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Deal in works to develop Masonic Temple

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Developers have a purchase agreement to buy the Masonic Temple property on Penniman in downtown Plymouth, with thoughts of expanding the 2-1/2-story building to accommodate a first-floor restaurant, office space and condominiums or lofts to the building that has been a fixture across from Kellogg Park since 1924.

The Masons reportedly have signed a purchase agreement with Fabian Ciavaglia, a developer from Washington Township in Macomb County

for just over \$1 million

"The Lodge can no longer afford to maintain the property," said Bob Johns, member of Plymouth Rock Lodge #47 and secretary of the Temple board. "We only have our Lodge and another meeting there, which is down from the four Lodges that were meeting there five years ago. The building was used every night, now it's only used three-four times a month."

"Even though the building is paid for, the normal expenses are just eating us up," he said.

Johns said once closing is completed, the Masons will have 60 days to vacate the

building. He said the 400-member Lodge is looking for a place in Plymouth to hold weekly meetings.

Rick Birdsall, commercial broker for Signature Associates in Southfield - which represents the Masons - said Ciavaglia is performing his due diligence with city officials before completing the expected sale for the 9,600-square-foot building and property.

"He's very intent on keeping the building intact as much as possible in keeping with the historic flavor," said Birdsall. "Structurally, it's a very sound building. The Masons built it

extremely well.

"In fact, an engineer said it could hold more floors, and there's enough room on the property to expand," added Birdsall. "It will be great for a mixed-use project."

Ciavaglia is currently in the process of building 58 condos in Canton Township's Cherry Hill Village, next to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Joe Vicari, CEO of Andiamo Restaurant Group, said he planned to have discussions this week with Ciavaglia about bringing his restaurant chain to downtown Plymouth.

"He (Ciavaglia) wanted to

know if we would entertain putting a restaurant on the first floor," said Vicari. "I told them we wouldn't be looking at it immediately, closer to a year or two, and he said that fit their timetable."

"I'll meet with them (this week) to talk time frame and financials, and see if it's something that can happen or not," he said.

Vicari, who owns more than a dozen restaurants, said an 8,200-square-foot restaurant in Plymouth would seat about 175 patrons, which is smaller than most of the other Andiamo Restaurants, which

seat about 250 people.

"It will be an investment of about \$2 million, whether we built it or the landlord, or a combination," said Vicari. "It all depends on the rent. I know we can generate the type of sales needed to support it."

In January of this year, Vicari nixed a deal that would have brought an Andiamo into the Penn Theatre, saying the \$2.5-\$3 million in renovations to bring the building up to code wasn't a good business decision.

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A story of survival

Internment camp victims paint a picture of life

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When Saburo Masada was a little boy growing up in California, he and his family took great pride in learning everything they could about the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and were by all indications a happy Japanese-American family.

On the day the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, Masada remembers hearing the news on the radio and thinking, "What a stupid thing to do. Who do (the Japanese) think they are bombing our country?"

Little did he know within months "his" country would have him behind barbed-wire fences, guarded by white men with

machine guns, trapped in an Arkansas internment camp, one of some 120,000 Japanese-Americans rounded up by Americans.

"I was so proud to be an American,"



Students Chawla Guruveer and Bobby Muhammad listen to the group of survivors talk about their experiences in American internment camps during World War II.

Masada recalled Tuesday. "Suddenly we were put into camps and we were like, 'What's going on?' This was my country, and that was stripped away from me. This was my country, and they were putting me behind bars."

Masada and his wife, Marion, told

that story and others to several groups of students over two days in the Plymouth High School classroom of Ann-Nora Hiram. The Masadas agreed to make the

PLEASE SEE SURVIVAL, A4



Saburo Masada explains what it felt like to be in an internment camp for Americans of Japanese descent during World War II.

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Board set to start paring names for 10 school

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education begins the final phase in naming the new elementary school being constructed in Canton Township's Cherry Hill Village, East Middle School social studies teacher Jodi Buikema Svoboda has a keen interest in the final selection.

Buikema's grandfather and grandmother, Kent and Lolly Buikema, are among the 37 names nominated for the school. Traditionally, and via school board policy, elementary schools in the district are named after educators or those who have contributed to education in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

Kent and Lolly Buikema, like many of the others nominated, fill that bill. Kent Buikema was Canton High School's first principal, a position he held for 17 years before becoming director of secondary education.

Lolly (Lolita) Buikema began her career as a second-grade teacher at Allen Elementary. She also served as principal at Tanger and Miller elementary schools.

"In the 17 years my grandparents were employees of the school district, both worked very hard at the secondary and elementary level to establish great programs for kids," said Svoboda. "It's great that they would be honored in this way."

'TOUGH CHOICE'

"I looked at the list of candidates, and they are just as deserving," she said. "It will be a tough choice."

Svoboda is a product of Plymouth-Canton Schools, eventually attending Plymouth Salem High School a year after her grandfather left Canton. She now teaches seventh- and eighth-grade history.

"I've always been proud to continue the legacy of teaching in this district," said Svoboda, 30, a lifelong Plymouth resident.

The Board of Education will

PLEASE SEE NAMES, A5



Plymouth Community firefighters had to extricate the driver of a Ford Windstar after she crashed into the Arbor Health building in downtown Plymouth Tuesday.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Driver crashes into Arbor Health Building

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When employees of the St. Joseph-Mercy laboratory in the Arbor Health Building in downtown Plymouth heard the huge noise, they thought one of the building's vending machines had fallen over.

Staffers in the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce likened the building's shaking to an earthquake.

They were all wrong. The loud noise and resultant damage came from a woman who drove her Ford Windstar through the wall of the building facing Harvey.

While details of the crash are sketchy, assistant Plymouth Community Fire Department

Chief Mark Wendel said the woman was apparently pulling into the parking lot when the accident happened.

"It appears she was making entry into the parking lot and accelerated into the building rather than making the turn," Wendel said.

Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll said employees were evacuated from the building for about an hour.

"We had a heated van there, but they didn't want to sit in it," Carroll said. "They wanted to see what was going on."

It was the question of the day for employees who felt the effects of the crash.

"The whole building shook, kind of like an earthquake," said Melissa Paczas of the Plymouth

Community Chamber of Commerce, which is housed in the building temporarily before they move into their new home. "I thought something had exploded."

Betty Kenworthy, who works in the St. Joe's lab, initially thought perhaps the pop machine had fallen over.

"But we knew it was worse than that," Kenworthy said. "We heard a horrible, loud noise, the fire alarm was going off, and there was smoke and dirt everywhere."

Wendel said the driver's injuries "appeared to be minimal," though full precautions were taken to protect against damage to her neck and spine. She was transported by Huron Valley Ambulance to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, he said.

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Coming Sunday in Observer Life



Felician Sisters mark 150th Anniversary

Vets Day breakfast

All local veterans are invited to a special breakfast on Veterans Day, Nov 11. The American Legion No 112 Post and Auxiliary will serve breakfast from 7-9 p.m. There will be no charge, but donations will be accepted. The breakfast takes place at 344 Elizabeth (the IOOF Hall) at Ann Arbor Trail.

For more information, call (734) 459-7324.

Dessert theater

The Educational Excellence Foundation, serving the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, hosts a Dessert Theater Evening at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov 18 at Salem High School.

The award-winning PCCS Culinary Arts team will prepare a variety of desserts, accompanied by a coffee/tea bar. After dessert, patrons will enjoy reserved seating in the Gloria Logan Performing Arts Auditorium for the Park Players' performance of the comedy, *I Remember Mama*.

Tickets are \$25 each and qualify as a tax-deductible donation in support of the performing arts. Only 100 tickets are available, and advance ticket sales only can be paid for with cash, check, Visa or MasterCard.

To purchase tickets or for more information, call Carole Kody, (734) 416-2718.

Art exhibit

The Plymouth Community Arts Council features the exhibit, 'Nature Revisited,' a new collection of watercolor paintings by Leshe Moorer through Nov 26.

A member of the Michigan Watercolor Society, the artist likes to describe her new work as images of nature when she

looks down at her feet.

In conjunction with *Nature Revisited*, The Village Potters Guild will celebrate their 10th anniversary with a members' exhibit through Nov 19. The Guild was founded by Kris Darby, a former art teacher at Salem High School, and six other enthusiastic potters. They are located at 340 N Main in Plymouth.

This year 40 current and past members will exhibit their functional and decorative pottery at the PCAC, ending with a special holiday sale 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, Nov 18 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov 19.

A reception for Leslie Moorer and the Village Potters Guild will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov 11. The public is invited to attend.

The arts center is located at 774 N Sheldon in Plymouth. Their hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. For information, call (734) 416-4278.

Live @774

The local band 'Rise Again' will be performing on stage at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov 4.

Presented by the Plymouth Community Arts Council and sponsored by Blackwell Ford, this group will play an eclectic mix of folk, gospel and pop music in the intimate setting *Live @ 774* as part of the First Friday performance series.

Tickets are \$10 per person, \$20 per family and are available at the Center for the Arts, 774 N Sheldon Rd., Plymouth, or by calling (734) 416-4278.

Holiday greens sale

The Plymouth Garden Club will be taking orders for its

annual holiday greens sale through Sunday, Nov 6.

The greens will be delivered the week of November 21st. The offerings this year include Boxwood and Mixed Green Wreaths, Cedar, Cedar & White Pine and Douglas Fir Roping, Door Swags, Mixed Green Bundles and Bows.

To order, call JoAnn at (734) 455-4224. All profits support the Plymouth Garden Club Scholarships awarded to local high school students.

Scrapbooking marathon

The Canton High School Wrestling Team hosts the "12 Hour Crop A Scrapbooking Marathon" fund-raiser set for 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Nov 5.

Per-person fees are \$30 group rate (five or more people), \$35 early-bird fee (by Nov 1) and \$40 walk-in. Cost includes lunch, dinner, ideas, prizes, use of cropping tools, chairs, table space, assistance, new products to purchase and a fun 12 hours to work.

Free beginner class will be offered 2-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct 29. Both events will be held in the Canton High School Cafeteria.

To register, call Carol Phillips at (734) 451-9451.

Blood drive

St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth sponsors an American Red Cross blood drive 2-8 p.m. Monday, Nov 14.

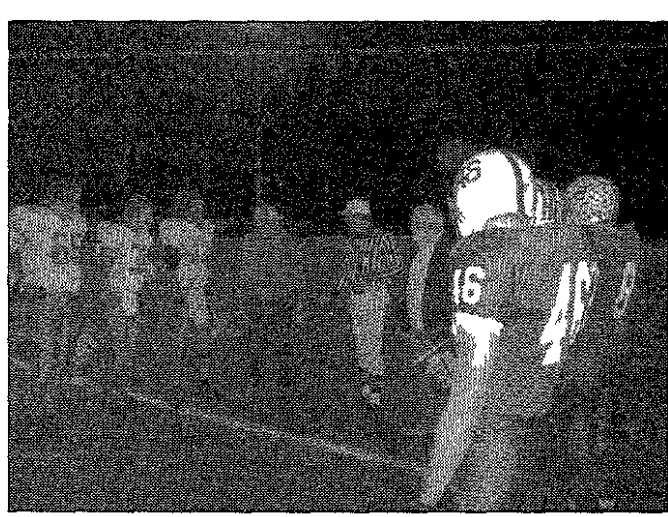
Appointments can be made by calling Carolyn Liebau, (734) 455-5395, but walk-ins are welcome. The church is located at 574 S Sheldon.

Sock hop

New Hope Center for Grief Support, a non-profit bereavement outreach center in Northville with grief support services throughout southeastern Michigan, is sponsoring a sock hop 7 p.m.-midnight Friday, Oct 28 at the Hellem Cultural Center, 36375 Joy in Westland.

This fund-raising event will benefit New Hope's many services provided free of charge to those who are grieving and to the community at large.

Silver Sounds Professional DJ of Canton will provide the music. The evening will include dancing, a raffle, prizes (a prize will be awarded for the coolest 50's threads), food and fun!



Flip a coin

The first principals of Canton and Salem High Schools, Kent Burkema (left) and Bill Brown (right), toss the coin to start Friday night's game between Canton and Salem. The Chiefs won the toss and the game by rolling over the Rocks 33-12.

Cost is \$20 per person (\$12 of which is tax deductible) and includes sliders (hamburgers) and fries and a cash bar.

For more information, call the New Hope Center, (248) 348-0115.

Bowl with Santa

Santa is making an early stop in Livonia to help raise funds for O U R Camp, a summer day camp for children with special needs.

The "Bowl with Santa" event takes place 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov 19 at Merrri-Bowl in Livonia. Parents can bring their kids to enjoy an afternoon of bowling with Santa.

Cost is \$10 per bowler or \$35 for a group of four. Fee includes two games of bowling (bumpers available), shoes, hot dog and pop. Pre-registration recommended, space is limited. All proceeds benefit O U R Camp.

Merrri-Bowl is located at 30950 Five Mile Road at Merriman. For more information or to register, call Jan Slattery, (734) 414-0231, or write Bowling with Santa, P.O. Box 6059, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Potluck euchre

The Sgt. Romanowski Post #6896 hosts a pot-luck euchre tournament Sunday, Oct 30.

Doors open at 3 p.m., with play beginning at 3:30 p.m. Players should bring a dish to pass.

Admission is \$5 with a dish, \$10 without one. The event will include raffles, a cash bar and cash prizes.

The post is located at 28945 Joy in Westland.

Farmer's market

The downtown Farmer's Market will continue through Oct 29 in The Gathering next to the Penn Theatre.

The market has been expanded to both sides of Pennman, and features fresh produce, fresh and dried flowers, local homemade honey and llama wool. Also available are baked goods, hot coffee and lemonade.

For more information, call the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, (734) 453-1540.

Chamber auction

More than 600 people are expected to help celebrate at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce auction, themed "There's No Place Like Home," set for Friday, Nov 4, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The chamber, which has been looking for more room for years, finally bought its first new home on Ann Arbor Trail after leasing its previous spot on Main Street for 18 years.

The auction is the chamber's largest fund-raiser of the year. Proceeds from the auction, which this year features live and silent auctions, a 50/50 drawing and several raffles along with live entertainment, are used to sponsor chamber events and programs.

Individual tickets are \$75, which includes dinner, dancing and an open bar.

Gold sponsorships are available for \$375 for two people, and Platinum sponsorships are available for a VIP reserved table for 10. Both the gold and platinum sponsorships include a pre-auction party, special recognition, exclusive prize

drawing, hors d'oeuvres and special music.

Tickets can be purchased by mail, fax or in person at the chamber's temporary location in Suite 208 of the St. Joseph Mercy Health Building at Harvey and Ann Arbor Trail. For more information, call (734) 453-1540.

Coat drive

Local residents willing to help those less fortunate have a chance with a coat drive being sponsored by the Children's Christian Alliance.

The event is a coat drive to raise 600 coats for kids and families living in public housing in the Detroit area. The coats will be distributed on Nov 5, 2005.

Donors wishing to help can donate clean, gently used or new coats, hats, mittens and boots. Blankets will also be accepted.

To donate or for more information, call Jill Berry, (734) 953-2170.

Entertainment books

Several Plymouth organizations are selling the 2006 Entertainment Books as fundraisers.

The Plymouth Optimists are selling the 2006 Entertainment Books, with all proceeds helping children throughout southeastern Michigan. Price is \$25. Books are available at Saxton's Garden Center in Plymouth, or home delivery is available. Call (734) 463-8253 for details.

The Plymouth Community Chorus is selling the 2006 Entertainment Books to support its charitable and educational activities. The book offers 2-for-1 and 50-percent discounts on restaurants, travel, recreation, hotel stays, entertainment and sporting events. The book is being offered at a special fund-raising price of \$25, and can be delivered, if the purchaser desires. Order books by calling Stan Kovacheff at (734) 459-6829.

Members of the Plymouth Symphony League are selling the 2006 entertainment book, offering 50 percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events. The books is priced at \$25, with all proceeds to support the Plymouth Symphony Books can be picked up at the symphony office, next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, or ordered by calling Mary Thomas, (734) 453-3016. For more information, call the symphony office, (734) 453-2112.

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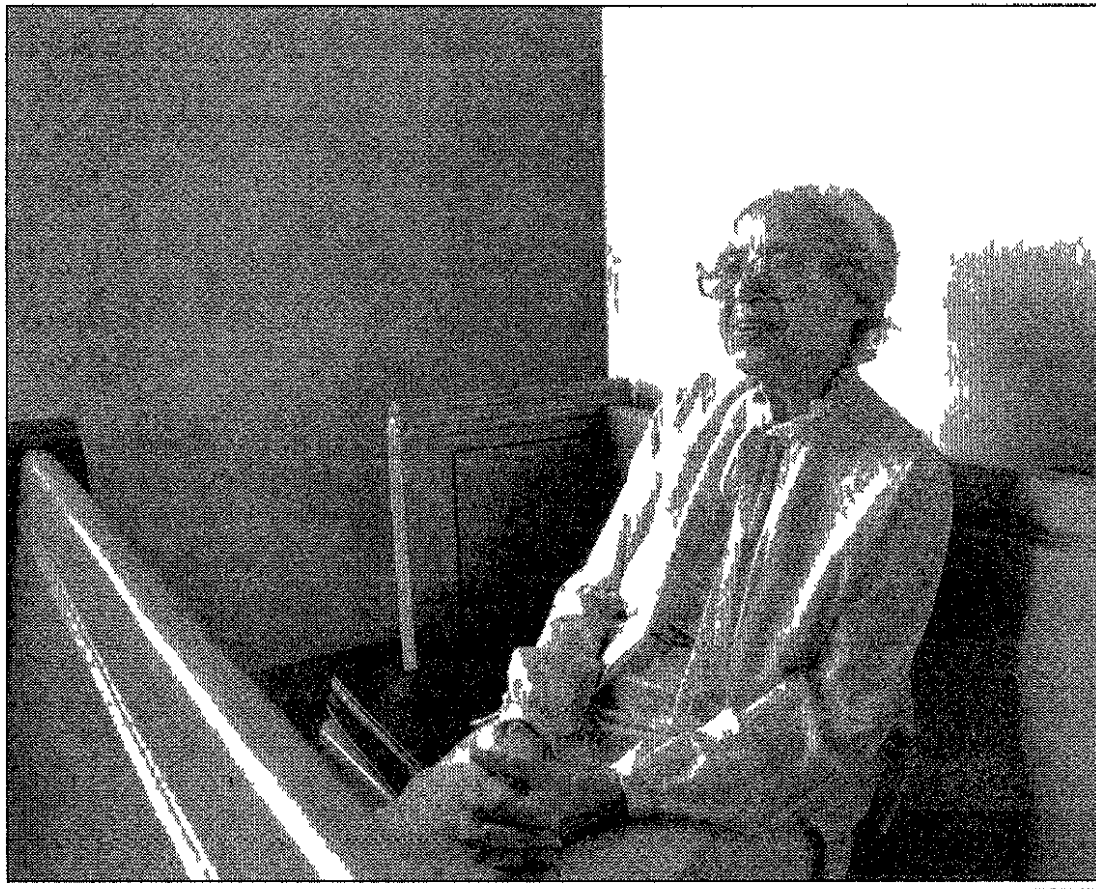
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Rosa Parks was photographed in 1993, sitting in a pew at Trinity Faith United Methodist Church in Detroit

Parks: Gentle woman 'changed America'

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Rosa Parks, who helped fuel the civil rights movement by refusing to give up her seat to a white man on a public bus, was remembered this week as a humble woman who changed the course of history with one simple, defiant, courageous act

"I think one of the things that all of us can learn from her is that one person can make a difference," said the Rev. Terrance McClain, Wayne-Westland school board treasurer. "When we are passionate about what we perceive to be wrong - and when we are courageous enough to realize that taking a stand may cause us some problems - others will join in for whatever the crusade may be."

Parks, 92, died Monday at her Detroit home - far from Montgomery, Ala., where her arrest in December 1955 led to a boycott of public buses and ultimately earned her the title of mother of the civil rights movement.

Parks, a quiet-spoken seamstress, didn't realize that her actions would thrust her into the public spotlight and make her an American icon.

"The Bible says that the meek shall inherit the earth, and she was a meek lady," said Reasther Everett, area representative for the Southeast Westland Homeowners Association. "She didn't call attention to herself - others did that. We can definitely say that she will inherit the earth. Her message has gone all over the world. She taught us that we don't have to be loud and pushy to get our message across."

Garden City Clerk/Treasurer Allyson Bettis wasn't born when Parks refused to give up her seat, but she heard about it from her parents and their friends.

"It was definitely something my parents talked about, they

'I think one of the things that all of us can learn from her is that one person can make a difference.'

Rev. Terrance McClain
Wayne Westland school board treasurer

still talk about it, she said. "It was a significant part of their lives, of all our lives. It shows that one little thing like a lady being tired and fed up, changed America, changed our lives."

U.S. Rep. John Dingell, D-Michigan, knew Parks and called her "a wonderful citizen of our state."

"When Rosa Parks refused to leave her bus seat, the world stopped," Dingell said in a prepared statement. "That brave act inspired millions - black and white - to recognize that we are all created equal and all deserve to have the same rights protected by law. 'She was a great, decent, courageous lady,' Dingell said, 'and I know God will be kind to her soul.'"

In a 1993 interview with the *Observer*, Parks said her fondest memories were of her mother, Leona.

"My mother believed in freedom and equality, even though we didn't have any then," she said.

Parks also fondly remembered the Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church she had attended in Alabama, saying, "It was founded by former slaves. I loved that church."

Parks' death has prompted an outpouring of emotion worldwide - not only from government leaders but from everyday people who say that Parks gave others the courage to face their own struggles.

"I remember very well when she refused to give up her seat," Everett said.

"I thought at that time, here

is a courageous person who had been told over and over not to sit in certain seats, but she decided that day that she wasn't moving."

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano issued a statement saying the world has joined this area in mourning "a gentle giant."

"As the mother of the civil rights movement, Mrs. Parks' quiet dignity, strength and grace changed this nation forever, and we are all better for it," he said. She embodied the words 'freedom' and justice and not just through words but through actions. Her commitment to peace and equality will forever serve as an example of the best of this country."

The Detroit area is honored that Parks made this her longtime home, Ficano said. "Her living legacy will always be treasured and remembered. Mrs. Parks lived her life as an example for us all."

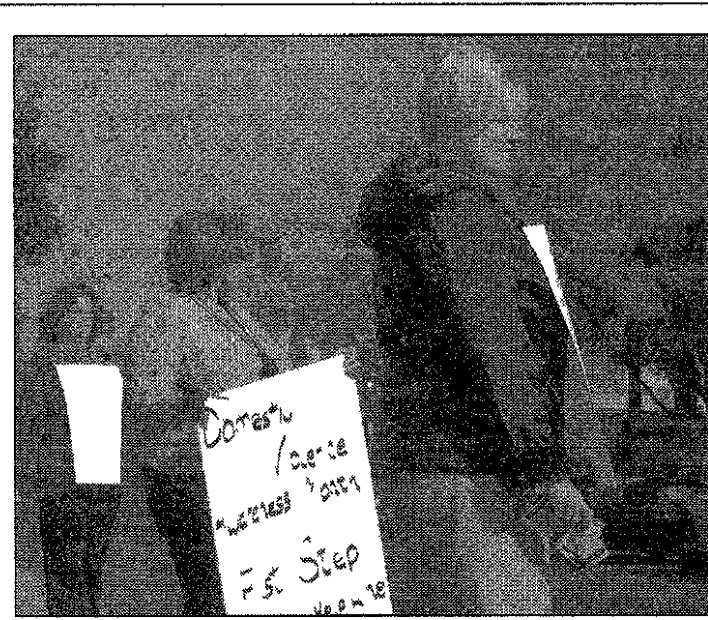
State Rep. Jim Plakas, D-Garden City, issued a statement saying that "Rosa Parks sat down on the bus so we as a nation can stand up today."

"She took a stand for justice, civil rights and equality for all," Plakas said. "With her one act of civil disobedience, she brought our nation together to fight injustice and inequality. Her entire life was dedicated to civil rights and the fight for equality. We are a better, stronger America because of Rosa Parks."

During the 1993 interview with the *Observer*, Parks said race relations have improved but still need work.

"I try to always be optimistic that we have a better opportunity to do away with racism and prejudice," she said. "Within ourselves, we have to make up our minds that we will not hate people because of their race, religion or whatever."

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Silent witness

A group of about 20 women, volunteers and staff from First Step, stand to bear witness to abuse suffered by people in domestic relationships. The Thursday noon event was designed to bring attention to Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Catherine Bunker Sarah Stalker and First Step Associate Director Amy Youngquist stand along Main Street at Ann Arbor Trail. A nonprofit agency, First Step provides shelter, courtroom support, crisis counseling and other services to the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault throughout western Wayne County.



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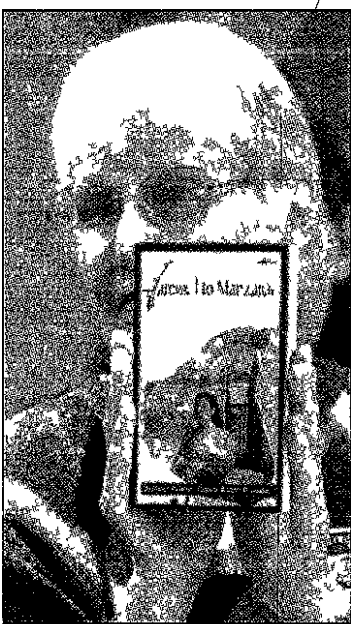
trip to Michigan, on their own time and at their own expense, after meeting Hiram at a conference in Arkansas a year ago

The conference, "Life Interrupted," was run by the Japanese-American National Museum and the University of Arkansas-Little Rock, and designed to recognize an American tragedy and a devastated community. The conference, and the Masadas experience, had special meaning to Hiram.

Her father, Soichiro Pat' Hiram, was called "Patrick" all his life, a name he was given by a teacher who didn't bother to learn how to pronounce his Japanese name," explained Hiram's mother, Cynthia. A Japanese-American, Soichiro Hiram also spent time in an American internment camp.

"My own family went through it, so it's personal, Ann-Nora Hiram said. "But it's also important for these kids to learn it could happen to them."

Hiram and the Masadas have become good friends, and



Cynthia Hiram's husband, Soichiro 'Pat' Hiram, spent the war years in the Manzanar camp. She encouraged the students to read the book 'Farewell to Manzanar.' The couple are the parents of Plymouth High School teacher Ann Nora Hiram.

they quickly agreed to help her students during their study of World War II. When one student asked Saburo Masada how they were welcomed at the camp, he pointed out there

was no such thing. "We were unloaded from trains, and given some hay to stuff what would be our mattresses," Masada said. "There was no welcome, unless you want to count the guards with their machine guns."

In the camps, the Masadas pointed out, they were put in barracks. Some were given jobs and paid minimal money. While there was some semblance of play time, it was still done behind barbed wire.

Marion Masada told students about a birthday party she attended in one of her friends' barracks. At the party, the friend's father molested her.

"I was so traumatized, so frightened I couldn't scream, she recalled. "No sound would come out of my mouth. I still see his face. His eyes were the personification of evil."

Life wasn't necessarily much better once they got out of the camps. Saburo Masada said one of the things he missed the most during his three years of confinement was the camaraderie of his buddies. But when he got out and approached them, expecting a welcome back, he was sorely disappointed.



Marion Masada explains what it felt like to be in a camp for Americans of Japanese descent during World War II. At right are her husband Saburo Masada, Canton High business teacher Ken Kaneko and Cynthia Hiram, whose husband Soichiro 'Pat' Hiram was also in a camp.

"All I got was 'hi,'" he recalled. "I was hoping they'd hug me, say they missed me, but all they said was 'hi.' Something terrible happened—they believed all the reports. There was never any incident of a Japanese-American being a spy, but they believed all those reports."

Masada also pointed out some thought the internment of 120,000 Japanese-Americans was done to protect them following the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Masada counters that argument by pointing out they were law-abiding citizens. "Someone told me they did that just to protect us, so I said, OK, these are bad times

right now," Masada said. "Maybe we should put all of us law-abiding citizens behind barbed wire to 'protect' us." She said, "Oh, that's what it took for her to get it. You don't protect law-abiding citizens by putting them behind bars." Freshman Gwendolyn Rios sympathized with the Masadas, pointing out they had to be traumatized for nothing. "They didn't do anything wrong," Rios said. "So why did they have to be in the camps?" Hiram wanted students to recognize they aren't necessarily immune to that kind of treatment, pointing out the anti-Muslim feelings of post 9/11 America. She said the

fact her students understand that is important. "It's especially important in this political environment with a significant Arab and Muslim population in our student body, that (students) learn they can speak up for their friends," Hiram said. "Silence is a sign of approval. For that mass imprisonment to happen, it required the silence of millions of people." "We have much too narrow an interpretation of patriotism, she added. "You can be just as patriotic by defending a friend's rights as you can by wearing a uniform. I'm really excited when young teenagers get that."

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vehicle accidents on Risman, at Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon and on eastbound M-14 west of I-275 (with wash-down), rescue run to a public building/school on Ann Arbor Road, open burning on Marlowe

■ Monday, Oct 24 — Residential rescue runs on Ann, on Plymouth Road and on Irvin, vehicle accident with wash-down at Ann Arbor Road

and Sheldon, single family fire on 5 Mile, vehicle accident at Joy and Sheldon

■ Sunday, Oct 23 — Rescue run on Ann Arbor Road, residential rescue runs on Ivanhoe, on Inbrook, on Haggerty and on Ann Arbor Trail, vehicle accidents on southbound I-275 south of I-96 and on Ridge south of N Territorial, carbon monoxide detector run on Meadow

■ Saturday, Oct 22 — Residential rescue runs on Coolidge, on Brentwood, on Elmhurst and on A Drive, rescue runs on Sheldon and at Ann Arbor Trail and General, rescue run to public buildings/schools on Ann Arbor Road, dumpster fire on Plymouth Road

■ Friday, Oct 21 — Rescue run to a public building/school on Plymouth Road, residential

rescue runs on Postiff, on Naples, on Cornne, on Robinwood, on Sheridan, on Northville Road, on Risman and on Haggerty, rescue run on Deer Court

■ Thursday, Oct 20 — Commercial rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road and on Main, residential rescue runs on Main, on Sycamore and on Tavistock, industrial rescue run on Haggerty, vehicle

accident on eastbound M-14 at Schoolcraft

■ Wednesday, Oct 19 — Vehicle accidents at 5 Mile and Sheldon and on northbound I-275 at Ann Arbor Road, residential rescue runs on Ann Arbor Trail, on Haggerty, on Brookline, on Robinwood, on Southworth and on Aspen, single-family fire on Sheridan rescue run at Powell and Maple Ridge

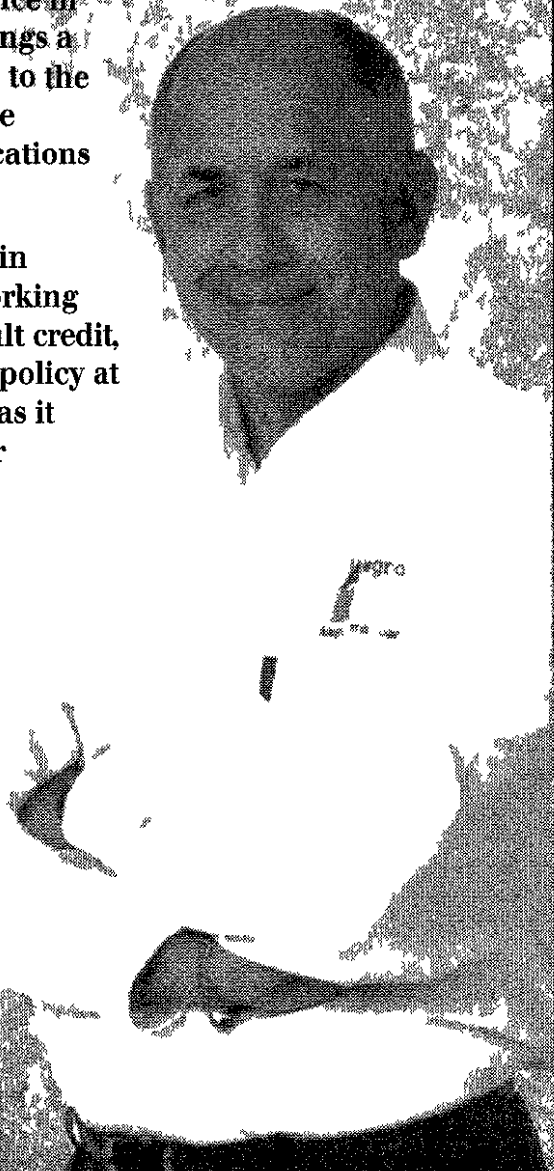
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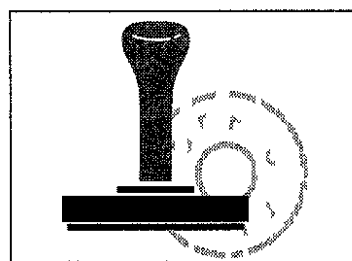
Gerald K "Jerry" Beck
Beck 69 died Oct 21

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Colvin 92 died Oct 19

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Kim Forster
Forster 42 of Plymouth died Oct 20

G
Cora Feely Graham
Graham 89 of Bloomfield Hills died Oct 21

J
Pearl C. Janke
Janke 64 died Oct 18



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Patricia A Kelly

Kelly of Seattle Wash died Oct 13

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Arthur A Koglin
Koglin 89 died Oct 17

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Frank L Moncher
Moncher 86 formerly of Bloomfield Hills died Oct 2

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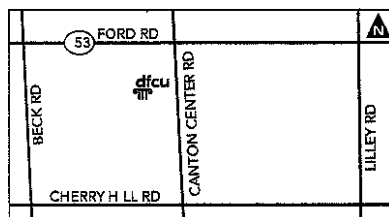
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Putting on a show

Marchers' exhibition highlights Great Lakes invite

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

The still chill that settled onto the home turf at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Saturday didn't cool the enthusiasm of some 7,000 band fans who packed the varsity stadium for the annual Great Lakes Invitational Marching Band Competition.

