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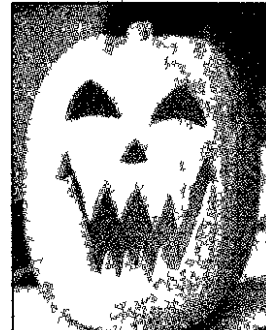
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Halloween bash
Halloween enthusiasts have a chance to take part in what's being billed as the spookiest scariest Halloween blowout ever by the folks at the Oasis Golf Dome in Plymouth. Sponsored by the dome, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Parisian department store and Big Boy restaurants, the



Black Widow Bash in the Dome is scheduled for Oct 30-31. The 45,000 square foot dome will be home to a Haunted Hayride, a runway costume parade, a 1,000 square foot obstacle course, moonwalk, hay tunnel, maze, face painting, a giant titanic slide, a disc jockey with dancing and karaoke, magicians, psychics, pony rides and a petting zoo. Northville Township police and fire departments and Robison Dental Group are the child safety sponsors and will provide free fingerprinting, DNA collection and toothprinting. Oasis is selling 1,400 tickets at \$15 apiece or \$53 for a family four pack. Oasis Golf Dome is located at 39500 Five Mile. For more information call (734) 420-4653.

Bell support
People wishing to help the Plymouth Salvation Army during the annual Christmas Red Kettle campaign have a variety of ways from which to choose. There's the traditional way: Grabbing a kettle and a bell and manning one of the many locations around Plymouth Canton, Northville and Belleville, the areas served by the Plymouth corps. There are also the counter kettles—smaller versions of the collection kettle that can be placed by merchants on counter space near cash registers. And there's the increasingly popular company sponsorship, which provides for a sign with the sponsor's name to be placed on a specific kettle for the day. Information on all three methods can be obtained by calling Kelly Zmudcynski (734) 459-5464.

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

School deficit smaller than thought

Preliminary figures indicate the projected deficit in the 2004-05 Plymouth-Canton Schools budget could be half as much as earlier predicted.

Superintendent Jim Ryan, who had been projecting a budget deficit reaching \$7 million, now says he envisions a deficit in the \$3.5 million range.

"Some good things have happened," Ryan said. "The higher enrollment (nearly 300 students) and the blended count (from which state funding is calculated) has produced \$700,000. And, in two weeks we're going to put money in the fund balance. A lot of it came from awfully good management by the district," Ryan added.

"The central office folks and our principals really tightened their belts, and we really halted some spending last year. We just need the economy to break out and help us out here."

What may put a crimp in the optimistic outlook by Ryan is the \$900 million budget deficit facing the State of Michigan. Gov.

Jennifer Granholm is considering cuts in all areas, including K-12 education. I think we're coming to expect it, said Ryan. "We've been watching the (state) revenue consensus very carefully, and it concerns us. But it's not like it's unexpected. One of our budget watch

District tops state average on MEAP

Elementary and middle school MEAP scores released this week by Plymouth-Canton Schools indicate no major concerns or red flags.

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PLEASE SEE MEAP, A9

Tree doc: Copper beech DOA

It's official: The 150-year-old copper beech tree on the Wilcox property is dead.

The tree was moved over a period of months by Worldwide Tree Moving Co. in Oxford in the summer of 2001. It was an experimental procedure that dragged the tree and its root system more than 100 yards with three large bulldozers in an effort to save the Plymouth landmark from being chopped down to make way for a multi-million dollar condominium project, which has yet to begin construction.

In a letter dated Aug. 18, Dr. David Roberts of the Michigan State University Extension Service said he inspected the copper beech at the request of Action Tree Co. of West Bloomfield, which was administering care of the copper beech after the controversial move.

"I believe the primary cause of death to be associated with transplant problems combined with winter injury," said Roberts, who called himself a tree pathologist, or tree doctor.

Roberts said the attempt to move the tree — 56 inches in diameter and more than 350,000 pounds — about 100 yards wasn't conducive to keeping it alive.

"The whole idea of moving such a large tree wasn't a good idea in the first place," Roberts said. "The chances of it succeeding were probably pretty low. Anytime you move a large tree, the chances aren't good."

Roberts, in his report, said, "The tree showed injury from various secondary insect borers and canker diseases induced by secondary fungi (which) attacked the tree in a natural progression when it was in a

PLEASE SEE TREE, A8



Leo Buk stirs the 'Nuclear Chili' he entered in the annual Chili Cookoff in Kellogg Park Sunday. For more on the cookoff, see the Taste section, Page D1.

Doyle's tops chili contest

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Doyle's Tavern walked away with the top honors in the Restaurant Challenge during Sunday's eighth annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff in downtown Plymouth.

But it was much more than a one-day effort for the tavern's chief cook, Brian Doyle. The brother of the owners, John and Peggy Doyle, spent three days perfecting the winning formula.

"I did it in stages," Brian Doyle said. "The longest part was Saturday afternoon and Saturday night. By that time I had it all together, it was just a matter of letting it cook to let the flavors mesh."

Doyle's was one of 11 restaurants that took place, including last year's winner, Plymouth Pub. The challenge is part of the chili cookoff, which has become a fall staple in Plymouth.

Some 60 chili and salsa chefs took part in the competition. But for Doyle's it was a matter of besting the local competition, which, as always, was fierce. Doyle's entered the contest for the first time last year, just months after opening their doors.

Doyle said the notoriety gained since then helped win on Sunday. "It's a good feeling," he said. "I think our products are good, and now people around us know that, too."

PLEASE SEE CHILI, A4

Lifelong resident wants city seat



Workman

Dave Workman is a lifelong resident of Plymouth, and doesn't plan on moving from the City of Homes.

With that in mind, he wants to be elected to the Plymouth City Commission Nov. 4 to help plan the city's future.

I was brought up with the

idea that you take part in your community and it's the right time for me to step in, said Workman. "I've been on the planning commission for three years and I think I'd be effective at the city commission level."

Workman's main concern is, whatever happens with the

Headlee override proposal on the general election ballot decisions concerning the city's financial future need to be managed with the long-term in mind.

Decisions need to be made for Plymouth over the years,

PLEASE SEE SEAT, A8

Patterson proposes prison legislation

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

State Sen. Bruce Patterson wants the governor's office to look at options other than increasing the inmate population at the Scott Correctional Facility.

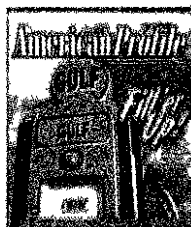
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Lifestyle changes fuel effort

Junk food, cigarettes out of the picture as local man prepares for Hawaii Ironman competition

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

The two daily packs of cigarettes and the junk food had to go.

No way otherwise would Katsumi Shiji, also known as Karl, make it through an Ironman Triathlon, let alone alive. And he knew it.

"I had to change my eating habits. No more junk food," said the small-statured Canton resident. "I used to be a really heavy smoker."

On Saturday, this Japanese native will lumber up and at 7 a.m. jump in the Pacific Ocean at Kono, Hawaii, and make a 2.4-mile swim before he hops on his bicycle for an 112-mile bike race through Kona's lava fields. And when he's done with that — one the same day — he will hop off the bike and start running for 26.2 miles. Competitors have 17 hours to

finish the race.

"I will then go back to the hotel, take a hot shower and sleep," Shiji said.

While he's pushing himself in the 2003 Ironman Triathlon World Championship, his wife, Hisako, a self-admitted chocaholic, and their 15-month-old daughter, Monet, plan to kick back and bask in the Hawaiian sun on a warm, sandy beach.

"I have to hide the chocolate," Hisako said. By the time Hisako and Monet see the man in their lives, he will have been one of 1,400 competitors in this, Shiji's fourth Ironman competition.

"They will come from 50 different countries," Shiji said. "All of us had to be qualified."

He accomplished that last year in Florida. And he's been training ever since. Actually, he has trained for years, ever

since he changed his mind about the triathlon and decided to give it a try.

"I saw my first triathlon in 1983 in Japan. At the time, I thought, 'this is crazy,'" Shiji said. By 1986, he had been bitten by the bug. "I thought I might try it. Then again, I didn't have any sports background."

Compared to some competitors, Shiji started from square one. The cigarettes got tossed, as did the junk food, and 30 pounds of weight. And the training was underway.

"My goal was just finishing," he said, about the first triathlon of his career. His first foray into training was about three or four hours a week. That eventually climbed to 10 hours a week to keep up with competitors. "I just had to build up more hours of training."

Today, he swims regularly at the Summit on the Park or the Livonia YMCA. He runs and bikes along Hines Drive. The training and triathlon have done more than make him physically stronger, especially in endurance. Shiji has learned time management, especially

with the birth of his daughter.

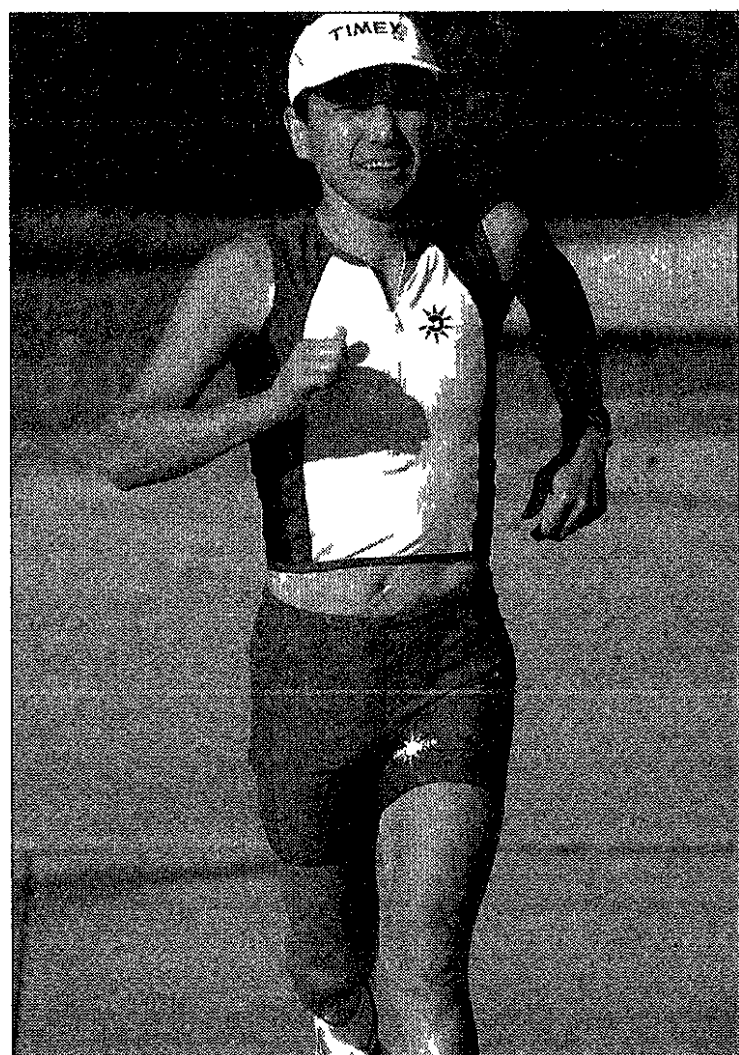
Between now and when he and his family board a plane Tuesday, Oct. 14, he plans to begin tapering the training and will work on resting in preparation for the Ironman Competition.

Following the competition, Shiji and his family will head to Hiroshima, Japan, where he and Hisako grew up. After a short visit, he will head back to Canton, the Nowland subdivision to be exact, and back to work as a manufacturing consultant in Troy.

Hisako and Monet will remain in Japan visiting family. "We usually go back once a year," Hisako said.

While keeping their family connections strong, the couple nonetheless love living in America. "There is opportunity here," Hisako said. They came to Michigan when Shiji worked for Mazda. They traveled back and forth for awhile and finally decided they wanted to live in America.

When she first moved to Canton she was wary that people would not accept the foreigners. She found just the contrary.



Triathlete Katsumi Shiji of Canton prepares for Saturday's Ironman competition in Hawaii.

"We are proud of being Japanese. But we are proud

our baby is American," Hisako said.

Auto pacts could be tough pill for local pharmacies to swallow

What's good for General Motors (and the UAW) may be good for the country, but some area pharmacists say it could be bad news for them and, potentially, for Michigan.

At issue is language in the recently adopted contracts between the union and the automakers that would require UAW members and retirees to purchase certain "maintenance" medications by mail order from out-of-state companies.

The plan would save the automakers hundreds of millions of dollars a year and would reduce the costs to union members and retirees by allowing them to only make one co-payment of \$5 for a 90-day supply of medication. If they choose to buy the medication at a retail pharmacy, they'll be responsible for the

full cost of the drug at the company's discounted rate.

Dale Knab, owner of Wiltse's Community Pharmacy in downtown Plymouth, said there's no real way of gauging the impact on his business.

"Some insurance contracts have had that for quite some time," Knab said. "It may not affect us at all, there's no way to possibly tell. For one thing, we don't know which employer our patients have. We know what insurance they have, but 99 percent of the time we have no idea who their employer is, unless we know them personally."

"I couldn't tell you that out of 1,000 patients in two or three days how many were from the auto companies," Knab added.

Thomas Eiden, manager of Richardson's Super Drugs in

Canton and a pharmacist himself, said he's not sure at this point what the impact of the plan will have on his store, an independent pharmacy that is associated with Sav-Mor Drugs.

"Our main concern is what's going to happen to the customers," he said. "People will no longer be able to come in and have access to their local pharmacist. We want to make sure customers come to us. We see people in here on a regular basis who have had trouble with their mail-order prescriptions."

Eiden said in some Michigan pharmacies, 60 to 70 percent of the customers are affiliated with the UAW.

"Our percentage isn't that high," he said. "Canton has a lot of salaried people who work for the car companies. It's a

large segment of the Canton population. We're just looking for a level playing field."

Eiden said Michigan law prohibits mail-order prescription companies from operating in the state.

"What we'd like to be able to do is give 90-days on all prescriptions," he said. "But the insurance companies won't allow us to do it. We're concerned about restraint of trade and customer care."

While small independent pharmacies are concerned about the impact on their operations, the big chains are also taking a close look at the situation.

Michael Polzin, a corporate spokesman for Walgreens, which has 132 stores in Michigan, said the company is taking a look at options. "Obviously it (the plan) is

not going to be a benefit to our pharmacies," he said. "One thing we are trying to interest insurance companies and employers in is a new program that would allow individuals to get 90-day prescriptions filled at retail rather than by mail."

"We've come up with a program where individuals could get a 90-day prescription at pharmacies with one co-pay instead of three."

Like Eiden, Polzin said patient choice is a concern. "The advantage of our plan is it's at a lower cost than three 30-day refills," he said. "And it preserves choice for the patient. Rather than using a mandated mail service, they would have a choice. That choice is very important."

David Bassett, a spokesman for Michigan-based Sav-Mor Drugs, said in addition to

hurting pharmacies, the plan could cost the state millions of dollars in taxes.

"About 30 percent of prescriptions at Michigan pharmacies are for maintenance drugs like insulin, high blood pressure medication, cholesterol," he said. "There are 2,047 pharmacies in Michigan, about 5,500 active pharmacists and 120,000 full- and part-time workers."

"Collectively pharmacies pay \$1 billion, \$179 million in state and local taxes. Taking 30 percent of that revenue would dramatically reduce the amount of taxes we pay."

He said while Michigan pharmacies strongly support efforts to contain health care costs, mandating mail-order prescriptions is not the answer.

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Tattoo helps finger Plymouth mom, daughter suspected in jewelry theft

A woman whose name was tattooed on her ring finger was charged Tuesday in connection with the theft of a \$10,000 wedding band from a Livonia jeweler.

Livonia police suspect the mother-daughter team is responsible for a series of jewelry thefts in Livonia and Westland, and attempted thefts in Redford and Plymouth.

One of the suspects has been charged with first-degree retail fraud, a five-year felony, and larceny from a person, a 10-year felony.

The women, a mother-daughter team from Plymouth, were tracked down and arrested after an Oct. 1 complaint from Master Craft jewelry store in the Laurel Park Place mall, said Livonia police Lt.

Ben McDermott "Both of the women were having problems with paying their bills and they were being evicted from their homes," McDermott said.

Store employees told police two women came into the store, and the younger woman was trying on several wedding bands.

The mother, they said, distracted store employees while they were in the shop.

"Sometime while the daughter was trying on a number of different wedding bands, she managed to slip a diamond wedding band and engagement ring set into her purse," McDermott said.

Store employees noticed later that day the set, which retails at \$10,000, was missing.

Employees were able to help police track down the women by describing her unique tattoo.

She had her name tattooed on her ring finger, McDermott said. "We were able to track her down just by doing a search on her name and a description of her."

Mother and daughter were both arrested, but the mother was not charged.

"It sounds like she was doing the distracting in the store, but we didn't have enough evidence to charge her," McDermott said.

He added the younger woman has pawned several wedding bands and a diamond ring at a Westland consignment shop where the rings from Master Craft were recovered.



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Tim Paris (right) and Keith Becker stir their Big Pot-O-Chili at Sunday's annual Chili Cookoff in downtown Plymouth.

CHILI

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Despite the success, Doyle wasn't ready to divulge the secret to his chili.

"It's all in the procedure, in how I cook it and how long it takes for the flavors to mesh," he said. "And there is the secret ingredient. Mostly, it takes a little tender loving care."

The weather was nice and combined with the music of Bobby Lewis and the Cracker Jack Band and Plymouth's own Sarah Lenore to draw scores of visitors.

There were also hundreds of motorcycles on display as part of the event, and visitors got to vote for their favorite.

Annette Horn, who owns Native West and is the principal organizer of the chili cookoff, believes word-of-mouth advertising helps publicize the event.

"One thing I learned from my business, you have one satisfied customer, and they might tell 250 people," Horn said. "Word-of-mouth business is very important for this event. We've also gotten a lot of wonderful press."

"People love this event. We have the bikers there, and it really is a great event."

Visitors paid \$1 for samples of the regional chili competitors, and \$3 for a bowl in the restaurant challenge. 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.

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Chip Wadowski (front, on bike) talks with Edward Hood (middle) and Brandon Hood about his motorcycle during the motorcycle show, part of Sunday's Chili Cookoff festivities in downtown Plymouth.

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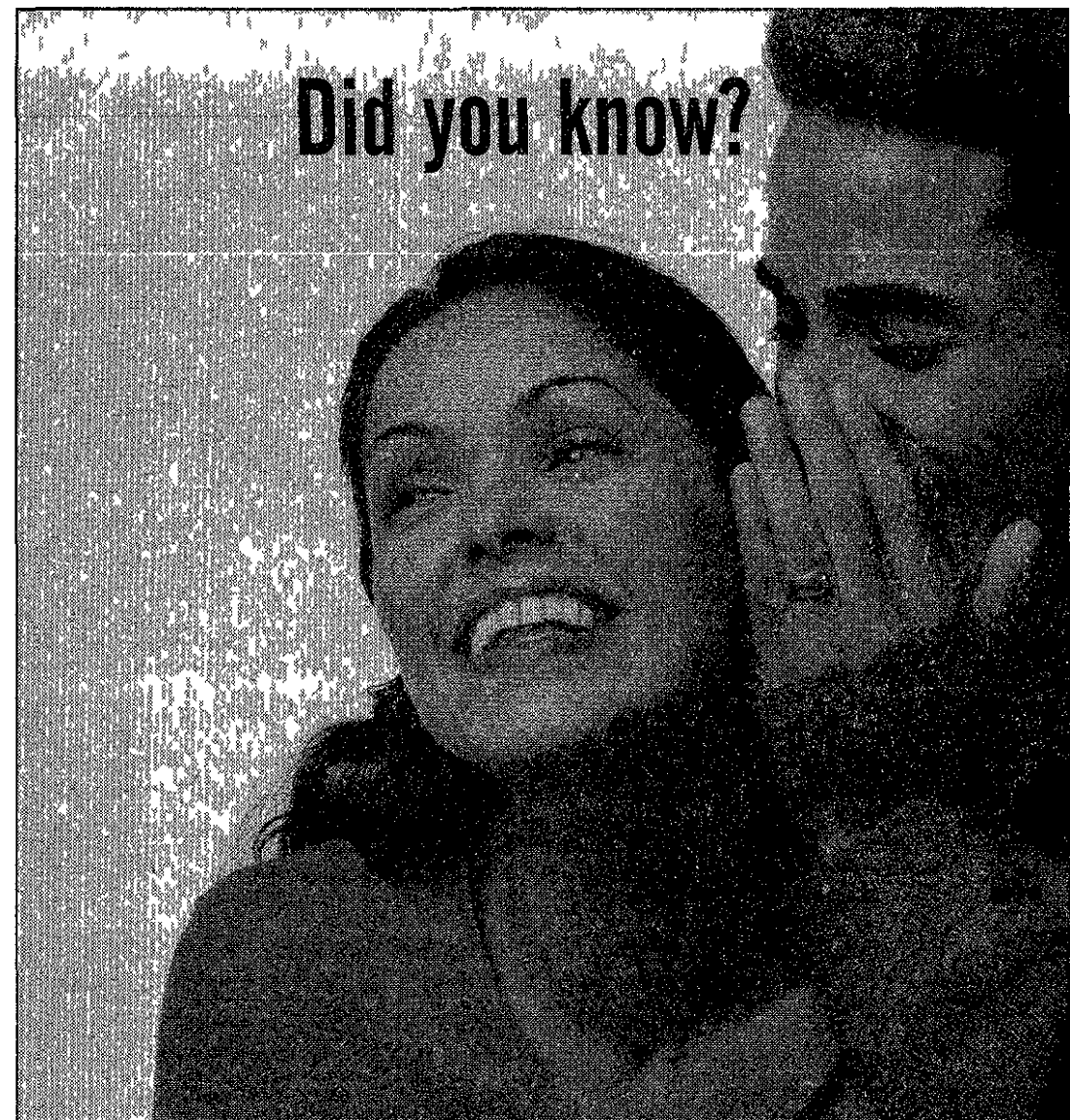
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in Northville and Western Wayne Correctional Facility in Plymouth Township

Patterson (R-Canton Township), introduced legislation earlier this month that would cap the number of inmates at the two correctional facilities in his district. The legislation would also ban new correctional facilities from being constructed in either Northville or Plymouth Township.

"I felt as though our communities were harmed by virtue of the governor proposing to increase the population at Scott," Patterson said. "And Western Wayne is less desirable."

Patterson's bill would cap the population at Scott at 860 prisoners, and limit Western Wayne to 775. According to Russ Marlan, Department of Corrections spokesperson, those were the limits before Public Act 670 of 2002 raised them to 880 and 925, respectively.

The issue heated up over the summer when an expansion in the population at Western Wayne was included in a supplemental appropriations bill.

The proposed increase was handed about between three facilities - Western Wayne, Scott and Camp Brighton.

The final bill that went to Gov. Jennifer Granholm placed the expansion at Western Wayne, but she vetoed that line item in favor of more study on the issue.

Patterson said there are other areas of the state that make more sense.

"There are other options they haven't looked at that meet the needs," Patterson said.

"I'm trying to build a case, fiscally and philosophically, why they should look at them."

Patterson pointed out the state has decommissioned facilities in Jackson and Calhoun counties, and there might be room in Milan. However, Patterson wouldn't go into more detail about other options.

"This is going to be a delicate dance, and I've got to assemble a sufficient number of colleagues in the Senate and the House," Patterson said. "Since this is an important issue, I'm willing to work the legislative process."

The legislation came as good news to officials in Plymouth Township, who had vehemently opposed the expansion at Western Wayne.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann said he's glad to see Patterson trying to cap the inmate population.

"We're certainly pleased he's introduced that legislation," Mann said.

"We have that area pretty well buffered by industrial, and it doesn't make any immediate impact on our residential area. When they propose the expansion, it presents a drain on township services."

"We perform a lot of services, primarily police and fire, and quite frankly we aren't reimbursed for them," Mann added.

"We're very pleased to see that use diminished. I hope the legislation passes, because it would directly limit the costs we spend out at that facility."

Marlan agreed if trends continue more space would be needed to house female prisoners, but said the department has no position on Patterson's legislation.

"In her veto the governor said the issue needs further analysis and public input before proceeding," Marlan said.

"We're looking at trends in female prison commitments, and before we make any decisions we will get input from the public."

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SCHOOL

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points is to watch for an executive order cut, and I can't see how she's going to get around it after holding us harmless the first time, without cutting us this time," he said. "It just depends on how much."

Last year, Granholm stayed away from cutting the foundation grant, but instituted a 3.8-percent across-the-board K-12 cut, which resulted in about a million-dollar loss for Plymouth-Canton.

"We just tightened our belts and went to emergency spending plans," said Ryan. "We have some plans. We just have to see what the outcome is from her action."

"I'm hoping we don't have as big a challenge as last year, but we'll have a big enough challenge that we'll have to make some cuts," he said.

State Rep. John Stewart (R-

Plymouth Township), whose district covers Plymouth and parts of Canton, said it appears after meetings on Wednesday that funding for categoricals will be cut, but not the foundation grant.

"It's a very unfortunate day when we have to cut funding for at-risk programs and preschool," said Stewart. "I'm most concerned about the school aid fund. We've made a promise to Michigan school districts, and they depend on this money."

"But, the big question is where are we going to find other revenue?" he said. "We're going to have to sharpen our knives and see where cuts can come."

School board President Judy Mardigan said she's hoping Granholm's cuts will be minimal. "We've been hearing rumblings all year, and we're bracing ourselves," Mardigan said. "We hope it doesn't come to pass, but I wouldn't be surprised if it did. More cuts from the state will make it really difficult."

Walk raises \$665,000 for cancer research

More than 7,400 survivors, families, friends and co-workers from the Detroit area helped the American Cancer Society take a step toward finding a cure for breast cancer during the sixth-annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk.

The community raised more than \$665,000 for breast cancer research and local education and support programs.

Each year the community embraces this cause with an unprecedented amount of enthusiasm. Now it is our turn and we look forward to putting the money to work to benefit the community, said Megan White, regional executive director, American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division. "Because of the community's generous support over the past five years, we are steps closer to finding a cure for breast cancer."

According to the ACS, more than 40,000 men and women nationwide will die of breast cancer this year. Statewide, 7,500 Michigan women will be diagnosed with the disease this year and 14,000 will die. Making Strides Against Breast Cancer has been the American Cancer Society's rallying cry to raise awareness and dollars to fight breast cancer since 1993.

The noncompetitive walk has quickly become the largest community event in support of breast cancer research in the United States with 400,000 people in 90 cities participating in 2003. To date, the event has raised more than \$104 million, helping to make the American Cancer Society the largest private source of funding for breast cancer research in the world.

The American Cancer Society is joined by Comerica, The Kroger company,

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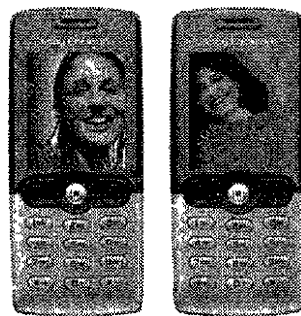
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A purple heart comes at last

Hurry up and wait. It's a saying that every soldier knows all too well. But 58 years?

That's how long Canton resident Joe Jagodzinski, 86, a World War II veteran, had to wait to get his Purple Heart medal.

It arrived last week, Oct. 2, 2003, 58 years after Jagodzinski was wounded in Germany in 1945 - just three days before the war in Europe ended.

"The government is like that," he said philosophically. "But at last I got my Purple Heart."

Jagodzinski was a corporal in Gen. George Patton's Army - specifically the 94th Infantry Division of the 8th Army, the "Thundering Herd" - when he was wounded.

He doesn't know exactly what happened.

"There was a big blast," he recalled. "It threw me right over my sternum was cracked. They first sent me to a field hospital run by German POWs. Then they sent me to a regular hospital in Belgium."

It took him weeks to recover. In August 1945, the United States dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and in September Japan officially surrendered.

Jagodzinski was sent back to the states in November. Just before he left he had his first and only encounter with Patton in person.

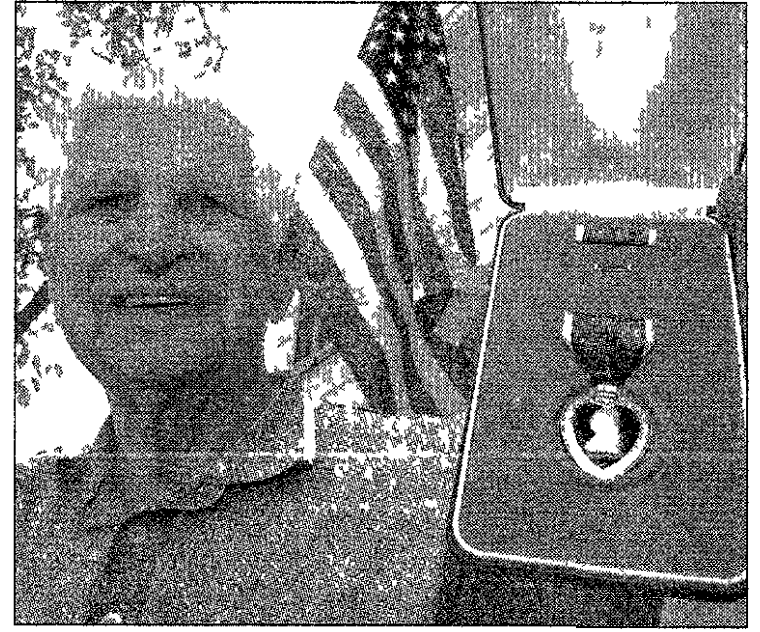
"He came out wearing a silver helmet with four stars on it," he said. "He had two ivory handled pistols on his belt."

Patton told the troops to fear the atomic bomb.

"He said, 'We've got it now but before long some other s--- of a b--- will get it,'" Jagodzinski said. He swore like hell.

Jagodzinski's return to the states was less comfortable than his trip to Europe.

"When we went over we sailed on the Queen Elizabeth in August of 1944," he said. "What a ship that was. It took



Veteran Joe Jagodzinski, 86, of Canton received his Purple Heart medal 58 years after he was wounded in World War II.

us four days to get there."

He saw a lot of Europe while he was there, including Scotland, England, France and, of course, Germany.

"When I was in Germany I never thought I'd get back," he said. "I saw piles and piles of bodies over there."

They came back on a victory ship, the SS Antioch, in November 1945. That trip took four weeks.

When he returned to the states he went to work for GM Hydramatic's Willow Run plant, where he was a foreman. He retired from there after 35 years, then worked at DrumTec in Plymouth for 8 1/2 years making drum heaters.

Finally, after working for more than 42 years, he decided a few years ago to retire permanently.

Well, sort of.

A widower - his wife, Florence, died three years ago of cancer - Jagodzinski lives alone in the house he purchased in Canton in 1966.

"I work around this damned house during the day," he said. "I like to cut trees and I can walk on the roof, but the kids tell me to get the hell off there."

He also repairs lawn mowers and snow blowers on the side, something to make a little extra money and to keep busy.

For recreation, he goes to casinos with his kids and three days a week plays senior volleyball for two hours at the Salvation Army gymnasium in Plymouth.

On a table in his living room he has a picture of a "lady friend" from his volleyball group.

"But she's too smart for me," he said.

Does he still drive his car? "Hell, yes," he said.

"I have to renew my license in January."

Jagodzinski has one son and four daughters, 17 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

I had girls, he said. "That's why I have so many grandchildren."

As for his 58-year quest for his Purple Heart, he's just happy that he finally got it.

"The sad thing is," said his son, Jerry Jagodzinski, "that it took him 58 years to get it. How many of those guys even lived that long?"

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OBITUARIES

Helen Marie Connolly

Services for Helen Connolly, 87, of Livonia, were held Oct 16 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington with the Rev Ronald Browne officiating.

Mrs Connolly was born Nov 24, 1915 in Harrow, Ontario, Canada and died Oct 13 in Livonia.

She was a donut shop, waitress and also a homemaker.

Mrs Connolly was preceded in death by her husband, Peter Connolly, in 1988.

Survivors include children, Barbara (Harry) Linderman, Michael (Marie) Connolly, Dennis (Sony) Connolly, Patricia (Rick) Downarowicz, Colleen (John) Potts, Timothy (Denise) Connolly, Sheila (Michael) Kelly, and Daniel (Kerry) Connolly, 21 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and sisters, Vera Botting, Delores Goyeau and Lucille Craig.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48152.

Arrangements made by Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home.

Kevin John Duff

Services for Kevin Duff, 40, of Canton were held Oct 14 at Uht Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev Bob McDonald officiating. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Mr Duff was born Nov 25, 1962 and died Oct 9 in Wayne. He was an assistant in county schools.

Survivors include wife, Cindy Duff, son, Joshua Duff, brothers, Thomas, Steven and Michael Duff, and sisters, Jerwell Clair and Trudy Wido. Arrangements made by Uht Funeral Home.

William B. Smith

Private family services for William Smith, 85, of Livonia, were held at Casterline Funeral Home in Northville with the Rev Sondra Willobee of Farmington First Methodist Church officiating.

Burial was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.

Mr Smith was born April 2, 1918 in Highland Park and died Oct 8 in Plymouth. He has lived his life in the area with homes in Plymouth, Northville and Livonia. He was a graduate of Plymouth

High School. He also attended Henry Ford Trade School for eight years. He was a draftsman with an automotive company, and was a life member of the Northville Masonic Lodge.

Mr Smith was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, and one brother. Survivors include wife, Gladys of Livonia, children, Marlene (Donald) Gray of Leslie and Pamela (James) Lodge of Livonia, brother, Earl (Bonnie) Smith of Plymouth, three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and special friend, Robert McCallum. Arrangements made by Casterline Funeral Home.

Mary Joan Rothfuss

Mary Joan Rothfuss, 76, of Plymouth died Oct 11 in Plymouth.

She was born Nov 17, 1926 in Blissfield, Mich.

Ms Rothfuss retired from the Michigan Department of Social Services after 35 years of service. She last managed the Inkster district office. She loved bowling but bridge was her greatest pleasure. She had an infectious laugh said friend Dorothy Jezak.

Ms Rothfuss was preceded in death by brother, Max Allen

Rothfuss

Survivors include brother James (Elizabeth) Rothfuss of Sarasota, Fla., and nieces and nephews, David (Susan) Rothfuss of Wilmington, Del., and Linda Genevieve of Atlanta, Ga.

Memorial contributions may be given to Angela Hospice in Livonia.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Ana Caruso

Services for Ana Caruso, 100, of Canton Township were held Oct 16 at St John Neumann Catholic Church.

Mrs Caruso was born Aug 29, 1903 in Italy and died Oct 13 in Plymouth. She worked as a homemaker.

Mrs Caruso was preceded in death by husband, Vita Auto, husband, Vito Caruso, and sons, Joseph, Salvatore, William, and Vincent. Survivors include daughters, Nina (Michael) Confliti and Anna Caruso-Brown, son, Andrew (Lois) Caruso, one sister, 17 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements made by L J Griffin Funeral Home.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

AYRES, LEWIS PROMOTIONS

Ayres, Lewis Norms & May, Inc announced the promotion of Philip N Loud to vice president and corporate officer. Loud has been a member of the firm since 1978 and currently leads ALNM's



Marketing and Business Development department.

A graduate of Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. with graduate studies at the University of Michigan, Loud has been responsible for numerous engineering projects in areas such as water and wastewater systems, energy

systems and economic analysis and feasibility studies for municipal clients throughout Michigan and the Midwest.

His engineering projects have included a new wastewater collection, pumping, equalization and transmission project for the Western Townships Utilities Authority, and improvements to the water distribution system and treatment plant for the Lexington-Worth Townships Utilities Authority and the Village of Lexington, Mich. Loud is also author of several papers and presentations.

"We welcome Phil as an officer of the firm," said ALNM President Ashok K. Singhal.

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TREE

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severe state of decline” Carol Was of Plymouth Township, who watched crews pull the copper beech to its new resting spot two years ago, was disappointed to hear the news “To see that great tree moved across the field it was heartwrenching because no one thought it was going to live, she said. “They should have been creative and built around it. I would have liked to see it stay” The experiment was paid for by the Jack Wilcox Foundation. Foundation board member Dan Herriman said spending \$45,000 to move the tree and pay for the aftercare was a condition of selling the property and receiving site plan approval for the condominium project. The foundation stepped up and decided to do it to facilitate the sale, the land was a major portion of Jack’s estate,” Herriman said.

‘I’m not bitter about the circumstances, but I regret the funds couldn’t have been put to better use.’

Dan Herriman
Foundation board member

The Wilcox Foundation gives grants and scholarships to students seeking higher education. I’m not bitter about the circumstances, but I regret the funds couldn’t have been put to better use,” Herriman said. “That kind of money would put a child through college at an excellent university. Tom Pomaroli, a partner of D&P Ventures, which is planning the condo project, said he didn’t know when the tree would be taken down. Construction on the two-phase project to include 36 condominiums, which was to have begun in the summer, has once again been delayed because of financing issues, according to Pomaroli.

MOVING THE BEECH

for Jack Wilcox

If you had seen its full crown seventy feet tall a billow of coppery leaves in sanguine light clinging to clouds. If you had smoothed your hands over elephant hide bark thick in its century of years or spread your arms around its immense girth. If you had watched bulldozers slice sinew and vein dig ditches around twin trunks conjoined. Watched braided steel shot through its core the massive body slid onto a gurney dragged across the field tilting toward the land it knew. You might have felt a cleaving of root seen its tangled skein of memory unravel in the soil witnessed grief pool in sudden trenches. Felt the shiver of limbs settle into new ground watched the slow smother of light overtake it.

By Carol Was

Indian community heralds a New Year with celebration

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Anand Kumar is putting his money and time where his beliefs are. The Indian community has a lot to offer,” said the Canton resident. Kumar, a director of finance at AAA, is behind an Asian Indian event designed to bring several thousand people together to showcase and learn about the culture. Festivities are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Ford Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave. in Dearborn.

Based on the U.S. Census, the Asian Indian community includes some 75,000 people in southeast Michigan. Canton alone is home to approximately 3,400 Asian Indians. Other communities where the population is concentrated include Farmington Hills, Southfield, Troy, Novi, Sterling Heights and Ann Arbor. The showcase Saturday will highlight traditional and contemporary dance and music.

competitions, food, a fashion show, as well as businesses that sell Indian ethnic fashions and jewelry. Clothing will include flowing silhouettes and chiffons studded with sequins and crystals from Zardozi, a popular brand from New Delhi, India. Zardozi is an exclusive designer store featuring ethnic wear. The clothes will be modeled by local Michigan Indian models. Kids won’t be neglected at the festival. They will be treated to clowns and face painting. Organizers have invited local Indian restaurants to serve snacks and sweets. More than a dozen new Indian restaurants have opened in the past year in the Detroit metro area. The event dovetails into the Asian Indian festival of Diwali, the festival of lights, which in India is celebrated on Oct. 25. It is the start of the New Year and a festival celebrating good over evil,” Kumar said. India Fest 2003 is promoted by Kumar’s munda.com, the Michigan Indian community Web site that serves as a

communication device for the Indian community. The organization was founded in 1999 and offers complete information on all Michigan Indian-related events and businesses in the area. It also provides a number of free interactive services. More than 130 businesses use the site to target the Indian community. The decision to host Saturday’s festival comes from a celebration a year ago in August that was held at the Novi Expo Center. It celebrated Indian independence from Britain on Aug. 15, 1947. “A lot of people were looking for some kind of get-together,” Kumar said. This event will bring the community together. It will also help the non-Indian not familiar with the culture and allow them to take a look for themselves.” For more information, click on to www.munda.com

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SEAT

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not just an immediate correction to the budget, or any other problem that may come across the table,” Workman said. “I think I have a good look at what we’ve been doing, and what we need to do.” Workman said he supports Proposal 1, which could raise the city’s tax rate to 15 mills for each of the next three years to erase projected budget deficits. “I’ve enjoyed Plymouth all my life, and I like the things Plymouth stands for,” he said. “And, with the cuts that would come down (if Proposal 1 fails), and the way the Headlee Amendment has affected our budget, we probably need to pay more to keep things the way they are.” “I’m afraid opponents of Proposal 1 have an interest in a different Plymouth by cutting services or opportunities,” added Workman. “By supporting it, that pretty much maintains things as they are, and allows us to do those special things that make Plymouth unique.”

Workman referred to staffing levels for city services, including police and fire personnel. When people start talking about cutting money for those positions, I struggle with that,” he said. “They are people who are first on the scene in life and death situations every day.” Workman said, in conjunction with passing Proposal 1, the city administration needs to spend taxpayer money smartly. “I think we’ve been pretty comfortable, for a long time, doing things the way we have,” said Workman. “This is a wake-up call to be prepared to look at smart investments or efficient uses of money.” According to Workman, the city administration should be held accountable for the state of the city’s finances, but he’s not sure they can be held responsible. “I don’t think they’ve mismanaged,” Workman said. “I think the city is managed quite well, and I think this is a wake-up that says there are some other ways to do different things. Let’s explore those.” As for the Sheldon Road underpass project, Workman believes a deal is a deal, and the city should ante up. “We made a deal years ago,” said Workman, “and I think we need to do our share because we live in a community, not a vacuum. Sometimes people believe that Plymouth exists solely without its neighbors. I don’t

think that because our neighbors help us thrive. “I’d be concerned that if we don’t do this project now, it won’t be there again,” he said. “It’s one of our duties, as a municipality that owes it to a high-traffic area, to participate at the level we promised years ago (\$503,250).” Workman said he’d like to see the city and Plymouth Township partner to form a joint recreation program, which could include formation of a separate millage to support it. “Other communities have passed millages, either combined or separate from their operating millage, for community centers,” said Workman. “The possibility of partnering with the township to do something like that exists. Plymouth is a small city, and it’s difficult to fund those kinds of large-scale opportunities with numbers that small,” he said. “So, partnerships are vital to what we do along those lines. Without that kind of philosophy, we may have trouble trying to fund those kinds of opportunities with just city dollars.” Along with Workman, those running for the four seats on the city commission include incumbents Dan Dwyer and Michele Potter, as well as Anthony Guilhom and Peter Bunting. The top three vote-getters will receive four-year terms. The fourth-highest vote total earns the candidate a two-year term.

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MEAP

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Verna Amble, the district's executive director of instructional services, said there were only two major fluctuations - middle school reading, which increased 15 points, and seventh-grade writing, which showed a decrease of 13 points

"Part of the reading score increase is a reflection of changes in the test," said Amble. "The entire state average had an 11-point increase. We'll take a look at the writing and have discussions to see if anything is being done differently," she said. "The state average also dropped by 10 points."

One of the biggest concerns with the MEAP is making certain all the district's schools meet federal "No Child Left Behind" standards.

"According to the scores we're seeing now, all our schools will make Adequate Yearly Progress," said Amble. "There won't be any schools on the watch list."

This year, some of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests were given to different grades than in the past, making it difficult for administrators to make yearly comparisons.

MEAP RESULTS

Middle School Math			
School	2002	2003	
Central	65.9	59.0	
Discovery	70.2	72.0	
East	66.3	69.0	
Pioneer	66.1	58.0	
West	70.5	64.0	
District	67.9	64.0	
Statewide	53.8	52.0	

Middle School Science			
School	2001	2002	2003
Central	18.1	83.7	75.0
Discovery	24.4	88.6	78.0
East	30.4	81.3	83.0
Pioneer	30.3	77.9	76.0
West	17.5	81.1	79.0
District	24.3	82.6	79.0
Statewide	19.7	66.6	65.0

Middle School Social Studies			
School	2002	2003	
Central	48.5	43.0	
Discovery	48.4	52.0	
East	53.7	60.0	
Pioneer	42.3	45.0	
West	52.4	50.0	
District	49.2	50.0	
Statewide	32.0	33.0	

However, most of those given to the same grade as the previous year showed little significant change, according to Amble.

Fourth-grade math scores were basically flat, fifth-grade

science remained consistent, fifth-grade social studies showed slight improvement, and eighth-grade math, science and social studies show little fluctuation.

"Anything less than 10 points

isn't too significant," said Amble.

"We just keep working on the curriculum, delivery of instruction and the work we do for instructional development."

"We rely on our teachers to deliver quality instruction, and we think that's paying off for us very well," she added.

Fourth-grade reading showed a 20-point gain. However, Amble isn't ready to jump for joy.

"They've changed the test, so it's hard to know the reason for the increase," she said.

Plymouth-Canton Schools curriculum administrators spent time in August correcting errors in preliminary MEAP test results issued by the state Department of Education.

As a result of problems with a contractor, the proficiency scores were released five months behind schedule, making it tough for educators to make improvements in curriculum.

"It puts us behind the eight-ball," said Lon Rutkofske, director of secondary education for Plymouth-Canton Schools.

The scores from the year before help build a plan to improve on the areas of weakness. If you don't know the areas of weakness, it makes it hard to improve."

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AROUND TOWN

Job Seekers Panel

A panel of specialists in the field of human resources will address the OLGC Career Networking Group at 7 p.m. Monday Oct. 20 at the social hall of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. Guests are invited and admission is free. For information call Ed Walton at (734) 634 2245 or the church office (734) 453 0326.

Holiday Home Tour

Northville Community Foundation's Holiday Home Tour being held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 14-15. Tickets are \$18. Five outstanding homes have been selected ranging in years from 2 years to 30 years old. For ticket information call (248) 374 0200.

Crafters Wanted

Annual craft show at Hawthorne Valley in Westland is looking for crafters for the Holiday show being held Sunday Nov. 30. For information call Suzanne at (734) 844 3128.

Learn to Skate

Roller skating or roller blading classes for November now forming for ages 4-12 at Skateland West. Registration for winter Inline Hockey is Dec. 7.

Blood Drive

The Plymouth Post Office and Comcast hosting a blood drive on Tuesday Oct. 28 for the American Red Cross at the

main Plymouth Post Office on Beck Road. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please call to schedule an appointment to Barb Mitchell at (734) 453 6111. Walk-ins are also welcomed.

Home Buyers' Seminar

Find out how to choose your home work with a realtor; apply for different kinds of mortgages; write a contract; negotiate an acceptable price and the seller's responsibilities to you; the buyer. On Wednesday Oct. 22 at 6 p.m. at Northville District Library contact Michelle Trevino for more info at (248) 735 1370.

Extravaganza/Home Party

The proceeds from this event help support the traveling dance competition team at Dance Extreme Studio located on Joy Road in the Pine Tree Shopping Plaza from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday Nov. 2, 2003.

Hayrides with Storytelling

The evening begins with a hayride to a moonlit stage set in the woods with a fire burning nearby where storyteller Debra Christian will be spinning family oriented stories. The evening concludes with a hayride back to the barn where fresh cider and donuts away Plymouth Orchards every Friday and Saturday nights in October at 7:30 p.m. Call (734) 451 1128 for info.

Magic Craft Show

Applications are being accepted for the 17th annual Holiday Magic Craft show at Leonard Elementary in Troy. Show is Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For info and applications e-mail craftshow@prodigy.net

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OUR VIEWS

Incumbents are among city picks

In what has been a painfully uneventful election season - especially by City of Plymouth standards - candidates haven't done much to distinguish themselves from one another.

That means we have to rely on past performance (for the incumbents) and potential (for challengers). Using that formula, we recommend Plymouth voters choose both incumbents - Dan Dwyer and Michele Potter - along with challengers Peter Bunting and Anthony Guillom.



Dwyer



Potter

The reasons for choosing the incumbents are clear. Both have established strong records since being elected in 1999.

Dwyer has become perhaps the commission's strongest, most-reasoned voice. Elected with an admittedly large learning curve, Dwyer has clearly spent countless hours bringing himself up to speed on issues ranging from zoning questions to budget deficits. He has displayed a willingness to learn and has made himself knowledgeable on many issues.

Dwyer was a major influence on a committee to develop standards to help deal with a rising number of liquor license requests in the city. He has also been the driving force behind the move to build a public restroom downtown, a significant need considering the thousands of people who come to Plymouth for concerts, fairs and festivals.

Dwyer's insistence on making himself knowledgeable on issues such as the city's complicated zoning ordinance helps prove his desire to better the city. He should be returned to his seat on the commission.

Likewise, Potter has earned re-election. She championed a commission to study youth-related issues in the community, and followed through on that campaign promise by bringing to fruition the Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Committee.

She's also consistently one of the strongest voices in trying to hold the city administration's feet to the fire in terms of trimming the budget to lessen the impact of budgetary restraints on city residents. She also dispelled the idea she'll seek the state House of Representatives seat currently held by John Stewart by promising to serve out her commission term.

Potter is a politician who made promises during her campaign, and then actually followed through on them. She, too, deserves to be returned to the commission.

Bunting ran last time, and was one of several candidates swallowed by a crowded field. At the time, he was a relative unknown, and his only notoriety had come from his involvement with the Old Village Development Authority. Many perceived him as a one-issue candidate.

While there is still some concern about that, Bunting has spent the last couple of years earnestly working to learn more about the city. He is a devout regular at city commission meetings and has paid attention to issues such as the budget, capital improvements and development.

He's put in his time and, in a limited field of candidates, should be given a chance to use what he's learned.

Anthony Guillom is a political newcomer, but some fresh blood would fit in nicely on a commission that will be loaded with experience. Guillom's financial background should come in handy, particularly with Mayor Bill Graham, a financial whizkid himself, leaving the commission.

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Bunting



Guillom



Is it possible we're actually going to see the Oyster Bar downtown, after years of anticipation? The old building is down now, with construction slated to start soon on the new one.

LETTERS

Hall facts

I'm finding people are still confused about the facts regarding the new township hall.

1 It will not be paid for by residents taxes.

2 The Beck Road property is not viable because it is zoned for recreation and there are plans to expand the golf course located nearby. Even if rezoned, the remaining parcel left would then be too small to house the township offices, the DPW, and the police and fire departments. Also, a fire unit must be located in the southeast sector, so one would have to be built there anyway.

3 The current location is too small and inconvenient. Even if totally renovated, there would not be enough space to house all the departments with the square footage needed. At the Haggerty Road location, the police and fire alone, would gain 14,000 square feet, the most of any departments.

4 People choose to move to the Plymouth area because of the quality of life here, because they are proud of the services provided. This can only be maintained if an efficient, expanded facility is built which meets the needs of the township.

