right to reject the winning bidder's offer upon examining the credit score and ability to pay. There will be showings next Saturday and Sunday to four prospective bidders by appointment. "Ask any travel agent if the Internet has affected their business," said Jerry's brother Gregg Rapp, who is overseeing the auction. "I


see the same thing coming in real estate." Gregg retained Fuller Western, a Denver-based Realtor. "We are excited to help with this and finish all the detail work," said ranch broker Jack Gallagher. "Gregg thought he was going to get kicked out of our office when he presented this idea last week. We are supporting this new tool and are here to help in any way we can," Jack said. eBay auctions have recently helped sell towns, homes, land and other ranches. Weber Canyon Ranch is listed under Real Estate Ranchland Item 2339805127 (<http://cgi.aol.ebay.com/aol/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=2339805127>). For further information, please contact Gregg Rapp at (760) 323-4848 or Gregg@WeberCanyonRanch.com. There is a 3 Minute Streaming Video on the ranch at www.WeberCanyonRanch.com.

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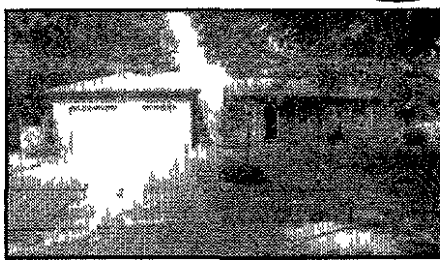
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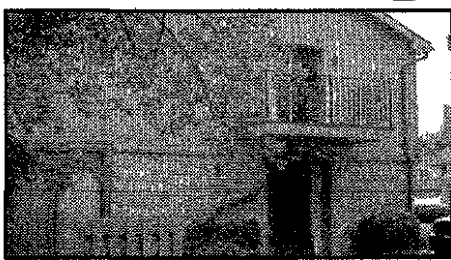
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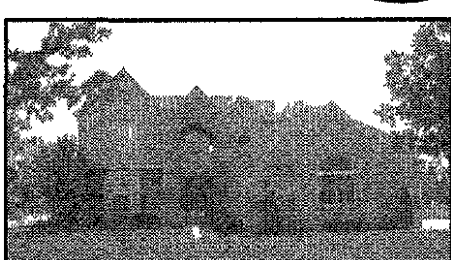
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<p>CANTON BEAUTIFUL CANTON COLONIAL Glengary Colonial stunning 4 bedroom 2 5 bath classic Pride of ownership s reflected throughout (P77MID) \$388,500</p>	<p>CANTON GORGEOUS B LEVEL Home has contemporary living room and a large family room with wood burning fireplace with surround Loads of wood floors Sub has pool and tennis court All appliances stay Lots of sto age. Must see! (P25VAL) \$229,400</p>	<p>PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP ASHFORD VILLAGE SUB COLONIAL This beautiful 3 bedrooms 2 5 bath colonial reflects pride of ownership Hardwood floors large kitchen formal dining room living room Full basement large deck (P02ASH) \$255,900</p>	<p>PLYMOUTH WALK TO TOWN! Sharp and clean 3 bedrooms 2 bath ranch with finished basement Many updates Call Today! (P67RO) \$189,900</p>	<p>REDFORD TOWNSHIP CHARMING 3-BEDROOM CAPE COD Living room with natural fireplace formal dining room full basement garage Hardwood floors new vinyl windows glass block basement window All appliances and a home warranty (P25DAL) \$114,900</p>	<p>ROMULUS Beautiful 5,000 sq ft home built on 4 acres. Incl many amenities like 2 master bedrooms 2 Jacuzzis 2 bars 2nd floor in basement ground pool w/hot tub & much more. Pre-qualified buyers only please! (19COG) \$885,900</p>

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Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) is hosting its West Oakland/Wayne County Golf Pageant on Wednesday, Aug 20
The event is 10 a m to 9 p m at Fox Hills, The Golden Fox Country Club (8768 North Territorial) in Plymouth Registration fees, including 18 holes of golf (spikeless course), cart, lunch, refreshments, dinner and golf competitions are \$135 Call (248) 862-1033

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BY JEANNINE AVERSA
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Mortgage rates reach highest level in a year

Rates on benchmark 30-year mortgages climbed this week to the highest level seen in a year, something that is chilling - but not freezing - refinancing activity
The average rate on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages for the week ending Aug 8 was 6 34 percent, up sharply from last week's rate of 6 14 percent, Freddie Mac, the mortgage giant, reported Thursday in its weekly nationwide survey
This week's rate marked the highest since the week ending Aug 2, 2002, when rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 6 43 percent
The recent upward swing in mortgage rates marks a turnaround from the middle of June, when rates on 30-year mortgages slid to 5 21 percent, the lowest level in more than four decades
Several factors have contributed to rising mortgage rates, economists said They include signs that the economy is gaining traction, concern about swelling federal budget deficits, and disappointment on Wall Street that the Federal Reserve didn't make a bolder cut to short-term rates on June 25

Those factors have pushed bond rates up, causing long-term mortgage rates to rise
Signs that the economy is finally improving have generated upward pressure on fixed-rate mortgage rates over these past few weeks," said Freddie Mac's chief economist Frank Nothaft
For 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates jumped to 5 66 percent this week, up from 5 44 percent last week This week's rate was the highest since the week ending Oct 25, 2002, when 15-year mortgages averaged 5 70 percent
Rates for one-year adjustable mortgages rose this week to 3 80 percent, up from 3 68 percent last week
The recent rise in mortgage rates is slowing home-mortgage refinancing activity, which had been on a red-hot roll before the upward swing in rates
Applications for new financing deals edged down by 2 4 percent last week from the previous week, the Mortgage Bankers Association of America reported
The relatively modest drop in refinancing activity despite a rather sharp increase in interest rates indicates some borrowers decided this

might be their last chance to refinance before rates went up further," said Jay Brinkmann, the association's vice president of research and economics
Refinancing has played an important factor underpinning consumer spending, a main force keeping the economy going
Economists are hopeful that fatter paychecks and other incentives coming from President Bush's third tax cut will move in to support spending as refinancing cools
Economists said rising mortgage rates also probably will dim the vibrant housing market a bit, but they still expect sales to remain healthy
Home sales in the second half of this year won't be as robust, but we'll still see an annual record," said David Lereah, chief economist at the National Association of Realtors
Lereah is forecasting existing-home sales to total 5 65 million and new-home sales to come to 992,000 units in 2003 Both would mark all-time highs
This week's mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points Each loan type carried an average fee of 0 7 point

MAINTENANCE COURSE
Professional maintenance course sponsored by the Apartment Association of Michigan, 10 a m to 4 p m Friday, Aug 15, Building Industry Association of Michigan headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills
Registration \$85, includes lunch, call (248) 862-1004

RIVER CRUISE
Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) is hosting a Detroit River cruise on Thursday, Aug 21
The event is from 6 15-9 p m at Strohs River Place Dock, 100 River Place Drive, Detroit Registration fees, including appetizers are \$35 for AAM and PMC members and \$40 for non-members and guests Call (248) 862-1004

FAIR HOUSING CENTER
The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit, a non-profit monitoring, testing and information-providing organization, offers annual individual memberships for \$15, family memberships for \$25 and organization/group memberships for \$50
For information, call (313) 963-1274

WOODWARD DREAM CRUISE
On Saturday, Aug 16, Weir, Manuel, Snyder & Ranke Realtors is donating their parking lot to several local charities during the Ninth Annual Woodward Dream Cruise Nearly 300 volunteers, working in two-hour shifts, will assist over 600 classic cars to their designated areas starting at 6 30 a m The list of charities that will host events catered to cruisers of all ages include Academy of Sacred Heart, ALS of Michigan, Birmingham Optimist Club, Birmingham Rotary Club, Franks Anatra, Make-A-Difference, Queen for a Day WMSR's parking lot is at 298 S Old Woodward, at the corner of Brown Street, the main entrance for classic cars entering the show car area

GOLF OUTING
The Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors hosts a charity golf outing beginning 10 a.m Wednesday, Sept 10, at Pine Knob Golf Club in Clarkston
Cost, which includes use of the driving range, luncheon buffet, golf and dinner, is \$130 Dinner only is \$40 For details, call (248) 879-5730

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
The western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity seeks volunteers to help with building homes, office tasks and fund-raising No experience needed Training will be provided
For details, call (734) 459-7744

GOLF PAGEANT
Building Industry

MECHANICAL CONFERENCE
The Mechanical Inspectors Association of Michigan holds its annual fall conference Thursday-Saturday, Sept 18-20, at the Doherty Hotel, Clare
Conference costs vary For information, call (248) 649-5443 or visit the Web site at

SALES WEB SITE
Curious as to what houses are selling for in your neighborhood?
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VICE PRESIDENT
Pat Harvey has joined Standard Insurance Services, an affiliate of Standard Federal Bank and ABN AMRO, as vice president of commercial insurance
In this role, she will assist in the strategic development and implementation of the agency's commercial middle market and large corporate lines
Harvey has 25 years of insurance and risk management experience, most recently at

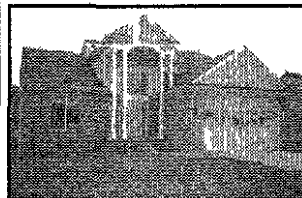
Bosquett & Company in Detroit, where she worked for the past eight years She will be based in the SIS Sterling Heights office
"We are excited to add Pat to our team as we continue to develop comprehensive insurance solutions for our clients," said SIS Executive Vice President Tony Curti "Her expertise will further elevate our

commercial business initiatives
NEW HOME
Telcom Credit Union has opened its new build-to-suit headquarters at Timbercreek, while construction of a Residence Inn there is slated for completion by November
"The new Residence Inn and Telcom Credit Union are representative of the high quality occupants we envision for Timbercreek,

and dramatically enhance its appeal among businesses searching for new, buildable property," said Doug Etkin, Etkin Equities president
Located at the southwest corner of 12 Mile and Cabaret roads, Timbercreek offers premier office and hotel space adjacent to the 760,000 square-foot Fountain Walk retail and entertainment center

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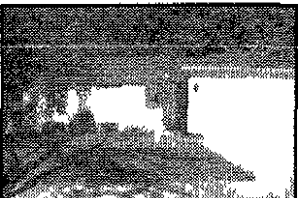
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NEW CONSTRUCTION - 2200 square foot Colonial with 3 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths backing to a large pond Large open floor plan with formal living and dining rooms hardwood floors 2 1/2 car garage and a fabulous walkout basement \$319 900 (067BE)



TOP-NOTCH AND ECONOMICAL - 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath condo with a full basement and many quality updates Kitchen and baths are beautifully redone Full basement huge master and an attached 1 car garage In move in condition Perfect for a young professional \$126 900 (282CA)



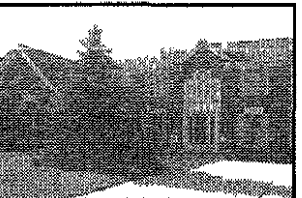
GORGEOUS PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP RANCH - Immaculate 3 bedroom brick ranch on a ravined lot Features include a ceramic foyer & kitchen spacious family room with a gas fireplace and 2 doorways to the deck & private yard Drywall finished basement with a wet bar and wine room Totally turn key \$254 900 (073HA)



PLYMOUTH 4 BEDROOM COLONIAL - Beautifully landscaped oversized corner lot in the much sought after Trailwood Sub 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath colonial 1st floor laundry kitchen & breakfast room overlooking the family room w/gas fireplace Spacious room T/O Wonderful cul de sac location 1 year home warranty included close to schools \$334,900 (215HI)



WEST DEARBORN - 4 bedroom 2 full bath home in desirable Divine Child/Levagood park area Updates galore including a beautiful kitchen with oak cabinetry Huge master with full bath Extra deep 2 1/2 car garage Meticulously maintained \$189 900 (445NI)



GORGEOUS ROYAL POINTE COLONIAL - Fabulous Canton home updates with 4 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths backs up to a beautiful commons area Family room has a 2 way fireplace to the office 3 car garage large master with fireplace and huge closets crown moldings and lots of extras \$387 000 (100PI)



QUIET COURT LOCATION - Palladian windowed 2 story entry 1994 build quiet court setting Hardwood foyer and kitchen classic facade 9 foot ceilings 4 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths cathedral ceiling in master Convenient to Township Park \$449 900 (730SO)



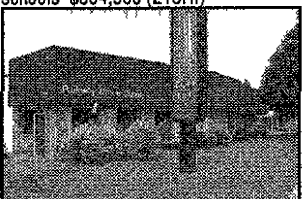
GORGEOUS VIEW - 24K Condo Superbly maintained and decorated Scenic views overlooking a private pond from your own deck! Soaring ceiling great room with a bay window and custom enclosure fireplace Bath with jetted tub 1st floor laundry and lavish landscaping with ground lighting \$227 900 (470BO)



PICTURE PERFECT - Immaculate 4 bedroom 3 1/2 bath Colonial in prestigious Deer Creek Sub with custom features like glass panel doors and custom mirrors a spiral staircase large kitchen w/custom cabinetry an outstanding lower level w/wet bar office and lav Freshly painted interior hardwood floors and 3827 square feet of living space \$649,900 (217DE)



BRING YOUR HORSES - 4+ acres Horse barn with 3 stalls fenced paddock 100 yr old farmhouse completely updated 1364 sq ft You won't be disappointed Beautiful setting sets far back from road \$229 900 (466HA)



TWO UNIT BUILDING - 8500 square feet in south Westland on a well traveled road All units currently rented \$899 000 (066WA)



MOVE RIGHT IN, ALL THE WORK IS DONE! - Spacious home w/many updated features Newer windows furnace and air Roof flooring and much more Open floor plan w/large rooms Private fenced yard with hot tub Well maintained & nicely decorated home 2 car attached garage partially finished basement \$229,900 (247NO)



HOME ON THE RANCH - Nifty Lakepointe ranch boasts 3 bedrooms 1 1/2 baths cove ceilings hardwood floors under new carpeting open stairway to finished lower level replacement vinyl windows and screened in porch Two blocks to elementary school \$194 900 (120RU)



HANDSOME DETAILING - Pulte Carrington model with 4 bedrooms 3 full baths and 2 lavs! Upscale choice enhanced by 2 story foyer w/dual staircases & hardwood floors Ultra gourmet kitchen w/walk in pantry Private study formal living and dining rooms luxury master with glamour bath Your palace awaits! \$549 900 (384ST)



EXCEPTIONAL RANCH - Privacy plus - Tread backdrop in this brick ranch w/3 BRs & 1 1/2 BAs Features include cathedral ceilings in living & family rms w/raised hearth natural fireplace exterior painted in 2000 fenced yard vinyl insulated windows C/A updated kitchen professionally finished basement with recessed lighting and more \$204 875 (529BU)



GREAT HOME - GREAT PRICE - Many quality updates already done in this 3 bedroom brick/vinyl ranch Finished basement with a bar detached 2 car garage above ground pool deck gazebo and a hot tub are all added bonuses to this wonderful home \$138 900 (629FL)



WESTLAND COLONIAL - Very nice 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath colonial on a quiet tree lined street Home features all new maple kitchen hardwood floors newer windows 2 car garage and more Come and take a look \$154 900 (345HA)



YOUR KIND OF COMFORT! - Your own pleasant palace awaits you in this well maintained 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath Colonial! 2 story foyer with hardwood floors large family room with fireplace Formal living dining & 2nd floor laundry Cooks dream kitchen with nook Master with vaulted ceiling WIC and glamour bath 3 car garage \$389 900 (206MA)



AFFORDABLE NOVI CONDO - Safe secure and enjoyable living in this 2 bedroom Novi townhouse condo Finished basement master bedroom with balcony New wood floors \$126 900 (632OL)



4 BEDROOM COLONIAL - 2 story foyer w/hardwood floors 4 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths 2350 sq ft colonial Large open living room dining room kitchen nook and family room with fireplace Full garden basement prepped to be finished w/9 ft ceilings 2 1/2 car garage Maintenance free exterior Backs to woods \$299 900 (906SO)



CHARMING PLYMOUTH RANCH - Stop & take a look at this charming Plymouth ranch Updated kitchen 1/2 bath roof electrical exterior doors & more Fourth bedroom & full bath in partially finished basement All appliances stay Private backyard to creek \$213 500 (217HA)

