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Shopping spree

Win a shopping spree with Peter Nielsen, author and host of 'Peter's Principles'. For details, please see page D6.



Pipeline

■ Birthday boy

Observer reporter Tony Bruscatto celebrates his 50th birthday today (Thursday) and State Rep. John Stewart made sure he was recognized for it. Stewart (R-Plymouth Township) and Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed a State of Michigan Special Tribute recognizing Bruscatto for reaching the milestone. This is certainly a time of celebration and one which offers us an opportunity to gratefully recognize the contributions of one of our most conscientious citizens and writers. The tribute said of Bruscatto, a Canton resident...



■ Heating up

Plymouth is gearing up for the annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook Off scheduled for Sunday Oct. 12. The main event of the day is the eighth annual cook off which features cooks from all over the country with some 60 chili heads vying for the top spot. The day also includes a Restaurant Chili Challenge with local restaurants serving up their own versions of chili and a ride in Motorcycle Bike Show sponsored by Motor City Harley Davidson of Farmington Hills. The event features some 3,000 bikes and visitors get a chance to pick the winner. Proceeds from the event support local children's charities. For more information call Lenart at (734) 451-0935 or Lauren Treadwell at (734) 454-0722.

State: Township's accounting OK

Building fund practices 'acceptable'

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

After initially agreeing with local criticism of how Plymouth Township officials document money in the

township's building fund, Michigan Department of Treasury officials late last week reversed themselves, calling the township's accounting practices "acceptable." In a letter dated Sept. 25,

Suzanne Schafer, administrator for the department's Local Audit and Finance Division, told township Treasurer Ron Edwards, "The Department of Treasury feels the most appropriate manner is to create a separate fund and allocate all related overhead costs to this fund. The Department of

Treasury will allow local units to continue to account for this activity within the General Fund, as long as the local unit's fee structure is not intended to recover the full cost of the enforcing agency."

What does all that mean? "We have made clear how the treasury department feels it

should be done," said Terry Stanton, public information officer for the Department of Treasury, "but the way Plymouth Township is doing it would be acceptable."

The flap started when township resident Don Schnettler,

PLEASE SEE ACCOUNTING, A5

Schools turn to single fund-raiser

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

School fund-raisers have been around for a long time, with students selling everything from candy and magazines to pizza kits in an effort to raise money for school necessities such as books, field trips, playground equipment and even at-risk reading programs.

However, as budget cuts have become the norm for most school districts, parent-teacher organizations have been working overtime to raise money that was previously included in individual school ledgers. And, it's become increasingly difficult to raise additional cash. Parents, teachers and students at East Middle School and Dodson Elementary have taken up the challenge with events this Saturday. Each school will hold a major fund-raising social event to cultivate money for their schools, thereby eliminating several smaller fund-raisers which are draining parents, and those who are solicited to buy, buy, buy.

REVENUE DROP

"In reality, the revenue has been

PLEASE SEE SCHOOLS, A8



Lauren Luhian (right) and Paige Stevens work on a seascape mural with classmates under the supervision of MaryAnn Stevens and Susan Fisher, for Saturday's Dodson Elementary fund-raiser.

City hopeful wants 2nd term on board

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

After being elected in 1999, Michele Potter said she had to undergo a learning curve before comfortably settling into her role as a Plymouth city commissioner.

It's been challenging at times, and it's been very rewarding," said Potter. "I feel I've made a positive contribution over the past four years, and I'd like to serve another four. I like seeing the city thrive, and it seems to be more vital now than it ever has been."

Potter is one of five candidates seeking four seats on the city commission in the Nov. 4 general election. Just as the first four years have been, Potter knows the next four will be challenging for the commission as residents will also decide the fate of Proposal 1, which asks for an increase in the city's tax rate to avoid projected budget deficits the next five years.

"I don't think we need a Headlee override right now," said Potter, who is opposed to increasing taxes to bail out city finances. "I'm not sure the shortfall is actually as much, if at all, what is being estimated for the coming year."

Finance Director Mark Christensen has projected a nearly \$1.2 million cash



Potter

PLEASE SEE POTTER, A5

Team effort brought Westland chase to successful conclusion

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

At the beginning, Plymouth Township Police Officer Scott Linton wasn't sure what he had, only that the car he was behind looked similar to one Westland police were looking for.

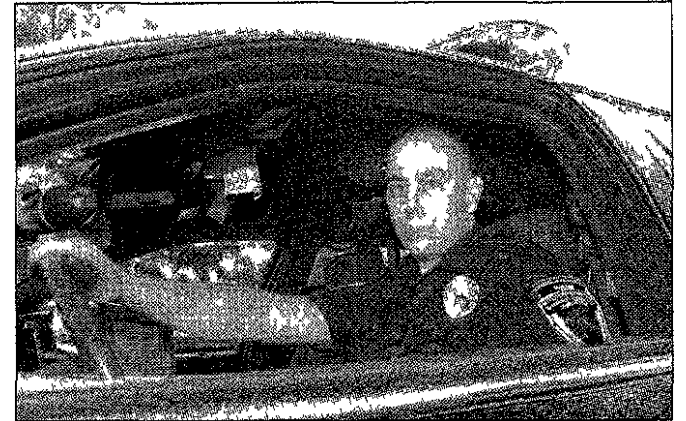
By the time he was in the middle of a high-chase pursuit that

frequently exceeded 115 mph, Linton knew he was chasing an alleged killer, information that made focusing on catching him that much easier.

Linton, a five-year veteran of the township police, was the first to spot the Corvette being driven by Michael Lamont Schofield Sept. 11, moments after Schofield and his companion, 24-year-old Leslie

Gordon of Detroit, allegedly shot six people, killing four at a Westland party store.

And it was Linton who stayed with the Corvette during a chase that started on I-275 in Plymouth Township and ended up in a residential Detroit neighborhood at McNichols and the Southfield



Plymouth Township Police Officer Scott Linton was the first cop to spot suspected killer Michael Schofield's Corvette after the Sept. 11 shootings at a Westland party store.

PLEASE SEE POLICE, A4

HOLIDAY GREETING CARDS

If your charity or organization is offering holiday cards for sale to raise funds we want to tell our readers about it. In early November the Observer Community Life section will feature a page of holiday charity cards in full color. Send a copy of your card with information about your charity and where to obtain the cards to Hugh Gallagher, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. We need to have your information by Oct. 24.

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FLINT CHOIR

The Plymouth Salvation Army is hosting the Flint Salvation Army Choir at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5. The concert will be held in the chapel at the Plymouth Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main Street. The choir is made up of all volunteer "songsters" ranging in age from 14 on up to seniors.

More than 40 members comprise the group. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear an excellent choir right here in our town. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, call (734) 453-5464.

PARK SCARECROWS

Reservations are now being taken for the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's annual "Scarecrows in the Park" program. Individuals or groups are invited to decorate their scarecrows in the display, which rings Kellogg Park downtown, Oct. 12-14. Clubs, businesses, Scout troops and families have all taken advantage of the program in past years. For the \$20 fee, the chamber

provides the pole, straw and a name sign. Disposal is also included in the cost. Buyers can decorate their scarecrows as they see fit. The scarecrows will remain standing through the Halloween season. For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

YMCA HOOPS

The Plymouth Family YMCA still has openings on the Fall Basketball League for players in all age divisions: 5-6 and 9-12. The league starts the week of Oct. 13 and runs through Dec. 19. Cost is \$65 per child. Limited openings are also available in the "Y Kids Preschool" for the morning 3-year-old program and the afternoon Monday-Wednesday-Friday program for 4-year-olds. For more information on these and other programs, call the YMCA, (734) 453-2904.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Residents of both the city and Plymouth Township get a second chance to dispose of household hazardous waste when the two municipalities

join forces to sponsor a fall household hazardous waste collection day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 4 at Compuware Sports Arena. Acceptable materials include oil-based paint, motor oil, mercury, old medications, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, pesticides and other materials labeled flammable or corrosive. They will not accept radioactive materials, smoke detectors, tires, PCBs, explosives, medical waste or latex paint. For more information contact the township, (734) 453-8131, Ext. 33, or the city at (734) 453-7737, Ext. 108.

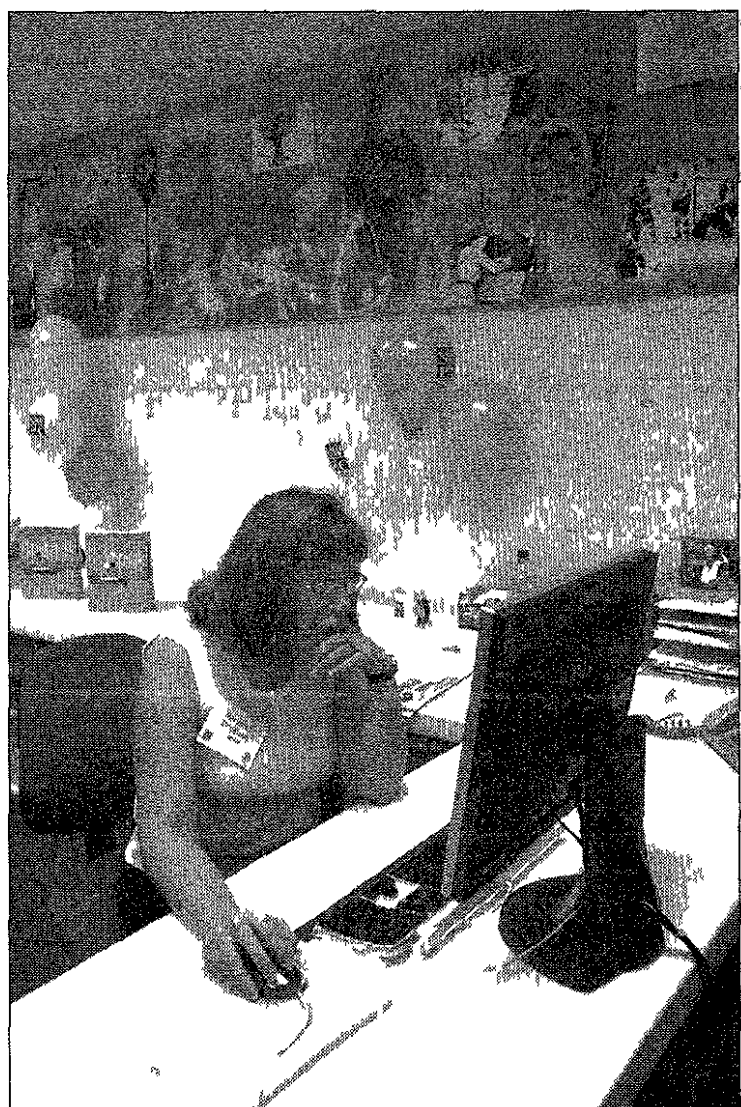
MEMORIAL CONCERT

The Lucille Lowery Memorial Concert "A Celebration of the Voice" will be presented at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12 at St. John's Episcopal Church. Six vocalists, who are either voice majors or have recently graduated from the University of Michigan School of Music, will present an afternoon of arias and ensemble pieces from oratorios and operas. They will be accompanied by Jeanne Snyder, who is accompanist for the Detroit Opera.

Vocalists include Linda Meehan, Jennifer MacDonald, Suzanne Klock, Christine Kapusky, John McLaughlin and Stephen Babalik. A free-will offering will be taken. St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-0190.

PLYMOUTH GIFT CERTIFICATES

With birthdays, holidays and the Christmas season approaching, Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce officials hope residents will consider Plymouth Gift Certificates. The gift certificates, good at more than 40 stores and nearly two-dozen restaurants in the Plymouth community, have become an incredibly popular gift choice. According to chamber director Fran Toney, buyers have purchased more than \$30,000 worth of the certificates in the program's existence. Gift certificates are available through the chamber office, and can be purchased over the phone with a Visa or MasterCard. For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.



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SMITH FUND-RAISER

Smith Elementary School hosts its first Home Expo fund-raiser from 4-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17. More than 20 vendors will be on display, and there will be a silent auction. Admission to the Expo is \$1. Smith Elementary is located at 1298 McKinley, a block west of Harvey. For more information, call (734) 416-0418.

Margaret Singleton works on a project. The Arts Council Mural hangs above her.

Heitman and Eleanor O'Connor will be among those who have their work on display as the Community House in Birmingham hosts the 18th-annual art exhibit and sale, "Our Town," Oct. 16-18. "Our Town 2003," presented by the DaumlerChrysler Corporation Fund, a juried, all-media art exhibition, provides a forum for Michigan

artists to show, demonstrate and sell their work. The art ranges from traditional to contemporary. Jurors of the show are Ray Fleming, co-owner of Robert Kidd Gallery and Metall Studios Cary Stephani, a jeweler. There will be 257 pieces displayed, produced by 161 artists from all over the state. The opening-night Gala Preview takes place at The Community House from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15. Admission to the "Our Town" exhibition is free. Tickets for the Gala Preview are \$200. For more information, call (248) 644-5832. The Community House is located at 380 S. Bates in Birmingham.

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Cougar sighting reported in area

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Was that a cougar spotted in a field near Michigan and Haggerty Monday morning? Canton police are treating the report as authentic although no additional sightings had been reported as of Wednesday afternoon.

About 9 a.m. Monday a resident reported sighting the animal in the Michigan/Haggerty area. Police and animal control officers responded and reported finding tracks, apparently belonging to a cougar, in the general area. The cougar is believed to be traveling along a river bank in that area.

According to police, based on the size of the footprints, it is believed to weigh approximately 70 pounds. It isn't known if the animal was a pet or if it has been declawed.

Dr. Patrick Ruzs, head of cougar research at the Michigan Wildlife Conservancy, said the cougar shouldn't be a threat to people and will not attack unless provoked. He said nothing should be done if it is seen again because it will probably leave the area on its own.

"They're telling us not to touch it," said Canton Police Lt. Rob Crispe. According to the wildlife conservancy, cougars are protected under the Endangered Species Act and cannot be harmed except to protect human life and, by permit only, to protect livestock.

A cougar was reportedly spotted in Van Buren Township about two weeks ago.

But Bill Sutherland, owner of Varmint Police, said he's skeptical that the cat is a wild cougar. "My theory is it's somebody's (pet) cat," he said. "They turned it loose or it got loose."

Sutherland said he did find tracks and based on those he estimates the critter to weigh 60 to 80 pounds.

He says he doesn't believe there are any wild cougars or mountain lions or similar animals in the state. But he says until he sees the animal himself, he's not drawing any conclusions. And he's still checking out the area.

Emily Brock, president of Canton Hills Homeowners Association which is north of Michigan and east of Lilley, said she hasn't seen any cougars but she has seen coyotes and a fox in her neighborhood.

They (Varmint Police) are telling us to ask people to stop feeding the deer," she said. "That attracts other predators."

She said a rabbit was killed in her gazebo last week. She doesn't know what killed it, but there are coyotes in the area and at least five cats have turned up missing.

"Because of all the building that's going on," she said, "they (wildlife) are being pushed into our neighborhood. I live in the woods and love it because I love nature. But I don't want to live with cougars and coyotes."

Kiwanis Club collects Halloween costumes

The Kiwanis Club of Plymouth-Canton Breakfast hosts its third-annual Halloween Costume Drive.

The event is sponsored in support of Mott Children's Hospital (Ann Arbor), Children's Hospital of Michigan (Detroit), Mary Free Bed Hospital (Grand Rapids) and Northern Michigan Hospital (Petoskey). Anyone who cares to donate a costume to help make a hospitalized child's Halloween a little brighter can call Janet Ott, Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Club secretary, at (734) 981-0460. Deadline is October 20, 2003.

Park marchers get regional top 10

Band's show a work in progress, but performance earns 6th place

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

Still a work in progress, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band's performance of their exotic show, "Souls of the Gypsy Caravan," earned the 170 marchers a spot in the top 10 finalists among the 28 bands from five states at the Bands of America Regional Competition held at the Pontiac Silverdome Sept. 27.

"I was thrilled with their performance at finals," said a pleased Marc Whitlock, director of bands at the Park. "When they went out on the field they were hungry to do a great job and they did."

Assistant Director Brian Miller agreed. "I thought they did fantastic," he said. "There was a big improvement from the preliminary competition and also from the previous day's practice."

That's something Joe Lorenz, a Canton senior percussionist, recognized.

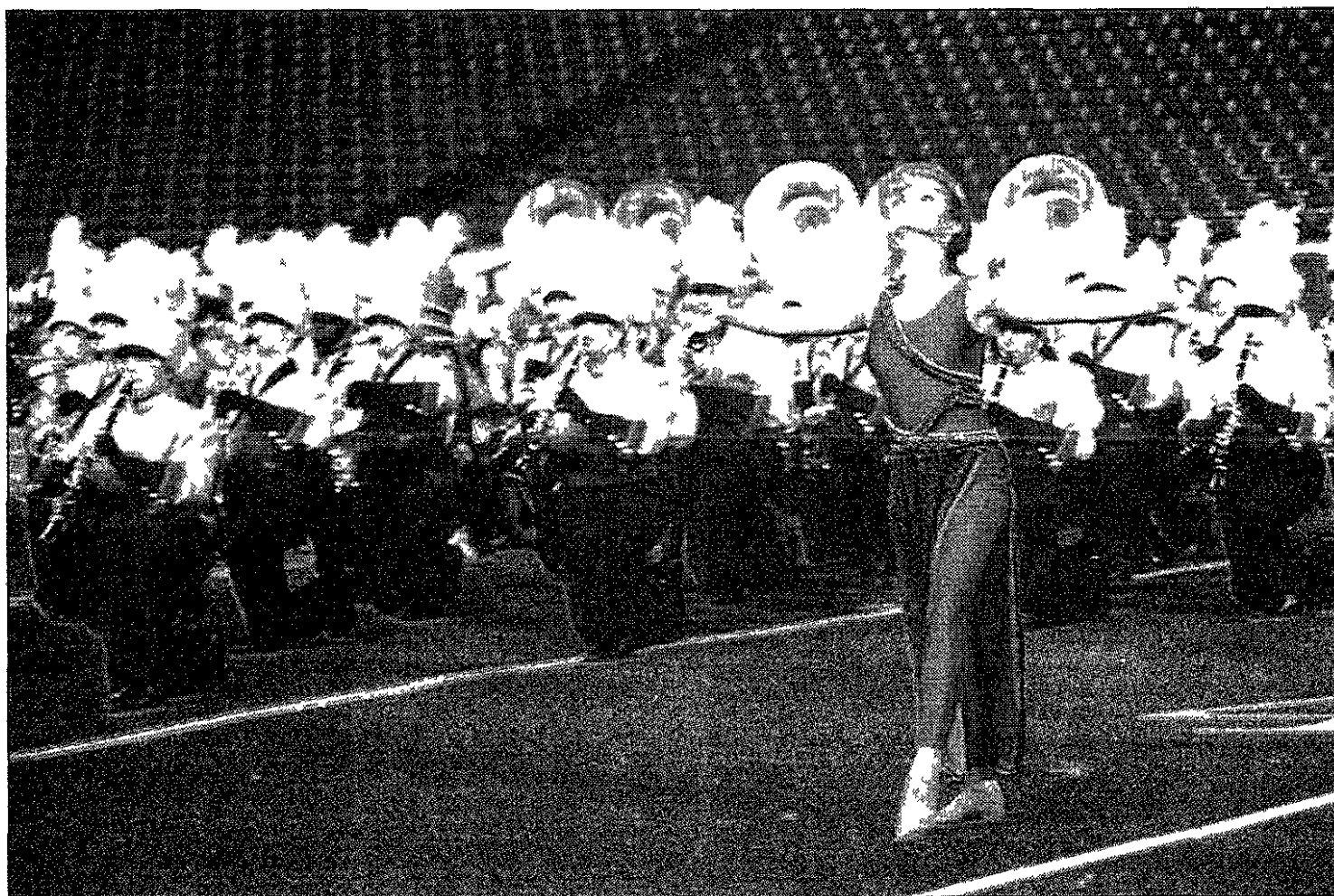
"We definitely improved from the preliminary to the finals competition," he said. "There was a big energy difference and I think we did really well. We just went out and put all we had on the field. It's a great feeling coming off the field knowing that's your best performance so far."

This was the first regional competition for Angel Ayoub, a Plymouth freshman and clarinetist.

"I thought we did pretty good tonight," she said. "Marching band is cool. It may be a lot of work, but it pays off."

With about two-thirds of their show complete, the hometown performers captured the sixth-place trophy with a score of 74.35. The top spot went to the Centerville Jazz Band from Centerville, Ohio, 81.25. Other Michigan bands in the finals included Reeths-Puffer from Muskegon, seventh with a 73.4 and Jenison High School, 68.0 for eighth.

With a teaching philosophy of perfecting each portion of the show before adding the next, Plymouth-Canton was



Danielle Palarchio, sporting the new color guard costume, strikes a pose as the P-CEP Marching Band comes to its knees at the Bands of America Regional finals competition.

the only one among the finalist bands with an incomplete show. "I think the judges recognized that our show has a certain amount of depth and emotion," said Whitlock.

He was impressed with the abilities of the bands, from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Kentucky, in this year's regional competition. "This is the strongest display of talent I have seen at these regionals in quite a few years," said Whitlock. "Of the top six bands this year, all have been Bands of America Grand National finalists and three of them, including Plymouth-Canton, have won the championship."

Whitlock said he sees a trend toward stronger and stronger performances. Many of the bands over the years, he said, including Plymouth-Canton and Marion Catholic from Illinois, have been trend-setters.

Other groups over time begin to figure out the formula for success and the playing field becomes much tighter, and that is very good," said Whitlock.

"It has nothing to do with competition, it has everything to do with pushing the activity to a new level."

This was the first time in 15 years the Bands of America



The P-CEP Marching Band in formation during their Bands of America Regional preliminary competition at the Pontiac Silverdome Sept. 27.

organization, based in Indianapolis, held an event at the Silverdome.

"We are thrilled to return to Pontiac after so many years, said Bands of America President and CEO Scott McCormick. "We have many of the finest bands in this region of the country performing here."

One of the challenges of performing in the Silverdome, according to Whitlock, is the echoing. "We call the Silverdome the echo chamber," he said.

"When the musicians hear

three different tempos in our production all going at the same time with three echoes at the same time too, they really have to trust what they see more than what they hear."

Whitlock plans to add the final movement to the P-CEP show in the next few weeks in order to have a completed production by the time they return to the Silverdome for the Michigan Competing

Marching band pageantry coming to P-CEP invitational

Plymouth-Canton's own Great Lakes Invitational will be held Saturday, Oct. 4 at the P-CEP stadium.

A pageantry of sight and sound will be presented by nine competing bands from across the state, including an exhibition performance by the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band. The P-CEP marchers will perform this year's award-winning show, "Souls of the Gypsy Caravan."

All alumni band members and band boosters are encouraged to stop by the alumni hospitality tent.

Opening ceremonies begin at 4 p.m. Plymouth-Canton is slated to perform at 7 p.m. Cost of admission is \$6, seniors and students \$4, children under 5 are free.

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Fire department hosts Fire Week open house Museum programs help celebrate 20th century

The Plymouth Community Fire Department is inviting residents and visitors of all ages to join them for a Fire Safety Open House to commemorate Fire Prevention Week 2003.

The event is scheduled for 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Fire Station One in the Plymouth Township Hall complex, 42350 Ann Arbor Road at the corner of Lalley.

Fire Prevention Week takes place Oct. 5-11 this year. The Plymouth Community Fire Department is joining forces with other fire departments, schools and safety groups across

North America to reinforce a simple, but lifesaving message during Fire Prevention Week: "When Fire Strikes Get Out! Stay Out!"

"We encourage singles, families and people of all ages to stop in at our open house," said assistant chief Mark Wendel. "Our primary objective is to reach out to the public with information they can use to stay safe from fire, but we want them to have fun, too."

Attendees can look forward to a fire safety workshop for kids, fire station and apparatus tours, medical helicopter tour, and

demonstrations to include fire extinguisher, vehicle extrication, and Christmas tree fire.

The Plymouth Township Police Department will also offer exhibits and station tours. Free refreshments will be provided.

"We will be focusing our outreach on home fire safety," Wendel said. "We want our residents to remember three things: They need working smoke alarms on every level, they need to plan and practice a home fire drill, and if fire strikes, they need to get out and stay out, until we say it's safe for them to

go back inside."

Supervisor Steve Mann has issued a proclamation declaring the week of Oct. 5-11, 2003 as Fire Prevention Week. A portion of the proclamation reads, "I call upon the people of the Plymouth community to remember the Fire Prevention Week 2003 caution, 'When Fire Strikes Get Out! Stay Out!' and urge all citizens to heed the advice to install smoke alarms and plan and practice fire drills."

For more information about Fire Prevention Week, log on to the official Web site, www.firepreventionweek.org

The Plymouth Historical Museum presents a year long festival of events designed to recognize the multitude of inventions and changes seen in the 20th Century, with many of the inventions celebrating their centennial, including Ford Motor Company, the Wright Brothers, and Edison's new phonograph.

The museum's program series for 2003-2004, "The 20th Century - A Time of

Innovation and Progress," continues Oct. 9 with a 7:30 p.m. presentation, "200 Years of the Camera," during which Jason Klaviva, — an historic photographer and Ambrotypist, will share the history of photography.

All programs take place at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main. For more information, visit the Web site at www.plymouthhistory.org or call (734) 455-8940.

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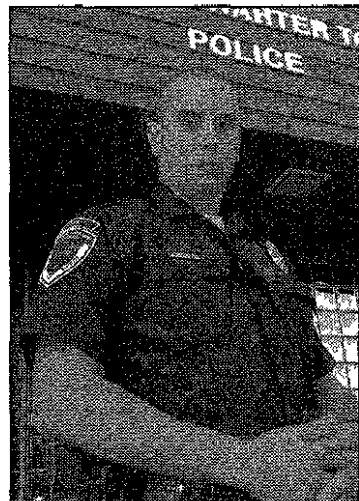
Expressway, concluding with one suspect dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound and the other eventually being bound over for trial in the brutal murders of four people.

Initially, Linton focused simply on the driving. When word of what the driver had done came over the radio, things became clearer. "I was just concentrating on the driving and not losing him," said Linton, who, with the rest of his shift has been nominated for departmental honors. "Once I heard there were three kills, the decision process got a lot easier."

CHASE BEGINS

The drama started shortly after 8 p.m., when Westland police put out a be-on-the-lookout for the suspect vehicle, originally described as a Trans Am. When the BOL came over the radio, Plymouth Township officers, as is policy, spread out to several points from which they could help in any potential arrest.

Linton spotted a look-alike vehicle, the Corvette, at Haggerty and Massey. He fell in behind it while it got onto I-275. Shortly thereafter, the report came that the suspect vehicle was indeed a Corvette. Sgt. Jeff Felts, "Charlie Platoon" commander, told Linton to wait for backup.



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Plymouth Township Police Officer Scott Linton and shift-mates Officers Steve Cheston, Marcy Messing and Mike Lego. Sgt. Cal Lauria and dispatchers Jason Hayes and Kristina Clark, are up for departmental honors for their roles in the Sept. 11 chase.

When the backup arrived, in the person of K-9 Officer Steve Cheston, Linton "lit up" the Corvette, which then accelerated. The chase was on.

"Any time a surrounding community has a call out, we seal off that border," Felts said. "That's what we did (Linton) heard this and, sure enough, he picked them up."

Once the Corvette had been picked up, staying with it became everyone's focus. Plymouth Township had three cars behind it as the chase wound along northbound I-275, then onto eastbound I-696. The Corvette would pull

ahead — as much as a quarter mile at one point — but traffic forced it to slow down just enough to allow Linton to keep it in sight. "I think there were only maybe 10 or 20 seconds of the whole chase that I couldn't see him," Linton said. "I could see debris and dust from where he was passing on the shoulder."

RADIO WAVES

Meanwhile, local dispatchers were scrambling to keep information flowing in an effort to alert Plymouth Township officers, and cops from surrounding jurisdictions, aware of the Corvette's position.

"I wanted to make sure I knew where they were," said dispatcher Jason Hayes. "We had to make sure we didn't lose them, because I had to give directions."

Even so, Schofield was putting space between his Corvette and the police on I-696, until a Michigan State trooper was able to get in front of him and force him to slow, allowing pursuit to gain valuable distance.

Considering the driver was wanted in connection with four brutal killings, Felts and Linton said the move was definitely courageous.

It was a gutsy move by the trooper, Linton said. It probably made the difference.

Southfield police moved in as the chase turned onto the Southfield Expressway. Schofield got off the expressway at McNichols and crashed

the Corvette. He and Gordon left the vehicle, and Gordon was reportedly struck by a passing vehicle before continuing her flight.

SHOTS FIRED

At one point, a "shots fired" bulletin was broadcast, sending a momentary shock of fear through Felts.

"I was pulling my hair out because I didn't know if it was one of my officers," said Felts. "The call came in, 'two down,' and I don't know if it's two cops or two bad guys."

Southfield police eventually cornered Schofield in the residential area, where he shot himself. Gordon was arrested and, during a preliminary hearing in 18th District Court last week, was bound over for trial.

During the exam, video from the party store's surveillance camera showed the gruesome details of the killings. It was film officers involved in the case had seen, and video that had a large impact on them.

"The gratifying moment for me was when I saw the surveillance video, and I saw how cold-blooded they were," said Officer Marcy Messing, a three-year veteran and one of the officers who pursued the Corvette. "I realized who we had caught, and what they had done."

While Linton is deservedly getting much of the credit for the successful conclusion to the chase — he's up for state and national honors — Felts pointed out the important role dispatchers played, both in Westland and in Plymouth Township.

Had they waited another 30 seconds for more information, or another minute to get it out, these people could have escaped law enforcement that day," Felts said. "They are as responsible as anyone else for catching these people."



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ACCOUNTING

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the leader of the Citizens for Responsible Government group which ran a successful petition drive to force funding for a new township hall to a vote of the people, complained to the state about the manner in which township officials were tracking and using the money in the building fund, among other allegations.

Schnettler alleged the township has taken money from building department revenue

and misused it for other department expenditures he says aren't permitted by law.

It's all part of Schnettler's wondering how the township plans to pay for a new township hall, on top of the other projects that have been undertaken, such as Miller Park, the new soccer park and the sprayscape at Plymouth Township Park.

"How are you going to pay the \$400,000?" Schnettler asked board members at the last meeting, referring to the estimated payment if the township sells \$6 million in

municipal bonds to fund the hall.

"You're going to lose building funds, and I almost guarantee you're going to lose dispatch."

Edwards has maintained all along the township was accounting for its funds properly, but the state initially disagreed.

Referring to a January 2002 policy letter, the state at first told the township it was in violation of accounting practices by holding building permit fees from one year in the general fund for the next year. But Edwards pointed out a subse-

quent policy letter, issued later in 2002, that spelled out the way the accounting could be accomplished.

According to Edwards, many municipalities do it that way, because most building funds are collected at the beginning of a development project, but not expensed until the end, for items such as inspections.

"The billing invoice comes now, when they're starting the project," Edwards said. "But it's 9-18 months in most cases before the project is finished. When are most of your inspections done and

expenses incurred? At the end."

There are some 800 outstanding building permits in the township, according to Edwards, and a reserve fund of some \$400,000 at the end of 2002.

Those funds are kept in the general fund, to be used to cover costs when the outstanding building permits are completed.

When the state initially told the township it was in violation, township officials hired the author of those state policy letters, former Local Audit Division chief R. L. Balderman,

as a consultant. In a letter to Edwards, Balderman wrote,

"The information contained in the Charter Township of Plymouth audited financial statements clearly indicates (state) requirements have been met."

The Department of Treasury agreed with Balderman and issued last week's letter. In terms of the state, that closes the matter.

"The department isn't doing an investigation, and doesn't intend to do one," Stanton said.

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POTTER

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flow shortage in the 2004-05 fiscal year. However, instead of raising taxes, Potter said there's more that can be done to alleviate the problem.

The city is a business, no different than a General Motors or Wal-Mart," said Potter. "Their first cuts come where their highest expense is - people."

"The city has not looked at that at all," she said of possible reductions in employees. "I'm not advocating we lay off people, but if it comes to raising taxes or laying off people - as long as the services are still provided at the same level we have with less people - maybe that's what has to happen. It's up to the department heads and city manager to look at those processes and evaluate them, and I don't think they've done an in-depth evaluation yet."

In fact, Potter has concerns with the way the numbers for the budget have been presented to the commission.

"I think when you look at the potential deficits between last year, this year and going into next year, they're not budgeting for any federal grants, which is a decrease in revenue, however, that's also a decrease in expenses because you don't have the match," she said. "State shared revenues have gone down to the tune of \$29,000 from last year to this year, but the sale of service has jumped to \$40,000. Cemetery revenues are up and they're not considering parking fine revenues, which last year was \$15,000."

Potter said the city administration, along with commissioners, need to take the blame for the city's budget woes.

"I don't think any blame can be placed toward any one group or one person," she said. "I think we're all to blame for where we are today. I just don't think we're as bad off today as others think we are."

"If the Headlee goes down, it forces the city administration to look at running a lean, mean fighting machine," Potter said. "We're still plowing roads, still sucking leaves, still picking up trash, but doing it without raising taxes."

As for the Sheldon Road-CSX underpass project, Potter is definitely against spending \$503,000 of taxpayer money to make it a reality.

"I don't think it's fair to ask taxpayers to bear the burden of another bond issue to pay for an underpass that will minimally affect our traffic flow," she said.

City Manager Paul Sincock has been looking at alternative ways to deliver police dispatch and fire department services to the city, at a lower cost than the current contract with Plymouth Township. Potter said all city services should be scrutinized for cost savings, as long as it provides the same level of service.

"It's been very difficult, especially in regards to the fire department," she said.

"You see expenses for new fire equipment, to hire new staff and for ALS (Advanced Life Support) training - we pay a portion of that, yet we have no say whether they should occur."

"We're a customer who should be able to say whether we need the service, and if we don't need it, we shouldn't have to pay for it," Potter said.

Along with Potter, other candidates for the city commission include incumbent Dan Dwyer, Peter Bunting, Anthony Guillom and Dave Workman.

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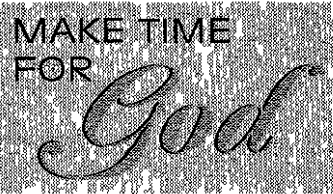
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Women's spiritual retreats

Oct. 3-5 Getting to Know Jesus Better call (586) 731-6797. Oct. 17-19 Healing of Memories Inner Healing call (248) 628-7056 and Oct. 24-26 Charismatic Retreat call (586) 772-0047 at St. Mary's Retreat House Oxford. Cost is \$100.

Revival

Grace Baptist Church of Livonia holds special revival and evangelistic meeting through Friday Oct. 3 at 28440 Lyndon between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Guest evangelist is Steve Pettit and his ministry team. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Special teen and children program held throughout the week. Public welcome. Call (734) 425-6215 or visit the Web site at www.GBCofLivonia.org.

Blessing of the animals

5 p.m. Saturday Oct. 4 at Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit 9083 Newburgh Livonia. All pets are welcome. Donuts, cider and treats provided. For more information call (734) 591-0211 or visit the Web site at www.holyspiritlivonia.org.

Rummage & Bake Sale

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Oct. 4 at Antioch Lutheran Church 33360 W. 13 Mile at Farmington Road Farmington Hills. Donations needed. Deliver to church the week of Sept. 29. For more information call (248) 626-7906.

Fall Rummage Sale

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday Oct. 3 until noon Saturday Oct. 4 at Newburg United Methodist Church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh roads Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149.

Global Religious Trends

Philip Jenkins, history and religious studies professor at Pennsylvania State University, is featured at a conference the coming upheaval in global Christianity 9:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday Oct. 4 at Trinity Church 14800 Middlebelt south of Five Mile Livonia. \$20 in advance, \$25 at door. Pre-registration recommended. Call (734) 425-2800.

Archiglas

The singers from St. Petersburg, Russia, perform a night of cultural music 7 p.m. Saturday Oct. 4 and liturgical music 9:30 a.m. Sunday Oct. 5 at St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church 26355 West Chicago between Beech Daly and Inkster Redford. A goodwill offering will be taken for the singers.

Animal blessing

4 p.m. Sunday Oct. 5 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church 16360 Hubbard between Five and Six Mile roads Livonia. All are welcome.

Spiritual growth campaign

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

Annual Life Chain

On Sunday Oct. 5 (2:30-3 p.m.) thousands will line the sidewalks of seven routes in witness to their commitment to love and protect the unborn and their mothers. Churches and groups planning to participate must register in advance. Individuals also welcome. For registration information call (248) 777-9090. The Life Chain is sponsored by Right to Life. Lifespan of Metro Detroit and co-sponsored by more than 100 churches and groups.

Grief Support Workshop

7:45 p.m. Tuesday Oct. 7 to Nov. 18 at Christ the King Lutheran Church 9300 Farmington south of West Chicago Livonia. Call (734) 421-0749.

Fall Speaker Series

Continues 7 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 8 with motivational speaker and author Tochi Omenukor and *The Power of Resilience* at Unity of Livonia 28660 Five Mile between Inkster and Middlebelt Livonia. Series continues each Wednesday through Nov. 19. Love offerings accepted. For more information call (734) 421-1760 or visit the Web site at www.unityoflivonia.org.

Craft show

St. Damien Church is looking for crafters for its annual Fall Arts and Crafts Show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday Oct. 11 in the school 30055 Joy between Middlebelt and Merriman Westland. For more information call (734) 421-6130.

Shopping spree and bake sale

22 home party representatives feature kitchen home decorating items, jewelry, watches, purses, toys, beauty supplies, books and scrapbook supplies 6-8

p.m. Saturday Oct. 11 and 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday Oct. 12 at St. Genevieve Activity Center 28933 Jamison south of Five Mile east of Middlebelt Livonia. For information call (248) 474-0158.

Rosary Conference

Nationally known Catholic authors and lecturers John Leary and Carol Ameche conduct a rosary conference 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday Oct. 11 at the VFW Hall 1426 S. Mill Plymouth. Registration 8:30 a.m. Mass at 9 a.m. Free will offering. Call (248) 398-6880.

From Grief to New Hope

Grief workshop presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday Oct. 11 at Newburg United Methodist Church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail Livonia. No charge. For registration information call (734) 422-0149. Open to the community.

Right to Life - Lifespan

Holds its general meeting, breakfast and legislative update 9 a.m. to noon Saturday Oct. 11 at Burton Manor 27777 Schoolcraft between Inkster and Middlebelt Livonia. Life Stories, an informative and entertaining new pro-life program, will be presented. Cost of breakfast is \$18. \$750 students 21 or younger. Advance reservations

required. Call (248) 777-9090 or (734) 422-6230.

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday Saturday Oct. 17-18 at St. Genevieve School 28933 Jamison two blocks east of Middlebelt two blocks south of Five Mile Livonia. Tools, clothing, furniture, toys, housewares, books, electronics, sports and exercise items.

Celebration of Voice

Lucille Lowery Memorial Concert 4 p.m. Sunday Oct. 19 at St. John's Episcopal Church 574 Sheldon Plymouth. Freewill offering. Call (734) 453-0190.

Speaker

Dr. Warren Wiersbe will be speaking 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday Oct. 19 at Calvary Baptist Church 43065 Joy Canton. For information call (734) 455-0022.

Convention

Sunday School & Church Ministries Convention with workshop Sunday school material books resource center for camps and colleges Friday Saturday Oct. 24-25 at First Church of Nazarene 21260 Haggerty Northville. Inspiring general sessions open to the public. Kids Corner (ages 5-12) all day Saturday with a delightful time of Bible-based life impacting activity. For more

information call (248) 557-5526. Cost is \$50 for both days, \$40 (by Oct. 10 both days) and \$25 for one day (by Oct. 10).

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Married couples can improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other during weekend Worldwide Marriage Encounter Oct. 24-26 and Nov. 14-16 at St. John's Family Life Center 44011 Five Mile Plymouth. Registration fee is \$50. For information or to register call (248) 528-2512 or (810) 286-5524 or visit the Web site www.rcnet/detroit/wmwe. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a Roman Catholic nonprofit organization dedicated to marriage enrichment.

ICEA Convention

International Christian Education Association presents its 57th annual Sunday School & Church Ministries Convention 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday Saturday Oct. 24-25 at First Church of the Nazarene 21260 Haggerty Northville. Includes inspiring speakers, informative seminars and workshop exhibits, children's activities, make and take puppet workshops. Music. Cost is \$40 if registered before Oct. 1. \$60 at door, \$30 for one day. Call (248) 557-5526.

ICEA is a non-denominational organization serving churches in the United States and Canada.

Holiday Bazaar

Crafters needed for Holiday Bazaar 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday Oct. 25 at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church 26431 W. Chicago Redford. Tables are \$30. Call (313) 937-2880.

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 Saturday 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. 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.

Cornish pasty fundraiser

Pasties are \$3 and can be ordered by calling the Newburg United Methodist Church office at (734) 422-0149. There will be someone to take orders 9 a.m.

to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday Wednesday Oct. 28-29 (call in orders only). Do not leave orders on answering machine. Pick up times are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday Nov. 6 and until 5 p.m. Friday Nov. 7 at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail Livonia. Order early. Only 1000 pasties will be made.

Blood drive

17 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 29 in the church hall at St. Edith Parish 15089 Newburgh Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. For more information call the church at (734) 464-1222.

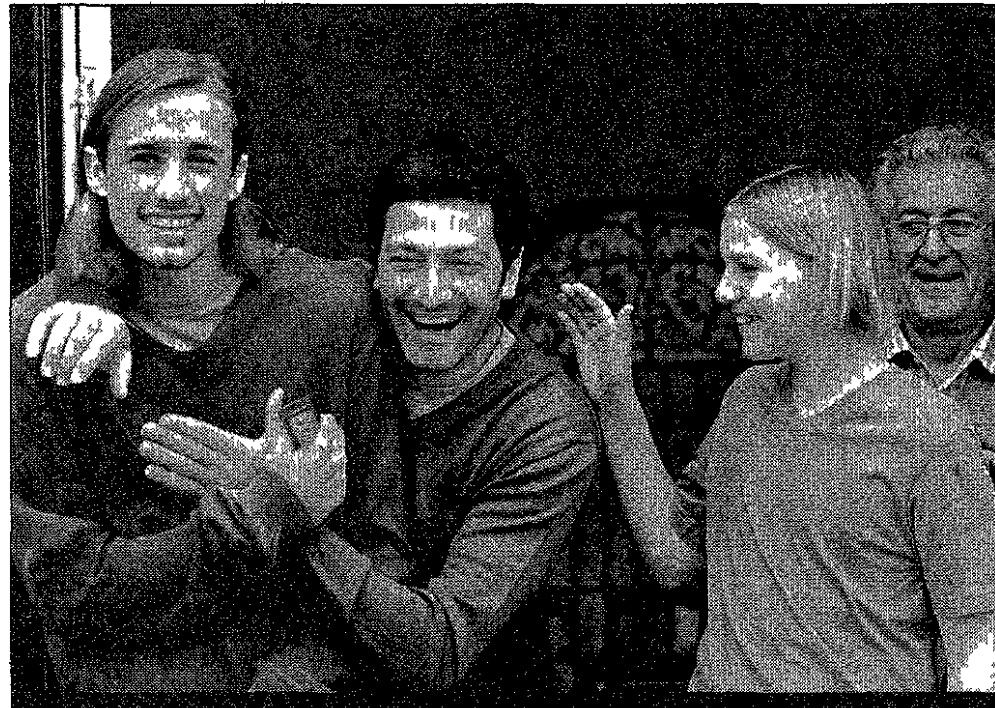
UPCOMING

Aerobic Class

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church is offering a light Aerobic Class 11 a.m. to noon Thursday Nov. 6 to Dec. 18 at 14175 Farmington Road south of Ford Field Livonia. Cost is \$18 per 6-week session. To register call (734) 522-6830. The public is welcome.

Silent auction

Shop early for Christmas at a silent auction beginning at 6 p.m. Friday Nov. 7 at Memorial Church of Christ 35475 Five Mile Livonia. Buffet open 6:30-8 p.m. Tickets \$15. Must be purchased in advance. Auction benefits AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center. Call (734) 425-8060.



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FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period from Sept 24-29

- Monday, Sept 29 - Residential rescue runs on Filmore, Marguerite, Portsmouth Court and Dunn Court, vehicle accident rescue run on General south of Ann Arbor Road
- Sunday, Sept 28 - Residential rescue run on Hartsough, and vehicle accident rescue run on southbound I-275 at I-96 with special wash down
- Saturday, Sept 27 - Residential rescue runs on Northville, Denise, S Sheldon and Beckenridge, commercial rescue run on W Ann Arbor Trail, industrial rescue run on Plymouth Oaks, commercial

fire run on Ann Arbor Road

- Friday, Sept 26 - Rescue runs at public buildings on Ann Arbor Road, industrial rescue runs on Sheldon, and vehicle accident rescue run on Five Mile at Ridge
- Thursday, Sept 25 - Residential rescue runs on Sheridan, S Sheldon, E Tyler, and Newport, vehicle accident rescue run on Haggerty at Schoolcraft with special wash down, rescue run at a public building on Beck, smoke investigation run on Plymouth Road, and commercial fire run on Plymouth Road
- Wednesday, Sept 24 - Residential rescue run on Haggerty, and vehicle accident rescue run on I-275 at Ann Arbor Trail

SCHOOLS

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decreasing,' said Jan Coratti, eighth-grade science teacher at East Middle School, and co-chair of student activities "Parents are so saturated with having their children in so many events that they're tired of buying products"

I was sitting with parents after we just got our Morley candy delivered dealing with product that was overpriced for what the parents were getting," said Coratti "We talked about a carnival, where we could bring everyone together as a community"

For Dodson Elementary PTO member Jennifer Lemieux, it seemed like the school always had its hand out "The principal warned us there will be more budget cuts next year," said event co-chair Linda Gayer, 'so how are we, as a PTO, going to support our school, our children, our teachers without nickel and dimeing people to death?"

East is hoping to raise \$40,000 with Saturday's carnival at the school, which will be held from 4-7 p.m. Students sold raffle tickets for prizes, there will also be games, music and a food court. Sales of raffle tickets have already netted \$25,000

"This will eliminate two all-school fund-raisers and two music fund-raisers, as well as several smaller ones," said Gayer "We're hoping it will be enough to do what we want to do for kids for the entire year"

At Dodson, the PTO is hoping to raise more than the \$30,000 raised from several fund-raisers last year at Saturday's "Under the Sea Ball" dinner, dance, raffle and auction at the Summit on the Park in Canton

It's an alternative to kids going around the neighborhood and selling the catalogue fund-raiser,' said Janet Sломninski, mother of two at Dodson, and one of many coordinators of the event "We had concerns from parents saying it's a transfer community and there aren't a lot of families in town, and a lot of the kids are going to the same neighbors. With this, the parents can have a good time and



Robyn Piwowar (left) and Nicole Merget work on a seascape mural that will be used for the Dodson Elementary fund-raiser Saturday

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Michelle Talukder (from left), Isis Haywood, Spencer Parks and Ajay Singh have fun holding up the rug they made in class. The rug will be used for Saturday's Dodson Elementary fund-raiser

spend their money how they want, on the items they want"

DONATIONS FOUND

Both groups indicate finding auction and raffle donations from area businesses and parents was easier than anticipated. Among Dodson's prizes are a trip to Disney World, a suite at a Pistons game, a gourmet dinner for eight prepared in the winner's home, and a trip to Opryland in Nashville, Tenn. East prizes include a big screen plasma color television, a digital camera with printer and a laptop computer

Students are also involved in raising the money at the two events

"Children crafted an item that will go for auction at the ball," said Lemieux "They are vested in raising money for the playground, and they're very excited about it"

At East, students are helping to raise money by manning the games and food court, providing the music and making gift baskets to be auctioned

Kids learn working together, building community, and see the excitement that goes along with the rewards and

successes," said Coratti. Along with making huge sums of money, those involved say the events have also involved more parents and community members than the usual fund-raiser

"Many times parents feel they're not included in middle school a lot, and technically they weren't," said Gayer, who noted more than 100 parents have been involved in the carnival preparations

"They've been phenomenal" While public schools are just now getting the idea of one, huge fund-raiser, private schools, like Plymouth Christian Academy in Canton, have been doing it for years

Parents are just fed up with magazine and candy sales," said John Zylka, development director at PCA, which has held The Main Event for at least 10 years

"We make it more than just a fund-raiser. We use it to celebrate families, events, sports, and it raises an awareness of our school"

Last year, PCA raised \$270,000 at The Main Event, held at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township

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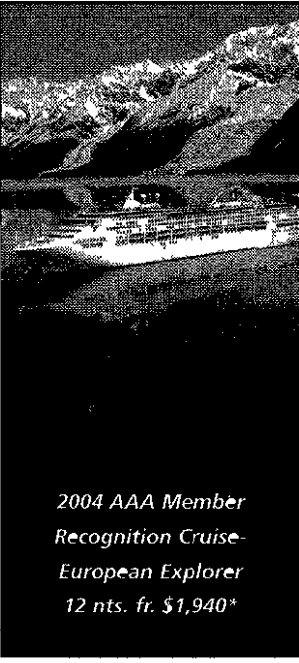


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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2003

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

Mrs. Massengill amended the agenda by adding under Unfinished Business Item 1.1 Repeal of the Current Uniform Traffic Code Ordinance No. C 2003 04 and Item 1.2 Adopting by Reference the Revised Uniform Traffic Code for Michigan Cities, Townships and Villages provisions of the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code and provisions of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act Ordinance No. C 2003 05 and upon request from Trustee Arnold remove Item J.5 under New Business Review of audio tapes from July and August 2003 Board of Trustees meetings. She then moved to approve the Agenda for the Tuesday September 23, 2003 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting as amended. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of September 23, 2003 as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Don Schnettler questioned whether Board members had received a copy of the letter from the State telling them the Township is in violation by not having a Building Code Fund set up. He also reiterated his objections to not having his questions regarding finances answered at the meetings.

Mr. Mann stated that he was informed by the State that they had reopened their once closed investigation upon the urging of Mr. Schnettler. Mr. Mann stated that the State's letter was not based entirely on correct information. He felt the State would be issuing a revised letter in the near future retracting part or all of the previous letter. The State quoted one Treasury Department letter (2002 2) which their findings were based on however, there are two additional Treasury Department letters guiding townships on handling building code funds which were not addressed and which cover how Plymouth Township and most surrounding communities are conducting business.