Elaine Hovey
Plymouth resident

Skips vote

The governor's veto of a bill defining the beginning of life and banning certain forms of late-term abortion created quite a stir last Friday. Poll data of one major metropolitan newspaper revealed that approximately 87 percent of their readers supported this new law banning a particularly barbaric procedure.

Incredible as it may seem, State Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township) didn't even bother to vote on the passage of this bill (Senate Bill 395 - Roll Call Vote 138). Last year, Stewart stated in a televised public forum that he was "90 percent pro-life."

This statement came from a man who accepted sizable campaign contributions from Planned Parenthood in 2002. The Planned Parenthood Web site even includes archived materials describing John Stewart as a candidate they can count on.

So which is it? Is Rep. John Stewart 90 percent pro-life or does he support late-term abortion? His failure to cast a vote leaves the question open. Reasonable people would agree that they expect elected leadership to take a firm stand on such divisive issues.

I'm confident that Rep. Stewart will tell us that he sponsored a similar bill with certain exceptions, however, his bill had no co-sponsors and no support whatsoever in the State House. The bill died in committee. Apparently this was a disingenuous attempt to portray himself as pro-life because similar bills were already moving through both the House and Senate.

We need to hold our elected officials accountable for their stance on important issues and to demand a higher level of integrity with regard to their position. Regardless of your position on this issue, our elected officials must be honest with those who sent them to Lansing rather than play political games with meaningful legislation. Effective and honest representation means that a "yea" or "nay" is the best vote to cast.

Jonathon Grant
Plymouth

(Rep. John Stewart told the *Observer* he did not vote on the legislation because he wanted exceptions included for the health and safety of the mother and limiting the ban to the second and third trimester but that those exceptions were not supported. Stewart did introduce legislation in August that included those two exceptions.)

Yes vote

It's good that some responsible residents use their vision to see the current and future needs of their neighbors. Without progress we would still be using the horse and buggy to get around.

To expect the elderly and disadvantaged to go from one building to another in the rain and snow to conduct their business is showing that we are an uncaring community. I don't believe that we should place politics ahead of our compassion and common sense. I believe that we do care about our township and would like to see attractive facilities where we conduct our community business.

There is no pride in having old and deteriorating buildings which require our tax dollars to be used on repairs and upkeep. There comes a time when we must realize that it's senseless to continue to throw good money into an antiquated system that has outlived its usefulness.

If the voters decide not to improve our community then we will be destined to live in a warehouse style of township buildings. If this appeals to you, then you know what to do. However, if you seek pride and convenience in your community, then your YES vote is needed.

These wanna-be politicians who want to get their hands on your tax dollars have clearly demonstrated how wasteful they can be by forcing you to spend approximately \$45,000 on an election that could have been handled with a little intelligence. Responsible citizens need to stop this waste and send them a message on Nov. 6, that we're not looking for irresponsible leadership that enjoys throwing away our tax dollars. This shameful action is an embarrassment to all the good people of this great township.

If this is an indication of why we should vote for them in 2004 and how they would handle our money, then we should make a note to mark our new calendars so that in 13 months we won't make this same mistake again.

Roy Hart
Plymouth Township

Where's the need?

Plymouth is a special community with a quality of life that far surpasses that of any of our neighbors. At the heart of Plymouth Township is the city of Plymouth with Kellogg Park, tree-lined streets combined with small town charm.

Many city services, along with higher taxes, give the city a certain appeal. Plymouth Township on the other hand, surrounds the city and has a very low tax rate, limited services, combined with excellent housing stock. Both have good schools, along with access to the arts and culture. People who move into Plymouth Township are able to go anywhere for one reason and one reason alone - an unbelievable quality of life that begins with an unbelievably low tax rate.

Currently, the citizens of Plymouth Township are engaged in a struggle with the four-member majority of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees over the future of our community that could alter our quality of life forever.

The board plans to build a 25,000-square-foot township hall for \$12 million on land that we need to buy. Also included would be a 27,000-square-foot public safety building that would house police, fire and dispatch services on 9.39 acres of land along Ann Arbor Road. The bonds alone will cost the taxpayer of this community \$466,000 dollars a year for the next 20 years.

Township citizens are troubled by a lack of agreement on the township board. In fact, this measure passed by one vote and is the source of great division. The longest serving member of the Plymouth Township

board, Ron Griffith, argued against this plan, and he brings 15 years public policy experience to the township board.

Citizens in the community would like to see agreement on the board if they are to undertake such a large and costly project. Steve Mann, Ron Edwards, Marilyn Massengill and Kay Arnold have not explained to the voters why after 50 years we suddenly need everyone under one roof in a new township hall. This will only benefit elected officials and our township employees. When all is said and done, this project would do nothing for the quality of life in this township and burden taxpayers with a mountain of debt.

John Morrison
Plymouth Township

No blame game

I found the article written by Hugh Gallagher, managing editor of the *Observer Newspapers*, another attempt at laying blame ("Politicians dither away needed charter school gift," *Observer*, Sunday, Oct. 5).

We are getting pretty good at this game as a society. Mr. Thompson, a local philanthropist who wanted to open 15 charter high schools in the City of Detroit, came to the school dance, but nobody wanted to dance with him. He said he is saddened by the anger and hostility that has greeted our proposal. He goes on to say, "This proposal was meant to be for kids and not against anyone or any institution."

Mr. Gallagher was sad, too. He wrote, "Thompson's proposal was just that kind of adrenaline that could have made a difference for parents and students hungering for something better."

Something better? In his article, Mr. Gallagher describes "better" this way: "But the charter school idea, of having schools that experiment with smaller class sizes, more intense curricula, more individual attention and higher standards of discipline, could help many urban systems out of the morass that has drowned several generations of students."

Hmmm? That charter school idea looks familiar. Oh, that's right. It's been a public school idea for quite some time. Perhaps Mr. Thompson could share his well-deserved and hard-earned good fortune with 15 existing public high schools in the City of Detroit. There are some kids in those schools who just might welcome and benefit from his kindness and generosity.

If not, there is always another dance to attend. And there are always plenty of people looking for a good partner.

George Belvitch
Plymouth

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QUOTABLE

"I felt as though our communities were harmed by virtue of the governor proposing to increase the population at Scott (Correctional Facility in Northville) ... and Western Wayne is less desirable."

- State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton), on legislation that would cap the number of inmates at both prison facilities.

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Early childhood education key to later school success

They held the ninth annual Governor's Education Summit conference a couple of weeks ago in Lansing. It was the biggest one ever, with 1,000 people attending and 400 more turned away for lack of space. But, not surprisingly, the summit didn't get much attention, and disappeared almost without a trace in the maw of the big-time media machine.

It was important, though, because it marked a significant change in direction for Michigan's policies on early childhood and education, a change driven by what brain scientists and doctors have come to understand about early child development. It turns out that children learn most rapidly from a very, very early age — probably starting literally at birth. Much of infants' brain and personality development takes place by the time they get to age 5 or so, after which learning is slower and emotional health is more problematic.

What's very interesting about these findings is that they highlight an enormous disconnect in our society between what we know and what we do. What we know is that kids are best able to learn when they are very, very young. What we do is to start children in kindergarten at age 5, exactly the point at which their capacity to learn starts to slow down.

Consider, furthermore, the enormous misallocation of billions of dollars arising from this disconnect. For some years now, a group of heavyweights from the business, education, human services and foundation communities has been meeting to chew on this issue. Called "Ready to Succeed," this group has sponsored some interesting advertising campaigns on radio and TV, all around the theme of "Be a hero from age zero" and urging parents of newborns to "hold, talk, read, play, and so forth with their children." The idea is to get the practical consequences of scientific findings into the heads of ordinary parents.

The Ready to Succeed folks had a willing audience in Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who immediately latched on to the idea, now repackaged as "Project Great Start." At the education summit, she announced a sweeping plan to use donations instead of tax dollars to promote the idea that "education begins at age zero." The slogan will be on grocery bags from Meijer, on public service announcements on TV, in church bulletins and in videos in doctors' waiting rooms. "We need to hit this from all directions if we are to create a movement, if we are to change people's minds about when edu-

cation begins," Granholm said in her keynote speech.

All this promotion is well and good. But it doesn't cut to the concrete core of what needs to be done if we are to bring our child care and education system kicking and screaming into the 21st century.

Turns out the best in the world at all this are the (gasp!) French, who operate a system of maternal and child care centers for every family with children as part of the national health system. The centers start with prenatal care for mothers and babies, continue with home visits after the baby is born and provide very early childhood education. The whole system is linked in a continuum of care from birth to grade school, and most experts say it's the very best part of the French education system. The English have a similar system, called "Sure Start."

Of course, we probably can't get to the French or English systems overnight, even assuming we would want to. They are very expensive and fit perfectly into the French/English culture of cradle-to-grave social services that cost taxpayers a ton. But it does represent a model that might usefully be adapted to American conditions.

Granholm offered a start in her speech at the summit when she said that 17 Michigan elementary schools on a federal list of 213 underperforming schools this fall will open Family Resource Centers with state social services workers on hand to help solve family problems.

The idea of co-locating social services, public health and early childhood care in elementary school buildings has been kicking around for years, especially in communities with deeply rooted social and economic problems. So suppose you add a child care specialist and a teacher to the Family Resource Centers. And suppose you expanded the program to all 213 underperforming schools. And suppose further you get the point.

The big problem with all summit conferences is to figure out "what's next" after the conference is over. Edging toward a serious early child care and education system is the obvious "next step." It will take a lot of tugging and hauling on a whole lot of constituencies that are invested in the system as it now is, but it's well worth the effort. And it could be a defining objective for a very smart governor with three school-age children and a demonstrated interest in policy innovations in the field.

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



Phil Power

City's figures are a bit fuzzy when it comes to asking for tax increase

Did you get a 31 percent pay raise lately? Plymouth city government wants that big a raise on Nov. 4.

City residents will go to the polls to decide whether to raise one city operating millage by 31 percent.

■ **Plymouth millage and fee hikes in 2003** This millage increase request comes on top of several other recent big city millage and fee increases. Earlier this year, city government hiked the cost of garbage bag tags 50 percent and it raised the solid waste and recycling tax millage by 20 percent. For a typical house in the city with two bags of trash weekly, this is a 34.11-percent increase in trash disposal costs.

Those cost increases are in addition to the annual double-digit increase in the cost the city imposes for water and sewer use.

If Proposal 1 is approved, the city's aggregate local millage will be over 19 mills. This is because Proposal 1 affects only the city's operating millage. The city can and will continue to tax separately for solid waste and the street repair bonds (now 1.8 and 2.31 mills, respectively).

■ **Controlling spending** The city government claims to have cut spending but it really has not. The city's own budget numbers show that in just three years spending from the city's five major funds has INCREASED over 13 percent, from \$8,321,350 in 2000-01 to \$9,407,740 in 2003-04.

As it tries to sell this tax increase to the taxpayers, the city government claims that since 1982 it has reduced the number of full-time city employees from 77 to 56 (see taxpayer-paid, pro-tax newsletter sent by city government).

The city government's claim of only 56 current full-time employees is wrong. According to 2003-04 city budget documents, there are 71.15 Full Time Equivalent employees ("FTE").

This figure is misleading because any staff reductions happened many years ago when the city transferred its fire department and emergency dispatch employees to Plymouth Township. The city's taxpayers still must pay for the township for these services.

More recently and relevantly, the number of city employees has actually increased from 69.65 FTE in 2000-01 to the current number of 71.15 FTE (Source: City Budget Document, April 2003, page A15). The city government actually wants to increase staffing further, not cut it. (Source: City Manager 2003-04 budget memo No. 1, page 3).

City employee salaries continue to escalate faster than inflation. Even in the midst of this so-called budget crisis, all nonunion city employees got a 3-percent pay increase this year. Unionized employees will demand similar increases when the city renews their contracts.

This year, the city manager got a 3-percent pay hike that was made retroactive for one year.

Tough times call for tough choices. However, the city government has not asked for position, wage or benefit concessions from city employees. Compare these city employment benefits with your own.

■ **City employees receive retirement benefits** that are generous compared to the private sector and other units of government. City retirees get the same taxpayer-paid health insurance that active employees get.

Not long ago, one city employee retired at the age of 39. That's not a typo — retired at age 39! The city's taxpayers will pay for that person's health insurance for decades.

■ **Every year, city employees get a cash payoff** of their unused sick time. The next year they get more sick time. This extraordinary benefit costs the taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars every year.

There are many such samples. City residents must ask, can we continue to afford these generous benefits?

■ **Keeping promises** Before increasing their own taxes 31 percent, city voters should ask whether the city government keeps the service promises it makes when it increases taxes. In 1996, city voters approved a 2.0 street improvement millage. The city government provided the taxpayers with a very specific street improvement schedule when it asked them to approve this millage.

But the city government has not done very well keeping the promise it made in 1996. The street project fell quickly and seriously behind schedule. Street improvements that were to have been finished in 1997, 1998 and 1999 were not completed until 2002 and 2003. Much of that work has not even been started yet. Some work may never be done.

And the city government's own explanation for this? We planned, budgeted, and executed the street improvement program poorly. (Source: City Budget Document, April 2003, page A41).

Perhaps before city taxpayers entrust a 31-percent tax hike to Plymouth city government, we should demand more accountability for the tax increases we have already passed.

Sean FitzGerald is an overtaxed resident of the city of Plymouth. He is also a former member of the Plymouth City Commission and is a former chair of the Plymouth Planning Commission.



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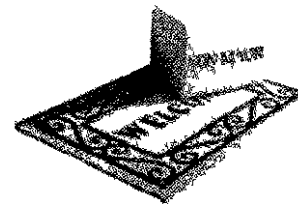
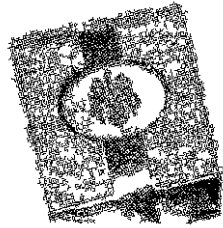
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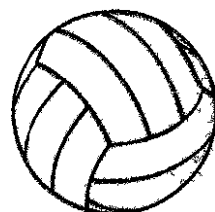


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Honorees

A pair of Madonna University athletes were selected as Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference players of the week in their respective sports.

T.J. Djokic a Livonia Stevenson graduate was the WHAC player of the week in men's soccer and Ashley Frost was named the conference's volleyball player and setter of the week.

Djokic a sophomore collected four goals and three assists in two Madonna wins. The Crusaders 10-1 overall and 8-0 in the WHAC are ranked 17th in the NAIA.

Frost totaled 248 set assists in five matches four of them wins for Madonna. She also had 52 digs as the Crusaders improved to 26-1 overall.

Lions roar

The Canton Lions varsity defeated Garden City 29-0 Sunday to improve its Junior Football League record to 2-4. Chris Fischer scored two touchdowns for the Lions while Brandt Thomas and Joe Boctor had one each. Fischer also kicked two two-point conversions and Trent Shelton ran in a one-point conversion. Erik Wright and Navraj Sandhu had interceptions for the Lions defensive unit.

The Lions junior varsity squad lost 8-6 to the first place Chargers dropping its record to 3-3. Quarterback Chris Stewart hooked up with Myron Puryear for the lone Lions touchdown. Caleb Rankins, Nick Wright and Anthony Seing provided strong running for Canton. Defensively the Lions were paced by Stewart (interception).

The freshmen Lions crushed Garden City 32-13 to improve to 6-0. Braden Price scored three TDs for the Lions while Brad Trublowksi and Kyle Dexter had one each. Kamal Mheisen, Eric Thuma and Miles Clifton sparked the defense.

Standouts

Scott Duhl a senior at Western Michigan University and a Salem HS graduate has started all 13 games for the Broncos soccer squad and ranks second on the team in goals scored.



Duhl has netted five goals through WMU's first 13 matches and three of those were game winners. The Broncos were 9-4-0 overall, 2-1 in the Mid American Conference after last Sunday's 2-0 victory over Akron.

Albion College was 1-1 in Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association play last week after losing 6-2 at Hope College Oct. 7 and winning 3-0 over Alma on Oct. 11.

Sophomore midfielder Ashley Rosaen a Canton HS graduate scored both of the Broncos' goals against Hope. They were her first two goals of the season. Albion was 4-3-1 in league play, 5-6-1 overall entering this week.

Teammate Danielle Shepard a freshman midfielder and another Canton HS grad ranks among the MIAA leaders in goals scored with four and Allison Mills a junior midfielder from Canton HS is second on the team in overall scoring with five goals and two assists (12 points).



Salem keeper Tom Huls outbattles Canton's Jason Houdek for the ball, making a save late in the second half. It was one of many for Huls.

Rocks tip Chiefs for WLAA crown

Late goal the difference in 2-1 win

Big players make big plays in big games.

Not always true, of course. Decent players often rise to the occasion to make the key play. Which then, in the fickle world of sports, elevates them to the level of the 'big player.'

Big plays came from both sides Wednesday night when Salem and Canton battled for the Western Lakes Activities Association soccer championship on the field the two teams share as their home site. The difference was that Salem made a couple more.

And the result was a 2-1 win for the Rocks, allowing them to claim their second straight league title.

Salem ends the regular season at 11-3-5. Canton enters the state district tournament with a 12-3-3 mark.

The game's turning point came with the score tied at 1-1 and less than 17 minutes remaining. The Rocks' Chris Conlisk took possession on Canton's side of midfield, carried the ball into the right corner and sent the ball into the box.

A few deflections later it ended on the foot of Sean Williams. His shot was stopped, a superb save by Chiefs' keeper Steve Mischung, but the rebound went to Dave Hall and he put it in to give the Rocks a 2-1 lead.

Which stood up, thanks in great part to Salem keeper Tom Huls. Constantly tested by the Canton offense, Huls proved equal to the challenge.

Tommy Huls was fantastic, said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. That and the fact that we were able to finish on our opportunities — that was the difference.

'But player for player, I thought our keeper was the difference in the game.'

As one might have expected, it was a match of surges. Salem's came first, the Rocks dominating play early and making it pay dividends when a free ball into the Chiefs' end reached Thiago Harris. His laser-like shot from 18 yards out went over Mischung and into the net with 17:37 left in the half to make it 1-0. Steve Cox was credited with the assist.

Momentum, however, is nothing to take for granted — which it seemed the Rocks did after Harris' goal. Because they didn't seem to gain anything from it; Canton did.

'Salem sparked us with that first goal,' said Chiefs' coach George Tomasso.

Indeed, his team finished the half with a pair of great scoring chances in the last eight minutes, both of them requiring Huls to make diving saves. And for the first 25 minutes of the second half, it was Canton that continued to apply the pressure.

And it was that pressure that led to a major miscue by the Salem defense. The Chiefs' Adam Pitt pushed forward as the ball bounced toward the Rocks' goal. Huls called for it, but before defender Joe Halewicz could veer away the two collided — leaving Pitt with the ball and no one between him and the net. His easy goal tied it at 1-1. 4:51 into the second half.

But even though Canton continued to press, it was Salem that got the decisive goal.

'It happens,' said Tomasso. 'In a game like this, you never know what might happen, what guy steps up and makes a difference.'

After the opening 25 minutes, Tomasso thought everyone who played for him did well.

PLEASE SEE CROWN, B6

Victory keeps Canton perfect in WLAA

Junior Katie Cezat racked up yet another double-double for Canton's girls basketball team, scoring 25 points and grabbing 14 rebounds to lead the Chiefs to a 52-27 win over Westland John Glenn Tuesday at Canton.

Canton remained perfect in the Western Lakes Activities Association at 7-0, the Chiefs are 11-2 overall. John Glenn is 4-8 overall.

In addition to Cezat, who also had five blocked shots to her credit, senior guard Rachele Guastella was a strong defensive presence. She scored nine points to go along with five rebounds and four steals.

Amy Bailey and Jennifer Thauvette were the only bright spots for the Rockets with 16 and nine points, respectively.

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'We rebounded and defended well,' said Canton coach Bob Blohm, whose team led 35-10 at halftime. 'We ran the ball at them, but struggled with our scoring in the second half.'

Canton hit 10-of-14 free throws, while Glenn did not have an attempt from the stripe.

Plymouth Christian 54, Whitmore Lake 32: It all came together for Plymouth Christian Academy in the second half of its non-league game at Whitmore Lake Tuesday.

Finally, The Eagles ended a seven-game losing

streak by outscoring the Trojans 29-7 after halftime. PCA improves to 3-8 overall.

I was happy for the girls,' said Eagles coach Kevin Nast. 'They've worked so hard and it's starting to pay off.'

What PCA's been lacking has been offense for much of the season, but that was no problem against Whitmore Lake. Seven of the eight Eagles scored in the game, led by Amanda Saagman with 19 points, she also had seven rebounds and three assists. Lauren Soblesky contributed 10 points and Shannon Murray scored eight. Kelsie Tietjen finished with seven points and seven boards.

PLEASE SEE WLAA, B7

Catholic Central falls in league semis

Redford Catholic Central had its chance to stop Pontiac Notre Dame Prep in the Catholic League soccer semifinals on Monday night.

But the Fighting Irish were the ones to get on the scoreboard first as they stopped CC, 2-0, and advanced to Wednesday night's A-B Division finals.

It was a tough game for us,' said CC coach Joe Nora. 'We came out playing strong for the first 10 minutes, then played flatter and flatter as the game went on. We had four or five really good opportunities when the game was 0-0, but we couldn't find the net and they did.'

ND Prep (13-2-2) didn't get on the board until 12 minutes were left in the game as Matt Kalson scored. Drew Espenshade added an insurance goal with two minutes left for the Irish.

'The first goal kinda took the wind out of our sails,' said Nora, whose team dropped to 8-6-2 heading into next Tuesday's district

semifinal against the Livonia Stevenson-Livonia Churchill winner at Novi Meadows Stadium.

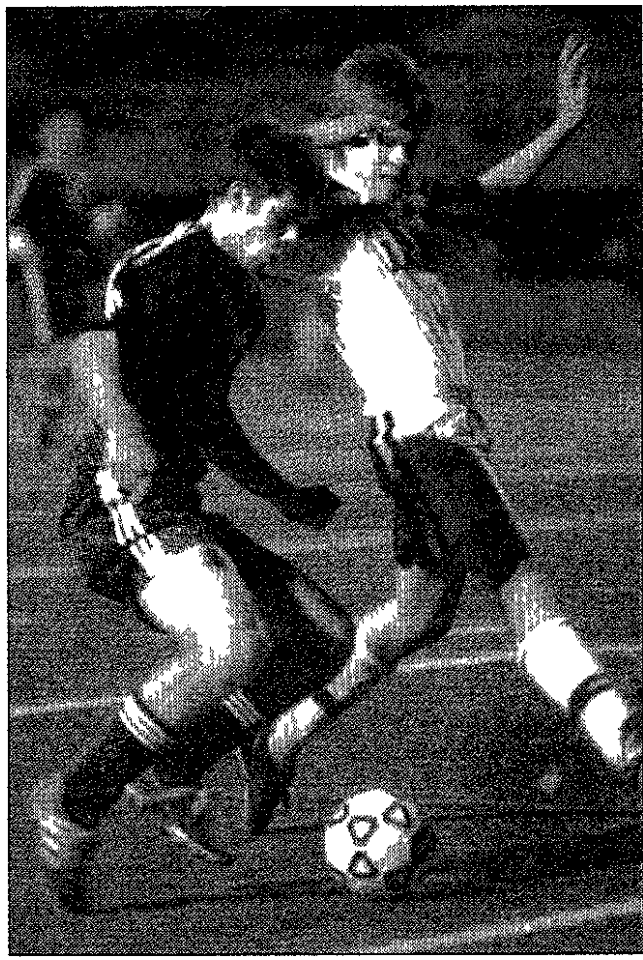
'I tried to tell the kids that we didn't play well, but we have time to fix it. We'll just have to keep working hard and get ready for next Tuesday.'

CC outshot the Irish, 17-5, with Brett Mollen making all 17 stops for ND Prep. Brett Petkus made three saves in goal for CC.

Lutheran Westland 3, University-Liggett 1: Brandon Noble notched his school-record 27th and 28th goals of the season Tuesday as host Lutheran High Westland (11-2-4) took the Metro Conference consolation game final against Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (7-9-2).

It was 0-0 at halftime before the Division IV state-ranked Warriors struck for three goals.

PLEASE SEE CENTRAL, B6



CC's Pete Bierzynski (left) battles with Notre Dame Prep's Brendan Pawlik during Monday night's Catholic League semifinals.

Ocelots still undefeated, title in sight

An argument could be made that Bill Tolstedt's comment after his Schoolcraft College women's soccer team decimated Albion College's junior varsity by a 5-0 margin — 'We're about where I want us to be,' he said — was one of the best understatements of this fall season.

The reason, of course, is that the Ocelots improved to 12-0 with the lopsided win Tuesday on a rain-soaked Albion field. They are ranked fifth in the NJCAA's Division I.

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Certainly they couldn't be in a much better position.

'They did play very well,' the SC coach said. 'The only thing I could tell them about Albion was that their varsity team had won the MIAA three years in a row, so it must be a good program.'

The JV Britons didn't look like champions against SC, which dominated play from the start. Andrea Wright, the Ocelots' leading goalscorer, gave them the lead just 20 into the match with her 13th score of the season.

Michelle Kitta and Tiffany Tuzzolino also had first-half goals, with Casey Hoover scoring in the second half. Nicole Dalcandro was in goal for the first half, Andrea Dunn took over for the second.

Last Saturday, SC recorded a 1-0 forfeit win over Washtenaw CC when the team never showed up for the scheduled match.

Perhaps that was just as well, considering the way the Ocelots have been rolling over the opposition. In their 12 matches, they've scored 65 goals while surrendering just 10. The victory over Albion's JV was their seventh shutout of the season.

Still, imposing challenges remain. SC must travel to Cincinnati State.

PLEASE SEE OCELOTS, B6

Chiefs are aiming for home-field advantage

Some things we've been kicking around the office for a while
■ Looks like the Division I football playoffs are shaping up as the Observerland Invitational once again, but this time there will be a new twist in the home field advantage

It's not scientific, but it's as good as you'll get for right now
Barring some adjustments, the four area teams will be Canton, Westland John Glenn, Redford Catholic Central and Wayne - with the Zebras taking the place of Livonia Stevenson from last year

If Canton wins out, the Chiefs should have homefield advantage for the district and would play next week's John Glenn-Wayne loser at home CC would host the Glenn-Wayne winner in the first round

But circle your calendar for Nov 7, when the Shamrocks would play the district final at Canton in a rematch that Chiefs fans, players and coaches have been waiting a year for

Of course, if the MHSAA does some-

thing stupid like put CC in with Detroit Cody and Cass Tech or move Canton north with South Lyon and the Walled Lake schools, all bets are off But the Observerland tourney should be three solid games with four solid teams

■ It's also separation day for three teams if they want to make the playoffs this season Redford Union, Garden City and St Katharine/Bishop Borgess all have 4-3 records so its win or thanks for playing time There's no maybe for the rest of the area teams - Canton, CC, Clarenceville, Thurston, Wayne and John Glenn are all in the playoffs, it's just a matter of where they will be

As for the picks records, Paul Beaudry, the scourge of Redford-Garden City and friend to all (especially Thurston athletics) went a dismal 6-5 last week for an overall mark of 63-19 Brad Emons, the new Mr Soccer and sports fella for Livonia and Westland was 8-3 and our leader at 66-16, while C J Risak - the best thing to happen to Plymouth High football in school history - was 7-4 and 60-22

GRID PICKS

As for this week? It's showtime
FRIDAY'S GAMES
(7 p.m. unless indicated)

Canton (7-0 3-0) at Northville (2 5 12) OK this game is the equivalent of a baseball game that has clinched the division title Go out get the win and make sure no one gets hurt Style points shouldn't matter at least you'd think so PICKS Canton - Beaudry Emons Risak

W.L. Western (4-3 1-3) at Salem (1-6 0-4) Western still has an outside shot at the playoffs Outside is the key Western still has to play Walled Lake Central next week and that won't be easy PICKS Western - Beaudry Emons Risak

Redford CC (6-1 3-0) vs Warren DeLaSalle (5 2 12) at Warren Community Center Funny how things can change A week ago the Pilots needed one win in their last three games for a playoff spot This week they need one win in their last two games for a playoff spot Next week they'll need to beat Country Day for a playoff spot CC? Just gearing up for the Observerland Invitational PICKS CC - Beaudry Emons Risak

Garden City (4-3 4-0) at Southgate (5 2 4-0) Here's Garden City's chance to prove which part of its season is the real one the 0-2 start or the 4-1 mark since Not only is the battle for the Mega White title with both schools at least two games up on the rest of the pack but a loss

drops the Cougars from the post season It's Garden City's defense against Southgate's offense and the winner's PICKS Garden City Beaudry Southgate Emons Risak

Redford Union (4 3 4 3) at Melvindale (3 4 3 4) Another must win game for an area team could be an iffy one True the Cardinals have lost the last three games But the Panthers have struggled in shootouts a though if they win it makes next week's game with Thurston even more interesting PICKS RU Beaudry Emons Melvindale Risak

Franklin (2-5 1-3) at Churchill (2-5 1-3) Franklin did a fine job of surprising Stevenson last week and a win would give the Patriots the Livonia Division title of the Western Lakes Churchill is paying for one thing avoiding a six game losing streak for the second straight year after managing that string in 11 of the past 13 seasons PICKS Franklin - Beaudry Churchill Risak Emons

John Glenn (6 1 3-0) at Stevenson (2 5 11) The easy pick is to take John Glenn The gutsy pick is to take Stevenson with an upset soothing the wound of a disappointing season Can the Spartans catch John Glenn looking ahead to Wayne? Maybe not PICKS John Glenn Beaudry Emons Risak

Wayne (6 1 3 1) at W.L. Central (6 1 3 1) OK Bubba show us your team's for real Show us that there's a difference between a team with a winning record and a team that can win when it counts Between Central this week and the annual showdown with John Glenn next week it could be the difference between a playoff appearance and a playoff statement PICKS Wayne Beaudry Central Emons Risak

Wyandotte (3 4) at Redford Thurston (6 1) 7:30 p.m. The Eagles take a big step up in playing a team from the Mega Red OK It's not exactly Monroe or Belleville but the Bears are still in the Mega Red And it's Homecoming And its playing for playoff spot on not a playoff spot And Redford Union comes in next week And it won't matter PICKS Wyandotte Emons Thurston Beaudry Risak G P Liggett (3-4 3-3) at Clarenceville (6 1 6-0) 7:30 p.m. The beat goes on The Metro Conference streak grows to 41 wins PICKS Cville - Beaudry Emons Risak

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Luth Westland (2 5 2-4) at Lutheran N West (1 5 1-4) 1 p.m. Ordinarily it would be easy to stay away from the obvious sucker bet of taking the Warriors But geez Northwest has been outscored 199-36 in just six games LW has been outscored 185-111 but at least it can put points on the board PICKS LW - Beaudry Emons Risak

Allen Park Cabrini (1 6 1 5) at St Katharine/Borgess (4 3 4-2) 1 p.m. It's make or break time for the Baggies A win will put them into the drivers seat for a playoff spot heading into next Thursday's game at Shrine against either Detroit East Catholic (if Det. Loyola beats Ann Arbor Richard) or Clinton (if Richard beats Loyola aren't playoffs wonderful?) The guess is they ride Kenny Smith again the fact is that they have come a long way from a 17 season last year PICKS Baggies - Beaudry Emons Risak

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Rocks' rally falls short against Wayne

Information reported last Friday night concerning the Salem at Wayne Memorial football game was incomplete with several rather glaring omissions The following is meant as a clarification of that story

Wayne Memorial, under first-year coach Craig Hnatuk, locked up its first state football playoff berth since 1992 with a wild 48-41 victory over Salem last Friday at Wayne

The Zebras, 6-1 overall and 5-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, stopped the Rocks inside the Wayne 5-yard line with under a minute left when Chris Wells recovered a fumble caused by teammate Justin Bowe

A week earlier, Wayne stopped Northville four times from the 4-yard line as time expired in a 20-14 win

For the Rocks, 1-6 overall and 0-6 in the WLAA, it was more of the same They have lost four games by one touchdown or less this season

For the fourth-time this season, Wayne senior tailback T J Dillard

cracked the 200-yard barrier with 230 yards on 17 carries He scored four touchdowns on runs of 62, 47, 67 and 1 yard His 11-yard run for a first down on third-and-7 in the final seconds clinched the win

Salem had a scoring machine of its own in running back Mike Kerul The senior scored four touchdowns and finished with 70 rushing yards on 17 attempts

The big gun for the Rocks, however, was senior quarterback Chris Drabicki He completed 25-of-42 passes for 355 yards and two touchdowns, with one interception Drabicki set new school records for completions and passing yardage, the latter a record he set earlier this season

Drabicki also gained 65 yards rushing on 12 tries

Three receivers combined for 23 of Drabicki's 25 completions Brian Bradley caught nine passes for 80 yards and a touchdown, Kevin Bradley hauled in seven passes for 124 yards and a TD, and Jeff Lake had seven catches for 123 yards

Wayne senior quarterback Brad Wilson completed 10-of-13 passes for 167 yards and one TD (a 55-yard pass to Justin Venegoni) Wilson also scored on a 13-yard run

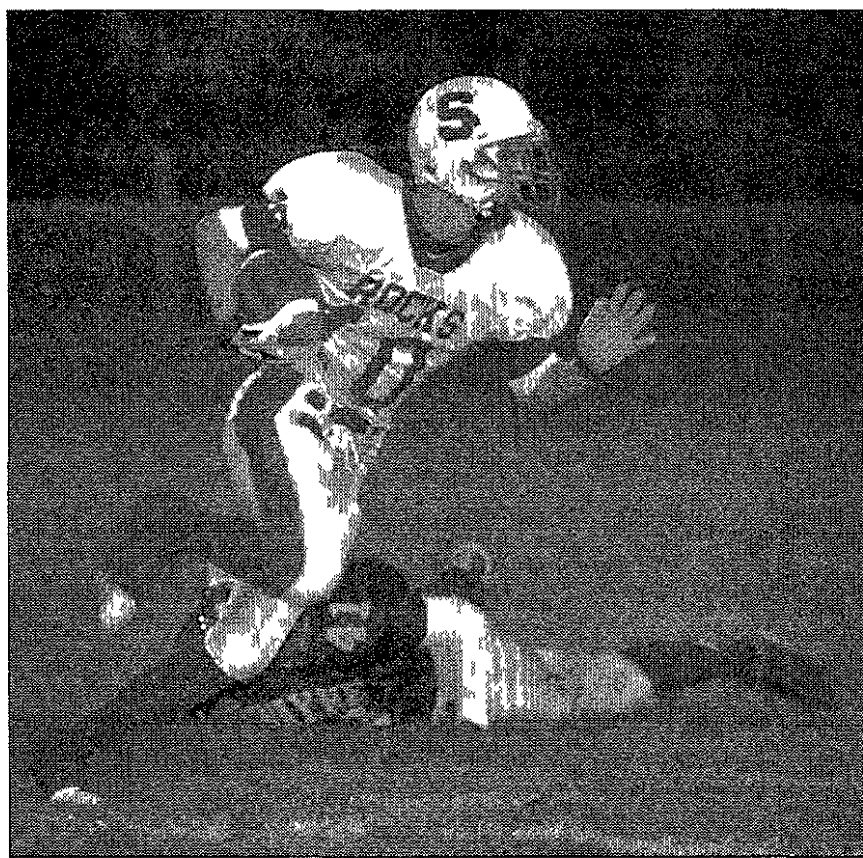
J R. Fells was Wayne's leading receiver with six catches for 55 yards He also had an interception

Defensively, neither team excelled

'We can't stop a soul,' Wayne coach Craig Hnatuk said 'We played man and zone and they saw something in our defense that they thought they could expose They killed us with their short passing game'

Salem's defense wasn't good, either 'We're pretty young there,' said Salem coach Bob Cummings 'We had a lot of seniors there last year, so we knew it would be a problem'

The Rocks lost a total of three fumbles as Wayne's Rondell White recovered one caused by John Lloyd Venegoni also caused and recovered another fumble



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Salem's Brian Bradley escapes a tackle attempt by Wayne Memorial's Jason Snell during Friday's game Bradley finished with nine receptions and a touchdown

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CC clubs Cubs, clinches playoff berth

Redford Catholic Central punched its own ticket for a return trip to the state playoffs on Saturday night with a 42-10 victory over University of Detroit-Jesuit at Keyworth Stadium in Hamtramck.

The win gave the two-time defending champs a 6-1 record, tying a playoff spot, and moved them to 3-0 in the Catholic Leagues Central Division, while the Cubs dropped to 3-4 overall and 0-3 in the Central.

CC rolled up 339 yards in total offense on the night and held U-D to 217. Derek Brooks led the way by rushing for 118 yards on 11 carries and had

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touchdown runs of 15 and 11 yards.

His opening touchdown made the score 7-0 after the first of Jason Gingell's six extra-point kicks. U-D came back and cut it to 7-3 after a 22-yard Justin Porwoll field goal.

CC upped its lead to 14-3 with 1:32 left in the second quarter as Nick Barrett's 1-yard run was set up by Drew Amble recovering a U-D fumble on its own 17.

But the Cubs came back and drove 66 yards in seven plays as Chris Kalich hit Porwoll on a 15-yard TD pass.

The second half belonged to CC as Brooks opened the scoring on his 18-yard run, then Eric Vojtkofsky had a 3-yard score, set up by his 43-yard run on the play before, making it 28-10.

CC got the ball right back as Gingell hit a squib kick into a U-D up-back and recovered it. Ten plays later, quarterback Dave Thomas drove in for a 9-yard score.

The Shamrocks ended the scoring on the next play from

scrummage as Jason Horton stripped the ball from a U-D running back and ran 25 yards for the touchdown.

Thomas was 5-for-6 passing for 66 yards, with Kyle Smith catching three passes for 45 yards.

Vojtkofsky had 64 yards rushing on eight carries, Thomas had 39 yards on six carries and Barrett had 29 on seven. Kalich led U-D with 70 yards on nine carries and was 4-of-7 passing.

Darnell Tyson led CC on defense with seven tackles, while Blake Kavanaugh and Andy Christenson had six each.

Whalers stall in 3rd, fall to Greyhounds

Three third-period goals allowed the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds to end the Plymouth Whalers six-game unbeaten streak with a 4-1 win Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

A power-play goal by Jeff Carter 2:13 into the final period gave the Greyhounds a 2-1 lead. Jeff Larsh made it 3-1 1:16 later, and Jacob King pushed Sault Ste. Marie's lead to three goals at the 8:05 mark.

Tyler Kennedy, whose second-period goal tied the game for the Greyhounds, finished with a goal and three assists. Larsh and King each had a goal and an assist, and

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Brad Staubitz had two assists. The Whalers' only goal came on the power play from James Wisniewski (from Canton), with assists from Vaclav Meidl and John Mitchell, late in the first period. The goal was Wisniewski's fifth of the season.

Paul Drew made 31 saves in goal for Plymouth, which fell to 5-3-1 (11 points) but remained atop the OHL's West Division. Kevin Druce also had 31 stops for the Greyhounds, who are 3-4-1 (seven points) in the division.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday Oct 17
Canton at Northville 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Salem 7 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Warren DeLaSalle at Warren Community Center 7 p.m.
Franklin at Church Hill 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Stevenson 7 p.m.
Wayne at W.L. Central 7 p.m.
G.P. Liggett at Clarenceville 7:30 p.m.

Saturday Oct 18

Luth. Westland at Lutheran N. West 1 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday Oct 16
Luth. Westland at Clarenceville 6:30 p.m.
Canton Agape at Ply. Christian 7 p.m.
Canton at Northville 7 p.m.
Ladywood at Divine Child 7 p.m.
Churchill at W.L. Western 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Stevenson 7 p.m.
Salem at Wayne 7 p.m.

Friday Oct 17

Ladywood at H.W. Regina 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Macomb Christian 7 p.m.

Saturday Oct 18

Salem at Northville 7 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Thursday Oct 16
Huron Valley at Immac. Conception 4:30 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Macomb Christian 4:30 p.m.
Hamtramck at Plymouth 7 p.m.

Friday Oct 17

Edsel Ford at John Glenn 4 p.m.
Agape at Clarenceville 4:30 p.m.
R.O. Shrine at Luth. Westland 4:30 p.m.
Bellevue at Wayne 7 p.m.

Saturday Oct 18

Plymouth at Ply. Christian 1 p.m.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Friday Oct 17
W.L.A.A. meet at Willow Metropark 4:10 p.m.
Metro Meet at Lutheran N. West 4:30 p.m.

Saturday Oct 18

CHSL meet at Stoney Creek noon.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Friday Oct 17
Metro Meet at Lutheran N. West 4:30 p.m.
W.L.A.A. meet at Willow Metropark 4:40 p.m.

Saturday Oct 18

CHSL meet at Stoney Creek 10 a.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Thursday Oct 16
W.L. Western at Canton 7 p.m.
W.L. Northville at Salem 7 p.m.
Churchill at Franklin 7 p.m.
Wayne at John Glenn 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Stevenson 7 p.m.

Saturday Oct 18

MISCA meet at EMCU 8 a.m.

GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY

Thursday Oct 16
Country Day at Ladywood 4:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Thursday Oct 16
Schoolcraft at Delta CC 7 p.m.
Madonna at Spring Arbor 7 p.m.

Friday Oct 17

Alpena at Schoolcraft 7 p.m.

Saturday Oct 18

Alpena at Schoolcraft noon.
Cornerstone at Madonna 1 p.m.
Owens Tech at Schoolcraft 2 p.m.
Wayne Co. at Schoolcraft 4 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Saturday Oct 18
Schoolcraft at Monroe (NY) 2 p.m.
Madonna vs. Cornerstone at Livonia's Greenmead Field 2 p.m.

Sunday Oct 19

Schoolcraft at Bryant Station (NY) 1 p.m.
Madonna vs. Saginaw Valley St. at Livonia's Greenmead Field 2 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday Oct 17
Whalers vs. Guelph (Compuware) 7:30 p.m.

Saturday Oct 18

Whalers vs. Sarnia (Compuware) 7:30 p.m.

Sunday Oct 19

Whalers at Brampton 2 p.m.

Wildcats place 7th at regional tourney

It was a promising end to a pretty good season for the Plymouth HS golf team.

The Wildcats, in their second season of existence, played an all-varsity schedule despite having no one older than a sophomore on their own team. They were 2-10 in dual meets, placed 11th out of 12 teams at the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament and, at last Friday's Division 3 State Regional held at Riverview Highlands, Plymouth finished seventh out of 13 teams.

Grosse Ile won the regional tournament with an incredible one-over par 289 team total. Plymouth posted a respectable score of 332, with all four of its scorers breaking 90.

"It was a very successful year," said Wildcats' coach Jerry Majetic. "We improved by 30 strokes from last year."

The team's top scorer proved to be freshman Matt Talbot, who just missed qualifying individually for state, shooting a 76 (74 qualified). It was a redemption of sorts for Talbot, who shot 86 at the W.L.A.A. Tournament.

"Matt was always our No. 1," said Majetic. He medalled three times for us. I thought he

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did a little better than perhaps what I anticipated, but in a way it was what I expected."

Majetic offered an explanation for what seemed a contradiction — that Talbot often rose to the occasion.

The bigger the matches, the better he plays," the Plymouth coach said. "He was very competitive."

As for not qualifying, "He was very disappointed. We were all hoping he would. That would have been so cool, to qualify for state as a freshman."

The Wildcats' other scorers at regional were Jimmy Vleck, 83, Jeff Selasky, 84, and Brian Hoeman, 89. Nick Tagge shot a 99.

As for dual-meet victories, Plymouth had wins over W.L.A.A. rival Livonia Stevenson and non-conference foe Plymouth Christian.

"I think we'll be very strong next year," predicted Majetic. The Cats should be, Talbot, Vleck and Selasky are freshmen, and Hoeman and Tagge are sophomores.

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Archery season opens with a chill statewide

My toes cracked as I wiggled them around in the bottom of my boots in an effort to keep them warm as a stiff, chilly breeze barreled in from the southwest.



Outdoor Insights

Bill Parker

I zipped up my polar fleece jacket as far as it would go and cuddled in a little closer to the downwind side of a big beech tree. Wednesday's archery deer season opener dawned cloudy and cold here in southern Michigan. In fact, for the first time I can remember, I dug out my longjohns for the opener - and was glad I had them on. The first day of

October usually arrives with warm, balmy temperatures, but not this year. Wednesday morning temperatures hovered in the upper 30s at my stand in Lapeer County. It was even colder on Thursday.

As I contemplated from which direction my opening-day buck would arrive, I noticed a big, fat gray squirrel frittering away on the ground below me. He'd gnaw up a beechnut, then move over to a big white oak and start in on the acorns. As I watched in earnest and wondered why his big, bushy tail was so much bigger than his body, I caught a slight motion in front of me. Upon closer scrutiny, I recognized the legs of a whitetail descending upon my area. My blood pressure immediately soared and my heart began pounding.

As I turned to position myself for a shot, I caught a

couple more glimpses of fur through the leaves, confirming my initial assumption that a deer was moving my way.

He stopped at about 50 yards out and began nibbling on some acorns. I could just barely make out a couple of his legs as he stood chewing up his forage.

"Kinda skinny legs," I thought.

A moment later he started moving again and I caught sight of his short-nosed, bald head. As the deer broke into an opening about 30 yards in front of me, I realized it was a little button buck.

I prefer to let button bucks walk, allowing them to mature to an older age. But that didn't diminish the thrill of having a whitetail within range on opening day. He was naturally cautious, and a little curious, as he moved closer and continued to graze on the

abundant natural foods in the area. For practice, I slowly raised and drew my bow, just to make sure I could do it with a deer within range and not attract his attention. When he dropped his head to pick up another acorn, I lowered my draw and continued to study the little buck.

He milled around for a few minutes and I drew down on him once again. He never knew I was there. After about 10 minutes he decided it was time to head for greener pastures, turned and moved off in the direction he had come in from.

When he got out about 60 yards or so, I decided to play with him a little and let out a grunt from my grunt tube.

He stopped in his tracks, turned back toward my direction and searched for the source of the grunt with his radar-like ears. Not seeing

another deer, he flicked his tail and pranced back toward my tree to further investigate the source of the grunt.

Finding nothing, he started away again. A second grunt brought similar results as the little guy trotted right back into the area looking for another deer. I chuckled as he left the area for the third time, but this time I let him continue on his way.

Although I didn't put any venison in the freezer, I was a little more confident in my ability to grunt up a buck and make a clean draw when the moment of truth does arrive. It was a very successful opening day.

MORE SUCCESS

One hunter who enjoyed tremendous early-season success is Oxford native Larry Kammerer, Jr.

Hunting in Lapeer County, Kammerer arrowed a beautiful buck at 7:30 a.m. on Oct. 2. The 165-pound buck sported an 11-point rack with an 18-inch spread. Green scored, it grosses 161, and netted 145 after deductions.

Kammerer said he spotted the buck three times while pre-season scouting, twice while in velvet and once about a week before the season. Successful hunters are urged to report their success. Send a photo and a short explanation of the deer and the hunt to the address listed below.

Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

ACTIVITIES

FISH BUDDIES FISHING CLUB
The Fish Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester. Meetings are open to all anglers, boaters and non-boaters. Call Harold Leder at (248) 656-0556 for more information.

SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION
The Oakland County Sportfishing Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at the Drayton Plains Nature Center, 2125 Denby Drayton Plains. Call (248) 693-4389 or visit the club's web site at <http://go10/ocsa> for more information.

DOWNRIVER BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain (14100 Pardee Road) in Taylor. For more information, call Ron Fodor at (734) 676-2863 or send an e-mail to rvrerratt22@home.com.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Livonia senior center located on the southeast corner of Farmington and Five Mile. Call Henry Nabors at (248) 258-5502 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Visit www.mffc.org on the Internet for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Meetings are open to boaters and non-boaters and the club is open to new members. Visitors are welcome to the family club. For more information, call Mark Boggs at (734) 464-6155 or e-mail fourseasonsfishingclub@yahoo.com.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

CLINTON RIVER BASS 'N RATS
The recently organized Clinton River Bass 'n Rats meets the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Gander Mountain Lodge, Call (810) 247-9900 for direction and additional information. The club is an affiliated chapter of the B.A.S.S. National Federation.

METROPARKS
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee.

Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek 1 800-477-7756, Indian Springs 1 800-477-3192, Kensington 1 800-477-3178, Hudson Mills 1 800-477-3191.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury, call (248) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain, call (248) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland, call (248) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake, call (248) 229-7067.

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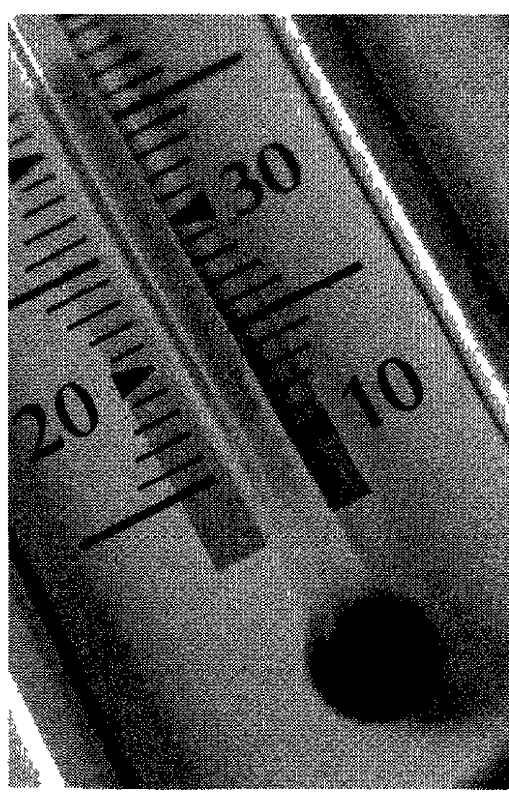
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Westland alley is undergoing a new Vision

Vision Lanes was originally Fiesta Bowl on Ford Road in Westland right across from the Paradise Motel. The Walbys were the original owners, then it was taken over in recent years by Greg Sicilia and Mike Paglia. It has recently been bought out again by a new group with some fresh ideas and some changes for the better in place or at least in progress.



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

If you have bowled there during the last few years, the basic redo features a new All-Star Grill and eating area, bigger and better than before, a whole new control desk set-up, a new fully equipped pro shop with Gary Archer adding his expertise and experience to the place. They have nicely up-dated the rest rooms, a very important concern to the customers.