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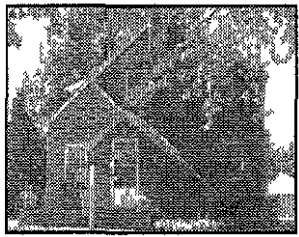
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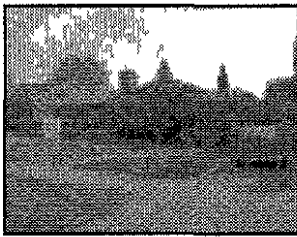
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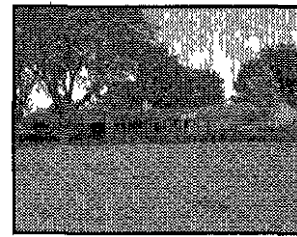
DETROIT \$170,000
Spacious Ranch 3 Bdrm/2 Cer Baths Lg Picture Windows w/marble Sills Newer Kitchen Fin Bsmt Wood Panel/wet Bar/ 2nd Frpl in Bsmt Newer Furn & C/A & HWH OEL41OUT 888 870 9105



LIVONIA \$269,900
Fabulous 3 br Brick Ranch! With loads of updates including kitchen baths windows roof Home also has huge 21x12 sun room and gorgeous hot tub room all on a half acre (BGN61PUR) 888 870 9123



LIVONIA \$169,900
Classic Brick Ranch! 3 br 1.5 ba 2 car garage full finished basement Updates include roof furnace & CA windows kitchen carpet & paint Hdwd floor in bdrms (BGN36DEN) 888 870 9123



PLYMOUTH \$299,900
Country Setting Close to all conveniences 3 BR brick ranch Updated kit Huge FR w/brick FP LR also has a FP Attached 2 car garage Nice patio and lg front porch Walk to golf course BGP 16Nic 888 870 9127



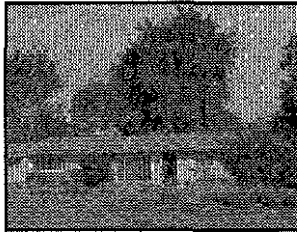
REDFORD \$149,900
Updates Galore! Kit updt inc fl cnts sink paint & some app All new Wallside win & AC in 02 HDWD flr on 1st flr Par fin bsmt w/bar & gs FP Ovsz 1 car gar w/wrkshp S Redford Sch BGP 35Serr 888 870 9127



SOUTH LYON \$124,900
Motivated seller! Move in condition! Immediate occupancy 2 br lg master br w/bath 2 full bths Open floor plan 1st floor laundry Plenty of storage Walking distance to school & town (BGSly32GRE) Dir 888 870 9131



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ANN ARBOR \$199,900
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LIVONIA \$229,900
A 2.3 Bdrm 1.5 Bath with over \$40k Of Renovations Fantastic Kit w/ cache Cabinets & Conran Counters Fam Rm w/rp & Doorwall To Landscaped Lot & Pato Fin Bsmt OEL14BAR 888 870 9105



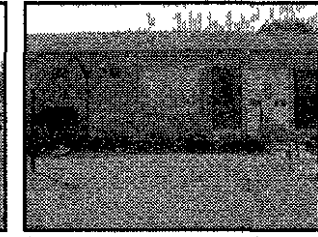
LIVONIA \$165,500
A Taste of Unique Charm & Comfort Await! New roof in 98! New siding & patio in 02 Mechanics dream 2.5 car garage with built in shelves & cupboards with compressed area! (BGN25BRE) 888 870 9123



PLYMOUTH \$276,900
Impeccable Contemporary 3 br 2 bath! On large treed lot 2 story sun room w/wood burning stove hardwood floors remodeled kitchen 2 story master ste w/private bath 3+ car garage (BGN67POR) 888 870 9123



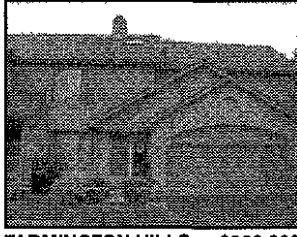
Redford \$129,900
Priced To Sell! Brick Ranch w/Quick Occup! 3 bdrm 1 full bath & 2 half lavs Beautiful eat in kitchen newer furnace CA hwh most newer windows Large enclosed porch off back Part in basement (BGN82BEE) 888 870 9123



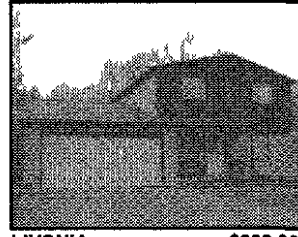
South Lyon \$79,900
Adult coop 55 yrs or older Beautifully decorated meticulously maintained! Living room has large front window which is open to dining room bedroom doorway to Florida room (BGSly14POT) 888 870 9131



BRIGHTON \$400,000
Ult mate Wooded Paradise on 1.7 Acres! 2457 sq ft 2000 year built 3 br 2.5 bath 3 car garage walkout bsmt Fieldstone fireplace jacuzzi tub in master Leaded entry (BGN98VAN) 888 870 9123



FARMINGTON HILLS \$223,900
Exceptional 3 br 2 bath End Unit Ranch Condo! Upgrades include hwh new neutral carpets & fresh paint throughout All appliances included Don't miss this one!! (BGN03SIE) 888 870 9123



LIVONIA \$209,900
Priced To Sell! Neat & clean! 3 bedrooms up 4th BR w/walk in closet in part fin bsmt 2 doorwalls to patio w/park like setting Updated kit glass blk win 2000 roof Great location BGP 81Fiv 888 870 9127



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 distance to 4 lakes Lake priv (BGSly63RIP) Dir 888 870 9131



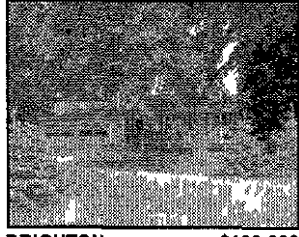
PLYMOUTH \$225,000
Over \$5,000 in Updates! 4 br 2 bath formal living room w/frpl kitchen w/eat in nook hardwood flrs on bdrms w/bath access basement mudroom garage (BGN45FIV) 888 870 9123



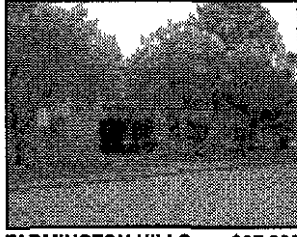
SALEM \$169,900
Be part of a fast growing small town Excellent opportunity to own your own new construction home! Great workmanship by small local builder Bonus room is unfinished build sweat equity (BGSly99SIX) 888 870 9131



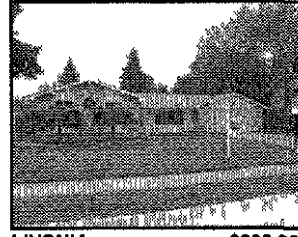
WATERFORD \$146,000
Exceptional 2 bdrm 2 bath Ranch Condo! Upgrades include hwh carpets appls counters & cabinets Enjoy the summer in the pool in this 2 year new complex Close to x ways (BGN60COT) 888 870 9123



BRIGHTON \$199,000
Pride of ownership abounds Large deck across back of home with a huge backyard and you won't believe how quiet Open floor plan Many upgrades The basement has been totally finished (BGSly30WHI) 888 870 9131



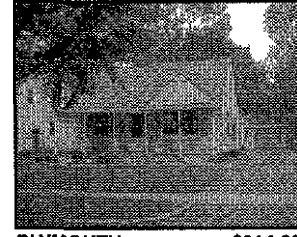
FARMINGTON HILLS \$67,900
This Spacious 2 Bdrm 1 Bath Condo W/ Private Entry Facing Pool Has Much To Offer! Lovely Updated Kitchen w/Natural Maple Cabinets New Flooring In Bathroom & New Carpeting OEL22EIG 888 870 9105



LIVONIA \$209,900
Beautiful Brck Ranch in Burton Hollow! On the s svr dr 3 BR 2.5 BA ranch offers quality & style Formal LR DR are spacious & perfect for entertaining The Kit & FR w/acc to patio & breathtaking yard BGP 65S x 888 870 9127



NORTHVILLE \$279,900
1.7 acres near Downtown Northville with pond & stream 3 bdrms 1 1/2 baths & 2 1/2 car garage Updated windows (some) hdwd flrs in LR & FR Across street from Maybury Won't last OEL50BE 888 870 9105



PLYMOUTH \$214,900
Walk To Town! 3 bed bungalow Open staircase from LR & DR Updated white kit All kit app remain Covered front porch FR w/DW to rear deck & fenced yd CA newer roof landscaping BGP 03Ada 888 870 9127



SOUTH LYON \$399,900
Stunning 4 Bedroom 2.5 Bath Ranch on 1/2 Acre Quality Plus features Glass doors open to picturesque views Merlat Cabinets in kitchen & baths Walk out BSMT An entertainers dream! (BGSly44CLO) 888 870 9131



WEST BLOOMFIELD \$264,900
Lake Privileges! Contemporary West Bloomfield colonial boasts impressive great rm w/vaulted ceiling hdwd floor new Berber carpet freshly painted & ready for immediate occupancy (BGN48RIC) 888 870 9123



NORTHVILLE \$234,900
A Must see with many expansion possibilities Nearly 2/3 acre with mature trees surrounded by custom built homes Fresh and clean with new ceramic floors in kitchen half and lower level baths BGP 61Bec 888 870 9127



GARDEN CITY \$175,000
Room To Play 3 BR ranch features updated kitchen roof & windows 2 full baths partially finished basement & 2 1/2 car at garage Room in oversized backyard Home warranty included BGP 38Boc 888 870 9127



LIVONIA \$189,900
Excellent Clean & Neat 3 Bdrm 1.5 Bath Brick Ranch Features Living Rm W/natural Fp & Bay Window Kit w/eating Space & Stove Formal Dining Rm Lg Deck and Landscaping OEL28ARD 888 870 9105



NOVI \$539,900
\$20,000 Decorating Allowance Private beach w/boat dock windows-deck overlooking lake Newer kit w/island spacious GR w/fieldstone fireplace In law quarters w/own entrance (BGSly72LAK) 888 870 9131



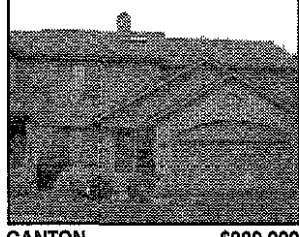
PLYMOUTH \$169,900
Doll House! 2 BR 1 BA with walking distance to Kellogg Park Newer win fur water htr & copper plmb Kit appl inc Fen yrd & nicely landscaped Rm upstr could be lib or den BGP 11Pal 888 870 9127



SOUTH LYON \$234,888
Barely Used Colonial on Country Lot 3 BR 2.5 bath spacious kitchen fireplace in great room large bedrooms C/A plus basement and fenced yard Who could ask for more?!? Don't wait! (BGSly62FAI) 888 870 9131



WESTLAND \$197,900
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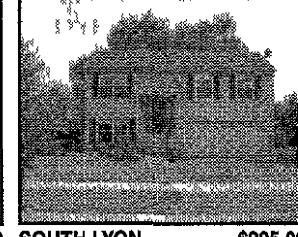
LIVONIA \$176,500
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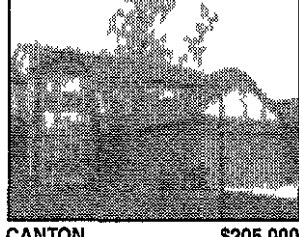
PLYMOUTH \$149,900
Ranch w/ Lg LR W/cove Ceilings & Rec Lighting Updated Kit M/bdrm W/C Updated Bath & Fin Bsmt New Sewer Hwh Furnace A/c Elec EL99NOR 888 870 9105



SOUTH LYON \$205,900
Beautiful 2 story home Many quality features pergo flooring in kitchen and dining room Large second br large parcel w/common area next to home Perfect location come see (BGSly23PRI) 888 870 9131



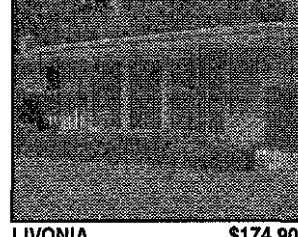
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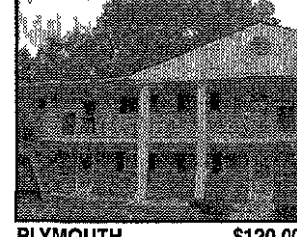
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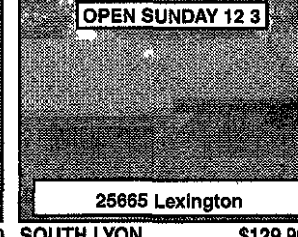
LIVONIA \$174,900
3 Bedroom Home Offers Many Updates Including Newer Kitchen w/oak Cabinets & Top Of The Line Appliances Newer Carpet w/HWD Floors Underneath Newer Windows Furnace & C/A OEL27FRE 888 870 9105



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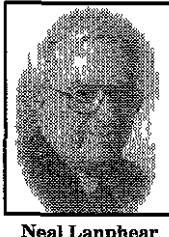


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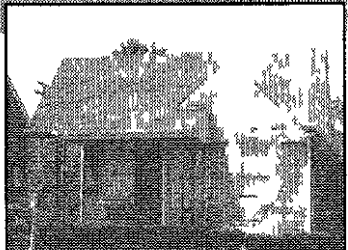
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DETROIT - Move in condit on Charming 3 bedroom 2 bath brck ranch offers finished basement w/ul bath & cedar closet garage & a ton of updates \$87 500 (19HEY) 734 455 5600



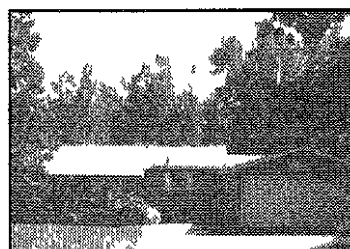
NOVI - Enjoy warm sunsets from your oversized deck This newer detached condo has everything DR LR balcony overlooking FR w/frplc finished basement w/garden windows & 2 car garage Short walk to Walled Lake Golf community Clubhouse pool & more \$285 900 (84CHA) 248 349 5600



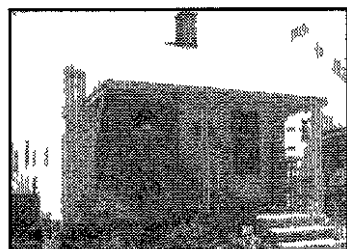
CANTON - Cantons Kimberly Sub Best location on the pond w/park like backyard setting 3 bedroom 2 5 ceramic baths LR DR FR & first floor laundry All appliances included Totally neutral Berber carpet in basement 2 car attached garage w/storage space Super \$254 900 (12AMA) 248 349 5600



WHITMORE LAKE - Lakefront home 3 bedrooms w/newer windows walk out basement Lake frontage with dock Great vacation home or rental Live on an all sports lake \$194 900 (77NSH) 248 349 5600



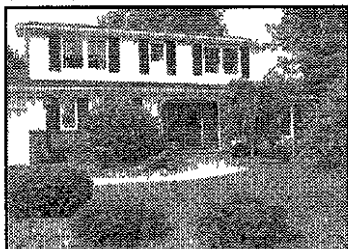
SUMPTER - Gentleman farmer wanted Large 3 bedroom 1 5 bath ranch w/2 car attached garage many updates all sitting on approximately 1 5 acres \$181 900 (43HAR) 734 455 5600



DETROIT - Warrendale Ranch Nice & clean 4 bedroom ranch Partially finished basement 2 car garage updates include roof furnace C/A hot water heater Appliances are negotiable Some updated windows 1 year home warranty too! \$104 900 (52WES) 734 455 5600



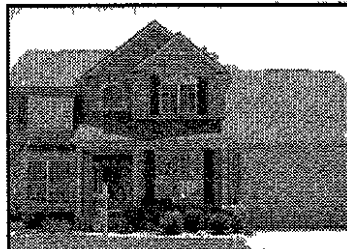
LYONS - Country in the city Charming 4 bedroom 2 5 bath offers 3 car attached garage full basement fireplace family room dining room all sitting on approximately 3/4 acre lot \$374 000 (74WAL) 734 455 5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Incredible house & lot Spacious 4 bedroom 2 5 bath colonial in Colony Park Updates include newer windows & doorwall granite kitchen newer tile n baths oak HW floors & newer decor w/ finished LL & more Private setting \$349 000 (31OAK) 248 349 5600



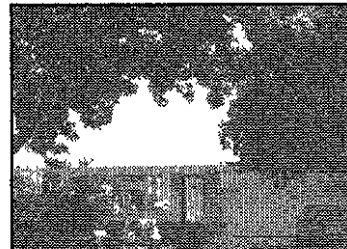
LIVONIA - Updated Livonia colonial 3 BR 2 5 BA home w/newer windows hickory kitchen oak floor n kitchen & hall Newer A/C furnace roof garage door Lovely master BR w/private bath Lovely landscaping deck sprinklers Near Livonia Y & Frost Middle School Outstanding \$279 000 (17RIV) 248 349 5600



