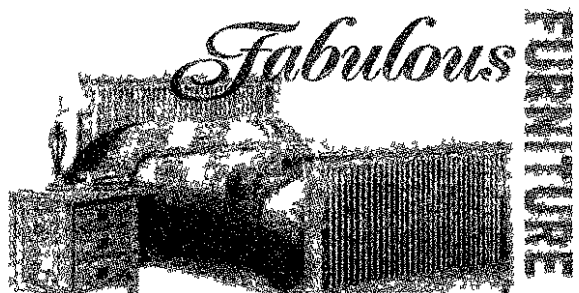


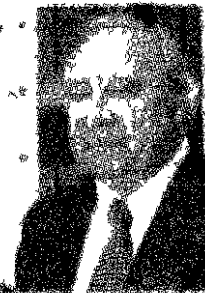
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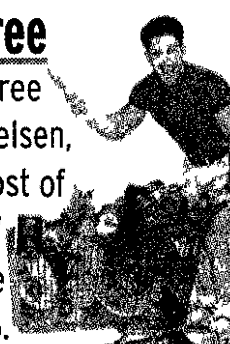
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Shopping spree

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



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City testimony

Traffic delays caused by trains in Plymouth and Plymouth Township are a seemingly never ending



problem and Paul Sincock went to Lansing recently to testify to that effect

Sincock Plymouth's city manager appeared before the state Senate Transportation Committee along with Sen Bruce Patterson (R Canton Township) about delays caused by any of the 13 rail road crossings in the Plymouth area Sincock was accompanied by police Chief Wayne Carroll Both Wayne and I talked about the issues relating to the railroad which are public safety issues Sincock said Clearly this is a federal issue but what (the Senate) is trying to do is come up with a resolution to the folks in Washington D C to convince them to get off the dime and adopt a reasonable standard

Sincock said he also spent time talking to representatives of the Michigan Railroad Association who he said tried to paint Plymouth's situation as unique That's not accurate Sincock said I talked to him about Trenton about Holland about Durand A lot of the delays here in Plymouth are caused because tracks aren't in good shape That's certainly not unique to Plymouth

LWV meets

The next League of Women Voters meeting scheduled for Oct 14 will feature Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano Ficano will focus his talk on mass transit in the metropolitan area The public is invited to attend this discussion which starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library Seating is limited For more information call Paula Bowman at (734) 455-4726

Waste day

Officials in the township and city hosted the second



joint hazardous waste disposal day Saturday and by all accounts it was another successful one The dumping day held at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township drew nearly 500 cars according to Susan Vignoe Plymouth Township's solid waste and public service coordinator

Press additions give O&E clout in competitive metro market

There is an iron rule in the newspaper business — and, for that matter, in any other business I can imagine: If you're not gaining, you're losing

It's been nearly 40 years since I started the *Observer Newspapers* and, in 1974, merged with the *Eccentric Newspapers*. The resulting company — the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* — over the years has become one of the most respected groups of hometown newspapers in the country

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Phil Power

units added to our central press plant in Livonia and an entirely new packaging and distribution center also in Livonia but located in a separate building

The additions to our press line will allow us to print up to 16 more pages in one pass through the press. And the added color "half-deck" on one of the units will allow us to print more four-color pictures and ads in more locations in the paper. All this will allow us to push back our editorial and advertising deadlines, which means you will get fresher news of your hometown and more up-to-date ads in your paper than in the past

The packaging and distribution center increases enormously the speed we can insert preprinted advertising circulars into the newspapers after they have been printed. We've also added a computer program that allows us to "micro-zone" the specific areas to which we distribute circulars down to a ZIP code or less. This means our advertising customers can customize the distribution of their advertising cir-

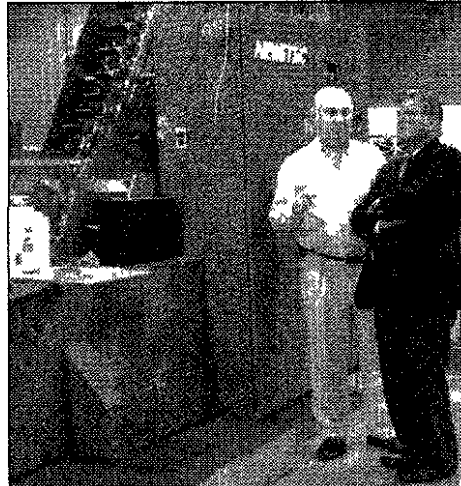
culars to meet the particular local market needs of their individual stores

We're proud of what we've accomplished, which is why we're having an open house at our packaging and distribution center, 3-5 p.m. Wednesday Oct 15. The center is located at 35450 Industrial Drive, off Levan Road and south of Schoolcraft

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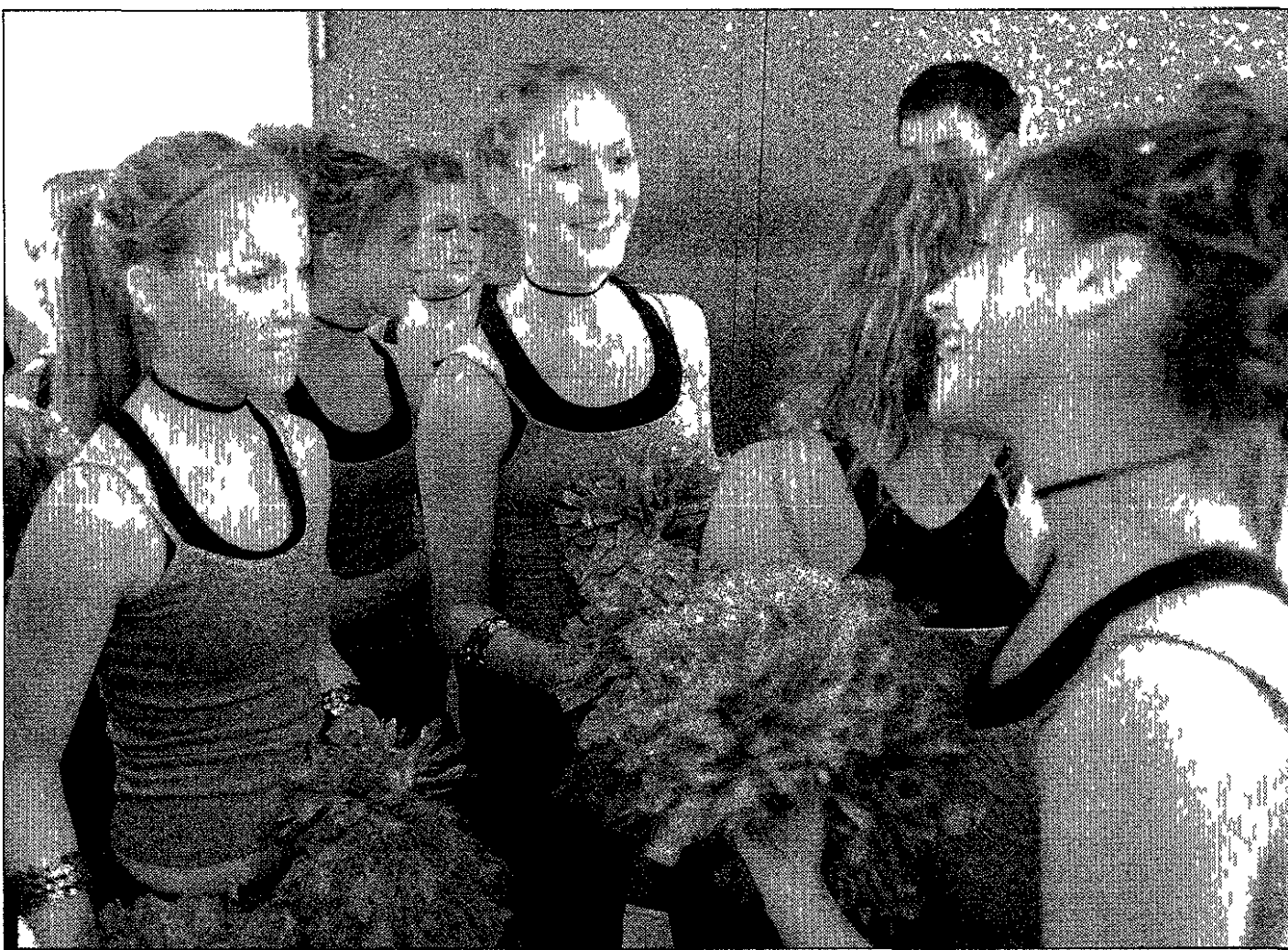


Phil Power (right) owner of the O&E and Peter Neill general manager look over recently installed equipment at the new packaging and distribution center in Livonia

very best hometown newspapers we can. I hope you'll notice the improvements in your *Observer* over the coming weeks

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Phil Power
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Getting ready

Sophomores Kelly Collins, (from left) Kayla Powers and Allison Ruda prepare backstage prior to their class routine at the Canton Chiefettes 2003 Variety Show Saturday evening at the Salem High School Auditorium. For more on the show, please turn to page A3

Incumbent wants to continue city role



Dwyer

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth city commissioner Dan Dwyer says he feels a sense of pride while walking the streets of Plymouth

"I like walking downtown, or through the

neighborhood, knowing that I had a little, tiny say in how beautiful Plymouth is," Dwyer said. "I like meeting people, and the friendships I've made"

While Dwyer said he's enjoyed his four years on the city commission, he

knows it will be much tougher if re-elected for a second term in the Nov. 4 general election. He's one of five candidates on the ballot

The city faces a \$1.2 million budget deficit next year, and mounting deficits thereafter

Commissioners approved asking voters for a Headless override next month, which will raise property taxes to erase the shortfall, if passed

"It's going to be tough, whether Proposal 1 passes

PLEASE SEE DWYER, A4

County caps city underpass total

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County officials have come up with a last-ditch proposal to persuade Plymouth city commissioners to reverse an earlier vote not to participate in the often-delayed Sheldon Road grade

PLEASE SEE UNDERPASS, A9

Chili chefs ready for cookoff

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Community Fire Department firefighter Jeff Randall does a lot of the cooking at Fire Station No. 3 for his colleagues

That's most likely because the 1 1/2-year veteran is a culinary arts graduate from Schoolcraft College in Livonia

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Wilcox Foundation seeks needy groups

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Wilcox Foundation is looking to give away money, but the organization is finding it hard to identify groups looking for financial help. "Currently, we've received about a half-dozen applications for the fall awards," said Dan Herriman, a member of the foundation's three-person board of directors. "We usually get about three times that amount."

The Wilcox Foundation, a charitable trust established in honor of life-long Plymouth resident Jack Wilcox after his death in 2000, has thus far awarded more than \$400,000 in grants.

"We're looking for any organization that has a worthwhile project which benefits the Plymouth community," said Herriman. "There's an emphasis on start-up programs, so if an organization wants to start a new program and needs seed money to get it started the first year, or first several years, we're happy to provide that. We'd like to see a plan that shows the program will eventually become self-reliant, and ways that volunteers will contribute time or money to get it started, as well."

Projects funded by the Wilcox Foundation have included \$150,000 for construction of a four-bedroom

addition to Plymouth Opportunity House, \$100,000 in scholarships for Plymouth-Canton Schools high school seniors, and \$25,000 for a YMCA youth empowerment program.

"Jack certainly would have liked to see improvements in the city that enhance the quality of life, especially educational and recreational opportunities for kids and young people," said Herriman. "He wanted to create opportunities for young people who may not have the opportunity to go to college."

"Along the way, Jack helped out a lot of people, loaning money — or just giving it away — to people in need, or who didn't know where else to turn," he said. "We're continuing that legacy."

Herriman said the Wilcox Foundation currently has in excess of \$3 million.

"It's interesting in that the foundation continues to maintain much of the same investment portfolio that Jack Wilcox had, and it's been doing very well, despite what's happened in the marketplace," said Herriman. "So, apparently he knew how to pick 'em."

The foundation board members will be meeting Oct. 16 to review the latest grant requests. Applications can be obtained by calling Herriman at (734) 459-5440.

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NEW MORNING CLASSES

New Morning School is holding classes that are open to the public called "Me & My Shadow." It's a weekly class for parent and child where the child is the "Me" and the parent is the "Shadow." School officials say it's a "unique and remarkable place for experiencing a child's first classroom for adults and kids."

The parent and child participate in music and finger-play activities, art projects, snack and story time. Classes start the week of Oct. 20 and are held Monday evening, Wednesday afternoon and Saturday morning.

Families can register by calling New Morning School, (734) 420-3331.

The school is located at 14501 Haggerty between Schoolcraft and Five Mile in Plymouth Township.

Families can also visit the school's Web site, www.newmorningschool.com.

ALBOM SIGNS

Detroit Free Press sports columnist Mitch Albom will sign copies of his new book, *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, at the Little Book Shoppe on the Park 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10.

Little Book Shoppe on the Park is located at 380 S. Mann, across from Kellogg Park. For more information, call (734) 455-5220.

FOCUS GROUPS

With a Nov. 4 election coming up that will decide whether residents wish to allow the city commission to roll back the Headlee Amendment and raise taxes, commissioners have

scheduled a series of public meetings to discuss the issue.

Anyone wishing to learn more and provide input about Proposal 1, the proposal to raise taxes in the city, can attend any or all of several meetings scheduled this month. The meetings will occur at the Plymouth Cultural Center in two sessions each, 7 and 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, Wednesday, Oct. 22.

The Plymouth Cultural Center is located at 525 Farmer. For more information, call Plymouth City Hall, (734) 453-1234.

PREVIEW PARTY

Hidden Falls is throwing a preview party from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, to introduce the community to the Plymouth Township spa.

Refreshments, snacks and "sneak peek" tours of the facility will be among the events.

The spa, located on Schoolcraft at Haggerty, is set to open Nov. 15. The facility features a full-scale spa, state-of-the-art exercise club, fitness and relaxation classes, a beauty salon and retail store.

Charter memberships are available. For more information, call (734) 464-7777.

CRAFT SHOW

Independence Village of Plymouth sponsors a craft show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12.

The show provides those who attend a chance to get an early start on holiday shopping, and offers a wide variety of items.

For more information, call Independence Village, (734) 453-4006.

AROUND TOWN



Educational excellence

Jennifer Foess, daughter of Barb and Dave Foess of Canton, graduated with High Distinction from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor in April 2003 with a B.S. in anthropology zoology. Foess, a 1999 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, was a member of the American Medical Student Association, American Medical Women's Association, and WSU SOM STD/AIDS Youth Prevention Program. While at U.M., Foess received University Honors for eight semesters, was a James B. Angell Scholar for four semesters, was Phi Beta Kappa, Golden Key National Honor Society, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and is now attending Wayne State University School of Medicine.

JAYCEES HAUNTED HOUSE

The doors are once again open at the "Estate of the Damned," the Plymouth Jaycees Halloween haunted house.

Jaycee officials promise even more thrills and scares than in the past. The house is located at 13001 Eckles Road. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for kids 12 and under.

The haunting runs nightly starting at 8 p.m. Oct. 10-12 and Oct. 17-30. Information is available on the Web at plymouthjaycees.org or by calling (734) 453-8407.

POTLUCK MEETING

The Plymouth Branch of the

Woman's National Farm and Garden Association holds its fall potluck meeting at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13, at the Plymouth District Library.

After the monthly meeting, there will be a presentation on container gardening. New members are always welcome.

For more information, call Judy Krieman, (734) 459-1027.

IMPRESSIONIST ARTIST

Composer Libby Larsen presents slides and speaks about 15 paintings by American Impressionist artist Mary Cassatt during a presentation at the Plymouth Community Arts Council at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10.

"Mary Cassatt, American Impressionist Artist -- Inspiration and Metamorphosis" features the work that inspired Larsen, whom officials say is "consistently sought after as a leader in the generation of millennium thinkers, whose music and ideas have refreshed the concert music tradition and the composer's role in it."

Larsen will discuss creativity and how one arts form inspired another. The art was the impetus for Larsen's music composition "Mary Cassatt - 7 Songs for Mezzo Soprano, solo Trombone and Orchestra," which will be performed by the Plymouth Symphony at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial at Beck in Plymouth Township.

Contact the symphony office at (734) 451-2112 for ticket information.

DAR MEETS

The Daughters of the American Revolution-Sarah Ann Cochrane Plymouth-Northville Chapter, hold a sandwich luncheon at noon Monday, Oct. 20, at the Northville Public Library.

The program will concern "Healthy Women," with guest speaker Andrea Vanderveen. All DAR members and potential members are welcome.

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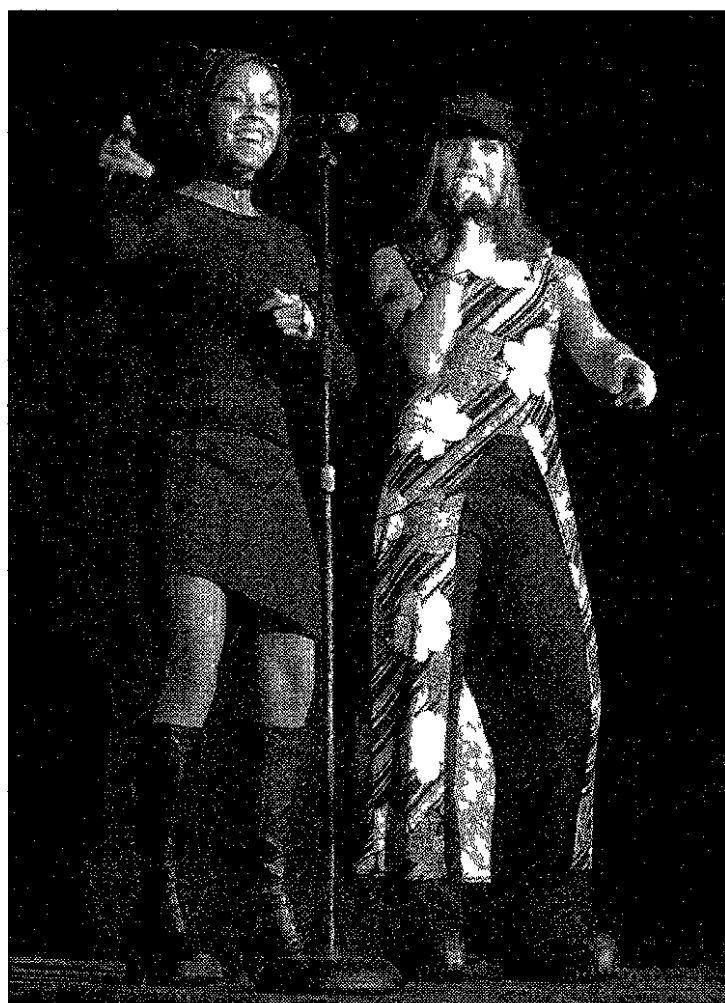
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The Canton Chiefettes Varsity squad performs during their 2003 Variety Show Saturday evening at the Salem High School Auditorium

30th birthday bash big success



Morgan Hare and Carolyn Jameel perform during the Canton Chiefettes 2003 Variety Show Saturday evening at the Salem High School Auditorium

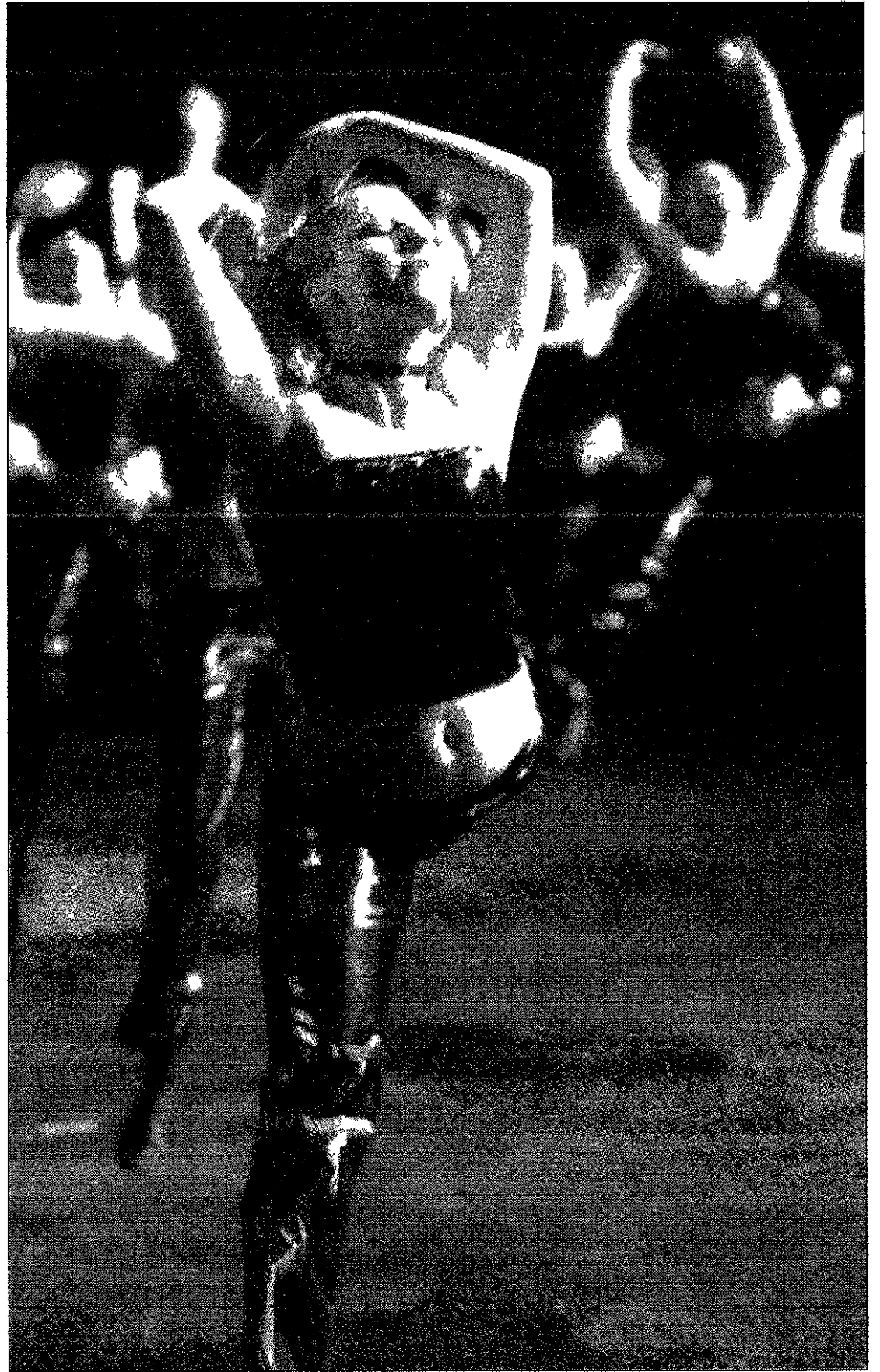
Variety show keeps Chiefettes in the money

The Canton Chiefettes are celebrating their 30th anniversary this year. The annual variety show is the squad's biggest fund-raiser of the year and this year was no different.

"The show was a tremendous success," said Chiefettes program director Cece Hinske. "The evening show, especially, we had over 1,000 in attendance."

Next month the pom squad will perform in a high-kick competition, followed by a regional competition. "You have to place to be invited to the state competition in mid-February," Hinske said.

The Chiefettes perform 10 months of each year, meaning each girl on the squad gives about 600 hours of her time. The squad performs at all home football and basketball



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Junior Missy Lachowski performs with the Salem Rockettes squad during the Canton Chiefettes 2003 Variety Show Saturday evening at the Salem High School Auditorium

games and at camp in the summer. In their early years the Chiefettes who were state champs in 1988 and 1991. The squad was started by Ellen

Curtis Dorman in 1973 with 16 girls.

The Chiefettes actually have two squads: varsity with 28 members, coached by Kristen

Barkoot and Andrea Rentz, and the junior varsity squad with 21 members, coached by Jenny Kessler and Coleen Wydendorf.

County gets \$3 million federal grant

The Wayne County Sheriff's Department has been awarded a \$3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) to offset local homeland security law enforcement expenses.

"Wayne County sheriffs - and all our community's first responders - worked to meet demands of our nation's ongoing war on terror," said U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia).

"This federal grant will further their efforts and ensure they receive the compensation they have earned."

The Homeland Security Overtime Program is a new grant program established in response to the ongoing threat of terrorism and the critical role state and local law enforcement agencies play in preventing and responding to terrorism.

"When it comes to homeland security, planning and training are critical for first-responders. This grant will allow our department to better protect the citizens of Wayne County in the event of an emergency," said Sheriff Warren C. Evans.

"I am deeply appreciative to the U.S. Department of Justice for providing these funds and to the members of our congressional delegation who helped make this happen."

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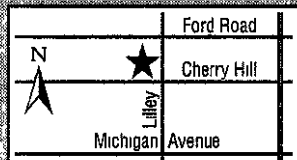
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League hosts forum for city election

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

With a Plymouth City Commission election nearing, city voters get a chance to ask questions to help determine their vote, courtesy of the League of Women Voters of Western Wayne County.

The League, in partnership with the *Plymouth Observer*, hosts a candidates' forum at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, in the city commission chambers at City Hall.

All five candidates — incumbents Michele Potter and Dan Dwyer and challengers Peter

Bunting, Anthony Guilhom and Dave Workman — have been invited to attend.

Candidates will be given a one-minute opening statement, then will have one minute to respond to questions posed by audience members. Index cards will be available before the forum, to be collected before and during the forum by League members.

Candidates will then get a two-minute summation. League member Anne Marie Graham Hudak, a veteran moderator, will direct the forum. The forum will be taped by Comcast to be aired at

various times before the Nov. 4 election.

Potter and Dwyer, both elected in 1999, are seeking their second terms. Bunting has campaigned before, while Guilhom and Workman are making their initial bids for the commission.

The top three vote-getters are elected to four-year terms. The fourth-place finisher earns a two-year term.

Incumbent Mayor Bill Graham and commissioner Colleen Pobur elected not to seek re-election.

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DWYER

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or not," admitted Dwyer. "There's no way, even if Proposal 1 passes, we are not going to make significant cuts to the city's services."

Dwyer, Washtenaw County's trial court administrator, said the budget issues facing Plymouth are the same all over. "I supervise a \$20 million budget, and they want to take a million of it away for the exact same reasons," Dwyer said. "Revenues are down, the cost of health care is way up, and retirement costs are up."

"Whether it's \$20 million, or \$10 million or \$200,000 the way you do it is all the same," he said. "Don't fudge the numbers, don't spend more than you've got, and be honest with people on how you spend it."

Personally, Dwyer said he supports the Headlee rollback. "No one has shown me any way we can continue services, at the level we do, without Proposal 1," said Dwyer. "We need \$1.2 million, and that's huge. It's easy for me to say we just need to be more efficient, but the reality is, that's hard. It doesn't mean we shouldn't be doing it every day to the best of our ability, but it's much easier said than done."

Despite the deficit budget projections, Dwyer said he doesn't believe the city is wasting taxpayers' money.

"We're in a budget cut because of things that are out of our control, like revenue sharing and the Headlee rollback," Dwyer said. "But, having said that, we have to live within the environment that we exist."

Dwyer said if Proposal 1 fails, it will be tough to set priorities for the expected cuts. "Public safety will probably always be first to me," he said. "Things like recreation, which are quality of life issues and important to me, will probably be my first things to go. It's an optional thing that government provides. It's extremely important, and it gives benefit to the community, but it's not as important as public safety or infrastructure."

Dwyer admitted both the city administration and commissioners should be accountable and share the blame for not having projected better into the future.

"The financial department should have seen it coming, and the city commission should have been asking them to do it," he said.

As for the Sheldon Road underpass project, for which Wayne County is asking the

city to spend \$503,000 as its share, Dwyer said he'd rather spend the money on paving city streets.

"I voted 'no' against it every time, and unless someone shows me differently, I will vote against it again," Dwyer said.

City officials are also looking at ways to change police dispatch and fire services to save money. Dwyer said the fire department merger, which occurred before he was elected, was a good idea except for the fact the contract with Plymouth Township fails to give the city any control in how the money is spent.

"While I think we get great service, it's frustrating as a commissioner to have absolutely no say in the way the money and services are managed," said Dwyer. "That's a lot of City of Plymouth taxpayer dollars."

He's also disappointed that talks with Plymouth Township to form a joint recreation plan failed to produce an agreement.

"We thought we were moving along, but the township just said 'no,'" said Dwyer.

"The city has the expertise and staff, and the township has money and space. It's a perfect marriage. It just didn't work."

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"I love to cook, but now I just do it for a hobby," Randall said. "But they've got me doing most of the meals here."

Randall, 32, will be serving up some of his homemade chili at this weekend's Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff in downtown Plymouth.

When asked what his recipe entails, Randall said, "I can't tell you that. But I will say it's more of a gumbo recipe turned into chili. It's not a five-alarm chili, which has been used a million times."

It's the eighth annual Great Lakes Regional organized by Annette Horn, who last week participated in the World Championship Chili Cookoff in Reno, Nev., competing against 120 other cooks in the chili verde (green chili) division.

"There are going to be 60 cooks here, which is up from

last year," Horn said. "There are going to be quite a few new cooks who previously came to the event and now want to participate."

Competition is in three areas — traditional red chili, chili verde and salsa.

There will also be the annual restaurant challenge. Last year's winner, Plymouth Pub, will be competing against The Dartmoor, Compari's On The Park, Sean O'Callaghan's Irish Pub, Jack Dunleavy's, Bushel's Cafe, Main Street Catering, Ginger's Coffee Connection and Doyle's Tavern.

All the money raised goes to charity. This year's recipients will be the disabled children of the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association and the Western Wayne County Chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

Last year, the chili cookoff raised \$15,000 for the soccer association.

"It costs \$1 per sample for the cookoff competition chili,"

Horn said. The chili will be judged at 3 p.m., and it doesn't take long to go.

Bowls of chili for the restaurant competition go for \$3 each, and there will be ballots to vote for your favorite," she said. The eateries will be selling chili from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., or until they sell out.

There's also a motorcycle competition, grouped in 16 different categories. Registration is from 10:30 a.m. to noon, and costs \$10. The public will vote for its favorite bikes.

There will be games for kids of all ages. Music will be supplied by Bobby Lewis and the Cracker Jack Band, and Plymouth's own Sarah Lenore.

The weather Sunday is expected to cool a bit, and that's music to Horn's ears.

"The cooler weather is good for eating chili," she said. "As long as we can keep the moisture away, it will be a great day." The Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff runs from noon until 5 p.m. Sunday.

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P-CEP exhibition among highlights of invitational

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The Great Lakes Invitational Marching Band Competition, held at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park stadium Saturday, was more than a display of talented marching techniques, masterful music and creative choreography by the nine high school marching bands from across the state.

It was also a time for honoring a special alumnus and a generous benefactor.

Paramount, of course, were the dynamic and entertaining 10-minute productions ranging from Gershwin's Porgy and Bess to a sampling of Leonard Bernstein to P-CEP's own creative and intriguing "Souls of the Gypsy Caravan."

Several thousand nearly filled the stands at the end of the competition when the hometown band took the field for their exhibition performance and were delighted to see a portion of the third movement added on to the production.

"The band did pretty well," said Assistant Band Director Brian Miller. "We just added that part this week so it was a longer show with almost an additional minute of music."

Marc Whitlock, director of bands at the Park, agreed.

"The performance was very good," he said. "But since the third movement is very new, it wasn't at the same performance standards as the other two movements. We have much more to do. Our next contest is at Huron Valley on Oct. 25 and we hope to have the whole production on the field by then."

That's something trumpeter John Lundy appreciates.

"This show has great potential," said the Salem senior. "We are good with technique, but we don't have all the emotion into it yet. It is a growing thing. The more you perform it, the more you put your heart



Band Director Marc Whitlock (right) and flanking band members Shelly Dwenger, Emily Noe and Andrew Lorelli are all smiles as they leave the P-CEP stadium following their exhibition performance of 'Souls of the Gypsy Caravan' at the Great Lakes Invitational Saturday. Said Whitlock, who assumed the position of director of bands at the Park in May, "I'm having a wonderful time."

into it." Plymouth sophomore and clarinetist Jen Mason is beginning to experience that "I could feel the energy in places," she said. "The third movement is a lot of fun to play, but it is difficult because it is so fast-paced."

According to Miller, however, things will be picking up even more. "It's going to be much faster," he said. "Even the first movement is still 30 beats slow. In the next two weeks we are going to try to get the third movement completed and everything up to tempo."

The annual GLI competition is one of the major fund-raisers for the P-CEP music makers, supported almost entirely by parents, fund-raisers and private donations. While the number of bands participating was about half of previous years, the amount raised was more than half. "Things went really well even though the show was a bit smaller than last year," said Rick Paffenroth, co-chair of the event along with Dee Lundy. "It was a success."

Lundy agreed. "We had a good show and we did it with pride," she said. And she had kudos for the more than 100 that worked on the event from January through show time in October. She felt costs and cutbacks may have prevented some bands from participating this year.

Paffenroth added that the date assigned by the Michigan Competing Band Association,

may have had something to do with the lower numbers as well, especially because of homecoming weekends in early October. He is hoping for a later date for next year's GLI. "But it's amazing," he added, "because even for a small show like this, Plymouth has so many alumni that come back and probably half those in the stands are alumni."

One special alumnus was Evan Reissenweber, a Canton grad this year, and four-year tuba player with the P-CEP band. He will be heading off for Marine Corps boot camp by the middle of the month, but he will still be making music while he's marching. Evan was selected to be one of the U.S. Marine Commandant's Own, a special unit honored to play for presidents and dignitaries.

"I'll be playing contrabass bugle," explained Evan. "That's basically a tuba that is related to the bugle. The tryout was actually in Washington, D.C., but I tried out in Troy for some other bands."

Once they heard him, however, they thought he was so good they called Washington and told them to save a spot for him. Trophy presenters at this year's GLI were Mark Baldwin, treasurer of the Plymouth Rotary Foundation and Nancy Baldwin, a member of the board of directors. The Rotary Foundation was recognized for its generous contributions to the P-CEP Marching



PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

Lindsay Gerst on clarinet, Lauren Blackley on alto saxophone and clarinetists Angela Ayoub and Alexandra Gasser have a rare momentary pause as the color guard dances through in the P-CEP exhibition performance of 'Souls of the Gypsy Caravan' on Saturday.

Band, providing funding for new uniforms last year and new mellophones this year.

Observer-area bands taking some of those trophies home were Farmington Harrison, first in Flight III, and Farmington, second in Flight II. The top spot in Flight I was

captured by Grandville High School from the west side of the state.

And changes are in store for the award-winning hometown marchers. The staff is working on some rewrites of the show material.

Creativity is all about

experimentation and change, said Whitlock. "It is always a work in progress. The next three weeks are back to the basics. We are going to learn how to march better, learn how to play better, and learn how to apply that to what we do on the field."

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

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Harold Allen Smith

Services for Harold Smith, 63, of Michigan City, Ind., were held Sept. 30 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Michigan City with the Rev. David Albertin officiating. Mr. Smith died Sept. 25. He was owner/operator of The Historic 1866 Feallock House Bed and Breakfast, member of Main Street Merchant Association, Elston Grove Neighborhood Association, member of the Chamber of Commerce, Michigan City, Ind., member of the Indiana Bed and Breakfast Association, Michigan City Preservationists, Michigan City Chamber Music Association, International Friendship Gardens, Regional Supervisor for Rochester Midland Chemical, graduate of Anderson University, Anderson, Ind. He served as a police officer in Anderson and formerly a sheriff's deputy of Madison County Sheriff's Department, former undercover agent for the ATF, Chicago, Ill., and graduate of Plymouth High School. He was an avid sailor. Survivors include loving wife, Janet Claire Smith, daughter Pamela Stacey Pearson of Scottsville, Ky., son, Andrew Allen (Dana) Smith of Lexington, Ky., stepchildren, Jay (Karen) Toyra of Lafayette, Jeffrey (Ildiko) Toyra of Chicago, and Jacqueline (Bill) King of Longwood, Fla., 13

grandchildren, brother, Walter (Charlotte) Smith of Anderson, Ind., sister, Nancy (Jim) Carter of Savage, Minn., and parents Harold (LaVerne) Smith of Plymouth. Arrangements made by Kuiper Funeral Home.

Maria Beatrice Snow

Services for Maria Snow, one month, were held Oct. 2 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Tony Richter officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Maria was born Aug. 28, 2003, in Ann Arbor and died Sept. 29 at the University of Michigan. Survivors include parents, John (Andrea) Snow of Ann Arbor. Arrangements made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home.

David B. Kosteva

Services for David Kosteva, 55, of Brighton, were held Sept. 29 at Verneulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Jack H. Baker officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Mr. Kosteva was born May 24, 1948, in Johnson City, N.Y., and died Sept. 25 in Brighton. He was employed in executive searching. Survivors include parents, Bernard (Olga) Kosteva, son, Andrew Kosteva of Brighton,

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Mildred Elizabeth Parker

Services for Mildred Parker, 92, of Westland, were held Friday, Oct. 3, at St. Andrews Catholic Church with the Rev. William Stevenson officiating. Mrs. Parker was born Sept. 25, 1911, in Jackson and died Sept. 29 in Westland. She was a registered nurse. Survivors include daughters, Carol (John) Cadwell, Betty (Charles) M. Elliott of Saline, and Barbara (Chris) McCormick, nine grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren. Arrangements made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home.

David Lee Houle

Services for David Houle, 50, of Novi (formerly of Canton) were Monday, Oct. 6, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Mr. Houle was born Oct. 13, 1952, in Detroit and died Oct. 1 in Canton. He had held various positions. Survivors include mother, Sylvia Houle, sisters, Merry Lynn (Joe) Herdell, Dianne (Charley) Jaskolski, Janice Markey and Gwen (Bruce)

Nix, and brothers, Larry (Diana) Houle, Vincent (Mary Jane) Houle.

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Dolores M. Darnell

Services for Dolores Darnell, 82, of Plymouth, were held Oct. 4 at Church of the Divine Savior in Plymouth with the Rev. Alexander A. Kuras officiating.

Mrs. Darnell was born July 8, 1921, in Detroit and died Sept. 27 at Angela Hospice. She had worked as a clerk. She was a member of Church of the Divine Savior.

Survivors include husband, Robert H. Darnell, son, Daniel (Annette) Broadwell, son, Kenneth (Judith) Darnell, and grandchildren, Tyree, Eljah, Catherine, Paul, Clare and Sarah.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice. Arrangements made by Verneulen Funeral Home.

Mervin "Ky" Willman

Services for Ky Willman, 66, of Salem Township will be held at noon Saturday, Oct. 11, at St. Alexander Church, 27835 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills.

Mr. Willman was born March 28, 1937, in Fort Wayne, Ind. and died Sept. 28 with his family and friends at his side at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, from complications

due to a spinal cord injury sustained in 1995.

Ky was an active member of Local No. 190 Gas Distribution Division, serving on the Executive Board and Contracts Negotiating Committee, as an instructor of welding at Washtenaw Community College, and administering the Journeyman Welder's tests. He was quick to mentor those who sought his knowledge.

A United States Marine Corps sergeant, Ky served his country during the Cold War and witnessed the Nevada A-Bomb tests. He earned Sharpshooter and Expert Marksman medals, and was a member and instructor on the National Marine Corps Pistol and Rifle Team.

Ky was a founding parishioner of St. Alexander Church in Farmington Hills, where he also taught catechism class.

The most important things to Ky were his family, his job, and his love of the outdoors. Proud of his part-Seneca heritage, he was a supporter of Native American Rights and the preservation of the American Land.

He was sustained by his strong belief in God and a moral compass that never wavered and was never known to judge a book by its cover.

Ky was preceded in death by his daughter, Alessandra. Survivors include his

beloved wife, Marianne, with whom he would have celebrated 44 years, children, Jeffery Ky (Rosemary) of Plymouth, Scott and Daniel, both of Salem, grandchildren, Missy, Katie, Emily, Jeffery Ky II, Alix (Sasha), Haley, Corey Amber, and Jozi Willman, great-granddaughter, Hope Willman-Davidson, and sister, Lee McClish of Lakeland, Fla. Memorial contributions may be made to Craig Hospital, Spinal Cord Injury, 3425 Clarkson St., Englewood, CO 80113.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Hazel M. Hogan

Services for Hazel Hogan, 76, of Plymouth will be held. Mrs. Hogan was born Sept. 25, 1927, in Detroit and died Oct. 2 in Livonia. She came to the Plymouth community in 1927 from Detroit.

She was a homemaker and gave of herself in life by taking care of everyone around her.

Survivors include son, Roger (Rita) of Plymouth, grandchildren Jessica and Jacob, and brothers, Orville Wells of Livonia, Gary Wells of Livonia, Dale Wells of Irish Hills, and James Wells of Las Vegas, Nev.

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OBITUARIES

Mildred I. Livingston

Services for Mildred Livingston, 92, of Green Bay, Wis. were held Oct. 4 at Schrader Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Timothy Schaback officiating with burial at Lapham Cemetery in Salem Township.

Mrs. Livingston was born May 11, 1911, in Flint and died Sept. 30 in Green Bay.

She was employed by Mayberry TB Sanitarium and West Trail Nursing Home in Plymouth. On Oct. 20, 1936, she married Laurence Livingston in Plymouth. She was an avid golfer, loved fishing, enjoyed big band music, deer hunting, and bowling.

Mrs. Livingston was preceded in death by husband, Laurence, two brothers, and one sister. Survivors include sons Dale (Elizabeth) of Green Bay and Larry (Karen) of Aladema, Calif., grandchildren Dale (Jenny), Kasia (Paco) Moreno, Scott (Dawn), Ryder, and Taylor, great-granddaughter, Kaitlyn, and brother, John Emery of Hemlock, Mich.

Cecilia C. Sutton

Services for Cecilia Sutton, 83, of Plymouth, were held Oct. 7 at United Methodist Church in Wisconsin with the Rev. Meg Erickson officiating. Burial was at Oakwood Cemetery in Merrillan, Wis.

Mrs. Sutton was born Oct. 5, 1919, in Wilmington, Del., and died Oct. 2 at Botsford General

Hospital. Mrs. Sutton had lived in Plymouth for the past 32 years, previously in Detroit. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Order No. 115 and Order No. 238. She was a member of the Mission Sewing Circle and Hand Craft Circle at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. She has been a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth for 32 years. She enjoyed cooking, knitting, sewing and taking care of her family. She knitted baby sweaters, hats and booties, which she donated to the Salvation Army for unwed mothers.

Survivors include husband, Gordon F. Sutton of Plymouth, sons, Gordon Sutton and Doug Lamb, granddaughter, Misty Davis, great-grandson, Gage Davis, and sisters, Ann Fronc and Claire Westfall.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Order of the Eastern Star, Nankin Chapter No. 238, c/o Betty Hagerty, 10069 Fairview, Taylor, MI 48180 or United Methodist Church, 307 E. Pearl Street, Merrillan, WI 54754. Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Clara L. Alexander

Services for Clara Alexander, 104, lifelong Plymouth resident, were held Oct. 8 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. James Skimins officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Alexander was born

Sept. 27, 1899, in Plymouth and died Oct. 6 in Royal Oak. Clara was the granddaughter of one of the founders of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Plymouth. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth for many years. She was employed for 27 years by the National Bank of Detroit (formerly Plymouth United Savings Bank). She was past Worthy Matron of the Order of Eastern Star No. 115, Plymouth. She lived her entire life in Plymouth, within a mile radius of her birthplace.

Clara was preceded in death by husband, Lisle Alexander, sisters, Sarah Gayde, Helen Gayde Conley, and Elsa Gayde Krause, and brother, Peter Gayde.

Survivors include brother-in-law, John Conley of San Diego, Calif., nephew, William (Carolyn) Gayde of Royal Oak, niece, Loralee (Charles) Gurley of Colorado, eight grandnieces and grand-nephews, and numerous great-grandnieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be given to the First Presbyterian Church, Plymouth, Mich. Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Melvin I. Blunk

Services for Melvin Blunk, 88, of Plymouth were held Oct. 8 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Mr. Sanford Burr officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. Blunk was born Aug. 2,

1915, in Plymouth and died Oct. 5 in Superior Township. He retired in 1973 from the Plymouth Community School District, at the time of his retirement, he was assistant superintendent of business. He was born and raised in Plymouth. He met his wife, Roberta, when they both attended the same kindergarten and walked to school together.

He and Roberta were married over 50 years before her death in 1994. He graduated from Eastern Michigan University and received a master's degree from the University of Michigan. He loved attending collegiate sports.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. He was a lifelong Kiwanis member, a member of the Plymouth Rock Masonic Lodge No. 47 F & A M, a member of the Michigan School of Business Officials, as well as a member of the Plymouth Tax Appeals Board. He served in the armed services during World War II. He loved to fish, play cards, and watch Indy 500 races. He was a loving father and grandfather.

Mr. Blunk was preceded in death by wife, Roberta in 1994.

Survivors include daughter, Janet (Doug) Jaskierny of Plymouth, and granddaughters, Julie (Jeffrey) Linn of Carleton, and Holly Jaskierny and her fiancé, Matthew Leuchtmann of Lake Orion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Plymouth Kiwanis (Mel Blunk Scholarship Fund), or the Washtenaw County Humane Society. Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Spelling bee raises money for literacy effort

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

How do you spell literacy? More importantly, how do you support the cause?

Carol Saunders, chair of the Community Literacy Council, has the answer. Take a chance, form a team and enter the annual Spelling Bee sponsored by the council.

"I know people are busy," said Saunders, a Plymouth-Canton school board member. "But people who make the time are sponsors and provide a team are giving to a great cause - promoting literacy."

As of Wednesday, 12 teams planned to participate in the Spelling Bee that begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at the Yazaki North America Learning Center, 6700 N. Haggerty in Canton.

"Every entity has some possible good spellers," Saunders said.

The literacy council raises money from the event by charging teams an entrance fee and by accepting sponsorships. There is no admission for the public to attend.

Unlike past years, the council next week will give a Spirit Award to the best cheering section. Some teams bring their own cheerleaders to root for the cause and the team.

"You can be in costume. You can bring accessories to help the cheers," Saunders said.

The bee advances in rounds. Teams are provided in advance a list of words that will be given in the first and second rounds. Despite the advance

notice, some teams do get knocked out of the competition, Saunders said.

It is the third round that separates the spellers. "For round 3 you do not get to see the word list," she said.

Although it helps if all team members are good spellers, the truth is you only need one good speller because the competition requires spelling as a team - only one answer per team.

Last year, every single team got through round 1, Saunders said. In round 2, they fell pretty fast. By round 3, only two teams were left.

Last year's winner was the Stellar Spellers, a team sponsored by Lou LaRiche Chevrolet. That team is back this year and raring to go.

Other teams and sponsors include Neville Financial (Neville Financial Group), Horton Spellers (Horton Plumbing), a team sponsored by Blackwell Ford, Spell Binders (Community Federal Credit Union), Spellbound (Plymouth District Library), a team sponsored by Salem High School, a team sponsored by Sutherland & Yoe, CPAs, EEF Spellers (Educational Excellence Foundation), Funetic Friends (Friends of the Plymouth District Library), a team sponsored by Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, Plymouth Rotary's Sedulous Spellers (Plymouth Rotary Foundation Inc.) and Int2winnt (Canton Chamber of Commerce).

For more information, contact the Community Literacy Council at (734) 416-4906.

LIBRARY WATCH

The following programs are available at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, during October.

■ Meet the Birds in Your Back Yard, 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 16 - Michigan author Kay Charter has written *For the Love of Birds* and has watched birds in northern Michigan for 20 years. In this program she will promote conservation practices and habitat protection for declining native song

bird populations. She will introduce some of the lesser-known species, such as warblers, which may be found in this area during migration or the nesting season.

■ Writing My Life Story. A Senior Writing Group, 4-5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 21 - Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience is necessary.

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separation project

Michael Darga, the division design engineer for the \$9 million project, indicated in an Oct. 3 letter that Wayne County is now willing to give the city commission what it's wanted since first agreeing to participate in a November 1999 resolution.

"(I)n the spirit of the original City resolution for support for the project, the County is willing to cap the City's total participation in the project to the amount of \$503,250," Darga wrote in the letter to Mayor Bill Graham.

"We couldn't, under any circumstances, continue to discuss this unless there was an honest-to-God real cap on the costs not a dime more, because that's what we agreed to in the first place," Mayor Pro Tem Colleen Pobur said.

Pobur, along with City Manager Paul Sincock, recently met with county officials, who offered to cap the city's share at the original cost.

Ever since the project was announced in 1999, with the help of a \$5 million federal grant, cost estimates have fluctuated. In an April 16 letter, Kevin Maillard, director of engineering for Wayne County, indicated the total cost for the project had increased, and the city's share would jump to \$714,000.

Less than a week later, commissioners unanimously passed a resolution to eliminate the city's participation in the project, earmarking the bond money instead for road paving projects within city limits.

Last month, county officials once again tried to convince commissioners to change their minds by offering to reduce the city's share to \$586,000, which was still some \$83,000 more than originally approved. Commissioners held their ground, noting the price tag was still too high and not capped.

The cost estimates for Plymouth Township have also fluctuated over time. The original cost of \$1 million jumped by nearly \$200,000. However, the township's estimated participation is now back to the original estimate, according to Darga.

The recent decreases in costs for the two communities were the result of Wayne County securing an additional \$15 million in federal funds.

Chuck Sneddon, who has lived in his Sheldon Road home the past 43 years, told commissioners he's against spending taxpayers' money for the underpass.

"I think we should be using the money for our own street structure in the city," Sneddon said. "I don't think we should be helping Canton. And I also believe the viaduct belongs over on Beck Road."

However, there was also support expressed for Plymouth participating in the project.

"I'm here this evening to ask you to vote for the future, for progress and for the underpass," said Fran Toney, executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. "Looking down the road, if this goes forward, I truly believe that we'll look back some day and say, 'Oh my gosh, how did we manage without it?'"

Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann has repeatedly said township officials remain supportive of the Sheldon Road project, but aren't prepared to pay more if the city backs out.

"The township is already paying more than its fair share," Mann said.

"The split should have been 50-50 with the city but, like many of our (joint) ventures, the township is paying more than our fair share by subsidizing the city's portion. We won't pick up any money the city should be paying."

When asked what he would do if the county asked for more money, Mann said, "They shouldn't even waste their time."

Commissioners will address the latest Wayne County proposal during a study session prior to the regularly scheduled Oct. 20 commission meeting. They're expected to make a final decision on the city's participation in the project during the regular session.

Credit union continues school partnerships

Expanding its commitment to education and financial literacy, Community Federal is partnering with 17 Michigan schools to operate student credit unions during the 2003-2004 school year.

Each program is designed to teach young members the value of saving and setting financial goals. Students also learn career-building skills by interviewing and filling posi-

tions in the student-run credit unions under the guidance of school volunteers and Community Federal's education partnership coordinators.

Entering its 15th year, Community Federal's student credit union program has received national and statewide recognition.

"In the last couple of years, our program has expanded from the lower grades to mid-

dle and high schools. Our board of directors recognized that student financial needs are increasing, and we can help them build a solid foundation," said Natahe McLaughlin, a Community Federal education partnership coordinator.

Participating schools include elementary, middle school and high schools in communities where Community Federal's members live and work,

including Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi and the northern Michigan town of Hillman.

In addition to supervising the operation of student credit unions, Community Federal staff makes numerous classroom presentations throughout the year. Topics include how to develop good credit and how checking accounts work. "If we can help students

develop good financial habits now, our contribution to these communities will have a long lasting impact," added Community Federal's CEO Roger Ballard.

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OUR VIEWS

Little choice on Proposal 1 vote

Plymouth City Commissioner Michele Potter believes the upcoming request for a Headlee rollback, which will result in a tax increase for city residents, is unnecessary because the city administration hasn't looked hard enough at budget areas to cut.

Other commissioners believe asking for the rollback, Proposal 1 on your Nov. 4 ballot, is the only way out of a projected \$1.2 million budget deficit next year.