The new owners are Steve Klein, Patrick Kline, Tom Parks and Rob Schepis, all of whom bowl in the All-Star traveling league. Among the various leagues that have been established, there is the Wednesday Ladies Classic with many of the top level women bowlers in the area, including Karen Martin who bowled her fifth 300 game on Sept. 10.

Likewise, they have the Tuesday Miller Classic league sponsored by this popular brewery and mucho dollars are to be won in this highly competitive league. Jaime Sewruk recently bowled his very first 300 game in the Friday Nite Out league.

A new Adult/Youth league is starting up 5 today with the league meeting at 4:30. Other plans include a parent-youth Halloween bowling party and a Thanksgiving Day "Turkey-Shoot," another fun-filled family affair.

One of their best ideas for the new enterprise is to conduct free lessons for anyone who wants to bowl better, especially novices.

The classes will be conducted by all of the new owners by appointment. And the most crucial element at Vision Lanes is that when you walk in you will be greeted by the smiling face of Pat Tarjeft, the daytime counter lady. For more information on Vision Lanes, call (734) 641-8181.

Don't forget the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame Celebrity Super Bowl from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12 at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights.

It will be packed with sports celebrities from the Lions, Tigers, Red Wings and Pistons. They will have autographing and photo-shoot sessions. You won't want to miss out on this one, call (248) 473-0656 for more information.

This has been a "smoking-hot" topic for quite a while. There are some bowlers who smoke and some smokers who bowl. Either way you look at it, it is a real problem.

On the side of those smokers who bowl, America is still a free country and if you wish to smoke except where prohibited, you have a right to do that. It is your right to light your fire regardless of the effect on your health and the others around you.

No lecture today, if you are a smoker, you've heard it a thousand times already.

As for the non-smokers, many have had to quit the sport because of all the smelly smoke in the air from the others who must still have their cigarette, or worse, cigars.

It is a very real problem for the proprietors as they have lost many customers who cannot tolerate the smoke or the threat of losing more customers who would stay away if they were prohibited from smoking. Al Winkel of Woodland Lanes came up with

a partial solution a few years ago by having a "no smoking" rule for Mondays evenings. This has worked well, and the place is packed on that night. Smokers can light up in the cocktail lounge if they must.

California had resolved the issue a few years ago by banning any smoking altogether in any publicly occupied buildings including bars, restaurants and bowling centers.

There was an immediate drop in business, but that didn't last long and the customers returned to a better environment.

Smokers have long been able to stay clean while in a movie theater, airline flight, etc. So they can miss out a few hours or step outside (except on an airliner).

We may not need a new law in Michigan, just let the people be courteous to one another when asked not to smoke. If you are the average smoker, you are spending about \$2,000 per year on cigarettes, you could spend that same money for six new balls, bag and shoes plus loads of open bowling lines, entry fees for tournaments and extra practice time on the lanes.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.

BEST GIRLS SWIM PERFORMANCES

BEST GIRLS SWIM TIMES		200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY	
Stevenson	1:53.96	Kelsey Lincoln (Salem)	1:08.09
Plymouth Salem	1:56.95	Andrea Giczewski (Stevenson)	54.96
John Glenn	2:01.97	Jill Peterson (John Glenn)	55.48
Churchill	2:02.04	Anna Polkowski (Stevenson)	56.43
Canton	2:02.77	Mary Shereda (Churchill) 57.89	
		Allison Goldsmith (Canton)	58.18
		Danielle Powers (Salem)	58.97
		Rachel Rowe (Redford Union)	59.13
		Amanda Newman (Salem)	59.14
		Monica Pauza (Salem)	59.21
		Heather Michalsen (Salem)	59.54
200 FREESTYLE		500 FREESTYLE	
Marisa Gordon (Stevenson)	1:59.11	Marisa Gordon (Stevenson)	5:21.38
Jill Peterson (John Glenn)	2:00.87	Monica Pauza (Stevenson)	5:24.86
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Kelsey Lincoln (Salem)	2:04.11	Amy Mertens (Salem)	5:28.77
Amy Mertens (Salem)	2:04.28	Anna Polkowski (Stevenson)	5:28.89
Magda Stawikowska (Churchill)	2:07.59	Andrea Giczewski (Stevenson)	5:32.40
Katharine Johnston (Ladywood)	2:07.77	Becky Hurn (Stevenson)	5:32.84
Becky Hurn (Stevenson)	2:07.46	Kristyn Peterson (John Glenn)	5:33.60
Elaine Lafayette (Plymouth)	2:08.17	Lucy Liu (Canton)	5:36.02
200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY		200 FREE RELAY	
Amy Mertens (Salem)	2:13.09	Stevenson	1:44.40
Marisa Gordon (Stevenson)	2:14.60	Salem	1:46.75
Kelsey Lincoln (Salem)	2:15.49	Canton	1:48.29
Jill Peterson (John Glenn)	2:16.52	John Glenn	1:50.82
Kristyn Peterson (John Glenn)	2:18.13	Ladywood	1:51.72
Monica Pauza (Stevenson)	2:18.20		
Julie Ward (Stevenson)	2:19.39		
Lisa Koch (Stevenson)	2:21.95		
Magda Stawikowska (Churchill)	2:21.97		
Stephanie Turle (Stevenson)	2:22.32		
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Anna Polkowski (Stevenson)	25.95	Monica Pauza (Stevenson)	1:04.75
Allison Goldsmith (Canton)	26.08	Alyssa Johnson (Canton)	1:05.37
Rachel Rowe (Redford Union)	26.65	Kristyn Peterson (John Glenn)	1:05.41
Danielle Powers (Salem)	26.81	Sarah Timson (Churchill)	1:06.73
Lisa Gullikson (Salem)	26.93	Elaine Lafayette (Plymouth)	1:06.34
Susan Patrick (Canton)	27.12	Lisa Gullikson (Salem)	1:06.87
Sarah Timson (Churchill) 27.35		Amanda Newman (Salem)	1:07.64
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Ashley Aquinto (Salem)	2:15.25	Jill Peterson (John Glenn)	1:10.93
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Nicole Dunn (Stevenson)	1:84.63	Lisa Koch (Stevenson)	1:11.56
Chelsea Sheldon (Canton)	1:68.05	Kelsey Lincoln (Salem)	1:11.94
Patti Ahern (Canton)	1:51.20	Stephanie Turle (Stevenson)	1:14.27
Lauren Burgett (Salem)	1:49.50	Kristin Cruce (Stevenson) 1:15.75	
Shannon Smandi (Redford Union)	1:46.45	Kim Heaney (Salem)	1:15.79
Bryna Grotfley (John Glenn)	1:46.05	Lucy Liu (Canton)	1:16.69
Mikayla Armbruster (Ladywood)	1:41.40	Andrea Lang (Salem)	1:18.75
Jackie Demers (Churchill)	1:37.35		
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Julie Ward (Stevenson)	1:01.23	Stevenson	3:43.00
Amy Mertens (Salem)	1:01.27	Salem	3:53.32
Anna Polkowski (Stevenson)	1:01.55	Churchill	3:58.26
Allison Goldsmith (Canton)	1:02.20	John Glenn	3:58.26
Magda Stawikowska (Churchill)	1:04.44	Canton	4:01.05
Rachel Rowe (Redford Union)	1:05.06		
Ashley Aquinto (Salem)	1:06.87		
Meredith Bayor (Stevenson)	1:07.42		
Heather Michalsen (Salem)	1:07.59		
Katie Kress (Stevenson)	1:07.65		

Salem girls place 6th at Invitational

With several of its top runners not in the lineup, Salem's girls cross country team still managed to post a sixth-place finish at the Gabriel Richard Invitational Saturday at Hudson Mills MetroPark.

Salem totaled 170 points. Saline was first with 42, followed by Livonia Churchill (108), Milford (114), Clarkston (123) and Flushing (153).

Top finishers for the Rocks were Katy White, 21st (20:37), Alyssa Mastic, 31st (21:09), Allison Janda, 36th (21:15), Marisa Carpenelli, 39th (21:20), Lianne Griffiths, 43rd (21:23), Chelsea Baldwin, 59th (22:07), and Kate Dondzilla, 69th (22:30). Salem's Allie Vramiak won the junior varsity race in 21:40.

Next up for the Rocks is the WLAA Conference Finals, Friday at Willow MetroPark.

CC wins Sturgis Invite

Redford Catholic Central has this tradition.

Once a year, the cross country team goes down to Notre Dame and spends the night. The next morning, the members get up, drive to Sturgis and win the Sturgis Invitational.

Saturday was no exception as the Shamrocks took the title for the sixth straight year, edging Coldwater for

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first in the six-team tourney, 41-47.

"It was a little closer than I thought," CC coach Tony Magni said. "We left Max Working out to keep him ready for the Catholic Leagues and the regional, so without him it gets closer. We have more problems in a smaller meet like this because no one else breaks up anyone else's third or fourth or fifth man."

Dave Lucas was the overall winner for the third straight year, finishing in 16:01. Dan Horgan was third in 16:55, Dominic Piro was ninth (17:41), Mike Rossiter was 12th (17:52) and Mike Nienhaus was 16th (18:05).

"Dave ran a nice race, but Dominic ran well," Magni said. "I hope he gets stronger and that this was his break through race."

At Saturday's Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard meet, CC's B' team finished 20th in Division I with 589 points. Dexter won the meet with 59 points.

Robert Ford led CC in 19:14 and 11th place, Dave Champagne was 115th (19:22), Troy Duprey was 117th (19:31), Matt Belack was 121st (19:38) and Garrett Lucas was 125th (19:53). Dexter's Dustin Voss was the overall winner in 15:31.

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Crusaders top Cougars

Two second-half goals by Becky Guibord propelled Madonna University's to a 4-2 triumph over Spring Arbor in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's soccer match Saturday in Spring Arbor.

Madonna improved to 8-3-1 overall, 6-2 in the WHAC. The Cougars are 6-6-1 overall, 2-6 in the conference.

Sarah Pack (from Westland John Glenn) put the Crusaders ahead 1-0 at the 12:08 mark off a corner kick by Guibord. Spring Arbor struck twice after that, getting goals from Jenn

Moore at the 20:32 mark and from Megan Bauhof at 31:39.

Madonna tied it with a goal credited to Emily Jackson (Farmington Harrison), a goal which the Cougars put into their own net as the first half expired.

Guibord's first goal, the game-winner, came with 14:29 remaining in the match on an assist from Pack. Her clincher was an unassisted breakaway netted with 10:44 to play.

Diana Kaip had eight saves in goal for Madonna. Staci Miracle had eight stops for the Crusaders.

Sampson's late goal boosts Madonna

Worth Sampson's unassisted goal in the 85th minute held up Tuesday as the No. 13-ranked Madonna University men's soccer team edged host Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, 1-0.

MU is 9-0 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and 11-1 overall. Aquinas drops to 3-5 in the WHAC and 6-8-1 overall.

MU outshot the Saints, 21-10. Madonna goalkeeper Doug Koontz made four saves en route to the shutout. Brent Gavin made eight for Aquinas.

Meanwhile, T.J. Djokic, a Livonia Stevenson graduate, was named WHAC Player of the Week in men's soccer.

Djokic, a sophomore, collected four goals and three assists in

two Madonna wins.

Schoolcraft 3, Lakeland 1: Will Friend scored the game's first two goals and that was enough to propel Schoolcraft College to its eighth-straight victory Saturday at SC.

The Ocelots improved to 8-2-1 overall.

"The first half was the best half of soccer we've played all year," said SC coach Dominic Scicluna, then added, "But we must've missed eight breakaways (in the game)."

"You can imagine what we worked on (Monday)." Friend's first goal was assisted by Dan Curmi (Redford/Catholic Central HS), his second was assisted by Rod

Aslam. Paul Johnson (Livonia Stevenson) got SC's third goal, with Aslam assisting once again.

Liam Curran was in goal for the Ocelots, he made six saves.

Madonna 4, Spring Arbor 2: Worth Sampson scored two goals, including the game-winner, and assisted on another to lead Madonna University to a WHAC win Saturday over host Spring Arbor.

Spring Arbor is 4-9-1 overall, 1-7 in the conference.

Madonna scored first, getting a goal from John McIntyre six minutes into the match. T.J. Djokic (from Livonia Stevenson) earned the first of his three assists in the match on

the score.

The Cougars knotted it at 1-1 on a goal by Ryan Trevthick at the 32-minute mark, but James Miller (Stevenson) recaptured the lead for Madonna with a goal 10 minutes later, Sampson assisting.

Spring Arbor's Peter Boyse tied it again at the 60-minute mark before Sampson, from Schoolcraft College, took command.

He scored his first goal of the match at the 69-minute mark, with assists from Djokic and Justin Fishaw (Canton), and his second at the 83-minute (from Djokic).

Doug Koontz (Canton), who made three saves, was in goal for Madonna.

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Jae Ha also had a goal for Lutheran Westland, while Noble and Jake DeVries contributed assists.

Churchill 2, W.L. Central 0: Livonia Churchill (7-9-2) has some momentum heading into Division I district tournament Monday after beating host Walled Lake Central in a Western Lakes Activities Association third-place crossover battle of divisional foes.

Churchill took a 1-0 lead with just 14 seconds left in the opening half on Mark Schubert's gorgeous diving header to the bottom right-hand corner on a ball served up by Ryan Raickovich. Billy Sander then put it away by knocking home a rebound off a shot by teammate Joe Gauci. Goalkeeper Chris Lantto posted the shutout as the Chargers

captured their third straight victory.

Stevenson 2, Northville 2: Senior James Hannah's penalty kick with just under four minutes remaining gave the Mustangs (11-6-3) the WLAA crossover deadlock with Livonia Stevenson (12-3-1) Monday at Stevenson.

Stevenson took a 2-1 lead only a minute earlier on Nick Dordeski's header from Jordan Fylenenko.

It was 1-1 at intermission as Dordeski tallied his first goal for Stevenson on a penalty kick after Pat Kolodziejczak was taken down in the box.

Sophomore Mike Cornelius scored from Hannah assisted on Northville's first goal.

Stevenson beat Northville in an earlier meeting, 2-0.

"We expected them to be much better tonight, it was a good, hard battle," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said.

Mike Maciolek went all the way in goal for the Spartans

John Glenn 3, W.L. Western 0: In a WLAA crossover Monday, host Westland John Glenn (7-10) snapped a four-game losing skid against Walled Lake Western on goals by Kyle Gismondi, David Wood and Chad Clenney.

Assists went to Wood, Adam Hein and Tim Ottewell.

Goalkeeper Jeremy Morris posted the shutout.

On Friday, Glenn fell to host Dearborn Divine Child, 4-1, as Ermir Turka scored the lone goal for the Rockets.

Junior Kyle Blakely had two goals and an assist for the Falcons (5-10).

Wayne 3, Franklin 3: Greg Ekmeian sparked Wayne Memorial (5-9-2) by scoring a goal in the first half, and Dave Wells tallied one for Livonia Franklin (1-17-1) as the first half expired with a 1-1 tie.

Two goals in the second half by Wayne Kurtis Gregory were not enough to put Franklin away as Bobby Geisinger and

Brandon Filipiak countered with goals of their own with The Patriots knotting the game up at 3-3 all with 13 minutes to go in the contest.

"Both teams played hard and it deserved to come out a tie," Wayne coach Larry Brenner said.

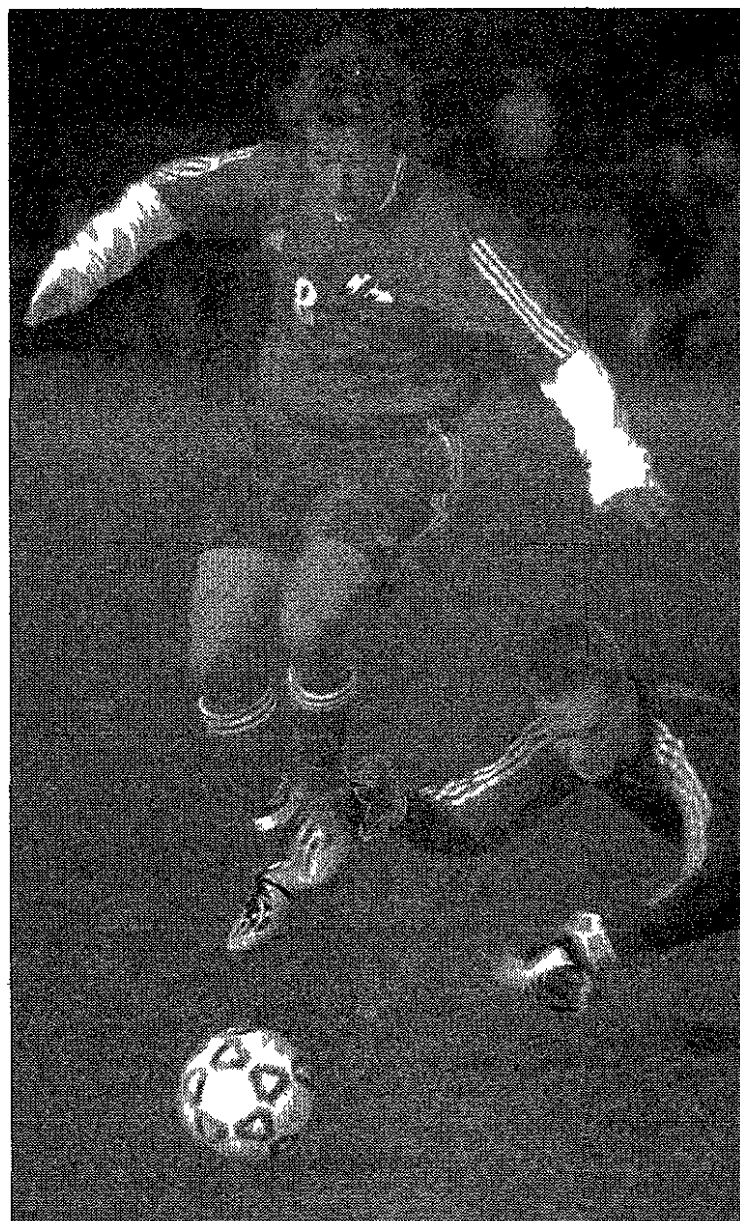
Stevenson 3, W.L. Central 2: Livonia Stevenson jumped out to a 3-0 second-half lead Saturday before holding off Walled Lake Central in a WLAA-Lakes Division makeup match.

Stevenson, which finished 3-1 in the Lakes, led 1-0 at halftime on Steve Abernethy's goal from Nick Ahwal.

Jordan Fylenenko made it 2-0 from Abernethy and Nick Dordeski scored on a penalty kick to give the Spartans a three-goal cushion.

Mitch Hildebrandt started in goal for Stevenson before giving way to Mike Maciolek.

One of Central's two goals came on a penalty kick.



Canton's Adam Pitt gets past Salem keeper Tom Huls to score the Chiefs only goal early in the second half.

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next Wednesday for what will be a showdown for supremacy in the NJCAA's Region 12. In their first match, played at SC on Sept. 20, the Ocelots dominated the action but struggled to get a 2-1 win.

"I thought it was a case of nerves," said Tolsted of their first go-around. "We're a young team - 15 freshmen and just five sophomores. We played well but we didn't have that finish. I think we were more concerned with not losing than winning."

The Ocelots have grown as a

team since then, Tolsted feels. "It looks well for next year, but I don't want to look that far ahead," he said. "I think we have a really good team."

If there was a game that has defined SC's fate thus far this season, Tolsted believes it was against eighth-ranked Catonsville (Md.). The Ocelots were unranked when the two teams met but they dominated the action in a 4-0 triumph.

"I got a lot of satisfaction out of that just watching, we played so well," said Tolsted. "It was pleasantly surprising to me."

That, and the string of victories posted by SC since, has boosted Tolsted's usually-lofty confidence to even greater levels. "I feel really good about us," he said.

But Cincinnati State still looms on the not-too-distant horizon, and on the Surge's home turf. Should the Ocelots stumble a third match between the two teams would be played at a neutral site, with an inter-regional match at stake.

SC hasn't been beaten thus far. Now it's a matter of how far can they continue.

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Which brought the discussion back to Huls, who was named the all-WLAA keeper. In this match Mischung had been good, but Huls was magnificent.

"He makes very few mistakes in every game," said Tomasso of Huls. "We just have to take advantage of them."

"But he is good. I have to give him credit."

Of course, this may not be

the last time the two sides meet this season. They could face each other again in the state district final at South Lyon Oct. 24.

"This year we don't have a dream team forward like we have in past years," said McCarthy, who has guided the Rocks to three state championship games. "We have to rely on our defense. But if we can stay with this defensive trend, we'll be in great shape."

Seems both these teams are in great shape.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, October 28, 2003 at 7:00 PM in the Chestnut Room at the Summit on the Park Community Center, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan, as a part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Powertrain Production Systems to transfer the existing Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #90 715 for real property located at 40500 Van Born Road from Draw Tite the legal description of which is as follows:

Parcel Number 143-99-0019-000 36JJ1 PT OF SW 1/4 SEC 36 T2S R8E BEG N0DEG 12M E 60FT FROM S 1/4 COR SEC 36 TH N89DEG 46M 30S W 1061 07FT TH N2DEG 58M 06S E 1294 85FT TH N79DEG 28M 04S E 1016 31FT TH S0DEG 12M W 1483 06 FT POB 32 75 AC

TERRY G BENNETT
Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION FOR METALDYNE CORPORATION TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2003

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2003 during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Metaldyne Corporation for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. The company has leased an existing facility and their request is to cover the cost of building improvements and new machinery and equipment which they will purchase and own. The facility is located at 14328 Genoa Court, lots 2 & 3, Metro West Technology Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

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

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, October 28, 2003 during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting. Telephone number 734 354 3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, October 28, 2003 at 7:00 PM in the Chestnut Room at the Summit on the Park Community Center, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan, as a part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Powertrain Production Systems for an Industrial Facilities Exemption certificate for personal property for their facility located at 40500 Van Born Road within the Draw Tite Industrial Development District the legal description of which is as follows:

Parcel Number 143-99-0019-000 36JJ1 PT OF SW 1/4 SEC 36 T2S R8E BEG N0DEG 12M E 60FT FROM S 1/4 COR SEC 36 TH N89DEG 46M 30S W 1061 07FT TH N2DEG 58M 06S E 1294 85FT TH N79DEG 28M 04S E 1016 31FT TH S0DEG 12M W 1483 06 FT POB 32 75 AC

Terry G Bennett
Clerk

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - October 7, 2003

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, October 7, 2003 at 4:00 PM, Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 8:30 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present: Shefferly, Burdzyak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Bennett, Yack, Zarbo. Members Absent: None. Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Conklin.

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Members of the Board met at 6:00 p.m. for a tour of the Administration Building expansion. The issue of screening the roof top units was discussed. Next the Board members toured the Performing Arts Center at Cherry Hill & Ridge and also the Human Service Center. At 8:30 p.m. Board members convened and Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order.

Item 1. Request Approval for Fireworks Displays at the Canton and Salem High School Football Homecoming Games. Motion by Bennett supported by Shefferly to approve the signing of permits for Wolverine Fireworks Display Inc. to possess, transport and display fireworks at the Canton Football Homecoming game on October 10, 2003 and the Salem Football Homecoming game on October 17, 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 2. Set Public Hearing Date for Powertrain Production Systems Request for Transfer of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #90-517. Motion by Bennett supported by Bennett to McLaughlin to set the public hearing date for October 28, 2003 to consider the Powertrain Production System application to transfer the Draw Tite Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #90 517 for 40500 Van Born Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3. Set Public Hearing Date for Powertrain Production Systems Request for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to set the public hearing for October 28, 2003 to consider the Industrial Facilities Exemption application of Powertrain Production Systems for new personal property in their facility located at 40500 Van Born Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to adjourn the study session at 8:45 p.m.

Thomas J Yack Supervisor / Terry G Bennett Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S Canton Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, October 30th, 2003 for the following:

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TERRY G BENNETT, CLERK

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

GIRLS HOCKEY

The Plymouth/Canton girls hockey team is having conditioning skates, from 7-8 p.m. on Oct. 18, and from 4-5 p.m. on Oct. 20, Oct. 22 and Oct. 24. All sessions will be at the Arctic Edge Arena in Canton, full gear is required and the cost is \$10 per player, per session.

Team tryouts will be from 4-5 p.m. Oct. 27-29 at the Arctic Edge. Full equipment is required and a current sports physical must be turned in to the school athletic department prior to the tryout dates. Tryouts are open to any girl who attends Plymouth, Canton or Salem HS.

CONDITIONING SKATES

The Plymouth/Canton Community Schools Hockey Booster Club will host conditioning skates for all those interested in playing hockey at Salem, Canton or Plymouth HS. Salem's conditioning will be from 5-6 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday through Oct. 23 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Canton will have conditioning skates from 3-4 p.m. on Oct. 20 and 22 at the Arctic Edge.

The cost of the Salem and Canton conditioning skates is \$15 each. Plymouth, which will have a junior varsity program this season, will have conditioning skates from 4-5 p.m. on Oct. 16, 21 and 23 at Compuware Arena. The cost is \$25 per skate. A parent's or guardian's signature is mandatory prior to skating, permission forms and schedules are available at all three high schools' athletic offices. Registration is on-site or call Deborah Tollison (Canton) at (734) 981-2802, Mary Maurer (Salem) at (734) 254-9234, or Noreen Deslets (Plymouth) at (734) 397-5691.

HOCKEY TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the Canton, Salem and Plymouth (JV) hockey teams will be Oct. 27-29.

The Canton tryouts will be from 3-4 p.m. at the Arctic Edge. Cost of the tryout is \$45, with three guaranteed skates.

The Salem tryouts will be from 7-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, 5-6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28, and 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, all at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Cost for the tryouts is \$45 with three guaranteed skates.

Plymouth JV tryouts will be from 4-5 p.m. at Compuware Arena. Cost is \$75 for three guaranteed skates. A sports physical must be on file with the school's athletic department before the tryout dates. Teams will be chosen Oct. 29 for the 2003-04 season, and there will be a mandatory Parent's Meeting for all team members' parents on Oct. 30.

FOUR SEASONS FISHING CLUB

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Lavonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road (Boats not needed).

Call Mark Boggs at (734) 464-6155 or e-mail fourseasons-fishingclub@yahoo.com

COACHES WANTED

■ Lavonia Stevenson High School has openings for the following coaching positions: freshman girls track, boys varsity tennis and assistant boys track coach.

Letters of application should be sent to Stephen Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Lavonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Lavonia, MI 48154-5474.

■ Catholic Central is seeking an assistant varsity swim coach. For more information, please call athletic director Bob Santello at (313) 534-2798.

■ Lavonia Ladywood High School is seeking a girls equestrian coach for the fall sports season.

Those interested should fax to resume to Ladywood High School athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.

COACHING POSITIONS

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

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

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

Other coaching positions that are open are girls basketball assistant, football assistant, vol-

leyball assistant and boys basketball assistant.

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

BASEBALL-SOFTBALL CAMPS

Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom road, and will be running its annual line-drive hitting camp for baseball players, 9-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19 (ages 7-12) and from noon-2 p.m. (ages 13-19).

The camp will feature techniques on the proper baseball swing, improving bat speed and batting averages.

The cost is \$75 per player (\$10 discount for each additional child). Spaces will be limited, so sign up early.

For more information, call (248) 668-0166 or visit www.total-baseball.com

Total Softball will also be offering a camp, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 18 (ages 7-12) and noon-3 p.m. (ages 13-19). Spaces will be limited, so sign up early.

The cost is \$75 per player (\$10 discount for each additional child).

Call Total Softball at (248) 668-0166 or visit www.total-baseball.com

HITTING LEAGUES

Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road, will offer boys baseball hitting leagues 9-11 a.m. Saturdays (13-and-under) and 6-9 p.m. Sundays (high school ages for games), Nov. 8-Dec. 19.

The cost is \$45 per individual, \$150 per team (four players).

Players will hit off batting machines in a point-awarded, one-hour game. Awards will go to the champion and best hitter.

To register, call (248) 668-0166, or visit www.total-baseball.com

VELOCITY IMPROVEMENT

A velocity improvement seven-week training program for baseball pitchers (ages 13 and older), will be offered 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Nov. 4-Dec. 18, at Total Baseball, located on 30990 Wixom Road.

The cost is \$325 per player. Space is limited.

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

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Kelly Amber topped the Trojans with 11 points.

The game was tight for a half. PCA built a 15-6 lead in the opening quarter, but Whitmore Lake eliminated that and tied it at 25-all by halftime.

Another key test awaits the Eagles tonight when they host crosstown rival Canton Agape Christian at 7 p.m.

Divine Child 36, Ladywood 34: Livonia Ladywood's Catholic League A-B Division playoff hopes were severely damaged as host Dearborn Divine Child pulled out a tight Central Division victory Tuesday.

Ladywood, which committed 27 turnovers, falls to 5-8 overall and 1-4 in the division. The Falcons improve to 9-4 overall, 4-2 in the division.

Ladywood led 27-25 after three quarters, but the Falcons rallied to outscore the Blazers 11-7 in the final eight minutes.

Sophomore Erica Yost paced Divine Child with 20

'I'm happy with our defensive effort, but offensively we're not taking care of the ball, and a lot of our experienced players are turning the ball over.'

Andrea Gorski
Ladywood coach

points. Senior Aubrey Brewis added 10.

Senior center Bethany Jury scored 13 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for the Blazers, who shot 12-of-32 from the field and 8-of-16 from the foul line.

Divine Child was 12-of-47 from the field and 9-of-15 from the foul stripe.

"I'm happy with our defensive effort," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said, "but offensively we're not taking care of the ball, and a lot of our experienced players are turning the ball over."

"We just didn't execute and we should have won."

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2003 during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Absopure Water Company for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. The company has leased an existing facility and their request is to cover the cost of building improvements and new machinery and equipment which they will purchase and own. The facility is located at 41580 Joy Road, Gould Industrial Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

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

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, October 28, 2003, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
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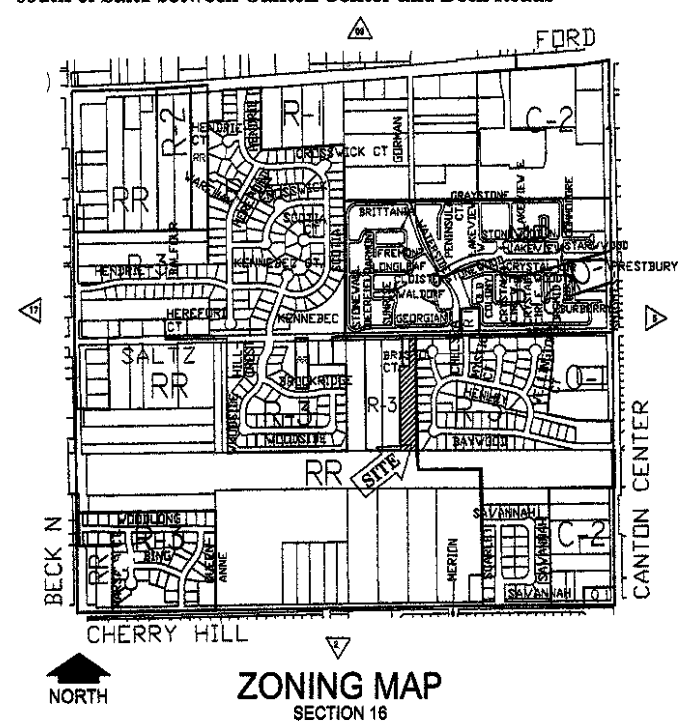
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 20, 2003 in the **Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

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Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday, October 16, 2003 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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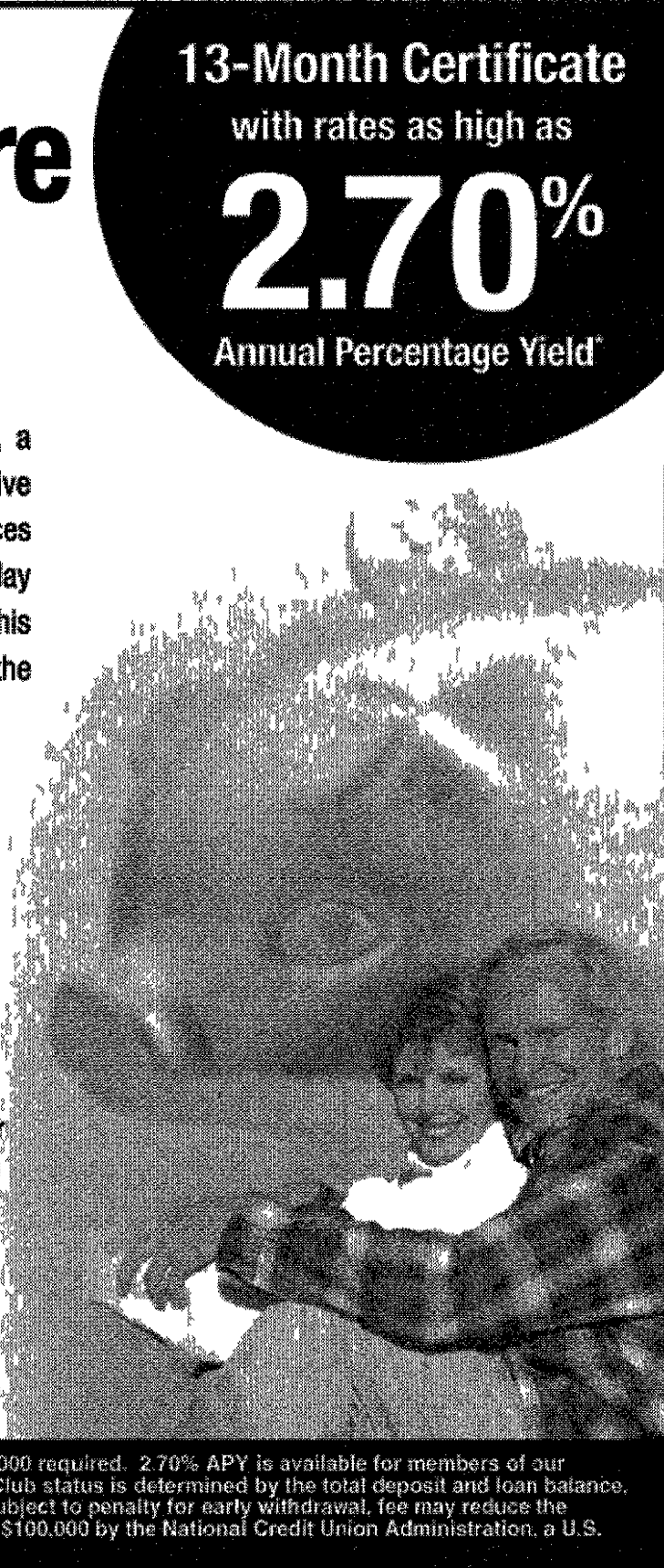
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Lady Ocelot spikers stay in contention 26-1 MU ties for crown

Fifteen minutes after his Schoolcraft College volleyball team had remained in the hunt for the top spot in the Eastern Conference, coach Tom Teeters was still debating whether or not it would be best to just forget this win over Macomb CC and move ahead.

He knew the answer. He knew he'd end up watching the videotape, however ugly the results, analyzing it and then making certain his team knew just where their weaknesses were.

It wasn't like the Ocelots struggled Tuesday at home with the Monarchs. They beat them in three-straight sets, 30-22, 30-22, 30-28. But Teeters saw things he didn't like, and the scores were one of them. When SC swept Macomb on its homecourt, the Ocelots gave up 17, 18 and 15 points.

For the season, SC is 14-11 overall, 6-1 in conference play. "We struggled," Teeters said. "We have to keep teams like that under 20 (points)."

"We have to recognize we have major weaknesses. We just have to have someone step up."

There were good points in the match. Like the 14 service aces, the passing was good, too. Problem was, the finishing

was poor — as a team, SC had a 144 kill percentage.

Not that it's a new problem. For the season, the Ocelots are hitting at a 199 percentage, at last weekend's Jefferson College (Mo.) Invitational, they weren't even that good, hitting 180.

"We had a couple of games that we hit really well in," said Teeters of the Jefferson tournament. "But in the last match against Jefferson, we struggled."

That might not quite describe the futility the Ocelots endured against the host Vikings. Their hitting percentage was a woeful .017, one reason they lost 30-16, 30-15.

"If we get out of rhythm, we're stuck," Teeters said of the hitting problems. "We're trying to find ways to have more choices, alternatives for our attack."

Case in point: Against Macomb, Meghan McAuliffe was the team leader with nine kills. However, she also had nine kill errors, leaving her with a .000 kill percentage.

Angie Wangler, moved into a starting role at the Jefferson tournament, was the Ocelots' best hitting option against Macomb with eight kills and no errors — a .533 kill percent-

age. She also had four service aces. Next best hitter was Holly Soldenski with six kills (.364).

Setter Kelly Sines had a solid match against the Monarchs with four aces, 14 set assists and 11 digs. Co-setter Liz Fredlund was also very effective with five kills, 13 set assists, eight digs and three blocks.

Caitlin O'Hara led SC with 12 digs, Stephanie Koslowski had 10. Katrina Napier finished with three aces and three blocks.

At the Jefferson tournament — annually one of the toughest SC plays in — the Ocelots were 2-4 in the six matches they played. They lost their first two matches, to South Missouri State 30-27, 30-18, and to Illinois Central 30-24, 30-28.

After that they got a win over Panola (Tex.) 30-13, 30-22, lost to Yavapai (Ariz.) 19-30, 30-19, 15-13, and beat Iowa Western 30-18, 30-23 before falling to Jefferson in their finale.

Best on the attack for SC was Fredlund with 155 kills in the tournament, which tied for the team lead, she had a 296 kill percentage, 19 service aces, a team-high 300 set assists, 21 digs and 36 blocks. Napier also had 155 kills,

with 32 aces, 43 digs and 56 blocks. Koslowski added 144 kills, 23 aces, 167 digs and 18 blocks. McAuliffe had 134 kills, a team-best 34 aces, 138 digs and 19 blocks. O'Hara had a team-high 202 digs, and Sines finished with 272 set assists, 30 aces, 98 digs and 21 blocks.

There's a busy week ahead for the Ocelots, but the match that should determine who rules in the conference will be Oct. 30 when St. Clair County CC visits SC.

In their first meeting, St. Clair won 27-30, 30-21, 30-18, 30-18.

"We have to beat St. Clair at our place," said Teeters, "and right now they're much more dominant on the outside than we are."

But first things first. SC must play eight other conference matches before that showdown.

After a bad start — Madonna University lost its first volleyball match of the season in the opening round of the Houston Baptist Orange and Blue Classic Friday — the Crusaders bounced right back to win three-straight matches and tie for the tournament title Saturday.

Madonna ranked third in the NAIA, is now 26-1 for the season. Amanda Suder (Salem High), Natalya Timna and Laura Lesko were each named to the all-tournament team. Suder had 85 digs in the four matches, Timna collected 105 kills and Lesko got 68 kills.

Madonna followed its opening setback against Lubbock (Tex.) Christian with a four-set victory Friday over ninth-ranked host Houston Baptist, the team that had eliminated Madonna in the NAIA Tournament Semifinals last year.

On Saturday, the Crusaders kept the momentum going with a 30-18, 30-21, 30-15 sweep of Spring Hill College (Mobile, Ala.) and a 30-22, 30-26, 30-

26 win over the University of St. Francis (Joliet, Ill.).

Lubbock Christian, Houston Baptist and Madonna each finished the tournament with 3-1 records.

In the sweep of Spring Hill Timna and Lesko paced the attack, Timna getting 21 kills and Lesko adding 17. Lesko also had seven blocks, while Timna collected a team-best four service aces.

Other team leaders included WHAC Player of the Week Ashley Frost with 49 set assists, Tera Morrill (Livonia Franklin) with 14 digs and Suder with 13, and Caryn Inman with 11 blocks.

Carley Whitfield was best for the Badgers with 21 set assists, 14 digs and two blocks.

In the win over St. Francis, Timna again led Madonna with 22 kills, she also had three blocks and two aces. Lesko finished with 12 kills and 12 digs, Frost had 42 set assists, Suder totaled 24 digs and Morrill had 13, and Inman got six blocks.

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Fabulous FURNITURE 2003

Elegant French doors speak to style-conscious homeowners

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

French doors have a subtle way of saying, in the language of elegant decor, that style lies within for whomever enters this passageway.

Today, they often replace patio exterior doors or they can divide the kitchen and dining room. French doors swing forward and backward instead of sliding open and shut on a track.

"It's a more classy door," explained Paula Hardy, administrative assistant with Delet Door in Farmington.

She adds, however, that French doors can seem out of place in some homes, especially if the houses are extremely small, or the decorating style is too modern, or in some other inappropriate in the room.

At Home Depot in Livonia, a millwork employee says he is seeing an increased demand in French doors for entryways throughout the house. He says pine and oak are the woods of choice.

"I've been here three years and they're just starting to get more popular," the Home Depot employee explains.

Aside from looking good, he adds, French doors serve to divide living spaces that would otherwise blend together.

It gives a sense of a separate room — versus having a dining room slash kitchen area, he says.

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Besides separating a kitchen and dining room, French doors can work to partition off a room making different activities more private, too, explains Robert Thomas, owner of Accent Building Construction in West Bloomfield.

For instance, he says, they can offer a quiet place if someone wants to play pool or watch television away from everything else in the basement.

The size of the door opening really influences whether French doors can be used more than anything else.

"If you have a door opening size that will fit, most people go with it," Thomas said. The minimum door opening must be four feet for the interior and usually five to six feet for an exterior entrance.

If you can't go with the real

thing, some manufacturers, like Pella Windows, offer sliding exterior doors that appear to be traditional French doors, but are actually sliding doors. There's a lot of options in French door designs, too with various types of panes and blinds offered, explains Patty Andresen, Pella Windows inside sales representative.

Pella has corporate offices in West Bloomfield and 11 stores in southeast Michigan.

The other option is to get an inactive left or right side and the other one is active," Thomas says.

Most customers who visit a Pella Window showroom hope to get French doors, Andresen said.

"It has that open space feel," she adds.

Aside from just looking good, French doors are practical in a lot of ways, too. For instance, if you have a piano, hot tub or other large piece of furniture, the French doors provide an opening wide enough to move them in and out.

Everybody always loves the French doors and it's what everyone is thinking about when they come here,"

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Andresen says "It has that open space feel."

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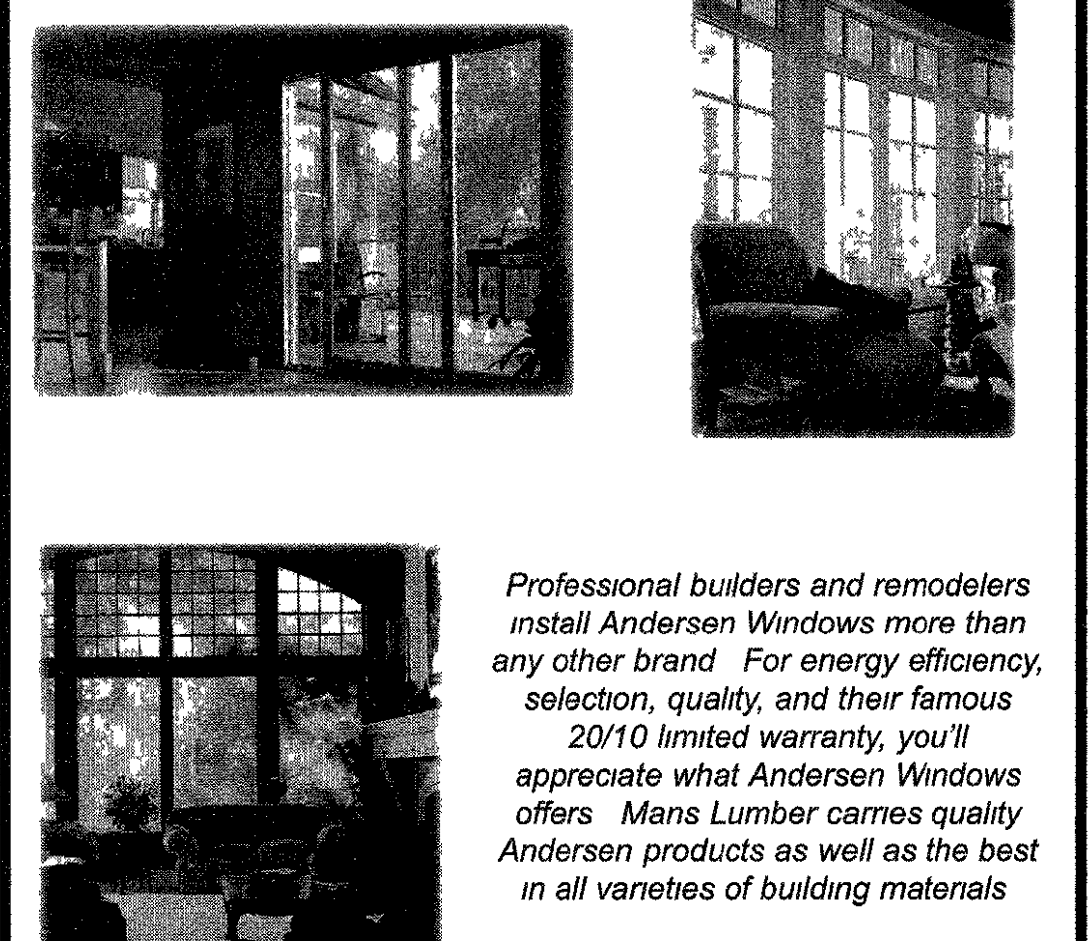
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BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Cost has the biggest influence on what people choose for their kitchen countertops and other fixtures

Laminates, for instance, are the biggest sellers at NA Mans and Sons Kitchen and Bath in Canton and Trenton. Recently improved decorative edges on the Formica and Wilsonart laminates make the surfaces much more appealing, explains Linda Welch, Mans certified kitchen and bath designer.

'They're the most economical,' Welch explains.

After cost, maintenance is the next biggest concern, explains Diane Zald, president of Allied Cabinet and Design, Inc. in Lathrup Village.

Keep in mind, too, she says, that marble is one of the highest maintenance countertops, because it's very porous and stains easily. Granite will also

stain, especially with fats. But, with regular care, it should hold up well, experts say. Silicate stone, however, is nearly maintenance free.

An average laminate countertop, without a decorative edge, will usually run between \$800 to \$1,200, Welch says. The price doubles when decorative edges are added. Granite and Corian countertops are growing in popularity and usually cost between \$4,500 to \$6,500, Welch says. Products, like Zodiac, are man made from quartz and resins, and are nudging their way into the market, too.

'It has all the properties granite has, but it's not porous,' Welch says. 'We're all concerned about salmonella, but Zodiac and Corian are the two products where bacteria can't live, because they have nonporous surfaces.'

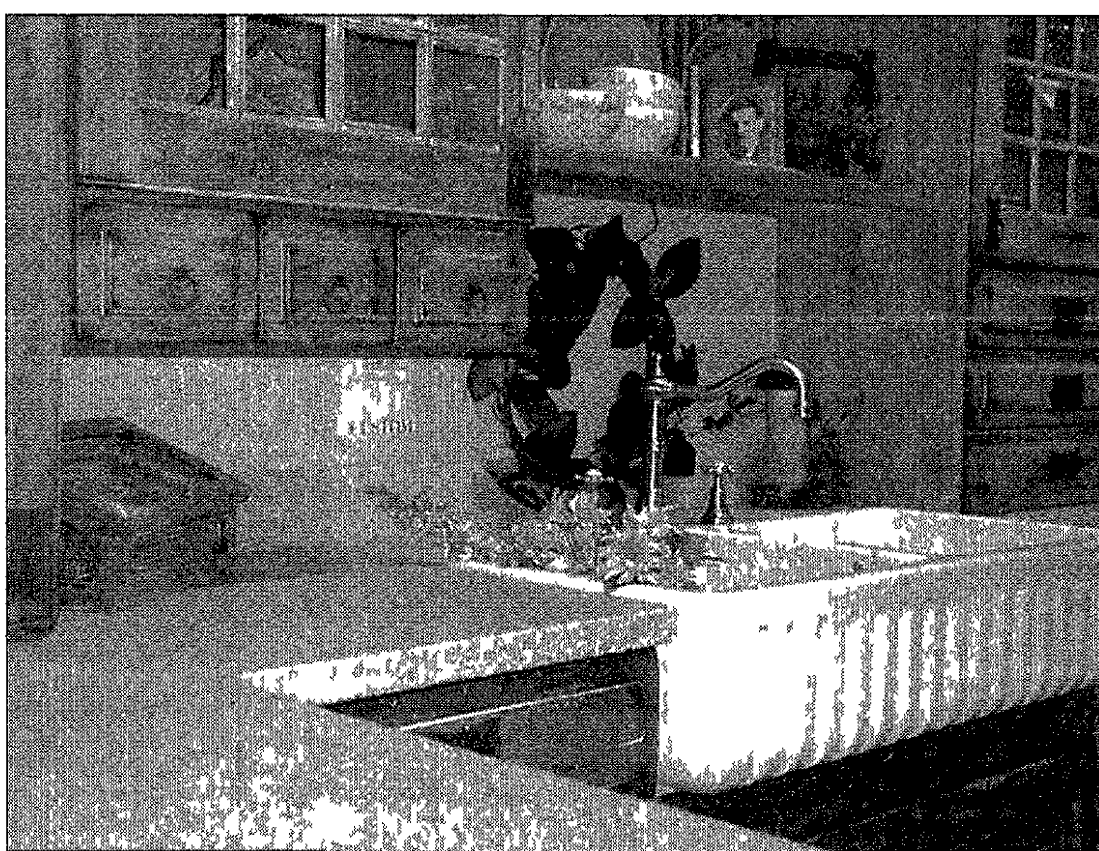
Corian countertops run between \$4,500 and \$6,500

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Install a laminate countertop for a nice touch to your kitchen

and Zodiac countertops usually cost between \$5,000 to \$7,000. The advantages to Corian are that it's non-porous, it won't stain and you have a seamless type countertop,' Welch says. 'With granite and Zodiac products your seams are much more noticeable.'

Countertop colors are varied according to the owner's tastes, Zald says.

'It's all over the board from very light to very dark,' she says.

When people ask her about trends, she says, it's more important to choose what you love.