SOUTH LYON - Gorgeous custom built home Gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances granite counters butlers pantry & cherry cabs Hardwood floors limestone fireplace custom window treatments 9 ceilings & 2 story foyer Formal DR master suite prof landscaped w/brck pavers \$309 900 (23SAD) 248 349 5600



REDFORD - Terrific broad front ranch 3 bedroom bungalow w/finished basement huge upstairs bedroom w/tons of storage Major updating done includes furnace C/A roof windows & cement \$126 900 (35WOR) 734 455 5600



TAYLOR - Walk to Heritage Park Nice 3 bedroom brck ranch in great Taylor location w/ull finished basement attached 2 car garage fireplace in family room new furnace & C/A 96 quick occupancy Home warranty & much more! Bring offers \$157 900 (81MOR) 734 455 5600



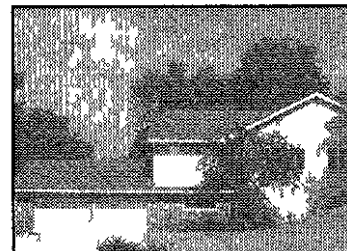
REDFORD - Updated spacious ranch Absolute move in condit on Large open floor plan Numerous updates including carpet flooring siding windows & A/C Freshly painted w/ Huge first floor laundry w/tons of storage Formal LR & DR Fenced yard & deck Home Warranty included \$98 900 (59NOR) 248 349 5600



DEARBORN - Great starter home 3 BR 1 BA bungalow in west Dearborn Roof & windows 02 Tub enclosure updated kitchen cabinets freshly painted in neutral colors Fenced yard close to park & schools Appliances stay \$124 900 (00UNI) 248 349 5600



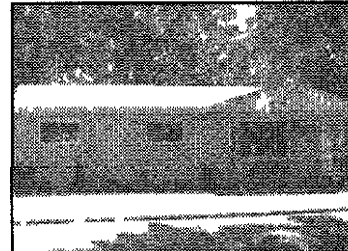
REDFORD - Excellent curb appeal Beautifully updated ranch offers 2 car garage finished basement updated front porch C/A furnace roof on house & garage windows & more + 1 year home warranty This home won't last \$119 900 (28GAR) 734 455 5600



GREEN OAKS - A little bit of country Large 4 bedroom 2 bath raised ranch w/2 car attached garage walk out lower level 2 fireplaces w/raised hearths newer windows ceramic tile in foyer kitchen & bath doorwall from master & dining room to 45 x 16 deck \$199 724 (51SOM) 734 455 5600

PLYMOUTH 705 South Main St. 734-455-5600
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PLYMOUTH - PERFECT 3 BR 2 BA ranch w/newer vinyl windows T/O Ceramic floor in kitchen & breakfast rm Fresh & neutral interior Finished basement w/walk in room cedar closet terrific storage & large workshop Central vacuum system & 6 panel doors Private fenced yard \$204 800 (38TAV) 248 349 5600



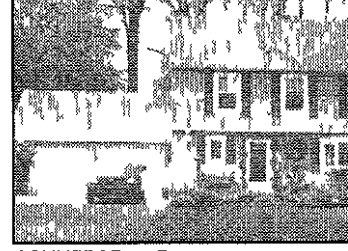
SOUTH LYON - Move right in Nothing to do Shows like a model Custom white cabinets & island in kitchen Master suite w/soaking tub Custom mini blinds on all windows Lots of upgrades 1st floor laundry Paver patio deck & professional landscaping \$269 900 (62CHE) 248 349 5600



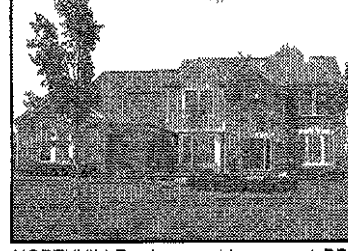
YPSILANTI - Newer Construction Large 4 bedroom 2 1/2 & 2 1/2 bath colonial built in 1995 offering 2 car attached garage 2 way fireplace in master bedroom & master bath Special features include vaulted & cathedral ceilings sky lights Jacuzzi tub & more \$200 900 (8UJUS) 7334 455 5600



TAYLOR - Great starter home Cute 2 bedroom ranch w/newer roofs siding furnace driveway & sidewalk + 2 car garage w/workshop & shed in large fenced yard \$119 000 (36WIL) 734 455 5600



COMMERCE - Enjoy sweeping views Wonderful 4 bedroom 2 5 bath colonial sitting on lovely Edgewood Park Golf Course Updated windows roof furnace C/A appliances brck paver patio deck & extensive landscaping + 2 car attached garage & basement \$319 900 (42EDG) 734 455 5600



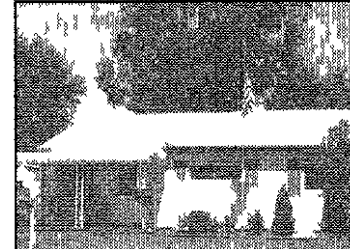
NORTHVILLE - Impeccable newer 4 BR 2 5 BA colonial is still under builders warranty Awesome cherry cabs granite counters hardwood floors in kitchen & entry 2 way fireplace in great room & office Huge master suite w/walk in closets Jacuzzi spa & ceramic upgrade Too many upgrades to list \$589 900 (21WHI) 248 349 5600



SOUTH LYON - Beautiful home on large lot Immaculate 4 BR 2 5 BA colonial w/contemporary flair Just painted both inside and out Large bedrooms w/walk in closets Hardwood and ceramic floors newer 20K deck Park like setting Owners are being transferred \$399 900 (82HID) 248 349 5600



ROSEVILLE - Mechanics dream garage 4 car garage w/power and heat Updated kitchen w/stainless appls ceramic floor newer cabinets Newer concrete drive vinyl siding fenced yard Perfect for a single person or rental \$94 900 (36FLC) 248 349 5600



GARDEN CITY - Don't Miss This One! Newer roof vinyl siding windows C/A front porch & newer appliances + home warranty in this cute 3 bedroom home w/2 5 car garage \$129 900 (38DOV) 7334 455 5600



YPSILANTI - Well maintained property completely re done newer kitchens & baths windows shingles furnace Turn key operation \$189 900 (13PER) 734 455 5600



REDFORD - This is the one Beautiful 3 bedroom 2 bath bungalow offering newer roof furnace & A/C updated kitchen & bath family room w/fireplace screened porch & 4 car heated garage All sitting on 200 ft deep lot! \$147 500 (62GAY) 734 455 5600



TROY - Almost 1/2 acre Spacious 3 BR 1 5 BA ranch 2 car attached garage Freshly painted neutral colors w/ Berber carpet ceramic n updated bath Newer windows & HWH 24 pool & equipment Large shed Priced to sell \$214 900 (17LIV) 248 349 5600



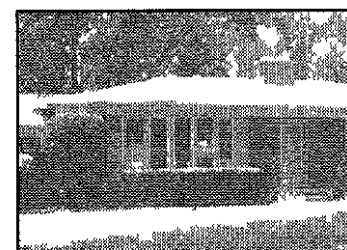
PLYMOUTH - Nicely maintained colonial Real nice home in Arbor Village sub 3 BR 1 5 BA 2 car attached garage & basement Large spacious rooms Family room with natural Feldstone fireplace/skylight Newer windows some carpet & kitchen floor Large fenced yard 1 year home warranty \$204 900 (57RUS) 248 349 5600



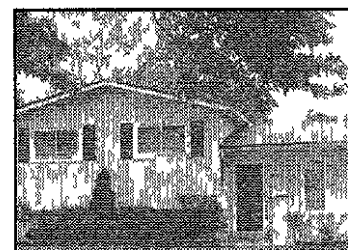
NORTHVILLE - Picturesque privacy Set high on a hill w/large wooded lot this custom cape cod has 4 BR 2 5 BA w/crown molding hardwood 1st floor master 4 season sunroom & breakfast bar Brick patio overlooks garden setting 2 5 car garage & walk to town \$424 900 (15FON) 248 249 5600



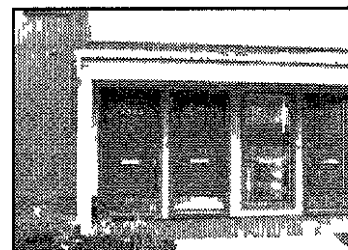
YORK - Better than new Large 4 bedroom 2 5 bath colonial presents 3 car attached garage full basement master suite w/heated floor & Jacuzzi tub deck paver patio all sitting on approximately a 1 acre of \$449 900 (51MEL) 734 455 5600



PLYMOUTH - 1/2 acre broadfront ranch Curb appeal + finished walk out 3 bedrooms 2 baths dining room family room vinyl flooring fireplace deck 2 car attached garage all appliances mature trees private updated throughout \$263 300 (15BRA) 734 455 5600



WESTLAND - Stop the car! Tri level w/neutral colors open floor plan & cathedral ceilings newer kitchen ceramic bath newer 5 bath newer carpeting 2 car garage & shed newer deck off doorwall Close to elem school & park Home warranty \$139 900 (54BUR) 734 455 5600



YPSILANTI - Ford Lake front Beautiful studio condo boat storage port 2 car ports updated kitchen w/oak cupboards newer carpet & freshly painted Walk out garage & shed newer deck off doorwall Large shed Priced to sell \$214 900 (17LIV) 248 349 5600



CANTON - Immaculate 3 BR 2 5 BA colonial w/neutral colors Newer carpeting Super clean home Stunning cedar deck w/ghtng Finished office in basement Fireplace in family room So many extras \$239 900 (27PAR) 248 349 5600



COMMERCE - Say hello to a good buy Built in 2002 3 BR 2 5 BA cape cod w/fantastic master suite & whirlpool tub Wall of windows to treed view Full walk out basement 3 car side entry garage and much much more \$423 900 (49PHI) 248 349 5600



DEARBORN - Great location 3 bedroom, 2 bath brck bungalow living room w/woodburnng fireplace dining room eat n kitchen C/A 1 car garage basement roof approximately 2 years old \$205 000 (44SOU) 734 455 5600



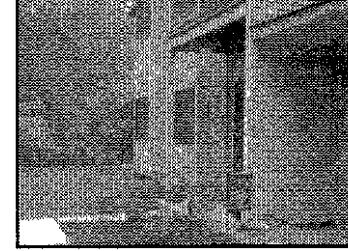
NOVI - Very sharp condo Updated 2 bedroom 1 5 bath townhouse w/attached garage finished basement doorwall to private patio & much more \$154 900 (85STO) 734 455 5600



WYANDOTTE - Wonderful ranch 3 bedroom ranch in Wyandotte w/large master bedroom & family room full basement newer kitchen furnace C/A & roof all approximately 8 years old + appliances stay \$145 000 (27ELE) 734-455 5600



NOVI - Condo in golf/pool community 3 BR 2 5 BA on a quiet court with neutral colors Nice back view from deck 1 car attached garage Large tiled basement All appliances and home warranty included Low association fees and extra insulation \$189 900 (78VIN) 248 349 5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Move in ready 2 bedroom 2 bath raised ranch condo Affordable & adorable w/open floor plan Nice view from balcony MBR offers walk in closet & full bath Carport for snowy days Appls stay included are washer/dryer stove frig & micro Just painted \$105 900 (50MID) 248 349 5600



MILFORD - Ideal location for anyone Everything and more than you can ask for 6 BR 3 5 BA 4 year new cape cod on approx 3 acres with a pond Home has 1st floor master suite w/Jacuzzi GR has ceiling fan & gas frplc Lg kit w/oak cabinetry Fin WO bsmt Lg totally maintenance free deck \$449 000 (53THR) 248 349 5600

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DETROIT
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SOUTHFIELD
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LIVONIA
Well kept Livonia bungalow Tastefully updated kitchen v ny windows & doorways Berber carpet & HW floors large master BR w/2 skylights ceiling fans Livonia schools All this and more \$137,500

WESTLAND
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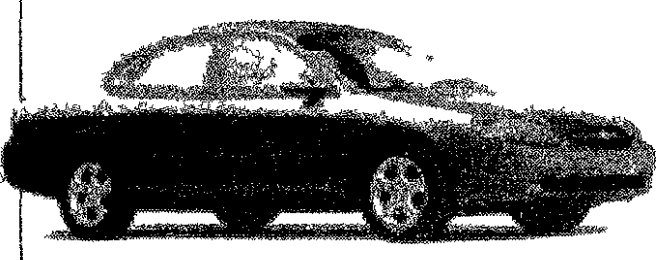
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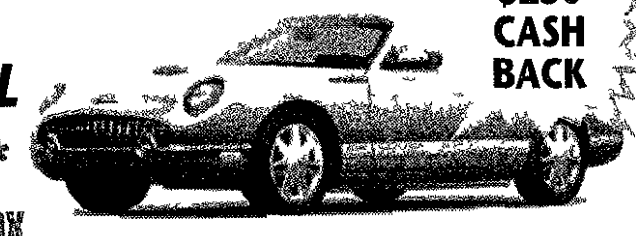
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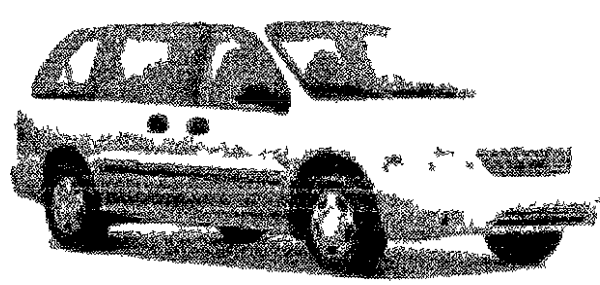


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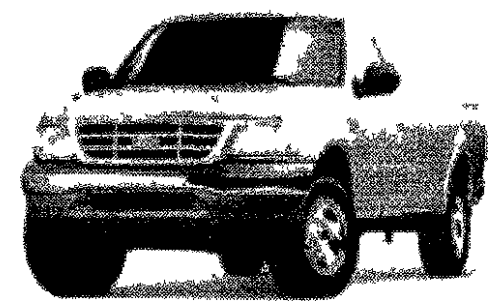
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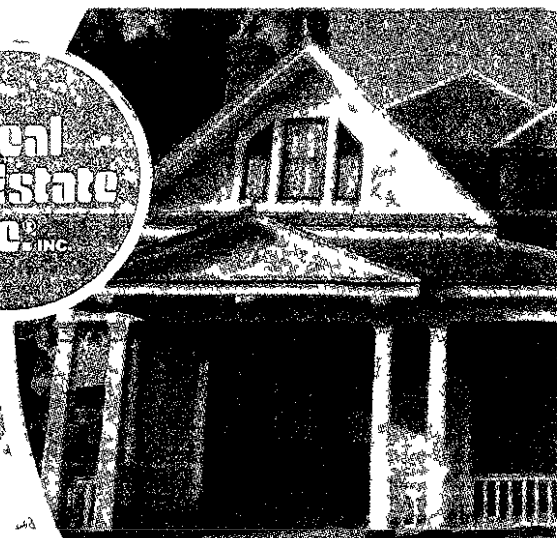
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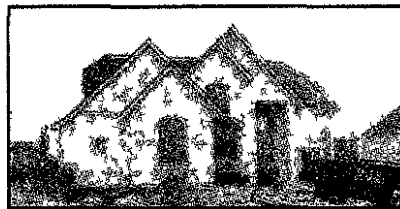
PLYMOUTH \$794,000 PRIVATE COUNTRY EQUESTRIAN ESTATE on 5.68 acres! Ply/Can schools 5 BR 3 1/2 ba 3 car garage 6534 SF fin w/o 1st floor mstr corral/3 stall horse barn cedar deck overlooks private pond (91BRO2)

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NORTHVILLE \$699,900 SHOWCASE HOME ON BEAUTIFUL LOT! Awesome w/hdwd flrs granite kitchen stainless appliances Corian baths fin d bsmt 3 car garage & paver patio Yard backing to trees Must see home! (41WIL2)

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NOVI \$650,000 MADISON HOMES PRESENTS NEW COLONIAL! New const you choose cabinets counters & flooring! 3600 SF w/4 BR 3 1/2 baths w/o bsmt granite kit 2/FP 2/turn & 2/AC units Buy now & make selections (08ARG2)