As usual with situations such as these, we believe the truth lies somewhere in between. That's why we support the Headlee rollback, although it is guarded support offered with a "What choice is there?" hesitation.

The rollback will allow the city to raise its tax rate to 15 mills for each of the next three years. Currently, the city charges just over 11 mills, meaning a homeowner with an average taxable value of \$78,000 would see an increase of some \$281 a year, according to numbers put out by the administration.

While commissioners have said they wouldn't necessarily raise the millage rate all the way to 15 mills, voters should really base their decision on the idea the rate will go as high as possible in case commissioners decide there's no other way to erase the debt.

And, according to the city's financial experts, that's exactly the case. City finance director Mark Christiansen said during talks about Proposal 1 that even the rollback wouldn't erase the deficit. Commissioners appear to agree.

Cuts in city services are almost certain to happen, no matter the fate of Proposal 1. The unenviable position in which residents find themselves is this: Being forced to choose between massive cuts in services, or more modest cuts.

Since foresight in seeing such a budget bind coming doesn't appear to have been a strength in the city, residents are left with little choice, unless they want services cut drastically.

Potter believes a more detailed, and tougher, look needs to be taken at the city's budget numbers. She thinks, and we agree, more cuts can — and should — be made. Times are tough all over and, while no one likes to see jobs being lost, it's a fact of life in today's economy.

The city's precarious financial position is also a fact of life. Some commissioners have admitted they dropped the ball and didn't see the financial crunch coming.

It seems to us the only way to avoid severe cuts in services is for voters to bail the city out, and approve Proposal 1.

Time to celebrate autumn's bounty

Michigan is an autumn state.

The weather plays with our hopes and expectations, giving us many lingering warm days with refreshingly cool evenings. There is a crispness and vigor to replace the languor of late summer.

In autumn we begin again. It is the cycle we learned as children. Students return to new teachers, new classmates, a new determination to do better, to fit in. Adults also take this time to renew themselves, as if the cooling temperatures were a psychological stimulant to work harder.

And this is a season of rituals.

Football is more than just the fall game. For many, it's a Friday night of obligation to cheer on the high school football team, huddling together with friends and neighbors as the weeks progress from balmy to frigid. In the smaller suburban and rural towns, the fortunes of the local team are a prime topic of conversation.

College football, whether at the Big Ten level of Michigan and Michigan State or at smaller schools like national champion Grand Valley, is always a big deal.

Farmer's markets with the harvest's bounty and cider mills with warm doughnuts and cool cider are a seasonal must. Pumpkins carved with gruesome faces, scarecrows slumped on subdivision porches and candy displays in supermarkets all gear us up for the parade of giddy children on Halloween.

As we move into the middle of October, we come to Michigan's great claim as an autumn state — a blaze, a riot, a fireworks display of color. Beginning in late September in the Upper Peninsula, the rich variety of the state's trees begins to take on those rich hues — copper, yellow, crimson, orange and gold of maple, oak and aspen against the deep greens of pine and spruce.

This is the time to take a long walk, a bicycle ride or car trip and explore your neighborhood, your local park or some of the state's many beautiful roadways and forests.

How lucky we are to be in Michigan!



DIANE HANSON

Saxophonists (from left) Alan Moran, Panin Ofori-Mesa and Matt Shirey concentrate on their music as the color guard, decked out in their new costumes, raises Brittany Weiss to new heights during the finals performance of the P CEP show 'Souls of the Gypsy Caravan.' The nationally renowned marching band is off to yet another fine start.

LETTERS

Supports new hall

Plymouth Township has known for about the last 10 years that there is a need to replace the outdated, inefficient township facility that is continual need of repair. Study after study has been made about where this should be located and what is the best way to pursue land acquisition and financing of this facility. Like so many other things during past administrations, this has been put on the back burner.

On July 15, the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees approved resolutions that authorized the purchase of land and the sale of bonds to finance this project. Finally, the long-needed township facility could be set in motion.

The majority of the facility will be used to house police and fire, whose present facilities are terribly inadequate. This, without an increase in taxes to residents.

Shortly after the resolutions passed, however, a group of citizens launched a successful petition drive to force a vote before the bonds could be issued. The cost of this election could run as high as \$50,000. This is an unnecessary use of tax dollars.

Now is the time to continue the progress in quality of life we have seen over the past three years in Plymouth Township. Now is the time for us to show pride in our hometown. Usable land is rapidly being developed and will not always be available. Interest rates will certainly go up. Look around at the pride our neighboring communities have shown with their municipal complexes. We will be able to do this without an increase in taxes.

It is our civic duty to go to the polls and vote Nov. 6. A YES vote shows PRIDE in Plymouth Township. A YES vote means NO NEW TAX.

Harry Jachym
Plymouth Township

No more cubby

I have lived in Plymouth Township for more than 10 years. I have always believed that services such as fire, police and construction regulations play an important role in the safety and attractiveness of our community. Since Steve Mann and Ron Edwards took office, I have noticed a marked improvement in the services that we, as the people of Plymouth Township, receive.

However, I have been disappointed every time I visited the township offices. Our township office buildings are cramped, out-of-date, inconvenient and unimpressive. While other cities in the tri-county area boast of modern contemporary facilities, the people of Plymouth Township are left to do essential business in a compound of ancient, uncomfortable out-dated buildings. I know that Steve Mann and his staff are concerned about this problem as well.

Worst of all, our police and firefighters are cooped up in a "cubby hole" of a building that does not meet their needs, and which limits their ability to provide the services for which we, the people of Plymouth Township, pay.

I am very excited about the plans for a new township hall. I believe Steve Mann and the township council have done an excellent job of finding an appropriate site, designing a wonderful building and securing proper funding. I believe that they will build this new hall without raising our taxes.

I am, however, deeply unhappy that a few politicians have placed our community in danger of staying in our current, cramped and unusable offices. They are doing this by raising a rancorous and self-serving campaign against a building that will improve the life of our community and enhance the police and fire protection we all enjoy.

I believe we should stand together to improve and build up the life we share in Plymouth. I encourage all the people of Plymouth Township to vote in favor of the new Township Hall in the November election.

the Rev. Rodney Reinhart
The Episcopal Church

Iraq outcry

It is amazing to me, as one who voted for our current president, that the American public and apparently the media have accepted the fact we are engaged in a war based upon a lie or at the very least bad intelligence.

We were told by our president and every one connected with the president from Dick Cheney, Colin Powell, Condoleezza Rice to Donald Rumsfeld that Iraq posed a clear and immediate threat to America.

Now, nearly six months later we have found no such evidence that supports these claims. To add further insult there is never any mention from these same White House people today about WMD, nuclear devices or even a substantial catch of biological weapons.

We have found no direct link to al-Qaida or the Sept. 11 tragedy. Yet every day we do hear about the loss of American lives in Iraq, a country that will never accept the west or a western system of democracy.

What are we doing there? Where is the Powell Doctrine's "clearly defined exit policy"? Did we as a nation learn nothing from Vietnam? Second to the fact of American lives being lost is the enormous cost to us, with no end in sight.

We have gone from a record budget surplus to record deficits. We are paying for this war with a credit card whose bill will come due on the next generation. Are there no statesmen left with courage enough to call this administration on the carpet before the American public? Where is the outcry?

Ken Sullivan
Plymouth

Three cheers

On behalf of the cheerleaders and parents, we would like to thank those that made our recent golf outing a success!

We had great support from the community businesses in sponsoring holes with cash donations and gifts.

Again, thank you to all who supported us and everyone who worked so hard to make the golf outing a success.

Jackie Horton
Canton cheerleading booster

Flexibility is key

Phil Power in his editorial of Sept. 15, "Flexible manufacturing key to states economy, is dead on."

The UAW has resisted such flexibility for 20 years. In the meantime, the Big Three have steadily lost market share to foreign companies with assembly plants in the U.S., which do very well without

UAW representation.

The Buick City assembly plant in Flint is a case in point. An old plant, it needed hundreds of millions of dollars in upgrades in technology and in its paint shop to meet emission requirements. Before investing that much capital, GM wanted contract changes to reduce the number of classifications, change outdated work rules and enable flexible manufacturing.

The majority of the workers refused, told the company to shut the plant and said they would rather take their generous retirement benefits. Thus the city of Flint took another blow and future generations lost another source of very good paying jobs.

The hope is that new UAW president Ron Gettlefinger understands this and will be more accommodative in the new labor contracts. If not, the U.S. auto companies, burdened by high pension and health care costs and no ability to recoup them through the best manufacturing practices, will continue to see their market share erode. Sadly both they, the UAW and the U.S. economy will continue to be the losers.

Jim Collins
Farmington Hills

Wrong direction on race

I read with interest that four states are considering bringing back modified versions of their previously discredited race preference based practices for college admissions because of the recent split Supreme Court decision endorsing racial preferences as a way to achieve diversity.

By allowing racial preferences we are putting one race against another, which I believe is leading this country in the wrong direction. Article XIV of the U.S. Constitution, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and our Michigan Constitution are supposed to ensure equal treatment under the law regardless of race, sex or national origin. However, the Supreme Court decision has legitimized the use of racial preferences which undermine these laws.

Ward Connerly's campaign for a ballot initiative in Michigan is an appropriate and welcomed means to send a strong message to our judges and lawmakers that the citizens of Michigan know the true intent of the laws and are determined to put the principle of non-discrimination into practice.

As a black American, I look forward to the day when all Supreme Court jurists will render decisions giving all citizens equal protection consistent with written laws.

Kirsten Galka
Livonia

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"The purpose of the grant is to update teachers on their current content knowledge of U.S. history. Our teachers will be learners, then responsible for passing on that knowledge to students."

— Beth Savalox, Plymouth High School teacher, on a recent grant the district received

Recent EPA ruling spells trouble for Great Lakes

As state readers may have noticed a recent flurry of announcements from the Environmental Protection Agency, most of them undercutting environmental protections such as the Clean Air Act or the Clean Water Act.

How come so many just now? Simple. And very clever.

There's nobody heading the EPA. Former administrator Christine Todd Whitman resigned a couple of months ago. The Bush administration's nominee, Utah Gov. Michael Leavitt, has yet to be confirmed by the Senate. So if there's nobody in charge at the



Phil Power

EPA, there's nobody to blame for all the bad things announced in recent months, right? Instead, merely "administrative regulations" is the preferred public explanation for this little game. And when Leavitt gets asked about them during his confirmation hearings, he can truthfully say that they all happened before he took office.

Nifty, eh? The latest example came to light last month, when the EPA ruled that ocean-going ships do not need permits to discharge ballast water in American seaways, including the Great Lakes. According to the EPA, there are just too many ships docking at U.S. ports to make permitting practical. Moreover, the EPA has transferred jurisdiction over discharge of ballast water to the U.S. Coast Guard — a federal agency not particularly well-known for its intense interest in protecting the environment.

The Coast Guard "requires" ships to discharge ballast water before entering U.S. waters, but compliance is not "mandatory." How come? Probably because the Coast Guard is one of those federal agencies that have over the years been captured by the constituency they are supposed to regulate, and making sure ballast water is discharged before ships enter the Great Lakes is costly and offensive to the shipping interests.

Thousands of ships come into the Great Lakes each year to deliver and collect cargo. Most of them arrive with water in their ballast tanks that they took on in foreign ports. That water often contains living creatures that originated abroad in places like the Baltic Sea. But once in a Great Lakes port, ships often dump ballast water to increase buoyancy. In the process, foreign organisms — hitchhikers, in effect — are discharged into our lakes, where without natural enemies they can grow and flourish. The fancy term for such things is "nonindigenous species," i.e. relatively harmless critters that live quietly in their natural habitats, but turn into environmental terrors once here.

Two cases in point

One, the zebra mussel, which first invaded Lake St. Clair in a load of ballast water dumped in 1988. The mussels have clogged water valves, covered rocks and pipes and generally made nuisances of themselves. They have also cost the state of Michigan an estimated \$1 billion over the past decade.

Also, the quagga mussel is less known, but maybe worse. Its excrement increases phosphorus levels that provoke damaging algae blooms. The quagga mussel may well be to blame for the dead zone now growing in Lake Erie, where almost nothing lives. So this is not a trivial issue. The Great Lakes represent one of the largest bodies of relatively uncontaminated fresh water on the planet, but the best estimate is that under present conditions a new species invades the lakes every eight months. And it isn't just a bunch of tree-hugging (water-sloshing?) environmentalists who are worried. The sport and commercial fishing community looks at damage done to the fish food chain by the round-nosed goby or the spiny water flea and sees real threat to fish populations.

So I was delighted when U.S. Rep. Candice Miller (R-Harrison Township) introduced legislation to reduce the amount of ballast water dumped in the Great Lakes. Her Great Lakes Water Protection Act of 2003 would prohibit any ship from entering the Great Lakes if more than 5 percent of the capacity of its tank contains ballast water. Enforcement of the act would be up to the U.S. Coast Guard, according to Miller.

"It's been voluntary up to now, but under my bill it would be mandatory," she said. "The master of every boat entering the first lock of the St. Lawrence Seaway would have to certify that at least 95 percent of its ballast water has been dumped at sea."

Sen. Carl Levin (D-Mich.) has introduced legislation along similar lines.

I tried to reach G. Tracy Mehan III, assistant administrator for the Office of Water in the EPA, to ask what he thinks about his agency's recent ruling. Mehan was director of the Office of the Great Lakes in the Engler administration and, by all accounts, an able and sensible guy. I figured he might have something interesting to say about whether the rule changes promulgated on his watch really made sense.

But the PR gatekeeper in Mehan's office refused to let me speak with him and instead tried to steer me toward the Coast Guard. Maybe there was something Mehan's gatekeeper wanted to hide. Perhaps she might have wanted to keep Mehan away from any embarrassing questions I might have asked.

Given what's been going on recently at the EPA, I'm not at all surprised.

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

Taxes will go up with rollback, but at least the money stays at home

Plymouth city officials will soon ask voters to roll back the property tax cap, allowing the city to increase rates and eliminate a projected budget deficit.

As a city resident, my initial reaction to increased taxes was a typically disdainful one. However, something occurred to me that made it more palatable and actually persuaded me to vote for the proposition.

We are told the rollback will cost the average Plymouth city homeowner approximately \$300 in additional yearly taxes. Not a gargantuan sum, but, as the saying goes, it looks better in my pocket. The budget shortfall prompting this tax increase is in part due to less money coming to Plymouth from the state of Michigan — a result of Lansing's own budget tightening.

Television pundits suggest the budget crises many states are experiencing results from President Bush's tax cuts early this year, allowing less federal money to flow to the states. Remember those cuts? The ones where they told us that the average taxpayer would save only about \$300 per year?

I'm not just appeased because this turns out to be a wash. I'm intrigued that the tax money will never leave my community, meaning it avoids the inefficiencies of the federal bureaucracy. As funds pass from agency to department to agency, each rubber-stamper keeps a bit before my tax money finds its ultimate purpose.

Furthermore, keeping the money in Plymouth increases the likelihood I will benefit from the governmental services it buys. My money will not end up in another country, nor will it buy more asphalt for a highway

project I'll never drive on, nor will it be part of a grant for a professor to study something minute, obscure and irrelevant to my life.

The worse case is that my taxes go to a project on the other side of town. But even then I'll benefit from increased property values because the city is just a little nicer place to live.

Finally, as one of only 10,000 or so city residents, I have a much stronger voice in how the money will be spent. I can bend elected officials' ears on the street, or send them a note. I may speak at city council meetings, volunteer to serve on a board or commission, or even run for city council myself. As part of a smaller community, my voice and activity will be noticed, not lost.

This last point is probably not new to those taking the time to read this. I am continually amazed by the number of people opining on local governments and their activities. People demand their local officials pinch pennies, micromanage and belt-tighten, while providing the bulk of governmental services we use — police and fire protection, ambulance service, trash and leaf collection, water and sewer services, park maintenance, street repair, snow removal and others. Yet in comparison, relatively few raise a voice to our federal officials about the manner or direction of their spending.

We are a frugal bunch here in Plymouth. But why deny ourselves the proverbially basic pot to pee in, a public restroom at Kellogg Park, while money sent to Washington is routinely spent with no impact at all on our lives?

Keeping our tax dollars close to home is a good idea. We should convey to all our officials that we want more of our taxes to be collected and spent in our own community where, as neighbors, we decide how it can best impact and improve our lives. If every local tax increase were accompanied by a cut in federal taxes, I might never vote to reject one again.

Steven Renaldi is a Plymouth resident.



Steven Renaldi

LETTERS

Ignoring unemployed

President Bush says the recession is over, the economy is on the mend.

He needs to tell that to the huge number of the unemployed who are struggling to make ends meet. The people of this country cannot let him get away with ignoring the unemployed and the uninsured.

The first President Bush lost his job in the

election of 1992 because he didn't understand how a poor economy effects the common person.

This President Bush seems to have the same problem. It is immoral how this president continues to ignore the unemployed as he raises millions of dollars to save his own job.

Tamara Henritzy
Farmington Hills

Lahser Surgical and Medical Weight Loss Center

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When You're Morbidly Obese, It's Hard To Say What's More Devastating: The Diabetes, The Crippling Back Pain, Or Feeling Like You Never Fit In.

For many morbidly obese people the inevitable assault on their health can include a number of obesity related health conditions. The social indignities can be just as distressing. The inability to fit into a theatre seat. The disapproving stares of strangers. Feeling the embarrassment felt by their kids.

For qualified patients surgical treatment is considered medically necessary because when combined with behavior modification it's the only proven method of achieving long term weight loss for the morbidly obese. Patients on average lose about one third of their initial weight in the first 12-18 months. Studies show that after 10-14 years 50% of excess weight loss is maintained. More significantly a 2000 study of 500 patients showed that 96% of certain obesity associated health conditions studied (back pain, sleep apnea, high blood pressure, diabetes and depression) were improved or resolved after this operation. Other conditions such as heart disease, arthritis and Pickwickian Syndrome may also be controlled through weight loss surgery. As with any surgical procedure weight loss surgery may present risks. With any weight loss program results may vary depending on your ability to follow nutritional and fitness recommendations. Ask your referring physician or a bariatric surgeon if weight loss surgery is right for you. If it is, you might not just change your life. It could be the first step towards saving it.

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Metro population grows modestly

Southeast Michigan's population and households grew moderately from the 2000 Census through July 1, 2003, according to *Population and Households in Southeast Michigan, 2000-2003*, a new report released by SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. SEMCOG estimates that the region grew nearly two percent in population during the past three years. The population of Southeast Michigan gained 89,313 persons (an average of 75 additional persons per day), bringing the region's total to \$4,922,681. Households grew slightly faster, adding 47,863 (a 2.6 percent increase, or 40 more households per day), bringing the region's total number of households to 1,893,081. The number of people in each household continues to decline, from 2.58 persons in April 2000 to 2.56 persons in July 2003.

Livingston County continues to add population and households at a faster rate than the rest of the region, population grew more than 11 percent and households nearly 13 percent. Macomb County on the other hand, continues to add the largest numbers of people (32,590) and households (16,261), followed by Oakland County (20,927 additional people, 12,169 additional house-

holds). Wayne County is the only county to lose population (10,260) and households (1,052). The report further breaks down each county by community.

The region continues to experience lower natural increase rates and the trend to more people moving out of the region than moving in (known as net out-migration) also continues. From 2000-2001, nearly 4,000 more people left Southeast Michigan than moved here. From 2001-2002, that increased substantially to nearly 11,000. At the county level, only Oakland and Wayne Counties are experiencing net out-migration. In general, people are moving outward from Wayne County. Most movement occurs from Wayne County into Oakland and Macomb Counties and from Oakland, Macomb and Wayne Counties to outside the region.

Copies of *Population and Households in Southeast Michigan, 2000-2003* are available from SEMCOG Information Services for \$20, please call (313)961-4266 or e-mail infoservice@semcog.org. The report can be accessed by PDF format on SEMCOG's Web site - www.semecog.org. SEMCOG updates population data on its Web site monthly, link to these estimates directly from the home page.

Move on to make Kirtland's warbler the new state bird

State Sens. Ruth Johnson (R-Holly) and Patty Birkholz (R-Saugatuck Township) introduced legislation this week to name the Kirtland's warbler Michigan's state bird.

The American robin is the state bird, though it is not unique to Michigan, and is also the state bird of Connecticut and Wisconsin.

The Kirtland's warbler nests in several northern Michigan counties, including Alcona, Clare, Crawford, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Oscoda, Otsego, Roscommon, Delta and Marquette.

Although the Kirtland's warbler is on the endangered species list, the population is growing and is expected to be removed from the list.

The population growth is mainly due to conservation efforts to preserve jack pine forests, the only nesting place of the bird.

In addition to recognizing the special connection the Kirtland's warbler has to the state, Birkholz said there are also economic reasons for making the change.

"The Kirtland's warbler is unique to Michigan and nests nowhere else in the world except for a few counties in Michigan," she said. "Because of its rarity, the Kirtland's warbler brings birdwatchers and nature enthusiasts from all over the world. This added influx of nature lovers enhance our tourism industry."

Focus: HOPE's annual walk is Oct. 12

The annual Focus HOPE WALK on Sunday, Oct. 12, will mark a milestone in the civil and human rights organization's history - its 35th anniversary.

Founded in 1968 in the wake of the Detroit riots, Focus HOPE works everyday to make a difference in the Detroit metropolitan community. Whether through its food program or its education and training programs, Focus HOPE continues to provide assistance and opportunities to people of diverse backgrounds. The organization also is committed to neighborhood redevelopment and recently coordinated a successful clean-up effort in Highland Park.

Focus HOPE's accomplishments will be celebrated at the WALK when thousands of people gather at the campus on Oakman Boulevard and proceed to walk together through the streets of Highland Park and Detroit. The WALK will begin following a brief pro-

gram at 1p.m. Registration starts at 11 a.m. and entertainment starts at 11:30 a.m.

Walkers are still needed. This year, Focus HOPE asks that any groups from schools or organizations bring a banner to carry along the route.

Walkers can register in advance through the web site, www.focushope.edu, or by calling 313-494-5500. Pledge forms, with checks made out to Focus HOPE, can be mailed to 1355 Oakman Boulevard, Detroit 48238, or turned in the day of the event.

The 35th anniversary gives Focus HOPE a chance to pause and thank all its supporters, said Eleanor Josatis, chief executive officer and co-founder.

"Let's celebrate our accomplishments and renew our commitment to build a world that embraces our diversity," she said.

Looking back to 1968, Josatis said she is grateful for the overwhelming support that

enabled Focus HOPE to grow into the multi-faceted organization it is today. It is the seventh largest non-profit in Michigan with nearly 500 colleagues, a 40-acre campus and nearly one million square feet of office and manufacturing space.

As industries moved out of Detroit, Focus HOPE acquired their buildings and developed programs to serve the community. Its well-known food program for mothers, children and senior citizens feeds 43,000 people each month. Its education and training programs have set records. The Machinist Training Institute, opened in 1981, broke both the gender and race barriers in the machinist trades. The manufacturing engineering degree program, offered through the Center for Advanced Technologies, enrolls more African Americans than any similar programs in the country.

The organization also offers training in information technology field, where graduates

become network and desktop administrators.

A neighborhood initiative undertaken by Focus HOPE aims to revitalize residential areas. A recent clean-up of an illegal dumping site in Highland Park brought together representatives of government and the community to remove 2,000 cubic yards of solid waste and more than 1,800 tires.

Focus HOPE also has arts programs that promote understanding of different cultures and ethnic groups, as well as a children's center offering Montessori and early childhood education, and a conference center.

As part of the 35th anniversary celebration, a special breakfast will be held prior to the WALK to recognize donors who are in the Circles of Hope Leadership Giving program for donations of \$10,000 or more.

For more on the WALK or Focus HOPE, contact Kathy Moran at (313) 494-4423.

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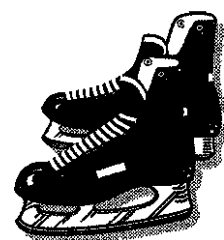
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Madonna honored

Madonna University received recognition from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics as a Champion of Character marking the third consecutive year Madonna has been so honored.

The award recognizes NIAA institutions that have embraced the character program by promoting or implementing activities related to the five core character values of respect integrity responsibility servant leadership and sportsmanship.

Frost is best

Ashley Frost, Madonna's sophomore setter, earned Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference Setter of the Week accolades for the fifth time in six weeks and was the NIAA regional setter of the week for the second time.

Frost had 87 set assists (14.5 per game), 30 digs, four kills and five blocks in wins over University of Michigan Dearborn and Spring Arbor, victories that kept Madonna perfect at 22-0 - extending a school record for wins to start the season.

Crusaders 2nd

Madonna University's golf team posted its best performance of the season Friday, finishing second to Spring Arbor at the seven-team Aquinas College Fall Invitational played at L.E. Kaufman Golf Course.

Spring Arbor posted a 322 to edge Madonna by four strokes (326). Aquinas was third (329) followed by Hope (334), Cornerstone (336), Calvin (348) and Olivet (365).

Jeff March of Aquinas was medalist with a 76. Madonna's Tom McCall (Garden City) was second with a 77, followed by Shaun Page of Spring Arbor and Jason Rammler of Madonna, each with a 78.

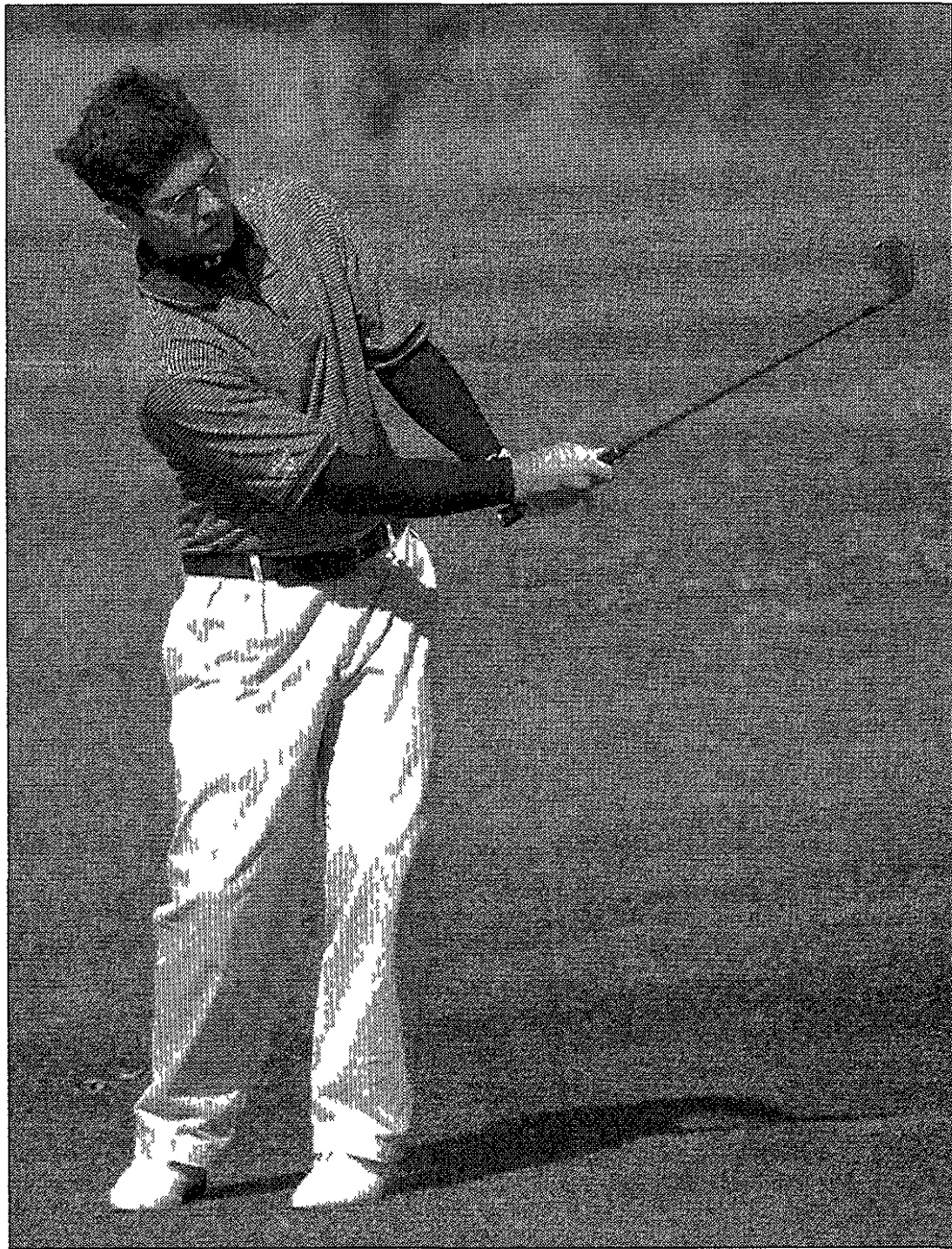
The Crusaders' other scorers were Steve Robinson (Livonia Churchill), 82; Charlie Haeger (Redford Catholic Central), 89; and Adam Demara, 94.

Lions clawed

The Canton Lions Junior League varsity football team fell to 1-4 Sunday following a 38-20 loss to Belleville. The Lions scored on a 55-yard run by Kyle Acuna, a 75-yard interception return by Brandt Thomas and a 10-yard run by Chris Fischer, who also added a two-point conversion kick. Jeremy Epley blocked an extra-point kick and Fischer recovered a fumble for the Lions.

The Lions' junior varsity squad improved to 3-2 with a 37-18 victory over the Cougars. Myron Puryear, Chris Stewart, Nick Wright and Caleb Rankins scored TDs for the Lions, who also received strong running from Anthony Seling and outstanding offensive line play. Each member of the Lions' defense played well.

The Lions' freshmen unit recorded its first shutout and raised its record to 5-0 with a 19-0 victory. Austin Payne, Adam Payne, Phil Emminger and Mohammed Saneh sparked the defense while Miles Clifton, Adam Payne and Brad Trubowski led the offense.



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Salem's Andy Thackaberry turned in a solid performance at the WLAA Tournament, shooting an 81 to help the Rocks finish third overall.

Salem's close, Canton fades in WLAA title quest

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

In the world of Western Lakes Activities Association golf, the dual-meet season only puts a team in position to challenge for the championship.

It's the tournament that is decisive.

Going into Tuesday's WLAA Tournament at Huron Meadows, there were seven teams within one point of first place (each dual-meet win earning a point). Which, in simple terms, meant any of them could easily win the WLAA title if they had a good tournament.

Northville, Walled Lake Western and Salem did just that. Canton and Livonia Churchill, which had the best dual-meet records going into the tournament, did not.

Northville emerged as the overall league champ, thanks to a 309 first-place finish at the conference tournament. That, combined with Friday's clutch dual-meet victory over Canton, catapulted them to the title.

Western edged Salem for second place - by a single stroke. Both teams had 7-4 dual-meet marks, the Warriors shot 311 at the tournament, the Rocks had a

312. "All in all, it was a pretty good day for the Rocks," said Salem coach Rick Wilson. "I thought the scoring would be low today (because of the good weather). I told the kids a 310 might win it."

"And a 309 did." Salem, which at a mid-August tournament at Huron Meadows shot a 310, needed that kind of repeat performance - and came very close to getting it.

"I thought if we did that again we could win it," Wilson said. "And we came close, we shot a 312."

Aaron Cheesman had a superb outing for Salem with a 73, which tied him for second overall and earned him all-WLAA honors. Walled Lake Northern's Matt Smith was tournament medalist with a 72.

"His best tournament this season was in August, when he had a 72," said Wilson of Cheesman. "He hasn't gone that low since. He had three birdies today."

The Rocks also got a good showing from Pat Shaw, who had a 76 and earned all-WLAA accolades as well. Andy Thackaberry was one stroke shy of all-division honors, shooting an 81, while

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Rocks race to a county championship

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

CROSS COUNTRY

This is a race both of Salem's cross country teams take very seriously. And at last Saturday's Wayne County Cross Country Championships at Willow Metropark, the Rocks emerged with a first-place finish in the girls race and a second in the boys.

"We went into this meet knowing this was one of four meets we wanted," said Salem girls' coach Dave Gerlach, "along with the conference, the regional and of course the state final."

"Obviously we wanted to win the county championship, but also this was hosted by us and we wanted to do well. Plus it's the first week of October and you want to start fine-tuning your skills."

Gerlach delivered that message to his

team, making certain they understood that this was the beginning, not the peak of the season. "I told the girls that from now on, everything means something," he said. "I said after the race to be happy, be excited for a couple of days, then we have to go back to work. It's time to move on to the next goal."

The Salem girls team scored 34 points to finish ahead of Western Lakes Activities Association rival Livonia Churchill, which took second with 46 points while competing without top runner Nicole Schmidt. Northville was third (88), Dearborn Edsel Ford was fourth (120), Dearborn Divine Child took fifth (170), Livonia Ladywood finished sixth (180) and Plymouth placed

ninth (237) in the 15-team race.

In the boys meet, the Rocks got good races from a couple of runners and fair performances from a couple of others in finishing second overall with 78 points, behind Dearborn Fordson which had 66. Dearborn placed third (94) and Dearborn Heights Crestwood finished fourth (101).

Others in the 21-team race included Canton, ninth (278), Redford Catholic Central, 12th (340), Plymouth, 16th (455), and Plymouth Christian Academy, 19th (503).

"We ran a good race as a team overall, and Dan (Kapadia) ran a great race," said Salem boys coach Geoff Baker. "If a few others had run better, it could have been different."

"But Fordson ran well and we ran well."

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Chiefs, Rocks still unbeaten in conference

A slow start eventually led to a fast finish for Canton's basketball team Tuesday, as the Chiefs remained unbeaten in the Western Lakes Activities Association with a 42-20 triumph at Wayne Memorial.

Canton improved to 9-2 overall with its fifth-straight win, 5-0 in the WLAA. Wayne is 3-8 overall, 2-3 in the conference.

"I thought Wayne played pretty good," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "They tried to control the tempo of the game and they did that pretty well in the first half. They were playing a zone on defense and shading Katie (Cezat)."

BASKETBALL

"In the second half we continued to pass the ball and we got some good shots, and we got some second shots too."

The Chiefs' defense did the rest. "They didn't get too many great scoring opportunities," said Blohm. "I thought we played well defensively."

Asked if the Zebras' lack of scoring in the first half was by design or merely a lack of offense, Blohm replied, "I think it was a combination of both, their being patient and our defense."

Whatever defense Wayne attempted to use to control Cezat wasn't effective enough. The junior center/forward finished with 18 points, 19 rebounds and six blocks. Rachele Guastella contributed 12 points and five assists.

Renita Price paced the Zebras with 10 points.

Canton and Wayne were tied at 6-0 after one quarter, but the Chiefs took a 13-8 lead at the half. A 13-8 third-quarter burst gave Canton a 10-point (26-16) advantage heading into the final period.

Salem 52, Livonia Churchill 38: The Rocks methodically put Livonia Churchill away Tuesday at Salem.

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Preview: Chiefs, Rocks tie

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Round One - a draw

Yes, Wednesday's regular-season soccer finale between Canton and Salem had similarities to a heavy-weight championship bout. Both sides sparred and jabbed, looking for weaknesses, something to pounce on later - when the stakes were higher.

At the same time, both looked for that quick knockout punch. That, however, proved to be elusive, when the final seconds ticked off the clock, the scoreboard showed zeroes for both sides.

Which, of course, made next Wednesday's match for the Western Lakes Activities Association championship all the more alluring.

"I learned one thing," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "There's a reason they were 9-0 in the conference. And there's a reason we were, too."

The sixth-ranked Chiefs improved to 12-2-3 overall. Salem is 10-3-5.

Although neither side found the net in Wednesday's match, the effort was there, both offensively and defensively. Both teams had chances and, if numbers mean anything when there are no goals to show for it, the Rocks might have had a few more.

Might have. Neither side over-emphasized defense, although McCarthy said prior to the match that if his team could shut the Chiefs out - something that hasn't happened to them this season - it could be an advantage for Salem. It might force Canton to make the adjustments for the WLAA Final.

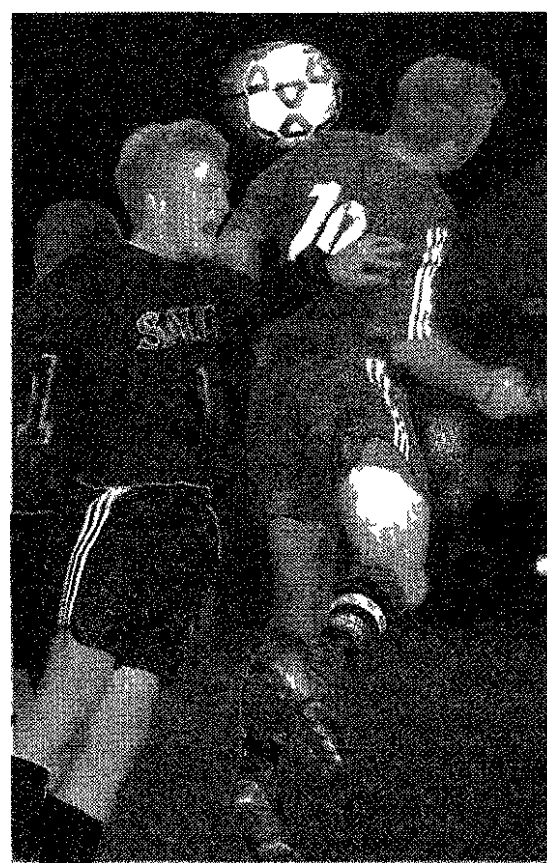
But, with neither side scoring, well.

"Adjustments will have to be made on both sides," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "We didn't get as much offensive pressure as we would have liked to in the first half."

"We got inside them a couple of times, they got inside of us a couple of times."

It seemed Salem got the better of

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Salem's Matt Adsit (left) and Canton's Dutch Morrell, their respective teams' captains, go head-to-head after the ball during Wednesday's scoreless draw.

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Early scores lift Canton over Stevenson

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Not many players or coaches can boast about a winning record against perennial boys soccer power Livonia Stevenson

But Canton's George Tomasso holds that distinction. When he was a goalkeeper for the Chiefs, Tomasso went 2-1-2 against the Spartans

And on Monday night, in his first year as Canton's varsity coach, he did it again as his Chiefs held on for a 2-1 victory in the Western Lakes Activities Association crossover match at Stevenson

Canton is now 12-2-4 overall, while Stevenson falls to 10-3

"It was a great win for us," said Tomasso, a 1996 Canton grad. "The boys are playing hard and I couldn't be more proud"

Canton jumped on the Spartans with two early goals — one by Jason Houdek (from

Ryan Lenahan) and the other by Matt Tomasso (from Ross Maltby)

Stevenson cut the deficit to 2-1 at halftime on Jordan Fylenenko's goal from Dan Poulos, but that was the extent of the scoring

"The second half was weird because usually there's one more goal in the game like this," Tomasso said. "Stevenson is a young team, very talented. They did a great job. They took us to us after the first 20 minutes. We got some lucky bounces, but our guys also played extremely hard"

Stevenson was coming off a 1-0 victory Saturday at home against Troy Athens in another matchup of state-ranked teams as Fylenenko tallied the game-winner from Pat Kolodziejczak

Mike Maciolek, who played the first half, and Mitch Hildebrandt combined for the shutout in goal

"It was a good battle, a play-off-type atmosphere on a cold, windy Saturday afternoon,"

Richters said. "It was a one-goal kind of game and fortunately we were able to get one late in the game"

But the Spartans couldn't put one past Canton goalkeeper Steve Mischung in the second half

"We literally lost the game in the first 15 minutes, it was that simple," Richters said. "We had a few guys sleeping and it cost us big-time. We dug ourselves a hole against a good team"

"We wanted eight guys behind the ball and clearly that didn't happen on the first two (Canton) goals. And we couldn't capitalize on our own chances." Meanwhile, Tomasso likes the way his team has progressed this season. "They keep meeting my expectations," he said. "Once they get to one level, they've been able to get to the next level. Their heart and dedication is the reason that push us to the next level"

Canton also won on Saturday against Walled Lake Northern, 2-1, on goals by

Lenahan and Houdek.

Salem 5, W.L. Western 1: Jake Bennett scored twice in the second half to carry Salem past Walled Lake Western Tuesday in a WLAA match played on the synthetic turf at the Salem/Canton football stadium

The Rocks led 2-0 at the half, thanks to goals from Steve Zelmanski, with an assist from Eric Vanston, and Vanston, with an assist from Steve Cox

Bennett two goals gave Salem a 4-0 lead, Matt Adst assisted on the first

The Warriors' goal came after they were awarded a penalty kick with 15 minutes left, awarded when a Western player was taken down in the box. Salem keeper Tom Huls stopped the penalty try, and stopped another rebound shot, but Western's Dan Magee finally knocked it in to put his team on the scoreboard

Thiago Harris concluded the scoring with Salem's fifth goal, on an assist from Nick Blackford

Ocelots' tourney win keeps them unbeaten

The level of competition may have been upgraded at Saturday's Ocelot Invitational women's soccer tournament, but it didn't make a difference in the end result

Schoolcraft College remained an inhospitable host, beating Michigan State's club team 5-0 Saturday and William Rainey Harper (Ill.) 4-1 on Sunday to claim its fourth-straight Ocelot Invitational title

The Ocelots stayed undefeated at 10-0-0, remaining the eighth-ranked team in both the NJCAA and NSCAA polls

Against MSU Saturday, two first-half goals by Erica Ahrens (from Canton HS) staked SC to a 2-0 lead at the intermission. Tiffani Tuzzolino, Andrea Celia and Mandy Marsonok (Salem) earned assists on the goals. In the second half, Andrea Wright took command for the Ocelots, scoring two goals with assists from Sarah Plymale (Canton) and

Michele Kitta. Casey Hoover got the final goal, with an assist from Liz Diponio (Livonia Stevenson)

Nicole Dalicandro earned her sixth shutout in goal for SC

Cincinnati State's 1-0 win over Harper College Saturday, and MSU's 4-1 triumph over Cincinnati State Sunday, left only SC unbeaten when it met Harper Sunday afternoon. Harper scored an early goal, but Ahrens got the equalizer just before halftime

She continued her superb play in the second half, scoring twice more to carry SC to the victory

Saints drop Madonna

A second-half goal allowed Siena Heights to hand Madonna University's women's soccer team its second loss in Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference play by a 1-0 margin Saturday in Adrian

Madonna fell to 6-3-1 overall, 4-2 in the WHAC

SC defense leads way to a tourney title

There wasn't a lot of offense generated by Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team last weekend at the Cuyahoga Tournament in Cleveland

But there was enough. The Ocelots got two late goals from David Comito — one in each game — and that was enough to give them a pair of 1-0 victories, and the tournament championship

SC improved to 6-2-1 overall going into yesterday's match against Kellogg CC in Battle Creek, site of last year's match that ended with a fight and a loss for the Ocelots. SC was No. 1 in the state going into Wednesday's match, Kellogg was No. 2

"Our team was a bit more consistent than their team was," SC coach Dominic Scicluna said of Cuyahoga, which the Ocelots defeated Saturday. "We changed things up a bit and used some other people, and I think that con-

fused them a bit"

Still, SC wasn't able to crack the Cuyahoga defense until Comito scored with just 0:14 remaining in the game

Sunday's match against Lakeland CC was another story, although the score was the same. "We outplayed them for sure," said Scicluna

Comito didn't wait quite as long to get the game-winner this time, scoring with three minutes to play

The SC defense was anchored, once again, by keeper Liam Curran, who got credit for both shutouts and was named to the all-tournament team. He was helped by sweeper Dan Curmi (from Redford/Catholic Central), who got a chance to start in back and responded with a performance that earned him tournament MVP honors

Leonardo Moya, Mamoudou Bah and Michael Bennett (Canton) were also selected to

the all-tournament squad

The Ocelots host Lakeland CC at 2 p.m. Saturday in a key regional match

Madonna stuns Siena Heights

The match between Madonna University and Siena Heights Saturday in Adrian was close — for about 30 minutes

That's when the Crusaders' Worth Sampson took command

The transfer from Schoolcraft College scored one goal and assisted on four more as the 17th-ranked Crusaders clobbered the Saints 8-1. The win improved Madonna's record to 8-1 overall, 6-0 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Siena Heights is 5-4-2 overall, 3-2-1 in the WHAC

Madonna got on the board when Matt Placek converted a

pass from T.J. Djokic (Livonia Stevenson) at the 25:07 mark. Sampson made it 2-0 at 28:20, assisted by Matt Rosek (Stevenson) and James Miller (Stevenson). A penalty kick by Justin Fishaw (Canton) made it 3-0 just prior to halftime

Miller scored twice in the first eight minutes of the second half, both assisted by Sampson, to increase Madonna's lead to 5-0. Placek's second goal, also assisted by Sampson, midway through the second half boosted the Crusaders' advantage to 6-0

Siena Heights got on the board with 17:40 remaining on a goal by Matt Jones. Madonna scored twice more before game's end, both coming from Djokic, the second assisted by Sampson

Doug Koontz (Canton) was in goal for Madonna, he had five saves. Jason Blickensdorf had five saves for the Saints

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the play in the first half and early in the second, but over the last 20 minutes the Chiefs asserted themselves much better

The best scoring opportunity of the first half belonged to Salem, Chris Conlisk setting the ball to Thiago Harris with less than five minutes left. Harris shot, however, went wide

Nine minutes into the second half, Canton's Ryan Lenahan had an open shot from 12 yards out but put it over the net. After that, the chances increased for both sides as fatigue began to set in, it was Parent's Night, a huge crowd was in attendance, both teams had played games earlier in the week and the emotional spark was beginning to subside

Still, both keepers — Salem's Tom Huls and Canton's Steve Mischung — had to make key stops down the stretch. They'll be asked to do it again on Wednesday

"Defensively, I thought Canton played very well," said McCarthy. "I thought we could create more scoring chances than we did"

"But I was very pleased with the way we defended today. I think (Canton) will play better offensively the next time, now that they've had that feeling out time"

Tomasso, who huddled with his coaches right after the match to discuss what to do next, already had some adjustments in mind

"I can think of a couple," he said, smiling. "But there's no way they're going to get in the paper"

Fair enough? Oh, yeah. Round Two is at 7 p.m. Wednesday

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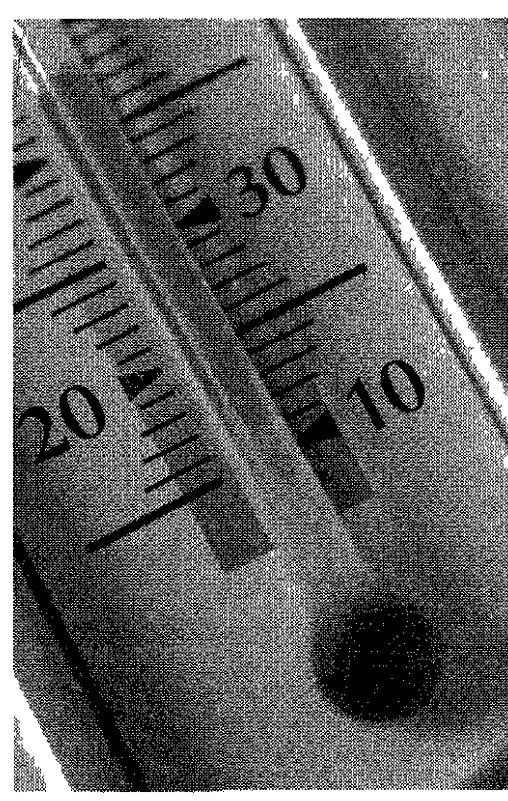
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Whalers' win puts them atop division

Now —that's more like it. Balance has been restored to the universe, or at least the part of it occupied by the Ontario Hockey League. The reason: The Plymouth Whalers followed Friday's 2-1 win over Owen Sound with a 5-0 triumph over the Sudbury Wolves Saturday at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth.

The win gave the Whalers a 4-2-0 record in the OHL, tying them for first in the West Division with the Windsor Spitfires (3-3-0-2), each with eight points. It was also Plymouth's fourth-straight victory.

Vaclav Meidl, a promising first-year player from Czechoslovakia, scored the first two goals of his career to lead the Whaler onslaught. Plymouth led 2-0 after one period and took a 3-0 edge into the third — more than enough cushion for goalie Jeff Weber, who stopped 17 shots in earning his first shutout of the season. Patrick Ehelechner and Joel Whitemarsh divided time in goal for the Wolves.

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Two other Whalers scored their first goals of the season in the victory.

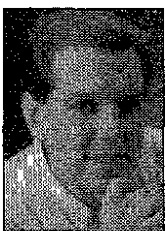
Mike Letizia got his first at 9:34 of the opening period, with an assist from Gino Pisellim. Meidl made it 2-0 with a power-play goal at 17:56, John Mitchell assisting. John Vigilantes goal, from Ryan Ramsay and Jonas Fiedler, at 12:36 of the second period made it 3-0. Meidl's second power-play goal 2:00 into the third period (from David Liffiton and Pisellim) gave Plymouth a 4-0 lead, and Dan Collins got his first of the season at 11:35 (from Tim Sestito) to conclude the scoring.

The Whalers have a busy schedule ahead, beginning at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Windsor, the division co-leaders. After that they play at Guelph on Friday, then return home to host the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Compuware.

Teams seeking playoff-clinching wins

Now that two-thirds of the prep football season is over, it's time to look ahead and do a little playoff history.

Livonia Clarenceville, now 6-0, just wrapped up its sixth straight post season berth. Meanwhile, 6-0 Canton did the same and will be making its fifth appearance in school history.



Brad Emons

Two area schools with the most playoff history, 5-1 Redford Catholic Central and 5-1 Westland John Glenn, can earn their 16th and 15th post-season berths, respectively, with victories this week. Glenn has a tough task against unbeaten Walled Lake Central, while CC is favored to beat University of Detroit-Jesuit.

The only other 5-1 teams which could earn a trip this week to the postseason are Redford Thurston and Wayne Memorial.

Both will be favored with Thurston gunning for its third playoff berth in school history, while Wayne is seeking its first post-season berth since 1992.

Trying to stay in the post-season picture are pair of 4-2 squads — Redford Union, with one post-season trip to its credit (1998), and St. Katharine Drexel/Bishop Borgess, which combined has eighth.

Not to be ignored is 3-3 Garden City, seeking its third post-season trip if the Cougars can win out against the likes of Dearborn Edsel Ford, Southgate Anderson and Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

As far as the prediction race, history could be repeating itself as yours truly finished 12-0 last week to pull one game ahead of Redford-Garden City sports editor Paul Beaudry, who correctly picked 11 of 12 games. The Livonia-Westland sports editor is 58-13 overall, while Beaudry is 57-14. Plymouth-Canton sports editor C.J. Risak, who shipped to 9-3 last week, is 53-18 overall.

Here's a sneak peak at this weekend's action.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

(all at 7 p.m. unless noted)

Liv Churchill (2-4 1-4) at Canton (6-0 5-0) The Chiefs' playoff bound for the fourth straight year rolled up 429 total yards with out completing a pass in a 35-20 win last Friday over Livonia Franklin. For Churchill facing yet another tough opponent it doesn't get any easier. The Chargers have a tall order in trying to avoid their fifth straight loss. PICKS: Canton — Emons, Beaudry, Risak.

Liv Franklin (1-5 1-5) at Liv Stevenson (2 4, 2-3) The Patriots are trying to snap a five game losing streak while the Spartans are trying to end a two game slide. Turnovers

have plagued both teams during in the past two weeks. PICKS: Stevenson — Emons, Beaudry, Risak.

W.L. Central (6-0 5-0) at Westland Glenn (5-1 4-1) Central relies on the feet and arm of quarterback Casey White who had 254 total yards in a 34-7 win over Stevenson. Meanwhile Glenn is coming off a 32-7 victory over Salem as Matt Smitherman rushed for 231 yards. PICKS: Central — Beaudry, Risak, John Glenn — Emons.