Twenty-six area high school marching bands, including the Plymouth-Canton marchers with an exhibition performance, took part in the musical marching spectacular.

"This is a big commitment, said Suzanne Widak who, along with husband Karl, co-chaired the event. "But we have close to 400 parents volunteering as well as 52 seniors from the National Honor Society that volunteered to help." Those volunteers manned 360 shifts during the day that

began before sunrise.

Since son Mark is a freshman trumpet player in the marching band, the Widaks decided to get involved right away.

"This is like a big family — you pitch in and you help out," said Karl Widak. "I saw the hours these kids were putting in and felt the parents have to show that kind of commitment too. This is a great group of kids and a great group of parents."

Intricate formations, a broad range of musical selections, creative choreography and amazing talent highlighted the 10-minute performances of each band. The 200 hometown marchers wowed the audience with the extremely fast-paced marching and musical prowess of their end-of-the-evening exhibition show, "Performing Inside Out."

"This is definitely harder than any show I've ever

marched in," said clarinetist Lauren Nick, a Canton junior. "We are working really, really hard. I'm very proud of everyone."

Canton senior Doug McKelvey, a trumpet player all four years, sees the potential in their now-completed program.

"We're really pushing through the season like I've never seen before," he said. "This show has the potential to go as far as we want it to go. We just have to perform it well."

That's something Marc Whitlock, director of bands at the Park, couldn't agree with more. He noted a lack of intensity in Saturday's performance after a spectacular performance the previous week at the Bands of America Regional Championships.

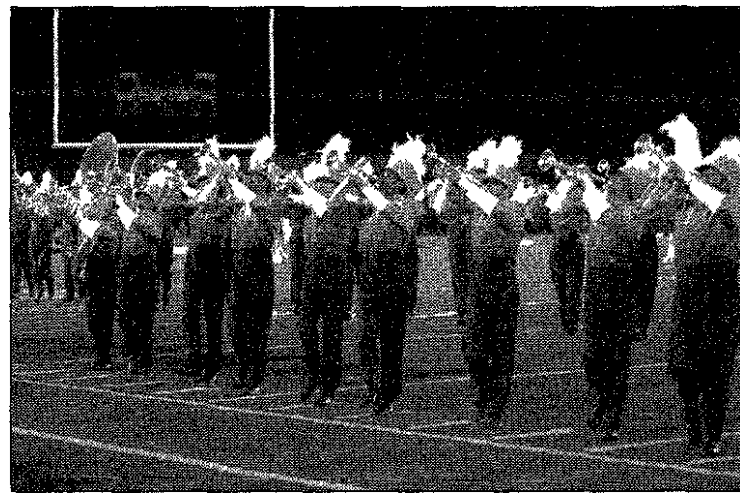
"This show is one of the best shows I have ever been part of in my entire career," he said.

Last week we were ready to step up to the obstacles. This week we gave in to them. When we don't do well, that's a choice. We will be as good as we choose to be.

Marching band is a musical sport where endurance and stamina are necessary," Whitlock continued. "This week will be about learning how to be a smarter group. We'll work on details of individual performance and endurance."

Salem senior Amber Teunis, an alto saxophonist, appreciates her director's honesty and knows from experience what needs to be done.

"There is a great sense of accomplishment when we do it well," she said. "Just like any other sport, we have our good days and our bad days. We just have to learn from our mistakes, get them out of our system and work on our performance."



DIANE HANSON

A blast of brass greets an appreciative audience during Saturday's exhibition production, "Performing Inside Out," on home turf.

Upcoming performances for the P-CEPers are Oct. 29 at Lakeland High School in Whitelake, Nov. 5 at the Pontiac Silverdome for the State Championships, and Nov. 9-11 in Indianapolis for the Bands of America Grand National Championships.

Area bands at Saturday's competition included South Lyon (first), Milford (second), Novi (fifth) and Westland John Glenn (sixth) in Flight I, Lakeland (first), and Livonia

Franklin (fifth) in Flight II, and Farmington Harrison (second) in Flight III.

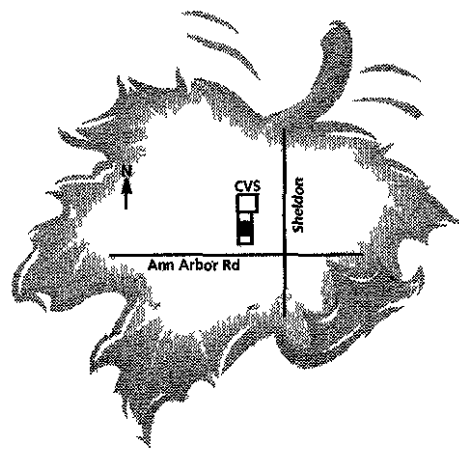
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Author's optimistic about Holy Land peace

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Dorothy Drummond remembers her third trip to the Holy Land, seeing Arab dwellers and Israeli soldiers in close proximity in Jerusalem. She wondered why peace could only be maintained at gunpoint, and why the entire world is involved in the conflict in the place so holy to Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Drummond, a retired geography professor at Indiana State University, kept a journal which her family and friends urged her to publish. She expanded it with considerable historical detail and *Holy Land: Whose Land* from Fairhurst Press, now in its second revised edition, is the result.

"I am optimistic," she said of peace in the region where the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has cost so many lives. "I think we have a chance for peace now." She cited the successor to Yasser Arafat, Mahmoud Abbas, who was elected by 67 percent of his people.

"That's such a promising thing," said Drummond, a Terre Haute, Ind., resident who recently spoke to the Plymouth A.M. Rotary. "I think that's just a wonderful affirmation."

On Oct. 20, Abbas met with President George W. Bush in Washington, D.C. Drummond has great hope that Abbas can subdue more militant elements of the Palestinians, and come to the table with Israel's Ariel Sharon, with the U.S. playing a vital role as peacemaker.

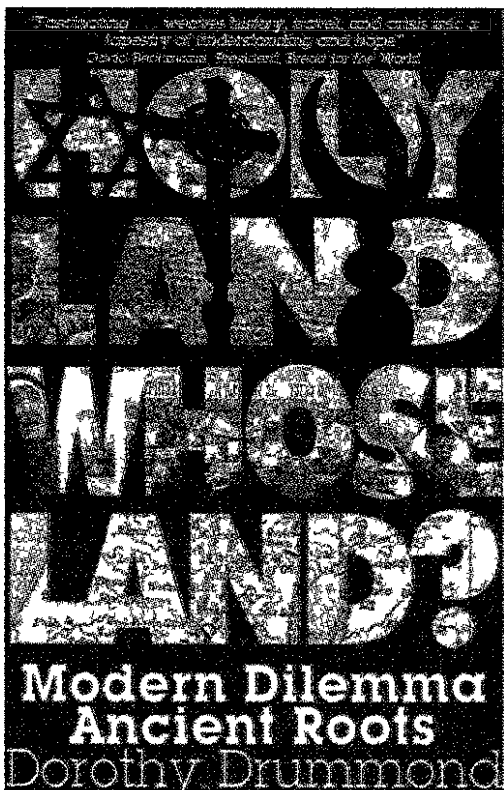
She's visited the Holy Land three times, the first in 1958 when Israel was 10 years old. She and her husband, also an Indiana State faculty member (he had basketball's Larry Bird as a student), were returning from a Fulbright program. "That was a very good experience."

Her more recent visits include 1994 and 2000, seeing Jordan and Israel. Drummond found a lot of material on the Middle East, but noted there's not much offering a complete account for the layperson.

She kept in mind the college freshmen she's taught, people who are bright but have to digest a lot of information. Drummond, of a Christian background, wrote to keep interest.

She has sympathies for both sides in the conflict, and believes the U.S. should serve as peacemaker. Drummond said broadcast sound bites need to be accurate.

"You can condense anything meaningfully. You have to start by being knowledgeable. Her book includes a number of maps.



Dorothy Drummond has been pleased with reaction to her book on the Holy Land where she has visited three times.

She recently spoke to high school teachers in Birmingham, Ala., who were interested in incorporating her book into their curriculum. She agreed high school students and older Americans should learn about the region, as it's involved in the 9/11 attacks, airport security, and other policy issues of our time.

Drummond, former president of the National Council for Geographic Education, has been pleased with reaction to her book, the current edition of which came out shortly before Arafat's death. The book, subtitled *Modern Dilemma, Ancient Roots*, is available in The Book Cellar & Cafe on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth and other area bookstores. Information can also be found online at www.dorothydrummond.com.

"It's all involved in this very critical issue," she said, urging people to become more informed about the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

She predicted the withdrawal from the Gaza in her book, and has seen other long-term trends she continues to follow.

Science teachers hold convention

The Metropolitan Detroit Science Teachers Association (MDSTA) will hold its annual convention, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at Lawrence Technological University on the corner of 10 Mile and the Lodge Expressway in Southfield, Michigan.

This year over 600 teachers and college students are expected to attend. At the conference, participants have a choice of over 110 seminars to attend and view the products and services of over 45 vendors. A few of the talks will include Grant writing, environmental topics, chemistry inquiry, glow in the dark demonstrations, GPS

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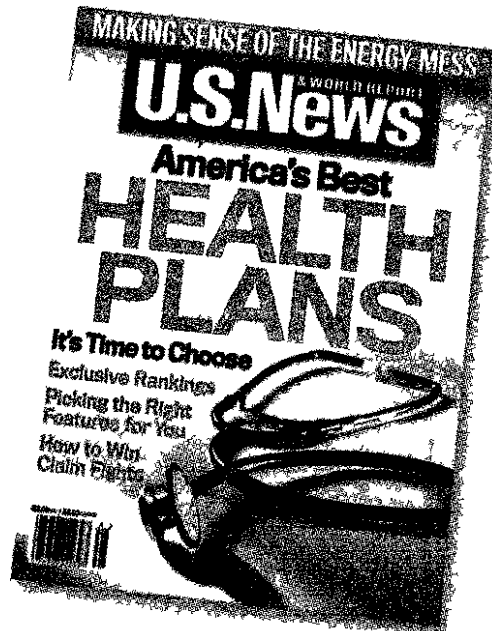
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Exhibit example of museum value

Despite changes over the years — businesses big and small, chain restaurants and independent eateries — the Plymouth community clings to a small-town heritage residents believe is the town's birthright, but which is less obvious than it used to be.

That's the beauty of the Plymouth Historical Museum's new timeline exhibit, for which museum officials held a preview Saturday night. Anyone wondering what this town used to be like can now find out.

The permanent exhibit includes the Indians and early settlers, whose first business was a blacksmith shop. It shows how forests gave way to fields and factories, with the railroad coming through in the mid-1870s.

The walkway changes as the visitor moves through time, from dirt to a plank road, where in earlier times a toll would have been paid to enter, and then brick. The Alter car, manufactured in Plymouth, is exhibited.

Also covered are the community's two movie theaters, the Penniman & Allen, which opened around the end of World War I, and the Penn, which opened in 1941 a few days before Pearl Harbor.

Women in local history are featured, with organizers working with the Phoenix Mill Women's History Museum to tell the story of women who worked in Ford industries.

There's an old Cloverdale ice cream shop and Daly's drive-in restaurant sign from more modern times, pieces of the community's history museum director Beth Stewart says "elicit a response from everybody. They were important parts of Plymouth."

So is the museum. While the top floor contains exhibits detailing the late 19th and early 20th century, the bottom level now takes you back further in time, and just as notably honors more recent history. It's got the most extensive Abraham Lincoln exhibit perhaps in the country.

And it's all done not with smoke and mirrors, but with hard work from faithful volunteers. Stewart expertly guides the museum's mission, but it's the volunteers who make the museum a Plymouth jewel.

In a community trying to enhance its future, it's nice to have a spot where you can take a look at the past. Anyone wishing to experience a taste of Plymouth's history should take in the timeline exhibit, and be thankful for the museum that created it.

Lawmakers should focus on problems, not getting re-elected

Now that the state Legislature has avoided (at least temporarily) the latest budget crisis and is settling in for its new session, it is time to help set some priorities for our elected officials.

With bad economic news a seemingly daily occurrence for our state, the first thing our leaders in Lansing need to do is pledge to actually do their jobs and not spend the time between now and next November trying to get re-elected.

What is needed is a comprehensive, bipartisan effort to solve the many critical issues facing our state. This will be even more difficult to do in an election year, but our state simply cannot afford to wait out another election cycle to take on these challenges.

Despite pledges from Democrats and Republicans alike, structural deficiencies in the state budget have not been resolved. The state is still spending more money than it takes in. We don't expect either side to discuss tax increases during an election year, but somebody needs to have the political intestinal fortitude to at least begin the conversation of what can be done long term to correct this issue.

In addition to fixing the budget problem, Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the Legislature need to end the silly argument over the direct shipment of wine into Michigan and adopt a sensible plan to bring the state into compliance with the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision.

The easiest and best way to do this is to simply allow residents to purchase wine from any producer they see fit. And while lawmakers are drafting the plan, they can score a double victory by crafting a sensible policy to collect state sales tax on all Internet and mail-order purchases, which will help with the budget crisis.

Another area to focus on is our environment. Clean air and water are critical to the state's tourism industry. The state must do whatever it can to safeguard our Great Lakes and continue to clean up polluted areas. We owe it to ourselves and our children to do so.

Instead of enduring another round of political claptrap and attack ads, it is time for this state's voters to demand better representative government, and make those politicians who refuse to do so pay with their jobs.



Rosa Parks 1913-2005

LETTERS

Column right on

George Belvitch, we've known each other for some time. Our kids played soccer and ran track together, we've discussed politics, we've talked about teachers and education, and we've even worked together building and erecting the Isbister sign.

After reading your opinion "Education system can learn a lot from 'Emperors New Clothes'" (Observer, Oct. 20) these educators of 30-plus years say THANK YOU.

Thank you for saying what needs to be said, thank you for standing up, thank you for your insights. Your writing is eloquent and your thoughts are right on. I truly hope the right people read this and listen to it.

We will be sharing your column with our respective staffs.

Harry and Karen Jachym
Plymouth Township

Residents come first

An open letter to the Plymouth City Commission.

Let me begin this open letter by stating that the only way you can improve the emergency services to your citizens would be to create your own Fire and Rescue Department which has a complete complement of trained professional firefighters and is fully equipped.

Have you forgotten some of the good reasons you approved the merger of your fire department with Plymouth Township's fire department 10 years ago?

Eliminate the duplication of equipment. Almost every time you had a structure fire, you had to call on other departments for help. The training requirements even for volunteers were extensive. Just to name a few.

You talk of using a private ambulance service for your medical emergency calls. What private ambulance company will match the three ambulances within two miles of anywhere in your city, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, like the Plymouth Community Fire Department does?

Instead of only paying 25 percent of the costs for a professional Fire and Rescue Department, you are considering paying 100 percent of the costs for a mediocre department depending on volunteers.

Is it the amount of your 25 percent that is bothering you or is it the egos of some of you?

Remember your first priority should be the quality of the fire and emergency services that you provide your residents.

Chuck VanVleck
Plymouth

Thanks, firefighters

Recently, we had a kitchen fire. The Plymouth Township Fire Department arrived quickly and promptly extinguished the fire.

Thanks to their quick response, we had only smoke damage. Capt. Hahn and his men could not have been more professional. They took steps so as not to cause any additional damage. They were extremely pleasant and showed great

concern for my situation

My thanks and gratitude to the Plymouth Township Fire Department that I still have a home.

Anne Burns
Plymouth

Kudos to theater

During the past year my family has attended several performances and functions at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. Even though we have lived in Plymouth Township for 35 years, the Village Theater has become a regular entertainment venue for us. The facility is fantastic and the staff are warm, helpful and engaging.

Canton is fortunate to have a variety of opportunities to enjoy and participate in the arts. Two of my daughters, both school teachers in Saline, have recently located their families in Canton. Canton's commitment to the arts was certainly a factor in their decision.

Don Soenen
Plymouth

Not the total history

It never fails to amaze me when I see the limitations of the historically minded person. That their historical accounts in many cases though based on truth, never encompass the totality of historical events, as is the case in Mr. Leonard Poger's response to Mr. Odetalla's letter about the history of the Palestine region.

In order to give a better image of why and how Israel acquired the non-existent land of Palestine, one has to understand how long this plan of acquisition has been in existence and where its origins were based.

It seems we never go back far enough. Mr. Poger, for if you had you may have included the negotiations of the American Zionist during WWI, as they gave America a deadly one-way ticket to enter a war we had no vested interest with in exchange for Palestine (the non-existent Palestine).

Nor does it seem that he includes in his limited historical account of the region, the fact that the Balfour Proclamation was penned by the secret hand of the Zionists intent on acquiring Palestine. That, according to history, the chosen people of God (prior to the Zionists' deliberate maligning of biblical history were actually) were "the British." Mr. Poger should probably look up a renegade Anglican Irish reverend by the name of Lewis Way so he can elaborate on his knowledge of the region and on who helped change the face of Christianity by his interruption of the "rapture," fed by close associations of the Zionists of the period no less in stature than Theodor Herzl.

It is easy to throw out facts from a data base in a search engine. Mr. Poger. It is much different than hard-core research and unbiased factual information gleaned through such dedicated practices. I suggest you try it, it may help you to see that the "stealing" of Palestine was a longtime, insidious and well-orchestrated process. It was not an event that just happened by accident.

Basima Farhat
Livonia

On working, eating smoke-free

In August 2005, CNN made a big deal about a ban being passed on smoking in thousands of businesses including more than 2,500 restaurants in Louisville, Ky., "The Heart of Tobacco Country" (article appeared in USA Today on Aug. 18, 2005). More recently, the state which is the largest grower of tobacco, North Carolina, passed a 25-cent per pack tax increase on cigarettes and of course within the past year the Michigan Legislature and governor approved a 75-cent per pack tax increase.

Across our nation, more and more states, counties, cities and towns are passing bans against smoking and/or approving cigarette pack tax increases in the fight against TOBACCO USE — THE LEADING CAUSE OF PREVENTABLE DEATH IN THE U.S.

Annually tobacco use is responsible for more than 440,000 deaths in our nation. Nearly 40 percent of these deaths are attributable to heart disease (No. 1 killer of both men and women in the U.S.), stroke (No. 3 killer) or other cardiovascular diseases. Smoking kills more people than alcohol, AIDS, car accidents, illegal drugs, murders and suicides combined.

Presently there are bills pending in the Michigan House Commerce committee, HB 4624 (would make all Michigan food establishments, including restaurants, smoke-free) and HB 4625 (would make all Michigan work sites smoke-free). Michigan state Rep. John Pastor, majority vice chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, whom I meet with on a regular basis, is supportive of these bills.

There are corresponding bills pending in the Michigan state Senate — SB 394 (would make all Michigan food establishments smoke-free) and SB 395 (would make all Michigan work sites smoke-free).

Information on how to contact Michigan state legislators is available free of charge to Michigan citizens ("A Citizens Guide to State Government") from any legislator. The guide is also available in public libraries. I would be pleased to provide assistance to anyone upon request.

Al Phillips
American Heart Association
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"Me being a teenager, my first impression would be to say it's not a good law because I use a cell phone when I drive. I guess it's good logic, but the longer you've been driving, the more second nature it is to talk and drive."

— Plymouth High School junior Kelsey Mattea, 16, on the efforts of state lawmakers to ban cell phone use for teen drivers

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Economic apocalypse descends on Michigan

What is shaping up as a likely economic apocalypse is descending on Michigan

Northwest Airlines and Delphi Corp are already in Chapter 11 bankruptcy. It would be surprising if their example wasn't followed by at least some other supply chain companies — and perhaps even auto manufacturers

The labor contracts between the auto industry and the United Auto Workers are in the process of being drastically renegotiated, whether through collective bargaining or by order of the bankruptcy court. The system that for decades provided high wages, gold-plated health care coverage and generous pensions is ending

The city of Detroit and the Detroit school system are teetering on the brink of insolvency

Economic life as we have come to know it is changing, drastically and quickly. For the auto industry, at least, an era is ending. And what's fascinating is not how fast things are moving now, but how long it's taken for an economic system based on an unsustainable business model to come unglued

That now-obsolete model was based on a work force with high costs and low skills, which the industry was able to afford thanks to high production and closed markets. Those days have ended

What is happening just now is the consequence of a perfect storm hitting the auto industry much faster and much harder than anybody expected. Some of the elements are:

Double-digit increases in the cost of health care

Sharply increased material costs for items such as steel, metals and plastics. Much of this is the result of rapidly rising demand from China and India.

A spike in the price of oil, the result of worldwide demand outstripping supply, aggravated by the effects of Hurricane Katrina.

The related rapid rise in the cost of gasoline. This has led to plummeting demand for trucks and SUVs, the domestic auto industry's most profitable offerings

Every storm is heralded by a thunderbolt. In this case, it was Delphi CEO Steve Miller's decision to put his company into bankruptcy — and his admirable candor about why. His assertion that the way the entire domestic auto industry has done business is simply not sustainable focused intense attention on the crisis

Within the next few days, General Motors obtained billion-dollar health cost rollbacks from the UAW. So what does it all mean?

First, it means the end of a long, stable era for Michigan. For more than half a century, the auto industry and the UAW collaborated in a business model that consisted of the manufacturers sup-

plying vehicles at a given cost and quality to essentially a closed domestic market. The union built the cars, and got ever-increasing wages and health care and pension benefits in return

Once foreign manufacturers figured out how vulnerable the U.S. auto market was to competition, they built new manufacturing plants that paid workers at industry-wide scale, but avoided the vast "legacy costs" of health care and pensions

These competitive pressures are now breaking down this cozy system. Some of the demolition is happening immediately, more will take place when existing labor contracts are renegotiated in 2007

Second, the new reality almost certainly deals a death blow to the remnants of private "defined benefit" health care and pension plans. In a defined benefit system, the employer undertakes to provide workers and retirees with a certain level of health care and pension payments, regardless of cost

This will be replaced by "defined contribution" plans, in which employers contribute a defined amount to these plans. Any shortfalls in cost or coverage are thereby shifted to the workers or retirees

The defined benefit model for generations has been the prevailing system for all kinds of "security blanket" social benefits, both from the private and the public sector. They include pensions, health care, Medicaid and a list that goes on and on

Over the next few years, I suspect, defined benefit programs will become extinct, not only in Michigan, but nationwide

The social and political consequences could be enormous. Consider, for example, the feelings of anger and disappointment of thousands of families that considered themselves solidly middle class, but who are now suddenly threatened with sharply reduced pensions and vastly increased health care expenses

Historically, the most volatile group in any society is that which finds itself "de-classed" — i.e. pushed down from one class to another — by events beyond its control

The UAW has pointed out, for example, that the \$10 an hour wages demanded by Delphi's Miller amount to \$20,800 a year, less than half the median income in America

It won't do much to assuage workers' anger, but perhaps the first "defined contribution" fringe benefit the auto and parts companies should give their workers and retirees is a copy of Thomas Friedman's new book *The Earth Is Flat*

It's the best presentation yet of how the rapidly globalizing world economy is shaking all previous assumptions about economic competition. It's a message that everybody now working anywhere needs to learn — and take to heart

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan. He would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@hcnnet.com



Phil Power

District needs support determining what's too hot, cold or just right

We are enjoying the benefits of the great start to the 2005-06 school year. By now, most of our parents have been to open houses, parent/teacher conferences and even may have received the first report card. As usual, there are many positive activities and successes occurring in our schools

However, all is not blue skies in the school district. The tragedies of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita were at times overwhelming. I was proud of the way our students, staff, parents, and community members stood tall to offer support to the victims of these natural disasters. More than \$40,000 was raised in our schools for hurricane relief

One of the big by-products of the hurricane damage was the effect upon our utility costs. Prices for gas, diesel fuel, natural gas and electricity have risen dramatically. We will be recommending mid-year adjustments in our utility budgets to make sure we have accounted for these costs. Having already raised our utility budget by 8 percent for two years, this is an additional increase that we could not anticipate

As insignificant as this may seem compared to the suffering of those affected by the hurricanes, it still is frustrating to us as the guardians of your tax dollars. I am proud to report that the audit of the 2004-05 budget saw us reduce the beginning budget deficit of \$7.2 million down to \$1.7 million by the end of the year

That was the result of a good team effort between our Board of Education, administration and our staff. Everyone is aware of our limited resources and respects how we use them

I can remember reading the story of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* to my grandchildren. When we got to one of the key parts of the story, I said that one bear said the porridge was too hot and one said it was too cold

What's my point? My point is we need your support to help us be conservative users of the energy it takes to run the district. Please have your children dress in layers in the cold weather. With some of our older heating systems, some rooms are too hot, some too cold, and some are just right. As we dial down in the winter to save energy, I hope we can count on your sacrifice and support in this area.

When I got to the third bear, I started to say what he said, and before I could read it, my beautiful granddaughter said in a slow, drawn out fashion that it was "Ju-u-u-st Ri-i-ght." I laughed then and I chuckle now as I write this

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My best wishes to each of you as we come up upon many different types of celebrations for the holiday season. May it be a time of celebration, of family and of appreciation and respect for all people and all cultures. You are the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, and I am proud to be your superintendent. Thank you for all your support

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Agencies are ready to help with soaring home heating costs

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

With cold weather on the way and home heating prices guaranteed to be higher than they've been in decades, public assistance organizations are putting the word out that there's help, advice and cash available to get people through the coming Michigan winter.

The Salvation Army, the Michigan Public Service Commission and The Heat and Warmth fund held a press conference last week to let people know there are many avenues of help available to get heating assistance this year.

Salvation Army Maj Norman Marshall said between the recent hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico and the global market for petroleum products, it's going to be expensive to heat a home this winter.

"The rising cost of utilities

will impact every Michigan household," he said. "The increase is expected to be between \$40 and \$60 (a month), but I think that's conservative."

MPSC Chairman J Peter Lark said he would be making tours of the state to put the word out about the resources — both in terms of advice and aid — the state has to offer.

He said people are going to need all the help they can get. "The winter energy appraisal predicts that heating costs will increase to \$187 a month, based on a 1,200- to 1,800-square-foot home," Lark said. "That's \$59 over last year, assuming we have an average winter."

Whatever passes for average (last winter was slightly warmer than the one before it) prices have been slowly marching upward since the turn of the century. The average cost to heat that hypothetical home was \$88 in 2002,

\$114 in 2003 and \$128 last year. A potential bright spot Michigan has the eighth-lowest natural gas prices in the country.

Still, there are a lot of simple things to do to reduce the impact of higher gas prices.

"Now is the time to start planning and take easy steps to minimize the costs," Lark said. "Dial down the thermostat and put up weather stripping. A programmable thermostat costs \$40 and can save that much money in the first month."

The programmable thermostat dials itself down at night and during the day when no one is at home. Every degree cooler a house is, he said, represents a 3-percent reduction in heating cost.

He also said utility companies offer payment plans that can prevent people from being cut off in the middle of the cold season. The MPSC has given out \$150 million since

2002 in the form of grants to heating-related aid organizations and he said that only a third of the people who qualify for that aid ever ask for it.

Kathy Walgren of The Heat and Warmth fund (THAW), said her organization was created during the last energy crisis and continues to this day helping low-income people keep the heat on during the cold months.

She said when people can't pay to heat their homes the right way, they turn to more dangerous alternatives like kerosene heaters and candles. The number of people in that situation is expected to rise.

"There's the traditional group of the continually unemployed and there's the working poor," Walgren said. "But the fastest-growing segment of the 'poor' population are people who are 150 to 200 percent over the poverty line. These are people who've never looked for help before."

Experts discuss Rouge River issues

The Rouge River, which was once a synonym for urban environmental problems, has become one of Michigan's leading examples of progressive urban land use policy over the last 15 years.

That's according to organizers of Rouge 2005, which will feature reports on the status of the river and its watershed by elected officials, environmental professionals and community leaders at a meeting at the University of Michigan-Dearborn at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29.

The meeting will end at noon with the dedication of the Rouge River Gateway Greenway Trail, a path through the campuses of Henry Ford Community College and UM-Dearborn, connecting Hines Drive and the Wayne County parks with the entertainment and shopping districts in west Dearborn.

Rouge 2005 is the 15th consecutive report to Rouge River watershed stakeholders who have worked together to clean up the river and expand the region's capacity to make the Rouge a recreational and environmental asset to the community. The Rouge River watershed spans approximately 438 square miles, and is home to more than 1.5 million people in 48 communities and 3 counties.

"Thanks to the bipartisan work in Michigan's congressional delegation, led by

John Dingell, what once was one of the most polluted rivers in the country has become much cleaner over the past 20 years," according to Edward Bagale, vice chancellor for government relations at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and co-chair of the Rouge River Gateway Partnership.

The Rouge River Gateway Partnership is a coalition of businesses, cultural and academic institutions and governmental agencies along the Rouge River.

Much of the progress on the cleanup of the Rouge has been spurred by the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project, a cooperative effort among federal, state and local agencies supported by grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and additional funding from local communities. The EPA grant has been managed by Wayne County since 1992 and county executive Robert Ficano will be one of the speakers at the session.

Other speakers will include Gloria Jeff, director of the Michigan Department of Transportation, Dearborn Mayor Michael Guido, and members of the state's congressional delegation.

The meeting is free and open to the public, but registration is requested. Those planning to attend should call (313) 593-5140, or send an e-mail to ebagale@umich.edu.

Make house ready, efficient for winter

The cold is coming, but before you go out and buy a space heater for your living room, there are other smaller steps that can make your house more heat-efficient and save money during the winter.

■ Clean or replace furnace filters regularly, in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

■ Install weather stripping around doors and seal windows with plastic to keep

warm air from leaking out of the house through cracks.

■ Lower the thermostat on your water heater. A setting of 120 degrees is comfortable for most uses.

■ Add insulation to attics and walls if needed.

■ Install a programmable thermostat that automatically dials the temperature down at night and when no one is at home.

■ Insulate your hot water

storage tank and pipes, but don't cover the thermostat.

There are also multiple avenues for people who need more than weather stripping and plastic on the windows.

■ The Michigan Public Services Commission, in creating the Winter Protection Plan, has made \$41 million in grants available to seniors, people receiving assistance from the Michigan Department of Human

Services and those below 150 percent of the poverty level.

■ Michigan Home Heating Credit forms, from the Michigan Department of Treasury, will be available by the end of January wherever tax forms are located. Forms have to be filled out by Sept. 30, 2006.