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SPRINGFIELD \$599,900 RARE OAKLAND CITY LAKEFRONT ACRES! 13.2 buildable acres 300 feet fronting Big Lake Perked & surveyed Wetlands spring fed pond Minutes from M 59 & I 75 Will partner with builder until sold (23S12042)

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NOVI \$579,900 BEAUTIFULLY DESIGNED HOME! In a wonderful small sub Dazzling kit & brkfst area Ideal FR Den heated sunroom grt mstr die fin d walkout patio deck & splendid finishing touches (65SOU2)

248 348-6430



PLYMOUTH \$579,900 FAMILY LIVING AT ITS BEST! This lovely col is turn key 4 bdrms 3 baths 2 half baths For mat liv din rm library Kit w/white cbnts island pantry & hrdwd flring Full bsmt 3 car gar (23F10913)

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NOVI \$364,900 GREAT CUSTOM RANCH IN NOVI'S FINEST SUB! 4 BR 3 1/2 bath ranch on 30 acre lot private cul de sac location open flr plan neutral T/O Liv Rm DR FR w/FP partly fin bsmt 2 car att gar & more! (62ROX2)

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NOVI \$349,900 GREAT LOCATION IN GREAT SUB! Dunbarton colonial w/light & bright flr plan GR & LR both w/ FPS formal DR w/bay hdwds in entry study & 1/2 bath Northville schools! (agent owner) (32MID2)

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NORTHVILLE \$332,000 WARM, INVITING HOME IN NORTHVILLE! Popular neighborhood w/tn walking distance of town Excellent Northville schools charming 4 BR colonial w/private backyard perenn al garden & fin d bsmt (88CUM8)

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$289,900 KING-SIZE COMFORT IS YOURS In this 4BR 2000 sq ft colonial 3 full baths master suite formal dining room 2 1/2 car att d gar rec rm C/A newer w ndows furnace & roof shingles (R271)

734-326 2000



LIVONIA \$279,000 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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LIVONIA \$269,900 SECLUDED AREA OF COVENTRY Hard to find 4 BR ra sed ranch w/newer kit w/Merriat cup boards newer wndws newer carpet in fin bmt w/glass blk 3 full baths lg utility rm lg lot & more! (S16184)

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LIVONIA \$220,000 SPACIOUS OPEN FLOOR PLAN 1500 SF of quality living area 3 BR 2 BA FR w/FP 2 car attd garage fin bsmt New items incl rf drwy w ndws furn hwh Move in condition (A14257)

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LIVONIA \$215,000 THE BEST YOU LL FIND! Sophisticated & warm Don't miss the chance to own th s 3 1/2 bath 3 bdrm condo It has hardwood floors attached 2 car garage profess onally f nished basement (23M31532)

734 455 7000



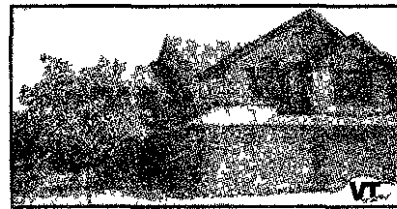
PLYMOUTH \$204,900 UPDATED PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP HOME! Walk to local elem school or walk to Hines Park either way this charming ranch has location all over it Full base 2 car det FR w/a FP & tons of updates (H11520)

734 591 9200



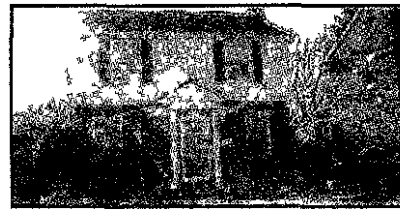
LIVONIA \$197,500 HIGHLY DESIRED COVENTRY GARDENS! 1753 SF tri level with large lot A great opportunity at this price (C34037)

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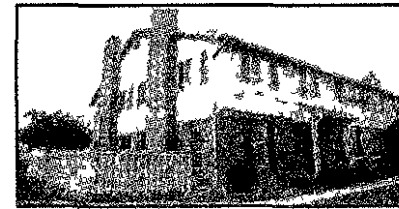
CANTON \$197,000 SUNNY END UNIT! 2 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths 2 car garage basement deck loft overlooking great room Stove fridge washer dryer stay (H45113)

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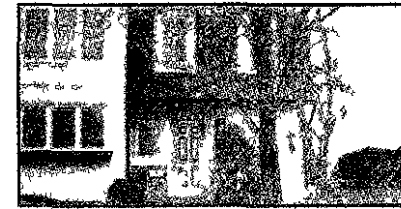
DETROIT \$184,900 OPEN DOOR & ENTER INTO ELEGANCE This one stands out in the crowd You can move in without doing anything New windows new roof and so on (23O8770)

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NOVI \$184,900 SPACIOUS AND GRACIOUS CONDO Lots of sq ft LR w/frpl & doorwall to patio Formal DR charming kit & brkfst area nice mstr super rec rm in fin d bsmt Exceptional features throughout (25GLE2)

248-348 6430



PLYMOUTH \$169,900 CITY OF PLYMOUTH GEM A wonderful opportunity awaits you in downtown Plymouth Updated gourmet kitchen finished walk out lower level with built ins wet bar and 1/2 bath (08MIL2)

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LIVONIA \$174,900 A DOLLHOUSE A PLEASURE TO SEE Totally updated inside and out 3 BR 1 1/2 BA basement & garage Private deck Beautiful perennial gardens (S30545)

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SOUTH LYON \$169,900 GREAT STARTER HOME! Sharp 3 BR ranch open flr plan neutral t/o updates incl roof C/A furnace windows & more 2 1/2 det garage full bsmt and South Lyon schools (100HA2)

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NOVI \$165,000 NOVI CONDO! Best location in Country Place! Beautiful 2 BR 2 1/2 BA end unit Private fenced patio w/view of woods Eat in kit Fee incl pool tennis courts & club house (80BRO2)

248 348-6430



CANTON \$164,900 WOW! BEAUTIFUL FP in liv rm hrdwd foyer 1st flr laundry huge 2nd flr ba w/w/hipool sep shower stall open to both BRs c/a bit 1998 Deck bsmt attd gar & much more! (H4292)

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WESTLAND \$159,900 WESTLAND HOME-LIVONIA SCHOOLS! Spacious 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath tri level Walk to elementary Newer windows furnace A/C Excellent starter or empty nester home Clean & ready for you! (23D8023)

734 455 7000



REDFORD \$159,900 GORGEOUS 3 BR RANCH W/TOTAL UPDATES Hickory cabinets in kitchen warm homey FR w/doorwall to deck 2 car garage & fin bsmt All this on a secluded wooded lot in prime Redford area Come see! (D16544)

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BELLEVILLE \$155,000 THIS ONE'S GREAT! Newer roof windows furnace & central air 12x24 deck Covered front porch 220 in garage 10x12 shed w/electricity Stove fridge & dishwasher stay (E100)

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WESTLAND \$149,900 SO VERY CLEAN Great eat in kitchen w/new cabinets sink counter & floor Newer windows Brand new carpets & fresh paint Some newer cement All appliances included (V336)

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WESTLAND \$147,900 ALL DRESSED UP AND WAITING Updates include gorgeous oak kit vinyl windows & glass block roof shingles house & garage vinyl siding updated bath Berber carpet fin bsmt CA and more (F334)

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LIVONIA \$144,000 A GREAT VALUE IN LIVONIA Half acre lot under 150 thousand Newer windows roof electrical & more Needs some TLC but priced to move (N29424)

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REDFORD \$139,900 3 BEDROOM BRICK BUNGALOW New kitchen cabinets counter tops flooring updated electric plumbing glass block vinyl windows hardwood floors South Redford Schools (R11426)

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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 1/2 car gar fin bsmt w/bar & xtra rm (A11430)

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REDFORD \$137,900 TOTALLY UPDATED FROM TOP TO BOTTOM! Features sparkling lg eat in kit w/ceramic flr cntrs and backsplash 2 full remodeled BAe full bsmt 2 car gar 3 BR all big updates done walk to schools (L15998)

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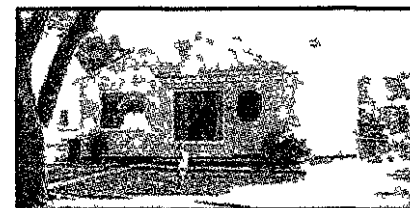
CANTON \$128,900 COZY CANTON CONDO! Ranch end condo with view of courtyard in great location! 2 bedroom 2 bath a must see! (23L42808)

734 455-7000



WESTLAND \$129,990 TOTALLY REMODELED New kitchen updated bath new carpet throughout new windows 3 bedrooms 1 1/2 baths finished basement & much more New garage Others starting from \$74 990 (A277)

734-326-2000



REDFORD \$124,500 LOW DOWN PAYMENT NEEDED In this 1347 sq ft three bedroom vinyl tri level with full bath & family room Large country kitchen w/good eating space Doorwall from DR to multi tiered deck (C159)

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WAYNE \$119,900 FANTASTIC 3 BEDROOM RANCH! New within the last year furnace CA kitchen completely redone paint ext door carpet newer windows Walk to schools rec center pools parks (A342)

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INKSTER \$113,900 THIS HOME IS IN MOVE IN CONDITION Finished basement with bath gorgeous landscape and a privacy fence surrounds the back yard with a large patio (L176)

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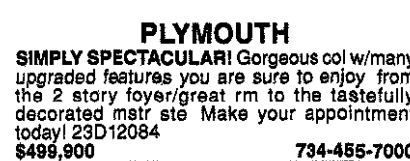
DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$112,500 IT'S THE EXTRAS! Lovely 3 bedroom Dearborn Heights bungalow Gar partially finished basement Master bedroom 28x13 The updates and extras will impress! (23L25460)

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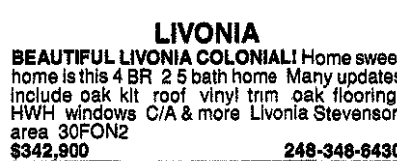
WESTLAND \$77,900 MR & MRS CLEAN LIVE HERE! Excellent value this 2 bedroom brick condo with basement Lots of updates newer furnace A/C carpet kitchen bathroom and more Must see! (S243)

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PLYMOUTH SIMPLY SPECTACULAR! Gorgeous col w/many upgraded features you are sure to enjoy from the 2 story foyer/great rm to the tastefully decorated mstr ste Make your appointment today! 23D12084 \$499,900

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LIVONIA BEAUTIFUL LIVONIA COLONIAL! Home sweet home is this 4 BR 2 1/2 bath home Many updates include oak kit roof vinyl trim oak flooring HWH windows C/A & more Livonia Stevenson area 30FON2 \$342,900

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TAYLOR 3 BR COLONIAL with dining room Completely remodeled inside & out New furn hwh carpet tile kit cabs blinds fresh paint indospng vinyl siding some new windows 1 year warranty more \$6475 \$124,997

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REDFORD COUNTRY IN THE CITY! Tree lined street solid brick ranch 3 bedrooms basement family room fenced newer tear of roof brick carport L20407 \$116,500

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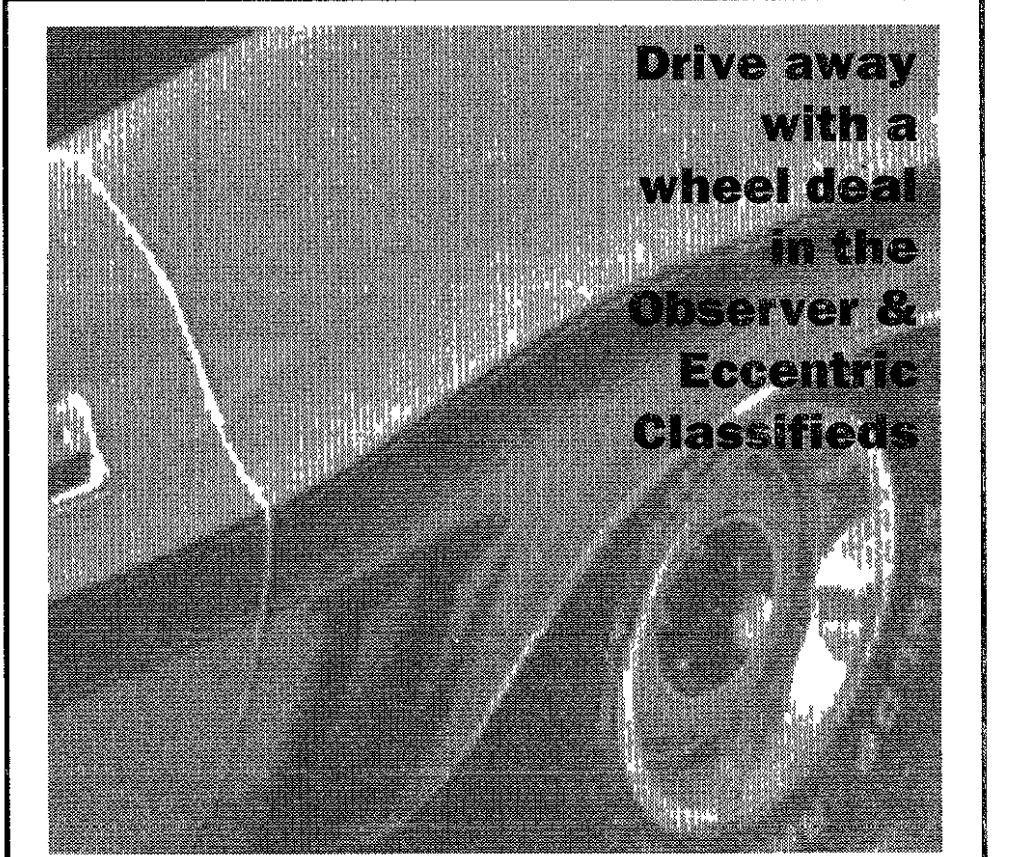
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A TRUE ROMANTIC
SWF 48 5 3 Auburn hair brown eyes vivacious outgoing and bubbly Enjoys playing bridge travel dining movies quiet times and more Seeking a SWM 48 60 who is tall well educated sincere and has a great sense of humor Ad# 466339

NO PLAYERS REAL MEN ONLY
28 yrs old Hello I am a single mother who is looking for that right person to be with I am a honest sweet loyal loving caring thoughtful creative intelligent woman I have a lot of likes I enjoy being out doors in warmer weather I enjoy anything to do with water Ad# 466225

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HELLO
38 yrs old Hey!! What's up fe lws this s a first for me but just so that you know am a single (never been married) woman looking to meet some new people hopefully make some new friends and have some fun enjoy being out long walks movies sporting events concerts and such yet on the other hand enjoy being inside re axing with a good book or a good movie paying cards with friends and/or fam y having a good time Ac# 447257

CONVERSATIONALIST
SWF 53 5 4 114 lbs wth blonde hair interests a e the ater antiques shopping reading plays and much more In sea ch of a SWM over 43 who is honest and sincere for f ends p first Ad# 451146

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SWF 34 5 5 brown hair and eyes 120 bs N/S down to earth humorous and honest Seeking a SWM over 34 for a possible relationship p Ad# 421180

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ANYONE HAVE FUN ANY MORE??
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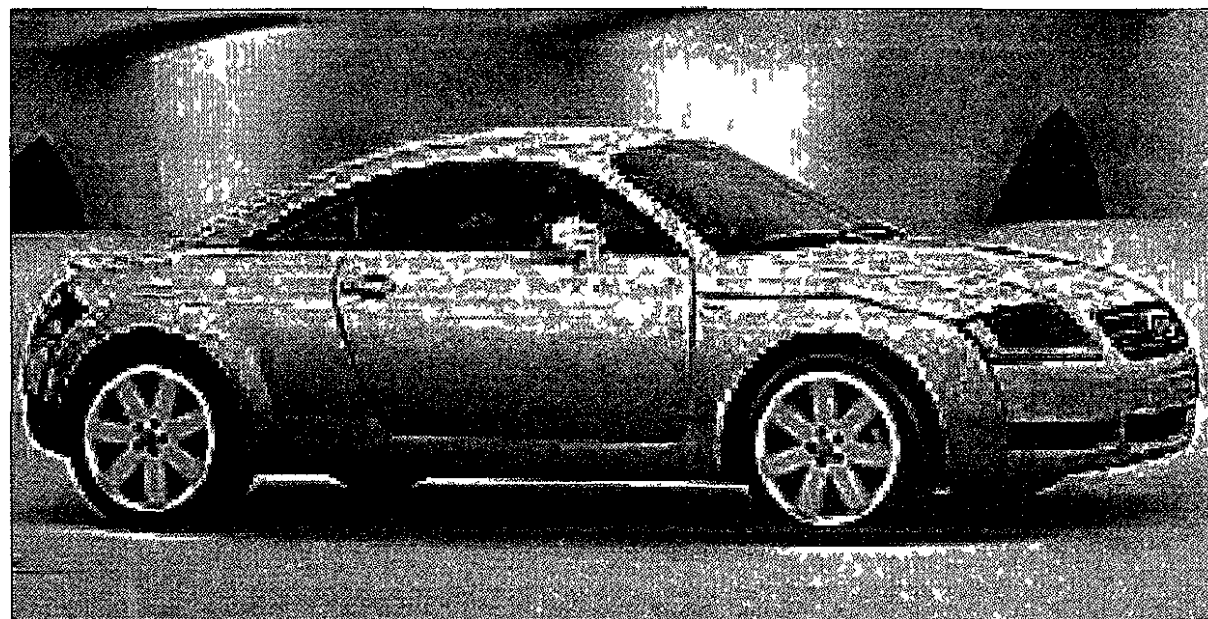
BY DALE BUSS

Whew! That's the universal response to the Audi TT 225 Roadster convertible, both before and after driving or riding in it. This pint-sized power keg was designed to impress visually and empower locomotively, and it does both to an extreme degree. In short, everything about the vehicle is designed and built so that it can provide one of the most fun and most stylish automotive experiences available - and the TT simply delivers with a scream.