Salem (1-5 1-4) at Wayne (5-1 4-1) The Zebras under first year coach Craig Hnatuk can lock up their second playoff berth in school history with a victory at home. Wayne escaped last week by stopping Northville four times inside the 5 yard line as the game ended. Salem is trying to snap a five game losing skid. PICKS: Wayne — Emons, Beaudry, Risak.

Gibraltar Carlson (5-1 5-1) at Redford Union (4-2 4-2) at Hilbert Jr High (Kraft Field) Carlson is on a five game winning streak after losing its Mega Conference Gold Division opener to Highland Park 26-8. Carlson is coming off a 51-20 victory over Dearborn Heights Annapolis as Keith Champlin rushed for three touchdowns and scooped up a fumble going 60 yards for another TD. RU meanwhile controlled the line of scrimmage in a 32-6 win over turnover plagued Willow Run. PICKS: Carlson — Beaudry, Risak, RU — Emons.

Red St. Katharine/Borgess (4-2) at Riverview Gabriel Richard (3-3) Kenny Smith rushed for 138 yards on 14 carries as Redford St. Katharine Drexel Vicariate/Bishop Borgess dumped Detroit Holy Redeemer in a Catholic League D Bracket game 36-14. Riverview Gabriel Richard a member of the A Bracket lost to 51 Harper Woods Holy Trinity 33-0. PICKS: Richard — Emons, Risak 3-0. PICKS: Richard — Emons, Risak 3-0. PICKS: Richard — Emons, Risak 3-0.

Dearborn Edsel Ford (4 2 2-1) at Garden City (3 3 3-0) The Cougars can stay atop the Mega Conference's White Division with a win. GC held Taylor Truman last week to 29 yards rushing in a 34-14 victory. Cougar running back Dustin Mattson rushed for 252 yards and had two TDs. Edsel under first year

coach Mark Tyler has a forfeit win over Dearborn The T Birds got by Romulus last week 15-6 as Lance Wojewiczki rushed for 93 yards and a TD. PICKS: Edsel Ford — Beaudry, Risak, GC — Emons.

Red Thurston (5 1 3-1) at D.H. Crestwood (1-5 1-4) The Eagles coming off a 47-0 shellacking of Woodhaven are seeking their third playoff berth in school history. The Eagles had 392 yards in total offense led by quarterback Corey Reid who passed for 95 yards and rushed for 70. Crestwood is coming off a 42-6 loss to River Rouge. PICKS: Thurston — Emons, Beaudry, Risak.

Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (2 4) at Liv Clarenceville (6-0) 7:30 p.m. This is probably the toughest opponent on Clarenceville's schedule. The Fighting Irish a member of the Catholic League's AA Division routed winless Madison Heights Bishop Foley last week 42-0. Clarenceville already in the playoffs can virtually lock up homefield advantage with a victory. PICKS: Clarenceville — Beaudry, Risak, Notre Dame Prep — Emons.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Luth Westland (2-4 2-3) at B.H. Cranbrook (5-1 4-1) 1 p.m. The Warriors will have to shut down the shotgun passing attack of Cranbrook's Ryan Karolak who completed 13 of 26 for 160 yards in a 54-0 trouncing of winless Hamtramck. The Warriors crumbled in the final seven minutes last week in a 26-7 loss to Macomb Lutheran North. PICKS: Cranbrook — Emons, Beaudry, Risak.

Redford CC (5 1 2-0) vs U.D. Jesuit (3 3, 1-2) 7 p.m. at Hamtramck's Keyworth Stadium. The Shamrocks have righted the ship after their shocking loss two weeks ago to Detroit DePores with two straight lopsided wins 42-7 over Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day and 35-7 last week over Orchard Lake St. Mary U.D. Jesuit is coming off a 31-21 loss to Birmingham Brother Rice. PICKS: CC — Emons, Beaudry, Risak.

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Crusaders rip Cougars

The story of two teams headed in opposite directions. In Saturday's volleyball match between third-ranked Madonna University and Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference rival Spring Arbor, Madonna as a team recorded a 387 kill percentage, with eight service aces, collected 85 digs and 40 total blocks.

The Cougars had a .047 kill percentage, one ace, 36 digs and eight blocks.

That's why Madonna won 30-15, 30-20, 30-13, improving to a school-record 22-0, 3-0 in the WHAC. Spring Arbor is 4-17 overall, 0-4 in the WHAC.

Sharise Bush, who leads the Crusaders in kills, missed the match.

Natalja Timna paced Madonna with 15 kills (483), three service aces, 11 digs and five blocks. Laura Lesko added

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13 kills (524), 12 digs and eight blocks. Caryn Inman had 11 kills (381) and 13 blocks. Tera Morrill (Westland/Livonia Franklin) had 11 kills (455), 24 digs and five blocks. Amanda Suder (Salem) led the team with 16 digs, and Ashley Frost finished with 38 set assists, two aces, 12 digs and three blocks.

Frost's efforts earned her WHAC setter of the week for the third time this season.

Jodi Bartman and Rebekah Glass led the Cougars with eight kills apiece, they each also had seven digs. The Crusaders travel to Houston Baptist for a key tournament this weekend. Houston Baptist is the team that eliminated them in the NIAA semifinals last season.

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outscored the Chargers by five, four and five points in the first three quarters, respectively.

The win was Salem's sixth in a row, boosting its record to 7-4 overall and 5-0 in the Lakes Division. Churchill is 3-7 overall, 1-4 in the WLAA.

Churchill came out in a person-to-person defense, and that was the first time we've seen that from them, said Salem coach Fred Thomann, who seemed equally impressed with his junior varsity's 31-19 victory, which gave it a 10-1 record. "But I thought we did a good job

tonight. We adjusted and we handled it.

The Rocks continued to get offensive balance, with Ellen Canale leading them with a season-high 17 points, she also had five assists. Teresa Coppelli chipped in with 12 points, and Alyssa Guern and Kathy Hammerschmidt each had eight points, with Hammerschmidt grabbing nine rebounds.

Robyn Johnson paced Churchill with 16 points. Karen Anger scored seven.

Canton Agape 49, Zoe Christian 29: A.J. Creps set the emotional standard for Canton Agape Christian Tuesday at Warren. Zoe Christian

Creps poured in 14 points and grabbed 24 rebounds as the Wolverines demolished the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division-leading Warriors.

Agape led 17-2 after one quarter and 27-7 at the half, improving to 7-6 overall, the Wolverines are 2-3 in the MIAC Blue Division. Zoe is 8-3 overall, 4-0 in the Red.

"We came out real strong and poised," said Agape coach Clark Sexton.

A.J. was an animal on the boards. They all worked very hard. I'm proud of them."

Tarah Ambrester contributed 11 points and Emily Tong 10 for the Wolverines. Sarah Maus led

Zoe with 12 points.

Plymouth 52, Holy Redeemer 15 (JV): In a Catholic League C-D Division junior varsity game played at Redford Bishop Borgess Tuesday, the Wildcats outscored Detroit Holy Redeemer 17-2 in the first quarter and led 26-4 by halftime.

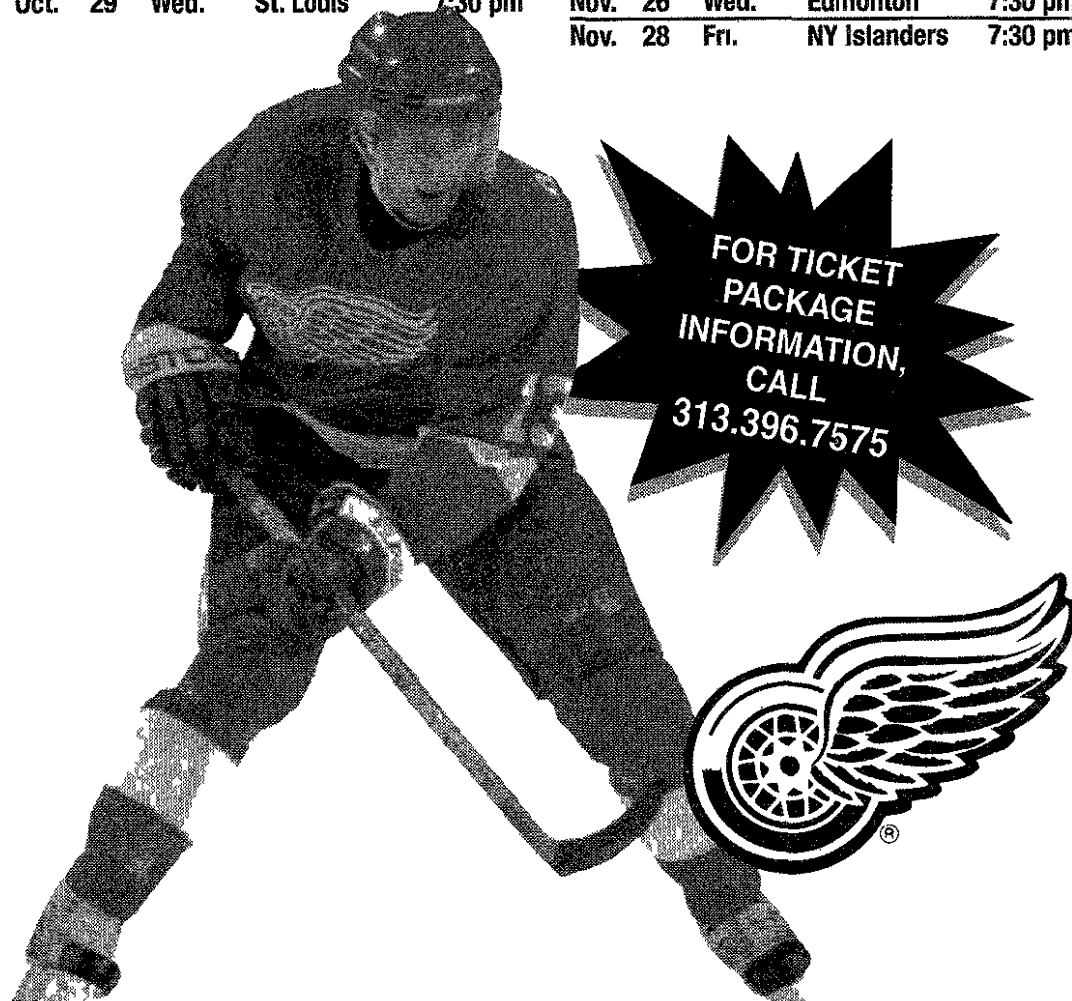
Jeanne Moise led Plymouth with 24 points and eight rebounds. Janet Hanchett and Kayla Brndza had seven points and eight rebounds apiece for the 'Cats, and Kynna Brndza led Plymouth with 10 boards.

Anaris Tellado was top scorer for the Lions with seven points.

Plymouth improved to 7-3 overall, Holy Redeemer is 1-8

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Canton 3rd, Salem 4th at WLAA Tournament

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Dual meet champion Northville held serve Saturday to repeat as Western Lakes Activities Association girls tennis champion with a team-high 25 points

Host Livonia Stevenson, which suffered only one dual meet defeat this season (against WLAA champ Northville 5-3), finished runner-up with 21 points. Walled Lake Central was third with 17.

Rounding out the 12-school field was Canton (12), Walled Lake Western (10), Salem (7), Walled Lake Northern (7), Livonia Churchill (5), Westland John Glenn (5), Plymouth (3), Livonia Franklin (1) and Wayne Memorial (1).

Northville captured all four doubles titles and added a singles title at No. 3. Stevenson came away with two singles

crowns

Stevenson's Ashley Moccia, the No. 2 champion a year ago, ran her record to 23-0 this season by taking the No. 1 crown. The junior disposed of Walled Lake Central's Michelle Maxfield, 6-3, 6-3, in the finals in blustery and cold conditions.

At No. 4 singles, Stevenson senior Sara Gonzalez dropped the first set, 4-6, before rallying to beat Amy Knoth of Northville for the title, 6-2, 6-3.

Gonzalez, 18-4 overall, lost only one WLAA match all season, that at No. 3 singles in a dual match against Cristina Calbayos of Westland John Glenn.

"I was very pleased with how our girls played and I was delighted how the day went in general," Stevenson first-year coach Kathy Ladd said. "It (the WLAA tourney) went pretty much the way I thought."

In last year's WLAA tourney,

Northville also beat the Spartans by a four-point margin, 24-20.

"Northville is a very solid team," Ladd said. "Their doubles teams are very strong. They have some veteran teams, some which have played four years together."

Northville's No. 1 doubles team of Amanda Darish and Jen Harkness, Division I state finalists at No. 3 in 2002, captured the WLAA title with a 6-1, 6-0 triumph over Stevenson's freshman duo of Amanda Moccia and Corinne Pasley.

At No. 2, Northville's Jackie Taylor and Jonnis Powers defeated Canton's duo of Meena Hason and Ji-Min Lim, 6-3, 6-1.

It was also a straight-set victory for Northville's Kate Thomas and Laura Krstevich, who defeated Canton's Julia Fabiszewski and Laura McKendry for the No. 3 crown, 6-0, 6-3.

Maria Rice and Catalina Oouda made it a clean sweep in doubles with a 6-0, 6-3 win in the No. 4 flight over Allison Rotenburg and Jackie Hamann of Walled Lake Central.

The No. 2 singles title went to Central's Liz Murray, who defeated Missy Nelson of Salem, 6-1, 6-2. Northville's Chelsea Johnston upended Jessica Bear of Walled Lake Western, 6-3, 6-2, at No. 3 singles.

Both Moccia and Gonzalez will be top seeds this Friday when Stevenson hosts the Division I regional.

That, too, is expected to be a battle between the WLAA's top two teams.

The top two teams from the regional advance to the state tourney, Oct. 17-18, at the Midland Community Tennis Center.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday Oct. 10
Churchill at Canton 7 p.m.
Franklin at Stevenson 7 p.m.
WL Central at John Glenn 7 p.m.
Salem at Wayne 7 p.m.
ND Prep at Clarenceville 7:30 p.m.

Saturday Oct. 11
Luth Westland at Cranbrook 1 p.m.
Redford CC vs U.D. Jesu t
at Hamtramck Keyworth Stadium 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday Oct. 9
Luth East at Clarenceville 6:30 p.m.
Luth Westland at Harper Woods 6:30 p.m.
DePorres at Ladywood 7 p.m.
Churchill at W.L. Northern 7 p.m.
Franklin at Canton 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Salem 7 p.m.
Wayne at W.L. Central 7 p.m.

Friday Oct. 10
Ply Christian at Plymouth 7 p.m.
Canton Agape at B.H. Roeper 8 p.m.
Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist TBA

BOYS SOCCER
Thursday Oct. 9
Redford CC at Bishop Foley 7 p.m.

Friday Oct. 10
John Glenn at Divine Child 4 p.m.
Agape at Huron Valley 4:30 p.m.
Riv. Richard at Luth Westland 4:30 p.m.
Ply Christian at Bethesda 4:30 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Franklin 5:30 p.m.
Wayne at Taylor Kennedy 5:30 p.m.

Saturday Oct. 11
DeLaSalle at Stevenson 11 a.m.
Plymouth at A.A. Greenhills noon
Ply Christian at Lenawee noon

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday Oct. 9
WLAA Jamboree at Willow Metropark 3:45 p.m.

Saturday Oct. 11
A.A. Gab Richard Inv. at Hudson Mills 10 a.m.
Sturgis Invitational 11:30 a.m.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday Oct. 9
WLAA Jamboree at Willow Metropark 3:45 p.m.

Saturday Oct. 11
A.A. Gab Richard Inv. at Hudson Mills 10 a.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING
Thursday Oct. 9
Canton vs Plymouth (at Salem) 7 p.m.
Churchill at Northville 7 p.m.

Franklin at W.L. Western 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem 7 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Central 7 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Wayne 7 p.m.
Ladywood vs Mercy
at Livonia Community Rec Ctr 7 p.m.

Friday Oct. 10
Stevenson at A.A. Pioneer 7 p.m.

GIRLS TENNIS
Friday Oct. 10
(Division I Region 3 8 a.m.)
Canton Salem Ann Arbor Pioneer Ann Arbor
Huron Saline Belleville Monroe Taylor Truman
Taylor Kennedy
at Ann Arbor Pioneer
(Division I Region 4 8 a.m.)
#1 3 singles at Churchill
#2 4 doubles #4 singles at Stevenson
#3 4 doubles at Rotary Park

BOYS GOLF
Friday Oct. 10
Division 1 Regional at Oak Pointe GC
Canton Salem Livonia Stevenson Livonia
Churchill Livonia Franklin Brighton Howell
Dearborn Dearborn Edsel Ford Dearborn Fordson
Redford Union Redford Catholic Central South
Lyon Detroit King Detroit Cass Tech Northville

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GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY
Friday Oct. 10
A.A. Pioneer at Ladywood 4:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday Oct. 11
Lakeland at Schoolcraft 2 p.m.
Madonna at Spring Arbor 2:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday Oct. 11
Washtenaw at Schoolcraft 11 a.m.
Madonna at Spring Arbor 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Friday Saturday Oct. 10-11
Schoolcraft at Jefferson (Mo.) TBA
Madonna at Houston Baptist Tourney TBA

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Thursday Oct. 9
Whalers at Windsor Spitfires 7:30 p.m.

Friday Oct. 10
Whalers at Guelph Storm 7:30 p.m.

Saturday Oct. 11
Whalers vs S.S. Marie Greyhounds
at Compuware Arena 7:30 p.m.
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TENNIS RESULTS

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Oct. 4 at Livonia Stevenson

TEAM STANDINGS 1 Northville 25 points
2 Livonia Stevenson 21 3 Walled Lake Central 17 4 Canton 12 5 Walled Lake Western 10 6 (tie) Salem and Walled Lake Northern 7 each 8 Westland John Glenn and Livonia Churchill 5 each 10 Plymouth 3 11 (tie) Wayne Memorial and Livonia Franklin 1 each

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS
No. 1 singles Ashley Moccia (LS) defeated Michelle Maxfield 6-3 6-3 semifinals Moccia def. Erica Dobson (N) 6-2 6-0 Maxfield def. Elizabeth Mullane 6-3 6-2

No. 2 Liz Murray (WLC) def. Missy Nelson (S) 6-1 6-2 semifinals Murray def. Beth Treadwell (C) 6-1 6-4 Nelson def. Amanda Khoury (LS) 7-5 6-3

No. 3 Chelsea Johnston (N) def. Jessica Beard (WLW) 6-3 6-2 semifinals Johnston def. Julie Waggener (LS) 6-4 6-3 Beard def. Christina Cabaljos (WJG) 2-6 7-5 (retired)

No. 4 Sara Gonzalez (LS) def. Amy Knoth (N) 4-6 6-2 6-3 semifinals Gonzalez def. Nicole Anstett (WLC) 6-1 6-1 Knoth def. Erin Goldman (WLW) 6-2 6-3

No. 1 doubles Amanda Darish Jen Harkness (N) def. Amanda Moccia Corinne Pasley (LS) 6-1 6-0 semifinals Darish Harkness def. Sara Galante Chelsea Darouie (C) 6-1 6-1 Moccia Pasley def. Mo Bohr Sarah

Jose (S) 6-4 6-1

No. 2 Jackie Taylor Jonnis Powers (N) def. Meena Hason Ji Min Lim (C) 6-3 6-1 semifinals Taylor Powers def. Rebecca Jensen Megan Haddad (WLC) 6-1 6-0 Hason Ji Min Lim def. Kristan Weiser Karen Dimopoulos (LS) 6-3 6-4

No. 3 Kate Thomas Laura Krstevich (N) def. Julia Fabiszewski Laura McKendry (C) 6-3 6-4 semifinals Thomas Krstevich def. Ashley Rice Mandy Stapulia (WLC) 6-1 6-1 Fabiszewski McKendry def. Angelina Chan Val Buxton (LS) 6-4 6-2

No. 4 Maria Rice Catalina Oouda (N) def. Allison Rotenburg Jackie Hamann (WLC) 6-0 6-3 semifinals Rice Oouda def. Kiersten Pasley Kristen Cady (LS) 6-2 6-1 Rotenburg

Hamann def. Lauren Hollens Nicole Perry (WLN) 6-1 6-1

FINAL DUAL MEET RECORDS
1 Northville 11 0 2 Stevenson 10 1 3 WL Central 9 2 4 Salem 8 3 5 Canton 7 4 6 (tie) WL Western and John Glenn 4 6 1 each Franklin 3 5 3 9 Churchill 3 7 11 0 WL Northern 2 7 2 11 Plymouth 1 10 12 Wayne 0 11

FINAL WLAA STANDINGS (Dual meets and WLAA tourney)
1 Northville 2 Stevenson 3 WL Central 4 Canton 5 Salem 6 WL Western 7 John Glenn 8 WL Northern 9 (tie) Churchill and Franklin 11 Plymouth 12 Wayne

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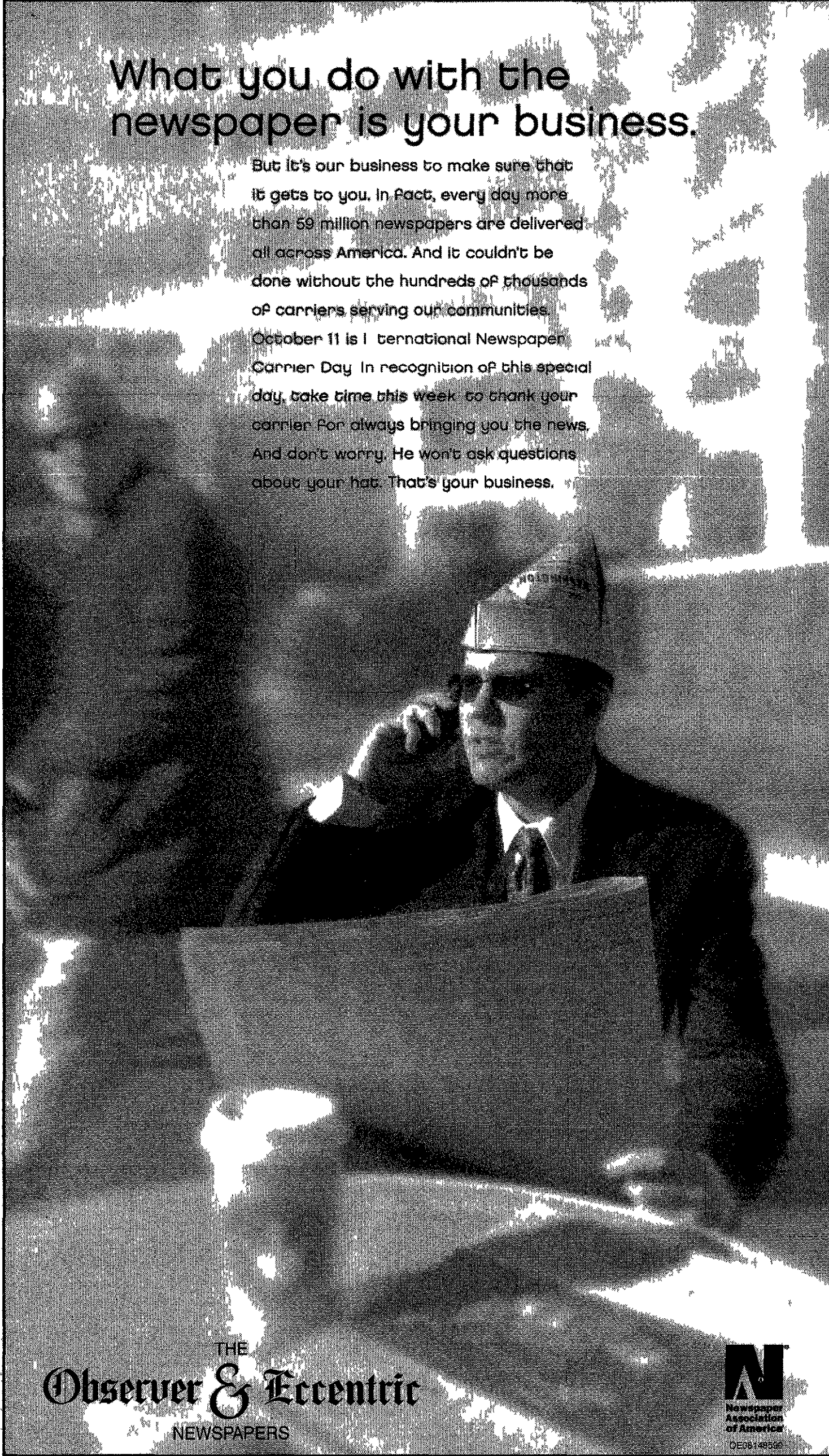
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WAYNE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Oct 4 at Willow Metropark

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS 1 Dearborn Fordson 66 points 2 Salem 78 3 Dearborn 94 4 Dearborn Heights Crestwood 101 5 Northville 139 6 Livonia Churchill 159 7 Dearborn Divine Child 174 8 Belleville 197 9 Canton 278 10 Dearborn Edsel Ford 296 11 Brownstown Woodhaven 324 12 Redford Catholic Central 340 13 Westland John Glenn 384 14 Southgate Anderson 425 15 Riverview Gabriel Richard 430 16 Plymouth 455 17 Detroit Renaissance 462 18 Gibraltar Carlson 492 19 Plymouth Christian Academy 503 20 Garden City 524 21 Lincoln Park 565

Individual winner James Erickson (Belleville) 16 minutes 10 seconds (5 000 meters)

Salem finishers: 8 Dan Kapadia 17 05 12 Adam Warner 17 19 13 Scott Fysh 17 23 16 Jimmy Walsh 17 34 30 Adam Kosteva 17 51 42 Brian Kutnick 10 22 55 John Israel 18 38

Canton finishers: 24 Scott George 17 45 48 Nathan Phillips 18 33 56 Dave Galea 18 39 68 Steve Cheek 19 03 87 Raj Shah 19 30 93 Phayriel Whitlock 19 37 94 Ken Clawson 19 40

Plymouth finishers: 75 Nathan Kostegan 19 10 88 Patrick Slavens 19 30 97 Jeff Mosesian 19 44 102 Chris Marsh 20 04 106 Christian Chagas 20 13 131 John Zaccone 21 39 138 David Maycock 21 53

Plymouth Christian finishers: 63 Ben Welton 18 54 86 Jon Wendt 19 29 108 Scott Brandt 20 17 127 Cateb James 21 20 141 Brian Holychuk 22 00 143 matt Stephens 22 40

Catholic Central finishers: 59 Matt Bielak 18 41 61 J P Duprey 18 47 72 Troy Duprey 19 09 76 Russel Zarras 19 11 77 Robert Ford

19 11 79 David Champine 19 16 95 Garrett Lucas 19 41

Churchill finishers: 9 Connor Schultz 17 06 22 Marc Sanders 17 42 25 Timothy Howse 17 46 45 Stephan Maxe 18 25 60 Patrick Oakley 18 42 62 Evan Chapman 18 51 66 Tim Francisco 19 02

John Glenn finishers: 43 Cordarro Harper 18 22 51 Brad Gray 18 36 90 Josh Marshbanks 19 34 103 Chad Barrett 20 09 109 Corey Synder 20 21 116 Justin Miller 20 46 124 Mike Jacobs 21 12

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS 1 Salem 34 points 2 Livonia Churchill 46 3 Northville 88 4 Dearborn Edsel Ford 120 5 Dearborn Divine Child 170 6 Livonia Ladywood 180 7 Westland John Glenn 209 8 Harper Woods Regina 220 9 Plymouth 237 10 Belleville 295 11 Riverview Gabriel Richard 315 12 New Boston Huron 369 13 Dearborn Heights Crestwood 378 14 Garden City 385 15 Lincoln Park 386

Individual winner: Kyleen Cieslak (LC) 19 minutes 44 seconds (5 000 meters)

Salem finishers: 2 Laura Friedman 20 22 3 Lauren Kane 20 29 8 Danielle Malone 20 41 9 Hannah Cavicchio 20 41 12 Amanda Kassem 20 58 13 Monica Przebienda 20 58 20 Lauren Medley 21 27

Plymouth finishers: 30 Sarah Sherwood 22 21 37 Nichole McLaughlin 22 51 44 Jackie Beeler 22 58 66 Hayley Kennedy 23 57 73 Kat Harrison 24 30 78 Laura Jones 25 07

Other Churchill finishers: 4 Gabriela Gutierrez 20 33 6 Nicole Renaud 20 38 17 Erica Hope 21 14 18 Anna Gatt 21 20 21 Amanda Thayer 21 30 32 Tiffany Pope 22 26

Ladywood finishers: 11 Kathleen Bohrer 20 53 39 Beth Conklin 22 55 45 Brittany Winters 22 59 46 Brittany Scarlett 23 00 47 Amanda McClellan 23 01 51 Emily Salenik

23 07 61 Maegan McGrath 23 39

John Glenn finishers: 24 Julie Stulock 21 57 26 Julia DeGroot 22 02 48 Jenny Murch 23 02 58 Melanie Stawkey 23 28 65 Lisa James 23 55 69 Courtney Fulton 24 10 76 Sheryl Jacobs 24 40

Others: 95 Abi Cochran (PCA) 27 14

YPSILANTI INVITATIONAL
Oct. 4 at Ypsilanti HS

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS 1 Livonia Stevenson 42 points 2 Brighton 50 3 Ann Arbor Pioneer 105 4 Temperance Bedford 111 5 Dearborn 135 6 Toledo Whitmer 143 7 Livonia Franklin 153 8 Plymouth Canton 203

Individual winner: Heather Sirko (LS) 19 minutes 44 seconds (5 000 meters)

Other Stevenson finishers: 2 Amber Cicala 19 59 5 Lisa Montgomery 20 18 15 Sarah Kulczycki 20 53 19 Linda Montgomery 21 07 20 Kelly Gibbons 21 10 25 Natalie Teter 21 34

Franklin finishers: 6 Meghan Horgan 20 19 9 Kirstian Tyler 20 30 33 Kristine Ostrosky 22 30 51 Courtney MacLean 24 38 54 Melissa Anderson 25 35 55 Jenny Kirk 25 50

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 28
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Oct. 6 at Cass Benton Park

CC finishers: 1 David Lucas 16 minutes 35 seconds 2 Dan Horgan 17 26 5 Mike Nienhaus 17 43 8 Mike Rossiter 18 03 12 Michael Kurtz 18 27 14 Dominic Pro 18 38 15 Greg Rost 18 42

U-D finishers: 3 Kirk Leonard 17 39 4 Pat Moore 17 40 6 Josh Lisiecki 17 46 7 Tom Szczesny 17 54 9 Brian Williams 18 19 10 John Maten 18 23 11 Jim Gray 18 26

CC's dual meet record: 4 0 (clinched Catholic League Central Division title)

ROCKS

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Kapadia, a sophomore, finished eighth overall in 17 05, with Adam Warner placing 12th in 17 19 and Scott Fysh 13th in 17 23. Jimmy Walsh was 16th (17 34) and Adam Kosteva finished 30th (17 51) to round out the Rocks' scoring.

Baker is convinced the best is yet to come for Salem, perhaps starting with today's WLAA Division Championship at Cass Benton. "We're dropping back on the mileage and we'll work on our speed, he said. "We'll have to race, but I still think we can be division champs."

"We'll tighten the screws a bit and see how they handle it."

Canton's top finisher was Scott George, who placed 24th (17 45). Nathan Phillips was 48th (18 33), Dave Gales placed 56th (18 39), Stephen Cheek was 68th (19 03) and Raj Shah was 87th (19 30).

Plymouth had three runners finish in the top 100. Nathan Kostegan, 75th (19 10), Patrick Blavens, 88th (19 30), and Jeff Mosesian, 97th (19 44). Plymouth Christian had two Ben Welton, 63rd (18 54) and

Jon Wendt, 86th (19 29)

Salem's girls won on the strength of its tight, low-scoring pack running. Laura Friedman, a junior, was the Rocks' low scorer for the first time this season, placing second overall in 20 22. Churchill's Kyleen Cieslak was first in 19 44.

Lauren Kane was third overall for Salem (20 29), with Danielle Malone eighth (20 41), Hannah Cavicchio ninth (20 41), Amanda Kassem 12th (20 58) and Monica Przebienda 13th (20 58). Lauren Medley was also 20th (21 27).

"We knew it would be a three-team race with us, Churchill and Northville," said Gerlach Still, Salem had never won here before, beating Churchill was a big step on the ladder, even if

the Chargers were without one of their best runners.

"I think it is going to be a great battle between us," Gerlach said of the upcoming conference and division meets with Churchill in the field. "The kids knew what had to be done and they went out and did it."

Ladywood's top runner was Kathleen Bohrer, who took 11th overall (20 53). Other top-50 finishers for the Blazers were Beth Conklin, 39th (22 55), Brittany Winters, 45th (22 59), Brittany Scarlett, 46th (23 00), and Amanda McClellan, 47th (23 01). Plymouth had three in the top 50: Sarah Sherwood, 30th (22 21), Nichole McLaughlin, 37th (22 51), and Jackie Beeler, 44th (22 58). cjsrak@oe.hometown.com net (734) 953 2808

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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 Clerks' Office at 1150 South Canton Center Road Canton MI 48188 prior to the hearing date.

TERRY G BENNETT
Clerk

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HAYES DAY CARE SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A DAYCARE AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 6 02E FOR PARCEL NO 063 99 0003 704 Property is located east of Beck between Cherry Hill and Saltz Road.

ZONING MAP SECTION 16

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CANTON CINEMA SEVEN SPECIAL LAND USE CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A MOTION PICTURE THEATER AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 6 02 FOR PARCEL NO 057 99 0001 007 Property is located north of Ford and west of Morton Taylor Road.

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FROM PAGE B1

Chris French shot an 82 Salem's non-scorers were Mike Cassidy, 86, and Dave Pawlukewicz, 87

Northville won the overall title with 19 points, one more than Western (18) Salem was third overall (17), followed by Northern (16)

Canton and Churchill, which had been tied for first going into the tournament, both struggled The Chiefs shot a 323 and finished seventh in the tournament, which was better than Churchill - the Chargers had a 326 to place eighth

Their poor tournament showings left the Chiefs in fifth in the overall standings with 14 points and Churchill in sixth with 13 (see statistical results)

Chad Johnson was the only Canton golfer to break 80, he had a 79, earning all-division honors Bryan Wioncek and John Palmer were next best with 81s, followed by Mike

Yates with an 82 and Dustin Trosper with an 85 Plymouth, in its first season playing the varsity circuit, got a team-best from Jeff Selasky, with an 81 Mike Gersch was next with an 85, followed by Matt Talbot, 86, and Nick Taggie, 89

As for Salem, Wilson realized how close it was at the end

"We had two slip-ups (during the season), he said

"We lost to Livonia Stevenson at home, and we shouldn't have, and to Northville on the road on the fifth man (tiebreaker) There were two matches we got clobbered in, against Canton when we played horrible, and against Churchill, when they shot the lights out

Still, the end did justify everything else for the Rocks "It left a good taste in our mouth, playing there," said Wilson

Salem and Canton travel to Oak Pointe in Brighton for their state regional Friday The top three teams advance to the state tournament

PCA wins tri-meet

A 60 foot putt on the final hole combined with three other solid rounds to carry Plymouth Christian Academy to victory at a tri-meet with Grosse Pointe University-Liggett and Macomb Christian Tuesday at Sycamore Hills in Macomb

PCA, now 7-5 in dual meets, shot 180 to Liggett's 182 Macomb finished third with a 191

On the final, decisive hole, freshman Jeremy Seavy sank a 60 foot putt to give him a 49 for the day and assure the victory for the Eagles Leading the pack for PCA was Jordan Brown with a 41, Jesse Predhomme was next with a 44, followed by Jordan Johnston with a 46 and Seavy

Jeff Helberg's even-par 36 led Liggett and was low round for the day Zak Kozuchowski was best for Macomb with a 39

PCA hosts its 16 team Division 4 Regional today at Hickory Creek



JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bryan Wioncek had a good day for Canton with an 81, but the Chiefs weren't quite up to par for their title run

GOLF RESULTS

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Medalist: Matt Smith (WLN) 72
All Conference: Smith (WLN) 72 Brandon VanHeyde (N) 73 Aaron Cheesman (S) 73 Brad Schmitz (LS) Paul Segun (LF) and Pat Shaw (S) 76 each Mike Roberts (WLW) 76

All Division: Jon Smith (WLN) Sean McMahon (WLC) and Jim Gatas (N) 77 each Eric Hoffman (WLW) Matt Haskell (WJG) and Rich Saferian (WLW) 78 each Chad Johnson (C) Mike Dolmetsch (LC) Andy Baum (WLW) and Greg Jones (N) 79 each Justin Williams (WLW) Kyle Hardey (LC) Ryan Hunt (N) and Brent Medien (LS) 80 each

TEAM-BY-TEAM RESULTS
Northville (309) Van Heyde 73 Gatas 78 Jones 79 Hunt 80 Matt Lewicki 81 Lance Dehne 83

W.L. Western (311) Roberts 76 Safenan and Hoffman 78 each Williams 80 Brad Robertson 83

Salem (312) Cheesman 73 Shaw 76 Andy Thackberry 81 Chris French 82 Mike Cassidy 86 Dave Pawlukewicz 87

W.L. Northern (317) Matt Smith 72 Jon Smith 77 Mike Lemanski 82 Rev n Naylor 86 Pat Turner 88 Joe Underwood 95

Stevenson (319) Schmitz 76 Medien 80 Sean Sachau 81 Brad Fischer 82 David Kubert 86 Richard Wyman 92

Franklin (320) Segun 76 Leidal 78 Steve South 81 Kevin Mimer 85 Jeff Burda 90 Matt Kahkonen 95

Canton (323) Johnson 79 Bryan Wioncek and John Palmer 81 each Mike Yates 82 Dustin Trosper 85 Domin c Gallo 91

Churchill (326) Dolmetsch 79 Hardey 80 Tommy Lucko 83 Matt Kruczynsk and Mike Ferk 84 each Adam Singweim 89

W.L. Central (329) McMahon 77 Sean Carlson 82 Jim Scarpace 84 Rob Ulrich 86 Tony Lis 87 Joel McGinley 87

John Glenn (338) Haskell 78 Mike Gatunas 85 Sean Fournier 86 Anthony Veltin 89 Corey Strauss 92 Ryan Rawson 97

Plymouth (341) Jeff Selasky 81 Mike Gersch

85 Matt Talbot 86 Nick Taggie 89 Jimmie Vieck 92 Ryan Hoeman 96

Wayne (342) James Congdon 81 Kr stofer Light 85 Michae Zimmerman and Justin Ab es 88 each TeJay O Conne l 93 Jason Kantner 99

DUAL MEET STANDINGS
 1 (tie) Canton Churchill 8 3 3 (tie) Salem Northville Walled Lake Northern Walled Lake Western Walled Lake Central 7 4 8 (tie)

Livon a Stevenson L vonia Franklin 5 6 10 (tie) Westland John Glenn Wayne Memorial 2 9 12 Plymouth 11 0

DIVISION STANDINGS
Lakes 1 (tie) Salem Stevenson and W.L. Northern 41 each 4 W.L. Centra 2 3 5 John Glenn 1 4 6 Wayne 0 5

Western 1 Northville 4 1 2 (tie) Canton Churchill and W.L. Western 3 2 each 5 Franklin 2 3 6 Plymouth 0 5

FINAL CONFERENCE STANDINGS (based on dual/tourney finish)
 1 Northville 19 points 2 W.L. Western 18 3 Salem 17 4 Walled Lake Northern 16 5 Canton 14 6 (tie) Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson 13 each 8 Livonia Franklin 12 9 Walled Lake Central 11 10 Westland John Glenn 5 11 (tie) Wayne Memorial and Plymouth 3 each

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

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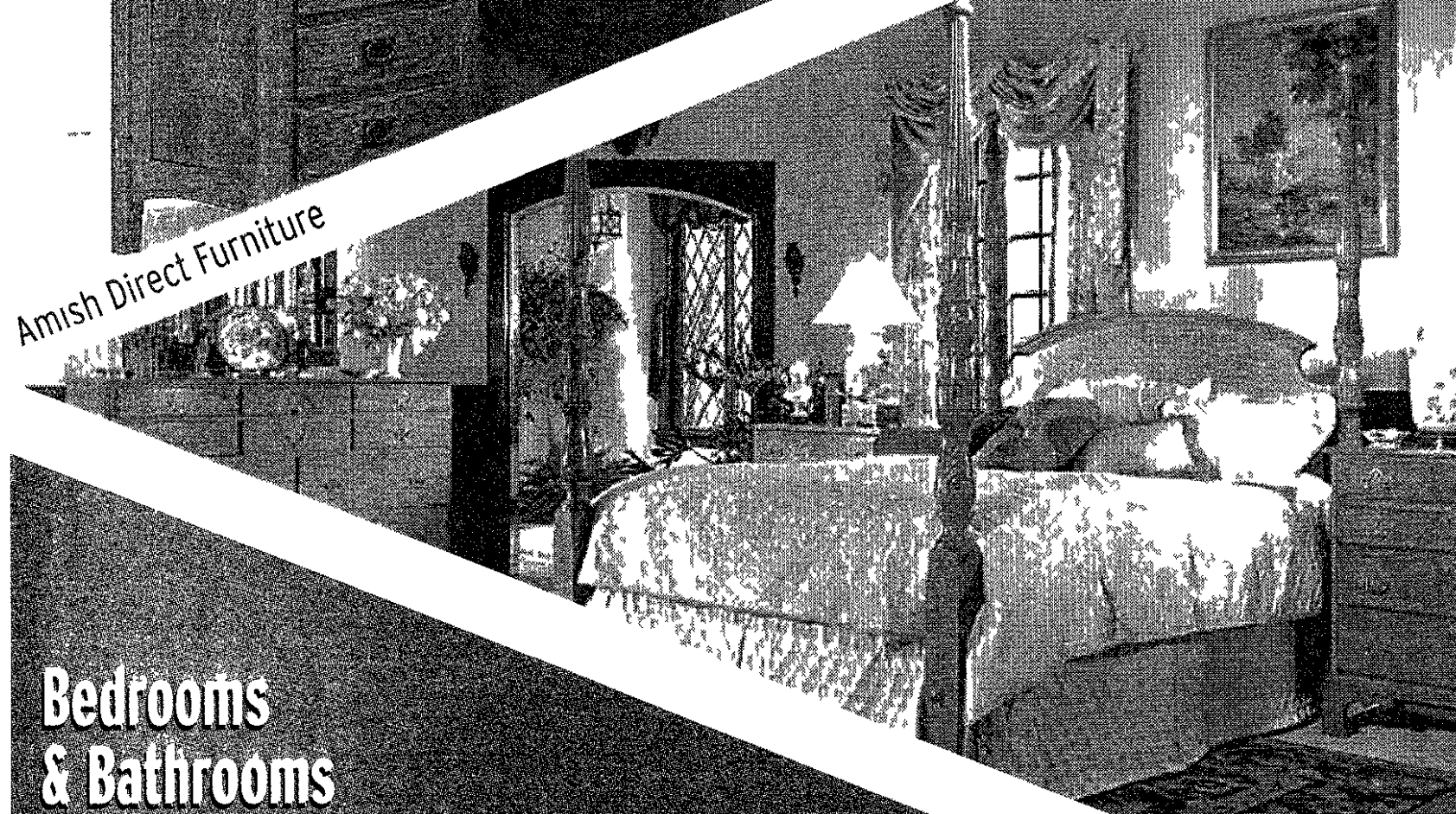
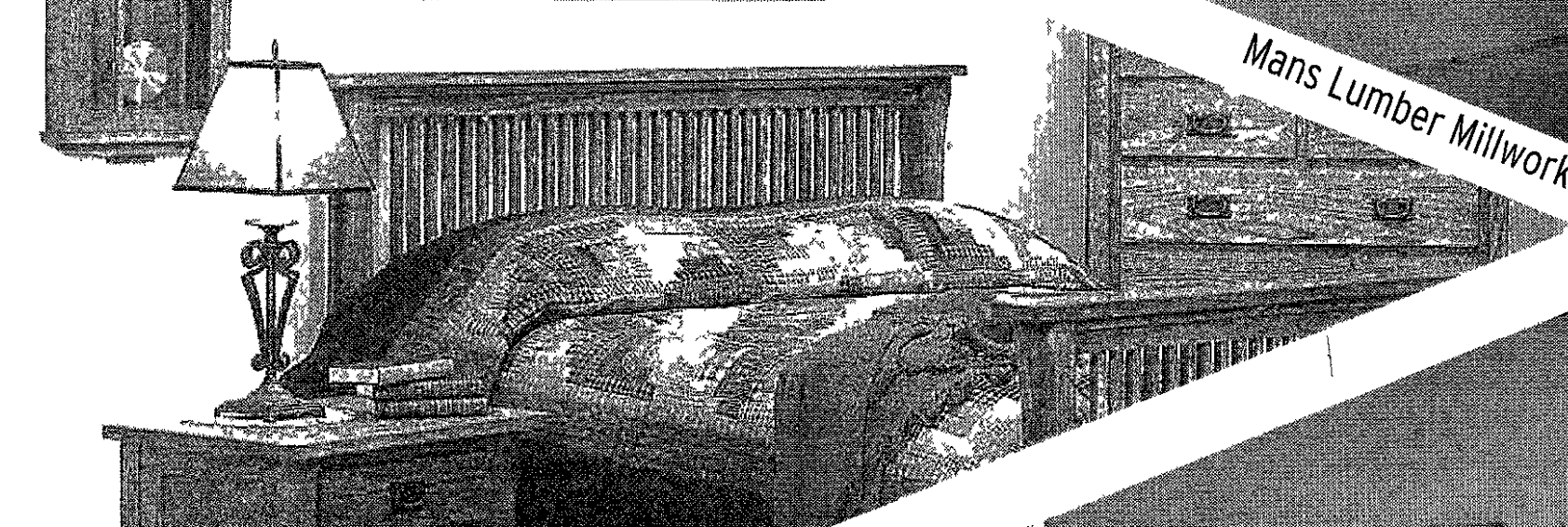
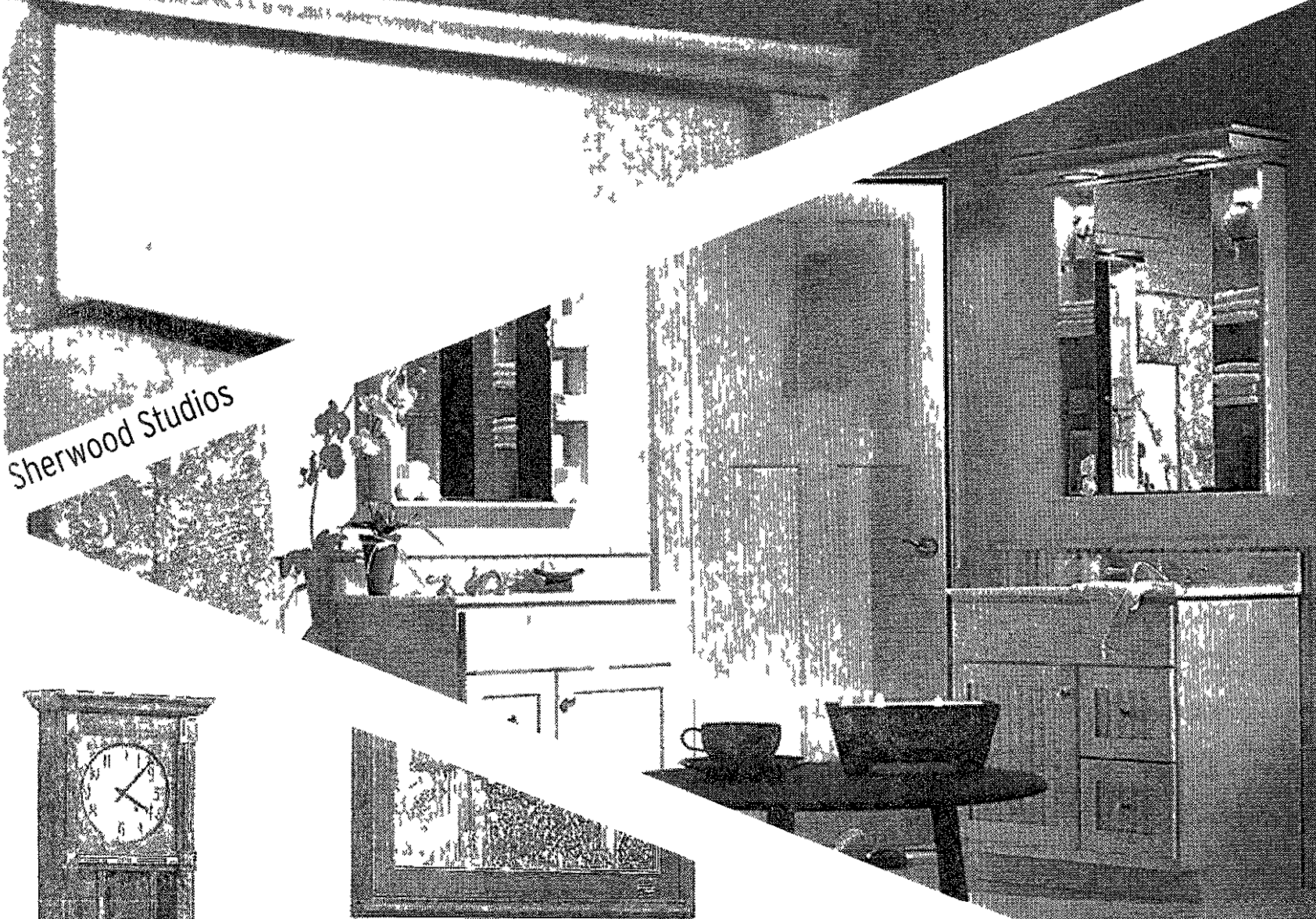
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Mattress is the key to a good night's sleep

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

If you're looking to add comfort to your life, it's not about getting the right shoes or the best recliner, your mattress is the place you spend the single most amount of time everyday

Currently, pillow-top mattresses are the most popular mattress style, according to Adam Gerber sales manager at Amish Direct Furniture, in Utica. All the furniture in the store is handmade by 180 Amish builders in Ohio and Indiana using non-electric machinery powered by diesel engines and generators

"It's a durability issue," Gerber says "These are going to last longer than your standard mattress"

He added, however, that many mattresses today come with long lifetime warranties. Since all mattresses should be flipped every six months the pillow-top cushions are installed on both sides of the mattress. So, when they are

SOURCES

- Amish Direct 45859 Mound Utica (586) 323-4895
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flipped the cushioned side will always be closest to your body

"You couldn't do that when the pillow top was on one side only," Gerber says "You get a lot of life out of the mattresses, too"

Adding cushions to both sides of the mattress, however, requires adjusting the box spring size or position, because it would be too high for most people to get into if it weren't

Amish Direct carries super soft, firm and double pillow-tops in twin, full, king and queen sizes. Queen size is most often purchased among many

mattress distributors, however, the king size is becoming more popular

"We have a lot of bigger construction out here with large bedrooms and many people are moving up to the king size," he adds

Make sure you lay on the mattress before making a purchase, explains Greg Bonner, store manager of Tri-County Mattress Co. in Westland

"You can't only sit on it or put your knee on it," he says "You won't be able to tell if it has the proper support for you. You can't cut a mattress open and look inside of it"

Keep in mind too, Bonner says, that big name brands with big ticket prices don't always translate to higher quality

One company produces most mattress springs and the distributors will add their own cover and changes

In the last five years the mattress industry has upgraded and widely marketed memory

mattresses featuring foam that contours to your body and the indentations created by your weight

"These European sleep systems are awesome beds," Bonner says

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The core of memory mattresses are usually solid foam and on top of that is the material that provides comfort. It relieves pressure points, because it contours to the body. They're also non-allergenic, Bonner says

"It's not for everyone," he adds "Someone who likes a real firm mattress won't like the Visco (memory mattress) foam set"

"You have to lie on them for at least a couple of minutes to decide if it's for you. Lie on your side and lie on your back. If you don't, you're just wasting your time"

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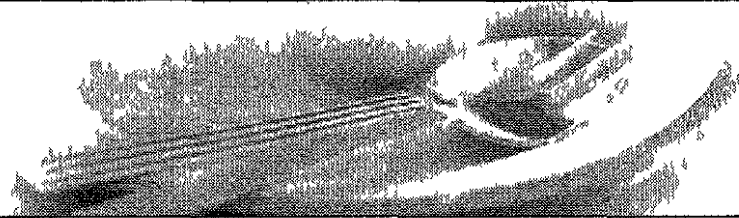
Top: This natural maple bed with rose colored ultra suede upholstery was designed by Mark Morganroth. ASID of Sherwood Studios in West Bloomfield and manufactured by Designs Unlimited of West Bloomfield. The contemporary look of the bed is enhanced by a decorative stainless steel lamp

Second: Bathrooms of today are more luxurious restful places than they were years ago and that is something that is reflected by the expanding world of bathroom accessories. Many customers of Mans Lumber Millwork in Canton opt for this simple clean look in cabinetry

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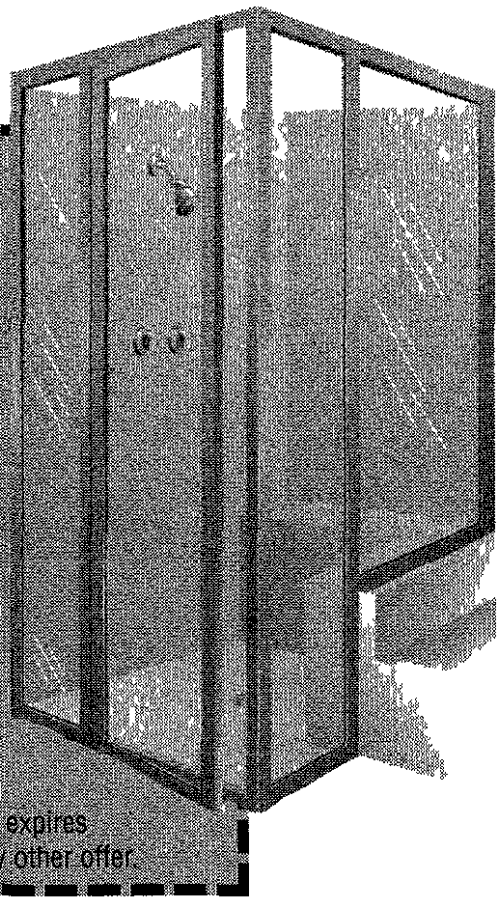
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Youths' bedrooms have grownup look

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Bedrooms for children and teenagers have grown up.