Mr. Edwards referred to two letters from Mr. Balderman former Chief of the Local Audit Division who wrote the two letters instructing municipalities on how to handle the funds which the Township follows.

Mr. Munfakh questioned why Board members did not receive copies of the earlier letters. He said he would appreciate copies in the future.

Mr. Mann replied that he receives a lot of letters in the transaction of Township business and not all letters are copied to the Board. The Board is welcome to come in and look at anything they like.

In answer to Ms. Arnold's comment on the findings of Plante and Moran during the audit, Mr. Edwards said Plante and Moran found the fund balances were reserved in the General Fund. The Township has followed everything correctly and many communities in Southeastern Michigan are doing the same. In fact the Township acted conservatively in assigning costs to the building department code activity.

Mr. Charles McFarland spoke regarding the paving of Ferguson Street which is part of the SAD for Robinson Subdivision. He objected to the road being only 22 feet wide with no curbs and no drainage and his cement driveway approach being removed and replaced with asphalt and the cement pile that remains across the street.

James Anulewicz, Director of Public Service introduced Rhett Gronewelt of Orchard Hiltz and McCliment project engineers. Mr. Gronewelt presented pictures taken of the area during the heavy rains on Monday September 22 which showed no standing water in Mr. McFarland's driveway or front yard. He stated that Mr. McFarland's complaint will be monitored through out the winter months. Mr. Gronewelt addressed Mr. McFarland's statement that his cement driveway approach was removed and replaced with asphalt. The policy is to replace existing concrete approaches with concrete if it is removed otherwise asphalt is installed. He said he would review the video tape taken of the area prior to the start of paving project. He would also remove any concrete that may be a result of the paving project piled across the street from Mr. McFarland's property.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. C 2003 04 to repeal the Uniform Traffic Code Ordinances No. 29

LXV 65 73 A 73 and all amendments and Ordinances C 91 14 and C 95 06. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. ROLL CALL. Ayes: Massengill, Arnold, Edwards, Munfakh, Mann. Nays: Curmi. Motion carried. A copy of the Ordinance is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. C 2003 05 adopting by reference the revised Uniform Traffic Code for Michigan Cities, Townships and Villages provisions of the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code and provisions of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. ROLL CALL. Ayes: Arnold, Edwards, Massengill, Munfakh, Mann, Nays: Curmi. Motion carried. A copy of the Ordinance is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Edwards moved to award the contract for the Plymouth Commons Detention Basin Completion to Blaze Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$59,450.00 and authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to execute same. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Mr. Edwards moved to award the 2003 Sidewalk Improvement Contract to Audia Concrete Construction in the amount of \$77,606.10 and to authorize the execution of the contract documents by the Supervisor and Clerk. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. ROLL CALL. Ayes: Edwards, Arnold, Massengill, Mann, Nays: Curmi. Motion carried.

The Board thanked Peter Zorney representing Marcello Scappaticci for the proposed dismantling, moving and erection of the Cassidy barn in Township Park.

Mr. Curmi moved to approve the location of the reassembled Cassidy Barn at the location as found in the conceptual site plan completed by DBA dated 3/31/03 and authorize Township Engineers Dietrich Bailey and Associates PC to prepare the site plan drawings at no cost to the community. This is all done with the understanding that if construction, clearing, grading, etc. is begun this year the project will be completed this year except for minimal landscape issues being resolved in the spring of 2004. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Moved by Mrs. Massengill and seconded by Mr. Edwards that October 14, 2003 be established for public hearing for the purpose of extending Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #96 786 for an additional (7) years for the maximum of twelve (12) years for Coffee Express Company 47722 Clipper Street Lot 10 Metro West Beck Road Industrial Park. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill asked when the update of the Zoning Ordinance would be completed and forwarded to the Board for review.

Mr. Anulewicz stated he would have the planners submit a timetable in writing.

Mrs. Massengill and Mr. Edwards discussed with Mr. Curmi the accountants review of the bank reconciliations for 2003.

Mr. Roy Banks informed the Board that the "No Outlet" signs have been removed by the County on Revere Applecreek and Postiff Streets and he would like to see them replaced. When there is traffic backups at Lilley and Joy Roads motorists attempt to cut through the subdivision. Since there is no outlet to Joy Road they have to turn around and go back to Lilley Road. This creates a dangerous situation for the residents in the subdivision. Police Chief Tiderington agreed to work with him and forward a letter to the County requesting replacement of the signs.

Mr. Jim Ruth was assured that the landscaping was still in progress at the new Citgo gas station at the corner of Lilley and Ann Arbor Roads.

Mrs. Massengill moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Mann adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Marilyn Massengill CMC Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth Steven Mann Supervisor Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting held on September 23, 2003. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal. The minutes will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting held on October 14, 2003.

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CAROL A. STONE
Admin. Services Dir.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2003 REQUEST FROM COFFEE EXPRESS COMPANY TO EXTEND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE NO. 96-786

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: That a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2003 during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider Coffee Express Company's request to extend for an additional seven (7) years Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 96 786 PA 94 of 1996 allows an applicant who was granted less than the 12 year maximum by the local municipality to request during the last year of the abatement granted additional abated years up to the maximum of 12 years. The facility is located at 47722 Clipper Street Metro West Beck Road Industrial Park, Plymouth Township County of Wayne Michigan.

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

The public hearing commencing at 7:00 p.m. will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, October 14, 2003 during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee meeting. Telephone number 734 354 3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

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William "Bill" Johnson

Services for Bill Johnson, 94, of Plymouth were held Sept 18 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Mr C Carson Counce officiating. Burial was at Lutheran Cemetery in Suttons Bay, Mich.

Mr Johnson was born March 26, 1909, in Sibley, Ill., and died Sept 16 in Plymouth. He was a resident of Plymouth for over 30 years.

He retired to Traverse City but eventually returned to Plymouth.

Mr Johnson was a power plant engineer until his retirement in 1973. He worked for Burroughs Corp in Plymouth (now UNISYS).

He attended the Lutheran Church in Traverse City.

He belonged to the Masons and the Elks, both in Plymouth.

Mr Johnson was preceded in death by his son, Ronald Johnson.

Survivors include his former wife and mother of his children, with whom he was reunited, Ella Betty Johnson, and who will miss him dearly, children, Sharlene (Jerry) Finnegan of Plymouth, Patricia (Bill) Rucker of Beckley, WV, and James (Dar) Johnson of Brighton, 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

William Ronald Oumet, Sr.

A memorial service for William Oumet, 79, of Georgia (formerly of Plymouth) will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, Oct 3 at Grace Lutheran Church, 25630 Grand River, Redford, MI 48240.

Mr Oumet was born Feb 2, 1934, and died Sept 20. He was a master plumber. He was the owner of Cardinal Plumbing Company in Farmington. He was employed by Home Depot at the time of his death, having worked there the past 11 years. He came to the Plymouth community in 1939 from Detroit. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1953.

Survivors include wife, Donna Oumet of Georgia, children, Shelly (Joe)

McCarthy of Georgia, Renee (Rich) Dwyer of Illinois, William Ronald Oumet Jr of Georgia, Allen (Kim) Oumet of Michigan, and Jeff (Robin) Oumet of Michigan, six grandsons, brothers, Thomas (Karlene) Oumet of Florida and Larry Oumet of Ohio, sisters, Nancy (Dave) Charboneau of Michigan and Mary (Dallas) King of Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society. Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Gretchen E. Morse

A memorial service for former Redford Township resident Gretchen Morse, 91, of Northville will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct 2, in First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Officiating will be the Rev W Kent Chise and

Rev James P Russell

Burial will be at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs Morse was born Oct 28, 1911, in Akron, Mich., and died Sept 13, 2003. She was an office manager for State Farm for many years in Redford Township.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Northville for 10 years and a former member of Village Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are her son, Richard (Joanne) of Northville, late son, James (Janet) of Redford Township, Carol (late Donald) Sternes, late daughter Marilyn (James) Dwyer of Plymouth Township, Adele McVeigh of Northville Township and Ronald (Nancy) of Northville, siblings, Carol (Wallace) Reed of Redford Township and Richard Tilwick of Mio, 23 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-

grandchildren

Mrs Morse was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Harold.

Memorial tributes may be made to Angela Hospice or a charity of choice.

Arrangements were made by R.G & G.R Harris Funeral Home, Livonia.

Clarence J. Griggs

Services for Clarence Griggs, 57, of Canton were held Oct 2 at the chapel of L.J Griffin Funeral Home.

Mr Griggs was born Sept 22, 1946, in Birmingham, Ala and died Sept 28 at Garden City Hospital.

He was a tool-and-die

machinist

Survivors include wife, Marlene L., daughter, Annette M (Sean) Nimmeman, son, Michael J., one brother, three sisters, and grandson, Brendan.

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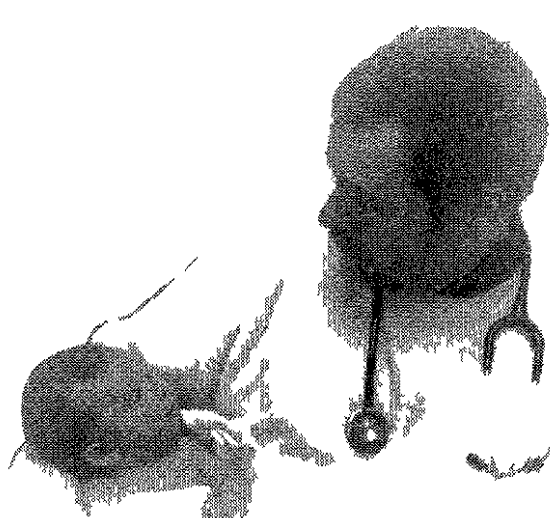
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OUR VIEWS

Township should open hall plan

Critics of Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann say he hasn't been open enough about the overall plan for building a new township hall at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty.

The township and auto magnate Don Massey recently signed a purchase agreement to buy some nine acres of land for the \$12 million project. Mann plans to finance half of that total by selling \$6 million worth of municipal bonds.

A grass-roots group called Citizens for a Responsive Government circulated petitions and acquired more than enough figures to force the township to take the bond sale to a vote of the people. That election is scheduled for Nov. 6.

In the meantime, CRG organizer — and supervisor candidate in 2004 — Don Schnettler continues to pound away on the idea that Mann hasn't talked enough about the plan to give residents an informed opinion. Mann, obviously, thinks the numerous items in the township newsletter, saturation coverage by local media and rebroadcast of the taped township meetings ought to suffice.

While we tend to agree he's been pretty open about the plan, we also think the plan could be presented in a more cohesive fashion, in its entirety. The township planning commission held a meeting at St. Kenneths Church last October, at which director of municipal services Jim Anulewicz went through every available detail.

But that was a year ago. Since then, while individual details have been discussed fairly frequently, no clear picture has been drawn, and some questions have emerged.

For instance, since the sale of the DPW building is being counted on to subsidize the new hall, what is going to happen to the DPW staff and equipment? All that has been offered thus far is a vague reference to the possibility of building a new building, perhaps somewhere on Ann Arbor Road, for the equipment, while moving the staff to the new hall.

While Mann and the other electeds at township hall have been quite open about their plan for paying for the project, the numbers are still a little soft. More explanation about exactly where the money will come from is needed.

Mann has been adamant the township will not raise taxes to pay for the project. The delineation of funding hasn't been as clear. In today's economic times, it's difficult for people to believe a government is solvent enough to pay \$12 million for anything without raising taxes.

If Mann wants the bond issue to pass, he needs to explain it a little further. Toward that end, we believe he should schedule a town hall-style meeting and lay everything out for his residents — the voters he'll need to pass the issue — at once.

If he does that, he kills two birds with one stone: Informing his residents, and quieting the critics. It's a win-win, for the government and for the people it represents.

Newspapers help nation talk to itself

Just three months after terrorists struck on American soil, U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft said those who raised Constitutional questions about new anti-terror measures were giving "ammunition to America's enemies."

Two years later, Americans are still raising the same questions about threats to our personal liberties. And newspapers are still fostering those conversations.

We are your portal to American ideas and opinions, and Oct. 5-12, we're celebrating that fact. This year's theme for National Newspaper Week is "The Newspaper: A Nation Talking to Itself."

Gene Policinski, of the First Amendment Center, says newspapers are America's original "chat rooms."

While Americans are literally bombarded with information through all-news television channels and the Internet, newspapers remain the most reliable and complete source of information for millions who read them every day. Nowhere is this role more important than when it serves closest to home.

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Jennifer Zhu, 11 (left) works on the suggestion given to her by Lindsay Riemer of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra after Jennifer auditioned for the Youth Symphony last week. It's another of the educational programs the symphony is using to expose youth to music.

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

LETTERS

Park problems

I recently read with great interest the comments from Tony Bolton, "Plymouth yet to get park concept, concerning some of the actions that are taking place at the new Plymouth High School at the P CEP. This young man has seemed to hit the 'nail right on the head'."

Dr. Michael Bee has on numerous occasions made the statement that Plymouth High School would be different from Canton and Salem, and whatever "they" do over at those two schools, it would be different at Plymouth. Different for the good, or different in order to alienate staff, students and parents at Canton and Salem? Unfortunately, he and some of his "hand-picked" assistants have done just that.

Case in point would be his hiring of the athletic director at Plymouth High School. It was well known even before Plymouth High School was even open that Dr. Bee was going to bring in a new AD from Dearborn. This did occur with the hiring of Terry Sawchuk.

Mr. Sawchuk came to the district and made it clear that Plymouth High School was not going to be like Canton and Salem, and the facilities at Plymouth High School were for the "Wildcats." He seemed to completely ignore the fact that this was a park-wide concept of shared facilities as per the planning committee's mandate.

A good example is the gymnastic workout rooms, where most of the equipment was originally at Canton Phase III. Most disturbing is the printed signs that have been put up near the fitness rooms stating "this is Wildcat country, no workout clothes with the Canton and Salem logo on them can be worn in the weight room."

Mr. Sawchuk has had numerous confrontations with coaches, athletes and some parents from Canton and Salem over the use of the facilities. He has completely "crumbled" the P-CEP concept and set athletic relationships back 20 years between the schools, not to mention the vision that was put forth concerning the park concept.

As a parent (taxpayer, P-CEP Athletic Booster), I would only hope that Dr. Bee and Mr. Sawchuk will grasp the P-CEP-wide concept, and support all the coaches, athletes, and parents that have children at Salem, Canton and Plymouth Go, Wildcats, Chiefs, and Rocks!!

Edward Williams
P CEP parent

Educated conservative

A letter from an *Observer* reader suggests I am an extremist. As a conservative, I must be cautious, careful, traditional and respectful of our country's culture, acknowledging the great worth of our Constitution and Bill of Rights. I am conservative in all manners.

Dorothy Vega erred in so many ways. Earlier in my life I learned to respect our "way," the suggestion by our Founding Fathers that our American dream was to be dedicated to limited government and the free market. The liberal mentality constantly and consistently attempts to take us from limited government to the big government of entitlements, from free enterprise to the government management of our economy. When I wrote of Clinton, I repeated what we already know, eschewing any thought of the liberal rewriting of history.

I could have written of Clinton's tete-a-tetes with Monica, et al, but I prefer not

to dwell on a man's abuse of his family, his wife and daughter. Be careful, reader, I wrote "abuse," not molestation. A married man, president or a lunch-bucket Joe, who dallies with women other than his wife two or three times a week for months, for years, abuses his family members. If you do not wish to call his philandering abuse, that's your choice.

But we can speak of the very telling episode in Clinton's rule, the attempt by Hillary Clinton and 500 other liberals — lawyers, doctors and other denizens of the left sanctioned by Bill Clinton — to institute a government care program for the nation. It is called socialized medicine.

Socialism is an economic system that guarantees poverty for the masses of people for an indefinite period and is properly identified as slavery. Of course, if any reader's bag is government control of the production and distribution of goods and services, a government medicine program would fit right in with the abdication of our inalienable rights.

You may have guessed I could write a tome. Suffice to say that I do like to write and opine about economic and social conditions and situations about which I have some preparation. I frequently write about accounting, economics, and educational topics. My background includes enrolling as a student at Wayne University in every accounting course offered. Even more extensive was my study of economics, accomplishing 43 credit hours in the subject.

For 46 years I taught bookkeeping and accounting, and economics functionally in the classroom when it was practical and feasible. My knowledge and understanding permits me to laugh at Daschle and Gephardt, to name only two, when they insist the Bush tax cuts will cause greater indebtedness. They give themselves away, that they don't know.

Further, the liberal cry that the tax cuts are for the rich, with the liberal suggesting the rich attain greater wealth from the pockets of the middle class and the poor, also identify lack of study, understanding, and/or stupidity. The rich have never received a dime from the poor, not today, yesterday, nor tomorrow.

Yes, I write, but not about chemistry, building construction, opera, and other areas of knowledge about which I know little or nothing. I am entitled, as each of us is entitled to speak on any subject, but it is almost always true that one man's opinion is not as good as another.

Again, I hear cages rattling. If a class of young men and women come to my accounting class opening day, none knows how to keep a set of books as well as I do. The students may very well know their chemistry and could tell me plenty. You get the idea.

So I write, carefully, as truthfully as I know how. But I abhor intrusions of those who would spatter and smear our Constitution, our flag, our nation. Not too incidentally, I did fight for our country, would do it again, and so wonder about those among us who would treat our servicemen and women with disrespect.

I do occasionally get applause, a letter or a phone call thanking me for my efforts. Future efforts by those who find agreement easy with what I write to inform me that I'm right to defend our country and our American culture are better received than the vituperative blather of the non-reader.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

Stop the madness

There is enough money in the Federal budget to cover next year's national debt and prescription drugs for all, if the Congress rescinds the tax cut for the wealthiest citizens and eliminates the unnecessary pork from the military budget.

The military budget for next year is \$399 billion, contains expensive pork that the Pentagon does not even want, and the budget does not include costs of the war in Iraq. Make the military accountable to do what the military is designed to do.

The National Missile Defense project in Alaska is costing \$9 billion for a system that has not been tested and probably will never work, according to experts.

Insanely, the government is refurbishing and maintaining nuclear weapons in Tennessee, and doing research to build more nuclear weapons, even though we have more than 10,000 nuclear weapons and are pledged to reduce that number.

The U.S. government has pledged \$7 billion for new nuclear weapons.

The national debt reached \$6.8 trillion and is growing. That is about \$23,000 for every man, woman and child in the United States. About 12 percent of the national budget goes for interest on that debt.

When will this military madness stop and the dollars go to unmet human and environmental needs? Cutting entitlements further just shifts the burden to the people least able to pay.

Fern Katz
board member Women's Action for New Directions

Credit due

Gun control advocates blasted Gov. Engler for passing concealed weapons legislation and predicted a killing spree. Attorney General Granholm actively campaigned against this bill that her oath of office required her to enforce.

Murders in Detroit dropped 20 percent and a police department under investigation for corruption and incompetence is getting the credit. Perhaps armed citizens are now protecting themselves. Gov. Granholm shows no interest in repealing the "right to carry" arms. Why doesn't Engler ever get credit for being right?

Hank Borgman
Farmington

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— Dianne Gonzalez, Plymouth resident, on Plymouth being a "cool" city.

State needs to encourage the entrepreneurial spirit

In a member of the Executive Committee of the Michigan Economic Development Corp., so I was pleased when Gov. Jennifer Granholm met with us back in February. We discussed how best to encourage high-tech startup companies, entrepreneurs and venture capitalists here in Michigan by commercializing discoveries made in labs at state universities. We all agreed it's likely that Michigan's economic future will emerge from this sort of technology transfer, but how to accelerate this process has been a vexing problem for some time.

The governor urged the MEDC to sponsor a summit conference on technology transfer to bring together the universities, the entrepreneurs and the folks from state government. And lo and behold, around 200 folks took part last Wednesday in the "Governor's University Summit on Economic Development and Collaboration."

At first blush, the conference could have been a train wreck. The universities have been feeling put upon because the state over the past three years has cut their revenue something like 20 percent in real terms, yet folks in Lansing also want them to be doing a lot more to move discoveries out of their labs into the private sector. Entrepreneurs and venture capitalists grump that the best thing for state government to do is just stay out of the way. And entrepreneurs, venture capitalists and universities all consider the apparatus of state government to be clumsy, bureaucratic and ill-suited to this task.

Granholm spoke, pointing out that creating new high-tech jobs will help replace the thousands of jobs being lost in manufacturing and other industries. Four work groups (each consisting of representatives from universities, the business community and state government) had teed up a series of perfectly sensible recommendations. Look around the country for the best university bylaws and policies to promote technology transfer, figure out how best to match the supply (of technology) at universities with the demand (for technology) from entrepreneurs and venture capitalists. So far, so good.

But an underlying assumption, at least by some folks from state government, is that technology transfer can be called forth more or less on demand. That just isn't so. Technology transfer is not top-down, it's a bottom-up process. It is not something that can be called forth by bureaucratic dictate or by the command of even the most sympathetic policy-maker. It is slow,

hesitant, contingent, unstructured and often unplanned. Most importantly, there is no bullet — silver or otherwise — that will unfailingly link research discovery, entrepreneurial interest, venture capital funding and corporate startup.

Many people agreed that the fundamental problem here is one of culture — everybody's culture. Universities are mainly teaching and learning institutions. Not surprisingly, their culture is academic and somewhat risk-averse, although there are some researchers who are champing at the bit to commercialize their discoveries. The culture of state government is hardly academic, but even more risk-averse. And it tends to be top-down, bureaucratic and slow. Changing these cultures is not easy, although most agreed that the universities — especially the University of Michigan and Wayne State — had made real progress over the past few years.

By contrast, the culture of the entrepreneurial community is entirely different. Risk is not only something to be grudgingly accepted, it is welcomed as the great spur to success. Tasks that state governments or university administrations would chew on for months are for entrepreneurs in the flush of creation a matter of a few days. Impatient, mercurial, driven, demanding, self-absorbed, passionate — all these words characterize that strange and wonderfully creative minority of people. Their mantra is, "Live by the sword, die by the sword," and the fact is that they love it.

Finding a way to encourage this culture and not strangle it is tough, especially when one considers how utterly different are the cultures of the automobile industry here in Michigan and the high tech firms in Silicon Valley.

To illustrate, as the conference drew to a close, most participants felt pretty good — maybe even slightly self-satisfied — that it represented the first step in what should become a regular dialogue. But then Bill Orabone, a quintessential entrepreneur type from Ann Arbor, got up. "What are you people talking about when you say 'study this' or 'consider that'? Who's really going to drive this process? Where's the action? Much of what this conference has considered is essentially mediocre!"

There could not have been a better illustration of the gap between the cultures. Bridging this gap is the most difficult problem we face in Michigan if we are to accelerate technology transfer and foster a thriving entrepreneurial sector.

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

Progress being made

Let me start off by thanking the *Observer* for giving me the opportunity to help keep local residents informed about state government. In this monthly column, I'll do my best to bring you up to date on the latest initiatives that affect our local area.

An important issue to many residents is speed limits on county roads, and more specifically, having a proper voice in getting them reduced. Many recall the bicyclist's death on Morton Taylor about seven years ago. Homeowners had to fight tooth and nail to get the speed limit lowered.

One of the first bills I introduced this year will give Michigan townships more control over local speed limits. Thankfully, the bill was signed into law and is now known as Public Act 65 of 2003.

Under the old law, only county road commissions and the State Police could decide speed limits on county roads in any given township. The new law injects some common sense in the process. Local officials and area residents know best which speed limits are the safest and most efficient for their area. Michigan townships, especially in western Wayne, have grown rapidly and many of these rural county roads have become unsafe for pedestrians and motorists.

Under the new law, if a township, county road commission and State Police determine that traffic speed on a county highway is too fast or slow for conditions, they can unanimously establish a reasonable and safe maximum or minimum speed limit.

Township officials and residents deserve a voice in this important process. Many times, school children have to navigate these roads after being dropped off from school. The new law empowers us to help set the most optimum speed limits for our communities.

In other important news, \$7.25 million in federal funding will be allocated to help stop ash borer infestation in southeast Michigan.

In April, I called on the U.S. Congress to provide financial assistance to help combat emerald ash borer infestation, which has taken its toll on western Wayne County. With strong bipartisan support, the state House approved my resolution and sent it to Congress.

A portion of the federal allocation will fund more than 100 staff in southeast Michigan to help control the exotic species of beetle.

The funding will help provide a strong line of defense to help stop the infestation and prevent total catastrophic loss of our ash trees. If the Dutch elm disease devastation in the '30s taught us one thing, it's that we can't ignore the problem.



Phil LaJoy

Educating students at every level of curriculum must remain our top priority, even during challenging fiscal times. The school aid budget is the most influential long-term investment we can make on our state's future.

In the summer of 2002, the ash borer was identified in Wayne, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, Livingston and Monroe counties. It already has killed 5 million trees in the six-county area.

With approximately 1 billion ash trees in Michigan, the infestation has the potential to affect Michigan's forest ecology, decrease property values and cut production of an important and versatile lumber resource.

Although the ash borer is slowly creeping out of southeast Michigan, we can't give up the fight. There are still many ash trees in western Wayne County that can be saved.

Along with the new public acts, a definite highlight so far for me was when I voted to restore the \$6,700 foundation grant for every Michigan student. We also reinstated funding for gifted and talented programs under the school aid budget for fiscal year 2004, despite tough budgetary times.

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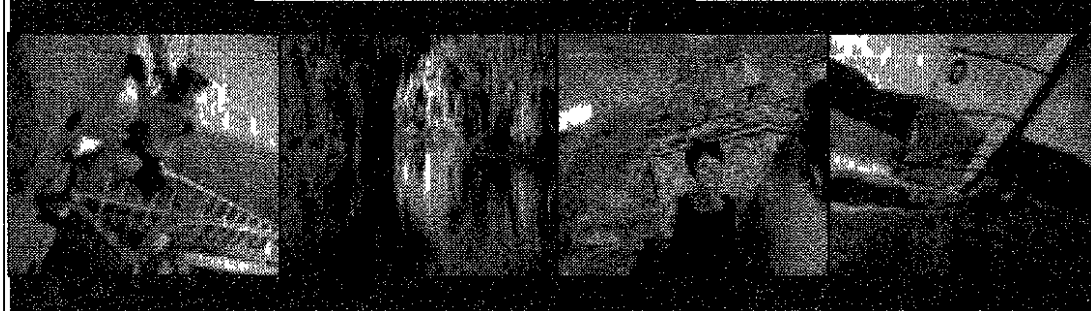
In non-legislative news, I was happy to sponsor the first-ever Canton Area Senior Summit this summer. More than 220 senior citizens from throughout western Wayne County enjoyed the event.

I am pleased it was so well-received by seniors. Although the bar is set high for next year's event, we can make it even better. I'd like to turn the Senior Summit into the premier senior event in Wayne County.

For people's convenience, I also sponsor rotating office hours in Canton Township, Belleville and Van Buren Township. Please contact me for times and locations for these events, and check the *Observer* as well.

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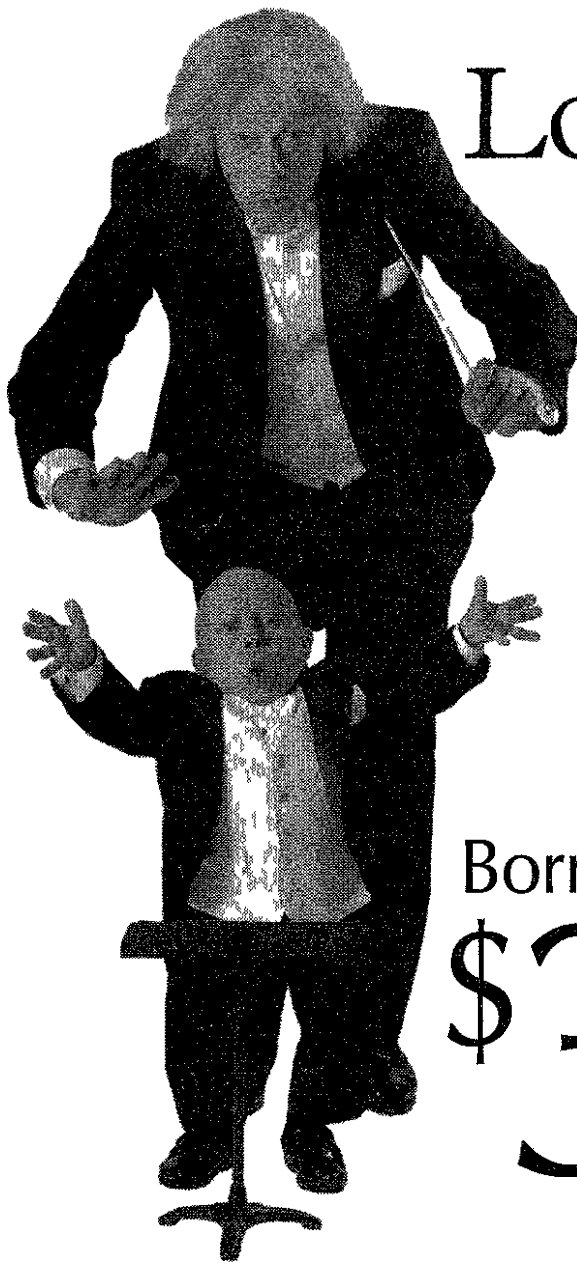
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Oakland nursery under scrutiny for violating ash tree quarantine

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

State and federal agricultural officials are investigating an Oakland County tree nursery for breaking a quarantine meant to stop the spread of the emerald ash borer, an exotic beetle that has already killed millions of ash trees in southeast Michigan.

According to Michigan Department of Agriculture spokesperson Sara Linsmeier-Wurfel, the unidentified nursery broke the quarantine by shipping more than 100 ash trees to a Maryland nursery back in April. After a joint investigation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the state is ready to charge the owner of the nursery with breaking the quarantine. It is the first time someone has been accused of such a breach.

'We're in the process of seeking charges against the business,' Linsmeier-Wurfel said.

An investigator with the Maryland Department of Agriculture discovered the EAB-infested trees at a Prince George's County nursery during a routine inspection in late August. After questioning the nursery owner, it was determined that the Oakland County nursery shipped 121 ash trees in two shipments April 2-3. Prince George's County is in suburban Washington D.C.

'Our inspectors had been instructed to keep an eye out for infested ash trees,' said Sue duPont, a spokesperson with the Maryland Department of Agriculture. 'While inspecting the nursery, our inspector found exit holes on many of the trees, which is a classic sign of the emerald ash borer. She brought back some bark samples from the trees, and it was determined they were indeed infested.'

Roughly 90 of the trees were still at the nursery and were immediately destroyed. The rest had been sold as landscape trees, and were tracked to three different locations. Maryland officials are working with property

owners to have them destroyed.

'We are surveying around these trees, up to a three kilometer radius, to make sure there hasn't been any spread of the pest. Our concern is that it's contained and eradicated,' duPont said.

According to Michigan agricultural officials, the emerald ash borer has already killed or damaged six million trees in southeast Michigan. The initial six-county quarantine, which includes Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties, was expanded to 13 in August, and now includes Genesee, Ingham, Jackson, Lapeer, Lenawee, Shiawassee and St. Clair counties.

The quarantine prohibits all transfer of ash trees or ash tree products from the quarantined area.

According to Linsmeier-Wurfel, the state has sent the case to the Oakland County Prosecutor's office, which will decide whether or not to charge the local nursery for violating the quarantine. She expects a decision to be made within a week or two.

'The way the law is spelled out, the penalty for violating the quarantine is up to \$100 per incident. But what is an incident? Is it for each tree or for each load of trees? That will be up to the prosecutor. We're hoping for some fairly swift action to this,' Linsmeier-Wurfel said.

In addition, Linsmeier-Wurfel said the nursery is facing the possibility of federal charges, because the nursery allegedly did not get the proper certification to send agricultural products across state lines.

American Harvest open for gourmet dinners

For the first time in its 21-year history, the American Harvest, Schoolcraft College's student-operated gourmet restaurant, is serving evening dinners. The restaurant will be open Tuesday through Friday evenings, offering a menu that is French-influenced American cuisine, with vegetarian alternatives available.

Marcus Haight, former executive chef at The Lark Restaurant, will direct the kitchen and chefs, who are part of an advanced culinary certificate program.

Dinners will be served starting at 6 p.m. Reservations will be taken through 7:45 and the restaurant will close to walk-in diners at 8:30 p.m. Reservations are strongly recommended and can be made by calling 734-462-4488.

Diners will be given the choice of two prix fixe meals or the a la carte menu. The prix fixe choices include a five-course dinner for \$37.50 or a four-course vegetarian 'garden' menu for \$22.95.

Items on the current menu include country pates and butternut squash ravioli as appetizers, potato and fennel soup or chicken consommé, grilled filet mignon, a tartlet of chanterelle mushrooms, jumbo sea scallops and a rack of lamb as entree

choices, and desserts including chocolate pot au creme raspberry and chocolate Napoleon, 'molten' chocolate cake, and a sorbet assortment.

All foods are prepared fresh daily, including soup stocks and sausages, using only the finest and freshest ingredients. The menu will change frequently.

The culinary arts department recently moved into the new VisiTech Center, a \$27 million facility that it shares with a business training/conference center.

The new culinary space includes an elegant restaurant, six instructional kitchens, an ice carving deck and technology that will allow in-house and international broadcasts.

The Brigade program, whose members will prepare the evening meals, began this fall for graduates of culinary programs and others who want to advance their career and enhance their skills.

The 45-week program includes experience in every station in the kitchen, advanced training in restaurant operations and the development of a business plan for a new restaurant.

Marcus Haight, certified executive chef and certified executive pastry chef, will direct the Brigade program.



An added feature for dinner guests at American Harvest is wine and beer.

Haight has had leadership positions at four of the 15 Mobil Guide Five-Star Restaurants in the United States, and since 1991 was the executive chef at The Lark Restaurant in West Bloomfield.

Haight also has worked at Le Bec Fin in Philadelphia, Le Francais in Wheeling, IL, La Maisonette in Cincinnati and The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. He has taught part time at Schoolcraft and conducted cooking classes at The Lark for the past 13 years.

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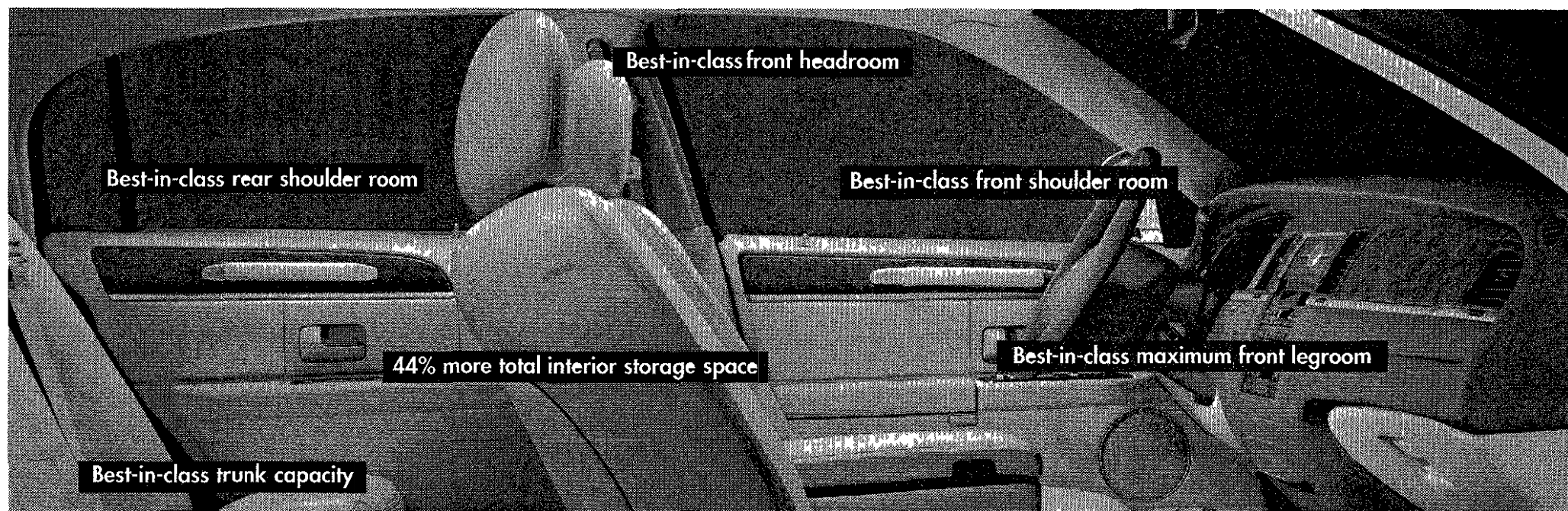
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Sidelines

Singles helps Salem net victory over Canton

This was one of those instances when every set in every flight meant something. Particularly for Salem's tennis team.

In a battle between two cross-campus rivals who also happen to be two of the Western Lakes Activities Association better teams, Salem edged Canton 5-3 Tuesday on the strength of its No. 4 doubles team.

The Rocks, who improved to 7-3 in conference play, won all four of the singles flights, then saw the Chiefs win the first

TENNIS

three doubles pairings, making No. 4 doubles the difference between a 4-4 draw and a 5-3 win for Salem.

But the Rocks' twosome of Erica Shy and Michele Cilia came away with a hard-fought win at No. 4, slipping past Canton's Carlin Staples and Renee McGregor 7-5, 7-5.

The loss left the Chiefs at 7-3-1 overall. In singles play, the Rocks won at No. 1 with Alex Ware beating Hitomi Shiroda 6-2, 6-1, at No. 2 with Missy Nelson defeating Beth Treadwell 6-1, 6-0, at No. 3 with Maranon Swasey winning over Lauren Kazmierczak 6-0, 6-3, and at No. 4, courtesy of Katie Waldeck's 6-2, 6-4 triumph over Natahe Slupek.

The tables were turned in doubles play, at least in the first three flights. Canton got wins from Chelsea Darwoir and Sarah

Galante over Mo Bohr and Sarah Jose, 6-3, 6-0 at No. 1, from Meena Masan and Jimm Lim over Katie Garskis and Jordan Falcusan, 6-3, 6-2 at No. 2, and from Julia Fabiszewski and Laura McKendry over Reeve Patel and Shailee Patel, 6-2, 7-6 (7-5) at No. 3.

Both teams will compete at the WLAA Tournament Saturday at Livonia Stevenson. The host Spartans and

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Steelers wins

The Plymouth Canton Steelers varsity football team celebrated its homecoming with a 33-0 shutout of the Livonia Meteors Saturday. For the Steelers the shutout meant the varsity defense has yet to be scored upon this season.

Stefan Gatt, Eric Barrera, Dalton Walsler and Mike Bashawaty turned in outstanding performances for the Steelers, now 3-0-1 for the season.

The Steeler junior varsity was leveled by the Meteors 32-20 despite strong offensive efforts by Heath Parling, Connor McKinney and Todd Turfe. The Steelers JV are 1-3.

Three second-half touchdowns allowed the Meteors to beat the Steeler freshmen team 19-6. The Steelers led 6-0 at the half. Josh Gifford, Ben Merbler, Tyler Hoeman and Ryan Jankowski played well on special teams and defense for the Steelers, now 2-2.

The Steelers take on the Ypsilanti Braves, the varsity game featuring two unbeaten teams, at 5 p.m. Saturday at Central Middle School.

Lions tumble

The Canton Lions varsity squad lost 23-8 to the unbeaten Ypsilanti Braves Saturday, dropping its record to 1-3. Trailing late in the first half, Canton tied the game at 8-8 on the final play before half time when Brandt Thomas ran 75 yards on a hook and ladder play and Chris Fischer booted the two-point conversion.

But the Braves took the lead for good late in the third quarter and rec'd the win with a last-minute TD.

Defensively, the Lions received strong performances from Justin Scott, Fischer, Jeremy Epley, Tyler Selig and Erik Wright, who intercepted his third pass of the season.

The Lions junior varsity unit dropped to 2-2 following a 6-0 loss to the Braves, while the Lions freshmen team improved to 4-0 with a 19-6 victory. The offense was led by Jack Slater, who had two touchdowns. Slater received strong blocking from Malcolm Hollingsworth and Chris Ostrowski. The defense was led by Adam Payne (interception), Braden Price (fumble recovery) and Brad Trublowksi. Kyle Dexter, Phil Emminger and Austin Payne also played well.

Game-winner

Nick Houdek, a sophomore forward for the Kalamazoo College men's soccer team and a Canton HS graduate, scored the only goal of the match as the Hornets beat Calvin College 1-0 in a Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association contest last Saturday.

The win gave Kalamazoo a 1-0 MIAA record and a 4-1-2 overall mark. Houdek leads the Hornets in scoring with five goals and an assist (11 points).

Second on the team in scoring is Brett Stinar, a senior midfielder and a Salem HS graduate. Stinar has collected three goals and two assists (eight points).

Chiefs still 1st in WLAA

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

If Tuesday's game between Canton and Walled Lake Western proved anything at all, it's this: There might not be a big game in the Western Lakes Activities Association for about four weeks.

That's when Salem plays at Canton, and the way things are shaping up, there's no team in the conference any better than these two.

Western was expected to be a title contender going into the season, but last Thursday Salem handled the Warriors with ease and on Tuesday at Canton the Chiefs repeated the feat, pulling away in the second half for a 53-37 triumph.

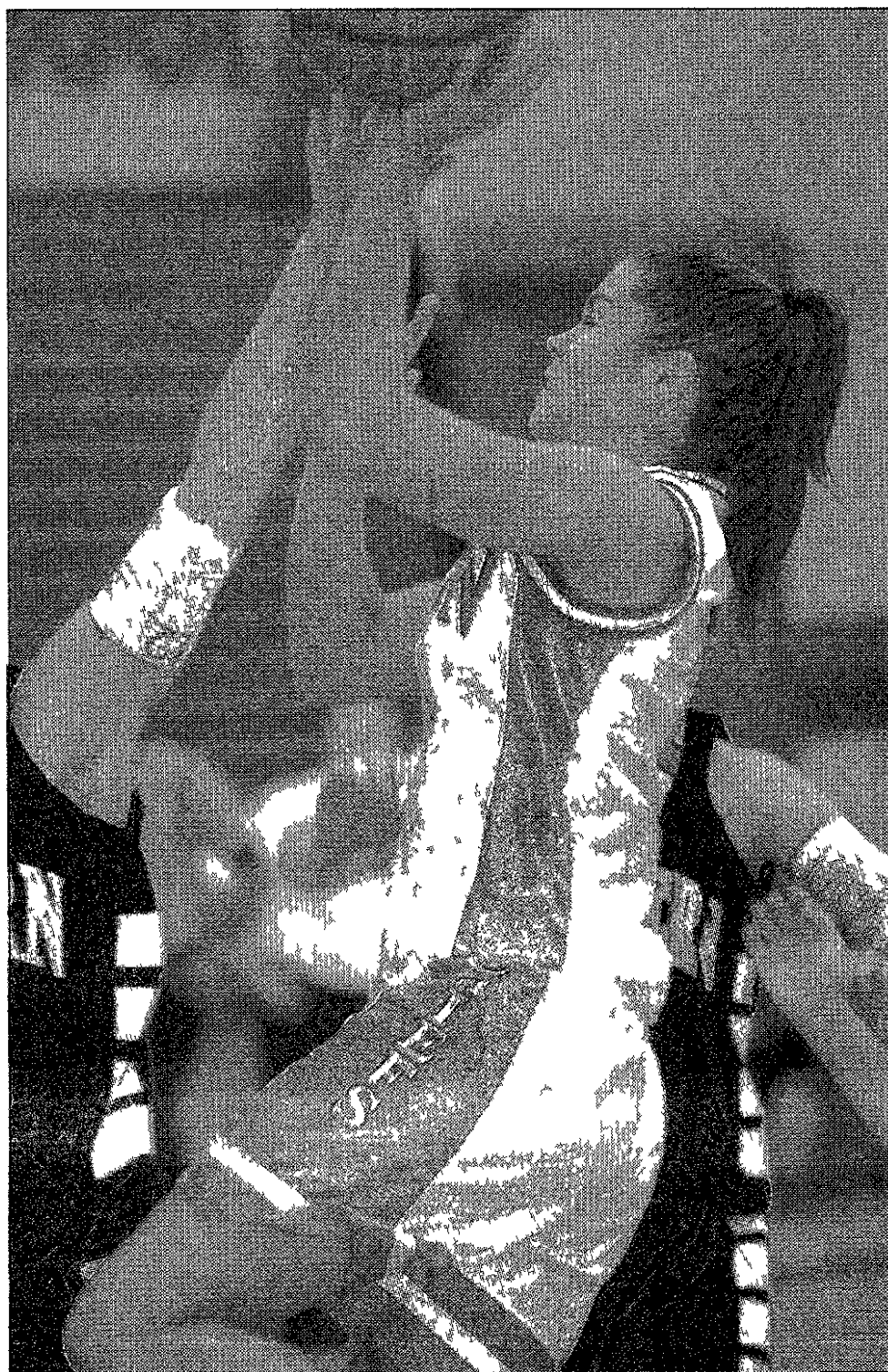
The win gives Canton a 7-2 overall record, 3-0 in the WLAA. Western is 5-4 overall, 2-2 in the conference.

"It keeps us at the top," said Chiefs' coach Bob Blohm. "We're getting better balance. I really liked the way we played today."

Western tried to keep Canton's Katie Cezat from taking control of the game with her inside play by surrounding her with a 1-2-2 zone defense, but that simply did not work once the Chiefs started nailing shots from the perimeter.

They never did trail in the game, connecting on 9-of-17 floor shots in the first half. The key to their success was applying Blohm's strategy perfectly — pass-

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Canton's Molly Conlon drives to the basket while a pair of Western defenders try to stop her. The Chiefs found their way offensively, beating the Warriors by 16 points.

Players earn shot at NBA

Hoskin, Rucker, Head sign

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Three former high school basketball standouts with area ties have landed in NBA training camps.

Former Redford Bishop Borgess High and Schoolcraft College All-American Sam Hoskin, who played the past two seasons for DePaul University, reported to camp Saturday with the Seattle

BASKETBALL

SuperSonics

On Monday, Westland John Glenn High grad and former University of Iowa player Guy Rucker was signed by the Houston Rockets. Meanwhile, former Plymouth Salem High standout and ex-Eastern Michigan University player James Head is in camp with the Indiana Pacers.

Head, a 6-foot-7, 225-pound forward, played in 48 games last season for the Great Lakes Storm of the Continental Basketball Association, where he averaged 17.6 points and 8.3 rebounds per game. After spending four seasons at EMU, where he had career averages of 7.9 points and 5.4 rebounds per game, Head had stints with teams in the USBL, IBL, the Philippines and the Los Angeles Pro-Am Summer League and with the Harlem

PLEASE SEE NBA, B3

Canton edges into top spot

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

It's all a matter of timing. And Canton's golf team has picked a good time to get hot. On Monday in a key Western Lakes Activities Association match against Livonia Churchill at Whispering Willows, the

GOLF

Chiefs edged into a tie for first overall in the conference with a 160-161 victory. Canton improved to 7-2 in the WLAA, Churchill slipped to 6-2.

"It came at a good time," said Chiefs' coach Tom Alles. "Now we have Plymouth at home (at Hilltop yesterday) and play Northville Friday." Nothing was certain, but the win certainly improved Canton's chances of going into Tuesday's WLAA Tournament on top of the standings.

"The kids are excited about this win and looking ahead to this week," Alles added.

Chad Johnson was match medalist, shooting a 37 to lead the Chiefs. Bryan Wioncek was next with a 40, followed by Dominic Gallo at 41 and Mike Yates and John Palmer, both at 42. Dustin Tropper carded a 45.

Churchill was led by Mike Dolmetsch with a 38, followed by a trio of golfers at 41: Matt Kruczynski, Jeff Rellhas and Tommy Lucko. Matt Robinson and Kyle Hardey each had a 42.

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Salem defense befuddles Belleville

Defense

That's all Salem needed Tuesday when it hosted non-conference foe Belleville. But for good measure, the Rocks threw in some offense, too, disposing of the Tigers 42-20 at Salem.

The win was Salem's fourth-straight, lifting its overall record to 5-4. Belleville is 4-5.

It didn't take long for the Rocks to assert themselves, and it was quite apparent how they planned to do it. By the end of the first quarter, their lead was 10-3, by half-time, their cushion had grown to 20-7.

"We did a great job defensively," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "We shut down their leading scorer, and we spread (our) scoring around and won every quarter."

"It was a really solid game."

Taylor Manley, who averages 13.5 points a game for the Tigers, did not score against Salem.

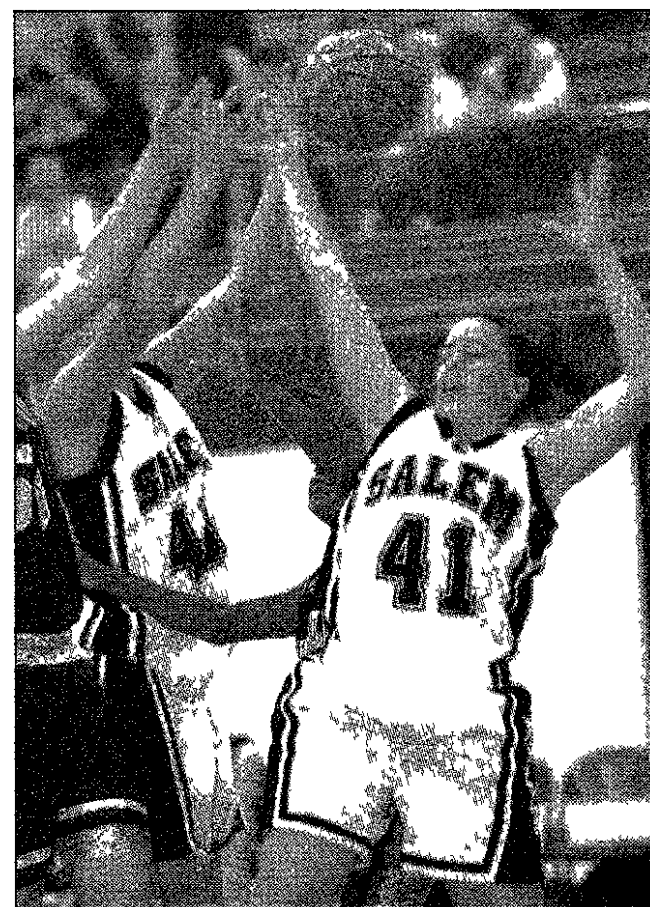
Ellen Canale paced the Rocks with 10 points. Alyssa Guern contributed eight, Katharine Wheatley scored seven, Kathy Hammerschmidt netted six points and seven rebounds, and Theresa Coppelie had five points and seven boards.