I'd seen one from afar and at auto shows, but not up close until now. Sitting before you, the TT is an awesome sight in part because of the tremendous harmony of its multicurve design, from the severely rounded front end to the similarly sculpted rear, from the contact-lens-shaped windows to the steeply sloped roof, from air dam to fender flares to tail lights. That perception is shored up by the car's extremely short front and rear overhangs and very raked windshield. I can't think of a more extreme example of rounded styling in a vehicle for sale, not even the original Ford Taurus, which smashed convention with its 'jellybean' contours in 1986. And sitting on the huge, 17-inch aluminum wheels as does the premium Quattro MT6 version that I drove, the TT reminds me of an extremely capable go-kart that begs 'Drive me!'

The entire appearance of the TT is a reminder, actually, that this model started out as a concept car looking pretty much as it does now. So great was the enthusiasm for this work-of-art design once it started making the circuit in the mid-Nineties that Audi enthusiastically turned it into a production version much more quickly than the industry was used to seeing such things done, in time for the 2000 model year. In both its four-passenger coupe form and the roadster, it has held its own as a favorite of pure automotive enthusiasts since then.

The additional beauty of the TT is that the



You'll be wildly satisfied driving around in the TT Roadster.

round design theme is carried forward so completely and in such detail in the interior of the vehicle. Absolutely everything is round and brushed-aluminum and looks riveted, from the cup holders to the heated-seat knob, from the door-grab handles to the glove box, from the audio-system cover to rings around the climate-control vents. Fine, supple leather seats, with just the right amount of bolstering of the thighs and torso for hard cornering, complement the metal-industrial look nicely. Everything else on the inside urges the car to be driven as well, including the black leather shift knob with its six-speed pattern displayed sharply on the top in aluminum, a small-diameter, three-spoke leather steering wheel that has dismissed any control functions, an aluminum dead pedal, and racing-style gauges.

Because space is at such a premium in this vehicle, the designers look absolutely everywhere for places to put cubbyholes, but they were only mildly successful. They found a nice cylindrical space in the center console that is great for holding a cell phone or sunglasses, and they managed to carve out an area just behind the driver's seat that holds both the six-CD changer and a provided first-aid kit. Yet the glove box is only big enough to hold the owner's manual, and that's about it, and net-covered slots on the insides of

the doors can maybe handle a folded-up map or two, but certainly not anything as thick as an umbrella.

Yet despite how pressed for space the interior designers were, the \$40,000 plus TT Roadster boasts a number of neat and perhaps unique gizmos. One of them is an electrically operated windbreak that slides up behind the brushed aluminum roll bars when the convertible top is down, even the windbreak has a nicely curved configuration. The engineers also took their care designing the electrically driven soft top, which detaches and attaches with ease and disappears and reappears in mere seconds.

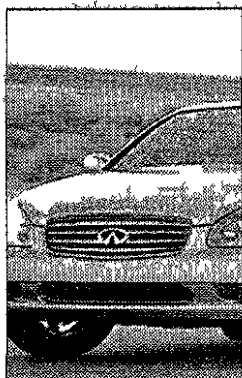
The 225-horsepower, six-gear, manual-transmission version I drove displayed exciting oomph, especially from a standing stop and in the low gears, and gave away nothing on the highway. Handling with Audi's patented four-wheel drive system was a joy, as was braking. Mileage is 20 mpg in the city and 29 on the highway.

Some critics don't like how the TT Roadster performs in the middle range, complaining that it's not quite the performance beast that you might think. But for just about an application except Lemans, you're going to be more than wildly satisfied driving around in the TT Roadster - the two of you can fit, anyway.

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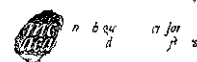
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Hot ticket

Hear ye, Hear ye!

It's time for the Renaissance Festival

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Why celebrate the Renaissance period? Life in England was so primitive then it was hard to determine if a person was dead. Often people presumed dead were buried alive. It happened so much that every "dead person" was buried with a string tied to their wrist. The string hung outside the coffin, above ground, and had a bell on the end. If they awoke, they'd frantically ring the bell. Hence the term "saved by the bell."

Why celebrate the Renaissance? People only bathed once a year. Most married in June just after their yearly May bath, this way they wouldn't stink much on their wedding night. If the bride had some odor, she'd carry a bouquet of flowers to hide it. Hence the origin of wedding flowers. Why celebrate the Renaissance? Perhaps because the fork was introduced during the Renaissance period and manners followed. Or maybe because in those years chivalry wasn't dead. Back then a knight in shining armor could still rescue his saucy princess



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Ren Fest Hollygroves' residents playing a game of musical men

or wayward wench. Back then bawdy parties with frothy beer and celebratory music were held in dizzy-eyed style.

Maybe the allure is the vain clothing and the really uncomfortable corsets.

Perhaps the interest in the Renaissance period is all of the above combined.

Michiganders love their Renaissance Festival in Hollygrove. Celebrating its 24th year, it began on Aug. 8 and runs every Saturday and Sunday through Sept. 28, including Labor Day.

"We expect at least 250,000 guests and more than 50 percent of them will be in costume," said Jessica Land,

events coordinator for the Michigan Renaissance Festival. "There's no other festival like it - it's the costumes, the whimsical attitudes - it's more of an Elizabethan festival as many of the costumes are post-Renaissance, actually."

WHAT TO EXPECT

Haven't been there yet? Expect the surreal. Guests and workers alike dress in period clothing (but it's not required). The high-quality clothing is also sold on the grounds. Workers, pretending to be residents of the mythical Hollygrove, speak faux English or with Scottish accents and use words like "thou," "ye" and "half-witted" and "wagtail."

They shout at you, trying to re-enact history.

"A regular fair or festival just has rides," Land said. "When you step into the Renaissance Festival, it's another world."

Employees and patrons mingle on the grounds amid faux castles and artisans. You might witness sword fights, jousting, rogue wars, and tug of wars. Look for Caroline Jett, who portrays Queen Elizabeth Glorianna. She's a Screen Actors Guild member who performs at the festival every year. No pre-recorded music is permitted because that's not medieval. When you're hungry, feast on mammoth roasted turkey legs and wine served in a goblet.

New this year is a smoking and dining section with a buffet and quality ales for knights

RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

When: Every weekend from Aug. 16 through Sept. 28 including Labor Day

Where: From I-75 North Exit 106 (Grand Blanc). Stay in left lane of exit, travel two blocks. Turn left onto Dixie Highway southbound. The festival is two miles south on the right.

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and peasants. Patrons can make reservations at the main gate for a five-course gourmet feast in the main castle that includes two hours of audience participation entertainment.

Kat and the Fiddle is new this year too. The Witchger Family, a string band, travel the country performing at Renaissance festivals nationwide. They play traditional Irish music, bluegrass and some patriotic American songs.

Returning are classics like the funny and creepy *Dead Bob Comedy Show*, world dancers, soup served in a bread bowl and much more. You might enjoy it.



An Elizabethan spice girl, Junabell Saffron, greets visitors at the Michigan Renaissance Festival.

FESTIVAL THEMES

Every weekend is a different theme at the Michigan Renaissance Festival.

- **Italian Masquerade - Aug. 16-17**
Masquerade Costume Contest, mask making for kids, Whining Contest, pizza dough toss, Pasta Eating Contest, Great Grape Stomp
- **Highland Fling - Aug. 23-24**
North American Masters Caber Toss Championship, traditional Highland dancers, Junior Caber Toss for kids, Kilt Rolling Competition, Bagpipe Blowout
- **Buccaneer Beer Fest - Aug. 30 to Sept. 1**
Treasurer Hunt for children, beer tasting, Limerick Contest, Wooing Contest, Pepsi Press A Wench, deaf interpretation weekend, tattoo/mustache Contest
- **Wine, Romance & Song - Sept. 6-7**
Pepsi Press A Wench Competition, Romancing the Stone game for couples, Grape Stomp, Renewal of vows with punch and cake
- **Wonders of the World, A celebration of all cultures - Sept. 13-14**
Bellydance lessons, Origami for kids, foreign language lessons for kids, dances from around the world, coffee and tea tasting
- **Shamrocks & Shenanigans - Sept. 20-21**
Pub crawl on the festival grounds, Hot Potato Toss, Follow the Rainbow Treasure Hunt, Irish Caliegh, Irish dance, Battle of Bartenders, Sing or Jig for your Supper
- **Chocolate Fantasy Affair - Sept. 27-28**
Wine tasting, pie eating contest, Death by Chocolate competition, wooing contest, ice cream sundae building for kids

Big screen

Earnest performances save 'Freaky Friday'

FREAKY FRIDAY

**1/2 (out of four)

Freaky Friday, Lake Father, Lake Son, Vice Versa – the titles strike terror deep in the hearts of moviegoers everywhere. These films all play off the same uproarious concept: Parent and child swap bodies via mystical balderdash and learn so many life lessons about each other that it almost makes you sick.

It's a lazy concept guaranteed to include all sorts of sure-fire yuks like little Bobby wearing a business suit while his father rocks out on air guitar. The formula is practically foolproof: Kids acting like adults? Hilarious. Adults acting like kids? Super hilarious.

Unable to conjure up even an original title, the new remake of 1976's *Freaky Friday* begins as a colossal boring undertaking.

Dr. Tess Coleman (Jamie Lee Curtis) is a no-nonsense psychiatrist juggling a fast-paced career, an impending marriage to Ryan (Mark Harmon), and the day-to-day nightmare of dealing with Anna (Lindsay Lohan), a sullen daughter who thinks



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she's Avril Lavigne – she wears T-shirts and army fatigue pants, which, if you didn't know, is like, way totally alternative.

Things go from dull to duller when Anna's rock band's big audition falls on the same night as her mom's wedding rehearsal dinner.

As bad luck would have it, the staff of a Chinese restaurant witnesses the family arguing and decides to intervene.

They slip mom and daughter identical tainted fortune cookies. No, the cookies aren't soaked in cyanide, just deadly cliché.

Before you can stand up and scream, "I want my money back," the two selfish women have swapped bodies. They paw their own flesh, scream into mirrors and hyperventilate. And then something amazing happens.

The movie gets really funny. All credit goes Curtis and Lohan who,

through sheer force of will alone, turn this piece of disposable plastic pop into a thoroughly pleasant PG-rated farce. For awhile, it is physically painful to see the talented Curtis reduced to making quips like, "You mean we're, like, stuck in this suck-fest?"

But gradually she settles into the role. She plays the character like an older woman who has suddenly remembered what it was like to be young, and there's a bemused look of wonder that is both funny and sad.

There's a subplot involving Anna's teen boyfriend falling for Anna's mom (really Anna inside Tess' body) that comes off as remarkably plausible. Curtis, who is 45, makes the attraction seem natural.

Meanwhile, Lohan is so controlled and mature that her marriage to the 40-something Ryan is just as logical.

Lohan is every bit as convincing as Curtis, barking orders at her school teachers and demanding total abstinence from her "friends" at high school, while her eyes flash sharp and accusatory.

The scenes that pit Lohan and Curtis against each other are the most enjoyable,

for they both argue with a passion that feels disturbingly authentic.

The film, of course, has nowhere original to go – Tess screws up life at high school and Anna screws up life at the office, and everybody learns a very special lesson. But, like a good episode of TV's *Saved by the Bell*, just because you know where it's headed doesn't mean there isn't a tremendous amount of pleasure in watching it get there.

Freaky Friday is only noteworthy for being relatively inoffensive. Most live-action Disney films are so blatantly manipulative you feel dirty watching it. This film is just as manipulative (not to mention the material was rotten over a decade ago) but no one seems to have told the actors.

Their earnest performances save the movie, turning *Freaky Friday* into – yes, I'm going to say it! – the best uptight-parent-swaps-bodies-with-out-of-control-teen film ever made.

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Small screen

Low-budget stinker 'Ankle Bitters' bites

Ever since dwarf tossing fell out of favor, our brethren who must look up to see the top of the yardstick have been largely left out of the entertainment business.

But there's good news tonight on the film scene. Well maybe it's not so good. For



Beyond Bad

Greg Kowalski

what can one say about a film based on the lives of teeny-tiny vampires. Dwarfs, actually.

It's *Ankle Bitters*, and I will resist the comments it cries for, such as this film has risen to new heights of ineptitude or it is long on good intent but short on talent, or OK you get the picture.

Or rather, you shouldn't, for *Ankle Bitters* is an abomination. It stinks in just about every way a movie can stink. Shot in Georgia for about \$1.5 million, all the actors are lousy. Without exception. The fangs are pure plastic and even the music is bad. So is the tagline for the film: "They're 3-feet tall with 2-inch fangs and a thirst for blood."

To make a long story short — I'm sorry — it seems the only vampires around these days are little people. Being such, they are not able to attack their victims in the neck, the good old-fashioned way. Instead they go for the ankles, hence the title.

Their goal is to acquire a magic sword that will allow them to create a new full-size version vampire and thereby take over the world. Or something like that. I'm not entirely sure. I watched the film two-and-a-half-times and still couldn't get the whole story.

Part of the problem is the sound. It tends to drift in and out so that some scenes scream at you while others are so low that I had to push the sound button as far as it could go to hear the cast's mumbling.

And part of the problem is the story itself. It's just dumb. After a while of watching it, one tends to get distracted. (Is that a bug or a dust spot on the TV screen? When was the last time I cleaned it? Maybe I should go get some Windex? Wait a minute, what's that screaming? Oh, the little guys are attacking someone. They got a sword.) But I really didn't feel like rewinding the tape to fill the gap caused by the distraction.

Did I mention there also is a fearless vampire hunter in the story who growls his way through his role?

There is a fair amount of blood in *Ankle Bitters*, but no special effects to speak of, so I won't.

Ankle Bitters runs an awfully long 85 minutes and was written and directed by Adam (Who?) Minarovich, who also

plays the part of the vampire hunter.

But if you really want to know how to make a bad movie, check out *Ankle Bitters*. It's at various video stores.