The furnishings are functional as well as fun, as young people take an adult look at the furniture they want for their rooms.

Such items as the frilly canopy bed and light-colored wood pieces aren't as popular these days. Instead, the favored furnishings have simpler lines and darker woods.

"It changes just as much as adult furniture changes in looks, style and trends," Kathy Pilon, manager of the Newton Furniture store in Bloomfield Hills, said of furniture for youths. Other Newton Furniture stores are in Livonia, Novi and Utica.

People are looking for clean lines—a slimmed-down look.

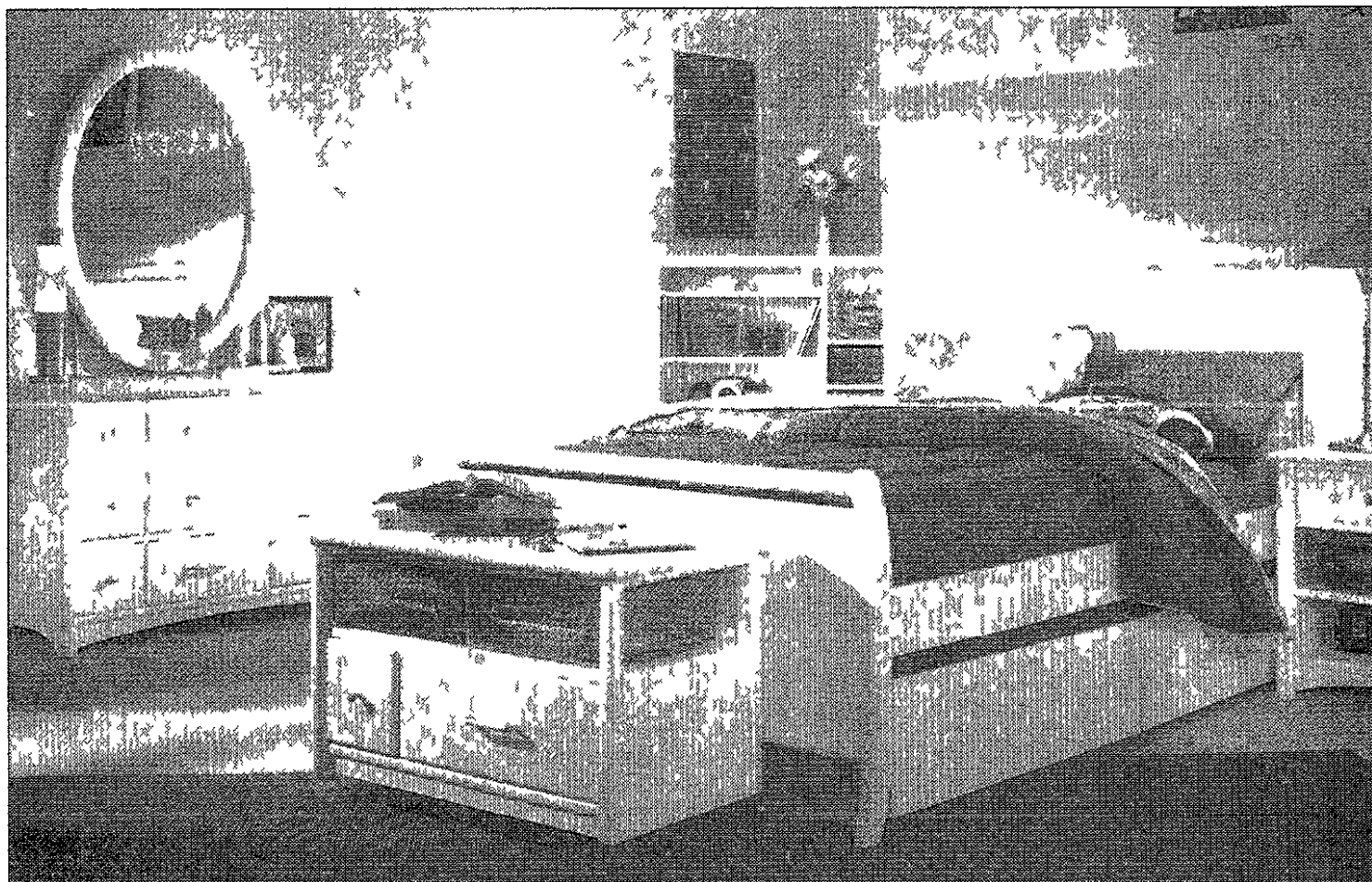
Even the woods have changed. Oak used to be popular, now it's cherry, maple.

Furnishings for youngsters and teens have an adult influence today.

Awards are displayed in trophy cases instead of on shelves. Televisions or computers are housed in armoires. Even the hardware has a grownup tone, with brushed pewter among the options.

POPULAR PIECES

The captain's bed style is very popular now, Pilon said. This allows for storage drawers underneath. The storage area can be replaced with a trundle.



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PLEASE SEE KIDS, C5 Sleigh beds are popular in bedrooms for children and teens

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Furnishings throughout the home, not just in a youngster's bedroom, can be stylish as well as child-safe.

For example, window treatments by Comfortex are cordless, eliminating the danger of infants and toddlers strangling in window cords.

Cord hazards involving babies are usually due to a crib or playpen placed near a window. Toddlers can become entangled in window cords while climbing furniture to look out a window.

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A cord cleat is installed high and out of reach. The excess cord is wound around it, preventing any loose cords from dangling.

On a window treatment operating with a cord loop, a cord tensioner can be installed to keep the cord taut and prevent it from twisting and tangling.

Carolynn Jennings, deputy director with the Window Covering Safety Council, says

parents should follow these safety rules to help guard against cord strangulation.

■ Move all cribs, beds, furniture and toys away from windows and window cords, preferably to another wall.

■ Keep all window cords out of the reach of children. Make sure that tasseled pull cords are short, and that continuous-loop cords are permanently anchored to the floor or wall.

■ Lock cords into position whenever horizontal blinds or shades are lowered, including when they come to rest on a window sill.


■ Repair window blinds, corded shades and draperies manufactured before 2001 with retrofit cord repair

devices or replace them with today's safer products.

■ Consider installing cordless window coverings in children's bedrooms and play areas. For more child safety tips on window treatments or for a free repair kit, call the WCSC at (800) 506-4636 or visit www.window-coverings.org.

With bunk beds, the most common danger is head entrapment in the top bunk, said Keith Shelton, Detroit Testing Laboratory Inc. certification manager. He recommended that parents look for certified bunk beds, identified by a label. The organization based in Warren inspects manufacturers' plants or sales warehouses annually.

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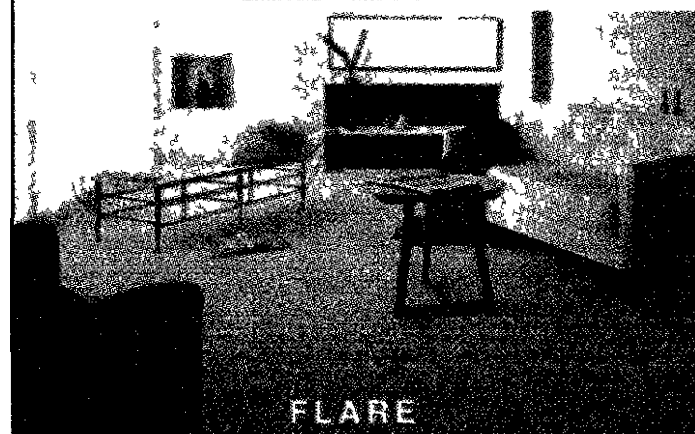


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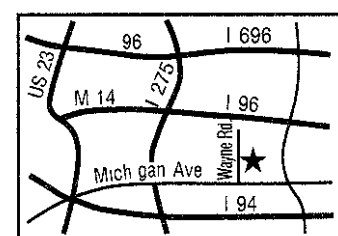
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Sleep on it

Your family members, guests will rest well on any of these bedroom sets

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Choosing bedroom sets is a lot more interesting with the innovative styles and materials that are now available

One such new trend is in loft beds, which are ideal if you have a room that's tight on space, but you don't want to eliminate furniture

This piece of furniture incorporates a bed on top, another bed that comes out in an 'L' shape on the bottom, a desk on the outside end and a chest and shelves on the other end. Every inch of space is compacted together without making it seem crowded

"It's a room saver if you're cramped for space," explains Sam Kharsa, a sales representative for 22 years at Art Van Furniture with locations in Livonia, Westland, Southfield, Warren, Mt. Clemens, Shelby Township, Novi, Waterford, Taylor and Dearborn

"And it's nothing more than having a twin-sized bed," he adds

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■ Art Van Furniture several locations in metro Detroit including 29905 Seven Mile in Novi 22555 Greenfield in Southfield 5053 Dixie Highway in Waterford and 8300 Wayne Road in Westland

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While the biggest market for this style of bedroom set is geared toward ages four to 12, larger variations of the same design are also popular among college students who seem to have the biggest space concerns as they cram furniture into tiny dorm rooms

Captains beds are another style that saves space by raising

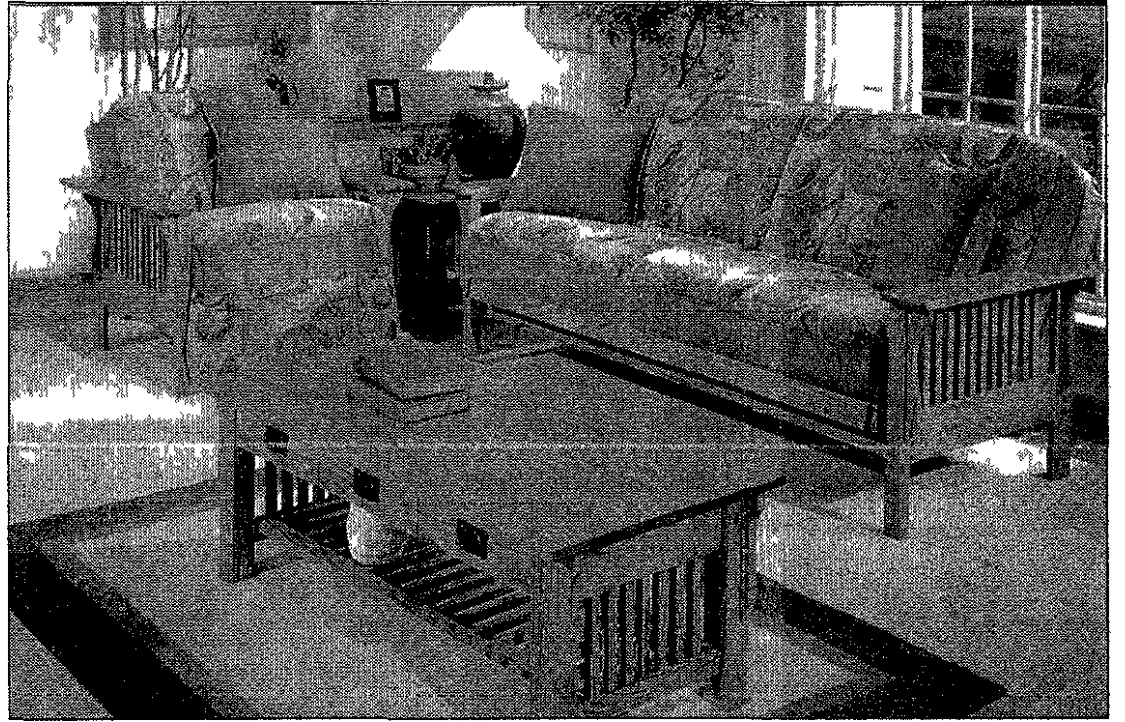
the twin-sized mattress 2 feet off the floor and incorporating drawers from the floor to the mattress. This setup also eliminates the opportunity for children to cram what they consider cherished items under their beds

Then there's the traditional bunk bed style, with a twin size bed on top and another twin bed on the bottom

You don't have to have two children in a room for a bunk. Oftentimes shoppers are buying these beds for one child with the idea that during sleepovers the guest can sleep much more comfortably on the other bed than they would if they brought a sleeping bag

Futons are another way to use space economically. The furniture can be used as a sofa by day and a bed by night by lifting up and the spring falls down to a reclining position. Futons are especially popular among college students and people who might want to use a room for two purposes

A computer room, for instance, could include a futon



MATTRESS & FUTON SHOPPE

Manufactured by Big Tree Furniture and Industries this solid oak futon is in Pasadena style and features a Quickslip cover and Bonaventure pattern

used as a sofa most of the time and when friends and family visit for overnight stays it dubs as a guest room

Laurel Hoskins, a salesperson with Brass & Iron Beds in Plymouth and Rochester, tells customers to consider buying a full bed rather than twin sizes

"They start with a twin and we tell them in a couple of years those kids would be uncomfortable," says Hoskins, who works in the Rochester location

For \$25 more than can go for a full giving them more room and more comfort she adds "After my husband passed away, I went and bought a twin bed. For a month I held on, thinking I was going to fall out. Then I went with a full. Twin beds are really just a waste of time"

Ninety percent of her customers ask for queen size beds, Hoskins says

While queen size beds are also the most requested by Art Van customers, Kharsa says, many buyers would prefer king size beds if their bedrooms were bigger

King is the choice of what couples want he adds. When it comes to mattress-



MATTRESS & FUTON SHOPPE

Made with Canadian pine this sofa sleeper on the right is shown in a rustic finish to give a homeowner a beautiful outdoorsy look

es, Kharsa says, prices range from cheap to high-end and everything in between

Kharsa said the biggest change in bedding over the past two decades he's been in sales is the extended line of mattresses that are available today. Manufacturers are luring customers with varied coil systems, specialty foams and memory foams. Higher end beds are using memory foam, adding to a comforted feel," Kharsa says

In fact he says these pillow top mattresses are some 85 percent of sales for king and queen size beds

Memory foams provided a

comfortable feeling that allows the sleeper's blood to flow better, because they're not on a rigged surface. At the same time, the spring system provides support

Keep in mind, however, that a bedroom is much more than a bed alone, explains a Brass and Iron Beds salesperson in Livonia. The accessories give the room its style. Like, side tables, coat racks, quilt racks, tiffany style lamps, silk flowers, Heritage lace, bath salts, pictures, wreaths, potpourri and glycerin soap that comes in loaves and is sold by the slice at Brass and Iron Beds

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bed when the child starts having sleepovers.

Storage space is a definite plus in furnishings.

"They want the storage," Pilon said. "There are so many things to collect and they like to be in their room."

Other storage areas, as offered by Stanley Furniture, include shelves at the headboard and along the wall, and cabinets that can be converted.

The U R Gr8 entertainment/display cabinet, by Stanley's Young America® line, features a display shelf that can be removed so a TV can be placed in the unit. A flip-down door conceals space for games and extra media storage.

The bedroom is almost more of an entertainment area than a sleeping area, Pilon said.

Sleigh beds are popular, as are loft beds, combinations of bunk beds with other pieces. For example, a bunk bed can be placed over an arrangement featuring a twin bed, a night stand, shelves and drawers.

When shopping for furniture for a child's room, keep in mind that the pieces should be the right scale for the youngster.

"If you have a tall boy you don't want to get it'sy-bitsy (furniture)," Pilon said.

A child might sleep better on a twin bed than a queen size bed.

Construction and safety are important, too. Consider having drawers that don't go all the way out on the first pull, so they won't fall on the child.

And ask your young person what he or she wants.

Plan with them, Pilon said. Ask them, "What do you like? What do you think you'd like in your room?"

Stanley Furniture Web sites (www.stanleyfurniture.com and youngamerica.com) offer an interactive design tool to



Furnishings for bedrooms for youths have an adult look. Bunk beds and other pieces can be combined to make an arrangement with plenty of storage space.

help plan a youngster's bedroom.

Visitors can enter the dimensions of the child's room and position the Young America furniture in any layout.

The designs can be saved, printed and taken to the store.

Furniture for young people can last from childhood into early teens, and even beyond.

"Chances are they'll take it with them to college," Pilon said.

OPTIONS

At A Touch of Lace in Bloomfield Hills, co-owners Lauren Fisher and Linda Weissman offer elegant handcrafted and handpainted furniture and accessories in the boutique's Sweet Beginnings collection.

"The trend is everyone is doing their own thing," Fisher said. "It's very personalized."

Cribs, armoires, beds, dressers, changing tables, rugs and pillows can be customized. Part of a design from

wallpaper can be painted on furniture, for example.

The shop also carries toddler size versions of living room furniture, including Queen Anne chairs, chaise lounges and two- or three-seat sofas.

Better Homes and Gardens Bed & Bath Decorating Ideas & Projects (Meredith Books) offers suggestions for decorating a youngster's room. They include:

- Bright pastels in stencils, borders, crib bumpers and dust ruffles are good for a gender-neutral nursery.

- Many animal prints are youthful but not babyish or too trendy.

- Stretch your nursery budget with unpainted or used furniture, adding stamped, stenciled or handpainted decorative touches for a fresh look. (If you use an older crib, be sure it meets safety requirements: slats should be no more than 2-3/8 inches apart.)

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Something old, something new Mixing comfort and style in your bed

BY JOAN BORAM
CORRESPONDENT

A millennium or so ago, you made your bed and you layed on it, literally.

At sunset in an Anglo-Saxon household, you stuffed your sack with straw and placed it on the floor or a hard bench. At curfew the fire was covered (couvre-feu), and everybody "hit the hay."

In great halls, the master and his wife enjoyed the comfort of bolster, pyle, scyte and bedreaf (bolster, pillow, sheet and coverlet).

Centuries passed, and beds evolved. In the 21st century, options for hitting the hay include bunk, canopied four-poster, day-, sleigh, sofa, tester, trundle, and twin beds, not to

mention waterbeds, which were invented for hospital use in 19th century France, and futons, which originated in Japan. Gordon Robinson, senior interior designer at the Marshall Field's store at Oakland Mall in Troy recently designed a country French bedroom based on an antique iron headboard. We used a toile fabric with an apple green background and cranberry figures for the bed covering, pillows and window treatment," said Robinson. "The walls are apple green, the crown moldings cranberry, and the bed is flanked by cranberry drawer chests."

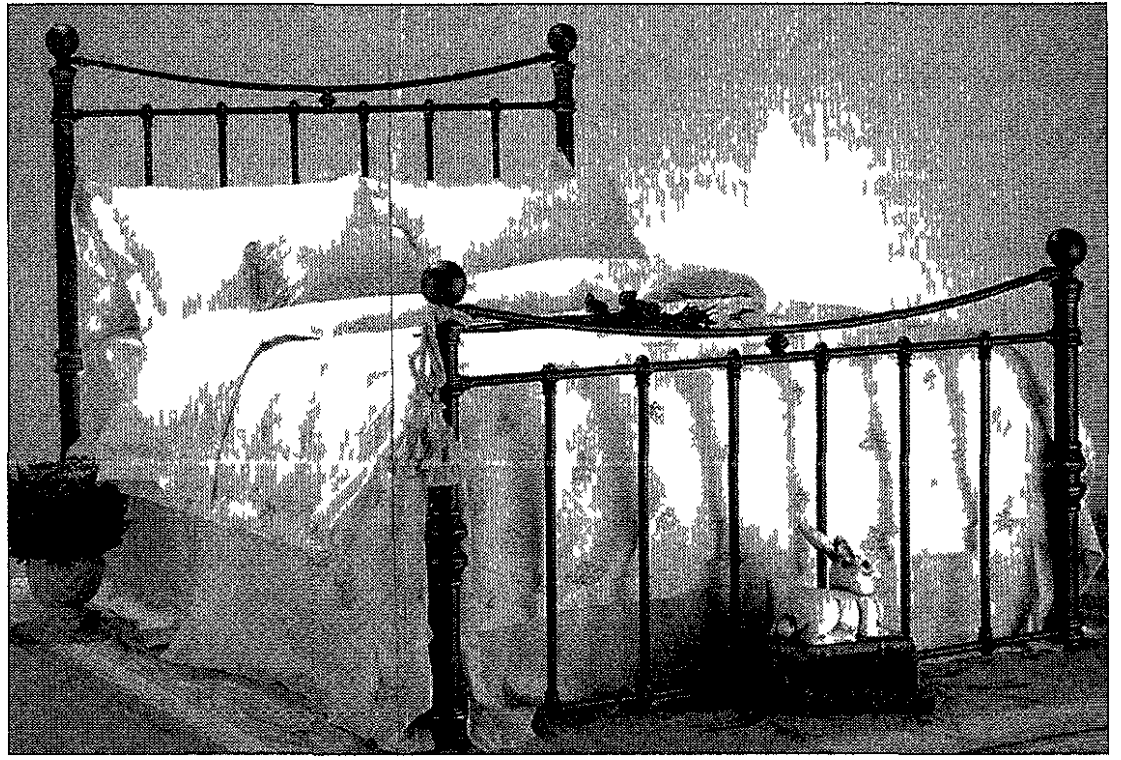
"We commissioned an armoire finished in Devonshire oak. Distressed iron hardware complements the antique

headboard, which is the focal point of the room."

Nobody is stuffing straw into sacks, but otherwise everything old is new again, according to Mary McFarlan, interior design consultant at Classic Interiors in Livonia (www.classicinteriors.com).

"Young couples are looking for metal beds with a distressed painted finish that look as though they were inherited. Metal beds are available in so many different styles. Whether you prefer classic or contemporary or art deco, you can have whatever you prefer."

"There are also some beautifully carved wood pieces being imported now, with detailing like we haven't seen in years. Again, younger people snap it up. Generally, mature couples



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prefer very simple, clean lines. Ornate carving and painted metal doesn't appeal to them.

The rules that everything in a bedroom had to "match" in style and material disappeared long ago. Mixing styles is the new rule, but the results have to make sense size- and shape-wise.

"A bedroom should be a comfortable, relaxing retreat," McFarlan adds. "Many new homes have built-in storage, so there's room in the bedroom for a small desk, an entertainment center, or a cozy corner where you can sit and read or daydream. Artwork is important in a bedroom, as are fresh flowers and decorative items that the homeowner loves."

"An alternative sleeping system, a different feel in sleeping comfort," is how Larry Rivetto, co-owner of the Mattress and Futon Shoppe, whose Canton, Novi and Birmingham stores carry a selection of waterbeds, describes those beds.

Today's waterbeds are of a much higher quality than those that were around in the '70s and '80s. Once people have experienced a waterbed, they won't sleep on anything else. If the waterbed market has stabilized, the futon market is growing. Maybe that's because futons are the chameleons of home furnishings - they look right at home in a college dorm, a basement rec room, or a living room.

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BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE
STAFF WRITER

Let there be light. 'If God invented it, it must be a good idea,' Mike Wozniak said with a chuckle. Wozniak owns Sun Structures in Clarkston, a specialist in natural lighting fixtures.

Natural light can provide visibility as well as ambiance in the bedroom and bathroom — as long as it's done discreetly. Everyone wants more privacy, obviously, in those two areas of the home.

Of course, when most people think of bath or bedroom lighting, they think of electrical fixtures.

Diane Wyko, a lighting consultant at Pine Tree Furniture & Lighting in Lake Orion, recommends halogen lights which produce a pure white, bright light as opposed to the row of clear light bulbs which were fashionable in the late 1970s and early '80s. 'It's too glaring and harsh. It doesn't look as nice,' Wyko said.

Lighting in both the bathroom and bedroom, of course, is personal preference, she added. People may want strong lighting in one part of the bedroom for getting dressed.

Wyko suggests swing-arm

lamps mounted on the wall for reading or other close work. A tall lamp on a night stand is another good suggestion. 'They'll give you enough light when you're reading,' Wyko said. Chandeliers mounted on the bedroom ceiling are making a big comeback. 'If it's a 9- or 10-foot ceiling, that would be an ideal thing to do because

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it's dropping a little bit closer to you,' Wyko said.

Wyko likens the hot trend of recessed lighting to playing music on your stereo. 'You want to hear the music. You don't want to see the source.'

Lighting above Jacuzzi tubs is one example, or recessed lighting in the shower. 'You have the light but you're not seeing the source of the light,' Wyko said.

In a small bath you might not need shower lighting, but if someone shaves in the shower, lighting should be considered. But it depends on what you want.

Stronger lighting is needed for the vanity area. 'This is the area in which you're going to do your make-up, your hair and your shaving,' Wyko said. Sconces on either side of the vanity and lighting above the mirror are the most ideal.

Lighting manufacturers have really expanded what they're offering today, said Jane Hochradel, interior designer for Classic Interiors in Livonia.

Options include colored and molded glass and wood and other finishes to trim fixtures.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

'Bathrooms are being treated as another room. People are spending a lot of time in there, and they want it to represent them as much as the rest of the rooms in their homes,' Hochradel said.

Today, a well-decorated and furnished bathroom can reflect a homeowner's personality as much as any other room. Marble counters are one example. 'More and more money is being put into (bathrooms) because it represents a part of them.'

As for bedrooms, 'they are

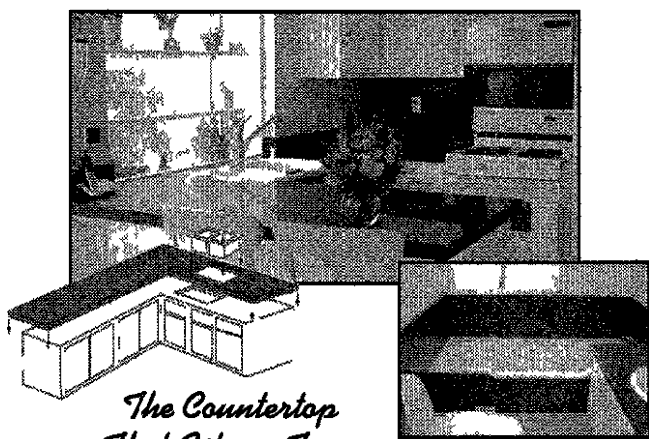
always treated as their own identity,' she added. Ceiling, bedside — even cove lighting — turn a bedroom into an inviting area.

Any mood that you're trying to create is available,' Hochradel said. 'It's out there in the marketplace.'

Wozniak, a licensed builder who specializes in sun-splashed additions like conservatories and solariums, said natural lighting is a hot trend today. The fact is, light simply makes you feel good. And during gloomy Michigan winters, a splash of sunlight through strategically placed windows can renew one's spirit. Wozniak looks at the placement of the bathroom or the bedroom — and how the evolving sun will affect the room at different times of the day.

For privacy, 'I would consider putting glass high in the room,' he said.

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Armoires give a great look for storage or TVs in bedroom

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Homeowners who are crammed for space and look for another way to store clothes want something that looks classy yet is practical, for their bedrooms or bathrooms.

Often they turn to the armoire to take care of their needs.

Bill Wolf, owner of Newton Furniture, said armoires can store both a television and clothing in the bedroom.

But the styles and preferences vary, he added.

They want armoires for the bedroom, it may be French, it may be traditional or it may be contemporary, Wolf said. Oak or cherrywood are the preferred finishes, Wolf said.

Armoires for the bedroom can hold a television up to 34 inches. Armoires average 78 inches in height, and can be built to a height of 82 to 84 inches, Wolf said. Armoires have surpassed dressers in terms of popularity. We're seeing more of those than the dressers,

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Wolf said of consumer demand. Carved panels add elegance to the armoire.

"The hardware really makes a difference," Wolf said. "The carving blends with the French style. Hardware also makes a big difference in the piece's appearance," Wolf said.

A quality armoire costs a minimum of about \$1,000.

Paul D'Anna, owner of Amish Direct Furniture, said Amish armoires are handcrafted and

built to order. "A majority of armoires are used for the TV more so than wardrobe, but we do it either way," D'Anna said.

Bachelor chests — a combination dresser and armoire — are making their way into the furniture repertoire. "Those sell real well, but a majority is still the entertainment armoire," D'Anna said.

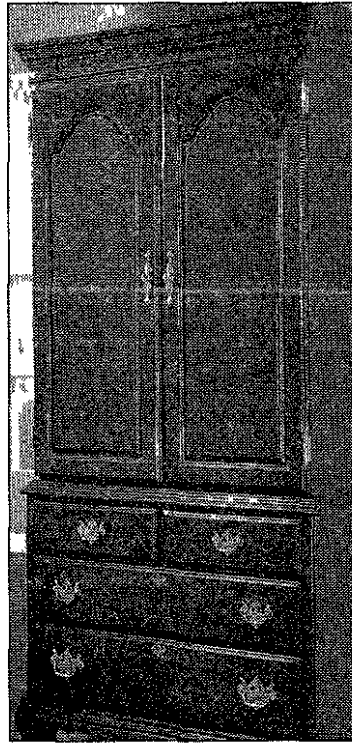
But the craftsmanship and made-to-order makes Amish furniture a popular choice, D'Anna said.

"The Amish can make them anyway you want them," D'Anna said.

Armoires can be painted any color, or glazed to fit a certain decor.

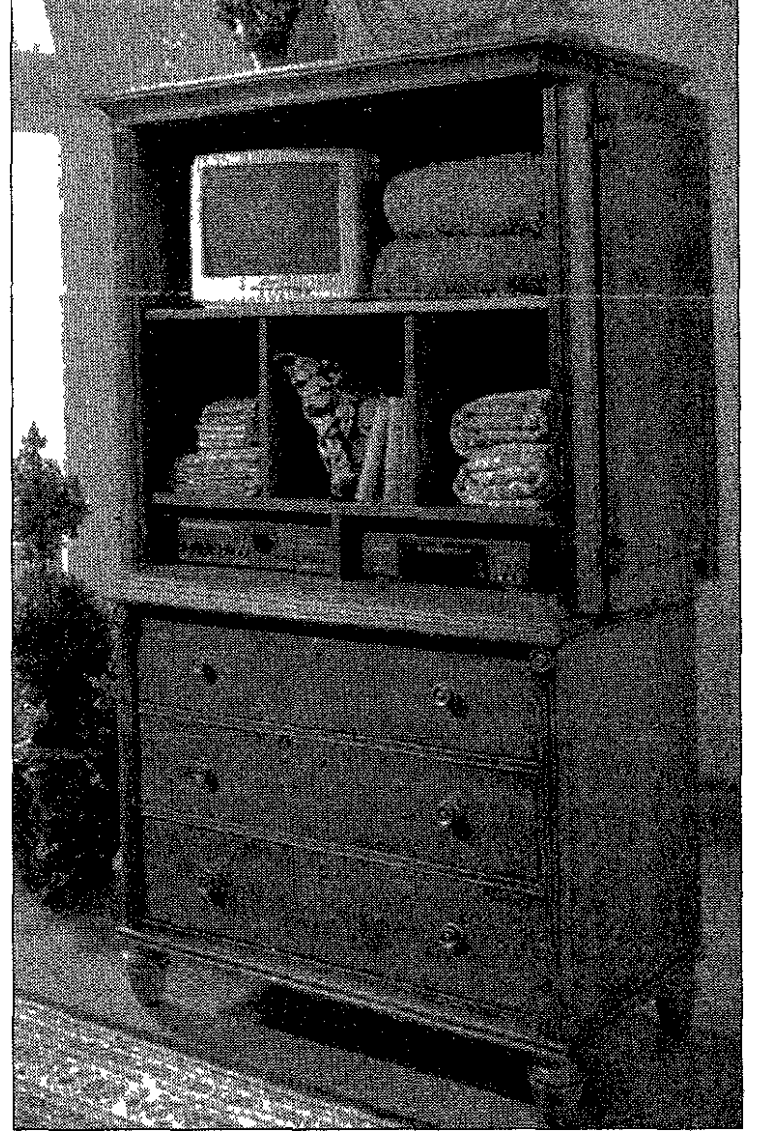
"You can bring in (wood or part of furniture) and we'll color match it," D'Anna said.

D'Anna believes Amish furniture has great quality in the craftsmanship of the carpentry with the use of mortise-and-tenon joints and dovetail drawers to build a strong unit. Shelves are adjustable inside the armoires, too.



NEWTON FURNITURE

This Cherry Mountain armoire by Kincaid provides a more elegant look with cherrywood and elegant hardware. It sits 79 inches tall, 39 inches wide and 23 inches deep.



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Add luxuries to your bathroom

BY JOAN BORAM
CORRESPONDENT

Not too long ago bathrooms were expected to serve only our most basic needs. Furnishings were rudimentary—a tub, a sink, a toilet, and a medicine cabinet for aspirin and bandages.

The modern bathroom still is intended to accommodate the basics, but it also doubles as a spa, accommodating grooming, bathing and relaxation needs, as well as an opportunity to indulge your wildest decorating fantasies.

If you've always secretly identified with Jean Harlow, or Cleopatra, the bathroom provides the blank slate for a glamorous setting. From the smallest detail (a bar of soap in your favorite fragrance) to the most magnificent (marble countertops and floors) every component will combine to give you a pleasurable experience.

Ed Postif, president of Edward Postif, Inc., an interior design firm based in Plymouth, likes to use hand-made tile like those carried by the Waterworks Store in Birmingham to give a bathroom a custom look.

"White and cream tiles are timeless—not retro, but classic," said Postif. "Plain white sub-

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way tiles can be laid in imaginative patterns that are visually exciting. For example, a heringbone pattern laid on the bias can make a small room look larger. For wainscoting, I like to use tiles that resemble beadboard." Postif has had a steam shower installed for several clients. The tub, with a built-in bench of tile or stone, is completely surrounded by glass, several shower heads emit steam for heating and soothing tense muscles.

LOCATION, LOCATION

"It's great to place the tub near windows, so you can contemplate the outdoor while soaking," said Postif. "But there's a problem, in that you

have to step in the bathtub to reach the windows. A way around this is to place the tub on a deck, at an angle from the window, allowing free access to the window. "I often recommend a soaking tub, such as a deep old claw-foot tub, in the middle of the room. Low furniture around the tub gives easy access to piles of towels, bath oils and soaps, and scented candles.

Postif prefers a low-key decorating scheme. Recently, he designed a bathroom using creamy white tiles, lots of soft green marble and granite on countertops, with brushed silver touches surrounding the mirrors for a serene, and elegant appearance.

"Our designs don't have a typical 'look,'" said Michael Foran, president of Michael Foran Interiors in Rochester. "We have to get to know the client before we start to work. First, the client fills out a questionnaire, then there's a lengthy interview, and then we can create something unique based on the client's profile."

Recently, Foran designed a formal, very symmetrical bathroom with classical details for a new home. The green marble floor is bordered by black marble, the same green marble

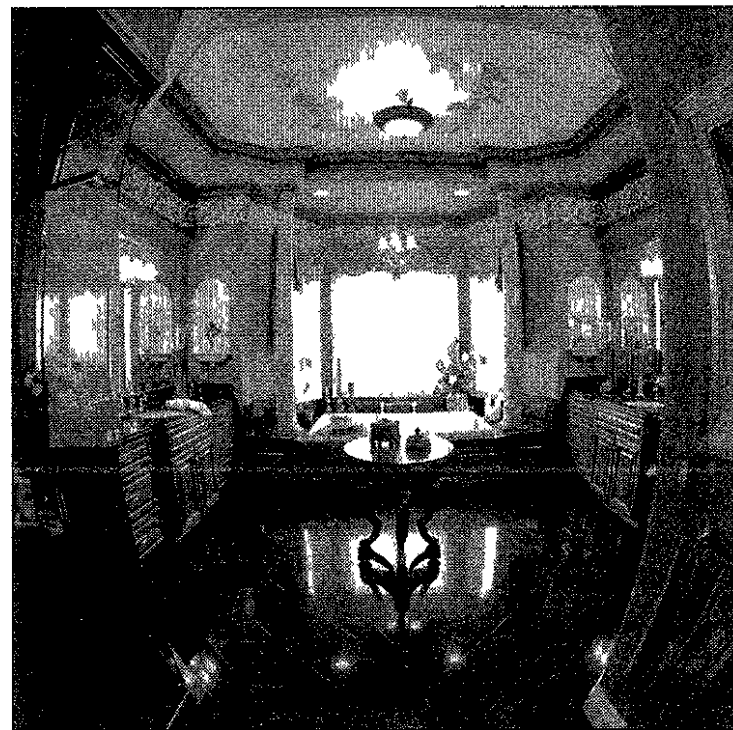
was used for the tub deck, the detailed trim has a bronze finish, and the mirrors are lined with wood pilasters. The silk valance over the tub picks up the coppery color in the wallpaper, and angels painted on the ceiling correspond to those in the wallpaper border. Frameless glass surrounds the shower, which has walls of black granite embellished by a mosaic inlay of green, black and cream marble.

MAKING ROOM

Half of the remodeling projects done by Classic Kitchen & Bath in Rochester Hills involves taking out walls and enlarging the master bath, according to Christie Stevens, the company's owner.

"Currently, we're working at removing a wall between a bedroom and the bath. Half of the bedroom will be used to enlarge the bathroom, and the other half will become a small home office or den. The enlarged bathroom will have his and her tubs, and a large shower area."

Multi-finished fixtures, combining chrome with brass or nickel are in favor for the custom look they lend a room, and canister lighting is currently a



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favorite. "Canister lighting doesn't create shadows," says Stevens. "It doesn't make a room smaller, and it's bright and airy. Sconce lighting is out."

Stevens tries to dissuade people from converting a 30-by-60-inch tub to a whirlpool—it just doesn't have the capacity to hold enough water, and the

person can't stretch out. "Everybody wants a whirlpool when they remodel, but it doesn't always make sense," Stevens says. "You need at least a 36-inch by 66-inch tub for a user-friendly whirlpool. We design them with out steps—they're hazardous. Instead, we use a low platform six to eight inches wide around the tub for accent items."

Get creative with your bathroom floor

BY MIKE MURPHY
CORRESPONDENT

When it comes to bathroom flooring there are as many options out there as there are colors in the rainbow, and then some.

"You can be very creative," Karol Gore, design consultant of Mans Kitchen and Bath. "It's like picking out wallpaper. There are a multitude of choices."

A trio of basic flooring categories anchor those choices, Gore said, led by tile, vinyl, hardwood or laminate flooring.

For the budget-conscious buyer, vinyl is a good starting point, while laminate flooring, such as Pergo, can be very durable and appear richer looking than vinyl.

The most durable category of bathroom flooring is tile, which is recommended by flooring experts not only for its lasting power, but its tendency to be the safest form of flooring in a room where moisture and splashing water are the norm.

"The floor should obviously be safe, especially when children and seniors are involved," said design consultant Carole Lynne of The Tile Shop in Farmington. "You sure don't want to do a slip and slide thing in a bathroom."

Another concern buyers have is caring for the floors, and Lynne said tile can usually be taken care of with a mop and hot water.

"People see something with texture and wonder how to take care of it," Lynne said. "The biggest thing is the grout lines and they can be taken care of every few years."

The Tile Shop bills itself as Michigan's largest ceramic and stone superstore, and Lynne said her job is to help customers sort through the vast jungle of tiling that is on the market.

"I can whip up something that doesn't look like what Mr. Jones has next door," Lynne said. "Each floor's unique."

STRIDES

Tile has come a long way in recent years, Lynne said, and customers can choose from a vast array of ceramic tiles that can produce anything from a uniform wood-finish look to a floor that has the look of natural stone.

Ceramic and porcelain tile start with clay, which is fired in a kiln. The Tile Shop also sells the pricier natural stone flooring and Lynne said that in terms of fashion, marble floors are on their way out and most of her stone tile customers are opting for increasingly popular slate flooring.

"I sell a heck of a lot of natural stone, and if it's too expensive, customers are often enticed by a product that looks like it," Lynne said. Besides

slate and marble, granites and quartzes are very popular, Lynne said, and she said stone itself, or the look of stone, never goes out of style.

One thing the design consultants don't recommend is carpeting for the bathroom.

"It's not a good design choice," Gore said. "It can be plush looking and have a nice feel but the maintenance is greater."

Although the bathroom can produce a maze of design problems for homeowners, Lynne said she tries to simplify things for her customers, who often come into the Tile Shop with little in the way of how

they want their bathrooms to look.

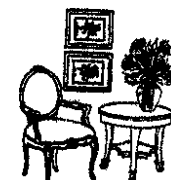
Since the choices of wall tiles are more limited, Lynne often starts with the walls before making her way down to the tiles that the feet tromp on.

"I start by finding out what someone really needs," Lynne said. "Some people have a pretty clear-cut idea, but most people don't know where to get started." But tile isn't for everyone, and Gore said she sees there are plenty of other options available to homeowners, especially with the laminates which are not only made to resemble wood but to resemble tile as well.

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Make your dreams sweet with linens, comforters

BY LISA LUCKOW-HEALY
CORRESPONDENT

Do you ever feel like the princess and the pea? Regardless of what you do, you just can't seem to find that comfortable spot in bed to get a good night's sleep.

The problem might not rest in your mattress. It may reside in those sand paper sheets, the brick-like comforter, or the thin bedspread that leaves you running for flannel pajamas. Toss the nightmare aside in favor of sweet dreams with the right linens and comforter. "The big trend is anything that feels good," says Nancy Matejak, interior designer at Sherwood Studios in West Bloomfield.

"It's a psychological effect - anything that feels comfortable on the skin."

Perception is reality. If you think the sheets feel soft to your touch, they probably are, but compare what you have to

other bed linens with higher thread counts and different fabric weaves and you may be surprised at what you find.

When you purchase bed linens, you will notice the thread count on the packaging. A mainstream linens store may carry sheets with a 180-thread count up to a 400-plus thread count. More specialized linen retailers tend to carry higher end bedding with upwards of a 1,000 thread count. What that means is the number of threads contained in a one-inch piece of the fabric.

"The industry has made too much of thread count," says Mike Kramer, owner of Kramer's Bed, Bath and Window Fashions in Grosse Pointe. "There's so much more that goes into bed linen. Most customers prefer cotton. Sheets with a 250-thread count are reasonably comfortable without feeling like you have to go higher and spend more money. The origin of the fiber is another

important factor in the quality of your comforter."

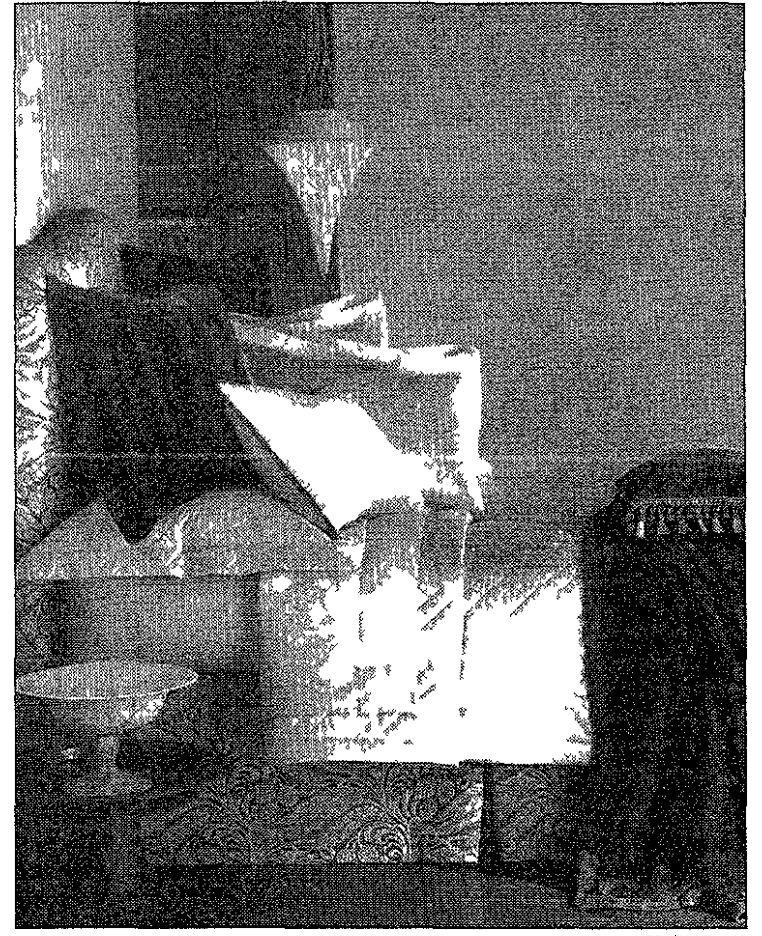
"Thread count is a big deal, but so is the type of cotton," says Linda Weissman, co-owner with Lauren Fisher, A Touch of Lace in Bloomfield Hills. "Someone's 700 thread count sheet might be more comfortable than one with a 1,000-thread count. The higher number doesn't always mean it will feel more comfortable to you. A percale-weave sheet has a drier, crisper feel while a sateen weave is silkier. Some customers like drier sheets while others prefer the silkier sheets."

The type of Egyptian cotton that goes into more expensive sheets makes a difference in the feel. "Pratesi Egyptian cotton is grown in the Sudan river region in a more constant, prolonged seasonal environment than other brands," says Weissman. "This adds to the quality and feel of the cotton. Famous author Ernest Hemingway would finish a novel, then go out and buy a set of Pratesi sheets as a reward for his hard work."

Comfort is a matter of preference. You may discover that the thread count is important

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to you after feeling the difference between several different sheets. On the flip side, you may surprise yourself to find you really do prefer a percale weave over a sateen weave because you like the drier, crisper feel over the silky touch. I encourage my clients to look at 100-percent natural fabrics such as cotton, adds Sandra Ling of Michigan Design Center Designer on Call program. Polyesters don't breathe as well as cotton which tells you what they're like to sleep on.

Comforters are not always what meet the eye or your sleep comfort.

Weissman advises you go to a specialty bedding store where someone can explain the

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Blissful bedding

Textures, duvets make for a restful sleep

BY LISA LUCKOW-HEALY
CORRESPONDENT

Look at a bedroom with a typical bedspread and a standard pillow or two. What do you see? You see bedding fashion that typifies the last 30 plus years of standard bedroom outfitting.

Walk into another bedroom with a comforter, bed skirt and pillows adorned with decorative shams to experience a transformation that represents expressions of all things comforting.

"There's been a huge revolution in the last 20 years from the bedspread to the open bed," says Linda Weissman, co-owner of A Touch of Lace in Bloomfield Hills.

The French word for comforter is duvet, Weissman said. In the old days, you had a bedspread. Now, by putting a duvet cover over your comforter, it changes the whole look of the room.

"With the transformation from bedspreads to duvets you can achieve a plush, luxury feel," adds Nancy Matejak, interior designer at Sherwood Studios in West Bloomfield. "We're seeing a lot of silks and satins, and using microfibers in duvets. Texture is important."

CHANGE MOODS

Reserve a duvet in darker color hues for winter and lighter hues for summer to change the mood of your bedroom from season to season.

Linen is traditional summer fare while richer textures signify winter, says Sandra Ling of the Michigan Design Center's Designer-on-Call program. But it's really a style preference.

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Ling admits that retro colors such as rich oranges, olive greens and golden rod colors are very popular in duvet covers.

A duvet isn't the only answer to changing moods. "The matelasse - a daytime woven fabric coverlet - often adorns the bed by day when the duvet is folded back to create a different look," says Mike Kramer, owner of Kramer's Bed, Bath and Window Fashions in Grosse Pointe. "Then you remove the matelasse at night and put the duvet on for greater warmth and comfort. The matelasse is another European influence."

The duvet isn't the only thing that transforms the bedroom mood. Go from a dressy,

tailored look to a softer, whimsical look simply by changing the bed skirt, pillow shams and toss pillows. The move is to a friendlier, more inviting look.

One of the new trends in bedding is the way the bed skirt is constructed," adds Kramer. "This new style is paneled in three sections - one for the foot of the bed, the other two for the sides. You attach each panel to the box spring with upholstery screw pins. This design prevents you from having to lift the mattress to try to evenly place a one-piece bed skirt down. The style was introduced in some higher end brands but is moving into more mainstream lines to help solve bedding problems."

Pillows are creating the softer, more inviting bedroom feel to help compliment the European influence of the duvet. In addition to the traditional sleeping pillows, you can bolster comfort with another layer of pillows in decorative shams, followed by smaller pillows in boudoir shams and a few toss pillows to add even more depth. Layering can still occur with a more contemporary look simply by adding more tailored shams and fewer accent pillows in more refined patterns. "Keep textures real soft and plush," adds Matejak. "Big pillows on a bed are a huge trend."