Salem maintained its 13-point edge after three quarters (28-15) and pulled away in the fourth with a 14-5 run.

Oakland Christian 40, Canton Agape 27: Canton Agape Christian had no answer for Auburn Hills Oakland Christian point guard Cali Crawford, who riddled the Wolverines for 17 points, five steals and four assists Tuesday.

Agape trailed 11-5 after one quarter and 22-13 by half-time. It was 30-15 after three quarters.

Emily Tong led the Wolverines with 11 points. A.J. Creps had 10 points and 12 rebounds, and Briana Chrenko grabbed 12 boards.



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Salem's Carly Schwan (41) and Kathy Hammerschmidt battle for a rebound in a game that the Rocks owned both on the glass and the scoreboard.

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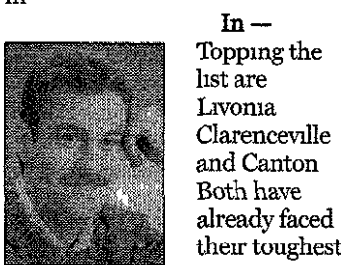
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Playoff picture beginning to take shape

Five games into the season — it's not too early to start talking playoffs, even if football coaches treat questions about the subject as if they'd been told Saddam's chemical weapons were actually hidden under their respective football fields.

So here's the rundown. Remember, six wins gets a team in.



C.J. Risak

In — Topping the list are Lavonia, Clarenceville and Canton. Both have already faced their toughest competition of the regular season and have come through it with perfect 5-0 records. Both should host at least their first-round playoff games.

At the next stage, but almost certain to qualify, are Redford Catholic Central, Wayne Memorial, Westland John Glenn and Redford Thurston. They each have a 4-1 record, which means two wins in their last four games puts them in.

First comes CC, which is, after all, CC. The Shamrocks schedule isn't simple, but they should win at least two of their last four. If they don't, someone should launch an investigation.

As for Wayne and John Glenn, they meet each other at Wayne in the last regular-season game. The Zebras should have clinched by then, they play Northville and Salem in the next two weeks, who have two wins between them this season.

For Glenn, it's not so simple. The Rockets have Salem this

week before tackling unbeaten Walled Lake Central, then there's Lavonia, Stevenson and Wayne. Those last three teams have a total of four losses, and two of those games are on the road. That Wayne-Glenn game could mean a lot more to Glenn. Of the four 4-1 teams, Thurston is the shoe-in. The Eagles play Woodhaven and Dearborn Crestwood over the next two weeks (two wins combined), that should be enough to get them in.

Out — Salem and Lavonia. Franklin are 1-4, no playoffs for them. Lavonia Churchill, Stevenson, Garden City and Lutheran Westland are all 2-3, making their chances very slim. Churchill must play Walled Lake Western, Canton and (in the last regular-season game) Stevenson, Stevenson has two playoff-bound teams (Central, John Glenn) on its slate before meeting Churchill, Garden City still must face its toughest competition (Dearborn Edsel Ford, Southgate Anderson) in the Mega White, and Lutheran Westland has three of the four teams currently ahead of it in the Metro Conference remaining on its schedule.

On the bubble — Redford Union and St. Katharine/Borgess, both 3-2. RU is a long shot. It must play three of its final four on the road, with games at Melvindale (3-2) and Thurston. The Panthers home game is against Gibraltar Carlson (4-1), this Friday they're at Willow Run (2-3).

St. Kates/Borgess should handle Detroit Holy Redeemer Saturday, playing at Riverview. Gabriel Richard the following weekend won't be so easy. Then comes two Catholic League

games to be determined. Winning three of those won't be easy.

Now for the standings that really count — the race for best Sports Editor predictor Brad Emons (Lavonia/Westland) and Paul Beaudry (Redford/Garden City) were both 11-1 last week, keeping them tied for first over all at 46-13. Me? I was 10-2, so I'm last at 44-15.

As for the students who took stabs at picking winners last week, they were a combined 4-8. And we thank them for their help. Now for this week's games.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

(all at 7 p.m. unless indicated)
Walled Lake Western (3-2-1-2) at Lavonia Churchill (2-3-1-2). Western's losses have been to Wayne and Canton that should say cute a bit. Churchill may be improved, but the Chargers will be hard pressed to win this one. PICKS: Western — Risak. Emons. Beaudry.

Redford Union (3-2-3-2) at Ypsilanti Willow Run (1-3-2-3). While the Panthers were dusting off Dearborn Heights Annapolis, Willow Run was getting pounded by unbeaten Taylor Kennedy 42-7. All three of the Flyers' losses have come against the top teams in the Mega Gold RU must win in this game to have any hope for a playoff berth. PICKS: RU — Emons. Beaudry. Willow Run — Risak.

Canton (5-0-2-0) at Lavonia Franklin (1-4-1-2). Make no mistake, the Patriots are an improving team. Also, Canton has struggled in just about all of its wins. But two of the Chiefs' victims have lost to them but no one else. PICKS: Canton — Risak. Emons. Beaudry.

Lavonia Stevenson (2-3-1-0) at Walled Lake Central (5-0-2-0). When this season is done with Stevenson will be one of those playoff caliber teams that just missed unless the Spartans can alter their fortunes. This would be a good starting point. Central, which barely beat Salem last week, is beatable despite its impressive record. PICKS: Central — Emons. Beaudry. Stevenson — Risak.

Garden City (2-3-2-0) at Taylor Truman (1-4-1-1). Thurston pounded Truman last Friday while Trenton did the same to Garden City. Now they face each other in a game that could have some impact on the Mega White race. PICKS: Garden City — Emons. Beaudry. Taylor Truman — Risak.

Westland John Glenn (4-1-1-0) at Salem (1-4-0-3). Give John Glenn coach Chuck Gordon a lot of credit for holding things together after los-

ing several key players until the Rockets could get things straightened around. The only breaks Salem seems to get are bad ones. PICKS: John Glenn — Risak. Emons. Beaudry.

Redford Thurston (4-1-2-1) at Woodhaven (1-4-0-3). A tough Mega Blue road game awaits the Eagles. Well, not really. Woodhaven has scored 68 points and allowed 164. Thurston has scored 145 and allowed 87. If Thurston loses this, it should have to stay in Woodhaven until it wins again. PICKS: Thurston — Risak. Emons. Beaudry.

Wayne (4-1-2-1) at Northville (1-4-0-1). The only team Northville's been able to beat is Salem. The only team Wayne's lost to is Canton. Doesn't seem too difficult to figure this one out. The Zebras speed should be more than enough against the Mustangs. PICKS: Wayne — Risak. Emons. Beaudry.

Lavonia Clarenceville (5-0-5-0) at Harper Woods Lutheran East (1-4-1-3). 7:30 p.m. The only real drama attached to this game is if Clarenceville will extend its Metro Conference win streak now at 37 straight. One interesting note: three of Lutheran East's four losses have come by a total of 11 points. One more realistic note — the Eagles' other loss was by 20 points to Cranbrook Kingswood, a team Clarenceville beat by 22. PICKS: Clarenceville — Risak. Emons. Beaudry.

Lutheran Westland (2-3-2-2) at Mount Clemens Lutheran North (3-2-3-2). 7:30 p.m. Losing last Friday by three to Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett was a bitter disappointment for Lutheran Westland. A playoff berth is a longshot now, they can prove they deserve a berth by beating Lutheran North coming off a 49-14 loss to Cranbrook Kingswood. PICKS: Lutheran North — Risak. Emons. Lutheran Westland. Beaudry.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

St. Katharine/Bishop Borgess (3-2-1-1) vs Detroit Holy Redeemer (1-4-1-1) 1 p.m. at Hilbert. This won't be any cakewalk for St. Kates/Borgess, but it can't afford a letdown against a team with one win like Holy Redeemer. Last Saturday St. Kates/Borgess edged Cardinal Mooney by two while Redeemer was blanked 30-0 by Detroit Loyola. PICKS: St. Kates/Borgess — Risak. Emons. Beaudry.

Redford Catholic Central (4-1-1-0) vs Orchard Lake St. Mary's (4-1-0-1) 7 p.m. at Hilbert. This won't be any cakewalk for CC. St. Mary's lost for the first time last weekend by a point to UD Jesuit. And remember — state champ CC lost one game all last season and it was to a 3-6 St. Mary's team by a 13-0 score. PICKS: CC — Risak. Emons. Beaudry.

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Whalers get the most out of their road trip

This road trip could not have started out much worse for the Plymouth Whalers. Not after losing the first two games of their Ontario Hockey League season by a combined score of 15-6.

At Belleville Friday, the Whalers' start seemed to indicate not much had changed. Not when the Bulls' Brad Horan scored just 0-14 into the game.

But it did change after that. Plymouth turned it around, scoring four power-play goals to defeat the Bulls 5-2.

And the Whalers followed that with an equal success Saturday at Kingston, getting four goals in the third period to gain another 5-2 triumph.

The two wins allowed Plymouth to even its record at 2-2. Both Belleville and Kingston are 0-1-1.

Against Belleville Friday, Jonas Fiedler got the Whalers on track with the game-tying goal on the power play at 7:14 of the first period. Ryan Ramsay and James Wisniewski (from Canton) assisted.

Wisniewski put the Whalers ahead with another power-play goal at 13:04 of the first, assisted by David Liffiton and Vaclav Meidl.

The Bulls tied it at 2-2 on Tony Rizzi's goal at 5:49 of the second period, but once again Wisniewski — named the game's No. 1 star — replied with another power-play goal, his third of the season, at 9:27 of the second to make it 3-2. Fiedler and Ramsay assisted.

John Mitchell's goal with

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eight seconds left in the second period (assisted by Fiedler) and his empty-net score with 20 remaining in the game (from Ramsay and Fiedler) capped Plymouth's scoring. Wisniewski had two goals and an assist in the game, Fiedler had a goal and three assists, Ramsay had three assists and Mitchell scored twice.

Paul Drew made 21 saves in goal for the Whalers. Dan Turple had 32 for the Bulls. On Saturday at Kingston, the Frontenacs took the early lead with two first-period goals, scored by Todd Griffith and Matt Kelly.

But Plymouth responded with a Mitchell goal late in the second period (Meidl assisting) to make it 2-1, then overwhelmed Kingston with third-period power-play goals by John Vigilante at 4:40 (from Wisniewski and Gino Pisellini) and Tim Sestito at 9:37 (from Meidl and Ramsay), followed by scores by Ramsay at 14:40 and an empty-netter by Mitchell at 18:47 (from Sestito and Wisniewski).

Again, Mitchell had two goals, Ramsay and Sestito each had a goal and an assist, and Wisniewski and Meidl had two assists apiece — and again, Wisniewski was named the game's No. 1 star.

Drew had 23 saves in goal for the Whalers. Eric Tobia made 27 stops for the Frontenacs.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday Oct 3
W.L. Western at Church Hill 7 p.m.
Canton at Franklin 7 p.m.
Stevenson at W.L. Central 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Salem 7 p.m.
Wayne at Northville 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Lutheran East 7:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Lutheran North 7:30 p.m.

Saturday Oct 4
Redford CC vs O.L. St. Mary's at RU's Kraft Field (Hilbert Jr. High) 7 p.m.

Salem at W.L. Central 7 p.m.
Canton Agape at St. Field Christian 7 p.m.
Franklin at Northville 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Wayne 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday Oct 2
Clarenceville at Lutheran North 6:30 p.m.
Kingswood at Luth. Westland 6:30 p.m.
Canton at Churchill 7 p.m.

Friday Oct 3
Ladywood at Birm. Mar. 7 p.m.
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Huron Valley at A.P. Inter. City 7:30 p.m.

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SALEM

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Plymouth 52, A.A. Gabriel Richard 24 (JV): This one ended early

Plymouth led 15-5 after one quarter and then outscored Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard's junior varsity team 24-3 in the second to take a 39-8 lead by halftime. The Wildcats, now 5-3, didn't even need to score a point in the fourth quarter to win easily.

Jeanine Moise paced Plymouth with 18 points and 15 rebounds. Colleen Flaherty added 13 points and 10 boards, and Janet Hanchett scored 12 points.

Kelsie Norton topped Gabriel Richard with nine points.

NBA

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Globetrotters: He also played last season in an exhibition game with the Los Angeles Clippers.

Rucker, a 6-9, 270-pound forward-center, began camp Tuesday in Houston. He played three games last season with the Golden State Warriors, grabbing one rebound and dishing out one assist in four minutes of play. He went to the L.A. Lakers' training camp last fall, appearing in four exhibition games. Rucker also played three seasons at Iowa and professionally in Europe, including a stint in Turkey.

The 6-8, 250-pound Hoskin, who played on the Utah Jazz Summer League team, averaged 15.6 points and 7.6 rebounds per game as a senior at DePaul. He ranked fourth in Conference USA in both field-goal percentage and free-throw percentage. He set a school record with 38 consecutive free throws and registered 24 points against North Carolina in an NIT defeat, along with 21 points and a season-high 14 rebounds vs. Louisville.

Hoskin started his collegiate career at Eastern Kentucky University, where he averaged 15.7 points per game before transferring to Schoolcraft, where he averaged 23.8 points and 10.0 rebounds per game and earned their first trip ever to the NJCAA Division I tournament in Hutchinson, Kan.

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Lisa Ealy (with ball) searches for a teammate to pass to while Western's Kathleen Smiley defends.

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CHIEFS

FROM PAGE B1

ing the ball quickly around Western's zone until either Cezat got open inside or someone else did on the wing.

Four players scored points for Canton in the first quarter as the Chiefs took a 12-8 lead. After the Warriors opened the second quarter with a Dianna Houghton basket to narrow the gap to two, Cezat responded with seven-straight points to give Canton a nine-point advantage.

Western was far from done, however. Aided by three Canton turnovers and a pair of missed free throws on the front end of one-and-ones, the Warriors got back into it with a seven-point run of their own - four of them by Tracey Winkler.

However, the end of that run pretty much spelled the end for Western. Winkler, on a drive to the basket, scored and was fouled by Lisa Ealy. But Winkler landed awk-

wardly on another player's foot and crashed to the floor, she was helped to the bench and, at game's end, was carried to the Western bus.

We had a hard time with Winkler, said Blohm. 'She's an offense in herself - she can shoot it, she can drive it, she can dish it out. She makes all her teammates better.'

I don't know if it would have been so easy had she stayed in the game.

With Winkler on the bench, Canton went on another seven-point run to finish the quarter, taking a 26-17 lead into halftime.

The tide had definitely turned, and in the third quarter it became a tidal wave.

It didn't start that way, however.

The Chiefs missed their first five shots of the period, but once the tempo picked up they showed it suited them just fine.

With point guard Rachele Guastella scoring 10 points in the quarter, Canton outscored Western 18-8 to take a commanding 44-35 lead into the

final period. The difference in the period: The Chiefs forced the Warriors into committing six turnovers while making just one themselves.

After that, it was just a matter of how much the final margin would be.

Cezat turned in a solid all-around game once again, totaling 23 points (including 9-of-11 from the free-throw line), 14 rebounds, five blocks and two steals. Guastella finished with 15 points.

Houghton topped Western with 14 points. No one else had more than six.

'We still have to get better defensively,' said Blohm, sounding every bit like a coach who's never quite satisfied.

Western could still emerge as a force, but that may depend on just how badly injured Winkler is. Without her - well, Blohm will have to search for motivational tools in a conference that, as a whole, seems to be in a rebuilding stage.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - September 23, 2003

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday September 23 2003, at 46000 Summit Parkway Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7 00 p m and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Members Present Bennett Burdziak McLaughlin Zarbo, Kirchgatter Yack, Shefferly

Members Absent None

Staff Present Director Minghine Director Durack, Director Santomauro Director Conklin

Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to approve the amended agenda removing Items G 16 and G-16 and moving Item G 6 to be heard following G-11 the agenda as presented Motion carried unanimously

Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Regular Board Minutes of September 9 2003 Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Kirchgatter supported by Shefferly to approve payment of the bills as presented Motion carried unanimously

Expenditure Recap for September 23, 2003. Table with columns for Fund Name, Amount, and Recap Date. Total - All Funds: 3,392,116.31

Prior to the Board Meeting this evening Mr George Miller presented to the Board a letter from Paul F Zyburski, Attorney at Law, directed to the Department of Public Safety dated August 18 2003

PUBLIC HEARING-Item 1. Public Hearing on Proposed Millage Rates and FY2004 Budgets and Setting of December 1, 2003 Millage Rates. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to open the public hearing at 7 04 p m on the proposed December 1, 2003 millage rates and proposed FY 2004 budgets Motion carried unanimously There was no one present who wished to be heard

Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to close the public hearing at 7 05 p m Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the resolution setting the Proposed Millage Rates and FY2004 Budgets and Setting of December 1, 2003 Millage Rates Motion carried unanimously

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Set December 1, 2003 Millage Rates

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, that there be levied on the taxable property of said Township for the year 2003, for general Township purposes, a tax of 2 00 mills on the Taxable Value thereof said value being \$2 797 206 924 Real Property and \$181 804 933 Personal Property totaling \$2,979 011 857 and the tax amounting to \$5 958 023 71

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, that pursuant to Public Act 33 of 1951 there be levied on the taxable real property of said Township for the year 2003 for Fire Protection purposes a Special Assessment of 2 6000 mills on the Taxable Value thereof, said value being \$2 797 206 924 Real Property, and the tax amounting to \$7,272,738 00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton that pursuant to Public Act 181 of 1951 there be levied on the taxable real property of said Township for the year 2003 for Police Protection purposes a Special Assessment of 4 2500 mills on the Taxable Value thereof said value being \$2 797 206 924 Real Property and the tax amounting to \$11 888 129 43

Roll Call Ayes Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo

Nays None Abstain None Absent None

Terry G Bennett Clerk

Item 2. Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of a Brownfield Plan for CH Canton, LLC Theater Project. Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to open the public hearing at 7 07 p m to consider Adoption of a Brownfield Plan for CH Canton, LLC Theater Project Motion carried unanimously Mr Tim Cronin, Township attorney, explained the Brownfield process and the benefits of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Mr Bob McCausland of 2011 Lotz Road Canton, was present to express his concerns regarding the subject property Mr Bob Gorman from NTH Consultants informed the Board regarding the subsurface investigation of the property and future plans for the site Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to close the public hearing at 7 39 Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Bennett supported by Burdziak to approve the Resolution upon the recommendation of the Brownfield Authority and adopt the Brownfield Plan for CH Canton, LLC Theater Project pursuant to and accordance with Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996 as amended and authorizing its submission to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Motion carried unanimously

CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. Special Community Event Status and the Installation of Signs for the Canton Historical Society's Dumouchelle Antique Appraisal Clinic. Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status for Canton Historical Society's annual antique appraisal clinic and grant permission for placement of signs advertising the event Motion carried unanimously

Item 2. Re-Appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to reappoint Randy Blylock and Steven Johnson to the Zoning Board of Appeals for three year terms (terms expiring August 31 2006) Motion carried unanimously

Item 3. Request to Set the Public Hearing for Class C Liquor License Transfer to S.B. Nara, Inc. at 42408 Ford Road, Canton, Michigan. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to set the public hearing for October 28, 2003 for consideration of the request of S B Nara, Inc to transfer ownership of 1998 Class C License located in escrow at 20038 44-20050 Eureka Taylor, Michigan Wayne County, from Mad Trovanos, Inc , Stuart A Gold, Trustee, (Transfer Location (Governmental Unit)(MCL 436 1531(1) to 42408 Ford Road, Canton MI 48187 Motion carried unanimously

Item 4. Increase Purchase Order for Grand Blanc Printing Co., Inc. Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve increasing PO #38716 for Grand Blanc Printing, in the amount of \$1,041 21 for the printing of the Discover Canton Leisure Services program guide Motion carried unanimously

GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. WTUA Annual Budget Approval. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution approving the budget for the Western Townships Utilities Authority for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 in the amounts presented Motion carried unanimously

Item 2. Consider Final PDD for Ford Sheldon Newman Planned Development. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the request of the project sponsor, Mr Bryan Amann to grant final approval of the Ford Sheldon Newman Planned Development District, based upon recommendations made by staff and the Planning Commission as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to amend the preceding motion to the following to approve the request of the project sponsor, Mr Bryan Amann to grant final approval of the Ford Sheldon Newman Planned Development District, based upon recommendations made by the Planning Commission as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof Motion carried as amended unanimously

Item 3. Consider Final Site Plan for Maben Woods Site Condominiums Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to

approve the request of the petitioner, Mr Andrew Skrypsma to approve the site plan for the proposed Maben Woods Site Condominium subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof Motion carried unanimously

Item 4. Consider Willow Creek Final Planned Development District and Site Plan for Willow Creek Service and Retail Center Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution approving the request of the project sponsor, Mr Bill Madden to grant approval of Willow Creek Final Planned Development District based upon recommendations made by staff and the Planning Commission as described in the analysis and recommendation Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the request of the Petitioner Mr Bill Madden to approve the site plan for the proposed Willow Creek Service and Retail subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof Motion carried unanimously

Item 5. Consider Notice of Intent to Issue Capital Improvement Bonds Resolution. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Notice of Intent for 2003 General Obligation Capital Bond Improvement Series B in the amount of \$1,500 000 Motion carried unanimously

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF INTENT RESOLUTION 2003 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES B

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "Township") held on the 23rd day of September, 2003, at 7 00 o'clock p m Eastern Daylight Savings Time

PRESENT Members Bennett, Burdziak, McLaughlin Zarbo Kirchgatter, Yack, Shefferly

ABSENT Members None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Bennett and supported by Member Kirchgatter

WHEREAS, the Township intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan 2001 as amended, in an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1 500 000) for the purpose of paying part of the cost of acquiring and constructing certain capital improvement items consisting of road and related facilities (the "Project") and

WHEREAS a notice of intent to issue bonds must be published before the issuance of the aforesaid bonds in order to comply with the requirements of Section 517 of Act 34 Public Acts of Michigan 2001, as amended

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT 1 The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a notice of intent to issue bonds in The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, a newspaper of general circulation in the Township 2 Said notice of intent shall be published as a one quarter (1/4) page display advertisement in substantially the following form

NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS SECURED BY THE TAKING POWER OF THE TOWNSHIP AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton Wayne County, Michigan intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds, pursuant to Act 34 Public Acts of Michigan, 2001 as amended, in an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500,000) for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and constructing road and related facilities

Said bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed twenty five (25) in number with interest rates to be determined at sale but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds The bonds may be issued in one or more series as shall be determined by the Township Board

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE BONDS shall be payable from the general funds of the Township lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable charter, statutory and constitutional limitations

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM - THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP IS FILED WITHIN FORTY FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP VOTING THEREON THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001 as amended Terry G Bennett Clerk Charter Township of Canton

3 The Township Board does hereby determine that the foregoing form of Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds and the manner of publication directed is the method best calculated to give notice to the Township's taxpayers and electors of this Board's intent to issue the bonds, the purpose of the bonds, the security for the bonds and the right of referendum relating thereto and the newspaper named for publication is hereby determined to reach the largest number of persons to whom the notice is directed

4 All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded AYES Member Bennett, Burdziak, McLaughlin Kirchgatter Yack, Shefferly NAYS Member None RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Item 6. [Moved to be heard after Item 11]

Item 7. Consider Authorizing the Township Supervisor to Sign the Memorandum of Agreement for Canton Township to Join the Rouge River Watershed Local Management Assembly and Approve an Expenditure of \$25,697 to Join the Assembly. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the Memorandum of Agreement for Canton Township to join the Rouge River Watershed Local Management Assembly and approve an expenditure of \$25,697 to join the Assembly Motion carried unanimously

Item 8. Consider Awarding of Bid for Completion of Landscaping Berms at Hawk's Farm Market. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the low bid for completion of landscaping berms at Hawk's Farm Market to Crumboli Landscaping for an amount not to exceed \$2,200 00 Motion carried unanimously

Item 9. Consider Purchase of Metering Control Devices. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to accept the offer from Etna Supplies Company to purchase 1600 Radio Red Transceiver Units (MXU's) at a cost of \$200,000 Funding to come from FY2003, Act #592-000 111 0003 Motion carried unanimously

Item 10. Consider Adopting the 2003 Water Distribution System Master Plan. Motion by Shefferly to adopt the 2003 Water Distribution System Master Plan and utilize the plan for future planning of water system infrastructure improvements Motion carried unanimously

Item 11. Consider Reimbursement Resolution and Award of Construction Contract for the Denton Road Improvements. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to adopt the Reimbursement Resolution Motion carried unanimously

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON - COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "Township") held on the 23rd day of September, 2003, at 7 00 o'clock p m Eastern Daylight Savings Time

PRESENT MEMBERS Bennett, Burdziak, McLaughlin Zarbo, Kirchgatter, Yack, Shefferly ABSENT MEMBERS None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Bennett and supported by Member Shefferly

WHEREAS the Township intends to issue and sell bonds, in an amount presently estimated not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1 500 000) for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and constructing road and related facilities (the "Project") and

WHEREAS the Township intends at this time to state its intentions to be reimbursed from proceeds of the bonds for any expenditures undertaken by the Township for the Project prior to issuance of the bonds

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1 The Township makes the following declarations for the purpose of complying with the reimbursement rules of Treas Reg § 1 150 2 pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended

(a) As of the date hereof, the Township reasonably expects to reimburse itself for the expenditures described in (b) below with proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Township

(b) The expenditures described in this paragraph (b) are for the costs of acquiring and constructing the Project together with appurtenances and attachments thereto to serve the Township which were or will be paid subsequent to six months prior to the date hereof

(c) The maximum principal amount of debt presently expected to be issued for the Project, including issuance costs is not to exceed \$1 500 000

(d) A reimbursement allocation of the expenditures described in (b) above with the proceeds of the borrowing described herein will occur not later than 18 months after the later of (i) the date on which the expenditure is paid, or (ii) the date the Project is placed in service or abandoned but in no event more than three (3) years after the original expenditure is paid A reimbursement allocation is an allocation in writing that evidences the Township's use of the proceeds of the debt to be issued for the Project to reimburse the Township for a capital expenditure made pursuant to this Resolution

(e) The expenditures described in (b) above are "capital expenditures as defined in Treas Reg § 1 150 1(b), which are any costs of a type which are properly chargeable to a capital account (or would be so chargeable with a proper election or with the application of the definition of placed in service under Treas Reg § 1 150 2(c)) under general Federal income tax principles (as determined at the time the expenditure is paid)

(f) No proceeds of the borrowing paid to the Township in reimbursement pursuant to this Resolution will be used in a manner described in Treas Reg § 1 150 2(b) with respect to abusive uses of such proceeds, including but not limited to, using funds corresponding to the proceeds of the borrowing in a manner that results in the creation of replacement proceeds (within Treas Reg § 1 148 1) within one year of the reimbursement allocation described in (d) above

(g) Expenditures for the Project to be reimbursed for the proceeds of the borrowing for purposes of this Resolution do not include costs for the issuance of the debt or an amount not in excess of the lesser of \$100,000 or 5 percent of the proceeds of the borrowing or preliminary expenditure not exceeding twenty (20) percent of the issue price of the borrowing within the meaning of Treas Reg § 1 150 2(f)(such preliminary expenditures include architectural engineering, surveying soil testing and similar costs incurred prior to construction of the Project but do not include land acquisition site preparation, and similar costs incident to commencement of construction)

2 All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded AYES Members Bennett Burdziak, McLaughlin Zarbo, Kirchgatter Yack Shefferly NAYS Member None RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to award the construction of Cherry Hill Road and Ridge Road to Cadillac Asphalt LLC in the amount of \$1,113,900 72 to authorize the Clerk to execute the contract documents Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to authorize payment to Wade Trim for inspector days performed as provided in the contract and that a separate purchase order be opened in the amount of \$27,560 for 53 inspector days This amount shall be subtracted from the original contract and a separate purchase order be opened In addition authorize finance and budget to subtract any additional costs based on the per day rate of \$520 00 for an inspector day if the contractor exceeds the number of specified inspector days in the contract or transfer the unused inspector days remaining money to the contractor as a bonus if the project is completed under the number of inspector days specified in the contract Motion carried unanimously

Item 6 [Inserted to be heard after Item 11] Consider Authorizing Purchase of Land from Detroit Edison for the Denton Road Improvements Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to authorize the purchase of the Detroit Edison parcel (78 acres from parcel No 071 072 99 0006 000) for the proposed Denton Road Improvements north of Cherry Hill Road for a total of \$55,000 and authorize the Township Clerk and Supervisor to execute any and all documents needed to effectuate the closing Motion carried unanimously

Item 12. Purchase of Multi-purpose Vehicle 26' LDV Model MCC26LGS260-03 and a Communications System and Sale of 1992 Dolphin RV. (Mobile Command Vehicle.) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of a LDV Model MCC26LGS260 03 Special Service Vehicle from LDV Custom Commercial Vehicles and Interiors, Burlington, WI through the State of Michigan 1122 Program for a cost of \$262,506 00 Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of police and fire radios and equipment from Motorola Communication Sales, under state bid for a cost of \$18 170 00 Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Bennett supported by Shefferly to approve the following budget amendments FIRE FUND Increase Revenues Sale of Fixed Assets #206 000 673 0000 \$20 000 / Increase Appropriations Capital Outlay #206 336 977 0000 \$20,000 This budget amendment increases the Fire Fund budget from \$9 105 310 to \$9,125,310 POLICE FUND Increase Revenues Federal Grants Local Law Enforcement #207 000 507 0000 \$42,000 / Contributions #207 000 675 0000 \$23,500 = Total \$65,500 / Increase Appropriations Capital Outlay #207 301 977 0000 \$65,500 This budget amendment increases the Police Fund budget from \$12,103,888 to \$12 169 388 Motion carried unanimously

Item 13. Approve Resolution Adopting MERS Pension Plan. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Resolution adopting the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Michigan Defined Benefit Pension Program for the Canton Firefighters Union employees Motion carried unanimously

Item 14. Award Contract for Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion by Bennett supported by Burdziak to award the contract to ASTI in the amount of \$35,900 for the writing of the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Canton Township Motion carried unanimously

Item 15. [Removed from the Agenda]

Item 16. [Removed from the Agenda]

Item 17. Request for Line Extension Agreements with Detroit Edison for the Performing Arts Center Complex. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the line extension agreement with Detroit Edison for development at the Performing Arts Center as well as the Uptown Cherry Hill Village Lamer Buildings for \$78,595 64 and the expense be charged to the PAC construction budget with the understanding that Canton will be reimbursed \$39,684 82 of the expense by the developer of the liner buildings Furthermore to approve the Clerk to sign the enclosed Detroit Edison Line Extension Agreements for three phase electrical service to the Performing Arts Center as well as the Uptown Cherry Hill Village Lamer Buildings Motion carried unanimously

OTHER: Supervisor Yack indicated he was not aware of a study session scheduled for next week as yet

ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, Supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 10 05 p m

Thomas J Yack Supervisor / Terry G Bennett Clerk

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SWIM RESULTS

WESTERN WAYNE INVITATIONAL GIRLS SWIM MEET
Sept 29 30 at Wayne Memorial
TEAM STANDINGS 1 Trenton 362 points
 2 Westland John Glenn 260 3 Livonia Ladywood 200 4 Plymouth 174 5 Wayne Memorial 153 6 Dearborn Heights Annapolis 60 7 Taylor Unified 59 8 Garden City 56

FINAL RESULTS
200 yard medley relay 1 Trenton (Samantha Montrey Megan Dolan Margaret Haley Lauren Seal) 2:01.02 2 John Glenn (Kristyn Peterson Jill Peterson Jacklyn Burgess Amanda Sonak) 2:02.28 3 Wayne (Katie Sweeney Kelsey Drennen Heather Thompsett Heather Quinn) 2:10.87 4 Ladywood 2:12.0 5 Plymouth 2:23.03 6 Taylor 2:23.20

200 freestyle 1 Katharine Johnston (LL) 2:08.05 2 Elaine Lafayette (P) 2:08.17 3 Katie Kish (T) 2:13.27 4 Whitney Sonak (WJG) 2:13.62 5 Kate Malicki (T) 2:13.81 6 Jaclyn Burgess (WJG) 2:15.93
200 individual medley 1 Kristyn Peterson (WJG) 2:18.13 2 Whitney Baker (T) 2:28.34 3 Megan Hodges (LL) 2:28.55 4 Megan Dolan (T) 2:30.14 5 Katie Sweeney (WM) 2:31.83 6 Rachel Enoch (LL) 2:40.52
50 freestyle 1 Jill Peterson (WJG) 25.81 2 Samantha Montrey (T) 25.52 3 Lauren Seal (T) 27.18 4 Katie Hughes (P) 27.56 5 Ashley Laws (WM) 28.08 6 Bethany Leighton (T) 28.89
Diving 1 Heather Miller (T) 265.75 points 2 Bryan Giotfelty (WJG) 261.70 3

Andrea Fleming (P) 204.45 4 Laura Rowe (P) 201.30 5 Michele Tomaszewski (LL) 196.90 6 Mikayla Armbruster (LL) 188.50
100 butterfly 1 Margaret Haley (T) 1:06.65 2 Katie Hughes (P) 1:08.13 3 Megan Hodges (LL) 1:08.36 4 Natalie Jolly (T) 1:11.11 5 Katie McDonald (LL) 1:14.19 6 Heather Thompsett (WM) 1:15.79
100 freestyle 1 Lauren Seal (T) 59.54 2 Whitney Sonak (WJG) 1:01.69 3 Kate Malicki (T) 1:02.00 4 Emily Rozanski (LL) 1:02.44 5 Jill Spengler (P) 1:04.66 6 Ashley Laws (WM) 1:05.64
500 freestyle 1 Elaine Lafayette (P) 5:46.40 2 Whitney Baker (T) 5:54.58 3 Heather Enns (WJG) 5:56.75 4 Katharine Johnston (LL) 6:07.91 5 Amanda Sonak (WJG) 6:10.90 6 Marissa Righetti (T) 6:22.77
200 freestyle relay 1 Trenton (Whitney Baker Katie Kish Lauren Seal Megan Dolan) 1:50.21 2 Ladywood (Emily Rozanski Katie MacDonald Rachel Enoch Katharine Johnston) 1:51.72 3 Plymouth (Katie Hughes Sarah Palczynski Jill Spengler Elaine Lafayette) 1:51.94 4 John Glenn 1:54.16 5 Wayne 1:57.73 6 Garden City 2:11.72
100 backstroke 1 Kristyn Peterson (WJG) 1:05.43 2 Samantha Montrey (T) 1:07.26 3 Margaret Haley (T) 1:08.68 4 Katie Sweeney (WM) 1:09.35 5 Natalie Jolly (T) 1:11.92 6 Jana Rosinski (GC) 1:15.28
100 breaststroke 1 Jill Peterson (WJG) 1:10.93 2 Megan Dolan (T) 1:15.84 3 Katie Kish (T) 1:17.44 4 Alea Davis (T) 1:21.35 5 Heather Creteau (LL) 1:21.57 6 Stacey Britt

(WJG) 1:22.89
400 freestyle relay 1 John Glenn (Whitney Sonak Kristyn Peterson Heather Enns Jill Peterson) 3:59.67 2 Trenton (Whitney Baker Kate Malicki Margaret Haley Samantha Montrey) 4:02.04 3 Ladywood (Emily Rozanski Rachel Enoch Megan Hodges Katharine Johnston) 4:04.11 4 Plymouth 4:07.77 5 Wayne 4:17.75 6 Annapolis 4:40.71

SALEM 110 DEARBORN 76 Tuesday at Salem

200-yard medley relay 1 Salem (Lisa Gullikson Amy Mertens Ashley Aquino Danielle Powers) 1:59.30
200 freestyle 1 Kelsey Lincoln (S) 2:04.11
200 individual medley 1 Mertens (S) 2:14.42
50 freestyle 1 Field (D) 26.97 2 Gullikson (S) 27.33
Diving 1 Aquino (S) 195.15 points
100 butterfly 1 Mertens (S) 1:01.67 (state qualifying time)
100 freestyle 1 Field (D) 58.87 2 Amanda Newman (S) 1:00.05
500 freestyle 1 Ash (D) 5:42.73
200 freestyle relay 1 Salem (Lincoln Katy Truesdell Newman Powers) 1:49.06
100 backstroke 1 Lincoln (S) 1:04.76
100 breaststroke 1 Kim Heaney (S) 1:16.75
400 freestyle relay 1 Salem (Truesdell Megan Clarke Heather Michalsen Mertens) 3:57.75

Salem's dual meet record 3 0 Next events Wayne Memorial at Salem 7 p.m. Thursday Rock Mauer Invitational noon Saturday at Salem featuring No. 1 ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer No. 2 ranked Monroe No. 6 ranked Livonia Stevenson Dearborn and Salem

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 119 LIVONIA LADYWOOD 67 Monday at Churchill

200 yard medley relay Churchill (Mary Shereda Brittany Morgan Kelly Hein Ellen Rotter) 2:09.33
200 freestyle Magda Stawikowska (LC) 2:07.59
200 individual medley Shereda (LC) 2:24.38
50 freestyle Rotter (LC) 28.74
Diving Jackie Demers (LC) 137.35 points
100 butterfly Caitlin Larsen (LC) 1:09.19
100 freestyle Rotter (LC) 1:00.92
500 freestyle Amanda Timson (LC) 6:05.2
200 freestyle relay Churchill (Stawikowska Kelly Baker Erica Tomassi Shereda) 1:51.78
100 backstroke Katharine Johnston (LL) 1:07.88
100 breaststroke Katie Castelli (LC) 1:20.83
400 freestyle relay Churchill (Stawikowska Tomassi Rotter Shereda) 4:04.62
Dual meet records Churchill 3 3 overall Ladywood 4 2 overall

Madonna is Best of the Best

One streak is over. One of the win streaks Madonna University's volleyball team had been building on continued through last weekend's Adidas Best of the Best Tournament in Fort Wayne, Ind. The Crusaders ran their total to 25-straight before Cornerstone University brought it to an end in the tournament final Saturday. Not to worry, however. That was the game winning streak, Madonna had not only won every match this season, since Sept. 4 it had not even lost a game. The Golden Eagles ended that run by winning the second game of their match in the tournament final, but that was all they could do. Madonna kept its school record-setting match win streak going by beating Cornerstone 30-9, 26-30, 30-22, 30-22 Saturday. The Crusaders improved to 22-0, Cornerstone is 18-9. Madonna's dominance was clearly evident in its attack and four Crusaders had 12 kills or more against the Eagles, and the team's kill percentage was 4.15. Sharyse Bush and Laura Lesko led the attack, Bush collecting a team-high 23 kills with a 32.8 kill percentage and adding two

service aces, 15 digs and six blocks, and Lesko getting 21 kills with a 4.15 percentage, with 18 digs and team-best nine blocks. Natalja Timna contributed 15 kills (519), three aces, 13 digs and five blocks, Tera Morrill (from Westland/Livonia Franklin) had 12 kills (444), 17 digs and three blocks, Caryn Inman had eight kills (467), two aces and three blocks, Amanda Suder (from Salem HS) had 39 digs, and Ashley Frost finished with four kills (1,000), 15 digs and 59 set assists. Earlier in the tournament, Madonna defeated the University of St. Francis 30-17, 30-27, 30-22, Illinois Tech 30-23, 30-25, 30-21, and Columbia University 30-27, 30-27, 30-18. In those three matches, Bush had 43 kills (17 against St. Francis), five aces and 16 digs, Lesko totaled 39 kills (16 against Illinois Tech), five aces, 35 digs and 10 blocks, Timna contributed 36 kills, 19 digs and four blocks, Inman had 19 kills and 11 blocks, Morrill got 16 kills, 42 digs and eight blocks, Suder had 51 digs, and Frost finished with 109 set assists (12.1 per game), 22 digs and six blocks.

BEST GIRLS SWIM TIMES

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY	
Stevenson	1:55.51
Plymouth Salem	1:57.47
John Glenn	2:01.97
Churchill	2:02.04
Canton	2:03.72
200 FREESTYLE	
Jill Peterson (John Glenn)	2:00.87
Mary Shereda (Churchill)	2:01.23
Marisa Gordon (Stevenson)	2:01.53
Monica Pauza (Stevenson)	2:02.78
Kelsey Lincoln (Salem)	2:04.11
Amy Mertens (Salem)	2:04.28
Magda Stawikowska (Churchill)	2:07.59
Katharine Johnston (Ladywood)	2:07.77
Elaine Lafayette (Plymouth)	2:08.17
Becky Hurn (Stevenson)	2:08.50
200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY	
Amy Mertens (Salem)	2:13.09
Marisa Gordon (Stevenson)	2:14.60
Kelsey Lincoln (Salem)	2:15.49
Jill Peterson (John Glenn)	2:16.52
Kristyn Peterson (John Glenn)	2:18.13
Monica Pauza (Stevenson)	2:19.64
Magda Stawikowska (Churchill)	2:21.97
Lisa Koch (Stevenson)	2:22.30
Rachel Rowe (Redford Union)	2:23.90
Mary Shereda (Churchill)	2:24.38
50 FREESTYLE	
Jill Peterson (John Glenn)	25.33
Andrea Giczewski (Stevenson)	25.82
Anna Polkowski (Stevenson)	26.03
Allison Goldsmith (Canton)	26.08
Rachel Rowe (Redford Union)	26.65
Danielle Powers (Salem)	26.88
Sarah Timson (Churchill)	27.35
Kat E Hughes (Plymouth)	27.56
Alex Asato Tellez (Franklin)	27.60
Becky Hurn (Stevenson)	27.69
DIVING	
Lisa Thompson (Stevenson)	212.03
Ashley Aquino (Salem)	195.15
Paige Albers (Stevenson)	193.73
Nicole Dunn (Stevenson)	184.63

Chelsea Sheldon (Canton)	1:58.45
Lauren Burgett (Salem)	1:49.50
Bryn Giotfelty (John Glenn)	1:46.05
Mikayla Armbruster (Ladywood)	1:41.40
Shannon Simandl (Redford Union)	1:36.80
Jackie Demers (Churchill)	1:37.35
100 BUTTERFLY	
Amy Mertens (Salem)	1:01.27
Anna Polkowski (Stevenson)	1:02.17
Allison Goldsmith (Canton)	1:02.71
Julie Ward (Stevenson)	1:02.90
Magda Stawikowska (Churchill)	1:04.44
Rachel Rowe (Redford Union)	1:05.06
Ashley Aquino (Salem)	1:07.68
Kelsey Lincoln (Salem)	1:08.09
Katie Hughes (Plymouth)	1:08.13
Meredith Bayor (Stevenson)	1:08.38
100 FREESTYLE	
Andrea Giczewski (Stevenson)	55.21
Jill Peterson (John Glenn)	55.48
Anna Polkowski (Stevenson)	56.43
Mary Shereda (Churchill)	57.89
Danielle Powers (Salem)	58.97
Amanda Newman (Salem)	59.14
Monica Pauza (Salem)	59.21
Heather Michalsen (Salem)	59.54
Kathryn Truesdell (Salem)	59.70
Susan Patrick (Canton)	59.71
500 FREESTYLE	
Marisa Gordon (Stevenson)	5:21.38
Monica Pauza (Stevenson)	5:26.29
Mary Shereda (Churchill)	5:26.51
Jill Peterson (John Glenn)	5:27.58
Amy Mertens (Salem)	5:28.77
Becky Hurn (Stevenson)	5:32.84
Kristyn Peterson (John Glenn)	5:33.60
Lucy Liu (Canton)	5:36.82
Julie Ward (Stevenson)	5:40.82
Elaine Lafayette (Plymouth)	5:46.40

Ladywood	1:51.72
100 BACKSTROKE	
Andrea Giczewski (Stevenson)	1:02.52
Marisa Gordon (Stevenson)	1:02.78
Kelsey Lincoln (Salem)	1:04.29
Monica Pauza (Stevenson)	1:04.75
Kristyn Peterson (John Glenn)	1:05.41
Lisa Gullikson (Salem)	1:06.87
Sarah Timson (Churchill)	1:06.73
Katharine Johnston (Ladywood)	1:07.88
Amanda Newton (Salem)	1:08.36
Heather Michalsen (Salem)	1:08.58
100 BREASTSTROKE	
Amy Mertens (Salem)	1:08.62
Kristyn Peterson (John Glenn)	1:10.93
Lisa Koch (Salem)	1:11.56
Kelsey Lincoln (Salem)	1:14.19

Julie Ward (Stevenson)	1:14.90
Stephanie Turlo (Stevenson)	1:15.51
Kim Heaney (Salem)	1:15.79
Stephanie Turlo (Stevenson)	1:16.65
Lucy Liu (Canton)	1:16.69
Kristin Cruce (Stevenson)	1:17.89
400 FREESTYLE RELAY	
Salem	3:45.97
Stevenson	3:56.72
Churchill	3:58.26
John Glenn	3:58.26
Ladywood	4:03.91

Western Township Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Synopsis 3:00 p.m. Monday, September 22, 2003

Regular meeting called to order at 3:05 p.m. Present: Thomas Yack, Steve Mann, Richard Henningson. Agenda adopted as presented. Minutes of the regular meeting of August 25, 2003 approved. Schedule of disbursement totaling \$913,430.34 approved. Operations & Maintenance Report for August 2003 received and filed. Director's Report for September 2003 received and filed. Pump Station Instrumentation System Upgrade, Design Services approved. Proposal on Analysis of LR Switch Gear Equipment approved. Transfer/Sale of Capacity Team Representation approved. FY 2002/2003 Audit Engagement Letter approved. Fiscal Year End Budget Amendment (FY 02/03) approved. Administrative Procedures Update approved. OMI Service Contract Renewal approved. Computer Technologies Inc. Contract Renewal approved. MMRMA Insurance Policy Renewal approved. YCUA Plant Expansion Update received and filed. The regular meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m. Chairperson: THOMAS J. YACK

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187. Publish: October 2, 2003. CE08140450

STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on (October 20, 2003) Tate & Co Auctioneers Executive Administrator for Storage USA will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process by public auction the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD, CANTON MI 48187 at 12:30 PM.

F 223 Shantita Givens Household
 H 284 Jennifer Hutuk Household

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
 Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
 Canton, MI 48188
 (734) 394 5260

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton 1150 Canton Center S. Canton Michigan will accept proposals up to 4:00 p.m. Thursday, October 16th, 2003 for the following:

HISTORIC CEMETERIES PRESERVATION MANUAL AND RESOURCE GUIDE

Proposal forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394 5225. 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. This project is partially funded by federal grant funds. Compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations is required.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
 Publish: October 2, 2003. LOE08150390

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

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at a public auction on Tuesday, October 7, 2003 at 10:00 A.M. The auction is to be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd, Westland, MI 48185.

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

1994 Dodge Caravan Van	Blue	1B7GH14R6RX324421
1994 Mercury Marquis	Green	2MELM74W2RX639938
1989 Ford Escort	Red	1FAPP196KW277866
1991 Ford Festiva	Blue	KNJPT06H8M6119336
1990 Pontiac Bonneville	White	1G2HY54C2L1248430
1989 Mazda	White	JM1BF2321K0330717
Trailer	Unknown	
1991 Geo Metro	White	2C1MR6460M6727173
1993 Ford Tempo	Green	1FAPP31X3PK190582
1993 Ford Aerostar	White	1FMC11U7PZA50364
1980 Chevy Stake Truck	Blue	CCM33AV110654
1991 Honda	Gray	2HGED6458MH522834
1992 Dodge Caravan	Burgundy	2B4GH2537NR667499
1994 GEO Tracker	Purple	2CNBE18U5R6901940
1994 Mercury Sable	Green	1MELM5847RA647278
1987 Dodge Shadow	Maroon	1B3BS44DOHN394719
1996 Ford Windstar	Blue	2FMDA5141TBC69734
1991 GMC Sonoma Pickup	Black	1GTCS14A2M0520450
1993 Ford Taurus	Green	1PALP5343PG259030
1988 Pontiac Grd Prix	White	1G2WP14W2JF216347
2003 GMC Envoy	Black	1GKDT13S53202826

Publish: October 2 & 5, 2003. LOE08150390

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT (FY 2002 CDBG "CAPERS") PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a public hearing on the above named document on October 15, 2003, at 4 p.m. in the Supervisor's conference room, third floor Administration Building, 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, 734 394 5194. Extension #5194. The CAPERS is a review of the CDBG program from July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003. Comments received during the public hearing will be forwarded to the Department of HUD and will become an addendum to the aforementioned document.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk
 Publish: October 2, 2003. CE08 012 4

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT (FY 2002 CDBG "CAPERS") PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The above named document for the Canton Community Development Block Grant Program is available for inspection at the Resource Development Division office, 44237 Michigan Avenue, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular office hours. Comments will be accepted on the CAPERS for a period of 30 days, beginning October 2, 2003. Comments received during the public comment period or during the public hearing will be forwarded to the Department of HUD and will become an addendum to the aforementioned document.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk
 Publish: October 2, 2003. CE08 03047

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF SETTING PUBLIC HEARING CONSIDERATION OF TRANSFER OF CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE TO S. B. NARA, INC. AT 42408 FORD ROAD, CANTON, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended and pursuant to Liquor License Ordinance Number 114 of the Charter Township of Canton that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a **Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 28, 2003** in the Chestnut Banquet Room of the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan at 7:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To hear and take testimony to consider and recommend an action to the Michigan Liquor License Commission of the request of S. B. Nara, Inc. for transfer and issuance of a Class C Liquor License to be located at 42408 Ford Road in Canton, Michigan.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered an opportunity at said hearing to voice any comments they may have regarding this request. Written comments may also be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 prior to the hearing date.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA OCTOBER 9, 2003

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, October 9, 2003 AT 7:30 P.M.** The meeting will be held at the **Summit on the Park** located at **46000 SUMMIT PARKWAY, CANTON, MI 48188**. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag
 Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Phyllis Redfern and Steven Johnson
 Acceptance of Agenda

- Ralph and Corinne Rochon 50801 Warren Road, Canton MI 48187. Property located at 50801 Warren Road, south side of Warren Road between Ridge and Napier Roads. The ordinance being appealed is Zoning Ordinance Article 2.10 Section D.4 wave requirements for 22 feet wide gravel road with ditches and Article 2.24 Section C to allow work within 50 feet of the centerline of the Fellows Creek. Zone RE. Parcel #026 99 0002 003 (Planning).
 - Todd and Patty Green 1825 Delancy Circle, Canton MI 48188. Property located at 1825 Delancy Circle, Canton MI 48188, east side of Denton Road between Cherry Hill and Geddes Road. The ordinance being appealed is Zoning Ordinance Schedule of Regulations Article 26.00 Section 26.02 minimum rear setback. Zone R2 Class 401. Parcel #079 02 0483 000 (Building) (TABLED FROM SEPTEMBER 11, 2003 MEETING).
 - Dean Madsen and Mary Kratzer Madsen 2030 Rector Ct, Canton MI 48188. Requesting a variance to Fence Ordinance 103, Section 8 D2 allow a fence to be located in back yard. Property located at same address, south side of Palmer Road between Rector Drive and corner of Rector Drive and Rector Court. Zone R5. Parcel #106 01 0117 000 (Building) (TABLED FROM SEPTEMBER 11, 2003 MEETING).
 - Derek Robert Schlonsky of Deloitte & Touche LLC 44975 Rector St, Canton MI 48188. Property located at same address, south side of Rector Road between Sheldon and Canton Center Roads. The ordinance being appealed is Fence Ordinance 103 Section 8 D2 allow a fence to be located in back yard. Parcel #106 01 0016 000 (Building).
 - Ramon Lewis 7264 Almaden Ct, Canton MI 48187 representing Father & Son Const 5032 Rochester Rd, Troy MI 48065. Property located at 7264 Almaden Ct, north side of Warren Road between Beck and Canton Center Roads. The ordinance being appealed is Fence Ordinance 103 Section 8 D1 height variance in the R 2 district. Parcel #015 01 0288 000 (Building).
 - Tom Eiden of Richardson's Super Drugs 42433 Ford Road, Canton MI 48187 representing Richardson's Super Drugs, 42433 Ford Road, Canton MI 48187. Property located at 42433 Ford Road, south side of Ford Road between Lilley and Morton Taylor Roads. The ordinance being appealed is Sign Ordinance 120 Section 9.9.1 changing one word on sign. Zone C 2. Parcel # 054 99 0001 013 (Building) (TABLED FROM SEPTEMBER 25, 2003 MEETING).
 - Donald Oosterwind Jr of McIntyre Manor 1542 Marlowe, Canton MI 48187. Property located at 1542 Marlowe, north side of Saltz Road between Sheldon and Morton Taylor Roads. The ordinance being appealed is Zoning Ordinance Article 2.00 Section 2.03, A4 and D1 requesting change on square footage. Zone R 5. Parcel # 057 01 0129 002 (Building) (TABLED FROM SEPTEMBER 25, 2003 MEETING).
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Salem, Canton eye upcoming showdown

Blame it on the schedule-makers in the Western Lakes Activities Association, if a target for finger-pointing is needed. The front-loaded schedules leaves quite a lull in the middle. The WLAA division races are decided in the first division games of the season, leaving little to get motivated for Salem, which after beating Livonia Stevenson on Sept. 17 faced few challenges in the WLAA — and won't until it faces Canton next Wednesday, and again the following Wednesday (Oct. 15) in the

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WLAA title match — hardly looked inspired Saturday against Saginaw Heritage, battling the visiting Hawks to a 1-1 draw.