Greg Kowalski is more than 3 feet tall and does not have fangs. He can be reached at (248) 901-2570 or by e-mail at gkowalski@homecomm.net

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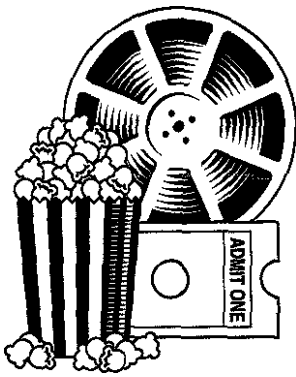
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Farmington Players

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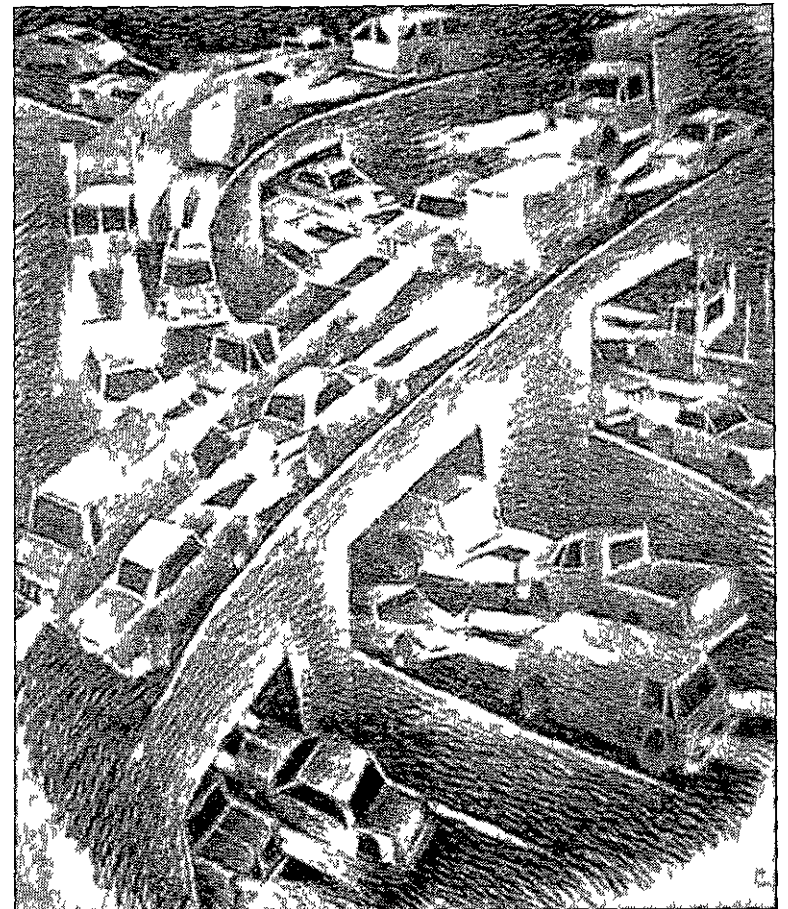
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FESTIVALS

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Friday Sunday at Hart Plaza on Jefferson Avenue Detroit Riverfront (313) 494 5860



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Marina Arsanjevic, an eastern European concert pianist, opens her 'Marina in America' tour at 8 p m Wednesday, Aug 20, at Meadow Brook Music Festival in Rochester Hills. Earlier this year, Marina, who currently resides in Southfield, performed at a luncheon for First Lady Laura Bush. Concert tickets are \$15 for lawn and \$32.50 for pavilion. Call Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666 or visit Palacenet.com

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4140 Woodward Ave Detroit Parking available on street and behind building It seems that every blues underground industrial punk reggae world and Americana band has played here Buju Banton and Burning Spear played here as did Social Distortion's Mike Ness Attire is freestyle casual and up Before the night begins stop at the adjacent Majestic Cafe for a gourmet veggie sandwich mussels or Mediterranean dip Call for hours (313) 833 9700

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Janice Charach Epstein Gallery

Emerging Artists 2003 through Sept 30 Jewish Community Center 6600 W Maple West Bloomfield (248) 432 5448

Livonia Arts Commission

At the Livonia Civic Center Library 32777 Five Mile Road east of Farmington Road Linda Sterns watercolor mixed media collage through Aug 28 Fine Arts Gallery second floor Livonia City Hall Lobby 33000 Civic Center Dr east of Farmington Road Livonia Artist Club mixed media through Aug 28

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Closed until Sept 3 32782 Woodward Ave Royal Oak (248) 647 7709

MUSEUMS, PARKS AND TOURS

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

The 16 acre museum complex tells the story of Oakland County's earliest pioneers Admission includes tours of the 1840 Van Hoosen Farmhouse 1850 Tenant Red House and 1927 Van Hoosen Dairy Barn The museum's new permanent exhibit A Lively Town uses more than 200 images and 100 artifacts to show the development of the Rochester area

Hours are 1 4 p m Wednesday Saturday at the museum on Van Hoosen Road one mile east of Rochester Road off Trienken (248) 645 4663 or visit www.rochesterhills.org/museum.htm

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Hours are 9 a m to 5 p m Monday Saturday and noon to 5 p m Sunday \$8.50 \$13.50 (313) 271 1620 For IMAX ticket prices and show times call (800) 747 IMAX (4629)

Meadow Brook Hall

Tours 1 30 p m Monday Sunday and 12 30 p m and 2 30 p m Saturday Sunday cost is \$12.50 \$8.50 seniors over age 62 \$6 children under 12 children under 2 free Tea on Tuesday \$35 at Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University Rochester For information visit the Web site at www.meadowbrookhall.org

Woodward Dream Cruise

Davy Jones Monkees around in downtown Birmingham

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

When Davy Jones plays live, it's exactly that, it's play

The 58-year-old former Monkee is performing at the elegant Revvin' with Ford 2003 Charity Preview that kicks off the Woodward Dream Cruise on Friday in downtown Birmingham

Jones never tires of singing his old hits "When I get on stage with a group of



Jones

World People are familiar with me," he laughs "I'm somebody's Elvis, how can I ever complain about that?"

Jones doesn't compare himself seriously to the King, instead he places The Monkees in a category with the Marx Brothers and The Three Stooges

On Saturday, Jones will play again at the Dream Cruise The second show is free to the public Friday's Revvin' with Ford is an upscale charity event Saturday's outdoor show is casual Both events are expected to attract big crowds

"It has nothing to do with me When I'm gone, people will still know those

songs," he says "It's not about me The Monkees aren't in the Rock Hall of Fame and we don't much care to It just is what it is"

And the reason he isn't bored of songs like *Daydream Believer*, *I'm a Believer* and *Little Bit Me, A Little Bit You* is because there's more to Jones beyond the music

PASSION FOR HORSES

Jones, his wife and family have a passion for horses He currently resides in both Pennsylvania and Florida, and has five horses that he has raised and trained Gentleness he explains, is the key to understanding the animals

"I wanted to be a jockey since I was 10 years old," he said "I couldn't just do the same thing over and over again The hits will always be special to me and they will always be special to people who love The Monkees, but there is so much more in life to enjoy

Jones is enjoying a lot An eccentric person both on and off stage, he wanted to witness the miracle of life So three weeks ago he was the mid-wife during the birth of his granddaughter

"I actually participated in the birth process, I helped remove the baby My daughter wasn't sure she wanted me there, but I'm her dad and it brought us close I didn't see her as much as I wanted to while she was growing up"

Born 1945 in Manchester, England,

DAVY JONES AT REVVIN' WITH FORD

When: Doors open 6 p.m. Friday Aug 15

What: An elegant buffet, the concert, display of concept and classic cars, kid-friendly events and more

Where: Downtown Birmingham, under the tent in the parking lot between City Hall and The Community House

Tickets: \$175 per person available at The Community House 380 S Bates St (248) 593-6956 For event information call (800) 4-REVVIN

SECOND SHOW

Davy Jones will present a second show 6:45 p.m. Saturday Aug 16 that's free and open to the public outdoors near the Community House in downtown Birmingham For Woodward Dream Cruise information call (888) 4WDC-196 or visit www.woodwarddreamcruise.com

Jones first acted in a school production of *Tom Sawyer*

After an apprenticeship as a race horse jockey, he appeared in two TV programs, *June Evening* and *Coronation Street*, and in BBC Radio's play, *There Is A Happy Land* Later he moved to the US and landed with The Monkees From 1966-1968, the TV Monkees became a real musical group, recording nine albums, with 10 top-20 hits

Years later, Monkee fever struck again with the CD release of *Then and Now The Greatest Hits of the Monkees*

Monkee marathons followed on Nickelodeon and MTV

Three of the original Monkees recorded a new album, *Pool It*, and embarked on a 1986 20th-anniversary tour that lasted three years

Jones continued to work on the road in the early '90s as a solo artist, playing Fagin in *Oliver'* and Vic Fontaine in the touring production of *Grease*

Aside from singing at events like Revvin' with Ford, Jones rides the occasional race on his horses

Life is good for the *Daydream Believer*

Gerard Smith's music is anything but ordinary

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Go ahead, try and label Gerard Smith's music

In this pop music era - where it seems artists are easily categorized - comes Gerard Smith to stir up metro Detroit's pubs The foundation of his music today is strong Irish Celtic ballads but there's much more to it as he mixes some of it with punk and heavy metal guitar

Like good Celtic music should be, Smith is a storyteller with the five songs that he wrote on his 14-track CD titled, *Hamtramck Heaven* He's also a talented singer and musician, and plays obscure Irish and English songs while also playing the guitar, boyzouku, bodhra, tin whistle, mandolin and concertina

See him Dream Cruise weekend on Saturday at Dick O Dows - right in the heart of auto action in downtown Birmingham Or escape Dream Cruise the night before and see him perform at

GERARD SMITH

■ Dick O Dow's 160 W Maple, downtown Birmingham - 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug 16 (248) 642 1135, or www.gerardsmith.net

■ O Halloran's Tipperary Pub 8287 Southfield Detroit - 9 p.m. Friday Aug 15 (313) 271 5870

O Halloran's Tipperary Pub in Detroit on Friday He's at Kildare House in Windsor tonight

Smith's roots are punk He played in the local band Kuru for years - a band that performed traditional Irish songs with hardcore edge Later he was involved in Pluto an avant-garde jazz band Today he listens to Celtic heavy metal gothic jazz bluegrass and rock n roll and all of it

helped form his own creative flair

"I get bored easily," Smith laughed "Music is music, I try not to categorize it I listen to music for the moods that it sets"

His eclectic tastes might best be heard in the haunting song, *Making of A Modern Myth*.

"I had a dream one night that the Earth is a living organism made ill by parasites You never know, Smith writes about the song in *Hamtramck Heaven's* liner notes It's the song of which he's most proud

At Dick O'Dow's, Smith will play what he calls "straight-up Irish, English and Scottish Celtic ballads At Kildare House he'll be a bit more daring and might mix it with old punk.

"At Dick's we might throw in something different like *Norwegian Wood* (by the Beatles), Smith said It all depends on the vibe of the audience, every night is different

Hamtramck Heaven is a little surprising in a good way First the title doesn't refer to Hamtramck as heaven The cover

photo is simply a family photo of Smith in Hamtramck. The back photo is a bit more heavenly, as he sits on the rocks of Michigan waters - hence the name *Hamtramck Heaven*

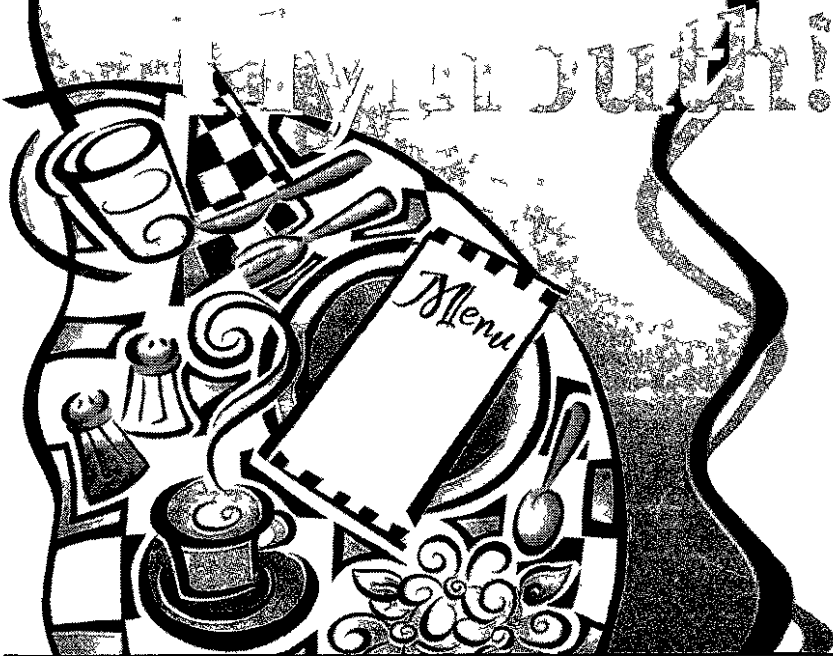
It's the Celtic and rock n' roll that makes Smith's music even more interesting The raunchy song, *With My Rubber Boots On*, is about a cod fisherman who has sex in his boots, leaves the woman while wearing those boots, and nine months later is unhappily raising the resulting family while wearing those same rubber boots

Not all the songs are sexual The more serious working person's song, *Which Side Are You On*, is more political

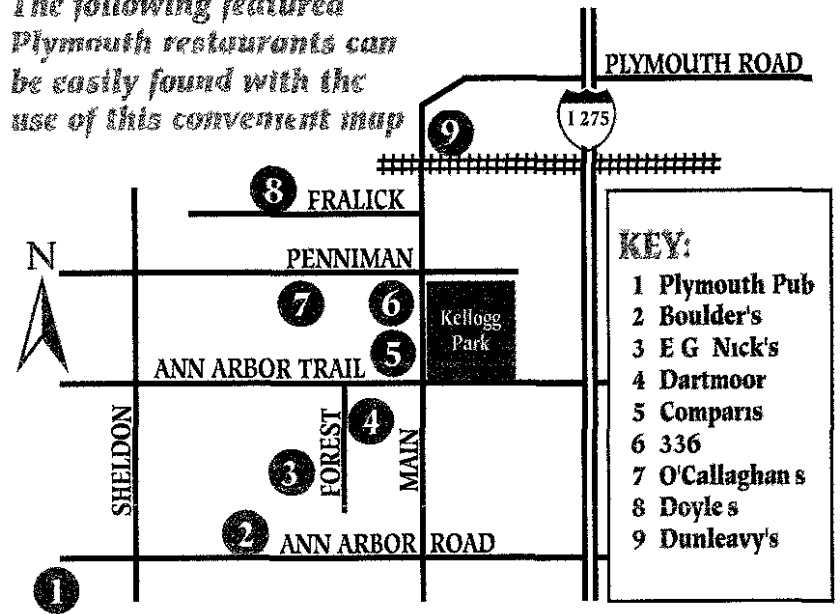
Smith's love for music is lifelong He played piano as a child and at age 15 an aunt gave him a beat-up electric guitar Today some of his songs are serious, others satirical

His CD is available online at www.gerardsmith.com, www.amazon.com www.cdbaby.com

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Cover story



'Massoud the Afghan' is a portrait of Ahmed Shah Massoud, a legendary Tajik commander who fought against both the Soviet Red Army and the Taliban

In times of war

Foreign films can
help us better
understand the world

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Grown tired of daily news reports on world events?

Perhaps recurrent scenes of violence overwhelm and sadden you? Maybe news coverage seems incomplete? Or, you're skeptical about the validity of news reports?

You may have overlooked an alternative source of information with a track record - foreign films

War is, in a sense, a time when movies are needed much more urgently than before," said Elliot Wilhelm, director of the Detroit Film Theatre, where foreign films are a staple "Through movies, we can come to grips with our feelings and emotions

With a foreign film, there's the extra benefit of seeing the world from a differ-

DETROIT FILM THEATRE

What: Fall/Winter 2003 season

When: Friday-Monday, Aug 8 to Dec 15 typically there are two evening shows Friday-Saturday, one matinee and one evening show Sunday and one evening show Monday

Where: Detroit Institute of Arts (theater in back of building) 5200 Woodward Ave Detroit

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Table hopping

You'll feel cool, not hot

BY LANA MINI
 STAFF WRITER

Metro Detroit needed a restaurant like the Starving Artist in Ferndale. It's a small, long restaurant with booths and tables. It's hip, yet comfortable with soft periwinkle and muted gold walls, antique moldings, blue chairs, white linen tablecloths and fresh budding flowers on every table.

The large pieces of colorful art make the restaurant truly pleasing to sit in while waiting for a meal. The art changes about every month and right now Mexican weavings and bold red paintings adorn the walls.

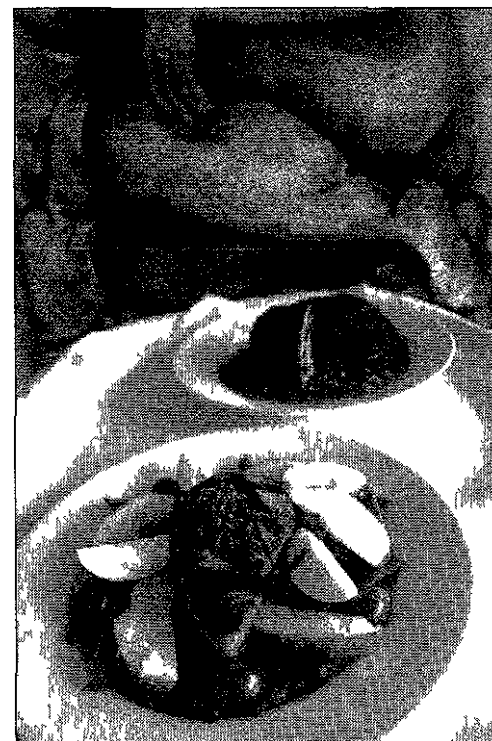
The music, of course, also sets the mood with genres like Latin, smooth jazz and the occasional New Age.