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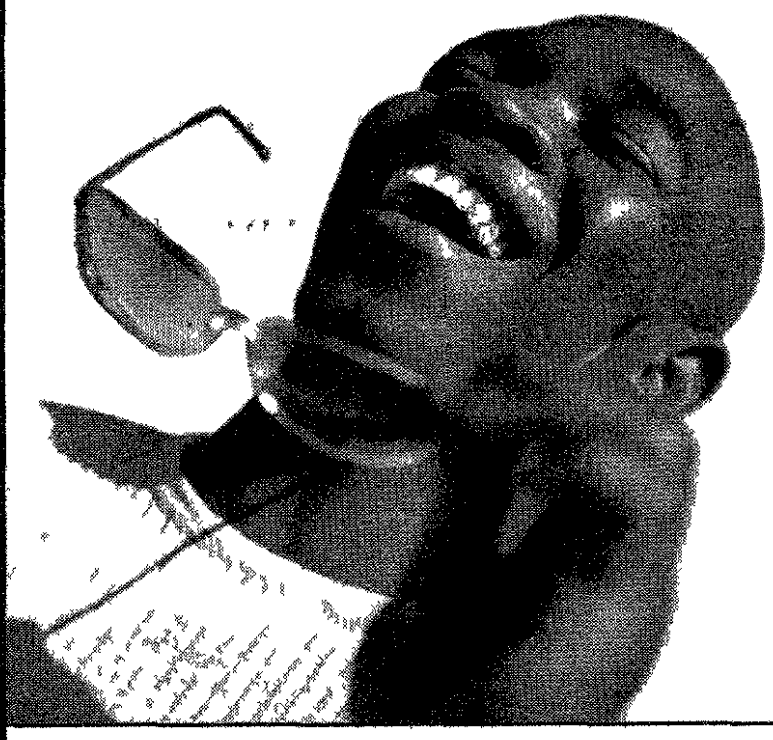
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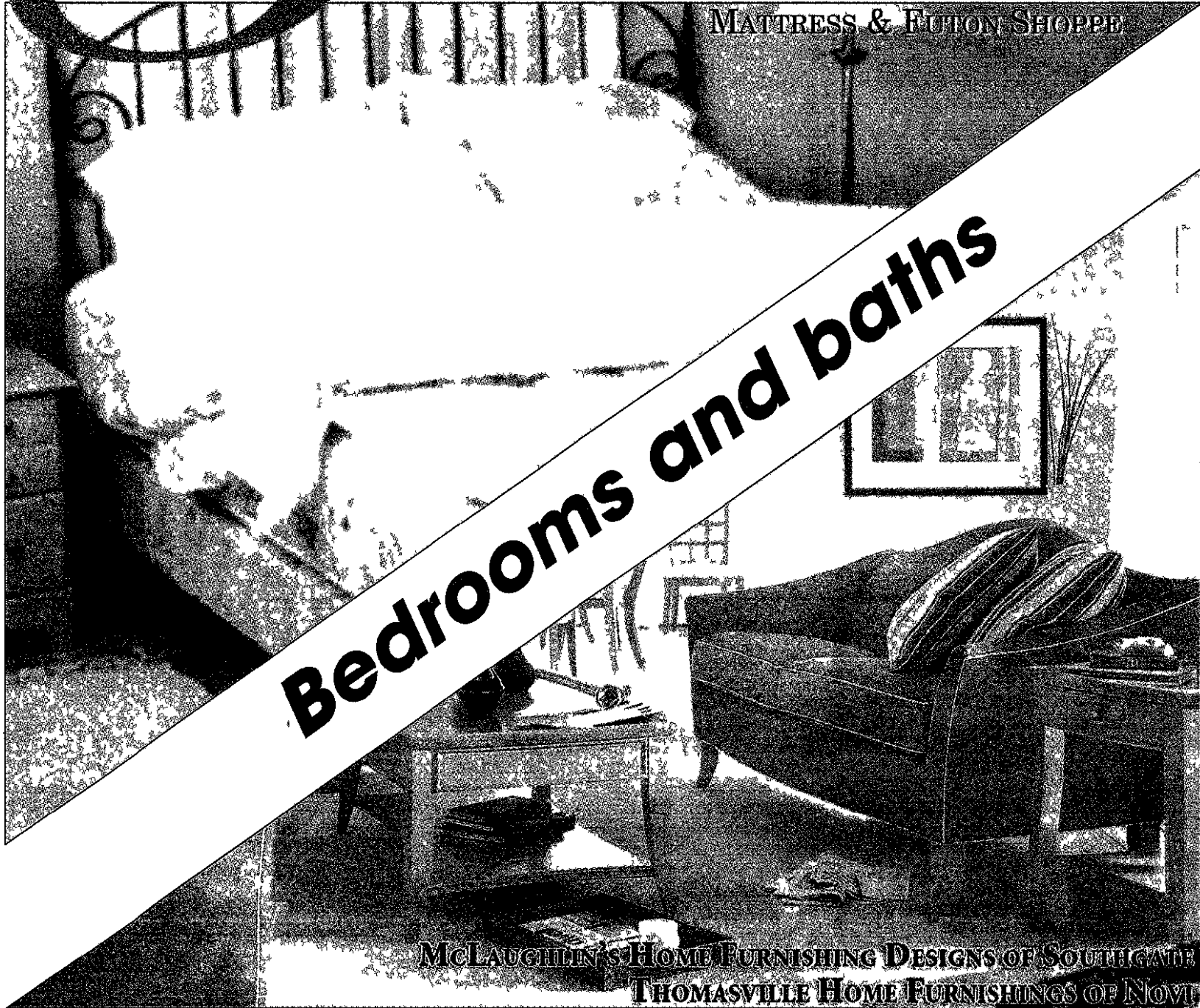
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Eclectic tastes reign in bedroom

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

When it comes to furnishing bedrooms, eclectic is the name of the game. Woods, stones and metals are all emerging as statements of style and design in the bedroom, according to Barbi Krass, director of design and owner of Colorworks Studio in West Bloomfield.

"Rarely do I see (clients) buy a whole furniture set," Krass said. "They are packaging them individually. They might have hand-painted night stands, deep standing armoires and metal (brass or wrought-iron) beds."

Chris Newell has watched a variety of customers with a variety of tastes over the years.

The owner of Chris Furniture in Livonia says the tastes of today's consumers are divided between contemporary and traditional.

"But then you get people who are looking at transitional pieces," Newell said. "It's a wonderful way of blending styles and colors."

"It's an interesting time to decorate. I'm seeing people mixing metal beds with wood furniture. It's really a fun time."

In many of the lofts Krass is designing (one in Detroit was featured on HGTV), the classic modern style is popular in places like Birmingham and Royal Oak.

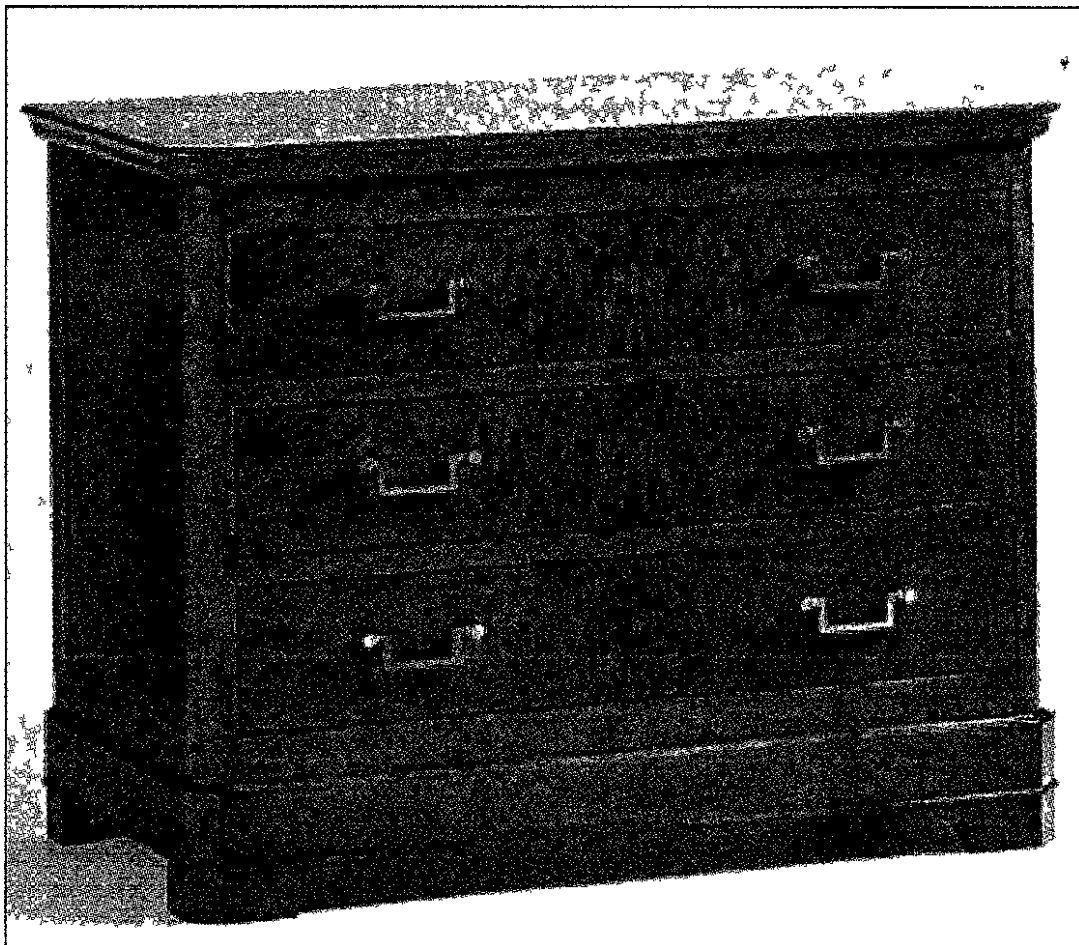
"It's more of a young crowd, and they really like the clean lines," Krass said.

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Furniture "floats off the ground" or is free-standing.

Beds are considered more as a piece of furni-

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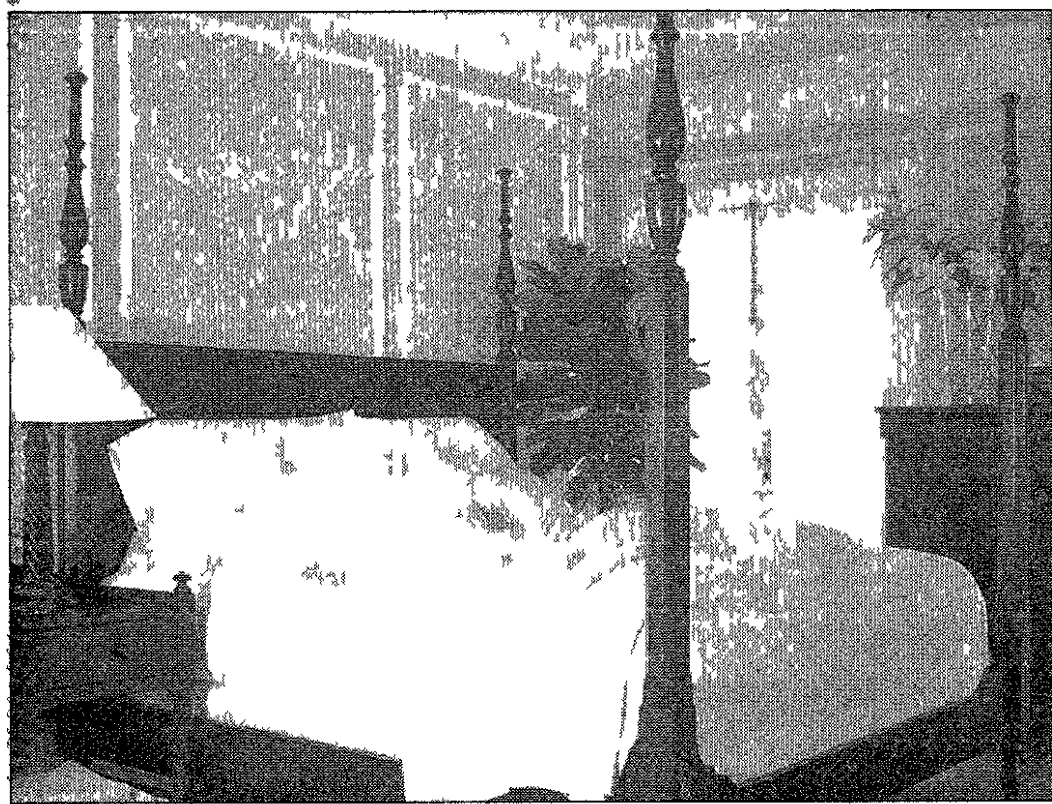


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ture with custom-builds to fit bodies, styles and space.

"With the pillow-top mattresses, the industry hasn't quite caught up with it yet," Krass said.

Beds feature taller headboards. With many bedrooms now featuring 9-foot ceilings that often peak at 12-15 feet, headboards are reaching 6 and 7 feet.

"It's a dramatic look, but it offsets the high ceiling," Krass said.

Popular wood styles include cherry. "There's a lot of different finishes, and they are very nice," Newell said. "Slowly but surely, we're doing away with oaks. We do a lot of maple and pine is creeping back in like it did 20 years ago, but it isn't the dark finish, rather a light or painted finish."

Krass sees a lot of mahogany and cherry. Furniture sizes are changing, too.

"With the flat-screen televisions we are doing a lot of low furniture, the low dressers or combination dresser," Krass said.

"They also like a wine bar or a snack bar in the bedroom and use a warming drawer in the bathroom to warm towels."

That drawer is the same type of warming drawer used in kitchens, Krass said. Wine and snack bars are installed in sitting areas, vanity or closets,

she added.

Armoires are an important part of the furniture stock in the bedroom, Newell said.

"It's good for storage," she said. "They can put in a TV and it gives it a clean look in the bedroom." Dressers also have evolved into "chessers," a combination of chest and dresser, Newell said.

"They are shorter in width, but higher (than a dresser)," she said of chessers.

Furniture remains traditional in style, Newell said.

"The important thing is the high quality," she said. "People love it, that high-quality, solid wood, that they will only buy once in a lifetime."

Sitting areas adjacent to bedrooms are now a popular feature in some higher end homes when more square footage is available, Krass said. Seating, writing desks, additional storage and additional closets are some of the features.

It can be an area of relaxation or just a place for a cup of coffee with a spouse.

Colors like rainwater blue and shell pink, lighter blends of color, are popular in bedrooms.

"People are trying to relax at home, and they are spending a lot more time in the bedroom," Krass said.

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A sink to die for

The wash basin has turned work of art

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Bet you never imagined getting excited about a bathroom sink

But today's sink offerings — from stone to glass to polished ceramic — make it tough to resist such enthusiasm

"People are designing their bathrooms around them," said Kristina Harlan, manager of Herald Wholesale, an 18,000 square-foot showroom of plumbing, lighting and hardware in Oak Park

That's because many of today's bathroom sinks, particularly the popular above the counter vessel types, are practically works of art

Indeed, manufacturers are even producing one-of-a-kind and custom sinks. Alchemy, which is carried at Herald Wholesale, is one such company

They're as unique as you are. They really are, Harlan said

But hold on to your hand towel and don't forget the practical purpose of a bathroom sink before you go shopping for a sassy new one, Harlan warned

Homeowners need to keep in mind how often they'll be using the sink, where it's located in the home and who exactly is going to be using it

"The main consideration is where it's going to be used and

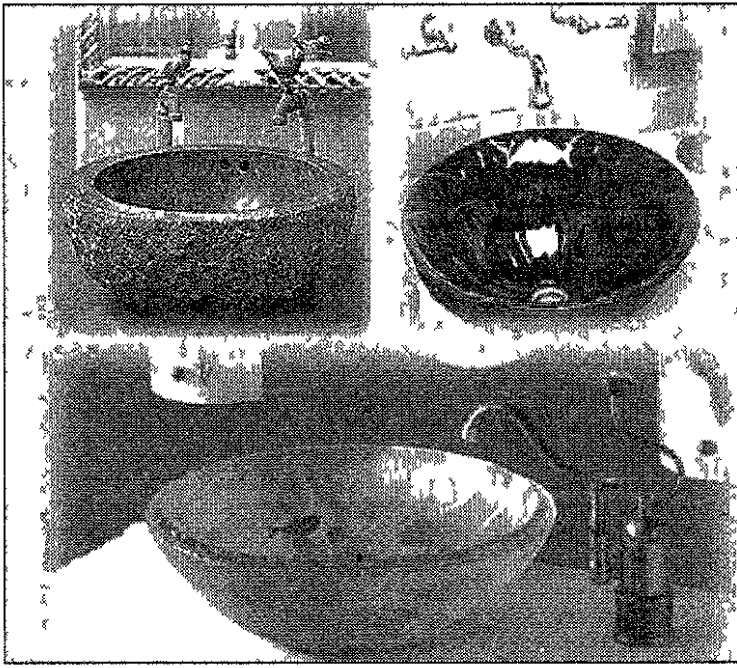


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Vessel sinks for bathrooms are still popular with homeowners

the function. You have to be leery because not every one of these sinks is practical," Harlan said. "If it's more something for show, you can do anything, but if it's for use, we try to steer our customers toward something that is stone, china or glass similar to Pyrex."

Such materials are more durable and resist cracking from hot water. Obviously, a sink that's more delicate or difficult to clean isn't necessarily the one you want in the bathroom to use daily.

The point is, you can get far more creative in a foyer or guest bathroom that's used infrequently than you can in the children's bathroom.

Likewise, the depth of the sink is an important practical consideration. For a regularly used sink, the depth should be at least 6 inches and, ideally, 8

inches, Harlan said.

When choosing a depth, don't forget to factor in the size of the faucet you've selected, too. Harlan suggests selecting a sink first and then a faucet to accompany it.

"You can do it the other way, but you're a lot more limited because there are a lot more faucets than there are sinks," he said.

And before you fall in love with a sink that's a work of art, don't forget to do a style check. Is your bathroom contemporary or traditional?

"That's really the very first question homeowners should ask."

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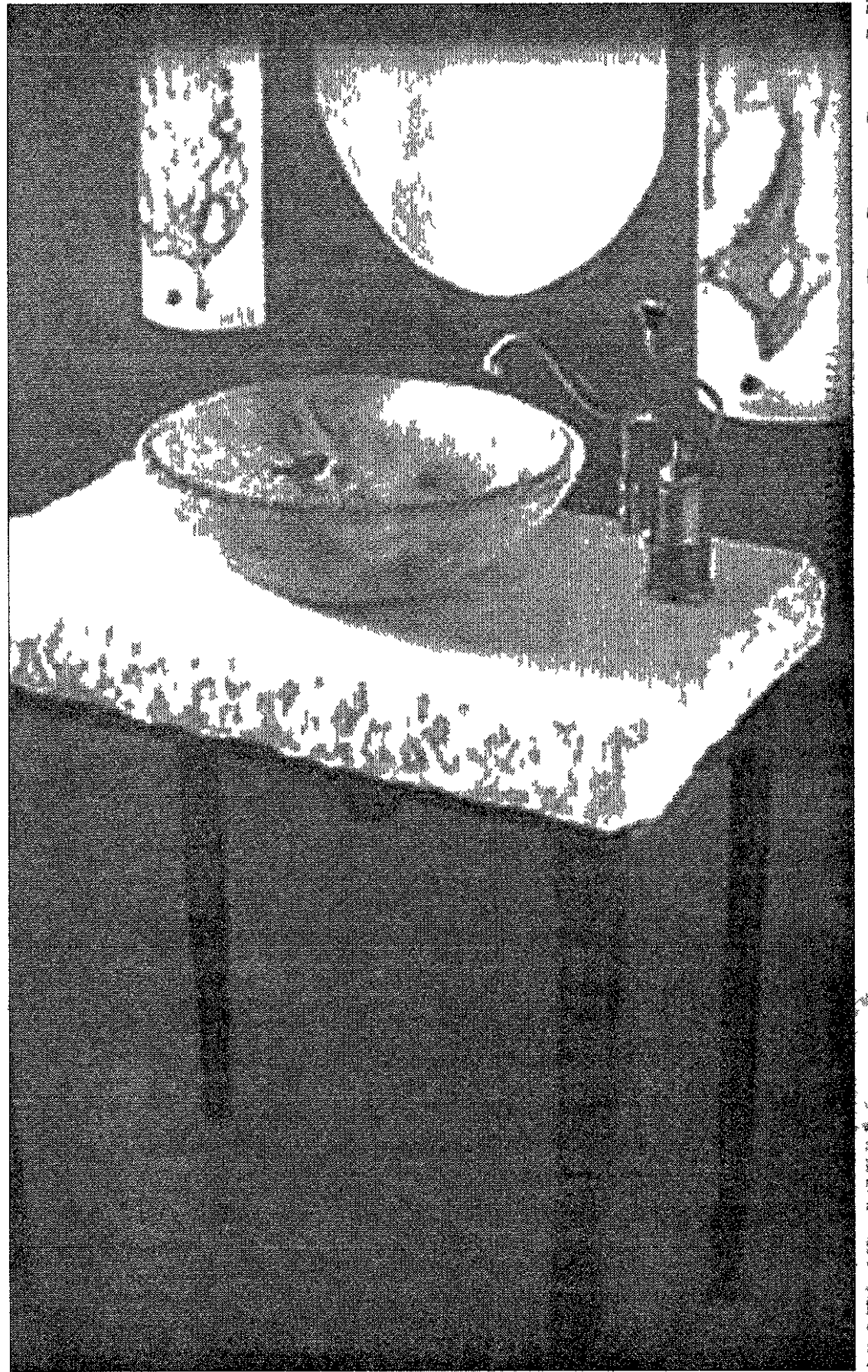


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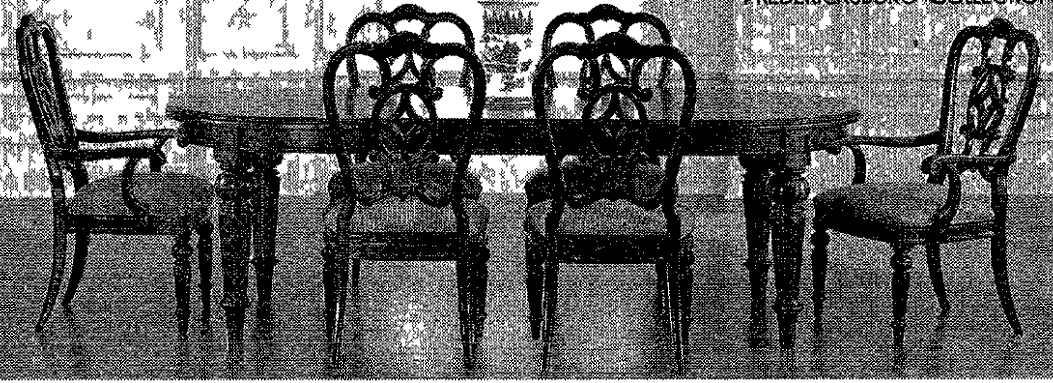
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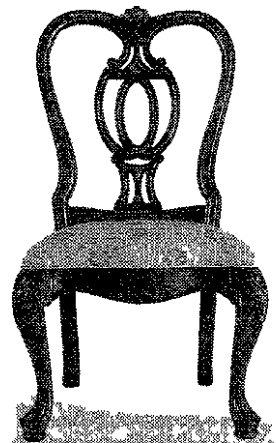
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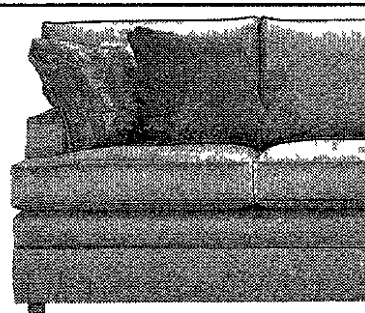
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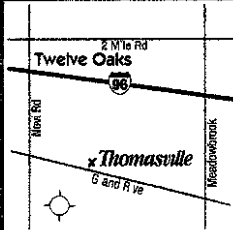
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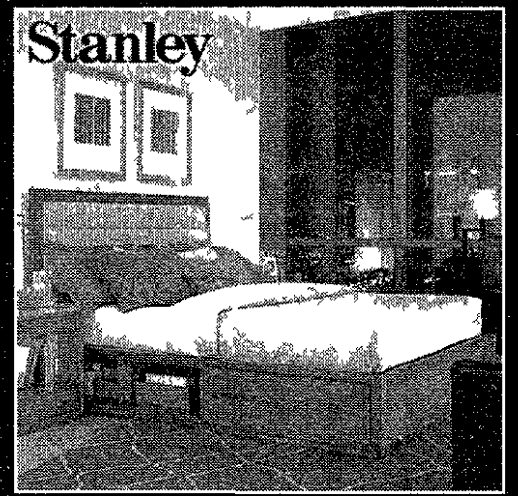
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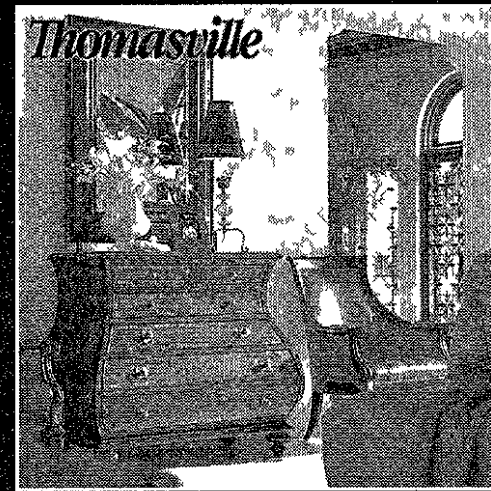
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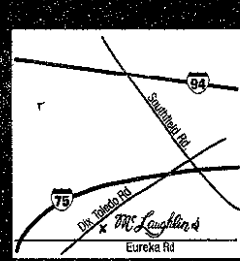


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FILE TALK

For bathrooms, it's all about the look of stone

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Stone Stone and more stone That's the talk of bathrooms and what people want most today

Neutral colors still dominate most major rooms in homes, despite the bold colors on many paint store palettes today

But in the end, neutrals are chosen because they make rooms look bolder and because light colors, for many, give a friendly feeling

But if you want to get a bit more daring with color, the bathroom is the place to do it Start neutral and add some bold color for accents

Something that's only gotten stronger is the stone look, said Caroleynne Abdou of The Tile Shop in Farmington Hills It's the big thing that won't change and it's not a fad

The popular look is slate - be it the real thing or quality reproductions

"People still ask for color when they first walk into the store, but they still go for neutrality in the end for major floor areas, Abdou said Bold color accessories pump up the room in moldings and border ideas"

Terra-cotta, rusts and multiple reds Even in the neutral shades, there are differences in how bold you might want to go Medium limestone is popular

In a bathroom, almost any type of tile goes since it's not a high traffic area like the kitchen You can use porcelain or ceramic, Abdou said

What's popular today, in any color, is ceramic and porcelain tile from floor to ceiling

Neutral colors will always be the most popular, but some people are starting to go a little darker," said Dan Joandrea of Gold Star Home Remodeling in Sterling Heights "Darker colors in the bathroom, with lighter accents"

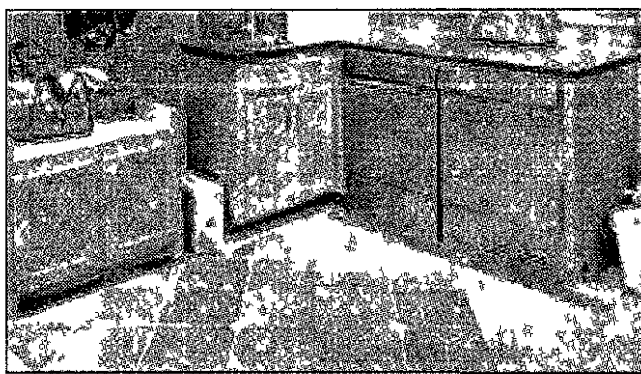


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Slate and stone are popular flooring choices and the demand for them is growing for bathrooms

Or vice versa To make a cream- or beige-colored bathroom more interesting, bold accents scattered throughout are an easy way to introduce color yet keep the room appealing for potential buyers

Walk down the aisles of any major home repair store like Lowe's or The Tile Shop, and the ideas are endless

Red accents make white bathrooms more interesting A few scattered ceramic tiles, red ceramic edging on borders and red candles or photo frames can add warmth

Cobalt blue, nutmeg and terra-cotta are also popular choices

But the cobalt blue is usually for the children's bathrooms, it's rarely used for adults

Today's new homes have bathrooms for the boy and the girl, practically for every bedroom And for those rooms, blue with accents is the color at the moment

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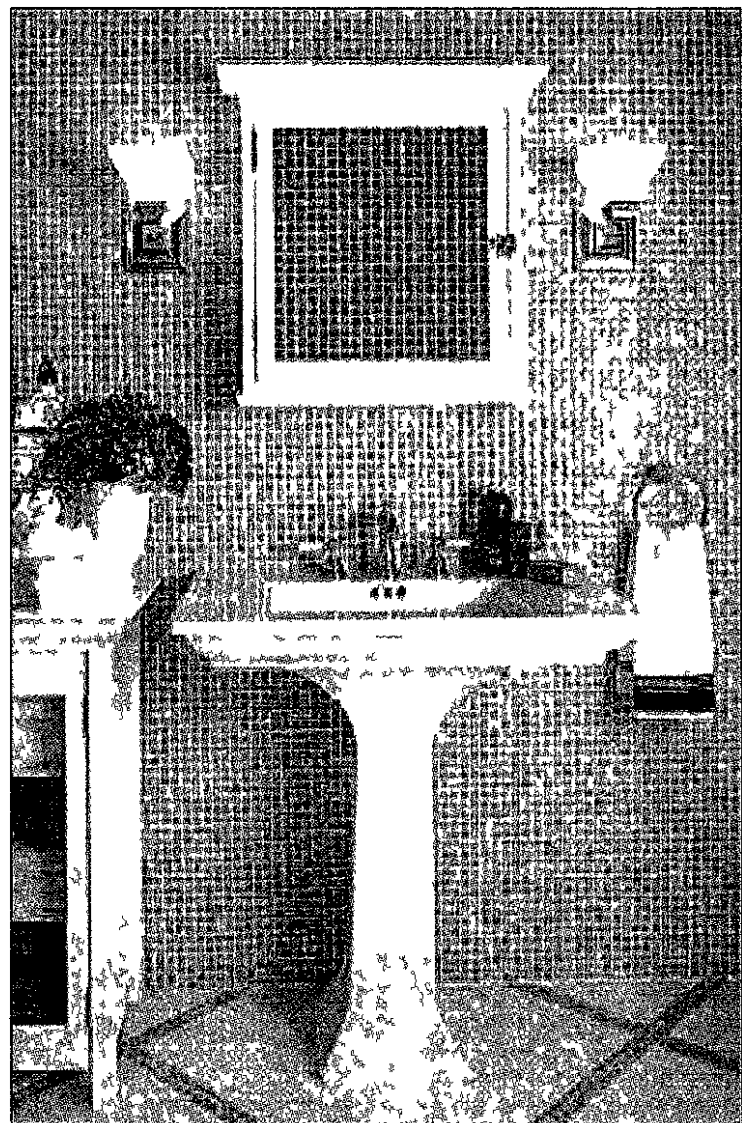


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The sky blue mosaic tile by Heidi, at the Tile Shop, is a good representation of the popular blues in today's bathrooms

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Ceiling fans move the air with flair

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Setting or enhancing style in a room can be a breeze with a ceiling fan

These days, ceiling fans are more than utilitarian items. They are stylish statements that move the air with flair.

"There are so many more options," said Patrick Goisdzinski, salesperson at Pine Tree Lighting in Lake Orion.

The motor housing and blades of ceiling fans come in an almost endless variety of materials and designs that can blend with other decor or stand out as a focal point in a room.

Want to go with wood over metal? You can choose from 36 different woods, according to Pine Tree Lighting salesperson Mike Heitmann.

"You can match the wood to any wood you have in the house," he said.

"You really have to come in to appreciate (the varieties of ceiling fans)."

Among popular finishes are oil-rubbed bronze, patina and brushed nickel, Goisdzinski said.

Blades can look like giant leaves or woven bamboo.

Housing can take on an Old World look with elegant scrollwork, resemble pottery, quarried stone or saddle leather, be ringed with African masks, or be replicas of a log cabin or Asian temple with interior-lighted windows.

Contemporary styles include three dramatic designs by

Fanimation: the Centaurus™, which features blades bent in half, Volare™, with five angular blades that seem to float in the air, and Enigma®, with only one blade.

The Kitty Hawk design, exclusive to Pine Tree Lighting, features blades that resemble the wings of the Wright brothers' plane.

