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## Pipetune

### Art exhibit

Local artist Michele Riddell Bagnasco will exhibit her work at the Plymouth Community Arts Council through the end of the month.

Bagnasco's art will be on display along with that of artists Patti Monroe-Mohrenweiser and Wayne M. Joseph in a show titled, "Visual Verse: Exploring Imagery in the Written Word through Calligraphy, Collage and Assemblage."

According to PCAC officials, their work is mixed media with lettering and collage. Some of the work is three dimensional or has some dimensional quality to it and is very thought-provoking as quotations and poetry are used in the pieces, officials said.

The artists are planning a reception open to the public on from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13. Exhibit hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth Call (734) 416-4278, for more information.

### Ageless ability

Robert Sirkle of Plymouth, 73, was one of several people honored by Operation Able last week for contributions to their employers at Operation Able's "Ability is Ageless" luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn.

The event salutes employees 50 years of age or older, or with 20 years of service to a company, who make a daily difference to their companies through their experience, work ethic and commitment to excellence.

Sirkle, a manager reading for DTE Energy, only took sick time once during this 53-year tenure: For a heart-bypass six years ago, according to DTE officials who nominated him.



## Voters: Read our lips on taxes

### Residents nix Headlee rollback by 3-1 margin

Voters overwhelmingly told city officials to start making cuts - rather than raise taxes - to erase projected budget deficits ranging from \$1.2 million next year to \$2.4 million in 2008-09.

By a 3-1 margin, residents rejected Proposal 1, which called for increasing the city's millage rate from its current 11 mills to a maximum 15 mills for each of the next three years.

The administration, along with some commissioners, wanted the tax increase to ease the pain of mounting expenses and reduced revenues on the fiscal budget. However, the defeat of Proposal 1 by a margin of 1,419-474 indicated the electorate wants the city to dig deeper.

"The way they worded it

(Proposal 1), they weren't specific on where the funds are going," said Dan Luxie, who has lived in Plymouth for 15 years. "It's a little slush fund for the fire department, police department and municipal services."

"If I had a little more direction on where the money was going, I might have voted differently," said Luxie.

Guy Kananen, who has lived in the city for 30 years, said he came prepared to vote "no" on Proposal 1.

"We're in the middle of a recession and every one of these companies are cutting and lowering overhead, so why is the city raising taxes?" asked Kananen. "Cut back, figure it out, be efficient. The rest of us are doing it, so why don't they?"

John Shevlin, a 30-year resi-



Plymouth Mayor Bill Graham congratulates top vote-getter Dave Workman at Doyle's Tuesday evening. Workman won a four-year seat on the city commission.

dent of Plymouth, said he just doesn't want to give any more. "It seemed very threatening," said Shevlin of the literature he received over the weekend. "It said if we don't vote for the increase, there would be reduction in police, and parks and recreation. It sounded like an ultimatum."

"Taxes are high, we've hit our

max, enough is enough," he said. Among the suggestions by the administration to balance next year's budget are cuts in leaf pickup, snow removal, restructuring of police and fire services and the elimination of concerts in Kellogg Park.

Still, there were those who

PLEASE SEE TAXES, A4

## Challenger tops ballot in city race

Going into Tuesday's Plymouth City Commission election, challenger Dave Workman felt the two incumbents were quality candidates who would easily win re-election.

He was right, but Workman also pulled off perhaps the election's biggest surprise, becoming the top vote-getter and earning a four-year term.

Workman drew 1,220 votes in an election which saw nearly 28 percent of Plymouth's electorate either show up at the polls or vote absentee.

"I'm very surprised," said Workman, as he looked over the results at City Hall shortly after 8 p.m. "When we have two incumbents who have done very good work in Plymouth the voters of Plymouth have always listened closely and been aware of what they're voting

PLEASE SEE ELECTION, A4



Pit percussionists Meridith Bailey, Mike McDermott and Dustin Maynes keep the beat in the Pontiac Silverdome where the P-CEP Marching Band captured all Flight I top awards along with the highest score of all 40 bands at Saturday's Michigan Competing Band Association State Championships.

## Marchers sweep to 10th crown

BY DIANE HANSON  
CORRESPONDENT

Capping off a perfect top-scoring, in-state competitive season, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band was awarded the Flight I State Championship for the 10th straight year at the Michigan Competing Band Association State Finals held at the Pontiac Silverdome Saturday.

The nationally acclaimed marchers also captured the Flight I caption trophies for Best Marching, Best Music and Best General Effect along with the highest score of all 40 competing bands - 91.45 - for their dynamic

PLEASE SEE BAND, A6

## Brothers turn store's focus to winery

Mark Tanski and brother Jim have owned Plymouth Marketplace for 10 years.

The pair recently decided it was time to take the Ann Arbor Road store, which originally began as a produce market, to "the next level."

"We wanted to break our identity of being a grocery store," said Mark Tanski, who left his job as an electrical engineer (his brother was a chemical engineer) to open the business. "We wanted to

expand on all the qualities of Plymouth Marketplace, but we didn't want to close the store and reopen as something else."

With that idea, the Tanskis spent nearly \$200,000 on renovations, which include a winery and a wine cellar, expanding the bottled selections to more than 2,200 different varieties on the floor.

"The things we are good at are meat, produce and wine," said Tanski. "We always were a wine shop, but never had a statement in

wine. Now, we've opened the door to a whole new customer base."

With the new direction, and the focus on bottled wines, Plymouth Marketplace is now known as BellaVino.

"Bella means beautiful, and vino is wine," Tanski said. "It hit me like a ton of bricks while driving down the road."

Tanski said BellaVino has both federal and state licenses to begin

PLEASE SEE MARKET, A7



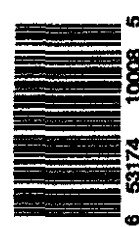
Jim Tanski (right) and Mark Tanski, owners, pause by the sign with the market's new name.

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# Student to perform with DSO youth group

Canton High School violinist Alycia Wilder will perform in her debut concert as a member of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Civic Orchestra at 3 p.m. Nov. 9 at the new Max M. Fisher Music Center, Detroit. A 10th grader, Wilder is a member of the DSO's youth ensemble, which includes 120 high school and college students. November kicks off the season for the youth orchestras.

The program features Beethoven's Leonore Overture No. 3, Brahms' Symphony No. 4 and a World Premiere by American composer John Beall titled *Suite from Ethan Frome*. Wilder was recently featured in a WDIV-TV documentary about Max M. Fisher. She performed solo during a segment of the 60-minute film in which the DSO's commitment to music education was discussed. She was also featured on a FOX 2 news report about the DSO's educational programs and its new Jacob Bernard Pincus Music Education Center. At 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, the Detroit Symphony Civic Sinfonia, made up of 130 junior and senior high school students, will perform works by Beethoven, Grieg, Elgar, Holst and Ghere. The Nov. 9 and Nov. 13 concerts will be led by Charles Burke, the DSO's Director of Education and Conductor of Civic Ensembles. Civic and Civic Sinfonia concerts feature Southeast Michigan's most talented

young musicians, trained by the DSO, performing challenging works from the classical repertoire. The concerts offer classical music newcomers a unique and affordable introduction to the genre and provide classical fans with another opportunity to hear live performances at Orchestra Hall.

Each concert this season is preceded by "Civic Conversations," an informal and interactive discussion about the upcoming performance, led by conductor Charles Burke. General Admission tickets are \$15 for the Civic Orchestra concerts and \$10 for Sinfonia.

This year, for the first time, the Detroit Symphony Civic Ensembles are also offering subscription ticket packages that provide up to 44 percent off single ticket prices. Call (313) 576-5111 or visit [www.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.com) for more information. Students come from 10 Southeast Michigan counties and more than 80 different junior and senior high schools, as well as seven colleges and universities. In addition to their weekly rehearsals with Charles Burke, ensemble members receive sectional training sessions and master classes led by members of the DSO and world-renowned visiting guest artists. Other benefits include complimentary tickets to DSO performances, chamber ensemble coaching and performances at special events throughout the Metro Detroit area. The Ford Motor Company Fund sponsors both the Civic and Sinfonia Orchestras, and additional support is provided by the Surdna Foundation.



Wilder

## CLASS REUNIONS

■ Plymouth High School Class of 1973 is having a 30-year reunion at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29 at Atlantis Restaurant in Plymouth. Atlantis is located on Ann Arbor Road, just east of the I-275 interchange.

■ The Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem Classes of 1993 are having their 10-year reunion Friday, Nov. 28 at Burton Manor in Livonia.

For more information, e-mail [cantonsalem1993@hotmail.com](mailto:cantonsalem1993@hotmail.com)

## BRUNCH-ART EXHIBIT

Independence Village of Plymouth hosts a brunch and art exhibit Nov. 9. Featured artists will include naturalist and painter Susan Falcone and renowned jewelry designer Farah Rose. Brunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., the art exhibit will be open from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information, call (734) 453-2600.

## NEWCOMER SHOPPING

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors have found a way for shoppers to get their holiday shopping done early. The Holiday Shopping Vendor Extravaganza. The event will feature more than a dozen local vendors under one roof at the Plymouth Cultural Center from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18. Vendors scheduled to be on hand include All Strung Out Jewelry Designs, Avon Cosmetics, Arbonne International, Creative Memories Scrapbooks, Discovery Toys, Longaberger Baskets, Mary Kay Cosmetics,

## AROUND TOWN



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Freshman Kalee Fox of Canton, 14, center, celebrates with friends after being named Homecoming Princess during halftime of the Plymouth High School junior varsity game. Her brother, Taylor, a football player, was named Homecoming Prince.

Pampered Chef, PartyLite Candles, Sweet Favors Gourmet Chocolates, Southern Living Home, Tastefully Simple, and Tupperware. Proceeds benefit the Adopt-A-Family program. The Plymouth Cultural Center is located at 525 Farmer. For more information, call (734) 454-0645.

## BETTER HEALTH

Better Health hosts the first Better Health Fair Friday, Nov. 7 and Saturday, Nov. 8 at its Plymouth store located at 44427 W. Ann Arbor Rd.

This free two-day event will feature free samples, free health screenings, free technology demonstrations, hourly presentations, product demonstrations, on-site chair massages, fitness expert Pete Nielson and live Bluegrass music. Reservations can be made by calling (734) 455-1440.

## STARBUCKS AND KIDS

Starbucks Coffee Company is teaming up with Starlight Children's Foundation and the metro Detroit community for the Holiday Angels Toy Drive. From Nov. 13-Dec. 25, customers can make donations at

Starbucks coffeehouses throughout metro Detroit, including the one in the Mayflower Centre in downtown Plymouth, to benefit seriously ill children served by the Starlight network.

During the holidays, customers can select gift tags printed with toy suggestions from special Holiday Angels "giving" trees in Starbucks retail locations in North America.

Customers are then invited to purchase and deliver new, unwrapped gifts to their local Starbucks store.

The gifts donated in metro Detroit will benefit seriously ill children staying in Mott Children's Hospital, Children's Hospital of Michigan, St. John's Medical Center, William Beaumont Hospital, Henry Ford Hospital and Karamanos Cancer Institute of Detroit.

Busy customers who do not have time to purchase a gift can support the Holiday Angels Toy Drive with a monetary donation to Starlight.

Prepaid envelopes will be available for customers to mail donations of any dollar amount.

## FARM-GARDEN MEETING

The November meeting of

the Plymouth branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association takes place at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10 in the Waldorf Room of the Plymouth District Library.

The business meeting will also include a presentation on decorating for the holidays.

Anyone interested in attending should call the club's president, Judy Krieman, (734) 459-1027.

## NUTCRACKER PERFORMANCE

In the long-standing holiday tradition, the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra joins with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet and the Plymouth Canton Educational Park Madrigal Singers to present the classic fairy tale, Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Ballet*.

The classic story will be presented at 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 at Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. Admission is \$18 for adults and \$10 for children.

Following the matinee performances, the Plymouth Symphony League will host the Sugar Plum Tea in the cafeteria. Tea tickets are also available at \$5.

These delightful performances are made possible through the generous support of the Plymouth Symphony League, and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

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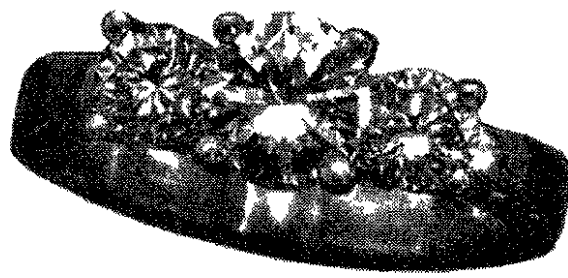
For tickets, season subscriptions or more information, contact the Symphony Office at (734) 451-2112 or at [plymouthsymphony@aol.com](mailto:plymouthsymphony@aol.com).

Tickets are also available at the following outlets: Crystal Diamond Setters in Plymouth, Dearborn Music in Canton, Evola Music in Canton, or through the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company.

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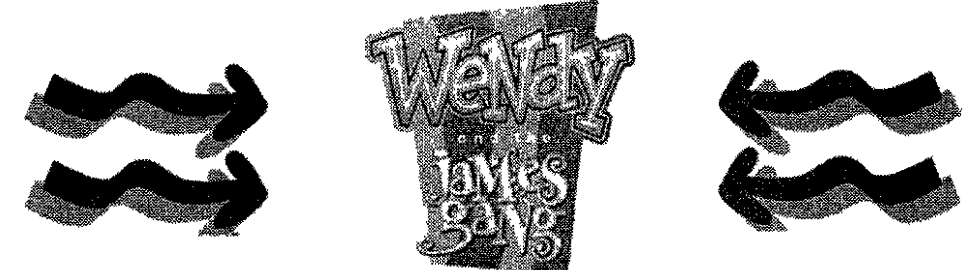
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Crews put the finishing touches on sidewalks along Ann Arbor Trail near Plymouth Township Park as the 2003 sidewalk program comes to a close

# Sidewalk program connects residents

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

In a perfect world dreamed up by Plymouth Township officials, township residents would be able to get anywhere they wanted simply by walking along a sidewalk

That world is a step closer now, with the completion of the township's 2003 sidewalk program. Gaps in township sidewalks along 5 Mile, Ann Arbor Trail and Haggerty were among those closed this year, as the township spent some \$75,000 adding walks in those areas

"It's been one of our priorities, improving the sidewalk infrastructure and allowing our residents to get around the township safely," said township Supervisor Steve Mann

"It connects not only our subdivisions, but the whole community"

The township has spent some \$250,000 in the last three years alone improving the sidewalks, with three goals in mind, according to Mann. Allowing residents to get from neighborhood to neighborhood, providing better access to Plymouth Township Park, and providing township residents a way to reach city boundaries. Crews put the cap on 2003 construction by paving sidewalks particularly around township park, located at Ann Arbor Trail and McClumpha. More projects are on the way for Spring 2004, but plans are being delayed by the need for county approval

"There are other locations the township is looking at to

get started in the spring," said township engineer Michael Bailey of Dietrich Bailey & Associates. "A lot of them are in the county right-of-way, so it's a matter of getting the designs prepared and approved by Wayne County." The projects can be time-consuming, according to Bailey, because nothing about them is cut-and-dried. Property owners first must be convinced it's a good idea, then must be sold on allowing the sidewalks in their right-of-way. There are landscaping and property rights issues. For instance, one Ann Arbor Trail homeowner doesn't want sidewalks in front of his house because it would displace a berm that runs along the street. "We have to work with homeowners to get easements, because it involves displacing landscaping, and we have to work with them to get it done," Bailey said. "Each sidewalk can have dozens of easements depending on how many properties you cross, and each property can end up being its own little project."

Bailey talked about a stretch from township park east to Sheldon the township would like to see get done, but it might be difficult

"We've had some success with that, but there are some properties out there where the physical features really don't avail themselves to a sidewalk. Some of the property owners aren't receptive to the idea."

Bailey did point out most of the dealings he's had with property owners have been good

# Renaissance Festival helps open doors to medieval history

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Discovery Middle School seventh-graders opened the doors of medieval history for parents and fellow classmates with the likes of Christopher Columbus, Joan of Arc, King Henry VIII and one of his wives, Anne Boleyn, who lost her head centuries ago

"It's exciting as a teacher to see how proud these kids are of their work," said Ted Younglas, seventh-grade teacher

Younglas and fellow teacher Kathy Nichols helped students delve into history with a five-week lesson and a hefty peek at the Middle Ages. The lessons culminated with a Renaissance Festival that allowed students to show the era in all its pageantry and all its inhumanity with topics as far ranging as heraldry and the Black Death

Before the actual all-day festival at Discovery, students were asked to pick a person or a topic to research

Students were asked to include a visual aide in their project

When festival day dawned, students turned out in splendor portraying their historical figure of choice or their topic, such as arms and armor

Booths for the festival were the common visual aide, which allowed more than 500 parents and other Discovery students to stop by, ask questions and get informed on the ins and outs of the Middle Ages

"We turned the entire seventh-grade wing into the Middle Ages," Younglas said

"We did a mini lesson on heraldry. They made a coat of arms or put their family names on banners for the festival parade that opened the festival

"The front of the wing

# Time travel



A group of boys watch a dance during the annual Renaissance Festival at Discovery Middle School. Each year students, under the direction of Ted Younglas and Kathy Nichols, recreate characters and build projects for their study of the Middle Ages

looked like a castle with a drawbridge," Younglas continued

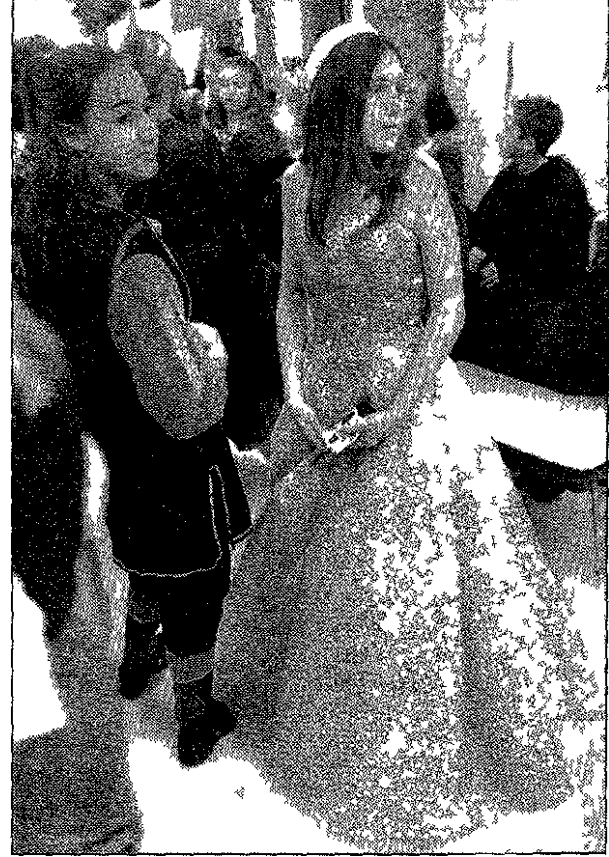
The parade included band members who performed Renaissance music. The rest of the morning was divided into three sessions so students could take in an interactive play thanks to a duo who works for the renowned Renaissance Festival. Students also learned Renaissance dances

At long last, the festival debuted following lunch. "This was the chance for students to show off their stuff," Younglas said

"They did a fantastic job." Curriculum was changed four years ago to include the Renaissance era

"So this is the fourth time we've done this. It definitely gets better and better each time," Younglas said

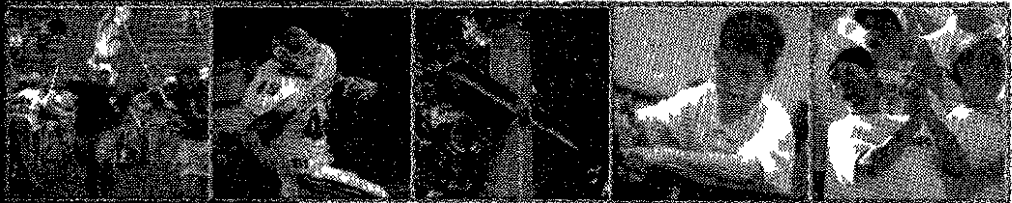
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Discovery Middle School seventh-grader Bailey Ross (left) and Chelsea Jasin, both 12, watch classmates as they participate in the annual Renaissance Festival

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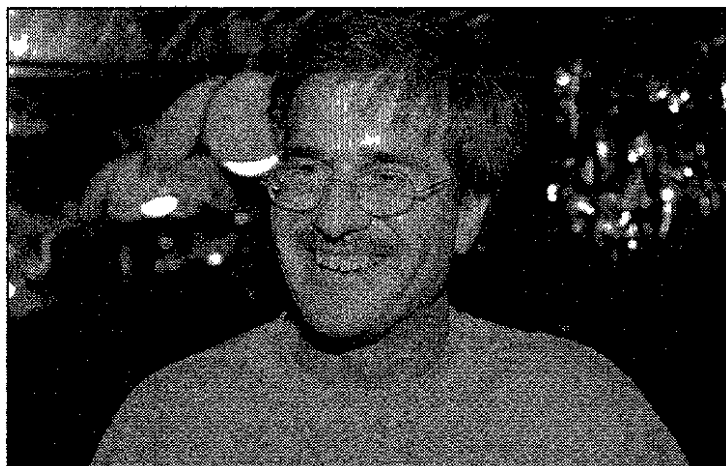
were willing to pay more to keep the services they expect in Plymouth "Costs are going up, and I'd hate to see services decrease," said Christine Beaudoin "I play in the Community Band, so I'd like to continue to play in the concerts"

Kathleen Mundt said it was the level of services she currently enjoys that inspired her to vote "yes" on Proposal 1 "Do I want to pay more taxes? No. But, I would rather pay more taxes than lose services," said Mundt "I really appreciate the services we have, and I don't want to lose employees or have less people on the police force"

those determining what cuts will be made, said she was disappointed in the outcome

"It's going to be painful," said Greene "We're left with the dilemma of dismantling the picture-perfect city that's been the envy of communities across the state. With cuts as drastic as we're left with making, there are going to be some things that will be impossible to reverse which will dramatically alter the community that we all value so much"

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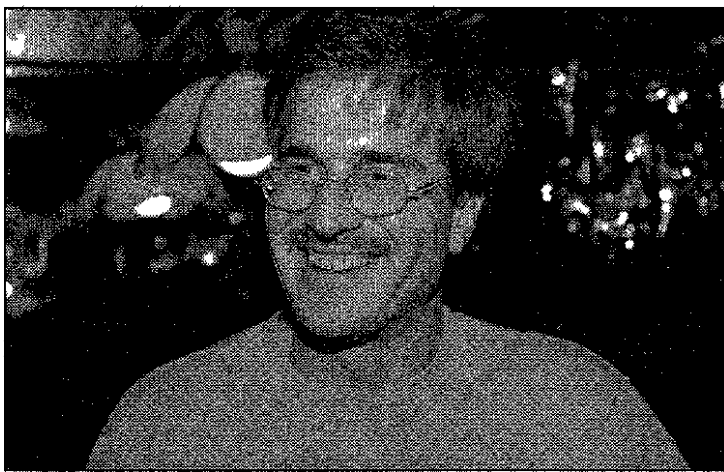
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## Radio show aims at broadening horizons

WSDP 88.1 FM, will air Musical Kaleidoscope at 5:45 p.m. Tuesdays, Nov. 11 and Nov. 25. The show is produced in partnership with the Plymouth Community Arts Council and Pioneer Middle School. Musical Kaleidoscope is a 20-minute show that uses recordings from classical to contemporary to broaden students' musical appreciation. It also subtly promotes social studies and language arts skills in a "Top 40" radio format.

The theme of the show is the Wild West and Pioneer Middle School students Matt Daubenmeyer, Staci Kurlhak and Ashley Soares will host it. The show will feature music from Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, the Hot Club of Cowtown, Bonanza, Aaron Copeland and the musical *Oklahoma!*

Three student announcers, from Pioneer Middle School, are selected for a two-month commitment. They work with the production team from 88.1 FM to write and record the show. During the first month they produce a show from a predetermined script. During the second month the students are asked to develop a script from scratch. They select the theme, music to be played, and create the script.

## FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period from Oct. 29-Nov. 4:

■ Tuesday, Nov. 4 - Residential rescue runs on Haggerty, Southworth, Farmer, Plymouth, Terry and Northville, commercial rescue run on Haggerty, and mutual aid received rescue on southbound I-275 at Five Mile.

■ Monday, Nov. 3 - Residential rescue runs on Maylowe and Newport, commercial rescue run on Haggerty, vehicle accident rescue run on Joy Road west of Canton Center, and rescue run on Wilcox.

■ Sunday, Nov. 2 - Residential rescue runs on Sheldon, Sheridan and E. Pearl, commercial rescue runs on Forest and Haggerty, vehicle accident rescue run on southbound I-275 north of Joy with special extrication, Starkweather and Mam with special wash down and special extrication, and open burning fire on Ann Arbor Road.

■ Saturday, Nov. 1 - Residential rescue runs on Northville, Gold Arbor and Pineridge, rescue run at a public building on Five Mile, vehicle accident rescue run on southbound I-275 over M-14.

■ Friday, Oct. 31 - Residential rescue runs on Covington, Plymouth, Shadywood, and Northville, commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road, vehicle accident rescue run on Beck and Hunters Park, other rescue run on Mill and Rose, and single fire run on Hillside.

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### Alba VanMeter

Alba VanMeter, 90, of S. Pasadena, Fla., died Nov. 2, 2003 at Palms of Pasadena Hospital.

She was born in Providence, R.I., and moved to Florida in 1985 from Plymouth. She was a homemaker and an L.P.N. She was a member of First United Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. She was a lifetime member of the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post, Plymouth, active in Florida Orchestra Guild and was an avid tennis player, bridge player and square dancer.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Robert, sons, Robert A., of Wellington, Fla., and James R. (Bonnie), of Silt, Colo.; daughter Roberta (Thomas) Blackwell, of Baltimore, and grandchildren, Miaesha Blackwell of Baltimore and Cody VanMeter, Daytona Beach, Fla.

### Helene C. DuCharme

Services for Helene DuCharme, 79, of Canton will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth.

## OBITUARIES

Mrs. DuCharme was born Nov. 25, 1923, in Perth County, Ontario, Canada, and died Nov. 1. She graduated from Stratford Vocational School in 1942, and she worked as a legal secretary in Stratford. She worked with her employer attorney Wilford Gregory, in setting up the Shakespearean Festival in Stratford, as well as beginning a chapter of the Young Liberals. Her special interests were current events and the stock market. She married Robert DuCharme in Stratford, Ontario, in 1952 and they

began their early married life in Galt, Ontario. They moved to Detroit in 1954 after Robert became employed with the Chrysler Corporation as a mechanical engineer. Helene worked at Chrysler, too, as a secretary until she was expecting her first child. Robert and Helene lived in Detroit until 1972, when they moved to Canton.


Mrs. DuCharme was preceded in death by her son, Jeffrey, in 2001, three brothers, Edgar, Fred and George, and three sisters, Evelyn, Mary and Dorothy.

Survivors include husband, Robert, son, Michael (Kathleen) of Seattle, daughters, Margot (Thomas) Washington of Seattle, and Sally (James) Mitchell of Canton, daughter-in-law, Lisa, 11 grandchildren, sister, Margaret Rodgers, and brother, Jack Goettler. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

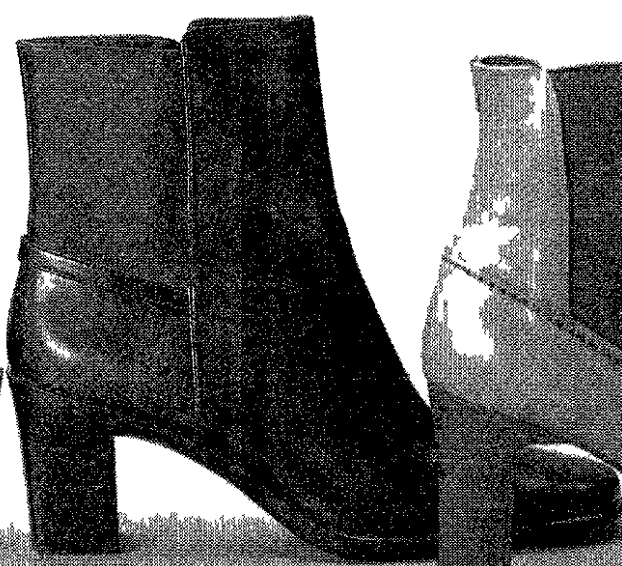
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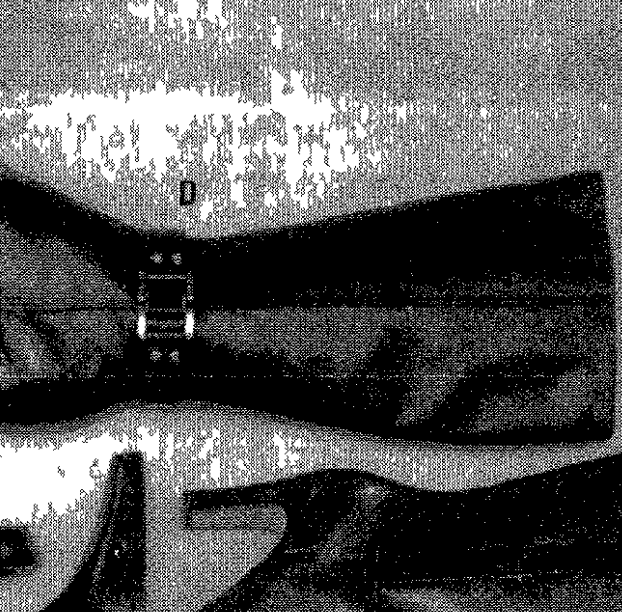


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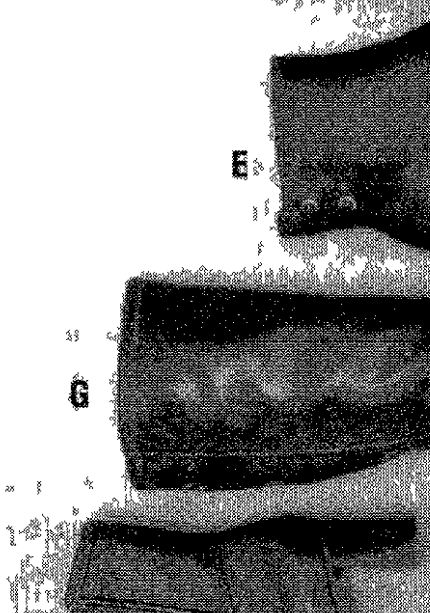
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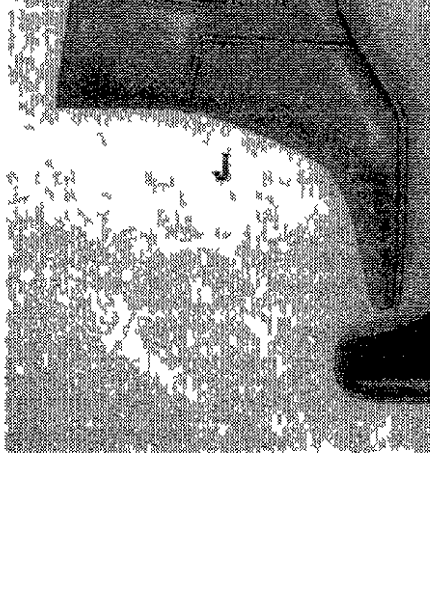
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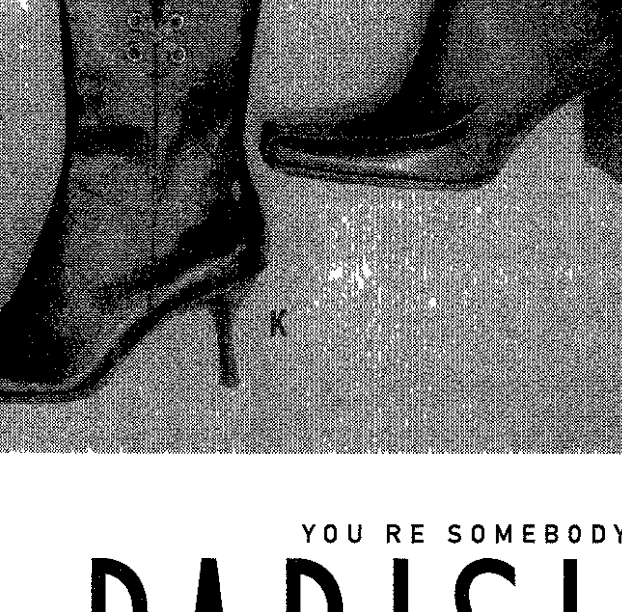
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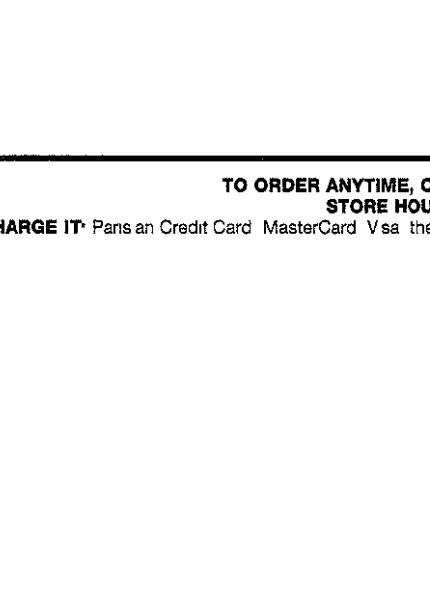
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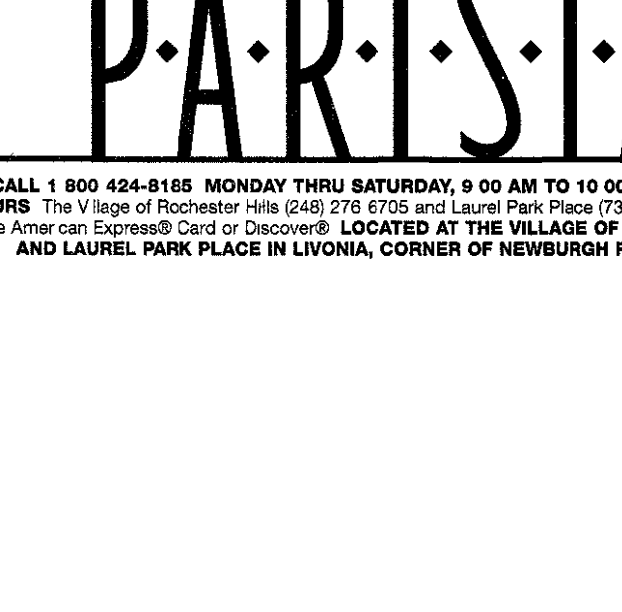
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John Shellhase, a Salem senior and trombonist, couldn't agree more. "This was, by far, the most amazing performance



U.S. Junior Accordion Champion Andrea Caruso played with the P-CEP Marching Band for the first time during the State Championships at the Pontiac Silverdome Nov. 1, sharing in the honor of being Flight I champs.

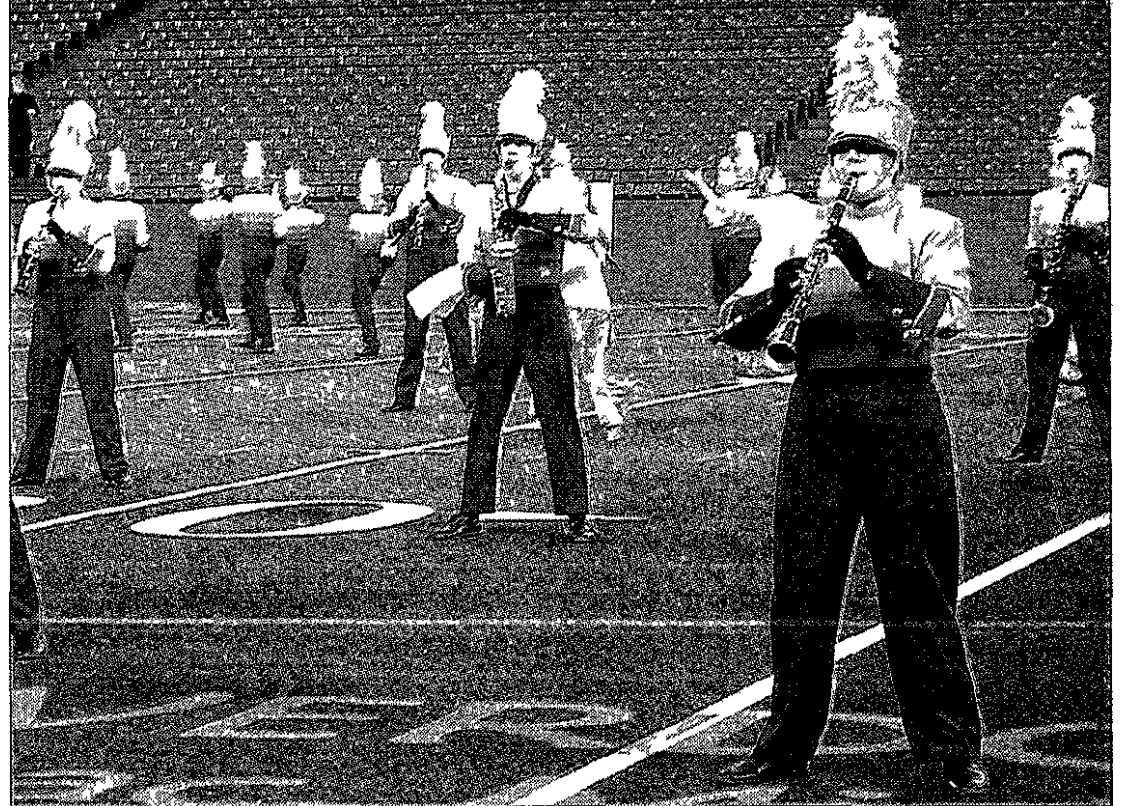
of the season yet, he said. It had so much energy and spirit

That comes from each individual and each section and then we bring it together as a band." Canton junior Audrey Steffka, a third-year saxophone player, echoed those sentiments. "Today's performance was excellent," she said. "It was really energetic and fun. That's pretty much the word that sums us up right now — we're energized and the audience participation really kept that energy going."

Indeed, the mesmerizing Middle Eastern melodies and fast-paced marching along with the rich hues and lively choreography of the color guard captivated some 10,000 spectators and drew them into the performance with rhythmic hand-clapping appreciation during the third movement of the production.

That's exactly the effect Band Director Marc Whitlock anticipated. "We have a lot going on in our show," he said, "and we are very interested to watch and to listen to."

"I thought they did a wonderful job today," he said of his



PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

Saxophonist Andy Vink, Jaime Paffenroth on clarinet and Rebecca Commissaris on bass clarinet take a fleeting stance before continuing their fast-paced marching that aided the Plymouth-Canton band in taking top honors at State Championships Nov. 1.

170 performers, "especially with all the new material added to the last movement — about two minutes of that was brand new this week."

While the entire production is now complete, he confessed there is still a long way to go before the Bands of America Grand National Championships in Indianapolis mid-November. Some of the problems he believed needed to be worked out were due to the "boomy" echoing quality of playing in a dome — forcing musicians to rely on visual cues from the drum majors rather than on what they hear. Assistant Director Brian Miller anticipates much improvement over the next week-and-a-half of practice. "I think this was their best



Drum majors (from left) Kavita Srivastava, Ashley Spohn, Brittany Summers and Elizabeth Schellhase get a firm grip on Flight I trophies for first place, Best Marching, Best Music and Best General Effect while they clutch 170 gold medals for fellow band members and display the banner earned for their band's dynamic performance of 'Souls of the Gypsy Caravan' at the MCBA Finals on Nov. 1.

performance so far," he said. "We will take a look at the video, analyze it, and see where our priorities are with what isn't working and we will change it to make it even better."

Canton junior Jessica Rollinger, a third-year percussionist, is ready for the challenge. "This is the best we've done so far," she said. "But there will be a lot of practice in the next two weeks and we're up for it because it will really be worth it."

One of the changes made just in time for the State competition, and typical of P-CEP innovation, was the addition of accordion player Andrea Caruso, a Canton junior. This is the first time the U.S. Junior Accordion Champion has ever played with a marching band. "I'm really excited about playing with the marching band," she said. "It is really different than playing solo. I don't think many people have been exposed to accordion music in marching band. They usually think of it as a polka instrument." Caruso has competed internationally on several occasions and just returned from competition in Hungary and Slovakia in October before beginning to memorize her band music. Whitlock is delighted with the musical addition. "The music in the third movement was originally written for the accordion," he pointed out. "And Andrea will have more music to play by nationals." While the show is already a crowd-pleaser, Whitlock anticipates improvements and finishing touches on the performance will send a chill through the audience by the time of the Bands of America Grand National Championships in Indianapolis Nov. 13-15.

**Marchers set to perform show in exhibition for community**

The nationally acclaimed Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band has a special gift for the community.

The 170-member award-winning band will perform a full-uniform exhibition of this year's competition show, "Souls of the Gypsy Caravan," at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, in the P-CEP stadium.

There is no charge for the performance, but donations will be gratefully accepted and used to support the band's upcoming trip to Indianapolis Nov. 13-15 for the Bands of America Grand National Championships and to establish marching band scholarships.

Middle school band students will be given preferential seating and are encouraged to come early and receive a free gift while supplies last.

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth Michigan will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday November 18, 2003 for the sale of the following:

1999 Ford Crown Victoria Patrol Vehicle (White)  
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All vehicles are being sold "AS IS" with no warranty either expressed or implied. Vehicles may be inspected at the Plymouth Police Department offices 201 S. Main Plymouth MI between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Please call (734) 453-1234 ext. 206 to schedule an inspection. Proposal forms are available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent 201 S. Main Plymouth MI during regular office hours.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part and to waive any irregularities.

Address bids to: Landa Langmesser, City Clerk, 201 S. Main, Plymouth MI 48170

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CAROL A. STONE, Administrative Services Dir.

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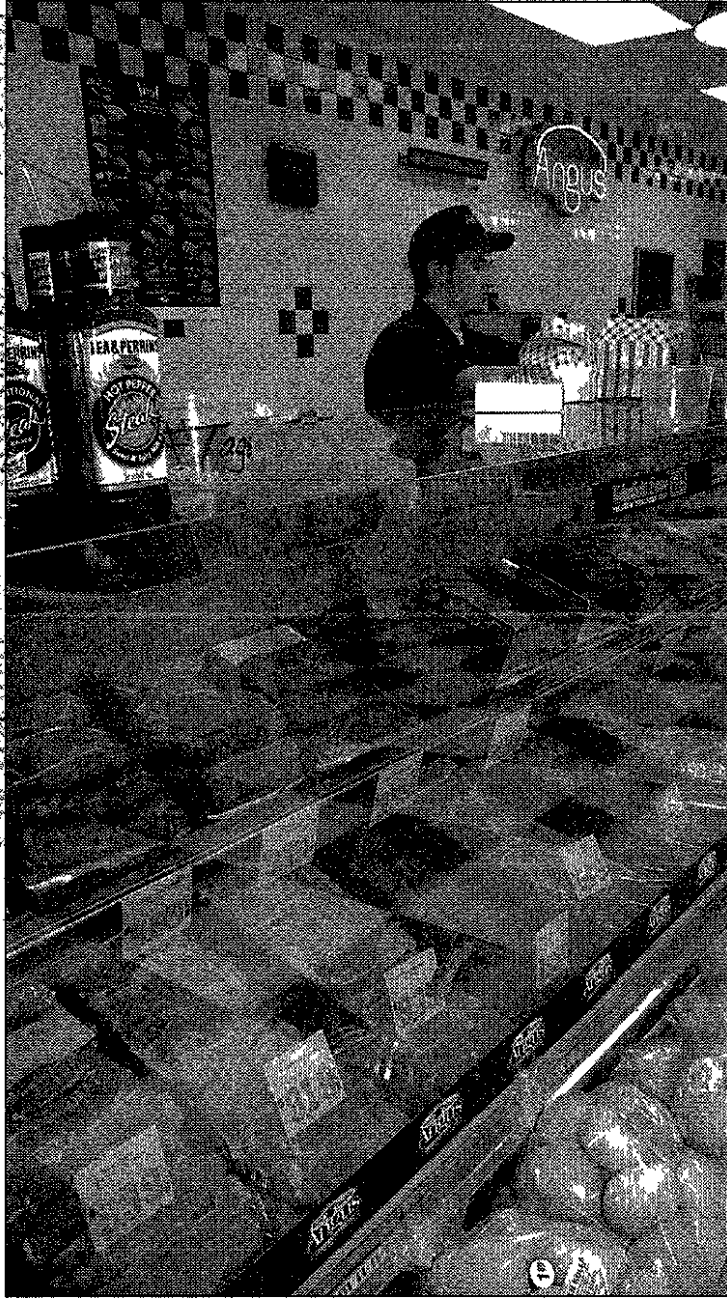


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Meat Counter employee David Herman stands behind the beef selections

## MARKET

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fermenting grape juice, and he expects to have the winery open to the public in January. The winery will use juice already crushed from grapes.

Our business is making wine, teaching you how to entertain and complement your meals and lifestyle using wine," said Tanski. "We're going to produce about 17 different varieties on site."

"The other benefit allows us to do tastings in the store," he said. "We're the only store in Michigan that is a winery and a retail outlet for other wines."

BellaVino now has a 2,000 bottle wine cellar, with prices ranging from \$30 to \$1,800 a bottle, and champagnes from \$30 to \$450 a bottle. "If we don't have what you're looking for, we'll find it," said Tanski. Carol, a long-time shopper from Plymouth who didn't want her last name used, said the addition of the winery is a smart idea. "I think wine is fancy, special," she said. "Then they'll need to have classes on wine."

Tanski said wine tastings, like the one set for this



BellaVino owner Mark Tanski in the wine sales area of the store

Saturday, will become commonplace.

"The first one we had, about a year ago, drew about 250 people," he said. "That's what motivated us to get so behind wine."

"We'll have a lot more demonstrations and sampling in the store," Tanski said. "With the wine, there's a new energy." The renovations will also

include an expansion of the meat department, and the addition of a smokehouse to make BellaVino's own sausages.

"I like the way they grind their meats," said Kate Phelan of Plymouth Township. "And, the people are nice. It's usually fast in and fast out."

Tanski said the move to more specialization moves

BellaVino out of the grocery store market. "We don't want to be in that battle anymore," he said. "We want to complement the way you feel, and what you're trying to obtain, during parties and daily meals."

BellaVino's wine tasting is scheduled from 7 p.m. Saturday at the VFW Hall on Mill. Call (734) 453-2535 for reservations.



### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2003

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

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda for the Tuesday, October 28, 2003 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of October 28, 2003 as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

Mrs. Becky Park, 9000 Canton Center Road, had questions as to whether or not the property line dispute with her neighbor would be a civil matter or a matter of trespass because of his parked truck. Township Attorney Cronin said he would be happy to speak to her attorney and work through the legal aspects from the Township's perspective.

Supervisor Mann opened the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m. regarding the request for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption for building improvements and new machinery and equipment for Metaldyne Corporation. There being no public comment, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:21 p.m.

Mr. Griffith moved that the Board approve Resolution No. 03 10 28 35 granting the request from Metaldyne Corporation for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption for building improvements and machinery and equipment for their leased facility located at 14328 Genoa Court, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Supported by Mr. Munfakh.

Ms. Arnold moved to amend the motion to grant a five (5) year Industrial Exemption for Metaldyne Corporation allowing them to return at that point for an extension. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. ROLL CALL ON THE AMENDMENT. Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Nays: Griffith, Munfakh, Edwards, Massengill, Mann. Amendment defeated.

ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION. Ayes: Griffith, Munfakh, Curmi, Mann, Munfakh, Nays: Arnold, Edwards, Massengill. Motion carried. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Supervisor Mann opened the Public Hearing at 7:36 p.m. regarding the request for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption for building improvements and new machinery and equipment for Absopure Water Company. There being no public comment, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:37 p.m.

Mr. Munfakh moved that the Board approve Resolution No. 03 10 28 36 granting the request from Absopure Water Company for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption for building improvements and machinery and equipment for their leased facility located at 41580 Joy Road, Gould Industrial Subdivision, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Supported by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all on a roll call vote. He acquired and installed within the Industrial Development District and.

Supervisor Mann opened the Public Hearing at 8:26 p.m. regarding amending the 2003 General Fund Budget and Adopting the General Fund Budget for 2004.

Mr. Maurice Breen had questions regarding the policy for maintaining general fund balances, the need for filing Freedom of Information Act applications when requesting information and who and when the FOIA officer was designated. He also requested a copy of the fee schedule when the \$50 per page fee was enacted for copies of information requested from the Township.

Mr. Jerry Choumard commented on the fact that Plante & Moran said the projected cost of the Police Department was going to rise by 8% this year and the Fire Department was going to go up by 2% and the revenues would go down by 4%. He asked if these facts were taken into account in preparing the budget. He recommended cautious spending of the general fund balance.

Mr. Mann said the facts that Plante & Moran brought forth were factored in.

Mr. Dan Holton had questions about the goals and objectives of the general fund balance and felt budget data should have been more widely disseminated.

There being no further comment, the Public Hearing was closed at 8:52 p.m.