You just feel cool sitting in the Starving Artist dining room. There's a pleasant patio for outdoor diners, but then you wouldn't see the art that's for sale, so be sure to at least step inside for a view.

And then there's the food.

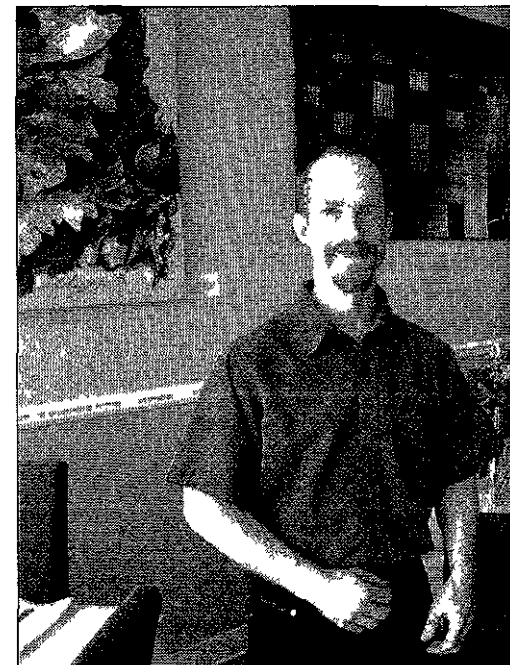
Randy Shallow and partner Brad Johnson teamed with Chef Joseph Gordon to develop a menu of interesting, tempting meals. Many of the recipes are either family heirlooms or favorites of Shallow and Johnson, the others were created by Gordon.

FRESH INGREDIENTS



Two of the most popular dishes at the Starving Artist are Nicoise Salad with white tuna filet, green beans, eggs and olives and Vegetable Napoleon with portabello mushroom, eggplant, polenta and tomato-basil sauce.

"I want people to remember their meals,"



Brad Johnson, co-owner of Starving Artist restaurant, the dining room.

Gordon said. Part of the reason I love working here is (the owners) allow me to be creative.

"Our philosophy is to use superb, quality ingredients," Johnson said. "We make meals fresh daily using all-natural, chemical-free chicken and Certified Angus Beef Tenderloin. We use only the finest extra virgin olive oil. We avoid processed foods and use organic whenever possible."

"I start every day very early visiting the markets for fresh produce. Our herbs are hand-picked from our own garden. I love this job."

Why the focus on fresh and chemical-free?

"Because Randy and I were tired of the chain restaurants where everything tasted fake and bland and processed," Johnson said. "Even the restaurants that aren't chains felt like a chain. We decided to create a restaurant that's appealing to look at, sophisticated yet with a neighborhood feel. You can wear anything here, it's very European."

The Chicken Matisse is Shallow's own recipe. It's free-range breast of chicken sautéed in a delicate French white wine sauce with shiitake mushrooms, sweet red pepper and onion. The gourmet macaroni and cheese is made with several cheeses, roasted garlic, sun-dried tomatoes, pasta and a parmigiano-reggiano bread crumb topping.

"Our prices might be a couple dollars more than the average meal, but you are paying for quality, chemical-free ingredients," Johnson said.

Those few extra dollars are worth it. The dishes have fun names with

igry at Starving Artist



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DREAM CRUISE SPECIAL

On Saturday throughout the day the Starving Artist offers food to cruisers in a hurry. On the patios in both the front and back of the restaurant, grilled sausages will be served. Looking for a Dream Cruise escape? Step inside the restaurant for a relaxing meal off the menu.

European links such as Shrimp Pasta Botticelli, Fellini Lobster Ravioli and Monet's Garden Lasagna.

Vegetarian and vegan offerings are staples. Rousseaus and Crimini mushroom ravioli with mushroom-filled noodle pillows covered in a delicate light tomato sauce topped with parmesan is an example.

Chef Gordon said weekend specials always include one vegan entree such as a dairy-free alfredo made with pureed walnut. There's also a full bar and well-rounded wine list that offers nine wines by the glass,

SPECIALTIES

Brunch - Bread pudding French toast
vegan apple pancakes portabella mushroom hash Hungarian strudel topped with fresh whipped cream
Prices begin at \$3.50

Lunch Nicoise salad with tuna or chicken mixed with new potatoes green beans egg olives and onion over a mix of fresh spring greens and herb dressing \$8.95 for tuna \$9.95 for chicken

Dinner - Shrimp Pasta Botticelli shrimp diced tomatoes garlic onions fresh basil and fettucini tossed with a Parmesan cream sauce \$14.95
Vegetable Napoleon grilled portabella mushroom eggplant zucchini yellow squash and polenta artfully layered and served on a bed of tomato basil pasta sauce \$13.95

Dessert - Chocolate Volcano Cake a flourless chocolate fudge torte topped with fresh raspberries raspberry sauce and whipped cream \$5.75

four half bottles, and 18 full bottle offerings

IT'S HOMEMADE

Many of the salad dressings are home made, all the desserts are, too. The Hungarian strudel is made by a friend who uses a longtime secret recipe. Dinner specials include light summertime fare such as quiche Florentine with spinach, served with spring greens and a sweet balsamic dressing. Eggs Michelangelo - poached eggs served on a bed of toasted French bread with imported prosciutto, topped off with a basil-pesto cream sauce. Pecan encrusted grouper, pan-seared risotto cakes with fresh ratatouille and garbanzo beans are other summer specials.

The restaurant is non smoking. Smoking is permitted outside.

After dinner try the organic coffee and Johnson's favorite dessert fresh apple cake, a family favorite. He added the housemade caramel sauce to make it the Starving Artist's own.

The menu is seasonal to keep ingredients fresh and organic - which means robust in flavor. This fall the Starving Artist plans to offer an autumn bake. Specials change daily, making this restaurant worth visiting repeatedly.

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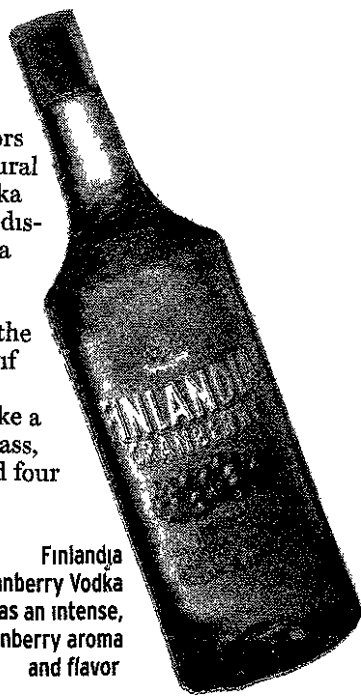
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JUST OPENED

The Earle Uptown, a new restaurant in Ann Arbor's historic Bell Tower Hotel, is now open for business.

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Music

Aerosmith walks this way, leads Motor City Madhouse concert

BY JIM TOTH
STAFF WRITER

It certainly won't be the *Same Old Song and Dance* when "Detroit Rock City" turns into "Motor City Madhouse" Friday night at Comerica Park.

Three of some of the most prolific and ever-adapting bands in rock history — Aerosmith, KISS and Ted Nugent — promise to get this weekend off to a roaring start when they take to the stage for one evening of classic heart-pounding, ear-popping rock 'n' roll.

Making a return to the premier concert city on the planet, all three bands promise Friday's show will leave a definitive mark in the memory banks of the rock-crazed fans of Detroit.

"A very major event will take place," assured legendary lead guitarist Joe Perry of Aerosmith. "We love coming to Detroit. Detroit has always been a fabled place. In the late '60s and early '70s, Detroit was like Rock Nirvana Haven. It was 'Detroit Rock City.' It's always been a great town."

The current Aerosmith and KISS tour will include some 40 venues over four months and signals the continuous appreciation rock bands have for the metro Detroit area since Comerica Park is the lone stadium site on the docket.

"Our tours are shorter now, but just as powerful," Perry said. "The success of the multi-band show, shows people want to be part of it, and we're always looking for ways to give the audience the best shows we can give."

For Aerosmith, doing exactly that has spanned better than three decades. From the outset, Perry, along with band members Steven Tyler, Tom Hamilton, Brad Whitford and Joey Kramer, have always had the mindset to conquer the masses. In the early days, they tried to avoid the customary club and bar scenes of native Boston by winning over high school teens and others seeking a new sound.

With success on the horizon, the band quickly found itself opening for such

TRIPLE PLAY

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groups as Edgar Winter and Humble Pie, headlining shows at 60,000 seat stadiums and splashed on the cover of *Rolling Stone*.

But with any phenomenon, the ride to the top can be a brief one. Included on that roller-coaster ride was Aerosmith, which experienced its decline in the mid-'80s.

Fortunately, though, some difficult decisions and MTV were the right ingredients to steady the ship and propel the band onto a decade-long run that has no end in sight.

"We were fortunate enough to get in the middle of the MTV explosion in the late '80s and early '90s and were able to stay with it," Perry said. "We were also fortunate to have some hit records. We're never too snobby to have hit records."

According to Perry, the current tour will include a rotating set of Hall of Fame Aerosmith rock 'n' roll, in addition to several cuts off the band's still-untitled 14th release.

"It hits on every cylinder," Perry said. As to sharing the stage with KISS and the Motor City Madman, Perry said the band is looking forward to the opportunity of reliving some blowout shows that took place with both groups years ago.

"We knew about them (KISS) in the early '70s in New York," Perry recalled. "And with Ted, we played together several times and that was great."



'Detroit Rock City' turns into 'Motor City Madhouse' Friday night at Comerica Park with three of the most prolific bands in rock history — Aerosmith (pictured), KISS and Ted Nugent

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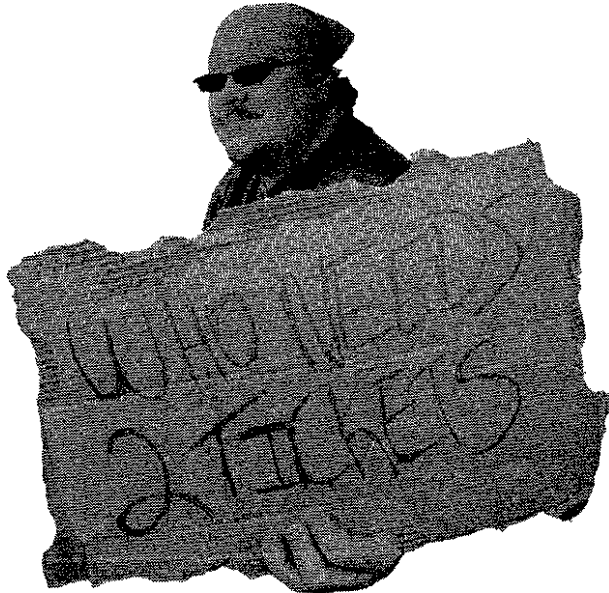
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FILMS

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ent culture's perspective

For those hungry for alternative points of view, DFT's fall/winter 2003 season, which just began and runs through Dec 15, won't disappoint

In addition to a plentiful selection of French, English and Italian films, there are works from Iran, Russia, India, Japan, Thailand, Argentina, Brazil and Belgium

Films relevant to the United States' current and recent military activities also are among the offerings

Marooned in Iraq, which was filmed in both Iran and Iraq, follows a group of Kurds who survived Saddam Hussein's attacks after the 1991 Gulf War

Massoud the Afghan is a portrait of Ahmed Shah Massoud, a legendary Tajik commander who fought against both the Soviet Red Army and the Taliban

11'09"01 is a compilation of 11 short films relating to the Sept 11 terrorist attacks

While foreign films do shed light on world events and regularly serve as an alternative information source for many members of society, increased interest in the genre isn't an inevitability, said David MacGregor, a film instructor and screenwriter who lives in Livonia

"It depends on the general public's attitude toward the war," he said

During the Vietnam era, counterculture sentiments favored independent and foreign films "You were being told one thing by your government, so people went looking for another form of information"

Consequently, alternative films flourished, said Philip Hallman, film librarian at the Department of Film and Video Studies, University of Michigan In fact, there were about seven film societies operating on the University of Michigan campus during the '60s, he said And, as many



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Bob Dylan and Angela Bassett are among the many stars in *'Masked and Anonymous'* There's much buzz about the movie, which is playing Friday-Sunday, Sept 26-28 at Detroit Film Theatre

as 12 alternative films (classic, foreign or independent) were screened on any given weekend night

Of course, concern about global conflict isn't the only reason people seek out foreign films

European films first emerged in the United States in the '50s, primarily in big cities By the '60s, they had influenced American filmmaking and changed the nation's attitude toward the medium

Foreign films about faraway cultures don't always address current events, either As with any art form, film strives to speak to the human condition, said Wilhelm

"The great thing about film is, whether you travel or don't travel, you see the world through others' eyes You see different parts of the world, and you discover that other people have similar problems and woes," he said "It's the ultimate small world"

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This year's Michigan State Fair promises more to do and see

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

There's always something new to see and explore at the Michigan State Fair

This year, organizers are boasting more than new activities

The big news is a partnership with the Woodward Dream Cruise and an earlier opening date Friday, Aug 15, the weekend of the classic car parade

"We think it's the perfect melding of two terrific events," said John Hertel, Michigan State Fair general manager

Indeed, opening weekend events reflect the new association. There's a new 'Burn-Out' Contest with bleacher seating for spectators on Friday evening and a classic car show all day Saturday

"We thought it would be helpful for the Dream Cruise because it stretches the Cruise into Detroit," Hertel said, adding the state fair's mission is to unite



CAROL FRIEDMAN

Al Green is among the big-time musical acts that will be performing at the Michigan State Fair

urban, suburban and rural people

As always, the fair continues through Labor Day, so the earlier opening date means an extended run of 18 days

Another major change comes in the form of new hours of operation. This year, the fairgrounds won't open until 2 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday

"The best way to think of it is

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- David Lee Roth - 7 p.m. Sunday Aug 31, Greektown Casino Band Shell
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that we have two sets of hours," Hertel said, adding the change is a response to low attendance mid-week

Fairgrounds gates will open at 10 a.m. Friday-Monday

The biggest change in programming is the revival of the demolition derby, which hasn't taken place at the fair for more than 10 years, said Hertel. So numerous were requests for the derby's return that "we're hold-

ing two of them," he said

Other live entertainment runs the gamut from big-time musical acts like Al Green, Willie Nelson and David Lee Roth to local dance troupes, student marching bands and community choirs

For those looking for something a little more off-beat, consider some of these events: the "Look What Mama Made" fashion show, a "Kick the Shoe" contest or "Cookie Stacking"

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When. Friday, Aug 15, to Monday, Sept 1. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Monday and 2-10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday (open until 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug 15-16)

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Of course, classic fair activities are as numerous as ever. Returning again this year is the ever-popular live animal and birth display, "Miracle of Life." But don't overlook the horse shows, livestock and agriculture displays, pie-eating contests and hog calling

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Wayne County Fair has air of nostalgia

BY CHRYSAL LIEBOLD
STAFF WRITER

While thousands clamor for spots on Woodward Avenue during the ninth-annual Dream Cruise, others will retreat to the Wayne County Fair for a more peaceful alternative

The Wayne County Fair has the variety that brings you back to what it used to be like in the old days, said Jerry Knorp, fair organizer. This is what we need to get back to

The 57th-annual Wayne County Fair in Belleville, which continues through Saturday, is a volunteer-run event featuring youth and adult exhibitors, 23 carnival rides, and Monster Truck Racing

Monster Truck rallies involve audience participation. The audience votes on what they like and don't like about the show. Tim Bush will be competing in the Monster Truck race on Saturday and has been racing for 17 years

"These rallies have a real good response with the crowds," said Bush. "We've done it for the last 15 to 16 years - there's side-by-side racing, drag racing, freestyle, and it's all voted on by the crowd. The audience likes freestyle more than anything

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4x4 Truck Pull - 7:30 p.m. Thursday Aug 14

Demolition Derby - 6 p.m. Friday Aug 15

Monster Truck Racing - 7:30 p.m. Saturday Aug 16

FAIR

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People like to see things get destroyed – if a truck gets smashed or crushed, they love it.”