Another design features housing shaped like the nose of a plane and blades shaped like propellers.

Blades in the Maui Bay design are long and slender and look as if they had been taken from an exotic tree.

At Lowe's in Westland, Harbor Breeze's Key West model features a vintage pewter finish and wicker-weave blades.

The Baseball Fan by Hunter has the sport as its theme, including housing shaped like a mitt, blades shaped like bats and a light shaped like a ball (complete with stitching).

Lowe's also carries fragrance strips that attach

to the tops of ceiling fan blades. Among the scents are island breeze, apple cinnamon and mountain pine.

Styles at The Home Depot in Livonia include the Carousel II by Hampton Bay, with two different sets of blades that offer four different looks - white, pastel colors, bleached oak and primary colors.

Hampton Bay's St. Regis features an ancient bronze finish and cherry or dark teak blades.

Ceiling fans with vertical rotation are available, as are remote control features.

Ceiling fans are being made in larger sizes - 60 and 72 inches - to accommodate larger homes. They make a more even distribution of heat in the winter.

ROTATION

The "forward" setting on a fan blows the air down, and creates a breeze that is felt by a person under the fan, the "reverse" setting blows the air up, and no breeze is felt.

According to the Wonder Quest Web site (www.wonderquest.com), turn the fan to reverse during the winter to circulate warm air without blowing air down and cooling in the process. Hot air rises, and a ceiling fan rotating in reverse mixes the air.

Sometimes the opposite is done in areas with high ceilings, such as a stairwell, the Web site said.

In the winter, a fan running "forward" moves warm air into

the lower levels of a house, where residents spend their time during the day. They don't feel a draft because they are far away from the fan.

Considerations when looking for a ceiling fan include the size of the room and the height of the ceiling, the Pine Tree Lighting staffers said.

Also, keep in mind that a ceiling fan in an area with recessed lighting would create a strobe effect, they said.

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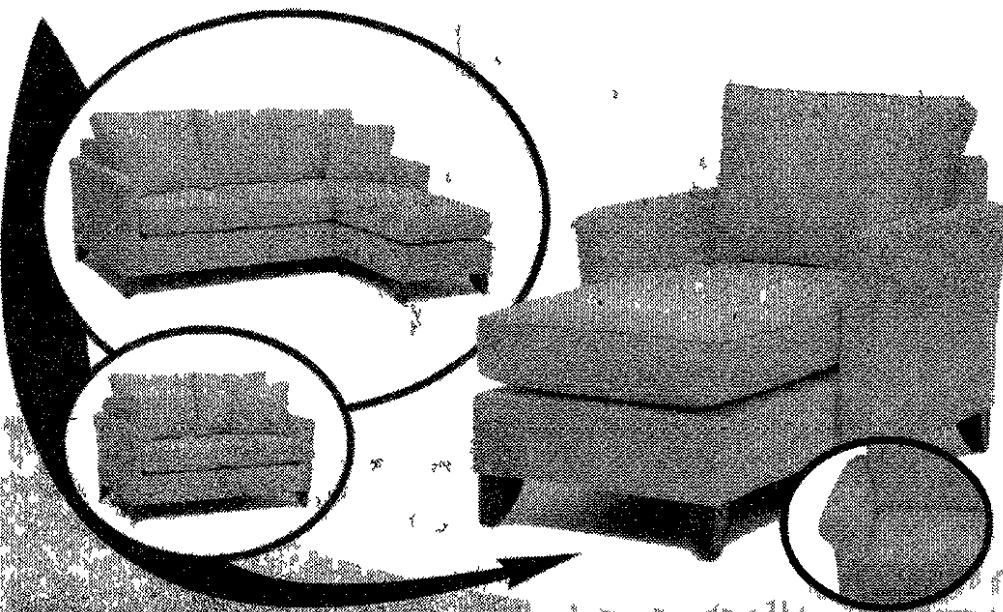
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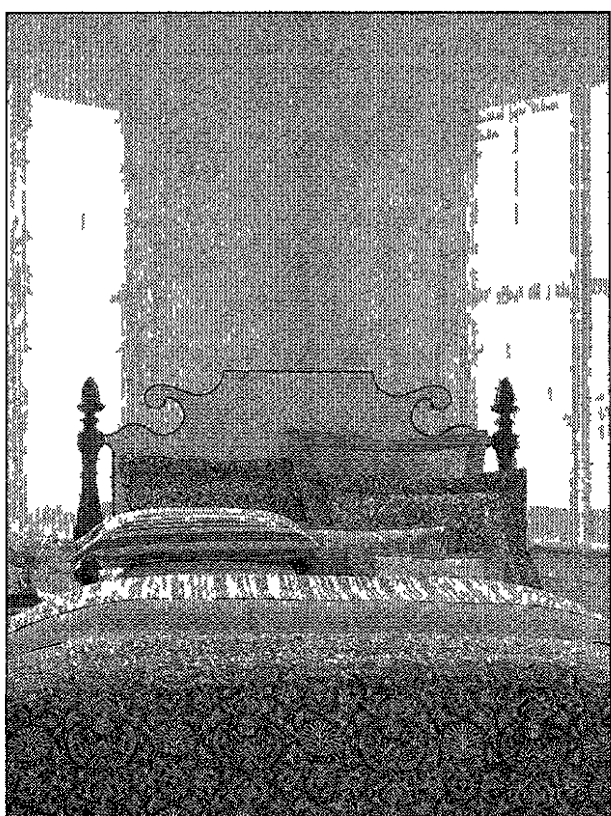


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By Thomas O'Brien

New York designer Thomas O'Brien coined the phrase 'warm modernism' with his easy, elegant style, blending old and new and mixing antique finds with contemporary materials. Marshall Field's carries his entire Thomas O'Brien® Home Collection, including furniture by Hickory Chair, lamps, dinnerware, bedding and bath. Shown here are the collection's Venetia queen duvet, \$200 and queen sheet, \$85. Items are available at Marshall Field's stores, at fields.com and by calling (800) MFIELDS.

If you are thinking about remodeling your bathroom, you aren't alone.

There were about 8 million bathroom remodels in the United States in 2004, plus 4.6 million in new bathroom constructions, according to the National Association of Home Builders and National Kitchen and Bath Association.

All that bathroom remodeling cost a whopping \$24 billion, with about half the projects costing under \$1,000.

In the 18th anniversary issue of *REMODELING Magazine's* Cost vs. Value Report, which comes from a private research study in conjunction with the National Association of Realtors, bathroom remodeling in the mid-range to upscale shows a 90.1-percent and 85.6-percent return on investment after one year (U.S. average).

Bathroom additions have a similar return on investment.

Now, you can understand why turning your average bathroom into a 'spa retreat' is

on everyone's mind today. According to Peter Schor, the bath industry guru, who is known by his peers as 'The Doctor of Bathroom Knowledge,' 'Today's bathrooms have such a wide variety of products and materials that you must deeply explore before you start.'

One of the greatest innovations in today's bathrooms is the 'new generation of self-contained pre-plumbed bathing experiences' - both in showers and tubs - turning the average bathroom into a spa experience.

One line is called Aqualair (www.aqualair.com). These self-contained units have many features and benefits such as steam, whirlpool and air massage tub features, aromatherapy, luminotherapy, hydrotherapy, chromeotherapy, body sprays, rainhead showers, stereo, TV or TV/DVD player, and much, much more.

Showering has taken on a

whole new experience. Many people have longed to bring the outdoor experience of rivers, lakes and the ocean into the privacy of their homes.

With all of the heavy use of hot water these units require, don't forget to take a good look at hot water on demand tankless heaters (www.foreverhot-water.com).

The latest innovative bathroom products reflect the ongoing trends toward high-tech electronics.

Electronics in the bathroom has come of age," Schor said. Electronic hands-free, hygienic, and water-saving faucets (www.opella.com) and automatic flushing toilets (www.flushmate.com) for today's homes are readily available.

Electronic automatic self-cleaning systems (www.i-c-p-m.com) were introduced recently and are called 'the dishwasher or washing machine for the shower.'

There is the very popular

electronic anti-microbial toilet seat (www.hogueinc.com), and don't forget to get your LCD TV bathroom mirror (www.seuratvmirror.com) so you can listen and watch the weather and traffic reports while you are shaving, putting on makeup, or just getting ready for the day.

Electric floor warming (www.orbitmfg.com) has become more common for all types of bathroom floors for new construction as well as remodeling.

Lavatories have become products of 'art in form' and 'self-expression' in multiple materials, shapes and sizes. There are even aquarium (www.mundobrass.com) glass sinks and countertops, where you can groom yourself as you watch your tropical fish swim about!

For a more in-depth look on what is new and hot in bathroom/plumbing products for 2005-06, visit the Web site www.drknowledge.net.

Creating signature style with luscious lavs

(MS) - Of all fixtures in the bath, the lavatory is the best vehicle for showing off one's sense of style - its design can change the character of the entire space.

Today's cutting edge bath trends clearly fall on the side of contemporary designs, rather than traditional. Lavatories, toilets, tubs and showers have simple, clean lines, with a decidedly modern, highly engineered construction.

Yet, many homeowners are apprehensive about installing contemporary fixtures in their home, believing the design statement is too minimal.

When negotiating the move from traditional to contemporary, a middle ground can be found in a transitional contemporary design - fixtures that blend easily with both classic and modern bathroom decors.

Current interior design trends tend toward softer colors and materials that enable an intermingling of fixtures and flowing

design lines. There's a strong trend toward blending, which enables the homeowner to create a restrained, harmonious or eclectic expression that is both timeless and personal.

'Transitional designs, an emerging consumer-driven trend, facilitate homeowners wishing to leave behind tradition and 'transition' to contemporary," said Lenora Campos, public relations manager for TOTO USA, a high-end, full-line plumbing manufacturer.

"These designs bridge the gap between contemporary and traditional while, at the same time, serving homeowners' demand for flexibility, they can lean toward traditional or contemporary, depending on the room's overall design statement," she said.

Contemporary styling laced with transitional charm, the sleek new Soiree lavatory offers

refined hints of modernism. Well suited to serve as the centerpiece of a master bath suite, or any size bath, the lavatory reveals simple, dignified geometric design lines.

To offer increased comfort during use, the universal-height Soiree Pedestal Lavatory rises a statuesque 34 inches from the floor to the top of the basin. Its deep, luxurious basin measures 29-1/2 inches by 19-11/16 inches.

The lavatory is also available as self-rimming (27-3/8-by-19-5/8-inch basin) and under-counter (27-by-16-1/2-inch basin) models.

Both the pedestal and self-rimming models are available in versions to accommodate single-hole, 8-inch or 4-inch faucet centers.

With its clean lines and warm wood accents, the striking new Lloyd Console Lavatory makes a high-fashion statement as it rises 34 inches from floor to rim, adding to TOTO's growing line

of universal-height products. "Universal-height is one of our standards, which we plan to keep 'design forward,'" said Campos.

The 27-1/2-inch-by-19-1/2-inch maple wood lavatory console holds a 18-1/8-inch-by-10-7/8-inch basin, with precision right angles and stunning design appointments. The generous surface space of this vitreous china lavatory is perfect for toiletries.

The Lloyd lavatory is also available as a metal console, pedestal or undercounter model.

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These lavatories are each part of their own full-line luxury bath collections, which include toilet, armbath, lavatory faucet, deck-mounted tub filler, shower set, and accessories. For more information about TOTO products, call (800) 350-8686, Ext. 388 (Lloyd) or Ext. 391 (Soiree), or visit www.TOTOUSA.com.

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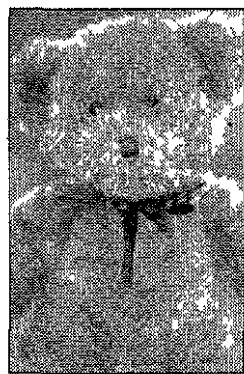
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Child's play

Top tips for decorating kids' rooms

(MS) - Youngsters outgrow the decor of their bedrooms almost as quickly as they do their clothes and shoes.

In fact, the typical child's room is redecorated three or four times by the time he or she reaches his or her teens.



Wendy A. Jordan, author of *New Kidspace Idea Book* (The Taunton Press), offers the following tips to help you create an imaginative, comfortable and safe environment where your child can thrive, and make the inevitable updates easier to manage.

Choose a theme that's youthful, fun and right for your child, but leave room for his or her imagination to soar. "The room should stimulate creativity, rather than drown it with a theme that's too overpowering," Jordan said.

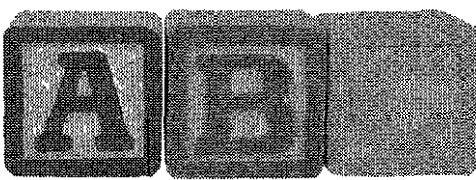
Select durable, high-quality furniture and built-ins that can be rearranged to create new looks and serve new purposes later.

Modular desk sections and stackable cubes make it easy to reinvent a room without buying all new furniture.

Plan for change. Incorporate decorative highlights - such as wallpaper, painted trim, window coverings and rugs - that bring personality to the room and will be simple and inexpensive to update later.

Involve your child in the process. "Kids take such pride in helping plan their rooms," Jordan said. Even young children have opinions, and you'd be surprised at how specific they'll be about their preferences.

Make sure the space is size- and age-appropriate. Store your young child's toys close to the floor where they are easily accessible. Leave open space where your toddler can run around and play with larger toys. Create an area where



your 'tween' can hang out with friends.

Plan for the variety of activities that will take place in the room. Include a quiet space where your child can curl up with a book or simply decompress. Grade-schoolers will appreciate designated areas for games and crafts. A separate work area becomes increasingly important as children grow and schoolwork becomes more demanding.

Safety, of course, is key. Attach shelves securely to the wall so they stay in place if your toddler climbs on them. Avoid furniture with sharp corners.

Cover outlets and keep electrical cords where young hands can't grab them. Opt for window coverings with breakaway tassels, and keep the cords out of a child's reach.

Crib slats should be no more than 2-3/8 inches apart so that

Baby can't squeeze his or her head through them.

Choose products that don't emit volatile organic compounds (VOCs), particularly until your child is old enough to have demonstrated any sensitivities. Look for wallcoverings, flooring, furniture and fabrics made of natural or untreated materials.

Children and messes go hand-in-hand, so select easy-care products. Seal wood floors so stains don't sink in. Walls and other surfaces need to stand up to frequent wipe-downs.

Keep these tips in mind as you plan, and your child's room is bound to be the happiest room in your home.

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Explore bathroom novelties

Your bathroom doesn't have to consist of a sterile sink, tub and toilet. This list of innovative, fun and quirky products can make your bathroom an intriguing and interesting retreat.

Underwater adventures - Bring a serene and soothing ambiance to your powder room by transforming the sink into an aquarium for your favorite underwater creatures.

Try the Moody Aquarium Sink, by Italbrass (www.mondobrass.com).

Two covered openings on top of the sink allow access to the aquarium. You can also use the sink as a terrarium.

For more fun, look to a Fish Tank Toilet (www.elsewhereinc.com). Don't worry, the aquarium is separate from the toilet's water reservoir, guaranteeing your finned friends won't get flushed away.

Trendy toilets - If you're looking for cutting-edge toilet technology, try any one of these high-tech commodes.

Kohler's Hatbox Toilet is tankless, operating on an electric pump that carries away waste. Its minimalist look is perfect for bathrooms where you want to detract attention from the toilet (www.kohler.com).

For those who need a "manly" flush, try the Champion from American Standard (www.americanstandard.us.com). The company boasts that this toilet can flush 23 golf balls at once - although you don't want to encourage the kids to try that out!

For a space-age bathroom, opt for the NeoRest from TOTO (www.totousa.com). It senses the approach of a visitor and lifts the lid to accommodate.

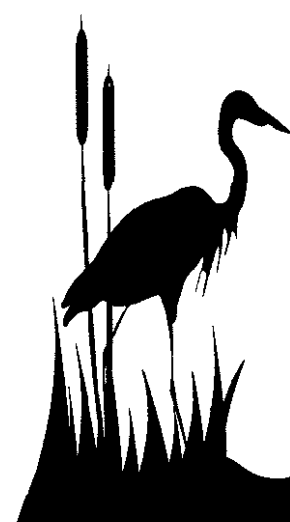
Fashionable faucets - Spruce up your decor with a flat faucet, like those offered by Dornbracht (www.dornbracht.com). They'll lend a modern edge to the overall look of the bathroom.

Or add a touch of whimsy to your rest room with a faucet that resembles a waterfall fountain. Look to the KWC Murano for a cascading effect at the sink or bathtub (www.kwcfacets.com).

Sensational sinks - Save on bathroom space with a wall-hung sink. Models like the Angle from Porcher (www.porcher.com) or the English Turn from Elizabethan Classics (www.elizabethanclassics.com) are corner-mounted - perfect for tight spaces.

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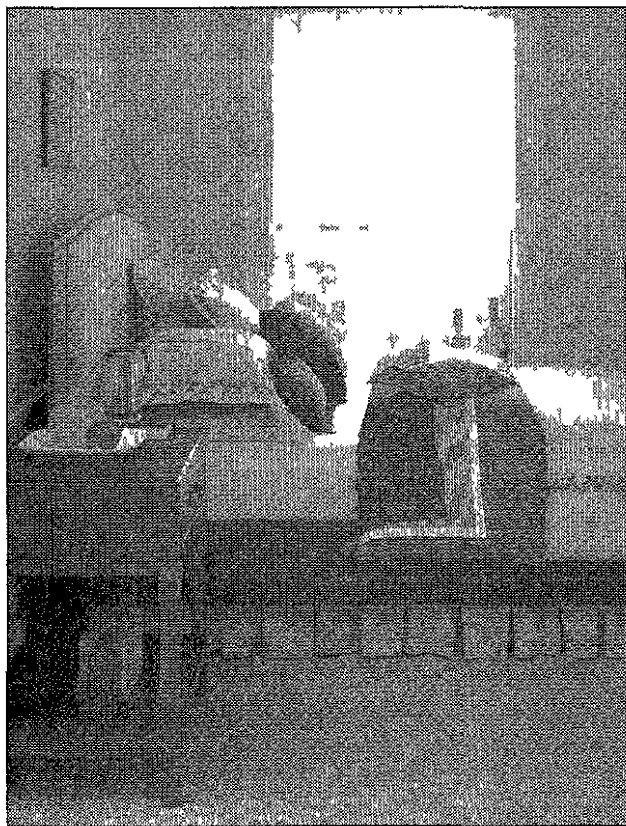
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The right mattress promotes a good night's sleep



By Thomas O'Brien

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Do you wake up exhausted, achy and just plain unrested, no matter how many hours of sleep you get? Is your mattress more than 9 years old? Does it sag noticeably in the middle? Then you are in the market for a new mattress!

A good mattress is worth the money. Not only will you get a better night's sleep, but you will have a healthier and happier physical and mental well-being.

First, find a store that specifically sells sleep products. A furniture or department store may sell beds, but the salespeople may not be able to answer all your specific questions about mattresses. Also, solicit friends or colleagues for recommendations.

Plan to shop for a mattress when you aren't on a time crunch. You want to be able to try out a few different kinds and not make a rash decision.

Also, dress for the occasion. Wear loose-fitting, pajama-like clothing so you can simulate your sleeping conditions.

Go to the store armed with this checklist:

■ What do I need it for?

Decide what you need the mattress for. If the mattress is for a guest room, you can be more lax in your choice. If you share a bed, you have to reach a compromise with your partner on what you want.

■ What size do I want?

Most people are happier and more comfortable in a bigger bed. It will give you more room to sleep freely and easily.

But, sometimes, the bedroom can only fit a twin-size bed, whether you want one or not. So think about what size bed (twin, twin long, full/double, queen or king) will fit in your sleeping area.

■ Do I like how it feels?

The best way to test a mattress in a store is to kick off your shoes and lie down on it. Spend 10 to 15 minutes on each mattress to get a good feel for it.

It should be firm enough so your back doesn't sag, but not hard as a board. It should conform to the shape of your body in any sort of sleep position (stomach, back or side), especially the one that you prefer most. It should offer support to parts of the body that need it — like your back.

■ Is it a good-quality mattress?

Cheaper models are thinner, poorly made and less firm. But higher prices

don't always mean a better product. It's wise to stick with a name brand to ensure that you are getting a quality mattress.

■ What about the coils?

The higher the coil count, the more support you will get. A mattress with 300 coils will give you less support than one with 700. But that doesn't mean the one with 300 coils is a poor-quality mattress — it's just not as firm.

Also check the gauge of the coils. The gauge is the number of coils that it would take to make an inch. The heavier the gauge, the more support. Again, a low or high gauge count isn't indicative of the mattress quality, but its support level.

■ What is it made of?

The "ingredients" of a mattress determine how comfortable it is. But the choice is up to you.

A thin upholstery will make you feel like you are sleeping on a board. A "pillow top" can give the sensation of sleeping on feathers, and a "regular top," something in between.

No one is better than another, so choose what feels most comfortable to you.

■ Is it new?

Never buy a used mattress. Mattresses conform to their users. Plus, a used mattress could be full of germs, bugs or dust.

Also avoid a rebuilt or reconditioned mattress, which is where a new cover is put over an old one. Once a mattress is used, it's still used, regardless of how it is refurbished.

■ What does the warranty cover, and what is the return policy?

Even if you test out a bed in a store, it's not the same as sleeping on it in your home.

Make sure the return policy allows ample time for you to test out the bed. The warranty usually protects you against defects or workmanship mistakes, not loss of comfort or support. But, by that time, you'll be in need of a new bed!

When buying a mattress, always replace your box spring at the same time. The two are a set. The box spring is positioned to support the mattress, so no two brands or styles are exactly alike. Even if you think your box spring is in good shape, it has had the same amount of wear and tear as the mattress you are replacing.

Here's to a good night's sleep!

Get sheet savvy for bedtime bliss

Thread count. Weave. Not familiar with these terms? Well, your understanding of them plays a big role in how you sleep. And how you sleep impacts your performance at work and at play — both mentally and physically.

Whew! There is a lot riding on your knowledge of bedding. But don't lose sleep over it. This guide will teach you everything you need to know about how to make your bed as comfortable as possible — and get some shut-eye in the process.

■ How many sets do I need?

You'll need at least three sets of flat and fitted sheets on hand. While one set is being laundered, you'll have one set for the bed and one extra set in storage in case of an emergency.

■ What is thread count?

Thread count is the number of threads per square inch of fabric. The higher the thread count, the softer the sheet.

According to experts at Bed Bath & Beyond, a home goods retailer, you should look for a count of at least 200 or higher for the most comfort.

■ What are sheets made of?

Sheets are made of all different types of fabrics. They are often a cotton/polyester blend or 100 percent cotton.

A cotton/polyester blend is less prone to wrinkling and is more moderately priced.

Sheets that are 100 percent cotton are generally the most comfortable but tend to wrinkle quite easily. If you take these out of the dryer immediately and then either fold them or put them on the bed, they will be less likely to wrinkle.

■ What is a weave?

The weave of a sheet is how it is stitched together. A standard weave is alternating one stitch over, one stitch under.

A sateen weave is four stitches over, one under. This method places the most threads on the surface, making it softer though less durable than other weaves.

Another weave type is a pinpoint weave, which is a stitch of one over and one under. It's more durable than a standard weave, but not as soft as a sateen one.

■ How should I cover my sheets?

A bed covering, such as a comforter, duvet or bedspread, sets the tone of your room. (Note that you can buy a comforter and sheet set together, often called a "bed in a bag.")

Consider a bed covering that matches more than one set of sheets. You can even buy a reversible covering so you can change the look based on your mood or the season.

■ What else do I need for my bed?



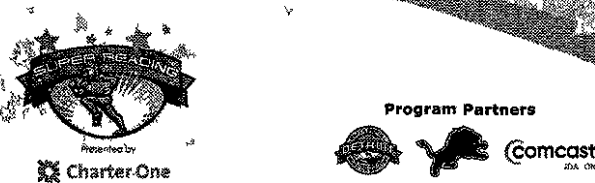
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Background on bidets

To Europeans, the bidet is a common bathroom fixture found right next to the toilet. But most Americans have never even seen a bidet, nor know about its purpose.

A bidet uses a stream of bath of water to cleanse the private areas after you use the bathroom — providing a hands-free form of personal hygiene.

Used by millions of men, women and children every day in Europe, it is especially popular among senior citizens, the disabled, and those with impaired motor functions or incontinence.

HISTORY

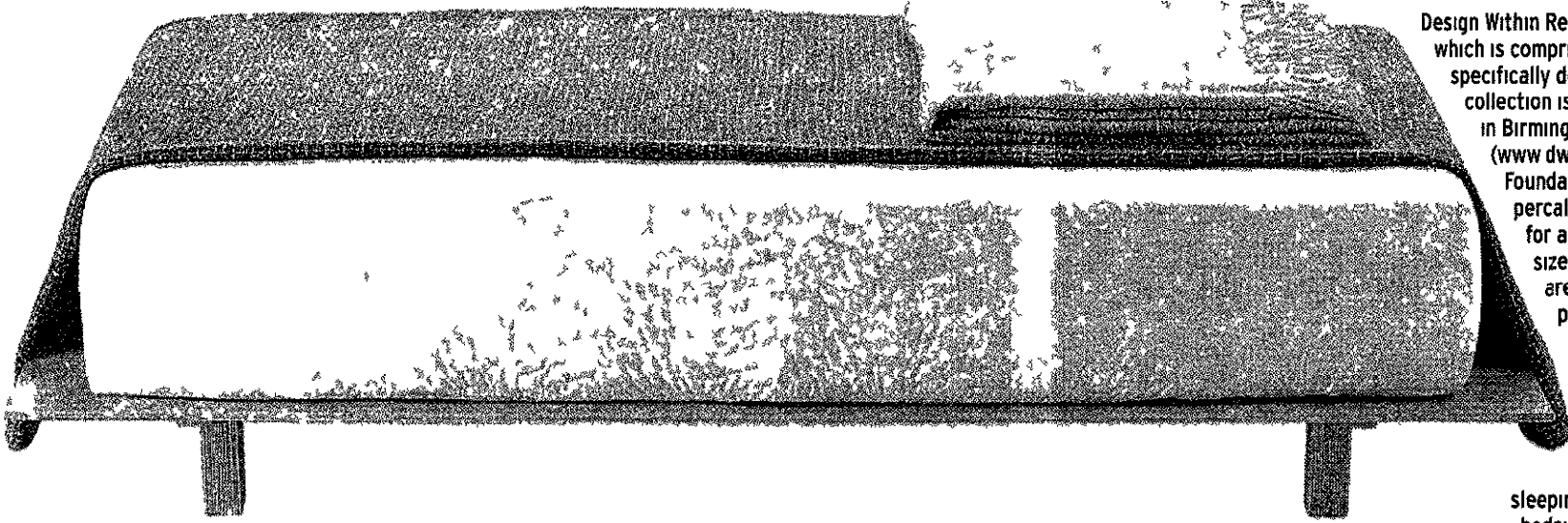
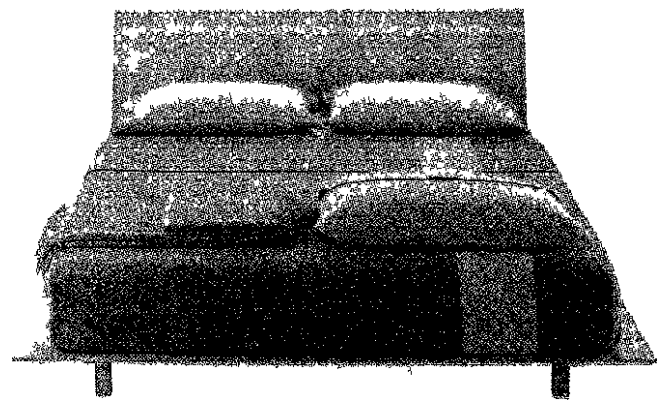
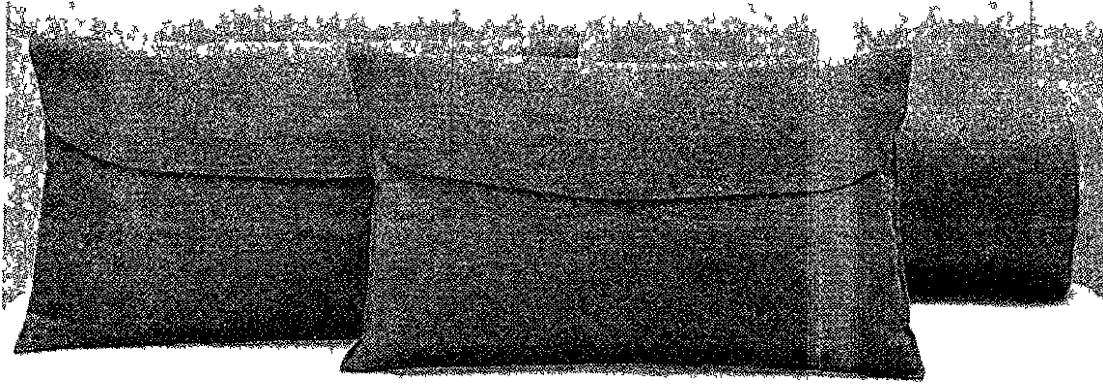
The bidet originated in France to be used in between scheduled baths and for horse-men who were constantly in contact with saddles.

Until the 1900s, the bidet was only found in the bedroom. But modern plumbing brought it to the bathroom and next to the toilet. Today, a European bathroom isn't complete without a bidet. While the trend hasn't caught on in America, American plumbing manufacturers are the top producers and exporters of bidets.

TYPES OF BIDETS

Just like the toilet, the bidet comes in various styles ranging from contemporary to classic. But the four basic types are:

- Over the rim — the bowl fills with water like a sink.
 - Heated rim — water enters the bowl below the rim of the basin.
 - Spray — has a vertical fountain jet in the center of the bowl or a horizontal jet near the rim.
 - Combination — combines heated rim and vertical spray.
- Some are equipped with an air dryer, while others require that you pat skin dry with toilet paper or a towel. Some have toilet-like seats and some don't. A wall-mounted bar helps the user get up and down easily.