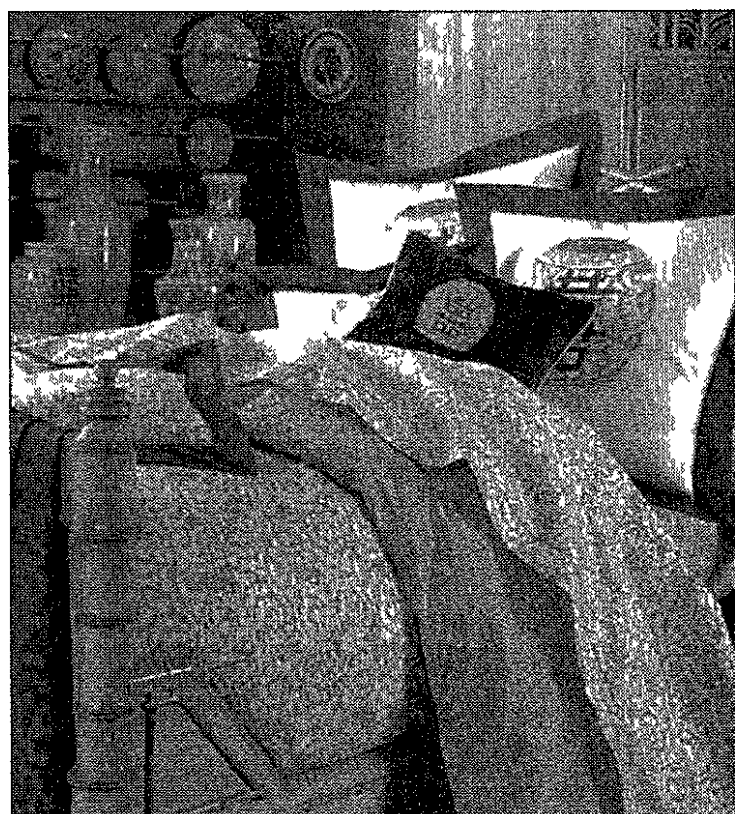
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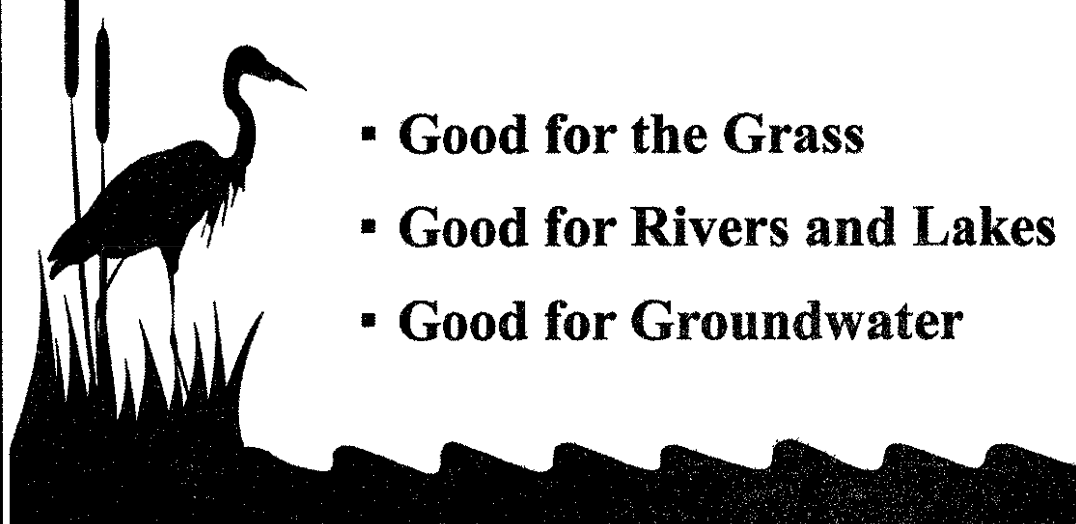
Change is a good thing. "You can change the entire look of the bed from week to week if you want to, which makes the use of the duvet, bed skirt and pillow shams so versatile," says Weissman.

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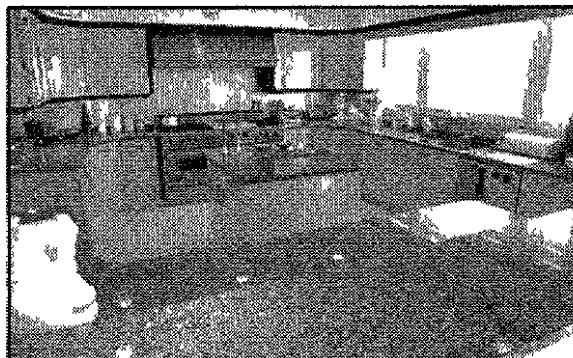
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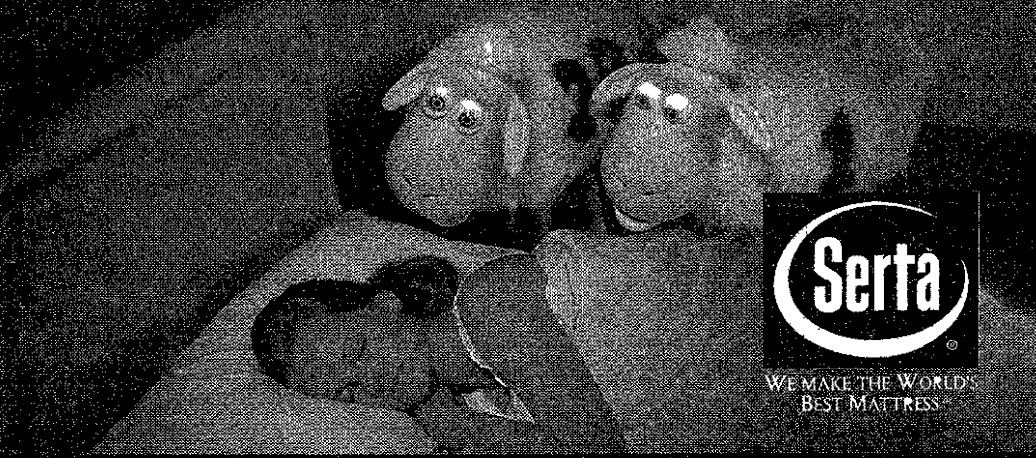
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Sing a new tune with shower innovation

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

It's not rocket science - although it almost looks and sounds like it sometimes. These days, adjusting the shower goes far beyond tilting the angle of the shower head or changing the temperature or force of the water.

Options abound in technology and stalls that enable you to enhance your conventional shower or make it more luxurious. And you can do so in a variety of styles. Even small bath areas - including corners - can have elements of a relaxing spa and a stylish stall.

Some systems that give a spa-like experience require a certain level of plumbing and some structural renovation. Others can be retrofitted to conventional plumbing.

Options include a shower head on the ceiling, and body sprays from multiple spray heads, said Dave Stapleton, owner, New Concept Kitchen and Bath Showroom Inc. in Livonia.

An example of the latter is the Moen Vertical Spa, featuring body sprays, hand showers and shower heads in custom combinations. With technological innovations, showers don't have to be disrupted by flushing toilets or running dishwashers. Some systems offer temperature memory, in which the shower stays the same temperature it was set when it was last used.

Shower stalls or surrounds come in a wide range of selections.

The Devonshire™ suite by Kohler has a distinguished look for an environment that is in a traditional style. It includes a shower door with simple, traditional design lines, chrome plated handles and a bottom track guide for silent door movement.

Ceramic tile isn't the only material for stalls. Corian, acrylic and marble are other choices. Shower bases can be bought separately from wall panels so the color can blend with or accent the bathroom decor.

Kathleen Lysogorski, kitchen and bath design consultant, Mans Plumbing and Bath in Canton, recommends Corian. It is easy to keep clean, she said.

Among Corian's other characteristics are durability, stain resistance and no visible seams. It comes in many colors and designs.

Shower stalls built in one to three units reduce the amount of seams or grout that collect dirt. They offer other features as well.

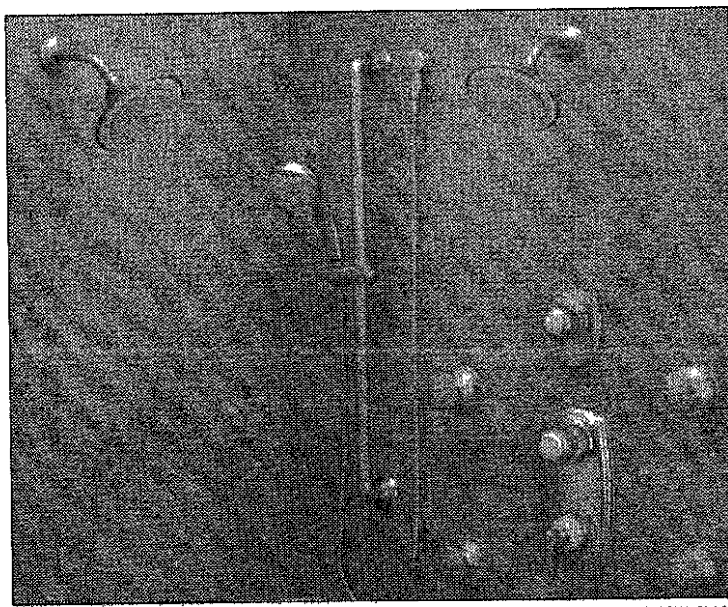
Acrylic modular units are backed by layers of fiberglass and foam, deadening sound. They can come with seats, recessed shelves for toiletries, and built-in soap dishes.

Aqua Glass gelcoat units come with antimicrobial protection to limit the growth of mold and mildew.

Finishes on shower equipment include polished and antique brass, pearl nickel, chrome, stainless steel and platinum. The Victorian look is popular, Stapleton said.

You can enhance your conventional shower in a variety of ways.

Pressure-balance valves prevent scalding. Shower heads can be easy to clean, with features such as Delta's Touch-Clean® or Push-Clean® that make it simple to remove dirt and deposits. Multiple-spray options on one shower head add to relaxation.



MOEN AND AQUA GLASS

The Moen Vertical Spa features body sprays, hand showers and shower heads that can be arranged in any combination.



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Kohler's Devonshire™ suite includes a shower door with simple, traditional design lines.

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Fall's here

That early chill of last week presents the harbinger of fall. Changing colors of leaves, trips to the cider mills and tailgate parties all remind us that the cool crispness of autumn has arrived.

Before you know it the holidays will be here. We'd like to hear about your holidays and your family. What do you enjoy about Thanksgiving? Does your mother or father, sister or brother prepare special dishes or desserts? Who bakes an out of this world pumpkin pie? How about any variations on cranberries? Of course, do you have any tips on turkey preparation you'd like to share with our readers for an upcoming story?

If you have any thoughts about the holidays (Thanksgiving, Hannukah or Christmas) and recipes you'd like to share, please contact Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or email kabramczyk@oe homecomm net.

Iron chef returns

Masaharu Morimoto, Japanese iron chef, will be returning to Tribute Restaurant in Farmington Hills on Sunday, Oct. 19, to join Tribute's award-winning Executive Chef Takashi Yagihashi for an evening of world class cuisine with a Japanese influence.

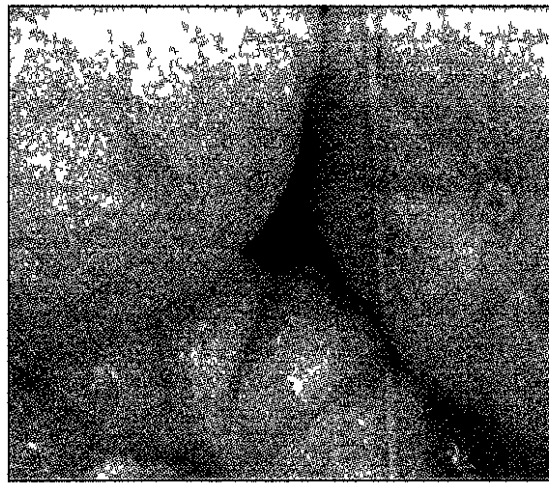
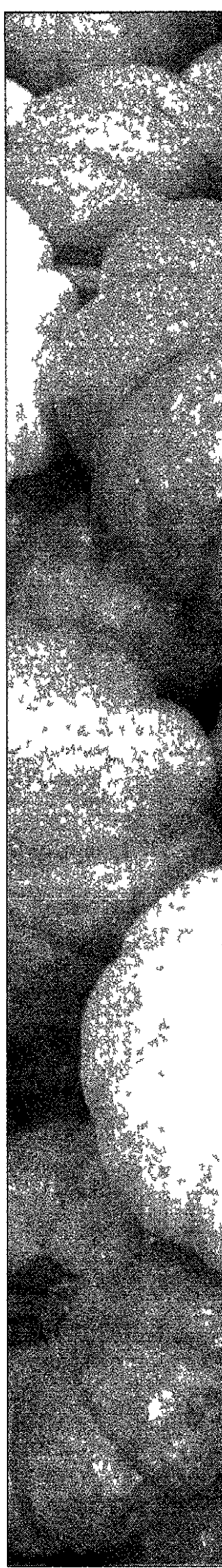
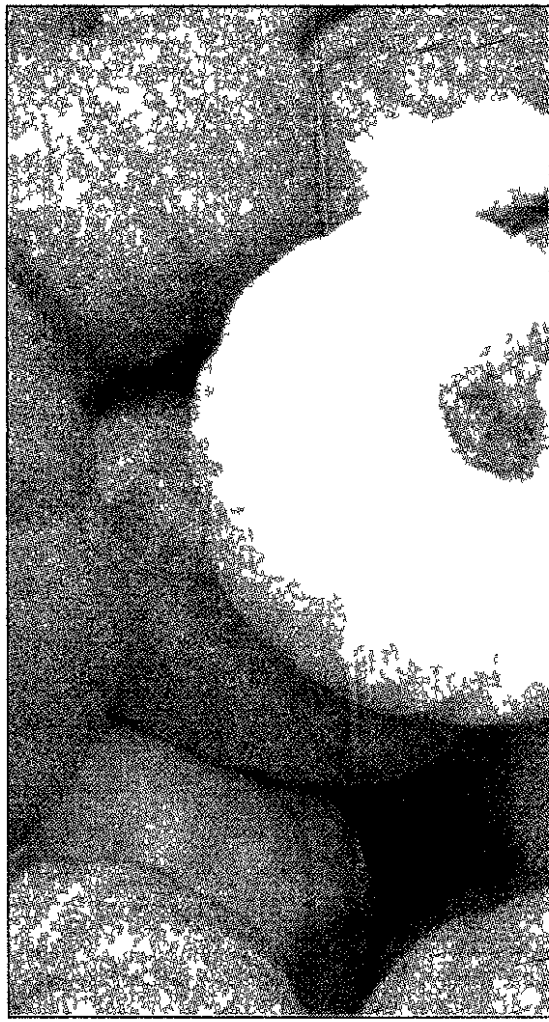
Hailing from Nobu in New York City, Morimoto is chef/owner of Morimoto in Philadelphia and is best known for his flamboyant, energetic style and his inventive culinary combinations.

Morimoto describes his distinctive cuisine as global cooking for the 21st century. His unique presentations are distinguished by Japanese color combinations and aromas, while the preparation infuses multicultural influences such as traditional Chinese spices and simple Italian ingredients, presented in a refined French style.

Chef Takashi Yagihashi was recently named 2003 Best Chef in the Midwest by the prestigious James Beard Foundation. His award-winning culinary artistry is best described as French cuisine with an eclectic Asian twist.

Recognized nationally and internationally, he has been honored by Bon Appetit Food and Wine, Gourmet Wine Spectator, Chef and USA Today Tribute, named one of America's top restaurants by the New York Times, was inducted into the Fine Dining Hall of Fame in 2003. In 2002, Gourmet Magazine named Tribute one of the 50 best restaurants in America. In that same year, the restaurant was awarded the Wine Spectator Best of Award of Excellence.

The Oct. 19 dinner at Tribute will have one seating. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6 p.m., followed by a six-course dinner served at 7 p.m. Each course will be matched with Japanese beer and sake provided by Kikumori of Japan. The cost will be \$200 per person (excluding tip and taxes). For reservations, call (248) 848-9393 or visit www.tribute-restaurant.com.



Orange inspiration

Versatility is a pumpkin's best quality

BY KIMBERLY MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

Every farm market and produce stand is awaiting the early October harvest of those rich orange hard-skinned winter squashes we affectionately call pumpkins — a sure sign fall is upon us.

We find the pumpkin used in decorating, it is perhaps the most widely recognized symbol of the Halloween tradition, they are mentioned in storybooks and children's rhymes from *Cinderella* to the Headless Horseman, and used as the main dish or an ingredient in some of the most delicious soups, breads, entrees and desserts one can create.

"I go crazy for pumpkins in the fall. Partly it's the array of gorgeous colors and shapes, but it's also the way they signal the onset of autumn," creator and designer Jennifer Barry said. "I go to several pumpkin patches every October with my son and we always come home with a truck load in all shapes and sizes. We have favorite pumpkin patches all around the Bay Area that we return to every year."

Barry and her colleague Georgeanne Brennan are the creative team behind the new book released in September, *Holiday Pumpkins: A collection of inspired recipes, gifts and decorations* (Ten Speed Press, 2003/\$14.95).

Barry said people have such a love affair with pumpkins because of their versatility.

"I tend to use them more for decorating right up until Christmas, but Georgeanne's terrific recipes show how versatile they are to cook with, too," said Barry, whose book packaging and design firm is based in Fairfax, Calif.

With dozens of varieties to choose from, some pumpkins are more suitable for cooking compared to carving and vice versa. Depending on who you ask, pumpkins are the largest "fruits" grown or are also considered "vegetables" in the squash family. Made up of 90 percent water, a pumpkin is rich in Vitamin A and potassium. Depending on the pumpkin, it can be cooked for its meat, the seeds can be roasted as a snack or caramelized and used as a salad topper, pumpkin flowers are edible, and you can even eat the skin of some varieties.

Pumpkins are a much anticipated fall staple at Clyde Smith and Sons, located on Newburgh Road in Westland. Family member and employee Carol McCreedy said they get their pumpkins from a local farmer whose multiple-ton delivery comes the first week of October.

Although the market already has a generous stock of baking or pie pumpkins, those used for carving don't arrive until early October. Popular baking pumpkins include the small sugar or New England pie (the standard pie type).



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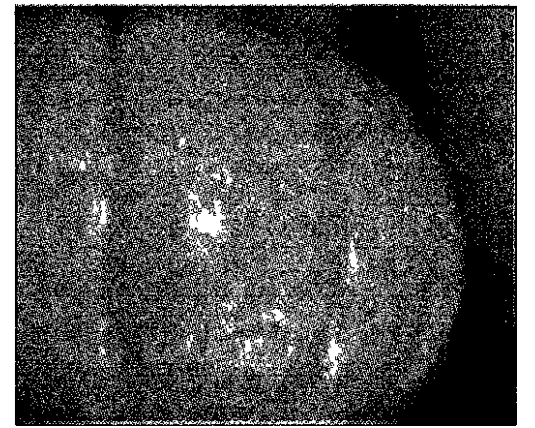
Pumpkins come in all shapes, sizes

The next time you go pumpkin shopping, consider all the variations one can find in a pumpkin from color and shape to texture and size. The Autumn Gold has been "judged the best" by horticultural experts across North America. Here are several varieties of pumpkins found from coast to coast, including:

Standard Orange (Small)
All 2 to 5 pounds, 100 to 110 days to harvest.

Baby Bear (small, flattened shape, fine stem), **Baby Pam**, **Oz** (hybrid, semi-bush,

PLEASE SEE SHAPES, D2



PLEASE SEE PUMPKINS, D3

After 50 harvests, pinot noir still lures Walter Schug

With the 2003 vintage, winemaker Walter Schug celebrated his 50th harvest in Sonoma County's Carneros District.

Schug grew up at the Staatsweingut (state winery) in Assmannshausen, Germany, located in the Rheingau wine region, where his father was the director. This allowed Schug to apprentice there in 1954.

The German wine region around Assmannshausen is unique because it is one of the few that grows pinot noir as well as the more familiar grape varieties like riesling and gewurztraminer.



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

By 1959, Schug earned degrees in enology and viticulture at Geisenheim, the top school in Germany. But instead of finding a job in Germany, he headed to California. "I always expected to follow my father's footsteps in Germany," Schug recalled, "but it was the great potential I saw in California that

convinced me to go there." Schug was hired by E & J Gallo as head of grower relations for northern California in 1966. Working with several thousand acres of prime vineyards in Napa, Sonoma, Mendocino and Lake counties, he supervised the production of one-third of the region's wines.

By 1973, winemaking visionary Joseph Phelps asked Schug to become the founding winemaker of Joseph Phelps Vineyards. Phelps, who made his fortune in Colorado construction, knew that to make globally-competitive wines he needed great vineyards. Schug

understood both vineyards and winemaking and could source grapes from the best vineyards and make wines reflecting the place where they were grown.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

In 10 vintages at Joseph Phelps Vineyards, Schug made several outstanding contributions to the fame of Napa Valley wines. He produced California's first Bordeaux style blend, Insignia, he created the first vineyard designated cabernet sauvignons, Bacchus and Eisele Vineyards, he made the first varietal syrah and pioneered late

harvest dessert wines made from riesling, scheurebe and gewurztraminer.

"Joe Phelps," Schug said, "is a visionary who knew what he wanted and gave me the tools to reach those goals. We learned from each other, and I would probably still be there today if it wasn't for the creation of my own brand and my love of pinot noir."

Actually, Joe Phelps helped Schug establish his own winery. Schug was interested in making pinot noir and Phelps decided to drop the varietal in 1980, but he

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SHAPES

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very smooth skin, heavy stem, immature yellow color), Small Sugar or New England Pie (the standard pie type), Spooktacular (hybrid, bright orange, ribbed, strong stem), Sugar Treat (hybrid, semi bush, bright color), Winter Luxury (old variety, good for cooking, unique netted skin)

Standard Orange (Intermediate)

All 8 to 15 pounds, 100 to 110 days to harvest

Autumn Gold (hybrid, yellow when immature), Bushkin (hybrid, bush type), Frosty (hybrid, smooth-textured skin), Funny Face (hybrid), Harvest Moon (hybrid), Jack-o-Lantern, Spirit (hybrid, semi-bush), Young's Beauty

Standard Orange (Large)

All 15 to 25 pounds, 100 to 110 days to harvest

Aspen (hybrid, deep orange, uniformly large), Big Autumn (hybrid, yellow when mature), Big Tom (selection of Connecticut Field), Connecticut Field (the old standard, continually reselected), Ghost Rider (dark orange, very dark green handle), Happy Jack (uniform, dark orange, good handle), Howden Field (the industry standard for the last 20 years), Jackpot (hybrid, round, compact vine habit), Jumpin' Jack (large, dark orange, heavy, tall fruit),

Pankow's Field (large, variable pumpkins with exceptionally large, long handles)

Rouge Vif d'Estampes is a C maxima type that is deep red-orange, flattened, heavily sutured. It was the prototype for Cinderella's carriage pumpkin and is sometimes sold as "Cinderella" pumpkin

Processing

All C moschata, tan skin color, widely used for commercially canned pumpkin

Buckskin (hybrid), Chelsey (hybrid), Dickinson Field, Kentucky Field

Jumbo

All C maxima, 50 to 100 pounds, or much more, 120 days to harvest

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Pumpkin book tempts readers with tasty variety

These recipes were created by Holiday Pumpkin author Georgeanne Brennan

HONEY-GRILLED PUMPKIN SLICES

One 2 pound unpeeled cooking pumpkin seeded and cut into 1 inch wide slices
 1/4 cup (1 stick) butter melted
 1 tsp salt
 1 tsp freshly ground black pepper
 2 tbsp honey
 2 tbsp Dijon mustard
 Pomegranate seeds for garnish

Light a fire in a charcoal or wood grill or preheat a gas grill. Steam the pumpkin slices until tender when pierced with a knife, about 15 minutes. Dip the pumpkin slices in the melted butter and place them on a baking sheet. Sprinkle with the salt and pepper. Blend the honey and mustard together into a paste. Grill the pumpkin slices over medium-hot fire for two to three minutes more, then turn and broil again. Cook until lightly golden on the bottom, one to two minutes. Turn and grill on the second side until lightly golden as well. Serve hot, sprinkled with pomegranate seeds. Makes about 15 slices, serves six as a side dish.

ROASTED PUMPKIN SEEDS

2 tbsp canola or light vegetable

oil
 1 cup seeds from any freshly cut pumpkin washed and dried
 Salt to taste

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. In a skillet over medium high heat heat the oil. When the oil is hot, sauté the seeds, stirring frequently until lightly browned about five minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the seeds to an ungreased baking sheet and spread them into a single layer. Sprinkle with salt and bake until crisp about 15 minutes. Using the slotted spoon, transfer the seeds to paper towels and let cool. Store in an airtight container for up to one month. Makes about one cup.

BAKED PUMPKINS STUFFED WITH SAUSAGE AND SAGE

6 mini pumpkins 2 1/2 to 3 inches in diameter
 12 ounces bulk pork sausage
 1 egg
 1 cup coarse Italian style seasoned bread crumbs home made or purchased
 1 tsp minced fresh sage
 1 tsp minced fresh parsley
 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
 Salt to taste

With a sharp knife, slice off the upper one fourth of the pump-

kins and set the tops aside. Scoop out the seeds and if necessary enough flesh to leave a shell about 1/2 inch thick.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. In a medium bowl combine the sausage, egg, bread crumbs, sage, parsley, pepper and salt and mix well. Fill each pumpkin with some of the stuffing mounding it 1/2 inch above the rim. Place the pumpkins on a baking sheet with their tops alongside stem up. Bake until the filling is firm and has begun to pull away just slightly from the sides and the pumpkin shells are easily pierced with a knife, 35-45 minutes. Replace the tops and serve hot. Serves six as a first course or side dish.

PUMPKIN FLAN

1 cup milk
 2 cups heavy cream
 6 eggs
 1 cup sugar
 1/2 tsp salt
 1 tsp freshly ground cinnamon
 1/2 tsp freshly ground cloves
 1 tsp finely grated fresh ginger
 1 tsp vanilla extract
 1/2 cup homemade or canned pumpkin puree

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Butter a 10 inch by 1 1/2 inch straight sided round glass

or ceramic cake pan or flan mold. In a medium saucepan, heat milk and cream together over medium heat until bubbles form around the edges of the pan. At the same time bring a kettle of water to a boil. In a large bowl, beat the eggs lightly. Add the sugar, salt, spices, ginger, vanilla and pumpkin puree and stir to blend well. When the milk mixture is ready slowly pour it into the egg mixture stirring constantly until well mixed. Place the prepared cake dish in a shallow roasting pan. Pour the custard mixture into the cake dish. It should fill the dish almost to the rim.

Pour the boiling water into the roasting pan to reach halfway up the sides of the cake dish. Bake the flan until it is puffed and golden and a knife inserted in the center comes out clean, 45-50 minutes. Remove the flan from the water-filled roasting pan and let it cool to room temperature.

To unmold the flan, slide a thin-bladed knife or spatula around the edge of the pan to loosen it. Invert a shallow serving plate on top of the flan, and holding the flan and serving plate firmly together, turn them back over. The flan pan will now be on top and should lift off easily. Serve warm, at room temperature or chilled.

Makes 8-10 servings

WINE

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allowed Schug to pursue his interest and make pinot noir at the Joseph Phelps Winery for what eventually became the new Schug Carneros Estate. It was not until 1983 that Schug would leave Phelps to devote his entire efforts to his own venture. Looking back over the years, I clearly count my time with Joseph Phelps as a critical period in the history of the California wine industry, Schug recalled. We established so many benchmarks for quality in California. But also, I was given the freedom by Joe Phelps to pursue my own interests.

With harvest 2003, Schug has worked in Carneros producing pinot noir for 20 years. He has always believed that Carneros had the potential to put California pinot noir on the map. With his 50th harvest in full swing, Schug intends to continue his life's work. "Every harvest is a new beginning," he said. "Every year my goals are the same, to make wines that are enveloped by the character of the region in which they are grown - wines that our friends and family will be proud of."

SCHUG STYLE

■ 2001 Schug Carneros Chardonnay (\$20) has well-balanced acidity with a crisp clean finish. It is excellent with cream soups, seafood, fowl, veal and pasta.
 ■ 2001 Schug Carneros Chardonnay Heritage Reserve (\$30) showcases aromas of ripe pear and orange with a touch of toasty oak. Apple and citrus flavors accompany a full

WINE PICKS

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bodied wine with a long finish

■ 2001 Schug Carneros Pinot Noir Heritage Reserve (\$30) shows elegance and power with rich flavors of black cherry and cranberry, hints of tobacco and spicy new oak. Try it with grilled lamb chops or duck breast.

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PUMPKINS

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"We always have a contest for people to guess the weight of a really big pumpkin," McCreedy said. "Whoever comes closest wins the pumpkin in the giveaway."

McCreedy said depending on the crops, another local farmer brings them a delivery of the more unusual white pumpkins, whose varieties can include casper, lumina, snowball and little boo. "We also carry the miniature pumpkins that people use for decorating or in centerpiece, McCreedy added.

Holiday Pumpkins offers both traditional and contemporary ideas for celebrating Halloween, Thanksgiving and harvest time thanks to more than 30 recipes and 10 craft/decorating ideas.

Pumpkins are so colorful and festive, Barry said. I hope our book conveys the enthusiasm we had for our subject.

Barry favors the Pumpkin Pasta with Baby Bok Choy, Prosciutto and Pecans because the pumpkin adds to both the

color and the flavor of the dish. In Brennan's recipe Pumpkins and Mixed Winter Squash Filled with Savory Puree, the pumpkins hold the squash mixture during the baking process and their shapes, varieties and sizes create an enticing array.

Both recipes are not only delicious, but beautiful to look at and to serve as well, she added. If desserts are more your style, don't miss Brennan's Harvest Pie recipe, Pumpkin Flan, Pumpkin-Filled Phyllo Cups and the Pumpkin Cheesecake in a Gingersnap-Walnut Crust.

The craft section of the book features projects for both adults and children, including painted pumpkins and paper mache trick or treat baskets or the pumpkin harvest swag.

"One thing I'm particularly proud of is trying to incorporate ideas into the book that families can do together," Barry said. "There's a nice range of easy-to-sophisticated recipes and crafts that we share with the hope that readers will find something in the mix that appeals to them and their families."

Interesting pumpkin facts

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

■ In 1584 Jacques Cartier reports from the St. Lawrence region that he found there "gros melons, a phrase translated into English not as "big melons but as "pompions." Hence the root of our word "pumpkins." The word "squash" is obviously borrowed from the Native American name "askutasquash," but many of the early explorers after Columbus constantly called the squashes "gourdes."

■ The Native Americans called pumpkins "isquoter squash."

■ Pumpkins are members of the vine crops family called cucurbits.

TO EAT OR NOT TO EAT

■ Pumpkin seeds can be roasted as a snack.
 ■ Pumpkins can be used to make soups, pies and breads.
 ■ Pumpkins are fruit and contain potassium and Vitamin A.
 ■ Pumpkins are used for

feed for animals

■ Pumpkins are 90 percent water.

■ In colonial times, Native Americans roasted long strips of pumpkin in an open fire.
 ■ Colonists sliced off pumpkin tips, removed seeds and filled the insides with milk, spices and honey. This was baked in hot ashes and is the origin of pumpkin pie.
 ■ Native Americans flattened strips of pumpkins, dried them and made mats.

HOW DOES A PUMPKIN GROW?

■ Pumpkin flowers are edible. Leafy vines grow from pumpkin seeds. Yellow-orange flowers bloom on the pumpkin vine then wither. The flowers ovaries (at the base of the flower) swell and become tiny green pumpkins.

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Pumpkins and apples make unique soup

BY J.M. HIRSCH

AP - Nothing less than half a bushel will do. When it comes to pick-your-own apples, half or even full pecks aren't even close to enough. To do this wonderful season's most wonderful fruit justice it must be collected at least a bulging half-bushel at a time.

How else to have enough for apple sauce, tarts, baked apples, rich and sticky apple ice-cream topping, apple and squash soups, jellies, muffins and, of course, the essential apple pie.

Picking apples goes beyond just the taste, the sweet and satisfying crunch of an apple fresh from the tree and still warm from the sun. There also is something immensely satisfying in the act of ducking through branches laden with fruit.

For those of us without farmland, this is as close as we get to that primal pleasure of joining in the harvest and stocking the pantry for the cold months to come. That's why no grocery-store apple ever will taste as good as one you pick yourself.

So what to do with this year's crop? Start with sauce. My family prefers it with the peel left on the apples. And though we're generous with the cinnamon, and sometimes toss in a dash of nutmeg, we never sweeten.

Save the sugar (or better yet, maple syrup) for tasteless out-of-season apples. Brighten the natural flavors of fresh apples

with just a pinch of salt. If you like it tart, toss in a handful of crab apples.

Or serve apples straight-up as an appetizer with cheese. Try a plate of apple wedges accompanied by Brie, Provolone or water-packed mozzarella. Stick with mellow cheeses, as the creaminess complements tart apples.

To keep apple wedges from browning (oxidizing), spritz them with a bit of cider vinegar.

Apples also are great in salads. Try a mixture of hardy greens, thin apple slices, walnut pieces or almond slivers, and a handful of golden raisins.

Continue the theme by substituting apple cider for the vinegar in your favorite vinaigrette recipe.

PUMPKIN AND APPLE SOUP

- (Preparation time 45 minutes)
- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
 - 1/2 cup macadamia nuts coarsely chopped plus 2 tablespoons for garnish (lightly toasted)
 - 1 small white onion chopped
 - 1 tsp peeled grated fresh ginger
 - 3 cups pumpkin peeled and diced
 - 1 Granny Smith or other tart apple peeled, cored and chopped
 - 3 cups vegetable stock
 - Salt and pepper
 - Plain yogurt or creme fraiche for garnish

Heat the olive oil in a large, heavy saucepan over a medium flame. Add the 1/2 cup of nuts, the onion and ginger and saute until the mixture is golden brown,

about 3 minutes.

Add the pumpkin and apple and saute for an additional 2 to 3 minutes.

Add the stock, cover and simmer for about 20 minutes, or until pumpkin is soft.

Transfer the mixture, in batches if necessary, to a blender or food processor and puree until smooth. Return the soup to the saucepan and heat. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Serve the soup in large bowls, garnished with a dollop of yogurt and a sprinkle of nuts. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

(Recipe from Sally James' "Escape to Yountville," Ten Speed Press, 2003, \$19.95)

APPLE-CRANBERRY MAPLE CRISP

- 7 large apples (McIntosh are nice) peeled and sliced
- 1 cup apple juice or cider
- 1/2 cup fresh or frozen cranberries
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- Pinch of salt
- 1/2 cups rolled oats
- 1/2 cup all purpose flour
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 3 tbsps maple syrup

Preheat oven to 350 F. Combine the apples, apple juice, cranberries, cinnamon and salt in an ungreased 8-inch square pan. To prepare the topping, combine the oats, flour, nuts, oil and maple syrup in a bowl. Press the topping over the fruit in the pan. Bake for 40 minutes. Let cool 10 minutes before serving.

Makes one 8-inch pan. (Recipe from Sue Donaldson's "Foods That Don't Bite Back," Arsenal Pulp Press, 2003, \$16.95)

Cornmeal-encrusted green tomatoes and grilled corn salad

AP - A vegetarian menu that stars cornmeal-encrusted green tomatoes offers a wonderful way to use produce left on the vine after the season ends, say Caprial and John Pence, originators of the menu.

The meal, including Cheddar biscuits, serves six. An equally significant number is that of the cooking team: two. The dual-chef plan and its basic setup are elaborated in the Pences' new cookbook, "Caprial and John's Kitchen Recipes for Cooking Together" (Ten Speed Press, 2003, \$35).

These two accomplished cooks run Caprial's Bistro, where Caprial is executive chef, in Portland, Ore., operate a cooking school next door, and appear in the public television series "Cooking With John and Caprial."

Caprial has written seven other cookbooks, which adds to the credibility of this new one, a companion volume to the TV show.

To prepare the corn salad: Oil the grill and prepare a hot fire. If you are using a gas grill, preheat on high. If you are using a charcoal grill, let the coals burn until they are covered with gray ash. The fire is hot when you can hold your hand over the grill for no longer than five seconds.

Brush the corn with 1 tablespoon of the oil, place the ears on the grill, and grill, turning often so they don't burn, until brown, 5 to 7 minutes. Let cool. While the corn is grilling, combine the garlic, onion, tomatoes, bell peppers, jalapeno and cilantro in a medium bowl, and mix well.

In a small bowl, whisk together the vinegar and the remaining 1/2 cup oil, and pour it over the vegetables. When the corn is cool, cut the kernels off the cobs. Add the corn to the salad and toss well. Season to taste with salt and the pepper. Set aside until you are ready to serve. (If the salad is prepared more than 30 minutes before serving, refrigerate it until you are ready to serve.)

To prepare the tomatoes: Lay the slices out on a sheet pan and season with salt and pepper. Distribute the cheese over the tops of the slices, pressing firmly to help it adhere, set aside. Place the flour on a large plate, the eggs in a pie plate, and the cornmeal on a large plate. Carefully dredge the prepared tomato slices in the flour, dip them in the egg mixture, then dredge in the cornmeal, return to the sheet pan.

Heat the oil in a very large skillet over high heat until it reaches 350 F. Add as many tomato slices as will fit in the pan without overcrowding and cook until golden brown, 2 to 3 minutes per side. Drain on paper towels, and keep warm. Continue with the remaining slices.

To serve: Place about three of the slices on each plate, and top each slice with some of the corn salad.

Top with a dollop of sour cream and garnish with cilantro sprigs. Serve immediately. Makes 6 servings.

CHEDDAR BISCUITS

- 14 tablespoons cold unsalted butter
- 3 cups all purpose flour
- 2 cups grated sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 cups buttermilk

Preheat the oven to 375 F. (You will get the best results in a convection oven.) Grease a sheet pan well. Dice 12 tablespoons (3/4 cup) butter. Melt the remaining two tablespoons.

Combine the flour, cheese, diced cold butter, baking powder, salt and sugar in a bowl. Using your fingertips, mix until the mixture resembles a coarse meal.

Add the buttermilk and mix with a fork just until the dough barely comes together. Turn the dough out onto a well-floured board and use your hands to form it into a rectangle about 1/2-inch thick. With a knife, cut the dough into about 12 equal-size biscuits. Place the biscuits on the prepared pan.

Bake the biscuits for 12 to 15 minutes, until golden brown. Remove the biscuits from the oven, and brush with the melted butter. Serve warm. Makes 12 biscuits.

Working plan

Cook One
Oil and light the grill. Grill the corn. Prep the salad ingredients.

Finish preparing the salad. Set up the breading station with bowl of flour, egg and cornmeal. Bread the tomatoes. Fry the tomatoes. Plate and garnish the tomatoes.

Cook Two
Roast the peppers. Cut the cooled corn. Slice the tomatoes. Season the tomatoes and top with cheese. Prepare and bake the biscuits.

Help Cook One fry the tomatoes. Brush the warm biscuits with butter, and plate.

Open and serve the wine. (Recipes from "Caprial and John's Kitchen Recipes for Cooking Together" by Caprial and John Pence, Ten Speed Press, 2003, \$35)

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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.

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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 a must. Seating is limited. Call (734) 261-3680. Mary Denning's is located at 8036 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

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These simple recipes will create carrots with character

BY MARLENE PARRISH

AP - Chef Alice Waters swoons over heirloom tomatoes. Farmers brag about the sweetest corn. Chefs swear by baby vegetables and bouquets of herbs.

But carrots? Carrots get no respect. They should.

They're indispensable as a building block of cuisine, are always available and seem to last forever.

Unfortunately, they can be boring. But they don't have to be.

Farmers' markets are selling some of the sweetest carrots you will ever eat, especially those sold by organic grower Rick Conroy of Wilmington Gardens. He sells his produce at Farmers at the Firehouse on

Saturdays in the Strip District and at the Mount Washington Farmers Market on Tuesdays. His slogan is "In Co-operation With Nature."

Look for bunches of slender carrots with lush green tops. Allow yourself at least one "What's up, Doc?" moment. Then wring off the greens to save space in the fridge, leaving about 3 inches of stems. Scrub or rinse off any dirt.

Peeling is up to you.

I peel about six whole carrots at a time, leaving the green top-lette on for eye appeal, and store them in a plastic bag to be grabbed for a quick snack.

Cooking transforms carrots.

They are best when young and sweet, but they need just a bit of salt

to bring up the sweetness. Before cooking, taste one, then add salt and sugar in the recipe.

SIMPLE GLAZED CARROTS

2 pounds sliced carrots
4 tbsp unsalted butter
1 cup stock or water (or as needed)
1 tsp salt 4 tablespoons sugar

Saute carrots in unsalted butter, stock or water (or as needed until carrots are tender), salt and sugar. Carrots are done when most of the liquids are absorbed and sauce is syrupy. Makes about 6 servings.

Note: If you want to play with flavors, substitute brown sugar or honey for white sugar and maybe add a pinch of cinnamon.

COLD CARROT SALAD WITH HERBS

6 to 8 young carrots
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tbsp sugar
6 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
2 tbsp tarragon vinegar
1/4 tsp dry mustard
2 tbsp finely chopped herbs (thyme, chervil, parsley, chives)
1 small garlic clove crushed
freshly ground pepper
juice of one lemon

Remove the green carrot tops. Scrape the carrots with a vegetable peeler and cut them in half lengthwise, then into 1 1/2-inch-long sticks. Place them in a saucepan and cover with water. Add the salt and sugar and cook the carrots over medium heat until they are barely

tender (about 5 to 7 minutes). Drain. In a small bowl combine the oil, vinegar, mustard and herbs. Whisk the dressing until it is well blended. (Or combine the ingredients in a jar and shake.) Add the garlic and pour the sauce over the carrots while they are still warm. Season with salt and pepper and refrigerate for at least 6 hours. Serve at room temperature, sprinkling the carrots with the juice of a lemon.

Keep a jar of these marinated carrots in the fridge. They pep up a simple sandwich lunch and are right at home as a garnish for cold meats or fish. Toss a few in a mixed green salad for bright color as well as flavor. You can make the dressing in advance and use it over various other vegetables such as beans or beets.

Celebrate with homemade fruit cobbler

The cobbler is a classic American dessert - uncomplicated, yet sure to impress especially when it marries fall's crisp apples and sweet juicy pears with tart dried cranberries and a whole-grain oat biscuit topping.

Early bakers dropped the biscuit dough from a spoon on top of the hot fruit, giving the crust a cobbled appearance - and the dessert its name. In this updated version, the biscuit dough is rolled and cut.

The biscuit dough for Autumn Fruit Cobbler can be cut into leaf or apple shapes with a cookie cutter, or cut into squares using a sharp knife. A dusting of granulated sugar will add sparkle. Serve this fall favorite warm from the oven, topped with a scoop of vanilla ice cream or softly whipped cream.



SPECIAL PHOTO

Early bakers dropped biscuit dough from a spoon on top of the hot fruit giving fruit cobbler's crust a cobbled appearance - and the dessert its name. Some of the fruit in this dessert include pears and apples.

AUTUMN FRUIT COBBLER

3 large apples, cored and cut into 1/4 inch wedges
2 medium firm ripe pears, peeled and quartered and cored
1/2 cup dried cranberries
1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar, divided
2 tbsp cornstarch
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon, divided
1 1/2 cups all purpose flour
1 cup Quaker oats (quack or old fashioned uncooked)
2 tsp baking powder
1/4 tsp salt
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, chilled cut into pieces
3/4 cup lowfat milk

Heat oven to 400 degrees. In large bowl combine fruit. In small bowl combine 1/2 cup brown sugar, cornstarch and one teaspoon cinnamon. Add to fruit mix well.

Spoon into 2 1/2 quart glass

baking dish. Bake uncovered 30 minutes.

In large bowl combine flour, oats, remaining 1/2 cup brown sugar, baking powder, salt and remaining 1/2 tsp cinnamon, mix well.

Cut in butter with pastry blender or two knives until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add milk, mix with fork until soft dough forms. Turn out onto lightly floured surface, knead gently six to eight times. Pat dough into a rectangle 1/2 inch thick. Cut with floured biscuit or

cookie cutter or cut into squares with sharp knife.

Remove baking dish from oven. Stir fruit.

Carefully arrange biscuits over hot fruit, press lightly into fruit. If desired, sprinkle tops of biscuits with granulated sugar. Bake 15-20 minutes or until biscuits are golden brown and fruit mixture is bubbly.

Serve with warm vanilla ice cream. Cover and refrigerate leftovers.

Makes 8-10 servings.

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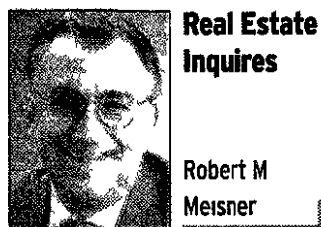
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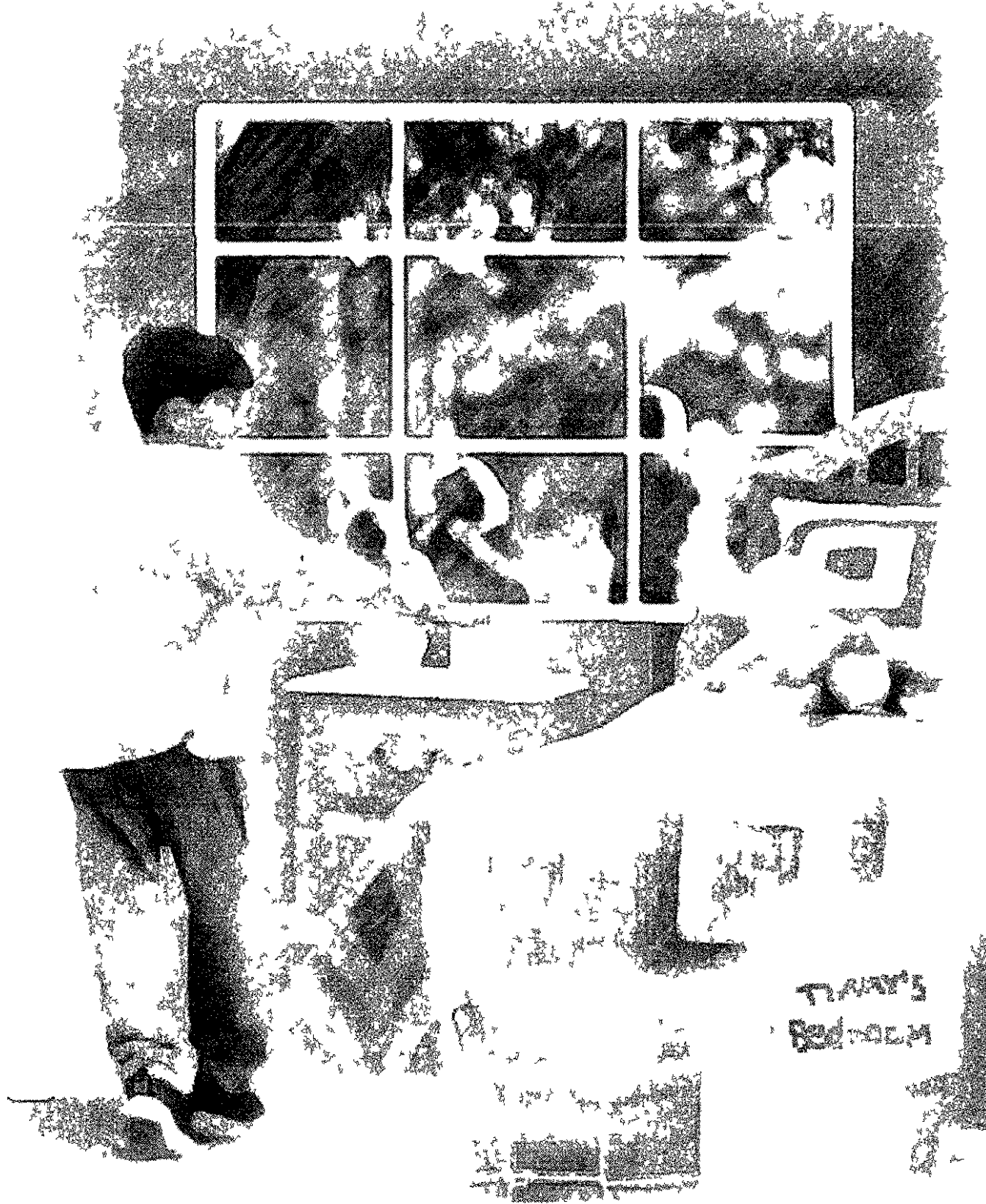
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Your question is extremely fact-intensive in regard to whether or not there is a basis for adverse possession and who would be the claimant. Commons areas homeowners may or may not be legally constituted and may or may not have the legal right to assert any claims to the land in question. You are best advised to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in real estate law to look at all the facts and to provide you with a legal opinion.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track* second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information call (248) 644 4433 or visit bmeisner@mich.com. This column should not be construed as legal advice.



Consider children's interests when house-hunting

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

Thinking of moving? Going to take the kids with you?

While some real estate agents think it's a good idea to bring the children along on house-hunting expeditions, a family counselor says parents should be careful about how they include them in the relocation process.

First of all, Judy Doyle Gray said, "The idea of buying a house is a parent decision. You don't ask kids, 'Do you want to move?'"

"A big mistake some parents make is giving kids too much power, too much control. It's more than kids can handle."

Gray is the school social worker at Seaholm High School in Birmingham, and has a private family counseling practice in Birmingham. She thinks children should not be part of the should-we-move discussion, but that parents ought to consider each child's age and school situation.

"Little kids," she said, "fifth- to sixth-graders, are changing schools anyway, and also the years between middle and high school," are likely to be less difficult. But I've seen a lot of people who move when their kids are juniors and seniors and the children's whole social thing is disrupted. That's really tough."

OK, so timing of moving is critical, according to Gray. Now, how about those visits to

prospective houses?

CONSIDER REQUESTS

The way to involve children in house-hunting, she said, is to ask about their interests.

"What types of things would you like us to look for in a house?", she said. "Give them an investment in the place they might be moving to. 'Well, I'd like to have a room of my own'."

"A little kid said the only thing that's important is a big window and out the window I can look at a big climbing tree. The parents were able to find a house that was everything they wanted and that also had his window and tree."

Gray knew this child well. He was her own son, as a third-grader some years ago.

Involve the child to get opinions about things you can give them some power over," Gray said. "Maybe talking about painting the room the way they want it. So if it's orange with black stripes, you can close the door if it's hard to look at."

"But house-hunting is too confusing. If you've got it narrowed down to two houses and you want to take the kids and get their opinions, take them there. But not if you've already decided on one. If the kid isn't going to have a voice, don't ask. Don't tease if you're not going to listen. It makes kids feel good when parents think

they ought to have opinions and then listen to them."

If you're not sure about the houses you're seeing, "just go look and don't talk to the kids about it," Gray said.

"Uncertainty is unsettling. Maybe we'll move, maybe not."

Perhaps you just enjoy touring houses. Don't take the kids with you, Gray said. "It's boring for children. Explain that you're not planning to move, you just like looking at decorating."

When children become unsure about home life, Gray said, their anxieties can show up in school.

"Sometimes they throw themselves into sports or academics to block out their personal lives," she said.

"Sometimes it's an I'll-show-you-kind-of-thing. If you're going to make me move, I'll make your life miserable."

Gray said she sees such children failing classes, skipping classes, dressing in ways that scare parents, hanging out with kids who scare parents and doing drugs.

BRING THE KIDS

Elie Morris said he thinks it's good to have kids come along on house-hunting expeditions.

Morris, a sales agent with ERA Alliance Realty, Farmington Hills, said, "I don't encourage it, but if they want to bring the kids, I don't

discourage it unless the kids turn out to be uncontrollable."

That's to the adults' own benefit, Morris said, so they can focus on the homes, not the kids. It really depends on the kids. Some are impossible to deal with and some are so excited at the prospect of looking for a new home that it adds to the fun of the process.

But 16-year-olds are not going to be happy, no matter what. Abe Ayoub, a broker with Mayfair Realty, Livonia, said kids can help sell a house.

"They see the kids in the neighborhood and it makes them comfortable. That makes the parents comfortable," he said. "The first place they run is the bedrooms. So if the parents like the house, they don't have to convince the kids."

"But the teens," Ayoub added, echoing an apparently common sentiment, "aren't going to like anything."

Shawn Larmore agrees about teens' and younger children's rush to the bedrooms. Larmore is chief Realtor with Century 21 Towne Pride, Westland.

One of his concerns is the age of the children coming on the house tour and how long they can go between potty breaks.

"I usually don't want to do more than two or three showings," he said.

It seems that little kids rarely score four houses on the bladder meter.