The Board recessed at 8:55 p.m. and the meeting was reconvened at 9:07 p.m.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve Resolution 03 10 28 37 adopting the Amended General Fund Budget for 2003 and Recommended General Fund Budget for 2004 and approves the 2003 millage rate of 3.2894. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. ROLL CALL. Ayes: Edwards, Arnold, Massengill, Mann, Nays: Curmi, Griffith, Munfakh. Motion carried. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the Single Family Cluster Housing Agreement and Final Site Plan for Tuscan Hills Condominiums Application 1794/0503 as recommended by the Planning Commission. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve Resolution 03 10 28 38, adopting the Amended Solid Waste Fund Budget for 2003 and Recommended Solid Waste Fund Budget for 2004. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal. Mr. Edwards moved to approve Resolution 03 10 28 39 adopting the Recommended Drug Forfeiture Fund Budget for 2003 and 2004. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. ROLL CALL. Ayes: Edwards, Massengill, Arnold, Griffith, Curmi, Mann, Nays: Munfakh. Motion carried. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Munfakh requested a legal opinion on the use of Special Assessment District monies.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution 03 10 28 40 adopting the Amended Improvement Revolving Fund Budget for 2003 and the Recommended Improvement Revolving Fund Budget for 2004. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve Resolution 03 10 28 41 adopting the Recommended Special Assessment District Fund Budget for 2004. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve Resolution 03 10 28 42, adopting the Amended Water and Sewer Fund Budget for 2003 and the Recommended 2004 Water and Sewer Fund Budget. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mr. Munfakh moved to adopt Resolution No. 03 10 28 43 authorizing the Township Supervisor to sign Wayne County Permit C 41231 and approve the Storm Drain Agreement with Plymouth Village Condominium and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute same. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Change Order No. 1 for the contract with Audia Concrete Construction Inc. in the amount of \$11,395.10, for a new contract total of \$89,001.20 and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute same. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the recommendation of the Clerk to appoint Republican Charles A. Rohrborn Jr. to the Plymouth Township Board of Canvassers to complete the term of Lillian Payne which expires December 2005. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. ROLL CALL. Ayes: Arnold, Massengill, Griffith, Curmi, Edwards, Mann, Nays: Munfakh. Motion carried.

Mr. Mann expressed his concern with Mr. Munfakh's attendance at the City of Plymouth meeting regarding the Sheldon Road underpass since his firm is involved in the project.

Mr. Munfakh said he attended the meeting in response to an e-mail Mr. Mann forwarded regarding the meeting. He expected the other Board members would be there but just Mr. Curmi was there. He said he did not speak at the meeting until the Mayor asked him to say something. He said he told them he was speaking for himself, not representing the Board. He attended only the work session and left prior to the vote being taken. His company does a lot of work in Wayne County and if his attendance is perceived to be wrong, he apologizes. He would go to the next City Commission and tell them again that he was not representing the Board, but if Mr. Mann listened to the tape of the meeting he would find he was speaking for himself, not for the Board.

Mr. Mann said he forwarded the e-mail to all Board members as requested by the sender, Paul Smcock. Mr. Mann said he did not specifically request that any of the Board members attend that meeting. Mr. Mann said his impression from the newspaper was that both Mr. Munfakh and Mr. Curmi were representing the Township as Trustees.

Mr. Mann reminded everyone to vote Thursday, November 6.

Mr. Curmi raised questions regarding the bills for mats, lollipops, senior transportation, and raccoon removal.

Mr. Lewis updated Mr. Munfakh on the progress of the incomplete house on Ann Arbor Road.

Mr. Alan Van Kerkel, a proponent of non-motorized transportation, expressed his pleasure at seeing the pathway and asked if there were plans for it to continue going down Beck Road and turning the corner.

Mr. Mann said that was the goal, possibly in early spring.

Mrs. Massengill moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

Mr. Mann adjourned the meeting at 10:27 p.m.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC  
Clerk, Charter Township  
of Plymouth

Steven Mann, Supervisor  
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting held on October 28, 2003. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal. The minutes will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting held on November 18, 2003.

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### Western Townships Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Synopsis 3:30 p.m. Monday, October 27, 2003

Regular meeting called to order at 3:45 p.m.  
Present: Thomas Yack, Steve Mann, Mark Abbo  
Agenda - adopted as presented  
Minutes of the regular meeting of September 22, 2003 - approved  
Schedule of disbursements totaling \$1,511,390.32 - approved  
Operations & Maintenance Report for September 2003 - received and filed  
Director's Report for October 2003 - received and filed  
Capital Improvement Program Budget Amendments - approved  
City of Plymouth Flow By Pass Alternatives Engineering Services Contract - budget amendment and authorization of payment of the over expenditure was tabled  
YCUA Plant Expansion Update - received and filed report and discussed Change Order No. 2 to Christman's contract  
The regular meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Chairperson  
THOMAS J. YACK

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

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA NOVEMBER 13, 2003

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, November 13, 2003 AT 7:30 P.M.** The meeting will be held at the Summit on the Park located at 46000 SUMMIT PARKWAY, CANTON, MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed:  
Pledge of Allegiance to the flag  
Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Phyllis Redfern and Steven Johnson  
Acceptance of Agenda

1. Lori and Brian Levi of Levi Intl Development, 45584 Morningside Road, Canton, MI 48187. Property located at 6057 Canton Center Road, west of Canton Center Road between Ford and Hanford Roads. The ordinance being appealed is Zoning Ordinance General Provisions Article 2.00 Section 2.10 D3 minimum easement requirements, Zone R4 and C2. Parcel #036 99 0004 004 and #036 99 0005 704 (Planning).
2. Todd and Patty Green, 1825 Delancy Circle, Canton, MI 48188. Property located at 1825 Delancy Circle east side of Denton Road between Cherry Hill and Geddes Road. The ordinance being appealed is Zoning Ordinance Schedule of Regulations Article 26.00, Section 26.02 minimum rear setback, Zone R2, Class 401. Parcel #079 02 0463 000 (Building) (SCHEDULED FROM OCTOBER 9, 2003 MEETING).
3. Donald and Karen DePriest, 51170 Ford Road, Canton, MI 48187. Property located at same address on the north side of Ford Road between Ridge Road and Napier Road. The ordinance being appealed is Zoning Ordinance Schedule of Regulations Article 26.00 Section 26.02 side yard setback, Zone Rural Residential. Parcel #027 02 0002 000 (Building).
4. Robert Randall of Tony V's Sunrooms & Spas, 20330 Hall Road, Clinton Twp, MI 48038 representing Thaddeus Coats. Property located at 3289 Tall Oak Lane east side of Tall Oak Road between Palmer Road and Michigan Avenue. The ordinance being appealed is Zoning Ordinance Schedule of Regulations Article 26.00 Section 26.02 rear yard setback, Zone R1. Parcel #102 04 0043 000 (Building).
5. T L Newcom, 1007 N Lotz, Canton, MI 48187. Property located at same address on the northwest side of Lotz Road between Ford and Cherry Hill Roads. The ordinance being appealed is Fence Ordinance 103 Section 6H variance to distance of front setback, Zone R2. Parcel #052 99 0004 000 (Building).
6. Paul Razzardi of Singh Management, 7125 Orchard Lake Road West Bloomfield, MI 48325 representing Singh Management. Property located at 42450 Executive Drive, north side of Michigan Avenue west of Lilley Road. The ordinance being appealed is Sign Ordinance 120, Section 7, 7.3 setback requirement for off premise temporary sign for multiple family development. Parcel #138 01-0001 000 and #138 01 0003 000 (Building).
7. Ern Kopkowski of Residential Design Consulting Inc, 121 North Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178 representing Larry and Sharon Zimmerman. Property located at 44219 North Umberland, south side of North Umberland between Montfort Drive and North Umberland Road. The ordinance being appealed is Zoning Ordinance Schedule of Regulations Article 26.00 Section 26.02 rear setback restrictions, Zone Residential. Parcel #037 01 0116 000 (Building).

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## OUR VIEWS

# Marchers earn place of honor

The Detroit Lions are on their third coach in four years, and they've put together one of the worst records in the National Football League

Maybe the Lions could learn from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band

The band, also operating under its third "coach" in four years, went out Saturday and won its 10th straight Flight I State Championship at the Michigan Competing Band Association State Finals at the Pontiac Silverdome

Marc Whitlock held the band's reins this year. The two years before that it was Clayton Wachholz. Before that, it was Dave McGrath. Great jobs were done by all three, in fact, McGrath's resume includes a national title

But when three different band directors, each with his own unique style and thinking, can come in and continue to win, one begins to look for the true source of the success, and we believe we've found it

In the students

These are dedicated kids who often come to work wondering what the day's program is going to be like. They spend weeks incorporating new things into the routine, developing it, nurturing it until they get it right, which is always right on time for the big competitions

Along the way, they win everything in sight, lending still further credence to the adage, "practice makes perfect"

And it never seems to matter what the director throws at them. For instance, in Saturday's state competition, they added the play of accordion player Andrea Caruso, a Canton junior. Though she has competed internationally and just got back from competition in Hungary and Slovakia, it was the first time the US Junior Accordion Champion had ever played with a marching band

Just because the band won the state competition doesn't mean there won't be fine-tuning. After all, there are two weeks until nationals. And Whitlock figures to make improvements and add some finishing touches

Assistant director Brian Miller said after Saturday's performance, "We will take a look at the video, analyze it, and see where our priorities are with what isn't working and we will change it to make it even better." Even better? It's an ambitious thought, and a laudable goal

Luckily for Miller and Whitlock, they've got the kids to carry it off

# Don't allow hunting of mourning doves

Michigan has survived nearly 100 years without a mourning dove hunting season and there's no urgent need to lift that ban now

Nonetheless, legislation that would put these small, sweet-sounding songbirds in the cross-hairs is pending. If passed, the mourning dove — a traditional symbol of peace — would join the ranks of game animals open to hunting

The legislation, H B 5209, was introduced in August by Rep. Susan Tabor, a Delta Township Republican. It was approved last week by the House Committee on Conservation and Outdoor Recreation and was scheduled to be considered Tuesday by the full House

Backers point out that mourning doves are hunted in 39 other states and say Michigan is missing out on tourism dollars by not allowing the birds to be targets here

Perhaps, but the argument that "everybody else is doing it so why shouldn't we?" is a relatively weak stance, especially since it wouldn't apply in so many other instances

Other than a vocal hunting lobby that says gunning for mourning doves can make for a challenging and tasty experience, there's little reason to believe Michigan residents want to see these birds come under fire

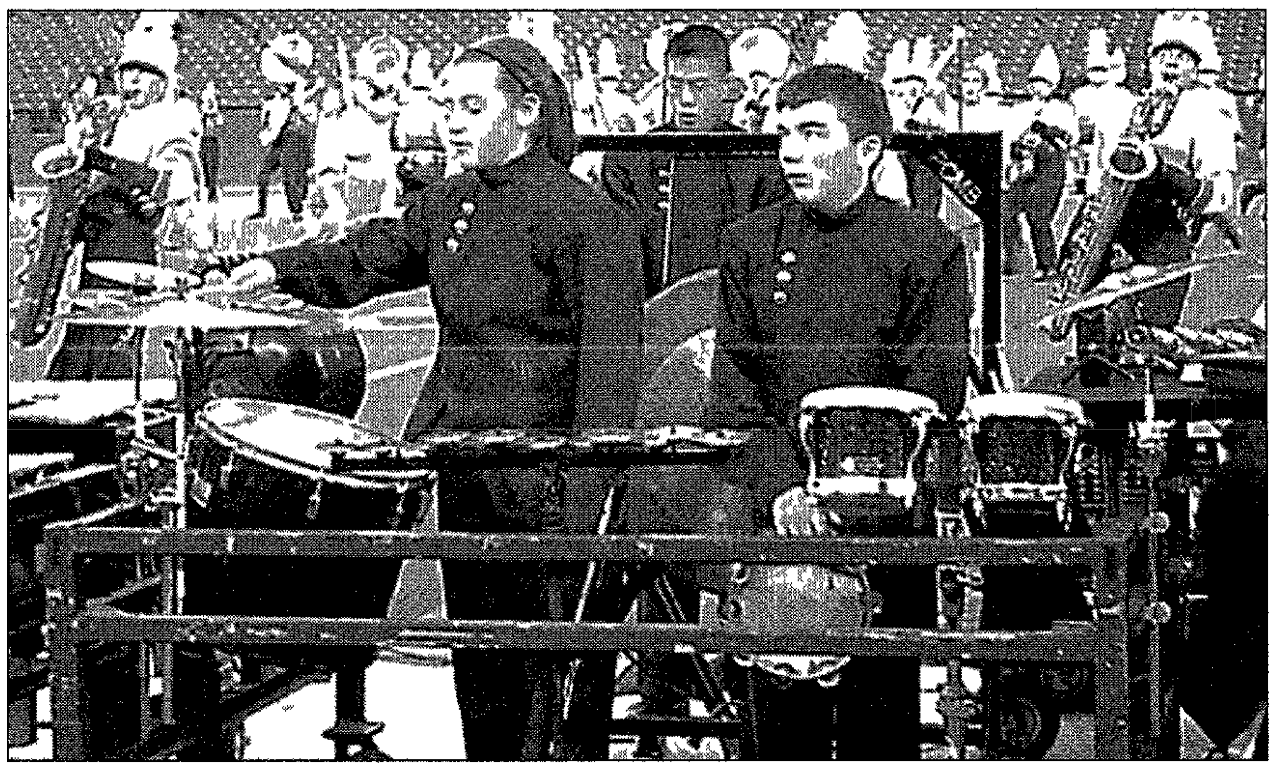
It's debatable whether mourning doves are a nuisance because of their numbers and therefore due for a controlled kill, but it's clear that they offer little in the way of meat and are about as threatening as puppies

Michigan hunters are good folk and they contribute a lot to the state through their sport and stewardship. But isn't it true that there are plenty of species of animals to hunt and fish to catch already?

Adding docile doves to the list of animals facing lethal force won't do much good to improve the public's perception of hunting and may only inspire unnecessary ill will

If our state's hunters really need to shoot mourning doves, let them go to Ohio or Indiana or Illinois or Wisconsin. No one is trying to deprive them of this pursuit of happiness

But Michigan has protected these birds since 1905 and is none the worse for it. Our lawmakers should respect this tradition and keep the bull's-eye off this particular target



DIANE HANSON

Percussionists Meridith Bailey, Dustin Maynes and Mike McDermott keep the beat for the P CEP marchers including baritone saxophonist Chris Aten on the left and Nick Rowe at the Pontiac Silverdome, where the hometown band captured all Flight I top awards along with the highest score of all 40 bands at the Michigan Competing Band Association State Championships

## LETTERS

### Power right on

Phil Power hit a home run with his column (State's budget woes need more than just a quick fix," *Observer*, Oct. 23)

I own a business that is entering the fifth year of operations and continues to enjoy moderate growth. One certainty is that when revenues are down, you probably shouldn't cut revenues. Seems basic

Republican leadership appears to be more interested in bolstering the "tight-a\*s club" (yes, I'm a member) than in producing meaningful legislation. Republican leadership (Rick Johnson) introduced the amendment to waste, I mean, spend \$39 million on laptops for sixth-graders, of which one third cannot read at grade level

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the State of Michigan has lost 303,000 jobs since January 2001 (January 2001 through August 2003). Incredibly, this appears to represent about 25 percent of all jobs lost in America for the period. It's time for the elected leadership of this state to set aside partisan politics and get to work or be fired

When elected leadership, regardless of party affiliation, goes about the business of the people, they should conduct themselves as if they are conducting business. The folks in Lansing MUST meet at the middle aisle to rapidly produce meaningful legislation that benefits everyone in Michigan

Now is not the time for partisan politics and pushing social agendas, but a time to focus on improving the state economy. The economy has a natural and almost predictable cycle. There will be plenty of time down the road for the Republicans to incrementally erode individual freedoms and the Democrats to push a liberal agenda

The Power Flows To Where The Focus Goes

Jonathon Grant  
Plymouth

### Public pickpocket

The government snubs honest simplicity, but fondles artistic villainy, and I think I might have developed into a very capable pickpocket if I had remained in the public service a year or two

"Governments don't care, individuals do" — Mark Twain. Our local Plymouth Township leadership is pushing for a new township hall with an initial cost to the community of over \$12 million. Yet I read of criticism directed at citizens wishing to put this issue to a vote by supporters of the spending saying the cost of the election (\$45,000) is a waste of money. How disingenuous!

Our leaders are acting as "eager to buy" land, putting the cost at above market price (in the midst of a potential real estate bubble) and if successful with the purchase, will be in a "forced to sell" township land mode, perhaps garnering less in sale proceeds than projected

If the four of seven members of the township board who voted to purchase the land would like to put personal guarantees on the projected sale proceeds of the township properties, and personally cover any deficiency, I am all for reconsidering the project

Our community is emerging from a period of growth into a period of maintenance and the history of our low tax rate is by design: provide basic services without the monuments. If facilities are needed for additional police and fire, build them for

police and fire. I am sure it can be accomplished for much less than \$12 million

Individuals involved and cloaked by government "service" tend to take care of themselves. The elected officials of Plymouth Township enjoy a three-for-one match on their 401(k)s. How does that compare to the neighbors and citizens they represent? Government takes care of itself! Is this township hall spending project the "capable pickpocket" Mark Twain describes?

Tom Kalis  
Plymouth

### Falls exploits

As a native of Canton I always felt we took a back seat to Plymouth. It seemed no one knew about Canton, but everyone had heard of Plymouth

When I left the area in the mid-'70s and began traveling throughout America and the world, whenever anyone asked where I was from, I proudly said, "Canton, Michigan"

My words were often met with "Where?" Sheepishly, I would add "It's near Plymouth, whereupon the person would nod their understanding"

As Canton has grown, so has the knowledge of her existence. When I say "Canton, Michigan" now, people nod right away. As an 11-year resident of Wisconsin, it's especially exciting when I hear those words spoken by a national news correspondent, such as I heard this week when NBC's Katie Couric spoke of a man from Canton, Michigan

After hearing of his exploits, whenever anybody asks me where I'm from now, I'll proudly say, "Plymouth, Michigan!"

Conrad Dennis  
Oshkosh Wis

### Which master?

Once again Abe Munfakh has crossed the line. It is my understanding that his engineering firm holds the contract for work on the Sheldon Road overpass

So he gains to benefit financially if the work is finally started. Yet he is attending the Plymouth City Commission meeting as a member of the Plymouth Township Board representing the views of that board, to which he is elected. He is quoted in the *Plymouth Observer* as arguing that Plymouth Township is committed to the project. But the real question is, did Abe Munfakh acknowledge the several-million-dollar contract his firm has for the overpass? I think not

So whose master was he representing? The citizens who voted him into office or the firm that benefits financially? Whichever, he should have informed folks that he has a certain bias

Is this not using his elected position for personal financial gain? Not at all dissimilar to his actions to obtain water for Salem Township, which his firm represents, and which potentially is detrimental to Plymouth Township, which he personally represents

Another ethics investigation would give him six more months of obfuscation. It will be up to the voters next year to determine if his ethics should be questioned and he should be thrown out, just as he was in 1992 over the WTUA scandal, a black eye to the community that took years to overcome

In the words of Bill O'Reilly, "What say you, Mr. Munfakh?"

Bill Joyner  
Livonia

### Parents nurture kids

Phil Power says in his Oct. 16 column ("Early childhood education key to later school success") that the French system of maternal and child care centers represents "a model that might usefully be adapted to American conditions"

To see a model of the ideal situation, we need not look to France. We need only to look back in our own country's history. And we need only look back a few decades, to a time when families understood the value of having a parent at home during the day to raise their own children, a time when families were willing to sacrifice material things in order to do what was best for their children

I also find it ironic that Gov. Granholm is touting a program whose motto is "education begins at age zero." This coming from a woman who leaves two small children at home while she chose one of the most demanding positions in the state of Michigan

Gov. Granholm has said in the past, "I found out that the brains of children who are nurtured, stimulated and loved actually look different than those of children who were raised in a high stress environment." What could be more stressful for a young child than being dropped off by her mother each morning into a large group in a day care center where she'll be supervised by strangers? Gov. Granholm, the Office of Governor will be available for a long time. These precious years in your children's lives will not

Kim Parnis  
Livonia

### Economic politics

Most analysts predict that capital investment will be discouraged by Russia's seizure of its wealthiest entrepreneur

They barely looked up when Attorney General Janet Reno tried to break up Microsoft. Our computer-driven prosperity began a long slide, but even today few people make the connection

Economics is taught as science but practiced as politics

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# Time for governor to make bold statement on budget

There is a tide in the affairs of men  
Which taken at the flood leads on to fortune  
Omitted all the voyage of their life  
Is bound in shallows and in miseries

— William Shakespeare *Julius Caesar*

There comes a time in the career of all serious-minded politicians when a clear choice must be made between doing the safe thing and taking the bold and courageous step. Gov. Jennifer Granholm is at such a point.

Although it hasn't received much notice in the media, virtually everybody with an interest in politics is still buzzing about her capitulation to Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and the Detroit Federation of Teachers in the affair Thompson.

To recount, Bob Thompson, a retired Plymouth-area businessman, offered \$200 million to build 15,500-student independent charter high schools in Detroit with a targeted 90 percent graduation rate. State legislation would be required, of course, and for a while it looked as though Gov. Granholm, Mayor Kilpatrick and the Republican-dominated

Legislature were about to agree on an enabling bill. But, lo and behold, the Detroit Federation of Teachers skipped work, staged an angry demonstration on the Capitol grounds and leaned on Kilpatrick, who withdrew his support. Granholm then accused the Republicans of shipping unacceptable language into the draft bill. And the whole thing collapsed in a maze of recriminations. Tellingly, Janna Garrison, the president of the DFT, was quoted in a *Time* magazine piece last week as injecting racial politics into the deal: "If someone from outside came to Bob Thompson's suburban town and said, 'I'm gonna give you a lot of money for education, but we spend it my way,' they just wouldn't tolerate it."

Virtually all the politicians I've talked to since have castigated the governor for not having the guts to stand up to the mayor and the DFT. "Here's a governor with a demonstrated interest in kids and their education. Now she's got a guy with \$200 million in his hand for kids in Detroit. And the DFT and the mayor say, 'No deal!' She should have stuck to it and challenged them about where they were gonna go," said one insider.

And here's why all the criticism of Gov. Granholm is of such moment just now: The state faces another budget deficit crisis this fiscal year, this time a \$900 million shortfall. Sadly, it's likely both the governor and the Legislature, left to their normal political instincts, will resort to a cuts-alone strategy to remedy the deficit. They'll take a nip here and a tuck there, but never have the guts to address the core issues that lurk behind the deficit. These have to do with the basic structure of Michigan's tax system, the chronic structural deficit

built into the state budget and deeply ingrained bad habits in the way the state spends money.

I urge Gov. Granholm to take a courageous step and submit two entirely different state budgets. One would solve the deficit by spending cuts alone and provoke screams of protest from every known constituency. The other would propose a far-reaching restructuring of the workings, costs and revenues of state government. At that point, the governor would be entirely justified in challenging the Legislature to have the guts to talk about the root causes of our financial problems rather than take the safely partisan course of fooling around their edges. And out of such a discussion might emerge enough political courage to get at long-term solutions to our chronic budget problems.

Here are two examples of what such a far-reaching budget might propose:

1) Address defects in the architecture of the state's tax system. Right now, the two big taxes are the 6 percent state sales tax on most goods (excluding food and prescription drugs) that yields around \$7 billion a year, and the Single Business Tax that is indescribably complex (though basically a tax on payroll) that yields around \$2 billion a year and makes Michigan look like a terrible place to do business. Why not broaden the base on which the sales tax is levied to include services of most sorts, making it possible to maintain state revenues and allow a rate reduction? Experts tell me, for example, that eliminating the SBT and placing a reduced 5 percent sales tax on both goods and services would be roughly revenue-neutral, while adding a flat corporate profits tax would increase fairness.

2) Correct silly ways of spending money. Take, for example, the way the state pays for foster care. Right now, the state pays by the day for custody of children whose family situation is unstable or unhealthy. This costs around \$325 million per year, not counting medical expenses. But the point of foster care is not to keep kids there, it is to get them either back to their families or into adoption. The state should improve the incentives to reward either outcome.

Of course, none of this will be easy. Frankly, I wonder whether this term-limited Legislature has members with the experience to participate in such a dialogue. And I wonder whether the governor's advisers have the guts to embark on such a courageous course. But I do know that Gov. Granholm is one of the few politicians around with the communication skills to explain and sell such a package to the voters of Michigan. All she now needs is the courage of her convictions and the sense that there is, indeed, a tide in the affairs of not just men, but women, who are destined to lead.

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Phil Power

# Kmart case teaches a stern lesson – but to wrong students

The check was not insubstantial. "What's this?" asked my wife, examining the 1 with three trailing digits. "Tax rebate?"

"Uh-uh," said I. "Our share of a class-action lawsuit." Which brings us to the ongoing tale of Kmart, southeast Michigan's homegrown retail giant.

A few months ago, I wrote a column taking Kmart to task. It would never get out of its difficulties until it did a much better job of keeping its advertised products in stock. At least according to me.

Unfair, wrote back the wife of a Kmart management type. The real problem, she alleged, stemmed from greedy, corrupt upper-level executives. Turns out, she may be right.

Trial began a few days ago for a pair of former Kmart executives who are accused of defrauding shareholders by manipulating corporate accounts. Trial doesn't always

bring conviction and it's yet to be proved that the allegations of securities fraud are even true.

But the two Kmart execs join a long list of 1990s-era corporate heads whose own heads are now on the Justice Department's chopping block.

They join the Enron boys and the Tyco chief, whose private party/bacchanal has been popping up all over the news lately.

Whatever the outcome in court in the local trial, these Kmart execs left a trail of closed stores and ruined careers in their wake. Stores I used to frequent in Southfield and Auburn Hills are among those now shuttered for good.

Some of those now unemployed might be happy their corporate leaders are up before a judge. Yet there's the sense that workers pay more for corporate mismanagement, in every case, than those directly responsible.

Even if the worst happens (for the Kmart ex-exec), they'll probably serve out their time in a minimum security facility, then go back to a comfortable, if somewhat diminished, lifestyle, most likely with their retirement savings still in tow.

Some of those now unemployed might be happy their corporate leaders are up before a judge. Yet, there's the sense that workers pay more for corporate mismanagement, in every case, than those directly responsible.

Shareholders, i.e. folks like me, might get at least some of their "lost" investments back, too, as lawyers pick clean the corporate carcass.

It's a far cry from the fate suffered by any company's laid off workers, many of whom have to burn up their own life savings while sweating out the possibility of a new job.

Even in good economic times, it's estimated that a \$60,000-a-year corporate drone will need at least six months to find a similarly-paying job. Check your own bills and life savings to find out just how costly those six months could be.

Then, too, there are the struggles of those left behind, now working longer hours with less support.

As I've said in the past, I hope Kmart succeeds. With at least one store remaining in local communities from Farmington Hills to Lake Orion, and thousands of local residents still on staff at its Troy headquarters, Kmart's failure would be devastating to the local area.

For what it's worth, Kmart stores seem to have picked up the pace since this year's massive post-holiday closings.

Stores seem tidier and better organized with major items more readily available. That might not be enough to prevent further store closings and corporate layoffs, but it's a sign those in the front lines are doing their part.

They're going to have to. That's because when justice is served, workers are always last in line for a helping.

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# YWCA honors Women of Achievement

Corinne Vincent couldn't be happier with the choice of this year's winners of the Women of Achievement Awards. The YWCA of Western Wayne County and its executive director will pay tribute to all six at the 12th annual luncheon for honorees to be held 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at the Fairlane Club in Dearborn. The keynote speaker is Sen Debbie Stabenow, (D-Mich.), a former recipient.



Cicirelli

Judith Quinn, Belleville, president of Judith A. Quinn & Associates and a sales representative for American Steel Works.

"I'm very happy with the winners every year," said Corinne Vincent. "A panel of judges rank nominees. It's not a popularity contest where one judge can sway another."

The YWCA of Western Wayne County founded the Women of Achievement Awards to recognize women in the area for demonstrating qualities of outstanding leadership and excellence in both their professional and personal endeavors for the betterment of their community.

"We were thinking recognition was given in the metropolitan Detroit area we'd like to honor women from Western Wayne County," said Vincent. "We had a tradition of holding a Town Hall dinner. We put out a flyer and pr for people to nominate women who in personal or professional life had effected quality of life in Western Wayne County. We decided to combine that with the awards. We wanted the speaker to be a Michigan based person, and the award to be a

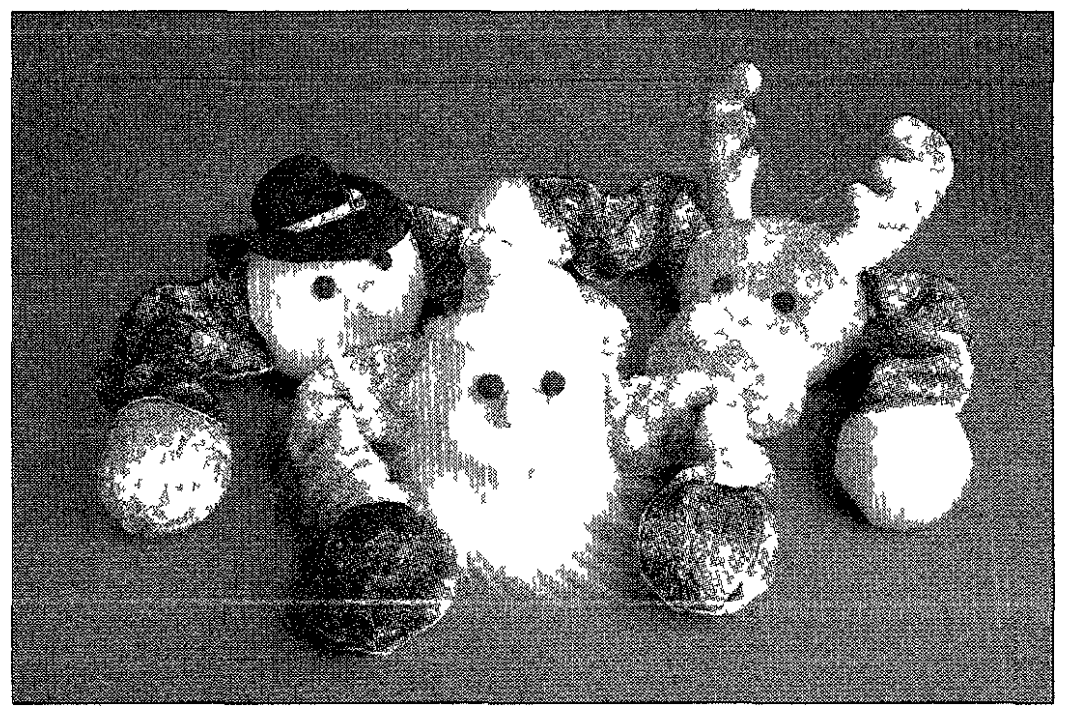
Michigan creative piece of art. We chose a tile from Pewabic Pottery."

YWCA volunteer Diane Thomas is proud to be associated with the awards and luncheon.

"It's a lovely event," said Thomas. "There's always a lot of energy in that room. One of the reasons for that is it honors such a diverse group of women, economically, ethnically."

Sandra Cicirelli couldn't agree more. She said in a previous *Observer* story, "I am very honored to be recognized and to have won this award. Many of the women who have preceded me are well-respected, and I'm pleased to be in the same category with them."

Cicirelli was honored for being vice chair of the Conference of Western Wayne, and a member of the SMART board of directors, Westland Chamber of Commerce, Westland Goodfellows, and a former member of the Wayne-Westland YMCA Board of Directors, Youth Advisory Council, and 21st District Court mediator. She received Westland's Athena Award in recognition of professional excellence and community service and the Woman of Distinction Award from the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council. She is the first woman elected mayor of Westland.



## Holiday helpers

The Michigan Humane Society is selling holiday gifts and cards to raise money to care for homeless animals. The Humane Society cards sell for \$15 for a box of 15 cards in a variety of designs. The pet toys, above, are among the gifts for sale, which also include a 2004 calendar, apparel and a mug. To view items and make orders online, visit [www.michiganhumane.org](http://www.michiganhumane.org) and click on Retail Store. For more information or to order by phone, call 1-866-MHUMANE (648-6263) Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Humane Society has a shelter at 37255 Marquette, Westland.

# Annual JCC book fair kicks off next week

The Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, will host local authors and books of local interest from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9.

The event is part of the JCC's annual book fair, which runs Nov. 9 through Nov. 16.

Organizers have scheduled 30 speakers, 50 authors and are expecting about 15,000 guests. Topics on the list this year include such luminaries as Sidney Blumenthal, Madehne Albright, Alan Dershowitz, Theodore Bikel and Rabbi Harold Kushner.

One of the authors taking part in the book fair is Suzan Hagstrom, who wrote *Sara's Children: The Destruction of Chelmno*.

For more information about the JCC book fair, call Elaine Schonberger at (248) 661-1000.

# AAA sponsors geography contest

According to a survey by the National Geographic Society, only 13 percent of young adults in the United States can find Iraq on a map. One in 10 can't locate their own country.

To help improve that score, AAA has announced its second annual competition designed to heighten geographic literacy and create awareness of job opportunities in the travel and tourism industries. The national competition - AAA Travel High School Challenge - is open to all students in grades 9-12. Contestants will compete on three different levels to win in the finals, which will be held at Universal Orlando in May. Top prize winners will receive college

scholarships worth \$156,000.

From Jan. 12-21, participating students from Michigan will compete in the first leg of the competition - a multiple-choice test administered online through the AAA Web site.

Each student has 30 minutes to complete the 40 questions and may take the test one time only. The top five scorers from each state and Washington, D.C., advance to the state competitions.

The state finalists will take a second exam - a proctored, written exam at a selected loca-

tion near their home. The state champion, along with a parent or guardian, will travel, expense-paid, to Orlando, Fla., for the national finals.

Top scorer in each state will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

The national finals will also involve a proctored, written exam and culminate in a live game show with two teams of three students each. Winning team members will each receive the top prize - a \$2,500 scholarship - and the three runners-up will each receive \$1,000.

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## Sidelines

### Run standouts

A pair of Salem graduates did their alma mater proud at their respective colleges' league cross country finals.

Donnie Warner, a 2001 graduate of Salem now at DePaul University, finished sixth in the eight-kilometer Conference USA Cross Country Championship last Saturday at the University of South Florida's Golf Course in Tampa. Warner was clocked at 25:19.0, leading DePaul to a fourth-place finish in the 12-team race with 105 points. Marquette was first with 43 points.

At the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Cross Country Finals Oct 25 in Big Rapids, Nick Allen, a Salem grad now a senior at Wayne State, finished first overall in the eight-kilometer race in 25:01.2. Allen's performance carried WSU to a second in the team standings with 60 points. Grand Valley State was first with 35.

### Lions advance

The Canton Lions freshmen football team earned a spot in the Western Suburban Junior Football League's Super Bowl for the second consecutive year with a 7-0 victory over the Dearborn Heights Redskins Sunday.

The only touchdown came on a run by Brad Trubowski. Jack Slater added the extra point. The Lions defense was led by Braden Price, Kamal Mheisen, Eric Thuma, Adam Payne and Chris Ostrowski.

The Lions will face the Westland Meteors Sunday in the Super Bowl. The game will kick off at noon at Central Middle School.

### Albion standouts

The Albion College men's soccer team remained a force in the very tight Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association race by winning two of three matches last week. The Britons, 8-9-1 overall and 5-5 in the MIAA, beat MIAA rival Adrian College 5-2 on Oct. 30 and non-conference foe Tri-State University 3-0 last Saturday.

Sophomore midfielder Aaron Schmidt, a Canton HS graduate, scored a goal in both Albion victories and sophomore keeper Tavio Palazzolo, from Salem HS, was in goal for the second half of the Adrian match and played the entire game against Tri-State to get the shutout. Palazzolo had seven saves in the two matches.

In women's soccer action, sophomore Ashley Rosaen, a Canton HS grad, earned an assist in Albion's 1-0 victory over St. Mary's College (Ind.) last Saturday.



Fullback Chuck Schumacher crosses the goal line for Canton's third touchdown in the Chiefs' 20-7 win over John Glenn Sept. 5. Schumacher scored all three Canton TDs in the game.

## Canton must stop Glenn's Smitherman

Sometime late this afternoon, as the Canton football team comes to the end of its practice session, the squad will line up for its weekly ritual: running a series of 10-yard sprints that are aimed as much at focusing the Chiefs' attention on what's at stake with the upcoming game as physical preparation.

In previous weeks, as the Chiefs kept piling up the wins, coach Tim Baechler would supply the object for his team to focus on: "7-0!" he'd yell if the next victory would be their seventh-straight. It became especially meaningful when Canton completed its regular season with a win over Salem that gave the Chiefs their first

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undefeated regular season.

Seemed only logical to keep that number as a goal, something to add to, as the playoffs began. But according to Baechler, his team captains had a different suggestion.

"They came to me before the Wayne game and said, 'Coach, just say 1-0,'" Baechler said. "That told me their focus is right where it should be."

It does indicate the 10-0 Chiefs won't be looking beyond Friday's game against 9-1

Westland John Glenn, even with the possibility of playing defending state champ Redford Catholic Central looming.

And don't be fooled: Canton will need its complete attention to handle the Rockets, whose only loss was to the Chiefs in Week Two by a 20-7 count.

Both teams have grown since then. John Glenn is led by the running power of Matt Smitherman, but quarterback Vinnie DeLuca - who missed the first meeting between the two teams with a broken foot - is also dangerous.

"They're a lot better and we're a lot bet-

PLEASE SEE SMITHERMAN, B3

## Win puts Crusaders in final

Understand, this probably isn't the most talented women's soccer team Madonna University has fielded. But so far, the Crusaders are playing like a team of destiny.

Having clinched a berth in the NIAA Regional with its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular-season championship, Madonna didn't have to win the WHAC Tournament - and that concerned Crusader coach Mark Zathay prior to Wednesday's WHAC semifinal against Aquinas College.

"I was concerned going in," Zathay admitted. "We were already going to the regional. This would be a test, whether or not they would take this game seriously."

He got the answer he wanted. On a cold, blustery day at Livonia's Greenmead Field, Madonna scored two first-half goals and got three more in the second in dominating the Saints, 5-0.

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Crusaders, who improved to 14-5-1, will meet Siena Heights for the WHAC title at 11 a.m. Saturday at Greenmead Aquinas finishes its season at 7-13-1.

Lacey Cattarino, a sophomore from Westland John Glenn, scored two goals and junior Sarah Pack (also from John Glenn) got a goal and two assists to lead Madonna. Tanya Bruce contributed a goal and an assist, Emily Jackson (Farmington Harrison) had a goal and Christin Shull (Salem HS) had an assist. All three are seniors.

Keeper Katie Sponsler faced just eight shots, making three saves, in earning the shutout for the Crusaders. The Saints'

PLEASE SEE CRUSADERS, B5

## Late goal takes Madonna into WHAC championship

One finally went in for Madonna University.

That was how all the Crusaders felt after pounding the ball at the Indiana Tech goal Tuesday in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's soccer tournament semifinal, played at Livonia's Greenmead Field.

And it was Evan Baker, a Canton HS graduate now a sophomore at Madonna, who got the game-winner, spinning to knock home the decisive goal with just nine seconds left in regulation as Madonna posted a 1-0 triumph.

The win was the 16th-straight for the 12th-ranked Crusaders, now 17-1 for the season. They meet Cornerstone, the second seed in the WHAC Tournament, for the league title at approximately 2 p.m. Saturday at Greenmead.

Baker's goal came as the final seconds ticked away, after sophomore T.J. Djokic (from Livonia Stevenson) took a corner kick.

"We had a lot of people in the box," said Baker. "If it wasn't me, it would have been

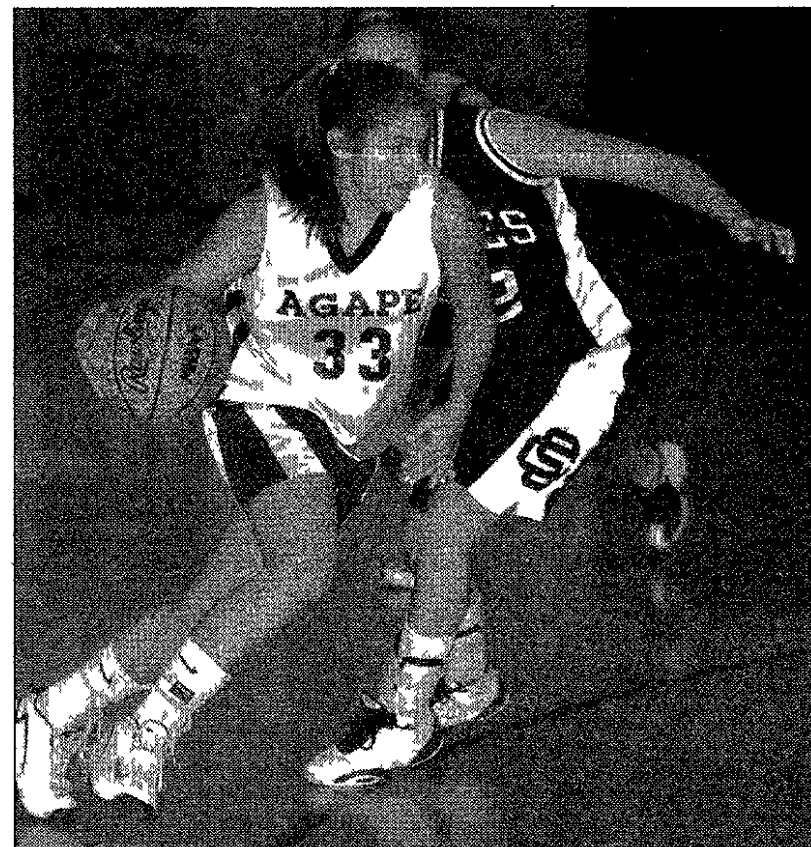
somebody else for sure. I had to do a 360 turn and hit it left-footed. Somehow it found the inside netting."

"I'm just glad it went into the net." The goal came after more than 89 minutes of frustration for Madonna, which had dominated play on the soggy Greenmead Field. In the first half, the Crusaders had a 14-0 shot advantage, for the game, it was 26-8. Corner kicks were 14-3 in Madonna's favor.

Several of those tries missed the net by inches. At least three crosses went through the Warrior box, with no Crusader able to reach it for the finish.

"Even in the final minutes of the game, I thought we'd win it," said Madonna coach Tino Scicluna. "But it's a strange game and the best team doesn't always win. We've

PLEASE SEE WHAC, B5



Canton Agape's Tarah Armbruster drives to the basket against Southfield Christian Tuesday. Too many missed shots ruined the Wolverines' chances.

## Poor shooting ruins Agape

What wasn't working for Canton Agape Christians basketball team Tuesday night was just what had to be working for the Wolverines to battle back from a disastrous second quarter.

Poor shooting plagued Agape throughout the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference contest, resulting in a 46-27 loss to Southfield Christian at Discovery Middle School in Canton.

It was one of those games that, according to Agape coach Clark Sexton, "should have been won, really. But any team can have a bad shooting night. That's why they play the games."

The Wolverines fell to 8-10 overall with the loss, 3-7 in the MIAC Blue Division. Southfield Christian, which lost by four points at home to Agape earlier this season, is 9-11 overall and 4-5 in the Blue Division.

The game was close - for a while. The two teams were tied at 6-all after one quarter.

But the second quarter doomed the Wolverines, as the Eagles outscored them 19-5 to take a 25-11 lead into halftime. Further crippling Agape's chances was an injury suffered by senior point guard Emily Tong near the end of the half.

A cut on her eyelid was bleeding profusely and required a butterfly stitch at halftime. The injury did not keep Tong sidelined, however, she returned to lead Agape in scoring with 16 points.

"Emily is a warrior and nothing was keeping her from coming back in," said Sexton. "She wants our team to be successful. She puts the team's goals above herself, even when injured."

PLEASE SEE AGAPE, B6

## A strong showing

### Rocks get best runs at state meet finals

Early in October, when Salem boys cross country coach Geoff Baker made the prediction that his team could challenge for the Western Lakes Activities Association championship, it seemed almost ridiculous.

This was a team with one runner with real varsity experience returning from the previous season. And the Rocks had done nothing spectacular to that point to suggest they could, indeed, be something special.

### CROSS COUNTRY

But Baker was right. Two-and-a-half weeks later, Salem won the WLAA title, a week after that, the Rocks placed second in the state regional meet and qualified for the state finals.

Baker's grasp of the situation was proved accurate once again at Saturday's Division I State Meet at Michigan International Speedway, when Salem placed 21st out of 27 teams.

No, the finish doesn't seem overly impressive. But to Baker, the Rocks' performance was.

"Well, everybody ran their personal bests, so you have to be happy," he said. "Can't ask for more than that, right?"

"You could," he answered, "but you'd be getting pretty greedy."

"At the beginning of the season, no one thought we could get here. But as the season progressed, we got better and better and better."

Salem put three runners in the top 100 finishers in the team race, and all five of their scorers were in the top 106. The Rocks finished with 442 points,

PLEASE SEE ROCKS, B4



# Big games await Observerland teams

Well, boys and girls We've lost half the Observerland teams in the first week of the playoffs

There were some surprises - like Thurston's uncharacteristic penchant for turning the ball over in its loss to Fowlerville

There was some luck - like Lutheran North dropping two balls, including one sure touchdown, in a final 20-second stand against Clarenceville, a team that had held it to 49 yards in total offense until the game's final drive

There was some solid play - like Canton's 49-12 pasting of Wayne, where the Chiefs scored the first six times they touched the ball and wound up with a mercy win

And there was redemption - in particular by Westland John Glenn defensive back John Adams, who knocked down a two-point conversion pass intended for Salme's Brian Feldkamp after Feldkamp had mucked him for a 30-yard touchdown pass to pull the Hornets to 28-26

Hey, it's all part of playoff football fun

## GRID PICKS

None of it was as much fun (or anguish) as Farmington Harrison's gut-wrenching 65-64 double-overtime win over Chelsea - a game that saw almost 1,100 yards in total offense. But if you can't beat them, outscore them, right?

This week, there could be a little of both. The shootout for this week? Keep an eye on South Lyon and Redford Catholic Central. John Glenn and Canton will be an epic battle, but the gut says that both teams will be too tight early for this to be free-wheeling.

As for Clarenceville? Hope the Trojans got their wake-up call from last week.

Speaking of waking up, C.J. Risak, the pride of Plymouth-Canton, and Brad Emons, the wizard of Westland and Livonia, both correctly picked all six playoff games last week. Paul Beaudry, the Gumby of Garden City and Redford poached one of the six games.

As for this week? The plot

thickens, the curtain drops, the regional finals loom next week.

On with the show

### FRIDAY'S GAMES

**Westland John Glenn (9-1) at Canton (10-0) 7 p.m.** Revenge? Canton had it on its mind last year when these two met in the playoffs. To review Glenn tubthumped Canton 46-21 during the season but the Chiefs won when it counted the first game of the playoffs with a 49-27 reversal of fortune.

This year the Chiefs won the first meeting 20-7. Can they win the second? Dunno. But we do know that John Glenn didn't have quarter back Vinnie DeLuca the first time they met. And that's opened up a better run pass option with running back Matti Smitherman.

Canton's got a pretty solid running game with Devin Thomas, Travis McKinney and Chuck Schumacher and a solid quarterback of its own in Shawn Little. And Canton has been working toward one goal - spoken or unspoken - all year and that's to avenge last year's playoff defeat to CC. The Shamrocks loom next week for the winner. Will the Chiefs get another crack at the Shamrocks or will John Glenn get to avenge its loss in 2001? **PICKS:** Canton Risak, John Glenn, Emons, Beaudry.

**Goodrich (7-3) at Clarenceville (9-1) 7:30 p.m.** Let's be honest. Even if they did win the game with Lutheran North even if they had a 41 total yardage advantage against a team they had beaten 41-7 earlier in the year the Trojans shouldn't be playing Friday night. But a dropped pass with 14 seconds left by a Lutheran North player on first down gave the Ville the win.

They dominated the game and were lucky to win. That's not acceptable to coach Greg Hudkins. That's why the team had a Friday

night curfew and a Saturday morning practice (we're sure a good deal of it was with special teams).

The Martians (gotta love that name) can score tagging 40 points on Capac in last week's playoff game and putting at least 35 points on the board in each of the last five games. But they can also give up points - a 20 point per game average. Can they stop Clarenceville? Probably not but will Clarenceville stop Clarenceville? **PICKS:** C'ville - Beaudry, Risak, Goodrich - Emons.

### SATURDAY'S GAME

**South Lyon (8-2) vs Redford CC (9-1) at Hilbert Jr High 1 p.m.** On one hand the Lions are a lot like Catholic Central - teams capable of scoring a lot of points (316 for SL and 357 for CC) and giving up very few (105 for the Lions and 87 for CC).

On the other hand South Lyon is nothing like CC and nothing like South Lyon teams in the past. Or should that be pass. The Lions are ball funny - spread the field, pass happy team well out of line from past South Lyon teams under Bob Scheloske that were ground happy run in the mud grind it out bad things happen with the ball in the air squads in other words, a lot like CC.