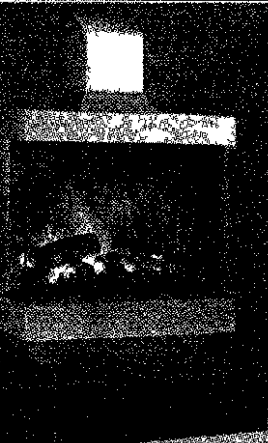
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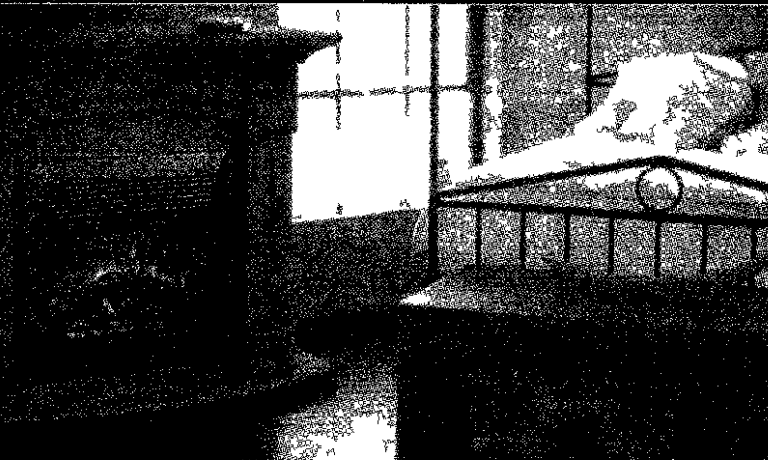
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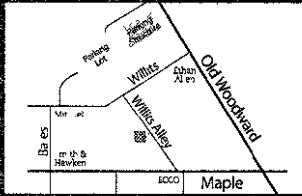
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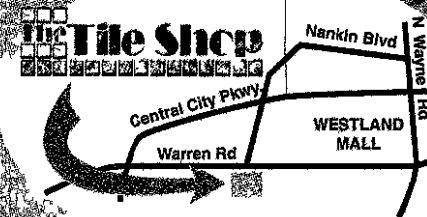
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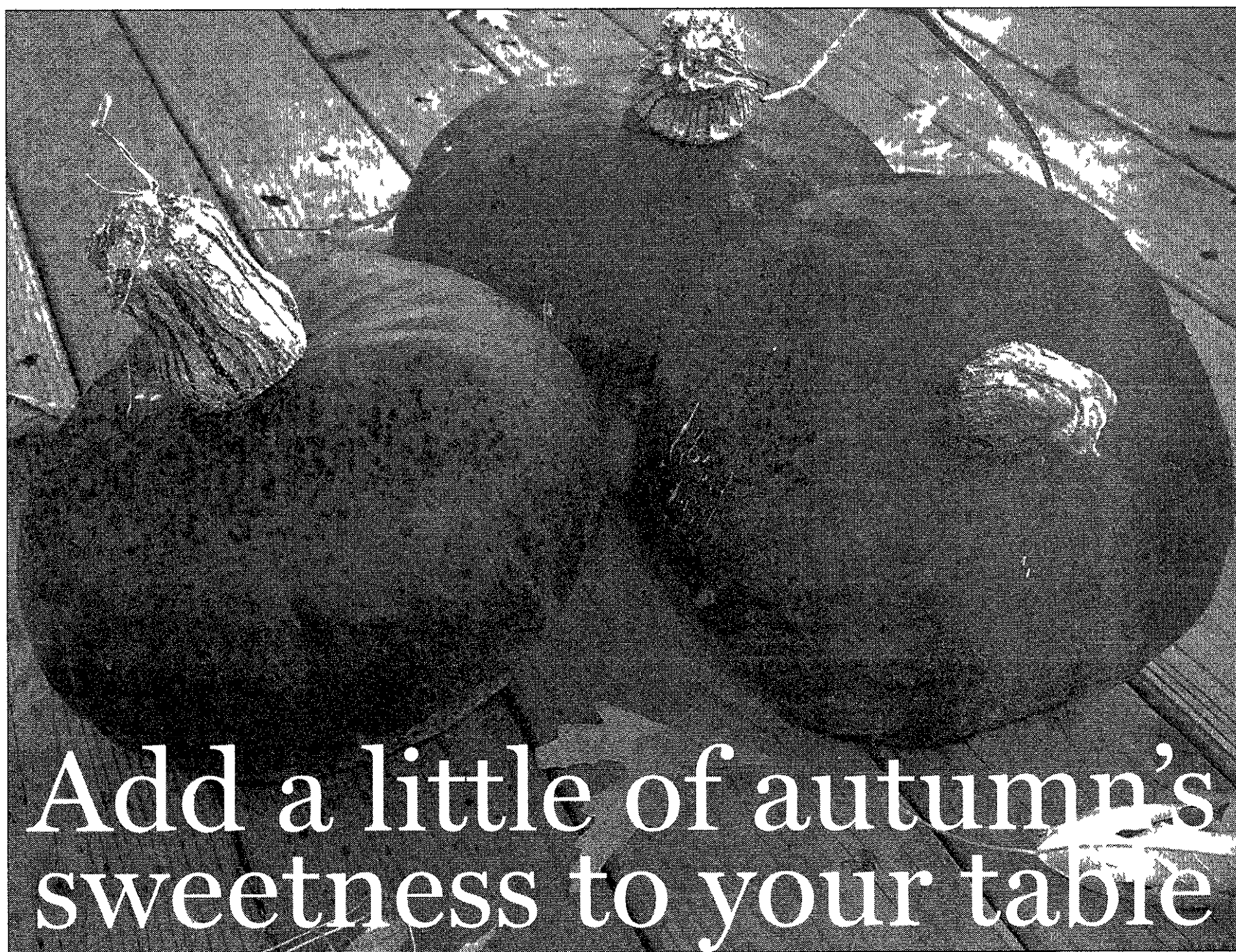
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Add a little of autumn's sweetness to your table

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Winter squash are in season throughout the fall and can be stored for up to three months. They can be used as a side dish or in a soup.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Winter squashes warm sweetness contrasts the mood of autumn's dark evenings that soon will be creeping its way into the late afternoon hours.

Whether it's butternut, Hubbard or spaghetti, squash can load up a plate with nutrition and help fill you up instead of eating those creamy casseroles or heavy roasts at this time of year.

According to *The World's Healthiest Foods*, winter squash emerged from that food ranking system as an

excellent source of vitamin A (in the form of beta-carotene), a very good source of vitamin C, potassium, dietary fiber and manganese.

In addition, winter squash is also a good source of folate, omega-3 fatty acids, vitamin B1, copper, vitamin B6, niacin-vitamin B3 and pantothenic acid.

One of the most abundant nutrients in winter squash, beta-carotene, contains powerful antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties. Beta-carotene helps prevent the oxidation of cholesterol in the body. Since oxidized cholesterol is the type that builds up in blood vessel walls and contributes to the risk of heart attack and stroke, getting extra beta-carotene in the diet may help to prevent the progression of atherosclerosis.

WHAT KIND DO YOU PREFER?

Varieties of winter squash include:
■ Butternut squash Shaped like a large pear, this squash has cream-colored skin, deep orange-colored flesh and a sweet flavor.

■ Acorn squash With harvest green skin speckled with orange patches and pale yellow-orange flesh, this squash has a unique flavor that is a combination of sweet, nutty and peppery.

■ Hubbard squash A larger-sized squash that can be dark green, grey-blue or orange-red in color, the Hubbard's flavor is less sweet than many other varieties.

■ Turban squash Green in color and either speckled or striped, this winter squash has an orange-yellow flesh whose taste is reminiscent of hazelnuts.

The Moosewood Restaurant Kitchen Garden Creative Gardening for the Adventurous Cook by David Hirsch (Ten Speed Press, Berkeley, Calif., 2005), a guide to culinary gardening following the fresh style of that restaurant, reports:

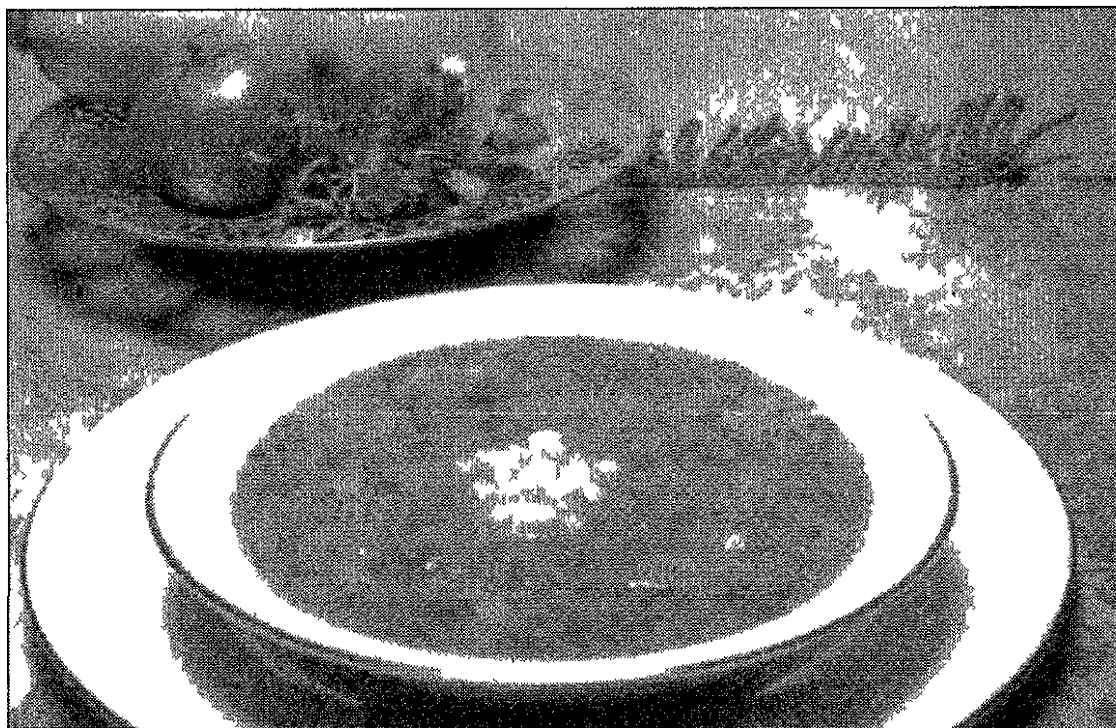
"Winter squash pureed with butter and nutmeg or cinnamon makes a simple, comforting side dish."

Add cooked winter squash to soups, waffles, muffins, biscuits and quick and yeasted breads for sweetness and a golden hue, Hirsch writes.

Or you can fill squash with the following after baking seeded halves for 45 minutes to an hour until tender at 400° F: Diced apples, cinnamon and butter, walnuts, dates, lemon juice and grated lemon peel, honey, butter and raisins, cranberries and honey, or sautéed mushrooms and onions.

"Baking or roasting winter squash brings out a sweeter and nuttier flavor than steaming or braising," Hirsch writes. "For a quick preparation, cut the squash into rings or chunks. Lightly oil and bake covered at 425° F for 20 minutes then bake uncovered for five minutes."

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Cut the chill of fall with butternut squash, tomato and watercress soup

Try butternut squash, tomato and watercress soup

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

When the leaves of autumn turn gold, they often bring to mind favorite fall events - Halloween, homecomings and Thanksgiving, to mention just a few.

And, now that the weather is cooler if not downright nippy, autumn also turns thoughts to favorite dishes, from baked apples and pumpkin pie to succulent roasts and other hot dishes - including baked squash.

If you live in warmer regions, where winter doesn't inspire baked and roasted meals, the squashes of autumn can still offer some interesting dishes that are light and refreshing rather than hearty creations more suitable to snow country.

Squash offers a rich supply of many health-promoting substances. One quarter of a butternut squash provides an entire day's worth of vitamin A, plus a healthy dose of vitamin C, iron, calcium and fiber. The rich orange color of winter squash signals the presence of the protective phytochemicals called carotenoids, which appear to play an anticancer role and enhance immunity.

This butternut squash, tomato and watercress soup is featured in the recently published *New American Plate Cookbook: Recipes for a Healthy Weight and a Healthy Life*. Like many of the recipes in that extraordinary cookbook, this creamy soup contains a variety of vegetables that

PLEASE SEE SOUP, B12

Side dish

Casserole comeback

With the return to comfort foods and family dinners, casseroles are making a comeback without the weighty ingredients and time-consuming preparation.

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Cover-and-Bake Meals by Ellen Brown is packed with more than 230 tantalizing and tasty recipes incorporating fresh herbs, quality ingredients, terrific pastas and grains, lighter ingredients and modern, quick twists to yesterday's classics.

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Distance learning

You don't need to be in Boston to study with Boston University's distinguished gastronomy faculty Jacques Pepin and Kyri Claflin.

Pépin, one of America's best-known chefs, food columnists, cookbook authors and cooking teachers, will co-instruct an online course, *Culture and Cuisine France*, beginning Oct. 31.

Part of Boston University's Distance Learning, the course will be taught by Claflin, a doctoral candidate in European history at Boston University and the author of articles and book reviews on subjects related to French food history. The course is open to educators, writers, students (of all varieties) and professionals in the culinary arts. It's a seven-week, four-credit online course investigating the culinary history, traditions and techniques of one of the world's most delicious countries.

Space is unlimited, but applications are necessary. For further information, visit <http://www.bu.edu/met/astronomy> or call (617) 353-9852.

Barbera hits new strides in Italy's Piedmont

No longer taking a back seat to barbaresco and barolo in Italy's Piedmont region, barbera boasts a chic new image.

Time was when barbera was the wine to drink while waiting for barbaresco and barolos to attain optimum drinkability. Barbera was an everyday pour, high in acid, low in intensity and overall interest. No longer!

Today's barberas are concentrated, full and rich, with structure and a fruit core



Focus on Wine

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aiding them to stand proudly on their own. No longer thin and tart, barberas are delicious and versatile with youthful

vibrancy that pairs them easily to food. Now receiving proper attention in the vineyard and winery, barbera is one of the most interesting grape varieties in the Piedmont," said Pio Boffa, proprietor of Pio Cesare. "Growers now give barbera the same respect in the vineyard as they do nebbiolo (the grape variety used for barbaresco and barolo)."

Vietti's Luca Currado said Barbera was rediscovered when producers dramatically reduced yields. Resulting

wines have dark color, are rich with ripe red plum characters and are soft and round on the palate.

QUALITY EVOLUTION

When asked to detail what a grower must do to produce a concentrated barbera, Michele Chiarlo, proprietor of his eponymous winery, said, "Our evolution of quality begins with a green harvest

PLEASE SEE PIEDMONT, B11

Broil salmon, Indonesian style

Fish is even better for us than we thought. Recent scientific research shows that consumption of fish is associated with lower risk of colon cancer.

Results from the ongoing European Prospective Investigation into Cancer study tracked the diets of more than 500,000 people in 10 European countries for an average of five years. They found that subjects who ate the most red meat and processed meats had a 35 percent greater risk of developing colon cancer compared to those who ate the least of these foods.

These findings are in keeping with what the American Institute for Cancer Research has been saying for years: diets high in red and processed meats are associated with higher risk of colon cancer. AICR recommends limiting consumption of red meat to 3 ounces a day.

Among those monitored in the European study, people who ate the most fish had a 31 percent lower risk of developing colon cancer than subjects who ate the least. This recent study is the strongest evidence yet that consumption of fish has a measurable and significant protective effect against colon cancer.

Although the study's authors did not distinguish among types of fish, the existence of a protective effect seems to align with evidence on the anti-cancer activity of omega-3 fatty acids, which are found in salmon, tuna and other deep-water "fatty fish."

AICR and other health experts recommend fish as the best animal protein alternative to red meat. This Indonesian salmon dish is a good way to introduce more fish into your diet.



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This Indonesian salmon dish is a good way to introduce more fish into your diet.

In a shallow dish, combine half the soy sauce with the lemon juice, mustard and spice powder. Add the salmon and turn to coat it with the marinade. Cover with plastic and refrigerate 1 hour. (Bring salmon to room temperature before cooking.)

Preheat broiler. Spray medium skillet with cooking spray. Heat skillet over medium heat. Add sesame seeds. Sauté just until seeds begin to "pop" and turn golden, 1 to 2 minutes. (Watch them carefully, as sesame seeds can burn quickly.) Immediately transfer sesame seeds to a plate and set aside to cool.

Spray skillet again. Sauté carrots and leek until crisp but tender, 5 to

10 minutes. Add broth, remaining soy sauce and sesame oil. Simmer until most of liquid evaporates, 10 to 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, place salmon on broiler pan. Broil 4 inches from heat until fish is cooked through, about 5 minutes.

Divide leek mixture among 4 plates. Top with salmon, then with sesame seeds. Serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 233 calories, 10 g total fat (2 g saturated fat), 6 g carbohydrate, 27 g protein, 1 g dietary fiber, 585 mg sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

PIEDMONT

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(removing excess bunches so those remaining will ripen fully). This technique gives us perfect ripeness. We also manipulate the canopy so grape bunches get more direct sunlight. Prior to harvest, we do an analysis of skin, pulp and seed tannin maturation. When we have a perfect balance, we harvest the grapes."

The new enthusiasm for barbera is related to drinkability. "When you finish a glass of barbera," Charlo said, "you are never tired and you want another glass. When we have several bottles of wine on the table, it's the barbera that's emptied first. If a wine is too rich and concentrated, one tures of it quickly."

ASTI VS. ALBA

Barbera is grown in the Piedmont regions of Asti and Alba, and there's some controversy over which region is best. "Asti is the best place to grow it because the soil contains a high percentage of chalk and minerals," Charlo said. Prunotto's Gianluca Torrenco explained that Asti produces a more concentrated and generous barbera, while Alba, with a cooler climate, produces a wine with greater elegance and finesse, but with powerful structural tannins. "The romantic explanation," Torrenco said, "is that Alba barbera is like an elegant, charming, sophisticated woman, while Asti is more open-hearted and generous, like Sophia Loren."

Boffa's passion for barbera dictated that it be grown in the Barolo region in Alba, even though growing nebbiolo would be more profitable. In 1990, Boffa purchased 15 acres of vineyard land near his Ornato Estate in the Barolo appellation. He planted it entirely to barbera and, in 1996, created the single vineyard Pio Cesare barbera called Fides, translating as faith or truth.

THINKING YOUNG

"Young Barbera has elevated acidity with floral aromas," winemaker Roberto Coppo

WINE PICKS

Highly recommended **BARBERAS**

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- 2001 Michele Chiarlo Barbera d'Asti La Court \$29
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- 2003 Prunotto Barbera d'Asti Fiulot \$16
- 2000 Prunotto Barbera d'Asti Costamiole \$60

All wines mentioned are available in the Detroit area. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

WINE CALENDAR

Wine Exploration

The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, presents a Wine Exploration Series on Wednesday nights. The classes take place 7:30-9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

You must be 21 years of age to attend. To register or for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

Nidal Daher and Marc Jonna are the instructors. Daher, certified sommelier, has been working in the wine industry covering restaurants, hotels, retail and consulting for wholesale distributors for more than 15 years.

Daher was wine director, event sommelier and catalog scribe for the Detroit International Wine Auction. He is a professional member of the French gourmet society *Chaine De Rotisseurs*, founder and president of the wine consulting company *Sommelier Connections Inc.* and *Unique Wine*

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Jonna, national wine buyer for Whole Foods Market, has been in the retail wine business for more than 17 years. He assisted in the production of wine in France and visited wine regions in Europe and North America.

Classes are:
 ■ **The New Worlds of Wine**: Australia, Chile, Argentina, South Africa and New Zealand. Nov. 9 (\$26). Instructors will provide eight wines and a clear explanation of the different classifications and breakdowns of the various growing regions.

■ **Champagne and Sparkling Wines**: Nov. 16 (\$26). Learn the history of champagnes and sparkling wines, the regions and the process of producing them. Learn about matching champagne and sparkling wines with food and examples of great matches. A

tasting of six different champagnes and sparkling wines is included.

Taste of the Vines

Taste of the Vines, a wine auction and dinner, will be held at The Community House in Birmingham on 5:30-10 p.m. Nov. 10. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with the honorary chairs, private wine reception with special guest sommelier Luis Torres. Reservations to the private wine reception, dinner and auction are \$500. The private reception will be followed by a patron reception at 6:30 p.m. Reservations to the patron reception, dinner and auction are \$250. A multi-course dinner catered by Community House Executive Chef Peter Engelhardt will be served at 7:30 p.m. At 8:30 p.m., attendees will have the opportunity to bid on rare and highly allocated wines including 1997 Chateau d'Yquem, 1986 Chateau Petrus Imperial (6 Liter), 1990 Chateau Pavie, 1986 Chateau Margaux, Double

magnum 1999 Chateau Haut Brion, Graves Grand Cru Classe, Double magnum 1999 Chateau Margaux, Margaux Grand Cru Classe, Double magnum 1999 Chateau Mouton Rothschild, Pauillac Grand Cru Classe. Restaurant packages will be offered including a golf and lunch outing at Orchard Lake or Oakland Hills Country Club with Gary Cowger and Al Kaline. Several luxurious vacations will be auctioned, including trips to Normandy, France and Napa Valley, California. In addition, a special ly commissioned commemorative Taste of the Vines oil pastel drawing will also be auctioned. Taste of the Vines is sponsored by General Motors. All proceeds from Taste of the Vines will benefit The Community House outreach programs. For reservations to Taste of the Vines, contact The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham at (248) 644-5832.



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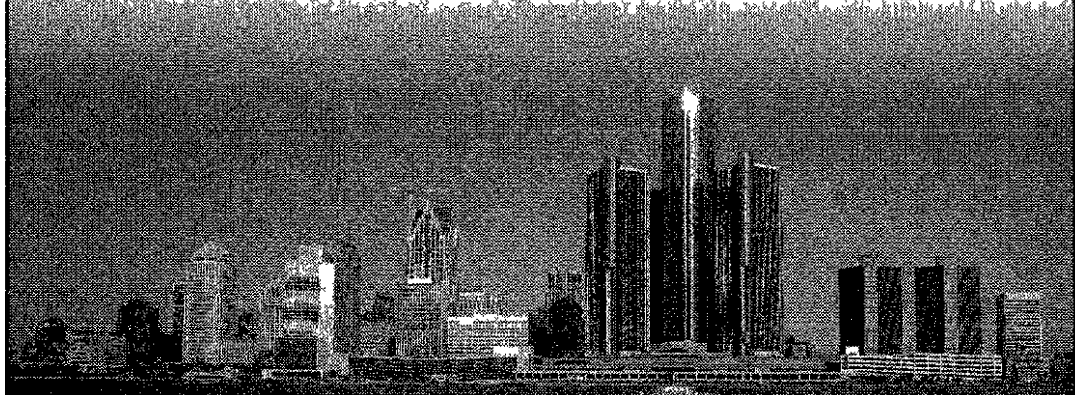
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BAKED SQUASH

Here's a sweetly "dressed up" holiday dish. If you're serving it as part of a big multi-course meal, one-quarter of a squash for each diner may be sufficient.

- 1/2 cup whole almonds or pecan or walnut halves
- 2 winter squash (delicata acorn or carnival squash)
- 2 tablespoons butter melted
- 1/2 cup chopped dried apricots
- 1/4 cup undiluted frozen orange juice concentrate

Preheat the oven to 400° F. Toast the nuts on a baking sheet in the oven for four or five minutes, until lightly browned. Cut the squash in half lengthwise and remove the seeds. Salt the inside of each half and place in a lightly oiled baking dish. Coarsely chop the toasted nuts. Combine the butter, apricots, orange juice concentrate and chopped nuts in a small bowl. Spoon an equal amount of this mixture into the squash cavities. Bake covered for 50 to 60 minutes or until the squash is tender. Serve warm. Serves four to eight.

PUMPKIN CAKE

Cake

- 1/4 cups honey
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup mild vegetable oil
- 2 cups mashed cooked pumpkin (pie pumpkin) (1 16 ounce can of plain pumpkin - not canned pie filling) or winter squash
- 2 1/2 cups unbleached white flour (up to 1 cup can be whole wheat pastry flour)
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

Frosting.

- 8 ounces softened cream cheese
- 1/4 cup pure maple syrup

Preheat the oven to 325° F. Lightly oil three 9-inch cake pans.

Cream together the honey, eggs, oil and pumpkin. In a separate bowl, sift together the dry ingredients and then add to the wet mixture, stirring until smooth. Fold in the nuts. Pour the batter into the prepared cake

pans. Bake for 25-30 minutes, until the edges pull slightly away from the pan and the top springs back when pressed. Cool the layers on wire racks.

Whip the softened cream cheese with the maple syrup until light and fluffy. When the cake has cooled, spread the frosting between the layers and on the top and sides.

Makes one 9-inch triple-layer cake.

SQUASH-APPLE CHEDDAR GRATIN

- 2 cups sliced onions
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves (1/2 teaspoon dried)
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 1/2 cups thinly sliced apples
- 1 tablespoon unbleached white flour
- 1 1/2 cups grated Cheddar cheese
- 2 tablespoons bread crumbs
- 3 cups cooked lightly mashed winter squash (see note)
- salt and freshly ground black pepper

Gently sauté the onions and thyme in the oil for about 20 minutes, or until the onions are soft and golden. Meanwhile, toss the apple slices with the flour. In

a separate bowl, toss the cheese with the bread crumbs.

Preheat the oven to 350° F. Oil a baking dish, approximately 8 by 8 by 3 inches, and layer the ingredients as follows: the squash, with a sprinkling of salt and pepper if desired, the sautéed onions, the apple slices with a bit more salt and pepper, and the Cheddar-bread crumb mixture.

Bake covered for 30 minutes, then uncovered for 15 minutes, or until the apples are tender and the topping bubbly and golden.

Note: Peel, remove the seeds, cut into slices or cubes and steam until tender.

This is a homey casserole that will warm the chilly evenings of fall and winter. Tart apples, such as Granny Smiths, bring out the sweetness of the sautéed onions and squash. Use butternut squash because its unridged skin makes it easier to peel than other squash. One large butternut will make enough for this recipe. Serves four to six.

Recipes courtesy of *The Moosewood Restaurant Kitchen Garden* by David Hirsch.

SOUP

FROM PAGE B10

We always intend to eat but never find ways to include in a meal. The soup has a sweet undertone and, served with a whole-grain bread dipped in olive oil, has all the soothing effects of a comfort food. Just the thing after a stressful day - in autumn or any season of the year.

BUTTERNUT SQUASH, TOMATO, AND WATERCRESS SOUP

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 large tomatoes seeded and chopped
- 1 small onion chopped
- 1 small garlic clove sliced
- 2 small carrots chopped
- 1 cup peeled and chopped butternut squash
- 1 medium potato peeled and chopped
- 1 bunch watercress including stems
- 2 cups fat free, reduced sodium chicken broth
- 4 cups water
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2/3 cup frozen corn kernels thawed for garnish coarsely chopped

In a large saucepan, heat the olive oil over medium high heat. Sauté the tomatoes, onion and garlic for about 12 minutes stirring occasionally, until the onions are translucent.

Add the carrots, squash, potato, watercress and chicken broth. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low and simmer, uncovered for 30 minutes. Add the water and return the mixture to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for about 10 minutes, until the vegetables are very soft. Remove the saucepan from the heat and let the soup sit for 15 minutes to cool slightly.

In a blender or food processor, puree the soup in batches and return to the saucepan. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Reheat soup. Ladle the soup into bowls and garnish with the corn kernels. (The boiling hot soup heats the corn, eliminating the need to cook it separately before adding.)

Makes 6 servings.

Per serving: 111 calories, 5 g total fat (less than 1 g saturated fat), 16 g carbohydrate, 3 g protein, 3 g dietary fiber, 167 mg sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

CALENDAR

If you have an item for the Taste calendar, please submit at least two weeks prior to your event to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. e-mail: kabramczyk@oehomecomm.net or fax: (734) 591-7279.

Cuisine du Jour

Chris Hessler, chef at Kruse and Muer, discusses Holiday Brunches 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17 at a hands-on culinary training session at Trevarrow, 1295 N. Opdyke Road, Auburn Hills. Class fee is \$40. Michelle Bommarito, culinary instructor and pastry chef, discusses Appetizers and Desserts on Thursday, Dec. 8. For information, call (248) 377-2300.

Italian night

Busch's Markets begins another series of cooking classes with Italian Big Night and the return of

Butternut Squash Gorgonzola Pizza along with new recipes including Chicken Marsala, Shrimp and Pasta with Pesto and Classic Italian Tossed Salad. Class begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27 at Busch's, 24445 Drake Farmington Hills (248) 427-7457.

Schoolcraft classes

Enjoy the following culinary seminars at the VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty (between Six and Seven Mile roads) in Livonia this fall. For more information, call Continuing Education Services at (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu.

Hands On

Note: Hands On classes have a prerequisite of the Cooking 101 Skill Development class or instructor's approval. Plan to wear a white chef's jacket, dark pants and comfortable shoes for all hands-on classes. Please prepare a tool kit with the following: a set of knives,

peeler, spatula, dough cutter, thermometer and measuring spoons. Visit Web site www.schoolcraft.edu for more information on these classes and others: Chowder and Bisque Soup Workshop, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3; Pasta Recipes, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10; Garde Manger 101: Cold Food Preparation, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 29 and 30; Cookie Decorating with Royal Icing, 6-9 p.m. Dec. 6; Live Lobsterfest, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Dec. 8; Cooking Beef Tenderloin, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Dec. 15; Holiday Appetizers, 9 a.m. - noon Saturday, Dec. 17.

Vegan cooking class

Rocky Poudel, executive chef at Katmandu Chullo, will give free tips on vegan cooking, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20 at Katmandu Chullo, 411 S. Washington, Royal Oak. Call (248) 546-7286.

The Community House

The Community House, 380 S. Bates

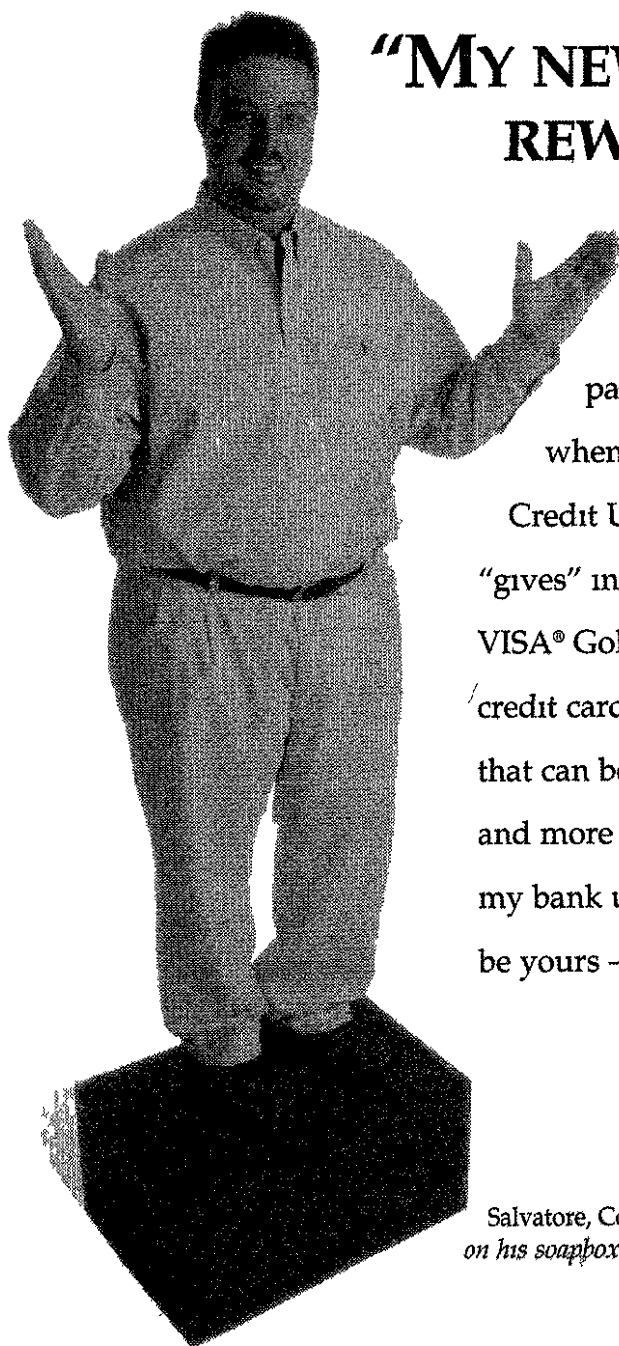
in Birmingham has scheduled fall cooking classes. Unless otherwise noted, each class will take place 7:30-9:30 p.m. at The Community House and has a fee of \$30. To register, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

After Thanksgiving, don't make turkey sandwiches all week. Learn to make turkey dumpling soup, turkey chili and turkey strudel. Peter Engelhardt instructs this class, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8. Fee is \$30.

Vegetarian holidays

Learn about and taste holiday dishes at the Vegetarian Holiday Tasting Extravaganza at Metropolitan Seventh Day Adventist Church & School, 15585 N. Haggerty, Plymouth. Advanced tickets required: adult \$14, child 6-12 \$5, with three separate seatings to choose from: at 11 a.m., 12:45 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13. Call (734) 495-0472.