Still, Heritage is no patry. The once-beaten Hawks (5-1-6 after Saturday) led 1-0 at the half thanks to a goal from Rob Vito.

Salem got the equalizer in the second half from Dave Hall, with an assist from Chris Conlisk.

On Monday at Salem, no such letdown was tolerable, not in a conference game against Walled Lake Central. The Vikings came into the match with a 9-2 overall record, which should have sent up a warning signal of sorts to the Rocks.

And it did turn into a hotly-contested scrape, with the outright Lakes Division title at stake for Salem. And in the end, a goal in the final minute by Steve Cox provided the Rocks with a 2-1 triumph and their second-straight berth in the WLAA conference final.

Salem finishes division play with a 4-0 record will meet Canton for the WLAA championship at 7 p.m. Oct. 15. The Rocks are 8-3-4 overall.

"They've got 15 seniors on their team, they defend pretty well and they have a good counter," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy of Central. "We played good. I wasn't even remotely disappointed (with our play)."

The Rocks got on the board first after a scoreless first half when Thiago Harris fielded a punt from keeper Tom Huls and slipped a pass through to Conlisk at midfield. Conlisk did the rest, negotiating the 60 yards to the Viking goal and scoring to make it 1-0.

The Vikings evened it at 1-1 four minutes later with a goal from Ben Johnston — which is how it stayed until the final minute.

That's when Conlisk, working deep in the Central end, chested a pass to his feet and threaded a pass through to Cox. Cox's shot into the corner of the net gave Salem the game-winning margin.

Tom Huls was in goal for both matches.

As for the aforementioned lull in the schedule, it has officially ended for Salem.

Canton 10, Livonia Franklin 0: The Chiefs moved up to No. 6 in the state rankings and just about clinched the top spot in the WLAA's Western Division with a 10-0 thrashing of Livonia Franklin Monday at Franklin.

Canton improved to 9-2-4 overall, 3-0 in the division going into last night's final division match against Livonia Churchill. The Patriots are 1-13, having lost their last 13 matches.

Ryan Lenahan led the onslaught with two goals as nine Chiefs scored. Dutch Morrell added a goal and two assists, with Jason Houdek, Adam Pritt, Matt Tomasso, Ross Maltby, Joe Hess, Curtis Rose and Tim O'Mally also contributing goals.

Canton led 4-0 at the half. Steve Mischung and Vimal Patel divided time in goal.

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at Livonia's Greenmead Field 1 p.m.
Plymouth at Three Rivers 2 p.m.

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The closeness of the match hardly surprised Alles. "Traditionally, it's always a good match between Churchill and Canton," he said.

The key to the Chiefs' success this season has been its medalist — which, as Alles noted, has changed literally from match to match. Four Chiefs have been low scorers for the team in the last four matches (Johnson also shared top honors once).

"The team medalist has been spread around this year, that's for sure," said Alles. "That's both good and bad. As a coach, it can be tough because you never know who's going to show up."

One thing is certain. The Chiefs, who lost their two league matches by a total of three strokes (by one to Walled Lake Western and by two to Walled Lake Northern), knows how narrow the margin of victory can be.

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TENNIS

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Northville are again the league favorites, with Canton and Salem right behind.

On Monday, Salem was able to warm up for Tuesday's showdown with Salem with a lopsided 8-0 triumph over Wayne Memorial in a WLAA match at Wayne. The Rocks did not lose a game in singles play and lost just six in the four doubles flights.

In singles, it was Salem's Ware over Kelly Harris at No. 1, Nelson over Becky Sikora at No.

2, Swasey over Stephanie Powers at No. 3, and Waldeck over Celia McMullen at No. 4. All the flight scores were 6-0, 6-0.

In doubles, Bohr and Jose beat Sandy Huff and Cena Sullins, 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1, Girsks and Falcusan beat Kristie Homer and Crystal Beaver 6-0, 6-1 at No. 2, Shobha Narassihan and Teresa Puruggman defeated Chelsea Cooney and Sara Michael 6-0, 6-2 at No. 3, and Laura Burton and Alison Sarsfeld bested Orana Davis and Sarah Mayberry 6-2, 6-1 at No. 4.

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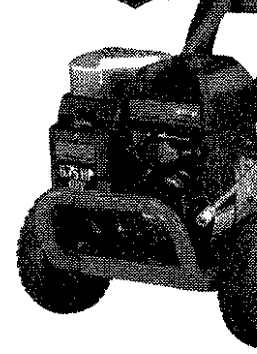
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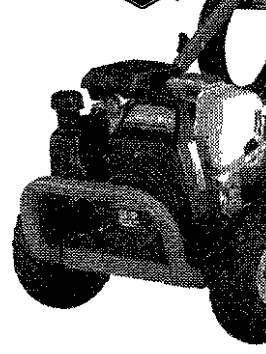


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Customers have many choices for first piano

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE
STAFF WRITER

Are you an accomplished musician or have you always harbored a secret yen to tinkle the ivories?

Russ Tkac, store manager of Evola Music Center in Bloomfield Hills, admits a few more adults have visited the store, yearning to play the works of Chopin and other composers in the wake of the movie *The Pianist*.

Customers range from adult beginners, to parents interested in piano lessons for their children, to great performing artists like Bruce Hornsby (Yes, Evola delivers pianos to Hornsby whenever he's in town, playing The Palace or another venue).

But for the uneducated beginner, it's often a daunting task to pick out that first piano. Should it be a gleaming grand, an upright or one of the new digitals? The search for the perfect piano can truly be overwhelming.

"It's a matter of trying to sort through the customers' needs and find the right piano for them," Tkac said. Evola music centers are also located in Canton and Utica.

Each studio carries a vast array of black and wood-finished beauties manufactured by Kawai, Yamaha, Bosendorfer, Schummel, Estonia, Yamaha Clavinova



Sometimes people buy pianos for the look alone and there's nothing like the look of a Steinway in your living room.

and Lowrey Tkac can help you find just the right piano - new or used.

New grands start at \$6,000. The starting price for a new upright is \$2,600.

The keyboard making a bit hit today is the digital (electronic) piano. "It provides the traditional piano sound, but it doesn't require the typical maintenance or cost," Tkac said.

"You have a recorded base, as opposed to something that's tuned physically and subject to temperature change." Digitals start at \$1,400.

Hammell Music, with nine centers including two locations in Livonia and Bloomfield Hills, also carries a wide range of vertical (upright) pianos as well as grands and digitals.

"We actually offer a class on how to buy a piano, some things to look for in an instru-

ment and how to decide what's right for you," said Wilbur Miller, director of institutional sales for Hammell Music.

Simply call one of the three music centers to find out when the next class is scheduled.

Hammell carries some of the biggest names in pianos today. Besides the venerable Steinway & Sons, other models are made by Boston and Essex (less expensive models made by Steinway), Kohler & Campbell, Kemble, Roland digital pianos and Rodgers church organs.

Miller explained how the height of a vertical can affect tone. "Vertical pianos range from 52 inches tall all the way down to a 42-inch console. Of course, the taller a vertical piano is, the better the tone will be."

If you really want the most beautiful sound, it's best to go with a grand. "Opening the lid allows the tone to enter the room," he said.

Cost is, again, another consideration when purchasing a piano. Steinway vertical pianos start at \$16,000, Miller said.

Portable keyboards, which are part of the line of digital pianos, start at \$1,000. "You can get digital pianos in the shape of a grand that are \$25,000," Miller said.

The advantage of digitals is their recording capability - and they closely emulate acoustic pianos. Hammell carries eight or nine models with

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different features, including size, speaker systems and cabinets.

Sometimes people buy pianos for the look alone. "There's nothing like the look of the grand in your living room and for investment reasons, especially for Steinways. A Steinway always increases in value," Miller said.

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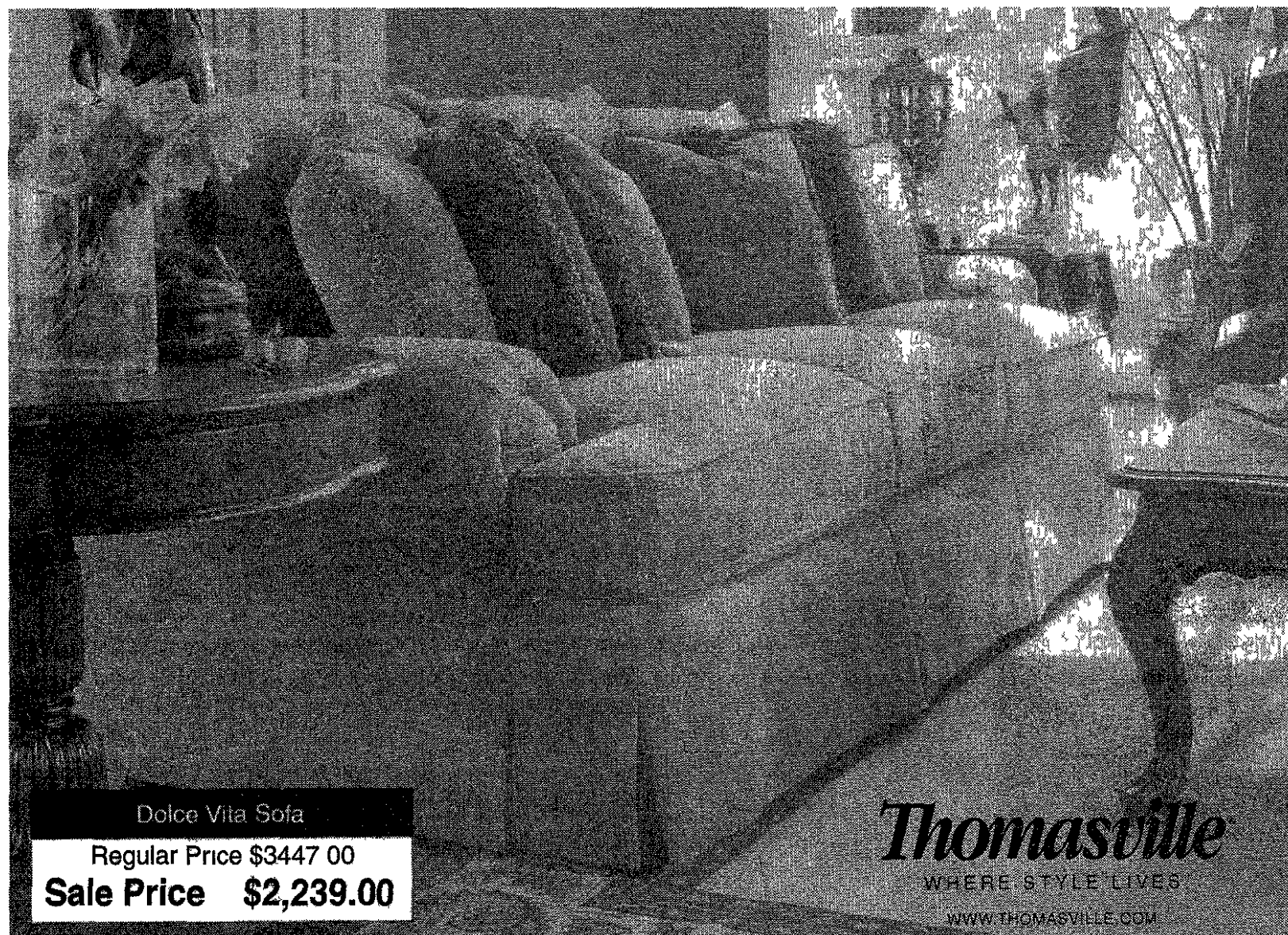
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Home entertainment centers take center stage

BY MIKE MURPHY
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The home entertainment center is fast becoming the focal point of living rooms and great rooms. When it comes to choosing an entertainment center, there are almost as many choices as there are channels on your cable television.

And be it traditional or modern, finished in cherry, oak, maple or mahogany, the entertainment center is becoming less of an afterthought and more of a necessity for homeowners seeking to decorate their homes.

"It's the anchoring piece to the room, and when customers come in looking at entertainment centers, they're getting the entertainment center first and getting other furniture to go around it," said Jodi Caden.

Caden, who has been designing custom-made entertainment centers for Designs Unlimited of West Bloomfield since 1996, said her job is not to spotlight the expanding array of electronic equipment wending its way into many homes, but to conceal it from view when it's not in use.

Caden said people are not only looking for wall units that will hold electronic equipment but seeking integrated units that contain storage space for stereo equipment and speakers, books, DVDs, and video games.

"People come in and say 'I have all this stuff. How do I hide it?'" Caden said.

"It's my job to come up with a design for an entertainment center that will look gorgeous. The equipment will be functional but it will be hidden so you don't have to look at it."

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custom-made entertainment center typically takes from two to four months to make and install.

Customers begin the process with a visit to Designs Unlimited's 3,000 square foot show room, where they check out floor models and browse through the company's portfolios.

Caden then visits the homes of potential customers to measure space and determine what entertainment center styles will complement the room.

Then Caden comes up with a three-dimensional drawing of the design she's come up with.

Caden said the average price range for a custom-made entertainment center from Designs Unlimited is \$5,000 to \$15,000.

"It's the most expensive piece in the room now," Caden said.

"It's really the biggest and most predominant piece in a room."

Since the focal point of most entertainment centers is the television, television sets often dictate the style, size and even the look of the home

entertainment center.

The 36-inch television set has become the standard size, according to Mark Morganroth, owner of Sherwood Studios in West Bloomfield.

"We do more of those than any other, but plasma will be the new generation," Morganroth said.

Plasma television sets don't require the depth of standard television sets but they don't necessarily dictate smaller dimensions for home entertainment centers.

The trend is for larger entertainment centers, according to Paul Franks, owner of Franks Furniture in Wayne, which has been specializing in home entertainment needs for the past 20 years.

Besides offering pre-designed and custom-made wall units built to house audio and visual equipment, Franks also offers motorized theater seating for the home.

Franks Furniture has several cabinets and wall units on display in its showroom in several styles, including traditional, arts and crafts, mission, country French and shaker, but Franks said customers more than likely opt for a custom-built unit.

"Wider TVs mean wider TV cabinets," Franks said. "Every one of our customers has different needs. A lot of them come into the showroom and say 'Gee, that's pretty close' and we go from there."

Franks said the price of a home entertainment center at Franks Furniture ranges from \$500 to \$8,000.

"We have high-end looks," Franks said.

Franks said some of the features most important to his customers include storage capability and a cabinet that angles the television so all



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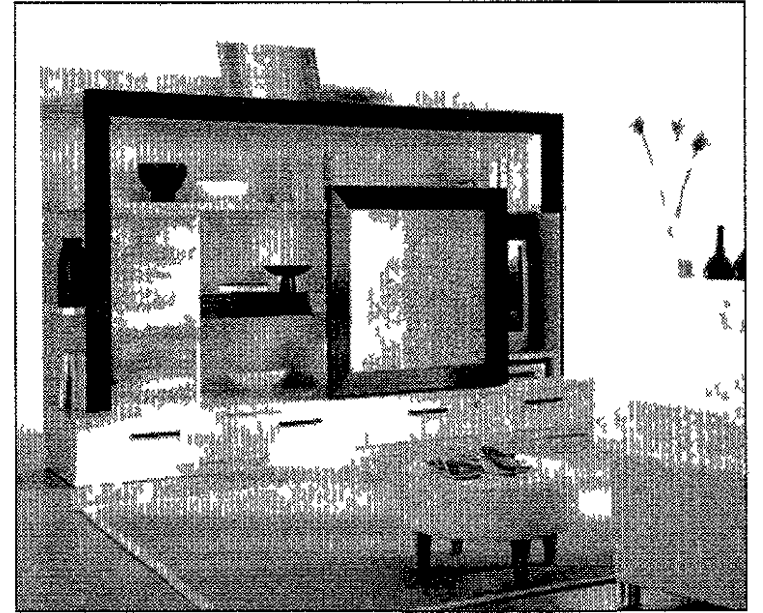
This plasma television unit highlights this entertainment center

viewers in a room can see the screen.

"We design with or without doors, with the opening just a hair bigger than the television so the television has a custom fit," Franks said.

Franks said corner cabinets have also become popular with customers as have custom-built towers on each side of the television cabinet which are designed for storage, or to display curios or books.

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Leather offers distinctive feel, look

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Leather fits everywhere in the home. It's not limited to accessories for the desk and furnishings for the study.

Most people buy leather because they feel it's indestructible, said Joelle Attama, president, All About Leather Inc. at Michigan Design Center in Troy. "But it can feel beautiful, it can be elegant."

There is really so much you can do with leather."

Good leather mellows with age, holds up and looks nicer.

Good leather can be like an heirloom - it lasts that long," said Bill Wolf, chief executive officer and vice president, Newton Furniture, with stores in Livonia, Bloomfield Township, Novi and Utica.

Leather is not only durable - outlasting fabric 4 to 1 - but versatile - there are different kinds of leather, just as there are different kinds of fabric. And leather has its own special richness and warmth.

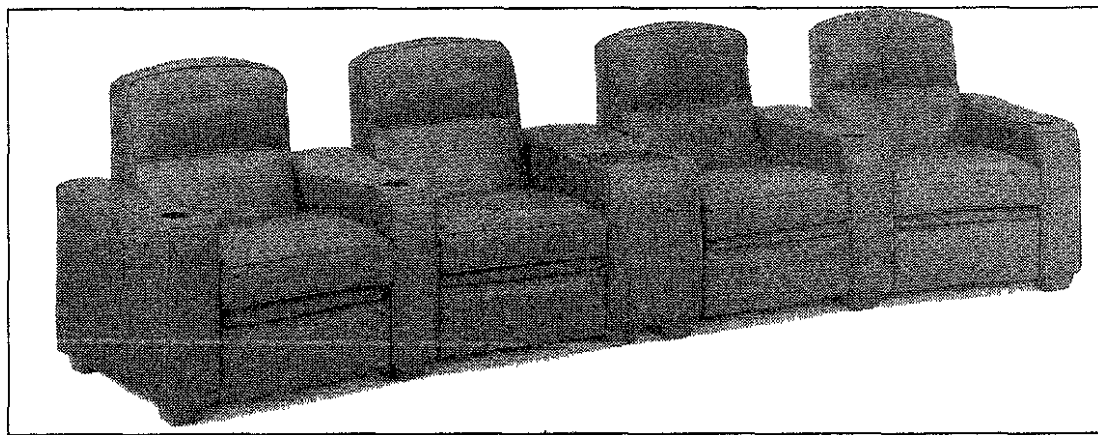
"The oil from your hands works into the leather and gives it additional character over time," said Ellen Adelman, president, Creative Collections at Lacoff's at Michigan Design Center.

It takes about 20 seconds for leather to adjust to your body temperature, Wolf said.

Such natural markings as wrinkles, insect bites, manure burns and fence marks make a hide distinctive and naturally beautiful. These appear as veining or marbling on the surface of leather. Depending on how it has been treated by the manufacturer, leather on furnishings can have a variety of textures and looks. Special terms are involved (see related article).

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This home theater seating by Bradington-Young is an example of new furnishings in leather. The recliners feature cup holders in the arms and electric or manual adjustment.

these are just a few examples of the types of leather that are available.

And if you prefer to keep the furniture free from minor marks and scratches from everyday wear, you can select protected leather.

"It depends on the household," said Dave Gornall, manager, Classic Interiors of Livonia.

Leather furniture can be trimmed in many ways as well. Nail trim in nickel or dulled brass, woven welting and fabric fringes are some of the trims on view at All About Leather.

And leather and fabric and leather can be combined in one furnishing, heavier fabrics are best for these combinations, Attama said.

Gornall said a new furnishing in leather is home theater seating. A style of home theater recliner by Bradington-Young comes with electric or manual adjustment, and cup holders in the arms. The individual recliners can be arranged in a curve or a straight row.

"Everybody can have leather in their home in different accents," Adelman said.

Examples in the Creative Collections showroom include lamps, wastebaskets, mirror and photo frames, and a patch work vase. Tables and pedestals feature leather tops and bases made of other mate-

rial. When shopping for leather furniture, keep in mind that the frame construction is important.

"It should be a kiln-dried, hardwood frame, eight-way hand-tied," Gornall said.

Also check the cushions and along the arms.

"Always look at cushion tops, see that everything is tight," Attama said. "Leather will give, you want to be sure it can't pull loose. The tension along the arm (should be) neat and tight."

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Leather can be easier to care for than fabric, especially if it has been treated. The leather in furniture has been permanently preserved in the tanning process and doesn't need maintenance beyond simple cleaning, the Arizona Leather Web site says.

Attama recommends wiping pure aniline leather with a cotton diaper.

"There's really no need to clean it with any cleaners," she said. "You can vacuum it with a brush attachment, keep dust off it so it won't be grinding it in."

Arizona Leather offers these tips at its Web site.

For stubborn spots and stains, use a mild solution of Liquid Ivory soap and clear lukewarm water. Apply the



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The sofa and bench ottoman are in pure aniline Bittersweet and weathered leather. The pillows are accented in a rich green sheep's wool.

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soap to a clean, wet sponge and wash, then rinse well and towel dry. Always try the cleaning method in a hidden area first to convince yourself of the results.

From www.arzonaleather.com

Here are some terms from a leather 'dictionary'

■ Aniline - the type of dye used to give the initial color to a hide.

In the aniline dyeing process, hides are put into a drum and the dye is allowed to soak completely through them.

■ Pure aniline, or aniline finish, leather - full-grain leather that has been soaked in aniline dye but doesn't have any subsequent pigmented or clear coat finishes applied.

It is soft and pliable. Only the best hides which are relatively free from gross imperfections, can be made into aniline finish leather. Scotchgard is added in the tanning process.

■ Semi aniline - aniline-dye leather that has only a small amount of clear or pigmented finish.

■ Grain - markings or patterns on the leather surface.

■ Corrected grain - top grain leather that has been buffed or sanded to minimize imperfections in the hide.

■ Full grain - top grain leather that hasn't been corrected in any way allowing the natural markings to show through.

Full grain leathers are more expensive than corrected grain

leathers.

■ Split grain - a term that refers to the underneath layers of the hide that have been "split" off from the top grain.

Splits are buffed, sanded and embossed to look like top grain. The hides are stiffer than top grain, used on less expensive furniture and won't be as long lasting or durable as top grain.

■ Top grain - leather that contains the top portion of the hide.

■ Hand - the softness or feel of a leather.

■ Nu-buk - a pure aniline product that has been abraded to create a slight suede-type nap, resulting in a very soft hand.

■ Pull up - leather that produces a burst of color when pulled tight.

It gives a worn, weathered appearance or distressed look when used as upholstery. Pull up leathers are full-aniline leathers that have an oil and/or wax application. When the leather is pulled, the oil and/or wax separates, causing the color to become lighter.

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Hire an interior designer to wade through choices

BY JOAN BORAM
CORRESPONDENT

If the task of creating a new look for your home threatens to be more demanding of your time or takes more energy than you would like, the services of a professional interior designer may be just what you need.

An interior designer will present you with design ideas based on your personal taste, provide the resources necessary to get the job done, use his or her knowledge and experience to assist you in creating a space that fits your lifestyle, and help you set realistic expectations of the project, based on your budget, timeline and desired end results.

But a relationship with an interior designer is long term and, unlike most professional relationships, it's also very personal.

Before the designer can work with you, you must have defined your own tastes, and that is keeping a file of ideas from shelter magazines you've read, visiting designer show houses and furniture galleries, and noting the names of local designers whose work appeals to you.

And, it means establishing a realistic budget.

Before we sign a contract, there's a lengthy interview process with a prospective client to make sure we're a good fit," said Barbara Krass, owner of Colorworks Studio in West Bloomfield Township. Krass's work will be seen on a Detroit segment of HGTV's *Designer's Challenge*.

"I ask for a wish list: what does the client expect - the end results? How easy is it for the client to make a decision? The interior designer's job is to define the job and narrow things down. We're not there to show everything that's on the market. Sometimes a client would prefer to do the shop



BETH SINGER

This dining room project was completed by Colorworks Studio in West Bloomfield. Interior designers use their knowledge and experience to help you create a space that fits your lifestyle.

ping herself. She wants to see everything on the market! In that case, I suggest an hourly rate for consultations. Or, I may suggest that she choose another designer."

Mary Lujan, owner of Heppelwhite's Design Studio in Rochester, is noted for rooms done in a classic style. "My designs can be ten years old, but they never look dated because they're not trendy," said Lujan.

I look for clients who are really ready to work as a team, and who have familiarized themselves with my style so they know what to expect. I have a portfolio of my projects here in the studio and on my web site, and several of my projects have been featured on Christmas walks. Lujan has also decorated

model homes for Turnberry, in Lake Orion. Like Krass, she likes a client to have a file of rooms or details that she likes. Both Krass and Lujan say that most of their business comes from word-of-mouth.

The situation in a retail setting is likely to be more spontaneous than that in a design studio.

There's more demand on the interior designer to elicit information from a potential client who has just dropped in, without prior research.

I try to ask as many questions as possible, said Lisa Wolfe, design consultant at Walker/Buzenberg Furniture in Plymouth.

How is the room going to be used? How many people are going to use it? Often, I go to

the home, measure a room and do a floor plan. Most people know what they want - I just fine tune it.

"Sometimes people will have an inspirational piece - their grandmother's quilt, or an antique, and we'll design a room around that. It's important to let people know right away that I'm not going to order them to throw everything out and start from scratch. Most people know what they want - my job is to make it as easy as possible and to see that the finished room looks like them."

Barbara Krass notes that you can find a designer on line, through the Designer-On-Call service offered by the Michigan Design Center (MDC), through the American Association of Interior Designers (ASID) 'designer finder' service, by word of mouth, or through articles in local newspapers. With Designer-On-Call, you can arrange for a free one-hour design consultation with a professional designer on-site at the MDC, located in Troy.

Or, fill out a detailed information form provided on-line by the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID).

You will be provided with names of area designers who fit your profile.

When you've decided, go to the designer's office, meet the staff and go through his or her portfolio.

When all is said and done, the key to a successful client/interior designer relationship is good communication, according to Mark Morgenroth, owner of Sherwood Studios in West Bloomfield Twp.

"When a client hires a designer, it's important to understand the client's needs and wants, as well as their feelings and taste level," said Morgenroth.

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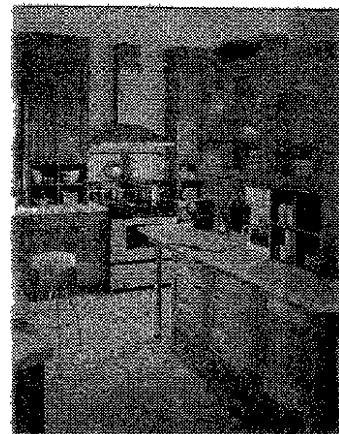
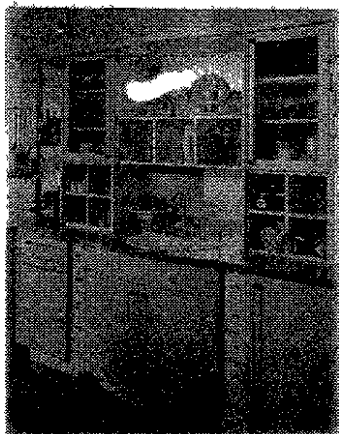
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Home theater systems grow in popularity

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE
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Missed seeing the big-screen spectacle of the Oscar-winning musical *Chicago*?

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pretend you're at the movies in your own living room.

Home theater systems are more popular than ever, with big-screen TVs and even theater seating. The experience of seeing a big-name movie is no further than your armchair.

There is custom-made seating to go with home theaters, available at Laurel Furniture in Plymouth. Flexsteel carries the whole gamut, said Noreen Desilets, interior designer at the store. Individual seats — which even come equipped with cup holders for your beverage — can be hooked together to truly resemble a night at the movies.

They are custom made to really accommodate watching TV on those bigger screens, said Desilets. The one that Flexsteel carries has a lifetime warranty on its construction and frame.

Seating is even available for southpaws. When the seats are linked together "they have a little bit of a curve to them, like a conversational type of sofa," Desilets said. "You can have (the sections) as long and wide as you need them. It's more in the line of a bigger, upholstered piece with built-in cup holders, built-in storage compartments. They even make the seats with a power decline."

Desilets said the trend is growing for home entertainment systems in the basement



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or great room. The TVs are bigger and people are putting them in larger rooms. Instead of having a standard sofa, everybody can have individual seating. I think with the size of TVs, people are very into the home theater concept," she said. "Even if there's a slight slant in your basement, you can stagger the seating."

The largest entertainment centers accommodate CD players and DVDs because, as Desilets says, "You need that surround sound to go with that home theater, too."

Any kind of wood is available, from oak and cherry to maple and walnut. Upholstery is varied, with reds, golds and earthy

browns. The newest home theater designs incorporate the latest in 40-inch screens or smaller, said Ed Wolf, president of Newton Furniture Inc., which has centers in Livonia, Bloomfield Hills and Novi.

"The same units are adjustable in size, so if you have a smaller TV you can adjust the width," he added. Both plasma or flat-screen TVs and high definition TVs, which produce the sharpest pictures, are accommodated. Built-in storage compartments hide all the wires and apparatus. Many of the newer units are designed like armchairs so they don't look like home theaters at all.

Instead, they resemble "a large chest," Wolf said, "with doors or drawers on the bottom or shelves. They open up on top."

Some units come pre-wired for all the latest in technology, including computer systems. "They're wired for all of the centers and will come with a box inside — all the jacks for power and outlet for cable TV. You plug one plug into the back of the wall. There are even phone plugs for computer modems."

He added that anyone can match a home's decor. "They're designed for the very contemporary to the very traditional. Oak, cherry, painted finishes, the whole gamut."

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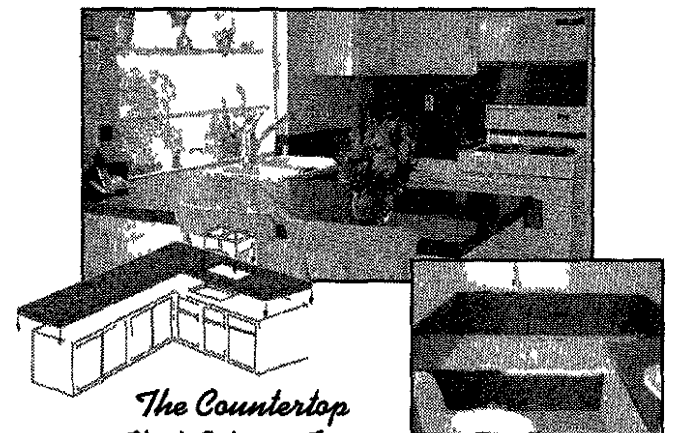
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BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
CORRESPONDENT

Carpet? Wood or other natural flooring? Area rugs?

There is an infinite number of choices when it comes to what to put under your feet in your home, especially in such high-traffic areas as the great room and living and family rooms

Price is one factor, according to Tina Marie, project manager, Independent Carpet One in Westland

"But you also have to consider such things as comfort, durability and the look you want to achieve before choosing flooring"

She said that wall-to-wall carpeting continues to appeal to a majority of customers, especially since there are now so many rich and soft textures available with the added features of being long-wearing and stain resistant

"Some manufacturers offer a 25-year guarantee on wear, which is especially popular for families with children"

And being stain-resistant makes it safer to join the latest trend of choosing carpeting in the softer and lighter color shades and tones

In addition to color selection, customers look for tactile, cushiony and interesting textures, such as chenille (tufted), frieze (dense, shaggy and low-

pile) and knobby (regular prominent raised areas) for their carpeting

Equally as popular as wall-to-wall carpeting is hardwood flooring

"Unlike the days when choice was limited primarily to oak, there are now so many natural woods available, such as Brazilian cherry and Australian cypress. The current offerings provide customers with a wide selection of rich colors and grains

According to this flooring expert, who has been in the carpet/flooring business for more than 15 years, other natural materials such as bamboo and cork are finding their way to floors, especially in great rooms

Bamboo offers a variety of neutral shades. Cork provides warmth, sound proofing and cushioning

These flooring materials, however, haven't, as yet, matched the popularity of such hardwood floors as maple and traditional oak

Wood floors, while popular, don't usually stand alone. Area rugs are added to provide warmth - the temperature kind - especially in the seating areas

Independent Carpet One offers a large variety of rugs, as well as the option of having a custom-made rug created to fit the space and/or the decor and

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Also, matching rugs, such as runners leading into the room, can be made to match or contrast the larger main floor covering

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Oriental, Persian rugs decorate the floor

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
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Art work for the floor This is how Azar Alzadeh, owner of Azar's Oriental Rugs in Birmingham, describes the addition of an Oriental or Persian rug in the home

Currently popular, according to Alzadeh, are European-inspired carved and hand-tufted carpets, as well as Persian

rugs of contemporary designs created from vegetable-dyed fibers 'And Oriental rugs are always popular,' said Lee Fayaz, manager, Rochester Rug Gallery His Rochester store carries upwards of 5,000 rugs in a variety of colors and sizes All are handwoven and 90 percent are Persian or Oriental' rugs (Persia is now Iran) Pakistan, China, Romania, India and Turkey are

other countries that create these handmade masterpieces

When it comes to great rooms and living and family rooms, where there is a multitude of seating areas, two or three rugs can be used, said Alzadeh However, she recommends one large area rug to serve as the focal point of the room

"If possible, the main rug should be the first piece acquired for the room

Furniture and other pieces should then be selected to match, accent or contrast the colors in the rug," said Alzadeh

Fayaz agreed that it's best for the rug to come first, but, in many cases, especially for those people with established, furnished homes, this isn't possible 'But with our large selection of natural-fiber rugs, there is something for every room, furnished or not, no matter

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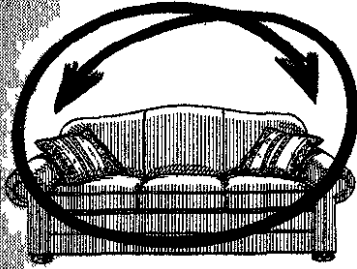
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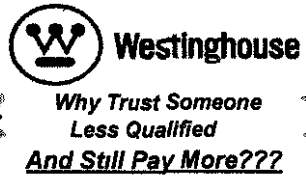
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Fabulous FURNITURE 2003

Today's fabrics are strong, colorful and comfortable

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE
STAFF WRITER

Today's upholstery fabrics are stylish, comfortable — and durable. Noreen Deslets, interior designer at Laurel Furniture in Plymouth, names today's fabric trends as chenille, velvet, micro suedes and Lycra/leather. Hot colors are soft yellows, greens and warm spice tones.

"The upholstery industry, you know, always puts a new spin on old, popular fabrics," Deslets said. "But what they're doing is mixing (chenille) with traditional yarn. They're able to create an intricate jacquard pattern, very subtle, very rich-looking. Velvets are still popular, as well. They're using a lot of embossing and crushing to give surface interest."

The biggest trends, however, are the new faux suedes and leathers. Dupont makes a

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pseudo suede composed of micro fibers which has the look of suede but is more durable. Likewise, Lycra — the stuff women's workout clothes are made of — has joined forces with leather. The resulting stretchy material lends itself to today's contemporary furniture, she

said. Fabrics are more important than ever with folks "cocooning," says Cheryl Turk, sales clerk at Walker Buzenberg, a furniture store in Plymouth.

People are getting back to the basics — cherishing simplicity, their families and their homes. "They want things to look nice but they want to enjoy their homes. I think (9/11 and the Blackout of 2003) were a wake-up call for how important your family is," Turk said.

There's a little more leeway with a mix of styles. The trend is "transitional," which Turk defines as a blend of traditional and contemporary. "Skirts on sofas are still popular, but gaining in popularity are exposed legs on sofas and chairs," Turk said. "Blocky or tapered legs lean toward the contemporary style. Shaped or curved legs lean toward traditional. As trends go, I think people get tired of looking at the same styles, over and over

again," Turk said. "Today's look is more dressy/casual."

In fabrics, prints are still popular but solid and textural fabrics are gaining. One idea is to buy a new couch or chair in a solid color — then accent it

with print, patterned or textured pillows. As far as fabric, chenille is a good pick for its softness, as is leather. "Leather" is so much more durable than people realize," Turk said. "It's really good with

pets and children." Most popular colors are browns, deep tans and neutrals. Green is still popular, in sage and moss. It's a nature color and people are drawn to it, even on walls. It's very soothing," Turk said.

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Make your living room more livable

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Homeowners are opting to make their living rooms more livable rather than a pristine space that might look nice, but is unused. There are a lot of little tricks to consider if you want to create a welcoming tone. Soften up the look by incorporating foliage, either silk or real, in a corner or on plant stands, explains Kimberly Scott, sales associate at Walker/Buzenberg, a family owned store for 70 years in downtown Plymouth.

Adding layers to a room with throw blankets, pillows and floral arrangements, gives the area depth, too, she adds. Use fabrics and furniture designs that have a more relaxed casual look, but still have flair, she says explaining that hard wood floors with warmer fruit wood tones are often more welcoming than the real dark cherry woods.

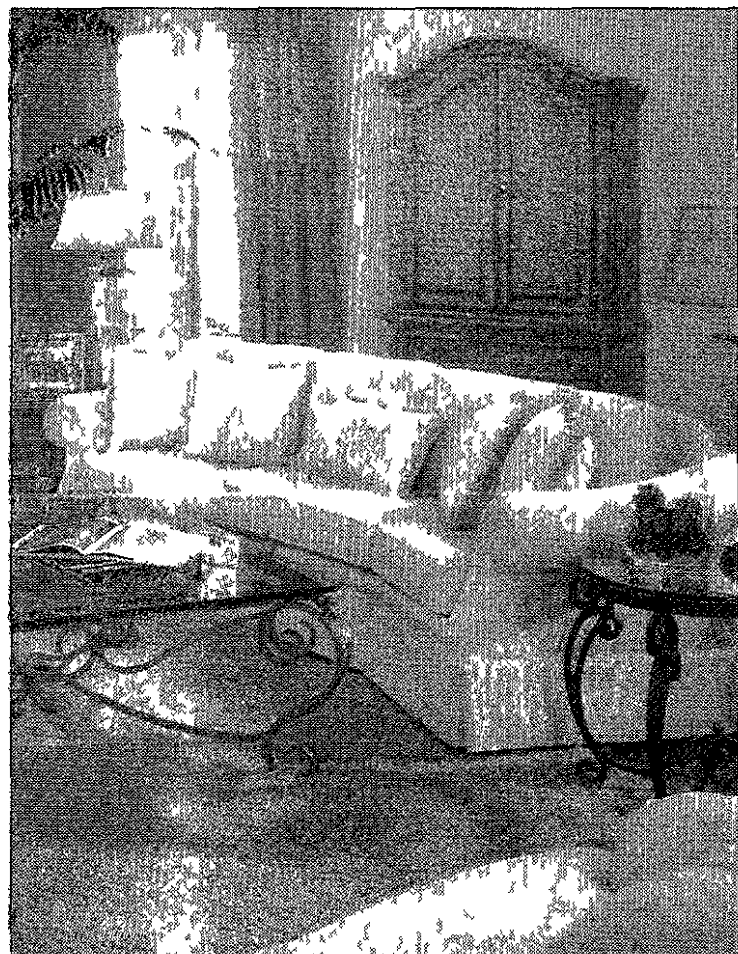
Accessories, like pictures with scenery done in warm tones or depicting places of retreats like gazebos, streams, family vacations and other getaways that might inspire relaxing daydreams and can also make a come here statement.

Including personal items like family photographs and special books with a place to read quietly can provide interest and a homey tone.

Of course family heirlooms always help, too. Scott says, "We tend to go into areas where we see representations

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A curved sofa is certain to be a conversation piece for your living room or great room.

of ourselves. Basically, formal living rooms are a creation of builders, says John Wohl, interior designer with TVI, Inc. in Royal Oak and a designer on call at the Michigan Design Center in Troy.

"We really only live in a couple of rooms in our house, he says. But we can recapture that living room space by making it a sanctuary for relaxation or an entertainment center depending on our lifestyles. It doesn't have to be a place intended for visitors to admire from afar and has an invisible Do Not Enter sign for the people who live there day in and day out.

To not have a space that is comfortable is really passe, Wohl says. It's like one client who had a very dressy dining room and I asked if she used it. She said, "Yes every night, but we usually take our shoes off."

One way to make a living room more inviting is to have surfaces that look like they're easily main-

tained because no one wants to relax in a room where they have to constantly worry about making it dirty or ruffling up a perfect arrangement. Have table surfaces that don't require a lot of care and fabrics that are easy to care for, also, he says. "We tend to move about with meals if we have one or two people in the household and to have spaces that would accommodate that would make it more comfortable. Try not to create a false facade that's not in your nature."

He recommends adding whatever will create that sense of comfort for the people living in the home.

Particularly if we've been

busy with work all day or involved in a business and we're dealing with a lot of issues, to have things that are comforting to us in a space, is nice," Wohl said.

Recliners, footstools that are easy to pull up, and good lighting for reading by a favorite resting spot make areas inviting, too. Create a space that might allow for music in the background if that's what you like.

Or, maybe you want a quiet zone that has no sound. It might be a place where televisions, stereos and other electronic equipment are banned, because they might create chaos. This might be a place to cocoon where you're surrounded by warm, plush draperies, carpet and furniture with big, comfortable cushions.

"It can be a place to keep us away from commotion and a place to turn all that off, Wohl adds.

The most important thing we do for a client is to help them express their vision of themselves and how they perceive themselves in our world today in their home.

"We really do try to make spaces accessible and the formality or informality is set by the mood," Wohl says. A lot of families like very casual living in every space. There are other families who like to think of themselves as the Carringtons. Everyone has a different view of themselves."

A curved conversation sofa is perfect for cozy chats with family and friends and is the right kind of furniture to draw people into the living room, explains Paul Franks, owner of Franks Furniture, a family run business for 40 years at the same location in Wayne.

"It makes that living room more livable," explains Franks.

Add an entertainment armoire, with two large doors on top and another two on the bottom, to hide the television and sound system. Since more and more people are buying large screen televisions, Franks offers custom entertainment centers to fit any size wall, television or other large piece of equipment.

Recliners are still very, very popular and sometimes in a living room, you might want to be a little more formal than in a family room and in that case you might want to go to a high leg recliner," Franks says adding that these recliners aren't squirted and don't look like the typical recliner. Instead, the high leg recliner, looks like a chair with exposed legs.

"It's ideal for reading a newspaper or book and having a quiet afternoon," he adds.

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Innovations in illumination brighten spaces in style

BY MIKE MURPHY
CORRESPONDENT

Hand in hand with the proliferation of great rooms and two-story-high ceilings have come innovations in the lighting industry that can better brighten big spaces

In essence, though it remains functional first and foremost, lighting for living rooms and great rooms has become more of an aesthetic statement and less of a functional necessity

The myriad options available to consumers unfold from functional lighting, task lighting and accent light, the three basic types of lighting that manufacturers produce and that lighting designers recommend

Track lighting used to be used to light up a room, but now it is used for task lighting," said Ken Sheets, salesman at House of Lights in Rochester "It is generally used to highlight a sculpture or a painting"

Within those lighting categories is a wide array of terms that includes pin-up lighting, under- and over-lighting, throw lighting, monorail lighting, track lighting, recessed lighting and cable and rope lighting

Functional lighting is used when it's important to see clearly from one end of a room to the other Task lighting zeroes in on curio cabinets Accent lighting exists to highlight anything from a wall hanging to trophy on a mantel

"Lighting sets the tone of a room," Pine Tree Lighting sales manager Mike Belesky said "Lighting used to be very utilitarian Now people use it to decorate a house It's as impor-

tant now as a piece of furniture"

Sheets said cloth shades are more popular now on lights, while painted finishes require less maintenance in terms of dusting, he said Earthtones are popular on the lamps themselves

"Shades on lamps are more decorative," Sheets said "They are rustic and contemporary Our look here (at Rochester) is more 'traditional, transitional, while our Farmington store would feature something more contemporary But the lamps are more elaborate today"

Pine Tree in Lake Orion specializes in working with builders to provide lighting design for approximately 250 new homes each month

While table lamps have long been considered integral furniture features of any living or great room, Belesky is speaking of how lighting itself - the shadows it casts and the areas it illuminates - can produce an effect much similar to a furniture arrangement or a piece of art "You can create any type of mood or atmosphere that you want," Belesky said

Much of the innovation in lighting the big rooms in a home has risen in tandem with the increasing popularity of halogen lighting, which burns brighter and whiter and aims truer than the more traditional incandescent lighting

The bold, white beam of halogen stays tight and doesn't diffuse itself as does incandescent lighting Halogen is often incorporated in the recessed ceiling lighting systems that are now taking precedence over once-popular track lighting

The downside to halogen lighting, which contains a

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filament made out of tungsten steel and operates with halide gas, is that it's a very hot light

"Track lighting is not used as much as it used to be because it buses up a ceiling," Master Lighting sales and lighting consultant Janet Iannicello said "Track lighting is usually the last ultimatum rather than the first

Iannicello, who has worked in the Canton store for 19 years, said that large hanging fixtures, like chandeliers, are making a comeback, especially in terms of lighting a large living room or great room

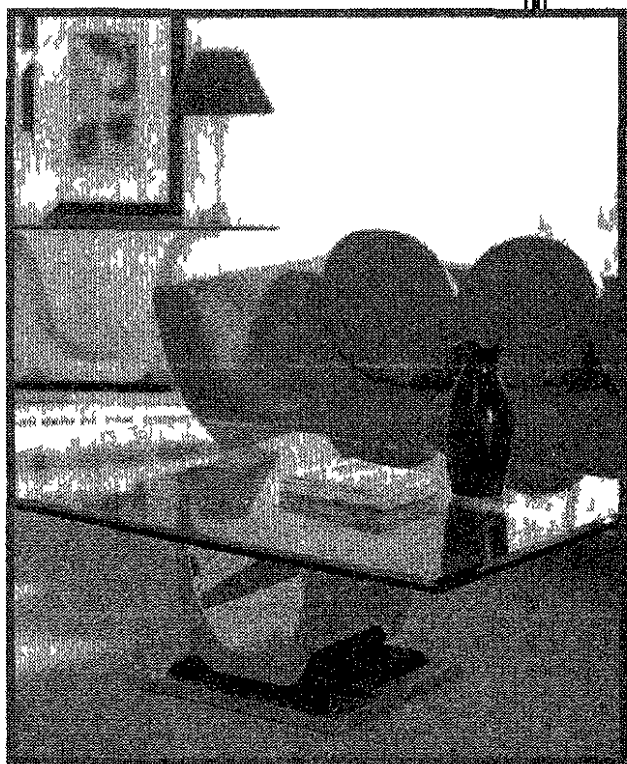
People still use table lamps but you can really enhance a big room with a big fixture," Iannicello said "It's more of a formal look More of a statement"

In terms of table lamps, Iannicello said the trend many consumers are picking up on is to live large and to turn to oversize, wrought-iron lamps with either a painted or brushed surface

Consumers are also looking for more energy efficient lighting, like low-voltage fluorescent lighting, which generally comes with a higher price tag

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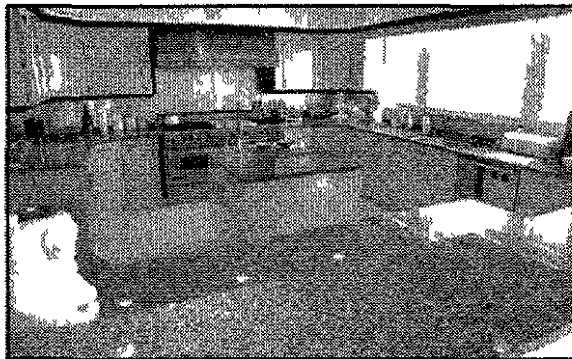
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Recliners fit any style or decor

BY JOAN BORAM
CORRESPONDENT

Many people, when they think recliners see 'behe-moth, but they should take another look

Recliners found on the mar-ket today are perfectly at home in any room, regardless of decorating style. Thanks to sleeker designs and classic fabrics, they're no longer relegated to rec room or den.