CC hadn't faced a ground gaining team like Brighton last week and won 28-7 in a game much closer than the score says. South Lyon also beat Brighton. CC will be better prepared for South Lyon but that doesn't mean it will stop them as easily. Beware of an upset. **PICKS:** CC - Beaudry, Emons, Risak.

The Prep Grid Picks were selected by the Observer sports staff. Questions and comments can be e-mailed to pbeaudry@oe.hometownnet

# Whalers can't hold lead, fall to 'Hounds

## OHL HOCKEY

With first place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division at stake, the Plymouth Whalers let an early lead slip away, and the game with it - the end result a 4-2 victory for the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds Sunday in Sault Ste. Marie.

The Greyhounds improved to 10-6-1-1 (22 points) with the win. Plymouth fell to 8-5-4-0 (20 points). The Whalers were without defenseman and leading scorer James Wisniewski (from Canton), who had two assists in Friday's 5-4 win at Sudbury. His absence was felt on the blue line, the Greyhounds outshot Plymouth 43-20.

But it was the Whalers who scored the game's first two goals. John Vigilante got the initial goal at 10:27 of the opening period, with the assist going to Richard Power. Plymouth made it 2-0 on a goal by Ryan Ramsay at 4:42 of the second period, with Mike Letizia assisting.

It didn't take the Greyhounds long to reply. Jeff Doyle's power-

play goal at 7:26 of the second made it a 2-1 game, a little more than two minutes later, Jeff Carter tied it for Sault Ste. Marie. The Greyhounds took a 3-2 lead with 16:19 elapsed in the second period when Scott Dobben scored a short-handed, unassisted goal. Tyler Kennedy's score at 12:32 of the third period clinched it for Sault Ste. Marie.

Dobben finished with a goal and an assist, and Martin Tuma had two assists to lead the Greyhounds.

Jeff Weber made 39 saves in goal for Plymouth. Kevin Druce had 18 saves for the Greyhounds.

The Whalers have a three-games-in-three-days weekend ahead, hosting Windsor Friday and Saginaw Saturday, both games 7:30 p.m. at Compuware Arena. On Sunday, they play at 2 p.m. at Saginaw.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### PLAYERS WANTED

The Canton Alley Cats, a 10-and-under baseball team, needs two or more players for the 2004 season. Those interested must be Plymouth/Canton residents.

Contact Glen Potter at (734) 844-8981 for information.

### VOLLEYBALL LEAGUES

Registration is currently being taken for a co-ed volleyball league that will play in Canton beginning Friday, Nov. 14 at the Summit. Cost is \$160 per team, which guarantees 14 games. The league runs from mid-November to mid-March.

Officials fees of \$10 per match are paid at the court weekly. Recreational and competitive divisions are offered, with teams composed of six people on the court (three males, three females).

Contact Dan or Glenda with

Canton Leisure Services at (734) 483-5600.

### COACHES NEEDED

The Plymouth High School athletic department is in need of coaches for the following sports: For the winter sports season, assistant coaches in wrestling and gymnastics are needed, for the spring sports season, a freshmen girls soccer coach is wanted. Those interested in applying for these positions should contact Plymouth athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700/02, e-mail him at Sawchuk@pccs.k12.mi.us, FAX him at (734) 582-5650, or send resume to him at 8400 N. Beck Road, Canton, MI, 48187.

### CCJBASA ELECTIONS

Elections for several board members of the Canton Community Junior Baseball Softball Association are sched-

uled for the Dec. 17 meeting.

The offices open for election are president, secretary, vice president-upper baseball, vice president-fields, and vice president-equipment.

Nominations must be received 30 days prior to the elections meeting (by Nov. 17). Send resumes to CCJBASA Registrar, 6206 Rynnmeade, Canton, MI, 48187. The elections committee consists of the registrar, VP-lower baseball and VP-softball.

### SKATING LESSONS

A winter basic skills class will be offered by the Plymouth Recreation Department, offering those who are interested the opportunity to learn to skate at every level, from beginners to advanced freestyle.

Each class is 25 minutes in length, with an additional 25 minutes of practice time, either before or after the lesson,

depending on that day's schedule.

All classes will be at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

General registration will be from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Registrations will also be accepted at the Recreation office during business hours.

Cost is \$50 for city of Plymouth residents and \$70 for non-residents. There will be a \$5 deduction for each sibling also enrolled.

Call the Recreation office at (734) 455-6620, Ext. 304.

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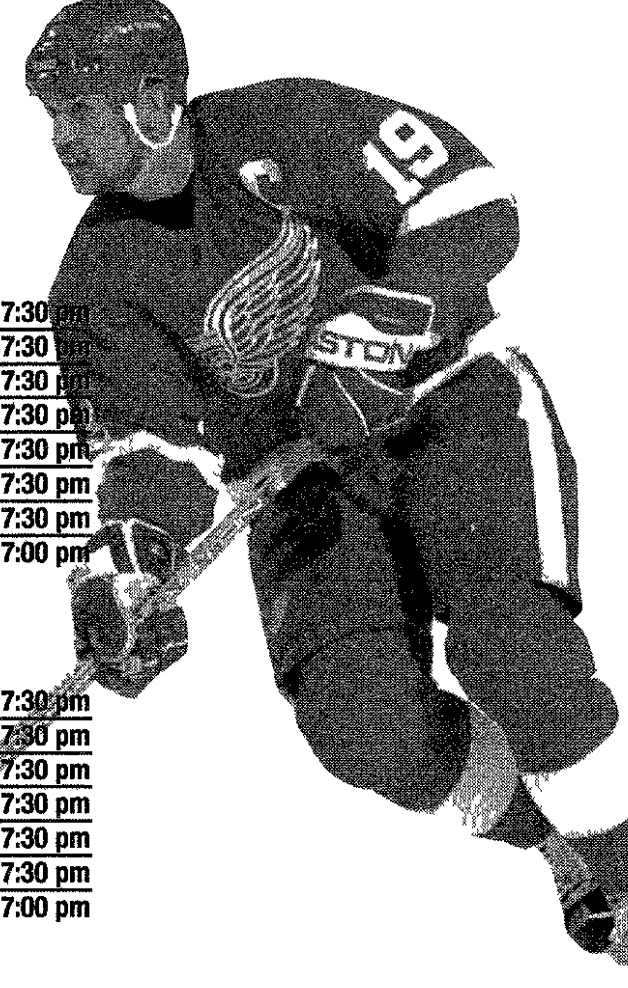
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. (Boats not needed).

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# Activity Column

**Elections were held on Tuesday, November 4th.** Look through your local O&E Newspaper and see what offices had elections to fill them this year. How do the offices vary from the offices we'll be voting for in 2004? Do as many people vote in non-presidential election years? Discuss why.


On November 3, 1948, the Chicago Tribune mistakenly ran a headline in its early editions proclaiming that Thomas E. Dewey had been elected as the new U.S. president (actually, Harry Truman won... it was his first presidential election in which he ran since he ascended to the presidency when Franklin D. Roosevelt died in 1945). Find out how technology contributed to this mistake and describe that in a paragraph. Compare that to the confusion over the November 2000 presidential election between Al Gore and George W. Bush.

November is **National American Indian Heritage Month**. As we all know, the Indians lived in North America long before Columbus or any other explorers arrived in the New World. Do some research to find out what percentage of the American population are of American Indian descent. What are some of the problems and accomplishments of American Indians in today's world? How many Indian nations still inhabit North America? What are their names and where are they located?

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# CC grinds down Brighton, 28-7

If you happened to be driving past Redford's Hilbert Junior High on Saturday afternoon, looked up at the scoreboard and saw 'Home 28, Visitor 7, you'd probably think that Redford Catholic Central had an easy time with Brighton

But it wasn't exactly the case - at least not for most of their Division 1, Region 3 district opener

True, the Shamrocks outgained the Bulldogs, 260-145. But it was one of those games where the raw numbers don't tell the story

"We had a battle on our hands," said CC coach Tom Mach as his team improved to 9-1 on the year and lived to play another day - in this case, right back at Hilbert on Saturday afternoon against 8-2 South Lyon at 1 p.m.

"We ended up with more points but it was a closer game than the score showed. They have a very good defense and took away a lot of our trapping and some of our outside plays. We went with our base blocking and it helped a bit."

After a first half where the Shamrocks and Brighton were virtually dead-even in passing (36 yards for Brighton to 16 for CC), rushing (90-90) and score (7-7), things finally started to go CC's way

"We went toe-to-toe with them and we were on defense too much in the second half," said Brighton coach Bill Murray as his team ended the year at 6-4. "We needed to control the football and we didn't. When you are on defense the entire game, it wears you down."

It wasn't the entire game, but it seemed like it. CC took a 14-7 lead on its first possession of the second half - a nine-play, 45-yard, 6:26 clock burner capped by Eric Vojtkofsky's 4-yard run.

Brighton sandwiched two more possessions around another long, but empty, drive by CC. When the Shamrocks got the ball back, they used another clock-burning drive of 49 yards and 11 plays in 4:53 to take a 21-7 lead, with 5:52 left in the game - capped by a 10-yard scoring run by Derek Brooks in his longest play from



Catholic Central's Dave Thomas finishes up his 5-yard touchdown run in the first half against Brighton

scrimmage in the contest. "They had a swarming defense and it really played great," said Brooks, who had 80 yards on 17 carries. "It seems like this year, it takes us a while to get going anyway - whether it's the second quarter or second half. But their defense was much better than it was on film."

The Shamrocks added another touchdown late in the game as Darnell Tyson picked off a Doug Clark pass and went 28 yards for the final score.

The first half was a different story as Brighton marched down the field on its first possession and looked like it was going to surprise the Shamrocks. Anthony Besso sprinted 68 yards down the sideline on the Bulldogs' third play of the game and failed to score only because CC's Anthony Sabo caught him from behind. But three plays later, quarter-

back Joe Powell flicked the ball to Chad Baliko on a play-action touchdown pass from the CC 9.

CC had a chance to get on the board two possessions later, but Jason Gingell's 50-yard field goal try fell short. He hit the first of his four extra points on the next possession after quarterback Dave Thomas capped a 52-yard drive with a five-yard bootleg.

"I think our defense did a nice job holding them in the first half," said Murray. "In the second half, they just muscled us. CC's a big, physical team and eventually they will wear you down."

Vojtkofsky added 75 on the ground for CC in 17 carries, while Nick Barrett had 48 yards on 10 carries and Thomas had 37 on nine. Besso had 68 yards on eight carries for Brighton, while Jordan Muns added 46 more.

# Shamrocks must get set for Lion passing

## PLAYOFF PREVIEW

For the second straight week, Redford Catholic Central's football team is playing an opponent whose style is 180 degrees different than the one with which it built its reputation.

Brighton, for years a pass-happy team with quarterbacks like Drew Henson, Cullen Finnerty and Brendan Finnerty, morphed into a ground machine.

This week, it's South Lyon's turn to do the chameleon act - and that's got Shamrocks coach Tom Mach concerned heading into Saturday's 1 p.m. Division 1 district final at Hilbert Junior High.

"I don't know much about their past, because we haven't played them, but I do know they liked to run," Mach said. "From what I've seen on films this year is that they like to throw an awful lot. They probably throw 40 to 45 times a game."

The winner of this game gets the Canton-Westland John Glenn winner in the Region 3 final next weekend. Canton would host either team if it wins, while a Glenn win would give a home game to the Shamrocks should they win.

South Lyon coach Bob Scheloske used to be like Mach - a disciple of the ground game. But over the last few years, he's seen the light - or at least has had someone show it to him.

"We used to be a lot like CC and run the football," said Scheloske, whose team is 8-2 this year after a 24-20 win over Walled Lake Western last week. "But since we've had Dennis Reedy at quarterback, we throw the ball."

Do they ever? Reedy's thrown for almost 2,000 yards this year and 3,200 in the past two - including an 11-for-23, 205-yard performance against Western.

"He sees the field very well and knows what secondaries are going to do, so he's able to find the open receiver," Scheloske said. "We have some very solid receivers, too, in Brett Curtis, Derek Wilcox and Jeff Schable."

Along those lines, the Lions have gone from a ground team to a spread-the-field-and-let-loose team. "We just spread them out, let

them run and hide in coverage and hopefully, they'll let someone loose," Scheloske said. "We try to hide and have someone pop up here and there."

Ever the observant coach, this hasn't gone unnoticed by Mach. "They can give anybody fits," Mach said. "They use four, sometimes five, receivers and put a lot of pressure on you by stretching the game across the field. If you play a zone, they might beat you, if you play man-to-man, they might beat you. You have to switch the defenses up and keep (Reedy) guessing."

Compounding the issue is that the Lions do have a solid running back in Nate Spurgess, an 800-yard plus runner this season who ran for 164 yards against Western.

"They will pass 95 percent of the time, but they can run," Mach said. "The running back is good and they have this fake quarterback draw that keeps defenses looking for the run."

As for CC's offense, the Lions know what to expect. It doesn't make it any easier to defend, but Scheloske knows what to look for. "They want to run and lull a defense to sleep and pass here and there," Scheloske said. "They try to hang on to the football so your offense can't do anything."

And it's the same way for the Shamrocks' defense. "The problem for us is trying to imitate what they do," Scheloske said. "They're so big and physical on the defensive front, they move so quickly, that our scout kids can't imitate the speed and reaction they have."

Mach knows his team won't always be able to stop South Lyon. But he'll settle for that. "With the way they throw the ball, you can't worry about stopping them every play," Mach said. "You can stop them eventually. We just have to keep them guessing so they can't stay back and do what they want to do."

"Hopefully, we can get pressure by our defensive line without too much stunting, but if not, we're ready to stunt."

## SMITHERMAN

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ter," said Baechler. "To go 9-1 you have to be a darn good team. I felt lucky to beat them in the second week."

"I think their receivers are playing better, too. In the first game their quarterback (Jon McCahill) played well, but their receivers had a few drops. Their receivers are playing a lot better than they did."

DeLuca does bring something else to the table. "He's more of a running threat than the other boy," said Baechler. And the receivers - 5-foot-9, 147-pound Nathan Beard, 5-11, 148-pound John Adams, and 5-11, 156-pound Brian Peterson - aren't big but are very effective.

Rockets' coach Chuck Gordon believes his team has "improved at every position all season, which is a credit to the players and coaches."

He also realizes Canton is a team which has continued to impress right into the playoffs. "Defensively they have very good quickness and they're well coached," he said of the Chiefs.

"They're not out of position and they get off their blocks well."

"Offensively they run the T-Formation and the Jet Series. They get out of it occasionally. But that's their plan and package. They believe in it, they stick with it and they're good at it."

What Canton has that the Rockets don't is depth. The Chiefs will use four running backs, with Chuck Schumacher, Devin Thomas, Travis McKinney and Julian Smith all getting a chance to run the ball. And quarterback Shawn Little has shown he can both run and throw with precision.

But if there's one area that has improved the most for Canton since its second-week win over Glenn, it's on the offensive line. That area was a question mark coming into the season, with five starters from the 2002 team missing. It's not a question any longer.

"Our offense is heads and tails better than it was in Week Two," said Baechler. "We were just real inconsistent back then, and we fumbled a couple of times in the first half and that hurt us."

"(The Rockets) have to feel confident. It was only 7-0 going into the fourth quarter."

With Smitherman running the ball - the senior has gained 1,942 yards rushing thus far this season - a team will always be confident. He had 171 on the ground against Canton in the first meeting.

"He's very strong, very quick, he cuts real well and he's got great vision," said Baechler. "And he just doesn't go down. He's very special. He's one of those guys who turns a 2-yard loss into a 5-yard gain and a 5-yard gain into a 20-yarder."

Baechler figured his team must neutralize Smitherman, and the best way to do that is to keep the Rocket offense off the field. "Offensively, we need time-consuming drives that will keep them on the sideline, and we need to get points on those drives," said Baechler. "We need to take care of the football. No 1, and you need to make plays on third down when you're in the playoffs."

"There will be a lot of plays made by both teams. We just need to make more of them."

This game doesn't figure to be anything like Canton's previous six, which were decided early. But that's the nature of the playoffs, it never gets easier.

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**ROCKS**

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Highland Milford won the title with 90 points

Leading the Rocks was senior Adam Warner, who placed 54th in the team race in 16:26 Jimmy Walsh, a sophomore, was 82nd in 16:45, Adam Kosteva was 96th in 16:55, Dan Kapadia was 104th in 17:00 and Scott Fysh was 106th in 17:02 Warner was the only senior in the top five Salem runners

What impressed Baker, though, were the drops Warner, 20 seconds off his previous best, Walsh, a 20-second drop, Kosteva, a 30-second drop, Kapadia, six seconds, and Fysh, eight seconds

Baker didn't alter his training pattern any from previous seasons, although everything seemed to work well "Maybe we went to our speed work at the right time," he noted "It seemed to work well with this group

"But once we got into race shape, our

workouts were the same"

Of his top five finishers - Salem's other runners were seniors Brian Barnes, 159th (17:39.0), and Brian Kutnick, 161st (17:39.5) - Kosteva may have impressed Baker most with his state-meet performance

"Kosteva is normally our No. 5 runner," Baker said "We had a nice pack, it was just a little too far back

"This year, we wanted to make it (to state) and learn 'Next year, we want to make it and score in the top 10

"I'm very happy with the way we ran. Now we start getting greedy and looking forward to next year

He won't have to rebuild next year, that much is certain

**OTHER FINISHERS:** Canton's Steve Cheek got to the state final as an individual qualifier Cheek placed 212th overall in 17:41

In the Division IV race, Plymouth Christian Academy sent Ben Welton to the state meet as a individual qualifier Welton was 119th in 18:17

**CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS**

**MHSAA LOWER PENINSULA STATE CROSS COUNTRY FINALS**  
Nov 1 at Michigan International Speedway DIVISION I

**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS** 1 Highland Milford 90 points 2 Ann Arbor Huron 149 3 Saline 166 4 Grand Ledge 201 5 Ann Arbor Pioneer 236 6 Pinckney 240 7 Novi 252 8 Muskegon Mona Shores 275 9 Portage Northern 276 10 Rochester 323 21 Salem 442 27 Livonia Stevenson 682

**Individual winner** Dustin Voss (Saline) 14 minutes 54 seconds (31 miles)

**Salem finishers:** 82 Adam Warner 16:26 123 Jimmy Walsh 16:45 142 Adam Kosteva 16:55 150 Dan Kapadia 17:00 153 Scott Fysh 17:02 207 Brian Barnes 17:39 209 Brian Kutnick 17:39

**CC finishers:** 15 Dave Lucas 15:35 54 Daniel Horgan 16:13 80 Maxwell Working 16:26 155 Dominic Piro 17:04 159 Michael Rossiter 17:05 175 Jason Morad 17:13 189 Michael Nienhaus 17:25

**Stevenson finishers:** 98 Matthew Hays 16:34 171 Colin Hall 17:10 200 Mark Piorowski 17:35 218 Justin Black 17:49 228 Jim Marcicki 18:05 233 Tom Gillespie 18:18 237 Jeff Holycross 18:22

**Canton finisher:** 212 Stephen Cheek 17:41

**Churchill finisher:** 70 Connor Schultz 16:21

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS** 1 Clarkston 102 points 2 Rockford 131 3 Highland Milford 139 4 Traverse City 156 5 Saline 180 6 Grandville 185 7 Brighton 200 8 Grosse Pointe South 247 9 Livonia Stevenson 269 10 Temperance Bedford 291 16 Salem 399 17 Livonia Churchill 421

**Individual winner** Rachel Wittum (Rockford) 17 minutes 55 seconds (31 miles)

**Salem finishers:** 59 Laura Friedman 19:30 65 Hannah Cavicchio 19:35 122 Lauren Kane 20:10 134 Monica Przebienda 20:18 136 Amanda Kassem 20:20 189 Danielle Malone 21:10 191 Lauren Medley 21:11

**Stevenson finishers:** 14 Kirsten Frey 18:40 60 Amber Cicala 19:31 67 Sarah Kulczycki 19:36 86 Lisa Montgomery 19:52 124 Kelly Gibbons 20:13 142 Heather Sirko 20:24 170 Linda Montgomery 20:47

**Franklin finisher:** 30 Kirstian Tyler 18:56

**Churchill finishers:** 48 Kiyen Cieslak 19:18 90 Nicole Schmidt 19:53 101 Erica Hope 19:56 138 Nicole Renaud 20:23 163 Gabriela Gutierrez 20:40 181 Tiffany Pope 21:00 192 Amanda Thayer 21:15

**DIVISION II**

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1 East Grand Rapids 79 points 2 Grand Rapids Christian 119 3 Battle Creek Lakeview 207 4 Monroe Jefferson 228 5 East Lansing 231 6 Dexter 262 7 Petoskey 264 8 Remus Chippewa Hills 279 9 St Joseph 300 10 Richland Gull Lake 302 26 Livonia Ladywood 613

**Individual winner** Laura Mainor (East Grand Rapids) 17 minutes 54 seconds (31 miles)

**Ladywood finishers:** 77 Kathleen Bohrer 19:47 181 Beth Conklin 21:23 190 Brittany Winters 21:30 195 Maegan McGrath 21:36 212 Brittany Scarlett 22:02 216 Amanda McClellan 22:09 219 Lauren Taylor 22:15

**DIVISION IV**

**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS** 1 Herbor Springs 73 points 2 Hudson 127 3 Vandercook Lake 164 4 Bath 165 5 Hale 173 6 Bear Lake 192 7 Traverse City St Francis 277 8 Southfield Christian 302 9 Lawton 347 10 Ann Arbor Greenhills 354 24 Lutheran Westland 519

**Individual winner** Stephan Shay (Central Lake) 15 minutes 35 seconds (31 miles)

**Lutheran Westland finishers:** 124 Kevin Brown 18:19 128 Steven Schmidt 18:22 129 Josh Matthews 18:23 183 Timothy Ebendick 19:16 184 Zachary Fabris 19:16 218 Kyle Wilson 20:44 225 Chris Giralomo 21:21

**Plymouth Christian finisher:** 119 Ben Welton 18:17

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS** 1 Traverse City St Francis 135 points 2 Ann Arbor Greenhills 152 3 Big Rapids Crossroads Charter 166 4 Pottersville 228 5 Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 229 6 Ulby 229 7 Hudson 231 8 Southfield Christian 239 9 Bear Lake 257 10 Harbor Springs, 290 16 Lutheran Westland 385

**Individual winner** Laura Rolf (Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest) 18 minutes 29 seconds (31 miles)

**Lutheran Westland finishers:** 49 Christina MacKenzie 20:51 72 Nicole Barnaby 21:28 94 Katherine MacKenzie 21:49 155 Ashley Taylor Voss 22:54 161 Ruth Pranschke 23:03 181 Jennifer Timm 23:36 203 Julie Macomber 24:17

**Strong runs sets stage for Salem's future**

It was everything a coach could have asked for

The performances were outstanding, but it was the timing that boosted their importance Salem's girls cross country team did as well as coach Dave Gerlach could have hoped, and the Rocks did it at the perfect time - the state finals

No, Salem wasn't a contender for a state championship But the Rocks did finish 16th in the 27-team field with 399 points, edging Western Lakes Activities Association rival Livonia Churchill (the Chargers were 17th), at Saturday's Division I state meet at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn

The end result left Gerlach gushing over his team's performance "We had four personal bests out of our top five," he said "It didn't really shock him, considering 10 Rocks broke 21 minutes this season "I know coaches who would kill to have one," he noted

Two Rocks - Laura Friedman and Hannah Cavicchio - broke 20 minutes

**GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**

and all five scorers were at 20:20 or better

"We've never had that," said Gerlach "The best team I coached before this was in '96 They made it to the state finals, and this team would pound that team"

Quality of depth was the reason "In the past I've had some great distance runners," Gerlach said "They could go 10 miles at a good pace, but they didn't have the speed

"This year's team had good foot-speed I had three front-runners, any of them had the potential to be No. 1"

Gerlach pushed this team harder than his others, increasing their mileage to 35 a week (up from 25 for past teams) and also spending more time working on their speed

"We did a lot of speed work," he said "I knew they could handle the mileage, and they showed me they could handle the speed work, too

"This team has accom-

plished quite a bit"

Friedman and Cavicchio were at the top of the performance list for Salem Friedman finished 59th overall in 19:30.6, Cavicchio was 65th in 19:35.5

Next best for the Rocks was Lauren Kane, 122nd in 20:10.9, followed by Monica Przebienda, 134th in 20:18.5, and Amanda Kassem, 136th in 20:20.3 For all but Kane, the times were season-bests

Salem's other state-meet runners were Damelle Malone, who was 189th (21:10.6), and Lauren Medley, who placed 191st (21:11.3)

All things considered, the state meet was something for the Rocks to be collectively proud of But the best wasn't necessarily what they accomplished, but what lay ahead There were no seniors on the team, Friedman, Kane, Przebienda and Malone are juniors, Medley and Kassem are sophomores and Cavicchio is a freshman

"The outlook for next year is good," Gerlach said "We had 17 runners under 22 minutes and 14 return next year"

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## WHAC

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had a good season. This would have been the worst time for that to break down."

Sciocluna agreed field conditions played a major role in the outcome. So, too, did having five starters sitting out for "different reasons," according to Sciocluna. "I figured the longer it went, the better it was for us," said Tech coach Martin Neuhooff, his team finishing its season at 11-8-2. "I was pretty much hoping we could keep it even through the first half, then in the last 12 minutes (of the game) I thought it was pretty much us."

"I thought if we could get it to overtime we could win it." The conditions, Neuhooff felt, favored his team. "This field definitely brought the play down to us," he said. "On a normal field they'd be up on us 2-0 by halftime." Eric Sicilia (Livonia Churchill) was in goal to earn the shutout for

Madonna Ryan Mathe was in the net for the Warriors.

The Crusaders played Cornerstone twice this season, winning at Cornerstone 4-1 on Sept. 23 and blanking the Golden Eagles 3-0 on Oct. 18 at Greenmead.

## Big match for SC

Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team has a one-game showdown on Saturday.

The Ocelots, coached by Dominic Sciocluna, will take on Springfield (Ill.) College for the NJCAA district championship and a berth in the NJCAA Division I Tournament. The match is at Springfield at 2 p.m. (CST) Saturday.

SC is 12-4-1 for the season. One of the Ocelots' losses, however, came by a 4-1 margin against Springfield at the Missouri Junior College Invitational in the last weekend of August.

The winner of Saturday's game will get a berth in the eight-team Division I Tournament, which will be in Tyler, Tex., beginning Nov. 17.

## COACHES SOUGHT

Livonia 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, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, 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.

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

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

## CRUSADERS

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Shelley Swanston, by contrast, faced 27 shots and made seven saves.

"This group has found its niche," said Zathay. "They work well together. On the field, everybody has accepted their role, which is aimed at maximizing their strengths and minimizing their weaknesses."

Despite their record and regular-season WHAC championship, it's been a year of ups and downs for the Crusaders. They were 2-1-1 in their first four games of the season, all non-conference, then won their first three in the WHAC — only to lose two of the next three league matches. Six-straight wins followed, five of them against WHAC opponents.

But just as it seemed the Crusaders were finding their stride, a trip to Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, Ky., derailed them. In losses to the host team and Robert Morris (Ill.), they were outscored 10-4.

Which left them scrambling going into a match for the regular-season league title against Siena Heights Oct. 29. No

worries, though, Madonna won handily, 3-1, then followed that with Wednesday's convincing thumping of Aquinas.

"We're getting good midfield play and good play from our keepers, but they're just freshmen," noted Zathay. So, too, are his two marking defenders, Bethany Dobbyn (Livonia Stevenson) and Diane Foley.

Which means his four seniors — Becky Guibord, Shull, Jackson and Bruce — must step up their play, which they have. Guibord is second on the team to Pack in goal-scoring, Guibord has 12 goals to go with five assists (29 points). Jackson has nine goals and 20 assists (38 points) and Shull has seven goals and four assists (18 points).

Pack leads the Crusaders with 27 goals and nine assists (63 points).

With the one-loss-and-out NIAA playoffs approaching, Zathay doesn't plan to alter anything. "The scenario doesn't have to change much," he said, "just tweak it a bit. Sometimes we'll get caught in transition when we should be playing defense better."

One element this team does have is firepower, and from a variety of sources. That should help on the playoff road ahead.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the **Salem High School Carpet Replacement Bid**. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Laura Hagan of the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2953. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m., Thursday, November 20, 2003 and should be addressed to Dan Phillips, RE Floor Replacement Bid, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, 454 South Harvey Plymouth, MI 48170. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary

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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. November 20th, 2003 for the following:

## CARDIOVASCULAR FITNESS EQUIPMENT

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF 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 Board Proceedings  
- October 28, 2003

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, October 28, 2003, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

**Staff Present:** Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the amended agenda deleting Items G8 and G12. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Regular Board Minutes of October 14, 2003. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Burdziak to approve payment of the bills for October 28, 2003 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## Expenditure Recap for October 28, 2003

General Fund	101	\$1,166,465.33
Fire Fund	206	140,890.90
Police Fund	207	198,937.23
Summit Operating	208	37,725.07
Cable TV Fund	230	565.87
Twp Improvement	246	222,651.33
E 911 Utility	261	11,685.20
Auto Forfeiture (vwva)	267	5,873.46
Federal Grants Fund	274	26.65
Auto Theft Grant	289	1,271.09
Downtown Dev Author	294	72,339.50
Cap Proj Summit Const	402	1,849,323.82
Cap Proj Road Paving	403	268,326.63
Golf Fund	584	12,240.21
Water & Sewer Fund	592	1,721,564.02
Trust & Agency Fund	701	6,513.00
<b>Total - All Funds</b>		<b>5,516,398.31</b>

**Board Member Reports:** Trustee Zarbo presented to the Board a packet of information regarding IKEA.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Item 1. Public Hearing And Grant Award Contract For Department of Justice Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program (LLEBG). Motion by Yack supported by Bennett to open the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. to review plans under a FY 2003 Department of Justice Local Law Enforcement Block Grant award to purchase computer software data conversion and portable range barricades for the Public Safety Department. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to close the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant program award contract which includes \$21,068 in federal funds plus a required local match of \$2,341 for a project total of \$23,409. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 2. Public Hearing: Request for Class C Liquor License Transfer to S.B. Nara, Inc., 42408 Ford Road, Canton, Michigan.** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to open the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. to consider the request of S B Nara, Inc. to transfer ownership of 1998 Class C License located in escrow at 20038 44-20050 Eureka, Taylor, Michigan, Wayne County from Mad Trovanos, Inc. Stuart A Gold Trustee Transfer Location (Governmental Unit) (MCL 436 1531(1) to 42408 Ford Road, Canton, MI 48187. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to close the public hearing at 7:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak that the request of S B Nara, Inc. to transfer ownership of 1998 Class C License located in escrow at 20038 44 20050 Eureka, Taylor, Michigan, Wayne County, from Mad Trovanos, Inc., Stuart A Gold, Trustee, Transfer Location (Governmental Unit) (MCL 436 1531(1) to 42408 Ford Road Canton, MI 48187 be considered for approval "Above all others" it is the consensus of this legislative body that the transfer be recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 3. Public Hearing - Consider Tax Abatement Transfer For T. Alterman & Associates (Powertrain Production Systems).** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to open the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. to consider tax abatement transfer for T Alterman & Associates (Powertrain Production Systems). Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to close the public hearing at 7:18 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution approving application of T Alterman and Associates (Powertrain Production Systems) for Transfer of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #90 517 for Real Property and Revocation of Personal Property on Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #90 517. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 4. Public Hearing - Consider Tax Abatement For Powertrain Production Systems.** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to open the public hearing at 7:18 p.m. to consider Tax Abatement for Powertrain Systems. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Zarbo to close the public hearing at 7:19 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution approving application of Powertrain Production Systems LLC Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Personal Property. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. Budget Amendment Building And Inspection Services.** Motion by Burdziak to approve the

following budget amendment in the General Fund to appropriate funds for additional overtime expenses in the Building & Inspection Services division of Municipal Services. **Increase Revenues:** Building Permits #101 000 477 000 \$10,000 **Increase Appropriations:** Overtime Building & Inspection Services #101 371 708 000 \$10,000. This budget amendment increases the Building Inspection Services Division budget from \$1,702,030 to \$1,712,030 and the General Fund budget from \$24,593,925 to \$24,603,925. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 2. Special Community Events Status And The Installation of Signs For The Tri-City Christian Center's Holiday Craft Fair.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve special community event status for the Tri-City Christian Center's Holiday Craft Fair and approval to install signs advertising the event. Motion carried unanimously.

**GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. Adopt FY 2004 Budgets.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the following Budget Resolution for FY 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

## RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Resolution Adopting the FY2004 Budget

WHEREAS 1978 PA 621 requires that the annual budgets be adopted by resolution and

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Charter Township of Canton has held public hearings, and has reviewed the budget materials submitted,

NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the expenditures and transfers for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2004 are hereby appropriated on an activity (Department) total

General Fund	\$24,174,805
Fire Fund	\$9,255,457
Police Fund	\$12,418,245
Community Center Fund	\$3,135,020
Street Lighting Fund	\$190,492
Cable TV Fund	\$1,211,276
Public Improvement Fund	\$275,000
Community Improvement Fund	\$2,023,149
911 Service Fund	\$286,000
WWN Forfeiture Fund	\$287,690
Special Investigative Fund	\$90,300
Federal Grants Fund	\$42,408
State Projects Fund	\$391,892
Capital Projects Rd Paving Fund	\$277,000
Golf Course	\$2,496,651
Water and Sewer Fund	\$26,141,772
Post Employment Benefits Fund	\$498,750

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Charter Mills of 2.00 be levied on all taxable real and personal property for general fund operations, the Fire Special Assessment millage of 2.6000 be levied on all taxable real property for Fire Department operations and the Police Special Assessment millage of 4.2500 be levied on all taxable real property for Police Department operations. The total millage levied is 8.8500 mills.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Revenues and transfers for the 2004 Fiscal Year are estimated as follows

General Fund	\$24,174,805
Fire Fund	\$9,255,457
Police Fund	\$12,418,245
Community Center Fund	\$3,135,020
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Supervisor has the authority to make budget adjustments within an activity (department), excluding salary, overtime, fringes and capital outlay after consultation and recommendation by the affected Department Director and the Finance and Budget Director in accordance with adopted policies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there shall not be any new full time positions created and/or filled without prior Township Board approval and that existing vacant and budgeted positions may be filled by the Township Supervisor only after review and recommendation by the Administrative and Community Services Director and Finance and Budget Director.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all purchases and expenditures will be made in accordance with adopted procedures.

Terry G Bennett

**Item 2. Consider Ibrahim Rezoning.** Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to approve the request of the petitioner to rezone certain property identified by property tax EDP #064 99 0006-000 from RR Rural Residential to R-3 Single Family Residential District. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 3. Consider Land Use Approval For Hayes Day Care Center.** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the request of the Project Sponsors Dennis and Deborah Hayes to conduct the special use for the proposed combination child care center and single family residence on Tax Parcel No. 063 99-0003,707, subject to compliance with any conditions herein and all other regulations of the Township. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 4. Consider Removing From The Table And Adopting Resolution #5 For The Paving of Lotz Road, South of Michigan Avenue SAD.** Motion by Bennett supported by Shefferly to remove from the table Resolution #5 for the Paving of Lotz Road, South of Michigan Avenue SAD. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to adopt Resolution #5 for the paving of Lotz Road South of Michigan Avenue SAD. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 5. Internet Mapping Services.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the purchase of computer hardware, software and consulting services from the vendors identified in the RBA, to create and implement an internet mapping system. All costs are based on fixed prices offered through State of Michigan contracts with the exception of the \$695 ServletExec software from New Atlanta Communications. Funds for all expenditures are available in the 2003 Planning Services budget and include \$14,007.12 in capital funds (account #101-853-977 0000) and \$7,710 in professional consulting funds (account #101 853 808 0000). Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 6. Consider Agreement With Wayne County to Provide Winter Maintenance on 13.25 Mills of County Roads.** Motion by Bennett supported by Shefferly to approve the agreement with Wayne County to upgrade winter maintenance on an additional 13.75 miles of roads and authorize payment of \$62,456.00 to Wayne County, funding to come from FY 2003, Account #101 441 950-0000 Sheldon Road (Michigan to Ford) 3.25 miles, Lotz Road (Michigan to Palmer) 1.25 miles, Warren Road (Beck to 1/2 mile W of Ridge) - 1.50 miles, Lilley Road (Michigan to Ford) - 3.25 miles, Denton Road (Geddes to Cherry Hill) 2.00 miles, Lotz Road (Palmer to Cherry Hill) 1.00 miles, Denton Road (Mott to Geddes) 1.00 miles, Joy Road (West of Beck) 50 miles (added at meeting), Total = 13.75 miles. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 7. Authorize The Township Supervisor to Execute The Intergovernmental Agreement With Wayne County For The Right-of-Way Acquisition on Warren Road From Canton Center to Morton Taylor.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the Township Supervisor to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement with Wayne County for Right-of-Way Acquisition on Warren Road from Canton Center to Morton Taylor. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 8. Consider Award of Contract for Public Work's Roofing Project.** [Removed from the Agenda]

**Item 9. Consider Purchase of the Trimble Pathfinder Pro XR Field Kit and TSCe Field Device and Terrasyn Professional from Michigan Surveyors Study.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the purchase from Michigan Surveyors Supply, for the Trimble GPS Pathfinder Pro XR field kit and TSCe Data Collector with TerraSync Professional Edition for a total cost not to exceed \$7,990.00, to be charged to Planning Services account #101 853-977 0000. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 10. Request for Pheasant Run Golf Club Cart Path Repairs.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to award the bid for asphalt replacement/repair of 5500 square feet to Best Asphalt Inc. at a cost of \$11,000 and charged to account #584 756 971 000. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 11. Request for Removal/Disposal of Infected/Dead Ash Trees at Fellows Creek Golf Course.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to award the bid for the removal/disposal of 200 infected ash trees as Fellows Creek Golf Course to Eagle Tree Care with the total cost not to exceed \$48,000.00 and charge to the Community Improvement fund. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 12. Request to Increase Purchase Order for Landscaping for Tunnel at Pheasant Run Golf Club.** [Removed from the Agenda]

**Item 13. Approve Proposal for Historic Preservation Manual and Resource Guide.** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the proposal from Kosky, Glynn and Saborio LLC for \$10,000 for the research and writing of a manual/resource guide for the preservation of historic cemeteries. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 14. Approval of Contract for the I-275/Michigan Avenue Interchange Project.** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the I-275/Michigan Avenue Interchange Project with a local match from Canton township of \$35,600. Motion carried unanimously.

**OTHER:** Study session next week is Hazardous Mitigation Plan for Canton Township. ADJOURN. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Thomas J Jack Supervisor / Terry G Bennett - Clerk

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**AGAPE**

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But Tong could not turn the tide herself. In the end, the Wolverines' floor shooting - a woeful 11-of-64 (17.2 percent) - doomed them. They managed to trim the deficit to 31-22 after three quarters, but could get no closer.

Southfield Christian was led by guard Jillian Grandison with 19 points, including a 10-for-10 performance at the free-throw line in the second half.

**Canton 62, Livonia Churchill 35:** Once again, after the Chiefs got rolling, they were hard to stop.

Canton outscored visiting Lavonia Churchill 38-21 in the middle quarters Tuesday, giving it a 50-29 lead entering the fourth period - too much for the Chargers to overcome.

The Chiefs improved to 16-2 overall and a perfect 12-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Churchill fell to 7-11 overall, 5-9 in the conference.

"We started a little slow, but the middle quarters were good for us," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "And we had pretty good balance tonight."

Katie Cezat again proved dominant, scoring 19 points and pulling down 22 rebounds, she also had two blocked shots. Rachele Guastella added 15 points, scoring seven in the second quarter when Canton outpointed the Chargers 21-10. Guastella also limited Churchill's leading scorer, Robin Johnson, to six points.

Lisa Ealy added nine points and eight boards for Canton. Karen Anger topped Churchill with 20 points.

**Salem 54, W.L. Central 26:** One might think a game between the top two teams in the WLAAs Lakes Division would be closer.

Sorry. The Rocks dominated Walled Lake Central from the start Tuesday at Salem, outscoring the Vikings 14-3 in the first quarter and 12-8 in the second to take a 26-11 halftime lead.

The win pushed Salem's record to 12-6 overall, 10-2 in the WLAAs. Central is 8-10 overall, 7-5 in the WLAAs.

"We had a really good first quarter," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "Five players scored for us in the first quarter, and (Ellen) Canale got us out and going with five (points)."

Canale finished with a team-high 11 points. Carly Schwann

netted nine, Becky Ward scored eight, Alyssa Guern had seven and Kathy Hammerschmidt added six.

"We were solid," Thomann commented on a defense that kept Central from reaching double figures in scoring in any quarter. "More importantly, we made shots tonight. That's something we didn't do (in two losses) last week, especially against Northville."

Lauren Becker's eight points was best for the Vikings.

Salem's junior varsity team improved to 17-1 with a 47-17 win over Central - which had beaten the Rocks earlier this season.

**Plymouth Christian 55, Macomb Christian 14:** In the opening quarter Tuesday at Plymouth Christian Academy, Macomb Christian scored eight points against PCA.

The Crusaders managed just six more in the next three as PCA improved to 4-13 overall with the non-conference win. Macomb Christian is 5-12.

"We tightened up our defense and put some pressure on the ball," said Eagles' coach Kevin Nast. "Everyone on the team scored, and we got some easy baskets in transition."

PCA outscored Macomb 14-2 in the second quarter and 12-0 in the third. Amanda Saagman's 12 points topped the Eagles, Kelsie Tietjen contributed 10 points and 16 rebounds, with Shannon Murray and Lauren Soblesky getting seven points apiece.

Alicia Bergen led the Crusaders with six points.

**D.H. Robichaud 42, Plymouth 39:** In a varsity game played last Friday at Plymouth, the Wildcats let one get away with some costly mistakes.

The three-point loss left Plymouth at 13-4 overall. Dearborn Heights Robichaud is 8-8.

"We were very competitive," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "We played very hard, but at the end we made some young mistakes with possession. And our free-throw shooting hurt us - 6-for-15."

The game was close throughout, Robichaud up 10-8 after one quarter and 22-18 at the half. Plymouth closed it to 30-28 heading into the fourth quarter.

Jeanne Moise topped the Wildcats with 17 points and 16 rebounds. Janet Hanchett had eight points and Colleen Flaherty had seven points and eight boards.

Mary Reilly's 24 points was best for the Bulldogs.

**Lady Ocelots seek balance this season**

BY JOSE CARRILLO  
STAFF WRITER

Though last season's key player is gone, the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team believe they are in a better position to reclaim the Michigan Community College Athletic Association-Eastern Conference title.

SC coach Karen Lafata, who has led the Ocelots to three conference titles in her five years, said the team has a tremendous freshman class to go along with a strong sophomore group, which will provide leadership. The team will work together to replace the void left by Pam Wingate, who led the team last season averaging 20.5 points and nine rebounds per game.

"Last year Pamela pretty much dominated," Lafata said of the 6-foot-2 center, who moved on to play for the University of Akron (Ohio). "This team has more depth, more scoring options."

"We're in a better position to compete. Overall, we upgraded every position."

Last season, the team finished unranked with record of 18-10 overall and 10-3 conference, second to Oakland Community College.

This season has already brought small acclaim for the Ocelots, who were selected as an

honorable mention selection in the 2003-04 NJCAA Division II preseason poll.

"I think it's good the program was recognized," Lafata said. "But, I think we'd like to prove we belong there and deserved to be ranked. That's our mission."

Other than Wingate, only one other starter is missing from last season - Mia Henderson. The forward was third on the team with 10 points and 7.4 rebounds per game.

Returning with a new role is 6-foot sophomore Crystal Pittman (Southfield-Lathrup). She was second on the team with 10.7 points and 8.8 rebounds per game and will make the move from forward to center. She also was third on the team with 2.4 assists per game.

Four of last season's guards will return, including the starting pair.

In the backcourt, Tara Charles (Redford Bishop Borgess) averaged 7.8 points, 4.6 rebounds and 2.6 assists, while Jazmyne Forster (Detroit Cody) led the team with 3.2 assists and averaged 4.1 points and 3.5 rebounds.

Tiffany Pattullo (Detroit King) and Brandy Taylor (Detroit C.M.A.) also return.

Perhaps the most biggest addition to the team is 5-11 forward India Monteiro, who transferred from New Mexico

State.

In 2001 at Detroit Murray-Wright, Monteiro averaged 25 points, 15 rebounds and six steals en route to All-State, All-Metro and All-City honors.

"India brings athletic ability and overall scoring ability," Lafata said of her versatile player. "We expect her to average a double-double. She can score from the perimeter and she can score from post."

Takara Tuff, another newcomer at forward, earned All-Public School League honors two straight seasons at Detroit Denby and should provide an offensive presence.

"Takara has a good outside shot and is strong at taking it to the hole," Lafata said.

Other newcomer is Shareece Cosby (Pontiac Central), who Lafata said is very talented and gives the Ocelot coach two strong point-guards.

Also in the mix is Amantha Combs of Belleville, former Lutheran High Westland guard. Jenna Hess, Wayne State University transfer Ashley Gibson (Detroit Benedictine), forward/center Crystal Taylor (Detroit Mumford), and 6-3 center Sara Tyree (Westland John Glenn), the latter whom will contribute in the post rotation.

With new the faces, the one thing that will not change is the

core style of play Lafata enforces.

"We're still going to play fast up-tempo and use the full-court press," Lafata said. "That hasn't changed since I got here."

The Ocelots do have one drawback that will affect them for some time. Pattullo suffered a shoulder injury while hitting the floor in practice two weeks ago. She will be out for a month and Lafata said the team will anxiously await her return.

SC tips off the season, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10 at home against Marygrove College.

"We have a very challenging schedule," Lafata said, pointing out that the Lady Ocelots will face a pair of NJCAA-Division I teams, Nov. 14-15, in the Chipola (Fla.) Community College Tournament.

Two of their opponents will be defending NJCAA Division I champion Gulf Coast (Fla.) CC, along with Vincennes (Ind.) University.

Following the tournament, the Ocelots will embark on its first of two battles in the month with Owens CC (Ohio), which ended the Lady Ocelots' season last year in the Region 12 playoffs, 85-65. Lafata said chances of beating Owens is greater, but Toledo school will also be much improved.

"We'll just have to wait and see," Lafata said.

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**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Thursday Nov 6  
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Canton at Franklin 7 p.m.  
Salem at John Glenn 7 p.m.  
WL Central at Wayne 7 p.m.  
Friday Nov 7  
Huron Valley at Waterford Mt. Zion 5:30 p.m.  
**GIRLS SWIMMING**  
Thursday Nov 6  
WLAAs prelims at Salem 1 p.m.  
Friday Nov 7  
WLAAs diving prelims at Salem 2:30 p.m.  
Saturday Nov 8  
WLAAs finals meet at Salem noon  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**  
Thursday Nov 6  
Saginaw Valley at Madonna 7 p.m.  
Friday Nov 7  
NJCAA Div. II Region 12 District TBA  
Saturday Nov 8  
NJCAA Div. II Region 12 District TBA  
**MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
Saturday Nov 8

(WHAC Finals at Greenmead)  
Madonna vs Cornerstone 2 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
Wednesday Nov 5  
(WHAC Finals at Greenmead)  
Madonna vs TBA noon  
**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Saturday Nov 8  
St. Francis (Ind.) at Madonna 7 p.m.  
Alumni at Schoolcraft 7:30 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Friday Nov 7  
MU at Cedarville (Ohio) Tourney 6 & 8 p.m.  
Saturday Nov 8  
MU at Cedarville (Ohio) Tourney 1 & 3 p.m.  
**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
Friday Nov 7  
Whalers vs Windsor (Compuware) 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday Nov 8  
Whalers vs Saginaw (Compuware) 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday Nov 9  
Whalers at Saginaw 7:30 p.m.  
TBA - time to be announced

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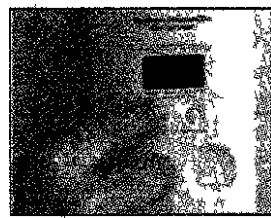
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## Accents

### ■ Beware of CO

Accidental carbon monoxide poisoning claims about 1,500 lives annually and about one in five deaths involve heating or cooking equipment. The best defenses



against carbon monoxide poisoning in the home are making sure that heating and cooking appliances are properly installed and maintained, and that carbon monoxide alarms are installed on each level of a home—particularly near sleeping areas.

When appliances and vents work properly and an adequate supply of carbon monoxide alarms are installed throughout the house, residents can help protect themselves and their families from this silent killer. Carbon monoxide can build up wherever flammable fuel is burned. Potential culprits of carbon monoxide in the home include:

■ **Gas stove and range top** Because these appliances are often unvented, they can be common sources of carbon monoxide in the home. To help prevent carbon monoxide from seeping, regular cleaning of the range top, oven cavity and burners is recommended. Keeping these appliances maintained and in working condition can also help reduce the chance of carbon monoxide poisoning.