'What's in today will not be in tomorrow,' Zald says. 'Frankly, I like doing things that people aren't doing. If I'm going to spend that much on a kitchen, I don't want it to be cookie cutter.'

SINK TRENDS

The most common sink used with granite countertops are under mounted, explains Rik Kowall, owner of Accurate Woodworking, Co. in Waterford.

'You don't have the lip around the sink and it has a much more elegant look to it,' Kowall says. It makes cleaning the kitchen much more easy.'

There's a misconception, he says, that it's permissible to cut or chop on granite. Homeowners should never cut on any countertop, he emphasizes. 'That's why you use a cutting stone,' Kowall adds.

Considering that granite has been around 65 million years, it 'will probably last another 65 million years,' he says.

The granite might last, but kitchen styles and amenities change making it necessary to make updates every 20 years minimally.

Corian countertops have the

sink molded into the countertop as one piece to provide a continuously flowing effect.

Homeowners also are returning to the single bowl and a bowl and a half sinks, instead of the double bowl sinks. 'When I grew up about five percent of the population had dishwashers and you needed the two sinks - one to wash and one to rinse,' Welch explains. 'Now about five percent don't have a dishwasher.'

Big pots and pans that need to be washed in sinks don't fit in the smaller double bowls. As far as faucets go, the triple-handled designs (one for hot, another for cold and a third for filtered water) have dominated the market.

Homeowners are opting most often for the pearl nickel finish, Welch says. 'Years ago when we had polished brass faucets they would corrode and now there's a lifetime warranty for these types of finishes,' she adds.

Is your kitchen or bathroom countertop ugly or just difficult to keep clean? Do you want to install a new countertop, but hate the thought of demolition?

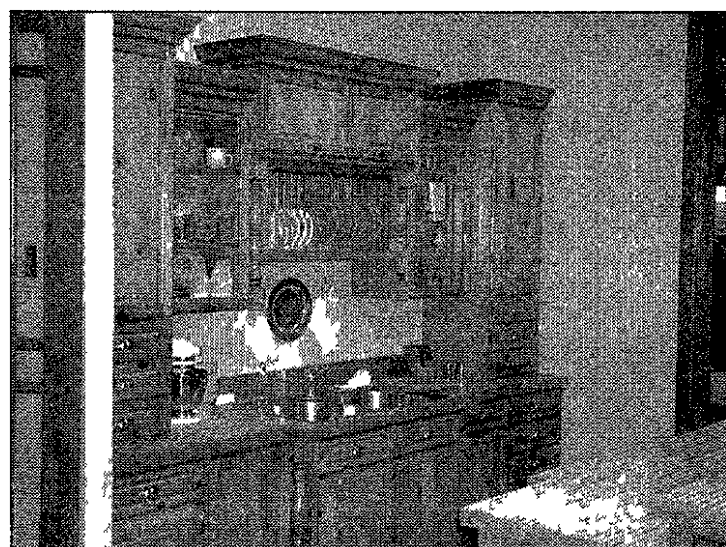
A countertop refacing process is an alternative for homeowners. The process utilizes Rocksold Grant, which is a form of granite that combines approximately 95 percent natural stone with advanced polymer technology. The result is a 1/4-inch reinforced slab with stain, heat and scratch resistance.

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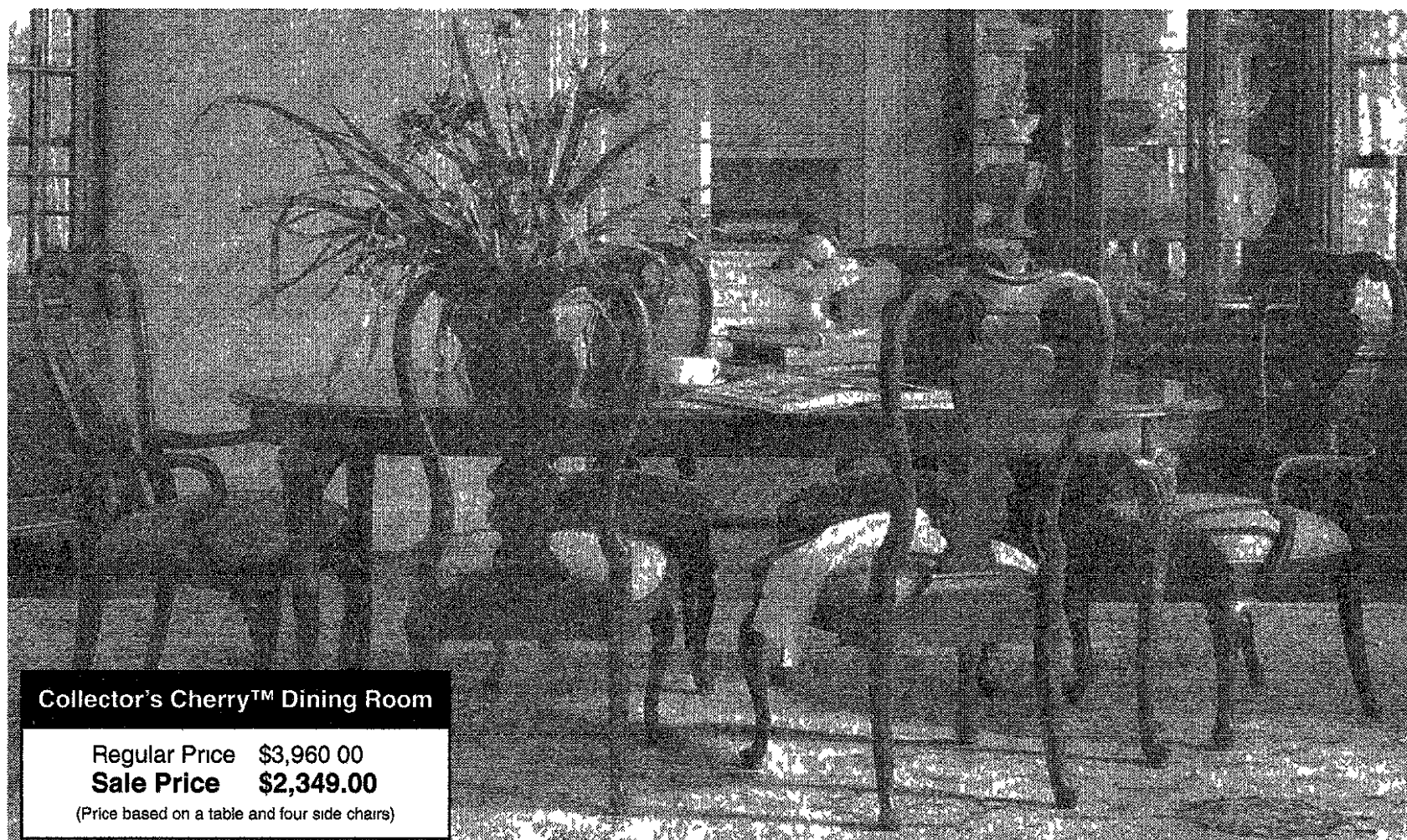
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Maybe it's time for new kitchen appliances

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE
STAFF WRITER

Your son Billy brought his three best friends over for dinner. All you have to serve them is a can of spaghetti. And you must leave for a meeting by 6 p.m. No problem. Those gooey dishes — the pan, too — can be plopped right in a new Maytag or Jenn-Air dishwasher. The new model, known as a "tall tub," features three racks for dishes, silverware and big items like pots and pans. Best of all, there's no need to rinse or scrape. "It means longer wear for dishes and, really, it saves you time because you're not double-washing," said Linda Legato. Legato and her husband Kim own Bill & Rod's Appliance in Livonia. "It has a built-in soft-food disposal. It's incredible. If you put a lasagna pan in there, it would be clean." The store is celebrating its

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40th anniversary this year and carries appliances by Maytag and its companies Amana, Jenn-Air and Magic Chef. Homeowners always look for new appliances with modern conveniences or something that will provide more space. The newest refrigerators come without condenser coils on the back, so they're space-savers for your kitchen. Some are equipped with water filters,

good for six months to a year. No more buying those eight packs of bottled water.

"What's nice about this Amana is it has a big enough opening so you can fill up the sports bottles," Legato said. Many of the new range models are time-savers and feature a warming surface in lieu of racks and burners. "No messy drip pans to deal with. No burner elements," said Legato. "They've increased the burner size to 12 inches so that can accommodate canning or large pots and fry pans."

The hot look in today's kitchens is stainless steel. The metal finish emits "a classiness, a cleanliness, a professional look," Legato said, although white and black appliances are popular as well.

The big thing today is energy efficiency, said Lee Herod, manager for Sargent Appliance in Rochester and Clinton Township, which carries all



Maytag gas ranges are equipped to handle large family dinners and parties with its 5.22 cubic feet oven capacity. The range also has a fifth burner and 16,000 BTU Power Boost burner.

major brands of appliances except Kenmore. Dishwashers are more energy efficient. "They're using less water than they used to and they're very

quiet today," Herod said. As for ranges, Herod said today's gas stoves produce a higher flame output so items can be cooked faster. A new refrigerator

manufactured by General Electric features a "quick thaw" feature in the freezer which is also good for chilling wine and other beverages, he said.

To save energy and money, switch to fluorescent lights

BY DAVID BRADLEY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Energy conservation doesn't seem like such a big deal until the lights go out. Ask residents in the Northeast what they would

have given for a few watts of electricity when the regional power grid went on the fritz. The blackout touched off another skirmish in the battle against conspicuous consumption, but homeowners are waging their own war on watts at

the household level. And their surprising ally: the lowly light bulb. People tend to overlook light bulbs, yet bulbs consume up to 10 percent of household power, says Scott Plemmons, vice president of home lighting for Lowe's. "If you change out even a few bulbs to energy-efficient versions, that's a huge difference."

The hands-down champion of residential energy misers is the compact fluorescent light. The U.S. Department of Energy estimates CFL bulbs use one-third the energy of incandescent lights. However, fewer than 20 percent of U.S. households use CFL bulbs in

their most heavily used light fixtures. Homeowners can see the disparity in energy use when they compare bulbs. The CFL equivalent to a 75-watt incandescent bulb is a 25-watt fluorescent. Consumers may see the Energy Star symbol on bulb packages. The designation denotes products that are particularly energy efficient. Incandescent bulbs are little changed since the days of Thomas Edison. The bulbs produce more heat than light with a relatively short service life. A typical incandescent might last 750 hours, where a comparable fluorescent bulb could last eight to 12 times

longer, up to 10,000 hours. The knock against fluorescent bulbs was cold, greenish tint light. Plemmons says new generation CFL bulbs deliver the warm glow homeowners favored in incandescent lights. The familiar hum associated with fluorescent tubes is gone, too. Although fluorescent bulbs cost more than incandescent ones, consumers can expect payback within a few years. Homeowners should expect to save \$10 to \$15 over the life of each fluorescent bulb. These cost savings are driving the growth of CFL sales in retail markets. Plemmons says fluorescent lights make the most economic

sense in fixtures used most frequently. Rooms where lights are left on for more than three hours a day, such as kitchens, bathrooms and family rooms — as well as reading lamps — are the best candidates for CFLs. Hard-to-reach locations, notably hallways and vaulted ceilings, are ideal for fluorescent bulbs. Plemmons says fluorescent bulbs are making the leap to specialty uses as flood lamps and accent lights. Low-energy-use halogen lamps are also emerging on the decor lighting scene. Homeowners should safely dispose of spent or damaged fluorescent bulbs. CFLs contain low amounts of mercury

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Tile art colors your kitchen

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

There are no limits, except maybe those imposed by your budget, when it comes to decorating with tile.

You can do just about anything you want, said Vic Cassis, owner of Floors in Style in Livonia.

Homeowners are tiling everything from bathrooms to kitchens, sunrooms, walkouts, walls, ceilings and even garage floors, said Phyllis Schoenherr, vice-president of Beaver Tile & Stone in Farmington Hills, Rochester Hills and Troy at the Michigan Design Center. Tiles aren't just placed on floors to be walked across, either.

They are finding their way into intricate pieces of wall art, murals and collages, transforming a room from the mundane to the exquisite.

In addition to the hundreds of tile patterns and designs that are available in stock, customers also have the option of ordering exclusive specialty hand-designed tiles, Schoenherr says.

That option gives the home owner a chance to coordinate a design already in the home, or design something totally new and unique.

DIFFERENT MEDIUMS

The wall artwork can include a host of art mediums that include tile along with stones, metal and glass.

There's all the beautiful glazes with tremendous variations and patterns taken out of the arts and crafts area," she

says.

Glass mosaics are also cropping up in rooms throughout houses of the truly creative. An enclave in Schoenherr's own kitchen is designated for entertaining where wine is often served. A nearby counter and backsplash is done in a design made of glass pieces that immediately gives the area a playful, yet rich, tone.

It's stunning," she adds. "You can have simple little patterns with beautiful colors and brilliant glazes. Everyone likes wine and cheese and to have a bottle of wine painted on a backsplash with grapes and cheese is nice."

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Fruit baskets are another common motif used for kitchen wall murals. They're just so outstanding and beautiful, Schoenherr says.

It can be all the color in your house coming together or all the colors in nature to create such a beautiful impact in your kitchen.

The wall mural becomes the obvious focal point and is a good jumping pad for using bits and pieces of the same pattern throughout the room and into adjoining rooms to add continuity. Take the work a step further by having the mural done in tile and adding a chunky rope pattern around it as its frame.

"That really does look like a piece of art," Schoenherr says.

FROM A TO Z

Your choices in tile art can span anything from an elaborate replica of something by Michelangelo to a simple border.

Imagine the work involved

in tile mosaics, Cassis says, considering the picture has to be drawn, a pattern made, tiny pieces of tile cut in specific sizes and finally the painstaking finishing touch of putting it all together on the wall.

"It's something that's hard to do," he says.

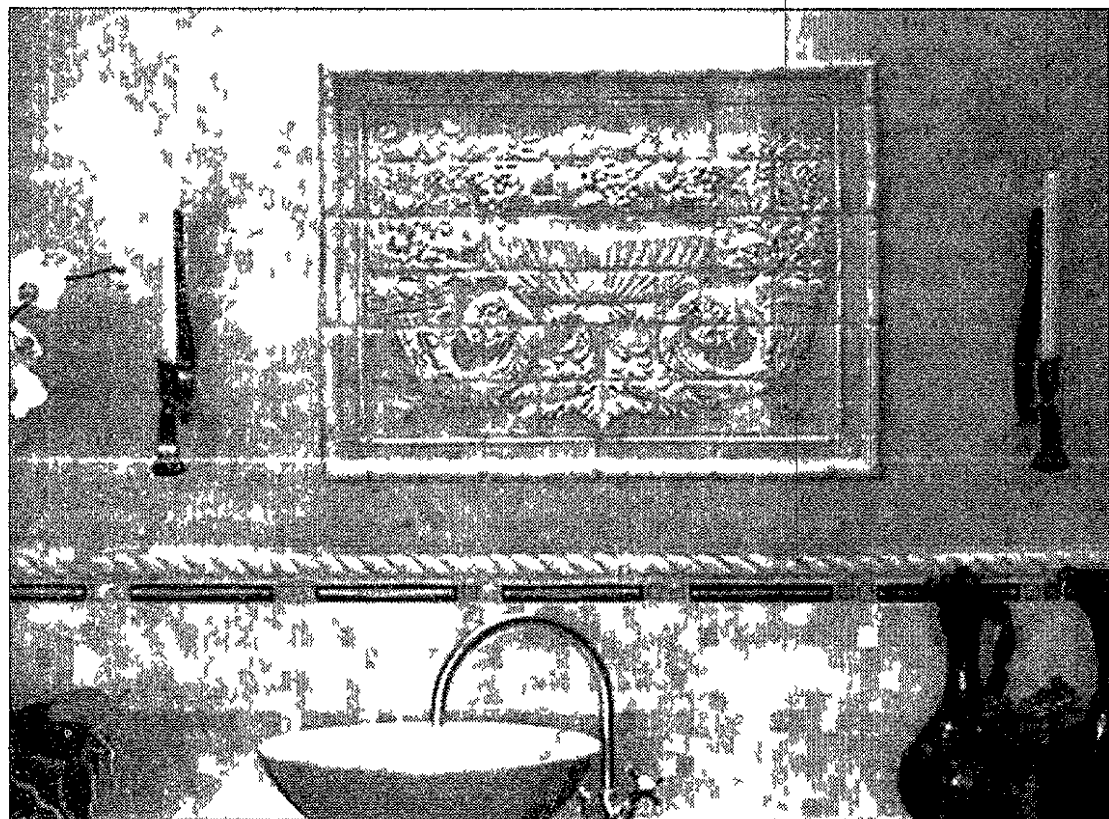
That he finds answers to all his customer's questions no matter how complicated the idea.

"I'll help with any design they have in mind."

If you want something more common, but still different, Cassis recommends using stock tiles but putting them together in an unusual pattern.

Murals made with hand-painted stone are popular, too, Schoenherr says. She is also seeing many more customers opt for wall designs made from tumbled stone with a lot of glass, metal accents and hand-made tiles.

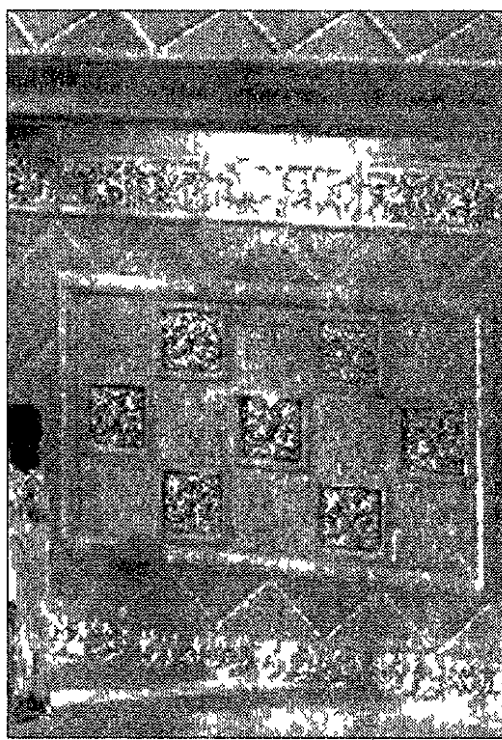
Large carved pieces of stone create a dramatic effect on a wall. The extreme textures give the room depth.



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Tile art adds dramatic impact to this wall.

There's a lot of slate going on, too, Schoenherr says. Even tumbled slate with glass is spectacular. A four-by-four tumbled slate on a backsplash with glass is shiny and dull and has all these beautiful looks.



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And they often buy a new dining room table.

Suzy Frazier, sales and design consultant at Walker Buzenberg in Plymouth, expects more traffic for the holidays as consumers look for new furniture. They usually buy a new (dining room) table for Thanksgiving, but if not then, they buy it by Christmas, Frazier said. They like something that conveys a "casual elegance," she said.

"We still sell formal dining tables, but the casual set is beautiful with the legs and the

'They like the choices of leather, fabric or upholstery on the chairs. And that's all available with the more casual look. They like the paints, stains, distressed and nondistressed.'

Suzy Frazier
Walker Buzenberg

upholstery that is offered, she said. "They like the choices of leather, fabric or upholstery on the chairs. And that's all available with the more casual look. They like the paints, stains, distressed and nondistressed."

Stains transcend the pieces, but customers generally like the cherry wood look, Frazier said. "People lean toward the cherry, it is a nice medium stain that mixes with other stains," Frazier said.

For a formal look, Bernhardt provides "high end drama" in tables with a mansion or plantation style table or Arts and Crafts style. Joan Whitman, designer and owner of Joan Whitman Interior Design in Grosse Pointe Farms and at the Michigan Design Center in Troy, said families and young couples are looking at larger tables that seat 10 or 12.

"They're returning to entertaining large gatherings, particularly with young people in their 30s, 40s and 50s. They're all moving in the same direction with the Grange (which is a French style) and the Henry

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Dunn acquisitions, which is an Old World look. They also like Tuscan and French with a warmer feel in a medium to dark wood.

The Grange style has a "clean director look." Whitman said. It can be mixed with contemporary as well as traditional, Whitman said.

For those with small rooms, tables with drop leaves can be used for entertaining, even moved to an unusual area, such as a foyer for the dinner. Fears that the holiday setup last year at a home would look too much like a casual restaurant subsided when the attractiveness of the setup turned into a dinner discussion, Whitman said. Everybody enjoyed it, she said. It was like the Whitney Dining rooms are now larger



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and rooms that owners of new homes expect to use. Whitman said.

The dining rooms are there they want them to be used and they do use them, Whitman said. A lot of people are into cooking and they love to entertain.

Homeowners like the French look with its clean lines and maybe a little rustic look with iron bases and wood tops or a clean French leg. The woods also are medium

distressed and give the feel of an Old World collection. It might feel like an antique, but the care (for the table) is not needed like you need it for an antique. It is beautiful and well built.

But she loves the eclectic look when it comes to design. With most homes, it is a little bit of collecting and travel, so by using different pieces, in the Henry Dunn or Grange, you're mixing contemporary with traditional.

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Nooks, bar areas can be big on style

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Many different furnishings and accessories are available, adding the art of design to the room called the heart of the home.

No space is too small to be furnished with distinction. This includes the breakfast nook, which isn't just for breakfast or lunch any more, and bar areas.

"(The nook) seems to be rising in popularity," said Kimberly Scott, sales associate, Walker/Buzenberg Fine Furniture in Plymouth. "It's something that people come in and ask for quite frequently."

as to what to do with that space?"

Formerly just part of the kitchen table overflow, now the nook can be furnished to make it part of the flow or continuity of the open floor plans of today.

"There are a lot of options," Scott said.

One thing I ask is, 'How much time do you spend there? Will you be eating a quick bowl of cereal or reading the paper?' Is there a beautiful view (outside) you want to take advantage of?"

"How do you plan on using that space?"

SELECTIONS

Some kitchen furnishings

look as though they would fit in the living room as well.

Among the examples at Walker/Buzenberg are a contemporary round, glass-topped table with iron base, chairs with upholstered backs and seats, and furnishings with a country cottage look, such as buffets and serving hutches.

A lot of people think that with a small space you have to use small furniture. That's not true," Scott said.

Table sets with a mixture of stained and painted features are popular, Scott said.

Baker's racks or other shelf arrangements can make use of corner space, or stand along a wall. Bar stools and counter stools, 30 inches and 26 inches respectively, are popular choices, whether for placement at a pub table or along a counter next to a kitchen island.

With such furniture companies as Dinec, you can have the type of furnishings you want for the kitchen, nook or bar.

Options include wood, fabric and leather, in many different colors and finishes (such as stained, distressed, antique and metallic).

Legs can be capped in brass, chrome or other material.

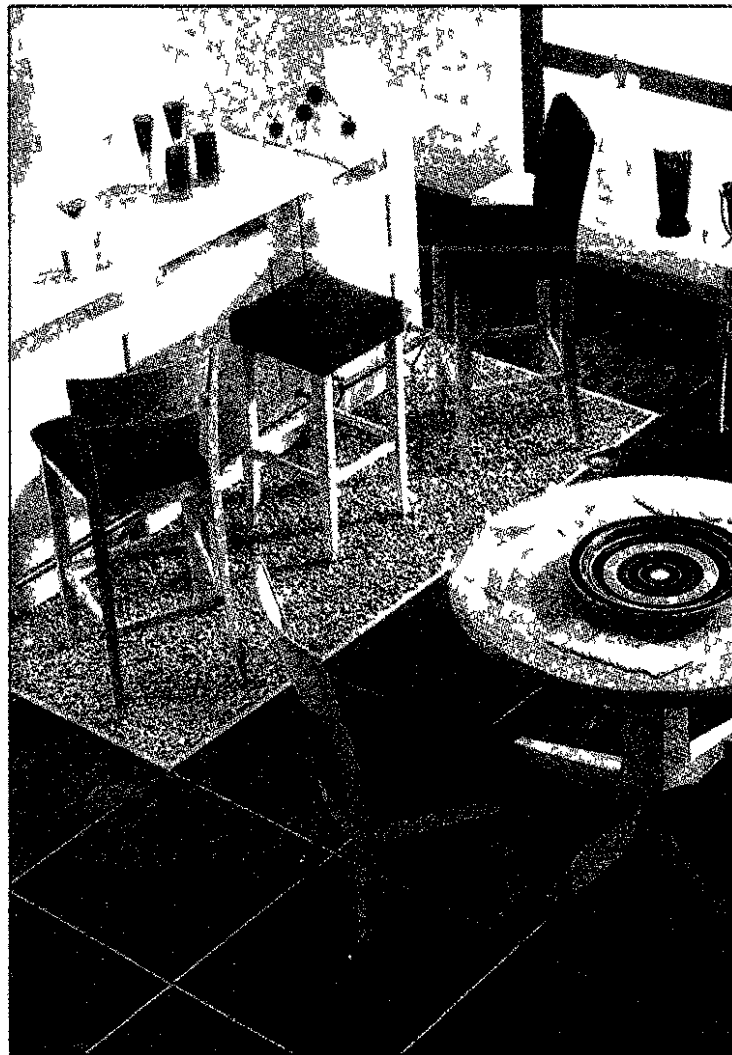
Chairs can tilt and swivel (some with memory return), come with or without backs, or have casters for easy rolling, a seat can even be a cylinder instead of a standard chair.

Many fabrics come Teflon-treated from the manufacturer, or you can have them treated yourself to guard against stains.

BARS

Bar areas and hutches come in different styles as well. A contemporary, sophisticated example is the San Remo bar, which is carried exclusively by Sherwood Studios in West Bloomfield.

The San Remo, made of



Kitchens, nooks and bar areas can be furnished in a variety of ways, including counter seating. Tables, chairs and other pieces come in many different sizes and styles.

stainless steel and lacquered wood, resembles a large cylinder when closed. It opens into two half circles, with shelves on the inside. A shelf runs along the front as well.

"People want to have a large entertainment center. This can be rolled around. It's very versatile," said Beverly Stewart, Sherwood Studios interior designer.

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- Dinec - www.dinec.com

The bar can stand in the foyer during a party, for example, she said.

Other styles at Sherwood Studios include arrangements of bar stools in primary colors along a chrome and glass table, of light wood, and of pewter and glass.

The Toscana bar, made of dark wood and translucent material, can easily fit in a small area - it features a storage area on the top and a narrow cabinet along the side. Customers can find, or custom order, almost any kind of cabinet or bar hutch they want, says Ken Grant, owner, Grant's Cabinets Inc in Redford. "They can pretty much make anything you can think of," Grant said.

"There are endless ideas." Features - such as doors which fold out to reveal the TV set or other objects they hold - that used to be available only with custom orders are now regularly produced by companies, he said.



The Providence tall pub table shown in pewter finish and glass top and swivel bar stools shown in pewter finish make an attractive arrangement.

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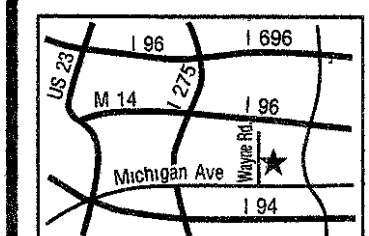


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Bright ideas illuminate kitchens, dining rooms

BY LISA LUCKOW HEALY
CORRESPONDENT

The way you light your kitchen and dining areas largely depend on the way you use your home.

One room is very utilitarian while the other is generally set aside for one purpose. Although each room's purposes may seem clear to you, the lighting required to achieve the proper functionality and mood can leave you feeling confused.

Lighting is all about control, says Faye Nicholas, lighting consultant at Pine Tree Lighting in Lake Orion.

Task lighting - a term used to help describe the type of lighting you use for everyday tasks - is mostly about control, Nicholas said. Softer lighting is used for entertaining. Brighter lighting is ideal for daily utility. You want to control it.

Consider different types of lighting for function and ambiance - overhead task lighting (for cooking), under cabinet lighting, light over a table and/or island/peninsula, ambient lighting above the cabinets, lamps on countertops for mood and wall-mounted

SOURCES

- Master Lighting 44125 Ford Road Canton (734) 981 3666
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"When you install overhead recessed can lighting, you want to make sure you have enough to adequately cover your kitchen or dining room," Nicholas said. The kitchen will usually require more because you want brighter lighting for cooking. You don't want shadows.

NECESSARY LIGHTING

The kitchen is the heart of the home, Nicholas said. "You have to put a lot of thought into how you want to use the area. I ask my customers that question before we get started in the selection process. I also ask if they have children. Will the kitchen be a place where homework and bill paying are

done? You have to make sure there is ample lighting for family functions.

When you want to soften kitchen lighting when entertaining, Nicholas suggests putting overhead lights on a dimmer and adding wall sconces.

Mood is also achieved with mini pendant lights, smaller recessed cans or a small, inverted bowl or chandelier. All of these forms can be incorporated into either the kitchen or dining room.

In the dining room, it's logical to have lighting on dimmers. When your guests arrive, you want mood over your table. You expect to see a room adorned with a charming chandelier or inverted bowl hanging from the ceiling that might showcase decorative molding or a medallion. You're soothed by the warmth of low-lit wall sconces and strategically placed recess lighting.

"No longer is a chandelier Grandma's fixture no one touched," says Richard Yantny, manager of Master Lighting in Canton. "Don't let the word chandelier fool you. It is simply a fixture hanging down from the ceiling. You may prefer to select

Bright ideas in chandeliers

Although your personal style or needs may vary, the following rules of thumb generally apply to chandelier selection.

■ Allow approximately 30 inches to 32 inches between the top of the table and the bottom of the fixture.

■ Selection should be based on the size of the room and the table.

■ Consider the height of the ceiling. A large chandelier may overpower a room with a low ceiling.

■ The chandelier is about one-third to one-half the size of the average dining table.

■ Generally anything hanging from a chain or cord is a chandelier, whether it is a pendant light, traditional chandelier or inverted dome (bowl).

■ Often you can find more diverse styles with smaller manufacturers.

■ Popular brands such as Kichler, Murray Feiss, Quoizel, Schonbeck (crystal) and Tech Lighting offer a wide selection of chandelier-type styles.



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more informal styles for the kitchen and dress up the lighting in your dining room. Lighting is really a matter of style and personal preference.

You're no longer limited to one finish, says Yantny. Many customers don't want all their fixtures to match. There are no lighting police to give you a ticket for not using all the same style fixtures in a room."

WHAT'S TRENDY

We're seeing trends in wrought iron and painted finishes that create a designer

look, adds Yantny.

"The old world look is also quite dominant. With that, you'll see marbled glass and alabaster surfaces."

For a more contemporary look, the Tech Lighting brand is popular, Yantny said. It showcases sleeker, refined

styles that use small halogen bulbs to create a wide variety of moods," Yantny said.

According to Yantny, stained glass and Tiffany lighting patterns are always mainstays. Brass is popular for more traditional tastes.

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Table settings can serve visual feast before meal

Before the meal is served, the table setting can serve a feast for the eyes

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"Although our lives are more casual, people still want formal (settings)," said Sophia Papatheodore, sales assistant, Graziella LTD in Birmingham

Examples of elements of formal table settings at Graziella include Limoges fine china, which is made from special white sand in Limoges, France, said Kevin Krue, Graziella manager

Haviland presents a Limoges setting rimmed in gold and featuring a classic 1898 pattern from the Ritz Hotel. Herend china is handpainted and from Hungary, one of the Herend offerings at Graziella has a brightly colored design of flowers and butterflies that can be used all year

Among the more casual china pieces is a set by Laure Japy, featuring a pattern of a basket and leaves, and dishes made of pottery

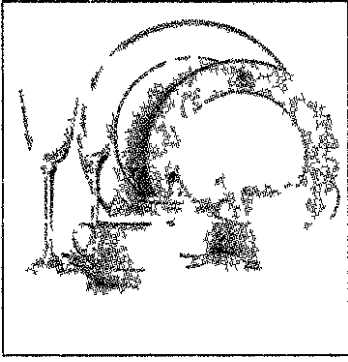
Moustiers pottery is lighter, Tuscan or Italian pottery is heavier

Krue suggests using stemware with colors that pick up the colors in the china

The basic five-piece place setting consists of a cup, saucer, bread and butter plate, soup or salad plate and dinner plate

A rimmed soup plate that isn't too deep can also be used for salad or pasta

The utensils are turned up in the "traditional" or "American" way of setting the table, Krue said. He said they are turned down in the European way, to



WEDGWOOD

Fashion designer Vera Wang helps make the best dressed table with her new line of fine bone china and crystal

show the pattern on the backs of the handles

When a charger is used, the plate is set with the plate for the first course (soup or salad) on top of the charger

The server removes the charger and this plate when the course is over, and replaces them with the plate for the second course

Because they are larger than dinner plates, chargers make good plates for buffets, Krue said

Lenox has introduced fine china pieces with a square shape, said Jenny Hargreaves, manager, Heslop's China and Gifts in Livonia. Other Heslop's stores are in Rochester Hills, Troy, West Bloomfield and Novi

The square pieces include accent plates, to be added to the basic setting

A setting by Lenox for the holidays features a square saucer and a cup with a square base, dressed in a holly and berry motif

Fashion designer Vera Wang has branched into fine bone china and crystal

Among her pieces for Wedgwood - also available at Heslop's - are plates with pat-

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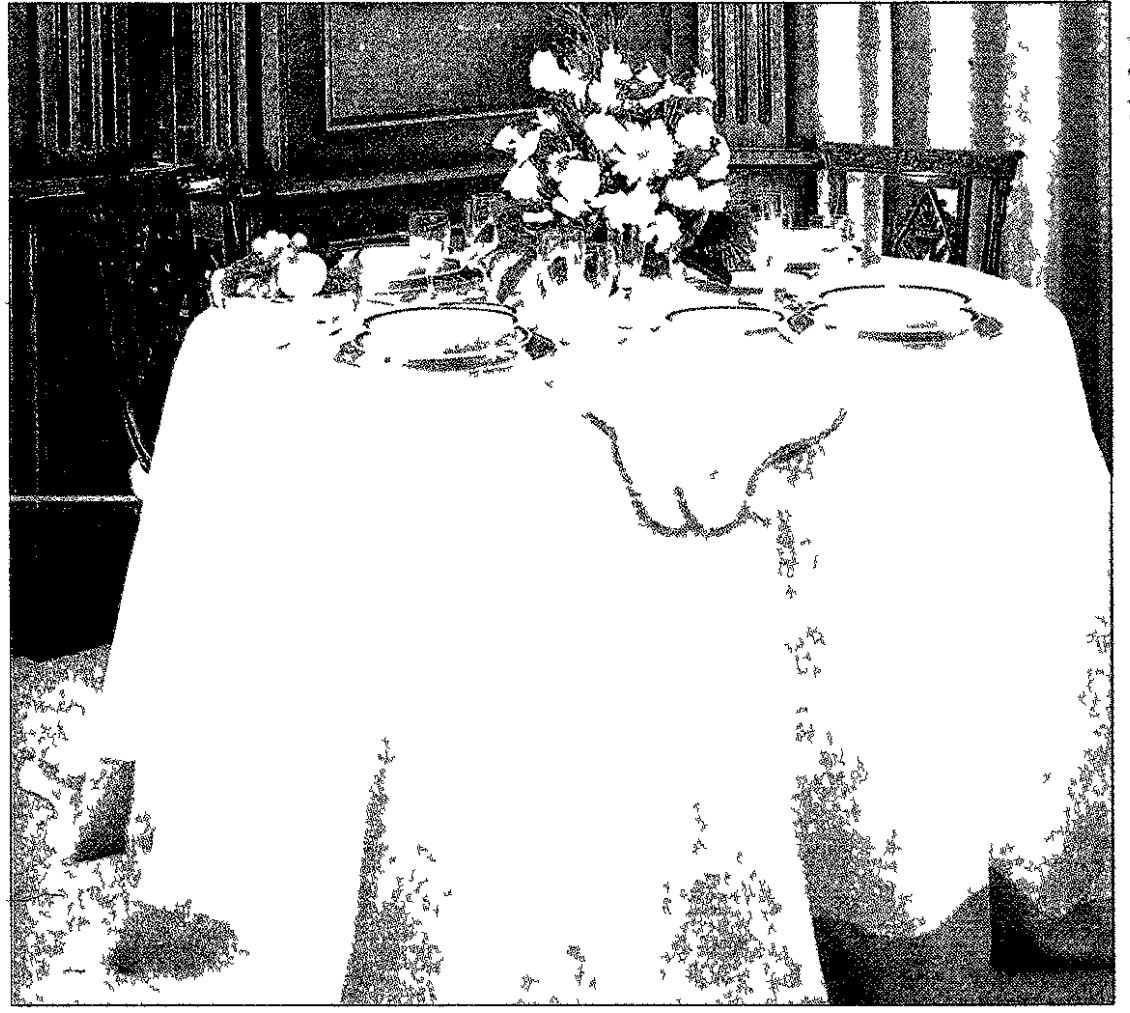
terned or colored borders, accent plates with a single image (pineapple, unicorn, Oriental characters, bee, pagoda or sheaf of wheat) at the top, decanters, bowls, ice buckets, vases, glasses and candlesticks

Tureens are popular, both as serving items to be used and as elements of decor

Among the tureen shapes at Heslop's are a pumpkin and a pig. For the Christmas season, Fitz and Floyd has introduced the Renaissance Collection of handpainted ceramic settings, including a tureen shaped like a sleigh in burgundy, plum, rose and green colors

TABLE LINENS

The tablecloth, place mats and napkins can be custom made by such shops as A Touch of Lace in Bloomfield



COURTESY PRATESI

Linens make a distinctive table setting. Tablecloths, place mats and napkins can be custom made

Hills. Usually the tablecloth hangs 12 inches over the table. The size of the tablecloth isn't the only option, as manager Sheri Casper explained

The tablecloth, napkins and place mats can be made in any color and trim

Customers can pick two coordinating fabrics to create their own pattern or duplicates can be ordered of linens that have been handed down in the family. Place mats can be laminated

Irish linens, damasks, jacquards and prints are some of the materials available. Embroidery, cutwork and quilting are some of the accent options

All linens are cotton so they are washable, Casper said. She said they will require ironing

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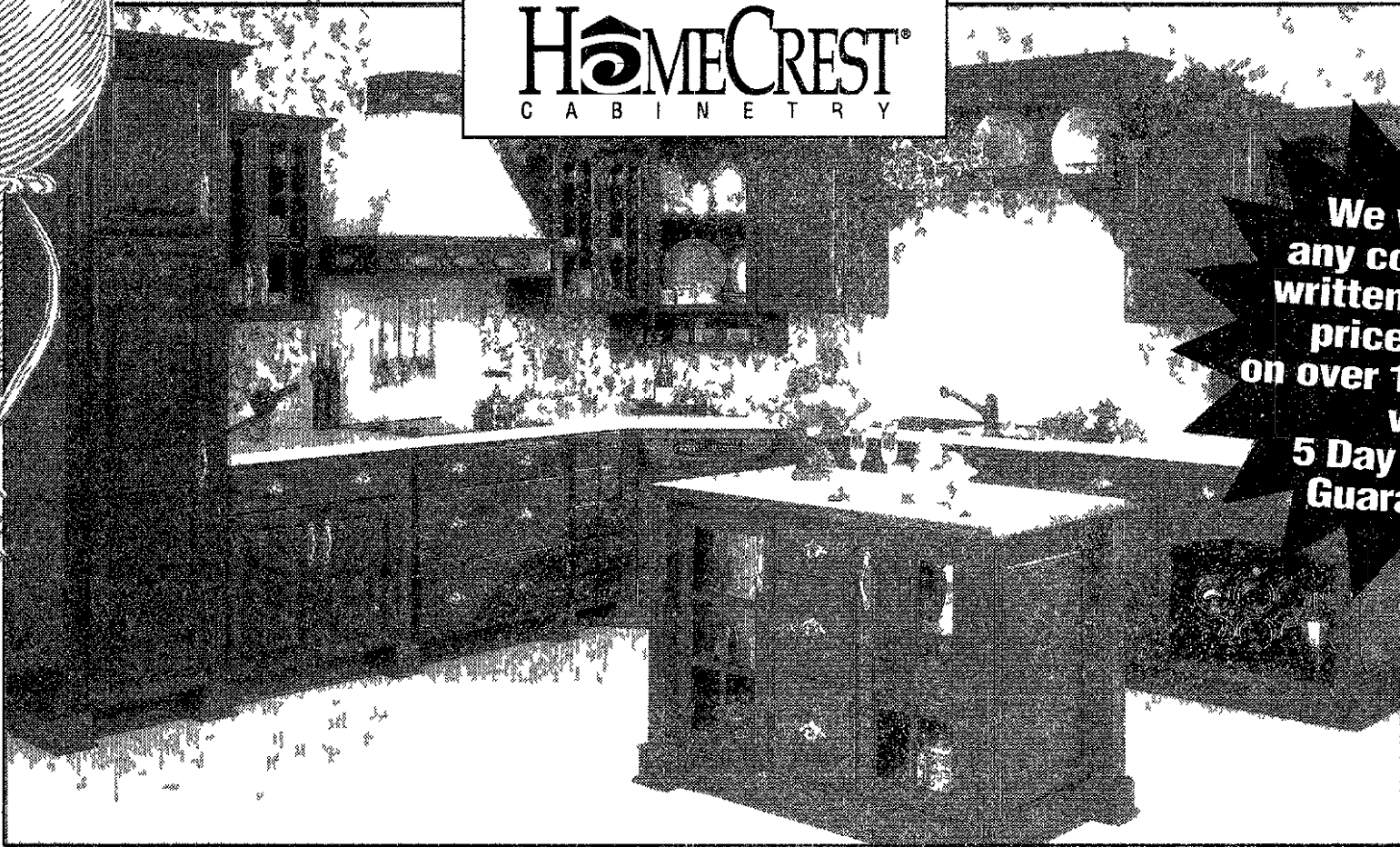
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Floor coverings range from laminates to carpet

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

The first things to consider before choosing floor coverings is who is going to use it and how they live, according to the people who daily see customers make good and bad picks

"Everyone has a different lifestyle and everyone has different needs," explains Fran Francavilla, who with her husband, Carl, owns Independent Carpet in Westland

You have to listen, Francavilla says "If you educate them to some degree, and help them make the right choices, you have a customer for life"

For example, Francavilla says, she wouldn't recommend putting a velvet or plush carpet

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in a family room in a household with a lot of children who use the room on a regular basis, because that carpet would quickly show dirt

Francavilla also recalled an elderly couple that visited her showroom with their daughter They wanted a sculptured car-

pet, but their daughter talked them out of it saying the style was too old fashioned The couple bought a trendy plush carpet instead And a few weeks later they were disgruntled, because they noticed a traffic pattern

"I got a call from the man who said, My wife and I have been married 50 years and if we don't get this out we're going to get divorced So, of course, I went out there and took care of it, Francavilla says

Secondly consider whether or not it makes sense for your purposes Practical homeowners, who know they give their flooring a lot of wear, should consider laminates, like Pergo and Wilsonart, that are easily mopped

California Berbers are one of

the most popular floor coverings today and they're good in high traffic areas, explains Richard Beckwith, owner of Beckwith Floors in Farmington Hills and Clinton Township

These Berbers provide a casual look with a tightly twisted yarn that are tremendously soft to the touch The style is a variation to the traditional loop Berbers that have been popular for years and reminds a lot of shoppers, he says, of the shag carpets popular in the 1970s

"But, the construction is far superior than the old shags," Beckwith says "They hold-up well and have a performance warranty from five to 10 years

California Berbers don't show tracks, 'hide a multitude of sins' and are extremely easy to clean, Francavilla adds

"With today's casual lifestyle most people go with either a nylon Berber, the cut and uncut piles and the California Berbers, which are really popular with the younger generation, she adds "Today, people live casually right down to their cars, their homes and their dress That's where they find their comfort zone"

Younger couples are also buying a lot of the porcelain and granite floors, because they look stylish, she says adding that tile is also durable and often used in foyers, kitchens and hallways

Most of her customers, she says, want maintenance-free flooring "There's so many different styles out there that it depends on the individual," says Beckwith Beckwith has noticed a growing number of

homeowner buying wood floors for their kitchens

He also notices an overwhelming change in innovation, durability and texture in carpets They are softer and have better construction than 10 or 20 years ago, he said

Another big change in the market, is that there are many more styles than were available years ago and homeowners aren't feeling a need to follow styles Customers are buying their own preferences, Beckwith adds

Beckwith says many of his customers are choosing neutral tones in taupes, beiges and soft greens

"They keep it very basic for the most part," Beckwith says "There are people who take the leap, but there aren't that many"

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NATURE'S TOUCH

Accessorize your dining room with flowers to adorn your buffet

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
CORRESPONDENT

Accessories are the answer to giving a new or finished look to the dining room, according to Dana Demski, owner of Recherché of Waterford and Farmington.

"And you can use just about anything. It all depends on your taste and personal choices."

Demski's shop sells items on consignment, including antique furniture and accessories, as well as new merchandise.

Demski said that many homeowners go for traditional accessories in this room of the house, such as candlesticks or candelabras on the table with a flower arrangement. "More interest can be created by adding or changing a table runner," said Demski. "Table linens in a variety of designs and colors are the easiest way to give the dining room a fresh look."

A current trend, according to the merchant, is adding a wine rack, many of which are self-standing pieces of furniture, both new and old, to accommodate the growing popularity of establishing a personal wine collection. "But you don't have to bring in any-

thing new to change the dining room's look," Demski said.

RENEWED SPACES

"Moving good crystal and china, such as Waterford or Wedgewood, as well as favorite pieces, such as vases, to the forefront in a lighted china cabinet can provide a new focus to the room," Demski said.

He added that over time, many of us forget about items that have been stored away in buffets and china cabinets. "Rediscover what you have and you may have just what you need to accessorize the room."

Georgia Hewitt, assistant manager, Nature's Touch Flowers and Gifts in Bloomfield Hills, said that when you're searching for stored special pieces, think flowers. "Flowers are still the most affordable luxury and arrangements can be designed to fit into any container that holds water," Hewitt said.

"If you have a favorite bowl or a larger piece of fine crystal, such as a pitcher, use it for an arrangement of flowers. This makes an excellent centerpiece for the table or the buffet and adds a warmer, more personal feel to the room."

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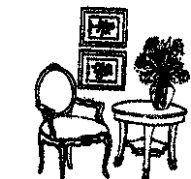
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adds that whatever accessory you choose to use, whether it's a painting or paintings or sconces for the wall, a topiary for the sideboard, or a small statue placed on top of the buffet or china cabinet, you can create a feast for the eyes. "Just use what you like and what looks good to you," Demski said.

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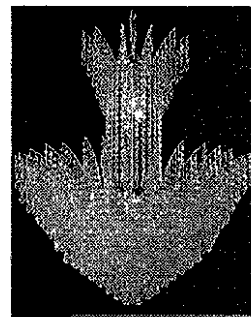
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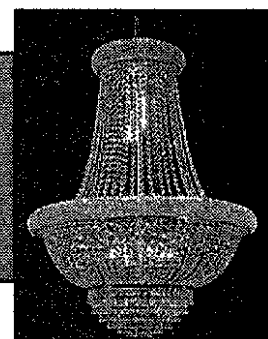
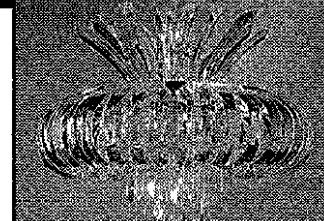
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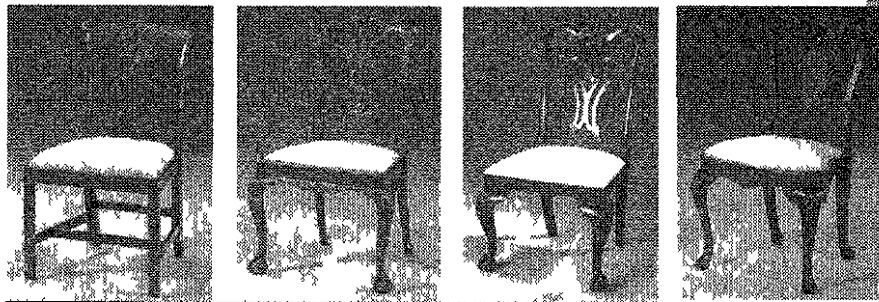
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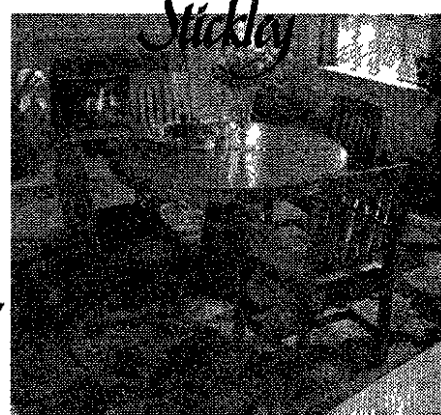
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Fabulous FURNITURE 2003

Cabinets are both functional, fashionable

BY LISA LUCKOW-HEALY
CORRESPONDENT

Cabinets have gone from traditional kitchen fare to fashion statements throughout the home. Today's cabinetry looks more like a piece of furniture even down to the end panels that resemble faux doors. You can have the look of high-end cabinets on a mainstream budget.

"Cabinetry is gravitating to a more custom look, even with stock lines, through the use of molding and toe bases so it looks more like separate furniture pieces," says Dee Samborski, kitchen designer with N A Mans Kitchen and Bath in Canton.

Many cabinet lines highlight intricate details with an architectural emphasis. Pediments atop entertainment centers and stack moldings are just two ways to make the cabinetry look like anything but a cabinet," adds Luane Faucher, certified kitchen and bath

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designer at the Expo Design Center in West Bloomfield. "Even raising cabinets off the floor gives a room an illusion of more space." Closets are more than small areas where you hang your clothes today. "Cabinets turn closets into more functional rooms of their own by adding them from floor to ceiling and sometimes including a folding island," Faucher said. "This type of closet is a nice complement to the bedroom. Cabinetry is also

putting 'wow' into living room walls and entertainment units."

Manufacturers are adding more glazes for more finish choices typically only once found in custom lines, Samborski said. They are combining the glazes with mixed colored woods so you might see the primary kitchen cabinets in one color with a particular glaze while the island is featured in another color," Samborski said. "It has everything to do with the frills and customer preference."