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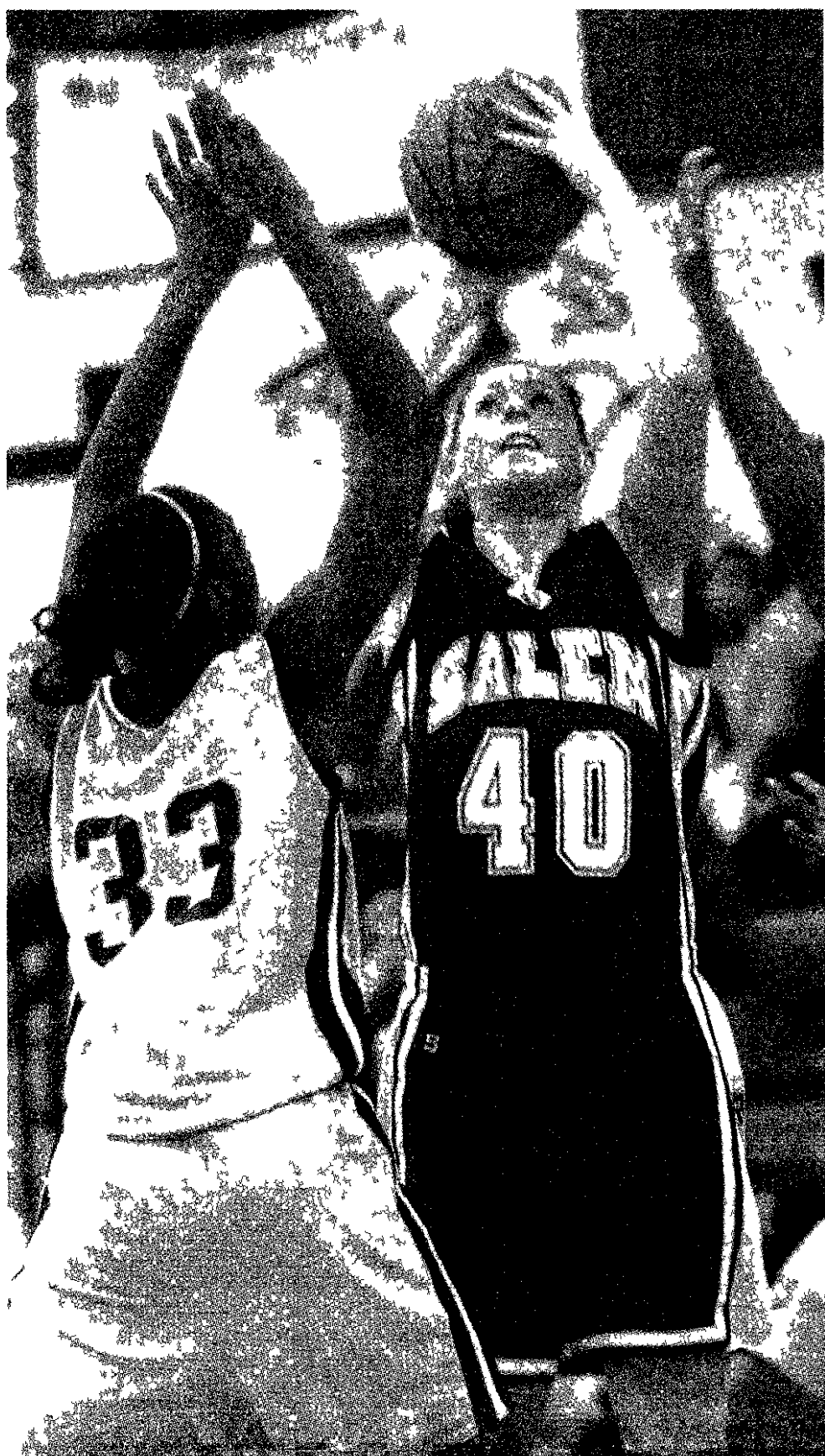
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Salem's Lauren Kurtz fires up a jump-shot over the outstretched hands of Plymouth's Shaakira Haywood during Tuesday night's 44-42 Rock victory

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Teresa Coppellie goes strong to the basket against Plymouth's Kim Olech during Tuesday night's 44-42 Rock victory

Classic Rocks

Salem edges Plymouth, 44-42, in a down-to-the-wire thriller

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem senior point guard Brienne Clarin's primary role this season has been that of distributor.

In Tuesday night's pivotal Western Lakes Activities Association game at Plymouth, Clarin played the role of manufacturer — and she played it well.

With a share of the WLAA title on the line, Clarin manufactured a career-high eight points — including three clutch free throws down the stretch — to help the Rocks edge Plymouth, 44-42. Even though she took on a new role, Clarin didn't ignore her normal one as she also contributed five assists and three steals.

The victory propelled Salem (13-2 overall and 9-1 in the WLAA) into a first-place deadlock with the Wildcats (13-3 and 9-1) heading into tonight's

regular-season finale. The Rocks will travel to struggling Wayne Memorial while Plymouth caps its regular-season schedule at Northville.

Salem has now won nine straight. The setback snapped a nine-game winning streak for the Wildcats.

"When 'Mitch' (Salem guard Alaya Mitchell) and Tayler (Langham) got into foul trouble in the second half, I felt I needed to look for my shot a little more than usual to make up for them being out," Clarin said. "Usually, I handle the ball, distribute the ball and shoot when I'm open."

"This is such a great team to play on because everybody plays together and everybody contributes."

"Brienne had an outstanding game tonight," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "She hit a couple of clutch baskets in the first half and some big free throws in the second. When

PLEASE SEE THRILLER, C3

Sidelines

Steelers go 1-2

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior football league teams won one of three games Sunday afternoon against the Farmington Rockets.

The Steelers' freshman squad upended the Rockets, 26-6. Kyle Tropper, Billy Adams and Mitchell Lewiston led the offensive charge while Levi Noble, Lucas McKinney and Brian Schmid paced the defense.

The JV unit became the first team to score against the Rockets, but fell, 18-14. Tyler Gobie dominated on both sides of the line of scrimmage for the Steelers and Michael Kennedy anchored the defense. Offensively, Brennen Beyer and John Randle both played well in a nail-biter that went down to the final seconds.

The Steelers' varsity team fell 18-6 to the Rockets despite strong offensive performances from Enrique Pardo, Aaron Ashton and Jackson Burdette. The defense was led by Jordan Brooks, Alex King and Graham Mackie.

Lions win

The Canton Lions junior football league freshman team white-washed the Lincoln Railsplitters, 32-0, Sunday afternoon. Malcolm Hollingsworth, Travis McCall, Eric Thomas, Jordan Ciciotti and Devin Slominski scored TDs for the winners. Daniel Jipping (interception) and Kenneth Arnold turned in stellar efforts for the Lions' defensive corps.

The Lions' JV unit knocked off the Railsplitters, 62-0, to improve to 6-1. The "silver" offensive line, which consists of Josh Peterson, Omar Kandah, Kyle Dexter, Farris Abraham, Bobby Riche, Zach Salvaggio and Eric Jipping, turned in a strong performance in front of Phil Emminger, who tallied three TDs. The defense was paced by Jacob Morris, Zach Smilo and Brandon Congdon.

The Lions' varsity defeated Lincoln, 39-6, for their first victory of the season.

Hockey tryouts

Tryouts for the 2005-06 Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls' hockey team will be held Monday, Oct. 31, and Wednesday, Nov. 2, from 4-5 p.m. at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton. There will be a \$15 charge per session. For more information, e-mail Chris Patton at Kellpatton@aol.com.

Chiefs' fund-raiser

The Canton wrestling team will be holding a scrap-booking marathon fund-raiser Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Canton High School cafeteria.

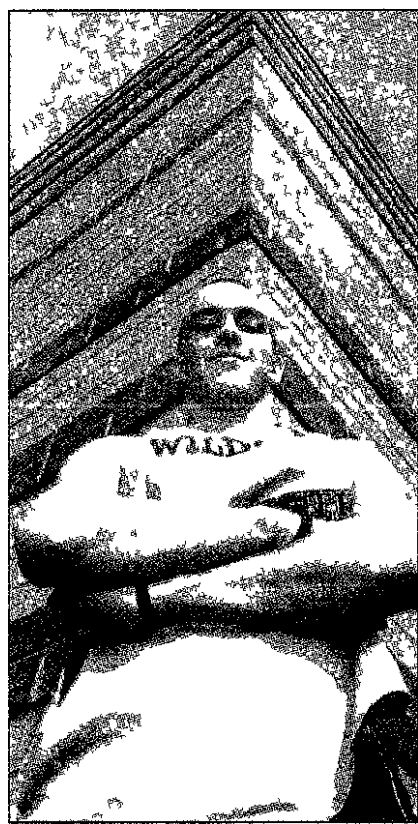
The fee is \$35 for those who register before Nov. 1 and \$40 for last-minute registrants.

Groups of five or more can take \$5 off their registration fee.

For more information, call (734) 451-9451.

2005 Prep Football Playoffs

QB Jones leads 'Cat gridgers to success



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Brent Jones has engineered the Plymouth football team's offense from the quarterback position for the past four years. The senior picked up 197 yards rushing last week against Mount Pleasant.



Prep Profile

For a preview on Plymouth's first round playoff game with Detroit Cody, please see Page C5.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The decision to make Brent Jones the first quarterback in the history of the Plymouth High School football program just over three years ago was met immediately by skepticism.

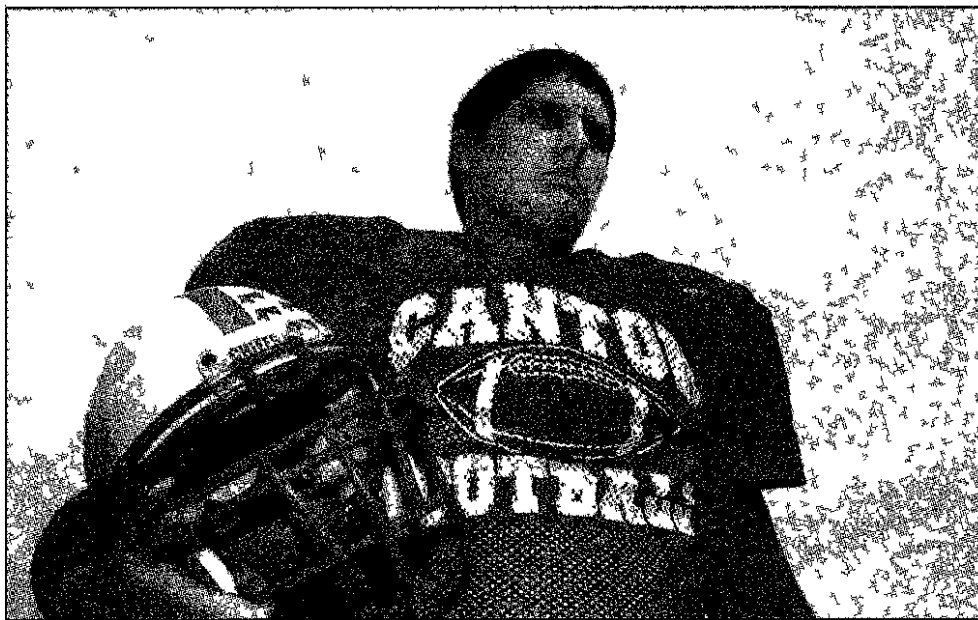
The lone skeptic's name: Brent Jones. "I had never played the position before, so when they put me in there, I thought, 'If I'm the best quarterback we have here, then we're in big trouble,'" Jones said, laughing. "But after a few games, I found out that I really liked the pressure of having the ball in my hands every play. Now I love playing quarterback."

NATURAL QB

It took Jones — who played everything from offensive guard, to running back to defensive back during his junior football days — about as much time to develop the intricate skills needed to be a successful quarterback as it takes him to secure a snap and weave 30 yards through an opponent's defense.

He's become so adept at the position that he was voted to the Western Lakes Activities Association's All-Division team last week by the conference's coaches. "Brent is what makes our offense go," said Plymouth coach Jay Blaylock. "We've gotten really spoiled with him as our quarterback the past four years. When he was a freshman, we thought right away that his athletic ability would make him a perfect fit for the quarterback position, and we were right. He took to it right away."

PLEASE SEE JONES, C2



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Ryan Jonik has been a big reason for the Chief football team's success this season. The 6-foot-5, 305-pound senior is a starting offensive lineman. He also sees plenty of action on the defensive side of the ball.

Jonik brings size and imposing leadership qualities to gridiron

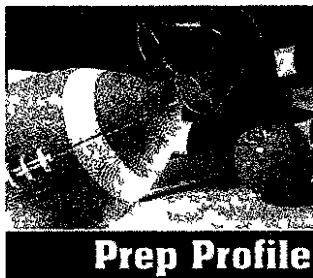
For a preview on Canton's first round playoff game with Monroe, please see Page C4.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Finding out you're too big to play the physically demanding sport of football is comparable to being told you're too smart to play chess or too fast to run track.

But that's exactly the news that was delivered to Ryan Jonik prior to his second season of junior football five years ago.

"I weighed about 170 pounds and the weight limit was 165," remembered



Prep Profile

Jonik, now a 6-foot-5, 305-pound two-way senior, stood out for Canton's play-off-bound football team. "I was definitely bummed out because I really wanted to play, but I was too young to have to start cutting weight." The weight restrictions sidelined the rapidly growing Jonik until his freshman year at Canton, where size

restrictions were no longer an issue.

"My first year at Canton I was behind a lot of people because I didn't have the technique down that the other players had learned playing for the Plymouth Steelers and the Canton Lions," said Jonik. "I wasn't that good, so I only started about four of the nine games. But I kept working hard to get better."

SWEAT EQUITY

Jonik's hard work paid dividends. By his junior season, he had scaled the Chiefs' depth chart to sec-

PLEASE SEE JONIK, C2

State football playoff pairings system flawed

One of these days, I'll sit down with Jack Roberts, Nate Hampton and the MHSAA powers and learn more about what is the methodology for putting together the state football pairings



Grid Picks

Brad Emons

in one district in Division II, but when the Selection Sunday show came out, the Patriots

were surprised to find themselves with Detroit Henry Ford, Redford Union and Birmingham Brother Rice

Prepseer also had Livonia Stevenson, Novi, Detroit Mumford and Detroit Cody in another Division I district, but low and behold, the Spartans get tangled up with Novi-Detroit Catholic Central for the fifth time in the first round along with Milford and Novi

One out of four ain't bad, Prepseer

The Mega League concept certainly helps teams in the lower divisions make the playoffs, but it doesn't do those same teams any favors once the playoffs commence

The coaches have a proposal on the table placing eight teams in a Region with the top point-getter going against the bottom point-getter, No 2 vs No 7, No 3 vs No 6 and No 4 vs No 5

That makes some sense, but it

doesn't solve the MHSAA's method of putting teams in regions together by geographics

Maybe someday Mr Roberts and Mr Hampton can let a reporter on the inside and watch how the process takes place

I just hope for everybody's sake that purposely putting Brother Rice and Orchard St Mary's in separate districts to avoid a third meeting in three weeks was never a consideration

Because by my geographics - going north and south - North Farmington is a lot closer to Franklin than Brother Rice is

One of colleagues, Dan O'Meara, the Farmington Sports Editor, claims he has it figured out

'They start from the west side of the state and work their way east,' he said

Sounds logical, but then again, I wonder if that really

happens Despite the confusion of Selection Sunday, thank goodness the state playoffs have arrived

Making up ground on Plymouth-Canton sports editor Ed Wright will be a stretch as he went 7-4 last week on his grid picks to improve to 80-23 overall

I had another horrible week at 6-5, shipping five games off the pace at 75-28

Redford-Garden City sports editor Tim Smith brings up the rear at 66-26 after finishing 5-6 last week

Here is a sneak peak at this weekend's action

FRIDAY'S GAMES
(all at 7 p.m.)

Novi-Detroit CC (6-3) at Liv. Stevenson (7-2). The teams have met four previous times in the state playoffs all in the first round - but in this one the Spartans get to host CC leads the series 4-0 Can the Spartans high-

powered offense move the ball against a usually strong CC defense? The Shamrocks always rely on field position and controlling the clock PICKS Emons (CC) Wright (CC) Smith (Stevenson)

Det. Henry Ford (6-3) at Liv. Franklin (9-0): The Patriots are in the big dance for the first time since 1975 (when they won the inaugural state Class A title) Henry Ford coach Mike Marshall has a history with Franklin He was the quarterback when No 1 Detroit Southwestern was upset by Franklin in the 1975 state semifinals 12-9 Ironically two current Patriot assistants George Lovich and Armand Vigna were on the sidelines for that game PICKS Emons (Franklin) Wright (Franklin), Smith (Henry Ford)

Monroe (5-4) at Canton (7-2): The Chiefs enter the post season with a surge of momentum and a five-game winning streak Cantons offense has averaged over 40 points per game since three year starting quarterback Shawn Little returned to the line up in Week 5 after missing the three previous games with an injury Although Monroe barely squeaked in with five wins, the Trojans are a dangerous team thanks to multi-talented quar-

terback Cole and bruising fullback Joel McElvany PICKS Emons (Canton) Wright (Canton) Smith (Canton)

Det. Cody (6-3) at Plymouth (7-2): This game offers an intriguing match-up between a strong Detroit Public School league program and an emerging suburban power Cody features at least two skill position players who may be playing Division I college football next fall The Wildcats counter with potential D1 tight end/safety Josh Le Duc along with several other fast athletic players across the board It should be interesting PICKS Emons (Plymouth), Wright (Plymouth), Smith (Cody)

SATURDAY'S GAME

Redford Union (8-1) vs. Birm. Brother Rice (7-2), 1 p.m. at Southfield-Lathrup: The first meeting in history between these teams could come down to whichever defense can stop their opponents running game The Warriors bring a powerful ground attack and can be physically tough on the line of scrimmage while the Panthers bank on the quickness and skill of senior tailbacks Chris Brown, Steve Brown and junior tailback Desmond Latham PICKS Emons (Rice) Wright (Rice), Smith (RU)

JONES

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"Brent doesn't have tremendous speed, but he has good football speed Every team that plays us has to gear its defense to stop him first He played on the offensive line in little league, so that must be where he developed his toughness And Brent is super humble, too He's not one of those players who needs to score all the touchdowns and get all the attention If the team wins, Brent's happy

WINS & GRINS

If that's the case, then Jones has been extremely happy during his senior season as the Wildcats have constructed a 7-2 record and a berth in the Division I playoffs He's had several games this season when he's eclipsed 100 yards rushing, including last week's 197-yard effort in Plymouth's 24-21 come-from-behind win over Mount Pleasant

While he was satisfied with his big offensive night, it was a

play he made on the other side of the ball that he's most proud of

"When I was playing defensive back in the fourth quarter, I deflected a pass that (Plymouth safety) Josh Le Duc intercepted," Jones said "That was one of the best highlights of my season It was nice because it was 'Senior Night' and a lot of my family was there watching

ACHES AND GAINS

Running the ball as much as Jones does combined with the grueling nature of football take a toll on his 5-foot-10, 150-pound body

The day after games I'm pretty sore," said Jones, who could be a pitch-man for Advil on Saturdays "I'll see bruises on me and think, 'How did those get there?' They weren't there yesterday' The most sore I've been were the days after the Livonia Franklin and Canton games

"I always lose weight during football season, too I was around 170 at the beginning of the year and now I'm down to about 150"

Despite the time-consuming responsibilities that go along with football, Jones has maintained a solid 3.3 grade-point average in the classroom Ideally, he'd like to attend a Division II school where he can play football and work toward a degree in business

It would be great to go to a school like Grand Valley and play football," he said "My dad (Steve Jones) went there and played running back, so it would be neat to do the same"

UNDETERRED BY LOSSES

The most challenging period of Jones' successful gridiron maturation process - and the entire team's, for that matter - came in 2004 when Plymouth endured a 2-7 season

"Even though we only won two games, we were still confident because we didn't have any seniors and we know how important seniors are," Jones said "A lot of people didn't think we'd be very good this year, but we never doubted ourselves"

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JONIK

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ond string status at both offensive and defensive tackle This year, he has started every game at offensive tackle and has seen considerable time on the defensive line as well

Last week, Jonik's stellar work ethic was rewarded when the Western Lakes Activities Association coaches voted him onto the All-WLAA first team

Ryan has come a long way since he's been here," said Canton football coach Tim Baechler He's worked extremely hard during the off-season, both running and lifting weights Our offense usually doesn't have a lot of really big offensive linemen because we ask them to get down-field and block linebackers, but Ryan is very athletic for a big guy Ryan is strong and he has good speed for somebody his size He's done everything we've asked him to do this season"

Jonik's willingness to spend countless hours in the Canton weight-room has had a positive effect on more than just his playing time

"My freshman year, my maxi-

mum bench-press was 115 pounds," he recalled, chuckling "All I could lift was like the bar with a couple 10- or five-pound weights on each end Now, my max is 325, so I've come a long way"

TEAM PLAYER

Last spring, Jonik competed as a thrower for Canton's track-and-field team He enjoyed the experience, but prefers the teamwork aspect that football offers

"I like the camaraderie that builds between the members of the football team," Jonik said "Everyone has to work together for the team to be successful If one person doesn't do their job, the play won't work"

Jonik said he didn't mind paying his dues last year and serving as a reserve player behind the Chiefs' talented, senior-laden offensive line

"Last year was a learning process for me," said Jonik, who is being recruited by a few Mid-American Conferences collegiate football programs "I played on the scout team a lot in practice, so I got to see different fronts and I learned what I needed to do against them I got better playing against guys like Kevin Pruett, Eric Kiljanzyk

and Jake Powers every day in practice"

FOLLOW ME

Jonik competes hard on every snap, but he admitted his adrenaline cranks up a notch when the Chiefs' powerful Wing-T offense is steered in his direction

"I love it when the play comes to my side," he said. "My favorite play is when myself and our tight end, Billy Turner, get to double-team the defensive end Billy and I click on that play"

"I think our offense is successful because we execute it well and we practice hard Coach Baechler has done a great job turning this program into a winner"

Last December, just five years after not being allowed to play the sport he loved, Jonik was selected as one of the Chiefs' 2005 captains It was an honor that exceeded any on-the-field feat he'll ever accomplish

"That meant a lot to me because it's voted on by members of the team," he said "It's such a great honor to be a captain here because there have been a lot of great players who played here before me who were captains You have to be a leader"

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THRILLER

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teams sag off her outside like Plymouth did, she can knock them down.

Clarin's two biggest points came with 19.3 seconds left when she calmly drained a pair of free throws to extend the Rocks' lead to 43-40. Plymouth senior guard Colleen Flaherty answered at the other end when she hit a driving bank-shot to make it 43-42 with 11.6 seconds remaining.

On the ensuing in-bounds pass, the Rocks used 4.9 seconds of the allotted five seconds, but junior forward Teresa Coppellie successfully entered the pass to Clarin. Salem advanced the ball down the court before it caromed out of bounds off a Wildcat defender.

Clarin secured the next in-bounds pass and was immediately fouled. She missed both shots and the Wildcats grabbed the rebound, but they called a timeout they didn't have with 0.02 showing on the clock, which led to two technical fouls, shots and possession of the ball for Salem. Coppellie drained one of the two technical shots.

Coppellie had her typical productive night for the Rocks, finishing with 19 points, seven rebounds and three blocks. Mitchell, who was plagued by foul trouble most of the night, finished with six points and four rebounds while junior forward Lauren Kurtz netted six and six.

After getting shut out in the first half, Plymouth senior forward Kim Olech came on strong in the second when she scored all of her team-high 11 points. Senior guard Colleen Flaherty chipped in with eight points while freshman center Shaakira Haywood had seven points and six boards.

The game evolved into a whistle-fest as 34 fouls were called — 19 on Salem and 15 on the Wildcats. Mitchell fouled out in the fourth quarter while Langham's playing time was limited by four fouls. Jeanne Moise, Olech and Val Klemmer all finished with three. The glut of fouls led to 48 free throw attempts. Salem hit 14-of-25 (56 percent) while Plymouth nailed 16-of-23 (69.5).

"Our offense wasn't in synch in the first half," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "We had a hard time getting the ball inside. We didn't play as relaxed and focused as we needed to."

"I didn't think either team could get into a flow with all the foul calls. It would have been nice to see both teams go at it with their best players on the floor."

The game was tight from the opening tip to the final whistle. The largest lead came with 2:05 left in the game when Coppellie's put-back gave the Rocks a 40-35 advantage.

Plymouth led 10-8 after one quarter, but Salem bounced back to grab a 20-19 half-time edge. Coppellie and Kurtz held Moise and Olech to a combined four points over the first 16 minutes with tenacious man-to-man defense.

Salem led 29-26 heading into the fourth. With the Rocks leading 41-38, Klemmer connected on two free throws to bring the Wildcats within one.

Plymouth's last lead came with 6:55 to go in the third quarter when Olech hit a short, turn-around jumper to put the Wildcats ahead, 22-20.

The Rocks shot 33 percent from the floor (15-of-45). Plymouth connected on 34.2 percent of its shots (13-of-38).

Both teams took care of the ball. Salem registered just 10 turnovers while the Wildcats had 12 miscues. ewright@oehomecomm.net | (734) 953-2108



Plymouth's Val Klemmer drives against Salem's Brianne Clarin during the second quarter of Tuesday night's 44-42 Rock win.

By Bill Bresler | Staff Photographer

Canton cagers humble Spartans

In a WLAA game Tuesday, the host Chiefs (12-4, 8-2) pulled away in the second half to beat Livonia Stevenson (11-5, 6-4), 50-24.

Senior forward Lisa Ealy and junior guard Ja'nee Morton each scored 10 points to pace a balanced Canton scoring attack. Senior forward Leslie Olech chipped in with nine, while Lauren Delapaz came off the bench to add eight. Reserve Amanda Sitko helped out with four points and five rebounds.

"All 10 kids were in uniform tonight, they warmed up together and it was a good feeling to get everyone back to form," Canton coach Brian Samulski said. "All mine played well and Lisa (Ealy) looked the best she's looked. She's made improvement with her ankle (injury)."

Junior forward Rachel Desentz led Stevenson with six points.

"They (Canton) were just better and we looked like we weren't ready to play," Stevenson coach Tim Newman said. "They (Canton) played much better than we did."

WARREN ZOE 49, PCA 41

Gaby Saulsby poured in 23 points to lead Zoe over the Eagles Tuesday night at PCA. Lauren Beckett led PCA with 14 points. Meghan Polera and Kelsie Tietjen both chipped in with 11. Tietjen added six steals and Polera dished out four assists.

The Eagle led 6-4 after one quarter and 12-9 at the half. Zoe stormed out of the locker room after halftime and seized a 26-23 lead with eight minutes to play. The visitors then outscored their hosts 23-18 over the final quarter to put the game on ice.

"We beat them earlier in the year at their place, so this was a frustrating loss," said PCA coach Carol Gerulis. "We just didn't play well, and missed a lot of free throws and lay-ups."

PCA (7-9 overall and 1-7 in the Michigan Independent

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Athletic Conference) connected on just 12-of-25 free throws. Zoe improved to 5-10 and 1-6, respectively.

SALEM 51, A.A. HURON 44 The Rocks balance proved to be too much for the River Rats, who depend a lot on senior All-State candidate Shavelle Little. Salem held Little to 17 points on 8-of-18 shooting Saturday afternoon while getting 14 points a piece from junior Teresa Coppellie and Taylor Langham.

"We knew Little was the focal point of their offense, so we made it a point to help on her whenever she got the ball," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "Overall, I thought we did a good job defending Little. Six of her points came off lay-ups when she anticipated our passes and stole the ball."

Langham defended Little through the first three-and-a-half quarters and Keyana Arnold checked her the final four minutes.

Also contributing to the Rocks' offensive output were sophomore guard Alaya Mitchell (eight points), senior forward Carly Sommers (seven points) and Arnold, who had four. Coppellie grabbed 10 rebounds while Langham had nine.

Jordan Stubleski added eight points for the River Rats.

Salem led 10-8 after one quarter and 31-17 at the half. Huron dented the lead to 38-28 with eight minutes to go before narrowing its deficit to seven.

The victory improved Salem's record to 12-2 while Huron dipped to 11-4.

"It was an excellent win against a quality opponent," Thomann said. "They came at us with some hard pressure and we did a decent job of handling it for the most part. All in all, it was a good team win."

DOWN THE STRETCH THEY COME

Four teams — Salem, Plymouth, Canton and Northville — still have a mathematical chance of winning at least a share of the Western Lakes Activities Association regular-season title. Following are where each of the teams stand heading into tonight's final games.

■ **Salem (9-1):** With a victory tonight over Wayne Memorial, the Rocks clinch at least a share of the WLAA regular-season title and earn the No. 1 seed in next week's WLAA tournament. A win, coupled with a Northville win over Plymouth, will give Salem the crown outright.

■ **Plymouth (9-1):** A win tonight over Northville gives the Wildcats at least a share of the WLAA title. A victory coupled with a Salem loss at Wayne earns the Wildcats the outright title.

■ **Northville (8-2):** The Mustangs need a win over the Wildcats and a Salem loss to grab a piece of the WLAA title.

■ **Canton (8-2):** To share the title, the Chiefs need a combination of a victory over Walled Lake Northern, a Salem loss and a Northville win.

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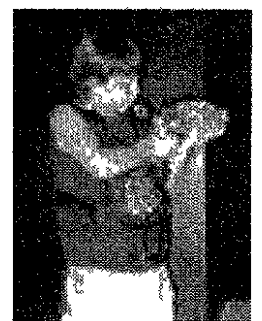
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Monroe to throw balanced attack at Canton

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Don't let Monroe's 5-4 record fool you

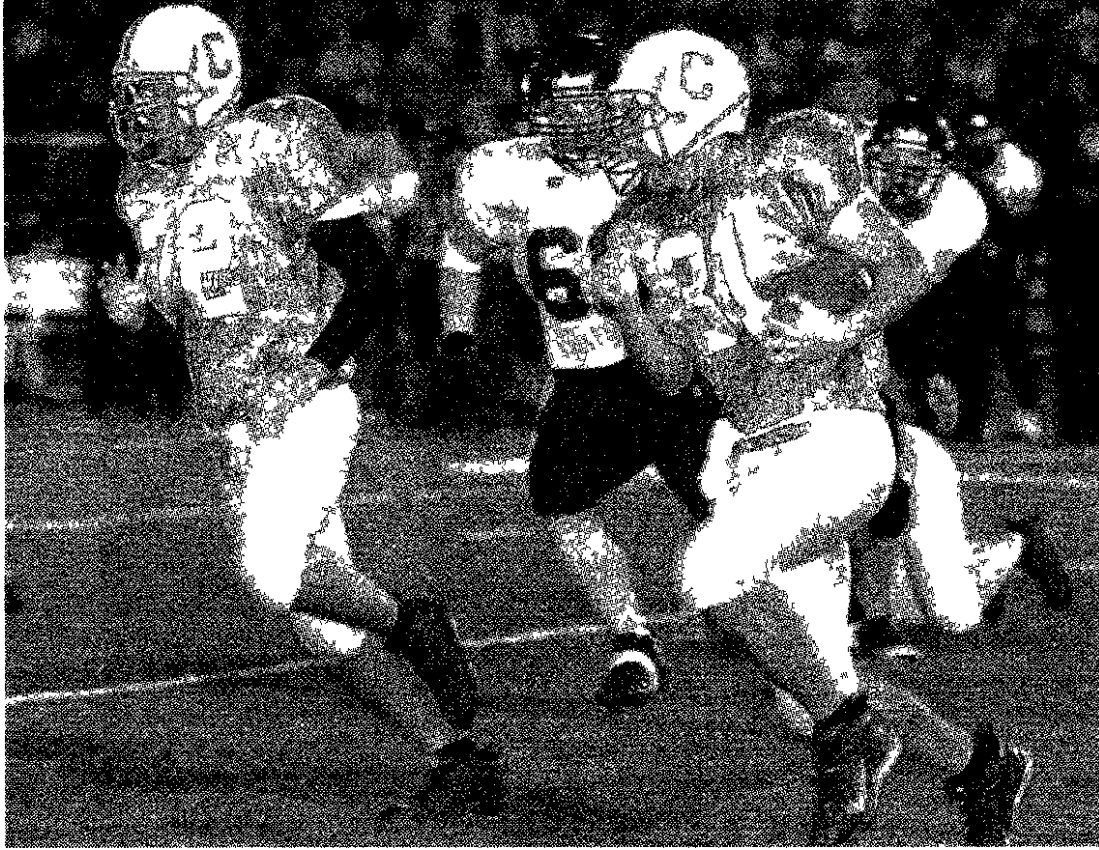
It may be vanilla, but the explosive, physically imposing Trojans are capable of hanging with just about any team they line up against

While their barely-over-500 mark may not make opponents shudder, the Trojans cannot be overlooked, warned Canton coach Tim Baechler, whose 7-2 Chiefs will match up with Monroe Friday night at 7 p.m. in the first round of the Division I playoffs. The game will be played at the P-CEP varsity football stadium.

"They've gotten better as the season has gone on," Baechler said. "They beat a very tough, physical Fordson 42-20 and Adrian, which is 8-1, needed a 44-yard field goal late in the game to beat them. Monroe has a big, physical team."

The Trojans' offense is balanced and unpredictable, Baechler said.

"They can run the ball and throw it," he said. Their quarterback is a big, strong kid with an accurate arm and they have a tough fullback, too. It's hard to tell by looking at the film if they have a lot of team speed, but I'm sure it's decent.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton running back Andy Rossow (31) follows the block of Joe Zujag (72) in a game earlier this season. The Chiefs will open the Division I playoffs Friday night when they host Monroe. Kick-off is set for 7 p.m.