Good-bye Archie Bunker, hello 'Friends' - a recliner has had a starring role in that trendy TV show. With prices ranging from \$299 to \$4,000, recliners are a \$4 billion industry.

The early recliners were characterized by a handle in the side - it's function was to make the chair recline," said George Bruni, the recliner buyer for Art Van.

"The handle was eliminated when the push-back was designed, creating an aesthetic opportunity to use a recliner in any room, depending on the fabric and design. A wingback recliner with a traditional fab-

ric is just another chair - until you lean back and put your feet up.

The high leg recliner resem-bles a stationary wing chair, said William Franks, owner of Franks Furniture in Wayne.

It doesn't have as many positions as a traditional recliner, but some people are willing to sacrifice versatility in the mechanism for the sake of a stylish appearance, Franks said. "A pair of these chairs in a matching fabric fit any decor, traditional, mission, country or modern. Some people, however, don't want a stylish piece of furniture - they just want to pull the lever, lean back, and watch the Lions.

"We still sell a lot of tradi-tional models," said Bruni. "But they're selling in colors that make a splash in a room - cobalt blue, garnet, shamrock and daffodil. With one of those, you don't have to redecorate, just add a few matching accessories.

Bruni added that, as baby boomers age, lift chairs are becoming a huge market.

There are recliners designed to lift people with arthritic hips, and zero gravity recliners, which support the lower back and elevate the legs higher than the heart. There are rock-ers and gliders and pedestal models with separate ottomans. You can have recliners with cup holders and (by special order) built-in coolers. Chairs recline with a slight body motion, the push of a button, or the pull of a lever. You can even have a big per-son's chair - wider and sturdier than a standard model.

Recently, a man and wife came in a bought his and her recliners - a rocker for him and a swivel for her," said Don McIntosh, sales associate at Newton Furniture in Livonia.

The two wingback chairs just fit the space in a picture win-dow. The couple were bird-watchers, and the window faced the area where the bird feeders are. In addition to comfort, the wife wanted a chair that would keep pressure off her knee after a scheduled knee operation.



BARCALOUNGER

Barcalounger's Lectern style recliner has three positions, and tapered legs in cherry or light walnut finish.

As theater rooms become more popular, so does theater seating for the home, accord-ing to McIntosh.

The three or four seats are in a semi-curved configura-tion, and each chair reclines independently of the others. The chairs have cup holders,

and melamine platforms between the chairs are mois-ture-and butter-proof."

Theater seating may be spe-cial ordered at Newton Furniture stores in Novi and Livonia.

At Sharper Image stores in Novi and Troy, you can find a

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Cascadian Farm's new 17 ounce Concord Grape Spread is produced in accordance with USDA organic standards and can be found at grocery and natural food stores for approximately \$3.79. Cascadian Farm also offers 17 ounce fresh and flavorful fruit spread in apricot, blackberry, blueberry, harvest berry, raspberry and strawberry varieties.

Jewish dressing

Levitt Foods President Todd Levitt recently debuted Jewish Dressing, available at Hiller's Markets and other fine stores. There is French dressing, Italian, Russian and Greek. Up until now there has been no Jewish dressing, stated Levitt.

The new dressing is derived from an ancient recipe and its base consists of honey, mustard and celery seeds. It is Kosher and is suitable for use with any food. There are no animal products so vegetarians will be able to enjoy it as well.

New Web site

Even as English muffins roll out hot and fresh at Bays, the company is rolling out a fresh new Web site and online recipe contest designed especially for today's busy families.

Now English muffin lovers will have a new opportunity to get cooking in the kitchen as Bays' renowned recipe contest returns in a new online format. The search for America's favorite Kid Friendly After School Snacks at www.bays.com launch runs through Friday, Oct. 17.

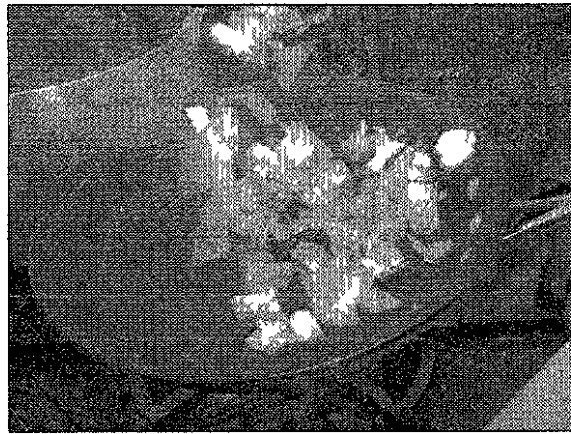
In addition to the quarterly recipe contest, the site emphasizes quick and simple seasonal recipes - featuring versatile English muffins for every meal of the day.

By popular demand, it will retain its extensive archive of recipes developed over the years by Bays' president and Cordon Bleu Chef George Bay.

The new kid-friendly snack-themed recipe contest invites participants of all ages to add to the site's existing portfolio of quick yet tasty meal and snack recipes by contributing their own original creations. Each recipe submitted will be judged by George Bay. The winner of the first contest will be announced Nov. 1 at www.bays.com and will be awarded with a \$500 Williams Sonoma gift certificate. A complete list of contest rules is available online at www.bays.com.



Manager and chef Greg Gill (left) and cook Aaron Hall of Bushels Cafe in Plymouth show off their popular Grilled Veggie and Hummus Pita filled with grilled eggplant, zucchini, tomato and lettuce on a bed of hummus and feta. Below, Hall grills vegetables for a veggie sandwich.



the art of the sandwich

BY KIMBERLY MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

Dagwood Bumstead was a master at the art of creating a sandwich. One might quibble with the eccentric ingredients he chose to cram between two slices of bread - eagle talon, fish (preferably two days old), tin of sardine oil, cold and goeey pot of spaghetti, one gallon of mayonnaise and one fried egg over easy - but it was his style and unrestrained appetite that he is perhaps best known for.

Sandwich lovers would agree: Creating a good sandwich is more than just slapping a few cold cuts between two slices of white bread and calling it a meal. A carefully constructed sandwich would satisfy even the pickiest of eaters and doesn't require a sack of fries as an accompaniment.

WAY BACK WHEN

Historically speaking, the sandwich is said to have originated with English nobleman John Montagu, the Fourth Earl of Sandwich (1718-1792). The legend goes that Montagu was gambling in the wee hours of the morning in London in 1762 when he ordered a waiter to bring him roast beef between two slices of bread. The Earl was able to continue gambling without having to get his fingers greasy like he might have from a traditional

English meal.

Sandwiches have evolved from Montagu's informal convergence of meat and bread into many forms, including the panini, submarine, grinder, muffuletta, hoagie, wrap, open-face, pita pocket and croissant among the most popular.

With the wide-spread interest in low carb meals, Atkins dieters, who have grown tired of eating slices of meat and cheese devoid of bread, are opting for lettuce to hold their sandwiches together. The thin green wraps are suitable envelopes for their food and are both low in calories and carbohydrate-free.

Chimento's Italian Market owner, Frank Chimento, believes fresh ingredients are the key to a good sandwich, whether it's a pesto and buffalo mozzarella sandwich on rye or his favorite Italian submarine sandwich on focaccia bread.

It's the freshness of the sandwich that makes the difference. It's made while you wait and not ahead of time," the Livonia business owner said.

Chimento meticulously slices and stacks five different meats together, including sweet capicola, Italian-style herb turkey, Genoa salami, mortadella and ham.

Each flavor of the cold cut has to contrast with the other. They

PLEASE SEE SANDWICH, D2

Matanzas Creek enlarges portfolio

Matanzas Creek Winery (MCW) was founded in 1977 by Sandra and Bill MacIver. The original winery was established on the site of an old dairy farm in Sonoma County's Bennett Valley.



Focus on Wine

By 1985, the MacIvers had built a modern, state-of-the-art winery and decided to specialize in making three varietal wines: chardonnay, merlot and sauvignon blanc.

Ray & Eleanor Heald EARLY ROUTE

"We chose to stay with chardonnay," Bill explained, because we felt it was a hallmark wine, sauvignon blanc because we were developing a style that excited us and brought something new to the world of sauvignon blanc, and merlot because we wanted to be one of the early pioneers of a varietal we particularly enjoyed.

When asked why they dropped cabernet sauvignon from their line, a move that surprises most people, the MacIvers said that with so many cabernets being produced by a plethora of wineries in a myriad of styles, there was little challenge left in the varietal.

While refining their style, as many as 100 individual experiments were conducted at the winery each harvest.

The experiments included pressing temperature, picking criteria, tank versus barrel fermentation, juice oxygenation, vine virus, juice fining, clonal selection, yeast types, aging on the lees, stirring regimes, barrel toast, barrel age, wood source, coopers and vineyard maturity, to name a few.

The Matanzas Creek philosophy stressed that there are ways to make better wine.

This included an active research program at the winery and implementation of proven methods.

"We made wine with a quality goal in mind," Sandra emphasized, learning and applying new lessons each year, knowing that if we reached our goal, an appreciative audience would be there.

At the beginning of the 1990s, MCW's vineyard acreage doubled from 40 to 80 acres and plantings of syrah were added. The first syrah was released with the 1994 vintage.

LEGACY PASSES ON

After more than two decades of success, the MacIvers retired in 2000 and passed the MCW torch to long-time friend Jess Jackson (of Kendall-Jackson fame), a man who knows how to both grow and source grapes and build brands. Matanzas Creek now has the benefit of additional quality fruit from the Jackson family's Bennett Valley vineyards.

The new owners have returned cabernet sauvignon to the MCW portfolio along with vognier. Current winemaker Gary Patzwald said, "With a focus on continued quality improvement, the vineyard and cellar operations are keenly centered on merlot and cabernet sauvignon, as well as chardonnay and sauvignon blanc. As this decade unfolds, Bennett Valley fruit sourcing is an important facet of this winemaking opportunity."

AVAILABLE FROM MATANZAS CREEK

■ 2001 Matanzas Creek Sauvignon Blanc \$23 is a delicious balance of herbal notes and

PLEASE SEE WINE, D2



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Frank Chimento shows off their best. Chimento's Italian sub features focaccia bread piled high with capicola, Italian herb turkey, genoa salami, Italian roast beef, mortadella, boiled ham, provolone cheese, lettuce and optional tomato and onion. It's dressed with their own homemade oil and herb dressing. Frank says that the ingredients aren't chosen because the flavors blend, but because they all stand out. It's a two-fisted sandwich.

SANDWICH

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can't blend in and the sandwich has to be colorful. The eyes have to help the flavor-buds taste," said Chimento, who separates the capicola turkey and salami from the mortadella with shredded lettuce for color.

Finally comes several slices of provolone cheese before concluding with ham and the focaccia bread lid that is generously brushed with an olive oil and vinegar mixture of Italian herbs including bay leaves, basil, oregano and rosemary as well as paprika, hot pepper and garlic.

EXPERIENCE

Chimento opened his family's original Italian market on Fort Street, and then Michigan Avenue and Schaefer, before settling on Plymouth Road in Livonia in August 1993.

He said customers are free to order any kind of sandwich created from their wide selection of fresh meats and cheeses, but it's the Italian sandwich on focaccia or hard crust Italian bread that is consistently the most requested.

Vinnie's of Canton owner Zane Floyd agrees. His customers are lined out the door of the Michigan Avenue roadside restaurant (west of I-275) for their Italian sub that can be made with a minimum of five meats and six cheeses all the way up to a 12-cheese, 20-meat monstrosity.

"Quality food makes the sandwich," said Floyd. "We get our bread delivered fresh daily from two local bakers. I don't let anyone know where my buns are delivered from because they're so popular."

Vinnie's Italian sandwich on



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Frank Chimento of Chimento's Italian Market in Livonia, slices fresh provolone cheese for an Italian focaccia sandwich. Their sandwiches are made to order, while you wait, or you can fax in your order.

soft and hard-crust buns feature homemade Italian dressing with Geona salami, capicola, ham, pepperoni and cheeses including provolone, mozzarella and Swiss. A must for the Italian sandwich is Vinnie's homemade dressing. The herb and oil mixture, another recipe Floyd keeps under wraps, can be applied directly on the bun or served in a container on the side for later use. It's delicious," added the Canton owner who makes and sells his own Italian sausage.

MADE FRESH

Bushels Cafe on North Mill Street in Plymouth is perhaps best known for the vegan and

vegetarian grilled pita sandwiches and wraps that chef/manager Greg Gill creates.

"I would say fresh ingredients are essential," Gill said. "We use fresh herbs and vegetables, make all our own salad dressings, soups and we make the hummus and pesto here, too. None of it is store bought."

Bushels' Grilled Vegetable Sandwich with Pesto and the Grilled Portobello Sandwich are two of the most popular.

"We're trying to make more vegan and vegetarian items," Gill said. "We make three soups daily — one with meat and two without."

Located in Plymouth's Old Village, the cafe offers customers several varieties of bread, including pita, sesame seed, Italian flat, tomato wrap, French, croissant and multi-grain.

"Whatever your favorite sandwich, whether it's peanut butter and jelly on toast or something elaborate like the Dagwood, be sure it's made with the freshest ingredients for the best taste."

Cucina Leone prepares fresh gourmet cuisine for home

Wood-grilled bone-in rib eye or Amish chicken breast, pan-seared fresh black sea bass, and lavender honey and peppercorn encrusted salmon complete with gourmet side dishes are just a few of the mouth-watering selections prepared fresh daily at Cucina Leone in Birmingham.

Cucina Leone provides 'Carried Away Cuisine' for today's busy lifestyles, but also has room for up to 18 guests to dine in.

Chef-owner Jack Leone and his staff prepare meals cooked to order in an open kitchen featuring an oak birthing oven, grill and rotisserie. Cucina Leone offers a plethora of specialty food products, fine wines and champagnes to complement any meal. The menu changes daily and seasonally, and is updated on the Cucina Leone Web site as well — www.cucinaleone.com.

Cucina Leone provides gourmet catering and renewable gift cards that make excellent gifts for all occasions. The restaurant is open Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. and

Sunday, 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover cards are welcome.

Cucina Leone is part of a growing trend of restaurants that offer replacement meals that can be prepared to order and taken home to enjoy as if they were homemade.

Some of the items featured on the 'Carried Away Cuisine' menu include Roasted Chicken Breast Pot Pie (caramelized fresh vegetables, fresh thyme, butter crust), Cucina Leone House Salad (baby greens, toasted walnuts, chevre cheese, balsamic cherries, granny apples and balsamic vinaigrette), Wood-Grilled Angus Delmonico Steak (zip sauce, garlic mashed potatoes, grilled fresh asparagus), Forever Braised Short Rib of Beef (caramelized onion and red wine gravy, roasted garlic mashed, sauteed baby carrots), and 4 Cheese Macaroni & Cheese w/ Crispy Prosciutto (asiago, parmesan, mascarpone, tillamook cheddar w/ toasted breadcrumb crust).

Cucina Leone is located at 755 East Maple (in the Kroger complex) in Birmingham. For

more information call (248) 901-1600.

GORGONZOLA POLENTA CROSTINI

- 1 cup Polenta coarse ground
- 3 cups chicken stock
- 1/2 cup gorgonzola cheese
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese grated
- Kosher salt and white pepper
- Topping**
- 1/2 cup roasted red peppers
- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tbsp capers
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- salt and pepper

Bring the chicken stock to a boil and slowly add the Polenta while stirring constantly. Continue to stir until the mixture thickens. Add the gorgonzola, season and continue to simmer. When thick, add the Parmesan cheese then pour onto a buttered pan to cool. Spread the Polenta approximately 1/2 inch thick.

For the topping, mix together 1/2 cups of roasted red peppers, thin diced, two tablespoons capers, 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar, 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil and salt and pepper to taste. Cut the cooled Polenta into two inch rounds and top each round with a tablespoon of your topping.

WINE

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tropical fruit with appealing oak accents.

Stylish and flavorful, especially with sushi and shellfish.

■ 2000 Matanzas Creek Chardonnay \$30 with elements of tropical fruits in the aroma and flavor, coupled with a creamy mouthfeel and a sophisticated and appealing finish, MCW continues its reputation for top-class chardonnay.

■ 2000 Matanzas Creek Merlot \$42 is a full fruited wine in aromas and flavors. It's generous, but not overblown with oak spicing and a lengthy finish.

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WINE PICKS

If you're among the many regular drinkers viewing the global wine scene through red colored glasses or if you like white wine and drink chardonnay regularly try these WHITES from around the world for a new taste treat.

■ Australia 2002 Lindemans Semillon Chardonnay \$8 (incredible bargain)

■ California 2002 MacMurray Ranch Russian River Valley Pinot Gris \$23 (outstanding)

■ France 2002 La Vieille Ferme Cotes du Luberon Blanc \$8

2002 Perrin Reserve Cotes du Rhone Blanc \$10

2001 Domaine Miguel Viognier, Languedoc Roussillon \$14

and 2001 Marc Bredif Vouvray \$16

■ Italy 2001 La Scolca Gavi Valentino \$13 and 2002 Mastroberardino Greco di Tufo \$24 (really delicious)

■ New Zealand 2002 Villa Maria Cellar Selection Riesling (great with sushi) \$19

All wines mentioned are available in the metro-Detroit area. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

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Fall wine dinner

Station 885 of Plymouth (885 Starkweather Street) will host the Rodney Strong Vineyards Dinner at 7 p.m. Oct 8. Please call Robert or Kim for details. Seating is limited. Tickets are \$100 per person (includes gratuity and tax). Guests will have the opportunity to purchase wine that evening as well.

Andiamo chefs create

Executive Chef Sam Sharkas, Chef of Andiamo Osteria Rochester will demonstrate his Italian Asian creations: Appetizer, Temaki, Zushi, Starch, Fettuccine, Main Course, Chicken Cacciatore, Dessert, Zabaione. The demonstration will take place from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday Oct 2 at Specialties Showroom (2800 West 11 Mile Rd in Berkeley). The class fee is \$30 per person. Pastry Chef Karen Krol of the Andiamo Restaurant group will demonstrate her award-winning creations from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday Oct 15. For information call (248) 548-5656 or visit our Web site at www.specialtiesshowroom.com. Click on Cooking Classes.

ABC's of Dining

The Community House (380 South Bates Street) will offer a class "The ABC's of Dining for Parent and Child" 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday Oct 8. Children (ages 8-12) will gain confidence at gatherings and dining situations by learning how to converse easily with relatives and friends. The program includes a full course dinner. During the dinner, children will learn how to take their seat, use proper posture and handle the knife and fork. The program is presented by Denise Ann Taylor. Taylor is trained and certified by the Protocol School of Washington. The cost of the program is \$65 per team. Dressy attire is preferred. To register by phone call (248) 644-5832 or register online at www.communityhouse.com.

Cooking With Whole Foods

Learn how to cook with whole foods such as tofu, ground flax, whole wheat, pastry flour, and much more. Meals such as creamy mac and cheese (the healthy version of course), meatloaf, sloppy joes, spinach gnocchi, banana pie, Shepard's new pie, and much more. Sign up for one class or two.

The class will be instructed by Dawn Vassel, owner of Vassel's Catering and is scheduled 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday Oct 14 and Nov 11 at From Scratch 29831 Northwestern Highway. Class fee is \$40 per class. For registration and information, please call 248-203-3800.

Healthy cooking

Since most people don't have hours and hours to cook for their families, what foods can be quickly prepared that are both nutritious and tasty? To find out, register for the Quick and Healthy Cooking Demo at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement in Novi. Call (248) 477-6100. Class begins at 6 p.m. Oct 23. Fee: \$5. While you're there, do some taste testing. You'll be convinced that quickly prepared meals can be both good for you and delicious.

Cuisine du Jour

Chef Mario Etemad, senior vice president of Food Service and Hospitality for Palace Sports and Entertainment, will discuss stews and cassoulets 10 a.m. Thursday Oct 23. For information call (248) 377-2300.

Cooking with Style

Nell Benedict will present a series of four enticing and exotic cooking classes (demo only) entitled "Cooking With Style" Tuesday evenings, October 7-28 at The Community House (380 S Bates) in Birmingham. The series kicks off with Thai Cooking on Oct 7, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$22. The class will focus on demystifying the exotic dishes of Thailand. Benedict will prepare classic Thai dishes such as Chicken Satay served with a Classic Peanut sauce and Cucumber Sweet Relish, Thai Hot and Sour Lemon Grass and Shrimp Soup, and Pad Thai. Other classes include: A Greek Feast Oct 14, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$22. Italian Meat Entrees Oct 21, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$22. Italian Dishes from Nell's Cucina Oct 28, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$22. Attendees will sample dishes and take home recipes. To register call (248) 644-5832 or www.communityhouse.com.

Learn Asian

Thai and Chinese appetizers, a soup and main dishes will be created in this class 7:15-9:15 p.m. Wednesday Oct 15. Bring a 9 by 13 inch pan with lid and a heatproof soup container. Class will be taught at Smith Elementary School in Troy. Class fee is \$21. Food fee is \$5. Call (248) 823-5100 for information.

Make a Gingerbread House

A fun holiday project where each student (grades K-6) creates his/her own Gingerbread House using snow icing then decorates it with a variety of candies. It makes a wonderful holiday decoration and a great gift (use it as a surprise box and hide gifts of money inside). Each is a unique work of art. The class is presented by Ginger Works and is scheduled for 10 a.m.

Saturday Dec 13 and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday December 16 at Derby Middle School Room 115. The class fee is \$13 per person. For registration and information, please call 248-203-3800.

Parent and child workshop

Together a parent and child will assemble and decorate an extra large gingerbread house approximately 4 pounds (or about 10 by 12 inches) made of sweet, fragrant gingerbread with lots of icing and candy. Please bring a cardboard box to carry it home. This class will be presented by Ginger Works 10-11 a.m. Saturday Dec 20 at Derby Middle School Room 115. The class fee is \$30. For registration and information, please call 248-203-3800.

Taste Fest 2003

Don't miss the most delicious holiday event in Westland. Join us for a culinary adventure featuring the area's finest chefs. The 2003 Holiday Taste Fest begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday Dec 2 at the Hellenic Cultural Center 36375 Joy Road, Westland. Sponsored by the Westland Chamber of Commerce. Partial proceeds benefit the Joseph Benyo Scholarship Fund. Call (734) 326-7222 for details.

Gingerbread workshop

The Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe annual Parent and Child Gingerbread House Workshop is planned for 2-5 p.m. Sunday Nov 30 and 1-6 p.m. Monday Dec 1. The parent and child team will create a completed house in one class. \$30 per team. Advanced registration is a must. Seating is limited. Call (734) 261-3680. Mary Denning's is located at 8036 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Party Planning Secrets

Learn cutting-edge Manhattan event planning techniques on a budget. Dazzle your guests as you explore the hottest and latest color choices, exciting themes, shortcuts, and time savers. The class will be taught by Harold Baldwin 7-9 p.m. Thursday Nov 6 in room F108 at Seaholm High School. The class fee is \$39. For registration and information, please call 248-203-3800.

Chili Cook-Off

The Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook Off is set for Sunday Oct 12 at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The day will include a ride in motorcycle bike show. Cooks from all over the country will be vying for the top spot. Call Annette Horn at (734) 455-8838 for further information.

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Yesterday was World Vegetarian Day. Write a news story about the pros and cons of being a vegetarian, and list as many vegetables as you can think of in the article. At the end of the story, make a case for why you like or dislike vegetables.

World Teacher Day is October 5th. Create a classified advertisement describing the perfect teacher.

Next Week (October 6-10) is Math Literacy Week. What kinds of basic math knowledge does every person need to be successful? Discuss with classmates. Use the newspaper and other resources to create a math literacy quiz, using real-life examples from work, home, school and sports. Have family, friends and other classmates take your quiz. Provide answers and explanations for each question. Have references for further study in case the quiz takers need to brush up on their math skills!

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Pecan pies a classic holiday dessert

Turkey guide takes you through the entire process

Who doesn't love a good pecan pie at the holidays? Even if you don't eat them for Thanksgiving they make great desserts that are hard for your guests to resist. Pillsbury has devised several versions of the traditional pie you'll love.

Pecan Pie Ginger Cheesecake
Cheesecake has a pecan pie mixture atop a cheesecake layer studded with nuggets of crystallized ginger, and it's all baked in a flaky pie crust. This combo takes dessert to new heights!

PECAN PIE GINGER CHEESECAKE

- 1 Pillsbury Refrigerated Pie Crust (from 15 oz. pkg.) softened as directed on package
 - 1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
 - 6 tbsp. sugar
 - 1/2 tsp. vanilla
 - 1 egg
 - 1/4 cup finely chopped crystallized ginger
- Topping:**
- 2 tbsp. Pillsbury BEST All Purpose or Unbleached Flour
 - 1/4 cup butter, melted
 - 3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
 - 1 tsp. vanilla
 - 2 eggs
 - 2 cups pecan halves or pieces

Heat oven to 350°F. Prepare pie crust as directed on package for one-crust filled pie using 9-inch glass pie pan or 9-inch deep-dish glass pie pan. In medium bowl, combine cream cheese, sugar, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla and 1 egg, beat at medium speed until smooth. Stir in ginger. Spoon and spread filling in crust-lined pan. In large bowl, combine flour and butter, mix well. Add brown sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla and 2 eggs, mix well.

Stir in pecans. Carefully spoon mixture evenly over filling.

Bake at 350°F for 40 to 50 minutes or until center is set and crust is golden brown. Cool 1 hour. Refrigerate 2 hours or until thoroughly chilled. Store in refrigerator. Prep Time: 20 Minutes.

(Ready in 4 Hours 10 Minutes) makes 12 servings.

MYSTERY PECAN-PIE

1 Pillsbury Refrigerated Pie Crust (from 15-oz. pkg.), softened as directed on package

- Filling:**
- 1 (8-oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1/4 tsp. salt
 - 1 tsp. vanilla
 - 1 egg
 - 3 eggs
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1 cup corn syrup
 - 1 tsp. vanilla
 - 1 1/4 cups chopped pecans

Place pie crust in 9-inch pie pan as directed on package for one-crust filled pie. Heat oven to 375°F. In small bowl, combine cream cheese, 1/2 cup sugar, salt, 1 teaspoon vanilla and 1 egg, beat at low speed until smooth and well blended. Set aside.

In another small bowl, beat 3 eggs. Add 1/4 cup sugar, corn syrup and 1 teaspoon vanilla, blend well. Spread cream cheese mixture in bottom of crust-lined pan. Sprinkle with pecans. Gently pour corn syrup mixture over pecans.

Bake at 375°F for 35 to 45 minutes or until center is set. If necessary, cover edge of pie crust with strips of foil after 15 to 20 minutes of baking to prevent excessive browning. Cool 2 hours or until completely cooled. Store in refrigerator.

Prep Time: 20 Minutes (Ready in 3 Hours) and makes eight servings.

This double-decker pecan pie satisfies the craving for a rich dessert with a pleasing contrast of smooth, crunchy and crisp textures. Top the pie wedges with whipped cream or ice cream and serve with freshly brewed coffee.

DOUBLE CRUSTED PECAN PIE DANISH

- 1 (15 oz.) pkg. refrigerated pie crusts, softened as directed on package
- Filling:**
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
 - 1/4 cup apricot or other flavor jam
 - 2 tbsp. butter or margarine, soft



Don't forget to try something different the next time you whip up a pecan pie. What about adding ginger, cocoa or double the crust and make it a danish.

- 1 (3 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
 - 1 cup finely chopped pecans
- Topping:**
- 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1 tbsp. Pillsbury BEST All Purpose or Unbleached Flour
 - 2 tbsp. sour cream
 - 1 tbsp. butter or margarine, melted
 - 1/4 cup Hungry Jack Microwave Ready Regular Syrup
 - 1/4 tsp. vanilla
 - 1 egg
 - 1/2 cup chopped pecans
 - 1 to 3 tsp. powdered sugar

Prepare pie crust as directed on package for two-crust pie using 10-inch tart pan with removable bottom. Place 1 crust in pan, press in bottom and up sides of pan. Trim edges if necessary.

Heat oven to 400°F. Place cookie sheet in oven to preheat. In small bowl, combine all filling ingredients except pecans, blend well. Stir in 1 cup pecans. Spread mixture in bottom of prepared crust. Top with second crust, press edges together to seal.

Place pie on heated cookie sheet. Bake at 400°F for 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. Meanwhile, in small bowl, combine all topping ingredients except pecans and powdered sugar, blend until smooth. Stir in 1/4 cup pecans. Pour topping over partially baked pie. Reduce oven temperature to 375°F, bake an additional 18 to 28 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 10 minutes. Lightly sprinkle powdered sugar over pie. Cool 2 hours or until completely cooled. Store in refrigerator.

Prep Time: 45 Minutes (Ready in 3 Hours 15 Minutes) and makes 12 servings.

COCOA PECAN PIE

- 1/2 cup Gold Medal All Purpose Flour
 - 1/2 cup graham cracker crumbs
 - 1 tsp. sugar
 - 3 tbsp. margarine or butter, melted
- Filling:**
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
 - 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa
 - 1 cup light corn syrup
 - 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla

- 1 egg
 - 3 egg whites
 - 1/2 cup coarsely chopped pecans
- Topping:**
- 1/2 cup frozen fat free whipped topping, thawed

Heat oven to 375°F. Spray 9-inch pie pan with nonstick cooking spray. Lightly spoon flour into measuring cup, level off. In medium bowl, combine flour, graham cracker crumbs and sugar, mix well. Add margarine, mix well. Press firmly in bottom and up sides of sprayed pie pan.

In large bowl, combine brown sugar and cocoa, mix well. Add all remaining filling ingredients except pecans, stir until smooth. Stir in pecans. Pour into crust.

Bake at 375°F for 28 to 38 minutes or until center is puffed and knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack for at least 1 hour or until completely cooled. Serve at room temperature or refrigerate until serving time. To serve, spoon or pipe whipped topping around edge of pie.

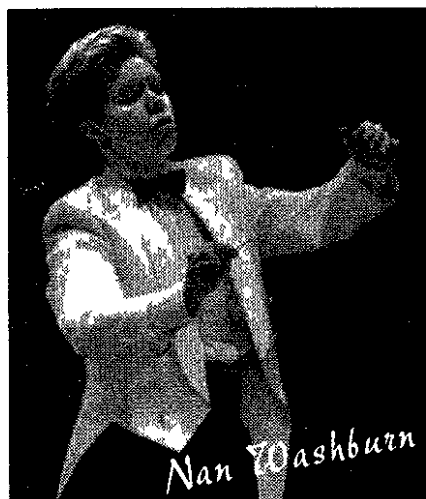
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- Hector Berlioz: *Beatrice & Bonedict Overture*
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- Paul Hindemith: *Symphonic Metamorphosis on Themes by Weber (1943)*



Libby Larsen
Composer



Ava Ordman
Trombone



KrissAnn Weiss
Mezzo Soprano

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- Astor Piazzolla: *Tres Tangos Para Bandoneon Y Orquesta*
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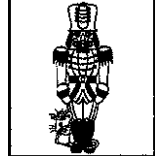


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December 6, 2003, Saturday 11:00 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
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- Igor Stravinsky: *Instrumental Miniatures*
- Jacques Ibert: *Concertino da Camera For Saxophone*
- Franz Schubert: *Octet in F Major*



Zachary Shemon
Saxophone

"Winter Dreams"

February 14, 2004, Saturday 8:00 p.m.
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- Ernst Humpferdink: *Prelude to Hansel & Gretel - PCCS Middle School Orchestra*
- Gordon Jacob: *Concerto for Horn & Strings (1st movement)*
- Anthony Iannaccone: *Escape (2002)*
- Peter Ilych Tchaikovsky: *Symphony No. 1 "Winter Dreams"*



Anthony Iannaccone
Composer



Elizabeth Schellhase
French Horn

"A Taste of Jazz"

March 13, 2004, Saturday 8:00 p.m.
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- George Gershwin: *Crazy for You Overture*
- George Gershwin: *Rhapsody in Blue*
- Mary Watkins: *Five Movements in Color (1993)*
- Leonard Bernstein: *West Side Story Selection*



Mary Watkins
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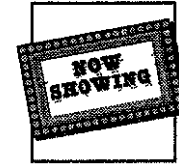


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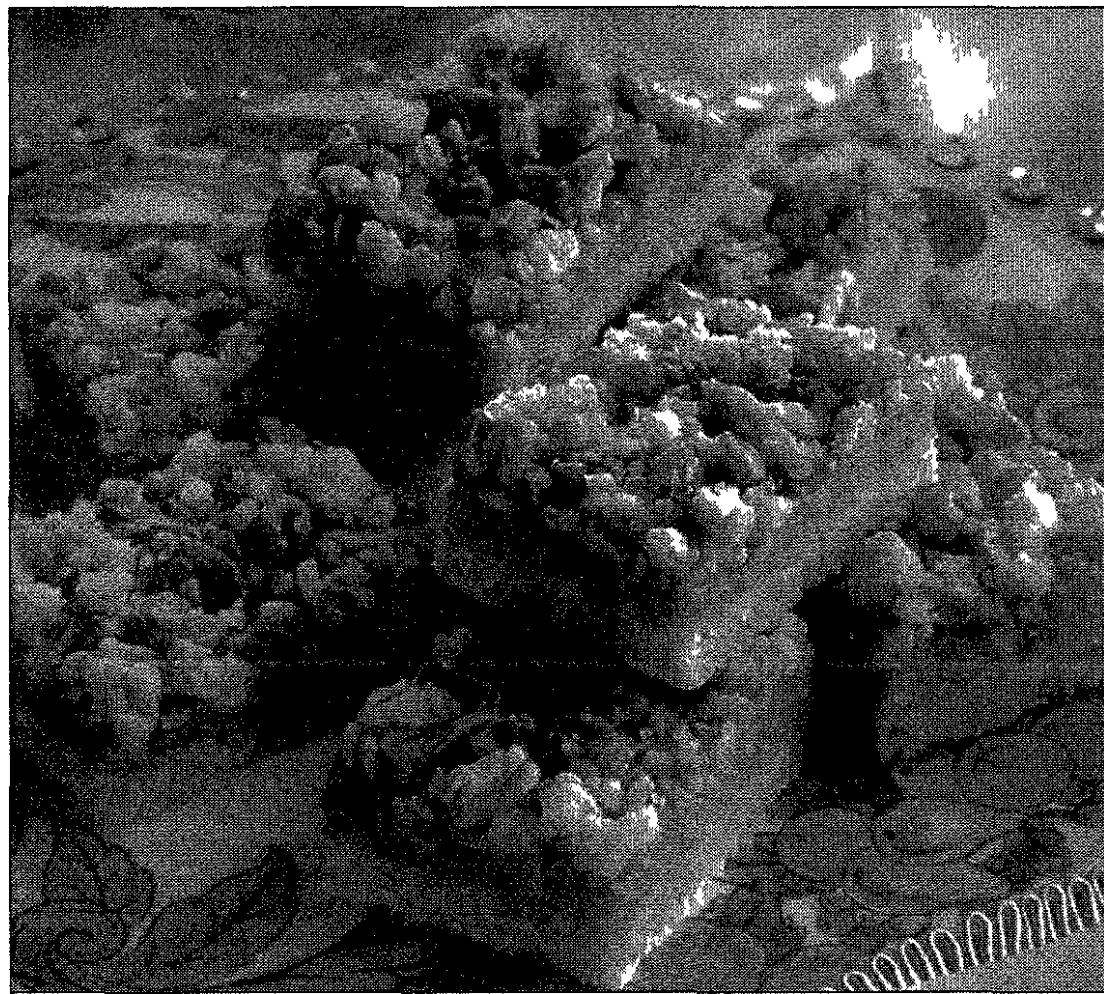
"Best of Broadway:" Pops Benefit Dinner & Auction

Saturday, April 24, 2004 6:00 p.m.
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- Plymouth Symphony Orchestra
- Andrew Lloyd Webber: *Symphonic Reflections*
- Frederick Loewe: *My Fair Lady Selections*
- Charles Strouse: *Musical Highlights from Annie*
- Richard Rodgers: *Richard Rodgers in Concert*
- John Kander: *Medley from Chicago*
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Three delicious layers tall, the Spirited Southern Sweet Potato Bars feature an oatmeal cookie crust and a crunchy oat-pecan streusel topping

Something spirited for Thanksgiving

No doubt about it, Thanksgiving has its 'must have' recipes, and if they don't appear, you hear about it. But family and friends will appreciate something new, too.

Spirited Southern Sweet Potato Bars are the perfect something new if not for the big feast, then for nibbling before and after the main event.

Three delicious layers tall, they feature an oatmeal cookie crust and a crunchy oat-pecan streusel topping.

Mashed sweet potatoes, lightly sweetened with brown sugar, replace the more traditional pumpkin in the flavorful filling, which gets its southern 'spirit' from a splash of bourbon and a dash of cayenne pepper.

Because they are adaptable and virtually fail-proof, bar cookies are irresistible not only to the casual cook, but to the experienced baker as well.

They are easier and quicker to make than other types of cookies, which have to be rolled, molded or dropped from a spoon.

SPIRITED SOUTHERN SWEET POTATO BARS

- 2 cups Quaker oats (quick or old fashioned uncooked)
 - 1/2 cups all purpose flour
 - 1/4 tsp salt (optional)
 - 1/4 to 1/2 tsp ground red pepper (cayenne pepper)
 - 1 cup (two sticks) butter softened
 - 2/3 cup granulated sugar
 - 1 tsp vanilla
 - 2 cups mashed cooked sweet potatoes or canned pumpkin
 - 2 eggs lightly beaten
 - 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
 - 2 tsp bourbon OR 1/2 teaspoon rum extract optional
 - 1 cup chopped pecans
- Heat over to 375 degrees
Spray 13x9 inch metal baking pan with cooking spray. In a

large bowl, combine oats and flour, mix well. Transfer 2/3 cup to small bowl and add salt and red pepper, set aside for filling.

To remaining oat-flour mixture, add butter, granulated sugar and vanilla, blend with electric mixer on low to medium speed until crumbly. Reserve one cup for topping. Press remaining mixture evenly onto bottom of prepared pan. Bake 15 minutes, remove from oven.

In separate bowl, combine sweet potatoes, eggs, brown sugar, bourbon and reserved 2/3 cup oat-flour-red pepper mixture, mix well. Spread filling over warm crust. Add nuts to reserved one cup topping mixture, mix well. Sprinkle evenly over sweet potato filling, patting lightly. Bake 30-35 minutes or until topping is light golden brown.

Cool in pan on wire rack, cut into bars. Serve at room temperature. Store in refrigerator tightly covered. Makes 32 bars.

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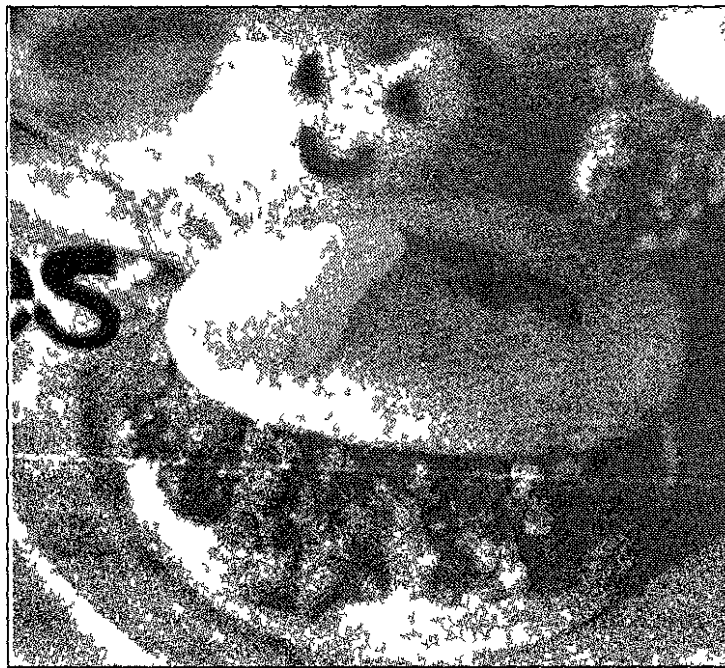
Scare up some frightfully fantastic foods for your Halloween party. Treat guests - kids and adults alike - to a howlin' good time feasting on this devilishly delicious menu.

Start with a punch Cast a spell on party goers with a cup of wickedly wonderful Witch's Brew, served from a jack-o-lantern punch bowl.

Move to the main dishes Guests can enjoy Spooky Sloppy Joes, decorated in all sorts of ghoulish guises, or a bewitching bowl of Monster Meatball Soup.

Finish with a sweet treat Terrifically tasty Scary Tarts topped with fun and frightful sights promise a fiendishly fine ending to a goblin good party.

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Garnish these Spooky Sloppy Joes with cheese ghosts and olive bats

SCARY TARTS

- 1 can (14 ounces) Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (not evaporated milk)
 - 1 cup cold water
 - 1 pkg. (4 serving size) instant white chocolate flavor pudding mix
 - 2 cups frozen nondairy whipped topping thawed
 - 2 packages (4 ounces each) single serve graham cracker pie crusts
 - Decorations**
 - Assorted candles colored sprinkles or Halloween candy cut outs
- Blend Eagle Brand and water with mixer or wire whisk in a large bowl. Beat in pudding mix until blended.
- Chill at least 10 minutes. Fold in whipped topping. Spoon into pie crusts, chill and decorate, as desired. Refrigerate leftovers. Makes 12 tarts.

WITCH'S BREW

- 1 can (14 ounces) Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (not evaporated milk)
 - 1 can (46 ounces) pineapple juice
 - 1 bottle (2 liters) orange soda chilled
 - Orange sherbet optional
- Stir together condensed milk and pineapple juice in a large punch bowl. Add orange soda. Top with sherbet if desired. Serve over ice. Refrigerate leftovers. Makes four quarts.

SPOOKY SLOPPY JOES

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 small onion chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped orange or red bell pepper
- 1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce with basil, garlic and oregano
- 1/2 cup chili sauce
- 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp black pepper
- 4 hamburger buns



Monster Soup features meatballs, vegetables and pasta in a delicious and spooky broth.

Brown ground beef with onion and bell pepper in large non-stick skillet over medium heat for 8-10 minutes (breaking into crumbles).

Pour off drippings. Stir in tomato sauce, chili sauce, Worcestershire sauce, salt and pepper. Cook an additional three minutes or until heated through, stirring occasionally.

Spoon equal amounts of beef mixture on bottom half of each bun. Close with top half of each bun. Decorate beef mixture or bun tops with decorations as desired. To make olive bats, cut sliced black olives in half and arrange them to resemble bat wings. To make ghosts, use cookie cutters to cut ghost shapes from thin slices of cheese.

MONSTER MEATBALL SOUP

- 1 package (16 ounces) frozen fully cooked beef meatballs
- 1 cup frozen vegetable mixture


(broccoli cauliflower carrots)

- 2 cups water
- 1 can (14 to 14 1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes with roasted garlic
- 3/4 cup uncooked small pasta shapes (such as Halloween alphabet or wagon wheels)
- Dairy sour cream (optional)

Combine frozen vegetables, water, broth, undrained tomatoes and pasta in large saucepan, bring to boil. Reduce heat, simmer according to package directions until pasta is just tender.

Meanwhile, microwave meatballs according to package directions.

Add meatballs to soup, heat through. Serve with sour cream if desired.



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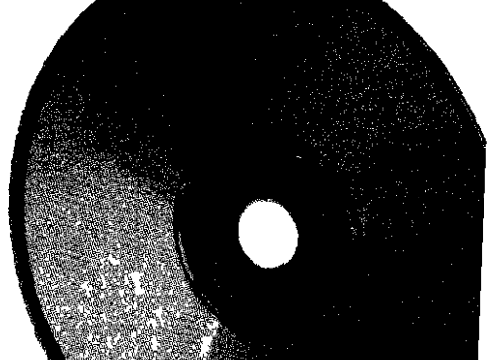
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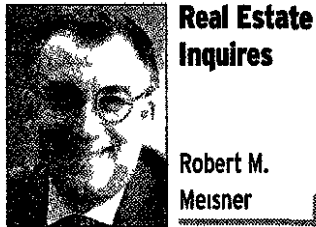
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No hot water, defects, irk homeowners

I live in a condo and we have had no hot water for a number of days. The board's president told us to contact the management company who told us that it's the tenant's responsibility to have the boiler fixed. More and more problems are being handled this way by not being handled. What course do we have, as tenants, in this situation? It all depends on what your condominium documents say and your rights against your landlord under your lease. You are entitled to the useful enjoyment of your premises as a tenant regardless of whether or not you own a condominium. Your landlord/co-owner should be advancing your interest with the association, assuming it is the association's responsibility to fix the hot water heater. If, in fact, it is the co-owner's responsibility, that is between you and the co-owner. Good luck.

My parents bought a home five years ago, and since then they have encountered numerous structure problems, some of which were hidden by the seller. My question is, since we have been encountering all these problems over this span of five years, can we still take legal action against the previous owner for not disclosing some of this information in real estate documents, or is it too late? You might take the position that this was a breach of contract, which allows you to pursue the claim for six years from the date of the breach of the contract, but there is, of course, no guarantee that a court will look at it as such. Negligent and/or intentional misrepresentation would be the basis of your claim. You are best advised to consult with an attorney, but I would certainly attempt to pursue the matter if you can establish that these defects were hidden purposefully by the seller.

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ALASKA

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Absent sellers don't necessarily take less for home

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

Is this a wish come true for home buyers?

The sellers had to move to Alaska. They're now making payments on the house in Anchorage and the one they still own here. They're paying two sets of utility bills every month. They're paying for snow removal at their new place and lawn cutting at the old place.

Are these desperate sellers? Can you just about whisk their house out from under them as they become overwhelmed by all the expenses?

Maybe, said Lynn DeJohn. And maybe not.

DeJohn, a Realtor with Quality Real Estate Properties GMAC, Plymouth, said she has an answer for buyers who believe they have the upper hand over absentee sellers.

"If you're thinking of squeezing, give it a try," she said. "Write that offer. Bring something to the sellers. Let them show you how desperate they are. Sellers have three options about an offer: accept, reject, or counter."

But the sellers might not be desperate at all, DeJohn said. They might have the eco-

nomie ability to operate two houses, she said. Or their former home might now be in the hands of a third-party company that has advanced them the equity they had in the property and is handling the operating expenses, she said.

"So don't take it for granted that you can steal a house just because of the sellers' situation," she said.

It's really like any other deal, she said. "You make an offer so you can find out how low the sellers are willing to go. But at the same time, you have to know how high you're willing to go."

DIFFERENT ROLE

In Andy Sakmar's 30-plus years in real estate, he said, he's learned that the agent for absentee sellers has additional responsibilities.

If the sellers don't have a friend or neighbor looking after the house, Sakmar said, the agent takes on that task, following up on showings by other agents and seeing that lights are off and doors are locked. Sakmar is the broker at Century 21 Sakmar & Associates, Rochester.

"The absentee sellers are not

really at a disadvantage," Sakmar said, "but their agent might be. We deal through faxes and express mail and when you try to negotiate over the phone, there are things that might be more difficult to pull together than if you're face to face."

And because of "that popular misconception among buyers," he said, "it might be a little more often that we get offers further off the mark. But there are no distress sales in these situations."

At the same time, he said, the emptiness of an empty house can be a disadvantage. "A furnished home always shows better," he said. "Empty reveals flaws."

How far away the sellers might be is not the issue, according to Richard Halmekangas, broker, One Way Realty, Livonia. It's whether they're there or not. "When sellers are occupying the home," Halmekangas said, "there is an unconscious tendency for the buyers to believe the sellers are set and not going to negotiate much."

If the house is vacant, the tendency is to assume that the sellers are in trouble.

If there's a disadvantage on either side of the deal with absentee sellers, Halmekangas said, it

could be for the buyers, who might not be able to gain "intimate knowledge of the house, the well-being of the house."

"You don't just buy the house, you buy the owners," he said. "Are they persons of character, did they maintain it, did they do what they said they were going to do? Repair things properly or just patch them up?"

BE PARTICULAR

And then there's Jody M. White, broker, Ruce Realty, Westland.

She said the absentee sellers will have no problems "if they have the right agent."

The "right agent," she said, is someone who knows the local market very well, has an extremely high sense of responsibility and is an excellent communicator.

The sellers, she said, have to have continual "reassurance about the market. They need comfort. They have to know what's going on."

As for advantage or disadvantage to the buyers, she said, as in any home sale, the sellers might remain unknown strangers. "Buyers might never know who the sellers are."

Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

Higher FHA limits open more doors

Can you imagine buying a \$200,000 plus home with only \$6,270 out of your own pocket? The FHA's small down payment provision and the market's continued low mortgage interest rates have now created compelling reasons for renters to buy homes now instead of later.

You may be an FHA mortgage candidate if you have a very small down payment, if you have slightly bruised credit, or if you cannot otherwise qualify for a conforming mortgage. With the FHA, you may receive your down payment as a "gift," and you may use a non-occupant co-borrower, if required, to help you qualify.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has increased the maximum FHA loan value for single-family dwellings in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, Lenawee, and Livingston Counties, to \$209,000. The monthly payment on FHA mortgages at the upper limit is about \$1,060 per month on Adjustable-Rate Mortgages, and close to \$1,285 per month for a 30-year fixed-rate loan. Add on a few hundred dollars a month for real estate taxes, homeowners insurance, and mortgage insurance, and you are in your own home.

Current renters should be able to buy a home using the FHA guidelines for almost 40 percent more than they currently pay for monthly rent and still come out ahead. Let's say your current monthly rent is \$1,200, and your marginal tax bracket is 33 percent. The payment on a home purchase of \$200,000 (assuming property taxes and homeowners insurance of \$2,800 and \$600 per year, respectively) would be about \$1,630 per month.