Cabinetry is about trends. People want that warm, nurturing feeling in their homes," Faucher said. "It goes with the concept of family time, of home theaters, and entertaining. Cabinetry that is distressed, worn at the edges, glazed or antiqued is extremely popular with the at home customer mindset."

When selecting your cabinetry, Faucher suggests you ask yourself whether you want a warm, cozy family gathering space or a dynamic area where a lot of entertaining and com-

mercial-style cooking goes on.

MAKE A STATEMENT

Cabinetry is also making a statement with the more open bookcase look with a valance to emphasize the hutch look. Glass door cabinets with matching wood interiors enable you to show off the pieces you're proud of without having to find space for a large, free-standing cabinet.

"Some stock lines are also featuring pots and pans drawers with peg pieces to hold dishes, pots and pans in place," says Samborski.

"And with full extended glides on the drawers, these are nice features to have - items you could only once find with semi-custom and custom lines."

"You've got to weigh design to essential cabinet requirements to cubic usage," says Ken Grant, owner, Grant's Cabinets in Redford. "You need to understand how important the essential amount of cabinets is to good



A recently remodeled kitchen shows a custom hood design with applique, fluted columns and arched valance.

design before you start adding more than will fit. This affects the design flow."

"We're seeing more designs with columns, turned posts, and cabinetry that customers want to look like a piece of furniture," adds Grant.

"Some customers want vanity cabinets on legs instead of toe kicks to feel like they have a piece of furniture in their bathroom instead of a cabinet."

Before you get started, or frustrated because you don't know where to start looking

for the right cabinetry, gather some photos of the looks that appeal to you. Do your homework. Talk to cabinetry professionals about how you think your lifestyle will work with the function of the cabinets. Convey your personal style. Talk about your sample photographs or magazine tear sheets.

All of this information will help the cabinet professional determine how to show you the right cabinetry for your budget without sacrificing the "wow" factor.



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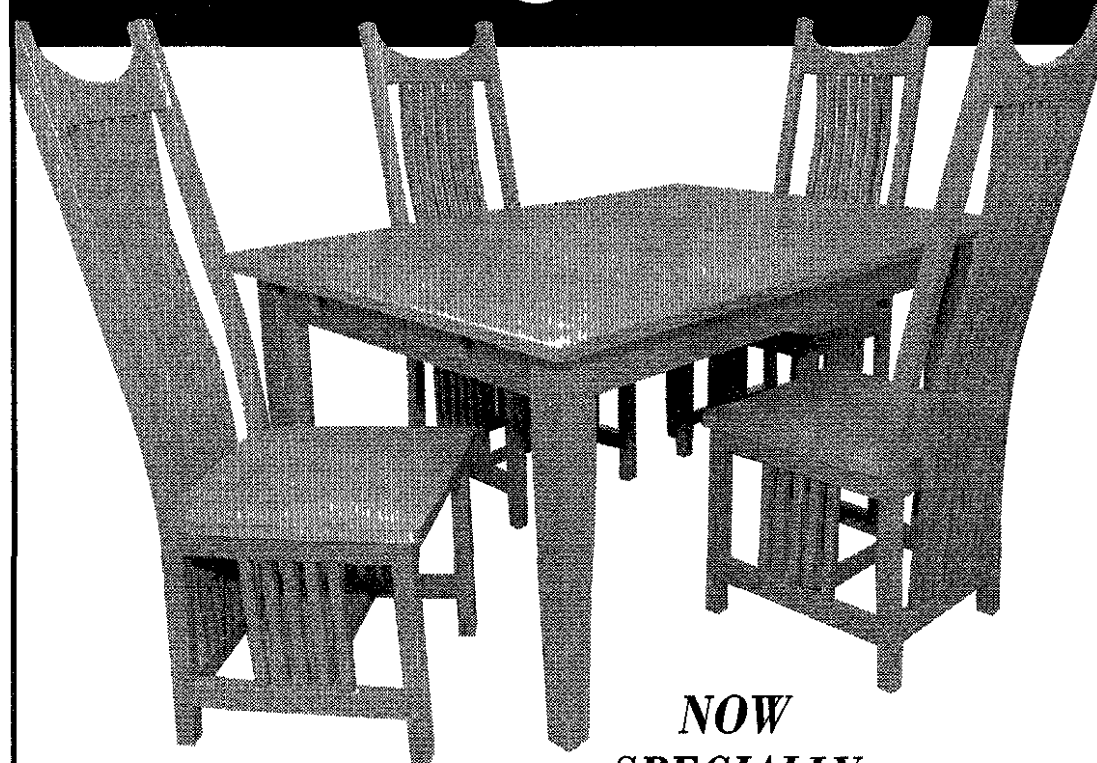
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Fans of Pillsbury's frozen baked goods will have new reasons to turn on their ovens this fall with the addition of more varieties to its line of freezer to oven biscuits - dinner rolls and sweet rolls.

Three new products - Soft White Dinner Rolls, Crusty Sourdough Dinner Rolls and Extra Large Easy Split Biscuits - join the current Pillsbury Home Baked Classics in the baked goods section of the freezer case. There's also a new Value



Size package of the brand's popular Southern Style Biscuits.

Like the other Pillsbury Home Baked Classics items, the new dinner rolls and biscuits go right from the freezer to the oven with no thawing or proofing required and bake to scratch-like quality. They offer convenient portion control with a resealable bag and individually frozen items, so families can bake just the number they need, then store the rest of the bag for later.

The Soft White Dinner Rolls and Crusty Sourdough Dinner Rolls are packaged in 12.4 ounce bags with 10 dinner rolls for a suggested retail price of \$3.09.

The Extra Large Easy Split Biscuits are in 31.8 ounce packages of 10 biscuits and also have a suggested retail price of \$3.09. The Value Pack of Southern Style Biscuits contains 20 biscuits in a 41.6 ounce package for \$3.99.

Other items in the Pillsbury Home Baked Classics line of frozen baked goods include Butterflake Dinner Rolls, Crusty French Dinner Rolls, Sweet Rolls and five varieties of biscuits (packaged in bags of 12 biscuits) - Flaky Layers, Buttermilk Southern Style, Butter Tustin and Cheddar Garlic.

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 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, Hanukkah 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@oehomecomm.net.



Cook Renae Doulette stirs Annie Rae's Hot-n Sassy Chili while Bob Vargo, who cooked in an adjacent booth, checks on the chili.

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BURN

Chili heats up Plymouth at cookoff

baby

The skies were blue and the chili stewed.

Thousands of chili lovers gathered Sunday afternoon in a sea of Harley Davidsons, leather jackets and vests for the eighth annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff and Salsa Competition and Motorcycle Show at Kellogg Park in Plymouth.

Bill Donovan, a Cincinnati firefighter, won the red chili cookoff with Donovan's Code 3 Chili. Jim Weller of Bloomfield Hills won first place in the salsa competition and took second place in the red chili category, while his wife Georgia took third place in that category.

Jeff Netser of Seymour, Ind., won the chili verde (green chili) cookoff.

First-place winners advance to the World Championships in Reno, Nev., in October 2004.

Donovan said he 'appreciated the hospitality in the Wolverine State' in winning the cookoff. 'That's great,' he said.

He created a special firehouse chili. 'You need good quality vegetables, and it depends what part of the country you're in for your cuts of meat,' Donovan said. He likes the chuck tender for competitions east of the Mississippi and the tri-tip cuts in western competitions.

Donovan advises chili cooks not to use chili powder that's older than six months, with a mix of the California and Texas-style powder. He likes Tone's.

Gary Ray of Livonia took second in an earlier cookoff in Michigan in July, and fourth place in the Ohio Regional cookoff in April. The key is a consistent cooking of meat, Ray said. He uses a beef brisket, then adds California and New Mexico chili powders and onion powder along with other spices at the beginning of the cooking, and again 30 minutes before serving it to the judges.

'It's the people I enjoy,' Ray said.

PLEASE SEE CHILI, D2



Laura Barnes (foreground) tastes a sample of red chili during the chili cookoff competition.

Winning chili

Bill Donovan, a fire lieutenant with the Cincinnati Fire Department's Engine Co. No. 3, won the red chili category at the eighth annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff and Salsa Competition and Motorcycle Show at Kellogg Park in Plymouth. Donovan said his chili is a variation of this recipe that he occasionally makes at the firehouse. In competition, he uses cubed meat, such as a tri-tip or chuck, but not ground beef. The beans are also omitted from the International Chili Society competitions. This amount serves "10 hungry firefighters."

DONOVAN'S CODE "3" CHILI

- 7 pounds ground chuck or turkey
- 1/2 cup onions, chopped
- 1/2 cup green bell pepper, chopped
- 3 tablespoons fresh garlic, diced
- 5 ounces chili powder
- 1 tablespoon garlic salt
- 1 large can (29 ounces) tomato sauce
- 1 large can (21 ounces) kidney beans
- 1 cup ketchup
- 5 tablespoons jalapeños, seeded and chopped (optional)
- 1 tablespoon crushed red pepper
- 1 teaspoon ground allspice
- 6 tablespoons ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon ground white pepper
- 5-6 cups chicken broth, added accordingly to your desired consistency

Brown meat for 15 minutes. Add onions, green pepper and fresh garlic. Cook for another 20 minutes or until vegetables are transparent. Remove and strain the grease in a colander. Put meat back into pan. Add remaining ingredients and let simmer for 1-1/2 to 2 hours or until chili has reduced to a thicker consistency. Add additional water, if necessary.

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Steve Frohling stirs his Monkey Chili near his display of spice jars and hot sauces.

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 1 1/2 tablespoons chicken base
 1 teaspoon celery salt
 1 tablespoon cornstarch
 1 teaspoon oregano
 1 tablespoon cumin
 1/2 tablespoon minced jalapeño

- pepper
 1 tablespoon dried cilantro
 Mix spices and seasonings set aside
- Meat Mixture**
 2 pounds pork cut into small cubes
 1 cup chopped onion
 1 (15 ounce can) chicken broth
- Brown pork and drain. Add onions and chicken broth. Simmer 1 hour.
 Add spice mix, simmer 1 hour.
 Add 1 (28 ounce can) chopped

green chiles, simmer 30 minutes.
 Add 8 ounces Salsa Verde, and 8 ounces hot green chiles, simmer 15 minutes, and add 1/2 teaspoon jalapeño pepper, 1 teaspoon cumin, 1 teaspoon salt, liberal dose green hot sauce, fresh chopped cilantro.
 Jeff Netsor a resident of Seymour Ind was the winner of the Chili Verde (green chili) competition at the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff in Plymouth

CHILI

FROM PAGE D1

'It's fun'
 Lauren Ray, Gary's wife, created a Gambler's Chili "It's always a gamble when I cook chili at one of these competitions and create what you call a good pot of chili," Lauren said of her stew "You want to get one the judges will like"

It's a challenge to ensure the meat isn't too mushy or chewy, she added. Lauren adds cumin, chili powder and diced green chilis to her batch.

Ray Kaczor of Farmington Hills created a Red Rak Chili "I just add a little bit of this, a little bit of that," Kaczor said "You want to make sure it's not too hot, or not too cold"

Kaczor competed for the second consecutive year "You meet a lot of good people here," he said. Kaczor enjoys chili for its taste, and "it's fun to make," he said.

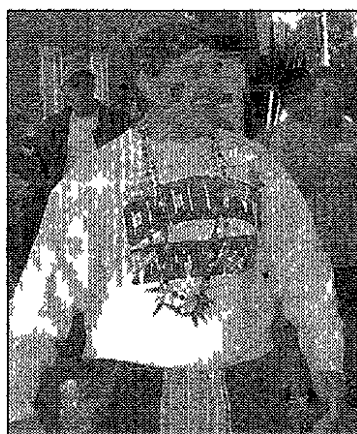
Keith Matherly of Livonia, who also runs Adventures in Dining, a personal chef service, created a competition chili, and a southwestern turkey version with corn in it for people to sample. He's competed for five years.

"I'm using more spices, chili powder and lime juice," Matherly said "It's a little variation of what I normally do. The lime juice adds a little accent, and a little tang" to his chili, he said.

Georgia Weller of Bloomfield Hills and husband Jim compete as well.

"I don't change the recipe too much," Georgia said "I'm happy with it now, and I pretty much leave it." She adds spices three times throughout the cooking.

This is really a nice cookoff. Annette does such a nice job



HEATHER ROUSSEAU STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bill Donovan of Cincinnati walks to the stage Sunday to accept his first place award for the best red chili in the eighth annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff and Salsa Competition.

Weller said "We have about 60 cooks and that's a lot. It's a lot of fun"

What would a cookoff be without firefighters? Besides Donovan, the firefighters from Plymouth Township's Local 1496 entered the competition for the first time this year.

Jeff Randall, a firefighter who also has a culinary arts degree from Schoolcraft College, wanted to do something unique "It's gumbo," Randall said "We did it all cajun, with andouille sausage" Pork and beef were added to the mix, too. Randall used a roux, a mix of flour and butter, to start his blend.

"I did a couple of practice recipes, and (firefighters) tasted it and said, "That was the one," so we used that (gumbo) recipe," Randall said.

Randall was joined by his wife, Christina, Chris Mack, Local 1496 president and firefighter Dan Phillips and Greg Westfall, Plymouth firefighters, and Deanna Roeder.

Phillips friend "This is a great event, because you get everybody together, they cook and they talk about it," Randall said.

Annette Horn, who organizes the regional competition along with husband Ken who oversees the judging, believes word-of-mouth advertising helps publicize the event.

"One thing I learned from my business, you have one satisfied customer, and they might tell 250 people," Horn said "Word-of-mouth business is very important for this event. We've also gotten a lot of wonderful press."

"People love this event. We have the bikers there, and it really is a great event."

Donovan was joined by other Buckeye chiliheads.

Ken Kostal of Marblehead, Ohio, located near Kelley's Island on Lake Erie, sported an Ohio State national championship sweatshirt, while Don Conte, also of Marblehead, wore an OSU cap.

Kostal oversees the Ohio State Regional Chili Cookoff Championship in April. Kostal said he keeps his chili simple and adds spices at about three different stages during the cooking. "This is really a great event," Kostal said "We've got three world champions right here," pointing toward the Wellers' booths.

While Kostal has participated in cookoffs for about 16 years, Conte just started participating last year. "The key is getting it all right to win," he said "Everybody here has just about the same thing, but you try to balance it better than everyone else."

And which is better? Ohio chili or Michigan's?

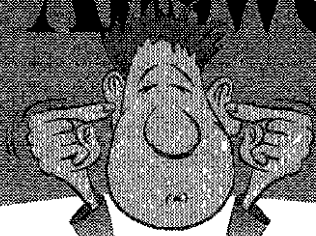
Oh, they're about the same. We just might add a few buckeyes. Conte joked.

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Walnuts have captivated nut lovers for centuries

BY JOAN CIRILLO

AP - Pop quiz What nut was beloved by the Romans, has fascinated artists through the centuries, and is produced predominantly by one state of these United States?

Answer Walnuts The Romans willingly paid dearly for this flavorful nut and threw them at weddings, for fertility The convoluted shape of the walnut kernel, resembling the human brain, in its tan wrinkled shell has captivated artists And the state of California supplies 99 percent of U.S. walnuts and the majority of the world supply

Walnuts have a history that's even more ancient than the Romans, dating back to prehistoric times Today they are used in cuisines around the world, particularly for baked goods and confections

These days, with the focus on good fats and bad fats in our diet, the walnut has come into fashion with those who see it as an easy way to stock up on those good fats This year the Walnut Marketing Board dubbed the walnut the "Mega Nut" to highlight its polyunsaturated fats, a source of heart-healthy omega-3 fatty acids

(One ounce of walnuts, about 14 walnut halves, contains 190 calories, 4 grams of protein, 2 grams of fiber, 0 cholesterol, 15 grams saturated fat, 25 grams monounsaturated and 13 grams polyunsaturated fat, according to the USDA)

The marketing board sponsored a two-day gathering here with industry experts, growers and researchers to give visitors a behind-the-scenes look at walnuts

The two major species of walnuts in the U.S. are the English or Persian walnut, which originated in Persia and was brought here from Europe, and the black walnut, native to the U.S.

English walnuts were first planted in Southern California about 1770 by the Spanish Mission fathers, explained Gail McGranahan, a pomologist at the University of California at Davis (The English' refers to the English merchant marines who transported the nuts for world trade)

The temperate climate and nutrient-rich soil in California's Central Valley attracted growers and helped the industry thrive Walnut trees are now cultivated in a 370-mile region, primarily in the San Joaquin and Sacramento Valleys Now there are more than 5,000 growers and 50 processors in the state, producing a yearly average of 300,000 tons of walnuts

The black walnut, though edible and historically a staple of American Indians, is not used commercially for food because of its hard shell and small nutmeat yield The

Eastern American black walnut, found east of the Rocky Mountains, is grown for its wood Walnut wood is prized for furniture — in particular burl walnut, used as a veneer and for dashboards in luxury cars

The Northern California black walnut is so hardy that its roots are used as rootstock, and U.C.-Davis scientists demonstrated how English nut varieties are grafted onto the roots of black walnut trees There are some 37 varieties, hybrids of the English or Persian walnut, in the United States

Walnut trees can produce fruit for up to a century and bear their first fruit within 5 to 7 years of planting Because it takes so long to realize a profit, California growers are mostly multigenerational family farms (which can diversify with other crops while waiting for profits) as opposed to corporations seeking quick profits

WALNUT USES

We often think of ripe walnuts as a favorite holiday nut, used in baking or the festive nut bowl But walnuts can be picked and used when they are green (unripe) or half-ripe

Jack Mariani fondly recalled his Croatian grandfather's ritual of making walnut brandy The Mariani family has grown, processed and marketed walnuts for nearly three decades from plants in Winters, about 30 miles west of Sacramento

The elder Mariani would grind the nuts and hulls of unripe (green) walnuts and mix them with orange and lemon leaves, vodka, sugar and vanilla

"The mixture would stand 40 days and 40 nights in the sun," Mariani recounted as he shared with guests some of his reserves of the inky, mellow liquid, of 1987 vintage

Everyday, twice a day, he'd have a glass He lived to 94 Aside from brandy, the sour, green unripe walnut can be made into jams, marmalade, ketchup and pickles The nutmeat of half ripe walnuts is used in syrups in the Middle East

Ripe walnuts are mostly associated with confections, candies and baked goods, including baklava, breads, cookies and ice cream Grower David Skinner and his wife, Tina, say they like to grind walnuts into the crusts of pies, quiches and cheesecake

Walnuts are also popular for savory and other uses The Marianis make a walnut pesto sauce, and toss nuts in carrot and asparagus salads French walnut growers make a walnut wine, and nuts are pressed to extract walnut oil, frequently used in salads and cooking (Walnuts are about 70 percent oil)

Walnut shells are ground for use in cosmetics and as an

industrial abrasive or burned to produce heat and generate fuel Walnut juice has been used as a dark brown dye

BUYING AND STORING

Although walnuts are available year-round, grower Jack Mariani says the best time to buy them is in October during the harvest, which runs from September through November He recommends always asking merchants how fresh nuts are

■ Store in-shell nuts away from sun and in a cool, dry place (under 50 degrees) for several months

■ Packaged shelled walnuts, good for a year if stored properly, should be kept in a sealed container in the freezer or on the top shelf (for lower humidity) in the refrigerator

■ Frozen shelled nuts can last up to two years This cold storage prevents insect contamination and the oils from oxidizing and subsequently turning rancid (Nuts smell like paint and have an off taste when rancid)

Shelled nuts cost around \$3 a pound and in-shell nuts range from \$1 to \$1.29 a pound, according to walnut grower Jack Gilbert, chairman of Diamond Walnut Growers and the Walnut Commission

TOASTING WALNUTS

Toasting walnuts brings out their crunch and flavor, which can be further enhanced by adding dried or powdered spices

To oven-toast, spread walnuts evenly on an ungreased baking sheet and toast in a 325 F oven for 8 to 12 minutes, depending on size Check and toss nuts frequently to allow even cooking and prevent overcooking (Walnuts darken as they toast and when out of oven) Store in a sealed container in the refrigerator for up to 3 weeks

These flavorful nuts can be sprinkled onto salads, cereal, pasta, or eaten out of hand as a snack or appetizer

CRACKING WALNUTS

Do your walnuts break into tiny pieces when you crack the nuts with a nutcracker?

The best way to keep halves intact is to use a hammer Stand the walnut on its pointy end and gently strike the top of the flat end on one half, perpendicular to the seam Insert a knife into the seam and carefully work it around the nut to pull apart the shell

When halved, notice how the nutmeat forms a heart shape as it sits inside the shell No matter how you crack nuts, be sure to discard the bitter papery membrane between the nut halves

Walnuts on the Web at www.walnuts.org

Add elegant touch to cooked dishes

AP - These recipes made available to The Associated Press were developed by two California chefs for the Walnut Marketing Board

There are two entrees — walnut-crusted pork tenderloin with a maple syrup sauce, and walnut-crusted halibut with a soy honey sauce There

is also a dish prepared from Belgian endive with Roquefort, walnut and dried cranberries, that could be served as a salad or hors d'oeuvre

WALNUT-CRUSTED PORK TENDERLOIN

1/2 cup flour
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp pepper freshly ground
1 pound pork tenderloin cleaned and trimmed
2 eggs beaten with 1 tablespoon water
1 1/2 cups walnuts chopped
3 tbsp olive oil

Maple Syrup Sauce (recipe follows) Toss together the flour, salt and pepper Cut the tenderloin into two equal portions Roll the tenderloin in the flour, shaking to remove excess Dip the tenderloin in the beaten egg wash and roll to coat thoroughly Drain off excess Roll the coated tenderloin in the crushed walnuts, pressing gently to secure the crust Set aside for 5 minutes for the coating to set

Heat the olive oil in a heavy-bottomed pan Add the tenderloin pieces and sear well on all sides

Add 1 to 1 1/2 cups of the warm Maple Syrup Sauce and cook over medium heat, turning the tenderloins often to coat with sauce and keep the crust from burning The sauce will reduce to a thick glaze, add more if necessary to keep the desired consistency When the pork is just pink in the center, remove from the pan and reserve

Reduce the sauce if necessary to get a thick glaze Slice the pork on the diagonal and arrange on 4 plates Drizzle with the thick, glazed sauce Makes 4 servings

(Recipe from chef Joey Kistler of The Cutting Horse Restaurant, San Juan Bautista, Calif. for the Walnut Marketing Board)

MAPLE SYRUP WALNUT SAUCE

1/2 cup walnuts toasted
2 cups maple syrup
1/2 cup red wine vinegar
2 tsp fresh thyme

Add all ingredients to a small pot, bring to a boil and set aside Serve warm with Walnut Crusted Pork Tenderloin Makes 4 servings

Nutrition information per serving 562 cal, 6 g pro, 111 g carbo, 1 g fiber, 0 mg chol, 17 mg sodium, 14 g total fat (1 g saturated fat)

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History of International Credit Union Day

International Credit Union Day is a celebration of the credit union movement's significant points in history. In 1844, workers and weavers of Rochdale, England, created a democratic consumer cooperative. The work of Friedrich Wilhelm Raiffeisen (1818-1888), considered to be the founder of credit cooperatives in Germany, still influences contemporary credit union development.

Raiffeisen attempted to form a credit union in Flammersfeld, Germany in 1848, but it was not actually formed until December 1, 1849. Because the idea had taken root in 1848, Roy Bergengren and other United States credit union pioneers used 1848 as the starting date for credit unions. That tradition continues today.

We pay tribute to these founders and to the many people today who continue the commitment that maintains, sustains and builds modern cooperative financial institutions. We also honor our special heritage, unique philosophy and dedication to cooperation throughout the credit union movement and among other cooperatives.

International Credit Union Day provides an opportunity to look to the future and renew our pledge to take the credit union idea to all that wish to use it to achieve a higher quality of life.

The First Credit Union Day
On January 17, 1927, the Credit Union League of Massachusetts celebrated the

first official holiday for credit union members and staff. January 17 was chosen because it was the birthday of America's "Apostle of Thrift," Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790).

Credit union movement pioneers believed that Franklin symbolized the life and teaching embodied in the spirit and purpose of credit unions. At that time, there was so much activity in the development of

Mutual Insurance Society set aside the third Thursday in October as the day of observance. Credit union leaders believed there was a need for an occasion that would bring people together to reflect upon their cooperative history and credit union achievements. Credit unions, leagues and chapters in each state were encouraged to celebrate the new holiday. It was to be a time for raising funds for

al movements joined the credit union family and more and more people were interested in celebrating their unity and uniqueness.

So many countries had credit union movements by 1965 that CUNA International was formed and International Credit Union Day became formalized. Publications, banners, kits and slogans were distributed and the day of honor and recognition was acknowledged globally.

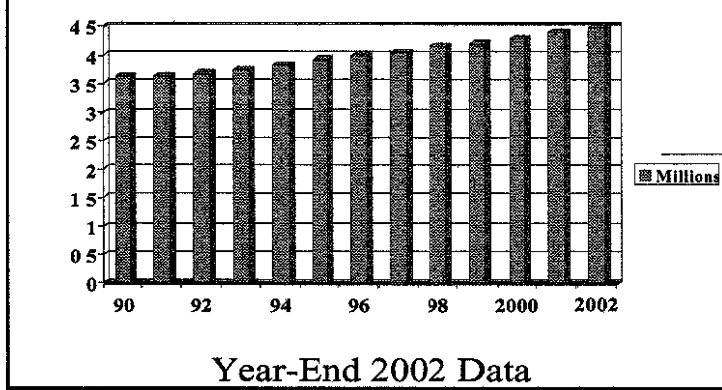
Where the Day is Celebrated

By 1971, worldwide credit union progress was so substantial that a fourth tier of service institutions, the World Council of Credit Unions (WOCU), was formed. WOCU exists to assist in establishing and maintaining viable credit union movements wherever the need is expressed. In Africa, Asia, Australia, Canada, the Caribbean, Fiji, Great Britain, Ireland, Latin America, New Zealand, Poland, Russia, and the Ukraine, credit union federations and confederations support and endorse credit union development. New organizations are also being formed to provide credit union services to the people in China, the Czech Republic, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Macedonia, and Romania.

How Many Celebrate Worldwide?

Within the national movements represented by the membership of the World Council of Credit Unions, there are more than 118 million members served by some 40,258 credit unions in 79 countries. (These are 2002 statistics.)

Number of Members Michigan Credit Unions



credit unions in North America that people were either too busy to celebrate or too new to the movement to recognize the significance of their actions because, after a brief trial period, the practice of celebrating Credit Union Day ceased.

The Second Chance
In 1948, the 100th anniversary of Raiffeisen's initial idea, the Credit Union National Association (CUNA) decided to try a new Credit Union Day celebration. CUNA and CUNA

movement causes and to pay homage to the men and women who dedicated their lives to credit union development. Banquets, picnics and patriotic speeches were the order of the day as credit unions celebrated the 100th anniversary of credit unions.

Sending a Message Around the World

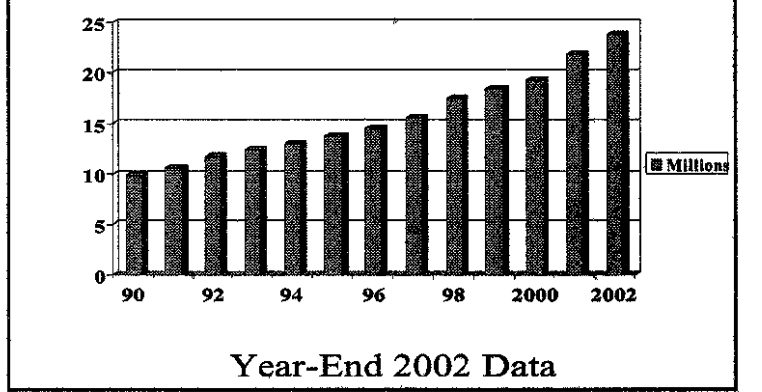
In the 1950s, CUNA World Extension Department provided technical assistance and philosophical guidance for credit union development projects around the world. Many people liked the idea of a special holiday that could be enjoyed by everyone, regardless of religion, political beliefs, cultural differences or language. Each year, new nation-

Tips for Protecting Yourself at the Cash Machine

by Mary C. Davis
Do you always observe your surroundings before you walk up to an automatic teller machine (ATM)? Do you have

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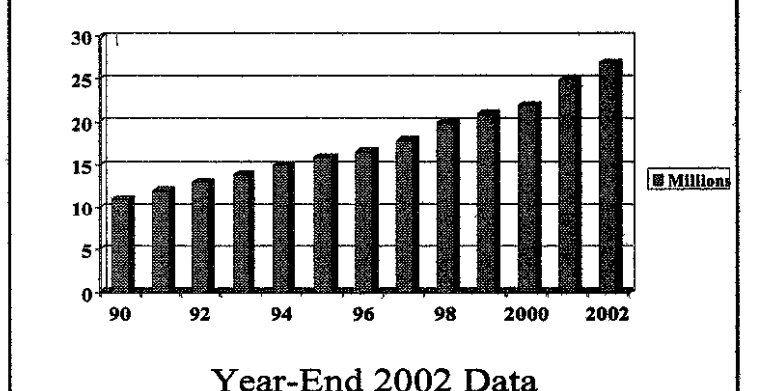
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your card in hand when you approach the machine? Is your passenger window up and door locked when you're waiting in line at a drive-through ATM? If you think these sound like "no-brainer" precautions, you're absolutely right, but dis-

or PIN pad, use a different machine. **Drive-up ATMs** Keep doors locked, windows up and the engine running at all times when waiting in line. Leave enough room between cars to allow for a

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Walk-up ATMs

If you observe anything suspicious at the ATM, cancel your transaction and the immediately leave the area. If the ATM is poorly lit or obstructed from view, visit another ATM. Take a companion if you're using the ATM after dark.

Stand squarely between the ATM and anyone behind you so that others can't see your personal identification number (PIN) or observe your transaction amount. Never count your

quick exit should it become necessary.

Don't lower your window to use the ATM until you've scanned the area. If you see anything suspicious, cancel your transaction and leave.

If anyone follows you after you've completed your transaction at the ATM, proceed to a crowded, well-lit area and call the police.

Point-of-Sale (POS) Security

Never allow anyone to see you enter your PIN number into the keypad, even if they are assisting you with the transaction.

Always make sure the transaction is complete and you have a receipt before you leave the POS terminal.

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Cooking with Style

Neil Benedict will present a series of cooking classes (demo only). Cooking With Style, Tuesday evenings through Oct. 28 at The Community House (380 S. Bates) in Birmingham. The series includes Italian Meat Entrees Oct. 21 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$22. Italian Dishes from Neil's Cucina Oct. 28 7:30-9:30 p.m. That class features dishes of Chicken Cacciatore with Portobello Mushrooms, Savory Stuffed Calzone and Crostata di Croccolotta (a creamy cheesecake studded with chocolate nuts and orange). Attendees will sample dishes and take home recipes. To register call (248) 644-5832 or www.communityhouse.com

New York! New York!

Students of Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute will prepare and serve a five-course gourmet dinner at the Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16. The theme of the dinner is New York! New York! Signature dishes of New York's famous restaurants will be featured and appropriate wines served against a musical background of Broadway show tunes. Cost of the dinner is \$50 per person. Call (248) 533-3700.

Healthy cooking

Since most people don't have hours and hours to cook for their families, what foods can be quickly prepared that are both nutritious and tasty? To find out, register for the Quick and Healthy Cooking Demo at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement in Novi. Call (248) 477-6100. Class begins at 6 p.m. Oct. 23. Fee \$5.

Cuisine du Jour

Chef Mario Etemad, senior vice president of Food Service and Hospitality for Palace Sports and Entertainment, will discuss stews and cassoulets 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 23. For information call (248) 377-2300.

Sushi

Learn how to make fancy sushi with different types of rolls 2-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2 at the Community House, 380 South Bates Street in Birmingham. The rolls will be wrapped with seaweed and rice on the outside and with colorful seafood and vegetables on the inside. The types of sushi that will be taught are California Roll, Salmon Roll, Cucumber Roll, Cucumber and Avocado Roll and Veggie Tempura. Instructor is Changpang Sayanthone, co-owner and chef of Tokyo Sushi and Grill in Birmingham and Troy. Other classes include Mexican Quesadillas with Michelle Bommarito 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3. Fee is \$22. You'll learn how to make the following quesadillas: Bleu Cheese and Toasted Walnut, Cherry Coulis and Goat Cheese, Ricotta and Spinach. On Tuesday, Nov. 4, learn how to make holiday side dishes with Julie Bok. Wild Mushroom Melody, Broccoli Casserole, Twice Baked Sweet Potatoes with fun toppings, Cranberry Raspberry Relish. To register for classes, contact The

Community House at 248/644-5832 or visit online www.communityhouse.com

Cooking With Whole Foods

Learn how to cook with whole foods such as tofu, ground flax, whole wheat, pasta, four and much more. Meals such as creamy mac and cheese (the healthy version of course), meatloaf, sloppy Joes, spinach gnocchi, banana pie, Shepard's new pie, and much more. The class will be instructed by Dawn Vassel, owner of Vassel's Catering and is scheduled 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11 at From Scratch, 29831 Northwestern Highway. Class fee is \$40. For registration and information, please call 248-203-3800.

Make a Gingerbread House

A fun holiday project where each student (grades K-6) creates his/her own Gingerbread House using snow icing, then decorates it with a variety of candies. It makes a wonderful holiday decoration and a great gift (use it as a surprise box and hide gifts of money inside). Each is a unique work of art. The class is presented by Ginger Works and is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 16 at Derby Middle School, Room 115. The class fee is \$13 per person. For registration and information, please call 248-203-3800.

Parent and child workshop

Together a parent and child will assemble and decorate an extra large gingerbread house, approximately 4 pounds (or about 10 by 12 inches) made of sweet, fragrant gingerbread with lots of icing and candy. Please bring a cardboard box to carry it home. This class will be presented by Ginger Works 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20 at Derby Middle School, Room 115. The class fee is \$30. For registration and information, please call 248-203-3800.

Taste Fest 2003

Don't miss the most delicious holiday event in Westland. Join us for a culinary adventure featuring the area's finest chefs. The 2003 Holiday Taste Fest begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2 at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland. Sponsored by the Westland Chamber of Commerce. Partial proceeds benefit the Joseph Benyo Scholarship Fund. Call (734) 326-7222 for details.

Gingerbread workshop

The Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe annual Parent and Child Gingerbread House Workshop is planned from 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.

Party Planning Secrets

Learn cutting-edge Manhattan event planning techniques on a budget. Dazzle your guests as you explore the hottest and latest color choices, exciting themes, shortcuts and timesavers. The class will be taught by Harold Baldwin 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6 in room F108 at Seaholm High School. The class fee is \$39. For registration and information, please call 248-203-3800.

Flavor your swordfish with lemon, capers

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A recent study published in the New England Journal of Medicine confirms what we've been hearing for years: A Mediterranean diet high in fruits, vegetables, legumes, nuts, whole grains and olive oil will help you live longer.

The four-year study of more than 22,000 Greeks offered more evidence that the Mediterranean diet can protect against heart disease and cancer.

Those who ate a Mediterranean-style diet were found to have a 33 percent lower risk of death from heart disease and a 24 percent lower risk from cancer death than volunteers who followed another diet.

People in the study with the lowest mortality rate ate a pound of vegetables and a pound of fruit a day.

Lower mortality also correlated to more exercise. The Mediterranean diet includes a moderate amount of fish and a lower

amount of dairy products like cheese or yogurt.

Fish is an excellent source of protein, vitamins and minerals, and is lower in saturated fat than red meat. Fish contain mainly unsaturated fat, better for blood cholesterol levels and possibly better for protection from cancer. Nutrition experts recommend two servings of fish each week. The FDC, however, has warned pregnant women to avoid swordfish because of possible mercury contamination.

Because swordfish is firm, dense and has an almost meat-like taste, it is one of the most popular fish for home cooking. Because it's so firm, swordfish can be prepared in many ways - grilling, broiling, baking, poaching, or sauteing.

Get the steaks cut as thin as possible and don't grill them too long or they will be dry. Capers, lemon and garlic are a perfect Mediterranean accompaniment to grilled swordfish.



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MEDITERRANEAN SWORDFISH

1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
2 garlic cloves minced
1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
2 tablespoons capers
4 1/2 inch thick swordfish steaks about 4 ounces each
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 lemon cut into quarters

Using a blender or food processor, blend oil

with garlic, lemon juice and capers. Transfer to a non-metal container. Add fish and marinate 20 to 30 minutes, turning fish once in the process.

Meanwhile, prepare the grill or preheat the broiler. Remove fish from marinade and pat dry with paper towels. Season with salt and pepper. (If using an indoor grill, spray fish lightly with olive oil or canola oil spray.)

Grill the fish about 4 to 5 minutes per side, depending on thickness of fish, or until fish is opaque in the center. (Fish usually takes about 10 minutes per inch of thickness to cook through.) Don't overcook or fish will be dry. Serve with wedges of fresh lemon, either hot or at room temperature. Makes 4 servings.

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Slow Down and Enjoy Life!



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



Wild rice has a bold flavor that makes it versatile, as in this salad where it is mixed with vegetables and nuts

Create a delicious salad with wild rice and corn

There are transitional dishes in the kitchen as well as transitional clothes in the closet. So the last corn of summer and the hearty wild rice associated with fall and winter holidays make a transitional as well as tasteful ensemble.

A wild rice and corn salad is also right in style with current nutritional thinking. The largest scientific study to investigate the links between diet and cancer strongly supports a role for dietary fiber in preventing colon cancer.

In the study of more than half a million subjects in 10 European countries, researchers found that those who ate the most dietary fiber lowered their risk of colon cancer by 40 percent, compared with subjects who ate the least fiber. An American study reached a similar conclusion.

A 1997 report by the American Institute for Cancer Research and the World Cancer Research Fund International concluded that there is convincing evidence that diets rich in dietary fiber — fruits, vegetables, whole grains and beans — are linked to lower risk of several cancers, includ-

ing colon cancer.

Recent studies support that finding.

Wild rice isn't really rice at all, but a long-grain marsh grass native to the upper Great Lakes region of the country. Each fall, it is harvested by Native Americans, by hand, from canoes. There has been an increase in cultivated wild rice that is mechanically harvested, parched and hulled. It is less expensive and more mild flavored.

In addition to adding fiber to the diet, wild rice contains the phytochemical called phytic acid, which, in lab and animal studies, appears to slow formation of cancers as well as help control blood sugar, cholesterol and triglycerides.

Wild rice takes 45 minutes to an hour to cook. It should always be made al dente. Overcooked wild rice gets mushy and tastes watery.

The bold flavor makes it easy to stretch wild rice, as in this salad where it is mixed with vegetables and nuts.

WILD RICE AND CORN SALAD

2 cups cooked wild rice

- 3/4 cup corn kernels (see note)
- 2 whole scallions sliced
- 1/4 cup (according to taste) finely chopped mint
- 3 tablespoons chopped walnuts
- 2 tablespoons chopped red onion
- 1 tablespoon rice vinegar
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

In a large bowl, combine wild rice, corn, scallions, mint, nuts and onion. In a small bowl, whisk together the vinegar and oil, then add to rice mixture. Toss to combine.

Season to taste with salt and pepper. If possible, cover and let stand 30 minutes before serving to allow flavors to develop. Keeps 24 hours if tightly covered and refrigerated.

Note: For the corn, cut the kernels off 1 ear of cooked corn or use defrosted frozen or canned corn. Yellow and white corn are equally good. Makes 8 servings.

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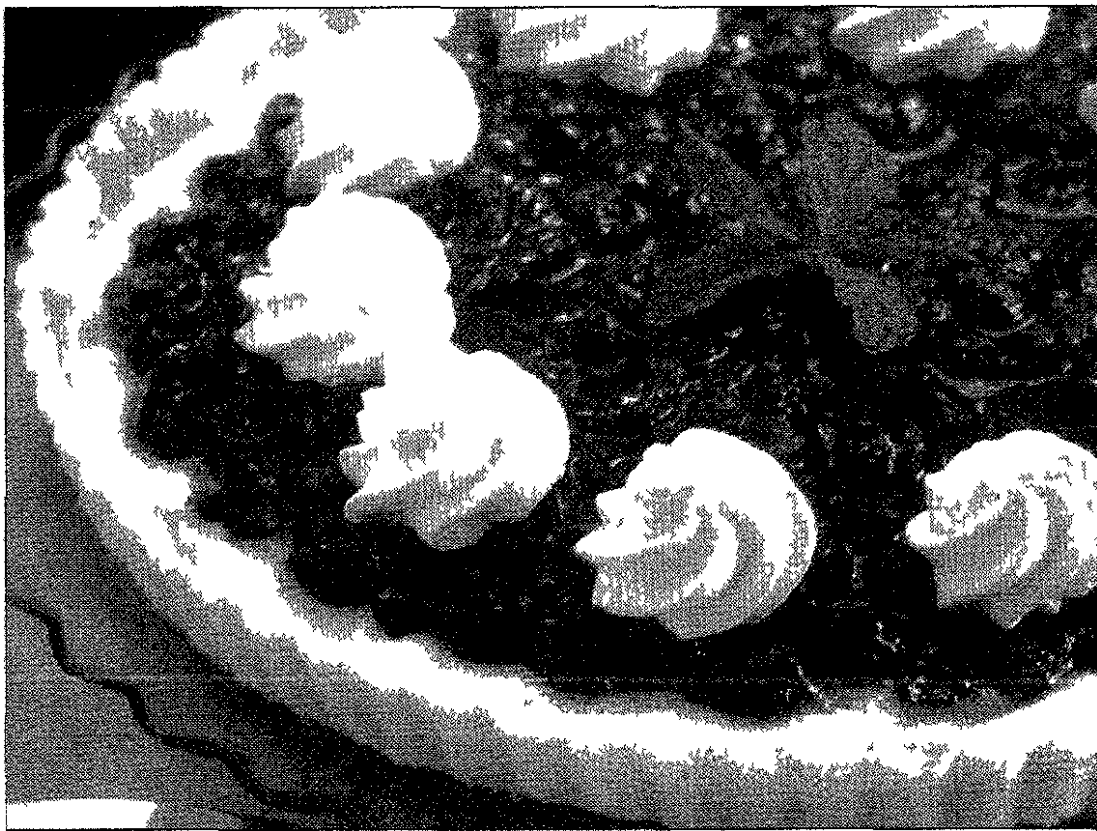
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 1 tbsp cornstarch
 1/2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries

3/4 cup sugar
 1/3 cup water

Filling
 1 (8 ounce) pkg cream cheese softened
 1/2 cup whipping (heavy) cream
 1/3 cup sugar
 1 tsp grated lemon peel
 1/2 cup whipping (heavy) cream whipped

Heat over to 450 degrees. Make pie crust as directed on package for one crust baked shell using 10 inch tart pan with removable bottom or 9 inch pie pan. Bake 9-11 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool completely about 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl stir together three tablespoons sugar and the cornstarch. In 2 quart saucepan over medium heat stir together cranberries, 3/4 cup sugar and the water. Heat to boiling, boil two minutes stirring constantly. Stir

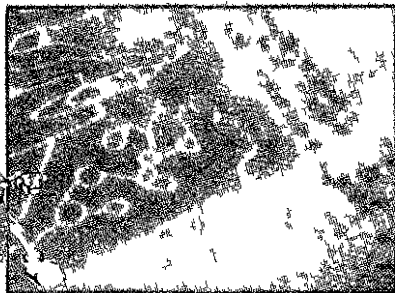
cornstarch mixture into cranberry mixture. Heat to boiling, boil one minute stirring constantly. Cool to room temperature.

In a small bowl beat cream cheese, 1/2 cup whipping cream, 1/3 cup sugar and the lemon

peel until light and fluffy. Spoon into cooled pie crust, spread evenly. Carefully spoon topping over filling. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Garnish with whipped cream. Store in refrigerator. Makes 10 servings.

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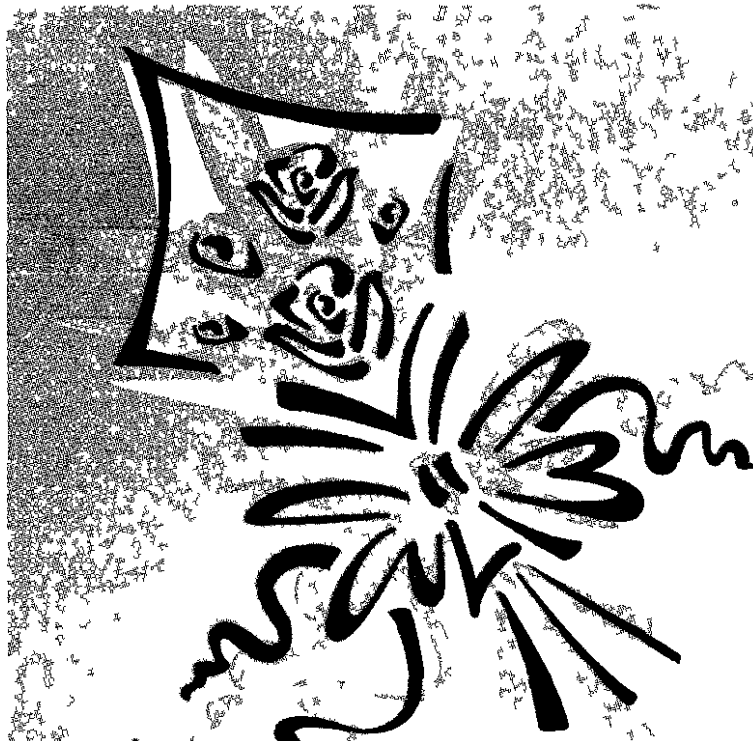
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Real Estate Inquires

Robert M Meisner

Be specific in deed restrictions

Our deed restrictions prohibit the parking of a boat in a yard but a member of the Association is parking a boat in their driveway. Our documents do not specifically include the word 'driveway.' I am wondering whether we have a chance to enforce a restriction against the co-owner.

It is best that you amend your documents to be as specific as possible in regard to the prohibition of boats within the condominium complex. In a recent case on similar facts out of Missouri, the Court determined that while a yard and driveway are both parts of a homeowner's realty they are recognizably different. The Court in the Missouri case used the following four concepts to interpret the covenant in question: (1) terms will be given their ordinary and popular meaning, (2) if the meaning of the term is ambiguous, the term will be strictly construed, (3) the restriction will not be extended by implication and (4) any reasonable doubt will result in favor of the free use of the land. You can look for a similar result here in Michigan.

I am advised that Portland has initiated a light rail system which has had an impact on real estate development. Do you have any knowledge of it and whether or not something like that would be successful here in Michigan?

Based upon my review of the economic development of Portland and its surrounding areas from a real estate standpoint, I believe that the light rail system which they have installed has been a marked benefit to the community as a whole. For example they have a light rail system from downtown to the suburbs and to the airport. They are expanding the light rail system to areas where commercial and industrial warehouses are located. This has enhanced real estate growth because of the ability of residents and visitors to gain access without having the difficulty of finding parking spaces because of the light rail use which has also enhanced the tourist industry. It is indeed unfortunate that Detroit has not embarked upon any type of rapid transit system which would be a benefit not only to the Detroit city but the suburbs.

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.

Extraordinary kitchen wows potential home buyers

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

They say 'Aha! I found it!' And might not have even known they were looking for it. Mary Lou Flatter said. Flatter, a sales agent with Cranbrook Associates, Bloomfield Hills, said she's often seen house hunters become "captivated" by a certain room that the rest of the house "might not matter."

Sometimes she said they don't talk. You just know. Psychologically it's already theirs. The answer to a dream. Or they picture such wonderful stuff happening there.

Consider the Ryan house in Oakland Township and the reaction of house hunters when they enter the kitchen. It just takes their breath away. Flatter said. And they might wonder how such a room comes to be.

You get ideas as it starts to take on a personality of its own," Christine Ryan said, remembering how she watched her new house being roughed in four years ago. You say I'm going to add this or change that.

The kitchen, she said, always was intended to have a vaulted ceiling. What we wanted was a Retro Urban look — an old-new look. So we said let's just leave that whole area open.

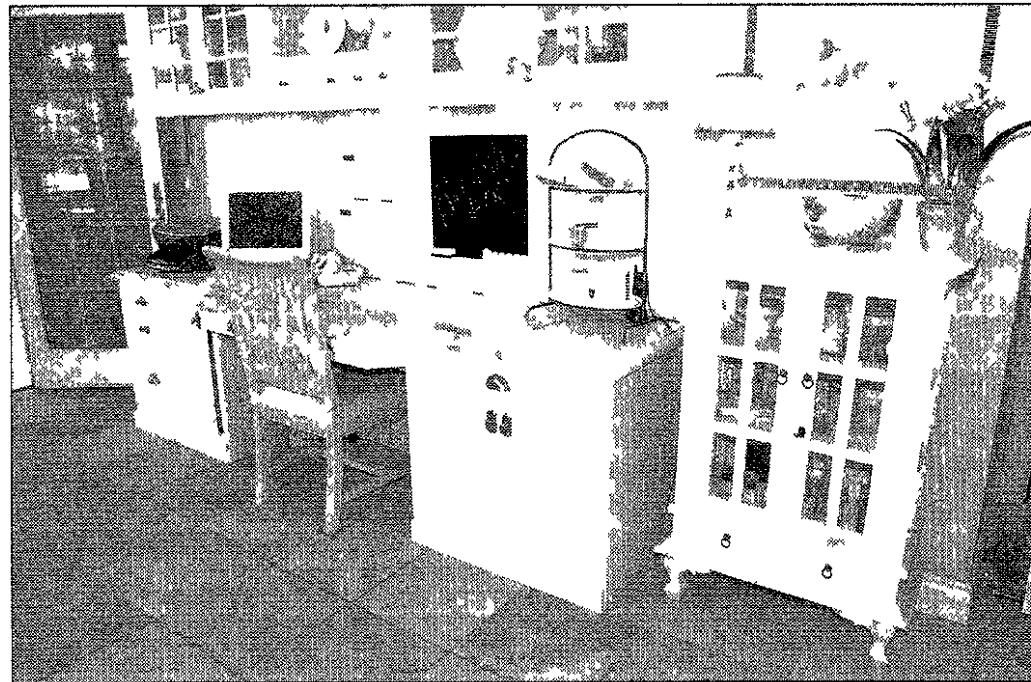
The result — a kitchen that measures 16 by 28 feet and rises two stories, surrounded by an upper level gallery that opens off of the second floor bedrooms.