The Trojans' games this season were anything but ho-hum. Monroe averaged 31.2 points per contest while yielding 31.4 a game. They scored at least 34

points in five of their games, but they've yielded more than 40 three times.

"Canton's offense is a bear to defend, especially when you've

never played against it," said Monroe coach Greg Hudkins. The teams in their league see it every year and can try to figure out different ways to slow it

MONROE AT CANTON

When: Friday at 7 p.m.

Where: P-CEP varsity football stadium

All about Monroe: The Trojans finished 5-4 overall and 4-2 in the Mega Red Division. They averaged 31.2 points per game and yielded 31.0. Their top players are QB Audie Cole, OL Jeff Maddux, WR Joel McElvany and FB Kevin Price. Monroe's biggest win of the year was a 42-20 victory over Dearborn Fordson in Week 8.

All about Canton: The Chiefs finished 7-2 overall and 3-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. They averaged 32.5 points per game and yielded 13.7. Their top players are QB Shawn Little, RB/DB Deshon McClendon, RB/DL Andy Rossow, OL/DL Ryan Jonik and RB/DB Matt Sweda. Canton overcame a 27-7 first-half deficit to defeat Walled Lake Central, 41-33, in Week 8.

down, but it's tough to stop. That's a very well-coached team.

"We started the season with a very inexperienced defense and only had two seniors back. Plus, we have a new defensive coordinator, so it took some time for everybody to figure things out."

The Trojans' offense is guided by junior quarterback Audie Cole (6 foot 4, 208 pounds), who is a threat to both run and throw. One of his protectors is 6-4, 300-pound offensive tackle Jeff Maddux, who garnered pre-season All-American consideration. Cole's primary target is wide receiver Joel McElvany, who racked up over 600 yards receiving this season. The Trojans' top ground-gamer is senior Kevin Price, who churned out 900 yards rushing.

"We finished 5-4 last year and barely missed making the playoffs, so it was nice getting in this year," Hudkins said. A couple friends of mine who are good at math told me before the selection show on Sunday that we

were in, but it's one of those things you don't believe until you see your team's name on the screen."

Baechler said he has no complaints with the hand his team was dealt by the playoff selection committee.

"I'm happy with it," he said. "There were a couple of years when we were 8-1 or 9-0 and we played some teams early on that I didn't expect to see until the later rounds. One of the nice things about this year's draw is that we're playing some different teams than the ones we've played in the past."

Canton's offense has been nearly unstoppable the past several weeks. It is steered by quarterback Shawn Little, who, when he doesn't keep the ball himself, hands it to junior Deshon McClendon, seniors Matt Sweda and Andy Rossow, and sophomore Dalton Walser. The Chiefs' offensive line is anchored by seniors Fred Keena and Ryan Jonik.

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Athletic Cody on deck for Plymouth

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth football coach Jay Blaylock didn't have to watch one second of Detroit Cody game film to know what type of team his Wildcats would be matched up against Friday night in a Division 1 playoff showdown.

"Whenever you play a Detroit Public Schools League team, you know they're going to be athletic and fast," said Blaylock. "And Cody is both. They have three (college) Division 1-type players, including their quarterback, who is a Michael Vick-type player. They have great team speed and they run a spread offense with one running back, a lot like Northville. They run out of the shotgun and they'll use three or four wide receivers."

Cody started the season 4-0 with victories over Mumfords, Murray-Wright, Mackenzie and Central. The Comets then dropped three straight hard-fought decisions to Crockett, Henry Ford and Redford, before rebounding to win their final two contests over Western and Pershing.

Coach Vernon Brown's team averaged 23 points per game while yielding just 17.2.

"We'll add a couple of new wrinkles to our offense, but for the most part we'll just keep doing what we've been doing," Blaylock revealed. "They line up and play aggressively, so they try to wreak havoc with their defense. We're just going to try to go right at them."

The Wildcats have outscored opponents 268-164 this season. Offensively, they're led by a dangerous set of skilled players, led by senior quarterback Brent Jones, who is one of the best running quarterbacks in the area. When he doesn't run the ball himself, Jones distributes it to a stable of talented running backs, including seniors Jeff Harrison and Anthony Green, and junior Nate Gholston.

When the Wildcats put the ball in the air, Jones' favorite target is 6-foot-4, 215-pound



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Joshua Le Duc eludes Livonia Churchill's David Jeremy during a game earlier this season. Le Duc will be one of the Wildcats' top weapons Friday night when they host Detroit Cody at 7 p.m. at the P-CEP junior varsity football stadium.

tight end Josh Le Duc. Defensively, Plymouth has been bolstered by the play of linebackers Mike McIntosh, Nick Rosochacki, Jared Panyan and Gerald Lou. Blaylock said injury issues may force the Wildcats to at least partially table the two-platoon system they've employed throughout this season.

"We have a couple of kids who might be playing both ways this week, but it's because of injuries, not because we don't trust the kids we have in there," he confirmed. "Josh Le

Duc may play some safety and Brent Jones might even play some cornerback."

Neither Le Duc nor Jones are strangers to the defensive side of the ball as both players were two-way starters as juniors.

For the second straight week, the Wildcats will be playing a night game on the P-CEP junior varsity field, which is located just south of Plymouth High School.

The winner of Friday night's game will take on the victor of Friday's Monroe-Canton battle. ewright@oehomecbrm.net | (734) 953-2108

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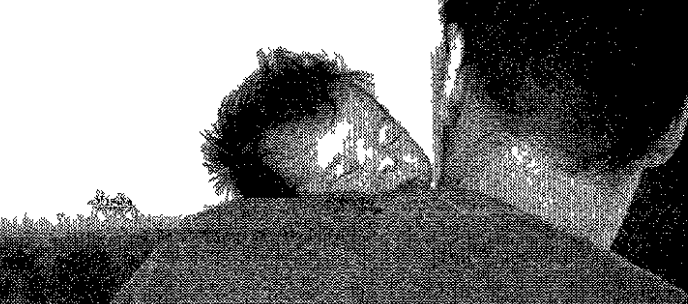
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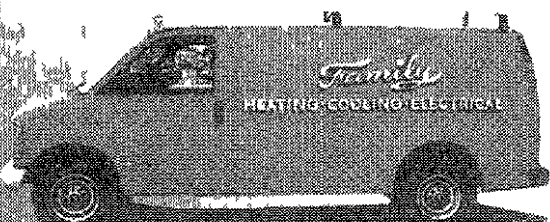
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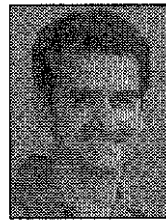
Lions players, coaches can't blame Joey Harri

Last Sunday, the Lions quarterback didn't throw a touchdown. He went three-and-out on his first possession. The clock management was brutal at the end of the first half. And he barely threw for 200 yards against a lousy defense.

And Lions nation said a collective Hallelujah! Luckily for Jeff Garcia, it isn't too hard to look good when all Lions fans have for comparison is Joey Harrington. It's kind of like being graded on a curve with the Delta House from Faber College (zero point zero). So let's not start reserving a spot in Canton for Garcia just yet. He was an improvement. The Lions won the game. But there is still a ton of work to do on this football team.

A FRESH START

It is, though, a fresh start. It's not just because Garcia can free-lance and make something out of nothing. It's because finally



Jamie Samuelson

the microscope can focus in on something other than Harrington. For weeks now, you would have thought that this team was a decent quarter back away from becoming the rightful heir to the Patriots dynasty. Everything bad that happened was Joey's fault.

The anemic offense? Joey's fault.

The lack of a big play? Joey again. Bad clock management? That's on Joey. Steve Marucci's Lincoln Navigator breaking down at Ford Field? Joey. Maybe not that last one, but you got the sense that the Lions would have pinned that on Harrington if they tried. The Joey Era is over. So it's time for the Jeff Garcia Era (subtitled Not Joey's Fault). Now the team can start sifting through the other troubling

issues and realize that it really wasn't all Joey's fault at all.

Let's be clear on one thing. If Harrington starts last week's game, the Lions lose. Garcia made two plays (the touchdown run and the backhand flip to Shawn Bryson) that either scored points or led directly to a score. Harrington couldn't have made either play and without them, the Browns win. There is also no doubt that the offensive line and the receivers helped bail out Garcia on more than one occasion. One wonders why these same 'pros' weren't doing the same thing for a struggling Harrington, but one gets a headache when one wonders too much.

SYSTEM IS PROBLEM

At the end of the first half, following another huge play by the ever-improving Lions defense, the offense had a chance for points. But a combination of bad clock management and inexperienced personnel led to the clock

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Harrington anymore - it's someone else's fault now

Running out after an offensive penalty. If Harrington does that, fans are up in arms at his lack of leadership and heart. But when it happens with Garcia, it screams out that the problem is not the triggerman. When the play lock winds down and the wrong play is called or when timeouts are burned because the play isn't called in time, that's not the quarterback. It doesn't matter if it's Joey Harrington or Joey Montana, the problem is the system.

This was the make or break year for Harrington and he broke. Now we enter the make or break phase for Mariucci. His built-in excuse is now wearing an earphone on the sideline. If the offense doesn't move the ball, it's on the coach. If a timeout is burned that's on Mooch, too. And if Ted Follmer isn't throwing any wrinkles into the offense, then it's up to the man who hired him to make sure things are spiced up. This goes for the team, too. It was getting

really old hearing the players quietly gripe about Harrington. I can understand that the defense is frustrated by the offense. But what does it do for a team when Dre Bly gets on Harrington on the sideline and says after a game that the defense may as well just play both ways? The most absurd moment came when Dominic Raiola got into it with Harrington during the Carolina game. Raiola is to NFL centers what Harrington was to NFL quarterbacks, way below average. So take a good look in the mirror before you start pointing fingers.

NO JOEY TO BLAME

The free ride is over, fellas. Joey is gone. Now when something breaks down, the fans will be coming after you. They will be calling for your jobs and justifiably so. There is an old adage in Detroit that the two most popular men in town are the backup quarterback for the Lions and the

backup goaltender for the Red Wings. Right now, those two men are named Joey Harrington and Chris Osgood. In other words, angry fans will be looking somewhere other than the bench for the solution. They'll be looking at the coach and the players on the field.

The good news is that Garcia seems to have sparked something in these guys. They are still tied for first in the underwhelming NFC North with a winnable game this Sunday against the Bears for the top spot in the division. With a win, Garcia will be 2-0 as a starter and regardless of his stats will officially become the savior in Detroit. Following the Matt Millen precedent, a five-year contract extension is sure to follow. If they lose, Garcia stunks and Dan Orlovsky should start the following week in Minnesota.

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'Cats nipped

Plymouth forward Colin Roife (14), pictured in a game played earlier this season, and his Wildcat teammates were eliminated from the Division 1 state playoffs Monday night when they dropped a 2-1 decision to Ann Arbor Huron Anthony Sasinowski scored the lone Plymouth goal



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Chief kickers roll in Gallagher's heroics lift Salem soccer team

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Five different players scored goals to lead the Canton boys soccer team to a decisive 5-0 victory over Pinckney Monday afternoon in a first-round Division 1 district game played at Saline High School. The victory improved Canton's record to 13-5-3 and moved them into Wednesday's semi-final match-up against 13-5-1 Saline. The results of Wednesday's game will appear in Sunday's Observer.

"We created a lot of opportunities offensively early in the game," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "We hit the post five minutes into the game then we scored our first goal five minutes later. Pinckney had a very good forward who we had to concentrate on isolating. We led 2-0 at the half, then in the second half, we stepped our game up one or two levels. It was very important that we won, but it also helps that we won 5-0 because it gives us

confidence for the next round and the fact that we didn't have to go to overtime or a shoot-out saves our legs."

Sophomore forward Eric Piwowar opened the scoring with an unassisted goal less than eight minutes into the game.

Paul Newall doubled the Chiefs' advantage when he scored at the 15:04 mark of the first half off a pass from Piwowar.

The Chiefs put the game on ice with back-to-back goals with a minute of each other six minutes into the second half. Keith Campbell tallied the first one off a pass from Garrett Fishaw and Kyle Grung made it 4-0 on a goal assisted by Newall.

Matt Kulczycki netted the fifth goal. He was assisted by Austin Poirier. Junior Parker Laabs and sophomore Matt Revers combined for the shutout. Laabs played the entire first half and a portion of the second before being relieved by Revers with 15 minutes left.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Salem boys soccer team is alive and well thanks largely to senior Steve Gallagher, who tallied both the Rocks' goals in their 2-1 overtime victory over Ann Arbor Pioneer Monday night.

With Salem trailing, 1-0, and 2:15 left in the second half, Gallagher controlled a pass from Jake Bennett 12 yards in front of the net and zipped the ball into the upper-left corner of the net to make it 1-1.

"Steve was definitely the hero of the game," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "A short time before his game-tying goal, we switched to a three-forward formation to generate more offense. Steve was one of the three up front. After a re-start, Jake rolled a great pass to Steve and he put it in the net. That goal seemed to give everybody more energy heading into the overtime."

The Rocks won the coin toss before the extra session and elected to take the wind, which was strong, McCarthy noted.

About 10 minutes into the overtime, Jake sent a corner kick in front of the net and Steve headed it into the lower-right-hand corner," McCarthy said. "It was a perfect corner kick. I'm not even sure we've had one that good in practice."

"The game was everything you'd expect from two strong teams playing in a district soccer game."

Brian Field earned the win in goal for the Rocks. Pioneer's lone score came with 10:43 left in the second half when Chris Jennings slid a shot off Field's fingertips and into the net.

The victory advanced Salem into Wednesday's district semi-final contest against Ann Arbor Huron. The results of that game will appear in Sunday's Observer.

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Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

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LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH
GENERAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2005

Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the City of Plymouth on Tuesday, November 8, 2005 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. eastern standard time. At that time candidates for the following offices will be voted upon in the City of Plymouth:

CITY COMMISSIONER
(four positions)
PROPOSAL #1
Shall there be a general revision of the charter of the City of Plymouth?
Yes _____ No _____

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
(nine positions)

Absentee ballots may be requested from the Clerk's Office, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, or by calling 734-453-1234. Absentee ballots will be issued to qualified absentee voters **in person** in the Clerk's office from **8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** on Saturday, November 5, 2005. On Monday, November 7, 2005, qualified voters can receive their ballots and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:30 p.m. Individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services to attend or participate in this election should contact 734-453-1234 ext. 234. You are further notified that the City's four (4) precinct locations are as follows:

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WAYNE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Section 18, chapter IV, Act 283 of the Public Acts of 1909, as amended, seven or more freeholders have petitioned the County of Wayne to absolutely abandon and discontinue:

All of that portion of Leopold Street (50 feet wide) adjoining Lots 46, 47 & 51, inclusive, and also that portion adjoining the previously vacated 18 foot wide public alley, as dedicated to the use of the public in the SHELDON PARK SUBDIVISION, being a subdivision in the N.W. 1/4 of Sec. 34, T.2. S., R.8 E., Canton Twp., Wayne Co., Mich., as recorded in Liber 43 of Plats on Page 96, Wayne County Records.

Therefore, it has been decided a Hearing be held on Wednesday, November 30, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., at the Wayne County Department of Public Services, 415 Clifford Street, 3rd Floor, Detroit, Michigan 48226, and that a Hearing Examiner of the county shall hold said hearing and obtain all necessary facts and information concerning the advisability of either granting or denying said petition, and shall report all findings of fact to the Board of Wayne County Commissioners.

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WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
REQUEST FROM SUPERIOR CONTROLS, INC.,
TO EXTEND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES
EXEMPTION NO. 99-052
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 08, 2005

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 08, 2005, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Superior Controls Inc. to extend Industrial Facilities Exemption No. 99-052 for an additional seven years to the maximum of twelve years for their facility located at 14925 Galleon Drive, Parcel 3 B Metro West Beck Road Industrial Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

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

The public hearing commencing at 7:00 p.m. will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, November 08, 2005, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting. Telephone number: 734-354-3224.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 21, 2005, in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

COSTCO WHOLESALE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (PRELIMINARY PLAN) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S) 132 99 0003 701, 132 99 0003 702, 132 01 0005 000, 132 01 0009 000, 132 01 0012 000, 132 01 0014 000, 132 01 0016 000, 132 01 0019 000, 132 01 0021 000. Property is located south of Michigan and west of Belleville Road. (**First Public Hearing.**)

SECTION 33

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday, November 17, 2005, in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
NOVEMBER 3, 2005

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2005 AT 7:30 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD CANTON MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed:

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Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Csek, Cathy Johnson, Vicki Welty and Steven Johnson

Acceptance of Agenda

- Joe Van Esley of Van Esley Real Estate, 409 Plymouth Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, for vacant property located at 44675 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187, south side of Joy Road between Sheldon and Canton Center Roads, appealing Buildings and Building Regulations Ordinance Chapter 78, Article 5, Section 78.129 regarding fence location in front yard. Zone O-1. Parcel 010 99 0002 000 (Building)
- William Applegate, 50899 Hanford, Canton, MI 48187, for residential property located at same address, south side of Hanford Road between Napier and Ridge Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00, Section 26.02, front setback requirements and Article 2.00, Section 2.03, E, locational requirements for pool. Zone R-1. Parcel 027 99 0005 009 (Planning)
- Rebecca Diho of Enterprise Rent A Car, 11375 S Middlebelt Road, Romulus, MI 48174, for commercial property located at 8583 N Lilley Road, west side of Lilley Road between Joy and Warren Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 3.00, Section 3.03, E, change of location of a nonconforming use and Section 3.04, B, enlargement of an existing nonconforming use. Zone C-3. Parcel 006 99 0004 001 (Planning)
- Mark Schafer of Schonscheck, Inc., 51331 W Pontiac Trail, Wixom, MI 48393, representing Frank Dabaja of Canton Development LLC, 8351 N Wayne Road, Westland, MI 48185, for multi-family property located at 2105 Sheldon North, west side of Sheldon Road between Ford Road and Cherry Hill Road, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00, Section 26.05, variance for side setbacks in MRD zoning. Zone MRD. Parcel 058 99 0001 715 (Planning)

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PLANNING COMMISSION
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CHERRY HILL VILLAGE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) AMENDMENT NO. 3 - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S) 073 99 0001 702, 073 99 0001 703, 073 99 0005 712, AND 073 04 0001 000 THROUGH 073 04 0437 000 (PART OF). Property is located south of Saltz and west of Denton Road.

SECTION 19

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Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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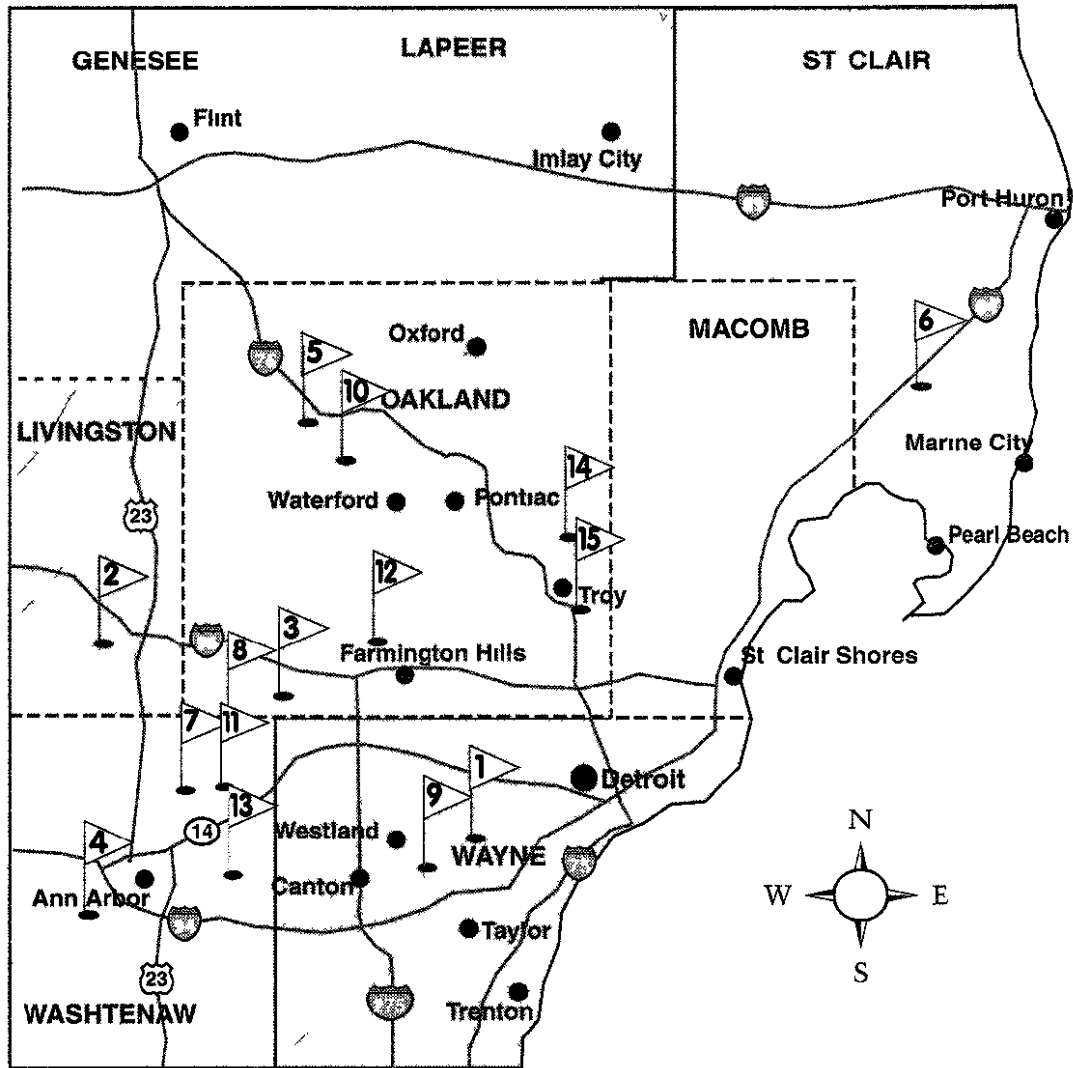


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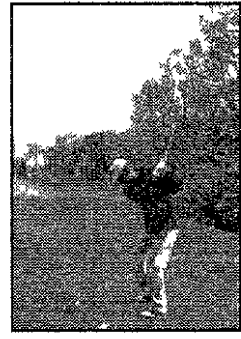
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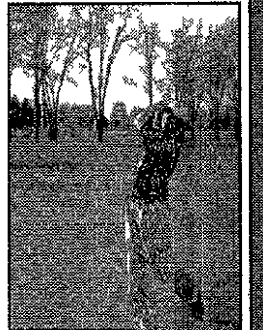
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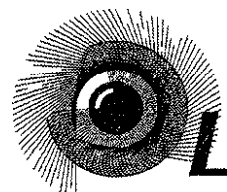
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AGNES J WINEKOFF

Of Westland October 23, 2005. Beloved wife of Gerald Loving, mother of Richard (Tammy) Cheryl (John) Malay, Kenneth (LeAnn) Mary (William) Webber, Rebecca (Robert) McGee, Gerald Jr. (Teresa) and Jamie (Michelle). Loving grandmother of 17 and great grandmother of 4. Private service was held and burial at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI. Memorial to Hospice of Michigan are appreciated. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland, 734-326-1300. To leave a message of condolence for the family, log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

ARTHUR H. HANSON

Age 66 of Roscommon formerly of Canton died Oct. 13, 2005. Art was a Mechanical Engineer in the screw machine industry. Beloved husband of Sue Dear, father of Jeff (Lisa) Hanson of Canton, Donald (Karin) Hanson of Mason and Norman (Patty) Hanson of Wilmette, IL. Loving grandfather of Jacob, Brendan, Nicholas, Shane, Holly and Heather. Brother of Robynlynne (Robert) Blahut of Mequon, WI and Desmond (Debbie) Hanson of Canton. A memorial service was held Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005 at Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon (989-275-3600). Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army or Friends Helping Friends of Roscommon.

CLARENCE SHELTON

Clarence M. Bud, October 22, 2005. Age 78 of Bloomfield Hills. Founder and former owner of Shelton Pontiac Buick, Rochester Hills, MI. Husband of the late Carole Ann, dear father of Russell M. (Kathy) Jill A. Sattler and the late Brenda S. Milnes (Bruce). Stepfather of Holly A. Hamill. Grandfather of Cory Stacy (Jeff) Brooke Blake, Brittany Jennifer & Joey. Great Grandfather of Alexandria. Brother of Ronald T. (Carol) Doris L. Barnette and the late Virginia L. Leatherwood. Also several nieces and nephews. Former husband of Wanda Shelton Farmer. Memorial service was held Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Memorial tributes to the Kirk in the Hills or the American Cancer Society. For information call A. J. Desmond & Sons, 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

CORA FEELY GRAHAM

Age 89 of Bloomfield Hills died October 21, 2005 at St. Anne's Mead Nursing Home in Southfield. Mrs. Feely Graham was born October 24, 1915 in Detroit. She graduated from Central Detroit High School in 1933 and then attended business school. Mrs. Feely Graham was a secretary at US Rubber during WWII. After WWII ended she traveled to Japan to work for the United States Government and was the Executive Secretary to General Nimitz during the War Crime Trials. After returning stateside she served as the Executive Secretary to General Motors Vice President Tom Keating until his retirement. Mrs. Feely Graham then moved to San Francisco and worked as an executive secretary for Hearst Newspaper Publications. She was married to Emmett Feely from 1967 until he passed away in 1983. In 1986 she married Frank Graham and was married to him until his death in 1997. Mrs. Feely Graham is survived by Keith (Lori) Kennedy, Nancy (Donald) Temple, Nancy (the late Neil) Kennedy, Emmett P. (Jane) Feely Jr., Thomas (Sally) Feely, Kathleen (the late Bud) Miller, Bill (Lynne) Graham, Anne (Gordon) Fox and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Rd., Clawson, on October 25, 2005. Memorials may be made to St. Anne's Mead, 16106 W. 12 Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48076.

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FRANK L. MONCHER

Born December 4, 1918 to Rose and Angelo Moncher, died Sunday, October 2, 2005 after a brief illness. He was married 62 years to Frances Rebecca Pourcho until her death in 2004. He is survived by a son, Craig F. Moncher (wife Holly Beth) and daughter, Pamela A. Brown (husband Thomas E. Brown Jr.), all of Bloomfield Hills, MI; grandsons, Chad F. Moncher, Thomas E. Brown III, Trevor J. Waskin and Ian A. Waskin, a great granddaughter, Arana S. Waskin; his brothers, the late Louis Moncher of Redwood City, CA and James Moncher (wife Betty) of Sylvania, OH; and a sister, Adeline Luginiski of Allen Park, MI. His passions were reading and learning. He studied the Bible as well as stocks and investments. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering from Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan in 1939 and then a Master of Science Degree in Engineering from Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan in 1947. He later studied at the University of Michigan and The University of Florida. He held memberships in Phi Beta Kappa, Mensa and the Society of Engineers. Mr. Moncher was active in the Republican Party in South Carolina, the Boy Scouts of America and the Bluffton First Baptist Church. His career included positions with General Motors, Professor of Engineering at Wayne State University, Chief Engineer for Sperry Rand Corporation and Director of Research for Kelsey Hayes, developing the Anti Skid Breaking System followed by consulting after retirement. Mr. Moncher held over 100 patents. The Monchers resided in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, Orange Park, Florida, then moved to Sun City, Hilton Head in Bluffton, South Carolina where they lived the past seven years. Memorial Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 9, 2005 at Highland Park Baptist Church on Twelve Mile Road in Southfield, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that remembrances may be made to Hospice Savannah, Inc., P.O. Box 13190, Savannah, GA 31416.

GERALD K. "JERRY" BECK

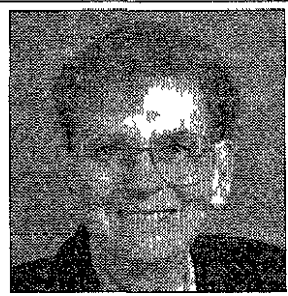
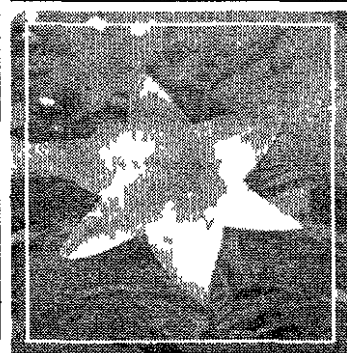
Age 69, died Friday, October 21, 2005. He was the General Manager for The Varsity Shop in Birmingham for 48 years. Dear brother of Nancy Beck and Thomas Beck (Wilda). Memorial tributes may be made to Beaumont Hospice Foundation. For information call A. J. Desmond & Sons, 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

KYLIE NICOLE OLSON

October 19, 2005. Age 16 months of Birmingham. Kylie loved dancing, flirting, cookies, purses, shoes and teasing her brother. She was a lover, darling daughter of Chris and Jen, loving twin sister of the late Colin Christopher. Also survived by loving grandparents, aunts, uncles, relatives and friends. Funeral service was held Saturday at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, Memorial tributes to Special Olympics of Oakland County, 25415 John R., Madison Heights, MI 48071 or Make A Wish Foundation, 3390 Pinetree Rd., Ste #20, Lansing, MI 48911 or Children's Hospital of MI, 3901 Beaubien St., Detroit, MI 48201. 9932. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

PHYLLIS PAYSON

Beloved wife of Tony Payson, dear mother of Cathy (Andy) Scheman, Judge Kimberly Small, Scott Small, Tony Payson, Marc (Sara) Payson and David Payson. Loving Nanny of Loren and Nikki Scheman, Erica and Jessica Stern, Sammi and Blake Small, Abigail and Nicholas Payson. Daughter of the late Leonard Siskind and the late Helen Siskind. Sister of Debbie Siskind and the late Sharon Nicholson. Niece of Bernice Wolfe. Services 10am, Thursday, October 27, at The Ira Kaufman Chapel, 1800 325 7105. Interment: Beth El Memorial Park.



Sister Mary Alicia Hemmer, RSM
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(Farmington Hills, MI) Sister Mary Alicia Hemmer, RSM, a Sister of Mercy for 61 years, died on October 24, 2005 at McAuley Retirement Center in Farmington Hills. She was 80. She was born to John and Marie (Seymour) Hemmer on October 19, 1925 in Fountain, Michigan and christened Catherine at her baptism. She joined the Sisters of Mercy in Detroit in 1944. There she was given the name Sister Mary Alicia and made perpetual vows on August 15, 1950. Sister Mary Alicia earned a bachelor's degree from Mercy College of Detroit, a master's from the University of Detroit and did post graduate work in school administration at the University of Michigan. During her 42 years in Catholic education, she taught at every level from grades one through twelve in Midland, Detroit, Hazel Park, Remus, Saginaw, Auburn, Ada, Port Huron, Grand Rapids, Cheboygan, Ludington, Farmington Hills and Portland, Michigan and in Independence, Iowa. She served as principal for eight of those years. Sister Mary Alicia was active in professional organizations at the diocesan, state and national level and recognized by students and colleagues as a master teacher and administrator. She was principal of the Ludington Area Catholic Schools in 1980 when she was chosen as Teacher of the Month in Today's Catholic Teacher. Sister Alicia is a very capable and effective principal. She wrote one contribution. More importantly, she is understanding, enthusiastic and dedicated. Her leadership stands out as being based not simply on authority but on caring service for her students, teachers and parish. Sister Mary Alicia's sabbatical in 1982 found her realizing a life-long dream of touring the country in a camper. Upon her return, she spent several additional years in education and in 1989 became a pastoral associate at Sacred Heart Parish in Muskegon Heights, Michigan. She served as a driver for the sisters at McAuley Center from 1991 to 1998 when failing health forced her retirement. Sister Mary Alicia is remembered as an energetic, talented person who always had time to lend a helping hand. Her interests included gardening, music, sports, travel, reading, conversation and prayer. She is survived by her brother, Walter of Portage, Michigan, many nieces and nephews and the members of her Mercy community. A welcome service will be held at McAuley Center on October 26, 2005 at 3 pm with a prayer vigil at 7 pm. The Mass of Resurrection will be in McAuley Center's Sacred Heart Chapel on October 27, 2005 at 10 am. Burial will follow in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Mercy Ministry Fund, 29000 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336-1405.

WILLIAM E. BARRETT, IV

October 23, 2005 of Wayne. Beloved husband of the late Eva. Dear father of Scott, Grandfather of Jamie, Brother in law of Barb Hutcherson, Uncle of Laura Sherman. Visitation Wednesday, 3-9pm. Funeral Service Thursday, 10am at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 34567 Michigan Ave., Wayne.