TAX BENEFIT

Because you will be receiving an income tax benefit in this case approximately equal to 33 percent of the \$17,200 of taxes and interest you will be paying during the year, your effective monthly home payment will be reduced by about \$475. This makes it about \$45 per month cheaper (over \$540 annually) to own your home instead of renting.

Need more? As your \$200,000 home appreciates at even a minimal 4 percent per year, it will be worth about \$225,000 in 36 months yielding a four-fold return on your original 3 percent down payment. Thanks FHA!

Timothy J. Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. You may reach him toll free at (866) 369 4516 or via www.HomeQuartersBIZ.com. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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Rates for 30-year mortgages falling again

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

After rising sharply since late June, rates on benchmark 30-year mortgages retreated for the third week in a row, a trend that should help keep the housing market humming.

For the week ending Friday, Sept. 26, the average rate on 30-year mortgages dipped to 5.98 percent from 6.01 percent a week ago, the mortgage company Freddie Mac reported Thursday in its weekly nationwide survey of rates.

The rate was the lowest since late July, when 30-year mort-

gages averaged 5.94 percent.

Rates on 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, held steady at 5.30 percent this week. Rates for one-year adjustable mortgages edged down to 3.77 percent, from 3.81 percent.

The averages for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points.

Thirty-year and one-year ARMs each carried an average fee of 0.6 point this week. Fifteen-year mortgages carried an average 0.5 point fee.

A year ago, rates on 30-year

mortgages averaged 5.99 percent, 15-year mortgages were 5.41 percent and one-year adjustable mortgages stood at 4.22 percent.

In mid-July rates on 30-year mortgages slid to 5.21 percent, the lowest in more than four decades. But then investor concerns about the economy and the Federal Reserve's handling of short-term interest rate policy pushed bond rates up, causing long-term mortgage rates to rise.

In the past three weeks, however, rates on 30-year mortgages have gone down.

Freddie Mac economist Amy Crews Cutts, explaining the drop below 6 percent for 30-year fixed rate mortgages said that "investors in bond markets were calmed by assurances from Fed monetary policy-makers that no action would be taken until 2004" to raise short-term interest rates.

She was referring to the Fed's decision last week to hold a key short-term interest rate at a 4.5-year low of 1 percent and the Fed's statement that short-term rates may stay at such low levels for some time.

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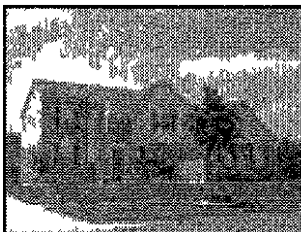
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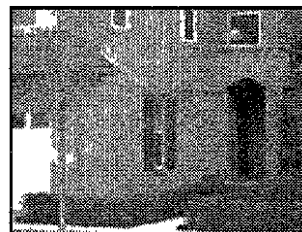
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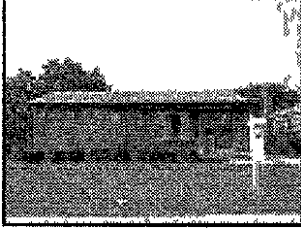
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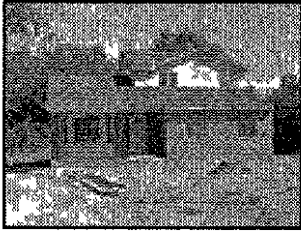
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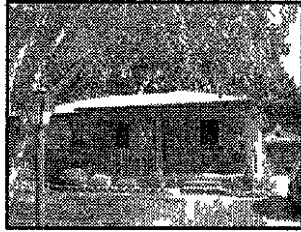
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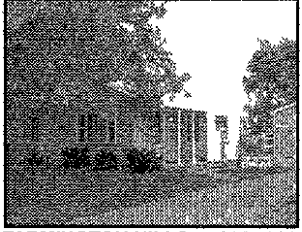
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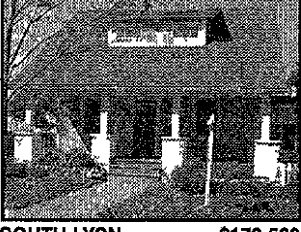
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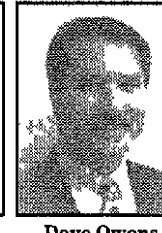


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HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the *Observer & Eccentric*-area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of May 19-23 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

43593 Abbey Woods	\$273,000	50455 Monroe	\$224,000	18781 Wh tby	\$194,000
43062 Arlington	\$212,000	44509 N Umberland	\$128,000		
3471 Brooklyn	\$110,000	2568 Shagbark	\$350,000		
2015 Cobra	\$279,000	47029 Southwick	\$370,000		
524 Constitution	\$208,000	49123 Wooster	\$120,000		
1749 Crestview	\$325,000				
1541 Delancy	\$100,000				
7678 Embassy	\$270,000				
43610 Hanover	\$216,000				
1670 Ironwood	\$254,000				
1321 Longfellow	\$183,000				
45302 Middlebury	\$330,000				
50403 Monroe	\$158,000				

Rooms that sell houses to be profiled

It's the room that quickens your heart beat. It's the room that talks to you and says — 'buy this house. For you, it's the reason to live there. "Killer rooms," sales agents call them.

In a new series, 'Rooms that Sell Houses' the *Observer & Eccentric* will show you such rooms in homes throughout the area.

If you're selling a home with a 'killer' room, or if you're a real estate agent offering a house with one, we'd like to hear from you so we can tell our readers about it. Contact Keely Kaleski, assistant managing editor Features, (248) 901-2587, or e-mail kkaleski@oehomecomm.net

Look for our feature on a 'killer kitchen' in the Oct. 16 edition of Real Estate.

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate construction architecture and mortgage communities.

Send a brief summary including town of residency and photo to Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Attn: Keely Kaleski, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 805 E Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Our fax number is (248) 644-1314.

quarter of 2004, this building will be considering tenants ranging in size from 10,000 square feet to 264,000 square feet.

Known as Orchards Corporate Center, 27725 & 27755 Stansbury Boulevard, a Class A office property, measures 216,070 square feet and is at 12 Mile and Orchard Lake roads. This property can accommodate tenants ranging in size from 2,144 square feet to 30,000 square feet. For more information, visit www.grubbell.com

work for Kroger co., Beaumont Hospitals and Henry Ford Hospital. A Westland resident, he earned a bachelor degree in architecture from Lawrence Technological University.

Sachse is building a \$13 million shopping center on Hilton Road near West Grand River in Brighton Township. The 15,000-square-foot center will house Livingston County's first custom-home theater retailer — SF AVIO, "Michigan's Home Theater Store." Dave Barnett, AVIO's president and founder, is developing the project called Grand Hilton Center. When complete in late fall, the center will include space for two to three other tenants.

AVIO sells and installs high-end home theater systems to individuals and residential developers. They also operate retail outlets in Troy and Bay Harbor. For information about Sachse, visit www.sachseconstruction.com

SACHSE CONSTRUCTION

Jim Sharkey has joined Sachse Construction of Farmington Hills, a provider of premium commercial construction and design/build services as a superintendent. Sharkey had been project manager with FH Martin Construction Co. His 15-year construction career includes commercial and health care construction.

NEW OFFICE LISTINGS

Grubb & Ellis Company announced two new office listings totaling over 480,000 square feet in Farmington Hills. Team members Ray Husband, senior vice president, Office Group and Edward Wujek, office specialist, Office Group recently secured the following listings in Farmington Hills — 27555 Farmington Road. Formerly occupied by Citimortgage, this property measures 264,000 square feet and will be completely renovated. Available for occupancy in the second

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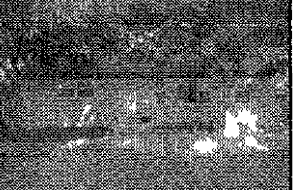















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15yr Fx	4.875	0.00	30day	\$280	5.06apr	15yr Fx	5.00	0.00	30day	\$300	5.06apr	31r Arm	3.25	0.00	45day	\$300	3.83apr
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Oregon property values rise despite wildfires

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

When wildfires forced residents of Camp Sherman to evacuate for a few weeks in late August and early September, home builders Chris Peters and Jim Christian didn't worry there would be less demand for their work.

"Property values keep going up here," Christian said. "People just buy insurance and hope their house doesn't burn."

If anything, the Booth and Bear Butte fire complex, which has burned 90,824 acres and continues to cook, has slowed builders in their quest to put up new homes in the area.

"We've missed a bunch of work over this," Peters said. "About a month."

Though wildfires in the area the past two years have interrupted summer vacations, caused evacuation hassles for residents and hurt tourism, they haven't put a damper on people's desire to live among the trees here.

Property values in Camp Sherman and neighboring Black Butte Ranch, both about 10 miles west of Sisters, have continued to soar. And new buyers, ready to purchase homes that can range in the millions of dollars, keep coming.

There are reasons for this seemingly counterintuitive phenomenon: dizzying growth

in this part of Central Oregon during the past decade, faith in firefighters and the belief that "it won't happen to me" when it comes to houses burning down.

"The fires haven't had any effect but short term," said Rad Dyer, owner of Ponderosa Properties, one of the largest real estate companies in Sisters. "As soon as one's resolved the market comes back. Already in Camp Sherman, buyers are coming back to look."

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Mike Reed, co-owner of Coldwell Banker Reed Bros Realty, said in some cases fires last summer increased property values in Black Butte because mountain views from houses were widened.

"This year we are ahead of last year for sales, and last year we were ahead of the year before," he said. "The numbers don't lie."

The thick Deschutes National Forest, dry weather and activities like hiking and skiing have made this part of the state a growing tourist area. It has also become a Mecca for retirees, as thousands of Oregonians and others from diverse parts of the country arrive every year.

According to the 2002 census, Redmond and Bend, both about 20 miles from Sisters,

ranked respectively first and fourth for the fastest-growing cities in the state.

Much of that boom has spilled over to the Sisters area. And residents know the population magnet will continue to drive property prices up.

Ten years ago, Baby Boomers Laurie and Kevin Adams bought a 3,200 square foot house in Camp Sherman for \$185,000.

Today it's worth over \$500,000, Laurie Adams said. And worries about wildfires?

"There is one camp of people who say you've had your fire and the likelihood of a second one in the same spot is slim," she said. "I'm in that camp."

Last summer, the Cache Mountain fire burned two houses in Black Butte Ranch. Fires this summer came within feet of dozens of other houses in Camp Sherman.

None of that discouraged Joe Lautze and his wife from building a house. The retired couple is living in an RV this summer while they wait for construction to be completed. They were evacuated from Camp Sherman twice because of wildfires, but can't wait to move in to their dream home.

"If you talk to others you know how well organized the effort has been" to protect houses, said Lautze.

Indeed, dozens of residents interviewed here raved about how well firefighters managed

the fire. So far, over \$25 million has been spent fighting it, making it the second most expensive fire in the country this summer, said Robin Vora, spokesman for the U.S. Forest Service.

Dave Baumgartner, a division supervisor who worked to protect homes in Camp Sherman, said many residents he dealt with had little understanding of the forest or the risks of wildfires.

"They think it won't happen to them," he said. "We struggle with that."

Baumgartner said that as the number of inexperienced forest dwellers who move into the woods increases, it will become more difficult to get them to observe fire prevention techniques, such as thinning trees around property and putting on metal roofs to guard against falling embers.

That could lead to more houses getting burned, he said. Still, fire threats aside, population growth in the woods in this area won't likely subside anytime soon.

Roger White, who has owned the only grocery store in Camp Sherman for eight years, says he expects to continue seeing new faces of residents every year.

"This is one of the crown jewels in Oregon recreation," he said. "And the houses are going up faster than you can blink."

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HOME BUYING SEMINAR

Standard Federal Bank will hold a free home buying seminar on how to select and finance a home. The seminar will meet 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 4, at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tips will be provided on the entire home buying process from how to set a housing budget, understanding credit reports, defining home and neighborhood checklist and the mortgage application process. Call (800) 643-9600, Ext. 22532.

CONDOMINIUM COURSE

Condominium attorney and columnist, Robert M. Meisner, Esq., of Meisner & Associates, P.C., an adjunct professor of community association law at Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University and Cooley Law School, is again teaching his course entitled "Condominium Operation Introduction to The Essentials for Success" 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7-28, at the Bingham III Office Park, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms. Program sponsored by Oakland Community College. The cost for this class is \$95 per attendee. Call (248) 522-3618 or (248) 644-4433.

HOME SEEKER WORKSHOP

Experts from Ross Mortgage discuss the trials and triumphs of home loans and mortgages 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, Butterfield Auditorium, 2155 Butterfield Dr., Troy, off Big Beaver Road between Crooks and Coolidge. No charge. Call (248) 547-4700 or www.ross-mortgage.com to register.

PRE-LICENSE CLASS

Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination with a 16-hour comprehensive seminar offered by Walled Lake Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute. The seminar is scheduled 6-10 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Oct. 13-22, at Walled Lake Middle School (46720 W. Pontiac Trail). The cost is \$205 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Thursday, Oct. 9 to Walled Lake Community Education. Call (248) 956-5000.

HOME BUILDING SEMINAR

Livonia Community Education, in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute will a 16-hour seminar on Home Building Protecting You and Your Investment, 6-10 p.m.

Monday/Wednesday, Oct. 13-22, at Holmes Middle School, 16200 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

The course covers home financing, the building process, and builder's terms and contracts. The instructor, who is a licensed builder, will cover the basics of buying property, building codes and permits. The cost is \$205 plus \$30 for two textbooks. Pre-registration with payment is required by Thursday, Oct. 9. Call (734) 744-2602 or www.buildersinstitute.com.

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Waterford Community Education, in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute will a 16-hour seminar on Home Building Protecting You and Your Investment, 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday Oct. 14-23, at Kettering High School (2800 Kettering Road).

The course covers home financing, the building process, and builder's terms and contracts. The instructor, who is a licensed builder, will cover the basics of buying property, building codes and permits. The cost is \$205 plus \$30 for two textbooks. Pre-registration with payment is required by Friday, Oct. 10. Call (248) 674-3145.

PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT

Bloomfield Hills Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute will offer a comprehensive 16-hour seminar on Home Building Protecting You and Your Investment, 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Oct. 13-22, at Andover High School, 4200 Andover Road.

The course covers home financing, the building process, and builder's terms and contracts. The instructor, who is a licensed builder, will cover the basics of buying property, building codes and permits. The cost is \$180 plus \$30 for two textbooks. Pre-registration with payment is required by Oct. 9. Call (248) 433-0885.

REAL ESTATE FORUM

Two-day forum Main Street Mania, Woodward and Beyond, Wednesday-Thursday, Nov. 5-6, presented by the University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, School of Business Administration, and the Urban Land Institute Detroit District Council. Day one at the Radisson Kingsley Hotel, Bloomfield Hills features keynote address by Charles J. Wheelan, director of policy and communications for Chicago Metropolitan 2020. Day 2 at the Michigan League, University of Michigan campus, Ann Arbor, features A. Alfred Taubman delivering the keynote address. Cost \$265 for both days, if registered before Oct. 22, or \$295 if registered after. A single day with lunch is \$165, students pay \$50. For more information, or to register, visit www.umforum.com.

Ranches carrying big price tags

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ranch prices are rising in Sublette County, according to an informal survey of the latest real estate listings.

The western Wyoming county, ringed on three sides by mountains, forests and wilderness, has been growing rapidly in recent years as people have found its recreational proper-

ties less costly and less crowded than the real estate market in adjacent Teton County.

However, as more people discover Sublette County, its prices are becoming less affordable.

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734-455-6000 37MA 23091276 \$396,000

CANTON
Must see this outstanding home. Brick paver patio w/lights. Loft w/view to foyer & family room. Hardwood in foyer, kitchen hallway & power room. Newly painted in & out. 3 car side entry garage.
734-455-6000 00BR-23076128 \$349,450

PLYMOUTH
This home has had many quality updates and it has been well cared for. The updates include the kitchen and roof. Also has a 1st floor laundry finished basement area and a family room with a fireplace.
734-455-6000 41SP-23096158 \$259,900

LIVONIA
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LIVONIA
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LIVONIA
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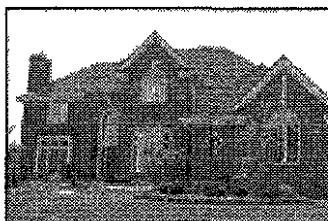
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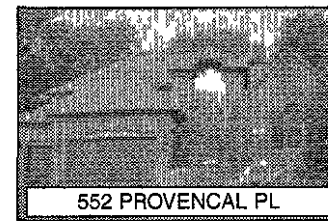
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Beautiful 3 year old colonial in Vintage Estates. Four bedrooms 4.5 baths. Custom features throughout including molding, two fireplaces, vaulted ceilings, finished basement with bath and kitchen. Three car side entry garage. Deck and blue stone patio. 23089159-B



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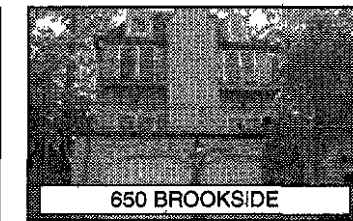
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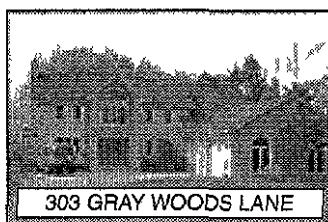
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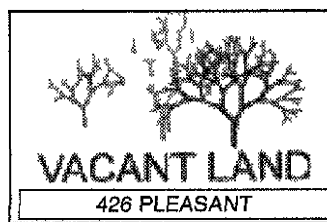
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This charming Norman style country home is one of Quorton Lake Estates. Treasures 13 foot living room ceiling, hand hewn chestnut beams, floor to ceiling brick fireplace, screen porch w/slate floor. Exquisite English gardens. 23058064-L



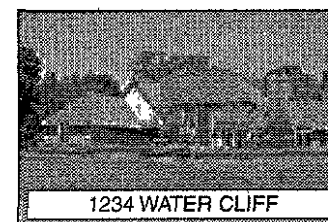
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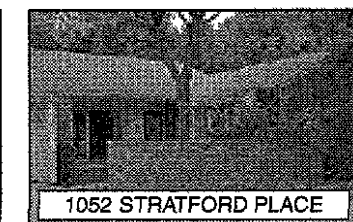
BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$1,349,900

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BIRMINGHAM \$749,000

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$399,000

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$880,000

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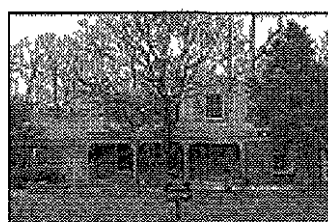
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BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$217,000

Incredible upper unit condo with a versatile floor plan. Three bedrooms, 2 baths, enclosed porches opens to living room and master bedroom. Newer kitchen w/all appliances. Finished basement. 23063576-W



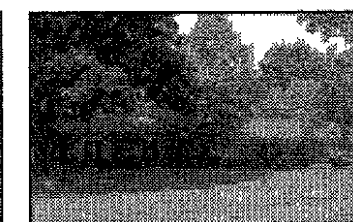
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BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$985,000

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Wonderful Kirkway Pines site condo. 3335 sq ft, 3 bedrooms, 2 full and 2 half baths. 1st floor master with luxurious bath, 2 walk in closets. Cook's delight granite island kitchen. Finished lower level w/2nd kitchen & exercise room. 23097166-R



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TROY \$249,900

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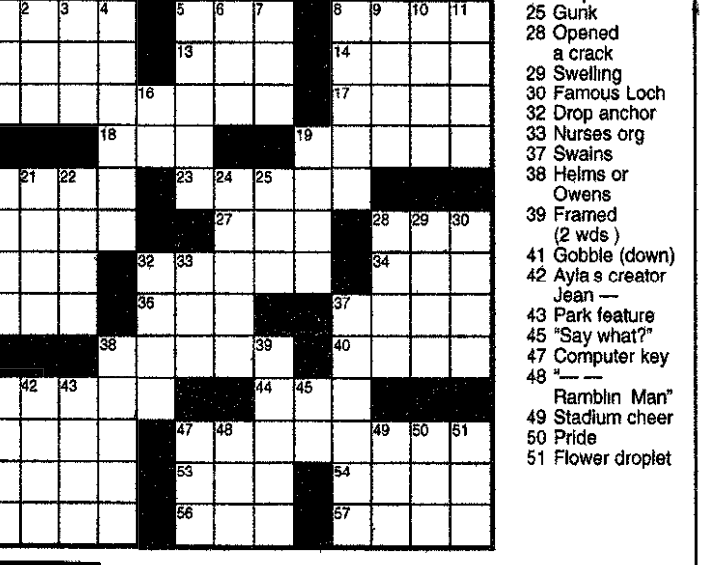
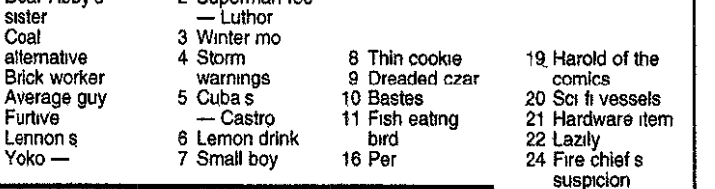
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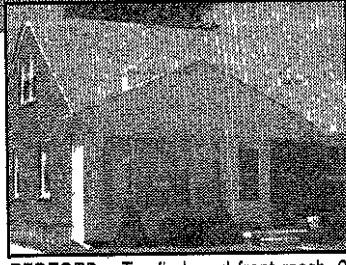
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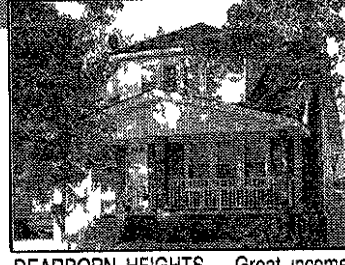
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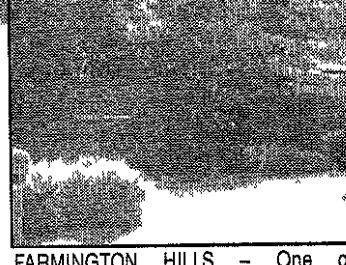
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DEARBORN HEIGHTS - Great income property 2 family brick home Many newer updates roof furnace hot water heater drive windows & fireplace Fenced yard Separate electric 2 bedrooms down & 1 up District #7 schools Central air & 2+ car garage \$159,900 (12HIP) 248 349 5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - One of Applewood's finest A David Lubin design custom home on a cul de sac w/private backyard setting 3 BR 3.5 BA soft contemp home w/upgrades Fin w/o that could be au pair or in law suite Pond w/waterfall 2 decks patio Hot tub 2 furns & generator \$454,900 (14APP) 248 349 5600



NOVI - Lovely 3 BR 1.5 BA home in truly move in condition A sliding doorwall leads from the family room w/replace to an extensive patio that extends to inground heated pool Recent kitchen & bath upgrades C/A Newer roof & windows fresh paint newer carpet neutral t/o \$234,900 (59OAK) 248 349 5600



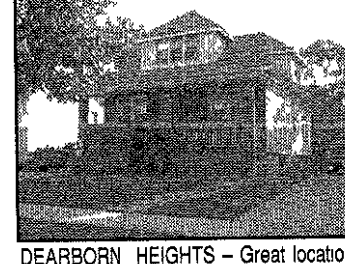
CANTON - Popular Embassy Sq Ranch Great value in this 3 bedroom 2 bath home Raised hearth woodburning fire place large deck master bath basement & 2 car attached garage \$199,900 (78FAI) 734 455 5600



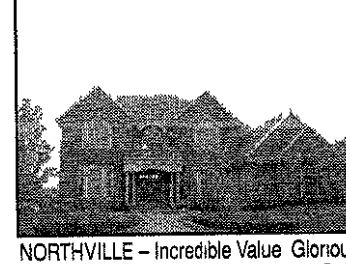
PLYMOUTH - Park like setting in private backyard 3 bedroom 2 bath brick ranch Open floor plan w/cath ceiling refinished hwdw flrs newer kit w/ceramic pull up bar seating Kraftmaid cabs appls included sunny dining area w/ceramic floor case ment windows w/view of yard Basement & garage \$212,000 (31LAK) 734 455 5600



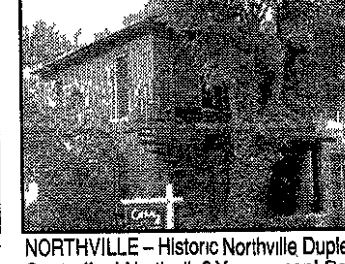
GREEN OAKS - A little bit of country Large 4 bedroom 2 bath raised ranch w/2 car attached garage walk out lower level 2 fireplaces w/raised hearth newer w n dows ceramic tile in foyer Kitchen & bath doorwall from master & dining room to 45 x 16 deck \$194,619 (51SOM) 734 455 5600



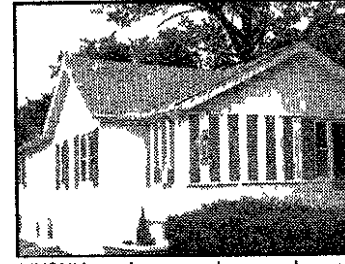
DEARBORN HEIGHTS - Great location for ths 2 family income Perfect opportunity to have a income owned property 2 bedrooms n lower unit and one in the upper Newer furnace District #7 schools \$129,900 (21HUR) 248 349 5600



NORTHVILLE - Incredible Value Glorious waterfront estate n Stonewater Sub Largest square footage built by Mccoen Upgrades marble granite custom cherry cabs 2 story enclosed porch spiral stair case MBR w/3 way frpic sitting room & glamour bath Finished LL w/kit bath & BR \$1,249,000 (02MAN) 248 349 5600



NORTHVILLE - Historic Northville Duplex Can't afford Northville? Yes you can! Rare historic duplex Wooded lot w/brck Beautiful Updates throughout Live in main flat rent upper flat & bonus studio Super curb appeal This is an awesome investment opportunity \$286,000 (10FRAN) 248 349 5600



LIVONIA - Awesome Livonia charmer Large 3 bedroom ranch sitting on a double lot offers 3 large bedrooms huge dining room w/built in china cabinet kitchen w/attached breakfast nook newer win dows & roof shingles large garage w/elec tricity + 1 year home warranty \$157,900 (25HUG) 734 455 5600



WAYNE - Cute bungalow Great Wayne bungalow w/updated carpet windows fur nace C/A & roof Remodeled kitchen neu tral decor throughout Open floor plan Must see! \$116,000 (89WIN) 734 455 5600



PLYMOUTH 705 South Main St. 734-455-5600
NORTHVILLE 175 CadyCentre 248-349-5600

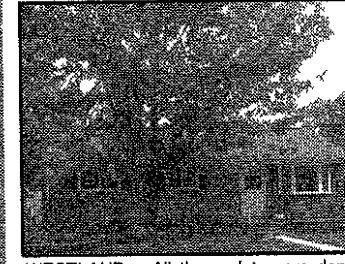
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ROSEVILLE - Ready to move in 3 bed room 1 bath ranch with updates galore Newer cabinets & tile in kitchen Updated bathroom All newer windows furnace A/C roof driveway carpet plumbing & electrical Kitchen appliances stay 2 plus car garage w/220 & work area \$134,900 (24BAY) 248 349 5600



LINCOLN PARK - Quiet tree lined street Well maintained 3 BR all brick ranch in desirable area Newer remodeled kitchen w/2nd kitchen in partially finished base ment Patio & shed in lovely backyard One year home warranty offered Move right in \$117,900 (75MIC) 248 349 5600



WESTLAND - All the updates are done Maintenance free 3 bedroom 2 bath brick ranch w/updated kitchen roof furnace C/A & finished basement w/possible 4th bedroom 2.5 car garage w/newer door opener all sitting on a newer landscaped double lot \$185,500 (06GIL) 734 455 5600

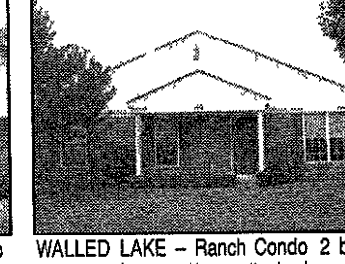


LIVONIA - Don't miss this one! Cute clean 3 bedroom ranch w/great floor plan fresh ly painted updated bath w/ceramic tile furnace hot water heater steel entry doors + 2 car garage \$126,500 (01GIL) 734 455 5600

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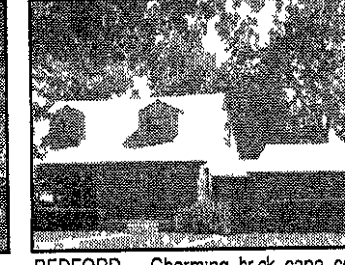
NOVI - Major updates 4 BR 2.5 BA colonial w/LR DR FR w/gas fireplace hwdw fresh paint newer roof doors windows furnace C/A HWH & light fixtures Updated kitchen w/garden window fur nished bsmt fenced yard patio trees & s dewalks Novi schools \$249,900 (39HAM) 248 349 5600



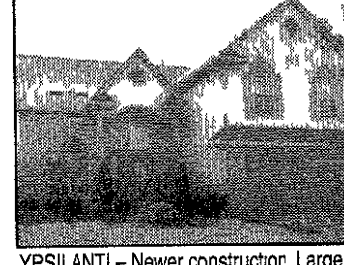
WALLED LAKE - Ranch Condo 2 bed room ranch unit w/1 car attached garage Full basement w/cedar closet Newer hardwood floor in great room kitchen and dining room Vaulted ceiling in great room w/natural fireplace Private patio off dining area MBR w/walk in closet Super clean \$156,500 (02DOV) 248 349 5600



PLYMOUTH - Well maintained ranch Updated 3 bedroom 2 bath brick home w/newer roof (tear off) carpet furnace C/A ceramic bath finished basement 2.5 car garage walking distance to elemen tary school \$209,500 (21GRE) 734 455 5600



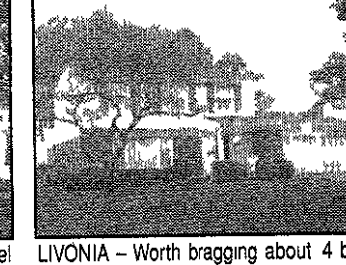
REDFORD - Charming brick cape cod Maintenance free beautifully kept easy access to the freeway 3 bedrooms 2 baths 2 car attached garage finished basement natural fireplace hardwood floors woodwork & built in throughout Updates & fresh paint Big deck & fenced yard \$184,900 (02FAR) 734 455 5600



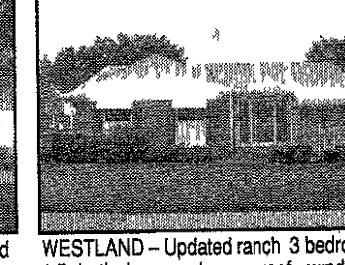
YPSILANTI - Newer construction Large 4 bedroom 2 full & 2.5 bath colonial built in 1995 offering 2 car attached garage finished basement 2 way fireplace n master bedroom & master bath Special features including vaulted & cathedral ceilings skylights Jacuzzi tub & more \$257,900 (80JUS) 734 455 5600



DEARBORN HEIGHTS - Great one level living Great buy on ths ranch home w/2 car garage Covered porch & good roof Home needs some TLC Central air First floor laundry room Nice neighborhood \$84,900 (35WIL) 248 349 5600



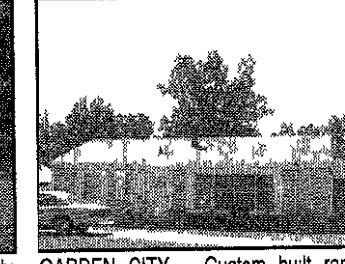
LIVONIA - Worth bragging about 4 bed room 2.5 bath colonial w/all the extras tucked away n Lyndon Meadow FR w/frpic newly finished basement updated kitchen private master BR & BA formal DR updated windows paint decor Hardwood floor Quick occupancy \$244,900 (32BUC) 248 349 5600



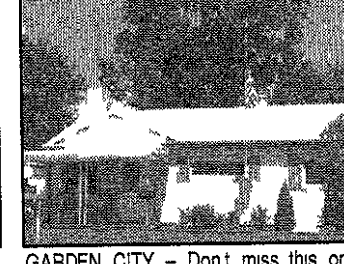
WESTLAND - Updated ranch 3 bedroom 1.5 bath home w/newer roof windows deck furnace & A/C Hardwood floors 2 car garage w/newer door & electric open er Finished LL makes nice family room Fenced yard & highly sought after Livonia schools \$164,900 (50SAN) 248 349 5600



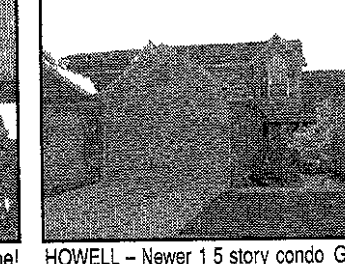
NORTHVILLE - Country in the city Totally remodeled 3 bedroom 2 bath ranch offers 2 car garage circular driveway Andersen windows all appliances Ready for immed iate occupancy! \$189,000 (52MAR)



GARDEN CITY - Custom built ranch Unique floor plan surrounds inground pool offers large living area + 2 kitchens 2 laundry areas separate heating & cooling Newer furnace & C/A units vinyl siding newer roof attached garage all sitting on approx 1/2 acre lot \$193,500 (11DAW) 734 455 5600



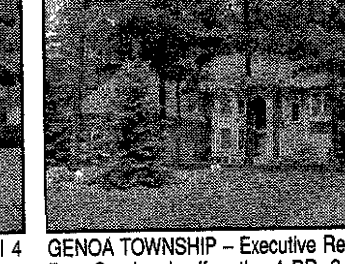
GARDEN CITY - Don't miss this one! Newer roof vinyl siding w ndows C/A front porch & newer appliances + home warranty in this cute 3 bedroom home w/2.5 car garage \$124,900 (38DOV) 734 455 5600



HOWELL - Newer 1.5 story condo Great 2 BR 2 BA unit w/open vaulted ceilings 1st floor laundry 2 car gar & full basement Deck overlooking natural pond Gas fre place Master suite w/WIC 2 seat shower Hardwood floor in kitchen and foyer Oak cabinets bann ster & railings A must see \$182,900 (21NEW) 248 349 5600



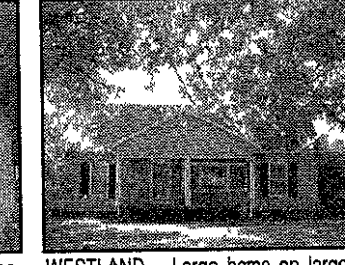
NOVI - Buy Big Pay Small Beautiful 4 BR colonial n wooded sub w/Novi schools Home has been updated Solid foundation spacious sprinkler system electric fence huge deck Some w/hard wood floors newer kitchen roof & furnace Home warranty included \$319,900 (83ENN) 248 349 5600



GENOA TOWNSHIP - Executive Retreat Pine Creek sub offers this 4 BR 2.5 BA home w/open floor plan 2 story LR w/2 way frpic Open FR butlers pantry cherry cabs w/Conan counters Andersen wndws & profes landscaped w/sprinklers 2nd floor sun deck w/porch Access to Brighton Lake \$585,000 (64ARB) 248-349 5600



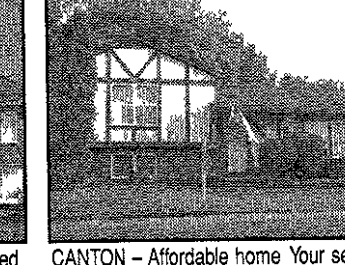
WESTLAND - Charming starter home Cute 2 bedroom ranch w/2.5 car garage updated furnace C/A vinyl windows roof circuit breakers & much more + a home protection plan \$89,888 (24KAR) 734 455 5600



WESTLAND - Large home on large lot Room to roam Hardwood floors & beaut ful oak trim throughout Updated kitchen upstairs has bedroom & computer room Breezeway to attached garage \$159,900 (09PAL) 734 455 5600



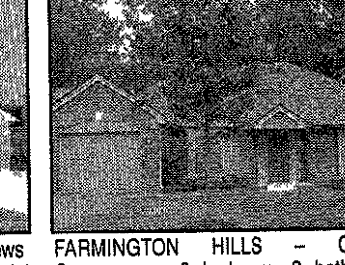
YORK - Better than new Large 4 bed room 2.5 bath colonial presents 3 car attached garage full basement master suite w/heated floor & Jacuzzi tub deck paver patio all sitting on approx a 1 acre lot \$439,900 (51MEL) 734 455 5600



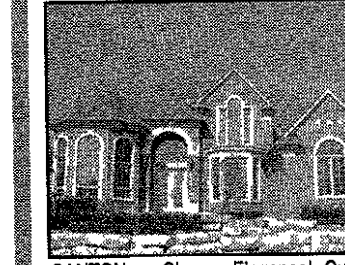
CANTON - Affordable home Your search is over This Canton home features open floor plan Large family room w/replace Neutral t/o Large eat n kitchen All appli ances stay Fenced yard Newer roof hot water heater sump pump Park & play ground in sub Plymouth Canton schools \$175,000 (52HER) 248 349 5600



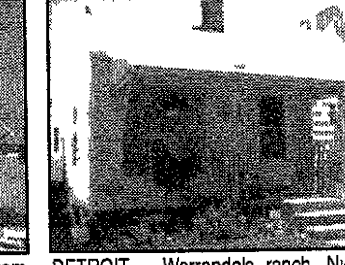
LIVONIA - Gorgeous ranch wow views Great approx 1/2 acre lot w/beautiful vews 3 BR 2.5 BA Kitchen w/white bay cabinets 2 car attached garage Maple floors loop shag carpet Vaulted ceiling Master w/WIC sprinklers Natural frpic Footings for 4 season room This one is a beauty \$274,900 (84SUN) 248 349 5600



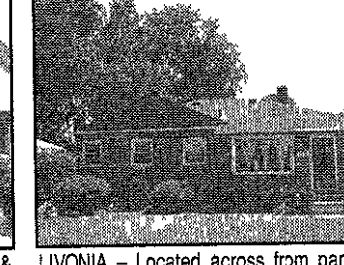
FARMINGTON HILLS - Condo Convenience 2 bedroom 2 bath unit located in an adult community that offers full service plus health care options Spacious ranch w/frpic 1st floor laundry attached garage & basement Wonderful private wooded setting Like new must see \$247,900 (29ARC) 248 349 5600



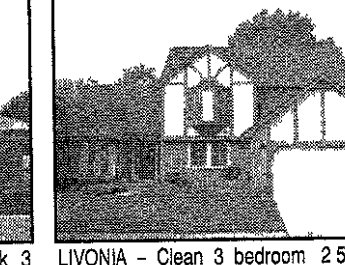
CANTON - Classic Elegance! Custom built on approx 1 acre lots Foyer w/wrought iron & wood trimmed staircase 2 story GR w/frpic & crown molding kit & master bath w/Granite tops All 3 bed rooms have a bath & WIC Full bsmt with w/o & 3 car att gar \$759,000 (51ROL) 734 455 5600



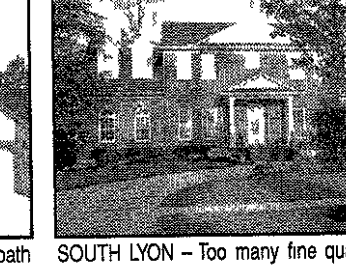
DETROIT - Warrendale ranch Nice & clean 4 bedroom ranch Partially finished basement 2 car garage updates nclude roof furnace C/A hot water heater Appliances are negotiable Some updated windows 1 year home warranty too! \$104,900 (52WES) 734 455 5600



LIVONIA - Located across from park 3 bedroom brick ranch! Ceram c foyer living room w/newer carpet freshly painted cover ceilings newer windows newer wood like flooring in kit & DR Renovated bath w/shower pedestal sink Refinished hwdw flrs in BRs fin bsmt & 2 car garage \$177,900 (70HAR) 734 455 5600



LIVONIA - Clean 3 bedroom 2.5 bath Tudor style home Kitchen w th oak Pergo Corian formal dining room library 1st floor laundry finished basement 50 gal hot water heater C/A organizers in all BR closets Newer carpet and roof 2 car garage Deck \$339,900 (85MYR) 248 349 5600



SOUTH LYON - Too many fine qualities Spectacular best describes this stately 4 BR 3.5 BA custom colonial deep in golf community Certainly nothing spared \$100,000 n upgrades & over \$40,000 in landscap ng nclud ng pavers and custom deck \$884,500 (57SAT) 248 349 5600



NOVI BRICK RANCH Come fall in love with this fabulous home on approx 1/2 acre 3 bedrooms 2 baths w/Northville schools Walk to downtown Newer fur nace hardwood floors carpet & stone tile in baths & kitchen A dream home w/huge garage \$299,900 (31BYR) 248 349 5600

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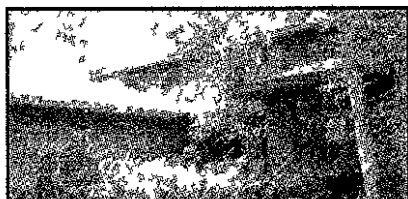
NORTHVILLE \$1,299,000
MAGNIFICENT EXECUTIVE RETREAT! Luxurious living! Dramatic entry! Gourmet kitchen! Indoor pool! fantastic fin bsmt w/sauna, bar & exercise rm. Gorgeous lot. Northville schools! A show place! (950AK2)

248-348-6430



NORTHVILLE \$1,295,000
MAGNIFICENT HOME on exceptional lot backing to nature preserve in Fox Hollow! Dramatic ceilings gourmet kit w/granite! Magnificent mstr ste fin d w/o bsmt Numerous amenities! (54W002)

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NOVI \$550,000
SPACIOUS CUSTOM HOME on 2+ serene acres! 3500+ SF 4 BR 2 full bths/2 half bths Media room sunroom fin d LL 2nd flr laun Northville malling & schools Uncompromising quality! (05NIN2)

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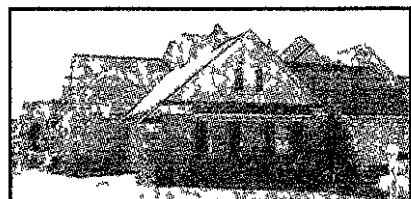
MILFORD \$509,900
FORMER BUILDER'S HOME! 4 BR 3.5 BA 2 sty foyer w/dual circular staircases dbl entry drs gourmet kit granite cnts deck w/gazebo lower level has full kit FR w/FP Total 4700 SF! (E1185)

734-591-9200



CANTON \$480,000
TOP OF THE LINE EVERYTHING! Incredible executive home Over \$100,000 in indispng soaring clngs Gallery appl decorator lighting 3 car gar built in sound system Dream mstr bath granite (23R47597)

734-455-7000



NORTHVILLE \$467,500
STUNNING NEUTRAL CONDO on the best dressed list! 2BRS 2.5 baths Numerous upgrades incl granite lighting carpet & cabinets Extra crown mldg Luxury mstr bath (80LYO2)

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PLYMOUTH \$359,900
COLONIAL ON WOODED LOT! 4 bedroom 2.5 bath expensively upgraded Newer kitchen & baths beautiful flooring & neutral decor 66 acre lot wooded immediate occupancy! (23B47248)

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NORTHVILLE \$319,900
BEAUTIFUL CONDO IN COUNTRY CLUB VILLAGE Open spacious sunlit condo with view of pond 3 bedrooms 3.5 baths 2 fireplaces study with bay window island kitchen Perfect! (90COU2)

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LIVONIA \$299,900
MARVELOUS CUSTOM BUILT RANCH! 3 BR 2.5 bth home on 0.78 acres leads back to Hines Park giving a country estate feel! Private putting green & 17x24 covered deck Many custom features! (A38600)

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LIVONIA \$299,000
PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP SHOWS THRU-OUT! 4 BR 2.5 BA colonial features newer r carpet Pergo flr in DR updated baths wood flrs in kit & nook ceramic in foyer & lav lg FR w/FP & much more! (P14475)

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$279,900
KING SIZE COMFORT IS YOURS In this 4BR 2000 Sq ft colonial 2.5 full baths master suite formal dining room 2 1/2 car att'd gar rec rm C/A newer windows furnace & roof shingles (R271)

PC220282

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FARMINGTON HILLS \$269,900
BEST BUY IN FARMINGTON HILLS! Fabulous schools and highly sought after subdivision Gorgeous hrdwd & ceramic tile flrs up & down Updated kit & BAs newer furn a/c rd elec & much more! (G29011)

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LIVONIA \$263,900
SECLUDED AREA OF COVENTRY Hard to find 4 BR raised ranch w/newer kit w/Merrillat cupboards newer wndws newer carpet in fin bsmt w/glass blk 3 full baths lg utility rm lg lot & more! (S16184)

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NORTHVILLE \$255,000
1903 HISTORICAL FARMHOUSE STYLE! Numerous updates walk out A must see! (26BUT8)

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DEARBORN \$249,900
GROWING FAMILY SPACE IS YOURS IN THIS 4 BR 3 bath 2 000 sq ft Dearborn col Remod kit & baths finished basement hardwood floors newer carpet all appliances C/A & garage Near Divine Child (D172)

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WESTLAND \$249,900
BUY A DREAM 3 BR custom brick & vinyl 1 549 sq ft Westland ranch w/Livonia schools HW floors fam rm w/fireplace remodeled kitchen newer windows carpet roof 2 car (P348)

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PLYMOUTH \$249,900
OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS! 4 bdrm 1.5 bath col Updated kit w/maple cbnts & all appls Formal LR & DR w/hrdwd flrs Newer wndws furnace air filter A/C HWH crpt deck 1st flr Indry (23M9150)

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CANTON \$235,000
PICTURE PERFECT! 4 bedroom 2.5 bath quad level on quiet street Updates include A/C roof windows siding garage & patio doors Beautiful paver walkway (23C622)

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NORTHVILLE \$234,900
GREAT LOCATION! WALK TO TOWN! 2 story home on lg lot 3 BR 3 baths newer roof Pella windows Was income property but can be converted to a family home Never a better time to buy! (15NOV2)

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$229,900
SHARP! SHARP! SHARP! 2 BR 2.5 BA exotic decor very updated vaulted ceiling 2 sty foyer study on main flr loft on 2nd level lovely view of lg deck FP in mstr BR & more!! (A26717)

734-591-9200



LIVONIA \$215,000
THE BEST YOU LL FIND! Sophisticated & warm Don't miss the chance to own this 3.5 bath 3 bdrm condo It has hardwood floors attached 2 car garage professionally finished basement (23M31532)

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WESTLAND \$211,900
A LITTLE SLICE OF HEAVEN 55 acres! Livonia schools! 3 bdrm 2 bath ranch w/walkout! Enjoy this private lot w/creek & wildlife Newer kit & baths Mostly fin bsmt You're gonna love it! (23H7395)

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CANTON \$209,900
CLASSY & STYLISH! 3 BR 1.5 BA colonial 2 car att'd garage basement lots of quality ceramic tile premium carpet Kohler fixtures FR w/FP & cth ceiling lg deck & more! (B2360)

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WESTLAND \$199,999
LARGE 5 BEDROOM 2 STORY HOME 2 1/2 baths 2 1/2 car garage carport and large all season room with hot tub Many updates Bathroom in basement 2 bedrooms upstairs with full bathroom (M384)

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LIVONIA \$194,600
OVER AN ACRE! Beautiful grounds brick ranch with fireplace in living room garage & basement Lot is 165x299 Call to see! (P19127)

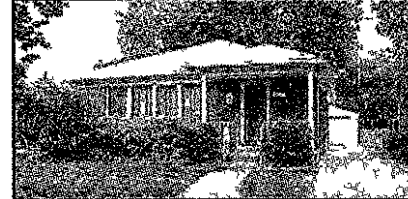
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YPSILANTI \$189,900
STUNNING 3 BEDROOM 2.5 BATH BI-LEVEL This contemporary home sits on an extra large lot Big windows walk in closet master bath walk out lower level 1775 Sq feet Make this a must see! (H742)

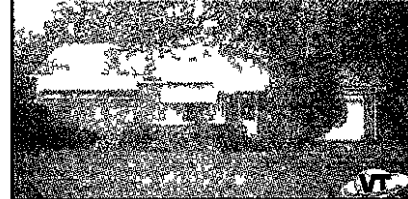
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LIVONIA \$179,900
DESIRABLE RANCH IN OLD ROSEDALE GARDENS Hardwood floors throughout Kitchen has been updated (All appliances stay) Finished basement has second bath Fenced yard Close to X ways school and park (20BER2)

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REDFORD \$174,900
COUNTRY IN THE CITY! This brk ranch sits on a half acre lot New windows in family rm w/FP and separate heat and air Roof 3 yrs furn/air 13 yrs part fin bsmt all appliances (M17394)

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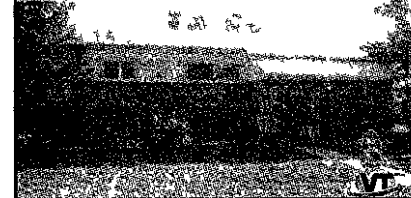
LIVONIA \$163,500
NICE LIVONIA RANCH This 3 Bdrm 1.5 bath home has hardwood floors Liv Rm w/vaulted ceiling updated kitchen finished bsmt 2 car gar fenced yard w/brick patio Livonia schools (54HAR2)

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REDFORD \$159,900
TONS OF CHARM & CURB APPEAL Over 1 500 square feet Formal dining room updated kitchen fireplace walk out basement 2 car garage & more (S143)

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WESTLAND \$156,900
POPULAR TONGUE NEIGHBORHOOD! Location! Close to everything schools ice rink mall Well cared for with many updates thru out Newer furn c/a elec box tear off r/ 220 in gar & more! (B6786)

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REDFORD \$154,900
UNIQUE & ROOMY! Walk out bsmt is fin in drywall All updates are done Home has open flr plan w/tasteful neutral decor Doorwall in lower level walks out to patio & nice yd (B14148)

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LIVONIA \$149,900
GREAT LOWER LEVEL CONDO IN LAUREL PARK 2 BR 2 baths w/beautiful screened porch overlooking commons area Close to everything you need Assoc dues incl heat & water Immed occupancy (75UN12)

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YPSILANTI \$149,900
OUTSTANDING CONDO IN GREAT AREA! Lovely 2 BR 2.5 BA condo nestled on dead end street Spacious deck MSTR BR has WIC's Cathedral ceilings Located near St Joe's Medical facility Ann Arbor (41COL2)

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GARDEN CITY \$137,000
WHAT A NEIGHBORHOOD! This 3 bdrm ranch makes a great start for some lucky buyer Hrdwd flrs in bdrm & under carpet in LR Newer furnace & c/a Deck off back 2.5 car gar w/opener (23R90955)

734-455-7000



LIVONIA \$131,900
SUPER SHARP MINT LIVONIA RANCH! Up dated kitchen & bath furnace & air 7 yrs some vinyl windows r/ 1 yr lg 2 car garage nice lot (75X130) all appliances home warranty (M20332)

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CANTON \$124,900
WELL CARED FOR GROUND FLOOR UNIT All appliances stay Neutral decor Absolutely ready to move into 2 full baths C/A Euro kitchen cabinets and doorwall w/nice view Living room/dining combo (L426)

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WESTLAND \$87,500
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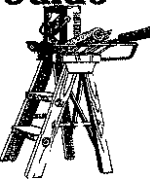
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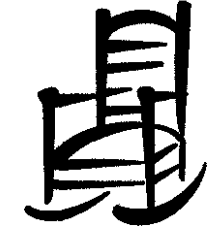
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BIRMINGHAM AREA Estate/Garage Sa Oct 3 & 4 9:30-3 Fr future glass wares household items books toys tools freezer Upton Rd N of Big Beaver E of Adams Look for signs!