From the gallery, the view includes marble flooring, granite countertops, a wine cooler built in refrigerator and freezer, commercial range, double ovens and fire place, all of which Ryan said she's heartbroken to give up.

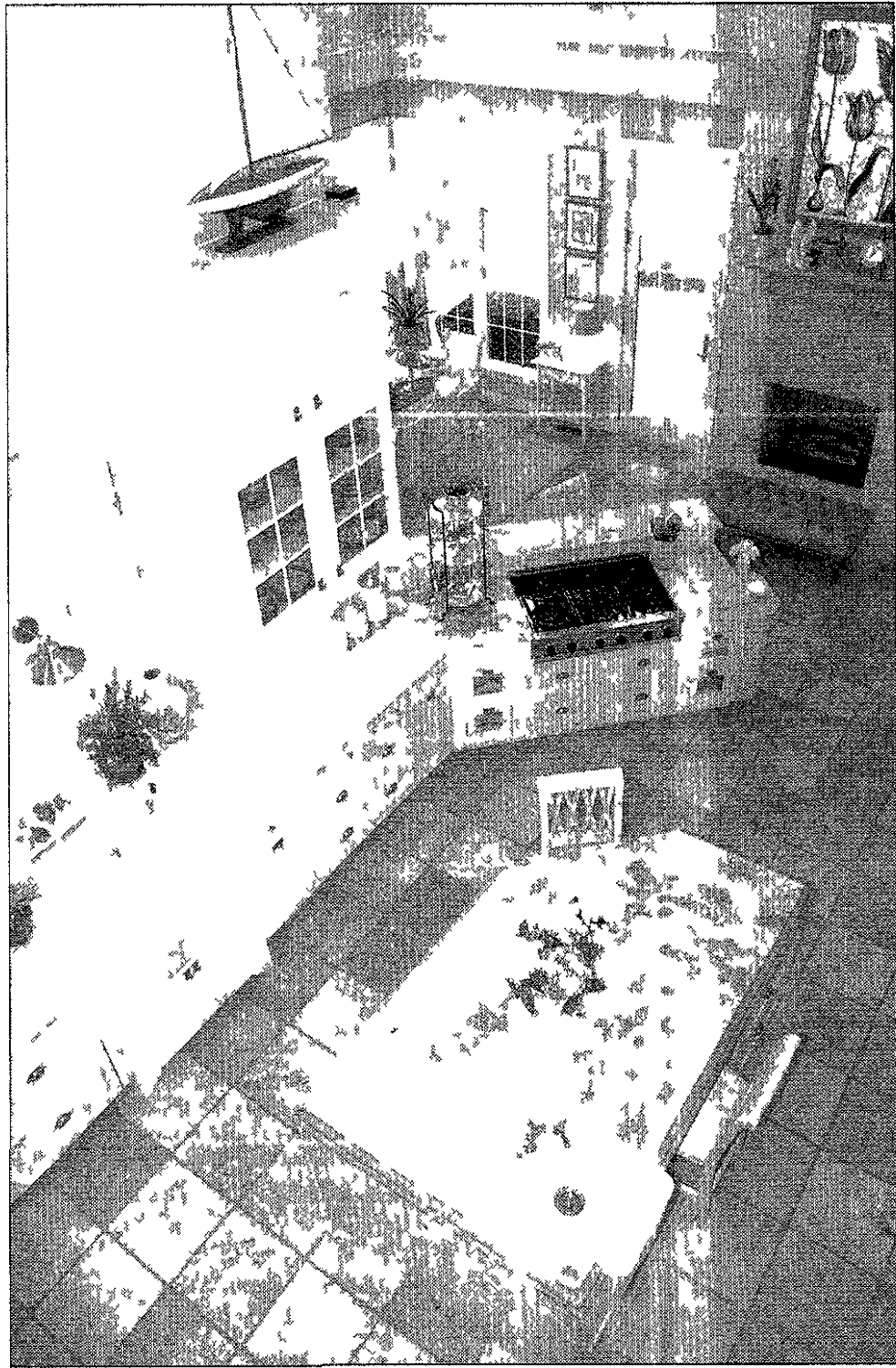
But move they must, as her husband Michael, president of the Bobcat Company, continues his work, now located at the firm's headquarters in North Dakota.

Set into 3.94 wooded acres, the 6,919 square foot house is offered for sale at \$2,699,000, according to Flatter and her co-listing sales agent, Katherine Bauman. It was designed by Heins & Kwapis Architects, Rochester, and built by Steve Morris, Woodcrafters, Romeo. Interior design by Chapman House, Rochester.

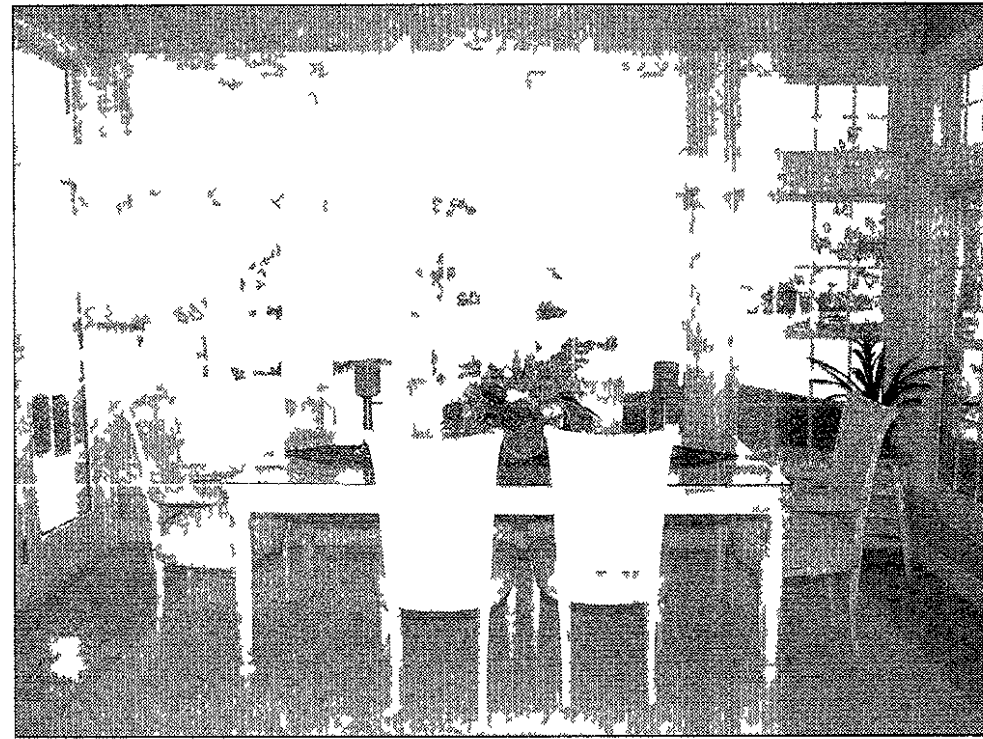
This story is part of an occasional series we call "Rooms that Sell Houses." If the house you're selling has a remarkable living room, great room, bedroom, bathroom or basement, let us know. Contact Keely Kaleski, assistant managing editor, features, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, e-mail or fax (248) 644 1314.



Features like a built-in desk make the Ryan kitchen special.



The Ryans designed their kitchen to have an old-new look that's very open.



The sunlit dining area looks out onto a beautifully landscaped yard.



Attention to detail is one of the highlights of the Ryan kitchen.

Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

Building your credit profile

Few borrowers are surprised to find the importance of credit scores in determining their ability to acquire a mortgage. What surprises many, however, is their discovery that it's not just their credit scores that make them marketable as a mortgage client, but their underlying credit history.

It is not uncommon to find situations in which lenders approve borrowers with low (or no) credit scores if the borrowers' credit histories are otherwise sound. Conversely, it sometimes happens that borrowers with good credit scores are denied because they have insufficient data in their credit history to substantiate their existing credit scores.

Most borrowers and many lenders erroneously assume that credit scores and credit history are one and the same. The relationship, however, is that the scores are merely a reflection of the borrower's reported credit history.

Because creditors are not required to report information about borrowers' account activities, the resulting scores necessarily do not always wholly reflect their creditworthiness.

If you have open and active credit accounts that are in good standing, it should help your credit profile to have that information added to your credit report. The easiest (and cheapest) way to do this is to simply contact each non-reporting creditor and ask them to report your account history to the credit repositories. I have seen situations in which previously unrecorded mortgage payment histories have provided significant report improvements once reported.

NON-TRADITIONAL SOURCES

In some cases, it becomes necessary to "build" a borrower's credit from scratch by using non-traditional credit sources. Some mortgage sources, including the FHIA, allow us to do this even if it does not immediately result in a scored profile. In these cases, we lenders are allowed to use legitimate "non-traditional" credit sources that can fulfill the important purpose of establishing a borrower's creditworthiness. Some such sources may include equipment rental payments, insurance premium payments, cell phone or pager bills, utility bills, and even band instrument rentals.

For further information on how to build your credit profile, visit the [www.HomeQuarters BIZ](http://www.HomeQuartersBIZ.com) archives under "Credit Reporting & Repairs," and download your free copy of "How to Build Your Credit Profile."

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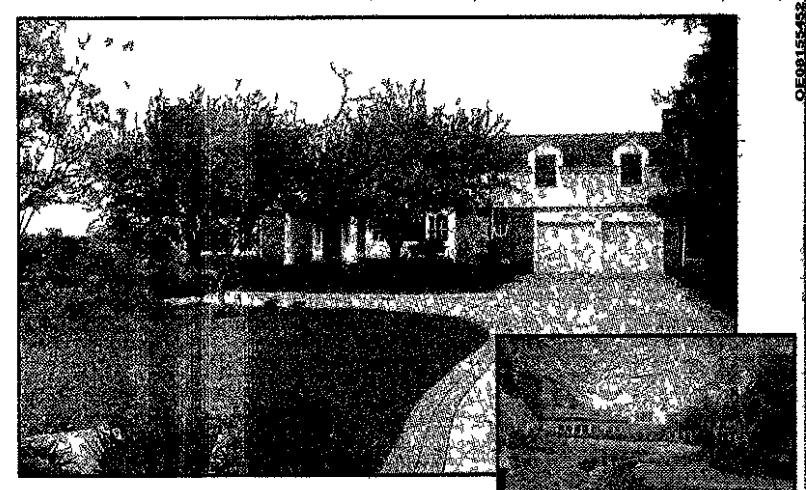
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BUYING A HOUSE

Learn how to plan for the biggest investment of your life at this seminar. Find out what price home you can afford and how your credit history can influence your home purchase. Tuesday, Oct. 28 from 7:30 p.m. at the Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham. 1 block south of Maple west of Old Woodward. Sponsored by Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp. No charge.

BASEMENT REMODELING

Livonia Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Inst. will offer an 8-hour basement remodeling seminar. 6:10 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, Oct. 27 & 29 at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia. The seminar costs \$99 plus an \$8 textbook fee. Call (734) 744-2602 to pre-register, no later than Thursday, Oct. 23.

BOWLING FOR BUSINESS

Networking event. 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28. Novi Bowl, 21700

Novi Road Nov! Brings together builders, remodelers, suppliers and subcontractors in the residential construction industry. Sponsored by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan. Registration includes three games and dinner \$40 for BIA members, nonmembers and guests pay \$140 for a team of four. Call (248) 862-1033.

FIELD SUPERINTENDENT DESIGNATION COURSE

At the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Chuck Breidenstein, president of Madison Heights-based Builders Professional Services Group, will conduct an office and subcontractor relations course for field superintendents. Registration fee includes breakfast, lunch and course materials. \$135 for BIA members, nonmembers and guests. Call (248) 862-1033.

PROFESSIONAL MAINTENANCE COURSE

Sponsored by the Apartment Association of Michigan's Property Management Council, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31 at Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Course fulfills requirement for Educational Standards Corporation institute certification for maintenance professionals under the Federal Clean Air Act. Registration includes lunch. \$85. Call (248) 862-1004.

Empty-nesters face remodeling dilemmas

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Once the kids fly the coop, parents are free at last to come and go without the din and demands of their young brood.

But empty-nesters face a flock of decisions as they come to terms with the obvious: what to do with suddenly vacant space. According to experts who help nesters cope with remodeling issues, the process is not as easy as slapping on new coats of paint or shuffling furniture between rooms.

"Parents often want to quickly adapt space to personal interests that took a back seat to child rearing, but there are a lot of factors to consider," says Mike Turner of The Home Service Store. "They need to think through what they want, what they have to spend and account for life events they will need to deal with."

Standard makeovers typically involve unused bedrooms or retrofitted kitchens. Bedrooms become long-sought hobby, media or craft rooms. Murphy beds convert these rooms instantly to quarters for guests or grandkids. Or, bedrooms give way to expanded master suite, bathrooms or closets. Kitchens are updated for haute cuisine and entertaining.

"I tell people not to eliminate teen bedrooms the first couple of

years because people aren't instantly empty-nesters," says Turner. "You still have kids home during holidays, semester breaks and the summer."

The phenomenon of parents moving on once the kids move out even has a title: aging in place. Dan Bawden, owner of a Home Service Store remodeling affiliate in Houston, says the term reflects how homeowners must cope with a house for two. Baby Boomers want to enjoy the fruit of their hard work of raising children, but they're getting older, says Bawden. "Adding a hobby room is fine, but modifications should make life easier as parents age."

He suggests low thresholds, shower and bath handrails, non-skid flooring and brighter lights. Many Boomers will delay empty-nest status. Renovations for them will involve a fact of life for millions of families: their aging parents will need a place to live.

"Room additions for aging parents are fairly common," says Bawden. "While \$60,000 to \$120,000 to build a small addition seems like a lot, when you compare those costs to the several thousand dollars per month for assisted living centers, it makes financial sense for many people to bring mom or dad home." Additions should include hard surface floors

for wheelchairs and strollers, wide closet doors, barrier or threshold-free transitions between rooms. Kitchenettes, private baths and small living rooms give seniors a sense of their own space.

Just because the kids are gone doesn't mean mom and dad have a blank checkbook for home improvements. "People are more concerned about the ability to afford college," says Turner. "After the second year of school, parents know what school really costs and they become more comfortable with turning their attention to the home."

Don't expect empty nesters to get out the toolbox or roll up their sleeves to take on improvements. Both Turner and Bawden say Boomers have reached the stage in their life where they want someone else to do the heavy lifting. "It's not that budget isn't important," says Turner, "but they've got better things to do, like to travel or simply enjoy themselves."

Still, Bawden suggests parents look before they leap. "Use the time once the kids are in school to talk to your friends about the changes they've made. Take a walk through your house and map out what you would change and how much you would spend. When the kids were home, things went fast, but now parents have earned the right to take their time and do things right."

GUNNAR BIRKERTS

Lawrence Technological University presents an Architecture about Gunnar Birkerts. 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16 in the architecture auditorium, 21000 West Ten Mile Road, Southfield. Call (248) 204-2880.

HOME BUYING

Standard Federal Bank will hold a free home buying seminar on how to select and finance a home. 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Oct. 18 at the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance, 5807 McClellan, Detroit. The seminar is co-sponsored by Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance. Call (313) 922-1435.

REMODELER COURSE

Sponsored by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's Remodelers Council. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21 at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees including breakfast, lunch and course materials are \$125 for BIA members, nonmembers and guests. Call (248) 862-1033.

Mortgage rates increase, economic rebound a factor

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

After a month of declines, rates on benchmark 30-year mortgages rose sharply this week amid increasing signs the economic rebound is gaining momentum.

For the week ending Oct. 10, the average rate on 30-year mortgages increased to 5.95 percent, compared with 5.77 percent a week ago, the mortgage company Freddie Mac reported Thursday in its weekly nationwide survey.

Rates had dipped to 5.21 percent in mid-June, the lowest in more than four decades, before climbing again later in the month.

Economists said a factor in this week's increase were signs of an economic revival. That pushed bonds rates higher, causing long-term mortgage rates to rise.

Even with the recent gyrations in mortgage rates, sales of new homes and previously owned ones are expected to new record highs this year of

1.05 million units and 5.89 million units, respectively, predicted David Lereah, chief economist at the National Association of Realtors.

Home-mortgage activity, too, remains healthy.

REFINANCING

The Mortgage Bankers Association of America said that refinancing accounted for 55 percent of all mortgage applications filed last week, compared with 53.1 percent in the previous week.

Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist, believes that rates on 30-year mortgages should average between 6 percent and 6.25 percent between now and the end of the year, which would be low by historical standards.

Rates on 15-year mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, also went up this week, to 5.26 percent, compared with 5.10 percent the previous week.

But rates for one-year adjustable mortgages fell to 3.69 percent this week from 3.72 percent.

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SUPERBLY DECORATED, IMPECCABLY CLEAN Must see this 4 bedroom 2 bath large kitchen living room family room & dining room. Rec room and library/den in professionally finished basement. Park like private backyard with arge deck backs up to woods & stream (P20HAN) \$269,000

FARMINGTON
1643 SQ FT FARMINGTON TRI-LEVEL 4 bedroom 2 bath w/ living room dining room family room office/den 2 1/2 car garage. Newer roof bath furnace/air. Hardwood floors. Newly painted just move in (P68ANN) \$199,950

NORTHVILLE
GORGEOUS NORTHVILLE CAPE COD One year new home featuring premium wooded lot cherry cabinets & vaulted ceilings. Must see priced to sell at \$419,900 (P02CYP)

PITTSFIELD TWP.
ASHFORD VILLAGE SUB COLONIAL This beautiful 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath colonial reflects pride of ownership. Hardwood floors. Large kitchen formal dining room living room. Full basement large deck (P02ASH) \$249,000

PLYMOUTH
UPDATED PLYMOUTH HOME BACKS TO WOODS Beautiful 4 bedrooms 1 1/2 bath colonial features Pella patio door to sunroom. Anderson windows oak kitchen family room w/gas fireplace ceramic foyer hardwood floors. Nicely landscaped w/sprinklers. Prem lot backing to county park (P28PAR) \$229,900

YPSILANTI
WATERFRONT CONDO. Full boat dock and wrap around deck overlooking Ford Lake and large Commons area with pool. 1778 sq ft. 3 full baths. Extra clean (P41CLI) \$184,900

CANTON
CENTRAL PARK ESTATES SUB Executive home located on the 23rd hole of prestigious Pleasant Run golf course. Colonial with 4 bedrooms 3 full bath 2 lavs (P21CEN) \$479,900

CANTON
GREAT UPDATED TOWNHOUSE CONDO. Cantons Hunters Grove. Gas fireplace in living room. Luxury master bath w/soaking tub & separate shower. Dual sinks & db access. 1st floor laundry. 1200 sq ft w/2 bedrooms. Premium location (P88HUN) \$159,900

DEARBORN HEIGHTS
EXCEPTIONAL BUNGALOW Mint condition & ready for new owners. Full 3 bedroom 2 full baths brick bungalow with possible 4th. Hardwood under most of carpets. lots of upgrades. Attached 2 1/2 car garage all on a double lot. (P27VER) \$177,500

HOWELL
FOREST SUB SITE CONDO You'll cherish this 3 bedroom (possible 4th) 2 1/2 bath contemporary home. Built 2001 w/cathedral ceilings. 1st floor master bedroom and laundry room. Deck sprinkling system landscaping. All on a wooded lot (P98ELK) \$274,500

LIVONIA
LIVONIA S IDYL WYLD ESTATES! This beautiful 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath Quad level W/In possible 4th bedroom or library off family room. Looks like a model. Updates throughout. Open floor plan large kitchen hardwood floors. Must see! (P72MEA) \$214,900

NORTHVILLE
SIMPLY GORGEOUS! 4,233 sq ft 5 BR 4 1/2 BA home w/girante marble 3 fireplaces in W/O w/wet bar FR game area full BA w/stream shower. Located on highly rated 18 hole Arnold Palmer Golf Course overlooking 9th home & pond (P89TOL) \$1,120,000

HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of June 26 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

3649 Aspen \$332,000	7310 Irongate \$236,000	30721 Brown \$124,000	36140 Parkdale \$193,000	17394 Beech Daly \$120,000	34484 Avondale \$154,000
5501 Barr \$120,000	43148 Irons des \$175,000	30817 Brown \$112,000	14470 Parklane \$241,000	11370 Brady \$155,000	38215 Avondale \$145,000
2393 Cabot \$180,000	44410 James \$225,000	6554 Cardwell \$137,000	39291 Plymouth \$190,000	12851 Brady \$154,000	30525 Birchwood \$127,000
6929 Chadwick \$239,000	42318 Jennings \$188,000	29051 Dawson \$78,000	14480 Ronnie \$173,000	11335 Columbia \$113,000	36647 Canyon \$213,000
770 Cherry Grove \$285,000	46849 Larchmont \$298,000	31728 Elmwood \$162,000	14640 Ronnie \$198,000	18849 Delaware \$98,000	32850 Chapman \$187,000
513 Cherry Orchard \$226,000	2107 Lone Wolf \$218,000	31254 Florence \$135,000	9062 Stonehouse \$240,000	18829 Denby \$114,000	39247 Cheshire \$150,000
2081 Cobra \$295,000	8201 Mannington \$258,000	6503 Gilman \$137,000	11096 Sunset \$163,000	11742 Eileen \$144,000	31605 Fairchild \$149,000
383 Concord \$226,000	50413 Monroe \$205,000	32703 Leona \$96,000	15020 Yale \$218,000	17653 Fox \$135,000	35763 Florane \$137,000
47904 Deer Trail \$387,000	50453 Monroe \$208,000	32703 Leona \$48,000		17250 Gaylor \$129,000	31215 Gladys \$162,000
48212 Deer Trail \$347,000	1455 Oak ew \$215,000	30507 Marquette \$160,000	Plymouth	11450 Hemingway \$510,000	38658 Glenwood \$200,000
8765 Eastham \$483,000	1622 Orchard \$108,000	430 N Leona \$140,000		19128 Kinloch \$135,000	31730 Grandview \$133,000
1986 Echo Woods \$360,000	41572 Pheasant Creek \$298,000	29714 Rosslyn \$144,000		18516 Lennane \$94,000	30379 Lacy \$202,000
43649 Emrick \$188,000	6069 Porteridge \$209,000	391 W Rose \$150,000		13632 Lenore \$157,000	33336 Lynx \$172,000
43185 Fernwood \$216,000	6560 Powderhorn \$205,000			12803 Norborne \$100,000	32050 Merritt \$154,000
43673 Fleetwood \$191,000	41801 Pr ncess \$306,000	33567 8 Mile \$88,000		9302 Riverview \$100,000	32105 Merritt \$137,000
45437 Glengary \$354,000	698 Shana \$219,000	33753 8 Mile \$92,000		26765 Santa Maria \$240,000	8526 N Farmington \$138,000
7551 Green Meadow \$214,000	604 Sheffield \$224,000	33817 8 Mile \$115,000		15401 Wakenden \$136,000	7331 N Hawthorne \$139,000
1156 Hampsh re \$202,000	2840 Stanton \$145,000	33841 8 Mile \$115,000		18420 Wakenden \$127,000	5970 N Newburgh \$159,000
41410 Hanford \$203,000	2859 Stanton \$150,000	9810 Arden \$190,000		9583 Winston \$320,000	5980 N Newburgh \$170,000
1516 Hereford \$368,000	2866 Stanton \$90,000	8883 Beatrice \$125,000		12083 Woodbine \$135,000	6010 N Newburgh \$170,000
	2892 Stanton \$227,000	9062 Farmington \$155,000		12083 Woodbine \$90,000	7510 N Venoy \$190,000
	2904 Stanton \$135,000	14051 Harrison \$175,000		20149 Woodworth \$118,000	1510 N Wildwood \$141,000
	2931 Stanton \$304,000	37756 Jam son \$178,000		11376 Wormer \$110,000	38720 Northampton \$141,000
	45358 Turnberry \$310,000	9403 Lathers \$172,000			39250 Northampton \$168,000
	6700 Woonsocket \$232,000	19197 Levan \$300,000			6618 Redman \$155,000
		14712 Melrose \$135,000	Redford		31255 Stephen \$163,000
	Garden City	14203 N Livonia \$188,000		30674 Ann Arbor \$105,000	38566 Terry \$199,000
	29022 Block \$94,000			30888 Avondale \$134,000	

Pulte hosts grand opening

Pulte Homes is hosting a grand opening for a new upscale community opening in Northville, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18.

The community, 44530 White Pine Circle East, north of 6 Mile Road, west side of Ridge Road, features 34 luxury homes, ranging from 2,900 to 3,700 square feet. Base prices start in the \$500s.

Model Homes are available to see at Pulte's Woodlands of Northville location, on the northwest corner of 6 Mile and Sheldon Roads. The sales office is open daily 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Call (248) 735-0012 for more information, or visit www.pulte.com

HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 7-11 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

2024 Allerton \$195,000	1245 Washington \$1,095,000	6263 Pinewood \$268,000	30191 Ardmore \$244,000	4526 Peppermill \$390,000	773 Lounsbury \$175,000
3881 Arbor \$232,000	1930 Washington \$295,000	6950 S Bluewater \$159,000	34952 Bunker Hill \$269,000	1035 Seneca \$439,000	1692 Maple Creek \$335,000
904 Chestnut H II \$90,000	111 Willets St Unit 40 \$1,133,000	6628 Snow Apple \$187,000	22374 Cape Cod Way \$131,000	950 Sherry \$117,000	1001 Moran \$442,000
2877 E Walton \$113,000	Bloomfield Hills/Township	6186 Stonewood \$412,000	21618 Colgate \$184,000	179 Stratford \$185,000	539 Wyngate \$450,000
180 Guanoconque \$135,000	2660 Alveston \$248,000	9267 Villa Crest \$77,000	23090 Colgate \$137,000	3100 Talon \$192,000	
633 Provincetown \$165,000	4391 Compton Way \$760,000	123 Zeer \$271,000	23204 Cora Ave \$205,000		Rochester Hills
781 Sheff eid \$170,000	6180 Eastmoor \$405,000	Commerce Township	30830 Country Ridge \$317,000	28421 Eldorado \$187,000	3835 Al da \$170,000
3790 Tienken \$150,000	470 Fox Hills \$88,000	5304 Bridge \$390,000	28901 Coventry \$328,000	18467 Middlesex \$174,000	739 Augusta \$356,000
16265 Buckingham \$212,000	6020 N Cross \$512,000	6110 Brockway \$178,000	28297 Farm ngton \$218,000	19208 W 11 Mile \$210,000	1470 Burhaven \$405,000
20301 Elwood \$265,000	1948 Pine Ridge \$330,000	8461 Cascade \$136,000	30020 Fink \$184,000		2009 Cedaredge \$248,000
16996 Marguerite \$244,000	2610 Roxie \$200,000	1801 Cedar Bend \$435,000	26170 K Itarion \$242,000	Oakland Township	1330 Clear \$530,000
31698 Southv ew \$338,000	156 S Glengarry \$300,000	3301 Chambourne \$140,000	37685 Lancaster \$286,000	2024 Aberdeen \$190,000	6026 Dequ se \$243,000
32291 Verona \$210,000	904 Tartan \$375,000	3262 Edgemere \$150,000	22151 Malden \$170,000	2101 Aberdeen \$190,000	725 Dressler \$197,000
	6530 W ng Lake \$338,000	601 Farr \$133,000	30137 Meadow \$275,000	2143 Aberdeen \$190,000	2946 Eagle \$595,000
	Clarkston	4370 Forest \$90,000	31026 Oak Valley \$339,000	5410 Creekmonte \$154,000	1239 Essex \$308,000
	4533 Alexander Pines \$190,000	1961 Hampshire \$335,000	30332 Patr cia \$139,000	3579 Inverness \$447,000	1280 Harding \$142,000
	9780 Allen \$425,000	8338 Lagoon \$370,000	26348 Pleasant Valley \$307,000	233 Reddingwood \$255,000	1206 Kings Cove \$135,000
	4720 Avalon \$334,000	8360 Lagoon \$280,000	21106 Rensselaer \$106,000	3406 Tremonte \$191,000	2965 Leyton \$330,000
	8981 Bridge Lake \$197,000	5755 Lancaster \$68,000	32450 Rockridge \$210,000		114 Maryknoll \$275,000
	8333 Brookstone \$445,000	5970 Lynne Hollow \$600,000	22426 Tuck \$167,000	124 Coryell \$280,000	3546 M Idred \$195,000
	11267 Cedar Cove \$225,000	8540 Pine Cove \$510,000	22485 Tulane \$55,000	784 Glenmoor \$76,000	655 Jakbrook \$143,000
	6227 Clarkston \$100,000	9083 Pittsfield \$153,000	Keego Harbor	5610 Hummer Lake \$223,000	1538 Pembroke \$299,000
	4991 E Harvard \$190,000	3559 Raftwood \$480,000	2076 Maddy \$133,000	193 Riseman \$380,000	1988 Pondv ew \$175,000
	6620 Enclave \$444,000	302 Whippoorwill Way \$156,000	2120 Stout \$147,000	5933 Seymour Lake \$199,000	3088 Primrose \$300,000
	6604 Greene Haven \$225,000	Farmington		4806 Stanton \$232,000	1615 Ridgecrest \$281,000
	4994 Menominee \$340,000	23915 Colchester \$210,000	Lake Orion		3339 Rockhaven \$299,000
	1762 N Village \$77,000	22446 Maple \$227,000	1012 Beach \$139,000		413 Sandalwood \$275,000
	5550 Northcrest Village \$253,000	21020 Robnwood \$198,000	3875 E Pond \$285,000		1834 Streamedge \$165,000
	6665 Northvew \$227,000	Farmington Hills	3201 Heatherstone \$108,000		1939 Beaver Creek \$353,000
	5229 Old Cove \$187,000	27015 Arden Park \$193,000	571 N Lapeer \$160,000		985 Hemlock \$280,000
			2837 Orb t \$260,000		303 Linwood \$197,000

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<p>GARDEN CITY RANCH - Brick ranch with 3 bedrooms 1.5 baths and a large fenced back yard in a great Garden City neighborhood. 2 car garage, some hardwood floors and a finished basement with a possible 4th bedroom. \$139,900 (612CA)</p>	<p>EVERYTHING YOU NEED - Super clean 3 bedroom 2 bath Bungalow with a finished basement. Nicely landscaped large yard. Big 2 car garage vinyl siding and windows doorwall to deck in the kitchen all appliances stay. \$123,900 (319ED)</p>	<p>SURE TO PLEASE - Even the fussiest buyer will love this beautifully updated 3 bedroom ranch with 2 baths! Updated furnace C/A roof driveway vinyl siding & gutters. Exceptional master with whirlpool tub. Newer carpet and fresh paint t/o. Brand new 2.5 car garage partially finished basement deck and home warranty. \$181,900 (142GU)</p>	<p>COURT LOCATION BACKING TO WETLANDS - Unique home! Gourmet kitchen w/cherry cabinets all appliances including roof furnace ac and a bayed nook with a door opening to the magnificent terrace. Great room with custom fireplace 19 ft ceilings and crown molding. 2 first floor bedrooms with private baths. Andersen windows 2 furnaces & 2 A/C side entry 3 car garage. \$539,900 (4850A)</p>	<p>GREAT NEW BEGINNINGS - Start here with this 3 bedroom Bungalow in Wayne close to elementary school. Updated kitchen freshly painted interior basement 1022 square feet and a 1.5 car garage. Great value for a nice price. \$114,900 (220CU)</p>	<p>TERRIFIC TIMBERLINE CONDO - This luxurious Timberline home has everything you would ever need! It has 2 bedrooms 2 full baths along with a bath. Gourmet island kitchen. This could be your dream home! \$329,900 (3977I)</p>
<p>DYNAMIC LIVING - In the Park Place at Towne Center. 3 level townhouse with 2 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. Lots of room with 1545 square feet. 2 car garage, great room with fireplace and more. Very stylish and chic. \$193,500 (304B0)</p>	<p>LIVONIA SCHOOLS! - Great home in a nice area with 3 bedrooms and 1140 square feet of living space. Remodeled kitchen with Pergo floor, new hot water heater and dishwasher. Freshly painted interior with neutral decor. Open floor plan. 1st floor laundry and a large lot! \$136,900 (400FL)</p>	<p>STORYBOOK TOUCHES - This 2BR/2BA and unit meets all needs! Great room w/vaulted ceilings kitchen w/pantry and all appliances. Master w/plym of closet space and access to the main bath. 2nd bedroom has WIC & additional bath. Basement deck and attached 1 car garage. \$159,750 (864HU)</p>	<p>PLYMOUTH'S WOODLORE NORTH - Welcome to this wonderful 4 bedroom 3 bath brick colonial home. Special features include a lovely 3 season sunroom. Corian countertops hardwood floors 2 furnaces crown moldings a beautifully finished basement and much much more! \$565,000 (162SA)</p>	<p>30 ACRES OF LAND - Here is your opportunity to buy 30 acres off M 37. From the middle of M 37 back 500 ft is considered commercial. The rest is rural residential. \$115,000 (000M37)</p>	<p>GREAT PLYMOUTH BUY - Cozy 2 bedroom ranch - mile walk to downtown Plymouth. First floor laundry newer roof and carpeting central air furnace - 2002. \$145,900 (032FI)</p>
<p>END UNIT CONDO - Quiet secure open and spacious end unit top level ranch w/elevator access. 2BR/2BA & 1650 square feet with a hardwood entry & kitchen. Crown molding accents 4 bay windows inside parking and a short walk to downtown. Special appeal to seasoned citizens. \$224,900 (799DE)</p>	<p>WHY RENT? - When you can own this nice brick ranch with a spacious living room. Oak kitchen 2 bedrooms hardwood floors under the newer way fireplace formal living & dining carpet replacement windows basement and 1 car garage. Needs with bay windows spacious kitchen & nook. Gigantic master suite finished basement and more! \$283,900 (210SP)</p>	<p>EXCEPTIONAL COLONIAL - This is the home you've been searching for! 4BR/2.5BA in almost 2600 sq ft! Hardwood floors 2 way fireplace formal living & dining custom decking with sunken spa - call today. \$374,000 (365RE)</p>	<p>CANTON'S FINEST - Discriminating buyers will stop looking after seeing this 4 bedroom beauty. Formal living & Dining rooms with butler's pantry dual staircase. Luxurious master suite custom decking with sunken spa - call today. \$374,000 (365RE)</p>	<p>I'M GORGEOUS - Three bedroom 2 1/2 bath natural fireplace in family room. 1st floor laundry. Huge beautifully landscaped yard. Sprinkler system 2 tiered deck alarm system. Great location. Ready for new owner! \$239,900 (489SN)</p>	<p>AFFORDABLE CANTON CONDO - Immediate occupancy is offered on this beautiful condo. Featuring a spacious living room w/fireplace large kitchen loaded w/cabinets & counter space. Two large bedrooms dining room and full basement. All appliances stay! \$129,900 (101S0)</p>
<p>DOWNTOWN LIVING - A much sought after 3 story condo has just gone on the market. 2 bedrooms 1 bath and a 2 car garage! Just a short walk to concerts ice show art fairs parades and farmer's market. Specialty shopping galore! \$217,900 (392AN)</p>					



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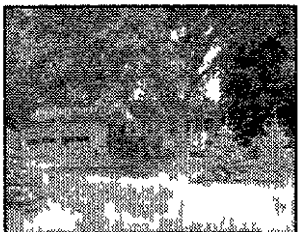
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Pride of ownership abounds Large deck across back of home with a huge backyard and you won't believe how quiet Open floor plan Many upgrades The basement has been totally finished (BGSly30WHI) 888 870 9131



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Your Lucky Day! Brand new immediate occupancy on golf course 2bdrm 2 bath condo 2 car attached garage full basement & many upgrades (BGN73LEX) 888 870 9123



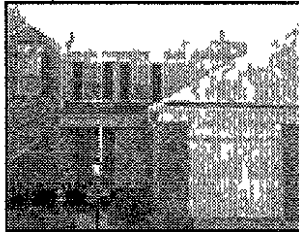
CANTON \$219,300
Beautiful 2 bdrm 2bths 1lav Condo! Ceramic tile foyer great rm w/cathedral ceiling gas frpl Oak cabs gourmet kitchen 2nd flr has loft built in entertainment center All appl stay Sec System (BGN86HER) 888 870 9123



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



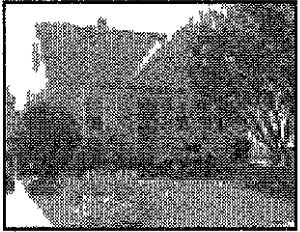
CANTON \$204,900
Beautiful Condo! 3 BR 2.5 BA finished 2 car gar & private entry Updated kitch w/Pergo flr Master suite w/full bath & walk in closet GR w/cathedral ceiling fireplace 1st flr Indry BGP 46Sar 888 870 9127



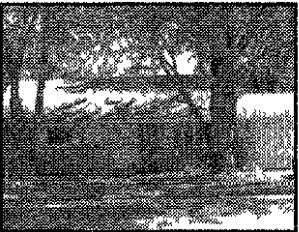
CANTON \$152,900
Great Palmer Place Condo! Located deep in the complex on private Cul De Sac Separated dining area w/doorwall to deck large master w/walk in closet & bath att garage neutral decor (BGN52BEN) 888 870 9123



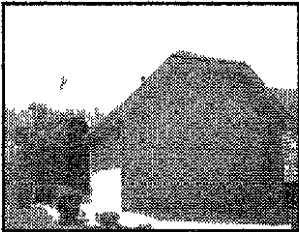
DEARBORN \$184,900
Updated & Lovingly Maintained 4 Bdrm Cape Cod Updated Kitchen bath & Elect Newer Windows And Central Air Hdwd Firs Bay Window In The Dining Room Overlooking Backyard OEL00DET 888 870 9105



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3bdrm 3bath Bungalow! Kitchen W/bay Window All Appliances Included! Large Master Br W/full Bath And 5x10 Sitting Area Hdwd Floors Fin Bsmt W/full Bath CA new HWH Newer Roof spacious 2 1/2 Car Garage OEL37PE 888 870 9105



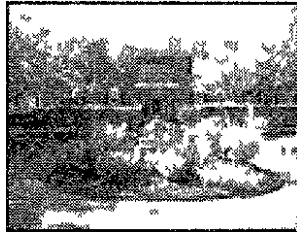
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All the Expensive Stuff has been Done! Windows siding doors AC hwh furnace electrical 3 bedrooms 1.5 baths private yd Vaulted ceilings skylights hwh (BGN50POW) 888 870 9123



FARMINGTON HILLS \$294,900
Extremely Well Cared for 4br Ranch Condo! Overlooking heavily treed yard Gorgeous finished basement w/walkout jacuzzi tub wine cellar & more (BGN11MEA) 888 870 9123



FARMINGTON HILLS \$180,000
Beautiful End Unit Ranch Condo W/1 Car Gar totally Updated 2 Bed 2 1/2 Ba W/gorgeous Fin Bsmt Which Boasts A Wet Bar sauna & Hot Tub other Features Incl Newer Roof (02) newer Carpet skylight in Kit OEL24COU 888 870 9105



FARMINGTON HILLS \$144,900
Wonderful Open Floor Plan! Best describes this 2br 2 baths condo marble floors new carpeting w/ granite kitchen totally redone Large master suite w/bath & walk in closet (BGN44MID) 888 870 9123



HOWELL \$250,000
Motivated Seller Bring All Offers Wooded setting Walk to Lake Chemung Eat in Kitchen w/Island Master has 2 w/closets 1st flr laundry gas fireplace in fam RM 10x18 deck Great Landscaping (BGSly08SHA) 888 870 9131



LIVONIA \$399,000
Great Location 4bdrm 2.5 bath colonial w/great rm 2 story foyer 1st flr laundry library jacuzzi frpl spacious deck & private yard Home warranty provided (BGN94KIN) 888 870 9123



LIVONIA \$256,900
Fabulous End Unit! 2br 3.5 bath townhouse w/finished basement & 2 car attached garage Custom eat in kitchen w/marble counters Marble fireplace & mstr bath Formal dining room (BGN16LAU) 888 870 9123



LIVONIA \$234,900
Your Private Resort Best Describes 3 Bedrm 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 \$204,900
3 Bedrm 2 Bath Brick Ranch Large Brick Foyer Overlooking Living Rm Open Kitchen W/oven/range Pretty Family Rm W/brick Wall FP 2 Car Att Garage OEL22RAM 888 870 9105



LIVONIA \$189,500
2 Bedroom 1.5 Bath Condo in The Heart Of Livonia Beautiful LR w/FP & Wood Mantel Hardwood Floors Finished Basement With Possible Office And/or 3rd Bedroom 1 Car Attached Garage OEL62FAR 888 870 9105



LIVONIA \$166,900
3 Br 1 Bath 2.5 Car Gar Brk Ranch Features Hardwood Floors Eat in Kitchen Newer Windows & Steel Entry Doors Walking distance To Park Church And Ice Arena OEL50HIL 888 870 9105



LIVONIA \$164,900
3 Bdrms 1 1/2 Bath Hardwood Floors Remodeled Oak Kitchen W/Breakfast Bar Newer Roof Deck Patio Paver Brk Walk up 2 Car Detached Garage & Patically F n shed Basement OEL04WES 888 870 9105



LIVONIA \$64,000
Remodeled 1br Condo! Across from Recreation Center newly installed carpet pedestal sink & panel doors new oven refrigerator & dishwasher Sunny & open floor plan (BGN55HUB) 888 870 9123



NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP \$239,900
As Good As It Gets! Fantastic 2BR condo w/loft & 2 1/2BA Stunning decor w/upgraded maple cabinets Corian countertops & all appls stay BGP 46Spr 888 870 9127



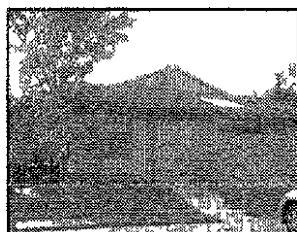
PLYMOUTH \$529,900
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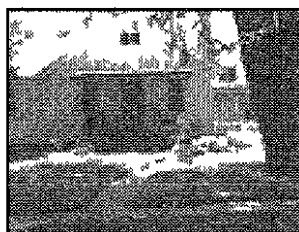
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Doll House! 2 BR 1 BA within walking distance to Kellogg Park Newer win fur water htr & copper plmb Kit appl inc Fenced yrd & nicely landscaped Rm upstr could be lib/den BGP 11Pal 888 870 9127



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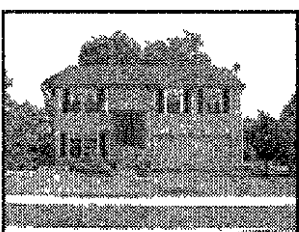
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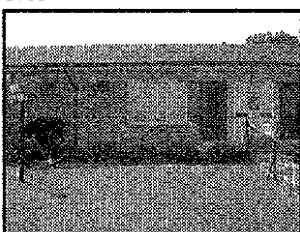
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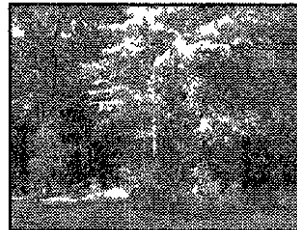
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Beautiful 2 story home Many quality features pergo flooring in kitchen and dining room Large second br large parcel w/common area next to home Perfect location come see (BGSly23PRI) 888 870 9131



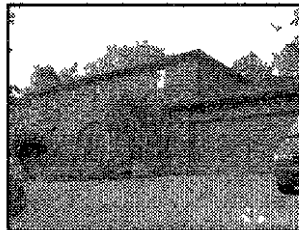
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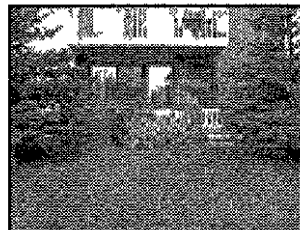
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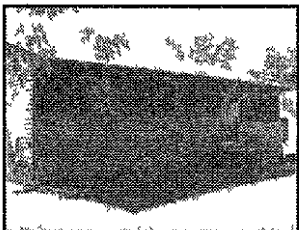
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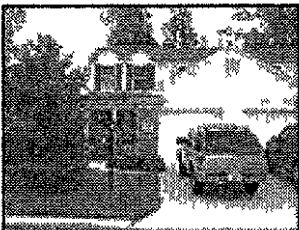
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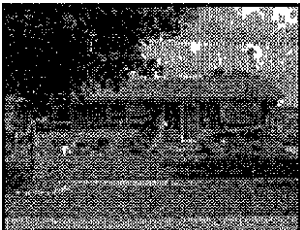
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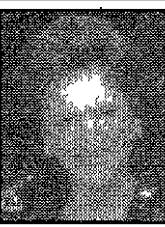
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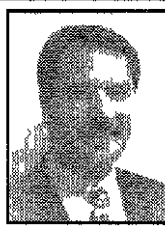


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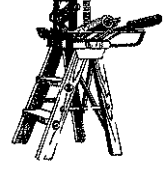
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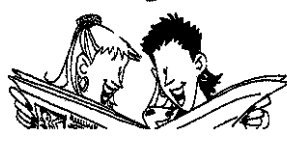
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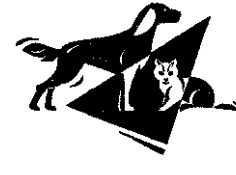
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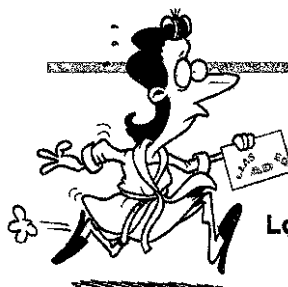
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DETROIT - Great home in great area Stunning 2 bedroom 1 bath brick ranch w/full basement garage w/elect city & newer door Hardwood floors Wallside windows t/o Replaced within last few years Updated kitchen w/views of large backyard Conveniently located near free ways \$79 900 (11APP) 734 455 5600



PLYMOUTH - Well built brick ranch Beautifully updated 3 bedroom 2.5 bath in town ranch Oak kitchen whirlpool bath 3 seasons sunroom neutral decor immaculate \$249 900 (60ROS) 734 455 5600



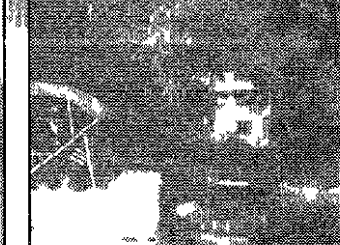
DEARBORN HGTS - Why rent? Cute 1 bedroom ranch w/garage w/door opener & some appliances Finished upper level perfect for storage Dont wait \$57 500 (68JAC) 734 455 5600



NORTHVILLE - Great Northville Hills Golf Course locat on Gourmet maple kit w/granite Kitchen Aid SS appls 4 BR w/1st fl MBR 3.5 BA See thru frpc kit LR Extra windows & French doors added to DR MBR & FR Professionally landscaped Invisible fence More \$699 900 (77BAY) 248 349 5600



SOUTH LYON - We come home 3 bedroom 2.5 bath brick ranch w/open floor plan on a large country lot Newer windows & hardwood floors Oak kitchen brick fireplace & first floor laundry 2 car side entry garage Professionally decorated \$279 900 (74DEL) 248 349 5600



WHITMORE LAKE - Cottage on the lake 3 bedrooms w th newer windows Walk out basement Lake frontage w th dock Great vacation home or rental Live on all sports lake \$194 900 (77NSH) 248 349 5600



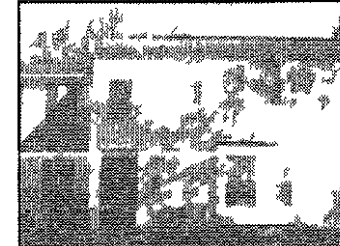
TROY - Candidate for Architectural Digest Spectacular 4 BR 5 BA custom built ranch w/over 5000 sq ft spacious GR w/cath ceiling gourmet kitchen/hexagon breakfast room & custom cabs fully equipped kitchen LL + bedroom & office Hobbyist or collectors garage + 3 car att gar \$725 000 (32ADA) 734 455 5600



PLYMOUTH - Exquisite entertaining home boasts 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths Cathedral ceilings hardwood foyer oak island 2 way fireplace basement and 3 car attached garage A wonderful find You must see \$499 900 (84DEE) 734 455 5600



CANTON - Meteculously maintained 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial w/2 car attached garage full basement 2 story foyer w/hardwood floors family room gas fireplace patio w/brick pavers 2nd floor laundry & much more \$309 900 (15SHE) 734 455 5600



CANTON - Cozy bright & clean 2 bedroom 1.5 bath 2 story condo located at the end of street in a quiet community Second floor laundry All newer appliances including washer & dryer Newer windows carpet & cabs C/A DR doorwall Plymouth Canton schools \$115 900 (24ORC) 248 349 5600



SOUTH LYON - Golf Community Stunning 4 BR 2.2 BA cape cod w/golf view in front and nature preserve in back First floor master Large gourmet kitchen 2 story great room w/gas fireplace Finished walkout basement w/loads of storage South Lyon schools \$579 900 (00COU) 248 349 5600

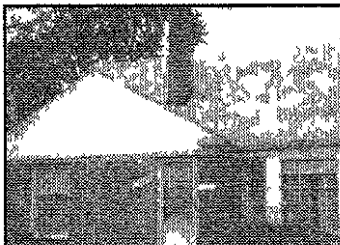


DEARBORN - Great starter home 3 BR 1 BA bungalow in west Dearborn Roof & windows 02 Tub enclosure updated kitchen cabinets freshly painted in neutral colors Fenced yard close to park and schools Appliances stay \$124 900 (00UNI) 248 349 5600

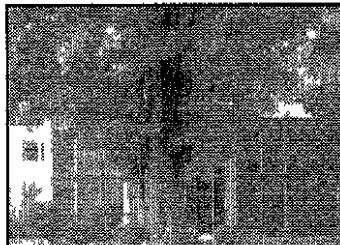


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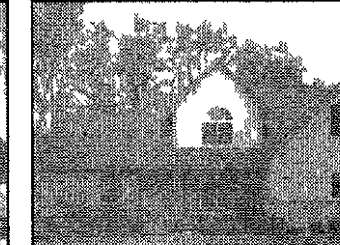
DEARBORN HGTS - Cozy bungalow 3 bedroom bungalow presents hardwood floors finished basement lots of storage C/A newer furnace and hot water heater Sellers motivated \$159 900 (19HAZ) 734 455 5600