■ **Gas furnace and water heater** - Improper installation or damage from basement flooding can cause both these appliances to produce harmful levels of carbon monoxide. A clogged or dirty burner can also negatively affect the air/fuel mixture. Soot buildup and a pilot light that is mostly yellow in color could be indicators that the fuel is burning incompletely. A qualified technician (usually employed by a local oil or gas company) can inspect the furnace and water heater to ensure the air and fuel mixture is adjusted correctly and to make sure the burner components are cleaned.

■ **Gas clothes dryer** - A faulty or improperly installed dryer can be a carbon monoxide hazard. Exhaust pipes clogged with lint can also cause carbon monoxide to build up. Again, regular inspection and maintenance are good preventive measures, as is cleaning the lint filter after each use.

Tips on how to check for carbon monoxide hazards and a room-by-room safety audit are available at [www.firstalert.com](http://www.firstalert.com).



Colors in the centerpiece and china highlight each other, and match the colors in the room. The dining room table is an indication of what's in store at Cranbrook Holiday Tables.

# as the Tables

Creativity and style are always in place at Holiday Tables, an annual event that benefits the preservation of Cranbrook House, the home designed by Albert Kahn for Cranbrook founders George and Ellen Scripps Booth.

Holiday Tables has been a tradition at Cranbrook House for 28 years. It presents tables decorated in a variety of styles—innovative, elegant, whimsical—that show such elements as distinctive centerpieces and ways to arrange heirloom pieces.

"I've always loved the event," said Bloomfield Hills resident.



Each place setting has its own pair of salt and pepper shakers.

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## Get creative with your bathroom design

BY MIKE MURPHY  
CORRESPONDENT

Bathrooms of today are more luxurious restful places than they were years ago, and that is something that is reflected by the expanding world of bathroom accessories.

"A lot of people like to make their bathroom a luxurious place of relaxation," said Karol Gore, designer at Mans Kitchen and Bath Design Centers in Canton. "It's no longer just a shower and shave and good-bye. People are getting much more creative."

While certain bathroom features of the past, such as the medicine cabinet built into the wall, are no longer fashionable, many other accessory features have risen to take their place.

Since master bathrooms in newly built home are much bigger than their predecessors, people looking to design their bathroom's interior may also have the space for amenities like oversized

PLEASE SEE BATHROOM, C3



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Since master bathrooms in new homes have grown in size, people looking to design their bathroom's interior may also have the space for amenities like oversized showers and whirlpools, or cozy comforts such as heated floors.

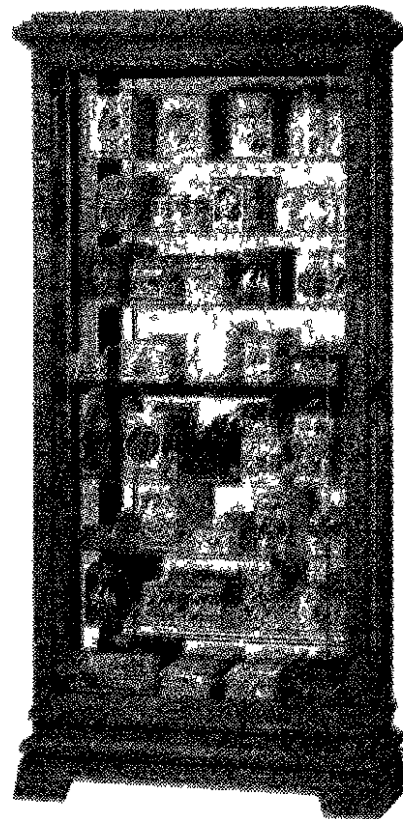
## MARKET PLACE

### Collectors' cabinets

Herman Miller offers collectors cabinets in a variety of styles. The Hubbard Mission Collection (left) is inspired by the Arts and Crafts Movement, finished in Heritage Oak on select hardwoods and veneers. The Urban Collection boasts simple contemporary elegance with its straight lines, flat top pediment and nickel finish molding, finished in Merlot Cherry on select hardwoods and veneer. Eight levels of display in each unit offer more space for collectibles. Herman Miller clocks and collectibles are available at several metro Detroit furniture outlets, including Marshall Field's, Laurel Furniture, Franks Furniture, Art Van and Classic Interiors. Visit [www.howardmiller.com](http://www.howardmiller.com) to find the location nearest you.

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# There's no gender gap when it comes to appliance repairs

The telephone rings. The caller identifies herself as Laurie. She informs me of a problem with her 14-year-old Kenmore washing machine. It is making clunking noises



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

when it agitates. She would like to know if she should call for a service technician or simply go shopping for a new washer. She tells me she is a single mom, working and just getting by in life. Before I tell you how I helped Laurie resolve her problem, I would like to give you a story from about 20 years ago.

One thing I did know how to do was make friends and in the 20 years of owning that place, I made many. It was simple, just by helping people do things themselves and saving money in the process.

It's always possible that what goes around comes around and here is just one example. I helped a very senior citizen lady who was recently widowed and who couldn't afford a service technician. Her husband's tools lay on his work bench, just as they had before he died. This woman, well into her 80s, fixed the gas valve on her clothes dryer all by herself and I remember her calling me on the phone to thank me for showing her what to do. Of the many thousands of women that I have helped in the past 40 years, this lady stood out. She was crying her heart out when she called. She depended on her husband to do these kinds of things and she missed him so much. She told me she had never even held a wrench in

her hands in her life. All these years later, I still get teary-eyed when I think of that woman.

I later received a call from her son who had just moved back into town and was working at Maclean Hunter cable television. He had heard the story from his mother and wanted to know if I could do a television show on consumerism and appliances. That's how I got involved in doing cable television shows in Garden City. It goes to show how kindness and caring for others can come back to you. Since those days, a whole ton of great things have happened for me and I have been blessed in many ways.

Let's go back to Laurie with the noisy washer who replied that she is handy with a screwdriver. I told her that she probably had a broken coupler which is a plastic piece that transfers power between the motor and the transmission.

This is a common thing to happen on this washer and it is something that homeowners

can repair themselves. I instructed Laurie to go an appliance repair shop, ask how to take the casing off the washer and get instructions on how to replace the coupler. Laurie hasn't called me back and that's OK, because that phone can ring 15 or 20 times a day from homeowners seeking advice.

I'm pretty sure that Laurie is going to fix this thing because she sounded determined and very willing to learn. She also knows she will save herself over \$100 on the repair bill, or save \$400 on buying a new washer.

These many thousands of women that I have met have proven that it is not a man's world when it comes to fixing appliances. I have seen the pride shining through their eyes as they look at me and profess, "I fixed the thing myself." Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ 950 and WXYT 1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281.

# Blankets envelops readers from start to finish

## BLANKETS

Blankets: an illustrated novel by Craig Thompson (Top Shelf Productions \$29.95)

At 582 pages, "Blankets" is a doorstop of a book. But it's an illustrated novel, and doesn't take all that long to finish. In fact, it's so engrossing that, from the very first black-and-white sketch, many readers will feel it ends all too soon.



Victoria Diaz

Illustrated by Craig Thompson, who was born in Traverse City, "Blankets" tells the story of a young misfit (named Craig Thompson), growing up in Wisconsin (where the talented artist was raised).

Eventually, at a church camp, he meets a Michigan girl named Raina, his first love. Their bittersweet relationship is at the center of this story, but the novel is considerably more than a teen-age romance. It's also a story about family, friendship, and religious faith.

While leading character, Craig, seems just a touch self-pitying now and then, most readers will root for him from beginning to end, anyway. And all characters vivify the story, thanks not only to Thompson's ability to draw them with words, but also to his dazzling talent for illustration.

With a line or a squiggle or a smudgy shadow, he's superb at setting a scene, depicting a mood, expressing the subtlest emotion.

The story opens on a scene in which Craig and his younger brother, Phil, are sharing a bed.

As most normal little boys do, these two are fighting over their share of the blanket. It seems an almost comical scene. Almost.

Soon, though, one boy pushes the other boy out of bed, and their angry father storms into the room. Almost before we realize what is happening, young Phil has been

jerked up, dragged off, and locked in "The Cubby Hole," a dark, disgusting place "uninsulated, unlit, and uninhabited — except by spiders and vermin."

"You'd better make yourself comfortable," the boys' father tells little Phil, as he closes up the tight space, leaving the terrified child to beg in the darkness.

This is not the home of Beaver Cleaver.

At school, things are not much better. In fact, they're worse in some ways. Frail, dreamy-eyed Craig is almost constantly taunted by classmates.

"You look like a girl!" and "faggot" are typical remarks tossed in his direction by some of the ham-fisted teens he encounters in the hallways.

He's no less of a misfit within his fundamentalist church and church groups. In fact, within his world, the Bible-reading boy's only real escape seems to be through his art, although he often feels torn by the pleasure it brings him, and considers it too "secular" and "selfish."

And then he meets Raina. Rather a misfit herself as well, in the midst of a divorce, and she's often caught in the middle, while being left to shoulder the responsibilities of an adult.

Some time after Raina and Craig meet, he goes to spend two weeks with her at her home in the snow-blanketed Upper Peninsula of Michigan. She gives him a colorful blanket she has made for him — and as his love for her deepens, so does the plot of this story.

"Blankets" is a nicely written, reader-friendly tale that sometimes borders on the sentimental.

But it's also awful-funny now and then, and ultimately touching and perceptive.

Though some of the illustrations are sexually explicit, they are never gratuitously so.

And without the book's marvelous illustrations overall, the impact of "Blankets" would probably be considerably less.

# Take care of that skunky smell at home

It's funny where ideas for columns come from. Often they are developed from readers' questions (Those questions I like the best, so keep them coming.) Some come from friends and workmates. I've even got ideas from my children, so how's that for Ask Dad?



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

A couple weeks ago, our greyhound gave me an idea for a column. Jesse decided to make a new friend outside. The problem is that this "friend" had black fur with white stripes.

Since this encounter occurred at about 6 a.m., I had a very rude awakening, immediately sending me to the Internet for ways to eliminate skunk odors.

To make matters worse, Jesse

got in the house before I could catch him and was trying to get the stunk off by rubbing on the furniture.

I've had little success with the standard favorite, tomato juice. Besides, we didn't have any in the house.

Here are some of the ideas I found (I should note that most of these I have not tried, so I can't vouch for their effectiveness or safety). But then if you have been in this position with a pet, you know you'll try anything.

One source suggested the laundry product Woolite. The chemical action in this product is said to effectively neutralize the odor. Shampoo the pet and let the product set for ten minutes before rinsing. It was noted that Woolite is not designed to be a pet shampoo and may cause dry skin and stomach upset if the pet licks it. The odor will not dissipate until the pet is dry.

I found one site that suggested bathing the pet with Downy fabric softener (I guess even if

this didn't work, you would have one of the softest, poofiest pets in town.)

An oldtimer told me to liberally sprinkle oatmeal on the pet to absorb the skunk oils and to do this several times. I figured he worked for Quaker Oats, but I remember a few years ago our boxer got skunked. Oatmeal helped get rid of the lingering oils from the skin folds in her face. Probably the most popular remedy I found and the one we used (successfully, I might add) is a mixture of 1 quart 3 percent hydrogen peroxide, 1/4 cup baking soda and a couple tablespoons of dish detergent (not dishwasher detergent). Much of the power comes from oxygen action, so you should use this mixture while it is still fizzing. Never try to store this mixture, particularly in a sealed container, as the container could burst. Once the fizzing stops, rinse the pet. This formula will also work on humans.

As for clothing and furniture, soap, water and ammonia are

said to work well. There are several good odor neutralizers on the market. Skunk-off, Nil-Odor and Smells-be-gone are just a few brand names. These, or several others are available at most pet supplies and from veterinarians. A product we have successfully used for just about all smells in our house is OdoBan available at Sam's Club.

Only time will eliminate skunk odor. Even using any or all of the above, you'll probably notice some lingering smell on a damp day. Above all, use caution and common sense when removing skunk odors. I once heard of a person using tomato juice to remove skunk odor from a light beige sofa. Need I say more about common sense?

Harry Jachym writes about home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

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## Furniture market improves, officials say **Holiday Gift Show features 50 vendors**

HIGH POINT, N.C. (AP) — Officials say this year's furniture market showed substantial improvement in sales since a slump started after the 2001 terrorist attacks.

The October 2003 market officially ended last Wednesday.

"By all measures, this has been much better," said Bruce Miller, a board member and the chief executive officer at the International Home Furnishings Center.

"What's encouraging is that the foreigners are back, not to the level they were six or seven years ago, but enough to show that they are back."

Miller said this week's market visitors included 76 buying organizations from the Middle East.

"Barring anything unforeseen in (world politics), I think April will see a huge uptick. It's going to happen the pattern is there."

Fellow board member

Randy Short agreed.

Short, who heads Stanford Furniture, said the past week could mark a record for his company.

"We're calling it the break-out market. This is the first time we've seen signs that people could be over Sept. 11," he said.

"They're not throwing caution to the wind, but spirits are much higher and you don't hear a bunch of grumbling about everything."

More than 50 vendors will offer items ranging from antique linens to hand-painted furniture at the 6th Annual Winter Holiday Gift Show 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Nov. 20 at the Community House, 380 South Bates in Birmingham.

According to show manager, Carol Czechowski, some of the vendors featured include pressed flowers, fleece blankets, hand-cut silhouettes, custom tassels, fine jewelry, watercolors, quilts, monogrammed linens, felted wool purses, vintage pillows, folk art nativities and antique framed postcards.

Birmingham resident Deanna Sarvis and owner of Bouquets in Bloom has showcased her merchandise at the Winter Holiday Gift Show for the past two years.

Bouquets in Bloom will offer custom silk floral arrangements, topiaries and unique holiday gift items.

"The show is a perfect size," Sarvis said.

"It's not overwhelming and there is a wide variety to choose from. I also like participating in this show because the quality of the merchandise offered is outstanding."

Show attendees can make a day of it by visiting the show and enjoying lunch at the Winter Holiday Gift Show Café. The Café will feature gourmet sandwiches, salads, soups and a variety of holiday desserts including The Community House favorite — plum pudding.

Admission to the show is \$4, with proceeds benefiting The Community House. For more



Birmingham resident Deanna Sarvis, owner of Bouquets in Bloom, will exhibit topiaries, custom floral arrangements and unique holiday gifts at the Winter Holiday Gift Show at the Community House in Birmingham on Nov. 20.

information, contact The Community House, (248) 644-5832. The Community House, an independent not-for-profit organization established in Birmingham in 1923, wel-

comes all people. It works in partnership with individuals, organizations and businesses to bring educational, social and cultural enrichment to people in the metropolitan area.

### BATHROOM

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showers and whirlpools, or cozy comforts such as heated floors.

Bathroom lighting has also become much more sophisticated and its use can also be looked at as a way to accessorize your bath room.

"Lighting as an accessory is becoming important," said Bob O'Brien, general manager of Kurtis Kitchen and Bath Centers in Livonia. "We're seeing a lot more emphasis on that today, and you can get a nice, ambient feel."

But back to the basics, which for many people is a decent amount of cabinetry or storage space, towel racks, medicine cabinets and a mirror.

"The old style of mirrored cabinet with the sliding doors is long gone," O'Brien said.

As far as mirrors go, O'Brien recommends tri-views, which afford both men and ladies the opportunity to view the sides and backs of their heads.

### MANY OPTIONS

There are many options these days when it comes to bathroom cabinetry, and a good designer will find a way to match cabinets typically designed for the kitchen with the fixtures in the bathroom. O'Brien said some bathroom cabinets are pre-designed to hold hampers, and that draw-

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Bob O'Brien  
Kurtis Kitchen and Bath Centers

ers in bathroom vanities have become deeper in recent years to accommodate the expanding amount of toiletries that people like to keep on hand in the bathroom.

Pam Cole, designer at Chirri Kitchen and Bath in Northville said her customers value beauty and functionality when they come to the store seeking design ideas for their bathrooms.

The advice they're given all depends on the room they're working with. She said that with the trend toward free-standing vanities she veers away from recommending storage above the sink.

"It's an eyesore," Cole said. "What used to go in there goes into the toilet topper." The toilet topper, a cabinet attached to the wall above the toilet, but it all depends on the bathroom. They're all so different," Cole said that in terms of a cabinet finish for the bathroom, subtle maple woods and cherry woods are quite popular, and that customers are choosing increasingly decorative handles and

pulls.

### UNIQUE FINISH

Gore said many of her customers are opting for towel racks with a pewter, copper, satin or nickel finish, and using glazes on cabinets, which expose more detail in wood cabinet lines.

Recessed cans for lighting can help give a bathroom the open, spacious look that many people are looking for, Cole said.

O'Brien said the idea of a bathroom as a room to relax and unwind in has caught on with builders and home designers, who are making the rooms and consequently the accessories in the rooms much more luxurious.

"People are looking at bathrooms as a retreat, and they want more than just the basics," O'Brien said. "That could mean anything from a very large shower with a couple of seats in it to heated floors, but you can get a fairly luxurious bathroom without spending a fortune."

Gore said the expansive bathrooms are also lending themselves toward furnishings that would not have fit in the bathrooms of yore.

"We sell furniture pieces with Queen Ann legs, vanity cabinets that look like furniture," Gore said.

"People are much more creative now, it's not just the standard laminate covering a wood cabinet."

## Contractors should be licensed before you hire them

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Q: Bob asks: I enjoyed your article about replacing foundations.

When I faced this problem a few years ago, I found that the two bids I received from general contractors were twice what I eventually paid a house mover to do the job. What's more, since house movers do the shoring up of houses daily, I found that their equipment and experience were far more

suitable for this task than that of either of the general contractors.

A: We applaud your creativity, but we have a few reservations about the 50 percent savings you report. House movers have the equipment required to move a home and make way for a new foundation, but whomever you hire, it is important to make sure that he is properly licensed by the state to do the kind of work needed. We recommend that the services of a licensed soils engineer

and a licensed civil or structural engineer be enlisted to determine the proper size and strength of the replacement foundation. Since the structural integrity of a home depends primarily on a solid foundation, this is one area of construction where one should not skimp. When receiving bids, make sure that each contractor uses the same specifications. List the specifications and have the bidders price the differences. The right price is usually the average of the bids.

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**Cranbrook Holiday Tables**  
A Legacy of Excellence is the theme for Holiday Tables 2003 at historic Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills. Holiday Tables has been a Cranbrook House tradition for 28 years. This year's event will feature 15 uniquely decorated tables. Each table will offer an abundance of innovative ideas from creating a festive centerpiece to arranging heirloom silver and china. The event will kick off with a Benefactors Party at a private residence at Turtle Lake on Thursday Nov 13. Tickets are \$125. Dumouchelle Art Gallery will sponsor two Patron Teas on Thursday Nov 20 at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Tea tickets are \$50. The event will be open for general admission 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday Nov 21 and 22, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday Nov 23. General admission tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Advance tickets may be bought by calling (248) 645-3147. All proceeds from Holiday Tables 2003 will benefit the preservation of Cranbrook House. Cranbrook House is the oldest surviving manor home in Detroit. It was designed by Albert Kahn in 1908 for Cranbrook founders George and Ellen Scripps Booth.

It is necessary to register and pay tuition in advance for all classes. Space is limited and classes fill quickly. Registration may be done by phone, by mail, in person at the store or online. Call (248) 541-0010 or visit www.habermanfabrics.com for more information.  
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**Holiday decor**  
The Community House, 380 South Bates in Birmingham offers a class 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday Nov 13 on Holiday Decor. Learn how to create a Holiday Garland with Ribbons, Berries and Pine with floral designer Jacqueline Carney. Shape trim and decorate an artificial pine garland perfect for holiday table, hutch or doorway. The class fee is \$17 plus materials fee. To register call 248/644-5832 or register online at www.communithouse.com.

**Home decorating**  
The Do It Yourself Center, 3746 Cottontail in Shelby Township offers fun and easy home decorating classes for the talent impaired. None of the window treatment classes requires

# Prepare your home for winter

## Check roofing, heating, drainage before cold weather hits

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Americans recently marked the end of Daylight Savings Time by turning back their clocks. This time of year should also serve notice to homeowners to replace smoke-alarm batteries.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, fire is the second leading cause of unintentional death in the home. Each year, nearly 2,700 people die in residential fires, and there are more than 330,000 residential fires reported to fire departments.

Manufacturers and fire-safety experts say if your unit is more than 10 years old, an alarm that sounds when the button is pushed just means it's getting electricity and not necessarily that the sensor chamber is activating properly. To be certain, either test older units with a smoke device or replace them. Sensor chambers can become dirty and ineffective or non-operational even if the button test works. For safety's sake, replace an older unit, then you'll know it'll be working.

Though safety is first, there is a laundry list of other home-maintenance tasks that should be performed as we move through fall and into winter. The following tasks will help save money on utilities and prevent the need for major repairs, improve comfort and safety, save energy and preserve the integrity of your home.

**Gutters and downspouts:** Wayward water is one of a home's biggest enemies - especially rainwater that is shed off the roof of an average home. When allowed to collect at the perimeter of a foundation, excessive water can result in a

damp and musty basement or cause foundation movement that produces cracks over windows and doors. If your home doesn't have gutters and downspouts, install them. If it does, be sure they are clean before heavy rains begin. Consider installing a gutter protection system to prevent leaves and other debris from clogging gutters.

**Drainage:** Having clean gutters and downspouts is only piece of the water damage prevention puzzle. A mistake that many make is to allow downspouts to discharge at the base of the foundation. This condition is worse than not having gutters at all due to the high concentration of water.

To avoid this problem, downspouts should discharge into a subsurface drainage system and into a municipal storm drain or other water-collection facility. Further minimize ponding around the foundation by ensuring that all soil immediately surrounding the house is graded to drain away from the foundation.

**Landscape irrigation:** Throttle back on the amount of water used to irrigate landscaping by adjusting automatic timers and use the "rain-off" switch when weather dictates. If you live in a part of the country where the mercury dips below freezing, use compressed air to blow water out of irrigation lines to prevent freeze damage.

**Water heater and plumbing pipes:** You can maximize your water heating dollar by removing sediment at the base of your water heater's tank. The sediment that collects over time greatly reduces burner efficiency and can even cause damage to the interior lining of the tank when allowed to superheat. Adjust burners for

the most fuel-efficient and safest combustion. For flames, blue is good, and yellow isn't. Uninsulated water pipes are an energy-waster and a burst pipe waiting to happen. Insulating cold water lines will prevent a burst pipe during freezing weather while well-insulated hot water lines will improve both energy efficiency and comfort as hot water will be delivered more promptly.

**Roofing:** The time to discover you have a leaking roof should not be during the middle of a rain storm. Replace damaged shingles, patch damaged flashing and remove surface debris to facilitate proper watershed and prevent leaks.

Binoculars provide a means of inspecting shingles and flashings without getting on the roof.

**Attic insulation and ventilation:** According to the U.S. Department of Energy, a well-insulated attic is one of the best ways to improve energy efficiency, save money and increase comfort.

A well-insulated and properly ventilated attic will also prevent ice dams from forming. **Weather-stripping and caulking:** Gaps around windows and doors are a leading cause of drafts that rob a home of comfort and result in high utility bills. All exterior doors should be weather-stripped and have an adjustable door shoe and threshold.

Weather-stripping and vinyl gaskets at door shoes and thresholds that have become brittle over time should be replaced with new supplemental trim that surrounds windows and doors (at both the interior and exterior) should be caulked to prevent drafts. Gaps and large penetrations, such as those made to accommodate plumbing pipes or conduits, should be filled with expandable foam sealant.

**Siding:** Gaps and cracks in siding should be caulked and patched to prevent leaks and

the subsequent damage. Raw siding should be primed as a means of temporary water-proofing until spring, then a more thorough job can be done.

Brick exteriors should be sealed with a high-quality masonry sealer to prevent freeze-thaw damage.

**Fireplace:** Creosote-lined fireplace flues are a chimney fire - and potentially hazardous explosion - just waiting to happen. The National Chimney Sweep Guild recommends that a fireplace flue be inspected before each season of burning. In addition, the guild recommends that a fireplace be cleaned after each cord of wood is burned. Inspect the condition of the spark arrestor that sits atop that chimney to ensure that there are no tears in the fabric that could allow embers to escape and result in a house fire.

Before making your first fire for the season, be sure to open the damper and leave it open whenever there is a fire in the fireplace.

**Heating:** Give your home's heating system the once-over to be sure that all components are in good working order, clean and well lubricated. Be sure that the burners are clean and the flame is properly adjusted. Replace dirty filters to improve air flow and efficiency and to lower utility costs.

Also, consider installing one or more decorative ceiling paddle fans to move heated air trapped high up at ceilings. Doing so will make your home more comfortable and lower your heating bill. A side benefit is reduced condensation at windows and glass doors.

A little seasonal home maintenance can prevent big problems down the road and save you money.

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## Joan Kohn shares design tips at Michigan Design Center

Joan Kohn, host of Home & Garden Television's "Kitchen Design" and "Bed & Bath Design," will appear Tuesday, Nov 18 at the Michigan Design Center in Troy.

The MDC showrooms will host an open house from 4-7 p.m. to allow the public an opportunity to browse and to meet with some of this area's top design professionals who will be on hand to provide complimentary, 20-minute

design consultations. At 7 p.m., Joan Kohn will take center stage in the Mid-America Room, Suite 86 as she shares her secrets for design success.

During her seminar, Kohn will teach guests everything they need to know to create the rooms they want to live in, including Joan's Five Rules of Thumb, Joan's Tool Kit, Tips for Creating Looks that are Bigger than Your Budget, Strategies for Surviving

Construction and New Design Trends.

In addition, Joan will share concepts from her recently released first publication entitled, "Joan Kohn's It's Your Kitchen Over 100 Inspirational Kitchens." Immediately following her presentation, guests are invited to attend a book signing.

Beyond her hosting duties at HGTV, Joan is also the writer and associate producer of both series, which have been on the air since 1995. She has also hosted numerous HGTV specials. In addition to her recently released publication, a companion book, "Joan Kohn's It's Your Bed & Bath," is scheduled for release in 2004.

This event is open to the public. Tickets are \$40 and include the open house, lecture, a copy of Joan's new book (\$40 value) and the book signing. Advance reservations are suggested by sending a check, made payable to Michigan Design Center, 1700 Stutz Drive, Suite 25, Troy Michigan 48064.

Reservations will be held at the door. For more information, call (248) 649-4772 or log onto [www.michigandesign.com](http://www.michigandesign.com).

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# Done gardening? Then it's time to read

When you're finished cleaning up the garden for its winter's rest, take some time to study these garden books that will inspire and teach at the same time



Garden Spot

Marty Figley

*Safe Sex in the Garden, and Other Propositions for an Allergy-Free World*, by Thomas Leo Ogren, (Ten Speed Press, \$14.95) is an interesting concept about the subject of allergy-free

plants. We learn that male trees, although they don't litter as do female trees, spread a tremendous amount of pollen, which is the culprit. Ogren states that in 1959 allergies affected only 2 to 5 percent of the U.S. population, but by December 1999, it had jumped to 38 percent!

Ogren encourages everyone to ask their city government, landscapers, nursery owners and homeowners to use female plants. Plants are categorized as to their degree of pollen, and describes how to design a garden for "sneeze-free" living. This book is a real eye opener.

*Small-Space Gardening, How to Successfully Grow Flowers and Fruits in Containers and Pots*, by Peter Loewer (The Lyons Press, \$24.95) is more than just a how-to as he shares his personal experiences and ideas in his inimitable style. For a quick understanding of a plant's chemical process, read the introduction.

Loewer explains the origins of containers, the various kinds, and suggests what to grow in them, and how, flowering and foliage plants, groundcovers, moss gardens, and other plants. He explains the history and how and why many of the plants were named. The book is full of valuable information, including how to display the pots. As always, a winner.



MARTY FIGLEY

These books will inspire and teach at the same time

When you've finished reading *Weeds in My Garden, Observations on Some Misunderstood Plants*, by Charles B. Heiser (Timber Press, \$22.95), you'll probably have a different attitude about weeds. Heiser writes that weeds "can deprive our cultivated plants of light, water, and minerals, hence some control is often required." However, in vacant lots and other bare areas, weeds provide a ground cover that helps prevent soil erosion and adds organic material to the soil. Weeds provide food for wildlife and often make nutritious forage for horses and other domesticated animals. Weeds have served as subjects of scientific studies and have contributed to the improvement of our crop plants.

Heiser recommends that pulling weeds up by hand or with a hoe is the best way to control them. The majority of the book describes the weeds—the way and why they were named, when they appear and native habitat, descriptions, and virtues. There's a chuckle or two hidden in these pages.

Napoleon so loved the violet that he was long known as Caporal Violette. Marsh Margolds were said to protect homes against witches. Because birds love chickweed, it has acquired names such as birdweed, chickweed, and the old

Latin name, *morus gallanae*, meaning "morsel for the hens." These and many, many more interesting things are in *The Secrets of Wildflowers, A Delightful Feast of Little Known Facts, Folklore, and History*, by Jack Sanders (The Lyons Press, \$24.95). It is a nice gift idea.

*Climbing Roses of the World*, by Charles Quest-Ritson (Timber Press, \$34.95) is a must-have for rose lovers. This book is the first completely new volume in almost 40 years to present histories, lineages, and special charms of this most-loved flower.

Quest-Ritson traveled extensively and researched virtually all climbing and rambling roses, providing original horticultural names and synonyms for nearly 1,600 climbing roses.

He describes their habit, flowers, foliage, hardiness, and vigor. Two color photographs illustrate these climbing roses magnificently. He also discusses the historical development of the various types, and early breeders, and how political events and fashions influenced their work. This comprehensive book will be the reference source for climbing roses for years to come.

A second edition of *Premium Plants, Superior Perennials for the Great Lakes States*, by David S. Mackenzie

(Hortech, Inc., \$14.95) is now available. Included are 432 plant descriptions, planting charts, and other how-to information about climbing vines, ferns, ground covers and ornamental grasses.

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The second edition (the first was published in 1997) of *The New Book of Salvia, Sages for Every Garden* by Betsy Clebsch (Timber Press, \$29.95) includes much more information based on new findings and Clebsch's personal experiences. More than 50 new plants are included and nearly 100 more photos and illustrations. Detailed descriptions, blooming cycle, all the cultural practices, companion plants and historical facts are here. This book is excellent.

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

## GARDEN CALENDAR

### Roses

Henry Rankin of Grand Rapids will present Fabulous Climbing Roses 7 p.m. Friday Nov 7 at the meeting of the Roses West Roses Society at the Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile in Novi (Exit 162 coming into Novi). Handouts a silent auction and potluck supper will be presented. Bring a dish to pass. Call (248) 449-4626.

### Hill & Dale

The Hill & Dale Garden Club of Farmington Hills will have a general meeting 7 p.m. Thursday Nov 13 in the Heritage Park Visitor's Center Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Marty Figley gardening columnist for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers will present Herbs and Spice and Everything Nice. Admission is free. For information call (248) 356-2915.

### Matthaei Botanical Gardens

Classes in the current schedule of the Adult Education Program at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens includes in between Seasons Wednesdays Nov 5-12 (fee is \$60/\$54 for members; field trips will be featured) and Dazzle with Perennials Thursdays Nov 6-13 (\$45/\$40 for members). Call (734) 998-7061 for information.

### Cactus and Succulent

The Michigan Cactus and Succulent Society will present Caudiciform Plants at 2 p.m. Sunday Nov 9 at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 814 N. Campbell. Royal Oak. There is no charge for this event and guests are welcome. For information call (248) 524-0227.

### Herbs study

The Friends of the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens Herb Study Group will meet on Monday Nov 17 at the Gardens located at 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Lunch is at noon and the program begins at 1 p.m. The presentation will be Herbs in the Thyme of Brother Cadfael presented by Hal & Donna Estry. The program is free and visitors and new members are always welcome. For more information contact Joan Wysocki at jdwysoc@uofmichigan.edu or call 248-349-5310 or contact Lesley Chace at ledbeaken@aol.com or call 734-730-2212.

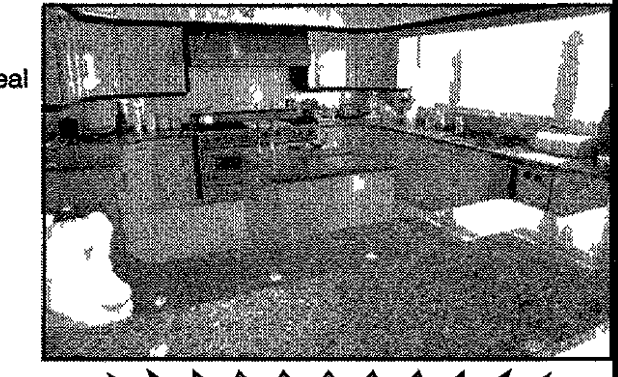
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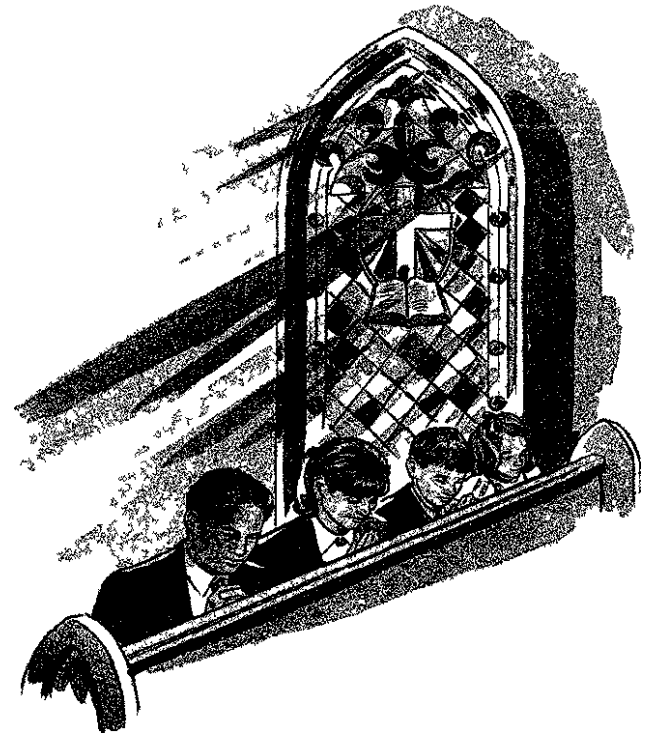
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**We give thanks to God always for you all, constantly mentioning you in our prayers R S V 1 Thessalonians 1.2**



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NOVEMBER

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Church concert

The Young Continentals a Christian youth group will present a concert 7 p.m. Thursday Nov 6 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 30903 Five Mile west of Newburgh Livonia

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Samar Ajluni, chairman of this year's Holiday Tables, and interior designer Philip W. Venticinque, one of the exhibitors, decorated a table in Ajluni's Bloomfield Hills dining room.

## Cranbrook Holiday Tables

■ **What:** A display of 15 tables decorated in distinctive, imaginative ways. All proceeds benefit the preservation of Cranbrook House, the oldest surviving manor home in Detroit.

■ **When:** Friday-Sunday, Nov. 21-23.

■ **Where:** Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road, east of Telegraph and west of Woodward in Bloomfield Hills.

■ **Hours:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 21-22, noon to 4 p.m. Nov. 23.

■ **Admission:** General admission tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

■ **Special features:** The event will kick off with a Benefactors' Party Thursday, Nov. 13, at a private residence at Turtle Lake. Tickets are \$125.

Dumouchelle Art Gallery will sponsor two Patron Teas Thursday, Nov. 20 (9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.). Tea tickets are \$50.

■ For advance tickets and other information, call (248) 645-3147.

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Samar Ajluni, who is chair of this year's Holiday Tables, "You get so many great ideas."

Visitors to Holiday Tables 2003 will be served inspiration - or indulge in fantasy - when it is open for general admission Friday-Sunday, Nov. 21-23 (see related story). Fifteen tables will be featured this year.

A Legacy of Excellence is the theme.

It's tying together the last 100 years, Ajluni said (Cranbrook House will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2004).

But (exhibitors) can do whatever they want. It could be a holiday theme.

Interior designer Philip W. Venticinque of Harper Woods will be one of the exhibitors. He and Ajluni collaborated to set a table in her dining room with an autumn theme.

I wanted to do something fallish, with a fall harvest

theme, Ajluni said.

While their setting won't be among those at Holiday Tables, in many ways it's a mouthwatering example of what's in store. The luscious table is impressive and inviting, displaying exquisite elements and warm, autumn colors.

"We mix the old and the new," Ajluni said.

The table is set with antique Royal Albert china featured at a previous year's Holiday Tables in a display by an exhibitor from Dumouchelle Art Gallery. Ajluni bought the pieces at an auction.

Colors in the china - including deep berry and gold - match those of the walls, drapes and upholstery in the room. The dishes rest on gold chargers. Colors in the centerpiece and china highlight each other. The centerpiece is an arrangement of actual pomegranates, pears, roses, grapes and pumpkins. These pumpkins, and smaller pumpkins that hold place cards, are painted gold. Tall white tapers from



A table with a camel base holds cordials.

Houston stand in new candle sticks that look antique.

The crystal glassware is from 1880 and belonged to Venticinque's grandmother. Vases on the table are trimmed in a gilt design resembling a design on the glassware. The

silverware, which is new, features gold handles.

A pair of salt and pepper shakers is at each place setting. Assorted styles are around the table.

Ornate silver coasters hold bottles of wine.

Around the room are three small tables - one for champagne, one for cordials and one for desserts.

The champagne table has two levels. On the top level are bottles in silver buckets and bowls, among the accents are a vase of flowers, two ginger jars, and a lamp with a fruit-like shape near the base. Glasses are on the bottom level.

The cordials table has a base shaped like a camel. Bottles and glasses are arranged on the granite top. A sheer, glittering cloth covers the top of the dessert table.

Other exhibitors in Holiday Tables 2003 include Christine Coleman Smith, Dumouchelle Art Gallery, Nancy Campbell of Graziella, Ann Heath of Duncan Fuller Interiors/Armstrong Antiques, Val Ahlgren and Karie Ross, Lisa Friedman, the Rea and Antonini families, Beth Fisher, Neman Marcus, Turtle Lake, Sandy Knollenberg, Tiffany and Co., Ellen Rogers, Kathleen Sherdean and Marilyn Stefan, Kevin McCarter, Cranbrook House and Cranbrook Gardens.

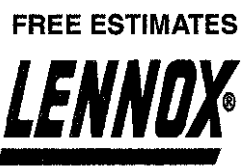


A smaller table holds champagne.

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# Architect turns from teapots to towel bars and faucets

BY JEFFREY GOLD  
AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Long known as the designer of a best-selling teapot and a host of other stylish household items, architect Michael Graves has now turned his attention to bathroom and kitchen fixtures.

Graves developed the line in partnership with Delta Faucet Co., marking the first time the world's largest faucet maker has collaborated with a celebrated designer. Indianapolis-based Delta Faucet is a wholly owned subsidiary of Masco Corp., of Taylor, Mich. The Michael Graves Collection, which includes about two dozen items ranging from faucets and robe hooks to towel bars and lighting, is aimed at average consumers, he said, just like the products he markets through Target stores, although this line will not be sold at Target.

"We wanted something affordable," Graves said in a telephone interview from Princeton, where he makes his home and bases his firm, Michael Graves & Associates. "While I've worked for all economic groups, I wanted something that would be built by builders, homeowners, people who would go into a big box store."

The new line seeks to tap into the growing, multibillion U.S. bath market, which is being driven by remodelers and builders who are

constructing larger and more lavish bathrooms and kitchens.

The results of the collaboration, which Delta is announcing Tuesday, are to be unveiled in January at the International Builders' Show in Las Vegas, in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of Delta Faucets.

The company and Graves declined to display the line or release pictures before then, but Graves offered this description: "The inspiration for us was certainly to look good. What looks good? For me, what looks good is what feels good."

"We tried to make something where the various parts of this puzzle are easy to understand," Graves said. "Everything is pretty obvious. It's done in a way that fits your hand."

While the collection entails a single design line, buyers will be able to customize faucets through a choice of different handles, he said.

It extends the line and the look from one bath to the next, Graves said.

"We hope that all of the elements work together, but have their own personalities."

The collection has been two years in the making, but was not delayed by an illness that left Graves paralyzed below the waist in February, he said.

Doctors had initially thought he was stricken by a viral infection called myelitis, or bacterial meningitis.

Graves, 69, now uses a wheelchair to get around, and said he hopes recent surgery

may restore his ability to walk.

He sees no incongruity between designing buildings such as the Team Disney headquarters in Burbank, Calif., and designing housewares, such as a fondue set marketed by Target.

"There was a time when we made products for the home," Graves said, citing a tradition in which the architect would outfit the home with lighting and furniture. He pointed to the work of Frank Lloyd Wright and Le Corbusier.

"At some point in time, the architect abandoned the idea of craft tradition and handmade and the disciplines were split," with specialists such as interior designers and landscapers filling the void, said Graves, who was awarded the American Institute of Architects' highest honor, the Gold Medal, in 2001.

The Michael Graves Collection will be available at home improvement centers and through remodeling and new construction channels, said Ray A. Kennedy, Delta Faucet senior vice president for sales and marketing.

The company chose to work with Graves because he "believes in making good design accessible to all," Kennedy said.

The increased attention being given to bathrooms and kitchens includes "a strong desire by homeowners for designer products that reflect their distinctive lifestyles," he said.

# Baking soda has several uses

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

One of the safest and most versatile household cleaning products is probably in your kitchen pantry.

It's no secret that baking soda is great for curing indigestion, brushing one's teeth and even for removing

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Here's another good one: flush 1 cup of baking soda down the toilet once a week to keep the septic tank clear.

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# Vinyl fencing sales at \$600 million - and growing

BY DAVID BRADLEY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

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Homeowners despise the annual ordeal that forces them to repaint, replace or shore up cracked or rotted timbers.

But now, fence fans can kiss dreaded maintenance goodbye. New vinyl fences are seeing to that.

The vinyl fence industry accounts for \$600 million in annual residential fence sales, up from \$10 million as recently as 1990. And those numbers will only rise, rise, rise as homeowners get a taste of free weekends away from fence upkeep.

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Homeowners should pay particular attention to the amount of protective compounds and longer warranty that come with better grades of vinyl. Quality vinyls have higher concentrations of impact modifiers and Ultra Violet (UV) inhibitors. Impact modifiers provide strength, while UV inhibitors protect against brittleness. Top-grade fencing will have a lifetime warranty and adhere to American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) guidelines. The warranty for lower grade vinyls may be limited to a few years, if that.

The average installed fence in North America is 200 feet in total length.

Consumers should expect to pay \$25 to \$55 per running foot for a vinyl fence, including installation. Variables include the height of the fence and the number of gates. Vinyl comes in traditional white as well as tan, gray and khaki. Newer vinyls even mimic a wood grain.

Because vinyl fence has some unique installation requirements, Harsch recommends homeowners hire professionals. "A professional knows the soil conditions, the slope of the lot, and knows how to handle gates, post holes and obstacles," says Harsch.

"They know how to overcome the little things, like what to do when you hit a tree root or a rock." The installer should be certified by the American Fence Association. The Association Web site is

www.americanfenceassociation.com

The biggest seller in non-wood fencing? A 6-foot privacy fence. "Really, the smaller the yard, the bigger the need for fencing," says Harsch.

It defines your area and gives you the privacy you want. That's what a fence is for. But there's no need to maintain it year in and year out. That hassle has been taken care of."

E-mail your questions on home management or homeowner-contractor relations to davidbradley(at)aphouse-oftheweek.com

The Home Service Store is a home improvement management organization that provides property owners with a full range of home improvement services and project guidance.

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## Garden glory

Dolores Portell of Westland enjoys gardening, spending several hours each week trimming, pruning, watering, and then cutting to enjoy some blossoms indoors. There is a lot to be said for formal education, that's true, however, my garden is a testament of eagerness, enthusiasm, dedication, determination to succeed and constant attention to each flower bed, providing them with the necessities to thrive," she said.

# Think through your remodeling projects

Armed with the right information and some insider tips, homeowners can cut costs in their remodeling projects without cutting corners.

"First and foremost, find a professional remodeling contractor you've checked out thoroughly and feel comfortable working with," said Adam Helfman, president of Fairway Construction Company of Southfield. "They are a wealth of information just waiting to be tapped."

Think through the project and select everything to be included. This selection will determine the budget. Allow 10-20 percent of the budget for changes that may come up later.

The best way to save money is through product choices. Shop around and compare products and prices to see if you can get the same look with a lower priced alternative.

"Keep an open mind and be creative," suggests Helfman. Considering the amount of labor that goes into some projects,

there may be a less time-consuming option. Some homeowners choose to start small with plans to add on later, to help spread the cost out. However, staging a remodel in this way can sometimes cost more in the long run. Ask your remodeler.

Adding square footage to a home can be costly. Other ways to add space include space reconfiguration, remodeler lingo for stealing space from a neighboring room such as using a linen closet for a bathroom expansion. Another way to give the illusion of added space in a small room is with a bay window, skylight or vaulted ceilings.

If you are going to add square footage, a two-to-four foot addition may eliminate the need for excavation and foundation changes.

In the kitchen, reuse appliances if possible and build new cabinets around them, which can save thousands of dollars. Keep major fixtures in place to avoid moving plumbing,

wiring and jacks.

Chrome faucets are the least expensive and won't be out-of-date when color schemes change. In flooring, vinyl or laminate is less expensive than wood, tile or slate.

Use existing floor if it's in good shape. A hardwood floor may be underneath your old vinyl, ready to be sanded and refinished. A synthetic floor leveler can be installed over existing vinyl flooring with new floor on top, eliminating the need to rip up the old flooring.

Cabinets are the bulk of the cost in a kitchen. Refacing cabinets is a major savings. If you go with new, choose standard over custom cabinets or a combination if possible.

For countertops, laminate is the most economical choice. Add trim in wood or tile for some pizzazz. Connect new light fixtures to an existing box instead of adding new lighting, which may require a new ceiling.

To cut costs with a bathroom

remodel, a worn tub can be reglazed or replaced. Less expensive marble sheets and fiberglass surrounds are easier to clean than tile.

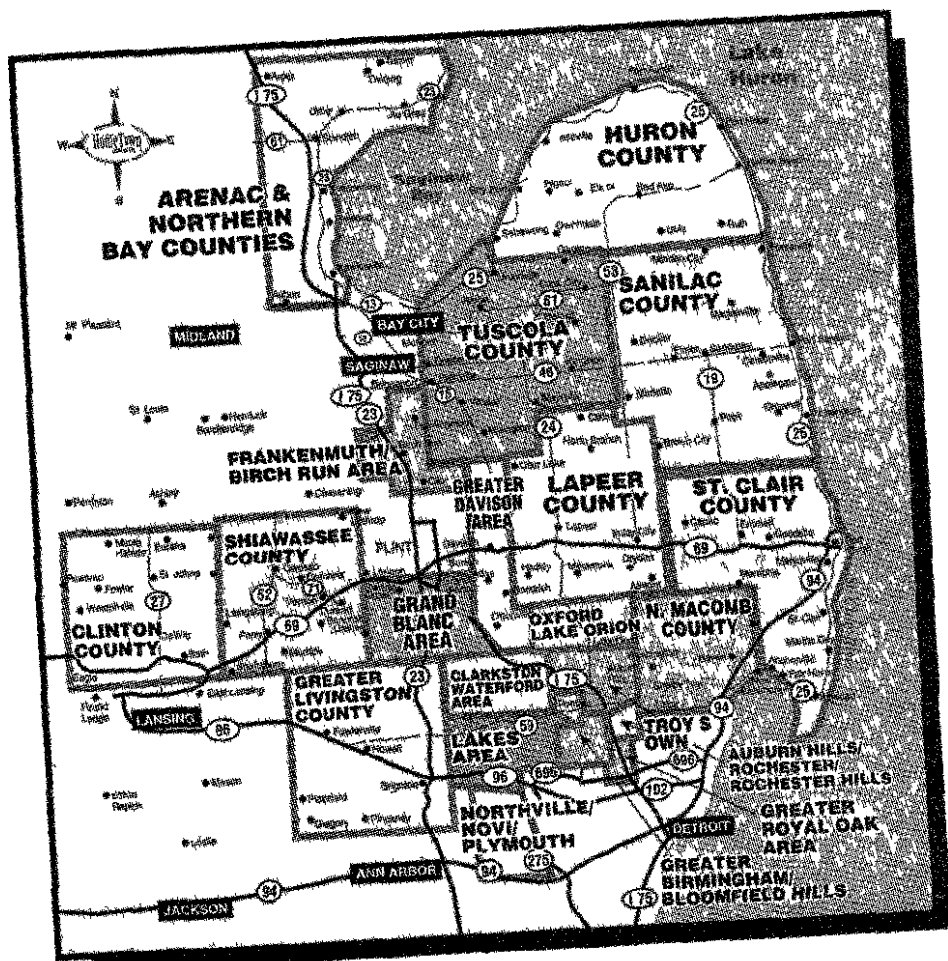
Sinks and countertops in one unit save time on the installation.

Do you really need an extra bathroom or could you install a second sink in a current bath? The ever-popular Jacuzzi tub may need a dedicated water heater so you don't overtax your current one and end up having to replace it.