BIRMINGHAM 2nd ANNUAL ABBEY TERRACES GARAGE SALE Sat Oct 4 ONLY 9-4 Antiques collectibles clothes much misc! On N Adams S/B of Beaver N off Abbey

BIRMINGHAM 1063 Mohr ga N/Maple & W/Adams Antiques collectibles house hold & decor items Fr & Sat 10-4

BIRMINGHAM Huge Sale Fr & Sat 9-5 536 Hanna N/Maple E of Southfield Furniture household rugs lots of great stuff

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Multi family Household items art work collectibles antique furniture Thur Fr 9-4 4539 Ardmore Drive (off Lahser S of Long Lake)

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Fr Sat 9 4pm 6375 East Surrey Rd Foxcroft Sub W of Telegraph N of Maple Not just a garage sale Fabulous Findings!

BLOOMFIELD HILLS 3814 Oakhills Dr Fr & Sat 9-4 W of Lahser between Maple & Lincoln Furniture toys small appliances & more!

Bloomfield Hills Remodeling/Garage/Moving sale! Fr 8-2 & Sat 8 1pm Bosch dish washer \$150 30 Viking dual fuel range \$1500 16x7 white garage door w/opener & key less \$500 30 white dacor dual fuel range w/wood \$1650 Exercise equipment Clothing samples Kids palora Everything must go! 5560 Woodland Pass W Quanton & Telegraph in Foxcroft Sub

CANTON CONSIGNMENT SALE Sat Oct 4th 8:30am-2pm 43065 Joy Rd W of Llynn Childrens clothing toys & equipment

Canton Embassy Square Sub Over 250 homes 2 blocks S of Ford road between Sheldon and Canton Center Thurs Sat

CANTON Windemere Sub division Sale Oct 2 3 4th 9-9 S of Warren W of Sheldon

CANTON Avon & much more Thurs Sat 9 5 43601 Yorktown Franklin Palmer Sub N/Palmer E/Sheldon

CANTON Central Park Sub wide Oct 2-4 9am 4pm S of Cherry Hill E of Denton Rd W of Beck Rd Entrances off Denton & Beck Rds

CANTON Fri & Sat 10/3 & 10/4 9-3 Toddler toys furni ture clothing & some house hold 1423 Morrison S Ford btwn Morton Taylor & Lilley

CANTON HUGE 6 Family Sale! Oct 3rd & 4th 9-4 6933 Carnegie Hills S/Warren W/Lilley RAIN OR SHINE!

CANTON Moving/Garage Sale! Furniture dryer Oboe etc Fri Sat Sun 9-7 6957 Poppleton Royal Point West Sub S of Warren W of Beck

CANTON Sat & Sun 8-5 Girls clothes 47 6X misc 2663 Daleview Ct S of Palmer

Garage Sales 7110

CANTON Oct 3 5 9-5 Household kids toys clothes 48239 Deer Trail Fox Run Sub N of Ford W of Beck

CANTON Hunters Grove Condos Sub Sale Sat Sun Oct 4 & 5 9 4pm Canton Center/Geddes

ESTATE OF MONA RIDL Fr Sat 10/3 10/4 10 4pm 19655 Neptune Ct/Crystal Lk Dr Highland Lakes off S Iver Spring Dr W of Meadowbrook btwn 7 & 9 Mile Over 400 santas inc Royal Doulton Santa Jugs Modern furniture incl custom Murphy bed w/built in table marble top buffet wall unit mirror bed set lighted corner cabinet sofa tables desk bookcase Lg collection of snowglobes crystal dishes glassware jewelry incens foot lockers Condo loaded w/misc

FARMINGTON HILLS BIG SALE! Air hockey table hock ey equipment misc house hold Oct 4 9am 4pm 22452 Walsingham N9 W/Halstead

FARMINGTON HILLS Garage/Moving Oct 2 3 4 10 4 28114 Shadylane Dr Woodbine Sub N/10 W/Inkster Household goods furniture china crystal more

Farmington Hills Glangary N/12 E/Drake 10/2 4 9 4 Toys home goods infant adult clothes 3 homes 6 families

FARMINGTON HILLS Green Castle Subdivision Near 12 Mile & Middlebelt Oct 2nd Oct 5th 10am 5pm

FARMINGTON HILLS Moving Sale Fr & Sat Oct 3rd & 4th 10-3 Furniture misc 28830 Augusta Copperwood East Sub 13 Mile & Halstead

FARMINGTON HILLS 22025 Boulder Drive 9 m btwn Drake & Halstead Thurs 10 2 8 4 Fri 10 3 8 4 Sat 10 4 8 12 Lots of childrens items

Farmington Hills Thurs Sat 9 5 23143 Baypoint N/9 Mile W/Halstead Home decor furniture tools lots more

Farmington Sat 9 5 Sun 11 4 32050 Dohany W/Orchard Lake N/10 Mi Parlylite Hallmark antiques & more

FARMINGTON SCHOOLS GARAGE SALE Fr Oct 3 8am 5pm (CASH ONLY) Maintenance Building 29350 W 10 Mile Planos scaffolding kitchen equip new & used lockers TV/Comp carts SS Sinks HVAC equip weight benches wood doors misc items (AS IS WHERE IS) Must be removed by 5pm same day For more info call (248) 489 3440

GARDEN CITY Thurs Fri Sat 8 5pm 33442 Kathryn (Off Farmington between Ford & Cherry Hill)

GARDEN CITY 31745 Alvin near corner of Cherry Hill & Merriman Oct 2 3 4 Multi family sale Clothes sizes 14 20 other items

LIVONIA 12049 Arcola Inlster & Plymouth Oct 4 & 5 9 30 5pm Lots of good stuff

LIVONIA 2 family sale 34844 Munger Burton Hollow Thur & Fri 9am 5pm

LIVONIA Oct 3 4 9 5 9009 Lionel between Ann Arbor Tr & Joy Antiques collectibles Christmas Avon much more

Livonia Gigantic multi family sale Collectibles furniture household tools & much much more Thurs Sat 9 30am-7 9131 Montana Ct N Joy E Farmington

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LIVONIA Thur Sun 9 5pm 35927 Dover S off Ann Arbor Trail W of Wayne Rd Collectibles glassware misc

LIVONIA Two Families 31303 W Chicago E/Merriman Oct 3 & 4 8am 4pm

LIVONIA 2 FAMILY MUST SEE Oct 1 3 9am 4pm 38800 Roycroft N/5 Mile W/Hix

LIVONIA Collect b e a e 29682 Robert W of Middlebelt N of W Chicago Glass pottery (most of it s marked) pictures frames prints finished photos sheet music magazines & lots of other stuff! No clothes Rain or sh ne Held in a garage Thurs Fri & Sat 9am 4 pm

LIVONIA Thurs Fri Sat & Sun 9 5 huge garage sale 6 fami lies 2 houses antiques incl dining room set among many many other items S of Plymouth Rd off Harrison between Middlebelt & inkster Rd

LIVONIA 3Thurs Sat 10 4 36091 & 36296 Lyndon E/Levan Bikes kids books software furniture Avon misc

LIVONIA Thurs Sat Oct 2 4 9am 4pm 14618 Stonehouse west off Newburgh north of Lyndon

LIVONIA 29203 Rayburn Oct 2 3 & 4 Antiques Clothing Furniture & Misc 9am to 4pm

LIVONIA 6832 Parklane Levon & 6 Mile Thurs Sat 9 4pm Toys Clothes and new items Lots of Stuff! Everything must go!

LIVONIA Multi families Oct 2 3 4 9 5 39077 & 39105 Jamison Kids items furni ture household & misc

LIVONIA Oct 2 3 4th 9 5 19851 Louise btwn 7 & 8 mi off Middlebelt Little of everything!

LIVONIA Oct 4 & 5 9 5pm Pump organ antique dresser misc items 9327 Frederick Melrose & Delaware

NORTHVILLE Fri & Sat 8 4 555 Novi St Furniture wash er/dryer desks computer stuff household clothes Go to http://www.royalsale.com for map list pictures

Northville Moving/Garage Oct 2 5 lawn tractor and tables boy/girls clothes toys computer/printer household 44677 Oak Forest off (west side) Sheldon S of 6 mile

NOVI 46911 Oak Tree off Cranbrook S of 10 Mile W of Haggerty Oct 3rd & 4th 9-6 clothes furniture misc

NOVI Sofa bed oak dresser school desk bookcases col lectior dolls misc 24435 Nantucket Greenwood Oaks 10 & Beck Thurs Sat 9 5

PLYMOUTH 3 family Garage Sale Housewares clothing miscellaneous 9226 Oakliffe S of Ann Arbor Rd E of I 275 Thur Sat 9 4

PLYMOUTH Huge 7 family! Thur Fr 9am 4pm 10534 Homestead Ln N Territorial W of Napier Rain or Shine

PLYMOUTH Oct 3 4 9 3pm Boy baby & toddler clothes maternity clothes other baby misc furniture household items 41020 Greenbriar Lane S of 5 W of Haggerty

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PLYMOUTH TWP 13443 Portsmouth Crossing off North Territorial Oct 2nd & 3rd 9 3 Oct 4th 9 1 Huge sale! furniture household items linens fabric clothes and much more

PLYMOUTH TWP Multi fami ly! Furniture household toys jr clothes remodeling misc le storm doors hardware misc ant que coffee tables phone stands go cibus bikes amps leaf blower etc 9184 Hackberry between Ann Arbor Rd and Joy off of Lley Thurs & Fr 9 5 Oct 2 & 3

PLYMOUTH Oct 3 4 9 5pm (Schoolcraft/Haggerty) 41102 Greenbrook Lane

Plymouth Thurs Sat 9 4 45072 Westboro Dr Beacon Estates W/Sheldon off Ann Arbor Trail Variety of items Furniture household acces sories appliances etc

REDFORD Fr Sat Sun 10 3 9am 5pm 10052 Arnold S of Plymouth E of Beech Plus size women s clothing men s clothing misc items

REDFORD Thurs Oct 2 Sun Oct 5 9 5am 17701 Denby E/Inkster S/7 Mile Lots of good stuff!

Retired Pre K teacher selling classroom items Sat 4th 9AM 4 PM 37659 Ladywood W of Newburgh btwn 5 & 6

ROCHESTER Antique/furni ture Garage Sale Numerous pieces chairs tables chests mirrors brass fireplace carps trunks silverware lamps brass and iron beds lawn art some tools and more Saturday October 4th 10am to 3 pm at 132 Woodward downtown Rochester West of Ham street between University and Tenkan West

ROCHESTER HILLS Oct 2 3 4 9am 4pm 1347 & 1369 Autumn Lane Kings Cove N of Tenken W of Rochester Rd Antiqua furni ture bookcase dresser lamps kid s items etc

Royal Oak Thurs Fri Sat 9 4 2203 N Washington Ave N 12 W Oak

ROYAL OAK MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE Oct 3 & 4 8 3pm 3858 W 13 Mile W/Woodward across from hospital

SOUTHFIELD ESTATE SALE 28764 Sutherland off 12 Mile (east side) south of Greenfield Thurs 10/2 Sat 10/4 9 00 to 4 00 734 354 8652

SOUTHFIELD Thurs Sun 9am 5pm 25205 Stonycroft N of 10 Mile E of Telegraph

SOUTHFIELD Oct 3 12 6 Oct 4 8 5 27430 Lahser btwn 11 & 12 mile rd Women's clothing and shoes infant boy clothing (twins) toys vacuum cleaners furni ture household items & much more

TROY Oct 3 5 9 6 Furniture misc 2863 Dna Dr W of Square Lk off Degondre to left on Ranien

TROY garage sale! My stuff can be your stuff! Come & See! 3450 Ellenboro N of Big Beaver W of Rochester Rd Thurs & Fr 10/2 & 10/3 9-5

TROY Oct 4 9 2pm Household plus misc 40+ yrs 4325 Marywood Dr E/John R off Cumberland between Watties & Long Lake

TROY Oct 3 12 4 30 Oct 4 10 4 30p 3695 Estates Dr N/Big Beaver W/off Coolidge Baby stuff & household goods

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W BLOOMFIELD Lots of clothes household items furnishings etc Oct 3 1pm 4pm Oct 4 9am 5pm Oct 5 9am 4pm 4709 Stoneview

W Bloomfield Fri & Sat 9 5 4559 Deckerland (248) 683 7180 Huge multi family sale! Furniture baby & kids stuff

WAYNE Yard Sale 5251 Fletcher Oct 2 (1 wk) Also WWII col ect b e figur nes

Moving Sales 7130 BLOOMFIELD HILLS mov ing/garage sale including fur niture everything must go! Saturday & Sunday 10 5 4545 Pickering S of Maple W of Franklin

Bloomfield Hills Oct 2 4 9 5 Hand & power tools roll top desk more Westchester Village 3117 Pebble Lane E/Lahser S/Maple

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Clarkston Huge Moving Sale Oct 4 5 9pm Antiques furniture appliances much misc Too much to mention Even the house is for sale! 6242 Waldon bet Sashabaw & Main St

DEARBORN HGTS Moving Out of State Fr Thur Sun 9am 5pm 42160 Eaton Ave W of Telegraph N of 94

LIVONIA 16475 Park St S of 6 Mi Sun Sept 28 Oct 4 9am 5pm Patio furni ture garden tools kitchen & basement furniture & more

LIVONIA Moving Sale furni ture & accessories Thurs & Fri 9 4pm 36042 Sherwood N of 5 Mile E of Levan

LIVONIA Oct 3 & 4 9 4 18052 Country Club Dr N of 6/W of Wayne Like new furni ture & many household items

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Rochester Hills Huge sale! Thurs Fr Sat 9 4 1255 Seville S off Avon E/Crooks

ROCHESTER HILLS 1291 Kingsview Oct 2 3 4th 9 5 Furniture tools clothing & housewares

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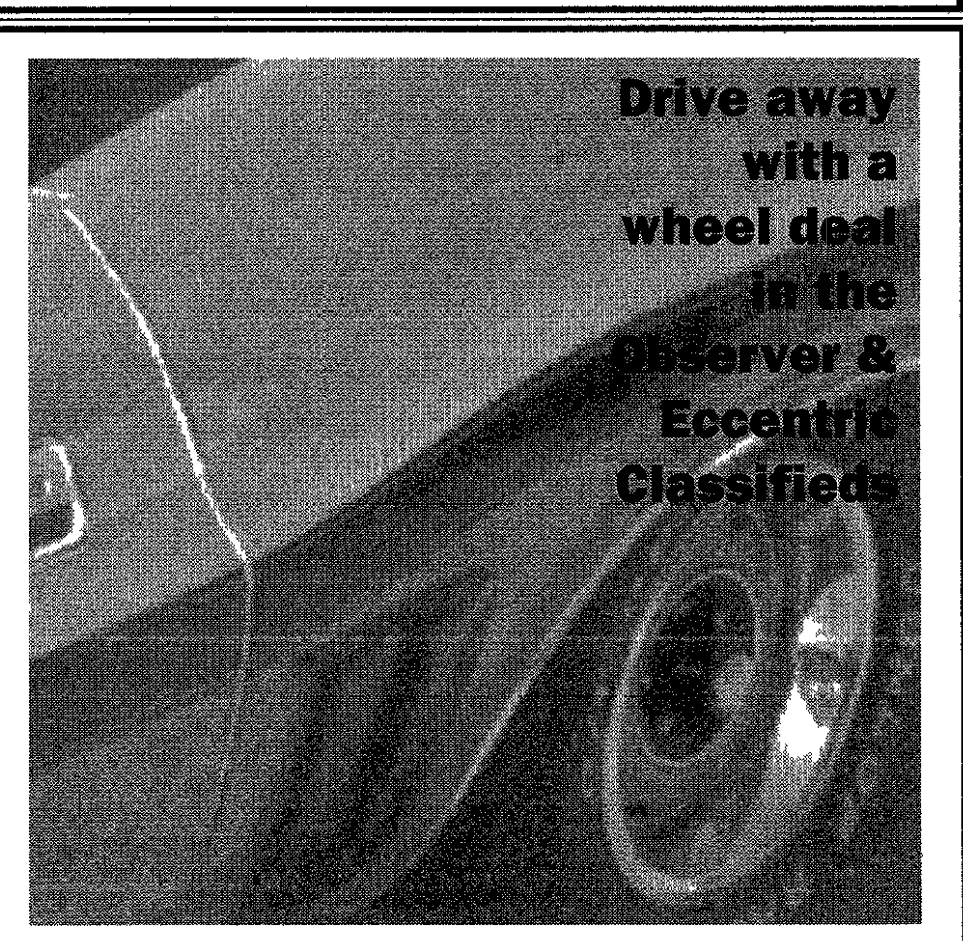
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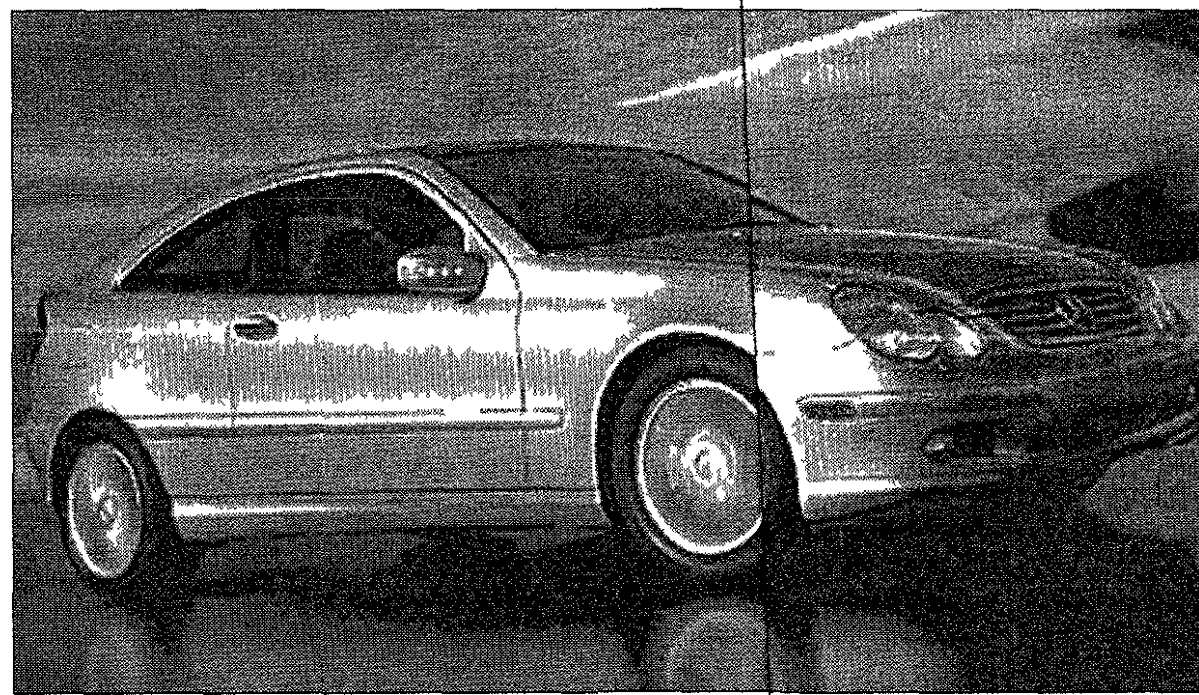
When you review cars, it's helpful to have a neighbor like Dennis. Because when Dennis, a high-school senior, gets excited about an automobile, you know to pay special attention. And you know what? Dennis was all over the Mercedes-Benz C230 Kompressor Sports Coupe. Of course, the fact that he owns a Kompressor himself -- the least expensive Mercedes-Benz sold in the United States -- was part of the equation. But Dennis owns an automatic-transmission Kompressor, and he wanted to see what the six-speed manual I was reviewing was all about. So we took it for a spin.

His conclusion and mine: The 2003 C230 Kompressor Sport Coupe offers a phenomenal driving experience, especially in the manual-transmission model, where you feel in total command of this sleek sparkplug. The automatic-transmission Kompressor pales just a bit, and only by comparison.

Dennis occasionally complains that the 1.8-liter, super-charged and intercooled, four-liter engine is a bit underpowered, but with a car this size, the 189 horsepower generated by the engine gave me rabbit-like starts, nifty acceleration on street or highway, and a great feeling of capability. My only complaint about the six-speed is that appropriately collaring all of this power apparently required relatively closely spaced gear intervals, almost to such an extent that it's easier using second gear to accelerate from stop than bothering with first gear. Kompressor also posts satisfactory gas mileage too: 21 mpg in the city and 31 on the highway.

At suggested retail prices beginning around \$25,000, Kompressor does indeed make the class and power of a Mercedes-Benz affordable to just about anyone. The C-Class sports coupe is one of several steps in the evolution of that part of the Mercedes line from being solely a sedan to a comprehensive model line. Yet the coupe, being small and a two-door, has a youthful, zesty spirit all its own, which complements the more traditional Mercedes-Benz aspects of its personality.

The fact that Kompressor is out to make a different



C230 Kompressor Sport Coupe makes the class affordable to just about anyone.

statement than Mercedes is used to making becomes obvious from just looking at the vehicle at a standstill. Seven inches shorter than its sedan sibling, the coupe is about a half-inch lower as well. And the designers made the most of that compact silhouette, giving the Kompressor coupe an aggressive nose-down, wedge-shaped profile, complete with a spoiler on the rear. The optional 17-inch alloy wheels complete the look of a road-ready rocket.

Among the many nifty features of this car is the fact that the Kompressor coupe features a window panel underneath the integral rear spoiler. Normally, the spoiler would block a part of the driver's rearward vision. But this clear-panel feature gives the driver sufficient visibility to help in parking and other maneuvers.

The version I drove didn't have one, but a popular option on this car is a Panorama sliding sunroof. From the front windshield to the rear spoiler, nearly everything is glass. Just press a button, and the front half of the roof slides over the rear, leaving a roof opening that is about one-third larger than a conventional sunroof. Both rear-seat passengers also have a skyward view through a fixed-glass pane. And because the front part of the Panorama sunroof slides over the outside of the car, it doesn't reduce

headroom. To electrically operated roller blinds on the inside shade the interior from the sun when the roof is closed.

Inside, Kompressor is impressive as well. The most endearing thing is that Mercedes-Benz designers resisted whatever temptation they might have felt to mix colors and materials the interior and went with classic all-black surroundings. Driver and front passenger have extra lateral support. Access to the rear seats is relatively easy thanks to one-lever feature that lifts and moves the front seats forward, giving the average person ample room to climb into the two-seat rear. There's decent cargo space, especially when the asymmetrically dividing rear seats are emptied. Valuables are kept invisible in the back, thanks to a shelf that raises and lowers with the trunk lid.

I did hear some complaints about the small size of some of the control knobs, and I found the one drunk holder an inadequate number (even though it cleverly folds down into the center console).

But that's pining at nits. And I was so busy having fun with the Kompressor sports coupe that I didn't have time to do much of it.

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Hamlich opens Ford Center season

KEVIN BROWN
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Oscar- and Grammy-winner Marvin Hamlich can take the heat in Paris

The newsmaking European heat wave was misery for some this summer, but the record heat didn't stop Hamlich and his family from enjoying the Eiffel Tower and other attractions

One hundred degrees in Paris can still work, he explained

Hamlich performs Saturday at the opening of the 2003-04 Ford Community & Performing Arts Center season He has written or co-written pop hits including, *Nobody Does it Better* and *Lolypops and Rainbows*, recorded by stars from Barbra Streisand to Carly Simon to Kenny Rogers

The four-time Grammy and three-time Oscar winner is probably best known for film scores including *The Sting* and *The Way We Were*

These days, he tours in every season but summer He also performs as principal pops conductor with the Pittsburgh Symphony and The National Symphony in Washington, D.C.

Hamlich, 59, agrees that the success of the film musical, *Chicago*, has increased interest in musicals, particularly in reviving past musicals

He names *The Way We Were* as his favorite among songs he's written, but values one career accomplishment the most "The thing that I'm proudest of is I won the Oscar in '74, and it's almost 30 years since then and I still have a career, there's still interest."

DIRECTOR

At the Ford Center, Hamlich will lead Dearborn's Vanguard Voices choir "That's a solo I'm doing but I'm using their choir We're going to have the choir do things and I'll conduct and we'll also make up songs on the spot"

"He's really a charismatic performer," said center director Jack Raeburn, on why Hamlich was chosen to open the series "You get some of that boyish charm His show always has numbers he's written, he's got some amazing hits"

Hamlich opens the third season for the theater "Bands, Blues, Ballads and Broadway" is the theme of this year's season

"I think our general appeal is for family-oriented affordable entertainment," said Raeburn "We fit more within a traditional arts center vein" Center staff also talk to audience members and sur-



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Marvin Hamlich
composer

vey show-goers to ask what they'd like to see

Some of the best-received productions since the theater opened have been Lou Rawls, Wayne Newton and Melissa Manchester, all of which were sell-out shows

Even though Rawls' time-conscious road manager was trying to get him off stage at his planned 10 p.m. exit, the singer "was just having a great time with our audience and our audience with him," Raeburn recalled

MEMORY

A lesser-known performer, Scotland's Bonnie Rideout, provided a special memory for the sell-out audience she performed for in a Christmas show She clicked with the audience She had that intangible whatever, it was a very meaningful show," said Raeburn

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- Richard Jeni - 8 p.m. Saturday, April 17
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Center staff are fond of noting that no seat is farther from the stage than second base is from home plate

Even though the Ford center is relatively new, a tradition already has been established Each performer or company decorates a foam ceiling tile in the backstage dressing room area

"One of the dance companies glued one of their ballet slippers," Raeburn recalled

Big screen

Here's 'The Rundown,' tight, funny, exciting

THE RUNDOWN
**1/2 (out of four)

Much like last year's enjoyably scrappy *Cradle 2 the Grave*, *The Rundown* is a stupid, disposable action film, essentially Hollywood's version of a B-movie. It features second-tier stars performing low-octane stunts, stuff like kicking and punching instead of car chases and explosions.

The upside is that the cast seems to relish their role as box office underdogs, clearly having more fun than the entire cast of the *Matrix* trilogy combined. And isn't that why we go to stupid action films? To have fun?

The Rundown keeps its focus very limited — four characters, really — and the resulting work is tight, funny and exciting.

Beck (Dwayne Johnson, aka The Rock) is a debt collector for a crime lord. His real ambition is to open a restaurant, but to do that he must pull off *One Last Job* — locate the boss' estranged son in Brazil and bring him home.

But when he finds Travis (Seann William Scott), he is quickly pulled into Travis' mission to uncover an ancient gold artifact called "El Gato de Diablo," which could make them both a lot of money, as well as free thousands of slave laborers who toil under the cruel hand of the ruthless gold miner Hatcher (Christopher Walken).

The fight scenes are the main draw and they are executed with skill and, oddly enough, restraint. True, Beck's ability to be repeatedly smashed in the face with a tree and walk

away unharmed is pure fantasy, yet the film never devolves into the kind of anything-goes idiocy of *Charlie's Angels* or *The Matrix*. The editing of the fight scenes is stylish and efficient with a neat reliance on close-ups, director Peter Berg cares more about faces than effects, and that's a good sign.

Indiana Jones is Berg's clearest influence here, with Travis representing the archeology element and Beck providing the bemused fisticuffs.

Scott, best known for his iconic role as Stifler in the *American Pie* films, is acceptable as the comic relief but mildly disappointing.

Johnson, on the other hand, is as close

to the perfect action hero as you're likely to find. He's as brawny as Schwarzenegger, more likable than Stallone and probably a better actor than either of them. Action heroes usually stumble when they're called upon to deliver emotion, but Johnson holds his own in a refreshingly brief speech about 'How He Came To Be This Way.'

Look closely at Johnson's face — behind the brawn, he is a funny-looking geek trapped in a pro wrestler's body. Johnson's goofy employment of overwrought expressions would be called 'overacting' if somebody else attempted it, but his natural personality and terse line delivery make it work.

Walken, for his part, plays himself yet again, proving once and for all that he's no longer a human being. Like Al Pacino, Walken has been in so many films that the English language apparently no longer carries any meaning for him. He recites lines like "You're dead, you just don't know it yet" as if he means, "Try this delightful raspberry jam."

The result, of course, is pure Walken — weird for the sake of being weird. Somehow it doesn't matter, though, for Walken spends much of the film standing in front of video security monitors, overlooking the action and adding his bizarre commentary.

The film keeps returning to him for quick, one-second quips delivered in extreme close-up. *The Rundown* knows its strengths — Johnson's charisma, Scott's attitude and Walken's Walken-ness — and utilizes them well.

Daniel Kraus is a syndicated columnist and film maker. Info on his latest film *Ball of Wax* can be found at www.ballofwaxmovie.com.



Extra Butter

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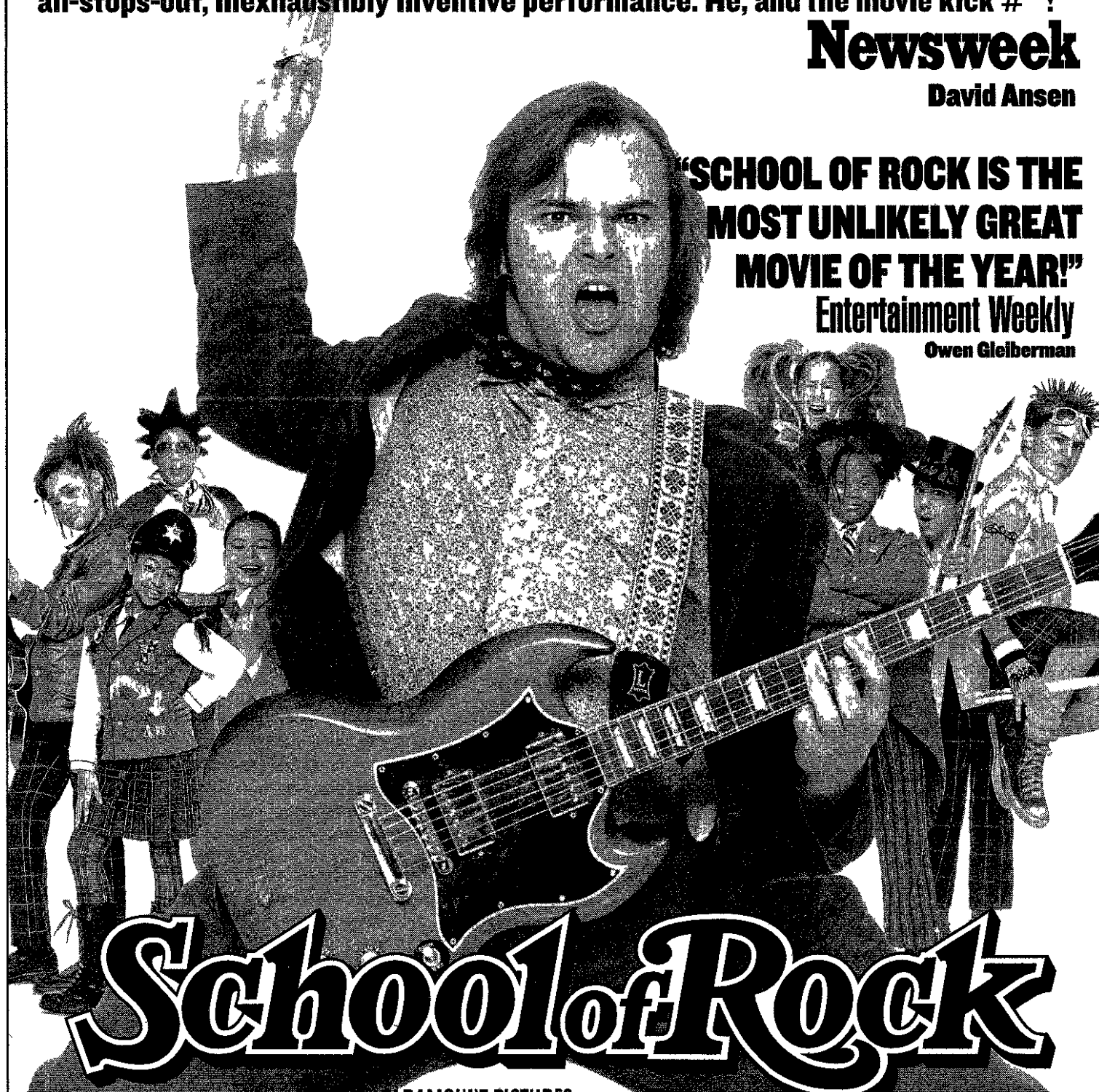
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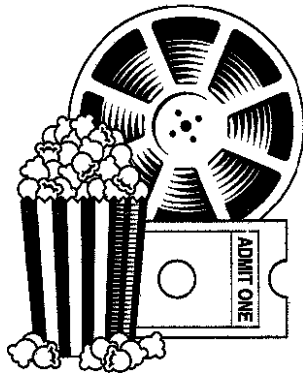
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Small screen

'The Boneyard' is worth trying to dig up

Think of the world's great actresses, and pretty soon the name Phyllis Diller is bound to come up

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Beyond Bad

Greg Kowalski

bizarre — and worst — movies ever made

And speaking of bizarre, not to be overlooked is her bravura performance in *The Boneyard*, a 1990 production that withstands the ages and is worth seeking out

The Boneyard starts straight-forwardly enough. Alley Oates, a reluctant psychic investigator, agrees to help the local police seek out the story behind a particularly grisly murder. Three children

were killed by a crazy mortician who kept them locked in his basement and fed them "leftovers" derived from his clients

But this isn't as nasty as it seems, for the undertaker insists the kids weren't kids at all, but actually demons who feasted on people. He only kept them in his basement

as a long-standing family obligation and fed them the bits of others to keep them from seeking dinner on their own

And further, he says, they're not dead. They are, however, in the local morgue, known affectionately as *The Boneyard*.

Enter, Ms. Diller. She portrays Miss Poopenplatz, the night shift manager of the Boneyard. She's nearly bald, but that charming laugh of hers is unmistakably present. She also has a dog, a particularly obnoxious poodle named Floofsoms.

Well before you can say bow-wow-wow, the little rascals have indeed come back to life to raid the refrigerator, and anyone standing in front of it, including Miss Poopenplatz, whom they turn into a 10-foot-tall bug-eyed zombie hell-bent on killing everyone. How that happens is best left undescribed here.

Anyway, the rest of the film follows the cast being chased through *The Boneyard* by the little drooling, skeletal zombies, who very badly need dental care.

Ah, but there's more. Dear Floofsoms laps up some of the goo spilled by the dead body of Miss Poopenplatz. This results in one of the most bizarre scenes in perhaps the history of filmdom.

The sight of a 10-foot tall snarling

mutant poodle with a pink ribbon in its hair is so hilarious that one of the cast members bursts out laughing. I'm not sure that was in the script.

The Boneyard has just about everything going for it. There are actually a couple of genuinely chilling scenes in this slopfest, the cast is good, the demons are appropriately awful, there's plenty of gore and goo

and there's a 10-foot tall mutant poodle. And Phyllis Diller.

The Boneyard can be dug up at various video stores. Look deep among the shelves. Thomas Video in Clawson also has a copy.

Greg Kowalski is going to check out his copy of *Maniac* to see where Ms. Diller fits into the picture. More on this later. He can be reached at (248) 901-2570.

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Comedy

Second City-Detroit still laughing 10 years later

BY KEELY KALESKI
STAFF WRITER

Flashback – Sept 15, 1993 – metro Detroit's abuzz over the anticipated opening of The Second City Detroit and its first revue – *Power to the People Mover*

Flash forward – Sept 18, 2003 – opening night of The Second City-Detroit's 10th anniversary revue. The Tigers are playing across the street at Comerica Park and it's crowded downtown, something you couldn't say 10 years ago

There's no reason to "stay on the highway until we get to 8 Mile, anymore – things are changing downtown and The Second City-Detroit is part of it

10, a collection of sketches from the past 24 revues, is a multimedia show that opens with WDIV news team coverage of opening night, and ends with a giggle

Mainstage cast members Shawn Handlon, Jelly, Jeff Fritz, Suzan Goume, Topher Owen and Raco Bruce Wade carry on the tradition started 10 years ago. They're funny, serious when they need to be, sarcastic, and great singers and dancers

The show's a stroll down memory lane, with some surprises. It's edgy and funny – all of the things Second City is supposed to be

Goume puts her own clever spin on the Secretary of State office sketch. She's the slow-as-molasses clerk who calls out numbers even though there's only one person standing in line

In another sketch, a Rochester Hills couple stops in a



CHRISTOPHER LARK

The cast of Second City-Detroit (from left) Shawn Handlon, Jelly, Suzan Goume, Jeff Fritz, and Topher Owen

downtown soul food restaurant for lunch. They don't know what chitlins are, or what to say when the African-American owners offer their son, who's in trouble for writing "nigger" on a wall in Detroit, a job

Politics, relationships, sports – this show is a kaleidoscope of many themes – a perfect "10"

Second City is known for launching talent, and it's happening in Detroit too. Alum Larry Joe Campbell is co-star of the ABC sitcom *According to Jim* and touring with his one-man show *Terry vs. The Towel Man*

Keegan-Michael Key co-stars on Fox's *Mad-TV* this winter. Colin Ferguson stars in NBC's new fall sitcom

TEN

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Coupling Maribeth Monroe and Kirk Hanley are on national tour with *My Cousin's Wedding*, which originated at The Second City-Detroit as *Standing on Ceremony*

The Second City-Detroit also offers a training program for aspiring actors, a business communications and business solutions program, and summer youth improv classes

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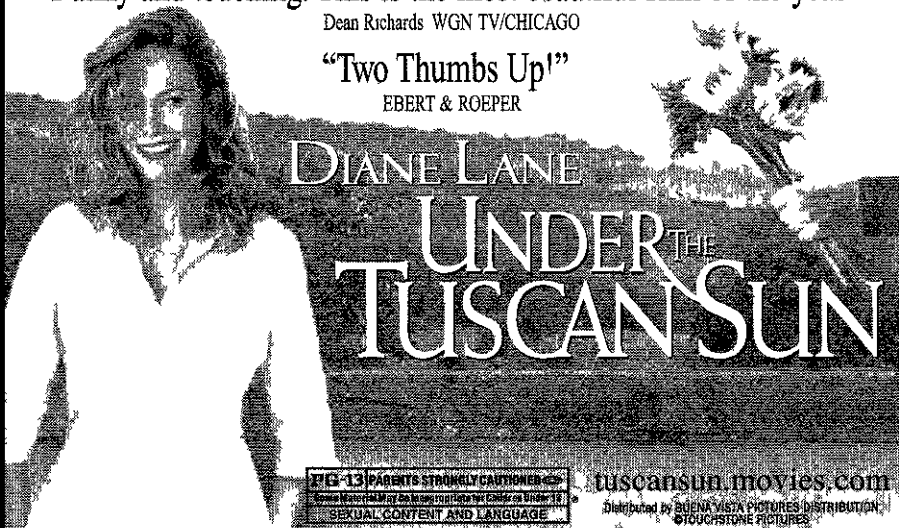
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On stage

Planet Ant's 'The Glass Menagerie' may shock you

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie* is as revered and well known as many of William Shakespeare's plays

But that kind of status turns off many theater-goers

"A lot of people kind of roll their eyes at *The Glass Menagerie*. They think it's not sexy, not meaty, that it's just pieces of glass on a shelf," said York R. Griffith, artistic director at Hamtramck's Planet Ant Theatre, where the play is running Thursday-Sunday through Sunday, Oct 12

In addition to being a classic of modern American theater, *The Glass Menagerie* is a sentimental play, added Griffith of Farmington "So the challenge for us was to dust it off and try to do something new with it"

Rest assured, the Planet Ant has Director Travis Reiff of Wyandotte won't reveal exactly how for fear of ruining the surprise. Put it this way: A key element is missing.

Winner of the New York Drama Critics Circle Award for Best Play, *The Glass Menagerie* silhouettes an eccentric Southern family, the Wingfields.

Susan Berg of Oxford plays Amanda and Jessica Cloud of Livonia portrays Laura. Griffith also appears in the show as Tom.

SOUTHERN WAYS

What Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie*

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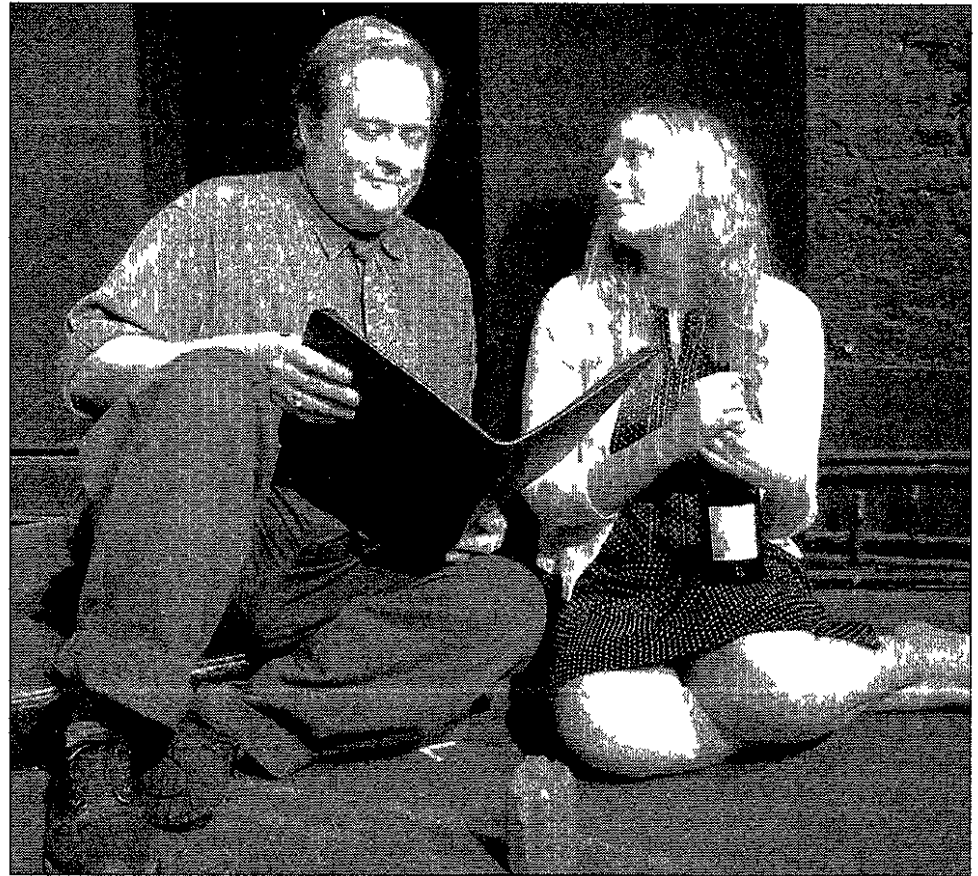
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Although Williams' language in *Menagerie* is unquestionably beautiful and elegant, his character studies are just as engaging, said Griffith.

"It's easy for the audience to get caught up in the language of the play, but they don't necessarily pay attention to what's happening with the characters. We're focusing more on the characters."

With a little luck, naysayers will change their minds.

"I can understand why people roll their eyes at it, but I hope after they come see it, they kick themselves for it."



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Joel Mitchell (left), plays the gentleman caller and Jessica Cloud, of Livonia, portrays Laura in Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie*.



Jessica Cloud of Livonia, (from left), Susan Berg of Oxford and York R. Griffith of Farmington perform in *The Glass Menagerie*, running through Oct 12 at Planet Ant Theatre.

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Cover story

Meet Hemigod, Detroit's next music stars

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Who will be the next big Detroit music success story?

Some signs point to Hemigod – A band that defiantly ignores the local hipster garage music scene opting for straight-up rock n roll, and power chords. Rebellious Hemigod plays what it wants – big, loud, rock n roll with some Southern twang.

Reminiscent of Led Zeppelin, but not mimicking, Hemigod is long-hair, shirtless, low rise jeans and great guitar – pure rock n roll. At this moment, a deal is in the works with Atlantic Records, an album scheduled for release by January, followed by a video, and possibly another stadium tour with friend Kid Rock.

Hemigod signed on to Top Dog, Kid Rock's record label Atlantic Records expressed interest soon after. The band that has been together for several years hasn't even put out a CD, but has played to sold-out audiences throughout the Midwest and South while touring with Kid Rock.

Hemigod's emerging success is because of its talent, but it takes more than good songs to get attention, it takes luck. Hemigod's four-leaf clover is Kid Rock.

Rock, as everyone in Detroit knows, has a golden touch. Proof is Uncle Kracker, of Rock's Twisted Brown Tucker Band, whose album *Double Wide* went Platinum.

"We can't thank (Rock) enough," said Hemigod bass player Eddy McCauley.

GETTING STARTED

Hemigod lead vocalist Tim Authier sang with Kid Rock. Then Rock introduced him to guitarist Bobby East, who plays with the Twisted Brown Tucker Band.

Ironically, Bobby and I both held onto each other's phone numbers for weeks and we both happened to call each other on the same day," Authier said.

They met, started making music, and then hooked up with bass player Eddy McCauley, another Rock friend with strong musical roots. Then, like so many rock groups do, they went through several drummers before finding Todd Glass.

Hemigod and Kid Rock have a bit of what McCauley calls Southern "hick" in their music.

Rock expected his audience to appreciate Hemigod and he was right.

"When we played live, after each song, especially in places like West Virginia and Arkansas, the crowd went wild," Authier said. "I thought (Kid Rock) was playing a joke on us and walking on stage behind me after each song to get the crowd going but he wasn't. It was electrifying.



Hemigod plays pure rock n roll and they make no apologies about it

HEMIGOD

Musical genre: Straight up rock n roll and Southern twang

Albums: None but an album is scheduled for release by January

What makes them special: They've played stadium concerts with Kid Rock as the opening band

THE MUSIC

All the guys in Hemigod have been playing for years. Authier, who also writes much of the lyrics, said he sings because it's the only thing he can really do well.

And their music isn't exactly politically correct.

"We play music that makes people want to go out, drink and have sex, not to save the rain forest," McCauley said. "If you have a conscience, that's great, but do it on your own damn time. I'm tired of geek rock. We aren't a nice little band. We don't wear suits and we don't have gimmicks. And yeah, we're a bit pessimistic. We all got picked on in high school, but we aren't complaining. We certainly aren't Radiohead, who's a great band but how many people actually listen to them in

their cars? We're straight up rock n' roll."

So who is Hemigod's audience?

"I don't know," McCauley said. "Drunks? When we play we want people to feel like rock stars, we want it to be fun. We want it all."

The band's influences include death metal, bluegrass, British-invasion rock and homegrown. They've created songs titled *Hate You Now*, which begins with great guitar by East and a strong voice by Authier.

It has a Southern hard rock feel and is about love gone sour. *Hate You Now* starts slowly and as the intensity builds it explodes just when you need it to.

The nasty, even harder song *Pledge Allegiance to the Bomb* (which has no correlation to 9/11) goes – "got money to burn, got stomachs to turn, and I got something to show you right now and it's gonna be the time of your life so help me, Lord."

It's sex, drugs, rock n' roll, the way it was in the 1970s.

WHAT THEY AREN'T

Hemigod isn't Detroit garage rock. They don't try to be and don't want to be. Maybe that's what separates them from the rest.

"There's all this talk that Detroit has a great music scene, but it doesn't exist," said McCauley. "No one is willing to go check out a band they never heard of, Detroiters

would rather go to the dance club. The local music scene is dead, really. Years ago a local band could attract 1,000 people. Now they're lucky if they can get 300."

McCauley and Authier said they know some people want to see them fail.

"We really don't care," McCauley said. "People call us sellouts because we play music that a lot of people like. What's wrong with that? We play what we want to play. We aren't going to play garage just because a few people think it's cool. There's a hundred bands out there trying to sound like The Hives, and you know they all sound the same."

"We play rock n' roll and we don't give it a second thought," Authier said. "There's a tremendous amount of pressure right now and some people want us to do things to make us fit in. Well, f--- you, we aren't bending."

Hemigod is confident, but not arrogant or naive enough to say they're the next Guns n' Roses or even Grandfunk Railroad – even though their fans give them that praise.

"To me rock is dead, Authier said. "Where's the Deep Purple? Zeppelin? It's not around anymore, but I'm still going to play what I feel."

The members of Hemigod want to be big rock stars. They want to make a million bucks. They want the stadium shows and they aren't giving apologies.

Now, that's rock n roll.

Dining adventure

Catch some falling leaves, dinner, show

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Autumn's color change will peak in different areas of Michigan during the next month, and there are many ways to view it.

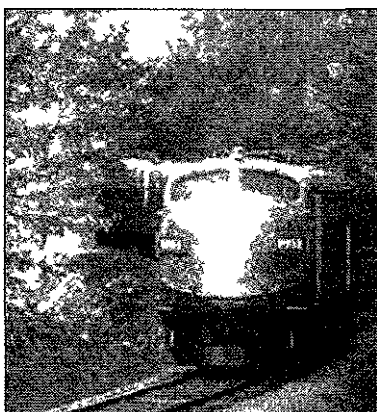
Rather than a fall color tour road trip, or stroll through the park, try an old-fashioned rail excursion with a leisurely meal.