LIVONIA - Excellent moving condition Great location w/sunken living room w/doorwall to screened balcony dining room & large master suite Updated furnace C/A & hot water heater Semi private basement & carport \$89 000 (63MID) 734 455 5600



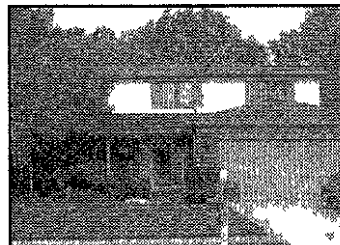
REDFORD - Lovely approx 90 acres Must see this charming 3 BR brick bungalow w th 2 car garage & partially finished basement Loads of updates including windows roof furnace carport kitchen & more Hardwood floor on main floor Plaster walls w/wood ceilings \$169 999 (64JOY) 248 349 5600



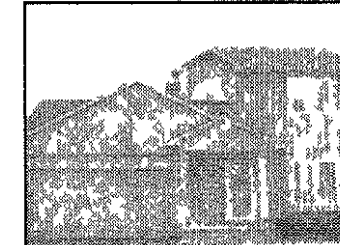
MILFORD - Ideal location for anyone Everything you could ask for 6 BR 3.5 BA 4 year new cape cod on approx 3 acres w/pond 1st floor master suite w/Jacuzzi GR w/ceiling fan & gas fireplace Large kitchen w/oak cabinetry Finished W/O basement Large maintenance free deck \$429 000 (53THR) 248 349 5600



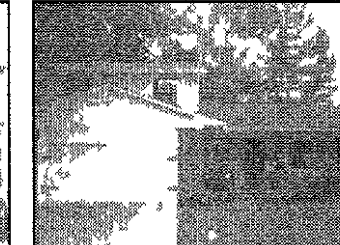
MELVINDALE - What a starter 3 bedroom bungalow w/1 bath fresh paint throughout basement Great starter home \$80 000 (10HAN) 734 455 5600



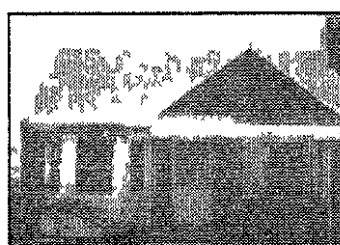
CANTON - Original owner Premium lot w/prof landscaped in this charming 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial Upgrades throughout too numerous to list Also family room w/fireplace finished basement & 2 car attached garage \$264 900 (28ARL) 734 455 5600



LIVONIA - Cozy detached site condo Move right in to this 3 bedroom colonial w/open floor plan and neutral throughout 2 car attached garage Eat in kitchen All appliances Livon schools \$205 000 (21BAY) 248 349 5600



LIVONIA - Savvy shopper knows a good buy 1990 built brick colonial w/1st floor laundry Nice finished basement & 2 car attached garage Central air sprinklers wood windows deck & patio Family room w/replace & formal dining room Leisure living \$235 000 (27WOO) 248 349 5600



ALLEN PARK - Wonderful ranch 3 bedroom brick ranch on large lot offers full finished basement w/wet bar & full bath + family room & fireplace in living room \$134 900 (85DAS) 734-455-5600



CANTON - This is a beauty 4 bedroom 2 bath colonial w/woodless features Master suite w/fashion bath & 2 WIC's huge kitchen w/granite counters 1st floor library w/French doors hardwood floors in kitchen foyer hallway & powder room + prof finished lower level & 3 car attached garage \$409 900 (37CYP) 734 455 5600



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Timbers Edge Subd vision 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial w/2003 updates including kitchen w/Co an counters AC roof finished basement & upstairs carpet Master suite w/2 WIC oversize FR library w/built ins Formal DR 2 car attached garage Home Warr \$398 855 (36SIL) 734 455 5600



NORTHVILLE - One of a kind Sprawling 4 bedroom 2.5 bath ranch Have your own resort right in your own backyard In ground pool and Jacuzzi Too many updates to mention Bring your fustest buyers Home warranty included \$399 900 (64BEA) 248 349 5600



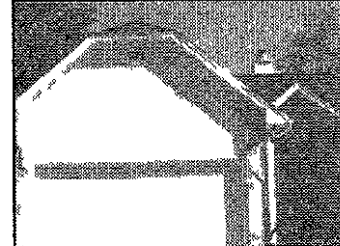
NORTHVILLE - Smile you found it Sharp 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial family home Great room w/fireplace off well appointed kitchen Door to multi tiered deck Finished walk out over level Terrific master suite 3 nice sized bedrooms Plenty of storage 3 car garage and more \$448 900 (57HOL) 248 349 5600



WALLED LAKE - Location! This one has it Come see this great 4 bedroom 3 bath home in beautiful Tr A sub w/nature trees and big fenced yard 2 car attached garage and nice deck with above-ground pool The list goes on & on \$209 900 (81DEL) 248 349 5600



CANTON - Sunflower Sub The timeless beauty of hwd flrs grace foyer & kit of this brick colonial Entertain in the formal living & dining rooms Relax by the warmth of a crackling fire 1st floor laundry 2.5 baths Super large lot Keys @ closing \$317 000 (44WOO) 734 455 5600



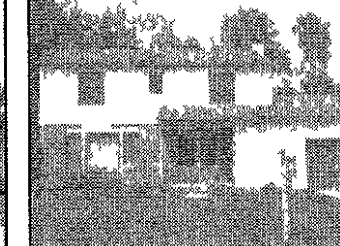
LIVONIA - Great investment 2 bedrooms 2 baths 2 car attached garage full basement first floor laundry fireplace in living room C/A Must see inside this 1996 construction \$175 000 (88HAL) 734 455 5600



DEARBORN - Pride of ownership 3 bedroom 2 bath bungalow completely renovated inside & out 2.5 car garage finished basement w/glass block windows & full bath family room w/gas fireplace remodeled kitchen w/appliances \$189 900 (54MAY) 734 455 5600



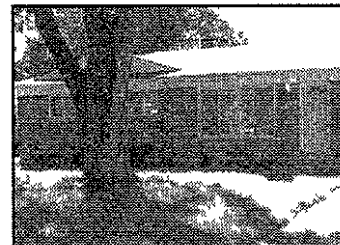
LIVONIA - Outstanding spacious ranch 3 bedroom 1.5 bath home w/open & airy floor plan w/huge updated country kitchen FR w/frpc & doorwall that leads to back paver patio & large fenced yard Large LR w/newer bow window Finished basement \$209 900 (77LYN) 248 349 5600



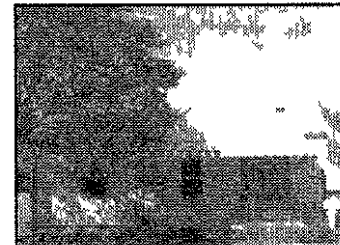
WAYNE - Comfortable home 1992 built 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial w/terrific kitchen & family room w/replace Large deck w th built in hot tub Extra deep basement under entire house w/prep for future bath Private rear yard Quiet neighborhood w/park neutral decor \$212 5000 (96MEA) 248 349 5600



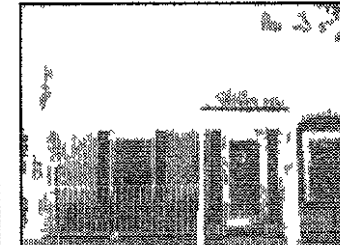
NORTHVILLE - Beautiful condo 3 BR 2.5 BA end unit w th W/O basement that over cooks a stream w/clubhouse & pool 1st floor laundry gas fireplace wet bar custom storm windows newer furniture 98 & AC 00 All this & more Come see for your self \$194 900 (62WAS) 248 349 5600



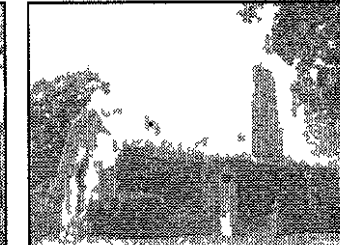
LIVONIA - Livonia brick ranch 3 bedroom 1 bath ranch updated throughout Ceramic tile in kitchen & bath Merrlat cabinets 2 car garage partially finished basement Must see! \$178 900 (15MAY) 734 455 5600



GARDEN CITY - A place to call home Lovely 3 bedroom bungalow offers living room w/wooded ceilings plaster walls & bay window eat in kitchen + DR hwd floors under carpet Newer vinyl windows roof + C/A fenced yard & deck Finished basement w/woodburning stove & 2 car garage \$143 500 (46JOH) 734 455 5600



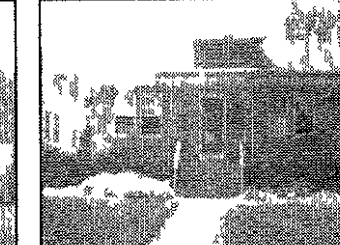
REDFORD - What a beauty Move into this 3 bedroom bungalow unfinished basement vinyl windows roof (99) furnace (96) hardwood floors ceramic tile in updated bath & kitchen C/A & a large lot \$129 871 (89PEM) 734 455 5600



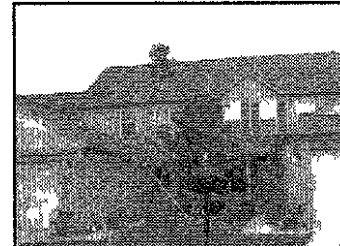
WAYNE - Magnificent historic gem Old world character w/modern conveniences 4 spacious BRs 2 full BAs Updated kitchen hardwood floors large living room & dining room Newer furnace electrical & C/A Walk to town/park Warranty included \$221 000 (06SOP) 248 349 5600



SOUTH LYON - Beautiful home on large lot immaculate 4 BR 2.5 BA colonial w/contemporary flair Recently painted both inside and out Large bedrooms w/walk in closets hardwood and ceramic floors Newer 20K deck Park like setting Owners are being transferred \$399 900 (82HID) 248 349 5600



BEVERLY HILLS - Location Location Location on Adorable 2 BR 1 BA bungalow w/hardwood floors LR w/frpc DR w/cozy window seat basement 1+ car garage never tear off roof room to expand neutral throughout + Birmingham schools \$169 900 (45KIR) 248 349 5600



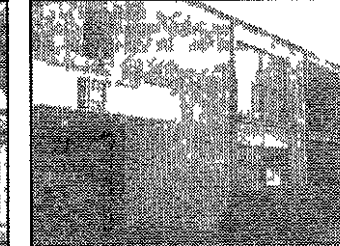
CANTON - Beautiful 2 story condo Lovely formal dining room w/bay window opening to deck 2 bedrooms open to huge bath w/extra deep garden tub & walk in shower finished lower level + loads of storage \$163 900 (65HUN) 734 455 5600



DETROIT - A great starter 2 bedroom ranch w/2 car garage & full basement some kitchen appliances Close to schools shopping & churches \$59 000 (47SCO) 734 455 5600



REDFORD - Wow What a steal Home appraised for \$117 000 3 bedroom bungalow w/extra large desirable lot Across from school & park Partially finished basement new front deck newer windows C/A ceramic tile in bath newer shed & home warranty Bring all offers \$99 900 (02BRA) 734 455 5600



LIVONIA - The woods welcomes you Entry level 2 BR 2 BA ranch style condo Updated kitchen ceramic entry & newer carpet Spacious living and dining rooms Large utility room includes washer & dryer 3 doorwalls to screened patio Private entry carport & pool A must see \$136 500 (90UNI) 248 349 5600



PLYMOUTH - Nice maintained colonial in Arbor Village sub 3 BR 1.5 BA 2 car attached garage & basement Large spacious rooms Family room w/natural Fireplace/skylight Newer windows some carpet & kitchen floor Large fenced yard 1 yr home warranty \$200 000 (57FRS) 248 349 5600



REDFORD - Dreams do come true 3 BR 1.5 BA ranch w/privacy fence HWH hardwood floors under carpet T/O Wallside windows steel doors Newer dry walled basement w/rec room Workshop and laundry Private patio overlooking beautiful gardens \$154 900 (05WCH) 248 349 5600

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NORTHVILLE \$685,000
SHOWCASE HOME ON BEAUTIFUL LOT! Awesome w/wood flrs granite kitchen stainless appliances Corian baths fin d bsmt 3 car garage & paver patio Yard backing to trees Must see home! (41W1L2)

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NOVI \$599,500
TRANSFERRER READY IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY! Custom built & mint condition! 4 BR/4 baths first flr mstr w/spa tub FP & great WIC Bonus rm over garage Terrific home for entertaining Prof landscaped (19PAD2)

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NOVI \$579,900
BEAUTIFULLY DESIGNED HOME! In a wonderful small sub Dazzling kit & brkfst area Ideal FR den heated sunroom grt mstr ste fin d walkout patio deck & splendid finishing touches (95SOU2)

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CANTON \$439,900
LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION! Rare find! Enjoy court location which backs to a pond w/ fountain Mstr 1st flr 3 car gar w/heat W/O bsmt den off foyer hrwdw flrs in kit foyer nook & hlwy (B47599)

734-591-9200



CANTON \$399,900
JOB TRANSFER FORCES SELLER TO PART WITH this 4 BR 3 1/2 bath colonial btm in 2002 Custom mstr ste w/jettid Roman tub designer ceiling & sitting rm/nursery option maple hrwdws gourmet kit & more! (A3648)

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SUPERIOR TWP \$395,000
NATURE LOVERS PARADISE! Updated ranch on 5 gorgeous acres! Numerous fruit trees blue spruce etc 3 bedrooms 3 full baths Pole barn & garden room with water phone & electricity (23R1871)

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LIVONIA \$339,900
BEAUTIFUL LIVONIA COLONIAL! Home sweet home is this 4 BR 2 1/2 bath home Many updates include oak kit roof vinyl trim oak flooring HWH windows C/A & more Livonia Stevenson area (30FON2)

248-348 6430



NORTHVILLE \$335,000
NORTHVILLE HOME W/UPDATES GALORE! 4 BR 2 1/2 bath Gorgeous KIT w/Corian HDWD flr & white cab Main bath w/spa tub & marble Ceramic/Corian Mstr Bath Newer furnace & AC Lovely landscaping (00GAL2)

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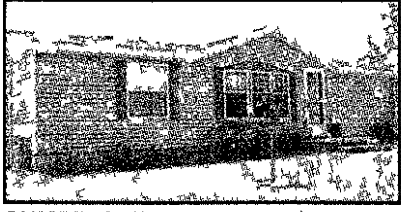
LIVONIA \$299,900
MARVELOUS CUSTOM BUILT RANCH! 3 BR 2 1/2 BA home on 0.78 acres leads back to Hines Park giving a country estate feel! Private putting green & 17x24 covered deck Many custom features! (A38600)

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ROMULUS \$289,000
PRIVACY LOVERS ONLY! 3 1/2 acres entry level master suite walk out basement Home borders on Huron Metro Park & it's near the river! Pr ced to sell! (23C16640)

734-455 7000



SUMPTER TWP \$279,900
ATT HORSE LOVERS, NEW ARENA, POLE BARN wonderful country setting 3 combined parcels total 6 1 acres 9 horses allowed Home has open floor plan & large deck off dining area \$2000 carpet allowance (05ARK8)

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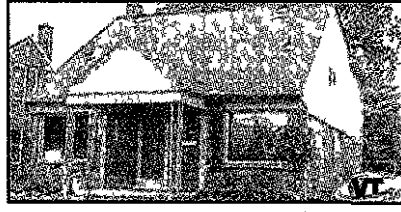
FARMINGTON HILLS \$269,900
BEST BUY IN FARMINGTON HILLS! Fabulous schools and highly sought after subdivision Gorgeous hrwdw & ceramic tile flrs up & down Updated kit & BAs newer furn a/c rd elec & much more! (G29011)

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$260,000
DESIRABLE MAIN FLOOR UNIT Only building in complex w/2 units & attached garages 2 bdrm 2 bath glassed in heated Fla Rm w/ceramic floor 3 closets in mstr bdrm walk in hall closet (L150)

734-326-2000



DEARBORN \$249,900
GROWING FAMILY SPACE IS YOURS IN THIS 4 BR 3 bath 2 000 sq ft Dearborn col Remod kit & baths finished basement hardwood floors newer carpet all appliances C/A & garage Near Divine Child (D172)

734 326-2000



SOUTH LYON \$239,742
3 BR 2 1/2 BA, APPROX 1855 SF 1st flr mstr w/ bath & lg closets lg stylish kit w/bkfst bar & loads of cupboards GR w/cath oing & FP fin daylt bsmt w/rec rm office 1/2 bath Much more! (F742)

734-591 9200



CANTON \$225,000
SPACIOUS END UNIT CONDO! Small private complex GR w/cathedral ceiling mstr w/lg bath & WIC Full partially fin d bsmt w/full bath pantry & extra storage 2 car attached garage (91MEAZ)

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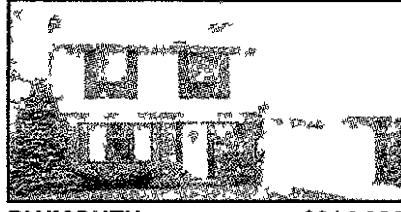
LIVONIA \$219,900
COUNTRY IN THE CITY! 1/2 acre lot in the heart of Livonia Brick colonial w/over 1900 SF finished basement & 2 car garage Updated thru out move right in! (B14962)

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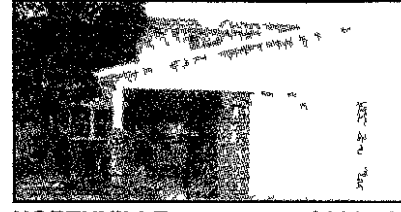
CANTON \$217,900
LUXURIOUS LIVING IN COVES OF CANTON! Most special 2 bedroom 2 bath 2 car garage full basement highly upgraded Neutral & hardwoods most private site in the back of complex (23R41801)

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PLYMOUTH \$214,900
FAMILY HOME! 3 Bedroom home close to elementary school Updated kitchen large master bedroom with french doors Home warranty (23T8821)

734-326-2000



NORTHVILLE \$199,900
SOUGHT AFTER HIGHLAND LAKES CONDO! Spacious 2 story unit w/att gar! Updated kit w/ walkin pantry 3 BR 2 1/2 BA full fin bsmt Huge patio w/builtin gas grill and beautiful gardens Great buy! (72QUEZ)

248-348-6430



PLYMOUTH \$199,900
MAINTENANCE FREE! Custom ranch with cathedral ceilings newer carpeting and windows wood/ceramic kitchen screened porch Great access to Hines Park and downtown Plymouth (86LAK2)

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LIVONIA \$194,600
OVER AN ACRE! Beautiful grounds brick ranch with fireplace in living room garage & basement Lot is 165x299 Call to see! (P19127)

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LIVONIA \$185,900
MOVE IN AT CLOSING! Full brk ranch cathed dral ceilings thru out 3 BR 1 1/2 baths on main flr newer wndws elec & plumo c/a bsmt has wet bar 2+ car garage Hurry won't last!! (O19184)

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WESTLAND \$179,900
WONDERFUL BUY Is this 3 bdrm 2 1/2 bath Westland colonial in Millpoint Full bsmt family rm w/woodburner 2 car att garage Home has large 2 tiered deck fenced yard & C/A (R376)

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WESTLAND \$174,900
OASIS OF TRANQUILITY! Luxury 2 bed 2 1/2 bath 1900 sq ft 2 story condo w/basement Att 2 car garage deck & warranty S/Warren w/off Wayne onto Hunter (01CUAZ)

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PLYMOUTH \$169,900
CHARMING RANCH! 3 bedroom 1 bath nestled in heart of Plymouth! This home has updates galore! You will not be disappointed! Not a drive by (23P420)

734-455-7000



LIVONIA \$169,711
THIS FULL BRK OLD WORLD CHARMER OFFERS huge living rm w/newer carpeting for mal DR newer kit elect wndws shingles 1st flr laundry 2 car garage beautiful landscape with pond (L27901)

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WESTLAND HOME LIVONIA SCHOOLS! Spacious 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath in level Walk to el ementary Newer windows furnace A/C Excellent starter or empty nester home Clean & ready for you! (23D8023)

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REDFORD \$154,900
UNIQUE & ROOMY! Walk out bsmt is fin in dry wall All updates are done Home has open flr plan w/wasteful neutral decor Doorwall in lower level walks out to patio & nice yd (B14148)

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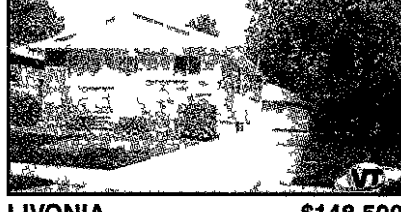
GARDEN CITY \$149,999
COMFY CAPE COD Is this 3 bedroom brick home in Garden City 2 full baths 3 car garage Lot in nice quiet dead end street Master bdrm has 1/2 bath Newer carpet & roof shingles (H383)

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IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE Is this 3 bedroom brick Westland ranch w/full basement 1 1/2 baths on a nice quiet dead end street Master bdrm has 1/2 bath Newer carpet & roof shingles (H383)

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LIVONIA \$148,500
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CANTON \$141,000
BEAUTIFUL BEDFORD VILLAS TOWNHOUSE! Nice 2 br unit w/beautiful remodeled KIT w/oak cabinets Some HDWD flrs Newer windows Fin bsmt w/fam rm/computer area End unit w/att gar & nice side yard (66BED2)

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LIVONIA \$139,900
ALL BRICK RANCH WITH FINISHED BASEMENT! Big kitchen hardwood floors that need refinishing 3 windows left to replace furn & C/A 4 yrs old bathroom has double sinks patio in back is brick & more! (1150)

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SPOTLESS SOUTH REDFORD RANCH Lg eat in kit w/lots of storage most wndws replaced new a/c & electrical panel new cooktop & stove immaculate yd w/2 1/2 car gar fin bsmt w/bar & xtra rm (A11430)

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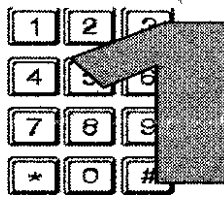
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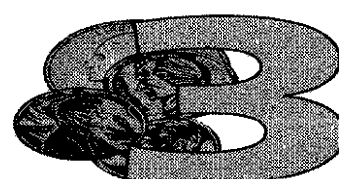
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BROWN EYED LADY SWF 5 4 48 enjoys barbecued ribs funny movies page turning books Desires SWM N/S 40 65 that I can look up to who can make me laugh is sort of handsome and secure in finances and self Ad# 473551

TIME FOR YOU Short petite funny honest SWF 38 sarcastic I like movies local shows reading computer etc Seeking monogamous relationship with SWM 40 45 long walks good coffee dancing Ad# 540074

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SOCIAL BUTTERFLY Brown eyes light-skinned SWF 22 n/e k/d jokes around enjoys going to movies watching television on enjoying social nights out Seeking companion with a good man Ad# 539573

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FORMER MODEL SWF 49 5 6 125 lbs slender smoker social drinker Loves art museums camping and more Seeking an easygoing attractive creative SWM 36-48 who likes to dance and is a music lover Ad# 538187

SEARCHING SWF 44 who loves the loud p/e Harley's also likes The Red Wing's Seeking SWM 45 55 Ad# 501038

CALL ME 23 year old single black female searching for a professional outgoing single white male 30-40 Ad# 536248

WALK MY PIER Slim easygoing SWF 58 is serious minded confident knowledgeable Enjoys summers and winters going places golf boating Seeking SWM 55 68 to share his life and wa mth Ad# 506784

STARRY NIGHT DRIVE SWF 60 6 5 medium build auburn hair green eyes Enjoys travel outdoors & gardening Seeking tall educated Indian descent M 56 60 with same interests & family values Ad# 543111

LOVES TO TALK Faithful SW Mom 37 5 2 with brown highlighted hair & bluish eyes Enjoys traveling and dining out cuddling and family outings Seeking an honest fun loving SWM 28- who isn't afraid to be himself Ad# 534212

TIRED OF BEING ALONE SWF young 50 years old medium build easygoing fun loving I'm a versatile love home life to muse into Seeking warm genuine down to earth SWM 45-65 for long walks conversat on Ad# 533663

PATIENTLY WAITING FOR YOU SWF 57 5 7 with blue eyes and brown hair I interests are time with her children camping basketball golfing musc and concerts Looking for a SWM 30-45 who is fun to be around Ad# 444655

THIS IS IT DWF 52 young looking Jewish lady medium to large build humorous Enjoys art fa rs craft ing Seeking supportive financially stable SWM 40 65 Give me a try Ad# 532334

SHARE A MOONLIT NIGHT Bubbly SWF 55 5 4 135 lbs red dish/blonde hair hazel eyes Enjoys bowling sports and exercise Looking for a sincere good humored SWM 50 62 Ad# 492515

LOOKING FOR FUN SW Mom 34 outgoing cheerful employed full time smoker smart Enjoys socializing and fun Enjoys talking bang with her friends going to clubs and getting to know people Ad# 531198

LOOKING FOR A COP Capture this SWF 30 5 11 with very blonde hair Can't believe I'm doing this thought I'd try anything Enjoys true novels painting sculpture interior design Seeking a good friend SWM 35 45 Ad# 531130

A NEW FRIEND 26 year old East Indian SF 5 4 160 lbs blond hair brown eyes quiet natured Enjoys sports and walks Seeking an outgoing honest earnng SBM between 21 28 Ad# 509755

FULL OF LIFE SWF 57 4 1 blonde hair/blue eyes proportionally fit Loves life Enjoys hiking travel the beach and more Seeking a SWM 49 or older with similar interests for companionship leading to a possible relationship Ad# 507331

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ARE YOU EXCEPTIONAL? Educated well traveled energetic warm SWCF 45 N/S Enjoys working out, cooking pool golf antiquing etc Looking for an active engaging sweet SWM under 55 Ad# 529268

KISSES REQUIRED DWF 50 green eyed blonde needs tender loving care Enjoys animals the arts conversation and nature Looking for an intelligent SWM 40 60 for friendship and possibly more Ad# 625249

I HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU She is a SWF 52 5 5 with black hair & brown eyes who enjoys bowling & jazz Seeking an outgoing smart SBM 48 58 with a great sense of humor Ad# 526909

MULTI INTERESTED AAF SBF 50 homeowner has teenage son enjoys gardening and meet ng new people Seeking SM 40 60 nice unimportant Ad# 528623

CALL ME SNA Mom 26 5 4 160 lbs seeks tall thin SM 21 29 with a mustache & eye brow piercing Ad# 519034

HONORABLE Fun loving SWF 50 5 8 slender blond hair a brown eyes new to the area Enjoys skiing running daily to eating well & staying active in search of an outgoing tall slender sincere intelligent SWM 45 60 with various interests Ad# 616944

LIFE OF THE PARTY Attractive fun creatve SBF 39 loves to laugh out loud and go to Las Vegas and scuba diving Looking for a chivalrous SM 35 50 Ad# 512335

MAKE TIME FOR ME I'm a 48 year old SWF with blonde hair who's been looking for romance in all the wrong places Seeking a good natured humorou s talkative genuine kind SWCM 34 45 for romance and companionship I prefer someone without children Ad# 505052

HAPPY GO LUCKY SBF 31 5 6 great sense of humor who enjoys disco dancing club and read ng Seeking honest iust worthy respectful intelligent SM 31 30 who has zeal to life Ad# 508016

DINNER? Easygoing attractive SWF 29 enjoys dining out clubs and going walks in the park Looking for a laid back good looking SBM 29 39 Ad# 508117

NAUGHTY & NICE SWF 45 no dependents social drinker and smokes Seeking SWM 45 55 with a Harley Ready for riding the open roads Ad# 449543

LOOKING FOR ME? SBF 24 years old in search of a hardworking SBM 24 35 who has a brown eyes and Enjoys movies skating and having fun Ad# 505285

DO I INTEREST YOU? I'm a brown eyed SB Mom 29 5 4 185 lbs who likes movies and partying I'd like to find an older SM who's outgoing laid back and likes to have fun Ad# 505101

MARRIAGE MINDED Professional SWF 50 long blonde hair Full figured 5 2 who enjoys gardening movies socializing the outdoors cooking and more Seeking a compass onate caring SWM 43 52 Ad# 482898

HARLEY GIRL SWF 34 tall dark beautiful 5 11 great sense of humor loves her children hunting and Harley's Seeking a funny tall well built SWM 30 45 with similar interests K/d welcome Ad# 504545

NO GAMES SBF 50 seeking a sincere soul mate a fun loving SM 40 60 who is a genuinely employed and knows what he wants for a long term relationship Ad# 504299

LUCKY YOU Open minded SWF 48 financially and emotionally secure Seeking mature SWM 43 57 Enjoys read ing good movies all music open to newer interests One who is looking for friendship first and possibly more Ad# 502459

SOMEONE SPECIAL WWWF 65 5 6 with brown hair hazel eyes attract ve friendly Enjoys going to movies casual dining some walking anything exciting Seeking professional SWM 65-70 companion friend helper Ad# 503130

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ARE WE ALIKE? SWF 50 with above average looks good communicator amusing loving soul mate Seeking SDWMM 45 60 clean cut genuine man looking for serious re lat ion Ad# 482666

LIFE IS TOO SHORT SWF 61 nice g'urs with blue eyes and blonde hair Enjoys music dancing theatre travel golf etc Looking for a N/S please ant SW gentleman 59 64 who doesn't play head games Ad# 420010

AWAITING YOUR CALL She is a SWF 55 years of age who enjoys riding He lays camping travel and family life She would like to build a friendsp possible relationship with a SWM 45 65 no games Ad# 501161

BEAUTIFUL SPIRIT SWF 22 with brown hair/eyes a nice smile collector of dolls Seeking a drug and disease free SM 21 28 with similar interests Ad# 600793

COUNTRY GAL Christian SWF 48 5 3 brown hair and eyes N/S N/D who loves the outdoors church and animals Seeking SWM 50 plus w/ th same interests Ad# 500094

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WINK AT ME SWF 56 attractive sweet SWF 64 5 1 interests are the Arts opera dancing good conversations and intellectual discussions Seeking a caring fun loving SWM 65 75 for a possible relationship Ad# 496498

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The New 2003 VW Beetle Convertible

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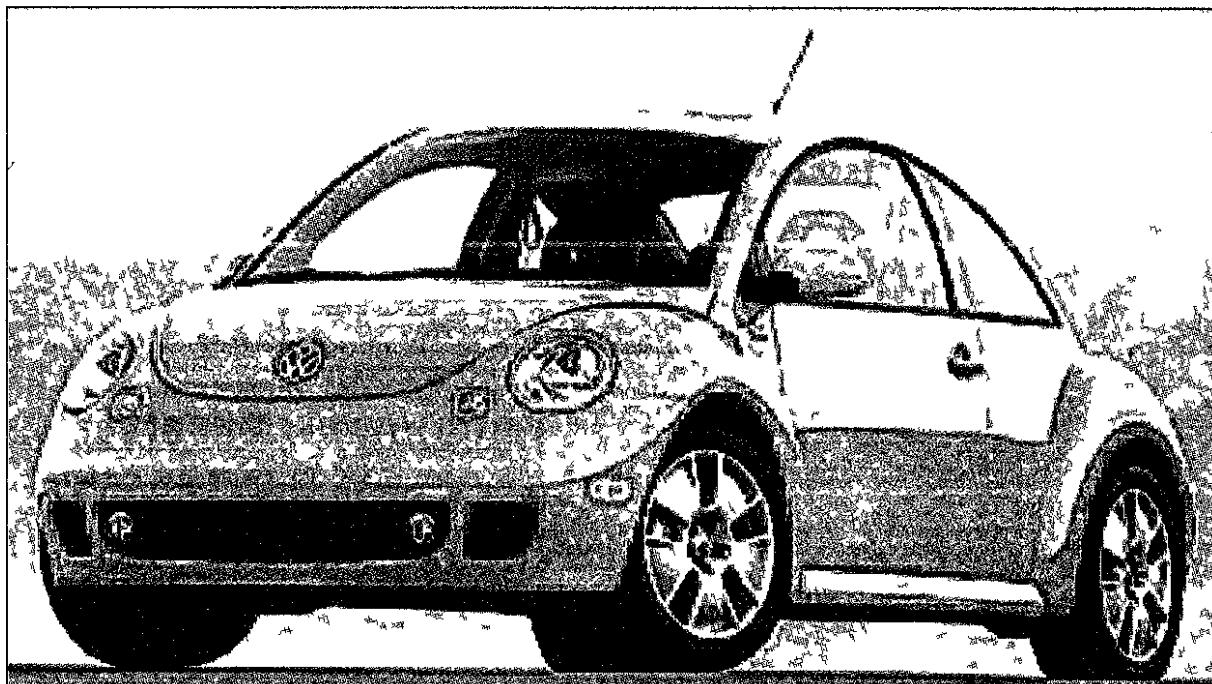
There is not a whiff of testosterone in or around the Volkswagen Beetle convertible. So does that make it sort of a guilty pleasure for a guy to actually like this sparky little vehicle? I still haven't resolved that question, but of this much I'm sure: the 2003 Beetle ragtop is one androgynously fun driving machine.

Reckoning with the presumed gender of the vehicle is no small issue with the new Beetle that Volkswagen, ingeniously, introduced six years ago. Plenty of male boomers have memories, as I do, of the fun they had with the original Beetle decades ago. In my case, I had a dark-blue model with a sunroof that was on its last legs when I bought it -- and which died on a rural hill about three miles out of my home town in Wisconsin.

In fact, this issue has even become a transgenerational one in my family. Every time I see one of the new Beetles, inevitably I am reminded of the repeated instances a few years ago when I simply couldn't convince my pre-teenage son that the new Bug was a 'girl's car' through and through. Its look certainly was cool enough for him.

Volkswagen has made its own statement about the Beetle, that's for sure. One of the first things that you notice when you get inside the car is the little plastic flower vase up on the dash. Another anti-masculine "feature" that you may not notice until a little later on is that the space above the two drink holders under the dashboard is barely high enough to hold anything taller than a latte grande, a medium drink from McDonald's will only fit under if you bend the straw. And I advised my now-teenaged son not even to try stuffing anything in the holder as macho as a large Slurpee.

The classic profile of the Beetle, now more than a half-century old, remains highly appealing, and VW wisely didn't much diminish the roundness even in the convertible version when the company introduced it for this model year. The car comes in an assortment of bright, fun colors, the silver version I drove was tame by comparison with some of the



The VW Beetle is one fun driving machine. The convertible is even better!

other hues, such as a soft yellow. Delightfully, the small, cheese-wedge shaped rear windows actually operate!

Though I've read complaints about the roof-operating mechanism elsewhere, I didn't have any problem with it whatsoever -- it was not physically demanding, and it was quick. When you turn the switch to lower the roof, all four of the windows in the Beetle convertible retract somewhat, a bit of "punch protection" when the roof is being lowered. The GLS version I drove, which carries a suggested retail price of \$26,730, includes some extras that are appealing, including 16-inch alloy wheels, daytime running lights, front fog lights, heatable power outside mirrors and remote releases for the fuel-filler flap and trunk. But there's very little that VW engineers could do, given the necessity to make room for the folding roof, to provide a decent-sized trunk. You simply can't fit anything much bigger than a bag of groceries back there.

Perhaps designers could have just given up and stolen a wee bit of the room from that tiny trunk and re-assigned it to the rear seats, which are very tight -- and especially windblown with the top down. A \$250 optional wind blocker robs even more room

from the back of this vehicle.

But overall, the interior is a delight, providing many amenities that you just couldn't get on the Beetle of yore -- nor on some of the new Beetle's competitors. The GLS version features heated leather seats, which have five temperature positions, and leather-wrapped steering wheel, shift knob and hand-brake handle, airbags all around, seatback map pockets, dual front-visor vanity mirrors, a lockable rear-cargo pass-through, and front and rear power outlets.

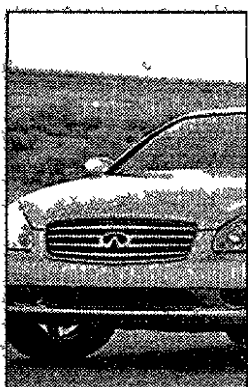
Actually, the best thing about the new Beetle might be its drivability. The GLS version has a 1.8-liter turbocharged engine, which optimizes four cylinders to generate 150 horsepower, with no evidence of the turbo "lag" that used to bedevil turbocharged power plants years ago. Even the automatic transmission doesn't keep the vehicle from providing plenty of zip from a stopped position or in traffic, even on the highway. And the stellar fuel efficiency -- 24 in the city, 31 mpg on the highway -- increases the value of having the VW Beetle convertible in your garage. Just keep your teenaged boys away from it.

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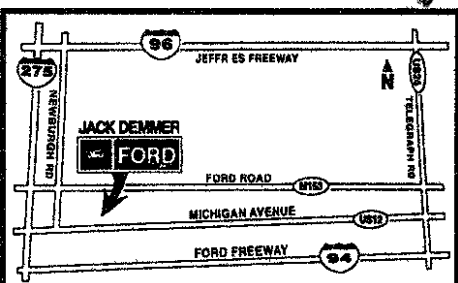
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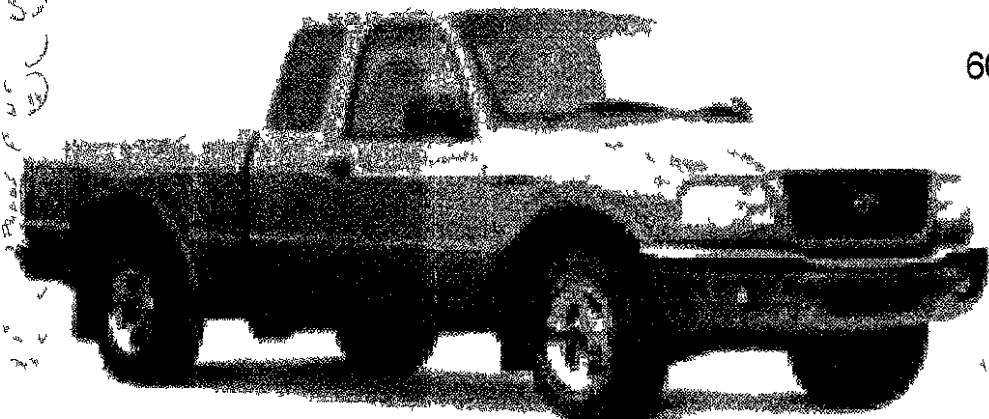
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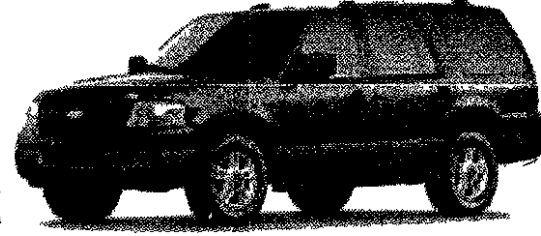
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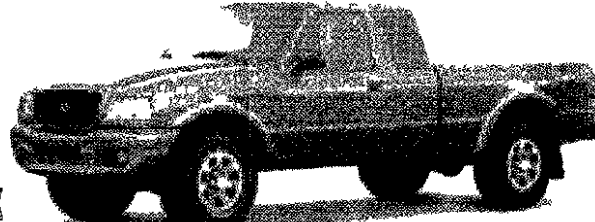
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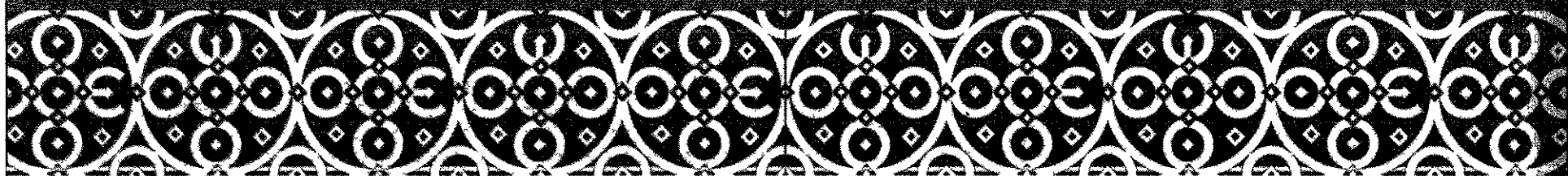
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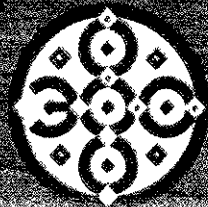
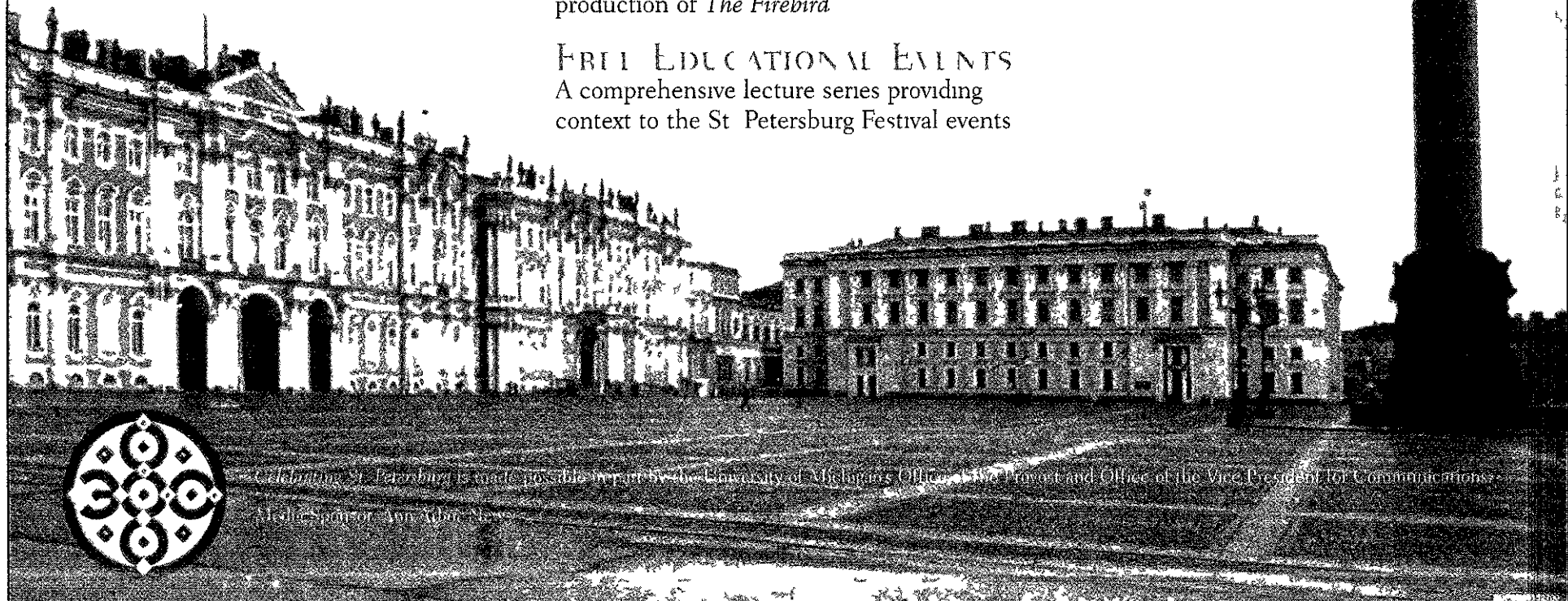
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'Triple Espresso' is just good fun - with an extra shot

Clean theater with a jolt. That's one way to describe *Triple Espresso*, a comedy about three not-so-stellar performers struggling to make it big.

The show, which runs through December at the Gem Theatre in Detroit, already has local theatergoers, shall we say, buzzing.

"A woman who came to our Friday show last week called 75 people, and they all came the following week," said Michael Pearce Donley, one of the trio of veteran performers who found a way to capitalize on the hard-knock-life of show business.

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Donley and his stage partners, Bill Arnold, a stand-up comic and magician, and Bob Stromberg, a mime, wrote the show based loosely on their experiences.

Triple Espresso got its start on a church stage in Minneapolis, but was so well-received, a local theater director booked it on the spot. Regional productions followed in Illinois, Wisconsin, Florida, Washington, Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

"We're really fans of old-fashioned-style comedy," said

Donley. "With classic comedy, you don't need innuendo, you don't need off-color language, you don't need to cut anybody down."

But the trio has no trouble taking shots at themselves.

Triple Espresso is vaudeville and song and magic tricks and mime and more, but it's most importantly wild and wacky self-effacing humor.

In other words, Donley, Arnold and



'Triple Espresso' is the tale of, not one, not two but three ill-fated performers. Here's the kick: It's based on the cast members' real lives, Bob Stromberg (front), Bill Arnold, (left), and Michael Pearce Donley.

Stromberg don't rely on superficialities, but themselves, to provide that audience jolt.

In *Triple Espresso*, Donley is the ultimate lounge lizard, churning out many a cheeseball '70s cover, from Def Leppard to Donna Summers. His character, Hugh Butternut, is celebrating 20 years of lounge lizarddom. So what could be better than a reunion with his two showbiz comrades at the Triple Espresso Cafe?

"The show is really about three guys who tried really hard to make it big. They were on their way up the mountain and made it to the foothills," joked Donley, who got his showbiz start as a piano player at a place called the Stardust Lounge.

As I was playing, folks would come up and say, 'When are you going to stop playing, so we can turn on the jukebox?'

'You learn from bad years like that.'

Tarantino's 'Kill Bill' worthy of two volumes

KILL BILL: VOL. 1
*** (out of four)

It must be hard being Quentin Tarantino. Sure, some things must be easy — the women, the money and the universal adulation, just to name a few. But after changing the very face of film-

making and, more to the point, film screenwriting, with 1994's ridiculously influential *Pulp Fiction*, Tarantino must carry a lot of weight on his shoulders. Can he ever again make a film of such import?

Furthermore, can he — or any filmmaker — make a \$50 million blockbuster movie that pleases both uptight financiers

in suits while remaining true to his rebel nature?

Tarantino's brief filmography includes *Reservoir Dogs*, *Pulp Fiction*, *Jackie Brown* and the final episode of *Four Rooms*. Yet he finds himself in an unenviable position. I know quite a few filmmakers, film critics and film-goers and most of them have chilly feelings toward Tarantino and his decade-long (unintentional) spawn of cinematic crap, which still continues to this day (see the recent *Confidence* or *Matchstick Men*).



Extra Butter

Daniel Kraus

But *Kill Bill* makes the derivative "Quentin Tarantino Decade" seem like it never even existed. Of course, using the term "original" when describing a Tarantino film is always a dodgy concept. Like all of his previous work, *Kill Bill* relies heavily on influences, some tangential, some quite explicit. Most clearly, the film is a straightforward homage to the basic kung-fu film — somebody is wronged

and decides to get revenge.

That somebody is a woman known only as "The Bride" (Uma Thurman), who was almost murdered on her wedding day by her former hit man employer, Bill (David Carradine), and his evil goons, the Deadly Viper Assassination Squad. Elle Driver (Daryl Hannah), O-Ren Ishii (Lucy Liu), Vernita Green (Vivica A. Fox) and Budd (Michael Madsen).

Inexplicably, The Bride doesn't die. Four years later, she awakens from a coma with a singular mission on her mind: to kill Bill. To get to him, though, she first has to chop, kick and slice her way through the Vipers.

SMART DIVISION

Kill Bill was split into two chapters when Tarantino's cut of the film was over three hours long. Although I could easily have sat through an additional 90 minutes, the division was probably a smart choice — not only does *Volume 1* end with an absolutely beautiful cliffhanger, but the film is a tribute to the grindhouse exploitation flicks of the 1970s and, as Tarantino himself has pointed out, a three-hour exploitation film seems a tad portentous.

Not to mention that Tarantino clearly loves segmenting his films into chapters, as he did with *Dogs* and *Fiction*. In *Kill Bill*, his use of titles is bizarre but exhilarating. The film begins with a cheesy old "Welcome to Our Feature Presentation

With 'Kill Bill,' Tarantino trades his trademark unpredictability for a story that is predictable, but in a tragic, inevitable way. But not only is the film stylish, it's haunting and carries with it an epic grandeur that Tarantino has never achieved before.

movie theater intro, segues into a funny *Star Trek* Klingon proverb, then viciously cuts to a deadly serious extreme closeup of a bloodied Thurman on the ground.

Immediately, our emotions are jarred. Tarantino juggled humor and horror in *Dogs* and *Fiction*, but never this efficiently. In one scene, The Bride, whose legs have yet to recover from her coma, uses a wheelchair in an attempt to steal a truck, while "waka-waka" music fills the soundtrack. It is a funny scene.

Then the film jump-cuts to The Bride trying to hoist herself inside the truck and the mood shifts instantly to one of pain and suffering.

This is Tarantino's greatest skill: the ability to swiftly draw characters. *Volume 1* grants us only glimpses of Elle Driver and Budd, but we already know them from their walk, their clothes, their expression and their accompanying music. This efficiency leaves plenty of time for the massive fight scenes without skimping on character — in fact, the only apparent reason that *Kill Bill* is so long is that it insists on giving each of its villains a thorough back story.

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The big question, of course, is can *Kill Bill* mix comedy, drama, action, color, black-and-white and animation and hold it all together? The answer, for the most part, is "yes."

I would have happily exchanged a few dozen spurring severed limbs for some more delicious character-building scenes, but when a film is this compulsively watchable, you shouldn't complain. So I'm not.

Daniel Kraus is a syndicated columnist and film maker. Info on his latest film *Ball of Wax* can be found at www.ballofwaxmovie.com

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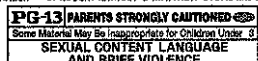
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Small Screen

Smelly 'Street Trash' is worth picking up

Many moments of movie magic have occurred in garbage dumps. Who could forget Seymour taking shelter in a toilet in *The Little Shop of Horrors*, and the climactic scene of the disembodied hand being gnawed by a cat in *The Crawling Hand*?

There have been others as well, but few can approach the vileness of *Street Trash*.



Beyond Bad

Greg Kowalski

This film wallows in garbage and sets a standard for oozing gore that perhaps surpasses *The Incredible Melting Man* (which also ends in a garbage pile). *Street Trash* fully lives up to its name. The film revolves around the world of winos, smelly bums, maniac killers and folks who find dinner in the garbage can.