Don't forget to look at the many energy-saving choices available from appliances, windows and doors. Think it all through, tap your contractor's brain and save those hard-earned dollars.

Fairway Construction Co. completes nearly 400 remodeling projects each year. The company has been named one of the nation's top 50 remodeling firms by Remodeling Magazine among other professional honors.

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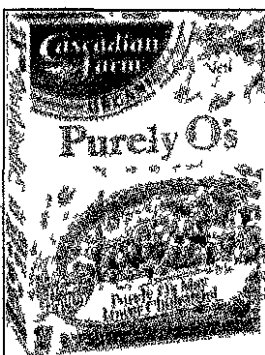


## Side dish

### Organic cereals

Cascadian Farm has introduced three new varieties of organic cereals.

Raisin Bran, Hearty Morning and Purely



O's will join Honey Nut O's, Wheat Crunch Flakes, Oats & Honey Granola and Multi Grain Squares to bring the total of organic cereals to seven.

Suggested retail prices on the cereals are between \$3.69 and \$3.99 per box. Cereals are available in grocery stores and health food stores nationwide. For more information on Cascadian Farm and Small Planet Foods, visit [www.smallplanetfoods.com](http://www.smallplanetfoods.com)

### Kiosks

Three Oakland County firms will produce a walk-up touch screen kiosk providing comprehensive nutritional information and interactive ordering for fast food restaurants.

The kiosks will be integrated with a restaurant's register system and designed to address obesity and nutritional labeling concerns of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. They would also offer the operational efficiency of self-serve ordering. Walk Up Systems of Birmingham provides the application software, Codespear of Birmingham collaborated in software development and configures speakers, printers and credit card readers, and Vultron of Rochester Hills manufactures the kiosk units.

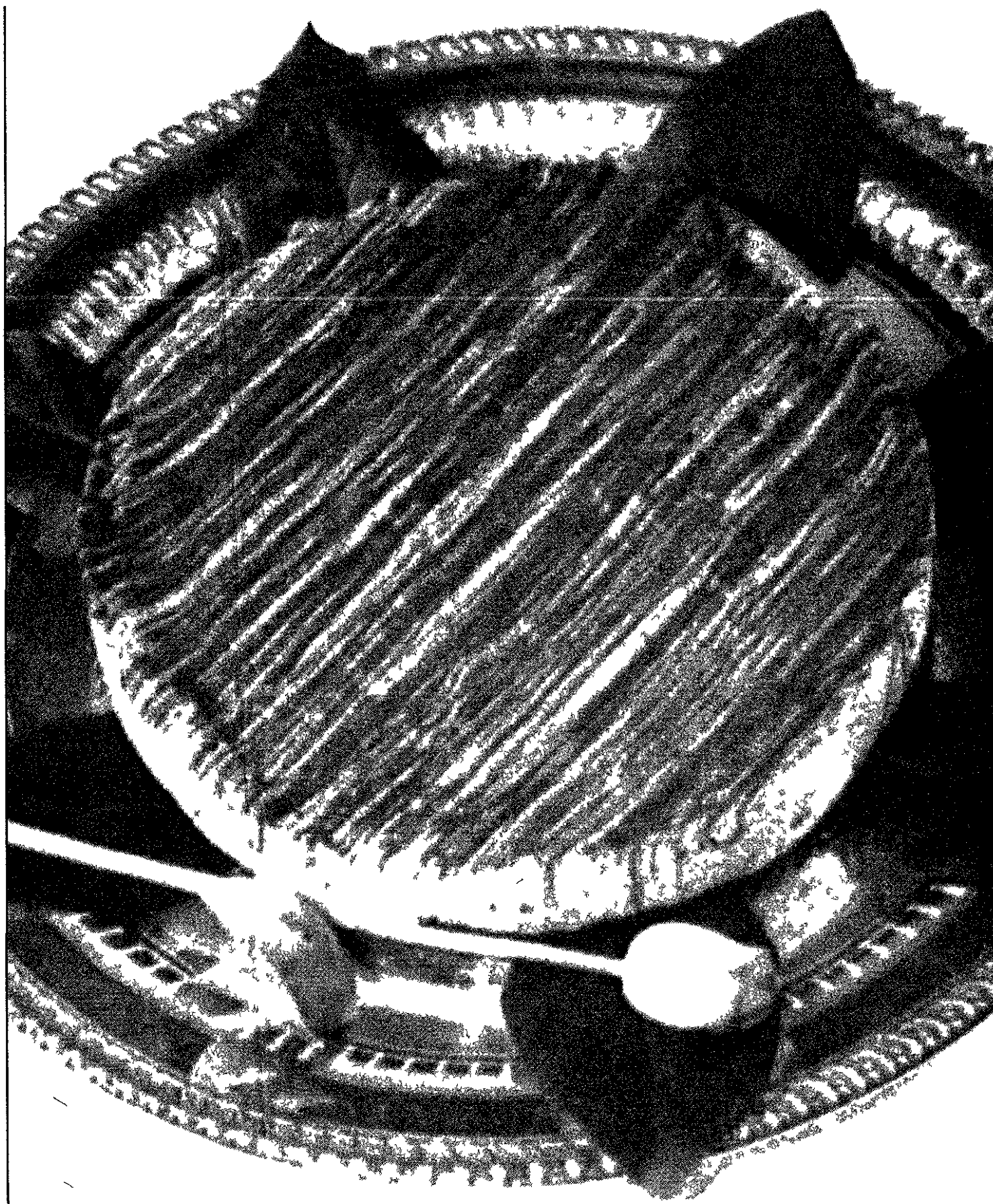
The system can be viewed at [www.walkupsystems.com](http://www.walkupsystems.com)

### MSG?

A consumer brochure released by the International Food Information Council Foundation highlights the latest information on glutamate and monosodium glutamate.

"Everything You Need to Know About Glutamate and Monosodium Glutamate" addresses how MSG is made and used, MSG safety, the glutamate content of foods, flavor-enhancing functions and perceived sensitivity to MSG.

To request a free copy, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope (legal size) to Glutamate and MSG, IFIC Foundation, P.O. 65708, Washington, DC 20035. IFIC Foundation materials are also available on the Web at <http://ificinfo.health.org>



# Sweet nostalgia

Sylvia Lee once owned a bakery at Telegraph and 10 Mile in Southfield in which she created her pastries and cakes to the delight of customers and some top-notch clientele, including The Lark restaurant.

Lee sold Sylvia Lee's Pastries about 10 years ago when she wanted to spend more time hiking and traveling with her husband Larry. But she's not forgotten her love for baking, and Lee, who lives in Bloomfield Hills, now has written a book highlighting some of her favorite recipes from her years of baking experience.

*Desserts — A Delicious Learning, Baking and Eating*

*Experience* (Greentree Publishing, \$19.95) is her first cookbook.

"A lot of people asked me to do it," Lee said. "I'd run into some of my old customers and they would ask me about certain recipes. It was a good exercise and a good learning experience."

Lee worked on the cookbook for about one year. The biggest challenge was narrowing down recipes — from eight cheesecakes, down to one.

"This cookbook is different because the steps are in chronological order, with the ingredients listed afterward and highlighted," she

said. "You can see at a quick

glance what you need. It shows a more efficient way to do this."

Her favorite recipes are the Apricot Pound Cake, Apple Cake and Chocolate Kirsch Torte. Her baking style is Viennese, from the city where her mother lived and where Sylvia was born. She estimates that she started baking when she first married at 21, she is now 65.

She describes the Viennese style with an emphasis in the desserts.

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### STRAWBERRY MOUSSE TORTE RECIPE

Preheat oven to 350° F

Batter  
2 sticks butter  
1/4 cup confectioners sugar  
3 eggs  
1/2 cup flour  
2 teaspoon strawberry jam

In mixer, on "medium," beat butter and sugar until smooth. Add eggs. Turn mixer to "low" and add flour and jam. Mix for 20 seconds.

Spread into nine-inch greased springform pan. Bake 45 minutes.

Unmold when lukewarm, and when cool, split into two layers using a serrated knife, with a sawing motion.

Filling  
4 ounces cream cheese  
2 tablespoons confectioners sugar  
1/2 cup drained frozen strawberries packed in heavy syrup  
1/4 cup whipping cream

Beat on medium until

smooth, cream cheese, sugar and 1/2 cup strawberries

In separate bowl whip cream until peaks form. Combine both mixtures. Spread this on bottom layer that you split. Cover with top layer.

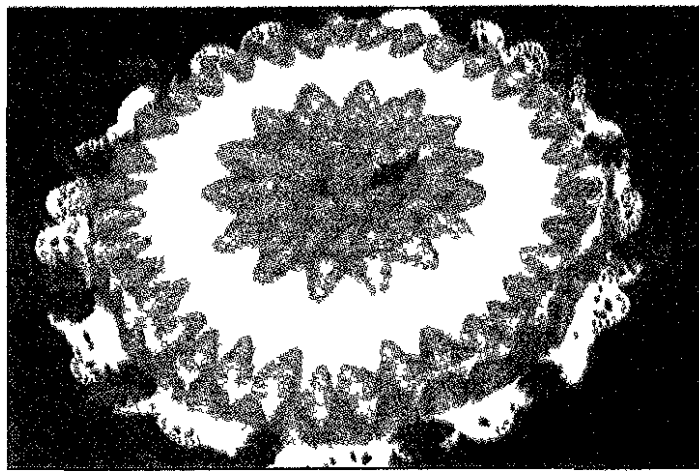
Frosting  
2 sticks butter  
1 cup confectioners sugar  
1/2 can sweetened condensed milk (cans come in 14 ounce size)  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1/2 cup frozen strawberries drained

In mixer on "medium" beat butter and sugar until smooth. Add condensed milk, vanilla and 1/2 cup strawberries. Beat until well mixed.

Presentation.

Spread frosting generously on top and sides of cake. With spoon make half circles — the frosting is dense enough to retain the shapes.

Serves 10



Strawberry Mousse Torte blends richness and sweetness with berries, cream cheese and strawberry jam.

Variations that you can use on this cake:

■ You may omit the top frosting and cover the top cake layer with fresh strawberries arranged in a pretty design.

■ You may make the frosting and leave out the frozen strawberries — leaving you with a wonderful buttercream. Then you will have a creamy white

colored cake.  
■ You may use the above white buttercream and then arrange with fresh strawberries.  
■ Or as Sylvia Lee writes, "You decide what to do — I can't do all the work around here."

Recipe courtesy of *Desserts: A Delicious Learning, Baking and Eating Experience* by Sylvia Lee.

## Australian wine sales skyrocket

For the year ending September 2003, wine sales in the U.S. drove the global growth of Australian wines 19 percent higher than the prior year.

Australian Wine & Brandy Corporation figures, released about a month ago, indicate that volume Australian wine sales to the United States grew 44 percent. In dollar value, they soared 33 percent. All this in a tough wine market?

### Focus on Wine

"That's correct," said Greg Clayfield, Lindemans senior winemaker. "Lindemans wines and Australian wines in general are considered price-friendly high quality in a consistent style."

"Grape prices are more reasonable in Australia than in California. Additionally, per capita wine consumption in Australia is double that of the U.S."

### LINDEMANS

A player in the U.S. wine market since the 1980s, Lindemans has a 150-year history. Today, it is the No. 1 selling Australian wine brand in the world. Each week over a million bottles of Lindemans are enjoyed globally.

"Lindemans is an old company," Clayfield continued, "but we have projected a youthful image and caught a wave of people buying more moderately-priced table wine."

Lindemans Bin 65 Chardonnay is the best-selling chardonnay in Australia and one of the top imported chardonnays in the U.S.

Like its chardonnay, all Lindemans "bin" wines are made with fruit sourced from key grape growing regions throughout Australia. Lindemans' ability to source and blend wines from different regions enables it to produce wine of consistently high quality, regardless of varying vintage conditions.

"Bin numbers reflect the area or 'bin' in which that particular wine was traditionally stored."

Today, this is no longer the case. The number has become part of the name. Bin 65 is always Chardonnay, just as Bin 50 is always Shiraz, Bin 40 is Merlot, and Bin 45 Cabernet Sauvignon.

These wines are all about \$8 and can be priced attractively because the reds, in particular, do not receive extended oak aging in expensive oak cooperage. Rather, they are nicely fruited and deliver plump, juicy balanced wines at a value price.

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### WINE PICKS

Varietally labeled syrah from California and the same grape labeled as shiraz from Australia are among today's hot wines. Extend palate pleasure with other Rhone varieties or Rhone-style blends such as:

■ 2001 Morgan Cotes du Crow's (syrah and grenache blend), \$13

■ 2001 Beckmen Vineyards Cuvee Le Bec (grenache, syrah, mourvedre and counoise blend), \$14

■ 2001 Beckmen Vineyards Estate Grenache, \$22

■ 2000 Joseph Phelps Le Mistral (syrah, grenache, mourvedre, carignane, alicante bouschet and petite sirah blend), \$25

All wines mentioned are available in the metro-Detroit area. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.



## BAKING

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with nuts, eggs, chocolate and whipped cream. While there is flour and sugar in the recipes, that isn't emphasized as much in her cooking, she said.

In her book, she writes about Strawberry Mousse Torte as "two hearts that beat as one — soft and feminine yet strong and muscular. The yellow layer is buttery and dense, the filling is creamy and caressing, the frosting is light and fluffy."

She used to distribute recipes "I gave them out to whoever wanted to make them," she said. "New bakers and old bakers, and they would give me criticisms. That was a cross section of buyers and users."

Her clients praised her work. "We've had the privilege of serving a variety of cakes at The Lark restaurant and every one of them was delicious," writes Jim Lark. "She obviously has a perfect palate, which is essential to create a great cuisine."

Gary Cashman, manager of



Sylvia Lee enjoyed baking at her pastry and dessert shop at Telegraph and 10 Mile roads in Southfield from 1983 until 1993.

Quartermarket in Birmingham, wrote that Lee's cakes "were of the highest quality and were very popular."

Lee also gives readers Rules to Bake By (See related chart.) Some are new to a novice — like using an eggshell to pick up a piece of

eggshell that has fallen into the egg itself — or may be new to a pro — like learning how to properly grate a lemon.

She loved the nurturing of cooking. "I enjoyed thinking, 'oh, they'll love this,' or 'wait 'til they taste this.' I enjoyed seeing people like my food."

*Desserts: A Delicious Learning Baking and Eating Experience* is available at Quartermarket 1744 W Maple Birmingham Book Beat 26010 Greenfield Oak Park Papa Joe's Gourmet Market on Woodward just south of Maple in Birmingham Vineyards 32418 Northwestern Highway Farmington Hills and Giftpeople 32644 Franklin in Franklin

## Don't break the Baking Rules

Here are a few of Sylvia Lee's Rules to Bake By:

■ The speeds of mixing are "slow," "medium" and "fast" — nothing fancy, just what you have at home. A standard four-quart mixer or even a hand-held electric mixer will work.

■ When adding ingredients, follow recipes in their proper chronological order. You will use fewer utensils and make less of a mess.

■ No matter what time or temperature the recipe indicates, you must check for doneness because ovens vary. Do this by inserting a metal skewer or wooden toothpick into the cake. When you pull it straight out, if no wet crumbs stick, the cake is done. This does not apply to cheese cakes.

■ All extracts — vanilla, almond or others — should be pure — no imitation anything. Pure is best and leaves no after-taste.

■ When beating, mixing, stirring, etc. always stop a few times to scrape the sides and bottom of bowl with your rubber spatula.

■ When using nuts, toast them for about 2-4 minutes in 350° F oven — or toaster oven. Toasting enhances the flavor.

■ Rotate pans once in oven during baking time.  
■ Whip whites and whipping cream until peaks form that do not fall down — then stop.  
■ When recipe calls for butter, use sweet unsalted butter.  
■ Always use large eggs.  
■ Use all purpose flour and do not sift it.

## CHOCOLATE KIRSCH TORTE

A single layered rich, dense amalgamation of semi-sweet chocolate, cherry preserves, and cherry liqueur. Almost like chocolate quicksand — for chocolate lovers only.

**Batter**  
1 cup chocolate chips  
6 tablespoons Kirsch (cherry liqueur)  
1 stick and 2 tablespoons butter  
Preheat oven to 375° F. In small double boiler melt chocolate chips, Kirsch and butter. When melted, remove from heat and cool to lukewarm.  
4 eggs  
¾ cup sugar

In mixer, beat eggs and sugar at "medium" until frothy. For chocolate batter mixture ¼ cup flour.

Turn off mixer, then add batter and flour. Turn mixer to "low" and mix for 5 seconds (just until blended).

Pour into nine-inch pan, well greased.  
Bake 25 minutes.

Let cool until lukewarm (about 15 minutes) and then invert onto working platter.

**Filling**  
Scoop out soft inside of cake, leaving a one-inch rim around the circumference. Make sure that when you scoop you leave a layer of sufficient thickness on the bottom so that it doesn't break.

4 tablespoons cherry preserves  
2 teaspoons Kirsch

Combine "scooped" with cherry preserves and Kirsch. Refill cake with this mixture — making sure to have a smooth surface. Refrigerate or freeze for a few hours so that cake feels sturdy enough to frost.

**Frosting**  
5 tablespoons butter  
1 cup heavy cream  
1 cup sifted cocoa  
½ cups confectioners sugar sifted  
1 teaspoon vanilla

In medium saucepan, melt butter.  
Turn off heat and add slowly while stirring heavy cream, cocoa and sugar. Turn heat on to "low" and stir slowly for five minutes. Turn off heat and add vanilla.

Cool slightly and pour over cake. Do not use any tools to smooth the top surface — it will dull the sheen. Instead just keep tilting the cake (on the platter or on your hand) until the top is covered with glaze.

(Lee writes "I know that you're thinking that this is a pain to do — please believe me that it is so delicious that it's worth every minute of stirring and tilting.")

## Presentation

Put cake on pretty platter with extra room around sides. Place chocolate leaves slightly overlapping around sides of cake. They will stick to the still-wet frosting. They basically make a garland around the sides of the cake.

If the top surface is smooth — leave well enough alone. If the surface has a few flaws, put three chocolate leaves on top and place a tiny silk, plastic, or (nontoxic) flower in the middle — just as in nature.

Serves 10-12.  
Recipe courtesy of *Desserts: A Delicious Learning Baking and Eating Experience* by Sylvia Lee.

## Sylvia Lee cooks up one of her favorites: Apricot Pound Cake

## APRICOT POUND CAKE

Remember to follow Sylvia Lee's rules (see next page) and let margarine, butter and cream cheese soften first at room temperature.

2 sticks margarine  
1 stick butter  
1 8 ounce package cream cheese  
3 cups sugar  
6 eggs  
3 cups flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
4 tablespoons thick apricot preserves

Heat oven to 325° F. In mixing bowl combine margarine, butter and cream cheese, beat on medium until fluffy. Add sugar and continue to beat.

When sugar is incorporated, add and beat in eggs. Turn mixer to low and add flour, baking powder and vanilla. When fully incorporated, turn mixer to medium and beat for 10 sec.

Turn off. With spatula, drop ½ batter into a 10-inch Teflon lined tube pan that is well greased.

Spoon ring in center of batter with apricot preserves, cover with remaining batter. Bake one hour and 10-20 minutes.

When lukewarm, unmold by putting flat dish on top and inverting pan (one palm on top of dish and one palm under cake pan. Turn it quickly.) Using the same method, invert cake back to upright position onto serving platter.

Brush top with 2 tablespoons melted apple jelly. Make daisies with dried apricot rounds and 8 almond slices. Make stem and leaves with green gel tubes found in your grocery baking section.

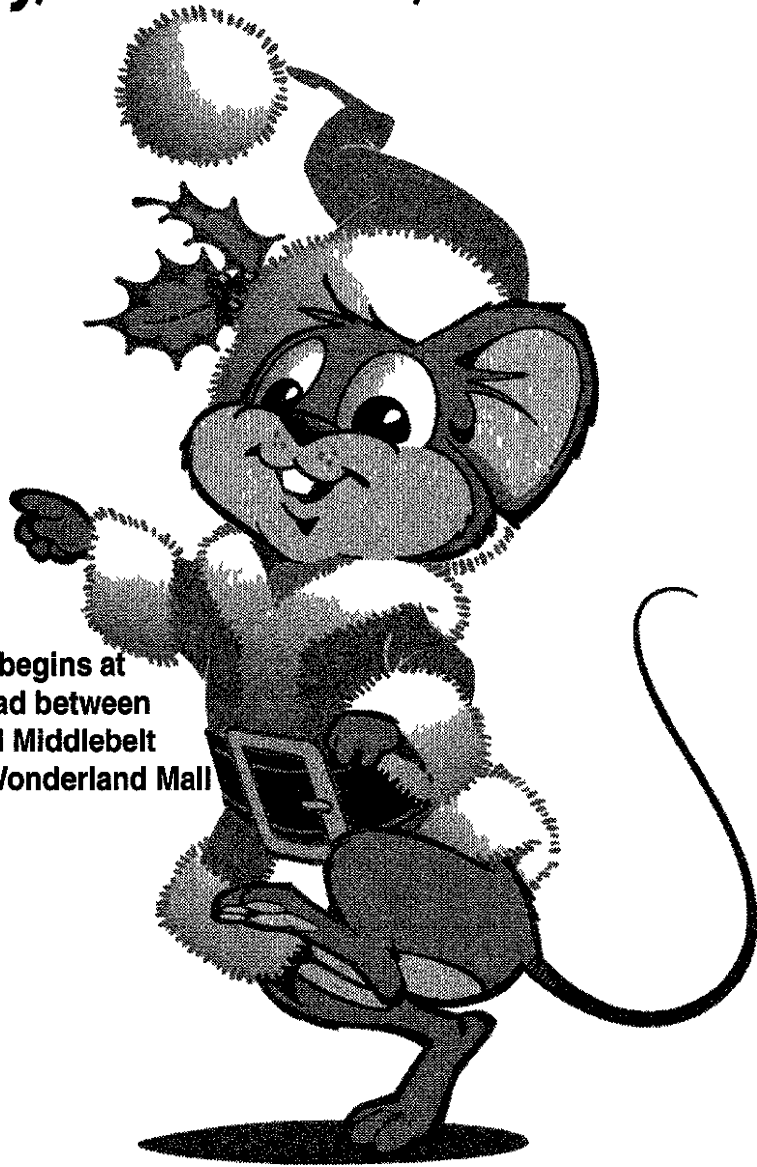
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Sylvia Lee calls this apricot pound cake a "comfort cake." It is one of her favorites in her new cookbook *Desserts*.

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# Sylvia Lee provides helpful hints for better baking

Measure all ingredients and have them ready to go before you even turn on the mixer. This bit of preparation makes for a smoother baking experience, and eliminates frustration.

When using butter, margarine or cream cheese, always take out of wrapper when cold. Put it in a bowl you will be using and cover with plastic wrap or plate for 1-3 hours prior to using.

To grease pans, take paper towel and spread Crisco — or similar vegetable shortening — generously around sides and bottom of all inner surfaces.

Use this tip for grating lemons, limes, or oranges. First cut fruit in half and squeeze out the juice. Grate 1/2 fruit at a time by putting four fingers into the hollow of the fruit and putting your thumb on the outside skin. Then grate it against the grater while you rotate the fruit half. Your fingers will be protected.

Lee also recommends using the pulp that you have squeezed. It helps to intensify the flavor. This is in addition to the measured amount of citrus juice. Of course, you should remove and discard the seeds.

Cakes usually unmold better when they are lukewarm — about 15 minutes after removal from the oven. The cooler they get, the more likely they are to stick to the sides and bottom of the pan.

To unmold pans, place a flat platter on top of lukewarm cake and invert. Sometimes after inverting, covering the bottom of the pan with a hot damp towel for a few minutes will make the cake come out more easily.

To freeze, put cake uncovered in freezer for about 2-3 hours. When no longer sticky, slide cake into large zippered plastic bag and continue to freeze and store.

# Squash: Versatile and handy

BY DANA JACOBI  
CORRESPONDENT

Butternut squash is one of the handiest and healthiest vegetables you can serve.

It might win the vegetable versatility award, as you can bake or roast it, steam or boil it, use it in stews or a stir-fry. Butternut squash is good in soups, main dishes, as a side dish, and even for dessert, where it can take the place of pumpkin or sweet potato as a pie filling.

The slightly sweet, nutty flavor of butternut squash is enhanced by a wide range of seasonings. In America we tend to stack to cinnamon and nutmeg, but butternut squash also turns up in highly spiced North African stews, Chile pepper-spiced Latin dishes and incendiary Thai curries. It is even delicious seasoned with Mediterranean herbs such as thyme and oregano.

The texture of butternut squash is flexible enough to be served in hearty chunks, or finely chopped and mixed into risotto, or whirled into a creamy puree that is delicious presented as a soup or a side dish.

Nutritionally, butternut squash has more vitamin C and beta-carotene than any other winter squash. It is also easier



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Butternut squash is a versatile vegetable. Here it is prepared in enchiladas with salsa verde.

to use than its harder-shelled cousins like acorn and spaghetti squash. In fact, you can simply boil or steam the squash, then slip the skin off using a knife run just under the surface. The seeds scoop out just as easily. If you want to cut down on prep time even more, you can buy butternut squash already cut up and ready to cook.

Some foods immediately call to mind an ideal partner, like rice and beans, peanut butter and jelly, or tomatoes and

basil. For butternut squash, though, the list of happy pairings is almost endless. In winter, I particularly like combining it with apples, chestnuts, and almost any bean, from green snap beans to dried Tuscan white or canned, velvety pintos.

Unlike other winter squashes, butternut is generally available year-round. Since bigger squashes tend to be sweeter, buy a nice hefty one and use it to make these enchiladas.

## BUTTERNUT SQUASH ENCHILADAS WITH SALSA VERDE

- 1 package (16 ounces) diced peeled butternut squash or 1 1/4 pound squash seeded, peeled and diced
- Canola oil spray
- 1 can (15.5 ounces) pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- 3/4 cup (3 ounces) crumbled reduced-fat feta cheese, divided
- 8 large (about 7 inch) corn tortillas
- 1 jar (16 ounces) salsa verde
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro leaves for garnish (optional)

Place squash in medium saucepan. Add 1 cup water. Cover pot tightly, and place over medium-high heat. Cook until squash is tender but not mushy, 12-15 minutes, depending on size of cubes. Drain squash, and set

aside. Meanwhile, preheat oven to 350° F. Select a baking dish just large enough to hold the eight tortillas, folded over and slightly overlapping, so that they fit snugly in the dish. (You may want to "test" and see if the baking dish is the proper size by arranging unfilled folded tortillas in it, as they would be once filled and ready to bake.) using the canola oil spray lightly coat the interior of the baking dish and set aside.

Place beans in mixing bowl. Using fork, partially mash beans. Add squash and blend, leaving mixture coarsely mashed, with some beans still whole. Mix in 1/2 cup of the cheese. Season filling to taste with salt and pepper.

Coat a tortilla on both sides with cooking spray. Lay it on a plate. Spoon 3/4 cup of filling on one half of the tortilla. Fold tor-

tilla in half over filling. Set it at one end of the baking dish. Repeat, placing filled tortillas so they overlap, filling baking dish tightly. Pour pureed sauce over assembled enchiladas. Sprinkle remaining cheese over sauce. Cover pan with foil.

Bake enchiladas about 30 minutes, until they are heated through and tortillas are soft. Uncover and serve garnished with cilantro, accompanied by cooked brown rice, if desired.

Makes 8 servings.  
**Nutritional information per serving:** 180 calories, 2 g total fat (1 g saturated fat), 33 g carbohydrate, 8 g protein, 7 g dietary fiber, 479 g sodium.

Dana Jacobi is the author of *The Joy of Soy* and recipe creator for American Institute for Cancer Research's *Stopping Cancer Before It Starts*.

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Learn about healthy soup presentations during November free to the public at the following Weight Watchers meeting rooms: Weight Watchers Center 6183 87 Haggerty West Bloomfield 9:30 a.m. Friday Nov 7; Weight Watchers Center Summit West 421 Summit Drive Waterford noon Tuesday Nov 11; Weight Watchers Center Kmart Plaza 110 12 Mile (at John R) Madison Heights 12:15 p.m. Monday Nov 17; Weight Watchers Center Wonderland Shopping Center (Plymouth and Middlebelt) Livonia 10 a.m. 11 a.m. noon Friday Nov 21; Weight Watchers Center Northwood Shopping Center 30935 N Woodward Royal Oak 9:15 a.m. Monday Nov 24.

### Five Lakes Grill

Brian Polcyn, chef at Five Lakes Grill now offers a series of casual Tuesday night food and wine classes at Five Lakes Grill, 424 North Main Street in Milford. During the first five week series, guests can sample foods and wines from various regions of Italy. The night of food, wine and camaraderie begins at 7 p.m. and includes five wines and five complimentary appetizers for \$20. A guest wine aficionado and Chef Polcyn will host the evening and share information on the featured vineyard and indigenous foods that accompany each of the selected wines. The tour continues north each Tuesday up to northern Italy. Reservations for the class can be made by calling Five Lakes Grill at (248) 684-7455.

### More classes

Let's Talk Turkey (turkey with corn bread, pecan stuffing, Shepherd's Pie with Duchesse potatoes, turkey scallopini, punitenesca and turkey stroganoff on noodles) will be taught at 7 p.m. Monday Nov 10 at Bonnie's Patisserie, 29229 Northwestern Highway Southfield. Other classes include: Glorious Brunch VII (Baked New England French Toast, egg stuffed portobello, tea cured gravlax with ginger butter, tomato onion hash, brownies and sesame cucumber melon salad) Wednesday Nov 12; Great Ways with Fish Monday Nov 17; Good Food Fast Monday Dec 1 and Holiday Treats Monday Dec 8. Classes are \$35. Call (248) 357-4540 for information.

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Learn how to cook with whole foods such as tofu, ground flax, whole wheat pastry flour and much more. Meals such as creamy mac and cheese (the healthy version of course), meatloaf,

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### Champagnes, sparkling wines

Certified Sommelier Nidal Daher and National Wine Buyer Marc Jonna will present a wine class entitled "Champagne and Sparkling Wines 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday Nov 12 at The Community House, 380 South Bates in Birmingham. The class will explore the history of champagnes and sparkling wines as well as the production process. Attendees will also learn about the different regions of the world that produce sparkling wines. The instructors will conduct a discussion on matching champagne and sparkling wines with food and will provide participants with examples of great matches. A tasting of six different champagnes and sparkling wines is included. The session is \$25. To register for classes, contact the Community House at (248) 644-5832 or online at www.communityhouse.com.

### Cuisine du Jour

Chef Frank Turner of Morel's and Unique Restaurant Corp. will discuss a new twist on your family's favorites including a pumpkin creme brulee 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday Nov 20 in the culinary training auditorium at Trevarrow, 1295 Opdyke in Auburn Hills. Chef Kipp Bourdeau of Bistro Bourdeau at Auburn Hills will instruct how to cook a Southern Style Holiday Feast 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday Dec 4. Class is \$30 per person. For information, call (248) 377-2300.

### 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, 7:30 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.

### 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 11 a.m. Saturday Dec 20 at Derby Middle School, Room 115. The class fee is \$30. For registration and information, please call (248) 203-3800.

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# Enjoy four-course dinner at Sweet Georgia Brown

Join members of the Detroit Chapter of the African American Wine Tasting Society for a four-course wine dinner 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, in the private dining room at Sweet Georgia Brown, 1450 Brush Street in Detroit.

The evening begins promptly at 7 p.m. and includes appetizers, salad, entree and dessert accompanied by four enjoyable wines. Sharon Carrier of General Wine, a wine expert of 20 years, will be the facilitator and rhythmic jazz selections will enhance the mood for the evening.

The evening begins with Chef Jerry's Signature Crab and Shrimp Cakes and Smoked Turkey Quesadillas, followed by a cool, fresh and crisp Sweet Georgia Brown salad. Guests will choose one of the following entree selections: Southern Comfort pork chop served with warm apple wine compote and southern fried onion straws, Atlantic salmon maple barbecue on confetti rice pilaf with garlic and lemon asparagus, herb roasted chicken served with buttermilk and garlic whipped potatoes in port wine

or the tasty vegetarian pasta. The selected wines for the evening are Mumm Cuvée Napa, Joseph Phelps Sauvignon, Domain Cameros Pinot Noir and Michelle Charlo Nivoko Moscato d'Asti. Assorted soft drinks, coffee and tea are also included.

The event is open to the general public. Reservations and advance payment required by Friday, Oct. 31. The cost is \$100 per person. Taxes and gratuities included. This event is free for AAWTS Grand Cruis Classes members. For more

information about AAWTS and how to become a member, send an email to thucks@aaawts.org or call (313) 492-4208, or visit the AAWTS online at www.aaawts.org.

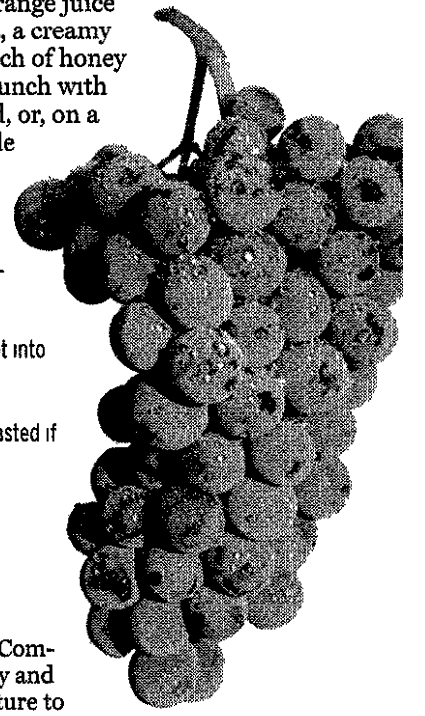
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# Celebrate fall with a salad

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A fall salad should have a mellow, fruity flavor to suit the season. Here, fresh grapes and orange juice are combined with dried fruit, a creamy tang of yogurt, nuts and a touch of honey.

Serve this salad for a light lunch with sharp cheese and crusty bread, or, on a grander menu, offer it as a side dish with rich roast pork or duck.



### CELEBRATE FALL SALAD

- 2 cups seedless grapes
- 1 red apple cored and diced
- 1 cup dried apricots or peaches cut into strips
- 1 cup diced dried figs or dates
- 1/2 cup pecan or walnut halves toasted if desired (see note)
- 1 cup lowfat plain yogurt
- 1 tablespoon fresh orange juice
- 2 teaspoons honey (see note)
- 1/2 teaspoons grated orange peel

Combine all fruits and nuts. Combine yogurt, orange juice, honey and peel, mix well. Add yogurt mixture to fruits, mix well.

Refrigerate 30 minutes to allow flavors to blend. Makes 6 servings.

Note: Toast nuts in a shallow pan 10 minutes at 350° F. One-half cup thawed, frozen orange juice concentrate may be substituted for yogurt, fresh orange juice and honey.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 260 cal, 5 g pro, 7 g fat, 50 g carbo, 2 mg chol, 6 g fiber, 33 mg sodium.

Recipe created for AP by California Table Grape Commission. On the Web: <http://www.tablegrape.com>

# OCC culinary instructors, graduates win honors

Representatives of Oakland Community College's culinary program won a number of honors at competitions hosted by the American Culinary Federation Chefs de Cuisine Association Sept. 16 at the Novi Expo Center. The event was sponsored by Sysco Food Distributors of Canton.

The OCC group of the faculty, students and alumni of the OCC Culinary Studies Institute won two gold medals, one silver medal, two Best of Shows, two second places and one third place.

Competition categories included 'Mystery Basket-Two Person Team', 'Contemporary Dessert' and 'Contemporary Pastries for Individual Chefs'.

The Mystery Basket competition requires a team of two chefs to prepare a four course meal for 10 persons, including

dessert, from a basket of food unveiled at the beginning of the four-hour event. OCC faculty members Chef Kevin Enright of Rochester and Chef Douglas Ganhs of Grosse Pointe placed first in the competition, winning a silver medal and Best of Show. Their presentation included roast pheasant au naturel, grilled yellow tail snapper and coriander shrimp salad, a main course of grilled venison medallions with sweet potato gratin, and for dessert, pear chiboust brulee.

OCC Culinary studies Institute graduate, Carme Bielaniec of Novi, currently employed at Steve & Rocky's Restaurant in Novi, placed second in the Mystery Basket competition. Graduate Kevin Peasgood of Clawson, currently employed at the Detroit Athletic Club, placed third.

OCC faculty member Chef Roger Holden

of Howell won a gold medal and Best of Show honors for his white chocolate Grand Marnier and Raspberry Chambord Bavarian cream served in a chocolate shell resting on a hazelnut cookie in the Contemporary Dessert Category. Andrew Sayes of Ferndale, captain of the OCC student team, won a gold medal in the Contemporary Entree category for his striped sea bass in saffron broth presentation.

Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute combines hands-on experiences and quality instruction by award-winning faculty members.

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# Seasoned student chefs sought for contest

## WINE

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### RESERVES AND TRIO

Lindemans Reserve wines, launched in early 2003, include four varietal wines, chardonnay, merlot, shiraz and cabernet sauvignon, all sourced from premium vineyards in South Australia, including McLaren Vale, Adelaide Hills, Langhorne Creek and Padthaway. Priced at \$10, they represent a step up from bin wines.

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*Emeril Under the Harvest Sun*, an hour-long TV Food Network special filmed in Mendocino County at Fetzer Vineyards and Fetzer's Valley Oaks Ranch, will debut on Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2003 at 8 p.m.

The special features Emeril Lagasse visiting Mendocino County during the wine crush and creating a menu of local bison, olive oils and organic greens from Fetzer's Valley Oaks ranch. Lagasse and Fetzer Winemaker Dennis Martin are seen contemplating blends for the next vintage of Emeril's Classic Wines, produced by Fetzer in conjunction with Lagasse. Lagasse also visits vineyards with vineyard manager Tom Piper, and gathers greens from the Organic Garden at Fetzer's Valley Oaks ranch with Master Gardener Kate Frey.

The first 30 minutes of the program follows Emeril as he moves through harvest and plans his menu, and the final 30 minutes portrays a classic Emeril Live cooking demonstration, filmed in the reserve garden at Valley Oaks Ranch with local guests.

The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally respected Quarterly Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, food and restaurants for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. To leave them a voice mail message dial (734) 953-2047, mailbox 1864#.

### Taste Fest 2003 benefits Joseph Benyo fund

This holiday event in Westland is 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 is a must. Seating is limited. Call (734) 261-3680. Mary Denning's is located at 8036 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

### CLARIFICATION

An article on Chaldean cooking that ran in the Oct. 30 Taste section should have included Carl Hakam, owner of Market Basket in Franklin, listed as one of the judges for the cooking extravaganza conducted by the Chaldean American Ladies of Charity on Sept. 21.

The search is on for the seasoned chef.

Chefs-in-training nationwide can showcase their culinary expertise and enter the Diamond Crystal Kosher Salt's Search For the Seasoned Chef Recipe Contest, with a chance to win a prize package worth \$6,500.

This is the second year that student chefs can create and submit their best original recipe to the salt company. The only required ingredient: Diamond Crystal Kosher Salt. Applicants may enter recipes in three categories: Appetizers, entrees, and soups and stews. Entries must be postmarked on or before March 1, 2004, and received on or before midnight March 5, 2004.

Three category winners will be awarded scholarships for continuing education at the cooking schools of their choice. The Grand Prize winner will be awarded a \$2,000 scholarship, and two of the category winners will be awarded \$1,000 schol-

arships. In addition, the Grand Prize winner will be featured with the winning recipe in a full-page advertisement in *Chef Educator Today* magazine, and will receive one case of Diamond Crystal Kosher Salt.

Adrienne Calvo won last year's contest with her colorful appetizer, Seared Scallops on Watercress with Fresh Pineapple Salsa. After applying her scholarship to Miami-based Johnson & Wales University, she plans to open her own restaurant someday.

To enter, applicants should submit by mail their original recipe(s) in one of three categories (appetizers, entrees or soups/stews), a photo of the completed recipe and an entry form to Diamond Crystal Kosher Salt's Search For the Seasoned Chef Recipe Contest, c/o Carmichael Lynch Spong, 800 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55403 for a complete set of rules and an official entry form, log on to [www.diamondcrystalsalt.com](http://www.diamondcrystalsalt.com) or write to Carmichael Lynch Spong.

### SEARED SCALLOPS ON WATERCRESS WITH FRESH PINEAPPLE SALSA

Winning Recipe of the 2002 Search For the Seasoned Chef Recipe Contest

Marrynating the scallops infuses fresh citrus flavor to this appetizer. However, marmate them only 15 minutes to assure scallops remain tender during cooking.

1 cup lime juice  
1 1/2 tablespoons Diamond Crystal Kosher Salt  
24 sea scallops  
3 tablespoons olive oil  
1 bunch watercress, large stems removed (about 4 cups)  
Balsamic vinegar  
1 orange cut into wedges if desired  
16 red pepper strips if desired

Stir together lime juice and salt in large glass bowl. Stir in scallops. Cover and refrigerate 15 minutes. Make Pineapple Salsa (below). Drain scallops in large colander at least 5 minutes.

Heat 1-1/2 tablespoons oil in heavy 10-inch skillet over high heat. Sear half the scallops in hot oil 1-2 minutes per side or until scallops are firm and opaque in center. (Reduce heat to medium-high if scallops are very thick, and cook 3-4 minutes per side.)

Repeat with remaining oil and scallops.

Divide watercress and Pineapple Salsa among eight salad plates. Sprinkle with balsamic vinegar. Place three scallops over salsa. Garnish with orange wedges and red pepper strips.

**Pineapple Salsa**  
4 cups diced fresh pineapple (about 1 small)  
1/2 cup finely chopped onion  
1 red bell pepper, chopped  
1 1/2 teaspoons Diamond Crystal Kosher Salt  
1 teaspoon crushed red pepper

Stir together all ingredients.

#### Other Ideas

Shrimp lovers can use 1-1/2 pounds uncooked, peeled and deveined large shrimp instead of the scallops. Stir-fry 1-2 minutes in hot oil or until shrimp are pink. For a fast and easy appetizer, substitute 1-1/2 pounds cooked shrimp for the scallops. Do not sear, serve cold. This hearty appetizer makes an elegant lunch entrée too.

#### Nutrition information

1 serving: Calories 170 (calories from fat 50), Fat 6g (Saturated 0.5g), Cholesterol 30mg, Sodium 610mg, Carbohydrates 16g, Dietary Fiber 2g, Protein 12g

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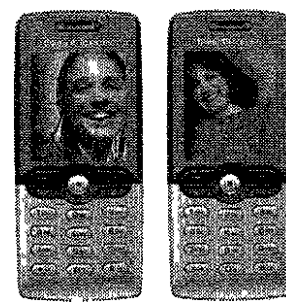
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## Real Estate Inquires

Robert M. Meisner

## Condo trash ordinance unfair, legal

We have a city ordinance that prohibits trash collection from condominiums based upon economic considerations. I think that is unfair and unreasonable. Do you have any comment?

I agree with you that it is unfair and unreasonable, but unfortunately, the federal appellate courts have felt that it's not a violation of the U.S. Constitution's Equal Protection Clause. The courts have stated that because of the presumption of constitutionality, and the legitimate economic rationale for these types of ordinances, the ordinance generally survives equal protection scrutiny and is upheld. It does not mean, however, that you cannot exert political pressure on your local municipality to change these conditions.

Can our association amend our documents regarding the leasing of condominium units to eliminate leasing?

A number of cases in Florida, including a case from the Supreme Court of Florida, have upheld the right of an association to amend its documents to prohibit owners from leasing condominium units. The courts have said that that was a valid exercise of the association's amendment power because the owners were on notice that the leasing provisions in the master deed were subject to amendment. In the case at hand in Florida, the condominium documents were amended to limit leasing of units to no more than nine months in any 12-month period and prohibiting the leasing of all units within the first 12 months of ownership.

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Here are the new golf holes that the condos at Links of Fellows Creek will overlook

## Beautiful land, not golf, reason people choose home on fairway

BY BARRY JENSEN  
CORRESPONDENT

Living in a home along a golf course has long been a sign of serious wealth. After all, condominiums are not built along golf courses. Or are they?

More and more subdivision and condominium communities are going up along golf courses. You don't have to play golf to enjoy living in one of these golf course developments, said David Steuer, owner/manager of Steuer & Canvasser Inc. of Farmington Hills, which developed Golfside Village of Superior and Golfside Village of Westland.

Many people, perhaps most of the people who buy condominiums along golf courses, do not play golf. But they like to be associated with the golfing lifestyle and perceive many benefits from living next to a golf course.

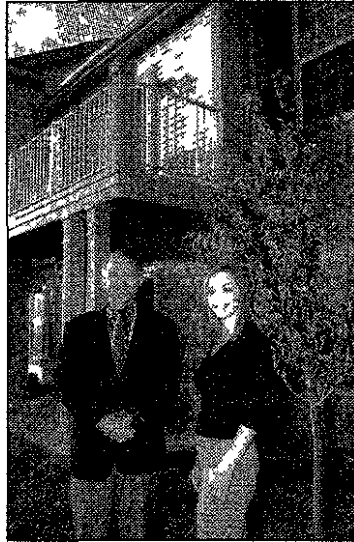
"Only 30 percent of the people who buy along a golf course actually play golf," said Paul Robertson, president of Robertson Brothers. "It's just such high-quality open space. It's well-maintained. It's always green. And for those who enjoy people watching, there's always someone walking by. It's all good and no bad."

### COMMUNITIES BENEFIT

Golf course condominium developments can be good for the communities in which they are built. "The golf course takes up maybe 150 acres that otherwise might be filled with more homes and stores," Steuer said. "This way, there is less traffic and puts fewer cars on the neighborhood streets."

These condos use land efficiently, yet the "attached" golf course provides the feeling of extraordinary spaciousness. Pretty land is just one of the benefits of a golf course community.

"There is a certain amount of prestige associated with golfing communities," said Suzette Collins, sales representative at



James Clarke, Robertson Brothers vice president and chief operating officer, and Melanie McCarthy stand in front of Melanie's condo at Links of Fellows Creek in Canton.

The Links of Fellows Creek in Canton. "And people like to be a part of the things they enjoy."

"A lot of people come in here (The Links of Fellows Creek) because they are golfers and want to be identified as a member of a golf course community. But we also get a lot of people who like the look of a home along a golf course."

### OPEN SPACE

Even having a home along a fairway is not critical to many people. "Just having the golf course there adds another 155 acres of open space to our condominium community (Golfside Village of Superior)," Steuer said. "People love it. They love the scenery. The land is maintained by someone else. It's paid for by someone else."

"Having the lush green backdrop of a golf course, this place (The Ponds at Gateway in Romulus) has a resort atmosphere. Coming here is like being on vacation," said Ron Benvegnia, president of Benvegnia Building Co. in West Bloomfield.

"The golf course here (The Ponds at Gateway) is more like a

benefit than a big deal," said Jill Gallagher, the sales manager at the condominium community.

"Not a lot of the people are really excited to be on a golf course," Gallagher said. "Most of the people I've talked with are more interested that they won't have to concern themselves with whether their neighbor mows his grass and takes care of his yard. They know the golf course will."

It isn't just the beautiful land for some future homeowners, it's the activity. "People like to sit on their balconies and watch the active sports," said James Clarke, Robertson Brothers vice president and chief operating officer. "It's a good place for people-watching."

"Some golf courses allow neighbors to cross country ski in the winter," Steuer said. "That means year-around recreation."

More than half the land at Pine Knob Enclaves condo development in Independence Township is devoted to open space, said Mario D'Agostini. His condominium development adjoins Pine Knob Golf Course. People who buy a condo at that development get a deal — \$5,000 worth of golfing at the course is included in their purchase price.

D'Agostini also made a deal with the landowner so he could build alongside a golf course. "The man who bought the golf course bought it with an additional 20 acres included. We are building on that additional 20 acres," D'Agostini said.

### THE FUTURE

There would seem to be an extreme shortage of space next to golf courses, but Robertson says that's not necessarily so.

"Golf courses have been a bit overbuilt, so we can sometimes make deals that benefit both the golf course owner and Robertson Brothers by converting the last nine holes into a condominium community," he said.

"When an opportunity to built along a golf course comes up, we make contact with the seller and see whether he's interested in working with us to develop a golf course community," Clarke said. "We can go in and tell the owner of the golf course that we have experience doing these type of projects. We are familiar with the spaces necessary and the way homes should be built along courses. In some cases, we build on land made available to us by the golf course. In others, we buy land next to a golf course and give some of the land to the golf course in exchange for the right to build there."

Because it's the beautiful land, more than the sport of golf, that attracts people, developers are looking beyond golf courses.

"We're always looking for more high-quality land," Robertson said. "Our next opportunity may be building along two lakes near Milford. It's the same high-quality open space along lakes that you find along golf courses."

### HISTORY

The local boom in golf course community probably began in the 1980s, when Robertson Brothers bought a former gravel pit in Bloomfield Township.

"It was unbuildable," Robertson said. "I was turning over in my mind what could be done with the land, and I came up with the idea of putting a nine-hole golf course on top of the gravel."

That plan became The Heathers.

"We acquired the land in '84, but weren't able to begin construction of the homes until '89," Robertson said.