Lake Central Rail Tours takes guests from Mt. Pleasant to Cadillac or Owosso to Cadillac. Lunch and dinner are served on board.

Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train in Walled Lake leaves after sunset, features a three-hour train ride, five-course meal and show.

Guests on the Grand Traverse Dinner train are served a five-course meal, and enjoy a 60-mile journey.

"During the color change, we will have thousands of guests in just a four-week time span," said Ella Cooper, president of the



The Grand Traverse Dinner Train takes guests on a 60-mile fall color tour of northern Michigan's Boardman River Valley and Pere Marquette National Forest.

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"We're a tourist attraction because of our location in Traverse City," Cooper said. "But we have repeat customers because of our incredible meal. What people appreciate about dinner trains is that they allow you to own that table for the entire evening, at regular restaurants people often feel they can't linger for that long."

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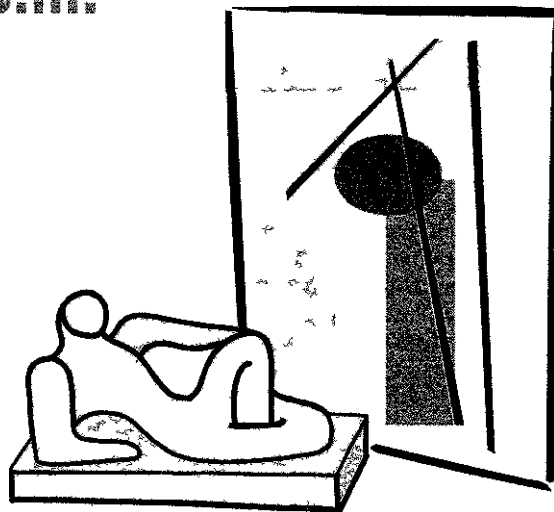
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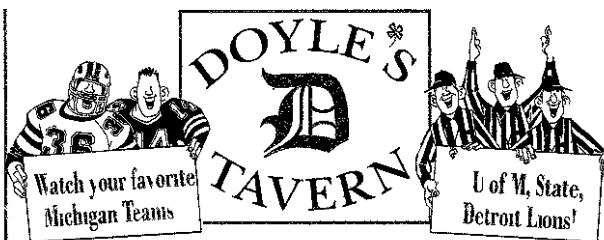
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Table hopping

OJ's offers skillfully pro

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

It's easy to miss. In a former coffee shop, tucked into a corner location at Orchard Lake and 13 Mile roads, OJ's is the kind of spot that gathers fans by word of mouth.

Yet, not solely that way. Eijen Suzuki, who goes by "OJ," a nickname acquired while earning a fine arts degree at La Salle Institute of Arts in Montreal, Canada, has been gathering devotees for some time.

He first became known to lovers of fine Japanese food at Musashi in Southfield, then at Kyoto in Troy. When Little Tree was located in Royal Oak, OJ packed in sushi fans. After he tired of designing the menu served on Northwest Airlines flights to Japan, he did a stint at Cherry Blossom in Novi before launching out on his own in July 2001.

Born in Taiwan to a Japanese mother and Taiwanese father, 39-year-old OJ, who speaks five languages, was raised in Japan and educated in Canada.

He learned classical Japanese culinary arts in Japan.



FOODIE FUN

Many elements make OJ's a different spot for Japanese food. Judge first by the name: Sushibar. Why not the conventional two words: Sushi Bar?

OJ doesn't follow even Japanese convention, which he says is "slipping away from tradition and authenticity, even in Japan. Traditional Japanese food and traditional sushi are disappearing."

To make Japanese food properly, a chef needs classical training. Today, many of these chefs do not know how to use knives properly.

A printed menu? For sushi, yes. For everything else, it's handwritten in English and kanji (Japanese characters). If you want to know the specials, posted on the board behind the sushi bar, you either need to be able to read kanji, have OJ translate or be lucky enough to have 20-year-old Corey Carroz as your waitperson.

Carroz is studying Japanese at Oakland Community College and he enjoys practicing his Japanese and introducing OJ's

Eijen 'OJ' Suzuki prepares traditional sushi at his ne

chentele to the culture of Japanese food.

Don't be put off by this. Its great foodie fun and you leave OJ's having eaten well and learning some essentials about the traditions of Japanese food.

UNDERSTANDING THE MENU

Pages of items are called appetizers. Among them are truly authentic sushi, such as Kansai sushi, the traditional Osaka style "boxed sushi," cut in six pieces. Another is unagino hako sushi, cooked and smoked.



A Nigiri combination plate features seven different fish: bluefin tuna, yellowtail, salmon, red snapper, mackerel, Australian white tuna and gizzard shad.

Prepared Japanese dishes



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OJ'S SUSHIBAR

Where: 29429 Orchard Lake Road (west of Orchard Lake Road facing 13 Mile Road) West Bloomfield (248) 553 5080

Open: Monday Saturday 11 30 a m to 2 p m
lunch 5 10 p m dinner

Food style: Traditional and authentic Japanese cooking style with foods prepared to order by chef/owner OJ

Cost: Extensive appetizer selections under \$5 Main courses all under \$20

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"Kids love this place"

That's quite evident from the drawings children have left him on what has come to be called "the kid's wall"

"I do what I do," OJ concluded, "because it's a way of life I take my food seriously It's not about amassing wealth"

Eleanor Heald writes about restaurants food wine and spirits for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Contact her at (734) 953 2047 mailbox 1864#



Eijun 'OJ' Suzuki prepares a Nigiri combination plate featuring seven different types of fish

restaurant in West Bloomfield

river eel served with sweet eel sauce Don't miss battera, a thin piece of battera konbu vinegar kelp" over seasoned, marinated mackerel

Among OJ's personal favorites, great for sharing, are maguro yamakake, tuna, Japanese mountain potatoes and wasabi soy sauce topped with dry seaweed or tako nuta, steamed octopus, cooked scallions and wakame seaweed mixed with tangy miso vinaigrette

Sashimi moriwase, an assortment of freshly sliced seafood, served with miso soup and wakame su, that accompanies all main courses, is a good way to taste the freshest seafood of the day

Chirashi, which OJ translated as "scattered sushi," is another seafood lover's delight with assorted fresh-sliced seafood, sweet omelette, shiitake mushrooms and salmon roe scattered over sushi rice

One more not to miss is saba morumi miso tsuke yaki, mackerel marinated with morumi miso (sweet red miso) and rice wine sake, then cooked on an open grill

A MOOD

Seating only 36, OJ's is a rather humble spot with pinewood tables and other accents emphasizing the wedgwood blue walls An open ceiling with spotlights and a few Japanese hanging lamps create a soft glow Although there's no kid's menu, OJ said,

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Drinkology

What's old is new again

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
CORRESPONDENTS

Here's a weekend stumper for the person who thinks he or she really knows whiskies: What is America's first bottled bourbon?

If you're among the first in your bar crowd to read this, you'll know: It's Old Forester Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whisky, \$13/750mL since 1870.

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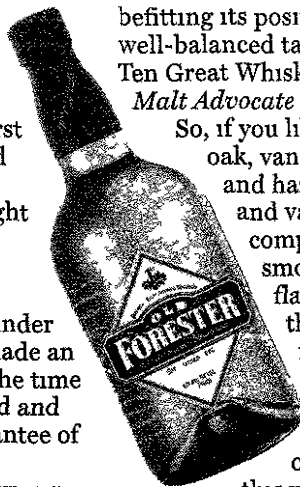
Old is not what we're trying to emphasize in Drinkology. New and happening is more like it. So what's new is Old Forester's packaging facelift

with the quality guarantee written by Brown reprinted on the bottle.

Now, this stuff actually looks cool in the bar lineup of bottles befitting its position as a rich, well-balanced taste in the Top Ten Great Whisky Value list of *Malt Advocate* magazine.

So, if you like aromas of oak, vanilla, chocolate and hazelnuts, nut and vanilla tastes, completed by a smooth, round, flavorful finish, think "what's old is new again" and experience Old Forester neat or on the rocks this weekend. Don't forget: Quiz your friends.

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City bites

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RADISSON KINGSLEY HOTEL

A clothing drive 7-10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, will benefit the Baldwin Church and Center's Clothing Closet in Pontiac. Donors can pull up under the Radisson Kingsley Hotel's porte cochère and hand off donations to volunteers. As a thank you, Matt Prentice's Deli Unique will offer curbside complimentary coffee and smoothies.

The Radisson Kingsley Hotel, at 39475 Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Hills

LITTLE ITALY RISTORANTE

The Bacchanalian feast, Rosemount Estate, celebrates

the Australian Wines of Rosemount Estate at a 6:30 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner, Tuesday, Oct. 14. Call (248) 348-0575 for reservations, 227 Hutton, Northville.

MIDTOWN CAFE

After the sudden death of Bruce Cameron, owner of Midtown Cafe in Birmingham, a few weeks ago, speculation began about the future of this popular restaurant.

Robert Imhoff of Imhoff Investment LLC in Bloomfield Hills is the administrator of Cameron's estate.

In an interview this week, he indicated that at some time in the future, Midtown Cafe will be sold to an interested party. I estimate that will not be for a year or two. Until that time, Midtown Cafe will continue to operate under the same general management.

Midtown Cafe is at 139 South Old Woodward Ave.

Open for lunch 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Dinner served 5 p.m. to midnight Sunday and Monday, until 1 a.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Call (248) 642-1133 for reservations/information.

P.F. CHANG'S

Designed in conjunction with P.F. Chang's title sponsorship of the Rock N Roll Arizona Marathon and Half Marathon to be held Jan. 11, a new Training Table Menu highlighting 14 entrees has been introduced.

Diners looking for dishes packed with protein or loaded with carbohydrates can find nutritional information for each dish on the new Training Table Menu that is available at lunch and dinner.

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Night spot

Dance the night away at upscale Sevin

BY CHRYSTAL LIEBOLD
CORRESPONDENT

You have to dress well to get through the nightclub doors of Sevin – formerly known as Sin in Pontiac. And if you arrive past 11 p.m., expect to wait in line. Hailed as the only nightclub of its kind in the Midwest, Sevin is a club with unique drinks and a stylish, dynamic atmosphere that's reminiscent of nightspots in the Big Apple.

The newest nightclub to open in Oakland County, at 40 W Pike St., Sevin caters to an "upscale college crowd," but also has the fixings to please a more mature demographic.

"I heard there was great music here, so I came," said Emily Savickis, 21, from Dearborn Heights. "I hope to drink and dance and go home in one piece."

The two-story venue offers techno and hip hop music, a 220-seat patio and a 1,800-square-foot dance floor featuring caged dancers, waterfalls and over \$100,000 worth of sound equipment and lights.

For those who want to take a break from the dancing scene, Sevin offers a martini jazz lounge, a beauty salon and a private party room that hosts everything

SEVIN THE NIGHTCLUB

Where: 40 W Pike St. Pontiac (248) 745-7461 www.sevinthenightclub.com

Hours: 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday

Cover: Ranges from \$5 to \$20, no charge for ladies, excluding special events and holidays

from surprise birthday parties to bachelorette parties. The 21,000-square-foot building also has a VIP room, which boasts a dark, fantasy-like atmosphere reminiscent of Studio 54 and all the elaborate excess that went along with it.

"It's crazy – it's bananas," said manager Ray Hughes. "There isn't anything like this in the Midwest, and I'd argue that it's hard to compete when you put so many aspects into one nightclub."

The club is open Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Wednesday is 18 and older, featuring dance, hip hop and R&B music. Hughes said the club accommodates about 1,000 club-goers on a typical

Wednesday, while Fridays and Saturdays aim to cater to a more "experienced" age group of older professional adult couples who come in and frequent the club's jazz lounge.

From now through the end of the year, women will never pay cover at the nightclub, said Hughes. Guys pay \$5 on Wednesdays, \$10 on Fridays and \$15 on Saturdays.

At Sevin, all you need is money, energy and stylish nightlife attire. Leave your headbands, hats and tennis shoes at home.

"We still enforce a dress code and try not to let raffia in since that's where a lot of problems start," said Hughes. "When you enforce a dress code, people don't come in their Kmart specials. People take the time to dress up. It's a sexy crowd."

To avoid the overwhelming lines that form, Hughes recommends getting a spot in line around 10 p.m. The club is packed by 11 p.m. to midnight.

"Business has been amazing," he said. "Nobody can come close to doing the numbers we've done since we've opened."

The drink of choice for the beautiful people at Sevin is the Sevin Deadly Sins, which holds beer, seven full shots of liquor and comes in a fish bowl with dry ice for

\$15.

Manager and head bartender Jamie Austin won't divulge the drink's ingredients.

"It's a secret," he said. "Leave it to your imagination. It's the No. 1 seller, because once people see it they order it all night."

Other popular drinks include Yager Bombs, Cosmos and anything with Red Bull in it, according to Austin.

Club-goers can expect to be in for a surprise or two in the fall – the club currently has several projects "in the works" for the upcoming months.

"Think of your wildest dreams and take it 10 notches higher and that will get you where we're going to start at and work our way up from there," said Austin.

Hughes said although he lived in L.A. for three years, he has yet to visit a club that tops Sevin's uniqueness and authenticity.

"It's different, it's completely different," said Hughes. "You have to come here to understand."

Crystal Liebold worked at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers as an intern this summer.

Check out the Blues at George & Harry's

George & Harry's, 22048 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, has two hot shows scheduled. For more information call (313) 359-2799.

John Hammond Jr. performs 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15. Hammond is one of the foremost Delta Blues musicians on the contemporary scene. Admission is \$10.

Coco Montoya plays his left-handed

axe at 9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20. Cover is \$10.

Admission for other shows is \$5. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 10:30 p.m. Weekday shows begin at 9 p.m. Here are more highlights:

Friday, Oct. 3, Mudpuppy, Saturday, Oct. 4, Anthony Gomes, Tuesday, Oct. 7, The Dearborn Big Band, Saturday, Oct. 11, Larry McCray, Thursday, Oct. 16,

Johnnie Bassett & the Blues Insurgents, Friday, Oct. 17, Debbie Davis, Saturday, Oct. 18, Eric Sardinas, Wednesday, Oct. 22, Laith, Thursday, Oct. 23, Johnnie Bassett & the Blues Insurgents, Friday, Oct. 24, Thornetta Davis, Saturday, Oct. 25, Robert Penn, Wednesday, Oct. 29, Laith, Thursday, Oct. 30, Johnnie Bassett & the Blues Insurgents, Friday, Oct. 31, Jocelyn B.

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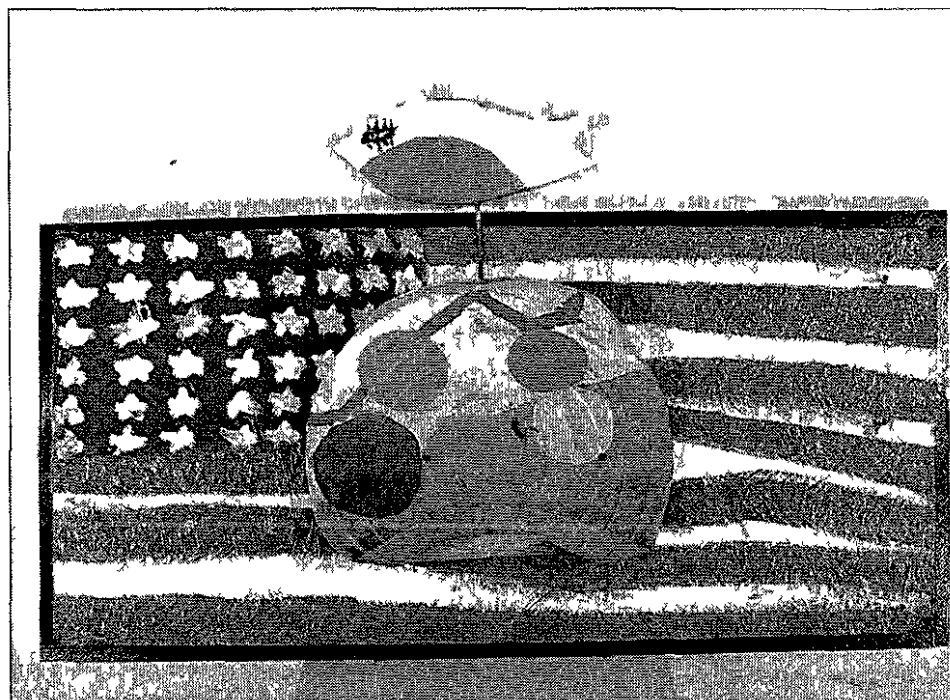
'Heidelberg Project' artist has something to say about America

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Don't hide behind the flag
That's one message to take from *An American Show*, an exhibition of American Flag-themed pieces, by painter, sculptor and urban environmental artist Tyree Guyton
Best known for creating Detroit's *Heidelberg Project*, a controversial outdoor installation, Guyton has taken American Flag elements from his other work and incorporated them into new multimedia works
An American Show opened last week at the Batista Gallery in Ferndale and continues through Friday, Nov 7
In the meantime, Guyton is collecting pennies - about 700,000 - enough to cover the exterior of a Detroit house
The project is called *the House that Makes SENSE* and will serve as a children's art gallery and workshop
To better understand *An American Show*, consider Guyton's take on Americans' patriotic rush to buy up and put up the American Flag after the 9/11

ALL-AMERICAN ART

What An American Show an exhibition on the American Flag through various mediums by artist Tyree Guyton creator of The Heidelberg Project
When. Through Friday Nov 7 hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday
Where Batista Gallery 756 Livernois Ferndale
Information Call (248) 544-4627



BATISTA GALLERY

A fish appears to move left over a painted American flag with uneven white stripes in a piece entitled, 'Swimming Upstream'

terrorist attacks

"We use the flag as something to hide behind," he said. "I think it's a game that we play. It has a lot to do with people not wanting to think."

Guyton hopes his *American* works cause people to think more about combat in the Middle East and world politics. "We're living in a crazy time," he said. "I find myself questioning everything that's being said by our leaders right now."

But don't misinterpret Guyton's irreverence in *American*, most bear his signature colored polka dots. One piece showcases the Stars and Stripes from the confines of a bird cage.

"I'm talking about bouncing back," he said of the exhibit, in particular a series of works in which coil-spring mattresses seem to mimic and frame and grow out

of the American Flag. "Life will beat you up bad. But you've got to find a way to bounce back."

Another motif, painted household doors, also seeks to embolden, not deconstruct, said Guyton. "We are in and out of doors every day. Doors are opportunities when you walk through them."

Agree or disagree with Guyton's poli-

tics, *American* forces the viewer to take a second, more conscious, gaze at our national symbol.

"In the context of today, I think that's important to all of us as Americans," said Detroit artist Charles McGee, one of Guyton's instructors.

"We are all influenced by the sight of the flag. We all register it. The artist teaches you about the imagery and responds to it."

So what, in McGee's mind, is Guyton's current response?

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Artists explore creative process

Painter/sculptor Robert Schefman, actor/director Gillian Eaton and dancer/choreographer Ma'at will demonstrate their respective analysis of the creative process as part of the Third Annual Guest Artist Series at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre on Monday, Oct 13

Schefman, a native Detroit, lived and worked in New York City for 13 years, before returning to the Detroit area in 1989 His work has been exhibited at the UN Plaza, New York City, Lemberg Gallery and Robert Kidd Gallery, Birmingham/Bloomfield Art Center, Birmingham, and shows in Chicago, Santa Monica

Schefman, chairman of the Foundation Department at the Center for Creative Studies, will be speaking on "The Rumpelstilskin Theory"

Eaton, a native of Wales, studied at the Old Vic Theatre School and became a member of the Royal Shakespeare Company, which allowed her to tour around the world

Her Detroit-born husband convinced her there were wonderful opportunities here, which Eaton continues to mine, such as performing and directing at JET and the Performance Network. She has directed numerous productions, including the acclaimed *Romeo and Juliet* at the JET, which featured a Jew and an Arab as the star-crossed lovers In the coming year, she has committed to direct *Macbeth* at the Hilberry, and will act in the Performance Network's production *Mrs Shakespeare The Complete Works*

Ma at starting taking ballet lessons at age 3 Her African name means balance, in life and spirit, which is the center of her philosophy and the basis of her art

The classically trained dancer blends ballet, tap, jazz and modern dance techniques with traditional African tribal dance movements to create a unique dance style which she has choreographed for dance companies and has performed for audiences in the US and Canada

Ma at lives in Toronto, where she is rehearsing for a show that opened this month

She will be accompanied by percussionist Efe Bes, a self-taught musician who most recently performed at the JET's production of *Romeo and Juliet*

This is the third in a series of explorations into the creative process The evening is presented by Joan Israel, a therapist in private practice, and Dorie Shwedel, public relations consultant

Tickets are \$15 and can be ordered by calling the JET box office, (248) 788-2900 JET is inside the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W Maple Road in West Bloomfield Proceeds benefit JET

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Faculty Artists of the University of Michigan School of Music

Sun **10/12** 8 pm
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PROGRAM
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Debussy: Piano Trio in A minor, Op. 84
Mozart: Piano Quartet in A major, Op. 76

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Thu **10/16** 8 pm
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Detroit Puppet Theatre Turtle Island 2 p m every Saturday \$5 children \$7 adults (313) 961 7777

Meadow Brook Theatre

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Marquis Theatre

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Mosaic Youth Theatre

On Friday Oct 24 the Mosaic Youth Theatre will perform on the Plymouth Community Arts Council stage (774 N Sheldon Road) at 8 p m Tickets are \$25 Call (734) 416 4278

THEATER

Fox Theatre

Sound of Music Tuesday Sept 30 to Sunday Oct 5 \$28 \$70.50 at Ticketmaster or www.OlympiaEntertainment.com (313) 471 6611

Farmington Players

A Streetcar Named Desire 8 p m Thursday Saturday Oct 2 4 Oct 9 11 2 p m Sunday Oct 5 32332 W 12 Mile Rd ad between Orchard Lake and Farmington Roads Farmington Hills \$13 (248) 553 2955

Performance Network

The Sins of Sor Juana through Oct 5 *Tongue of a Bird* Oct 16 Nov 9 (734) 653 0681 performancenetwork.org online

Clarkston Village Players

Comedy Night with Jesse James Lundy and Friends 7 p m and 9 p m Saturday Oct 11 Clarkston Village Players Depot Theatre \$12 (248) 625 8811 or www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org

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Dance concerts

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble announces

its four concert 2003-04 metro Detroit subscription season The first concert *On the Move* will 8 p m Saturday Nov 1 Varner Recital Hall on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills A concert prelude including a conversation with the artistic directors and performance by the dancers from the EDE Center for Dance will begin at 7:30 p m Tickets are \$15 for adults \$12 for seniors and \$8 for students Call (248) 370 3013 for information about the remainder of the subscription season concerts

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Nightnotes

Season opener Jazz on the Fringe William Lucas trumpet Ellen Rowe piano Paul Keller bass Pete Siers percussion 8 p m reception 8:30 p m concert Friday Oct 3 Hagopian World of Rugs 850 S Old Woodward Birmingham \$19 (248) 559 2095

Kirov Orchestra

University Musical Society presentation 8 p m Monday Oct 6 Pease Auditorium Ypsilanti \$65 \$60 \$50 \$34 \$18 (734) 764 2538 www.ums.org

Dearborn Symphony

The Dearborn Symphony Orchestra



Barbie Amann and Steve Tadevic star in *Much Ado About Nothing* presented by SRO Productions at 8 p m Friday Saturday 2 p m Sunday Oct 3-19 Performances in the 1854 Church at the Burgh Historical Park corner of Civic Center Dr and Berg Road one traffic light east of Telegraph north of 10 Mile Road in Southfield Tickets \$10 adults \$8 children 12 and under and seniors available at the door or call (248) 796 4613 For more information call (248) 796 4645



Comedian Jimmy Pardo appears at Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase, 314 E Liberty, downtown Ann Arbor, 8 p m Thursday, Oct 2, 8 p m and 10:30 p m Friday Saturday, Oct 3-4 Tickets \$8 at the door Thursday \$11 Friday-Saturday, discount for tickets purchased in advance, call (734) 996-9080

begins its 42nd season with Shostakovich Tchaikovsky and more 8 p m Friday Oct 3 Musical Friendships Nov 2 at 7 p m Eastern European Connection 8 p m Jan 30 2004 From Vienna to Paris to Broadway Classic Pops 8 p m Feb 28 2004 Romantic Excursions and a Little Jazz March 26 at 8 p m and 8 p m May 7 Majestic Mahler To buy tickets call (313) 565 2424 or visit www.dearbornsymphony.org

Birmingham Musicale

At The Community House 380 S Bafes Birmingham 1 p m Thursday Oct 9 Gail Mitchell soprano Rebecca Happel Mexicotte piano and Timothy Nicola cello

Chamber music

There are a limited number of single concert tickets for the 2003-04 Chamber Music Society of Detroit season available Concerts include Oct 11 Richard Goode on piano Nov 15 Juilliard String Quartet Dec 13 Emanuel Ax on piano Jan 10 2004 Bergen Woodwind Quintet with Orli Shaham on piano Tickets may be purchased by calling the CMS of Detroit (248) 855 6070

Cranbrook Music Guild

Opening concert 8 p m Tuesday Oct 14 Vadim Gluzman violin with Angela Yoffe piano Sanctuary of Christ Church Cranbrook corner of Cranbrook and Lone Pine Roads Afterglow in the Guild Hall Season tickets will be available at the concert the five concert season is \$100 Single tickets are \$30 at the door student tickets \$15 (248) 644 6352

JAZZ/BLUES

Ron's Fireside Inn

Charlie Gabriel Reeds 7:30-11 p m Wednesday Oct 8 Bill Lucas trumpet Oct 15 Buddy Budson piano Ursula Walker vocals Oct 22 Barbara Ware vocals Oct 29 28937 Warren Garden City \$5 cover with dinner \$10 cover

without dinner and two drink minimum reservations recommended (734) 762 7756

Kerrytown

EdgeFest Thursday Friday Oct 2-4 See Web site for the schedule and ticket information www.kerrytown.com/concert 415 North Fourth Avenue Ann Arbor Call (734) 769 2999

Jazz in the Garden

The Jazz in the Garden series 2003 concert schedule Avishai Cohen Oct 9 Straight ahead (all woman jazz ensemble) Oct 16 Ramsey Lewis Trio Oct 23 Marcus Belgrave & Fathead Newman with Ray Charles Band reunion concert Jazz in the Garden will be held in the GM Wintergarden in the Renaissance Center's five story atrium overlooking the Detroit riverfront Doors open at 5:30 p m all concerts begin at 7 p m Visit www.shoprenaissancecenter.com

Silky's Martini & Music Cafe

Witchdoctors (blues) 9 p m Friday Oct 3 Too Blue Feat 9 p m Saturday Oct 4 21931 Michigan Ave Dearborn (313) 565 6278 \$5 cover weekends after 8:30 p m

Edison's

Mark Arshak guitar 7 vocals bass drums trio 9 p m Thursday Oct 2 Robert Penn guitar & vocal 9 p m Friday Oct 3 John D Lamb guitar bass drums trio 9 p m Saturday Oct 4 220 Merrill Birmingham (248) 645 2150

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Trinity House Theatre

John Austin 8 p.m. Friday Oct 3 Scott Greenberg opens show \$10 Clive Gregson with Raiston Bowles 8 p.m. Saturday Oct 4 \$10 38840 W Six Mile Road Livonia (734) 464-6302

SPECIAL EVENTS

Detroit Zoo

Ocktoberfest noon to 9 p.m. Saturday Oct 4 noon to 5 p.m. Sunday Oct 5 *German entertainment and food activities* for children Tickets \$5 adults \$3 children no charge for children under 2 does not include Zoo admission \$9 adults \$6 children and seniors 10 Mile Road at Woodward Royal Oak (248) 398-0900 www.detroitzoo.org

Body, Mind, Spirit Festival

Macomb Community College Sports & Expo Center 12 Mile Road at Hayes Road Warren noon to 7 p.m. Saturday Oct 4 \$5 www.phenomenews.com or (248) 569-3888

Lecture

Linda Wells presenter from the Detroit Institute of Arts will be conducting a slide show 7 p.m. Thursday Oct 9 at the Franklin Public Library The Realm of Flora Botanical Imagery at the Detroit Institute of Arts 32455 Franklin Road

Cheerleading event

All cheerleaders past or present receive free admission at the Detroit Historical Museum 5401 Woodward Ave (corner of Kirby) 1-4 p.m. Sunday Oct 12 Presentation by Viola Sprague cheer leading coach at Wayne State University and the Warrior cheerleaders followed by contest All cheerleaders who come in uniform can participate in a group picture that will take place on the Museum's Bank One Plaza at 3:30 p.m. This group picture will be added to the Museum's Guts Games & Glory Detroit's Sporting Legacy exhibit Food refreshments and giveaways will also be available (313) 833-1805 or www.detroithistorical.org

Cosmic Origins

Five distinguished astronomers will lead a series of lectures sponsored by the UM Department and Astronomy the University of Michigan Exhibit Museum of Natural History and the UM Student Astronomical Society The series will cover the origins of the universe galaxies stars planets etc at 7:30 p.m. in Auditorium D Angell Hall 435 South State Street Ann Arbor Friday Oct 3



CPOP Gallery presents Yumiko Kayukawa's Pop Paintings through Oct 28 Opening reception 6-11 p.m. Saturday features Sapporo beer, Japanese treats and karaoke The gallery is at 4160 Woodward Ave, Detroit For more information, call (313) 833-9901 or visit www.cpop.com

physics professor August Gus Evrard The Birth of Galaxies Oct 17 Professor Alyssa Goodman A Recipe for Making Stars and Planets Oct 24 Professor Geoffrey Marcy Extrasolar Planets and Prospects for Life and Nov 7 professor Fred Adams Future of Life Universe and Everything Call (734) 764-0478 or visit www.exhibits.lsa.umich.edu

Wayne State events

Wayne State University's Dept of Music will host an Invitation Chorale Festival with Joseph Jennings director of Chanticleer (10:30 a.m. Oct 11) Organ master class with Notre Dame's Olivier Latry at 4 p.m. Oct 30 and the 37th Annual Salute Concert to Downtown Detroit noon Nov 25 Call (313) 577-1795 for details

Troy Museum events

The Troy museum will feature two unique lecture opportunities in November First anyone is eligible to sign up for a trip to see the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade Studio on Nov 8 The fee for this trip (not included in the general fee) is \$17 for adults \$13 for students On Nov 15 as part of the regular lecture series author Mike Davis will talk about the excursion boats that plied the Detroit River The museum is located at 60 West Watties Road Troy Call (248) 524-3570

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Greenmead fall events

Greenmead Historical Park has a schedule of 2003 fall events starting with Greenmead's Country Market Thursdays through Oct 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mother Goose at Greenmead Halloween Walk 10 a.m. to noon Oct 25 (\$6 per child) Sunday Tours at Historic Greenmead now through Oct 26 and Dec 7 14 and 21 No tours on holiday weekends For more information call (248) 477-7375 Greenmead is located at 20501 Newburgh Road Livonia

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Livonia Arts Commission

Patti Monroe Mohrenweiser Words of Art featuring poetry by Wayne Joseph Oct 2-30 Fine Arts Gallery Livonia Civic Center Library 32777 Five Mile Road Livonia Camera Club photo exhibit Livonia City Hall Lobby 33000 Civic Center Dr

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Southfield Civic Center 26000 Evergreen Southfield 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday Oct 5 \$3 admission www.greatlakesbeadworkers.org

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Art & Artifact student exhibition and cooperative effort between the College for Creative Studies Cranbrook Art Museum and Institute of Science Oct 10 to Nov 8 Artist reception 6-9 p.m. Friday Oct 10 407 Pine St downtown Rochester (248) 651-4110 www.pccart.org

COMEDY

Joey's Comedy Club

Joey's Comedy Club of Dearborn (5070 Schaefer) will host Steve Bills Oct 3 5 Patrick Spring Oct 9 12 Billy Ray Bauer Oct 16 19 Chas Elstner Oct 23 26 and Ruben Ruben Oct 30 31 Nov 2 Call (313) 584-8885 Oct 2 is Open Mike Night beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Joey's of Livonia

Joey's Comedy Club 36071 Plymouth Road Livonia Tuesdays are Open Mike Night at 8 p.m. cover is \$3 Call (734) 261-0555 for upcoming schedule

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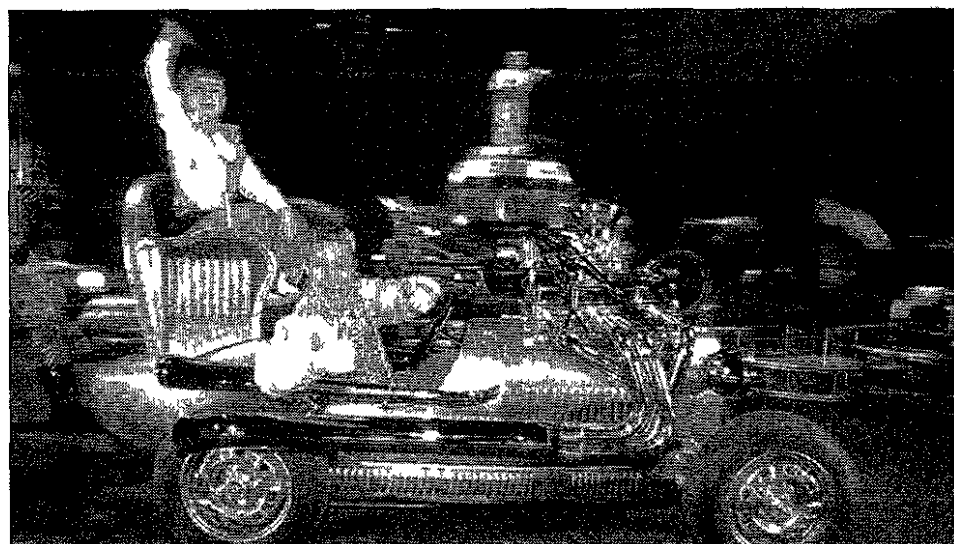
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Jon Weiss and his son, Johnny, ride around the arena in a specially designed car at Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey

Human cannonball having a blast

BY KEELY KALESKI
STAFF WRITER

It's easy for Jon Weiss to have a blast at work. He's a human cannonball – shot out of a specially designed machine during the Greatest Show on Earth – Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey Circus, now playing at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

He's been doing the act longer than anyone else, since 1987, and figures he's been shot out the cannon 5,500 times.

It's very dangerous, said Weiss, whose wife Laura presses the button that launches him into space 110 feet as fast as 65 mph. "You're relying on your ability and the machinery."

Serious stuff for a guy from Long Island, N.Y., who auditioned for the show after graduating from Clown College in 1981. He never dreamed he'd still be touring and traveling with Laura and their three children, ages 8, 5 and 3.

"I never chose it," he says about his career. "I look back and can't believe it. I truly enjoy what I do. No one can fake it."

The only drawback is life on the road – 11-and-a-half months out of the year. Time off is spent in Long Island visiting family, home is a 45-foot house trailer.

On the plus side, he and his wife are able to be a part of their kids' lives 24 hours a day. They've traveled all over the country, Canada and Mexico.

"My kids don't see color or race," he says. "I teach them that we're all equal and have strengths and weaknesses. It's OK to make mistakes as long as you learn from them."

Weiss encourages people to come to the show an hour early for the preshow, where they can mingle with performers, try on costumes, get autographs, pet animals and have their picture taken.

RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUS

When: Through Sunday, Oct. 5
Performances are at 7:30 p.m.
Thursday-Saturday and 11:30 a.m.,
3:30 p.m. Saturday, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.
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Tickets: VIP \$30 and \$45 (front row),
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www.palacenet.com. Visit www.rin-
gling.com for information.

"I'm the host of that," he said. "I truly enjoy what I do. For a kid to meet a human cannonball really means a lot to them, it's wonderful. I love my job at the circus."

This year's show is a mix of traditional circus acts and cutting-edge-daredevil stunts.

Three women take center stage – Sara, The Tiger Whisperer, Mystical Mei Ling and Circus Siren Sylvia Zerbini. Sara also works with zebras and elephants.

A ninth-generation circus performer, Zerbini is equally at home orchestrating eight horses in the ring or dangling on a trapeze far above the arena floor.

Experience farm life at Upland Hills Farm

BY ANDREA HUI
CORRESPONDENT

Milking cows? Riding ponies? Not for most people in today's urban society. But at Upland Hills Farm in Oxford, the dream of farm life for children and their families is a reality.

In 1960, Knight and Dorothy Webster created Upland Hills Farm. Their vision was to share the joys of and educate city dwellers about farm life. Four decades later, the farm and programs have expanded tremendously, the farm serves over 100,000 people a year.

From day camps to corporate parties, Upland Hills Farm has a program for almost anyone interested in a unique experience.

Through demonstrations and hands-on experiences, children learn farm life essentials like milking a cow and shearing sheep. They also enjoy hayrides, playgrounds and feeding the geese.

The farm even provides a traveling show that visits schools. Programs are designed to be educational and fun. The School Assembly Program allows the entire school to experience the farm without leaving school grounds.

In the fall, the farm is a great family day trip.

The Harvest Festival includes hayrides, magic shows and farm shows. The storybook trail, where a book comes to life in the forest, is a favorite. You can even pick your own pumpkin from the pumpkin patch.

Don't forget to purchase cider and doughnuts as you stroll the Farmer's Market. The market is stocked with fall essentials such as apples, honey and Indian corn.

"Upland Hills Farm is such a neat place to go," said Jill Klar of Rochester. "My mom used to take us here when I was little, and now, I'm taking my kids. We are always looking for something to do for a few hours and this is the perfect place."

The entire farm can be rented out for a company outing or any special event. Numerous catering services are available.

The Farm also organizes company picnics for smaller companies unable to rent the entire farm.

For these events, the farm is closed to the public.

For evening events, the farm can be rented for hayride parties. A bonfire is provided and adds to the



Jill, Tom and their son Jeffrey Klar of Rochester enjoy a tractor ride through the woods at Upland Hills Farm.

UPLAND HILLS FARM

Where: 481 Lake George Road, Oxford. Take I-75 north to Exit 81 (M-24/Lapeer Rd.) Lapeer Road, north to Silver Bell. Turn right on Silver Bell to Adams. Turn left on Adams to the end. Turn right on Stoney Creek to the end. Left on Lake George to the Farm. For more information and prices, call (248) 628-1611. www.uplandhillsfarm.com

Harvest festival: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, Oct. 4 to Oct. 26. Farm market, tours, hayride, pick-your-own pumpkins, cider & doughnuts. Admission: \$7 per person (children 24 months and younger admitted free).

Harvest Moon Hayrides: 7-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday in October. Thirty-minute hayride, complimentary hot chocolate or apple cider and doughnut, sit around the bonfire with family and friends. Cost: \$7 per person.

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Album

Fall moves into Michigan quietly and stealthily putting summer to bed Music released this time of year almost always reflects the settling effects of fall

Musician Sam Beam who is the sole member of Florida's **Iron and Wine** recorded produced wrote and even took the cover photo in his latest effort the 5 song EP **The Sea & The Rythm** out now on Sub Pop

The EP's title track creeps forward

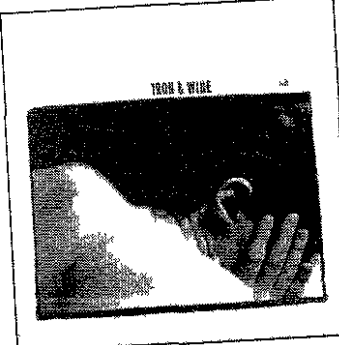
slowly and

peacefully as Beam's vocals harmonize over the banjo and gentle acoustic picking to sound like whispering a secret in the dark While **The Night Descending** is a more upbeat song (well as upbeat as Iron and Wine gets) that may remind listeners of a softer slower take on hootenanny It adds up to the perfect music for watching the leaves change with a cup of hot chocolate The album is available at local record stores or online at <http://www.subpop.com> For more on the band check out <http://www.ironandwine.com>

Iron and Wine will play with headliner Broadcast Oct. 10 at the Magic Stick 4120 Woodward Ave. in Detroit Tickets are \$10 Doors open at 8 p.m. 18 and up



K.M. BLACK



Eat

A great place to spend a chilly fall evening filling your tummy with comfort food **Sweet Lorraine's Cafe and Bar** offers contemporary American cuisine and homemade delights from Creole to vegetarian specialties

A repeated winner of Wine Spectator's "Award of Excellence" they offer a list of over 25 wines by the glass Plans are in the works to open a downtown location by late fall

The restaurant has three locations 1451 W. 14 Mile Road in Madison Heights 17100 N. Laurel Park Dr. in Livonia 29101 Greenfield Road in Southfield

Free

Not wanting to waste the last night of the weekend sitting at home?

Boogey on down to the Garden Bowl where the boys from Young Soul Rebels records spin a variety of music at the **Young Soul Revue** each Sunday night at the Garden Bowl 4120 Woodward Ave. Detroit Admission is free

The store which opened this summer is owned by the Italy Records owner Dave Buick and located above the C POP gallery

For more on the store check out <http://www.italyrecords.com>



Comedy

Cure your insomnia and need to rant by attending **Comedy Central Live** starring **Dave Attell and Lewis Black** Saturday at Michigan Theatre 603 E. Liberty Street Ann Arbor Attell star of the sleeper show **Insomniac** joins Black a former contributor to **The Daily Show with Jon Stewart** for what should be an off beat sardonic comedy showcase Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased through Ticketmaster online at <http://www.ticketmaster.com> or by calling (248) 645 6666

Show

Few rock concerts have as much potential for gettin' down as this show Canadian spaz punk band **Hot Hot Heat** is scheduled to perform Saturday at St. Andrew's Hall 431 E. Congress St. in Detroit New York art punkers IMA Robot and local favorite The French Kicks will open Come shake what your momma gave you

Tickets are \$16 Doors open at 8 p.m. All ages Tickets can be purchased from Ticketmaster online at <http://www.ticketmaster.com> or call (248) 645 6666 For more on the band check out <http://www.hothotheat.com>

Pure Picks is written by Stephanie Tardy Is there something you want considered? To submit information on local entertainment or other ideas to be featured in this space e-mail her at stardy@oe.homecomm.net



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Are you game?

Bicyclists enjoy pedal power

BY KEELY KALESKI
STAFF WRITER

Ride your bike across the state of Michigan, on a country road under a canopy of colored leaves, or slip and slide into the new year.

You'll be in good company. The bicycle clubs who organize these events, and weekend day trips, are fun people who enjoy being outdoors.

Pedaling 285 miles in six days from Lake Michigan to Lake Huron is something anyone can do, "if you're in reasonable shape and your bike fits," said Mary Walden of Walled Lake, who recently completed the PALM — Pedal Across Lower Michigan — ride with over 300 people ranging in age from preschool to older than 70.

The tour started in Montague with stops in Newaygo, Big Rapids, Mt. Pleasant, St. Charles and Marlett, and ended with a police escorted bicyclist parade through downtown Lexington.

Walden went with her husband, Jim, daughter Stephame 14, son Jeff, 17, and friends from St. Matthew Lutheran Church. "It's cliché, but it's a bonding experience," she said. "You have stories to tell about the things that happened on the road, everyone has a different story."

Walden liked biking as a teenager. She grew up in Southfield and remembers the freedom she felt riding her bike with cousins to the Franklin Cider Mill.

"Wow! What an adventure," she said. "I'd been there with my parents, but never by myself. I



MARY WALDEN

Kevin Degen of Bloomfield Hills (three-wheeler) enjoys the PALM ride with new friends

like getting places under my own steam, enjoying the scenery and taking pictures, meeting new

people.

Strangers quickly become friends on the PALM ride. You camp out on junior or high school football fields, take showers in the school locker room, and eat together in the cafeteria. Bikers load their gear onto a moving van every morning that takes it to the next stop.

People come from all over Michigan and neighboring states to participate.

"I think it's wonderful for families," said Pat Dobosenski of Birmingham. "It's an attainable goal, we've seen kids do it, the ride is set up so everyone is successful."

Dobosenski also enjoys going on bicycle trips organized by local clubs like the Blue Water

Ramble in St. Clair on Sunday, Oct. 5. The routes — 40, 60, 80 or 100 miles — cross into Canada. Bicyclists take the ferry to Canada across the St. Clair River. Closer to home is the Fall Back 40 Challenge in Clarkston on Oct. 12.

"They're well-planned, and the routes are easy to follow," she said.

Drivers follow the route and help bikers who break down on the road. There are food stops, and lots of like-minded people to encourage you.

"Everything's taken care of," said Dobosenski, "and the food is always great."

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BICYCLE MICHIGAN

For more information about bicycling in Michigan including the 2004 PALM, visit the League of Michigan Bicyclists Web site www.lmb.org or call (888) 642-4537. They publish a poster calendar with dates and information on the back for most tours and rides in Michigan. Calendar sale proceeds support LMB's projects. Join the LMB for \$15 for an individual or family membership and receive one free or send a SASE and a check for \$2 to Poster Calendar League of Michigan bicyclists, PO Box 16201, Lansing, MI 48901.

Upcoming trips

■ Blue Water Ramble - Sunday Oct. 5. St. Clair 40, 60, 80, 100 mile route into Canada. Optional U.S. only route available. Organized by the Clinton River Riders. Bill Duemling, (586) 819-0209. www.lmb.org/RR

■ Fall Back 40 Challenge - Sunday Oct. 12. Clarkston 17, 27, 44 and 62 mile ride through the rolling hills of northern Oakland County. Organized by Flying Rhino Cycling Club. Jim Owens, (248) 625-7000. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday or noon to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday or e-mail frccp@hotmail.com. www.flyingrhinocc.com

■ First Dozen Tour - Thursday Jan. 1. Olive Branch Masonic Lodge 1170 Mason Dearborn. \$6.50 fee, \$8 after Dec. 10. Pedal in the New Year with a 12-mile bike ride. Presented by the Cycling Saddlemen Bicycle Club. Tom Ogden, (734) 721-0077 before 10 p.m. or e-mail saddlemen@yahoo.com. www.saddlemen.org

■ Polar Rhino Ride - Thursday Jan. 1. Clarkston Independence Township Library. eight and 17 miles. Fee to be determined. Contact Jim Owens, number above.

Don't let autumn get away; catch some falling colored leaves

It's time to plan a fall getaway, here are some ideas:

■ Michigan's annual fall color show begins at the top of the state in the Upper Peninsula, where it gets cooler first. It then moves southward. Peak color in the U.P. is early October, in the northern Lower Peninsula through mid-October, in mid-Michigan from early to mid-October, and in southern Lower Michigan from mid- to late October. For information on Michigan fall color conditions, visit

www.michigan.org or call (888) 78-GREAT (784-7328). Information is updated weekly by AAA Michigan at www.aaamich.com during the fall color season.

■ At Big Bay Point Lighthouse Bed & Breakfast, one of the few surviving resident lighthouses in the country, guests enjoy a half-mile of Lake Superior shore, viewing tower, sauna, library and fireplaces. The package starts from \$177 plus tax, is based on double occupancy and

includes one night's lodging, breakfast and wilderness waterfall tour. For more information, call (906) 345-9957.

■ Tea for Two, Grand Hotel Mackinac Island, package includes accommodations, full breakfast and five-course dinner daily, one 18-hole round of golf on The Jewel per person, afternoon tea in the parlor, all gratuities and baggage handling charges and a special discount on ferry boat tickets.

Rates start at \$199 daily/per

person/double occupancy or \$333 daily/single. Package available in October only. For reservations or more information on this package, call (800) 33-GRAND.

■ Lazy K Ranch Bed & Breakfast - Chifford, two nights in a jacuzzi suite, dinner, go horseback riding both days and sit down to a hearty country breakfast. Offered weekends Oct. 16-31, \$350.00, (989) 761-9528, <http://home.centurytel.net/lazykranch/>

Tour New York's garment district

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Here's an idea for something different for those with money to spare: a rare opportunity to tour New York's Garment District with a veteran of the fashion industry.

The guide's name is a secret, but it will be someone connected to a big name in the fashion industry.

The tour is one of the offerings of The Community House in Birmingham. Travel coordinator Kay Van Dusen planned the event. Her goal is to offer interesting group tours at lower-than-normal costs.

"We took this trip about eight years ago and it was amazing," Van Dusen said. "Tour-goers get a behind-the-scenes look of the fashion history. It is incredible. You will walk into these rickety old buildings, down deep hallways into cavernous rooms and see the hard work going on inside. It's astounding. It completely changed the way I look at the clothing in my closet."

Today, Van Dusen occasionally wonders about the person who might have created her clothes.

She has a stronger appreciation for the quality work, she said.

Aside from the tour, guests are given the opportunity to shop - at deep discounts. From there, guide and tourist will lunch at Bens, a famous Kosher deli in New York.

A TOUR OF NEW YORK'S GARMENT DISTRICT

What: Tour goers will tour the garment district with a fashion designer and visit one or two design houses.

When: Friday-Sunday, Oct. 17-19

What it includes: Round-trip air fare from Detroit to New York, two nights at the Marriott Marquis Hotel and tour of the district by deluxe motor coach.

Cost: \$699 per person, double occupancy; \$961 per person, single occupancy. \$200 deposit reserves space. Call The Community House (248) 644-5832 and ask for Kay Van Dusen in the travel department.

"And of course we will also visit Canal Street for those \$10 Rolex watches and other fun."

The rest of the tour is free for guests to spend on their own.

"We don't want people to have a hectic schedule on this trip, so free time is definitely on the agenda."

Spend a day 'antique-ing'

The 56th Annual Goodwill Antiques Show returns for the second year to the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion at Oakland University in Rochester, Friday-Sunday, Nov. 7-9. More than 50 exhibitors from across the country will be featured.

The event will be from 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, with a black-tie optional Gala Preview Party with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and music by Mystic Knights of Jazz.

A new Friday evening event 7-9 p.m. features cash bar, nibbles, jazz musicians and a magician. Show goers who have already paid the \$10 admission for the day will not pay an additional charge to attend.

Those who come only for the party will

be charged \$10.

General admission \$10 tickets to the Antiques Show may be purchased at the door. Parking is free. Preview tickets are \$80 to \$200. (248) 375-1493.

Show hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 8-9.

The show also will feature free professional antiques evaluations on the Saturday morning before regular show hours begin for the day.

Ernest Du Mouchelle of Du Mouchelle Galleries, Kenneth Katz of Conservation Museum Service and Stephen J. Till, a gemologist, will provide free evaluations of items (limit of three) brought from home 9:30-11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8.

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