They operate their own subculture at the edge of New York, pretty much unbothered by the rest of society. But things take a turn toward ugly when the local liquor store owner discovers a crate of booze hidden in the basement wall of his store. It's a brand called Viper, which goes on the shelves of the shop for a whopping \$1 a bottle.

No one knows, however, that Viper is a

murderous brew that causes those who drink it to literally melt within minutes. In short order, winos are turning into puddles of ooze. And the police are at a loss to explain what's going on.

A police detective named Bill, who is not much better than his suspects, invades the dump in search of clues and runs into a society of bums lorded over by Brandon, a psycho Vietnam vet who carries a knife made out of a human bone.

Brandon skewers Bill (the Cop, as he is billed in the credits) and Brandon's minions bury him under a rock pile in the dump. Brandon narrowly avoids death himself when his sleazy girlfriend pulls a bottle of Viper out of his hand and downs it before he has a chance to take a sip. She melts into a pile of goo. But justice does await Brandon.

His end comes at the end of an oxygen tank. A guy he is chasing smashes the valve off of a tank used in welding, which sends it soaring like a rocket, straight through Brandon's head.

SUBPLOT

There's a minor subplot about a gangster and a smarmy doorman at his restaurant, which plays no real purpose except to set the stage for the incredible end title song that includes such lines as, 'Shut your face, you little scum bag.'

Street Trash makes full use of its seamy settings and approaches its subject with a spirit of élan. It doesn't make much sense, we never learn anything about Viper.

But who cares? The sight of the obese guy inflating like a giant balloon until he explodes in a shower of yuck makes up

for any of its shortcomings.

Street Trash can be found at various video stores. Thomas Video in Clawson is a sure bet.

The most powerful thing Greg Kowalski drinks comes from Starbucks. He can be reached at (248) 901-2570 or gkowalski@oe.homecomm.net.

Comcast presents film fest

The second annual Comcast Film Festival will be presented Friday-Saturday, Oct. 17-18, at the Fox Theatre, and the Detroit Public Library. The free film festival is open to the public, and features films and activities for all ages.

A complete list of major motion pictures, celebrity appearances and family events can be found beginning at www.comcastfilmfestival.com, (313) 934-4493.

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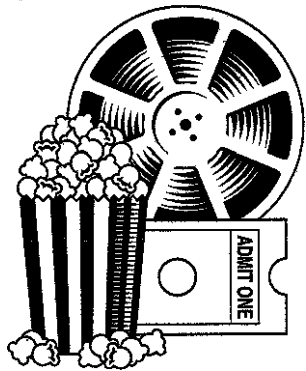
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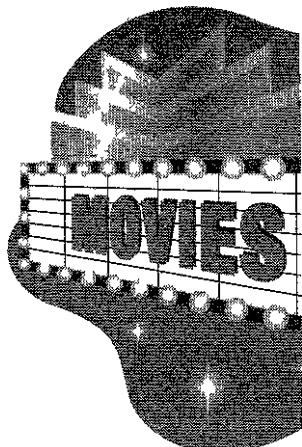
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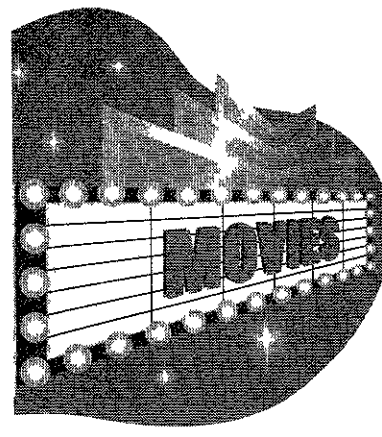
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Oasis will be pre-selling 1,400 tickets at \$15 a piece or \$53 for a family four pack, call (734) 420-2900

■ **Detroit Historical Museum** - Celebrate Halloween and go back in time as the Detroit Historical Society presents its second annual "Treats in the Streets" 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26. Taking place in the Detroit Historical Museum's Streets of Old Detroit exhibit, this event offers a safe opportunity for kids of all ages to dress up as their favorite cartoon character, super hero or historic figure.

Admission is free for children dressed in a costume and members of the Detroit Historical Society.

The Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (corner of Kirby) in Detroit's Cultural Center area, is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission \$5 adults, \$3 seniors (60+), students and youth, ages 5-18, \$3.50 for college students, no charge for children ages 4 and under, (313) 833-1405 or www.detroithistorical.org

■ **Plymouth Orchards** - Hayride with storytelling 7:30 p.m. (arrive 7:15 p.m.) every Friday-Saturday in October, with

the exception of Oct. 31. The evening begins with a hayride to a moonlit stage set in the woods. Onstage, award-winning storyteller Debra Christian tells family-oriented stories with guest appearances by other storytellers. The cost is \$12 for ages 13 to adult, \$7 ages 5-12, \$3 children under 5. Call (734) 451-1128 for reservations. Plymouth Orchards is at 10685 Warren Road in Plymouth.

■ **Detroit Zoo** - Children ages 2 to 7 can trick-or-treat at the Detroit Zoo where costumed greeters pass out treats along a festively decorated half-mile trail, 6-8:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Oct. 17-19, Oct. 24-26, and Thursday-Friday, Oct. 30-31. Children's activity tent features crafts for kids and the popular "Zoo Boo Revue," a mini-musical that children can sing and dance along to. Show times start at 6:15 p.m. and run every half hour until the last show at 8:15 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 per person for ages 2 and up. Call Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com. For more information call (248) 541-5838 or visit www.detroitzoo.org. Call ahead for tickets. The zoo is at 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue in Royal Oak.

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Kids decorate pumpkins with string and paper to great effect

Pumpkin as art

Make your gourd special at Avant Carved

Why go the old-fashioned route and carve a pumpkin when you can do like an artist and envision design, even evolve, your Halloween jack o lantern?

Avant Carved, Cranbrook Academy of Art's annual non-carving pumpkin-decorating workshop, is slated from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Bloomfield Hills school.

A team of five academy graduate students will assist participants as they strive toward creating pumpkins worthy of masterpiece status.

Last year, about 60 people showed up for Avant Carved, said Felicia E. Molnar, public relations director at Cranbrook. All materials, including the pumpkins, are provided.

"It's great fun. I had my kids at Avant Carved last year," said Molnar.

"It's quite a creative endeavor that's different from most of the pumpkin decorating that you see done."

Avant Carved benefits kids and adults alike. For kids, the workshop combines hands-on activities with exposure to the way real artists approach projects.

But parents might be getting the best deal — no cleanup!

THE ART OF SPOOKY

What Avant Carved: an annual non-carving pumpkin decorating workshop.

When: Saturday Oct. 18, three sessions available: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:50 p.m.

Where: Cranbrook Academy of Art, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills.

Tickets: Participants \$7 (\$5 for Cranbrook and educational community members); adults escorting children pay museum admission of \$6. Advance registration is required to reserve a pumpkin. Call (248) 645-3314.



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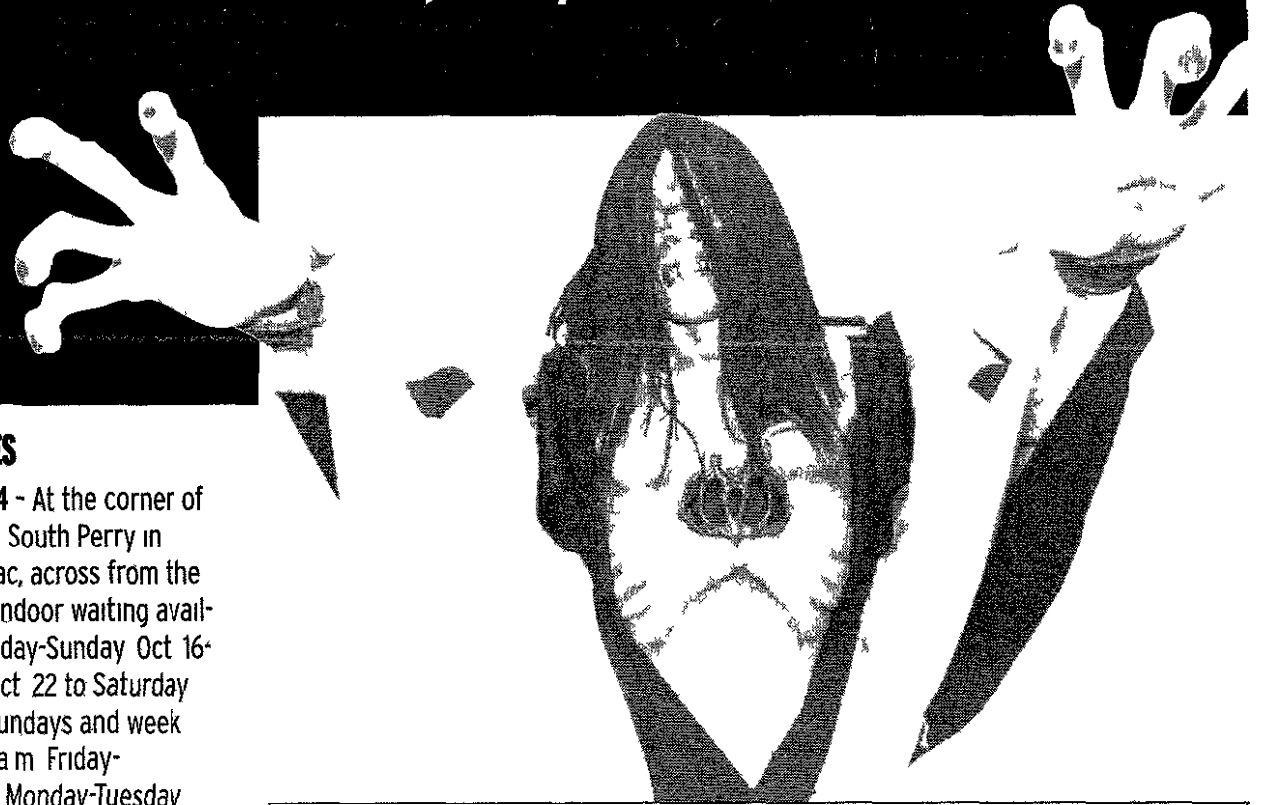
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Fear factories

Haunted houses employ scare tactics

Here's something scary to consider: There are more Halloween haunted houses in southeastern Michigan, per square mile, than anywhere in the country.



"We just love to be terrified," said Ed Terebus

He should know. Terebus and his brother co-own *Erebus Story 4*, a frightening, lavish and creative haunted house in Pontiac.

"The hardest person to scare is a 22-year-old white male," said Terebus "And we scare them here"

Terebus said Erebus is so scary that he doesn't really recommend anyone younger than a teenager to enter

"If a child is young enough to have a nightmare, they probably shouldn't come," Terebus said

His house is more than Frankenstein and vampires, it has a story The tale is about a mad scientist who tries to travel back in time to eradicate the world's diseases But instead of eradicating diseases, the scientist becomes a virus He (who is you) travels through jungles, old Egypt, the 16th century and future while creepy things try to destroy him - it will startle the heck out of you It starts out fun, but get ready to scream

"It takes 30 minutes to get through Erebus, depending on how fast you run," Terebus said

Erebus is more than 30,000 square feet and is in a 100,000-square-foot building Next year another 10,000 square feet will be added

Erebus in Greek mythology is the son of chaos and brother of night Next year, Erebus will be featured in the film, *Haunting of*

HAUNTED SPACES

■ **Erebus Story 4** - At the corner of Water Street and South Perry in downtown Pontiac, across from the Phoenix Center Indoor waiting available Open Thursday-Sunday Oct 16-19, Wednesday, Oct 22 to Saturday Nov 1 7-11 p.m. Sundays and weekdays 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, closed Monday-Tuesday Oct 20-21 Admission is \$16, for information and for group rates call (248) 332-7884 or www.hauntedpontiac.com

■ **Crypt of Carnage** - sponsored by the Westland Jaycees in the Bailey Recreation Center parking lot 36651 Ford Road between Central City Parkway and Newburgh Open 7-10 p.m. Sunday Thursday 7 p.m. to midnight Friday Saturday to Nov 1 Admission \$8 for ages 13 years and older kids 12 and younger pay \$6 Call (734) 502-3914

■ **Realm of Darkness** - 79 S Glenwood Pontiac Open 7-11 p.m. Thursday Sunday Oct 16-19 Thursday Oct 23 to Friday Oct 31 and Saturday Nov 1 Admission \$17 adults \$10 children (248) 338-0029 or www.therealmofdarkness.com

More frightfully fun haunts...

■ **Hauntfest** brings its bone-chilling special effects to Meadow Brook Music Festival on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills, 7 p.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday, Oct 17-18, Oct 24-25, Oct 31 and Nov 1, 7-11 p.m. Sunday, Oct 19 and Oct 26 The show will also run 7-11 p.m. Wednesday, Oct 29, and 7 p.m. to midnight, Thursday, Oct 30, for pre-Halloween frights Tickets are \$13 and available at Palacenet.com, The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations Tickets are also available at the door To charge tickets, call (248) 645-6666 With six semi-truck loads hauling more than 20 tons of equipment to Meadow Brook Music Festival, Hauntfest promises lots of scares Check out www.hauntfest.com for more frightening information

■ **Night Terrors** - Wiard's Orchards and County Fair, 5565 Merritt Road, Ypsilanti, open weekends, through the end of October, hosts *Night Terrors* with three scary features - the Haunted Hayward Hayride, Monster Maze and Haunted Barn Gates open 7-30 p.m. to midnight Admission \$8.50 with group

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■ **Spooktacular!** offers more than 30,000 square feet of scary ground at Freedom Hill County Park on Big Beaver Road, west of Van Dyke, Sterling Heights Open 8-10:30 p.m. through Friday, Oct 31 Admission \$14 for ages 12 and up, \$12 for kids 6-12, (586) 268-5100 or www.freedomhill.net

■ **Slaughter House** - Presented by the Redford Jaycees, 15534 Beech Daly, Redford Open Thursday-Sunday until Nov 1 Hours are 7-10 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday, 7-11 p.m. Sunday 7-10 p.m. Admission \$10 adults, \$7 for kids under 10 Not recommended for young children, www.reford-jaycees.org

■ **Reaper's Dungeon** at Wonderland Mall, Thursday-Sunday, Oct 16-19, and Thursday, Oct 23, to Friday, Oct 31 Open weekdays 7:30-10 p.m., weekends 7:30 p.m. to midnight Admission \$9 adults, \$6 kids Friendly Monster Day 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct 19 Sponsored by the

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HAUNTED HOUSES

FROM PAGE E10

America II, by Daniel Roebuck and Chuck Williams, a documentary featuring America's best scary houses and most prominent celebrity monsters

WHERE'S THE FEAR?

You'll find scary houses in strip mall parking lots, barns and at cider mills

The Crypt of Carnage in Westland plays on people's fears. Wendy Taylor, who's heading the event, didn't want to reveal too many secrets of the crypt, but said she wouldn't bring along children younger than 5.

"We'll have a Friendly Monster Day (for little kids) on the afternoon of Oct 19," Taylor said. "But for the actual event, we're playing on people's phobias."

Her phobia is spiders, and she won't say how that will play out in the Crypt of Carnage.

Meanwhile, The Realm of Darkness in Pontiac is said to be so scary that it's not suitable for kids younger than 12. It's called an interactive haunted house, you choose your fate while finding your way through castle halls in order to defeat a creepy wizard.

All the scary stuff should have a sizable audience, Halloween has become the second-largest commercial holiday in the nation, next to Christmas.

LOCAL HAUNTS

FROM PAGE E10

Livonia Jaycees, 29859 Plymouth Road at Middlebelt, Livonia, (734) 522-4100

■ **Slaughtered at Sundown** - Hayride at 71800 Romeo Plank Road, 1.2 miles north of 32 Mile Road, open weekends through Friday, Nov 1. Begins at 7 p.m. and continues until "all are dead." Admission \$12 for adults, \$10 kids 10 and under, (586) 752-7669

■ **Trilogy of Terror** - Three shows, one price includes *Revenge of the Forest*, *Nightmare Hayride* and *Ghost Manor*. At Bloomer Park on John R, two blocks north of Avon Road, Rochester Hills. Open every night through Saturday, Nov 1. Weeknights dusk to 10:30 p.m., weekends dusk to midnight. Admission \$15.50 adults, \$12.50 kids 6-12, www.trilogyterror.com

■ **HalloweenWeekends** at Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio, through Sunday, Oct 26, haunted houses, live entertainment and children's events. Open 6-11 p.m. Friday, noon to midnight Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays. Admission \$24.95 on Friday, \$43.95 Saturday-Sunday, kids \$21.95, (419) 627-2223 or www.cedarpoint.com

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Table Hopping

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Some of metro Detroit's top chefs graduated from Schoolcraft College with a degree in culinary arts.

Atop that list are Brian Polcyn, chef/proprietor of Five Lakes Grill in Milford, Marcus Haight, late of The Lark in West Bloomfield, now heading up the post-graduate culinary program "Advanced Culinary Techniques" at Schoolcraft, and Shawn Loving, chef/proprietor of the Loving Spoonful in Farmington Hills.

These pros did not have the advantage of high-tech, state-of-the-art cooking equipment, housed in the new \$27 million VisTaTech Center. As students, their hands-on practice was a section of the student cafeteria line. Today's budding chefs go live before hungry diners in the American Harvest restaurant.

You can sample both the food and service of the new breed of culinary artists by reserving for lunch, served Tuesday through Friday. On Thursdays, second-year students offer minimum five-course international dinners.

Beginning Jan. 17, these dinners will move to Saturday night. At a price of \$33-\$35 per person, it's the best dinner deal in town.

"Consider it Marcus Haight food at Schoolcraft prices," said Bruce Konowalow, director of the culinary arts program.

No doubt talented Chef Haight will impact the program, but he joins some esteemed company in Schoolcraft's culinary program. Top teaching pros include certified master chefs Jeff Gabriel, Dan Hugelier and Kevin Gawronski, certified master pastry chef Joe Decker, certified executive Chef Brian Polcyn and now Marcus Haight, certified executive chef.



Steve Gebhardt explains the day's specials to Sharon

In preparing meals under the supervision of master chefs, students use only the finest and freshest ingredients, such as ocean fish flown in daily from Foley's Fish Market in Boston or organic micro greens and specialty vegetables from Chef's Garden in Ohio.

Lunch soup stocks and sausages are prepared from scratch and menu choices include bread, soup, salad, assorted entrees and a wide choice of desserts.

INTERNATIONAL DINNERS

Second-year culinary students enrolled in the International Cuisine class are responsible for the superb International Dinners, which spotlight such themes as regional

Mexican, northern, central and southern Italian, German, Thai, French, Chinese, Swiss and Vietnamese to name a few.

Dinners include wine and a brief oral introduction to the origin of both the food and wine.

As Americans discover the tantalizing range of dishes and unique blend of flavors, the food of Thailand ranks as a growing favorite. On Thai night, diners can



It's final exam time. Student Tom Klosowski presents a dish to chef Daniel Hugelier.

Chefs cook for you



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One of the day's specials was a Turkey Blanquette served with baby carrots, peas button mushrooms pearl onions, bread dumplings and parsnip chips

AMERICAN HARVEST RESTAURANT

Where: Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Department in the VisTaTech Center 18600 Haggerty Road Livonia (734) 462-4488

Open: Tuesday-Friday for lunch 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Dec. 19 for this semester Thursday International Dinners 6:45 p.m. through Dec 18, except Thanksgiving Day
Cost: Lunch \$12-\$14 International dinners \$33-\$35
Reservations: Recommended for lunch Non-refundable International Dinner tickets must be paid and reserved in advance using a Visa MasterCard or Discover card

Each Tuesday through Friday, specials such as fresh bread, pastries, soups, pasta and salads are on sale from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Schoolcraft culinary students can also help you enjoy a happy and stress-free Thanksgiving. They will prepare only 100 complete dinners for 8 to 10 people, ready for pickup the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

Cost is \$169.95. You can order beginning Oct. 28 by calling (734) 462-4491.

Eleanor Heald writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact her at (734) 953-2047, mailbox 1864#.

taste student chefs' interpretation of an aromatic mixture of salt, pepper, garlic, basil, Thai peppers, cilantro, ginger root, galangal, lemongrass and kaffir lime, so characteristic of foods from this land.

Similarly, authentic Mexican is not simply tacos and burritos. True Mexican dishes are a complex blend of rich flavors stemming from Spanish influences and native cultures of the country.

The term haute cuisine is French, but it has many interpretations from simple country dishes to the distinctly Mediterranean-style dishes of Provence, carrying both Italian and Spanish influences.

For the current semester, the popular International Dinners are sold out. In the Winter term, they will begin again on Jan. 17 and run to April 24. Reservations are taken for a maximum of about 65 per evening.

To learn the themes, call Helen Orloff at (734) 462-4488 and ask to be placed on the mailing list to receive the brochure as soon as it is available.

The mailing list already has 3,000 names, so when you receive information, decide quickly and reserve.

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Tickets are still available for the Schoolcraft College production of *Dracula*, based on Bram Stoker's famous novel Patrons can choose a dinner theater setting on Friday-Saturday, Oct 24-25, Friday, Nov 7, and Saturday, Nov 15, or a theater performance only on Saturday, Nov 8, and Friday, Nov 14

Dracula is set in England at Dr Seward's sanatorium Seward, played by Jason Brooks, finds his daughter, Lucy, is stricken with a strange illness He sends for his friend, Prof Van Helsing, played by Joe Fourmier of Canton, to help his daughter

After some investigation, Van Helsing believes a vampire, perhaps the new neighbor Dracula, played by Brian Taylor of Plymouth, is responsible for Lucy's illness

The dinner theatre production begins at 6:30 p.m. with a meal of lasagna, salad, vegetable and tramsu Tickets for the dinner theater are \$22 The theater-only performance begins at 8 p.m., with tickets priced at \$10 For tickets, call (734) 462-4596 or visit the college bookstore

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Festival

Boogie-Woogie fest honors blues history

When blues legend Sippy Wallace died in 1986 so did the music, at least in the eyes of Ron Harwood

Harwood began researching and documenting the history of America's roots music. A few years later, he was pestered to continue his work by Bonnie Raitt, a friend and musician who also admired Wallace.

Harwood agreed. He's the founder of the American Music Research Foundation, and preparing for the fifth annual Motor City Boogie-Woogie Festival on Saturday at the historic Redford Theatre in Detroit.

The prestigious lineup includes headliner Henry Butler from New Orleans, Kelley Hunt and the Kelley Hunt Band from Lawrence, Kan., David Maxwell from Boston, Martijn Schok of the Netherlands, and Caroline Dahl of San Francisco.

"This is the most diverse lineup we've ever had," Harwood said. "We're featuring so many different sounds from different areas of the country."

Detroit's Joe Hunter, a former Motown Funk Brother, is master of ceremonies. Hunter received global recognition for his role in shaping Motown music in the recent Oscar-nominated documentary

BOOGIE-WOOGIE FESTIVAL

What. Concert featuring renowned rhythm and blues artists

When: 7 p.m. Saturday Oct 18

Where: Redford Theatre 17360 Lahser Road Detroit

Tickets: \$25 available at Meijer stores or via the Web at www.ticketsplus.net or call (800) 585 3737

Standing in the Shadows of Motown

Documenting America's roots music — boogie-woogie, rhythm and blues — is what the festival is about.

I want to bring this music back to a formal stage," Harwood said. "Producing the shows and then interviewing the artists on film is the main goal. In the 1960s, I realized how little film existed on the founders of boogie-woogie, roots and blues."

"Boogie-woogie is considered America's industrial-strength music that has inspired many struggles for freedom and

self-expression through music. It is the roots music for much of America's blues, rock and jazz mediums today. This music is influenced by sounds of the automobile, the trains, the railroads.

INFLUENCES

The festival has become so prominent that DaimlerChrysler is the sponsor this year. It originated as a one-evening event at the Magic Bag in Ferndale and quickly sold out. This year, Harwood and friend Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick wanted to hold it in Detroit and the 1,200-seat Redford Theatre was chosen.

"This year is different because all the musicians are under 60 years old. We consider that young," Harwood said. "History will unfold as they tell their stories."

Harwood, who majored in music history at Wayne State University in 1966, fell in love with blues and early jazz and began to research greats like Muddy Waters, Skip James, Mississippi John Hurt and, of course, Sippy Wallace. Then and today, his goal is to preserve their stories for the entire world.

It's all about the history," he said.

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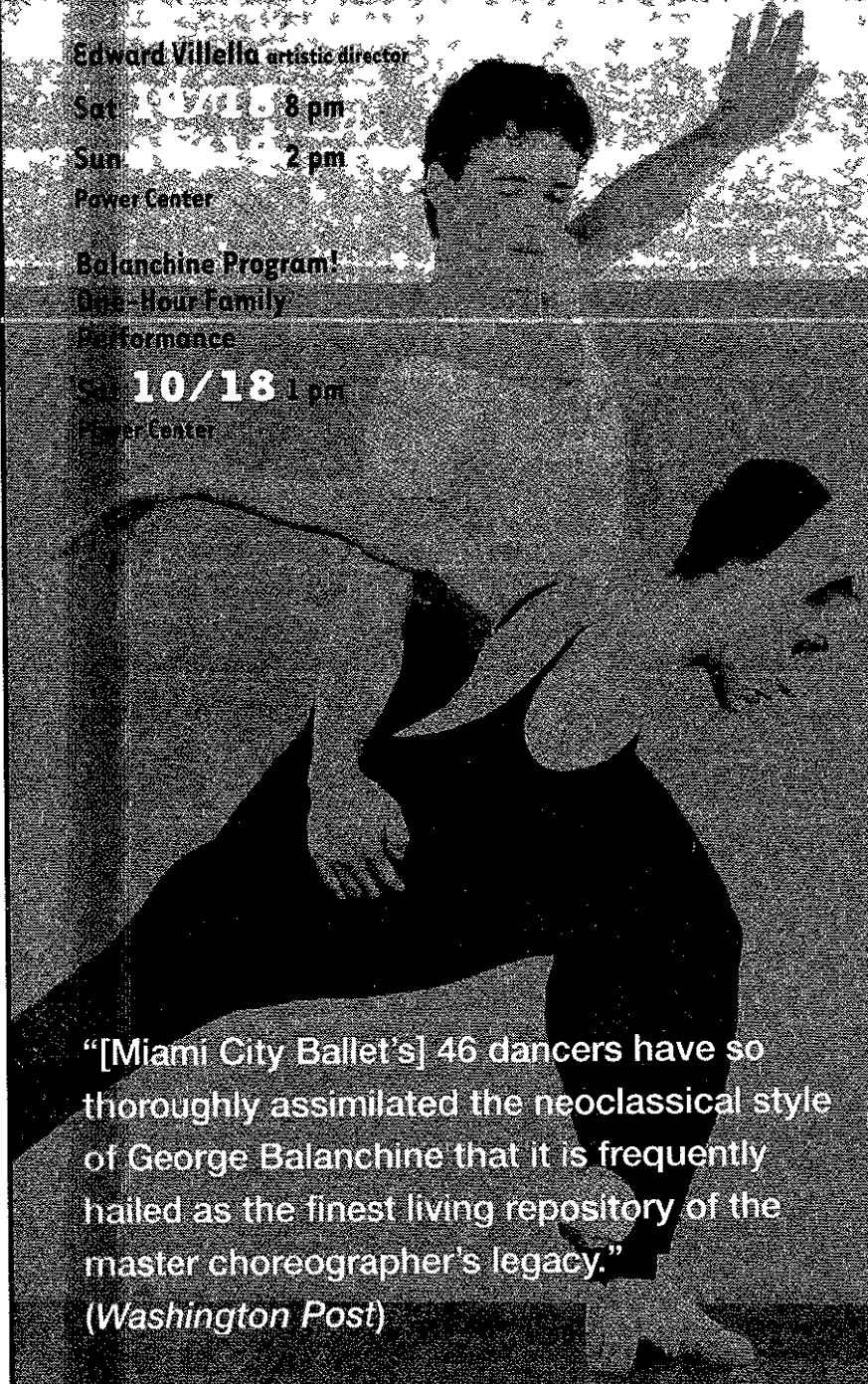
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Popular music
Nothing stops singer's success

Life keeps shining brighter for Danny D. He built his own recording studio. He's a successful businessman who provides jukeboxes and video games to restaurants and pubs throughout Michigan. He's raising a family, and he's a pop singer/songwriter who's opened for headliners like David Lee Roth. This Saturday he's playing at Fifth Avenue Billiards in Royal Oak.

Danny D plays covers of pop songs by Rod Stewart, Elton John and Queen, but mostly he sings what he writes — passionate songs about dreams, love and courage. His voice is strong and raspy. On stage one would never suspect that D was diagnosed with Tourette's Syndrome at age 7, which causes him to make involuntary movements and sounds.

"It doesn't get in the way of my shows," D said. "I'm happiest when I'm in front of a crowd, trying to make them dance and feel happy. When I'm on stage, I feel alive."

"It's kind of a weird problem, it's like having someone else in your body doing these things you can't control."

When D speaks, occasionally a high-pitched sound — almost like a whistle or squeak — comes out, but it doesn't inhibit or slow his conversation. In fact, he's become an inspiration for kids nationwide who also live with Tourette's.

"They hear that I'm a singer and they call me for advice, or just to talk," he said. "I want to be a role model for them."

D decided he wanted to sing when he was about 6 years old. The first song he ever sang before an audience was *Hey Jude* when he was 7. He studied guitar and piano and knew he wanted to be involved in music.

Right now he's working to build his name locally. His goal, someday, is to win a Grammy.

"I'm gonna do it," D said. "Sometimes I get discouraged, but when that happens I get a signal that tells me to keep going with it."

I wouldn't change my life one bit — I believe everything happens for a good reason. I know God has a purpose for me, and I have a feeling it's helping people through my music."

WHERE TO SEE DANNY D

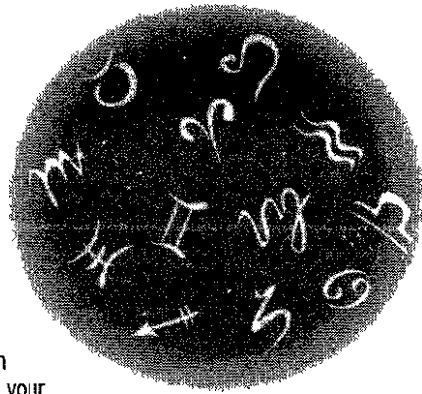
When: 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18
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Horoscope



Star Struck

By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Ram's astro-rumblings cut both ways on one hand, colleagues are willing to back your ideas; on the other you'll have to agree to a trade off in return. Don't limit yourself to routine - if one approach doesn't work, try something different and enjoy the best of both worlds.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

A battle of wits or tug of war is not yet won. Summon up your courage and fight for what you know to be right and just. Unfortunately, certain individuals will not concede just how loyal and long suffering you have been. Be willing to graze new pastures. Bull.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

If circumstances have forced you to keep certain plans under wraps, now is the time to bring them into the open. You've always wanted to prove how dynamic you can be - now's your chance! Those who have doubted you will soon sing your praises.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

What is revealed in a rather unexpected manner now should give you the final piece of a complex puzzle and enable you to make certain others regret having tried to mislead you. Don't crawl in your shell. MoonChild, grab hold of every opportunity to set the record straight.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

The world is divided into talkers and doers and it seems that you're currently a talker. A financial matter needs some kind of action so you should start performing now. There is much to be learned from the views of others. Pay attention to details and the Big Picture will emerge.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

You are perfectly equipped to excel at whatever you choose, so why do you linger in the wings with your personal stuff when you should be center stage? The answer seems to have more to do with self image and esteem than with external pressures. Snap out of it!

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

You'll find it hard to keep your opinions to yourself this week, especially when dealing with authority figures. However, it would be foolish to force anyone to say more than they intend. Subtlety and civility are essential to achieve your aims at this time.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Be grateful that others are finally coming clean about their motives, even if what you hear is not entirely to your liking. There has been far too much secrecy lately (which Scorpio invents!). Share any doubts rather than keep them to yourself. But do so with care.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Current cosmic trends suggest that your doubts and fears will soon be swept away and your optimism will return. Don't go from one extreme to the other, however, if you take silly risks now, you're asking for trouble. Pray, plot and play your hand - and be grand!

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

You're not one to throw in the towel or admit defeat, so give a project that isn't going too well a little while longer to work. You are now passing through uncharted territory, and only time will tell if you are heading in the right direction. Victory comes by persevering.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

Others admire you for your ability to stay calm in the most trying of circumstances and you will need every last ounce of self control now to remain aloof from disturbing developments at the work or home front. Don't blow your chances by blowing your top!

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

There must be no more hesitating or procrastinating over intensely personal or professional issues now. Fish! Accept things you cannot change, change things you can. But do so with care because feelings are running high. Nobody wants to feel guilty or trapped.

Dennis Fairchild is a Birmingham based astrologer and author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations, phone (248) 646-3555 or e-mail at DenFairchild@aol.com

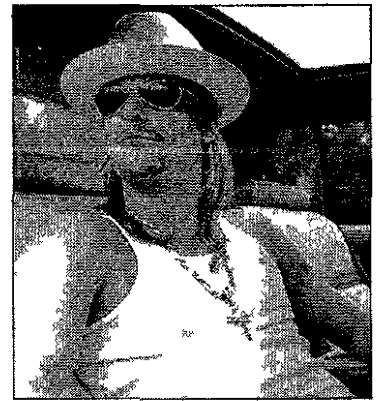
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New CD

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Like his buddy Uncle Kracker, who remade Dobie Gray's song *Drift Away*, Kid Rock is kicking off his new album 1970s-style. Tune in your favorite radio station to hear his version of Bad Company's *Feel Like Makin' Love*. It's one of the songs on Kid Rock's new self-titled album due to hit stores Nov. 11.

He's been nominated for two American Music Awards for his last platinum CD *Cocky*. The categories are favorite pop or rock male artist and favorite album. The 31st annual awards will air Sunday Nov. 16, on ABC.



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Marquis Theatre

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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 Cost \$7 per person Call (248) 628 1611 www.uplandhillsfarm.com

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Stagecrafters

Evita children's auditions will be held at the Baldwin Theatre in Downtown Royal

Oak on Nov 1 with registration at 9 a.m. and auditions beginning at 10 a.m. Adult auditions will be held on Nov 8 with registration at 9:30 a.m. for dancers who sing auditions at 10 a.m. For singers who move registration is at 1:30 p.m. with auditions at 2 p.m. Adult auditions will be held at the Starr Presbyterian Church 1717 W 13 Mile Road Royal Oak Show dates are Jan 16 Feb 8 2004

THEATER

Meadow Brook Ensemble Theatre

The Gravity of Honey through Sunday Nov 9 matinee and evening shows Meadow Brook Theatre campus of Oakland University Rochester Hills \$23 \$33 series subscriptions begin at \$89 available through December (248) 377 3300

Jewish Ensemble Theatre

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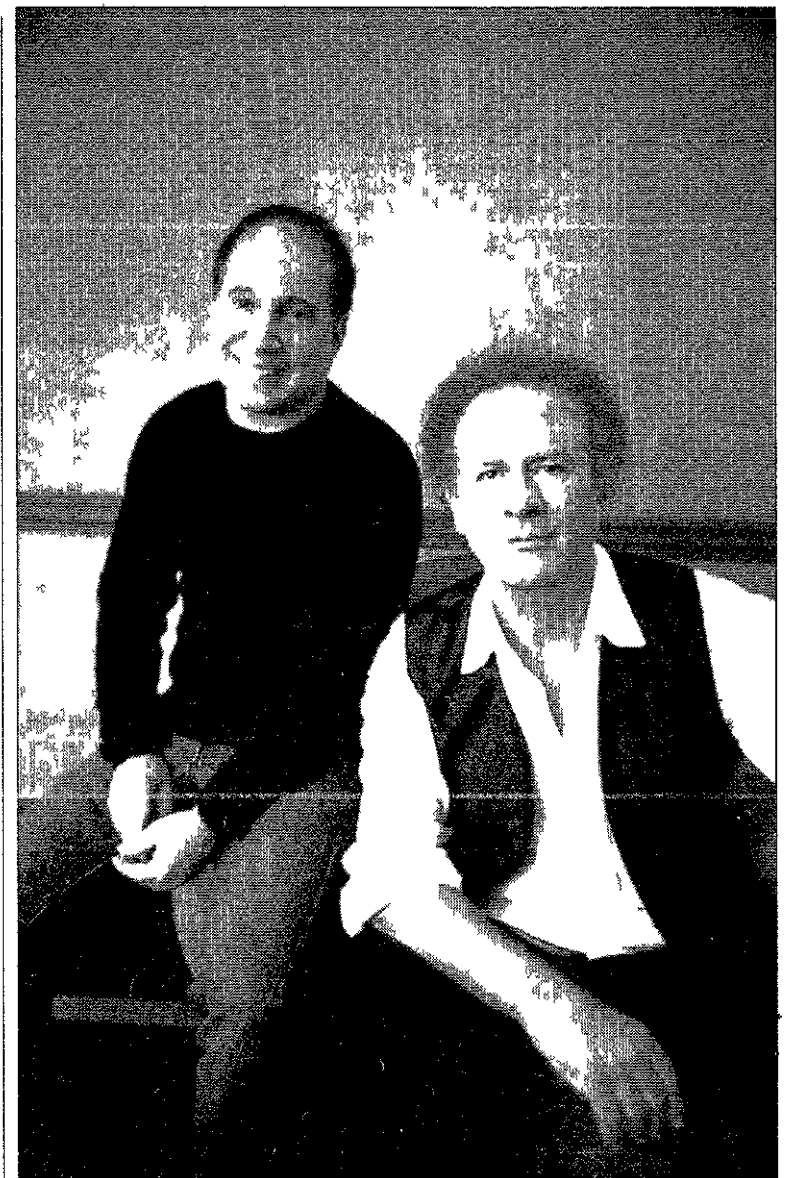
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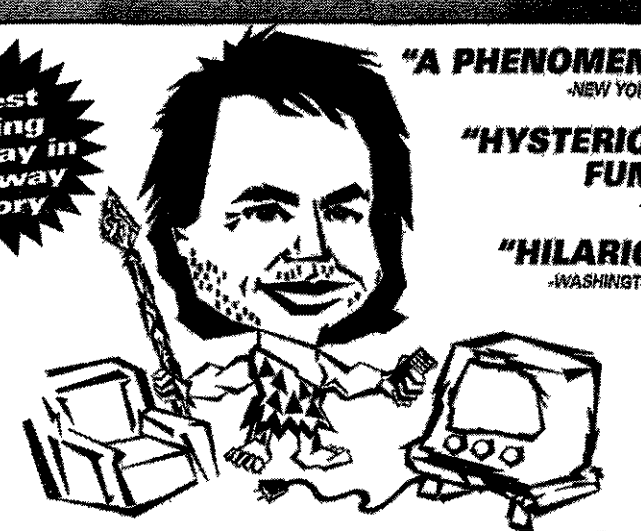
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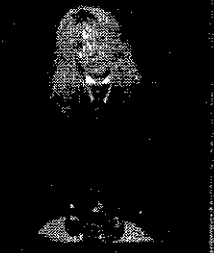
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Pure Picks

Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda we present our top entertainment picks for the week. *Filtered just for you

Show

Rachel Trachtenburg will steal your heart. As the youngest member of **The Trachtenburg Family Players** a real family indie vaudeville art pop group Rachel age 9 is the cutest thing banging on drums since Meg White. The group makes music based on anonymous strangers' old slides gathered from yard sales and thrift stores - creating a live show that is unique, funny and political. Dad Jason Trachtenburg provides vocals, plays piano and guitar while mom Tina Trachtenburg projects the slides and has been known to make food for the audience.

The Trachtenburg Family Players will perform Thursday Oct. 30 at the Magic Bag 22920 Woodward Ave. in Ferndale. Doors open at 7 p.m. 18 and up. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Advanced tickets may be purchased through Ticketmaster. To learn more about the band, click on <http://www.slideshowplayers.com>



Film

Critically acclaimed director Quentin Tarantino is back with the action film **Kill Bill Vol. 1** starring Uma Thurman as a former assassin betrayed by her boss (David Carradine). Thurman emerges from a four-year coma to enact revenge on Bill and his squad of international assassins.

The film also stars Lucy Liu, Daryl Hannah, and Vivica A. Fox. Run time 1 hr 50 min. Playing at most major local movie theaters. The movie's web site is <http://www.killbill.com>

Local band

Detroit rockers **The Dirtbombs** will celebrate the release of their latest album *Dangerous Magical Noise* at a record release party Friday at the Magic Stick 4120 Woodward Ave. in Detroit. The Sirens, The Mystery Girls, and The Little Killers will also perform. Doors open at 9 p.m. Cost is \$10-18 and up. For more on the band, check out <http://www.thedirtbombs.net/>

Album

Significant other break up with you? Life seem like a long series of unanswerable questions? Seeking relief?

Look no further than **Death Cab for Cutie's** latest effort *Transatlanticism* (Barsuk).

All of the standard emo fare lyrics are here. *We Looked Like Giants* will remind you of losing your first love. *The New Year* is an isolation anthem. *The Sound of Settling* will remind you not to sell out.

But what sets this album apart from the *Jimmy SavetheDaybyEatingaNewFoundDashboardonThursday* that has infiltrated MTV is the music - both intricate and melodic. The album's title track is slow, fuzzy, and winding - a la Coldplay.

Those who liked lead singer Ben Gibbard's Postal Service project will love *Title and Registration* - a mix of samples and synths catchier than the flu.

The record is available at local record stores including Record Time in Ferndale and Tower Records in Birmingham.



Concert

The Strokes will swing their rock n roll hips through Detroit's State Theatre on tonight.

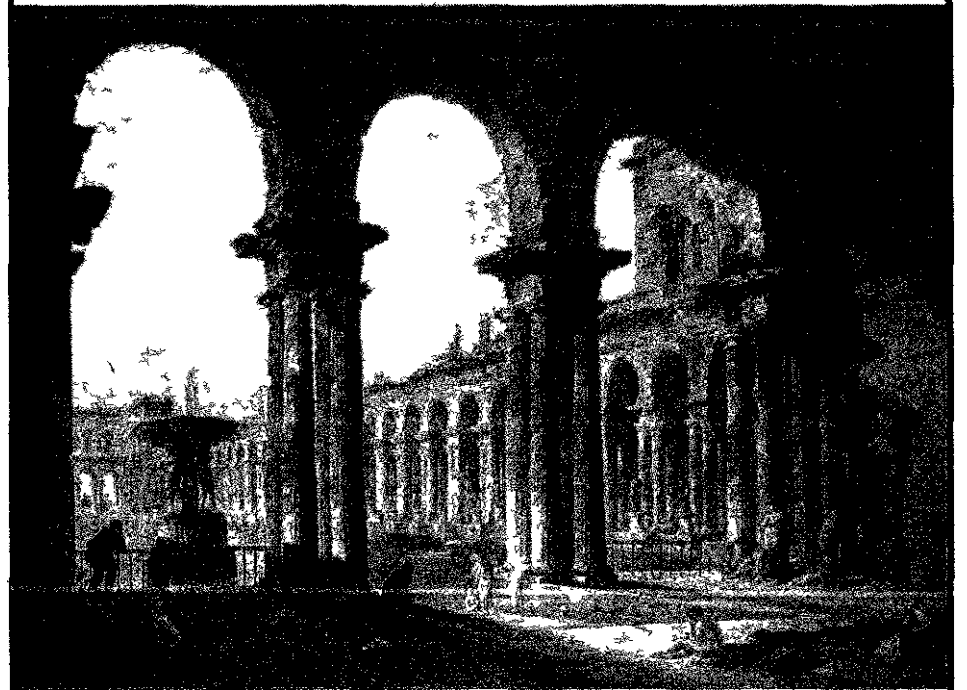
Although their highly anticipated sophomore album *Room on Fire* won't be released until Oct. 28, the first single *1251* is promising. Full of longing New Wave guitars and hand claps, the song would have fit perfectly on the group's 2001 debut *Is This It*. Although a huge departure from the group's so far successful formula may not be evident, The Strokes prove that doing one thing and doing it well can still be fun.

Southern rockers The Kings of Leon will open. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased through Ticketmaster online at <http://www.ticketmaster.com> or by calling (248) 645-6666. The State Theatre is located at 2715 Woodward Ave. in Detroit.

Pure Picks is written by Stephanie Tardy. Is there something you want considered? To submit information on local entertainment or other ideas to be featured in this space, e-mail her at stardy@oehomecomm.net

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On Stage

Sweet amour

Love, both sweet and dangerous, is in the air at Detroit Opera House

Everybody wants it Nobody fully understands it

But the Detroit Opera House has more than enough to share

Love is the theme of its 2003-04 operatic season, which opens Saturday, Oct 18, with a production of Giuseppe Verdi's *A Masked Ball*

Of course, love has long been the focal point of literature, theater and other art forms

On the operatic stage, though, love seems to take on an unparalleled intensity

"Opera taps into the depth of feelings that we all have, that we express in a more controlled or superficial way," said David DiChiera, DOH's general director and founder "Here is an art form that allows expression of these emotions at great depth"

Put it this way In the make-believe realm of opera, love's power and ferocity reach a high pitch that's generally frowned upon, if not thought downright crazy, in the real world

Take DOH's opening production, *A Masked Ball*, which runs through Sunday, Oct 26 Set in 18th century Sweden and loosely based on the life of King Gustav, the three-act Verdi masterpiece tells a story of love that proves fatal

The king has fallen in love with the wife of his best friend and loyal secretary at a time when a group of conspirators is already plotting the king's death

Verdi composed the ever popular *La Traviata*

Unrequited love is the subject of DOH's second production, Giacomo Puccini's *Madame Butterfly*, set for Nov 8-16

It is the story of one who loves honestly

and another for sexual gratification,' DiChiera said

A less cynical version of love takes flight April 24-May 2 with Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *The Magic Flute* Set in a fairy-tale land where prince and princess collide, *The Magic Flute* tells the story of first love and love at first sight The opera also is a morality play, so 'it's a wonderful opera for young and old alike,' DiChiera said,

William Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan's opera darling, *The Pirates of Penzance*, a story of everlasting love, follows May 8-16

Closing the season, June 5-13, is Georges Bizet's *The Pearl Fishers*, a tale of forbidden love set in exotic Sri Lanka

Of course every version of love is unique

Think of opera as a way to partake in a few variations

FATAL LOVE

What. Giuseppe Verdi's 'A Masked Ball'

When: Oct 18-26, performances are 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday

Where: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit

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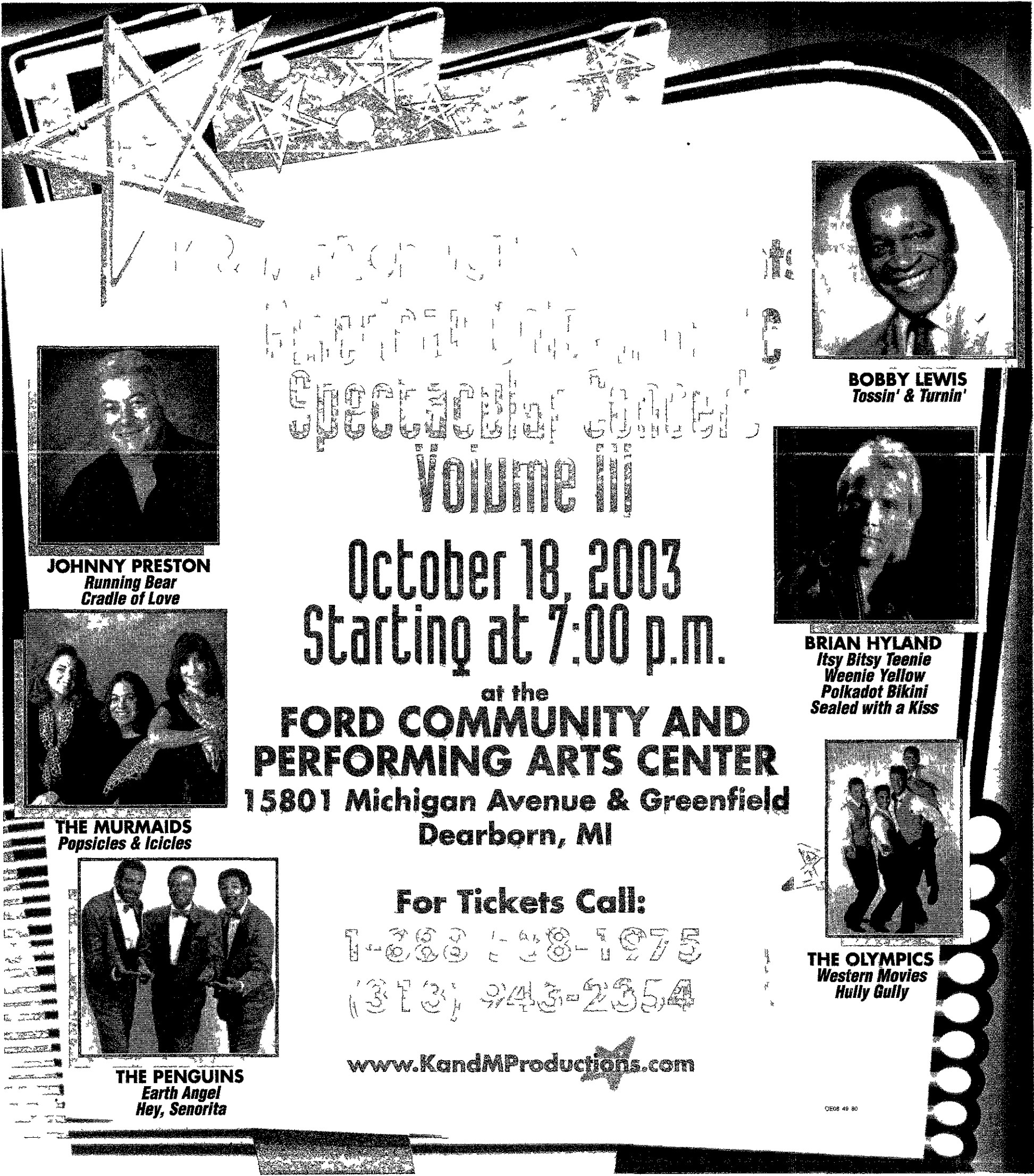
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