"Our interest in golf course communities sorta rolled on from The Heathers," Clarke said. "A golf course is a good amenity for the lifestyle we're selling."

## Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

## No cash, no excuse

Homebuyers with very little cash — or very little desire to spend their cash — often use high loan-to-value loans to purchase properties. Unlike traditional mortgage lenders who grant loans based primarily on borrowers' strengths, "equity lenders" grant mortgages based more on the value of the property.

Buying a home using a very small down payment lets borrowers leverage their investment. If you pay \$10,000 out-of-pocket for a home that appreciates \$5,000 per year, you would achieve a 50 percent annual rate of return on your investment. Purchase the same property with \$1,000 instead, and your rate of return jumps to 500 percent.

FHA mortgages are great for homebuyers with small down payments. Qualified FHA borrowers can get up to 97 percent financing to purchase homes if the loan amounts do not exceed prescribed limits. Others with badly bruised credit, those in need of 100 percent financing, or those requiring very large or "jumbo" mortgages, may still qualify for "FHA look-alikes" which some lenders offer to fill those niches.

Equity lenders offer loans (or loan combinations) totaling up to 100 percent of a property's value without deeply scrutinizing the borrowers' credit history. Most will also allow the property seller to pay for the borrower's closing costs and will not require escrow accounts. Mortgage insurance premiums are usually factored into the interest rate so they can be tax-deductible.

### MINIMUM DOWN

If you decide to pursue a minimum-down home purchase, the lender will validate that the property is worth the requested amount. You should plan on added time and expense for a "review appraisal" prior to final loan approval. Also, expect to pay a slightly higher interest rate on your new mortgage, especially if the PMI is factored into the rate. A very high LTV makes for a more risky mortgage because the borrowers have a small or non-existent ownership stake.

There are plenty of discounted homes on the market right now. A small or non-existent down payment should not keep you from a great opportunity. If you can secure an appropriate "nothing down" deal right now, you could realize some hearty gains as the economy revs back up.

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### HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 16 20 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities addresses and sales prices.

City	Address	Price	City	Address	Price
2841 Stanton	\$150,000	770 Deer	\$158,000		
4955 Strathmore	\$1,000	215 E Spring	\$190,000		
48610 Tmes Square	\$230,000	11635 Francis	\$230,000		
371 Torrington	\$41,000	353 Joy	\$94,000		
479 Worthington	\$209,000	1398 Penniman	\$346,000		
		465 Provncetown	\$164,000		
<b>Canton</b>		<b>Garden City</b>			
47652 Adriana	\$100,000	31421 Bock	\$127,000		
47841 Adriana	\$100,000			<b>Livonia</b>	
43501 Applewood	\$225,000	9944 Arcola	\$135,000		
5670 Belleville	\$127,000	35308 Banbury	\$348,000		
4171 Berkeley	\$1,000	17231 Doris	\$270,000		
4200 Berkeley	\$1,000	28500 Elmira	\$148,000		
4219 Berkeley	\$1,000	34260 Fve Mile	\$207,000		
49061 Brooklyn	\$225,000	18740 Flamingo	\$173,000		
516 Cherry Orchard	\$229,000	20520 Gill	\$285,000		
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4754 Sherstone	\$289,000	29423 Westfield	\$105,000		
49222 Stanton	\$260,000	20336 Whitby	\$316,000		
2814 Stanton	\$240,000			<b>Plymouth</b>	
2826 Stanton	\$150,000	12450 Concord	\$380,000		
				<b>Westland</b>	
				38220 Carolon	\$105,000
				1320 S Parent	\$136,000
				1963 Stieber	\$76,000

## Mortgage rates dip this week

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mortgage rates around the country edged down this week, a dose of good news for people thinking about buying a home.

For the week ending Oct. 31, the average rate on 30-year mortgages dipped to 5.94 percent, down from 6.05 percent the previous week, Freddie Mac, the mortgage giant, reported Thursday in its weekly nationwide survey of mortgage rates.

Rates on 30-year mortgages have bounced up and down since the middle of June when they slid to 5.21 percent, the lowest level in more than four decades.

"Fear of inflation is still unwarranted. And, that should keep mortgage rates from rising too quickly or steeply anytime in the near future," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

For 15-year mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates declined to 5.26 percent, from 5.39 percent last week. Rates for one-year adjustable mortgages averaged 3.74 percent, down slightly from last week's 3.76 percent.

Even with the recent gyrations in mortgage rates, home sales are expected to set new record highs this year. And, home-mortgage refinancing activity remains healthy.

The Mortgage Bankers Association of America reported that refinancing activity accounted for 53.3 percent of all mortgage applications filed last week, up from 50.5 percent in the previous week.

"The ARM share of applications is at its highest point in over two and a half years," said the association's manager of member services Michael Cevarr. Adjustable-rate mortgages accounted for 26.5 percent of all mortgage applications filed last week.

The nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. Thirty-year and 15-year mortgages each carried an average fee of 0.6 point, while one-year ARMs carried an average fee of 0.7 point this week.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 6.13 percent, 15-year mortgages were 5.51 percent and one-year adjustable mortgages stood at 4.25 percent.

## Rochester area estates open Nov. 8-9

Several competing real estate companies are combining forces to host a special home-arama Saturday and Sunday of six previously owned and new estate homes in Rochester Hills and Oakland Township.

Realtor Rick Rosen, broker/owner of Emporio Casa Real Estate, explains that this is a rare opportunity to preview homes in the \$1 to \$2 million price range in one weekend.

All of the homes were commissioned by their owners by well-known designers/builders like Doug Crain, Mocerri & David Kellett.

Realtor Carol Eizelman of Cranbrook Associates said that

these estates are great values. "As a matter of fact, they would sell for double or more in the Bloomfield Hills market. Many of my west side clients have taken a great interest in this area with the recent development of upscale shopping, highly rated schools and access to major expressways," she said.

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15yr Fix	4.75	0.00	30day	\$275	5.01apr	15yr Fix	5.125	0.00	30day	\$300	5.18apr	3/1 Arm	3.50	0.00	30day	\$300	3.69apr
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**CANTON**  
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**LIVONIA**  
LIVONIA'S IDYL WYLD ESTATES. This beautiful 3 bedroom 1.5 bath quad level with 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

**PLYMOUTH**  
LAKE POINTE VILLAGE SUBJ Lake Pointe colonial w/cape cod look! 3 bedroom 2.5 baths formal living room dining room & family room. wonderful Spacious bedrooms w/walk in closet. Newer windows furnace roof finished basement 2 car gar. Quiet location! (P5GLAK) \$239,900

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UPDATED PLYMOUTH HOME BACKS TO WOODS. Beautiful 4 BR 1.5 BA colonial has Pella patio door to sunroom. Andersen windows oak kitchen w/gas fireplace ceramic foyer hardwood floors. Nicely landscaped w/sprinklers. Frem lot backing to county park. (P28PAR) \$229,900

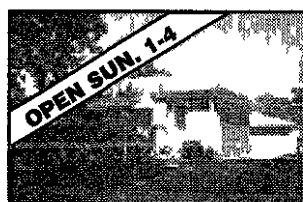
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**NEW IN GARDEN CITY!** - 30520 Florence East off Merriman S of Ford Sharp 3 bedroom brick ranch New kitchen all appliances stay Hardwood floors C/A finished basement with w/b possible 4th bedroom 16x16 deck 2.5 car garage immediate occupancy \$164,900



**LIVONIA SCHOOLS** - 7165 Fox Chase Beautiful 4 bedroom 2.5 bath brick colonial in Westland w/side entry 2 car garage Built in 1993 in the popular Overbrook sub Neutral throughout w/oak kitchen cabinets and a doorwall leading to the deck overlooking a park like setting \$249,900



**NORTHVILLE END UNIT CONDO** - 16329 Brookwood Gorgeous great room w/fireplace study 2 large bedrooms with private baths kitchen with extra cabinets pantry & ceramic tile floor New Andersen doorwall to the deck Professionally finished daylight basement Attached 2 car garage All perfectly located in a golf course community \$289,900



**IT'S TRUE!** - 352 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr You can own this 2 year old 4 bedroom 3 bath condo in Canton! Skylights in cathedral ceiling lovely gas fireplace maple cabinets in large kitchen hardwood floor in foyer tons of storage neutral decor daylight basement deck w/awning & view of woods! \$274,900



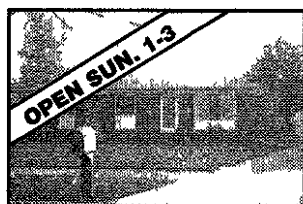
**PERFECTLY LOCATED!** - 825 Harding N of Ann Arbor Rd E of Main Just a short walk to downtown Plymouth in this gorgeous 4 bedroom colonial w/2.5 baths and 2 car garage Beautifully updated w/brand new carpeting new blinds fresh paint inside and out! Nice kitchen w/all appliances and new doorwall to the new deck \$299,900



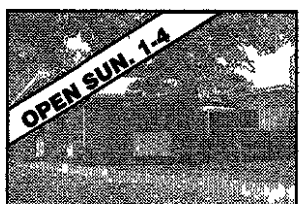
**CANTON 4 BEDROOM COLONIAL** - 2314 Amber Drive E of Sheldon S of Palmer Gorgeous Colonial w/lots to offer large room sizes finished basement w/bedroom 2nd floor laundry large kitchen w/eating area Family room w/marble fireplace large deck w/awning hardwood floors and a central vac system all in 2000 sq ft of living space \$254,900



**BRIGHTON QUAD** - 5044 Hollywood N of Brighton Lake Rd S of Main St E of Forst Way Dr W of Grand River 4 bedroom 1.5 bath Quad in popular neighborhood in Brighton just listed! 1500 sq ft of living space w/extended 2 car garage and a wood shed Come see all the details \$214,900



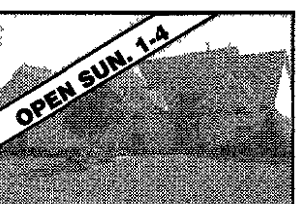
**BEST IN SHOW** - 1531 Barchester Pride of ownership! Remodeled kitchen and main bath All appliances included Newer windows finished basement family room deck nice lot nestled deep in Westland's Surry Heights sub! 3 bedrooms 2 bths and a 2 car garage Upgraded and updated Meticulous in every detail \$176,900



**A GREAT BEGINNING** - 35846 Avondale S of Cherry Hill W of Wayne Brick ranch featuring 1100 square feet with 3 bedrooms an eat in kitchen and a spacious living room New carpet and a freshly painted interior Newer roof on the home and the garage \$119,900



**ELEGANT AND IMPRESSIVE** - 369 Elmington Traditional colonial backing to a parkland w/3 623 sq ft 3 car gar dual staircases and a gourmet kit w/hearth room Formal living/dining combo w/den Volume ceilings crown moldings wainscoting & hwdw floors Handsome master bath Canton's Fairways West Sub \$474,900



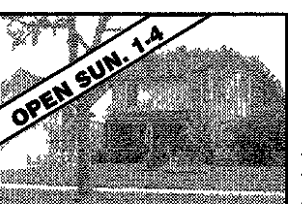
**BETTER THAN BUILDING!** - 6957 Poppleton off of Warren Rd This 4 bedroom Canton Cape Cod offers a 1st floor master w/dual walk in closets and a Jacuzzi tub Large kitchen w/upgraded cabs island cooktop and built in oven 2 sliding glass doors overlooking paver patio Private den with French doors One of a kind! \$412,900



**COUNTRY CLUB VILLAGE OF PLYMOUTH** - 51391 Northview N of Ann Arbor Rd E of Napier Spacious cape cod offering over 2400 sq ft Great room w/fireplace and doorwall to deck Island kitchen w/hardwood floors dining room and den Master suite on first floor Pulte built in 2000 Move in and enjoy \$362,613



**NEED A LITTLE ELBOW ROOM?** - 21222 Larkspur N of 8 Mile E of Farmington Then this gorgeous Cape Cod is the home for you! 5 bedrooms 2.5 baths w/2000 sq ft Formal dining family room w/cozy fireplace hwdw floors and neutral decor throughout Updates include roof furnace & vinyl windows \$249,900



**CALL IT HOME!** - 1406 Rand N of Salt W of Sheldon Maintenance free 3 bedroom 1 bath Canton Colonial Walk to the elementary school This home offers a fenced yard w/16x16 deck wonderful open floor plan full basement and detached 2 car garage \$229,900



**STUNNING!** - 38695 Milton Stop by Sunday 12 4 and check out the absolute beauty of this 5 bedroom 2.5 bath Westland colonial Endless custom features & completely updated Follow the signs from Cherry Hill and Hix You won't be disappointed! \$199,900



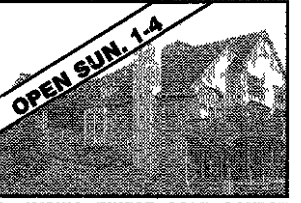
**CANTON CONTEMPORARY** - 181 s Norma 3 bedroom Tri level located in Carillon Village Sub near Canton Updated kitchen central air and newer carpet Family room with a cozy fireplace large front porch patio and lot Immediate occupancy \$157,900



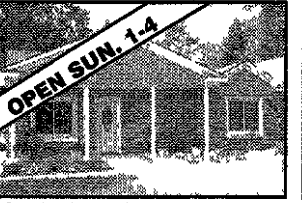
**PLYMOUTH CAPE COD CONDO** - 44550 Pinetree Dr First floor master 2 bedroom & full bath up w/lift overlooking great room oak kitchen w/granite counters daylight window basement hardwood floors in foyer kitchen powder room & hall 1st floor laundry 2.5 car attached garage central vac deck w/hot tub private setting \$334,900



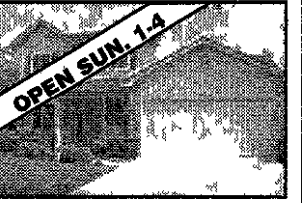
**CANTON ON THE COMMONS** - 48200 Royal Pointe Drive Beck to Warren W to Royal Pointe Immediate occupancy for this gorgeous 4 bedroom 2 full and 2 half bath colonial w/3 car garage Profess fin bsmt Extra large master w/sitting room & trpic great room w/fireplace gourmet kitchen w/all appls hwdw frs \$429,900



**S LYON'S FINEST GOLF COURSE COMMUNITY** - 23480 Sawgrass Enter Tanglewood on Spyglass to Sawgrass 3 bdrm 2.5 bath condo on golf front property 2 669 sq ft & walk out LL Hardwood frs ceramic in 1st floor laundry & master bath First floor master w/large walk in closet & master bath w/Jacuzzi tub 2 tiered deck overlooks 3rd hole & ravine \$405,000



**COMPLETELY UPDATED** - 9285 Northern N of Joy E of Sheldon Plymouth ranch w/new electrical plumbing windows C/A furnace hot water heater white kitchen w/new appliances new bath & tile flooring in kitchen & bath! Cathedral ceilings w/recessed lighting 3 bedrooms 1 bath and 1 362 sq ft immediate occupancy \$181,900



**AWESOME COLONIAL** - 46406 Aaron's Way N of Geddes W of Canton Center Island kitchen w/doorwall leading to deck New dishwasher 03 new hot water heater 03 master w/private bath partially finished basement w/playroom & office C/A family room w/gas fireplace and 1st floor laundry For sale or lease \$234,900 or \$1600 mo



**CHARMING RANCH CONDO** - 42511 Lilley Pointe N of Ford W of Lilley Ground end ranch condo with 2 bedrooms 2 baths ready to go! New carpet and a freshly painted interior in 03 Open floor plan with a great view of the courtyard All appliances remain Home warranty \$126,900



**POPULAR NEIGHBORHOOD** - 14239 Cardwell Livonia 3 bedroom home near shopping schools & freeway access Updated kitchen & baths Fresh paint updated windows 3rd bedroom w/WIC adjoining lav & doorwall to patio 2 car garage gleaming hardwood floors home warranty plus \$1000 credit to buyers at closing \$176,000



**MICHIGAN'S SMALLEST TOWNSHIP** - 44040 Wyngate Novi Rd N of 9 Mile Sprawling ranch on over 1/2 acre w/4 bdrms 3 BA in area known for its towering pines winding roads and abundant wildlife Gigantic FR w/fireplace opens to a renovated kitchen New septic field circular drive \$379,000



**NORTHVILLE WOODLANDS!** - 17126 Orchard Ridge N of Six Mile W of Sheldon Move right into this well maintained 3646 square foot Cape Cod with 4 bedrooms 3.5 baths 2 story foyer and great room 1st floor master formal dining butler's pantry den dual sided fireplace huge kitchen garden basement and 3 car garage Come visit \$619,900



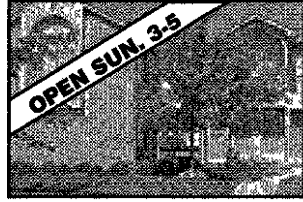
**INVITING AND EXCITING** - 48210 Gyle Rd N of Warren off of Beck Canton 4 bedroom 2.5 bath cape cod on wooded 177 acre lot GR Florida room lg FR w/trpic bath ceilings fresh interior paint recessed lighting main level master w/jetted tub & WIC Updated kit Patio garden terrace & satellite dish \$389,900



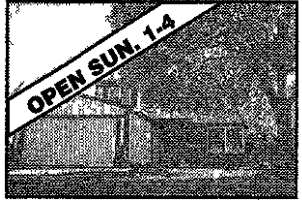
**CLASSIC CHOICE** - 628 N Harvey N of Ann Arbor Trail E of Sheldon Act fast! This great Plymouth Bungalow is sweet and clean Glowing hardwood floors basement and 2 car garage All within walking distance to downtown parks & shopping \$189,900



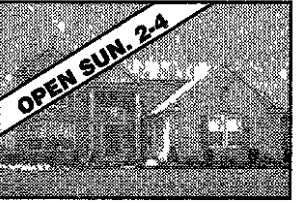
**GREAT LIVONIA BUY** - 29535 Lamar N of Curtis W of Middlebelt Spacious 3 bedroom contemporary large living and family room w/walk out Newly tiled kitchen and dining area hardwood floors t/o 1.5 baths partially finished basement attached carport and a 2.5 car garage Move in condition \$194,500



**AFFORDABLE CONDO!** - 42536 Lilley Pointe N of Ford W of Lilley Upper ranch condo with 2 bedrooms 2 baths and a wonderful open floor plan Cathedral ceilings new Berber carpet throughout tastefully painted interior In great condition Motivated seller \$129,900



**GREAT PLYMOUTH BUY!** - 44437 Oregon Trail Hurry on this 4 bedroom 2.5 bath home with updates galore including the furnace central air window roof and beautiful hardwood floors Three season room overlooking a large fenced yard Great location close to schools shopping and parks \$225,900



**A PRESTIGE FEEL!** - 48776 Manhattan Circle Beck Rd to Central Park Enjoy the luxurious touches of this beautifully kept Pulte Belmont model situated on a premium lot Elegant features dual staircases gourmet kitchen w/cherry cabs hwdw frs & butler's pantry Impressive master with FP & bath ceilings 3 car garage \$479,800



**DESIGN FOR MODEL LIVING!** - 496 Waterview Ct S on Beck W of Glangary 4 bedroom 3+ bath Pulte Carrington Colonial w/2 story foyer and soaring ceilings Gourmet kitchen w/cherry cabs hwdw floor & gas fireplace! Master suite w/dual WIC and luxury bath Neutral decor expert landscaping deck court location, hard to resist! \$469,900



**YOUR KIND OF COMFORT!** - 49206 Manhattan Circle Beck W on Central Park Well named 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial! 2 story foyer w/hardwood floors large FR w/fireplace Formal living dining & 2nd floor laundry Cooks dream kitchen w/nook Master w/valued ceiling WIC bath & 3 car garage \$379,900



**PRICED RIGHT AND WON'T LAST** - 472 Holbrook N of Plymouth E of Main Walking distance to beautiful downtown Plymouth This home offers 1700+ sq ft and an open floor plan w/extra high ceilings Don't miss the new bath updated kitchen or all new neutral 1st floor carpeting Hardwood floors C/A new roof & gutters, more \$209,900



**MOVE IN AND ENJOY!** - Spacious great room floor plan w/marble fireplace 2 bedrooms 1.5 baths Kitchen overlooks the dining room w/a doorwall to deck and private yard 1st floor laundry spacious bath w/jetted tub Basement and garage \$154,900



**TOP-NOTCH AND ECONOMICAL** - 38282 Carolan Blvd 2 bedroom 1.5 bath condo in Westland with a full basement and many quality updates Kitchen and baths are beautifully redone Full basement huge master and an attached 1 car garage in move in condition Perfect for a young professional \$124,900



**MOVE RIGHT IN!** - 4005 Winifred Cozy 3 bedroom ranch with an updated oak kitchen with a doorwall to the deck newer carpeting updated electrical and a finished basement for entertaining! Nice yard 2.5 car garage with an extra wide drive Close to the elementary school \$131,700



**OUTSTANDING VALUE** - 38476 Maes W of Cherry Hill off of John Hix to Maes Large 5 bedroom 2.5 bath home with many updates Spacious floor plan with 1500 square feet with a large garage carport basement deck hot tub and Florida room Great location An absolute must see \$229,900



**EXCEPTIONAL COUNTRY OPPORTUNITY** - 6420 Pontiac Trail N of North Territorial Privacy serenity and beauty best describes this wonderful 3 bedroom 2.5 bath home situated on 3.5 acres in Salem Township Lovingly cared for w/over 1900 square feet Horses allowed Very well priced Better hurry! \$269,900



**DOWNTOWN LIVING** - 392 W Ann Arbor Trail 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 farmers market Specialty shopping galore! \$217,900



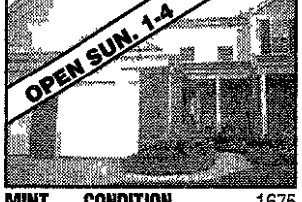
**WESTLAND COLONIAL** - 2152 Wishure S of Palmer E of Newburgh Move in condition! This 4 bedroom Westland Colonial has lots of updates - kitchen furnace A/C hot water heater windows and doors Large private yard w/brick paver patio Shed for extra storage and a basketball court



**PERFECTLY LOCATED CONDO** - 43449 Arbor Way E of Sheldon S of Palmer Private location faces woods End unit ranch Spacious rooms kit & bath w/skylights Formal dining Kit has plentiful cabinets & built in desk (upgrade from original floor plan) Huge full private bsmt carpeted Neutral t/o private deck landscaping \$139,900



**SURE TO PLEASE** - 6142 Gully Fussiest buyer will love this beautifully updated Dearborn Heights ranch w/3 BRs & 2 baths! Updated furn C/A roof driveway vinyl siding & gutters Except master w/whirlpool tub Newer crpt & fresh paint t/o New 2.5 car gar deck & home warr \$178,899



**MINT CONDITION** - 1675 Christopher N of Palmer E of Sheldon Bright open 2 bedroom 1.5 bath condo with a full basement Large dining room living room and kitchen Master w/walk in closet and private bath 15x12 deck Freshly painted t/o Many custom features All appls included \$158,900



**ROSEDALE RANCH** - 9311 Fredrick N of Joy W of Merriman Livonia 3 bedroom ranch with 1.5 baths and 1077 sq ft Vaulted ceilings and beautiful hardwood floors newer furnace & copper plumbing full finished bsmt 2 car garage Screened porch yard w/lily pond \$168,500



**YOU CAN HAVE IT ALL!** - 24422 Orangelawn N of Joy W of Telegraph Redford 3 bedroom ranch w/over 1100 sq ft on extra deep lot! New windows C/A w/humidifier new side entry doors new vertical blinds 10x10 shed floor HWH & roof Freshly painted & carpeted w/neutral decor t/o \$114,900



**HARD TO FIND DETACHED CONDO** - 6247 Twin Oaks N of Ford W of Central City Parkway This brick beauty has everything you want! 2 full baths attached 2 car garage first floor laundry a full basement 1302 square feet a treed backyard and all of the appliances will stay! \$209,900



**CANTON RANCH** - 8647 Holly E on Joy from Haggerty South on Holly Sharp all brick 3 bedroom 1.5 bath home is ready for immediate occupancy This one has a family room w/fireplace C/A finished basement 2.5 car garage and much more Immediate occupancy \$177,500



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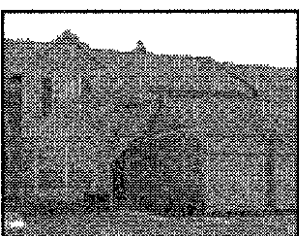
**BELLEVILLE \$149,900**  
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**BRIGHTON \$199,000**  
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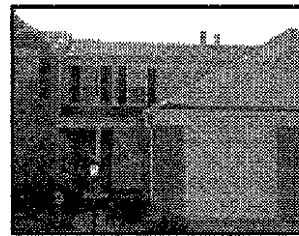
**CANTON \$219,900**  
Fantastic Home! All dressed up for you to move into Lots of updates in the past 2 years 3br 1 5 bath liv rm fam rm w/frpl part finished bsmt Great Location close to schools (BGN01VER) 888 870 9123



**CANTON \$219,900**  
Beautiful 2 bdrm 2 baths 1 lav Condo! Ceramic tile foyer great rm w/cathedral ceiling gas frpl Oak cabs gourmet kitchen 2nd flr has loft built in entertainment center All appli stay Sec System (BGN86HER) 888 870 9123



**CANTON \$199,900**  
End Unit 3BR 2 1/2 BA Cape Spacious kit nook w/plenty of cbt cntroptop space Great rm w/vaulted clg & gas fp Lux 1st flr master ste w/wash bath Full bsmt part fin w/2 BRs Deck off DR & nook BGP 56Sar 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



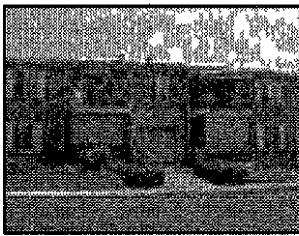
**DETROIT \$69,872**  
Charming Home Large corner lot fenced yard with sprinkler system HUGE master bedroom formal dining room just off the kitchen open into the family room 1 year Home Warranty (BGSly46ASH) 888 870 9131



**FARMINGTON \$167,500**  
Features Incl Furnace/newer Wtr Htr & Most Wndws\*FRDoorwall Leads To Tiered Deck & 2nd Deck Around Pool\*rm Bdrm Has 2 Closets+bonus Rm For Home Office Or Den\*over Sized 2 Car Garage OEL40COL 888 870 9105



**FARMINGTON \$159,900**  
Charming Updated Ranch w/Full Basement! Oak 42 upper cabinets flooring windows AC furnace garage & opener glass block basement microwave & DW Pretty patio & fenced yard (BGN99VIO) 888 870 9123



**FARMINGTON \$125,000**  
Designer Decor\* Updates Inc Blt in Bookcases Ceramic Flooring @ Entry \* Bath W/limestone Counter & Flooring \* Kitchen W/ceramic Flr Granite Counter\* Open Flr Plan OEL57SHI 888 870 9105



**FARMINGTON HILLS \$144,900**  
Wonderful Open Floor Plan! Best describes this 2br 2 baths condo marble floors new carpeting t/o granite kitchen totally redone Large master suite w/bath & walk in closet (BGN44MID) 888 870 9123



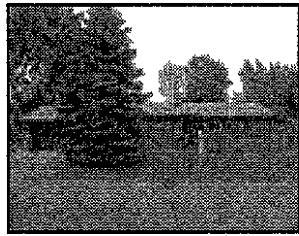
**LIVONIA \$324,900**  
Classic colonial Large den eat in kit w/view of the back yard fam rm has cath ceiling w/slider to deck Mbr suite has w/ closet Seller is motivated Refrig nego \$2,000 flrg allow (BGSly01BRE) 888 870 9131



**LIVONIA \$254,900**  
3 BR 1 5 bath brick Tudor Colonial in Rosedale Gardens Sub on double Lot LR W/tplc Nice kitchen w/updated built in oven range & counters Formal DR w/entrance to 3 season Fla rm Oversized 2 5 car gar Newer tear off roof shingles OEL30AUB 888 870 9131



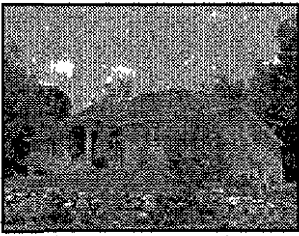
**LIVONIA \$166,500**  
3 Br 1 Bath 2 5 Car Gar Brick Ranch Features Hardwood Floors Eat In Kitchen Newer Windows & Steel Entry Doors Walking Distance To Park Church And Indoor Ice Arena OEL50HIL 888 870 9105



**LIVONIA \$164,900**  
3 Bedroom 1 Bath Ranch Living Room W/newer Carpeting Large Country Kitchen W/stove & Built in Dishwasher Updated Furnace C/A Vinyl Windows 2 Car Heated Attached Garage OEL66BRO 888 870 9105



**LIVONIA \$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 1 Yr HW OEL22RAM 888 870 9105



**MILFORD \$410,000**  
Walk Out Ranch Gorgeous 1996 custom home on 12 acres offers 2847 sq ft & 1100 sq ft Fin bsmt 4BR 3BA Great Rm w/FP Master suite Huge 2 car gar Neutral decor Florida Room BGP 33Ann 888 870 9127



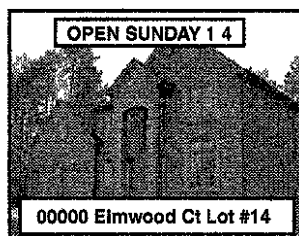
**NORTHVILLE \$624,900**  
This One is Sharp! Stunning Richmond model! Gour kit w/42 cbnts & oversized nook Hdwd flrs in kit nook foyer DR Impressive circular staircase 2 story foyer & FR Lux mstr ste BGP 46Spr 888 870 9127



**NOVI \$429,000**  
Abbey Hills Cape! Former Builders model filled w/upgrades finished walkout LL w/family rm bdrm & full bath Beautiful mstr ste w/glamour bath Back to wetland Great lot (BGN10ABB) 888 870 9123



**PLYMOUTH \$649,900**  
Country Club Village of Plymouth 4BR 3 full & 2 half bath colonial Priv wooded setting Gour kit w/cherry cbnts Hdwd flrs nook & hearth rm 2 story FR Master ste w/sitting rm Full extra hgt walkout BGP 29Ply 888 870 9127



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**PLYMOUTH \$279,900**  
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**PLYMOUTH \$249,900**  
Older Home Buifs Grand old dame sits proudly on large treed lot 3 BR 1 1/2BA Library Fam Rm 2 fireplaces formal Dining Rm attached garage Respected Plymouth Township locat on BGP 67Bal 888 870 9127



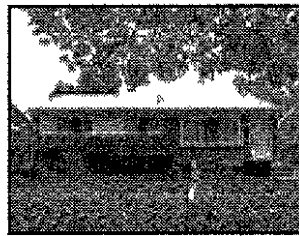
**PLYMOUTH \$204,900**  
Near Downtown Plymouth! Re modeled baths newer windows roof shingles furnaca & central air deck with awning extra wide driveway hardwood floors & coved plaster ceilings (BGN20HOL) 888 870 9123



**PLYMOUTH \$164,900**  
Downtown Plymouth! Tired of paying rent? 3 BR 2 BA updated kitchen round out this very low maint beauty New roof vinyl siding carpet & paint in neutral colors Garage private patio BGP 67Roe 888 870 9127



**REDFORD \$144,900**  
Nice 3 Bdrm Brick Bung On A Dble Lot Nearly 100 Ft Wide New Front Porch 2 Car Gar W/ Opener Updated Kitchen Cer Foyer Newer Entry Doors Glass Block Wdows Hrdwood Flooring OEL58INK 888 870 9105



**REDFORD \$139,900**  
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**REDFORD \$124,900**  
3 Bedroom Brick Ranch 2 5 Car Brick Garage W/ Insulated Door Hardwood floors Large basement Clean and well maintained Close to schools One Year Home Warranty OEL29WOR 888 870 9105



**SALEM \$194,900**  
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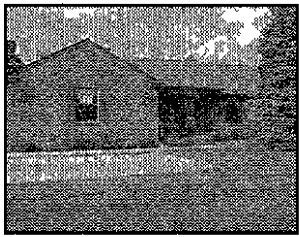
**SOUTH LYON \$315,000**  
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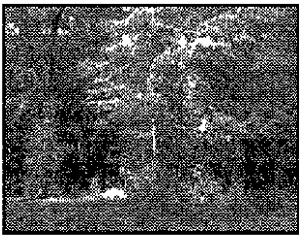
**SOUTH LYON \$299,000**  
1 24 acres nestled in the trees Let the fire glow warm your family's evenings in this 3br 2 5 bath cape cod Roomy kitchen 1st flr laundry Pole barn with loft Tranquility! (BGSly98ELE) 888 870 9131



**SOUTH LYON \$154,900**  
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**SOUTH LYON \$137,000**  
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**WEST BLOOMFIELD \$199,000**  
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**WEST BLOOMFIELD \$165,000**  
Open Floor Plan Great for Entertaining! Beautiful 2br 2 ba w/garage condo Cathedral ceiling & recessed lighting in GR DR & kitchen Neutral decor t/o in unit laundry (BGN20RID) 888 870 9123



**WESTLAND \$168,000**  
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**WESTLAND \$165,200**  
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**WESTLAND \$149,900**  
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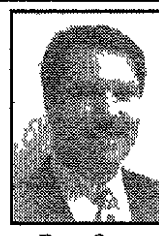


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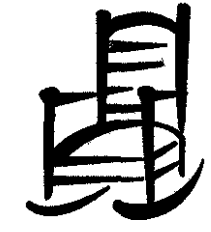
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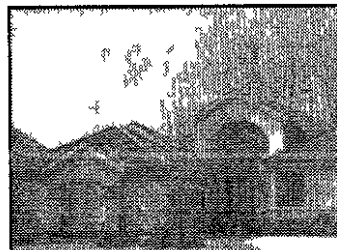
**SOUTH LYON** - Head west young man! Tanglewood Golf community fairway living in a beautiful setting. Lots of light from large window. Many upgrades inc hard wood floor & kitchen. Walk out lower level. Waiting for you to move in and make it yours. \$405,000 (28SAW) 248 349 5600



**GARDEN CITY** - Pride of Ownership. Old world charm & character galore. Turn key cape cod shines from front to back. Beautiful decor t/o & plenty of updating. Just move in and enjoy. Large living room w/fireplace dining room finished basement deck brick paver patio garage & more. \$154,900 (46KRA) 248 349 5600



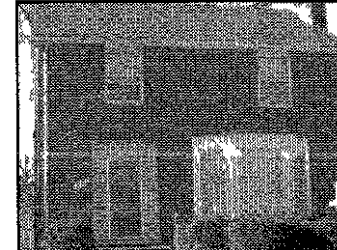
**TAYLOR** - Investment Opportunity. Bank owned home being sold as is. Good opportunity for investor. 3 bedrooms 1 bath nice deck & shed in yard. \$74,500 (00MCG) 734 455 5600



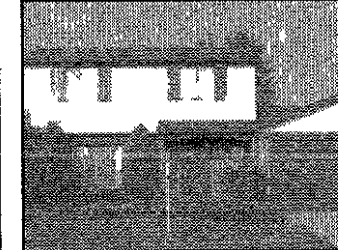
**DEARBORN** - Gorgeous Executive Condo. 3350 sq ft ranch presents lg bedrooms 3.5 baths finished basement 2 car attached garage in gated community at the TPC golf course overlooking fairway. Master suite w/jetted tub & separate shower spacious white kitchen w/granite counter. \$879,900 (5PRES) 734 455 5600



**CANTON** - Gorgeous condo. Beautiful view of pond from large deck. Gas fire place in living room oak kitchen 1st floor laundry master suite w/Jacuzzi tub day light basement & 2 car attached garage. Must see! \$249,900 (01HOG) 734 455 5600



**DEARBORN** - Beautiful brick colonial. This spacious home features 3 bedrooms & 1.5 baths. Updated kitchen electrical custom window treatments hardwood floors and a warm fireplace to welcome you home. \$205,000 (25ORC) 248 349 5600



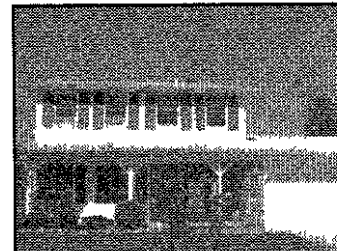
**CANTON** - Friendly Canton Sub. This is it. Nice brick colonial w/hardwood floors. FR natural frpg LR updated baths kitchen attached 2.5 car garage large covered patio yard partially finished bsmt. Appliances included 1 year home warranty. Walk to township park or in sub park. \$209,900 (44BRO) 248 349 5600



**LAKE ORION** - Still brand new! Premium site backing to woods. Very private 4 bed room 2.5 bath colonial w/open kitchen to family room w/soaring ceilings. Double staircases whirlpool tub in master suite. Near Webber Elementary. \$307,900 (21YOS) 248 349 5600



**PLYMOUTH** - A cut above the rest. Large 4 bedroom 2 full & 2.5 bath colonial built in 2000 presents basement 3 car attached garage dual staircase gourmet kitchen w/island master bedroom w/sitting area & master bath 2 way fireplace + deck & patio. \$599,900 (75PLY) 734 455 5600

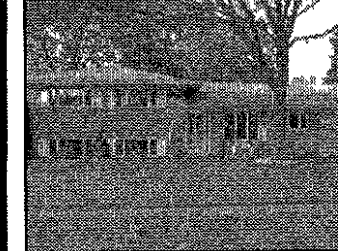


**CANTON** - Stop the car & look at this home. Curb appeal 10+ 3 bedroom brk colonial LR w/bay window newer Wilsonart woodlike flooring in LR kit & foyer. Kit has white cabs newer counter sink DW micro opens to FR w/brick FP doorwall to deck newer C/A 6 panel doors. \$215,000 (48APP) 734 455 5600



**PLYMOUTH** 705 South Main St. 734-455-5600  
**NORTHVILLE** 175 CadyCentre 248-349-5600

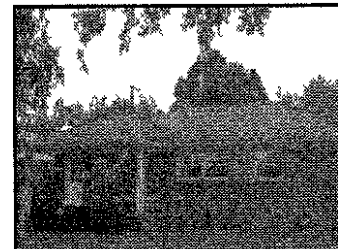
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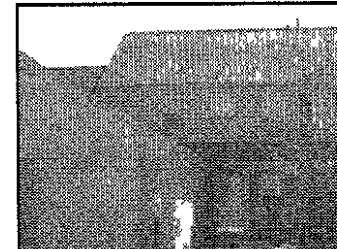
**LIVONIA** - Unbelievable offering. Stunning 4 bedroom 2 full bath home in prime location & nestled on gorgeous landscaped & oversized treed lot. Updated oak kitchen large FR w/fireplace Andersen windows sprinkler system covered rear patio oversized garage. Basement. \$259,900 (02MUN) 248 349 5600



**CANTON** - Beautiful 3 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial w/land & pole barn. Country living in the city. Hardwood tile in kitchen. Newer roof to rafters basement oak trim newer windows kitchen cabs & furn. Home is gorgeous. Stove refrigerator washer dryer & microwave stay. Home warranty included. \$339,900 (08HAN) 248 349 5600



**SOUTHGATE** - Beautiful 3 bedroom brick ranch in immaculate condition! Close to schools & shopping. Partially finished basement w/family room & bar. Large living room hardwood floors appliances & 1.5 car garage. \$105,000 (86TRE) 734 455-5600



**CANTON** - Spotless Canton Condo. 1997 built 2 bedrooms 1.5 baths w/full basement attached garage fireplace 1st floor laundry all kitchen appliances spacious master bedroom w/WIC huge bath w/garden tub & dual sinks. Brand new deck on back. Move right in! \$159,800 (12HUN) 734 455 5600



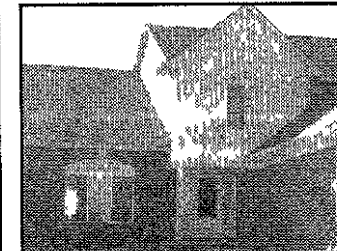
**WARREN** - Move in ready 3 bedroom brick ranch w/ceramic bath & large kitchen. Family room has fireplace C/A hardwood deck & newer driveway. Updates Tikki bar in yard & 2 car detached garage. \$168,900 (29COL) 248 349 5600



**INKSTER** - Remarkable 3 bedroom 1 bath home w/lots of updates. Newer high quality porcelain tile in kitchen. Newer furnace A/C and lots of fresh paint. Partially finished basement w/lots of room light & dry. Large 2.5 car garage. \$124,900 (84AVO) 248 349 5600



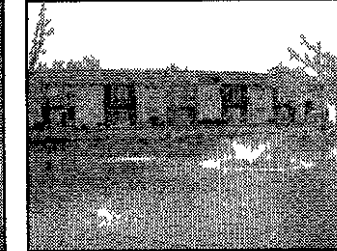
**PLYMOUTH** - Cape Cod in Plymouth! 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths. Enjoy your almost 1 acre of treed property! Home has beautiful newer kitchen walk out basement. Some work to be done but well worth the investment. \$260,000 (35ANN) 734 455 5600



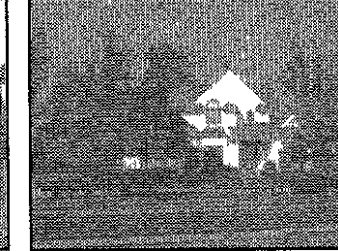
**LYONS** - Country Living. Mint condition 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial w/3 car attached garage full basement spacious great room w/fireplace 1st floor laundry gourmet kitchen w/eating area all sitting on 1.11 acres. \$299,900 (51FAI) 734 455 5600



**DETROIT** - Detroit Darling! 3 bedroom w/partially finished basement includes family room. Newer kitchen & bath + hardwood floors add charm. Freshly painted & looks great ready for you to move in! \$75,000 (10BRA) 7334 455 5600



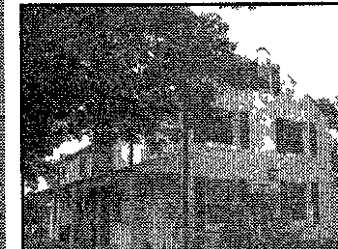
**WESTLAND** - Awesome Condo. Absolutely lovely and spacious ground level condo. Newly painted and carpeted w/neutral decor. Large living room w/fire place doorwall to patio overlooking beautiful pond w/fountain. A/C Livonia schools & immediate occupancy. A must see. \$79,900 (65WOO) 248 349 5600



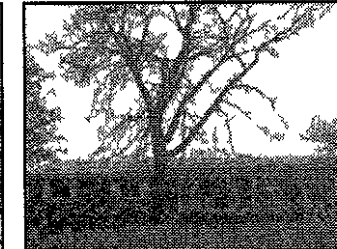
**SOUTH LYON** - Custom cape cod 5 bedrooms 3 baths & 2 lavs in a golf community on approx 65 acres. Solid oak doors & trim sauna dual staircase Andersen windows 4 car garage finished basement granite foyer sound system Bar in basement 2 fireplaces central vac. Walk to the course. \$679,000 (65STA) 248 349 5600



**NOVI** - Classy colonial 4 bedroom 1.5 bath home on approx 1/2 acre park like setting. Newer hwdw frs in foyer kitchen & family room. Newer carpet. Formal dining room doorwalls A/C glass blocks storm door lighting & outdoor lighting 2 car garage w/overhead storage/access from upstairs. \$299,900 (86SHE) 248 349 5600



**SUPERIOR** - Turn of the century farm house. Spacious 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial offering recent renovations kitchen baths (1 w/Jacuzzi tub) entire 2nd floor great room formal dining room w/carpet Neutral colors ceramic tile in kit lg newer kitchen walk out basement. Some work to be done but well worth the investment. \$254,900 (90CHE) 734 455 5600



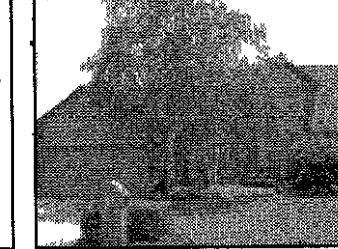
**NORTHVILLE** - Maybury State Park. 4 bedroom ranch that backs to State Park. Walk out basement 2 car attached garage large country kitchen beautifully landscaped w/mature trees all sitting on a very serene 3 acre lot. \$539,900 (25WES) 734 455 5600



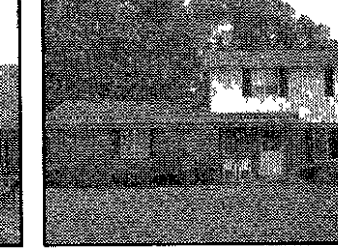
**PLYMOUTH** - Premium location on large lot. This 3 bedroom 2.5 bath brick bungalow offers character & charm w/covered ceilings & hardwood floors spacious room & Florida room. Large master bedroom w/2 walk in closets. Beautiful perennial gardens. \$254,900 (42PEN) 734-455 5600



**NORTHVILLE** - Popular Highland Lakes 3 bedroom 2 story unit with living room family room dining room full basement & patio. All appliances stay. Gas and water are included in association fee. Clubhouse pool & Northville Schools. \$163,000 (05CRY) 248 349 5600



**NORTHVILLE** - Lakes of Northville. Beautiful home on premium lot deep in sub. First floor master + 2 add large bedrooms 2.5 baths. Large kitchen w/ceramic counters and extra cabinets. Professional landscaping and decking sprinklers lighting & home warranty. \$369,900 (21WHE) 248 349 5600



**FARMINGTON HILLS** - Honey I'm Home. Brick 3 bedroom colonial on approx 3/4 acres. Updates include huge kit w/Corian counters light oak cabs carpet & roof. Freshly painted. Family room has fire place sunroom patio attached garage full basement appliances & home warranty. \$249,900 (51DOH) 248 349 5600



**REDFORD** - Beautifully maintained 3 bedroom ranch hwdw floors vinyl windows plaster walls & coved ceilings. Updates include roof furn & C/A elec & carpet. Neutral colors ceramic tile in kit lg bsmt for added space 2 car garage has 1 car door & South Redford Schools. \$130,000 (73ORA) 734 455 5600



**CANTON** - New construction condo 2 bedroom 1 full & 1 half baths 2 car attached garage basement w/garden win dows C/A 1st floor laundry deck over looking pond. \$215,000 (58AVI) 734-455 5600



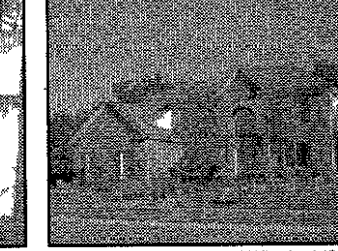
**LIVONIA** - Castle Garden Ranch. Updated 3 bedroom 1.5 bath 2 car attached garage finished basement C/A & furn (97) roof tear off (00) vinyl windows remodeled kit & baths. Hardwood Berber Pergo flooring Maple cabinets solid p ne 6 panel doors t/o doorwall off FR. \$221,624 (76HOU) 734 455 5600



**NOVI** - Welcome Home. Totally updated 3 bedroom 2 bath home w/bonus room & private entry. Great for home business. Family room all mied tiled recessed lighting custom paint 2 car heated garage. Walk out LL tiered deck pool & Novi schools. \$219,900 (11TEN) 248 349 5600



**NORTHVILLE** - Location! Location! In town! 3 bedroom 1.5 bath home LR w/gas fireplace library and lots of storage. New carpet 02 garage 01 siding & gut tars 99 roof tear off 98 windows 96 02 Steps away from library parks parades elementary mill & schools. \$215,000 (44EAS) 248 349 5600



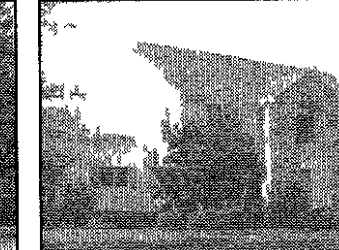
**NOVI** - Better than new! Why build? This 2 year old 4 bedroom 3.5 bath colonial has all the upgrades. Cherry cabinets granite counters Jack & Jill baths 2 story foyer & family room conservatory princess suite finished lower level w/bedroom bath & family room. Backs to woods too! \$699,000 (10CHE) 248 349 5600



**NORTHVILLE** - Bed & Breakfast. Feell Wonderful colonial sitting on 2 beautiful acres w/stocked pond! Traditional layout living room formal DR huge FR w/panoramic view spa room Master suite w/WIC Unique keeping room 2 frpg bsmt deck & tennis court. REDUCED! \$449,900 (00BEC) 734 455 5600



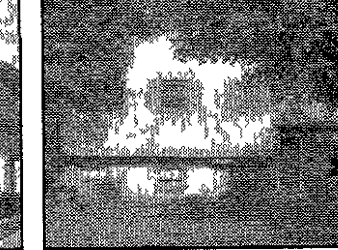
**LIVONIA** - Country living in the city with towering trees. Almost 2000 sq ft ranch on over 1.6 acres w/3 bedrooms 1.5 baths 2 fireplaces (LR & FR) formal dining room eat in kitchen 2.5 car attached garage & Florida room 2 horses allowed. \$324,000 (33CUR) 734 455 5600