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Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

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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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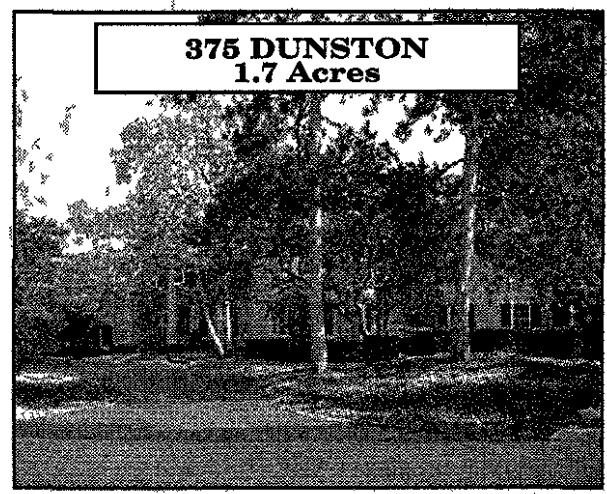
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HOME SEEKER WORKSHOPS
Experts from Ross Mortgage discuss the trials and triumphs of home loans and mortgages 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct 9, at Butterfield Auditorium, 2155 Butterfield Dr., Troy, off Big Beaver Road between Crooks and Coolidge and at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn No charge, call (248) 547-4700 to register for the Troy workshop or (313) 945-0067, Dearborn, or www.rossmortgage.com

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

HOME BUYER EDUCATION EVENT
Presented by Credit Union One, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct 14, 29450 W Warren, Westland Learn how the loan process works, understanding your credit, qualifying for a loan, visit with mortgage experts, pre-qualify for a mortgage No charge, seating is limited, call (800) 544-5567, Ext 5145

PROTECT YOUR MONEY
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 Friday, Oct 10 Call (248) 433-0885

CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINAR
Real Estate continuing education seminar presented by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct 15, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite

100, Farmington Hills Registration includes continental breakfast and lunch, \$60 for SMC members, \$65 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$80 for non-members and guests, (248) 862 1033

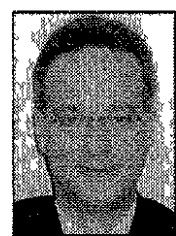
ARCHITECTURE
Gunnar Birkerts whose major design projects include the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, the Law Library addition, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and Domino's World headquarters building, Ann Arbor, 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct 16, Lawrence Technological University, 21000 W 10 Mile Road, Southfield, (248) 204-2880 No charge

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 1 at the Radisson Kingsley Hotel, Bloomfield Hills features keynote address by Charles J. Wheelan, director of policy and communications for Chicago Metropolitan Area Agency on Planning, University of Michigan campus, Ann Arbor, features 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 information, or to register, visit www.umuhforum.com

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

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development Toth had been with Ford Motor Land Development Corp for 10 years, most recently as real estate director Toth also had been senior financial analyst at the Chrysler Corp and was a partner at Prudential Properties, a residential building and real estate brokerage firm He devotes time as a leader for Habitat for Humanity and is a supporter of Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor

APPOINTMENT
Stephen R. Toth of Birmingham joined Robertson Brothers Co., Bloomfield Hills, as general manager for finance and

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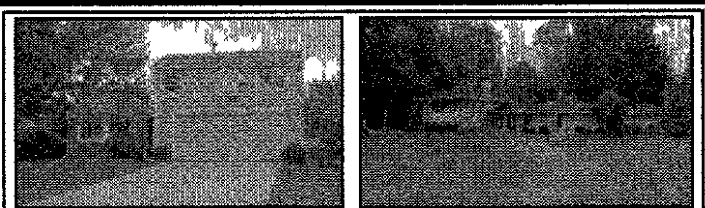
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FARMINGTON HILLS Transfer forces sale of this charming 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath colonial with library formal dining separate breakfast room 1st floor laundry attached garage backs to beautiful commons area \$282 900 (D65500)

LIVONIA What a bargain on this 3564 sq ft brick ranch & bi level home situated on 2 7/8 acres backing to wooded ravine w/creek Add 1 1400 sq ft outbuilding w/fireplace heat & C/A w/2nd 2 1/2 car garage Massive deck inground pool newer kitchen w/maple cabinets 2 fireplaces 3 1/2 baths \$399 900 (L60MYr)

DEARBORN Beautiful brick 3 BR bungalow w/great curb appeal & very well cared for New circuit box 03 copper plumbing 94 windows 94 Hardwood flrs under most carpet fin basement newer exterior drs wet plaster cove ceilings alum trim as well as loads of storage! Home Warranty \$137 900 (L66Gra)

REDFORD Beautiful 3 bedroom 2 bath colonial There have been many updates which include new electrical new windows and plumbing Quiet neighborhood School within walking distance Make an appointment to see it today! \$155 000 (L35Cat)

DEARBORN HGTS Lovely brick 3 BR bungalow in Dearborn His Lg master upstairs fenced yard great for children Fin basement Updates include new windows A/C furnace hot water heater carpet in basement plus front door Has security installed Close to 195 \$131 900 (L68Fw)

DETROIT Well cared for 4 bedroom colonial Updates within past 10 years include electrical with box copper plumbing roof & gutters security doors w/dead bolts front & side doors plus French doors to patio, security system & front steps Comes with One Year Home Warranty \$140 000 (L41Out)

GARDEN CITY Awesome bungalow check it out! This charmer offers 2 big BRs & a huge combined kitchen/dining area w/room for a desk china cabinets table & more You'll love the friendly neighborhood & deep fenced yard Newer lg utility rm vinyl sliding roof patio windows, bathroom kitchen appl & paint T/O \$122 900 (L50Don)

NORTHVILLE This could be your dream home Beautiful all brick Georgian colonial backs to prestigious Meadowbrook Country Club This 4 bedroom home has an additional bonus of a full in laws quarters Newly landscaped Original owners 2 1/2 car garage with room for your golf cart Private road a must see! \$599 900 (L47Pja)

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<p>WARM AND APPEALING - 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath brick colonial on 96x123 wooded lot Large patio and porch Side entry 2 car garage newly updated kitchen family and living rooms with dual sided fireplace rich wood floors and new carpet Formal dining and a full basement \$281 900 (456S0)</p>	<p>HERE IT IS! - Built in 1996 with 4 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths Beautifully done with a freshly painted interior and new carpet Rich hardwood and gleaming ceramic floors vaulted ceilings skylights cedar deck and more Home is on a premium wooded lot with nice landscaping and a sprinkler system \$264 900 (670C0)</p>	<p>COLLECTORS EDITION CONDO - A rare find! Spectacular detached ranch condo with 2 bedrooms and 3 baths that backs to the woods Gorgeous floor plan with a generous 1900 square feet of living space and super clean! Features include and ultra luxurious master hardwood floors walk out basement 1st floor laundry and so much more \$334,900 (796AR)</p>	<p>SPECTACULAR WATERFRONT - On 1 1/4 acres Walkout ranch 3 bedrooms 3 baths trees privacy and 3 boat hoists on Belleville Lake Rare opportunity Call now \$519 900 (830LA)</p>	<p>YOU'LL FALL IN LOVE - With this remarkable 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath home with stacked bay elevation on a beautiful treed lot! Merril oak cabinets in the peninsula kitchen natural fireplace with full wall brick face in the sunken family room generous room sizes ceramic baths and more \$239 715 (704P0)</p>	<p>PRIME HIGH TRAFFIC PROPERTY Telegraph Road Possible turn key operation Building has 4 080 sq ft w/paneled office front overhead door & a side rear overhead door that empties into 14 car parking lot The front footage is 80 ft & is 131 ft deep This property is zoned C3 Auto related row w/easy freeway access Priced to sell \$315,000 or \$3,200/mth (216TE)</p>	<p>GOLF COURSE COMMUNITY - 2 bedrooms 2 1/2 bath end unit in outstanding condition Both bedrooms have private baths Great room with fireplace dual door entry study large kitchen with most appliances and pantry Dining room with new Andersen doorwall to the deck Professionally finished daylight basement \$289 900 (329BR)</p>
<p>SITTING PRETTY - Nestled in this little sub is this prize! 3 bedrooms 3 baths only 5 years old with all you could want in a home Privacy landscaping brick paver patio finished basement and much more \$240 000 (980W1)</p>	<p>BRIGHTON QUAD - 4 bedroom 1 1/2 bath quad in a popular neighborhood in Brighton just listed! 1500 square feet of living space with an extended 2 car garage and a wood shed Call for more details \$214 900 (044H0)</p>	<p>SEE PRIDE ON DISPLAY - Live in comfort in this 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath colonial located in a golf course community! 2 story foyer with hardwood floor large living and dining plus family room with gas fireplace Oak kitchen with island Private master with ceramic bath 3 car garage security system and a large deck \$374,900 (115W1)</p>	<p>ELEGANCE, STYLE, AND GRACE - Are just some of the ways you could describe this very special home backing to a private wooded area 4 bedrooms 3 baths and over 3 800 sq ft Highlights include a private study a gorgeous dual staircase galley kitchen with a sitting area and cozy fireplace 2 story family room finished basement and a 3 car garage \$589,900 (260FE)</p>	<p>COUNTRY CLUB VILLAGE OF PLYMOUTH - Spacious cape offering over 2 400 sq ft Great room with fireplace and doorwall to deck Island kitchen with hardwood floors dining room and den Master suite on first floor Putte built in 2000 Move in and enjoy \$362 613 (391N0)</p>	<p>HERE'S A CHARMER YOU MISSED - Enjoy this updated ranch featuring 3 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths Desirable downtown Plymouth find with basic comfort and more 2 car garage New windows ample storage space central air Home warranty package finished basement new roof and fully fenced Immediately available \$199 900 (292AR)</p>	<p>NORTHVILLE CONDO - Long time owner has maintained this end unit 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath condo meticulously Kitchen with oak cabinetry hardwood floors master with private bath and walk in closet Close to the beach clubhouse and pool \$174 900 (500LA)</p>
<p>HIDDEN JEWEL - Wow! Sit out on the patio and gaze upon over an acre in this 3 bedroom and 2 bath brick ranch Recently painted throughout new carpet and updated electrical Basement with wet bar a new bath and extra room for storage Oversized 2 car garage with room for a workshop and set up for wood burning stove \$154 900 (276C0)</p>	<p>ORIGINAL OWNER - Dearborn Heights Ranch with 3 bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths has been lovingly maintained and updated New furnace central air roof windows plumbing circuit breakers and more Call for more details \$154 900 (429K1)</p>	<p>NEW EVERYTHING! - Completely updated Plymouth ranch with new electrical plumbing windows central air furnace hot water heater wine kitchen w/new appliances new bath & Cathedral ceilings w/recessed lighting in the dining area 3 bedrooms 1 bath and 1 362 sq ft of space Immediate occupancy \$181 900 (285N0)</p>	<p>'ONE-OF-A-KIND' LOG CABIN HOME This home on 3 39 acres with 4 bedrooms 3 1/2 baths gourmet kitchen with Corian counters top of line appliances Walkout lower level completely finished with full kitchen bath rec room & fireplace Great room w/skylights stone fireplace 2 story pole barn & lower level is heated Truly a nature lovers dream \$659 900 (406JE)</p>	<p>GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD - Nice home with over 1200 sq ft of living space All brick exterior with 2 bedrooms and 2 baths The nitenor offers a large kitchen family room finished basement hardwood floors and more! Close to elementary school \$164 900 (421VE)</p>	<p>LARGE LOT IN WESTLAND - 196 deep lot in a desirable Westland sub 4 bedroom colonial with updates galore from rooftop to the basement Family room with fireplace 1 1/2 baths and a 2 1/2 car garage Close to the elementary school \$179 900 (870W1)</p>	<p>CLEAN AND READY TO MOVE INTO Priced under \$160K in Northville Featuring 2 large bedrooms 1 1/2 baths a natural fireplace in the living room partly finished basement all appliances stay ready for immediate occupancy Close to the clubhouse pool beach and lake Great opportunity \$155 000 (290N0)</p>

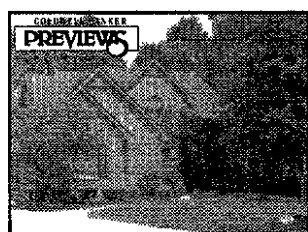
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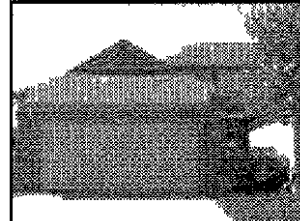
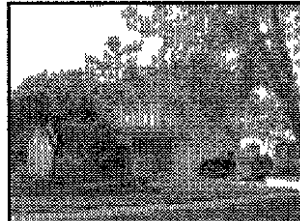
BELLEVILLE \$149,900
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Sweeping View of 27th Hole Exceptional 4 BR 2 1 BA brick colonial on a fab lot Gourmet kit/nook w/granite cntropts dbl conv oven Jenn aire downdraft range & custom hdwd frs 2 story Gr Rm BGP 68Cro 888 870 9127

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Phenomenal Brick Ranch inter Lot backs to trees Gour kit nook w/Corian cntropts hdwd frs extra cnts & top of the line appls Lux mstr w/cath clg fash bath WIC GR w/soaring clg Pool BGP 81Rvr 888 870 9127

CANTON \$314,900
Seeing is Believing! 4 BR 2 1 BA colonial backing to mature tree line Gourmet kitchen & nook w/granite countertops & hardwood floors Luxurious master w/fashion bath BGP 75Wal 888 870 9127



CANTON \$314,900
Talk about a sharp home! Fabulous Princeton model loaded w/upgrades Grmt kit & nook w/top of the line cnts & hdwd frs Open fam rm w/fr Lux master ste w/vaulted clg Prof fin bsmt Large lot BGP 90She 888 870 9127

CANTON \$237,900
Best Ranch Floor Plan in Canton! Lg master suite living room w/replace formal dining kitchen w/eating space 1st floor laundry 2 car gar & bsmt (BGN80CHE) 888 870 9123

CANTON \$229,500
Canton Colonial! Fantastic 3 BR w/over 1800 sq ft Open floor plan Great room w/fieldstone FP Lg kitchen w/lots of cabinets Generous size BRs Dual access to deck BGP 33Fer 888 870 9127

CANTON \$209,900
Move In Condition Beautiful quad backing to park 3 BR 2 full BA Many updates incl kitchen windows & doorwall Natural brick FP in lg FR Finished basement 2 car att gar deck BGP 10Ham 888 870 9127

CANTON \$209,900
Lg Oak Kitchen opens to FR W/frpl New Carpet T/O Freshly Painted New Roof vinyl Siding Newer Furn & C/A Vinyl Wind Steel Entry Door Updated Baths Large Mst W/ WIC OEL25MER 888 870 9105

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DEARBORN \$139,900
This is not a drive by must see inside! Attractive open floor plan Kitchen opens to beautiful family room w/new woodburner plus 3 season sunroom 1st floor master bdrm Partial finished basement (BGSLY36UNI) 888 870 9131



DETROIT \$139,900
Highly updated home includes 3 Fireplaces 2 Gas & One Natural 1st Floor 2 Bedroom Living Room Dining Room Kitchen & Bath 2nd Floor Lr - Dr Kitchen Bedroom Bath 1/2 Bath Finished Lower Level Amazing! OEL46FRE 888 870 9105

DETROIT \$69,872
Charming Home Large corner lot fenced yard with sprinkler system HUGE master bedroom formal dining room just off the kitchen open into the family room 1 year Home Warranty (BGSLY46ASH) 888 870-9131

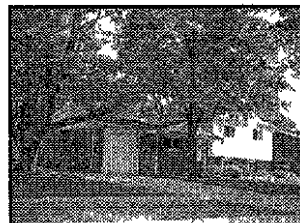
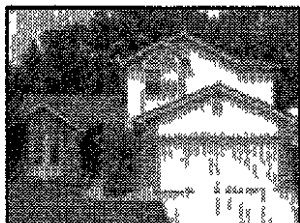
FARMINGTON \$159,900
Charming Updated Ranch w/full Basement! Oak 42" upper cabinets flooring windows AC furnace garage & opener glass block basement microwave & DW Pretty patio & fenced yard (BGN99VIC) 888 870 9123

FARMINGTON \$125,000
Designer Decor! Updates Inc Bit in Bookcases Ceramic Flooring at Entry "Bath w/limestone Counter & Flooring" Kitchen w/ceramic Fir Granite Counter" Open Fir Plan OEL57SHI 888 870 9105

FARMINGTON HILLS \$369,900
Fabulous Park Like 1/2 Acre Lot! Complements this stunning 4 br 2 5 bath updated tudor Cherry kitchen with many amenities Dimensional shingles Generous room sizes 14 ft gazebo (BGN46PAR) 888 870 9123

FARMINGTON HILLS \$259,900
These Townhouse Style Condominiums! Rarely come on the market and when they do they sell fast Spacious with 2 5 baths 2 car attached garage and stunning decor (BGN54MEA) 888 870 9123

FARMINGTON HILLS \$219,900
So Many Improvements! Incredible 3 br 2 ba home boasting just under 1300 sq ft All new windows New roof lrg att gar addit Brand new kit w/new appliances Remodeled baths Too much to mention (BGN93MED) 888 870 9123



FARMINGTON HILLS \$200,000
Going Going Gone! Updates galore country living in the city formal living/dining room newer kitchen w/walk in pantry new baths family room w/frpl basement garage (BGN48EDM) 888 870 9123

HOWELL \$218,900
Beautiful ranch in lake community This home backs to wooded 5 acres Vaulted ceilings walk out basement newer carpet & blinds 3 bds 2 baths 2 prvt beaches trails all sports lake Move in cond ton (BGSLY10SHO) 888 870 9131

LIVONIA \$349,900
Pride of Ownership & A Wooded Lot! 4 br 2 5 ba home w/2350 + sq ft Brick fp & vaulted ceiling in gr oak cabinets w/pull outs lrg breakfast w/bay window Lrg 2 tiered deck out back (BGN48TR) 888 870 9123

LIVONIA \$324,900
Classic colonial Large den eat in kitchen with view of the back yard family room has cath ceiling w/slder to deck Mbr suite has w/closet Seller is motivated Refrig nego \$2 000 floor ng allowance (BGSLY01BRE) 888 870 9131

LIVONIA \$234,900
Your Private Resort Best Describes 3 Bedroom 2 Full Bath home LR w/FP Kitchen w/Oak Cabinets & Appliances Large FR Overlooking 1/2 Acre Lot w/Above Ground Pool w/Large Wood Deck OEL21GRA 888 870 9105

LIVONIA \$193,000
Tidy Neutral Updated Home! w/275 ft frontage w/ view of city golf club Updates include roof wndws carpet a/r con private rear yard w/no neighboring property there Home Warranty (BGN30COU) 888 870 9123

LIVONIA \$170,000
3 Bedroom 2 Bath Ranch Eat in Kitchen w/All Appliances Finished Basement 2 Car Garage Central Air One Year Home Warranty * Nce Home * Nce Area * OEL60GRA 888 870 9105



LIVONIA \$166,500
3 Br 1 Bath 2 5 Car Garage Brick Ranch Features Hardwood Floors Eat In Kitchen Newer Windows and Steel Entry Doors Walking Distance To Park Church And Indoor Ice Arena OEL50HIL 888 870 9105

LIVONIA \$164,900
3 Bedroom 1 Bath Ranch Living Room w/newer Carpeting Large Country Kitchen w/stove & Built in Dishwasher Updated Furnace C/A Vinyl Windows 2 Car Heated Attached Garage OEL66BRO 888 870 9105

LIVONIA \$164,900
3 Bdrms 1 1/2 Bath Hardwood Floors Remodeled Oak Kitchen w/Breakfast Bar Newer Roof Deck Paver Brick Walk up 2 Car Detached Garage & Partially Finished Basement OEL04VES 888 870 9105

MACKINAW \$990,000
Motel and resort 365 ft on Huron 11+ acres 50% developed Bridge & island views 24 units 4 RV approved for 25 many return customers Land contract 15 years for present owners (BGSLY46US2) 888 870 9131

MILFORD \$214,900
Newer 3 Bedroom Colonial on Almost an Acre Open Floor plan neutral and ready to move into Great room with cathedral ceilings fireplace sprawling kitchen 2 car garage Full basement (BGSLY57OLD) 888 870 9131

NORTHVILLE \$564,900
A True Winner! 4 BR 2 1/2 BA colonial 2 story foyer w/oak fir LR w/vaulted ceiling FR w/10 ft clg & FP Kit w/island dbl oven 42 cabs Library with french doors and custom cabinetry BGP 56Roi 888 870 9127

NORTHVILLE \$299,900
Fireplace in living room and family room Large master with bath Finished basement with full bath Fenced in yard backs to woods Walking distance to 4 lakes Lake privileges Florida room (BGSLY63RIP) 888 870 9131



NORTHVILLE \$2,400/MO
Three Bdrms with 1st Fl Master Great Rm w/vaulted Ceiling fireplace & Doorwall To Deck Over Looking Golf Course & Pond Family Room On Upper Level One Year Minimum Lease Required OEL85VIL 888 870 9105

NORTHVILLE TWP \$599,900
Wow! Custom Built Cape Cod! 4 bdrm 2 5 bath located on a private 2 15 acre setting Gourmet kit & nook w/hdwd flrs & sit rm Lux 1st fir mas ste w/fash bath 3 car side entry gar Northville mail address BGP 89Gen 888 870 9127

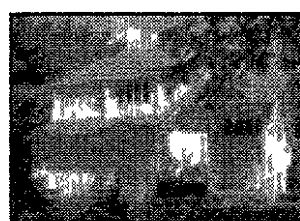
PLYMOUTH \$674,900
Decorated Like A Model! This one is unbelievable! 6 BR 4 2 BA Cstm kit w/cherry cnts & granite Lux master ste w/sitting rm & custom marble bath Prof fin LL w/2 BRS BA KITBAR & more! BGP 68Fel 888 870 9127

PLYMOUTH \$559,000
Plymouth! First Offering! Impeccably detailed 3 year Colonial on a quiet court Every amenity 3 1/2 garage 3 1/2 baths full walk out large rooms island Corian kit Pella windows A Childrens paradise! BGP 13 Ply 888 870 9127

PLYMOUTH \$279,900
Country Setting Close to all conveniences 3 BR brick ranch Updated kit Huge FR w/bnck FP LR also has a fireplace Attached 2 car garage Nice patio and lg front porch Walk to golf course BGP 16Nc 888 870 9127

PLYMOUTH \$244,900
Completely Remodeled! 3 BR 2 BA ranch in Plymouth Choose your flooring HDWD fir in kit & fam rm FP in fam rm All new appls in kit Master bedroom w/remodeled bath Backs to woods! BGP 14Man 888 870 9127

REDFORD \$127,500
Priced To Sell! Brick Ranch w/Quick Occup! 3 bdrm 1 full bath & 2 half lavs Beautiful eat in kitchen newer furnace CA hwh most newer windows Large enclosed porch off back Partially finished basement (BGN82BEE) 888 870 9123



REDFORD \$124,800
3 Bedroom Brick Ranch 2 5 Car Brck Garage with Insulated Door Hardwood Floors Large Basement Clean And Well Maintained Close To Schools One Year Home Warranty OEL29WOR 888 870 9105

SALEM \$194,900
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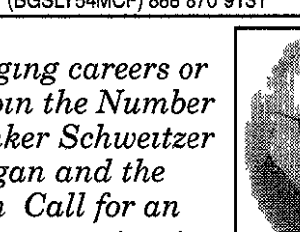
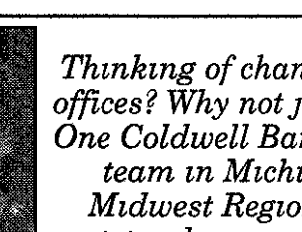
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- 27 Moonbeam
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- 32 Blackened
- 34 Exacts
- 35 Art class model
- 37 "Star Wars" princess

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REDFORD - Contemporary brick ranch 2 bedrooms 1st floor laundry enclosed heated porch large fenced yard 2 car garage gas fireplace in living room + home warranty \$118 000 (84LEN) 734 455 5600



WESTLAND - A honey for the money! 3 bedrooms 2 baths fully finished basement w/bar updated oak kitchen w/Pergo floors Large 2 car garage & fenced yard \$139 500 (14HAZ) 734 455 5600



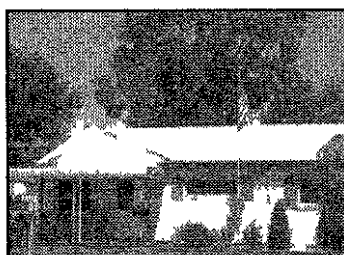
FARMINGTON HILLS - Ready for you 2 bedroom 2 bath garden level condo w/newer HWH kitchen & DR flooring Lots of storage and in unit laundry All appliances including washer & dryer Freshly painted & 6 panel doors Carpet located just outside your door \$110 000 (70TWE) 248 349 5600



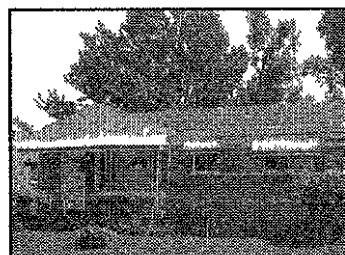
NORTHVILLE - Impeccable newer 4 BR 3.5 BA colonial is still under builders warranty Awesome cherry cabs granite counters h/dwd frs in kitchen GR & entry 2 way fireplace in great room & office Huge master suite with walk in closets Jacuzzi spa & ceramic upgrade Upgrades \$569 900 (21WHI) 248-349 5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Best condo value in town This beautiful 3 BR 2 BA unit features a great floor plan spacious rooms a huge in unit laundry + storage area Master bedroom suite w/WIC & glamour bath Neutral decor t/o Garage and car port Near complex pool \$174 900 (52BRE) 248 349 5600



GARDEN CITY - Don't miss this one! Newer roof vinyl siding windows CA front porch & newer appliances + home warranty in this cute 3 bedroom home w/2.5 car garage \$124 900 (38DOV) 734-455 5600



INKSTER - Stunning brick ranch offers partially finished basement w/fireplace & glass block windows newer furnace CA roof hot water heater & all appliances All this in this great 3 bedroom home \$99 900 (93OAK) 734 455 5600



REDFORD - Move right in! Very clean & well maintained home that's bright & airy offers 3 bedrooms partially finished basement w/workshop garage + newer roof furnace & CA \$114 900 (42NOR) 734 455 5600



NOVI - Comfortable condo 3 bedroom 2.5 bath 2 story located on a private setting in a desirable 20 unit complex w/Northville schools Neutral and move in ready 2 car attached garage and basement Private deck faces secluded wooded area Well maintained & ceramic tile foyer \$244 900 (23CHE) 248 349 5600



SOUTHFIELD - First Class 2 bedroom luxury condo Huge rooms 2 car heated garage w/car wash dining room balcony & master bath Community pool club house elevator & in unit laundry Most square footage for the money \$148 900 (33ARB) 248 349 5600



SOUTH LYON - One of a kind approx 10 acres See it for yourself Quality built t/o 4 BR 3.5 BA colonial w/open floor plan with views from every window Nice location siding to a pond Long wood walk path to serene tree island Nicely finished walkout with French doors \$559 000 (89DIX) 248 349 5600



DEARBORN HGTS - Remodeled 3 bedroom colonial Don't miss this beautifully remodeled colonial situated on a wooded lot Kitchen & baths have been completely updated Newer windows CA furnace doors roof & 24x24 2.5 car garage w/electricty Must see inside Home warranty \$139 900 (28FOR) 734-455 5600



CANTON - Beautifully maintained Cape cod backing to woods & golf course offers 3 bedrooms 2.5 baths 3+ car attached garage basement private patio 1st floor master suite w/nis & her walk in closet great room w/gas fireplace & cathedral ceiling \$405 500 (36GLE) 734-455 5600

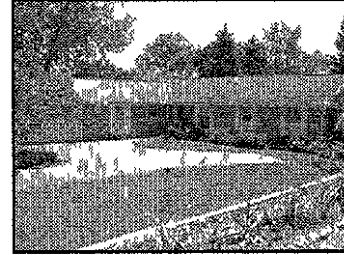


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PLYMOUTH - Beautiful colonial 3 BR 1.5 BA home that is totally updated Natural fireplace in FR Beautiful hardwood floors in kitchen & hallway Newer kitchen cabinets & countertops Florida room screened/stormed w/doorwall from family room 2 car attached garage \$244 900 (80ASP) 248 349 5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Here's your new home Outstanding 4 BR 2.5 BA brick ranch on almost a 1 acre lot w/pool Offers a newer Grabbill cherry kitchen with Sub Zero refrigerator Corian tops & sink Updated baths & excellent floor plan Beautiful gardens & much more \$379 500 (51WEL) 248 349 5600



DEARBORN - Terrific bungalow 3 bedroom 2 bath brick home offers hardwood floors updated master bedroom dining room w/ceramic floor CA & appliances Partially finished basement w/full bath & glass block windows Home warranty \$154 900 (28ROB) 734-455 5600



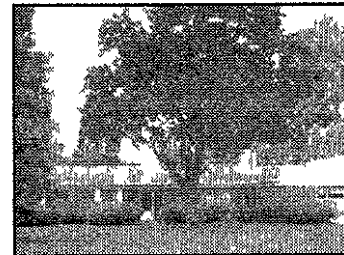
CANTON - Great location Spacious 2 bedroom 1.5 bath townhouse w/upgraded baths remodeled kitchen newer carpet fireplace numerous updates finished basement attached garage 2 doorwalls leading to private deck + all appliances stay \$145 300 (74BED) 734 455 5600



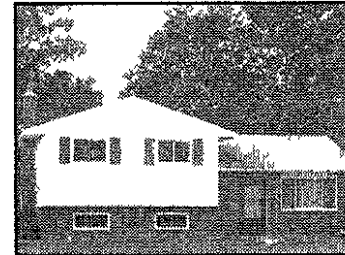
ROYAL OAK - CHARM & CHARACTER 3 BR 1.5 BA home on a double lot w/2 backyards lg master suite with WIC French doors lead to all year sunroom decking & privacy surround Amenities include HW floors trpic fantastic fin lower level w/separate office space A pleasure to see \$214 900 (10ALE) 248 349 5600



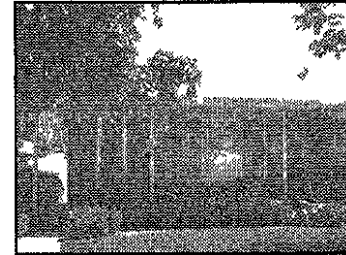
SOUTH LYON - Welcome Home Beautiful 3 BR 2.5 BA Amish brick colonial offers spacious MBR w/awesome bath Great room has natural trpic cath ceilings & 9 doorwall to deck Open kitchen w/oak cabinets Walk out lower level Professionally landscaped Incredible wooded private lot \$299 900 (32PLU) 248 349 5600



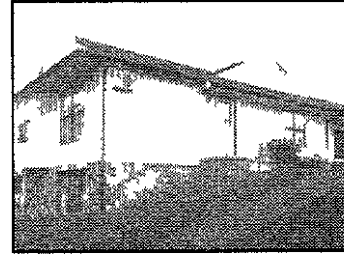
REDFORD - A regal Redford ranch Beautiful brick 3 bedroom 1.5 bath ranch w/large lot plenty of room for kids to romp + 2 car garage family room & much more \$179 900 (91RYL) 734-455 5600



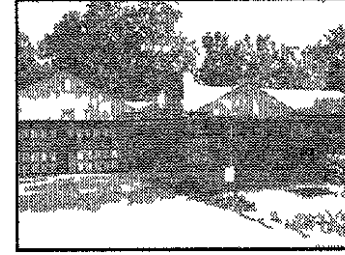
AUGUSTA - Country at its best Large 4 bedroom 2 bath tri level on approx 5 acres w/trout stream offers 2 car attached garage finished basement hardwood floors in most bedrooms newer windows furnace & CA + Franklin fireplace in lower level \$229 900 (76TUT) 734-455 5600



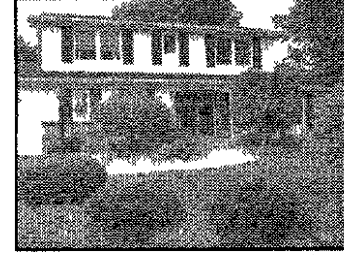
REDFORD - This is a winner! 3 bedrooms 1.5 baths open floor plan w/large rooms h/dwd floors 2.5 car garage CA completely updated t/o w/3 season Florida room fin bsmnt maintenance free exterior extra deep lot w/sprinkler system lg shed S Redford schools on a dead end street w/park \$169 900 (60SAL) 734 455 5600



SOUTH LYON - RANCH CONDO - 55+ ranch end unit w/2 BR & 2 full ceramic baths Extra sink in dressing area Great view from dining room window Newer dishwasher Large patio Single car garage Enjoy clubhouse & beach on Crooked Lake \$136 500 (52CAM) 248 349 5600



SOUTHFIELD - Ranch plus bonus bldg Outstanding 3 bedroom 2.5 bath home on large private yard FR w/bay window Newer roof Wood deck & pool 2 car attached garage has pull down storage plus huge bonus building that has numerous possibilities \$169 900 (21WES) 248 349 5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Incredible house & lot Spacious 4 BR 2.5 BA colonial in Colony Park on a private setting Updates include newer windows & doorwall granite kitchen newer tile in baths oak hardwood floors & newer decor T/O Finished lower level & more \$329 000 (31OAK) 248 349 5600



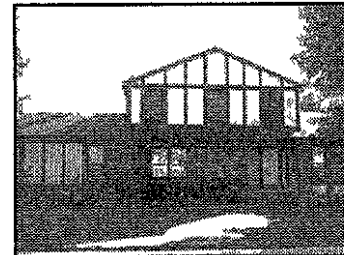
LIVONIA - Clean & Neat Huge lot fenced yard big kitchen beautiful hardwood flooring basement w/dry bar extra parking space Home warranty \$159 900 (20SAI) 734 455 5600



PINKNEY - Almost new 3 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial built in 2001 offers basement 2 car attached garage 2nd floor laundry oak kitchen new deck backing to woods for privacy \$189 900 (07CRI) 734 455 5600



DEARBORN - Plenty of potential Home has plenty of sweat equity already has updated windows & vinyl siding Home being sold AS IS \$109 900 (54COL) 734 455 5600



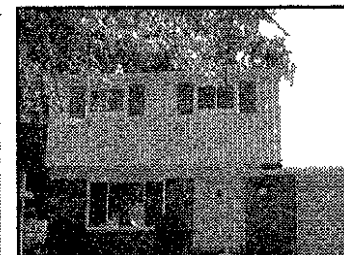
PLYMOUTH - Wonderful location Clean & updated 3 BR 2 BA home newer roof updated kitchen tile and baths Partially finished basement with TV area and bar Private library w/hardwood floors Sunny sunroom looking out to the lush gardens \$315 000 (01CRE) 248 349 5600



PLYMOUTH - Plymouth Ranch Condo Mint move in condition 2 BR 1 BA unit w/doorwall to your second story balcony for your private moments or just to enjoy the weather This condo offers Andersen windows including a large bay window newer Berber carpeting & shows beautiful ly \$134 900 (54PIN) 248 349 5600



TROY - Almost 1/2 Acre Spacious 3 BR 1.5 BA ranch 2 car attached garage Freshly painted neutral colors throughout Berber carpet Ceramic in updated bath Newer windows & HWH 24 pool & equip ment Large shed Priced to sell \$199 900 (17LIV) 248 349 5600



WESTLAND - Spotless updated colonial 3 bedroom 1.5 bath home updates include kitchen w/custom cabinets & garden windows roof gutters CA electric windows throughout & glass block in open basement hardwood under newer carpet Freshly painted Nice big lot \$139 900 (09HIV) 734 455 5600



DEARBORN HGTS - Need fast sale Ranch w/3 bedrooms 1.5 baths partially finished basement 2 car garage CA Updates furnace roof windows hot water heater circuit breakers Home also has FR & Florida room All appls included H/dwd floors & large lot Home Warranty Bring all offers \$139 617 (75MAY) 734 455 5600



SOUTHGATE - A Perfect 10! 4 bedroom cape cod w/2.5 baths 2 car attached garage basement w/glass blocks master bedroom w/full bath & Jacuzzi tub great room w/fireplace dining room cedar deck brick paver walkway CA sprinklers Gorgeous gorgeous throughout \$259 900 (25MOR) 734 455 5600



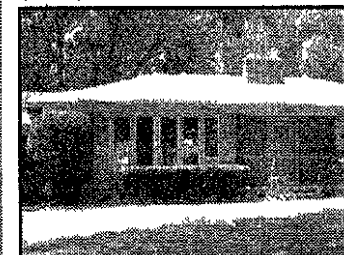
NORTHVILLE - Large colonial w/plenty of room & many updates including newer carpet throughout paint appliances 4 BR 3.5 BA w/a 5th BR in lower level Large shaded yard backs to commons Buy now and move by Thanksgiving \$364 900 (03SPR) 248 349 5600



LIVONIA - Charming ranch Great 3 BR starter or for retirees Freshly painted this past year Carpet & hardwood floors furnace & air replaced 7/03 Large double lot 2 car garage All appliances stay plus one year home warranty \$179 900 (59BUT) 248 349 5600



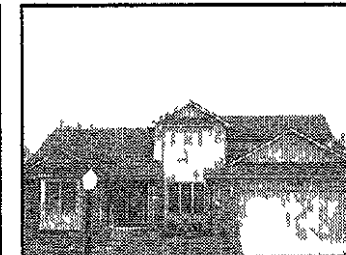
YPSILANTI - Ford Lake Front Condo Beautiful studio condo boat storage port 2 carports updated kitchen w/oak cup boards newer carpet & freshly painted Walk out your doorwall to the lake and your boat \$79 900 (67HAR) 248-349 5600



PLYMOUTH - 1/2 acre broadfront ranch Curb appeal + finished walk out 3 bedrooms 2 baths dining room family room living room fireplace deck 2 car attached garage all appliances mature trees private updated throughout \$259 700 (15BRD) 734 455 5600



CANTON - What a beauty! 3 bedroom 1.5 bath colonial w/large cozy family room w/fireplace doorwall to deck & pool partially finished basement 2 car attached garage \$216 900 (45MOR) 734 455 5600



NEW BOSTON - Better Homes and Garden Home Absolute beauty! 4 bedroom cape cod sitting on 3/4 acre lot w/FF MS w/WIC & Jacuzzi tub 2.5 baths LR w/gas FP DR lg country kt w/oak cabs oak floor in foyer light oak trim t/o 2.5 car att gar 90% eff furn & CA Home Warr \$313 900 (09BRY) 734 455 5600



ANN ARBOR - Dixboro Village Ann Arbor Schools Farm style for 21st century on approximately 1 acre 3 BR home w/many upgrades & additional square footage in studio/office over garage Many extras Must see to appreciate \$399 900 (60CHU) 248 349 5600



DEARBORN HGTS - Location location roof! This is a sure bet end of quiet street Overlook Edward Hines brand new roof (house & garage) 7/03 Several more updates including vinyl windows make this 3 bedroom ranch most desirable \$149 900 (67MCM) 248 349 5600



CANTON - Canton's Kimberly Sub Best location on the pond w/park like backyard setting 3 BR 2.5 ceramic BA LR DR FR & first floor laundry All appliances included Totally neutral Berber carpet in basement 2 car attached garage w/storage shed Super! \$244 900 (12AMA) 248-349 5600

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 <p>NOVI \$650,000 MADISON HOMES PRESENTS NEW COLONIAL! New const you choose cabinets counters & flooring! 3600 SF w/4 BR 3 1/2 baths w/o bsmt granite kit 2/FP 2/turn & 2/AC units Buy now & make selections (08ARG2)</p> <p>248-348-6430</p>	 <p>PLYMOUTH \$489,000 VALUE IN THE LAND! Over one acre! Best use is commercial or office. All utilities! Perfectly located! (95FIV8)</p> <p>248-349-6200</p>	 <p>CANTON \$379,964 MAKES EVERYTHING ELSE LOOK ORDINARY! This fabulous 4 bdrm Canton col in golf course community is ready to move in! Gorgeous LR & DR with 10 ft ceilings 3 car garage Call for appointment now! (23W46067)</p> <p>734-455-7000</p>	 <p>PLYMOUTH \$375,000 GREAT CURB APPEAL 4BR 3 1/2 bath with Pergo new paint French doors crown molding in den bay window wood trim Fin bsmt drywall 1st floor laundry Gazebo deck perennials (R958)</p> <p>734-326-2000</p>	 <p>NOVI \$339,900 WELL KEPT 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA COLONIAL IN NOVI 2 Story Foyer Hdwd in Hall KIT & Nook Screened in back porch Lg yard w/many lovely flowers Too many updates to mention including roof & furnace (10FROU2)</p> <p>248-348-6430</p>
 <p>GROSSE ILE \$334,900 BEAUTIFUL HOME PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP SHOWS 4 BR 2 1/2 BA lots of updates new hrdwd fir in foyer ref in LR DR & BR new kit w/maple cabs newer wndws updated BAs fresh paint Inground pool hot tub (E26028)</p> <p>734-591-9200</p>	 <p>LIVONIA \$299,900 MARVELOUS CUSTOM BUILT RANCH! 3 BR 2 1/2 BA 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)</p> <p>734-591-9200</p>	 <p>LIVONIA \$299,900 PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP SHOWS THROUGH! 4 BR 2 1/2 BA colonial features newer fr carpet Pergo fir in DR updated baths wood fire in kit & nook ceramic in foyer & lav lg FR w/FP & much more! (P14475)</p> <p>734-591-9200</p>	 <p>NOVI \$290,000 BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL IN WHISPERING MEADOWS Spacious 4 BR home w/large Master Suite & Bath Wooded yard and front side walks a real plus Newer roof furnace & windows Home Warranty provided (09SUN2)</p> <p>248-348-6430</p>	 <p>LIVONIA \$259,900 SECLUDED AREA OF COVENTRY Hard to find 4 BR raised ranch w/newer kit w/merrill cup boards newer wndws newer carpet in fin bsmt w/lgase blk 3 full baths lg utility rm lg lot & more! (S16184)</p> <p>734-591-9200</p>
 <p>NOVI \$259,000 OVER 1/2 ACRE IN NOVI! Almost 2000 SF 2001 bilt 3 BR 2 1/2 BA Colonial w/formal DR/sunken LR den FR open fir plan & Novi schools. Must see! (36CLA2)</p> <p>248-348-6430</p>	 <p>WESTLAND \$249,900 ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS HOME IN BEAUTIFUL SUB Aside from the lush landscape & beautifully maintained exterior this home is mint & ready for you to move right in! Large deck leads to submerged pool and more (S727)</p> <p>734-326-2000</p>	 <p>YPSILANTI \$242,900 BETTER THAN NEW! Upgrades & extras done! Professional landscaping deeper bsmt extd hrdwd flrs C/A upgraded cbnts Sitting rm or 4th bdrm Kit appl included Move right in! (23H7629)</p> <p>734-455-7000</p>	 <p>LIVONIA \$229,900 MINT CONDITION & IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY! 2 BR 2 1/2 BA 2 stry condo 2 stry foyer w/skylt lg mstr ste w/cathedral ceiling prvt bath w/sep shower & tub deck off mstr BR & DR full bsmt 2 car garage (W9409)</p> <p>734-591-9200</p>	 <p>NOVI \$219,900 POPULAR VILLAGE OAKS HOME Great 4 BR 2 Bath home in Novi sub w/lake pool & clubhouse 1734 Sq Ft 1 Block from elem schoo Open airy floor plan FR w/FP Home Warranty incl (69GUI2)</p> <p>248-348-6430</p>
 <p>LIVONIA \$219,900 COUNTRY IN THE CITY! 1/2 acre lot in the heart of Livonia. Brick colonial w/over 1900 SF finished basement & 2 car garage Updated thru out move right in! (B14962)</p> <p>734-591-9200</p>	 <p>NOVI \$215,900 IMMACULATE DETACHED MAPLES OF NOVI CONDO Warm & inviting Great Rm w/new Hdwd Fir nat FP & Doorwall to private deck backing to woods 3 BR 2 1/2 BA part fin W/O LL is plumbed for bar/BA (88COL2)</p> <p>248-348-6430</p>	 <p>WESTLAND \$214,999 CUSTOM DESIGNED KITCHEN WALL THE PERKS! 3 bdrm walk out finished LL included in Sq ft You won't believe how awesome this home is unless you see it for yourself! 2 tier custom deck and more! (L221)</p> <p>734-326-2000</p>	 <p>CANTON \$204,900 CLASSY & STYLISH! 3 BR 1 1/2 BA colonial 2 car atd garage basement lots of quality ceramic tile premium carpet Kohler fixtures FR w/FP & cath ceiling lg deck & more! (B2360)</p> <p>734-591-9200</p>	 <p>CANTON S SHARPEST RANCH! Beautif 3 bedroom 2 bath ranch in N Canton w/gorgeous finished basement! Family room huge deck tons of upgrades! (23R44367)</p> <p>734-455-7000</p>
 <p>WAYNE \$189,999 GREAT BRICK RANCH 4 bedroom 2 baths offers big rooms Bay window in living rm blinds in kitchen! Newer doors roof windows blind hardwood floors day light windows in bsmt (T321)</p> <p>734-326-2000</p>	 <p>CANTON \$189,900 THIS SPARKLING CLEAN CANTON COLONIAL 3 BR 1 1/2 BA w/many updates could be yours! Beautiful FR w/FP fin bsmt all new car peting newer furn & rf Stove & fridge included (A43651)</p> <p>734-591-9200</p>	 <p>NOVI \$185,000 ALL THE WORK IS DONE SPARKLING NOVI RANCH! 3 BR 2 baths fresh paint & all new moldings Kitchen remodeled mstr bath updated windows HWH & carpet in 2001 Lg yard & close to school/park (40WIL2)</p> <p>248-348-6430</p>	 <p>NOVI \$182,500 COUNTRY PLACE CONDO! 1650 SQ FT 3 Bedrooms 2 1/2 Bath End Unit on prime location with a great view Complex features pool tennis and clubhouse (04PEL2)</p> <p>248-348-6430</p>	 <p>LIVONIA \$180,900 HOW SWEET IT IS! Updated eat in kit formal DR w/pantry 3 nice size bdrms large LR Part fin bsmt Mstr bdrm 1/2 bath updated bath 1 1/2 bath in bsmt 2 1/2 car gar Must see! (23W20032)</p> <p>734-455-7000</p>
 <p>LIVONIA \$179,900 YOU WON'T FIND MORE HOME FOR LESS MONEY! 3 good sized BRs 2 Bas lg LR with gas FP den/computer rm could be 4th BR 3 season sun rm off rear w/8 drwl full fin bsmt w/wet bar daylight wndws attd gar (S19941)</p> <p>734-591-9200</p>	 <p>WESTLAND \$169,900 THE FINEST HOME IN LIVONIA SCHOOLS is this 3 bdrm 1 1/2 bath Westland ranch Remod bath & kit with oak & ceramic newer windows HWH copper plum front door roof shingles rec rm 26x26 gar (M327)</p> <p>734-326-2000</p>	 <p>LIVONIA \$169,900 NEVER SHOWN! This 3 bdrm 1 1/2 bath raised ranch has just become available! Updates include roof & chimney (03) wndws furnace A/C HWH & humidifier Pleasure to show (23B30143)</p> <p>734-455-7000</p>	 <p>WESTLAND \$159,999 THIS BRICK RANCH HAS A LOT TO OFFER Freshly painted new carpet hardwood flooring in foyer & hallway updated bath w/new double sink cabinets & faucets All 3 bdrm have extra deep closets! (N205)</p> <p>734-326-2000</p>	 <p>GARDEN CITY \$159,900 VACATION AT HOME! Gorgeous updated 3 bdrm ranch w/fin bsmt & 2 1/2 car garage Newer roof win furn CA paint carpet & more Open floor plan w/cathedral ceilings wet bar pool! (P310)</p> <p>734-326-2000</p>
 <p>NOVI \$159,900 GREAT 3 BR, 2 BA END-UNIT TOWNHOUSE! Largest fir plan in Applegate Doorwalls to lg patio & balcony LR FR upds incl roof windows & kit Pool tennis court & clubhouse in complex (83BAS2)</p> <p>248-348-6430</p>	 <p>WAYNE \$159,900 NICEST BUNGALOW IN WAYNE Fabulous decor in the 3 bdrm 2 bath Updates include roof siding cement 22X20 garage kitchen dining room Large L shaped deck with jacuzzi! First class (F439)</p> <p>734-326-2000</p>	 <p>WESTLAND \$155,900 THIS IS IT! ALL THE SPACE YOU NEED! Family friendly 3 bdrm 2 full baths den/library large eat in kit & large family room w/gas fireplace all on one main floor Whole house attic fan (P323)</p> <p>734-326-2000</p>	 <p>WESTLAND \$155,000 POPULAR TONQUISH 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 rf 220 in gar & more! (B6786)</p> <p>734-591-9200</p>	 <p>DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$139,000 GREAT STARTER HOME! Has updated spa cious kit w/pantry & new fir newer bath wndws rf on house & gar 2 1/2 car gar wonderful yd w/2 patios 16x32 pool deck & pond Hurry! (W5116)</p> <p>734-591-9200</p>
 <p>NOVI \$135,000 GREAT FLOOR PLAN IN THIS NOVI CONDO! 2 BR 2 1/2 baths new paint carpet new kitchen & appliances in 2001 Association fee includes water & gas Well located in development (21OLD)</p> <p>248-348-6430</p>	 <p>REDFORD \$132,999 A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH! True 5 BR home in South Redford Family Rm/Entertainment Rm in Basement 2 Full Baths Needs TLC & priced accordingly 2 car GAR w/electric & gas hook up (38RIV2)</p> <p>248-348-6430</p>	 <p>LIVONIA \$131,900 SUPER SHARP MINT LIVONIA RANCH! Up dated kitchen & bath furnace & air 7 yrs some vinyl windows rf 1 yr lg 2 car garage nice lot (75X130) all appliances home warranty (M20392)</p> <p>734-591-9200</p>	 <p>CANTON \$131,000 LOOK NO FURTHER! Upper condo open floor plan newer berber carpet 2 bedroom & 2 bath Kitchen appliances remain Good condition (23L42536)</p> <p>734-455-7000</p>	 <p>CANTON \$107,900 EXQUISITE CONDO! Welcome home! This 2 bedroom condo features updated berber carpet extra large cabinets newer appliances crown molding mirrored doors and more! (23F2033)</p> <p>734-455-7000</p>
 <p>PLYMOUTH \$119,900 THIS IS THE ONE! Immaculate Rossi built home Attention to detail beautiful oak kit neutral decor Professional landscaping on a 3/4 acre lot aweome jacuzzi room off deck 23W49651</p> <p>734-455-7000</p>	 <p>LIVONIA \$119,711 THIS FULL BRK OLD WORLD CHARMER OFFERS! Huge living rm w/newer carpeting formal DR newer kit elect wndws shingles 1st fir laun dr 2 car garage beautiful landscape with pond L27901</p> <p>734-591-9200</p>	 <p>WARREN \$131,900 SPACIOUS, COMFORTABLE & CHARMING CONDO! 3 Bed/1 1/2 Bts w/att garage & fin basement new upgraded appls! Newer furn & a/c doorwall to deck neutral well maint complex pets allowed \$131,900 Con Location! 04FOR2</p> <p>248-348-6430</p>	 <p>LIVONIA \$117,000 PERFECT AS A STARTER! 2 bedroom ranch Big lot with carport All appliances newer kitchen & bath freshly painted newer roof One year home warranty Needs a little TLC C11788</p> <p>734-591-9200</p>	 <p>DETROIT \$91,900 ATTRACTIVE BUNGALOW, freshly painted newer furnace 99 central air 99 roof 99 mas ter bdr has walk in closet 2 1/2 car garage close to schools immediate occupancy 17GFA2</p> <p>248-348-6430</p>

Call Info Line at 888-REO-LIST, punch in the code #, get information!