Bush said the fair is unique, but he doesn't get to enjoy it as he would like because he gets stuck on the tracks

“There are a lot of diverse people there This is the motor capital of the world so you're not stuck with one type of fan,” he said

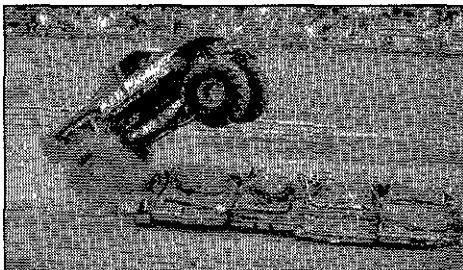
The Monster Truck Rally and the Demolition Derby are said to be the biggest attractions at the fair, along with the carnival that features a double Ferris wheel, roller coaster and 21 other thrill rides There will be also be livestock displays – horses, cows, pigs and chickens, and horse show

Karen Slobodnik serves on the Wayne County Fair board and has volunteered at the fair for over 15 years

“We have people that come from every area of Wayne County,” she said. “The fair represents all the people in the county It's nostalgic - going to the carnival and eating cotton candy and corn dogs”

According to Knorp, the fair is centered around the 4-H Club Members enter their animals in 4-H sponsored contests to compete for prizes

“It's nice to have a carnival, but the fair is really about achievements,” said Knorp “These kids are raising animals and working hard They might get a ribbon or they



Monster Truck racing is a popular event at the Wayne County Fair

might get first place, it depends on how hard they work for it, which is something you do all your life It's a good thing all the way around.”

Randy Dunkelberger of Belleville has been going to the fair since he was a baby The now 37-year-old said he still hasn't gotten his fill of the fair

“I've been going since I was 7 years old,” he said. “I have two children, so they go to the fair almost every day You can walk around and enjoy the scenery, and it attracts all ages because of the 4-H club and all the crafts people can participate in”

Dunkelberger isn't the only one that attends the fair religiously – Slobodnik estimates that nearly 25,000 people attend each year

“Everything is geared for family entertainment,” she said. “You've got a whole gamut of people that come – senior citizens, teenagers, families pushing strollers, people in silk outfits and people in blue jeans People come for a fun day at the fair

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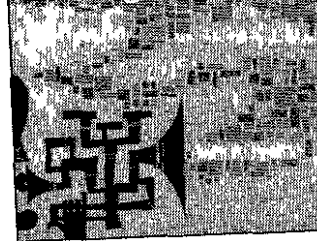
Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda we present our top picks for the week Filtered just for you

Album

The latest album by Norman Okla natives the **Starlight Mints** sometimes feels like you're listening to a spy movie sound track (The Flaming Lips another oddball group of pop rockers also are from Norman) The first track of **"Built on Squares"** ends with tap dancing another begins with sounds like a cartoon - and I honestly didn't think the sound of bowling pins being knocked over would be so catchy Brass



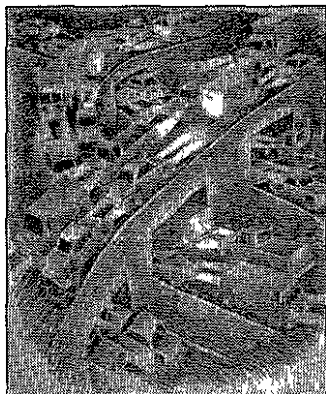
Starlight Mints



Digger begins with a Mexican horn feel and moves directly to guitar riffs straight from the Pixies playbook one of many Pixie-esque moments on the album The album's strongest and catchiest song **Pages** includes a mind numbing synth and drum beat guitars that screech in and out and high pitched backing vocals No less than a violin cello trombone trumpet vibraphone piano bass drums samples and synths create this off kilter pop music that at all times is surreal intricate and beautiful Available at local record stores

Art

Fifty Michigan artists including Rick Pruckler Kaiser Suidan Victor Pytko Steven Blake Miller Janet Allinger and Tara Hackett are currently showing work at **Biddle Gallery** 2840 Biddle Ave in Wyandotte The show runs through Aug 31 and features pottery glass jewelry fine art and furniture The gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday - Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday For more information check out <http://www.biddlegallery.com> or call (734) 281-4779



'Untitled (freeway)' by Kevin Radu

Show

DIY promotion has always been a part of the punk music scene and a major cornerstone of that promotion is the punk rock flier As computer graphic programs have grown in popularity the eclectic hand drawn fliers popular in the 70s have faded away Remember what it used to be like as The Detroit Art Space presents **"Punk Rock Flier Art Show,"** a collection of Detroit punk fliers - vintage and current Opening reception will take place from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday

Hardcore punks Pub Life (You've seen their stickers in bath rooms all over Detroit) rock punks The Clone Defects and teenage punks The Minus Heroes are scheduled to perform beginning at 10 p.m. Admission is \$5 The Detroit Art Space is located at 101 E Baltimore off Woodward in Detroit For more information call (313) 664-0445 or e-mail DetroitArtSpace@hotmail.com

Film

The **Magic Bag** will present the soul music documentary **"Only the Strong Survive,"** on Thursday during Brew & View

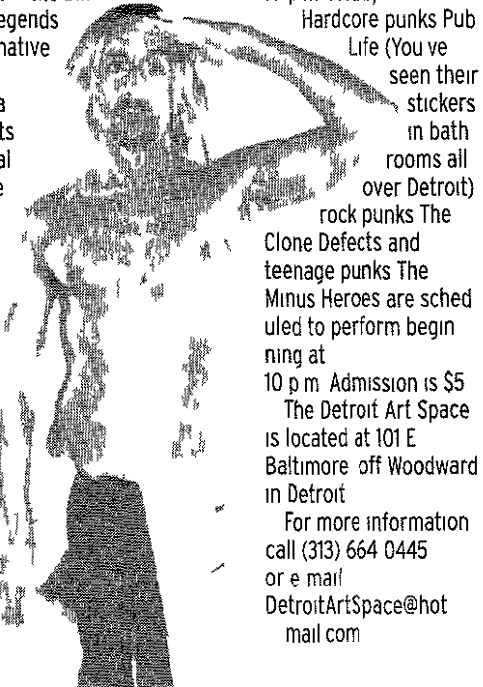
Documentary filmmakers DA Pennebaker and Chris Hegedus and journalist Roger Friedman put together a film that includes interviews and performances by the biggest survivors of 1950s 70s Stax Records and Motown soul and R&B singers including Isaac Hayes Sam Moore Ann Peebles Wilson Pickett The Chi Lites Rufus & Carla Thomas and Mary Wilson If you dug Standing in the Shadows of Motown don't miss this soul cousin

Doors open at 8 p.m. film begins at 9:30 p.m. 21 and older Cost is \$2 The Magic Bag is located on the north east side of Woodward Ave north of 9 Mile in Ferndale

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Concert

Iggy and the Stooges are back Thirty years after their last performance in Detroit Ypsilanti's most notorious export will plug back in at DTE Thursday The show is building hype as the biggest concert of the summer - the bill being something legends are made of Alternative art rockers **Sonic Youth** which has a loyal following in its own right and local garage rockers the **Von Bondies** also are slated to perform Don't miss the You had to be there rock show of the summer Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$22 for lawn and \$48.50 for the pavilion They can be purchased through Ticketmaster by calling (248) 645-6666



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Relax, do something or nothing in Union Pier

BY SANDIE PARROTT
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I hesitate to tell you about this place, because I don't want it to change Union Pier and the surrounding area has the look and feel of the 1950s

Union Pier, just above New Buffalo, is a small town minutes north of the Indiana border along I-94 in the very southwest corner of the state

It's perfect for driving vacations - the kind where you pack the kids in the car with bathing suits, sand pails and board games (not video) and maybe a small battery-powered radio - and drive to a comfortable, charming lodge, cabin or inn to just relax for a week.

THE INN AT UNION PIER

The Inn, as owner Bill Jann says, is an hour-and-a-half from busy Chicago, but in reality it is light years away"

He said guests arrive stiff, stressed, wired and rushed from traffic, jobs and life in the fast lane When told breakfast is at 9 a.m., many protest, saying they prefer to get up much earlier According to Bill, the next day they barely make it to the end of breakfast, and their sumptuous breakfasts are not to be missed.

The atmosphere and accommodations make it easy to sleep in, take long walks and watch the sunset The 16 theme rooms boast down comforters, private baths and antique furnishings

There is a lot of nothing to do at the Inn Take a stroll before breakfast and view the large, wonderful vintage cottages along Lake Michigan, spread a blanket on the powdery white sand beach and let your mind go blank, soak in the outdoor hot tub, or take one of the Inn bicycles out for a spin

BACK ROADS

If you're in the mood for some U-pick fruits and vegetables, this area supports 22 farms growing 50 different agricultural crops There's everything from Tree-Mendous Fruit Farm, a family-run farm that grows 100 different kinds of apples including antique varieties, to Jollay Orchards, a



Take a break from sightseeing at the outdoor terrace cafe at the Harbor Grand Hotel, overlooking the marina in New Buffalo, not far from Union Pier

centennial farm where you can pick pumpkins

If you're feeling energetic, hike up the 240-foot hill of sand at Warren Dunes State Park. Mount Randall towers over the lake and provides a great view if you can make it to the top The park offers other old-fashioned fun like fishing, nice beaches for swimming and picnic areas

A LITTLE VINO

Take a peaceful drive through the vineyards and picturesque farms and stop at some wineries Four can be visited in one day, and that includes detours to fruit farms or antique shops along the way

The Heart of the Vineyard Winery, Distillery and Brewery is probably the most unique winery in Michigan. Rick Moersch was born in Flint and has a loyal following The e-mail newsletter group is called the Copperheads The name came from the copper top or "head" of the still

Tasting uncommon wines like Scheurebe is a real pleasure The

newest achievement is the release of two fruit-infused vinegars - apricot and blueberry Add to that about 20 types of brandy The latest brandy releases are elderberry and black walnut liquor

SHOP AROUND

While you're on the road, check out Patty's Picks on Red Arrow Highway Patty offers "Good things for the home and soul" Some of her newer wares are Wild Goose Crosses from Ireland, complimentary cereal bowls (they give you positive affirmations as you eat your breakfast), and instant human coffee mugs - just add coffee

There are 12 art galleries including, photography and stained-glass studios in this small area, along with many specialty shops One such place is Michigan Thyme Shops and Café in nearby New Buffalo They offer a little bit of everything under one roof, gourmet foods and candy to take home or try out in the café, "lifestyle clothing with

If you are going ...

PLACES TO STAY

The Inn at Union Pier - Proprietors Bill and Joyce Jann - (269) 469-4700 or www.innatunionpier.com. Prices range from \$155 - \$230 a night

Pine Garth Inn, Cottages and Lakefront Villa - Owner Demise Foy (888) 390-0909 www.pinegarth.com Prices start from \$140 for a guest room up to \$200 per (week) night for Coryn's Carriage House (a darling romantic cottage, completely private) and weekly rates for the villa.

WINERIES

Heart of the Vineyard - Baroda, Mich - (800) 716-(WINE) 9463 or www.heartofthevineyard.com Check out their winemaking classes Sept 20, for white and Oct. 4 for red Two other events are the Harvest Party, Aug 24 for Wine, Brandy and (Blues) Bands, and a Holiday Open House on Dec 6, where they will have their Nouveau Wine Release

Tabor Hill Winery and Restaurant - Buchanan, Mich - (800) 283-3363 or www.taborhill.com They are one of the oldest wineries in Michigan If you can't get to the winery, check out the Tabor Hill Wine and Art Gallery at 115 W Liberty in Ann Arbor

Domaine Berrien - Berrien Springs, Mich - Opened May 4, 2002 The tasting room and an outdoor deck has now been

completed - (269) 473-(WINE) 9463 or www.domaineberrien.com

Lemon Creek Winery - Berrien Springs, Mich - (269) 471-1321 - A centennial farm with U-pick fruits and vegetables in season - wonderful jams, jellies and preserves along with (of course) wines

RESTAURANTS

Miller's Country House - Red Arrow Highway, Union Pier - (269) 469-5950 miller's-restaurant.com Traditional and contemporary offerings in a windowed setting overlooking beautiful perennial gardens

Casey's Bar & Grille - New Buffalo, Mich - (269) 469-5800 or www.caseysbar-grille.com - Looks like an old style (actually built in the 1920s) bar on the outside with the original art deco bar and "hump on the floor" with neon light sign out front. The surprise on the inside is a Chicago-style casual neighborhood bistro with wonderful pasta, fresh fish and hand-cut steaks A lovely garden path leads from the front sidewalk to a popular hidden outdoor patio

OTHER

Tree-Mendus Fruit Farm - (269) 782-7101 or www.treemendus-fruit.com come and pick your own fruits, ride the special wagon

Patty's Picks - Union Pier on Red Arrow Highway - (269) 469-1919

attitude" and unique items for entertaining The stuffed French toast made with their own cream cheese and orange filling may be why they are rated as the "Best Breakfast in Town"

People from the Chicago area have discovered the Union Pier and New Buffalo area, but Michigan residents from 'the other side of the state' don't seem to know it exists Most restaurants in high season are booked solid, and for good reason

Miller's Restaurant is one of the standards They have been around for 18 years, and offer a blend of traditional and what they call "New World cuisine"

If you have a hankering for some hospitality, laid-back lifestyle, beautiful sunsets, wide sand beaches with a dash of art and fantastic contemporary restaurants, head to this area.

On second thought, it was really horrible and you wouldn't really want to go there (smile)

Music

Shower singers, win tickets to see Pavarotti

Is there a good song to sing in the shower?

Tell us your favorite song to sing in the shower, and why it's your favorite, to win two tickets to see Luciano Pavarotti, 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Six pairs of tickets will be given away.



Pavarotti

Mail, fax or e-mail your entries by Wednesday, Sept. 9, to

Keely Kaleski, assistant managing editor for features, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009, fax (248) 644-1314 or e-mail kkaleski@oe.homecomm.net

Winners will be notified by phone and announced in the Thursday, Sept. 18, edition of Filter.

Chamber Music Society tickets on sale

A limited number of single concert tickets for the 2003-2004 Chamber Music Society of Detroit season are available. All 630 season subscriptions to the nine-concert series sold out earlier this summer. The 2003-2004 season marks the 60th anniversary for the organization.

In addition to the single concert tickets, a very limited number of reserved donor tickets remain for the Wednesday, April 21 Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble.

This season's concerts will all be held at the Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 West 13 Mile Road (at the corner of Lahser and 13 Mile Road), Beverly Hills, on the campus of the Detroit Country Day School.

Single concert tickets are priced between \$30 and \$67. Student tickets are \$20. Reserved donor tickets for Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble are \$500, of which \$380 is tax deductible. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Chamber Music Society of Detroit ticket service at (248) 855-6070.

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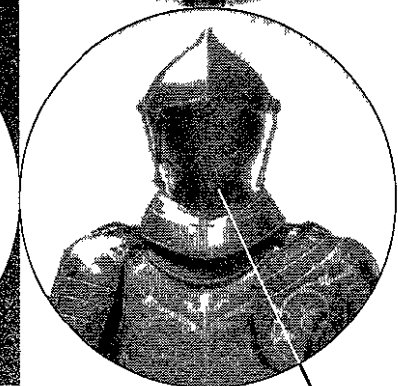


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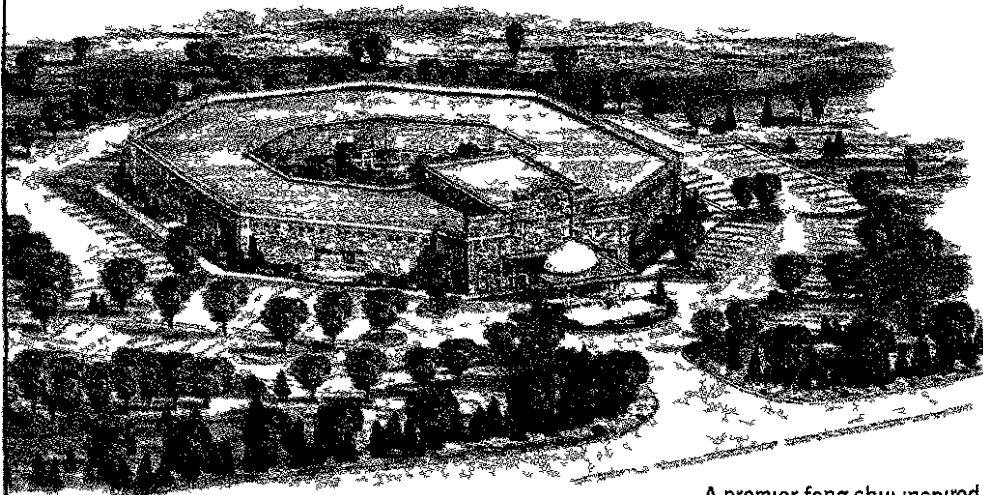
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