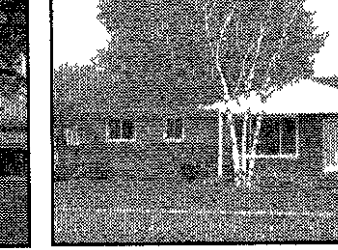
**PLYMOUTH** - A special place to live. Away from the urban crush. Master suite to match any Foyer library dinette & kitchen hardwood floors. Kitchen has a ton of oak cabinets & appliances. Double door entry to library w/built in bookcases. \$629,900 (72KAT) 734 455 5600



**NORTHVILLE** - Woods of Edenderry. Proudly presents one of its finest master pieces. Beautiful hardwood frs gourmet kit w/double ovens microwave & granite countertops Masonry frpgs security sys wet bar French drs to study Prof fin bsmt w/2 addl BRs Private wooded yard. \$719,000 (62STO) 248 349 5600



**LIVONIA** - Wonderful Livonia Sub. Fantastic 3 bedroom 1.5 bath brick home w/loads of updates. Newer roof windows furnace & C/A. Hardwood floors under carpet in bedrooms. Oversized heated 2 car garage. \$169,900 (44SUN) 248 349 5600



**LIVONIA** - Move in at closing. This turn key Livonia ranch is spotless. Beautifully updated kitchen w/maple cabinets ceramic tile floor & appliances. New bath 03 w/custom tile & maple vanity. Furnace & C/A 01 windows & shingles 02 Fresh paint & more. Basement w/lav 2 car garage. \$157,500 (32MER) 248 349 5600

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**NORTHVILLE \$1,299,000**  
MAGNIFICENT EXECUTIVE RETREAT!  
Luxurious living! Dramatic entry! Gourmet  
kit indoor pool fantastic fin bsmt w/sauna bar &  
exercise rm Gorgeous lot Northville schools! A  
show place! (950AK2)

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**NORTHVILLE \$1,295,000**  
MAGNIFICENT HOME on exceptional lot  
backing to nature preserve in Fox Hollow!  
Dramatic ceilings gourmet kit w/granite  
Magnificent mstr ste fin d w/o bsmt Numerous  
amenities! (54W002)

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**PLYMOUTH \$749,000**  
PRIVATE COUNTRY EQUESTRIAN ESTATE on  
5.68 acres! Ply/Can schools 5 BR 3 1/2 ba 3 car  
garage 6534 SF fin w/o 1st floor mstr corral/3  
stall horse barn cedar deck overlooks private  
pond (91BRO2)

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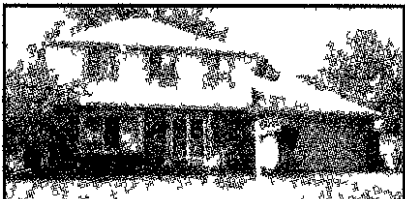
**HIGHLAND \$374,900**  
DUCK LAKE FRONTAGE! 3 bdrm 2 full baths  
2 1/2 car gar Beautiful hardwood flrs island kit  
with oak cabinets 1st floor laundry Huron Val  
ley schools call for a private showing (23K3690)

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**LIVONIA \$289,900**  
WOODED LOT, 3 BR, 2 1/2 BAs fantastic 1100  
SF addition FR w/FP pool many updates. r/  
wndws gar sun rm furn brk pavers gutters  
baths mstr BR has cathedral ceiling 2668 SF!  
(P30542)

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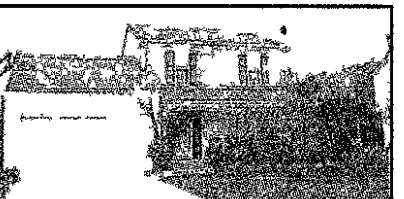
**LIVONIA \$289,900**  
PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP SHOWS THRU-OUT!  
4 BR 2 1/2 BA colonial features newer fr carpet  
pergo flr in DR updated baths wood flrs in kit &  
ceramic in foyer & lg lav FR w/FP & much  
more! (P14475)

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**NEW HUDSON \$269,900**  
THIS RANCH HAS IT ALL! Lg lot cul de sac 3  
BR 2 1/2 baths FR/LR/DR & eat in kit  
Landscaped lg deck w/spa full bsmt w/extra BR  
Great neighborhood! 5 min to x way/shopping  
(18SUN2)

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**FARMINGTON HILLS \$254,990**  
BEAUTIFUL SCENIC LOT BACKING TO POND  
surrounded by fruit trees & prk commons 3 BR  
2 1/2 BA fresh paint nicely decorated w/oak trim  
& panels marble FP fin bsmt w/full bath 2 car  
attd gar more (B34658)

734-591-9200



**PLYMOUTH \$254,000**  
FALL IN LOVE w/this downtown charmer! 3  
bdrm 2 full baths new kit corian cntrs etc  
(23A465)

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**WESTLAND \$239,900**  
BUY A DREAM 3 br custom brick & vinyl 1 549  
sq ft Westland Ranch w/Livonia Schools HW  
floors Fam Rm w/replace remodeled kitchen  
newer windows carpet roof 2 car (P346)

PC220092 734-326-2000



**CANTON \$239,900**  
SHARP COLONIAL! Lg eat in kit FR w/fire  
place 18x16 Florida rm Finished bsmt w/full  
bath main bath remodeled corian & marble Well  
maintained home! Plymouth/Canton schools  
(23W1451)

734-455-7000



**LIVONIA \$229,900**  
MINT CONDITION & IMMEDIATE OCCU-  
PANCY! 2 BR 2 1/2 BA 2 stry condo 2 stry foyer  
w/skyt lg mstr ste w/cathedral ceiling prvt bath  
w/sep shower & tub deck off mstr BR & DR full  
bsmt 2 car garage (W9409)

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**SOUTH LYON \$219,900**  
COMPLETELY UPDATED COLONIAL with fam-  
ily rm & 3 car mechanics dream garage Located  
deep in sub on oversized lot & just minutes to  
downtown Truly a must see! (H1008)

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**CANTON \$209,900**  
CANTON BRICK RANCH! Lovely 3 bedroom  
2 1/2 bath brick ranch on a private cul de sac with  
a beautiful wooded view from deck Spacious  
bright kitchen opens to family room (23R6556)

734-455-7000



**LIVONIA \$209,000**  
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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**PLYMOUTH \$199,900**  
WELCOME HOME! You'll be proud to call this  
beautiful colonial your new home! Pride of own-  
ership shines w/many updates newer wndws  
siding r/ kit elec bx appl & more (W10063)

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**NORTHVILLE \$199,000**  
CAREFREE CONDO LIVING IN NORTHVILLE  
Bright and cheery end unit with newer carpet-  
ing crown moldings master bath partially fin-  
ished rec room and 2 car garage Great value  
at \$199,000 (94CON2)

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**NORTHVILLE \$194,000**  
JEWEL OF COUNTRY PLACE 1650 sq ft  
condo has updates galore Oversized LR w/  
W/BP fin bsmt w/dry sauna. Paton & many  
extras! Ready for you to move in! (18GLE02)

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**SOUTH LYON \$192,000**  
GREAT SOUTH LYON RANCH! 1300 sq ft 3  
beds Family room w/cathedral ceiling &  
fireplace deck in fenced yard new roof newer  
windows part finished basement w/pool table  
ready & waiting! (40WIN2)

248 348 6430



**NORTHVILLE \$189,900**  
CONVENIENCE, STYLE & FUNCTIONALITY!  
Immediate occupancy in this end unit with all appl  
incl New berber carpet paint & lg indry rm w/  
lots of storage Neutral decor 1 car gar fin bsmt  
Hurry! (G21228)

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**NOVI \$179,900**  
ALL THE WORK IS DONE, SPARKLING NOVI  
RANCH! 3 BR 2 baths fresh paint & all new  
moldings Kitchen remodeled mstr bath updated  
windows HWH & carpet in 2001 Lg yard & close  
to school/park (40WIL2)

248 348-6430



**WESTLAND \$179,900**  
WONDERFUL BUY! Is this 3 bdrm 2 1/2 bath  
Westland Colonial in Millpoint Full bsmt family  
rm w/woodburner C/A 2 car at garage Back has  
a large 2 tiered deck fenced yard (R378)

PC220372 734-326 2000



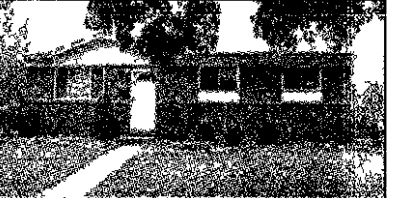
**WESTLAND \$179,900**  
SPACIOUS IS THE WORD 3 bedroom beauty in  
Westland 2 baths one w/walk in shower large  
130x130 lot 2 car at garage plus another 1 car  
garage in back fam rm w/fireplace and more  
(J348)

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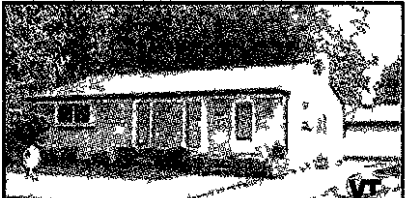
**WESTLAND \$174,900**  
S/WARREN & WEST OFF WAYNE RD! Luxury  
1300 SF 2 BR 2 1/2 BA Condo w/fin bsmt & 2 car  
garage (54QUA2)

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**LIVONIA \$172,400**  
GREAT BUY IN LIVONIA 3 BR brk ranch lo-  
cated in area of higher priced homes Newer oak  
kit with all appl Hrdwd flrs in need of repairs  
elbow grease & decorating Great value!  
(F14403)

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**WESTLAND \$169,900**  
THE FINEST HOME IN LIVONIA SCHOOLS is  
this 3 bdrm 1 1/2 bath Westland ranch Remod  
bath & kit with oak & ceramic newer windows  
HWH copper plum front door roof shingles rec  
rm 26x26 gar (M327)

PC220422 734-326-2000



**LIVONIA \$165,000**  
WONDERFUL HOME READY NOW! 3 bed  
room 1 1/2 bath all brick ranch full finished bas t  
2 car garage Cute clean many updates Great  
neighborhood & Livonia Schools too! (A9646)

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**FARMINGTON HILLS \$157,900**  
BEAUTIFUL QUIET COURTYARD SETTING  
overlooking pond Sit & enjoy the deck fireplace  
& skylights lg mstr w/WIC kit w/oak cupboards  
fin bsmt w/rm w/closets newer furn soon a new  
r/(paid for) (C31131)

734-591-9200



**GARDEN CITY \$150,000**  
SWEEPING LOT CONVENIENTLY CLOSE TO  
TOWN 3 BR Alum Farm house w/basement & 2  
car gar Great investment Fix it up or built new  
Has been split for 2 lots 94x179 (H569)

PC220542 734-326-2000



**GARDEN CITY \$137,000**  
WHAT A NEIGHBORHOOD! This 3 bdrm ranch  
makes a great start for some lucky buyer Hrdwd  
flrs in bdrm & under carpet in LR Newer furnace  
& c/a Deck off back 2 1/2 car gar w/opener  
(23R30955)

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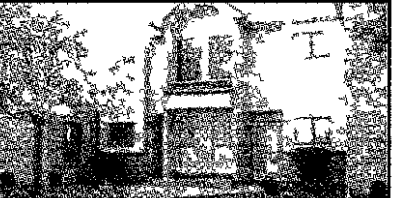
**DEARBORN \$139,900**  
THIS HOME IS CUTE, CUTE, CUTE! Over 1000  
SQ FT & shows extremely well Close to park  
school tennis & swimming Nice garden patch  
behind 2 1/2 Car Gar Too many updates to list!  
(21UN12)

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**REDFORD \$132,999**  
A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH! True 5 BR home  
in South Redford Family Rm/Entertainment Rm  
in Basement 2 Full Baths Needs TLC & priced  
accordingly 2 car GAR w/electric & gas hook  
up (38RV12)

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**CANTON \$131,000**  
NO MORE RENTING! Why rent when you can  
own this upper ranch condo remodeled in 2000?!  
Great condition quiet location Ready to go!  
(23L42815)

734-455-7000



**WESTLAND \$129,900**  
WOW! Homes this clean this updated just don't  
come on the market too often Check out these  
updates kit wndws roof bth most carpeting  
hwh c/a furn Move in! (F34425)

PC070862 734-591-9200



**SOUTH LYON \$117,000**  
RANCH UNIT WITH WALKOUT! Adult co op  
55+ Private courtyard entry Florida room w/  
walkout basement Finished basement Very  
large master Pretty & neat as a pin! (23P25357)

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**WAYNE \$115,900**  
FANTASTIC 3 BEDROOM RANCH! New within  
the last year furnace CA kitchen completely  
redone paint ext door carpet newer windows  
Walk to schools rec center pools parks (A342)

PC220022 734-326-2000



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GREAT STARTER HOME Vinyl sided Bungalow  
with 2 bedrooms a pollible 3rd 10x10 barnstyle  
shed large covered patio overlooking deep lot  
150+ feet hutty (J445)

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A GREAT DEAL AWAITS THE SMART BUYER  
In this nicely maintained four bedroom split level  
1 1/2 baths fireplace 2 1/2 car garage Newer  
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(B120)

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WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN OWN! Affordable  
1 BR 1 bth Condo w/freshly painted interior New  
carpet kit fir dishwasher & blinds Newer roof  
huge walk in closet Patio faces beautiful pond!  
(95W002)

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COZY CAPE COD Cozy 3 bedroom with  
hardwood floors fully enclosed front porch  
partially finished basement with lav fenced yard  
and 2 car garage Newer roof and HWH (C198)

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1 bath ranch in Westland Updates includes large  
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bished hrdwd flrs Bsmt living space w/storage  
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STOP! THIS IS THE ONE! 3 BR 1 1/2 BA br level  
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GREAT LOWER LEVEL CONDO IN LAUREL  
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Occupancy 75UN12 \$134,900 248-348-6430

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7100 Estate Sales

**ANOTHER 3 SALES!**  
By Everything Goes  
Fri & Sat Nov 7 & 8 10-4  
#3130835 River Crossing  
Bingham Fms S off 13 E of Tele  
A TRUE ESTATE SALE!  
Quality furniture, antiques,  
artwork, rugs, silver, fine  
jewelry, books, sports & more!  
#211041 Greentree Bloom Hills  
W off Adams N of Long Lake  
COMPLETE CONTENTS  
LARGE HOME!  
Good furnishings, household  
items, electronics, appliances,  
tools, yard equipment & more!  
#31973 Orchard Lk Pontiac  
SE corner of Orchard & Tele  
across from Home Depot  
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Filled with estate furniture &  
accessories. All priced to sell!  
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Another GOOD ESTATE SALE

Fri and Sat  
Nov 7 & 8 10-4  
14201 Abington  
Rosedale Park Area  
(4 blocks East of  
Southfield North off  
Schoolcraft  
Park on one side of the  
street only)  
Antiques & Collectibles  
in this charming home  
Walnut Jacobean dining  
room set sofas & chairs  
mahogany bookcase  
mahogany sheet music  
stand gate leg table 6  
black lacquered chairs  
executive desk carved  
teakwood trunk wicker  
display cabinet Asian  
spices, books  
liners Ruby glass men's  
& women's clothing  
satin exercise equipment  
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household misc.  
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Oakview Way to  
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lamp • Dinettes w/chrome  
chairs • 2 sets sectional  
sofas • Persian rugs and  
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**BIRMINGHAM** Estate Sale  
Quality Garage Sale Fur-  
niture Antiques include  
French cupboard pine table  
wicker couch & chairs 8 x 10  
Chinese rug Oil paintings  
prints wrought iron outdoor  
furniture misc household  
Designer & children's clothes  
toys Friday Nov 7th 9am  
2pm 952 Brookwood

DETROIT 20162 Veatch St

Nov 6 8 9 5 Hand tools &  
electric Military misc  
costume jewelry hats dishes  
glassware & more Off 8 Mile  
Rd just E of VanDyke  
SALE BY BAGS INCLUDED

ESTATE SALE Nov 8 & 9 9-5

11/9 9am 3:30pm Nov 9  
5pm 9:30am 2:30pm  
Off W Chicago btwn Beech  
Daly & Telegraph Antiques  
collectibles & household  
items No early birds please!

ESTATE SALE

60 yrs of accumulation 11/6  
11/9 9am 3:30pm Nov 9  
5pm 9:30am 2:30pm  
Maplewood Garden City

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Knob In The Woods 20501

Oldham #106 Southfield  
E of Lahser S off 11 Mile  
Sat 10-4 Sun 10-2  
Victorian tables dressers  
Down sofa loveseat curio  
washer/dryer & much more

LIVONIA House contents

must be sold! November 6 &  
7 9am 3:30pm 34165 E  
7 Mile Rd W/Farmington Rd

NORTHVILLE

KING MILL CO OPS Court  
10 Northville Rd btwn 6 & 7  
mile rd Fri & Sat Nov 7 & 8  
9-5 Vintage Lionel train  
Antiques glassware jewelry  
tools clothes & misc

NORTHVILLE

FINAL WEEKEND! Indoor  
moving & estate sale  
Everything 1/2 off!  
Antiques household furni-  
ture collectibles clothing  
toys close out gift store  
stock Christmas items &  
much much more  
THURS SUN 9 5 19260  
Clement Rd N of 7 Mile  
between Sheldon & Beck

NOVI 4 family sale Sat Nov

8 8am 4pm 41470 Cypress  
Way Maples of Novi Sub Off  
14 Mi btwn Welsh & Novi Rd

OAK PARK Fri Nov 7 9-4

4pm Sat Nov 8 9-noon  
13731 Vernon N/10 Mile 1st  
bik E/Coolidge Office Desks  
file cabinets fax machine  
computer 248 755 3883

Plymouth N Territorial &

Ridge Andover Lakes Sub  
12490 Wendover Sat only  
8am 5pm Crib dinette set  
living room sectional & more

REDFORD Catering &

Barbecue Equip pots pans  
shelving tables roast pans  
silverware china & more Fri  
& Sat 9-4 Nov 7 & 8 27001  
Seven Mile at Indian

Garage Sales

**Garage Sale**  
SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE  
Fri Nov 7 9am 4pm 18600  
Haggerty Rd btwn 6 & 7 Mile  
Roads Tables chairs office  
equipment

LIVONIA ESTATE SALE

Tools!  
Vast array of hand/power  
tools automotive 5 HP air  
compressor welder band  
saw/sander belt sander  
snowblower pop machine car  
stereos 52 TV oak table oak  
daybed kitchen house and  
yard items toys holiday items  
and so much more! Fri 12pm  
? Sat/Sun 9am ? 18931  
Whitby W of Farmington Rd  
S of Seven Mile Rd

LIVONIA HUGE

MOVING SALE  
Everything goes Don't like  
the price name your own  
19200 Gary Lane 1st house N  
of 7 Mile between Farmington  
& Wayne Fri Sun 9 5pm

Livonia Nov 8 8am 4pm

Franklin High School 31000  
Joy Rd Joy/Merriman Way  
JROTC Garage/Bake sale

LIVONIA Thurs Sun 9 5pm

14681 Meirose N off  
Livonia W of Merriman  
Christmas furniture & misc

NORTHVILLE AMERICAN

GIRL BITTY BABY BARBIE  
Doll clothing sale Northville  
Hills Golf Club Subdiv/Ision  
Nov 8 & 9 (7:34) 667 5563

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much much more  
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NOVI In Home Sale Sat Nov

7 7am 4pm Dining room furni-  
ture double bed w/mattress &  
box spring wall art & acces-  
sories 38834 Village Wood  
Cr in Lakewood Condos off  
Haggerty btwn 9 & 10 Mile

NOVI November 7th (9 5) &

8th (9 2) 1375 East Lake Dr  
between 13 & 14 Mile on  
Walled Lake Piano misc

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shelving tables roast pans  
silverware china & more Fri  
& Sat 9-4 Nov 7 & 8 27001  
Seven Mile at Indian

ROCHESTER 312 Woodward

OPC/Woodward School Stuff  
Sale Sat Nov 7 8am 8pm &  
Nov 8 9-4pm Selling every-  
thing including the kitchen  
sink desks tools file cabi-  
nets blackboards trees art &  
craft supplies Any & every-  
thing attached or not attached  
to the building 248 658 1403

Garage Sales

BIRMINGHAM Estate Sale

Garage Sales

**ROCHESTER HILLS GARAGE/**  
ESTATE SALE Lots of toys  
remote and radio control cars  
& trucks train set Beanie  
babies gift items tools  
Fur niture bunk bed set w/dou-  
ble dresser & mirror stereo  
antique loveseat paintings  
upright piano antique cast  
iron stove videos clothing  
snowboard and more! Fri  
Nov 7th 8am 12pm & Sat  
Nov 8th 8am 12pm 1739  
Jason Circle off Adams North  
of Tienken follow signs!

SOUTHFIELD HUGE W-

MEN S SHOE AND CLOTHING  
SALE Sizes 8 16 clothes and  
7 9 shoes Lots of dresses  
and coats hundreds of shoes  
everything must go! Nov  
ember 13 and 14 3 7 pm  
25630 Southfield Rd Apt 103

TROY Apparel Sale compa-

nny moving shirts hats pack-  
s and coats hundreds of shoes  
everything must go! Nov  
ember 13 and 14 3 7 pm  
Premier Suite C Maple &  
Crooks

Walled Lake Nov 8th 10am

725 Adelaide N of Pontiac  
Trail W off S Commerce  
between Ladd & Wolverine Dr  
50 years accumulation to sell  
due to loss of husband who  
was antique collector  
248-624 2482 734 453 6291

WEST BLOOMFIELD 3 FAMI-

LIES Sat only 9 4pm 6093  
Winford N/Maple  
W/Middlebelt Something for  
All, you want it we've got it!

Moving Sales

**AUBURN HILLS** large brown  
sofa \$350 large white buffet  
\$250 large recliner chair  
\$150 exercise orbike \$200  
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CANTON Thurs & Fri 10 4

7232 Briargate Warren/Beck  
Household clothes furniture

DETROIT Rosedale Park

Assorted furniture including  
dark pine trestle table with  
deacon's bench & chairs bur-  
fet with china cabinet men's  
large & extra large clothing  
including hunter's wear golf  
shoes (313) 835 0889 Nov  
7th & 8th multi family sale  
furniture luggage garden &  
kitchen accessories misc &  
more 9 30 4 30 14804  
14812 14200 Piedmont

ESTATE SALE Sat 11/8 9 5

Furniture appliances led  
glass doors misc items  
24488 Scott off Telegraph S  
of Michigan Ave Dearborn

LATHRUP VILLAGE Sale wall

units tables some never  
used furniture selling every-  
thing (248) 559 8848 Days

LIVONIA Sat & Sun Nov 8 &

9 9 7 29842 Richland  
Misc items some furniture  
big screen TV Dinettes set  
coffee & end tables outdoor  
furniture (734) 522 1358

LIVONIA In House Moving

Sale Misc furniture some  
antiques Nov 7 & 8 11 6  
15760 Woodside 2 bks N of  
5 1 blk E of Levan

PLYMOUTH 49112 Quail

Run Dr Ridgwood West Sub  
Nov 7 & 8 9 5 Furniture  
household & misc

Household Goods

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Set \$3800 00 Chippendale  
Carved Mahogany Dining  
Room Set 40x70 in Leather  
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Chairs Marble Top Tables  
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Household Goods

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dining room tables (traditional  
& banquet sizes) Assortment  
of dining room chairs china  
cabinets & buffets Oil paint-  
ings (old & new) China crys-  
tal lamps Living room &  
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list!  
Mahogany Interiors  
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Household Goods

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King pillow top New w/war-  
ranty Only \$225 Can deliver  
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BOX SET & MATTRESS

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CHAIRS 2 newly upholstered

green Queen Anne set for  
\$250 Canton 734 340 3567

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shaped W/2 drawers Good  
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perfect to sell 248 788 2998

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armoire leather glider &  
ottoman \$900/best 2 piece  
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DINETTE SET 5 piece \$300

Misc furniture Moving  
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New 11 piece Worth \$3480  
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DINING ROOM TABLE like

new solid oak table & 6  
chairs \$950 248 203 0340

DINING SET china cabinet

table w/6 chairs 2 leafs mint  
cond w/Entertainment center  
sofa table lamp & cocktail  
table 248 641 3026

DINING SET CHIPPENDALE

Mahogany 8 chairs china  
exquisite new 248 535 0089

Dining set white wash

King waterbed oak pedestal  
\$1000 734 471 4864

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Household Goods

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Vibration & heat in back seat  
& feet New \$2300 Asking  
\$600 248 473 8695

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piece glass coffee table \$100  
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almond \$100 (248) 788 1066

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8460 Eagle  
8480 Ford  
8500 Geo  
8520 Honda  
8540 Hyundai  
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8640 Lincoln  
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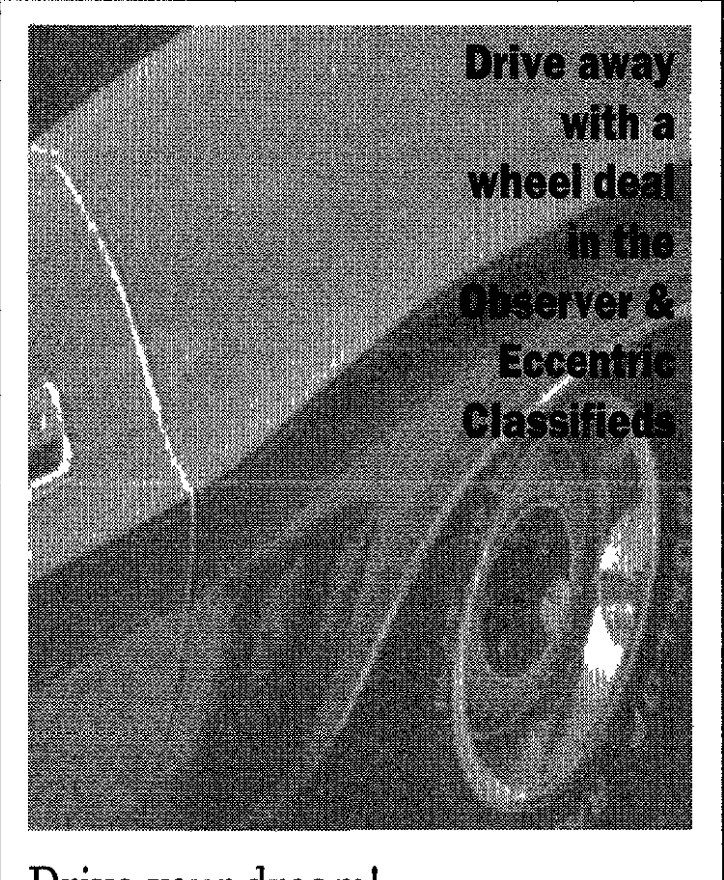
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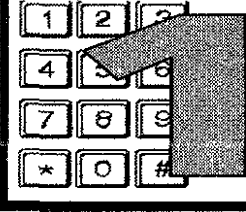




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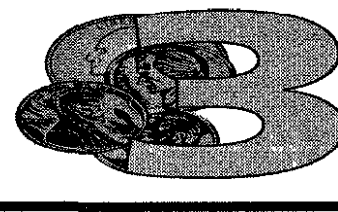
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BY DALE BUSS

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And although it essentially is the Mercury version of the much-planned Ford Explorer, the 2003 Mountaineer I drove was much more reminiscent of the upscale Lincoln Aviator and Navigator than of the Explorer. It's an impressive package, especially for the price.

Mountaineer emerged in 1997 when Ford Motor Co. took advantage of the SUV sales boom by re-badging the popular Explorer as a Mercury, giving it unique front and rear styling and somewhat different equipment. Fortunately, Mountaineer was able to escape relatively unscathed from the human and business disaster that was created by Ford with Explorer's tire-related rollover debacle in 2001. A complete redesign of Mountaineer for the 2002 model year has kept it fresh.

The design is bold, expressive and unapologetically aggressive, with a large grille that stretches from headlight to headlight, stylish 17-inch machined-aluminum wheels on the Premier version that I drove, running boards, chromed roof rails, and a moonroof. Mountaineer's appearance contrasts nicely with the blandness of Explorer, a necessity for the Mercury version to be considered in the near-luxury class with its higher-priced competitors. In fact, while Explorer seemed designed to fade innocuously into its typical suburban setting, Mountaineer actually makes a design statement in a crowded SUV field where it's increasingly difficult to get noticed.

Like Explorer, Mountaineer's standard powertrain is a four-liter, single-overhead-cam V6 engine mated to a five-speed automatic transmission driving the rear wheels. This engine generates 210 horsepower and 254 pound-feet of torque. All-wheel drive is available up and down the lineup. For the Premier version, a 4.6-liter V8 is available, putting out 239 horsepower and 282 pound-feet of torque, and I found it more than substantial enough. Acceleration was responsive enough for a vehicle this massive, producing a satisfying rumbling that quickly reminded me of



The Mercury Mountaineer is worth putting on your short list of SUVs to consider owning.

Mountaineer's truck-base origins. At 14 miles a gallon in the city and 19 on the highway, Mountaineer's fuel efficiency isn't exceptional for its class - but neither is it a concern.

More softly tuned than Explorer, it was clear that Mountaineer is designed to coddle driver and occupants on the pavement, not off - although it is capable of towing up to 7,300 pounds. The independent rear suspension gives Mountaineer a pleasantly firm ride and helps the chassis swallow up all but the biggest bumps and potholes on the roadway. Handling is excellent, predictable and stable in corners and higher speed turns. But for some reason, Explorer offers an anti-skid system that is unavailable in Mountaineer.

Where Mountaineer will most impress buyers, however, is inside. For 2003, Mercury added a substantial list of new standard equipment, including security-approach lamps that nicely light up the area around the vehicle, automatic head lamps, dual illuminated visor vanity mirrors, heated exterior mirrors and power-adjustable pedals. Luxury models received color-keyed running boards and an Audiophile sound system as standard, and Premier added the power sunroof, a safety canopy system of head airbags, and rollover-protection sensors bundled with a reverse sensing system.

The interior space in Mountaineer is impressively large for a vehicle that, on the outside, doesn't necessarily look as if it will yield that much room. Seven can be seated comfortably in this vehicle with a nifty

(though not huge) cargo area left over in the rear. The new DVD-entertainment system for the rear seats came in handy for my teenaged son during one of those long parking lot waits for Mom. There's also an easy new rear-entry and -exit system for third-row passengers.

The interior of the Premier version is nicely swathed in a pleasing blend of black and gray leathers, including the leather-wrapped steering wheel. A nice touch that you still seldom see in any SUV was an amply sized, open tray on the floor and toward the front of the center console, which was the perfect size and configuration to serve as a generic catch-all for things like cell phones, house keys, change, a pen, sunglasses, a wallet - even a purse. Wisely, instead of dividing the real estate up into a bunch of tiny compartments, Mercury kept it whole - and handy.

The only esthetic exception I took to the Mountaineer inside was a patterned, metallic-looking (but definitely plastic) trim around the audio console on the dashboard and in certain other places. It smacked of the sort of low-quality compromise of which you knew Mercury had to make a few at this price point but were hoping not to find evident.

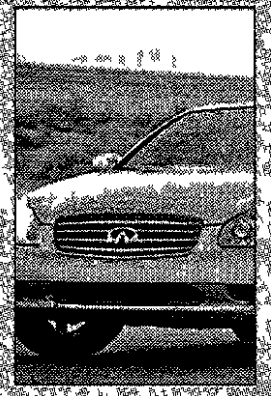
Fortunately, signs of compromise in the Mountaineer are few and far between. It's worth putting on your short list for this class of SUV.

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by G. Moore Independent ad features

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How does 0% financing on a new model do in a head-to-head comparison to a pre-owned 2003 model? In the instance of the Buick Century financing \$21,960 plus tax vs. \$9995 plus tax the payments on the new car at 0% interest would be \$392 monthly for 60 months but only \$233 monthly at 3.9% for 60 months on the program model. With the prime at a record low today's interest rates are very competitive. Many credit unions charge under 6% for auto loans if the applicant has a good credit rating. And when purchasing the used 2003 don't forget that you'll be saving about an additional \$1,000 in sales tax and licensing fees. (Taxes estimated at an average of 6%.)

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Saks Buick-Oldsmobile Used Car Superstore in Farmington Hills has long been known as Michigan's bargain hunting dealer. Currently they're selling

more 2003 Buick Centuries than any other dealer in the nation. (Over 150 Centuries were sold during the first 30 days of their sale.) Last year they sold the most pre-owned 2002 Chevrolet Lumina and Oldsmobile Intrigue in the nation from their single location. And the year before they set the sales record selling the most off-lease GMC Yukons.

Today's real bargain can be found at Saks in the pre-owned 2003 vehicles. The 0% financing on new 2003s has left the used models unnoticed and overlooked. So with far fewer dealers purchasing these units the prices have dropped to record lows.

So once again Bob Saks has gone shopping for the vehicles with a huge cart. They have just made a multi-million dollar purchase of these units from



Bargains abound in pre-owned 2003 program vehicles

General Motors bringing in truckload after truckload from across the country. In addition to filling their giant used car facility to the brim, Bob Saks had to lease additional storage lots to accommodate their massive

acquisition of vehicles. And they currently stock the largest inventory of 2003 program cars in Michigan.

The purpose of 0% financing is to clear out the remaining new 2003s. In another month or two

these vehicles will all be gone along with the incentives. In the meantime the 2003 program vehicles are truly today's sleeping bargain. But they'll soon disappear as smart shoppers begin to wake up and

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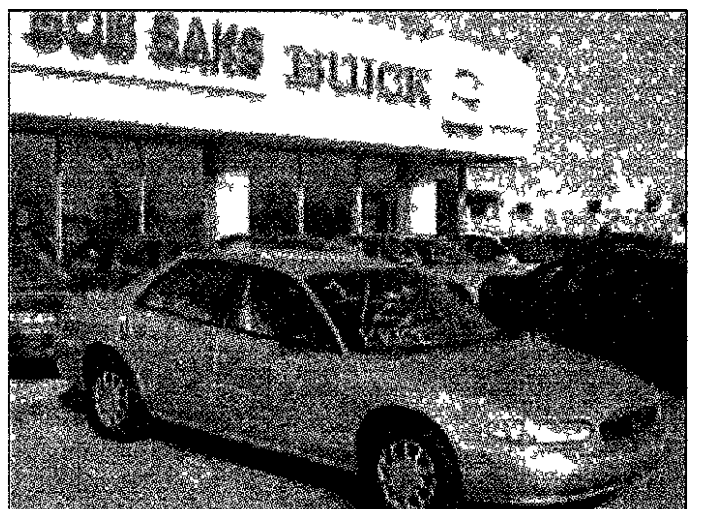
The Buick Century still retains a traditional 55/45 split bench seat with armrest and the shift lever on the column. (It's amazing how few cars being produced today offer this familiar yet fast fading option. (Does everyone really want the shifter on the floor?) This makes the Century one of the few remaining mid-size vehicles that will actually seat six passengers.

The standard features provide evidence that the Buick still remains just one step down from the Cadillac in GM's lineup.

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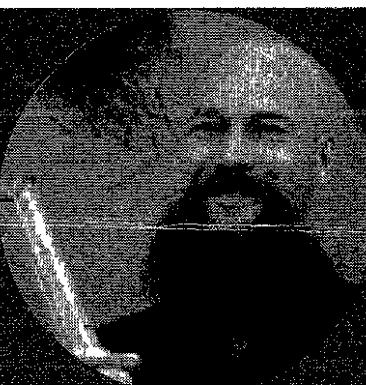


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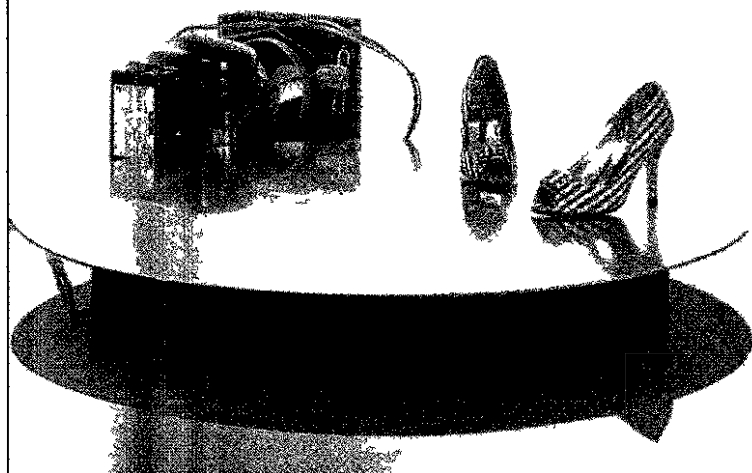


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# There's a new chef in The Lark kitchen

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
CORRESPONDENT

After 17 years at The Lark in West Bloomfield, Chef de Cuisine Marcus Haight retired to become an instructor in the advanced culinary program at Schoolcraft College in Livonia

Mary and Jim Lark, The Lark's proprietors, announced that Kyle Ketchum will fill the Chef de Cuisine role

Chef Kyle, a graduate of Le Cordon Blue of Scottsdale, Culinary Institute Campus, holds associate degrees in culinary arts and restaurant management

He comes to The Lark from the Omni Interlocken Resort, a AAA four-diamond venue near Denver, Colo., where he was Chef de Cuisine of Meritage, the resort's restaurant

Jim Lark commented that Chef Marcus will be a tough act to follow but views a change in head toque as an opportunity to improve, yet retain the best of the past, while adding new and exciting presentations

Thanks to his myriad restaurant connections, Lark conducted a multi-state search and admitted that Chef Kyle's impressive resume alone did not declare him the winner of the search

Rather, he won over the Larks when he flew in to prepare a four-course meal for them. He amazed the owners with his ability to, within a few short hours, source ingredients, create sauces and prep his menu so skillfully in an unfamiliar kitchen

Chef Kyle's menu began officially on Tuesday, but according to manager Adrian Lark, his culinary inspirations will impact the menu more significantly beginning in January 2004

The Lark, 6430 Farmington Road, West Bloomfield (248) 661-4466 is open for dinner between 6 and 9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday Friday and Saturday seatings are 6 p.m. or 9 p.m.

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## CLARIFICATION

An Oct. 23 *Filter* story about Altered State, a new nightclub at The State Theatre in Detroit, should have said that Bernadine Vida was the costumer for *8 Mile* and the set designer on *\*61* by Billy Crystal

# Friday Nights at the DIA you going?

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## Hot Ticket

# From Detroit to Scrabylon

And everything in between, as Detroit Docs showcases documentary filmmaking

If television is an accurate barometer, the entertainment-seekers are viewing less fiction and more reality

And that's probably why documentaries are so popular of late, said Chris Walny, the brainchild of Detroit Docs, a local festival of documentaries set to run Friday-Sunday at three locations

It's part of that reality-TV craze. People love a real story. It's so much juicier," said Walny, a freelance PBS producer who resides in Royal Oak. But it's also a great way to gain perspective on issues and other cultures

In its second year, Detroit Docs features 50 documentaries by filmmakers living as close as here in Michigan and as far away as Japan

Show times vary at each of the participating venues: the Birmingham 8 theater, Detroit Film Center (formerly the Detroit Film Coalition) and Hastings Street Ballroom in Detroit

Suffice to say, Detroit Docs films are running all day into the wee hours of the night all weekend long

Documentary subjects traverse a wide spectrum, from Tom Dowd's *The Language of Music*, a profile of the legendary music producer with appearances by Ray Charles, Eric Clapton and other big names, to *Classic Cruise Mania's* footage of the *Woodward Dream Cruise*, to *Hot & Bothered*, an inside look at the feminist pornography industry

Scrabylon, a film about the super-competitive world of tournament Scrabble, comes from Scott Petersen, a filmmaker who grew up in Birmingham and now lives in Los Angeles

Among the 30 filmmakers represented, 19 live in Michigan

Last year, it was very difficult to find local films, so I'm hoping the festival inspired people," said Walny. "One of my intentions is to support local filmmakers and give them an outlet for their work"

Documentary filmmaking is on the rise here and across the nation. Advances in technology have made film equipment more accessible and affordable

But making a documentary film is one thing, getting it into theaters and securing distribution is another. Film festivals give directors a venue and exposure, said Walny

They also give audiences an opportunity to see works they're not likely to encounter in mainstream theaters, said Katherine Weider, a 34-year-old filmmaker from Ann Arbor whose documentary is showing at the festival



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The documentary 'In a Heartbeat: The Story of Mosaic Youth Theatre' follows the Detroit youth group from the audition process to performance. Ann Arbor filmmaker Katherine Weider made the film

### AT A GLANCE

- What:** Detroit Docs, a festival of documentary films taking place in three locations
- When:** Friday-Sunday schedule varies according to venue, but films are scheduled to show 7-11:50 p.m. Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Saturday and noon to 9 p.m. Sunday
- Where:** Birmingham 8, 211 South Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham, (248) 644-FILM; Detroit Film Center, 1227 Washington, Detroit, (313) 961-9936; Hastings St. Ballroom, 715 East Milwaukee, Detroit
- Tickets:** One ticket covers admission to all venues, \$10 days and \$25 for a weekend pass; student/senior rates are \$8 day and \$20 for weekend passes; Detroit Docs members receive half off regular prices; visit [www.detroitdocs.org](http://www.detroitdocs.org) for detailed schedule

### MOSAIC

Weider's film, *In a Heartbeat: The Story of Mosaic Youth Theatre*, follows the Detroit performance group of at-risk, inner-city kids ages 12-18 from the audition process to performance

The program provides nine months of free intensive training in acting, vocal music and technical theater. Ensemble members work with professional actors, writers, musicians and designers, rehearsing after school and on weekends. The students are involved in every element of production and ultimately perform at Music Hall in Detroit

"Mosaic is a real story. This group of

kids and their stories are moving and powerful," said Weider, who has a master's degree in film and video studies from the University of Michigan and works as a freelance producer. "It's a really, really intense program. There's something really special going on there"

However, *Mosaic* isn't the cliché story of inner-city youth making good, said Weider. "That story is really old, it's one that perpetuates stereotypes. *Mosaic* shows another image of Detroit teenagers and teenagers in general"

Stories like the one told in *Mosaic* aren't likely to emerge from the Hollywood film-making machine, which is what makes film festivals so interesting



Big screen

# Terrific acting compensates for casting in 'Human Stain'

BY DAVID GERMAIN  
AP MOVIE WRITER

He won an Academy Award as serial killer Hannibal Lecter  
He's played Hitler, Nixon and Picasso  
He's been a servile butler and fearless

vampire hunter Van Helsing  
Now Anthony Hopkins has one of his toughest jobs: convincing audiences he's black.  
Hopkins and Nicole Kidman star as doomed lovers in the beautifully performed, artfully constructed *The Human*

*Stain*, adapted from Philip Roth's novel by director Robert Benton and screenwriter Nicholas Meyer  
As good as the leads and their co-stars are, it's a stretch for viewers to accept Hopkins, a pasty-faced Welshman, as a light-skinned African-American who has been passing as white for most of his life  
Stretching the credibility gap further, the young actor (the biracial Wentworth Miller) plausibly pulling that ruse as the same character in flashbacks bears not a remote resemblance to Hopkins  
That makes it hard to relate to them as the same person. Miller's introduction to the film is disorienting, triggering viewers to pause and dubiously ask themselves, "Wait, so that's supposed to be young Anthony Hopkins?"  
As the flashbacks reveal that the character grew up African-American, the film jars again when it returns to modern times, leaving moviegoers staring at Hopkins in skepticism, not quite buying him as a black man

Roth's novel hinges on the fact that some blacks have light enough skin to pass as white. The transition from the darker-toned Miller to Hopkins, though, feels like the cinematic cheat that it is.  
The jolt is momentary, but enough distraction remains through the rest of the film to undermine somewhat the impact of the story and performances.  
Hopkins plays Coleman Silk, a classics professor disgraced and beset by tragedy after he is ironically accused of uttering a racial slur against two black students. Quitting in fury, Coleman loses his wife to a brain embolism, and months later, two new relationships send him down a road of self-reflection.

## ROMANCE

Coleman blissfully tumbles into romance with Faunia (Kidman), a sultry campus janitor with a calamitous past. At the same time, Coleman befriends reclusive writer Nathan Zuckerman (Gary Sinise), Roth's alter-ego in several novels, who becomes witness to Coleman's final fling and the unmasking of his life's secrets, which unfold with equal parts joy and melancholy.

Granted she's not my first love  
Granted she's not my great love," Coleman tells Zuckerman of Faunia. "But she sure as hell is my last love."

Faunia's baggage includes a harsh upbringing and a menacing ex-husband Lester (Ed Harris), a volatile Vietnam vet who blames her for the deaths of their two children.

Benton and his production team admirably recreate the feel of 1940s cul-

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ture and the prurient tone of the late 1990s, a time - according to Zuckerman's narration - between communism and terrorism, when Americans could afford to obsess on the Clinton-Lewinsky scandal.

Terrific acting all around heavily compensates for the implausible casting.  
Hopkins lustfully leaps into the role of Coleman, a man who thought he'd seen it all and has made peace with his flaws and blunders, yet finds to his surprise that he's not only able but eager to make more.

Kidman seems as though she just walked out of a Tennessee Williams play, blending fierce strength and damaged-goods fragility in a magnificently hushed and haunted performance.

Her Faunia is another complete makeover that effaces her star-power persona as effectively as the fake nose she wore in her Academy Award-winning role as Virginia Woolf in last year's *The Hours*.

Sinise brings depth, compassion and subtle humor to what could have been the straight-man role as Zuckerman.

Harris commandeers the movie in his brief screen time, creating a dangerously unstable character that is the utter reverse of his saintly coach in *Radio*.

Along with Miller as young Coleman, able support is provided by Jacinda Barrett as Coleman's first great love, Anna Deavere Smith as his lamenting mother and Harry Lennix as his imperious father.

The film's examination of racial passing' will spark thoughtful conversation among moviegoers of all colors - but not as much conversation as the idea of Hopkins playing a black man.

*The Human Stain*, a Miramax release, runs 106 minutes. Three stars out of four.

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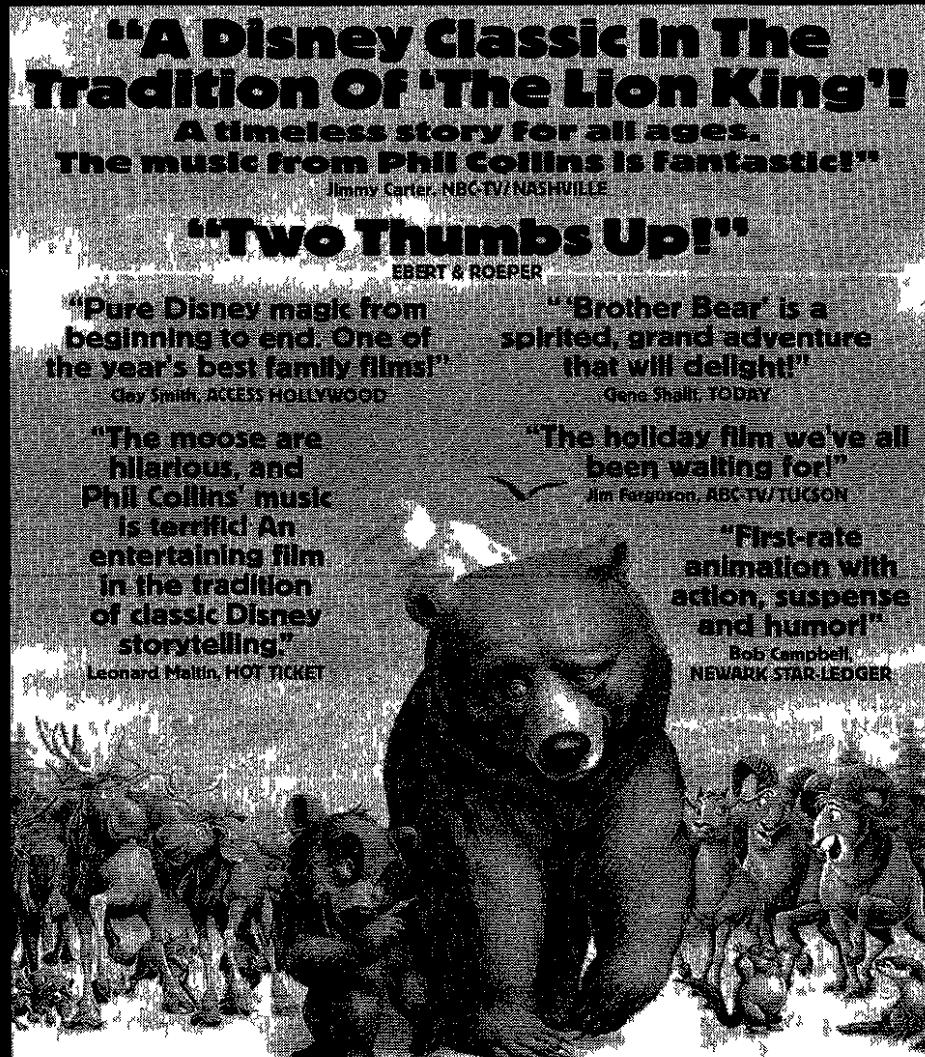
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## Small screen

# Take another look at 'The Godfather' and see orange

BY DAVID MACGREGOR  
CORRESPONDENT

Most people who enjoy films have seen *The Godfather* at some point, and it is generally acknowledged to be one of the finest American films ever produced. Much of that has to do with Francis Ford Coppola's direction, the performances of such acting luminaries as Marlon Brando, Al Pacino and Robert Duvall, and the epic story of the Corleone family that would subsequently run through two sequels as well.