Market Place

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7100 Estate Sales

LIVONIA Oct 9th 3-9pm Oct 10th 10-4pm Oct 11th 10-6pm 14660 Garden 2 bks N of Lyon 1 blk E of Middlebelt Many collectibles World War II items Emmet Kelly clowns wall clock gramophone Christmas items

LIVONIA LIQUIDATION New Samples below wholesale art work antiques furniture Schwinn dirt bike country items church pew everything must go 1 day only 9-5 Friday Oct 10th 28289 5 Mile Look for signs & Building with green door (734) 425 4540 V/MC

NORTHVILLE Thurs Fri Sat antiques & good stuff 44855 Thornapple Lane Sheldon btwn 6 & 7

PRESTIGE ESTATE SALES Fri/Sat, Oct 10/11 9-30 1428 Stanley Birm 4 bks E of Southfield S of Lincoln Collectors Treasures! Chinoiserie cabinet corner cabinet and tables chairs lamps pictures rugs mirrors bunk beds women & childrens clothing toys & dolls books R Dauton Waterford antique clock more 586 662 7373

REDFORD 11724 Norborne S of Plymouth W of Beech Housewares clothing some antiques Thur Sun 9-5

W BLOOMFIELD Oct 10 & 11 9-4pm Furniture lamps tables sofa table rug sectional sofa full dining set pictures large mirror chandeliers here at 7114 Elder Ct Sub off Commerce Rd btwn Green Lake Rd & Keith Rd

West Bloomfield Have to move! Designer furniture living room complete with Swain couch 4 barrel chairs marble cocktail table black vetrine 2 bedroom sets one Elio computer desk unit end tables lamps TV's VCR's 248 538 0693

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BEVERLY HILLS Antiques/housewares sale Sat & Sun 9-1pm 17426 Locherlie No early birds E/Southfield S/14

BEVERLY HILLS Multi family Friday 9-3 Saturday 9-3 17331 Locherlie S of 14 Mile E of Southfield

BIRMINGHAM GARAGE SALE! Designer clothes furniture & household items Fri 9-4 Sat 9-12 551 Bird Ave off 14 Mile & Woodward

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Birmingham HUGE GARAGE SALE! Furniture household Persian rugs kids clothes Thur Sat 8am-421 Wimbeldon E off 42nd/btwn 15 & 16

BIRMINGHAM Multi family sale! Friday Oct 10th & Saturday Oct 11th 9-5 Antiques childrens clothes household items toys holiday items & more 1735 Shipman 1 block E of Southfield at the corner of Southlawn

BIRMINGHAM Yard Sale Fri 9-2pm Sat 12-2 1884 Melton E of Woodward N of 14 Mile 1 blk W of Eton Ladder jewelry garden tools shoes dvds cds tapes Barbies toys etc Lots of new door (734) 425 4540 V/MC

BLOOMFIELD Multi family garage sale Fri & Sat 9-4 6790 Whysall E of Inkerster S of Maple Furniture house hold clothing & much more!

Bloomfield Hills Redecorating Sale Furniture accessories pictures & rugs 1451 Courtleigh Terrace off Quanton Rd btwn Lahser & Glenary Rd enter on Sandringham to Courtleigh Terrace (cul de sac) Fri Sat Sun 10am-4pm

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Oct 9 11-10 6 Antiques large pcs high end contemporary white bedroom set lamps baby bedroom small items 7408 St Auburn 2 bks W of Telegraph N off 14 Mile

Bloomfield Hills Ethan Allen TV surround system/games clothing golf clubs books new misc items & more Fri Oct 10 8-30 4pm 385 Yarmouth Rd (N of Maple E of Cranbrook)

BLOOMFIELD TWP Neighborhood (10 family) sale! Sat 9am-4pm Furniture antiques toys household goods tools etc N of Maple E of Wing Lake Rd

CANTON Lynks W of Pleasant Run condos Off Sack S of Cherry Hill N of Gaddes Fri Sat Oct 10 & 11 9am-12

CANTON 2 FAMILY Fri Sun 9-4pm Housewares baby clothing books bikes computers and more 48266 Inverary Kirkway Sub Off Cherry Hill W of Beck

Canton Garage Sale Thurs Sat Oct 9 11-11 1399 Copeland Circle

Canton 48162 Gladstone Misc furniture more S/Cherry Hill W/Beck Thur Fri 9-4

CANTON Oct 10 & 11 Fri Sat 9am-4pm 7486 Oakmont Heritage Farm W/Beck N/Warren

Garage Sales 7110

CLOTHING CLOSETOUT SALE Flax Fiber Clothing Dresser sweaters & skirts & more The House on Main 803 N Main St Royal Oak 248 541 3069 Thurs 12-4 Fri 12-6 Sat 12-4

DAVISBURG 3 Family Sale Generator patio bricks golf bags air cleaners mens sport jacket pants bathroom vanity baby accessories 10643 King Rd corner of Dixie & Davisburg Thur Sat 10-5

DEARBORN Lots of antiques Sat Sun 8-4 24723 Cooke S/Michigan Ave W/Telegraph

DEARBORN Huge Sale! Oct 9-10 & 11 9am-4pm 821 N Vernon 3 bks W/Telegraph N/Cherryhill Large women's clothes 62-64 sport shoes 110 & Mens tall clothes 48 sport coats etc Luggage many craft supplies games book card table & chairs Yard spreader Many items

DETROIT Basement Sale Fri & Sat 9-4 17560 Greenlawn btwn 6 & 7 Mile Plus sizes

DETROIT Giant Estate & Yard Sale Antiques kitchen items furniture office clothes misc Oct 10-12 9am-3221 Woodstock (8 & Woodward)

FARMINGTON HILLS Thurs Sat 9-4pm 22763 Shadowning N/W Mile W/Halstead tons of kids clothes baby & kitchen items

FARMINGTON HILLS 28092 Golf Pointe Blvd N/1/2 W Halstead Multi sale Fri & Sat 9-5 3 Thomasville entertain ment center sofa dinette set household & decorative items

FARMINGTON HILLS 4 Family Sale Thurs Sat 9-4 25325 Crown Pt (Independence Commons) N of Grand River W of Drake

FARMINGTON HILLS Huge! FORMERLY the 10 Mile/Middlebelt Farmhouse! 49 vintage household antiques Btwn 10 & 11 Mile off Orchard Lake 31600 Treastin Fr/Sat 9-5 no earlier

FARMINGTON HILLS Oct 10 12 9-5pm 34001 W 13 Mile W of Farmington

Farmington Hills Thurs Sat 9-5 38700 Harvard Ct E of Haggerty S of 9 Mile

Garage/Home Sale Honda lawnmower snowblower Schwinn exercise bike matress sets and frames Weber LP grill many household items Thurs Oct 9 9-30 5 Mile Oct 10 8-30 1 pm 327 Brookwood Off of N Glenhurst Birmingham

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GARDEN CITY Sat Oct 11 10-5 Sun Oct 12 10-4 33615 Alvin off Cherry Hill

GARDEN CITY Thurs Fri 10-5pm Sat 10-3pm Misc household clothing toys jewelry & Avon 30231 Windsor W of Middlebelt N of Ford

Huntington Woods Sat Oct 8 10-3 Kids stuff toys small furniture misc 10865 Kingston Ave 1 blk S of 11 Mile corner of Scotia

LIVONIA Oct 9 11 Thurs Sat 10-5pm Misc items 19168 Glen Eagles Dr 2 streets E/Newburgh off 7

LIVONIA Moving sale Thur Fri & Sat 9-3 16924 Whitney 6 Mi & Farmington

LIVONIA Multi family Thurs Fri 9-3 Furniture clothing 14389 Bassett S of 5 W of Newburgh

LIVONIA Multi family! Fri Sat 9-4 31736 Grennada W/Merriman N/Schoolcraft

LIVONIA Sat 9-5 Sun 9-3 18260 University Pk Dr #19 In The Woods Condos behind Laurel Park Mall Clothes furniture household toys more

LIVONIA Thurs Sat 9-4 A little of everything 15770 Blue Skies N of 5 W of Newburgh

LIVONIA Oct 9-14 12-5 9851 Henry Ruff Middlebelt W on West Chicago Estate misc crafts cages/kennels fabric bedding fabrics

LIVONIA Huge Wood dining set antique furniture toys misc 29900 Joy btwn Middlebelt & Merriman Thurs Fri 10-30 5 Sat 9-5

LIVONIA 20108 ShadySide S off 8 Mile E of Farmington Thurs Sat 9-7 Old books antiques collectibles & more

LIVONIA 50 yrs accumulation of dishes glassware silver knick knacks linens lots of custom jewelry retired tool maker's tools Thurs Sat 9-5pm 39142 Lyndon S off 5 Mile to Eckles to Lyndon

LIVONIA Garage loaded Don't miss! Clean stuff Oct 9-11 9-6pm 8842 Perrin St E of Merriman N off Joy

LIVONIA Large sale 18073 Levan Thurs Sat 9-5 Too many things to mention Some things old some things new incl French Provincial living room set (very good cond.)

LIVONIA 3 Families Thurs Fri Sat 9-5 31653 Scone Antiques household & girl's baby clothing Much more

LIVONIA Infant & children's items household goods & misc 30109 Perth corner of Melvin Thurs & Fri 9am-5pm Sat 9am-1pm

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LIVONIA Moving Deer Creek Sub off 8 mi bwn Newburgh & Gill 199936 Wayne Furniture antiques linens glassware clothes many decorating items exercise equipment much more Oct 11-12 9-5

LIVONIA Thurs Sat 9-5 Pato set 8x12 rug two womens access 37128 Curtis E/Newburgh off Westchester

LIVONIA MULTI FAMILY Thurs Fri Sat 10-4pm 39135 Lapham E/Haggerty 5/ of 6 Mile

LIVONIA Oct 11 12 9-4 39085 Parkhurst 5/5 Mile bwn Newburgh/275 Take Knolson S Baby children items china misc household

LIVONIA Oct 8 10 8-5 Antique glassware furniture tools decorations & misc 31560 W 7 Mile at Merriman

NORTHVILLE BARN SALE Antiques collectibles & junk 21267 Beck N of 8 Mile Fri Oct 10 9-4 No early birds

NORTHVILLE Oct 9 11 9-5pm Between 8 & 9 Mile off Novi Rd Office supplies sports & misc

NOVI - 4 family Furniture clothes toys Thur Sat 9-5 48209 Cedarwood 10/Beck

NOVI Thurs Fri 9-4 Sat 9-12 22702 Cheshire Ct between 9 & 10 Mile E/Side of Beck W/Side of Taft enter on White Pine Drive Baby & household goods toys more!

NOVI HUGE MULTI FAMILIES Thurs Sat 9-5 21768 Sunnise S of 9 mi bwn Haggerty & Meadowbrook

PLYMOUTH Fri Sat 9-5 47815 Powell between Beck & Ruge off Ann Arbor Tr Quality Sale!!! Don't Miss!!!

PLYMOUTH Fri Sat 10-4 8200 Brookline between Curtis and Goffredson Tools dishes yard misc fridge household and more!

PLYMOUTH Fri & Sat 9-4pm 49623 Winslow Ct Ridge at Powell

PLYMOUTH Huge garage sale! (sister Elementary 9300 N Canton Center Rd Sat only Oct 11th 9am-3pm

PLYMOUTH 40567 Micol S Ann Arbor Tr E Haggerty Furniture cribs baby and kids stuff Oct 9-10 10 Thurs & Fri 9-5

PLYMOUTH Sat only 9-4 misc clothes lawn & garden items microwave 14254 Roosevelt Ct Plymouth Hills Park

PLYMOUTH1435 West Ann Arbor Trail (downtown Plymouth just E of Sheldon) Thurs Sat 9-30 30 Furniture baby clothes etc

PLYMOUTH 42569 5 Mile 1 mile W of Haggerty Fri 9-6pm Sat 9-12pm

REDFORD Estate / Moving Sale! Oct 9-12 10am dark 26071 Dow S/W of Beech

Garage Sales 7110

REDFORD Thurs Sun Oct 9 12 9-5pm 12884 Sarasota S of Schoolcraft W of Telegraph Multi family Furniture clothes toys misc

REDFORD 14125 Farley N/36 3 bks E/Beck Oct 9 & 10 Antiques furniture material goodies galore

REDFORD HUGE! Too much to list! Thurs Sun 10 6 9220 Sioux S/W Chicago E/Inkster

REDFORD Moving sale Furniture books albums house hold etc Oct 10 & 11 9-4pm 17434 Glenmore 3 bks N of 6 Mile 1 blk E of Beck

REDFORD Sat 10/11 9-4 Garage Sale at 14067 Dixie Schoolcraft/Telegraph area Collectibles housewares seasonal items some furniture clothes and baby items

REDFORD Multi Family Yard Sale Childrens clothes and household goods 19398 MacArthur Fri & Sat 8-10pm

ROYAL OAK Fri & Sat Oct 10 10-4pm 1203 Lawlunde Dr 1 blk N/Catalpa 4 bks E/Woodward

Shelby Twp Huge! Thurs & Fri 8-30 4 53800 Woodbridge N of 24 off Whitney Way

SOUTHFIELD Oct 9 10 11 Thurs & Fri 12-6 pm Sat 9-6 pm 25524 Filmore Place near Southfield Rd & 10 Mile Teaching aids household clothing and much more!

SOUTHFIELD Everett S/13 W/Greenfield Fri Sat 9-4 Art prints toys furniture books

SOUTHFIELD Fri & Sat 12-6 21550 Midway btwn Lahser & Evergreen btwn 8 & 9 Ladies clothes size 18-22 everything in house must go!

Southfield Thurs Fri Sat 10-5 29289 Evert 1 blk N 12 Mi bet Greenfield/Southfield Rd Furniture refrigerator & more!

SOUTHFIELD Multi family yard sale Great Stuff & Prices 21493 Sherman S of 9 Mile W of Bery Fri 10 2 Sat 9-5

Sylvan Lake Fri Sat 9-5 Gigantic Sale! Furniture toys household items designer clothes & accessories col lectibles 2124 Avondale Orchard Lk/Middlebelt area

TROY Huge! E Allen PA house furniture designer clothes \$10 toys more Oct 10 & 11 8-6 1921 Spiceway btwn 17 18 E of Coolidge

TROY Oct 10-12 Huge 4 family! 62 Woodlawn off Livernoss 1 blk S of S Blvd

TROY 5 FAMILY Oct 9-10 9-5 Oct 11 9-12 Big & Tall furniture toys 5156 Cardinal off Long Lk W of Coolidge

TROY Charly Tent & Garage Sale Mega Stuff Oct 10 & 11 10-5 6145 Blackwall N of Square Lake W of Livernoss

TROY GARAGE sale saturday Oct 11th 10-3 3 family sale! household misc some clothing MORE! 326 Eckford S of Long Lake E of Livernoss

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TROY Good stuff at cheap prices! Sat only! Oct 11th at 9-30 3633 Balfour off of Coolidge betn 16 & 17 Mile

TROY BIG SALE! 3655 Boulder Dr W/Coolidge N of Big Beaver Oct 10 19th 10 4 Lots of good stuff

W Bloomfield Oct 9 11 10-4 3180 Parkland N/Maple off/Middlebelt Household costumes variety older items

W BLOOMFIELD S off Maple W of Inkerster 6641 E Dartmouth Sleeper sofa furniture antiques household angels Christmas Dewalt saw clothes table gym Thur Sat 10-5

WEST BLOOMFIELD Getting ready to move sale Household items clothes some furniture Christmas crafts & decoration accents some antiques Too much to list Come & see 2785 Elizabeth Lane off Willow between Lochaven & Hiller Oct 9-10 & 11 9-6pm No pre sales

WESTLAND Garage Sale Fri Oct 10th & Sat Oct 11th 10am to 5pm Furniture clothing craft supplies books tools TVs & much more! 36570 Spanish Oak S of Cherry Hill btwn Wright & Newburgh located in Cherry Oak Sub

WESTLAND Yard Sale Oct 11 & 12 9-4pm 643 Vansull off Wildwood N of Cherry Hill

BEVERLY HILLS Thur Sat 9-4 Sofa recliner TV dining & bedroom collectibles books clothes household toys Barbies & more 13 W of Southfield Huntley Sq Apts 31082 W See Balloons

BLOOMFIELD Fri 10/10 9-10 4pm 4016 Waterwheel 1 mi W of Telegraph off Long Lake

CANTON Oct 9 11 9-4 Furniture lawn & garden tools more 42928 Arlington S of Joy E of Morton Taylor

FARMINGTON HILLS 21431 Parklane Thur Sun Oct 9- Oct 12 Table sofa/dinette seat twin beds crib kitchen/dining sets corner cabinet floor safe poker pong pool glass/brass tables 248 478 0029

FARMINGTON HILLS Furni ture baby dinette sofas desks beds new new upright freezer much more! Pncad to sell 35774 Fredericksburg off Drake N/12 Mile Sat & Sun Oct 11 & 12 10-5pm

Farmington Hills Household dishwasher washer dryer TV stereo more! (248) 477 5371

HARTLAND BIG MOVING SALE! Pool table wood chip per power tools furniture road much more! 2878 Parkway Place Dunham Lake Estates near Tispico Lake Rd & M 59 Thurs Oct 9 Sat Oct 11 10-30am 5-30pm

LIVONIA Oct 9 11 10-4 All must go something for every one 30425 Hoy 5 Mi between Merriman & Middlebelt S on Henry Ruff to Hoy

Moving Sales 7130

LIVONIA - Gorman's contemp porary furniture Living room dining room accessories art work Like new 18777 Gary Lane S of 7 W of Farmington Oct 10 12 10-4

LIVONIA 10/11 & 10/12 10a-4p 20027 Deering Inkerster & 7 Mile Rd Clothes leather goods dresser much more!

LIVONIA 30154 Bentley S of 5 Mile W of Middlebelt Furniture fridge tools house hold goods Friday Oct 10th & Saturday Oct 11th 10-4

LIVONIA Everything Must Go! Sat Oct 11 Tues Oct 14 37842 Jamison S of 5 Mile off Newburgh (734) 464 8838

MOVING Books garden tools tile cabinets & more Oct 9 12th 9-5 15945 W 13 Mile rd Southfield

NOVI MOVING SALE everything must go! When Fri 10/10 Thur Sun 10/12 From 9am to 4pm Men's fall & winter clothing electronics household goods & more Located at 41595 Sleepy Hollow in the Maples of Novi Sub off 14 Mile & Novi Rd Contact Steve at 248 980 1767 for directions and details

REDFORD Sat Sun Oct 11 12 10-16 16275 Kinloch W of Beech S of 6 Mile

REDFORD 15803 Leona N of 5 Mile E of Beech Oct 11 12 9-4 Must see no junk

REDFORD Thursday Oct 9th/Monday Oct 13th from 10-6 Everything must go! Leaving town! 8877 Mercedes E of Inkerster & N of joy

ROCHESTER Downsizing! Sofas shelves desk tread mill exercise & much much more 1874 Durham Dr near Washington & Tenken Oct 9 thru 11 10am-4pm

ROYAL OAK Moving sale no presale Oct 11 12th 11-3 3811 Dukeshire 2 bks W of Woodward btwn Normandy & 13 Hoosier old tables glass kitchenware books records clothing lamps antiques tools Cash only!

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Nissan's 2003 Murano stands out

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BY DALE BUSS

At an entertainment event recently, I was socializing with a couple of design executives for two of the Big Three Detroit-based auto makers who were talking about competitors' models. They both admired Nissan's 2003 Murano for its daring styling, and then one of them said, "But, sure, Nissan can do cars like the Murano, because they had nothing to lose" - meaning, of course, that Japan's Nissan Motor was in such a bad way business-wise a few years ago that its executives were motivated to take some chances on innovative new products in the hopes of scoring a big hit or two. Well, if that was what it took for Nissan to come up with something as nifty as Murano, maybe the brush with corporate death was worth it. Because Murano not only makes a daring statement style-wise, it also hits the mark in terms of Nissan's other objectives for this brand new crossover SUV. It stands out in terms of performance, comfort, convenience and technology as well. It all adds up to a vehicle that's hard to resist, starting at prices around \$30,000.

The five-passenger Murano shares its underpinnings with the recently redesigned Nissan Altima, and the car-based design shows through admirably in a number of ways. Appearance-wise, as planned under a theme that Nissan called "sculpture in motion," Murano is an impressive specimen that demands attention because you simply have to figure out what to make of it. With its aggressively bulbous front end and width-spanning chrome grill, it's a load to behold coming at you. From the side, its swoopy good looks are a charm, with wraparound surface construction, upswept D pillars, a sloping hoodline and severely raked windshield. Perched on 18-inch alloy wheels, the vehicle simply looks like its ready for business. The somewhat pinched rear section is a nice finishing touch.

Actually, Murano looks somewhat like a cross between a Ford Focus and the new Chrysler Pacifica. The latter, another new crossover vehicle, comes quickest to mind as a sure competitor to Murano. And that kind of thinking brings you across the one significant vulnerability that I believe Murano has in the market. It seats only four comfortably, compared with the somewhat



Murano stands out in performance, comfort, convenience and technology.

larger Pacifica, which very comfortably ensconces six people and still offers plenty of cargo room. Anyway, Murano boasts some nice exterior performance specifications as well, including a rear liftgate that is light enough to operate easily, and xenon headlamps that drench the road ahead with light.

As far as driveability is concerned, Murano strikes a perfect balance, again in part because of its car origins. It employs the same V6 engine, a 3.5-liter engine that is used in other new Nissan models, which lends 245 horsepower, making Murano more than responsive enough. It drives with authority and just a little bit of a satisfying growl from the engine. Mileage is a so-so 20 mpg in the city and 24 on the highway.

A four-wheel independent suspension helps make for a comfortable ride. And Murano's continuously variable automatic transmission, the first Nissan vehicle in the U.S. to offer this set-up, virtually eliminates the feeling of "shifting" that you have in a traditional automatic, constantly working to find the best range for the engine to deliver maximum performance in a given situation - and making for significantly smoother acceleration and deceleration processes.

Inside, the Murano version I drove offered most amenities I was looking for, presented in a nicely designed black and polished-chrome theme. The front

seating areas are plenty spacious, a feeling that is augmented by the interesting design of Murano's dashboard. Instead of rising up toward the driver and passenger and curving gradually away from them to tuck up under the windshield, a traditional design, Murano's dashboard races nearly flat to meet with the bottom of the windshield. That is fine, but I was more than a bit distracted by the tray-like shapes that are built into the dashboard design. I'm not sure what purpose they serve.

Anyway, I really enjoyed a feature on Murano's sunroof controls that I hadn't seen elsewhere: a switch with six settings that allows you to select one - say, the position to have the sunroof slide half-way open - and then automatically assumes that position and stops. It's a great convenience and safety feature instead of requiring you, as most vehicles do, to hold the sunroof switch until it's exactly where you want it.

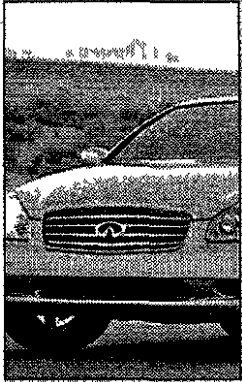
One nit: Murano's center console has two tiny compartments with lids that are worthless, not wide or deep enough to hold anything of consequence - a real waste of space. But the feature that allows one of the cupholder wells to adjust to handle shorter drinks more than made up for it.

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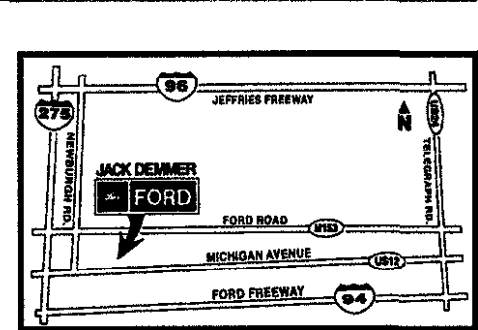
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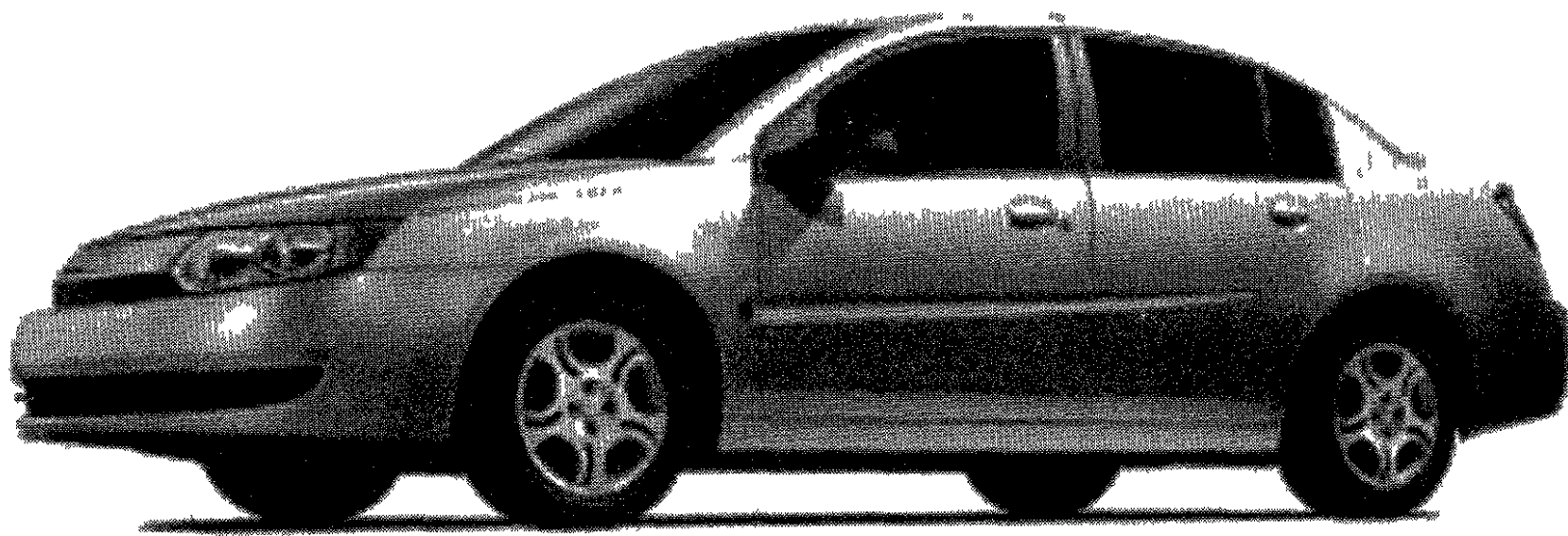
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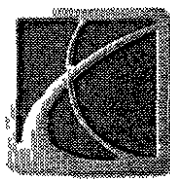


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Hot Ticket

Former Detroiter hits big time

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Life continuously becomes more interesting for former Detroiter Jackie Kallen. She managed Tommy Hearns' career and is now the most successful female boxing manager in history. She was owner of Galaxy Boxing in Detroit. She's in the Michigan Jewish Sports Hall of Fame. She's written a self-help book based on the triumphs and pitfalls of her life, and now her life story has become a movie and Meg Ryan is portraying her.

"Life is great and it gets better," Kallen said from her Los Angeles home last week. "If you take control of it, you can make it exciting."

The grounded, but spirited author of *Hit Me With Your Best Shot: A fight plan for dealing with all of life's hard knocks* (Penmarr Books, October, \$14.95) will talk about her life at Borders Books and Music in Farmington and Novi, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 10-11.

The movie, *Against the Ropes*, based on her life story, stars Meg Ryan as Kallen, and is scheduled for release in February. Kallen was the associate producer and plays a cameo role. She said the premise of the film is accurate.

"To be seen as someone whose life is interesting enough to base a movie on is amazing. It really is the essence of what I went through," Kallen said. "But of course, it's very Hollywood and they put the right spins in it. Meg Ryan was very serious about her research, she really wanted to know about my life. I think she played the part well."

Kallen hasn't had an easy life. She's tended very ill parents, was divorced after 30 years of marriage, moved from Detroit to L.A., had two breast lumpectomies, had a stent implanted in her left artery, and then joined the predominantly male field of boxing. Her success in boxing isn't just respected among women — she's respected by the old boys network, too.

Her book, and the movie, she hopes, will inspire others to treat life like a fight. "You'll get knocked down, but if you expect the punches, you can get back up,"

'You'll get knocked down, but if you expect the punches, you can get back up. And if you never let them see your weak spots, they won't have the edge.'

Jackie Kallen
Former boxing manager, author

she said. "And if you never let them see your weak spots, they won't have the edge." "I could have a million problems in life, but no one would ever know it unless they're close to me," Kallen added. "Inside I could be crying, but if I exposed it in my career, they'd try to take advantage of the

BOOK SIGNING

What: Former Detroiter and Champion boxing manager Jackie Kallen, author of *Hit Me with Your Best Shot: A fight plan for dealing with all of life's hard knocks*, will discuss her book and sign copies 7 p.m. Friday Oct. 10, Borders Books & Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, and 7 p.m. Saturday Oct. 11, at Borders Books & Music, 43075 Crescent Boulevard, Novi.



weak spot. It's human nature to search for weakness to repress and then dominate."

Kallen said if you treat life like a fight, inner peace is possible. Failure can be a good thing because that's where you learn and that's where you grow. If you fail and take control of it, rather than blame others, you'll succeed.

"When you learn that your husband is leaving you for another woman, you can blame him or her, but then you have to realize that maybe the problem was in the marriage," she said. "We have to take responsibility for our own lives — the good and the bad."

She writes that everyone is the CEO in their company called life. We're the CEOs of our own health, of our success, of what we do with the time we have on this Earth, she writes.

"Everyone is good at something, we all have an innate talent that sometimes just takes a while to come out," Kallen said. "And if you have the heart, the burning desire to succeed and the dedication to work toward it, you'll be successful."

"Life is all about attitude," she added. "If you get knocked down you can lay there and feel sorry for yourself or you can understand that yes, you might lose some rounds, but tomorrow you'll be back and be stronger for it."

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'School of Rock' is like a totally awesome flick

SCHOOL OF ROCK
***1/2 (out of four)

BY DANIEL KRAUS
CORRESPONDENT

Most great actors become known for that one perfect role. Marlon Brando had

The Godfather. Vivian Leigh had *Gone with the Wind*. Crispin Glover had *Willard*. Now, Jack Black better thank his lucky stars — he just found his ultimate star vehicle in the new comedy *School of Rock*.

Maybe the idea should have been a no-brainer. Black has become a welcome

addition to Hollywood's A-list by shinning in otherwise mediocre films like *Orange County*, *Shallow Hal* and *Saving Silverman*. He has effortlessly perfected the character of the over-zealous slacker who's not really stupid, yet refuses to wise up. Why?

Because he's so incredibly totally wicked awesome.

At the same time, Black has been nurturing a semi-serious music career as one half of the band Tenacious D, a mock-rock outfit that genuinely rocks and showboats a self-derisive sense of humor. Let's face it, the macho antics of rock-and-roll are funny — and the heavier the music, the funnier it becomes. Black screeches like Bon Scott and shreds on guitar like Jimmy Page, and it's all the more entertaining because he's clearly having the time of his life.

So it's surprising that it took this long



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'He (Jack Black) has effortlessly perfected the character of the over-zealous slacker who's not really stupid, yet refuses to wise up.'

for Mike White (the talented screenwriter behind *The Good Girl* and the audacious *Chuck & Buck*) to pen *School of Rock*. Black plays Dewey Finn, a struggling musician whose spastic on-stage antics — like licking the mike, needlessly ripping off his shirt and stave-driving into uninterested crowds — gets him kicked out his own band.

"I service society by rocking!" insists Dewey. Sadly, that does not pay the bills. Desperate, Dewey poses as his roommate (White) in order to score a month-long gig as a substitute teacher at an elementary school. When he realizes that some

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Small Screen



Released in 1937, *Snow White* was the first feature length animated film ever produced

Watch 'Snow White' again

BY DAVID MACGREGOR
CORRESPONDENT

Perhaps you haven't seen it in a while. Or perhaps it's a film that you put on to keep the kids out of your hair while you do the bills or dishes. But if you haven't actually sat down and watched *Snow White* in a few years, you should. Released in 1937, *Snow White* was the first feature-length animated film ever produced.

Up until that point, Walt Disney had been raising the animation bar year by year, producing the first sound cartoon (*Steamboat Willie* in 1928) and then the first color cartoon (*Flowers and Trees* in 1932). With *Snow White*, he raised the bar so high that many people felt that subsequent Disney films suffered by comparison. Disney spent four years making this film and it cost more than \$15 million to make. That may not sound like a lot today, but this was still in the era of the Depression when movie tickets were 10 cents each. Translate that into a \$7 movie ticket and you're looking at a film that would cost more than \$100 million today.

In creating his version of the Grimm Brothers' fairy tale, Disney produced a film unlike anything he had done previously. There was a far greater emphasis on lighting and shadow as the filmmakers strove to create an animated film that was practically three-dimensional. Any animator knows that it's easier to have characters perpetually moving from side to side (e.g. *The Flintstones*) because that allows you to draw the characters the same size all the time. For *Snow White*, though,

Disney pioneered the use of the multi-plane camera, which made it much easier for animators to have the characters moving toward and away from the camera. The result is truly a tour de force film, and 66 years of improvements in film and animation techniques have not improved on the imagery and visual effects to be found in *Snow White*.

SEVEN DWARFS

In adapting the film from the fairy tale, Disney made a number of changes to the original. Instead of working in an ore mine, the dwarfs work in a much more visually interesting jewel mine. After eating the poisoned apple, Snow White is restored to life through "love's first kiss," while in the original story she is brought back to life by something more like love's first Heimlich Maneuver. And in the fairy tale, the Evil Queen is actually present at the wedding of the Prince and Snow White. However, when her presence is discovered, red hot shoes are put on her feet and she is made to dance until she dies. Understandably, the Queen is dispatched in a somewhat less gruesome fashion in the Disney version. Still, the biggest change that Disney made was with the Seven Dwarfs. In the original story they are simply the dwarfs. They have no names and they are not individualized at all. Not only did Disney give them all names, but they are all strikingly different in terms of appearance, voice, dress and movement.

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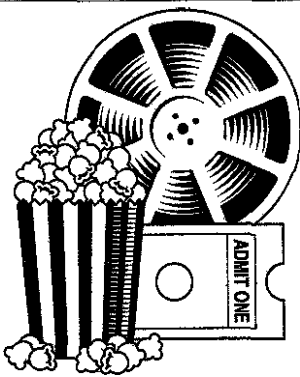
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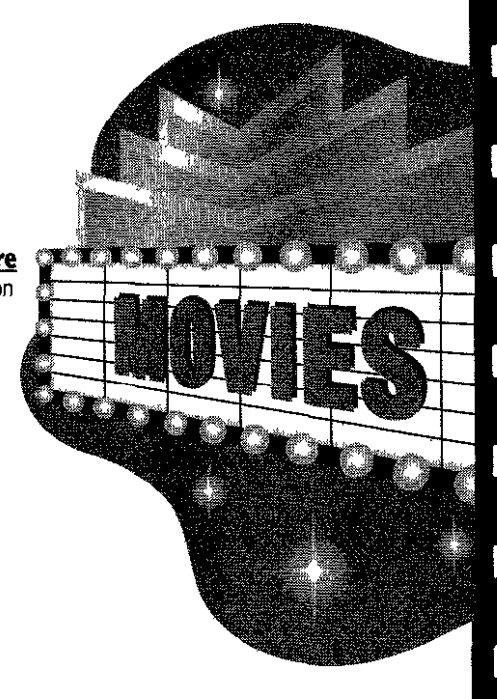
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SCHOOL OF ROCK

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of his students are decent musicians he has a brainstorm – what if he makes “Rock Band” the new class project and uses the kids to back him up at the upcoming “Battle of the Bands?” He assigns them roles – some are “musicians”, some are “roadies” and an unfortunate few are “groupies”

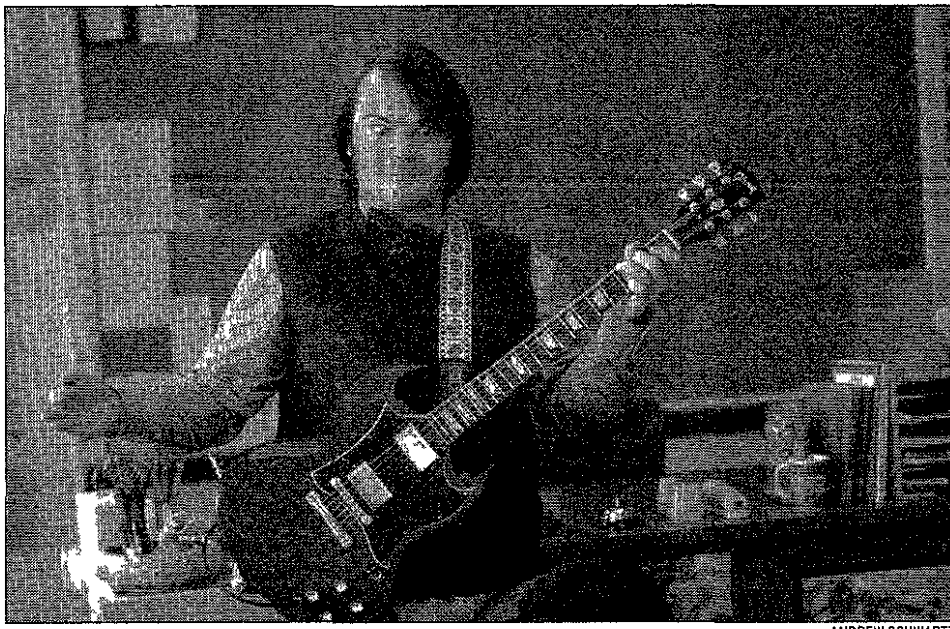
School of Rock is a 90-minute comic monologue about the sweaty, headlong thrill of rock-and-roll. It is all Black, front-and-center and in overdrive for scene after scene after scene. Shouting out soon-to-be classic proclamations like “I’ve got vision up the butt. Black goes on a feature-length semi-improvisational tear. For a while, he refuses to learn the kids’ names, and calls them whatever pops into his head. “Hey, you – Guitar Boy. And you – Turkey Sub. You, too, Spazzy McGee.”

INCREDIBLE SCENE

If the powers that be can give Jack Nicholson an Oscar nomination for playing himself in *A Few Good Men*, why can’t they give Black a nod for nailing the speeches/songs in *School of Rock*? There’s an incredible scene that begins with a student asking to hear the new song that Dewey keeps bragging about. Suddenly self-conscious, Dewey prefaces it with excuses, “Keep in mind, I wrote it in like five minutes. And it’s not even finished, so...”

But then, without the aid of any instruments, he begins his song, describing the stage lights and the thin veil of fog that will creep in around his ankles – “Roadies, that means dry ice, we’ll talk about that later. Then he launches into the vocals. And then the bass comes in, and Dewey makes the “ba-du-du” noises. Then the guitar – “Neeeeowww!” Then the drums. And then the vocals get incredibly totally wicked awesome.

The whole thing is exhilarating, and it’s not because Dewey is crazy. It’s because Dewey isn’t crazy. Although he’s merely sounding out the instruments like an 8-year-old, one thing is clear – it’s a good



ANDREW SCHWARTZ

Jack Black stars as Dewey in ‘The School of Rock’

song. A little Spinal Tap, maybe, but good nonetheless.

Director Richard Linklater is better known for weird, experimental films like *Slacker*, *Tape* and *Waking Life*. But he is Black’s ideal foil, for he clearly worships Zeppelin and Motorhead just as much, graciously allowing Black’s crazed tributes to unfold in lengthy, unbroken shots.

“Rock is about the passion,” Black tells his students, and he’s right. Therefore,

the true essence of rock can probably never be captured by a big Hollywood film. But by hiring true believers like Black and Linklater, they can get pretty close.

For those about to enjoy *School of Rock*, I salute you.

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SNOW WHITE

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Narrative changes and visual pyrotechnics aside, Disney was well aware that the primary audience for the film would be children, and in that light he made certain that the film had all kinds of well-intentioned explicit messages that would contribute to the socialization of any attentive child, for example, wash your hands before you eat, don’t be scared by imaginary things, and beware of strangers. However, what is more interesting to most adult viewers is the number of implicit messages in the film about gender roles, specifically, the importance of appearance to a woman (the Evil Queen’s murderous rampage is incited by the news that she is no longer “the fairest of them all”) and the passive role a woman plays in romance (Snow White’s two big songs are *Someday My Prince Will Come* and *I’m Waiting for the One I Love to Find Me*). Pretty clearly, the idea that she “could go out and get herself a Prince” is not an option. But then, 66 years later, things have surely changed, haven’t they? Or have they? A close viewing of *Snow White* just might make for an interesting dinner-table discussion.

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The show goes on at Meadow Brook Theatre

Oakland University playhouse survives budgetary cutbacks

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Triumph is sweet. Budgets are deadly serious.

So it's fitting a play called *The Gravity of Honey* will open the 2003-04 professional series at Meadow Brook Theatre in Rochester Hills.

The opening marks a new and victorious beginning for the series, which had been losing money for years and faced termination.

Oakland University, which owns the Meadow Brook playhouse, had provided financial assistance for the program, the largest professional theater company in Michigan, but needed to address the over-run.

In June, the university agreed to lease the 600-seat playhouse to Meadow Brook Theatre Ensemble, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the series.

The group is on its own to make the series work.

"Our aim is to restore Meadow Brook to the theater it has been for the last 37 years," said David Regan, the ensemble's artistic director and a Meadow Brook stage veteran. "But we're watching it from every angle. We're being very conscientious about expenditures."

The ensemble also has pledged to increase efforts to work cooperatively with Oakland University's theater program.

Regan picked *The Gravity of Honey*, a comedic encounter between a faithless parish priest and a crass nightclub singer,



MEADOW BROOK THEATRE ENSEMBLE

Dave Regan, (left) is artistic director and John Manfredi is managing director of Meadow Brook Theatre Ensemble. The nonprofit theater organization, which took over operation of Meadow Brook Theatre, opens its fall season with 'The Gravity of Honey.'

because it's a "sure-fire winner."

"A lot of comedy can come out of two characters who are opposites," said Regan, formerly artistic director of The Theatre Co. at University of Detroit, now the University of Detroit-Mercy.

The Gravity of Honey also represents the brand of theater sustained by regional companies, but rarely offered by large commercial venues, said John Manfredi, the ensemble's managing director. Classic and lesser-known works are considered too expensive for commercial production, he said.

SEASON LINEUP

Other classics on the Meadow Brook Theatre Ensemble program include John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men* (Feb. 11-March 7), *A Christmas Carol* (Nov. 28-Dec. 21) and *Talking With* (March 17-April 11).

"The easiest thing for us is retaining our artistic integrity," Manfredi said. "The challenges are finding ways to pay our bills and letting everybody know we're still here."

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WHAT'S OLD IS NEW

What *'The Gravity of Honey'* opens Meadow Brook Ensemble Theatre's inaugural season.

When: Wednesday-Sunday, Oct. 15 to Nov. 9 matinee and evening shows available.

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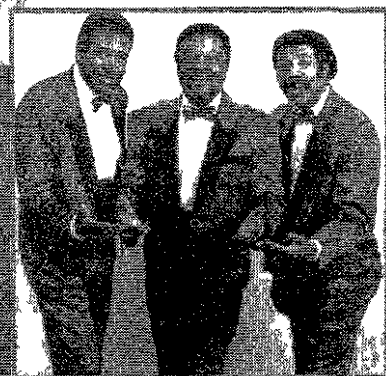
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Sound and space

Music moves us, so will The Max

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Acoustics are everything to a concert hall, but a patron's physical passage into the performance space can transform the musical experience

Patrons of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra won't soon forget

A few steps inside the new Max M Fisher Music Center, a \$60 million expansion of the symphony's Detroit home, makes architecture's impact on the concert-going experience as clear-cut as the metronome's tick-tock.

The new building subsumes the DSO's highly regarded and historic 2,000-seat performance space, Orchestra Hall, and adds 135,000 square feet. That's enough room for a second concert hall, a music education center and an impressive atrium lobby.

"It's going to be a whole new experience," said Emil Kang, DSO president and executive director.

The building, nicknamed The Max, opens to the public this weekend, starting with a Gala concert Saturday, Oct. 11.

Inaugural events run through the following weekend and include "Day of Music," a free community open house with concerts and activities for the entire family. The event is scheduled Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 18-19.

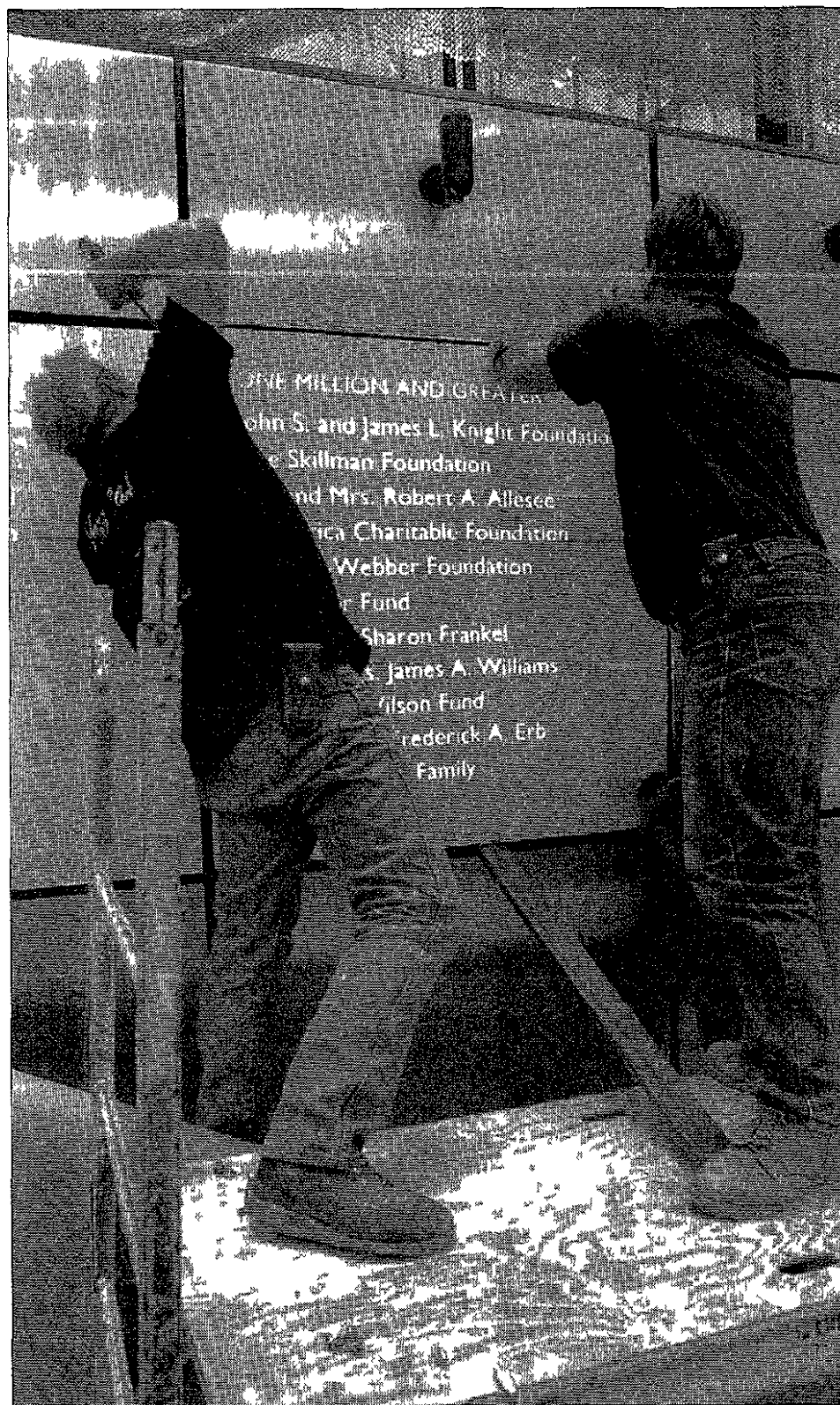
GRAND ENTRANCE

What will most strike the public is The Max's soaring, four-story atrium.

Now the venue's main entrance, the atrium combines urban-inspired materials — bronze panel screens, glowing glass lanterns and mesh chain curtains — with functional features like the first public elevators, a six-window box office, a plasma screen television, concession stands and three floors overlooking Woodward Avenue for pre- and post-concert gathering.

Entrance to Orchestra Hall, which has new seats and a widened second-floor lobby overlooking the street, is available from all three floors.

Also adjacent to the atrium is the 500-seat Music Box, a second, more intimate performance space for chamber concerts and similar programs. Other improve-



B.L.L. BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

INTRODUCING THE MAX

What: Inaugural events at the Max M Fisher Music Center

Where: The Max, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit

Tickets: Call (313) 576-5100 or visit www.detroitssymphony.com

Events

■ Opening Night Concert & Gala Celebration, 8 p.m. Saturday Oct. 11, featuring violinist Itzhak Perlman (Orchestra Hall), dinner and reception precedes concert at 5 p.m. (Atrium), concert only tickets, \$50-\$100; gala tickets have limited availability.

■ Motown at The Max with Smokey Robinson 7 p.m. Sunday Oct. 12 with Detroit Symphony Orchestra Strings (Orchestra Hall), \$26-110.

■ Oscar Peterson & Branford Marsalis, 8 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 15 (Orchestra Hall) \$23-110.

■ Inaugural Chamber Concert, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15 (Second Performance Hall) \$34.

■ Raise the Roof 8 p.m. Oct. 16, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Oct. 17, 8:30 p.m. Oct. 18 featuring Duke Ellington's *Harlem* and the world premiere of Michael Daugherty's *Raise the Roof* (Orchestra Hall) \$15-110.

■ Marshall Field's Day of Music, community open house featuring DSO musicians, DSO youth ensembles and many other performers (continuous programming throughout The Max is family-friendly during the day) 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday Oct. 18 and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19 free.

PLEASE SEE **THE MAX, E11** Workers install project donor plaques in the atrium of The Max

THE MAX

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ments include a new exterior awning, a donor lounge, catering facilities, two DSO retail stores, more bathrooms, improved parking garage and new back-of-house facilities for artists and administrative staff

The Max is the second phase of the DSO's Orchestra Place Development Project. The third phase — construction of a \$122.5 million public high school for the fine, performing and communication arts — is under way, with a completion date of 2005.

Beyond meeting the symphony's essential needs, the project reflects the DSO's goal of transforming a concert into a social experience, Kang said.

People want to come early, have a glass of wine, socialize and enjoy something to eat," he said. "The Max is first and foremost a gathering place for all kinds of people."

Kang's hope is music and space coalesce and spark continued development of the surrounding area.

Creating an intriguing and welcoming environment in which to experience the arts is crucial to fostering interest and participation, said Flavio Varami, a nationally renowned Brazilian-born pianist and artist-in-residence at Oakland University.

It's like a club. It says here is a place where you can do, be, and participate in



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Neeme Jarvi, longtime musical director of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, takes in the ambiance of the orchestra's new home, The Max M. Fisher Music Center.

the arts," said Varami, who lives in Birmingham. "It's acknowledgment of culture as an important part of society and it opens people's curiosity to see what is there, why it is acknowledged. People love to participate in things, but they have to feel welcome, you have to have a space."

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Night Spots

Hit pubs or slink down the secret staircase

Looking for an excuse to imbibe?

Two upcoming events have got you covered.

Uncork Corktown, a pub crawl of Detroit's Corktown neighborhood, is set for Friday. Stops include Shelly's Tavern, The Works, Paradox Cafe and Lager House.

The crawl begins at 6:30 p.m. with food and drinks at Nemo's Tavern, 1384 S. Michigan Ave. But the actual crawl doesn't start until 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$18 and include a T-shirt plus admission to all venues. Proceeds benefit event host Detroit Synergy, a non-profit organization committed to enhancing the city of Detroit.

Participants must be 21 or over. ID will be checked at entry and at all bars. Advance tickets are highly recommended as the group's last pub crawl sold out. To order tickets, visit www.detroitssynergy.org or call (313) 832-5585.

For cocktails in a more prohibitive

environment, check out Meadow Brook Hall's Speakeasy event.

The Thursday, Oct. 16 event at the Rochester Hills estate, gives patrons a chance to party in Alfred G. Wilson's Games Room. Tickets, which are \$50, include hors d'oeuvres, live jazz and a bodyguard escort to the "speakeasy" via secret staircase. Doors open at 7 p.m. Reservations are required. Call (248) 370-3140 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org.

You can also enjoy dinner and a movie at Meadow Brook Hall in October. The cost is \$25 per person, a cash bar will be available. The program features classic horror films from the 1930s. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the movie begins at 7:30 p.m. Call number listed above for reservations/information. Show dates are Tuesday, Oct. 14, Tuesday-Wednesday, Oct. 21-22 and Oct. 28-29. *The Old Dark House* will be shown on Oct. 14, *Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde*, Oct. 21-22 and *Werewolf in London*, Oct. 28-29.

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Family Fun

'Wear' to go for Halloween happenings

BY ALICE RHEIN
 CORRESPONDENT

For some kids, it's another chance to put on their Halloween costume and have a fun place to show it off. For others, it's a safe alternative to going trick-or-treat in their neighborhood. Whatever the reason, the Detroit Zoo's annual Zoo Boo, presented by Farmer Jack, is the Halloween event for the under-10 crowd and has been for almost a decade.

"We've had a sellout crowd every year since 1994," said Rana Kozouz, director of media and public relations. The dates for this year's event are Friday-Sunday, Oct. 17-19 and Oct. 24-26 and Thursday-Friday, Oct. 30-31.

This "merry, not scary" event offers nine treat stations sponsored by different companies where kids can fill their bags with candy, toys and other treats. Last year, more than 500,000 treats were handed out by costumed greeters over a half-mile festively decorated trail.

"It is senses overload for kids when they walk in," Kozouz said. "Everyone is dressed up. The kids just love it so much and have a wonderful time."

For the group of 800 volunteers who help out with Zoo Boo, there's fun-filled work in store, too. More than eight tons of pumpkins are hauled in for the event, and hundreds of these are painted for the creative scenes that adorn the walking path. Kozouz said that last year Harry Potter and Scooby Doo were popular vignettes, and the penguin-painted pumpkins are always favorites with the toddler set.

A 25-foot jack o' lantern is also part of the scene, and new this year is a children's activity tent sponsored by Best Buy.

"This includes the Zoo Boo Revue where kids can sing and dance," Kozouz said. Show times start at 6:15 p.m. and run every half hour until the last show at 8:15 p.m. Guests enter by timed tickets, which helps control how many arrive at one time, but Kozouz said guests can stay as long as they like.

Cider and doughnuts are available for purchase, and the event is rain or shine.

Tickets are \$5 for ages 2 and up, and can be purchased through Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666 or online at ticketmaster.com.

BIRMINGHAM TRADITION

For those who'd like to promenade around a bit more in their Halloween finest, the annual Birmingham Halloween Parade, now in its 67th year, is



A lion cub enjoys the 'merry, not scary' fun at Zoo Boo, a Halloween celebration.

4-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26. Participants can march through the streets with the Seaholm High School Marching Band and enjoy free cider and doughnuts at the end of the parade.

The fun-filled afternoon in Sham Park also includes a Pumpkin Patch 1-4 p.m. and activities including face painting, a petting zoo, moon bounce, ghoulish crafts and other "spooktacular" games.

All events and activities are free and, of course, attendees of every age are encouraged to wear costumes. The ninth annual Pumpkin Patch is sponsored by the Junior League of Birmingham, while the parade is sponsored by the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce. For more information call (248) 644-1700.

Here are some more frightfully fun events:

Haunted Nights in the Corn, Friday-Sunday beginning Friday, Oct. 10 through Oct. 31 from dusk to 11 p.m. Friday, noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Leonard (248) 628-4014.

Mother Goose at Greenmead Halloween Walk, a non-scary event at Greenmead Historical Village, Livonia for ages 4-8, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 25, advance tickets only at (248) 477-7375.

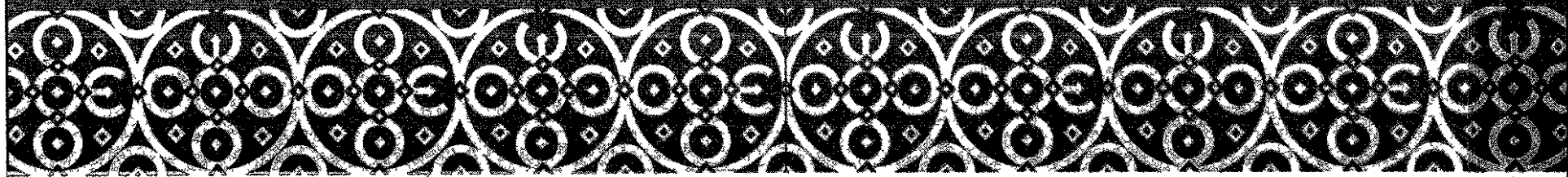
Troy Historical Museum, trick-or-treating 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, (248) 524-3570.

Laurel Park Place Angels Night, participating stores hand out candy 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, (734) 462-1100.

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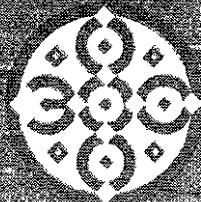
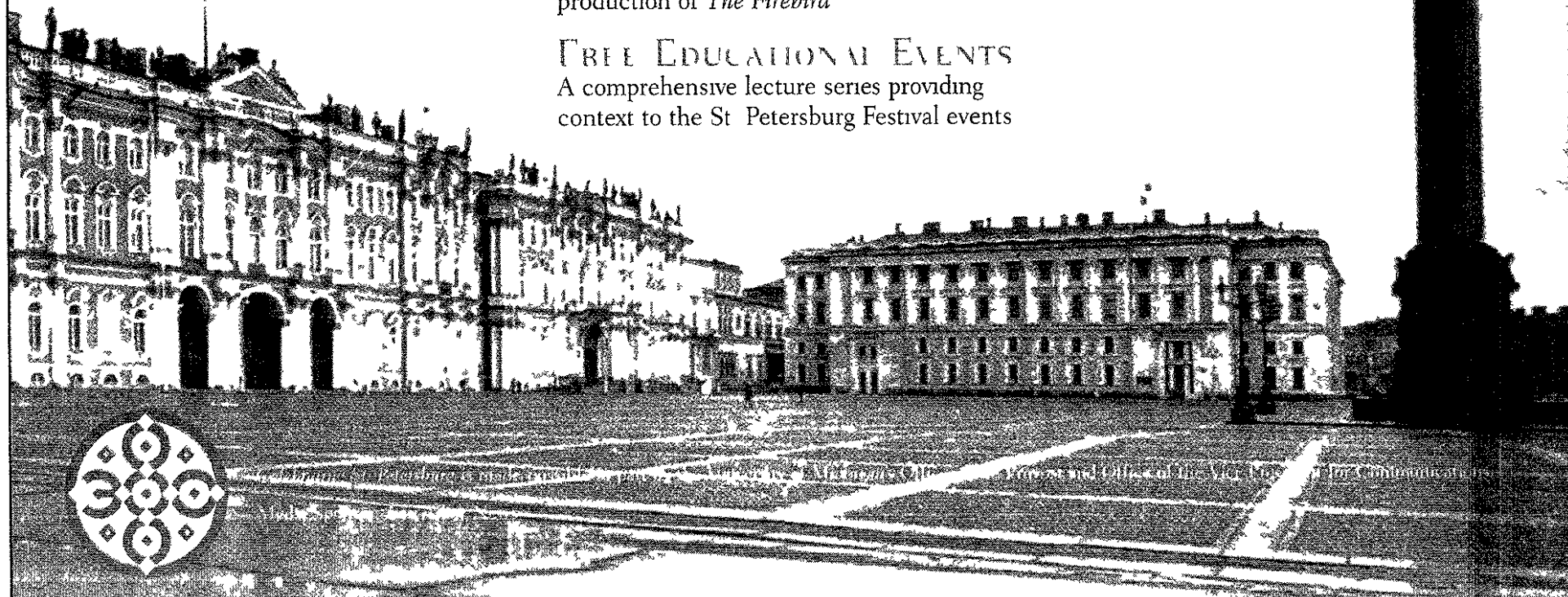
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Get to know one or more of the existing Detroit restaurants because more are coming. In spring 2004, Matt Prentice's Unique Restaurant Corp. will open a new restaurant, Coach Insignia, atop the Renaissance Center. Before that, Hard Rock Cafe will be unwrapped in the Compuware headquarters. Legendary Lindell AC restaurant and bar is slated for a location at Woodward and Michigan avenues.

As the curtain rises on the inaugural season of the new performing arts complex The Max (Max M. Fisher Music Center), with the fully-restored and expanded Orchestra Hall classical, jazz and pops performances or the upcoming run of highly acclaimed *The Producers*, at the Masonic Temple, Dec 2 to Jan 11, there are more reasons than ever to enjoy Detroit for entertainment and eating out.

Here are some of your choices:

■ **Agave** — 4265 Woodward Ave., (one-half mile from the Fox Theatre) Detroit, (313) 833-1120, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Friday, 5 p.m. to midnight Saturday, 5-11 p.m. Sunday.

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Family Fun

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The eighth annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-Off & Salsa Competition heats up the streets of downtown Plymouth Sunday, Oct. 12.

Over 50 contestants will be stepping up to the plate to showcase their best chili recipes in hopes of taking home the Great Lakes chili championship, trophies, cash prizes and earning their ticket to the World Championship Chili & Salsa Cook-Off in Reno, Nev., for a chance of winning \$25,000 and the title of "World Champion."

The savory salutation to chili in Michigan will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the streets surrounding Kellogg Park in the heart of downtown Plymouth and feature competitions in red chili, green chili and salsa.

Local restaurants will also be competing in the "Restaurant Chili Challenge." At \$3 a bowl, attendees of the event can taste the local flavor of restaurants and vote for their favorite. Restaurant chili will be served beginning at 11 a.m. and throughout the day. The winning restaurant will receive a trophy, and of course, bragging rights for the remainder of the year. Competition chili is available after 3 p.m. for \$1 a bowl.

HARLEY SHOW

Patrons of the event can check out



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jim Weller encourages his wife, chili champ Georgia Weller, as she stirs her pot of Southern Chili Georgia Style. She took first place in the red chili competition in 2002 at the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff.

another of the cook-off's hot attractions: the Motorcycle Show, noon to 5 p.m. This popular Harley Davidson showcase is

Hog Heaven for cook-off attendees and cycle enthusiasts alike. In previous years, more than 3,000 bikes rode their way into Kellogg Park for the event. While Harleys are highlighted, all motorcycles are welcomed.

Live entertainment is provided courtesy of Bobby Lewis & The Cracker Jack Band and others, in addition to the line dancing that always adds to the festive atmosphere of this event.

The Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-Off & Salsa Competition is a member of the International Chili Society, a nonprofit organization that sanctions chili cook-offs with judging and cooking rules & regulations. These events are worldwide and benefit charities or nonprofit organizations.

All winners of ICS sanctioned cook-offs qualify to compete for cash prizes and awards at the World's Championship Chili Cook-Off held each year on the first weekend of October. The ICS is the largest food contest, festival organization in the world.

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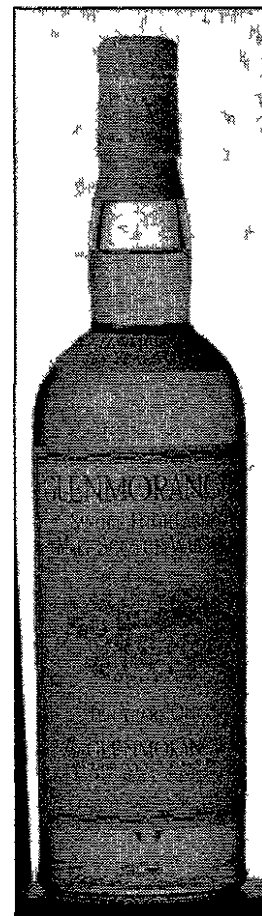
few remaining independent scotch whisky distilleries.

Although it was established in 1943, records of distillation at the Morangie Farm site, date to 1738. As such, words such as legendary and independent apply but for a lover of medium-bodied single malts, the most important is elegant. Glenmorangie 10-year (\$45/750mL) is definitely that.

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The finish is mellow, smooth and flavorful. With a few drops of pure, unchlorinated water or on the rocks, aromas of wild flowers emerge and the drink remains smooth through the last drop. No fire water here!



The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally respected Quarterly Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, food and restaurants for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. To leave them a voice mail message dial (734) 953-2047 mailbox 1864#.

Iron Chef will return to Tribute Restaurant

Iron Chef Masaharu Morimoto will return to Tribute Restaurant in Farmington Hills Sunday, Oct. 19, to join Tribute's award-winning Executive Chef Takashi Yagihashi for an outstanding evening of world-class cuisine with a Japanese influence.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6 p.m., followed by a six-course dinner served at 7 p.m. Each course will be matched with Japanese beer and sake provided by Kikumori of Japan.

The cost is \$200/per person (excluding tip and taxes). For reservations, call (248)

848-9393 or visit www.tributerestaurant.com

Morimoto has achieved cult status from Food Network's Iron Chef and is instantly recognizable to avid television viewers.

Hailing from Nobu in New York City, he is chef/owner of Morimoto in Philadelphia and is best known for his flamboyant, energetic style and his inventive culinary combinations.

Morimoto describes his distinctive cuisine as "global cooking for the 21st century." His presentations are distinguished by beautiful Japanese color combinations and

aromas, while the preparation infuses multicultural influences such as traditional Chinese spices and simple Italian ingredients, presented in a refined French style.

Yagihashi was recently named 2003 Best Chef in the Midwest by the James Beard Foundation. His award-winning culinary artistry is best described as "French cuisine with an eclectic Asian twist."

Tribute, named one of America's top restaurants by the New York Times, was inducted into the Fine Dining Hall of Fame in 2003.

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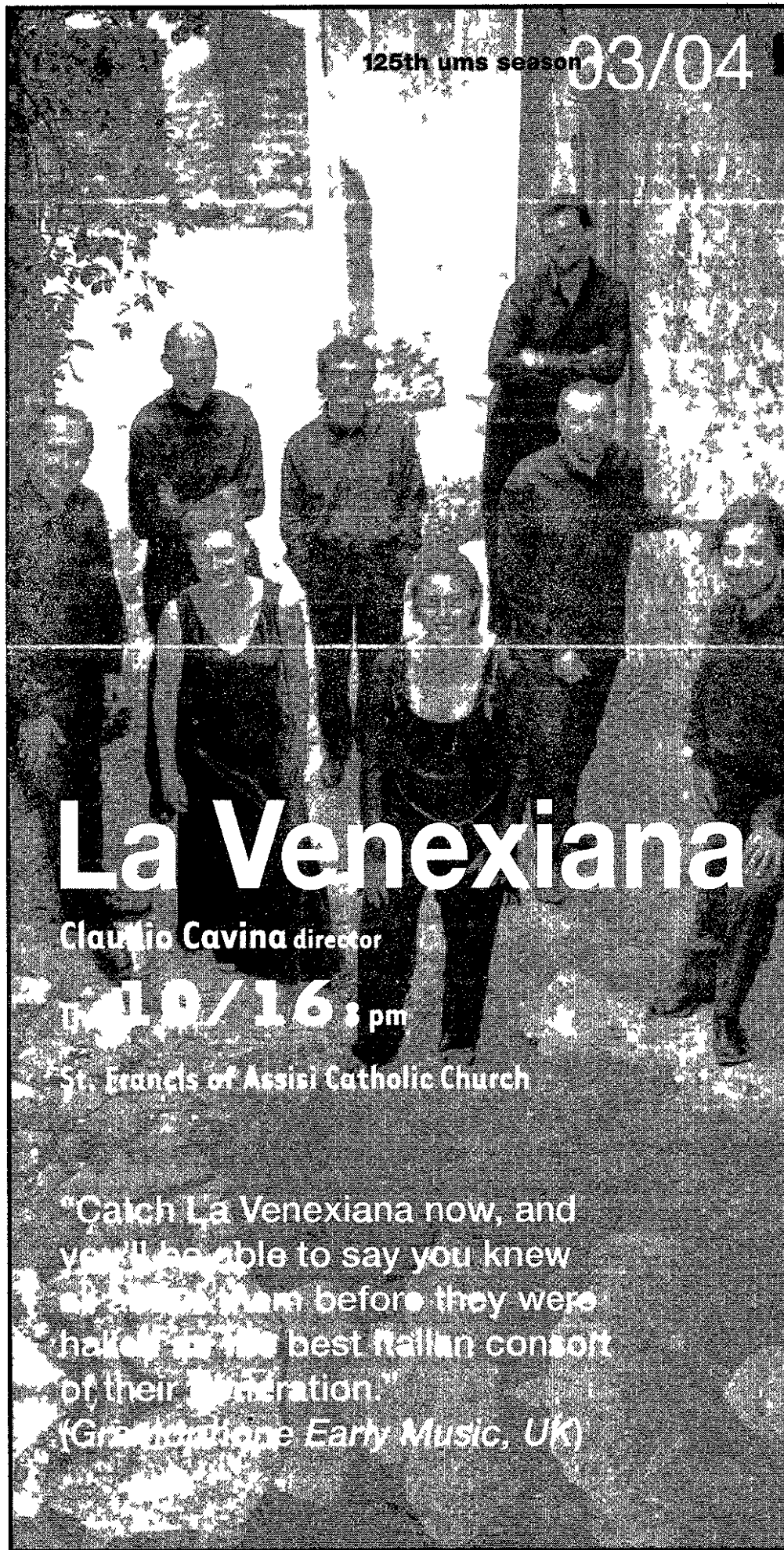
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Art

Our Town art exhibit isn't small town

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Don't let the name mislead you. Our Town, an annual exhibit and sale of works by Michigan artists, is no small affair. The exhibition is one of the most important in the state, said Ray Frost Fleming, director and co-founder of the Robert Kidd Gallery in Birmingham and a Cranbrook Academy of Art graduate. Fleming joined the jury panel for this year's Our Town, Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 16-18, at The Community House in downtown Birmingham.

An opening gala Wednesday, Oct. 15, includes a strolling supper. "The quality of the work in general was quite high," Fleming said, adding generous prize money draws some of the best artists in the area. "I also noticed that many of the artists are very adept in use of color. To use color properly takes good training and a fine aesthetic sense."

In its 18th year, Our Town represents numerous styles and categories, including oil, acrylic, watercolor, glass, sculpture, photography, quilting and jewelry. This year's show consists of 257 pieces representing 161 artists.

Artist demonstrations are another exhibit component. For instance, Our Town commemorative tile artist Lisa Knoppe Reed plans to show off her furniture-painting techniques. Other artist demonstrators include Sara Frank of West Bloomfield, P.J. Gilleran of Birmingham and Pauline Hepburn of Bloomfield Hills.

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LOCAL ARTISTS GET OUT!

What: 18th annual Our Town art exhibit and sale
When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday Oct. 16-18. Gala opening, which includes strolling supper, 6-9 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 15
Where: The Community House, 380 S. Bates, downtown Birmingham
Admission: Gala tickets are \$100 (friends) and \$200 (benefactors); otherwise admission is free. For information or tickets, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832.

Clubs

Event benefits Detroit blues legend

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

If you're involved in Detroit's music scene, R J Spangler's name is probably familiar.

He's more than the founder and drummer of the Sun Messengers -- the Detroit band that played world music before it was cool. He's a musician and manager who has nurtured, launched and resurrected careers of blues talents like Johnnie Bassett, Alberta Adams, Geno Parks and many more.

Spangler is a WC Handy-nominated drummer. His life is dedicated to the artists he represents and manages such as Odessa Harris, Joe Weaver, Stanley Mitchell, Kenny Martin and others.

He's one of those people who works behind the scenes and doesn't get any credit. If you think Detroit's R&B scene is strong, credit Spangler.

Now, the man who has nursed so many needs help.

During the August blackout, Spangler's east side Detroit home was destroyed in a fire caused by a burglar who navigated through the dark house with a candle. Spangler lost a lifetime of memories plus daily necessities.

Hearing of his plight, friends organized "Up From the Ashes, The R J Spangler Fire Relief Benefit," scheduled for Sunday at the Magic Bag Theatre in Ferndale.

It will be a day of musical memories presented by local musicians. R J will be there, too.

BIGGEST LOSSES

His biggest material losses were a huge, and very rare, music and memorabilia collection that included rare autographed vinyl, tapes, books, and photos. The ashes of his deceased dog, Trixie, were also destroyed in the blaze.

"I was going to be buried with her ashes," Spangler said. "She meant so much to me."



R J Spangler at his home that was destroyed by a fire during the August blackout

The artist, so revered in metro Detroit, said he fights feelings of anger over what he has lost, but as expected, it also reminded him of the importance of friends and family. Still, music is his love and so much was lost.

"Thankfully, my drum kit was in a van," Spangler said. "Everything else is gone."

As Drumbeaters publicist Matt Lee said, "R.J. lives and breathes music. He's very unique because he tunes and nurtures so many talents. Music is in his heart and that's why he does it -- he gives so much and he never asks for anything."

Spangler is living between his brother's and mother's homes.

It's very strange to be at your parent's house at 46 years old, he said. "To turn good out of something bad, at least I can say that I can spend some time with my family now."

Spangler is the nephew of Bud Spangler, WDET-FM DJ and jazz scene pioneer. Spangler has spent years playing in clubs, but hopes to shift to education.

Night gigs can get tiring and Spangler said he wants to pass his knowledge to children in schools.

Still, he'll always work to nurture R&B talent and take it beyond Detroit's borders.

"I love Detroit and its music," Spangler said. "I think I'll always be a part of it, but I might live in the suburbs now, though, because I wouldn't be able to handle another loss like this one."

UP FROM THE ASHES

What: The R J Spangler Fire Relief Benefit Entertainment will include many from Detroit's R&B world.

When: 3 p.m. Sunday Oct. 12

Where: The Magic Bag Theater, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale

Donation: \$15 call (248) 544-1991 for more information.

To send donations: R J Spangler Fire Relief Fund, P.O. Box 1092, Hazel Park, MI 48030. Checks should be made to R J Spangler. For more information regarding donations, call (586) 634-2884.

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Fri., Oct. 10: The Regular Boys

Sat., Oct. 11: Larry McCray

Wed., Oct. 15: John Hammond (\$10 cover/8:30pm start time)

Thurs., Oct. 16: Big Bill Morganfield (no cover)

Classical Music

Enjoy concert, afterglow at Christ Church Cranbrook

The Sanctuary of Christ Church Cranbrook is the setting for the 53rd annual Cranbrook Music Guild series opening 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, with violinist Vadim Gluzman and his wife, pianist Angela Yoffe.

Gluzman, who performed Tchaikovsky's *Violin Concerto* with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra last season, is called one of the most dynamic and thrilling violinists of his generation. He's also performed throughout the U.S., Europe, Russia, Japan, Australia and Canada.

On the program is *Sonata for violin and piano in E minor*, by Mozart, *Sonata No. 2 for violin and piano in D major*, Op. 94 by Prokofiev, *Suite for violin and piano* by Lera Auerbach, *Six Romanian Folk Dances* by Bartok, and Ravel's *Tzigane — Rhapsodie de Concert*.

Meet the musicians and other guests afterward during an afterglow in the Guild Hall of Christ Church Cranbrook.

"We're extremely excited about this season," Elaine DeWolfe said. "The Rebel Baroque Ensemble is quite different for us, we work very hard to create a good season every year."

Here's the season schedule:

■ Nov. 11 — Rebel Baroque Ensemble has earned an international reputation with its

CRANBROOK MUSIC GUILD

When: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14

Where: Christ Church Cranbrook, on the southwest corner of Cranbrook and Lone Pine Roads, Bloomfield Hills

Tickets: Five concert season \$100, single concert tickets \$30 at the door, students \$15. For more information, or to reserve tickets, call (248) 644-6352.

highly expressive and provocative approach to the Baroque and Classical repertoire.

The core formation of two violins, recorder/traverso, cello/viola da gamba and harpsichord/organ expands with additional strings, winds and vocalists, performing on period instruments.

■ Dec. 2 — Polina Khatsko, piano. A native of Belarus, Khatsko attended the Lyceum for Gifted Children, and then the Belorussian Academy of Music. She entered the University of Michigan in the fall of 2002. Khatsko is a winner of the School of Music Concerto Competition



Violinist Vadim Gluzman performs Tuesday at the opening concert of the Cranbrook Music Guild series.

and this year's Betty Brewster Scholar.

■ March 23 — Bartok Quartet is one of the most distinguished chamber groups on the international scene. It has performed more than 3,500 concerts throughout the world. The group's tours of North America have taken it to virtually every major music center.

■ April 20 — Benedetto Lupo, pianist, has dazzled audiences throughout the country and Europe. A native of Italy, Lupo has won many international competitions worldwide, including the Bronze Medal at the Eighth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition.

PSO offers 'Inspiration' opening night Oct. 11

The Plymouth Symphony, with music director and conductor Nan Washburn, presents its 58th concert season, *Taking Flight — Music to Make the Spirit Soar*.

Opening night — *Inspiration & Metamorphosis* is 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 North Territorial at Beck Road, in Plymouth.

Guest artists KrissAnn Weiss, mezzo soprano, and Ava Ordman, trombone, will perform *Mary Cassatt*, inspired by the artist's paintings and written by visiting guest composer Libby Larsen.

Slides of portraits that inspired the work will be shown in coordination with the symphonic performance.

Slides of portraits that inspired the work will be shown in coordination with the symphonic performance. Also on the program will be Berlioz's overture *Beatrice & Benedict*, Von Weber's *Turandot Overture*, and Paul Hindemith's *Symphonic Metamorphosis on Themes by Weber*.

Early-comers will have the opportunity to hear and ask Larsen and Washburn questions at the "On-Stage" pre-concert introduction to the music at 7:15 p.m.

Season subscription passes include opening night and four other concerts and are available for \$80 adults, \$70 seniors. Ticket-holders are welcome to attend the afterglow following the concert. Individual concert tickets are \$17 adults, \$15 seniors 60 and older. School-age children are admitted free to all subscription concerts when attending with an adult. For tickets or more information, call (734) 451-2112 or plymouthsymphony@aol.com.

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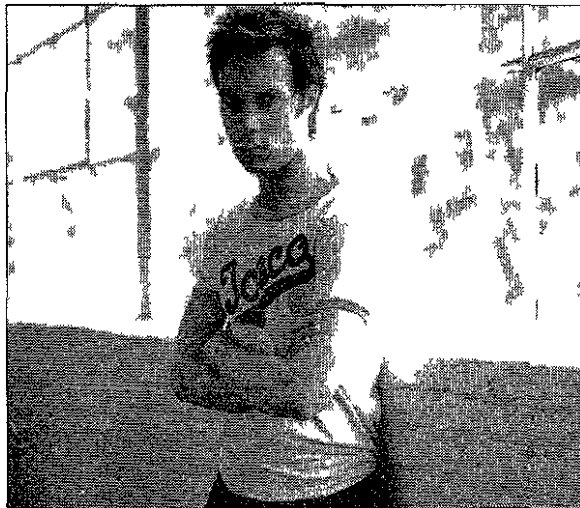
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Pure Picks

Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda we present our top entertainment picks for the week. Filtered just for you.

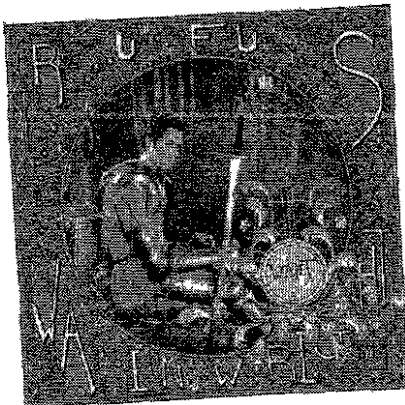
Album

I'm just going to admit right off the bat that in the past I've favored Canadian folk singer Loudon Wainwright III to his son Rufus Loudon's consistently witty, comically introspective lyrics with their double meaning and word twists are the mark of a genius. But the addition of the song "One Man Guy" to the world of music is the crux of my argument for the first Wainwright's musical superiority (and Rufus' cover of "One Man Guy" on his 2001 release *Poses* is the best thing on that record). That was of course until I heard Rufus Wainwright's third album "Want One" out now on DreamWorks Records.



Wainwright's label DreamWorks split the Want recording sessions into two parts: the second album will be titled *Want Two*. The album is full of layered pop arrangements and Pet Sound-esque harmonies and focuses on themes of loneliness and struggle. Most of it can be described most accurately as stylistically big, particularly on the album's two opening tracks, "Oh What a World" and "I Don't Know What It Is" - which sound straight out of a Broadway musical. A New York influence of the album is almost always present. The multi-tracked vocals on "14th Street" the album's redemption song is characteristic of Wainwright's subtle lyrics. "Why'd ya have to break all my heart?/Couldn't you have saved a minor part of it" (McGarrigle, Wainwright's mother picks the banjo on the track). The sparse "Pretty Things" and "Harvester of Hearts" are a sharp contrast to the rest of this large pop landscape. A true listening experience.

Can we call it a tie? The album is available at local record stores. For more on Rufus, check out <http://www.rufuswainwright.com/>



Music

Local revivalists **The Come Ons** will join spazzy rockers **The Scene Creamers** Saturday Oct 10 at the Lager House in Detroit. Scene Creamers frontman Ian Svenonious will entrance you with his nearly inexhaustible shaking and rock n rollitude. The Creamers plan to turn the night into a dance party and will be djing between sets. Bring your go-go boots.

Cost is \$5. Doors at 9 p.m. 21 and up. The Lager House is located at 1254 Michigan Ave. in Detroit. For more on the bands, check out <http://www.thecomeons.com> and <http://www.scenecreamers.com>



The Come Ons

Show

Ben Gibbard has been the reigning indie It boy for quite some time now. Before forming The Postal Service, a project that has him popping up on MTV, he was the frontman for **Death Cab for Cutie** - a band that both young emo kids, old punk rockers and indie music lovers share a undying faithfulness to. Touring in support of their latest album *Transatlanticism*, which hit shelves Tuesday, Death Cab for Cutie will play with The Long Winters on Wednesday Oct 15 at the Majestic 4120 Woodward Ave. in Detroit.

Tickets are \$10 advance, \$12 the day of the show. Advance tickets can be purchased at Ticketmaster. Doors open at 8 p.m. All ages.

And look for *Transatlanticism* as next week's album Pure Pick.

Film

The **Detroit Filmmakers Coalition** will celebrate its 10 year anniversary from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday Oct 18 with live music, film installations and refreshments. Local band The Waxwings are slated to perform. The Coalition plans to change its name to the Detroit Film Center and the event will help raise funds for the DFC Academy Program, an intensive program for filmmakers, video artists and digital designers set to launch in 2004.

DFC is located at 1227 Washington Blvd. in Detroit. For more information call (313) 961-9936 or click on <http://www.detroitfilm.org>

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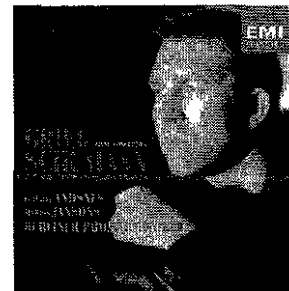
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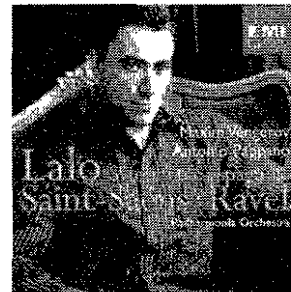
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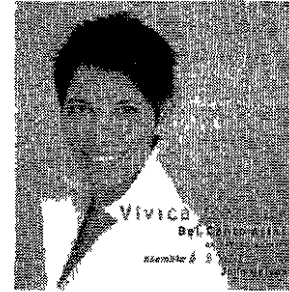
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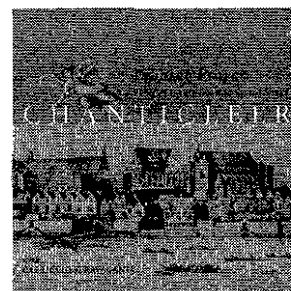
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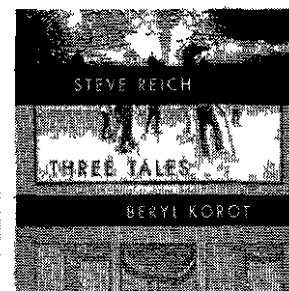
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Harvest festival

Upland Hills Farm (481 Lake George Road, Oxford) will host Harvest festival 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday now through 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. Call (248) 628 1611, www.uplandhillsfarm.com

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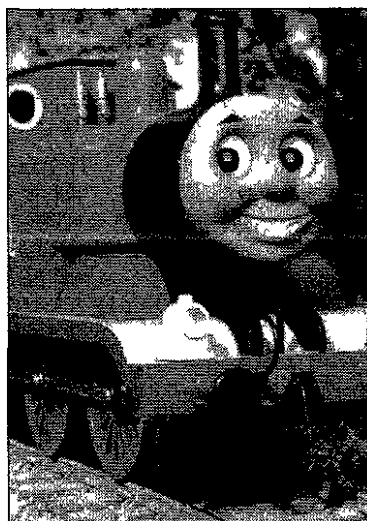
Comedy Night with Jesse James Lundy and Friends 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday Oct. 11, Clarkston Village Players Depot Theatre. \$12 (248) 625 8811 or www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org

SRO Productions

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Thomas the Tank Engine chugs into town Sunday, Oct. 12 for three performances of 'The All Aboard Tour,' starring Thomas and his friends James, Sir Topham Hatt and the Station Master, 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. at the Southfield Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen Road, 1/2 mile south of 11 Mile Road in Southfield. It's all part of the free fun for families at the Ninth Annual Education Expo 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition to the show, there will be health screenings and guests can visit the booths of more than 50 local educational experts to gain information. Hands-on-craft activities will also be offered.

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FILM

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The Mark of Zorro 7:30 p.m. Friday Oct. 10, creative organ improvisation by Tom Trenney at the organ, showing of the 1920 silent film *The Mark of Zorro*, pre-concert talk on the movie at 6:30 p.m.

no charge, 1669 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. (248) 644 2040

Uptown Birmingham 8

College night every Monday. Students who present student ID at box office receive a \$5.75 ticket to film of their choice, complimentary small popcorn. Live poetry readings on the second level of the theater, 8-10:30 p.m., 211 S. Old Woodward, downtown Birmingham. (248) 644 FILM

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Birmingham Musicale

At the Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, 1 p.m. Thursday Oct. 9, Gail Mitchell, soprano; Rebecca Happel, Mexican 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

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings

Mozart and More 3 p.m. Sunday Oct. 12, Birmingham Unitarian Church, Woodward at Lone Pine Road. \$25, students \$19, children under 12 \$10. (248) 559 2095

JAZZ/BLUES

Ron's Fireside Inn

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

Bugs Beddow Band

Blue Martini 8 p.m. to midnight, Friday Oct. 11, 201 Hamilton, Birmingham. (248) 258 3005, Copper Mug 2-7 p.m. Sunday Oct. 12, 1720 Maple, Walled Lake. (248) 624 9659

Edison's

Brett Lucas Band 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday Oct. 9, Tail Cool One 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday Oct. 10-11, 220 Merril St., Birmingham. (248) 645 2150

FOLK

Oakland Community College

Blue Grass Group, Lynwood Lunsford & The Misty Valley Boys, 7:30 p.m. Friday Oct. 10, Highland Lakes Campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. \$15 (248) 942 3241, (248) 942 3020

Josh White

Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia, 7 p.m. Saturday Oct. 11, \$12 donation

Alastair Moock

At Trinity House, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia, 8 p.m. Saturday Oct. 11, \$10 (734) 464 6302

SPECIAL EVENTS

Performance at the JET

Painter/sculptor Robert Schefman, actor/director Gilian 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. 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.

After-concert Mass

The Rev. Patrick P. Casey, pastor at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, next door to Orchestra Hall in Detroit, will kick off a second year of after the concert Masses on Saturday, Oct. 11. The first Mass of the season is scheduled to coincide with the opening of *The Max*, as the symphony launches another concert season. After the concert Masses will be offered on Saturday nights during the DSO season (now through June). Services begin 10 minutes after the end of each concert. St. Patrick's Church is located at 58 Parsons. Call (313) 833 0857.

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, cheerleading 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

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.

Flea-market fund-raiser

Antique and bargain hunters will find collectibles, contemporary treasures, and a variety of arts and crafts at the annual Detroit Historical Society Guild Flea Market, Oct. 11-12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Historic Fort Wayne, located at 6325 W. Jefferson (at the foot of Livernois). Tours of the fort complex, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. Secured parking is \$1, admission is free for the flea market, and the tours are priced at \$2 per person or \$5 per family. Refreshments and baked goods will also be for sale. All of the proceeds will benefit the Detroit Historical Museums. Vendors can purchase tables for only \$30. For more information on the flea market or to purchase a table, call Dorothea Hibbler at (313) 821 7795.

World Class Skating Cabaret

The Rolladium Roller Skating Club, Waterford, is hosting a World Class Skating Cabaret. This dinner show will feature performances by 2003 National figure champion Tyjuan Kirby, bronze medalist dance team Marina Hernandez and David Parker, and the show precision team champions Motor City Vanities. 5-7 p.m. Sunday Oct. 12, \$20 per person. (248) 244 4635, http://sk8r.com/motorcityvanities/



Ridgedale Players presents the comedy *Over The River and Through The Woods*, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10-26, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy. Tickets \$12, Students and Seniors (Sunday) \$11. (248) 988 7049



JOAN MARCUS

Chilina Kennedy is Sophie and P.J. Griffith, Sky, in 'Mama Mia' playing through Saturday, Nov 15 at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Additional performances 8 p.m. Monday Oct 27 and Nov 10, and 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov 13. Tickets \$30 to \$72.50 at all Ticketmaster locations (248) 645-6666, the box office (313) 872-1000 or online at www.nederlanderdetroit.com

COMEDY

Joey's Comedy Club

Joey's Comedy Club of Dearborn (5070 Schaefer) will host 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.

Joey's of Livonia

Mark Sweeny and Shane McConnaghy 36071 Plymouth Road Livonia. Tuesdays are Open Mike Night at 8 p.m. cover \$3. Call (734) 261-0555 for upcoming schedule.

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The Old Miami

On Friday Oct 10, Quest on of Honour will be performing at The Old Miami.



Legendary rockers The Eagles bring their 'Farewell I' Tour to The Palace 8 p.m., Tuesday, Oct 14. Tickets \$47.50-\$177.50. Call Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666.

(3930 Cass Avenue Detroit) with White Devil and N 2 Submission. The show will start at 10:30 p.m. This is a 21 and over show. Cover will be \$5. To stay updated on where and when Question of Honour will be playing next call (313) 831-3830 or visit www.strangehues.com/shows.htm

The Magic Bag

Leon Russell 8 p.m. Friday Oct 10 \$20 22920 Woodward Ave. Ferndale Call (248) 544-1991 or visit www.themagicbag.com

George & Harry's Blues Cafe

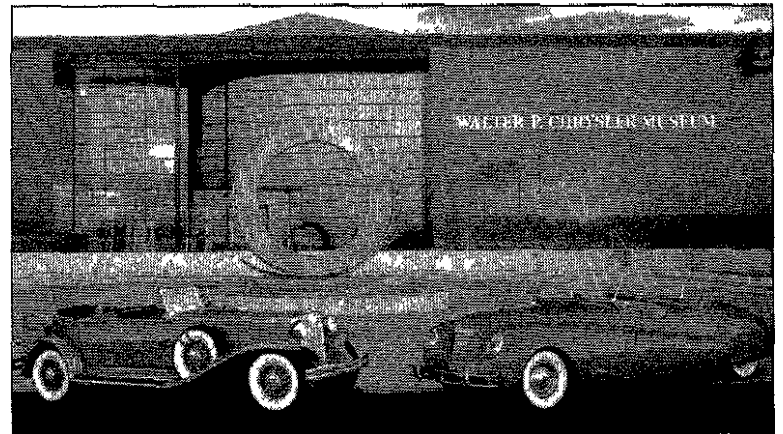
George & Harry's is located at 22048 Michigan Ave. in Dearborn. Call (313) 359-2799. Friday and Saturday shows begin at 10:30 p.m. Weekday shows begin at 9 p.m.

Club Bart

22726 Woodward Ferndale. All shows at 10 p.m. Ongoing Thursdays and Sundays comedy night and Fridays and Saturdays EvenExchange (Motown R & B and Jazz) Call (248) 548-8746

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2764 Florian Avenue. Want a taste of the music at Mephisto's? Visit its entertaining Web site www.mephistosdetroit.com. While surfing you'll dance in your seat to the heavy techno beat repeating here we go. Mephisto's is close to both I-75 (off Caniff) and I-94 in Hamtramck (off Mt Elliott). This 21 & over club where proper attire is mandatory. It's new to our ever-changing club scene and features



Enjoy Oakland County's autumn splendor Sunday, Oct 12 with the Acorn Tour a scenic excursion exclusively for auto enthusiasts with vehicles of all makes manufactured through 1953. The tour gets rolling at 8:30 a.m. at the Walter P. Chrysler Museum, on the corner of Featherstone and Squirrel Roads on DaimlerChrysler's Auburn Hills Complex. The cost is \$28 per person. Call (248) 944-0011 or e-mail at cdb7@daimlerchrysler.com for more information.

three levels including a VIP lounge and terrace, a Tiki Bar and high energy dance floor. The place looks hot with deep red and purple jewel tones. Music is techno, hip hop, old school and top 40. And when you aren't dancing, check out the very worthwhile art, 1940s glamour girl pinups and much, much more. Hours: Thursday, Friday and Saturday 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. (313) 875-3627

Reggae

Tropical Hut Lounge 14925 Livernois Detroit near Fenkell. This is not one of those suburban nightclubs that pretend to be an island style bar with fake grass and palm. It's one of Detroit's truly authentic Reggae/roots clubs that attracts the city's island born residents. If you aren't dancing, you might not fit in. Tropical Hut DJs have the pulse on the freshest music from Africa, the Caribbean and West Indies. Wednesdays Ladies Night, Thursdays Reggae Night, Fridays Friday Surprise, Saturdays African Night, Sundays Fun Sundays. Open 4-9 p.m. Tuesday Wednesday 4 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Thursday Saturday 5 p.m. to midnight Sunday (313) 861-5340

Majestic Theatre

4140 Woodward Ave. Detroit. Parking available on street and behind building. It seems that every blues, underground, industrial, punk, reggae, world and Americana band has played here. Buju Banton and Burning Spear played here as did Social Distortion's Mike Ness. Attire is freestyle, casual and up. Before the night begins, stop at the adjacent Majestic Cafe for a gourmet veggie sandwich, mussels or Mediterranean dip. And if that isn't fun enough, stroll over to the also adjacent Garden Bowl. There the lanes and balls glow in the dark and the rock n' roll crowd enjoys a good bowl while the Ramones play off in the background. Call for hours (313) 833-9700

Paradox Cafe

1927 Michigan Ave. Detroit at the corner of Rosa Parks Blvd. Metro Detroit's friendly Latin residents gather here for salsa dancing to DJs and live music. Women wear dresses and high heels and men wear suits or flamboyant club wear.

Strict dress code, no jeans or tennis shoes. This is the place where couples dance. And if you're a woman going stag, it's no problem. You'll be asked to dance by patrons who are skilled dancers. Expect to be politely spun around the dance floor and thanked afterward before they move on to the next partner. Fridays are occasionally world music night and the Latin music is on Saturdays. Valet parking is available. Call for hours (313) 313-268-2325

Silky's Martini & Musical Cafe

Liz Larin 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday Oct 9, Bobby Lewis & the Cracker Jack Band 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday Saturday Oct 10, 11 21931 Michigan Ave. Dearborn \$5 cover weekends after 8:30 p.m. (313) 565-6278

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Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoesen Farm

The 16-acre museum complex tells the story of Oakland County's earliest pioneers. Admission includes tours of the 1840 Van Hoesen Farmhouse, 1850 Tenant Red House and 1927 Van Hoesen Dairy Barn. The museum's new permanent exhibit, A Lively Town, uses more than 200 images and 100 artifacts to show the development of the Rochester area. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday Saturday at the museum on Van Hoesen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off Trenken (248) 645-4663 or visit www.rochesterhills.org/museum.htm

Meadow Brook Hall

Tours 1:30 p.m. Monday, Sunday and 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday. Sunday cost is \$12.50, \$8.50 seniors over age 62, \$6 children under 12. Children under 2 free. Tea on Tuesday \$35 at Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. For information, visit the Web site at www.meadowbrookhall.org

Take your pick of cranberry tours in Wisconsin

BY MARY QUINLEY
CORRESPONDENT

It's cranberry-picking season. And, thanks to Mother Nature, brilliant beds of berries dot the landscape in Wisconsin's mid-section, tempting travelers to linger and enjoy North America's native red fruit.

Through Oct. 24 or thereabouts, depending on crop size and weather conditions, visitors to the Wisconsin Rapids region will be treated to "berry close" views of the cranberry harvest process.

There are several options to check out the marshes.

One of the best methods is to board the Berry Bus at Glacial Lake Cranberries, a short jaunt west of Wisconsin Rapids.

"The tour is very casual. You can get off the bus and take pictures," said Mary Brown, president of Glacial Lake Cranberries.

The bus tour provides a fun and educational experience for travelers of all ages. And, as an added perk, harvest time coincides with a major migration of songbirds, ducks and other feathered animals.

Depending on the day, participants might see floating mechanical reels (also called beaters) knocking the berries from the vines by agitating the water, a massive sea of berries floating to the top of the water, and/or, harvest workers "herding" the berries to a corner of the marsh. From the marsh, berries are sent up a conveyor belt into a truck to be transported to the processing plant.

According to Lonnie Selje, executive director of the Wisconsin Rapids Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, Wood County, which includes Wisconsin Rapids, is the largest inland region in the world for growing cranberries.

"Many people wanted to see the harvest so we created the tours," Selje said.

The Splash of Red Color Tour, a guided bus tour of the cranberry fields, is hosted by high school students who are enrolled in a cranberry science program. A yummy boxed lunch, heavy on the cranberry touches, is included. Advanced reservations are required.

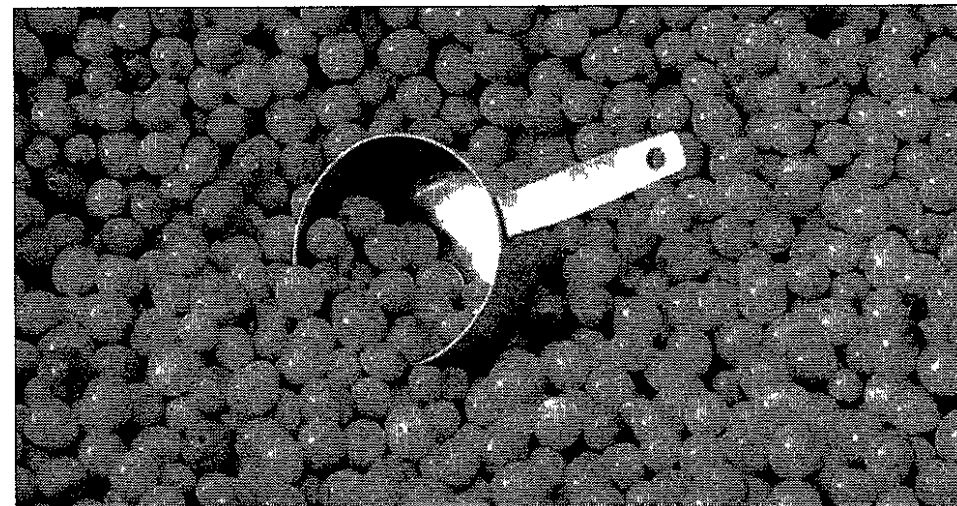
SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Self-guided tours present another alternative to meander through cranberry country. If you're driving, get a copy of the free Cranberry Highway map. The scenic, 49-mile route highlights cranberry marshes, wildlife areas, historic sites, markets, shops and restaurants. Be on the lookout for edible cranberry delights, such as, ice cream, candy and pies.

Bicyclists enjoy the Cranberry Trail that weaves throughout paved, unpaved and



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some rough terrain.

Both the vehicle and the bicycle trails feature an optional wildlife loop tour. Bring your camera. Deer, loons, eagles and a captive buffalo herd are often spotted.

Hiking, fishing and camping are other popular outdoors activities.

The Cranberry Caper, a mystery-come-

dy play at Hotel Mead in downtown Wisconsin Rapids, features audience participation. Shows are scheduled Sunday, Oct. 12 and Oct. 19. Reservations are mandatory, call (800) 843-6323.

Mary Quinley is a Livonia resident and writes about travel and dining for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

IF YOU GO

■ Berry Bus tours through Friday Oct. 24, depending on crop size and weather conditions at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Monday-Friday and by appointment - Glacial Lake Cranberries, 2480 County Road D, Wisconsin Rapids. The cost is \$10 per person or \$20 family (immediate members only). Call (715) 887-4161 or visit www.CranberryLink.com.

■ Splash of Red Color Tour - 9:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday Oct. 14 and 21 and Friday Oct. 17 - Pittsville High School FFA (30 minutes west of Wisconsin Rapids). The cost is \$20 per person. Call (715) 884-6412.

■ For a copy of the Cranberry Highway map, the Cranberry Trail bicycle tours, cranberry tours, lodging and information on events in the Wisconsin Rapids area, call (800) 554-4484 or online at www.visitwisrapids.com.

CHILI COOK-OFF!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2003 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM
KELLOGG PARK - DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH

Plymouth's 8th annual Chili Cook-off fires up on Sunday, October 12th, in downtown Plymouth. Up to 60 chili cooks will compete for prize money and trophies and the chance to compete in the 2004 World Championship in Nevada. The event is organized by Annette Horn, owner of Native West Gallery at 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

Stoves will fire up at the Gathering adjacent to Kellogg Park. Food preparation will begin at 11 a.m. and at 3 p.m. will turn over samples of their chili to the judges. The awards will be presented at 5 p.m.

While the judges are making their decision, visitors can buy samples of chili beginning at 3 p.m. for \$1.00 for a 2 oz. sample. Chili will also be offered for sale for \$3 a bowl by Plymouth Pub - Jack Dunleavy's Grill - Sean O'Callaghans - Comparis on the Park - The Dartmoor - Main Street Catering - Bushel's Cafe - Doyle's Tavern and Tim Hortons.

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Chili Fest 2003 Schedule of Events

Green Chili Light Stoves	11 am
Red Chili Light Stoves	11 am
Red & Green Chili Samples for public \$1.00 samples	3 pm
Announcements/Awards	5 pm

Activities

Restaurant Chili Challenge (bowls of chili \$3.00) **11 am - 5 pm**
 Plymouth Pub Jack Dunleavy's Grill Sean O Callagans -Comparis
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 Doyle's Tavern and Tim Horton's

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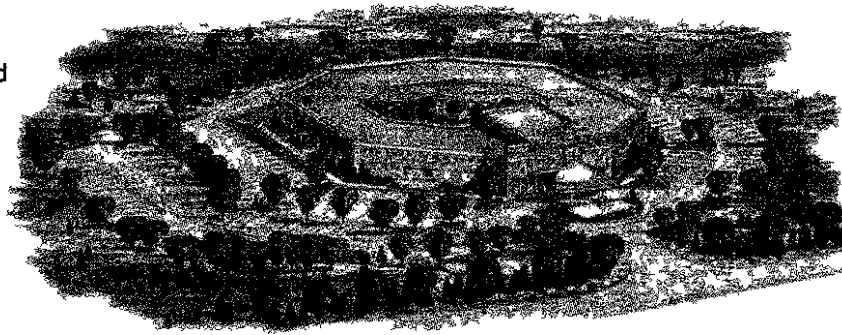


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