However, like many great films, what makes *The Godfather* especially enjoyable is the fact that you can see something new at almost every viewing. There is some nuance, some detail that escaped you



Marlon Brando stars as Vito Corleone in 'The Godfather', a film that on second glance seems to use orange — both the color and the fruit — as a symbolic device

before, but now that you notice it, you realize how well-integrated it is into the film as a whole. Some of these details are easier to spot than others, but one that is well worth being aware of in *The Godfather* is Coppola's use of the color orange, or more specifically, the fruit itself.

Throughout the film and throughout both sequels, there are oranges in abundance. New York City seems to be full of oranges at every turn. There is a bowl of oranges here, a cart full of oranges there. This isn't happenstance. Instead, it is Coppola's visual cue to the audience that there is some kind of threat to the Corleone family.

If you see a character pick up an orange at any point in *The Godfather* trilogy, you can pretty much assume you are looking at a dead man. Maybe it will only be a few seconds or maybe it will be a couple of hours, but whoever picks up an orange can pretty much start making his funeral arrangements.

As noted, this applies not only to the fruit, but to the color itself. You see a guy wearing an orange suit? He's a dead man. Perhaps a horse wears an orange blanket? Well, that's a dead horse. Once you pick up on this motif, it adds an entirely new layer to the film and it's interesting to see how the "orange" scenes are set up and then how they are paid off.

Aside from using oranges as a visual cue to foreshadow the fate of certain characters, Coppola also uses audio cues to foreshadow events. If you hear any kind of harsh, discordant sound during *The Godfather*, it is fairly certain that an especially violent scene is on its way.

The sound can be a baby crying, the squealing brakes of a subway train or a thunderstorm, but in almost every instance gunfire will erupt soon afterward and there's a good chance a major character will be dead.

Did Coppola really need to include these visual and audio motifs in his film? Well, no. It's still a remarkably well-made period piece, and the manner in which he makes Mafia Don Vito Corleone a sympathetic character and then charts the slow movement of his son Michael Corleone from absolute outsider to absolute insider is compelling

enough in and of itself.

But as the expression goes, "the genius is in the details" and it is the details in this film that make it worth seeing over and over.

David MacGregor is a film instructor at Wayne State University and screenwriter who lives in Livonia.

## WHAT'S ON TV

(AP) Here are some of the big events on television during the November ratings sweeps.

- Nov 7 Martha Stewart talks to Barbara Walters on 20/20 ABC
- Nov 9 *Saving Jessica Lynch* the TV movie NBC and *The Elizabeth Smart Story* the TV movie CBS
- Nov 11 Reunion of stars from *The Andy Griffith Show* CBS and *Jessica Lynch talks to Diane Sawyer* ABC
- Nov 16 *The Reagans* miniseries begins CBS and American Music Awards ABC

- Nov 17 Britney Spears special *In the Zone* ABC
- Nov 18 - Final part of *The Reagans* CBS
- Nov 19 - The Victoria's Secret fashion show on CBS
- Nov 20 - Peter Jennings investigates the Kennedy assassination 40 years later ABC
- Nov 21 - Vibe Music Awards with Queen Latifah as host UPN
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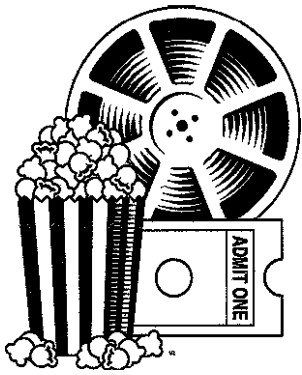
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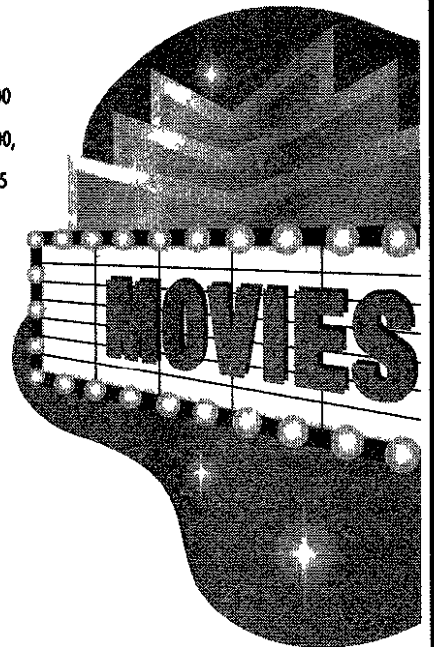
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## Top 5 new films

Here are the top five new films  
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Gryphon Shepherd is (from left) Drew Phillips, guitar vocals mandolin and acoustic piano, Tim Williams, guitar, vocals, synthesizer, organ and drums, Zach Kadro, vocals, guitar and percussion, Adam Linden drums percussion, and Robert Wedge, bass, vocals, acoustic piano Not pictured is bass player John Phillips

**GRYPHON SHEPHERD**

**What:** Gryphon Shepherd will perform with Knee Deep Shag  
**When:** 10 p.m. Friday Nov. 21 doors open 7 p.m.  
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**The CD:** The band's CD *Consciousness* is available at Tower Records in Birmingham or Record Time in Ferndale

# Gryphon Shepherd

## Detroit band's rock music is bigger than the city itself

**I**n late Friday night in the lower level nightclub of Boocoo restaurant in Royal Oak. A hip, standing-room only, 20-something crowd is there to see Gryphon Shepherd – a rock band that's distinctly different from other bands in metro Detroit's vast talent pool.

The mood is sultry as the six-member band plays its rhythmic, body-moving rock. The music has steady back beats, you can hear its influences – the beauty of Jane's Addiction, cerebral Pink Floyd and Velvet Underground – blended with Middle Eastern beats, a hint of jazz and occasional obeisance to reggae.

Don't be mistaken, Gryphon Shepherd doesn't regurgitate music from the past.

"We look for ways to push the music, to do something different with the guitar, even if it's just one tone, something that hasn't been heard before," said vocalist/guitarist Zach Kadro.

Gryphon Shepherd is a serious band that's headed for a musical career beyond metro Detroit's borders. Not that the band doesn't adore its hometown, Royal Oak, they'd rather make good music here than run out to L.A.

You can hear them Friday, Nov. 21, at the Magic Bag in Ferndale, where

they'll be featured with Knee Deep Shag.

Gryphon Shepherd has been playing steadily since 1999, with regular gigs at the Blind Pig in Ann Arbor and Bell's Brewery in Kalamazoo. They released their second CD, *Consciousness*, this year as a follow-up to *A Vision of Youth*.

"In the beginning we weren't concerned with the length of our songs or our intros," Kadro said. "We made our own rules and played what felt good to us. On the second CD, we started to condense things more, to bring the listener in right away."

Their third CD, currently being recorded, will have a harder edge. *Consciousness*, which appears on the CD with the same name, is influenced by Kadro's days living and working in Jamaica. Jamaican singer Eddie Fitzroy guided Kadro's songwriting skills, and taught him how to write what he sees.

The first CD, when we were younger, was more about finding your way emotionally in life, learning to assert a foot in the ground," said Kadro, a University of Michigan graduate. "Now it's more about the people you see, the things you observe. And this band has observed a lot

While the members have been friends since childhood, their experiences go beyond Michigan.

Kadro, a spiritual person whose mother is Catholic and father is Muslim, spends time reading the Bible, traveling to different corners of the world and learning as much about people as he can – whether it's the man selling bananas on a dirt road in India or a Jamaican teacher caught with an arsenal of guns. His experiences come across in the band's smart approach and philosophy of music-making.

"We don't live in a bubble, life is about engaging with others and music can be that way as well – it can suggest, engage, evoke emotions and raise questions," said Kadro.

Kadro spends as much time praising his bandmates as he does discussing the music. Band member Andrew Phillips minored in music at Western Michigan University. After high school, Tim Williams studied sound engineering and has made demos for most of the band's music. Adam Linden is heavily involved with music arrangement. Robert Wedge, who also graduated from WMU, is the band's music historian. Drummer Will Sulaka, who left the band recently to study medicine, will always be

involved. John Phillips is an accomplished guitar player who is new to Gryphon Shepherd but already contributing hard.

Kadro said the band members are equals – all contributing to the music-writing process. The band members knew at age 13 they wanted to make music. As friends at school dances, they remember Nirvana's *Smells Like Teen Spirit* that caused the dance floor to erupt into an energetic mosh pit.

"I remember the feeling that song gave to me," Kadro said. "From that moment, I knew that I needed to play music – we all did."

Although Gryphon Shepherd has been together four years, they aren't hurrying their search for major label attention. Music is their life and has been since they were teenagers. The band's days are spent writing and playing music full time.

"Music is everything to us. It's what we think about all the time, it's what we do," Kadro said. "We're taking our time to develop and create something different. We're all just happy to work together as a band. We're not burning for something big to happen in a hurry, we want to make good music and let it build slowly."



# On first Blush

Dance Cuba  
more than  
just flamenco

**P**icture The Rockettes minus the kitsch. Then, superimpose the confident sensuality of Spanish and Cuban dance. Now that you've slowed down, listen for the fiery click of castanets and the rhythms of The Buena Vista Social Club.

Those are but a few of the elements that make Dance Cuba, which is set to perform Friday and Saturday at Music Hall in downtown Detroit, so engaging. "Audiences are just blown away," said Vince Paul, the show's executive producer and president of World Arts Inc. "The perfection of it is so impressive."

The group has performed in about 50 American cities, but is making its first Detroit appearance at Music Hall before heading to Broadway.

The rest of world is just now discovering the group, said Paul, who grew up in Farmington Hills and curates dance programs for Detroit and other cities.

But Dance Cuba is anything but second rate or cliché.

At home in Cuba, where they are known as Liza Alfonso Dance Cuba, the 22-member, all-female dance troupe is a highly regarded company, a national treasure of sorts. And the company's tightly executed unison work is only an overture to its abilities.

The company has an inventive, if not new, dance style in the making. Liza Alfonso, Dance Cuba's director and choreographer, is responsible for this blend of Cuban and Afro-Cuban dance, Spanish flamenco, ballet and modern jazz.

"On first blush, it's flamenco, but it's so much more complicated," said Paul, who first saw the group perform in a small second-story dance studio in Cuba.

Alfonso also directs the Folkloric Group of the Spanish Society Concepción Arenal and the Vocational School of Dance of Grand Teatro de Havana.

With Dance Cuba, flamenco pose quickly will turn ballet pirouette.

Some have described the group's style simply as the Cuban way to mix different forms of dance.

An eight-member orchestra accompanies Dance Cuba. "And the music will blow you away as much as the dancing will," said Paul.

Costume changes offer traditional Flamenco - red hot ruffles - but surprise looks, too.

The dancers "are not like sex bombs," added Paul. "They're young and they smile a lot. This is something that is more charming and very endearing."

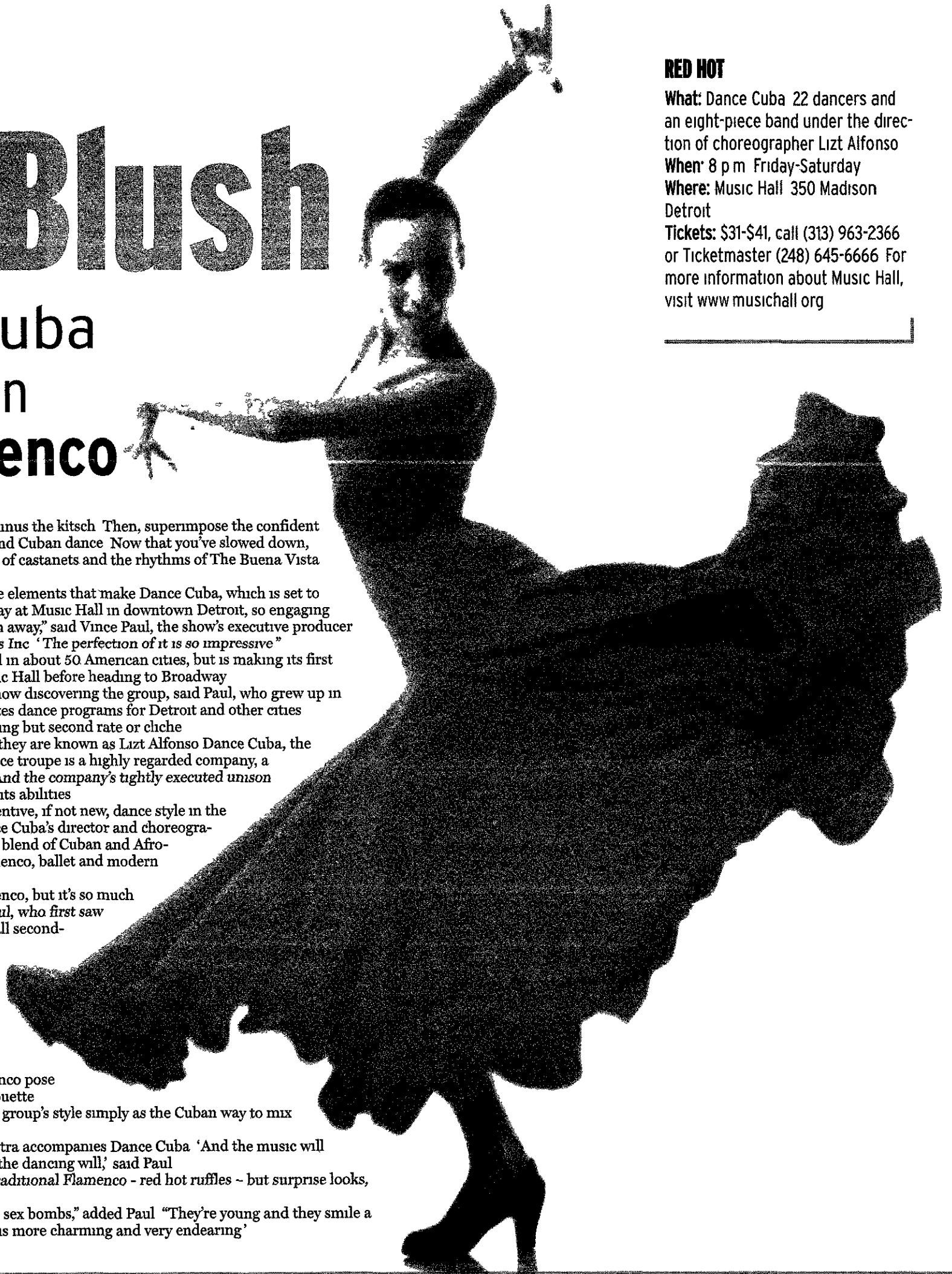
## RED HOT

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## Table hopping

# Come as you are to war

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
CORRESPONDENT

"Every cook's dream is to open his own restaurant," said Gavin McMillian, proprietor with his wife, Colette, of the new Fiddleheads in Royal Oak.

And after 20 years cooking, Chef Gavin is living his dream. You can tell it in his smile, his enthusiastic talk about his food, in Colette's eyes, on your plate and on your palate.

The McMillians chose the name Fiddleheads — chewy, edible ferns used as side dishes or in salads — to enhance their back-to-the-earth food focus.

"Fiddleheads grow in Michigan," Chef Gavin said. "We'll serve them in spring. Year-round we're dedicated to using local products in season, especially organics."

### CREATING A FEEL

Fiddleheads transformed the former location of Ann Sayles restaurant with a contemporary minimalist decor. With a low, flat roofline, an interior stone wall and earth-focused colors, it's reminiscent of a Frank Lloyd Wright architectural style.

Your eyes gravitate quickly to the creative wall design of folk art sticks against a leaf green background, designed by Bloomfield Hills artist Virginia Farris, Colette's mother. Her design concept revolves around the thought that one stick can break, but a group of sticks is stronger — and that's what family is like.

As the menu indicates, Fiddleheads is a cooperative between the McMillian and Farris families. With the aid of general manager Kara McClanaghan, Gavin did much of the interior labor, from fashioning the bar top to crafting the dining room chairs.

The setting — white butcher block paper covering white tablecloths — does not come across as formal, but rather adds to the crisp, modern feel in this new 90-seat eatery.

### MELTING POT CUISINE

Chef Gavin dubs his food style contemporary American. "I say that so that I'm not pigeon-holed," he said. "That way, I'm not tied to a specific cuisine and I can be more creative with a melting pot concept."

The one-page menu with a wine list on the reverse side is straightforward, listing appetizers, pasta, meat, fish and fowl.

Two appetizers are large enough to share: smoked trout salad with wild rice, pecans, dried cherries and buttermilk scallion dressing or cornbread chipotle-stuffed Indiana boneless quail with a chayote ragout.

If you like to order totally off the appetizer menu, this is a good one for that style of eating.

Roasted Yukon gold potato gnocchi with



Above, Gavin and Colette McMillian did more than create work themselves.

wild mushrooms and dulce gorgonzola or braised Indiana duck with saffron linguini, cherry tomatoes, arugula and orange fennel broth are Chef Gavin's favorite in the "Pasta and such" section.

Fiddleheads does not have a kid's menu, but spaghetti and veal meatballs, oven-dried tomatoes and balsamic vinegar is a kid-friendly dish. Chef Gavin and Colette have two young children, so consider the chef kid-friendly and willing to satisfy a child's appetite.

Lime-marinated and grilled lamb loin with spiced lentils and baby bok choy is succulent. The lentils are cooked in unsweetened coconut milk and on their own are a vegan favorite.

Another main plate is roast suckling pig with corn pudding, chorizo, mussels and hot smoked paprika. Served in a bowl, it takes the "bowl concept" to new heights.

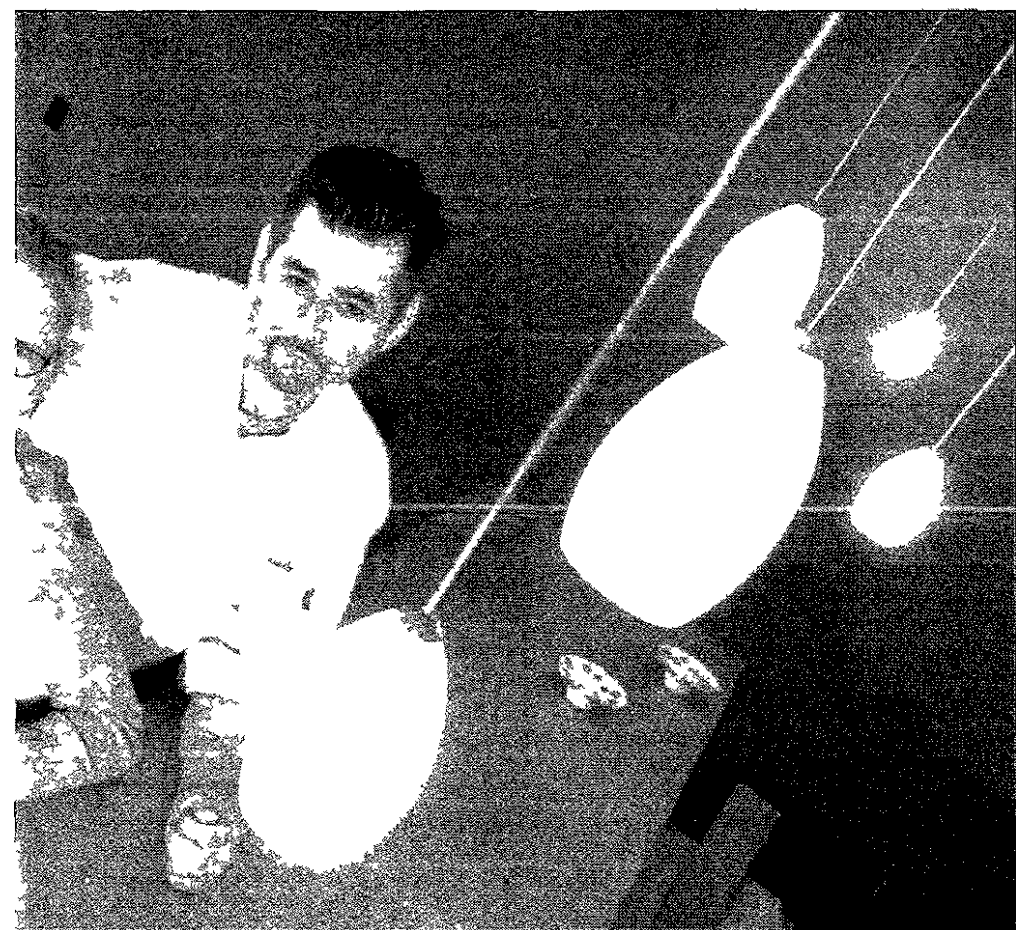
### MORE THAN WINDOW DRESSING

Currently, Chef Gavin's seasonal menu highlighting autumn is easily experienced with several housemade desserts. There's apple tart with rum sauce and cinnamon ice cream or pumpkin creme brulee with a maple cookie.

A short and well-chosen wine list focuses principally on West Coast U.S. wines with



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a great menu, they did much of the construction

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Lime and ginger marinated lamb is grilled and presented on a bed of spiced lentils with baby bok choy. The delicate squash soup has a 'kick' according to Chef Gavin McMillan.

some real values from Australia. The highest-priced table wine is \$50. A beer selection includes the popular Arcadia IPA and Bell's Best Brown.

Fiddleheads is warm, inviting, a comfortable come-as-you-are eatery. If you don't eat out regularly, it's a place you'll enjoy. If you become a regular, there will be enough rotating menu selections to keep you coming back to this neighborhood spot.

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BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD  
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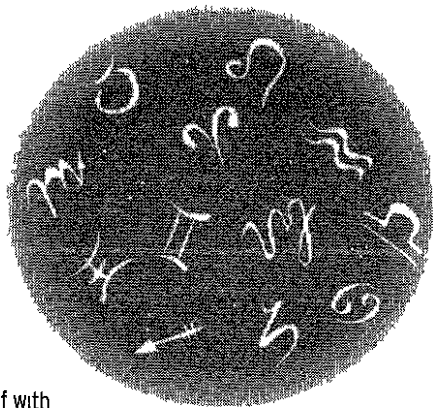
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# Horoscope

## Star Struck

(Nov 6 Nov 8)  
By Dennis Fairchild



### ARIES (March 21-April 20)

There's no point in overtaxing yourself with so many commitments that you end up doing them improperly feeling exhausted or cranky. Discard those things that are neither pleasurable nor worthwhile for the time being. Everyone will benefit if you look after yourself.

### TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Surely it's apparent that a loved one or close chum isn't gonna give up, so why prolong the agony? Better to swallow your pride or distance yourself. Ease up, especially on those who've helped you become the person you are! Life is tough, but so is sandpaper.

### GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

No matter how sensitive or vulnerable you feel now, it would be a mistake to take the comments of others to heart. They may try to play on a weakness, but the fact is that you are considerably stronger than they, and possibly you appreciate.

### CANCER (June 22-July 23)

No matter what was said in anger recently, don't harbor grudges. Partnerships will improve, even more when you begin to forgive and forget. Don't burn out trying to keep pace with others. Stick to your own agenda and enjoy the light at the tunnel's end.

### LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Listen to today's head, not yesterday's. Select, simplify and streamline are your keywords, even though you believe that just about anything is possible now. And so it is, but only if you start to select your targets, streamline your affairs and simplify your aims.

### VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

You can't succeed at everything - you must decide which areas of your life require special attention. With the approaching lunar eclipse highlighting a need for balance, it is essential that you recognize your true priorities as well as your weaknesses before you act.

### LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Certain individuals are hoping you will run true to form and take up the cudgels. However, if you bark too loud, no one will win over intensely personal issues. Unguarded remarks could put you back in the doghouse now. Listen and learn, plan and prosper.

### SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

No doubt you would prefer to face up to harsh realities and do things in a totally direct, open manner. However, it will be what comes to light in a secret or confidential way that gives you the final piece of the puzzle and the opportunity to take the initiative.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

No matter how many personal or professional challenges you encounter right now, the sky's the limit if you believe in yourself and your abilities wholeheartedly. Don't withhold vital facts or information; no one truly cares about your insecurities or past.

### CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Ignore others' attempts to undermine your confidence, position or security. Sever unwanted connections and tackle intense difficulties with renewed energy and determination. Make things easier for yourself by becoming more confident. Sea Goat!

### AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

No matter how passionate you feel about a project or lifestyle change, it's counterproductive to exclude all else. Potent outer planet happenings are telling you that other people's feelings need to be considered. Be tactful and don't be in such a hurry!

### PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Feelings of remorse, resentment, deprivation or anger must be analyzed, rationalized and then discarded now. Otherwise, you will remain trapped in a time warp and be oblivious to the opportunities to express your abilities. Swim atop a soapbox, say what's on your mind!

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

# Popular music

## Rockabilly meets ghost cowboy with EJ Wells and the Haymakers

If you wonder what it's like to live above a funeral home, listen to EJ Wells and the Haymakers.

If you're curious about the kind of music made by a man obsessed with ghost towns and spaghetti-western movie scores, who spent endless days being high on amphetamines in the desert, check out Wells' music.

Chances are you've never heard songs like this. Music lovers might want to add EJ Wells and the Haymakers' new CD *Rhyolite* to their collection. Imagine Rockabilly meets a ghost cowboy.

But first it's important to know that Wells kicked his drug and alcohol habit.

The Haymakers' music is an odd mix - imagine the 1980s band Wall of Voodoo (remember their hit song *Mexican Radio*?) meets Chris Isaac meets EJ Wells.

He describes it as spooky desert music influenced by ghost towns of the West and spaghetti westerns. It's not country-western, it's rock n' roll mixed with the creeps. The music is based on the West that Wells adores.

"The desert is the most glorious thing ever," Wells said. "The history there, especially the ghost towns, the Gold Rush, there's just something about it where my heart will always be."

Wells, formerly of Nevada, and his band the Haymakers of Ohio, are bringing their music to Memphis Smoke in Royal Oak on Wednesday, Nov 12, to celebrate the release of *Rhyolite*.

It's a refreshing, interesting, funny and well-written CD. The band is just beginning to grow and gain momentum, but its members are longtime musicians. Wells is

### E.J. WELLS & THE HAYMAKERS

Musical genre. Don't think country, think spaghetti western soundtracks mixed with western rock n' roll. Wonderfully creepy stuff.

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EJ Wells (far left) and the Haymakers will play at Memphis Smoke.

founder of the Toledo Angels and played with the Human Darts, The Defectors and Loved by Millions. His musical career began in 1977. The Haymakers are Wells, singer/songwriter/guitarist, Don Binkley, bass and vocals, Dan O'Connor, guitar and vocals, Rick Nease, guitar and vocals, and Chuck Caswell, drums.

Wells' fascination with the West doesn't come without personal demons. Born in upstate New York and raised in northern California, he moved to Nevada in the 1980s and spent four years there addicted to amphetamines and alcohol.

While high, he'd spend days at a time in the desert writing songs that were later lost.

"Nevada did equal amounts of good for my songwriting and bad for my liver," said the now-healthy Wells. "My life was ball of confusion until about five years ago. The partying started out as fun, but then got terrible and there was nothing fun about it."

He had to leave the state he loved to get clean and hasn't returned in 10 years. Still, the vast desert and endless blue sky lives in his music and his heart. This year he plans to revisit the West. Some of the songs are tongue-in-cheek, others more serious. He covers Del Shannon's *Keep Searchin'*, but the rest of the CD is original. The creepy song, *Motherload*, was written in just two hours. *Downstairs at the Funeral Parlor* is about his days spent living above a funeral home. His job was to pick up dead bodies - a task Wells said could be very odd.

"A 'new' dead body makes all sorts of rickets and rumbles when it's in the back of the car and you're bringing it to the funeral home," he said.



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## More music

### Black celebrates joys of fatherhood

Gus Black is tackling a subject that touches many men — the joys of fatherhood.

The public radio darling, singer/songwriter, who writes and performs pop acoustic guitar melodies, just released his latest CD, *Uncivilized Love*. It's his first since the free-flowing hit single, *Laugh I Could Learn to Love* in 1999.

Black is influenced by mythologist Joseph Campbell, Neil Young, John Lennon and John Fante.

But his son is the biggest influence.

'My 2-year-old son Angus has completely changed my world,' Black said. 'I look at him and he's so real and beautiful. Becoming a parent is the single most important undertaking of my entire life. It's made me look at everything from a new perspective.'

Black's vision can be heard on *Uncivilized Love*, a beautiful album with acoustic-based backdrops and warm imagery.

He celebrates fatherhood in *Despacio*, a soothing, melodic pop song.

'The track remained unfinished for a while until one day I was carrying Angus in a baby sling across my chest while playing the song over and over,' Black said. 'We were staring into each other's eyes, and I felt this intense desire for strength and a need to protect and provide for him and that was when the string section and piano line came to me. It was an incredible feeling.'

Black considers his music a father-son collaboration, Angus made his first musical appearance in the song *Debut*.

'We brought him down to the studio and (he) laughed like crazy, so we recorded him and wrote a song around it in like 15-20 minutes. No lyrics, just his little laugh with music around it. I'll never forget that day,' said Black.

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# Pure Picks

Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda we present our top entertainment picks for the week. Filtered just for you.

## Album

Hey have you heard? **The Strokes** have a new album out. I'm not sure how you could've missed it. They are plastered all over every major music magazine this month. With **Room on Fire**, the New York darlings' second full-length release, the band is once again headed for every year-end Record of the Year list. And with every spin of *Room on Fire* I like it a little more, which is good or bad depending on how you look at it. But I'll get to that a little later.

Perhaps the most surprising thing here is that there isn't a synth anywhere on this album - it's all guitars and drums. (Especially surprising if you have heard the record's first single, "12:51" with its Nintendo-like guitars.) The cunning guitar work is a little like Interpol, but overall this record is still very much what makes The Strokes who they are. The skins sound more like a drum machine and become an element all to themselves. Guitars are never overblown; there is not an egotistical rock solo in the whole record - but they are experimental. Vocals are still sung as if recorded through a children's karaoke machine from RadioShack.

If nothing else, The Strokes are good at conveying cool. *The End had No End*, *Automatic Stop*, and *I Can't Win* are the kind of layered cool that makes you wish you could be a New York hipster strung out on lost loves and hard drinking. But the real reason to pick up this record is the mesmerizing ballad *Under Control*. With its layered, criss-crossed guitar melody, sporadic drum solos, and lyrical lament, it will easily make it to every mix tape this winter.

But can this album live up to the hype? I'm going to have to rely on my gut about this one. Generally, if I immediately like an album (that pop-whizz-wow thing), it is something that will stand the test of time. If it takes me a few turns to get into it, it tends to mean that while this record won't leave my stereo for a few weeks, it will be forgotten in two years' time. And if The Strokes will ever live up to their media hype, they will need a record that lasts. Still, overhyped claims of not pushing the envelope are hardly true - The Strokes have refined their sound and made a good album. I just can't wait for that great one.

*Room on Fire* is out now and available at most local record stores.



PHOTO BY COLIN LANE



## Local band

Mother Goose wants to be a rock n' roll star too. The four stay-at-home moms that make up the **Candy Band** know that having kids doesn't mean you have to trade in coolness for a minivan. Daniela Skittles, Burckhardt Paula, Almond Joy, Messner Anita, Kit Kat, Kelly, and Tammy Starburst. Ristau opt to play their favorite nursery rhymes in a rock n' roll style that would make even the most fervent punkers proud. And on Saturday you can bring the kids to Tower Records in downtown Birmingham for a free concert at 3 p.m. Listen to *SpongeBob Squarepants* and *Hickory Dickory Rock* the way they were meant to be played - loud and lively. It'll probably be one of the only times you can rock with your kids and not embarrass them. For more on the band, visit <http://www.candyband.com>. For details on Saturday's performance, call (248) 647-1707 - Megan Pennefather.

## Show

He's a lumberjack and he's OK. He sleeps all night and he's coming to Ann Arbor. Former Monty Python troupe member **Eric Idle** will appear Monday at the Michigan Theatre, 603 E. Liberty in Ann Arbor. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$39.50 for the floor, \$36.50 for the balcony, and can be purchased through Ticketmaster at <http://www.ticketmaster.com> or by calling (248) 645-6666.

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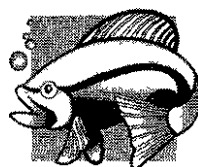
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# Get Out!

Your Guide to Entertainment

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## PROFESSIONAL THEATER

### Meadow Brook Ensemble Theatre

*The Gravity of Honey* through Sunday 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

Midwest premiere of *Dirty Story* by John Patrick Shanley through Nov. 23. Aaron DeRoy Theatre, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 788-2900 or [www.jettheatre.org](http://www.jettheatre.org)

### Detroit Repertory Theatre

*Here and There* by Esther Blumenthal. 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. \$17 through Dec. 28 and New Year's Eve. 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. (313) 868-1347. [www.detroitreptheatre.com](http://www.detroitreptheatre.com)

### Michigan Opera Theatre

*Madame Butterfly* by Giacomo Puccini. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Nov. 8-16. 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (313) 237-SING. [www.MichiganOpera.org](http://www.MichiganOpera.org)

## COMMUNITY THEATER

### Schoolcraft College

*Dracula* at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just east of I-275. Choose a dinner theater setting on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15, or a theater performance only on Saturday and Friday, Nov. 14. The dinner theater production begins at 6:30 p.m. with a meal of lasagna, salad, vegetable and tiramisu. Tickets for the dinner theater are \$22. The theater-only performance begins at 8 p.m. with tickets priced at \$10. Call (734) 462-4596.

### Trinity House Theatre

*Hospitality Suite* by Roger Reuff. 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Nov. 14-15, 2 p.m. Sunday and Nov. 16. \$12-\$9 for theater members. 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. (734) 464-6302.

### Rosedale Community Players

*Escanaba in Da Moonlight*. 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday. Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River, Detroit. \$12. (313) 532-4010.

### Broadway on Stage

*All's Well in 804*, comedy by local author Ed Thomas. 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday through Saturday, Nov. 22. 21517 Kelly Road at Toepfer (8 1/2 Mile Road), Eastpointe. \$15. (586) 771-6333.

### Stagecrafters

*To Kill a Mockingbird*. 8 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Nov. 7-23. Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. (248) 541-6430.

[www.stagecrafters.org](http://www.stagecrafters.org)

### St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook

*Les Liaisons Dangereuses* by Christopher Hampton. 8 p.m. tonight through Saturday. 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-0527.



Paul Ritchie presents a cabaret-style program of patriotic music, selections from Broadway and MGM musicals, Frank Sinatra, Al Jolson and other performers, 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Congregation Beth Shalom, 14601 W. Lincoln, Oak Park. Dessert reception follows program. Tickets \$12 at the door, call (248) 547-7970.

[www.StDunstanTheatre.com](http://www.StDunstanTheatre.com)

### The Lafayette Grande

*We Are Not Good Girls*, a blues musical by Kate Hart. 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, noon Sunday, arrive one hour earlier for dinner or brunch. 155 Lafayette, Pontiac. \$22.50 in advance, \$25 door, dinner & show. (248) 366-0027 or [www.wearnotgoodgirls.com](http://www.wearnotgoodgirls.com)

### Pontiac Theatre IV

*Scrooge*. 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Nov. 7-8, Nov. 14-16. Pontiac Northern High School, 1051 Arlene, Pontiac. \$10. (248) 681-6215.

### Clarkston Village Players

*Light Sensitive* by Jim Geoghan. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Nov. 7-22. \$10 Thursday & Sunday, \$12 for Friday, Saturday. (248) 625-8811 or [www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org](http://www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org)

## YOUTH

### Domino Farms

Opening reception for local artist Steven Blake Miller and his show *Airplanes to Zebras*, a collection of works targeted to children, noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, pizza party with activities. Ave. Maria Fine Art Gallery, 24 Frank Lloyd Wright Drive, Ann Arbor. NO charge, but call to register. (734) 930-7514. [www.lookatmypaintings.com](http://www.lookatmypaintings.com)

### Disney on Ice

*The Jungle Book Tarzan*. Nov. 12-16. The Palace of Auburn Hills. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, 11 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. Friday, 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday. \$15-\$18.50-\$25-\$35 & \$45. (248) 645-6666. [www.disneyonice.com](http://www.disneyonice.com)

### Sara Smith Productions

*The Adventures of Mary Poppins*. 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. The Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham. \$7 in advance, \$9 at door. (248) 644-5832.

### Candy Band

Rock n roll music for kids and adults. 3 p.m. Saturday at Tower Records in downtown Birmingham. concert is free. call (248) 647-1707. [www.candyband.com](http://www.candyband.com)

### Doll show

Curtis Brown Doll and Art Show. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. International

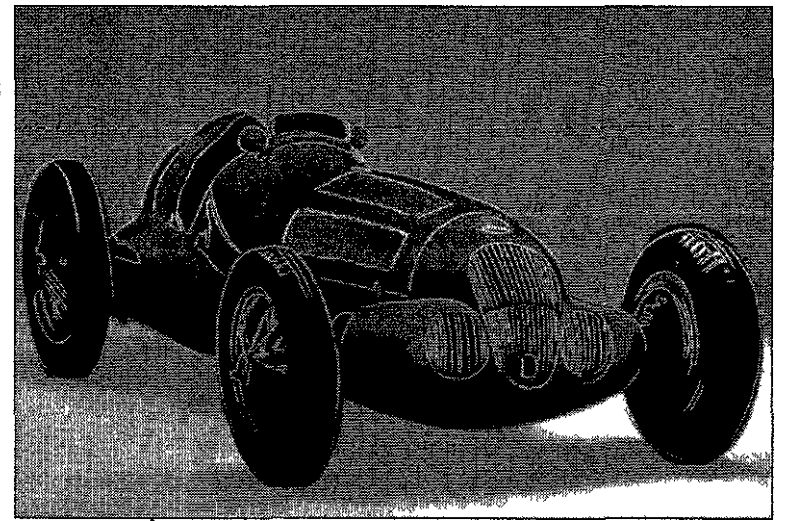


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Institute, 111 E. Kirby, Detroit. (313) 393-4717.

### Mickey Mouse

Happy 75th birthday celebration. 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Detroit Children's Museum, 6134 Second, Detroit. Call (313) 873-8100 to register.

## AUDITIONS

### Stagecrafters

*Evita* adult auditions are Saturday with registration at 9:30 a.m. for dancers who sing. 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. (248) 541-8027. [www.stagecrafters.org](http://www.stagecrafters.org)

### Radio City Christmas Spectacular

Boys and girls 7-11 years old walk on roles in the Living Nativity Scene in one of three school performances Dec. 4, 11 and 16. RSVP to [contests@olympiaentertainment.com](mailto:contests@olympiaentertainment.com) (write kids walk on role auditions in subject line of the e-mail) or call (313) 471-3288 with name, age and phone number by Friday. Participants must report to the Fox Theatre by 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12. Children a few steps from the Rockettes before the audition. Three children will be awarded roles.

### Village Players

*Swingtime Canteen* musical. 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17. Come 30 minutes early to register. Female vocalists who can sing songs of the 40s in harmony and solo. Music available at Adult Services, Baldwin Library, Birmingham. Come prepared to sing a song from the show and dressed for movement. Village Players Playhouse, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham. Performances weekends, Jan. 23-Feb. 8. (248) 644-2075. (248) 540-3750.

## CLASSICAL/POP

### DSO

*Reflections on Peace and War*. Gunther Herbig, conductor. Robert Levin, piano. 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, 8:30 p.m. Saturday. Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra. 3 p.m. Sunday. The Max, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 576-5111. [www.detroitssymphony.org](http://www.detroitssymphony.org)

### Kerrytown Concert House

*Rebel* from Biber to Bach. 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9. 415 4th Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 769-2999. [www.kerrytown.com/concerthouse](http://www.kerrytown.com/concerthouse)

### Cranbrook Music Guild

*Rebel*, a Baroque music ensemble from Biber to Bach. 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, sanctuary of Christ Church, Cranbrook, 460 Church Road, southwest corner of Cranbrook and Lone Pine Roads. Bloomfield Hills. Program of music from the late 1600s to 1700s, afterglow in the Guild Hall. \$30 adults, \$15 students at the door. (248) 644-6352.

### Birmingham Musicale

*Parade of American Music*. 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13. The Community House, 380 Bates, tea follows program. Bonnie Brooks, soprano, presents a program representing 15 American composers. No charge, donations accepted.

### Ann Arbor Symphony

Virtuoso Italian. 8 p.m. Saturday. Michigan Theatre, downtown Ann Arbor. (734) 994-4801. [www.a2so.com](http://www.a2so.com)

### Nardin Park

Music of Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, Richard Rodgers, Leonard Bernstein. 2:15 p.m. reception, 3 p.m. concert. Sunday, 29887 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. (248) 476-8860. no charge.

## FOLK/WORLD

### The Ark

Battlefield Band. 8 p.m. Friday. RFD Boys. 8 p.m. Saturday. Willy Porter. 7:30 p.m. Sunday. 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587. [www.a2ark.org](http://www.a2ark.org)



**UMS**

Israeli folk singer Chava Alberstein 8 p.m. Saturday Rackham Auditorium 915 E. Washington Ann Arbor \$20 \$34 (734) 764 2538 www.ums.org

**Blackthorn**

At O Mara's Restaurant and Pub 2555 W 12 Mile Road Berkley 9:30 p.m. Friday Saturday Nov 14 15 Nov 28 29 Dec 5 6 Dec 19 20 (248) 399 6750 www.blackthorn1.com

**John Cowley & Sons Irish Tavern**

Joy Sparks & Chris Brantley modern acoustic duo 9:30 p.m. Thursday The Lash Celtic rock music 10 p.m. Friday Saturday 33338 Grand River Farmington (248) 474 5941

**John McCutcheon**

Folk music/storytelling 7:30 p.m. Saturday Royal Oak First United Methodist Church 320 W Seventh Royal Oak \$15 \$12 students/seniors (248) 541 4100 www.whosatfirst.org

**Barrage**

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Mike Lukas 8 p.m. Thursday 8 p.m. & 10 30 p.m. Friday Saturday 269 E. Fourth Royal Oak (248) 542 9900 www.comedycastle.com

**Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase**

Leo Dufour 8 p.m. Thursday 8 p.m. & 10 30 p.m. Friday Saturday 314 E. Liberty Ann Arbor (734) 996 9080

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off Tienken (248) 645 4663 or visit www.rochesterhills.org/museum.htm

**Ann Arbor Hands On Museum**

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## Art

# Meet new artists at local galleries

Local galleries are hosting receptions to introduce new artists this week. Here are some you won't want to miss.

### Print Gallery

Fine art assemblage by Michael Smith and lithography intaglio oils and mixed media by James Connor Nov 6 to Dec 15 Reception to meet the artists 7 p.m. Thursday Nov 6 with karaoke 29173 Northwestern Highway Franklin at 12 Mile Plaza Southfield  
www.EverythingArt.com (248) 356 5454

### Art Leaders Gallery

Come Visit Europe through the eyes of Russian master Viktor Shvaiko. His one man exhibition of original paintings and limited edition serigraphs on canvas continues through Nov 30. Gala opening reception and book signing with the artist 6-9 p.m. Friday Nov 7 hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served daytime open house 1-4 p.m. Saturday Nov 8 33030 Northwestern Highway at 14 Mile Road West Bloomfield (888) 264 4887 www.artleaders.com

### Washington Street Gallery

Heiju Oak Packard *Linescapes* Woven Panels through Nov 30 opening reception 7-9 p.m. Friday Nov 7 120 E Liberty Ann Arbor (734) 761 2287 www.wsg-art.com

### University of Michigan

*On the Wall* Nov 7-30 School of Art & Design Work gallery 306 S State St Ann Arbor under graduate artists and designers exhibit two dimensional work in a range of media. Opening reception 6-9 p.m. Friday Nov 7 (734) 998 6178 www.art-design.umich.edu

### Lemberg Gallery

Beverly Fishman *From Here to There* gallery talk and book signing 2 p.m. Saturday Nov 15 show continues to Nov 22 23241 Woodward Ave Ferndale (248) 591 6623 www.lemberrgall.com

### Detroit Contemporary Gallery

Actual Size Biennial over 250 works of art the size of a 1/4 sheet of paper Nov 8 to Dec 21 opening reception 6-10 p.m. Saturday Nov 8 5141 Rosa Parks Blvd Detroit (313) 898 4ART www.detroitcontemporary.com

### Revolution

John Gains *Consuming the American Landscape* and Robert Turner *Shaping Silence* lecture 2 p.m. Sunday Nov 9 23257 Woodward Ave Ferndale (248) 541 3444

### Creative Arts Center

Tibetan Buddhist monks will construct a Mandala Sand Painting Tuesday Saturday Nov 11-15 at the center 47 Williams St Pontiac. Opening ceremony at noon Tuesday Nov 11 closing ceremony 1:30 p.m. Saturday Nov 15. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday Thursday noon to 7 p.m. Friday. For more information call (248) 333 7849



## Family fun

# Discover new traditions at Harvest Indian Festival

Lets be honest For most us, Thanksgiving is dinner with the family and not much more

Which is not to say such an act falls short of a bona-fide tradition or even a ritual of sorts

But if you ve grown weary of Mr Turkey and his trappings, why not seek out a fresh point of view one thats truly a cornucopia of rituals ceremony and legend?

The 11th Annual Autumn Harvest Indian Festival scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, presents such an opportunity

Native Americans representing the People of Three Fires - Michigans indigenious tribes - and their art work crafts, music and especially dance ceremonies are the heart of this festival

In full regalia, ceremonial dance may be customary to the Ottawa, Ojibwa and Potawatomi tribes all of which are represented here, but not to outsiders, said William Memberto a Native American and coordinator of the festivals ceremonial programming

Its not just our dances, but our culture, that really kind of catches people, he remarked, adding "Its interesting, a lot of people are very moved by the fact that we still have this culture"

More than 50 Native American dancers,

## 11TH ANNUAL AUTUMN HARVEST

### INDIAN FESTIVAL

**When:** 10 a m to 7 p m Saturday 10 a m to 5 p m Sunday

**Where:** Southfield Civic Center 26000 Evergreen Road south of 11 Mile Road

**Tickets:** General admission \$6 50 children age 2 and younger are free call (248) 352 0990

all from Michigan, plan to perform Some do so as families, but each performer has been handpicked by Memberto The youngest dancer is 5 One family will represent four generations, Memberto said

"We are primarily doing a social type of dance that really has its origins in the Pow Wow forms of dancing We will talk about the history and of the different types of dances presented also"

Several categories of dance, including the ever-popular hoop dance, are done Each form, and each dance for that matter, tells a narrative story while also exploring Native

American spiritual beliefs Cultural chants, traditional songs, drumming and storytelling are prominent elements, as well.

### CRAFT DEMONSTRATIONS

New this year are craft demonstration areas where observers can watch the making of dreamcatchers, moccasins, baskets and beaded wares

All food will be Native American, so look for Indian tacos, buffalo burgers, corn soup and the crowd favorite, fry bread

Likewise, all arts and crafts are Native American, with vendors coming from the Midwest, East Coast and Northern Canada, said Alexis Bourkoulas, festival coordinator

About 15,000 attend the event annually Currently, about 4,000 pre-show tickets have been sold, she said

"The culture and ritual are so beautiful and rich," added Bourkoulas "It's really an educational event that's entertaining, which is a good formula for families It's around the time of Thanksgiving, so many kids are learning about Native Americans, it's part of the curriculum in many schools during the next two weeks"

So gather together and harvest some tradition, ritual, learning and festivity for November

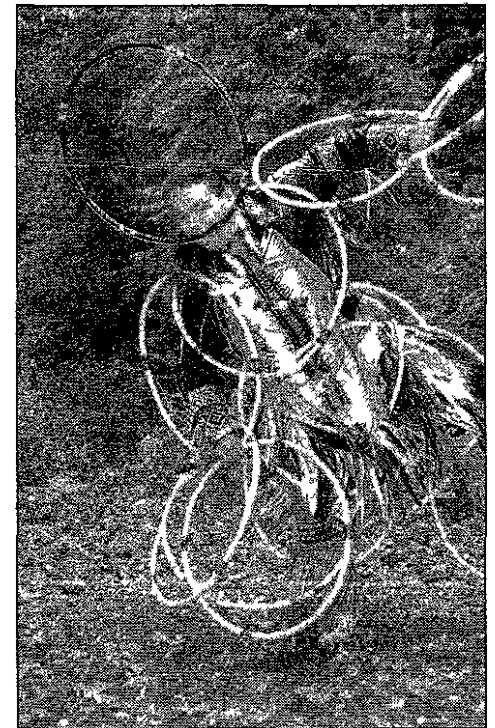


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Jody Gaskin, an Ojibwa and accomplished hoop dancer, is set to perform at the 11th Annual Autumn Harvest Indian Festival in Southfield

## It's Time To PARTY!

All around the metro area, people are getting revved up to head out to their favorite bars and clubs this Thanksgiving weekend Whether they're checking out a show, a game or hitting the dance floor, the cities are going to be flooded with people looking for a great time

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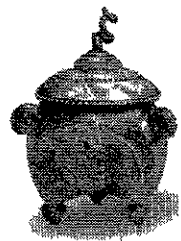
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