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Moms join together to pray for children

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Karen Jeffries hasn't stopped praying for her children Eric and Kara because they're adults. In fact, the Canton mother is even more concerned as they leave home to pursue careers.

During their years at Field Elementary and East Middle School, she sought divine intervention privately. By the time they entered Plymouth-Canton High School, she wanted to multiply the power of her prayer by joining a group of mothers. Moms in Touch International, the answer to the non-denominational ministry offers 1,200 prayer groups in the state of Michigan. Jeffries serves as the contact person for all of the schools in the Plymouth-Canton area.

On Tuesday, Nov. 1, she'll attend the all-day regional rally that concludes with a Moms Night Out event 7-9 p.m. (welcome reception 6-30-7 p.m.) at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, in Northville. Admission is free.

Mothers, grandmothers or any women interested in learning more about the groups are invited to visit the Web site at www.momsintouch.org. For event information, call state coordinator Lynn Niedenthal at (616) 942-0646.

Groups meet privately once a week for one hour in homes and churches, and follow a format that includes praising the Lord, confessing sins in silence, giving thanks for answered prayers, and praying aloud for children, teachers and schools. In the Plymouth-Canton area, there are Moms in Touch groups connected to 19 public and Christian schools. Eight public schools still need groups which vary in size from two on up.

Earlier on the day of the regional rally, training sessions are open to women wanting to start a group or serve as contact persons.

If you're not praying for your child, who is? In this life with so many things calling for our attention, it's important to prioritize, said Jeffries, a member of Revival Outreach Center in Northville. "I wanted to be part of the schools and have an impact on the schools

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I've prayed with Baptist and Catholic moms. We just focus on the prayer.

It's always uplifting, never negative. If there is a difficult child or teacher, we pray for strength. We know teachers have a difficult job in this day and age. We pray for our kids and other kids, for safety, protection so there isn't any drugs, alcohol or guns in the school and it's a safe haven for education.

Even though Jeffries believes strongly in the power of prayer, she keeps a journal of petitions answered. It's all the proof she needs to keep on praying.

"Prayer is probably one of the hardest ministries because we're a generation that wants instant gratification. The answer to a prayer isn't always instantaneous," said Jeffries.

Pam Malo's prayers for her five children and their schools were not only answered over the years, but provided her with other benefits as well. Malo joined a Moms in Touch group shortly after moving to Livonia in 1989. Today, she's looking for a group of moms with kids in college or pursuing careers.

My children were ages 2, 6, 8, 10 and 12," said Pam Malo.

Four were in elementary at the same time. I felt prayer was the most powerful tool in the arsenal to give me peace of mind when you put the little 5-year-olds into the hands of other people. I definitely felt that they were making better choices and being protected. I felt more comfortable. There's so much out there that influences them when they're not with us.

When peers led one of Malo's sons down the wrong path in middle school, she prayed for intervention. Whatever is prayed in the group, stays in the group. Mothers need not worry about confidentiality. "He was not perfect," said Malo. "One of the prayers was

that if need be they would be caught when guilty and they got caught. I told him if you make bad choices, you will be caught. Prayers are not always answered the way we want it answered.

One of the benefits from praying with moms in the group is that you're with moms who passionately cared about their children, are involved at the school. It's a real comforting feeling that these moms were praying for your children.

According to Niedenthal, once mothers start praying, it's not unusual for them to want to continue even after their children are out of high school. Niedenthal has two children - Krista, a 22-year-old student at John Cabot University in Rome, and Heather, 18, a freshman at Michigan State University.

"We've created college groups," said Niedenthal, a Grand Rapids mother who joined the ministry 15-years ago. She belongs to an evangelical covenant church. "We now have Homeschool Moms in Touch groups, Grandmas in Touch, Faculty in Touch, even Prison Moms in Touch groups where women get permission to go into prison and share the vision with moms there. Even though incarcerated they can still pray for their children."

"I joined when my daughter was in third grade. It changed my life. Instead of being a worrying mom, I became a praying mom and saw answers."

Fern Nichols felt the moral values of her two oldest children were being tested when they entered junior high school in British Columbia, so she started praying with another mother in 1984.

One year later when her family moved to California, she formed Moms in Touch International. Today, the organization extends into more than 100 countries around the world. It is funded by donations.

Anybody interested in hearing about the power of prayer is welcome to attend Moms Night Out," said Niedenthal. "You don't have to be a mom to come. It's for anyone who wants to adopt praying for children in schools."

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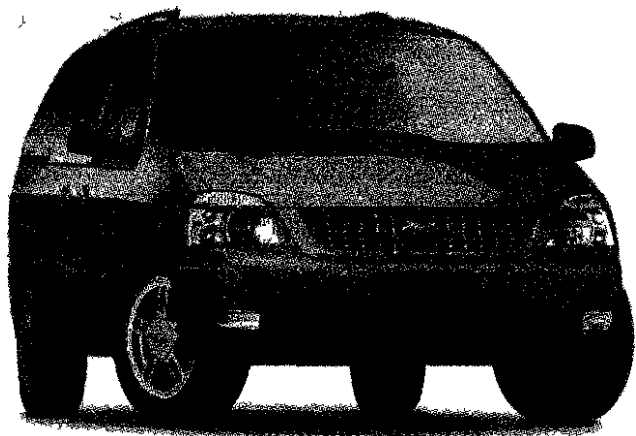
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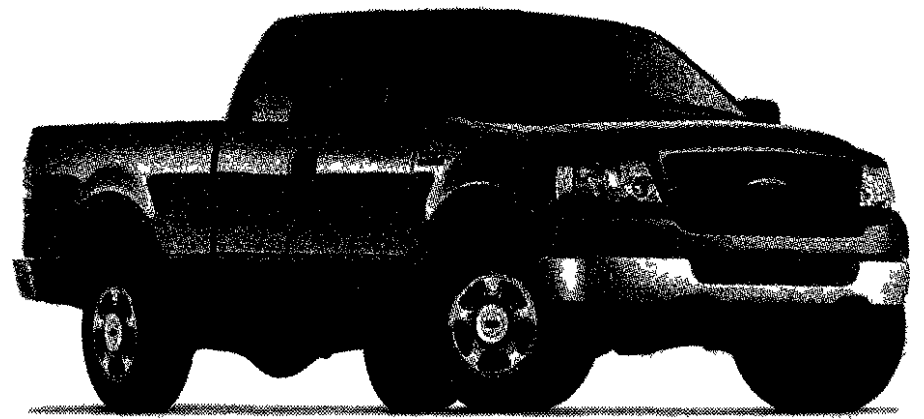
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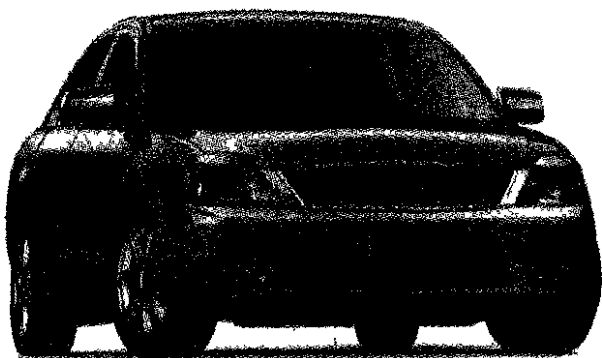
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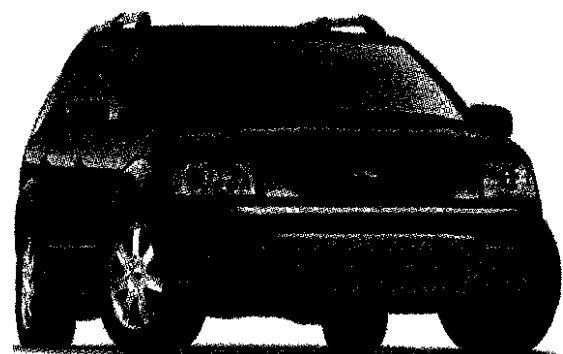
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Condominiums



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BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Robert Meisner has been practicing condominium law for more than 30 years, so his new book, *Condo Living: A Survival Guide To Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, is well-informed.

Meisner whose practice is based in Bingham Farms, has worked on the book the last two-three years, although he's had the idea germinating longer than that. It's being published by Momentum Books, affiliated with *Hour* magazine.

This is really the first full-length book I published, said Meisner, who wrote a pamphlet on condos earlier. He teaches law at Detroit College of Law/Michigan State University, in addition to a class at Oakland Community College for condo boards and developers. He's a member of the College of Community Association Lawyers of the Community Associations Institute.

Meisner, a University of Michigan graduate with bachelor's and law degrees, has also

been an *Observer & Eccentric* real estate columnist for more than 25 years. He finds consumers are often uninformed when it comes to the rules, regulations and bylaws associated with owning a condo.

"People are not educated when they buy condominiums," he said. "They don't know what they're getting into."

Some attorneys, even in real estate, don't know condo law, he said, adding it's a subspecialty of real estate law. "There's a lot more to review and understand," he said, noting such things as the master deed and articles of incorporation.

"I think it's really needed," Meisner said of his book. "It's written in layman's terms."

He included some of "Meisner's Maxims," incorporating humor into the book. "It's 30 years of experience in dealing with condos, the author said. "I really think it's a must-read."

The book has been critiqued by developers and those on condo boards. Glenn Haeger, "America's Master Handyman," describes it "Everything you need to know

about condo living. Meisner tells you what they are - what your rights are or aren't - what you need to look out for. If you live in or are thinking of buying a condominium, you need this book. Read it before you sign on the dotted line."

Another perspective comes from Bernie Gieberman, CEO of Crosswinds Communities. "As a developer for more than 35 years, I can attest that Bob Meisner's expose on condominiums is a must-read for anyone attempting to develop and/or operate a condominium or community association. *Condo Living's* insight into condo development and condo law is unsurpassed and invaluable to anyone who wants to learn about successful condominium development from the ground up."

The 182-page book costs \$24.95 plus shipping and handling. To place an order, call (248) 458-5500, Ext. 22, or visit www.momentumbooks.com. Information is available at www.meisner-associates.com or by calling (248) 644-4433 (Meisner's office).



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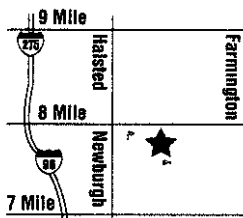


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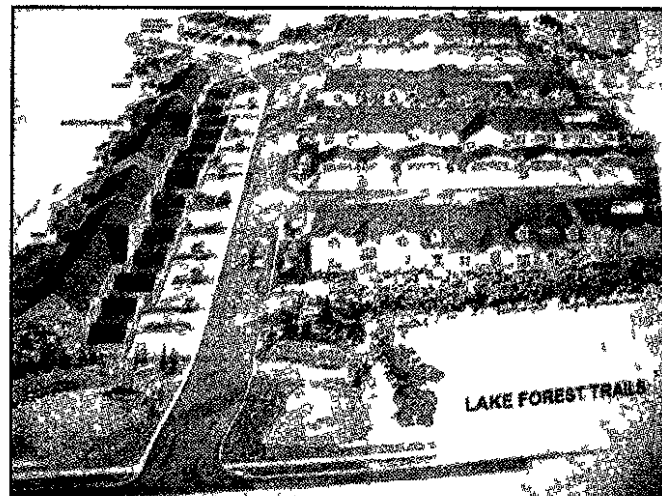
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Directors, officers take CREW helm

The Detroit chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW-Detroit) recently elected its 2006 board of directors and officers, including

- **President/national delegate** Debra Osuch of Soils and Materials Engineers Inc in Shelby Township, for a one-year term
- **President-Elect/national delegate** Carol Ann Arvan of FX Architecture, Inc LLC in Royal Oak, for a one-year term
- **Secretary and Communications Liaison** Catherine Malicki of SSOE in Toledo for a one-year term
- **Treasurer and Sponsorship Liaison** Kim McMahon of Grubb & Ellis Company in Southfield, for a



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- **Director and Real Estate Excellence Award Liaison** Gail von Staden of Gensler in Detroit, for a two year term
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- **Director and Community Outreach Liaison** Janet Stevens of REIT Management and Research LLC in Dearborn for a two year term
- **Director and Golf Outing Liaison** Sarah Malys of LaSalle Bank in Troy for a two-year term
- **Past President/nominating chair** Joan Cleland of Acquest Realty Advisors Inc in Bloomfield Hills, for a one-year term

Commercial Real Estate Women - Detroit, founded in 1986, is one of the largest local chapters of the CREW Network, a professional organization of more than 5,700 commercial real estate women in the U.S. and Canada. CREW-Detroit has more than 140 members from all commercial real estate professions, including accounting, architecture, appraisal, acquisitions, development, finance, leasing, property/asset management, law, sales/brokerage and syndication/investment. CREW-Detroit promotes networking and professional opportunities among its members, including a monthly program. For more information, see <http://www.crewdetroit.org>

HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of June 6 to 2005 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

City	Address	Sale Price
Canton	2482 Amber	\$237,000
Canton	43635 Antetam	\$203,000
Canton	1921 Bellingham	\$210,000
Canton	42735 Boulden	\$230,000
Canton	4118 Bridgeview	\$52,000
Canton	1741 Brookdale	\$345,000
Canton	7506 Capri	\$245,000
Canton	7822 Charrington	\$285,000
Canton	48661 Cherry Hill	\$350,000
Canton	1763 Christopher	\$153,000
Canton	296 Constitution	\$166,000
Canton	7073 Copper Creek	\$175,000
Canton	4005 Cornerstone	\$46,000
Canton	1614 Crestview	\$310,000
Canton	46535 Doubletree	\$280,000
Canton	45669 Drexel	\$285,000
Canton	44227 Duchess	\$242,000
Canton	1435 Elmhurst	\$169,000
Canton	8160 Elmhurst	\$283,000
Canton	7451 Embassy	\$273,000
Canton	442 Filmore	\$360,000
Canton	3075 Greenwich	\$313,000
Canton	50131 Harding	\$170,000
Canton	2527 Hogan	\$176,000
Canton	3935 Hunters	\$151,000
Canton	7865 Kaiser	\$175,000
Canton	42544 Lilley Pointe	\$130,000
Canton	41180 Maplewood	\$191,000
Canton	41270 Maplewood	\$208,000
Canton	2087 Morrison	\$213,000
Canton	6133 N Canton Center	\$225,000
Canton	282 N Village	\$40,000
Canton	288 N Village	\$40,000
Canton	8412 New Haven	\$419,000
Canton	46725 Newton	\$120,000
Canton	47123 Northgate	\$285,000
Canton	2219 Preserve	\$258,000
Canton	45663 Radnor	\$315,000
Canton	42309 Saratoga	\$208,000
Canton	44781 Seabrook	\$350,000
Canton	329 Sheffield	\$230,000
Canton	46335 Spinning Wheel	\$283,000
Canton	44021 Vassar	\$268,000
Canton	908 Wellington	\$312,000
Canton	40026 Woodale	\$308,000
Canton	2196 Woodcreek	\$320,000
Canton	2530 Woodmont	\$218,000
Canton	46533 Woodside	\$325,000
Canton	48974 Woodson	\$372,000
Canton	43801 Yorktown	\$110,000
Garden City	29438 Balmoral	\$143,000
Garden City	29609 Balmoral	\$157,000
Garden City	30065 Beechwood	\$103,000
Garden City	6858 Belton	\$222,000
Garden City	28945 Birchlawn	\$109,000
Garden City	30552 Bock	\$153,000
Garden City	31945 Bock	\$125,000
Garden City	32922 Bock	\$160,000
Garden City	32568 Bridge	\$200,000
Garden City	29000 Dawson	\$115,000
Garden City	29051 Dawson	\$107,000
Garden City	181 Deering	\$100,000
Garden City	33155 Donnelly	\$152,000
Garden City	29734 Florence	\$131,000
Garden City	1845 Harrison	\$132,000
Garden City	495 Helen	\$140,000
Garden City	6142 Helen	\$140,000
Garden City	1139 Helen	\$139,000
Garden City	29538 John Hawk	\$153,000
Garden City	33452 Kathryn	\$155,000
Garden City	28722 Leona	\$120,000
Garden City	31456 Leona	\$146,000
Garden City	6701 Mansfield	\$152,000
Garden City	29664 Marquette	\$150,000
Garden City	29448 Meadow	\$148,000
Garden City	28980 Rosslyn	\$125,000
Garden City	28339 Sheridan	\$123,000
Garden City	32954 Sheridan	\$145,000
Garden City	29598 Winter	\$129,000
Livonia	27815 Six Mile	\$235,000
Livonia	32410 Six Mile	\$299,000
Livonia	14153 Alexander	\$170,000
Livonia	32943 Allen	\$240,000
Livonia	35986 Ann Arbor	\$121,000
Livonia	19335 Antago	\$147,000
Livonia	14845 Arden	\$171,000
Livonia	15335 Ashurst	\$217,000
Livonia	20390 Beatrice	\$120,000
Livonia	11032 Blackburn	\$237,000
Livonia	29452 Bobrich	\$99,000
Livonia	33363 Broadmoor	\$320,000
Livonia	29106 Broadmoor	\$198,000
Livonia	29251 Broadmoor	\$430,000
Livonia	28500 Cleveland	\$132,000
Livonia	9944 E Clements	\$154,000
Livonia	33681 Elmira	\$269,000
Livonia	11860 Farmington	\$178,000
Livonia	11864 Farmington	\$188,000
Livonia	11866 Farmington	\$186,000
Livonia	11870 Farmington	\$172,000
Livonia	11876 Farmington	\$178,000
Livonia	9998 Flamingo	\$159,000
Livonia	18615 Floral	\$138,000
Livonia	20124 Floral	\$74,000
Livonia	20225 Floral	\$129,000
Livonia	9971 Fremont	\$149,000
Livonia	18597 Gillman	\$158,000
Livonia	13970 Gottview	\$220,000
Livonia	18321 Grimm	\$163,000
Livonia	29655 Hillbrook	\$187,000
Livonia	15696 Hunter	\$40,000
Livonia	15699 Hunter	\$40,000
Livonia	15704 Hunter	\$40,000
Livonia	29512 Joy	\$40,000
Plymouth	49571 Donovan	\$182,000
Plymouth	12345 Duxbury	\$556,000
Plymouth	8832 Gregory	\$249,000
Plymouth	686 Herald	\$323,000
Plymouth	482 Irvin	\$322,000
Plymouth	48631 Meadow	\$341,000
Plymouth	316 N Holbrook	\$189,000
Plymouth	46080 Rockledge	\$298,000
Plymouth	174 Rose	\$183,000
Redford	11348 Arnold	\$142,000
Redford	14041 Arnold	\$180,000
Redford	9241 Berwyn	\$116,000
Redford	14195 Berwyn	\$165,000
Redford	9554 Brady	\$158,000
Redford	17622 Brady	\$113,000
Redford	15924 Centralia	\$156,000
Redford	19124 Centralia	\$102,000
Redford	18697 Delaware	\$86,000
Redford	11395 Dixie	\$131,000
Redford	14237 Dixie	\$158,000
Redford	15398 Dixie	\$88,000
Redford	24738 Donald	\$162,000
Redford	14215 Fenton	\$174,000
Redford	17309 Five Points	\$130,000
Redford	15430 Fox	\$165,000
Redford	18828 Garfield	\$120,000
Redford	19368 Gaylord	\$105,000
Redford	10029 Grayfield	\$137,000
Redford	11662 Grayfield	\$115,000
Redford	11314 Hazelton	\$145,000
Redford	18642 Inkster	\$106,000
Redford	9239 Jerome	\$162,000
Redford	25253 Keeler	\$96,000
Redford	9111 Kinloch	\$144,000
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Redford	9983 Norborne	\$130,000
Redford	10019 Riverdale	\$115,000
Redford	9108 San Jose	\$147,000
Redford	9356 Sarasota	\$159,000
Redford	13958 Semmole	\$103,000
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Redford	26223 Southwestern	\$120,000
Redford	14932 Sumner	\$114,000
Redford	26727 W Seven Mile	\$115,000
Redford	26727 W Chicago	\$143,000
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Redford	15455 Wakenden	\$118,000
Redford	20089 Wakenden	\$122,000
Redford	8922 Woodbine	\$139,000
Redford	12891 Wormer	\$140,000
Westland	2051 Second	\$144,000
Westland	8400 August	\$82,000
Westland	30591 Avondale	\$145,000
Westland	37160 Baker	\$291,000
Westland	33043 Benson	\$178,000
Westland	1541 Berkshire	\$135,000
Westland	32219 Birchwood	\$149,000
Westland	8544 Cardwell	\$138,000
Westland	36617 Cherry Hill	\$222,000
Westland	28957 Currier	\$130,000
Westland	29114 Currier	\$130,000
Westland	187 Dawson	\$173,000
Westland	27585 Eton	\$93,000
Westland	31605 Fairchild	\$149,000
Westland	7297 Floral	\$123,000
Westland	34218 Frances	\$140,000
Westland	30499 Hivley	\$153,000
Westland	30811 Hivley	\$129,000
Westland	34461 Hivley	\$150,000
Westland	35893 Hunter	\$116,000
Westland	32562 Mackinac	\$110,000
Westland	30074 Malvern	\$150,000
Westland	8224 Melvin	\$192,000
Westland	8143 Milburn	\$143,000
Westland	32610 Montcalm	\$116,000
Westland	1820 N Carlson	\$146,000
Westland	5968 N Crown	\$133,000
Westland	7441 N Kingston	\$131,000
Westland	6170 N Newburgh	\$167,000
Westland	7101 N Wildwood	\$168,000
Westland	1256 Portland	\$167,000
Westland	1296 Portland	\$158,000
Westland	777 Rahn	\$157,000
Westland	7777 Rivergate	\$158,000
Westland	1656 S Harvey	\$140,000
Westland	34930 School	\$125,000
Westland	1171 Sharon	\$145,000
Westland	34486 Tonquish	\$151,000
Westland	534 Van Sull	\$169,000
Westland	1110 Windham	\$152,000

HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

City	Address	Sale Price	City	Address	Sale Price	City	Address	Sale Price
Farmington	28632 Petersburg	\$292,000	41469 Fawn	\$406,000	6884 Cottonwood Knoll	\$275,000		
32806 Annewood	\$250,000	23088 Purdue	\$210,000	21810 Greendale	\$329,000	7220 Essex	\$825,000	
22490 Floral	\$161,000	30525 Ramblewood Club	\$280,000	22397 Heatherbrae	\$280,000	3903 Fieldview	\$134,000	
33701 Grand River	\$373,000	28907 Rockledge	\$345,000	25586 Portico	\$208,000	4370 Forbush	\$176,000	
23606 Longacre	\$218,000	32320 W 1/2 Mile	\$177,000	42675 Sandstone	\$350,000	4201 Hillcrest	\$204,000	
Farmington Hills	30445 W 14 Mile	\$76,000	21711 Shadybrook	\$304,000	5517 Kingsfield	\$280,000		
28861 Balmoral	\$236,000	32620 W Wayburn	\$244,000	West Bloomfield	5435 Mavis	\$185,000		
30551 Club House	\$348,000	Franklin	5229 Beechtree	\$683,000	1750 Oldtown	\$106,000		
38842 Country	\$151,000	31700 Nottingham	\$600,000	5243 Beechtree	\$641,000	5260 Potomac	\$250,000	
29632 Middlebelt	\$137,000	Novi	6365 Branford	\$542,000	4709 Stoneview	\$545,000		
29982 Muirland	\$320,000	30764 Ardmore	\$40,000	7104 Bridge	\$201,000	5604 Sunnycrest	\$208,000	
36236 Parklane	\$286,000	25399 Buckminster	\$305,000	6542 Castlebury	\$415,000	2590 Walnut Lake	\$190,000	
28402 Peppermill	\$198,000	28280 Carlton Way	\$216,000	7418 Cornwall	\$230,000	2436 Weathervane	\$320,000	

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30 Yr	Pts	15 Yr	Pts	Other	30 Yr	Pts	15 Yr	Pts	Other				
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1st National Bank in Howell	(517) 545 2207	6	2	5.875	2	J/A	Goldstar Mortgage	(800) 784 1074	5.75	0	5.5	0	J/A/V/F
A East Financial Corp.	(800) 839-8914	5.25	2.825	4.75	2.5	J/A	Group One Mortgage	(734) 853-4000	6	0	5.825	0	J/A/V/F
AAXA Discount Mortgage	(877) 728 3569	5.25	2.25	4.875	1.75	J/A	Home Finance of Amer ca	(800) 358 5628	5.75	0	5.375	0	J/A
Alt Financial	(877) 234-0500	5.75	0	5.25	0.25	J/A	Horizon Financial Group	(888) 538-7887	5.75	0	5.375	0	J/A
America's Premiere Mortgage	(800) 585 8730	5.75	0	5.375	0	J/A/V/F	JMC Mortgage Corp	(248) 489-4020	5.5	3	5	3	J/A
Ameripius Mortgage Corp	(248) 740-2323	5.75	0.125	5.375	0.125	J/A	Keystone Mortgage	(866) 639-3733	5.375	2	5	1.75	J/A
Art Financial	(877) 234-0500	5.75	0	5.25	0.25	J/A	LaSalle Bank Midwest	(800) 466 3800	5.75	2	5.375	2	J/A/V/F
Bay Pointe Mortgage Corp	(248) 852 3598	5.5	2	5.125	2	J/A/V	Lita Financial	(888) 228-0900	5.75	0	5.375	0	J/A/V/F
Biglioni Commerce Bank	(810) 220-8646	5.75	1	5.375	1	J/A	Macomb Schools & Gov C/U	(586) 263 8800	5.5	2	5.125	2	J/A
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Captiva Group Mortgage Co	(248) 682 8643	5.75	0	5.375	0	J/A	Mortgages by Golden Rule	(800) 991-9922	5.8	1.25	5	1.5	J/A/V/F
Centerbrook Mortgage	(248) 851-4150	5.75	0.125	5.375	0.25	J/A	National City Bank	(586) 825 0825	5.75	1.75	5.25	1.875	J/A
Charter One Bank	(800) 342 5336	6.25	0	5.875	0	J/A/V/F	Northlawn Financial	(248) 988-8468	5.75	0			

Protect credit by shopping wisely

The next time you ask a dozen mortgage lenders to compete, make sure your credit scores don't take a hit. Because your credit scores play such a vital role in your mortgage search, shopping hard is not good enough anymore. You must shop smart.



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An important factor used in determining your credit score is how many times potential lenders have 'inquired' as to your credit-worthiness. Too many credit inquiries may be an early sign of financial difficulties. Financially strapped people often reach out for more credit.

Current credit scoring formulae allow borrowers to shop more aggressively for major purchases. According to high-level credit industry sources, credit scorers do not count credit inquiries for cars and homes completed in the past 30 days, and score the inquiries completed within any 14-day window as a single inquiry. Thus, you can shop with due diligence for

your new mortgage, just do it all in a two-week period. Though all inquiries will appear on your credit report, qualified ones will be scored as a group, not individually.

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Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. Visit www.PhillipsHQ.com for free information online or call him toll free at (866) 369-4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

Facility to serve needs of seniors

Mike McCormick, executive director at Fox Run in Novi, presided over the ceremonial groundbreaking festivities for Renaissance Gardens, the campus' newest neighborhood. Renaissance Gardens will house the community's assisted living and skilled nursing care facilities, joining the existing independent living campus for men and women 62 years of age plus. Completion of Renaissance Gardens is scheduled for the first quarter of 2007.

The groundbreaking was attended by Fox Run residents and staff, civic leaders and dignitaries including Novi Mayor Pro Tem David Landry and several members of the Novi City Council as well as representatives from the offices of Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Sen. Nancy Cassis. Dr. Bill Russell, regional medical director at Erickson which develops and manages Fox Run, was also on hand. Jean Landreville, administrator of Renaissance Gardens,

shared the "vision" for Renaissance Gardens with those present.

Landry told the crowd of over 300 that the city is not only proud of Fox Run, but is envious. "We all want to live here," said Landry.

McCormick, Landry, Landreville and Russell were joined by Fox Run residents Mr. and Mrs. Richard Weinert to dedicate a tree that will be planted in front of the completed Renaissance Gardens in commemoration of the groundbreaking ceremony. The Weinerts, one of the first couples to move to Fox Run, also participated in the original groundbreaking for the community in 2001.

Fox Run's most "seasoned" resident, Mabel Fake, who will turn 100 in 2006 climbed aboard a gigantic front loader in order to be the one to make the first "dig" for the construction to begin. Fake said she was honored to be part of the fun.

Mercy High School student Gracie Denton of Novi awed the

crowd with her amazing rendition of *The Star Spangled Banner*.

"We thought it was fitting that Gracie sing for us today, as she was with us from the start," said McCormick. "We have grown so much since we first started our original construction and she has grown with us into a lovely, extremely talented young lady."

Renaissance Gardens will be operated under the auspices of Erickson HealthSM, the nation's largest and most completely integrated wellness and health care system for people over 62 years of age. The facility will provide private rooms for residents, offering services based in the person-centered care philosophy and designed to meet the individual needs of each community member.

Erickson's innovative approach to assisted living and skilled nursing care has resulted in amenities designed to enrich the life of residents.

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BETTER HURRY! This sprawling ranch situated on 1.7 acres in Plymouth Township. Front long massive great room w/ vaulted ceilings island kitchen finished basement side entry garage and lots lots more \$489,000 (P 351BE)

SUPERB SETTING Elegant details in this colonial situated on a beautifully landscaped private interior court. Southern exposure and open 3100 sq ft floor plan make it bright & spacious. Dramatic ceilings fireplace security & sprinklers \$479,000 (C 758CA)

PRETTY CAPE COD In West Dearborn "triangle" Updates galore from kitchen to baths and all professionally done. Newer Andersen doors newer roof awesome finished basement newer furnace and central air. Must see! \$225,000 (P 444CO)

DEARBORN CHARMER Vinyl sided bungalow with 3 bedrooms updated furnace central air windows and basement. Deck off of the back of the home. Hardwood floors and pretty landscaping. Fenced yard too! \$99,900 (C 614GA)

SOUTH LYON VACANT LOT On a private road with a wooded backdrop. Will require an engineered septic field. This area has golf courses and upscale homes. Survey and geological studies available. Over one acre. Privacy is perfect as is the price. \$89,900 (P 185LA)

AFFORDABLE AND ADORABLE Move right into this updated Dearborn Heights cute with newer siding windows and roof. One car garage updated kitchen and bath. Perfect for first time buyers or retirees. \$94,900 (C 628LE)

WESTERN GOLF COURSE AREA! Clean brick ranch with a finished basement new roof furnace and central air! Updated windows covered porch 2 car garage an extra large lot and a one year home warranty. Perfect for 1st time buyers. \$156,000 (C 715LY)

LOVELY COLONIAL Huge sunken family room formal living & dining spacious kitchen/breakfast room overlooking the back yard with new pool & extensive decking for leisure. Side entry garage sprinklers and a large corner lot. \$314,900 (P 995MC)

COUNTRY SIZED LOT Picturesque views from each window in this maintenance free Farmington Hills ranch on 1.2 acres. Full walkout basement side entry garage fireplace country kitchen and a home office. Park like yard. \$334,900 (C-424PO)

2003 BUILT PULTE Gorgeous brick elevation 4BR/2 1/2BA great room with fireplace huge kitchen w/pantry den big master with garden tub & WIC. Rear deck w/privacy wall. Great sub with a pool and walking trails. \$239,900 (P 738RA)

QUALITY THROUGHOUT Spacious immaculate and updated condo in Northville. 3 bedrooms 3 1/2 baths finished basement 2 car garage ample guest parking. Pella windows and a home warranty. Pets allowed. \$190,000 (P 612RE)

PRIME LOCATION MINT CONDITION 2 bedroom condo with new carpeting and Pergo. All upgraded appliances balcony overlooking the commons. Pool clubhouse and a carport. More expensive than most but the best unit in the sub. \$117,500 (C 199SH)

QUAINT CONDO COMMUNITY Close to downtown with an open view to park like setting from the deck. Large great room w/ cathedral ceiling recessed lights & fireplace. Full kit in fin basement. New roof and new windows to be replaced by assoc. 05/06. \$199,000 (P 490MA)

BEAUTIFULLY GROOMED One acre parcel with this immaculate 3 bedroom home. Large country front porch hardwood floors fireplace formal living room doorwall to private yard and nearly one full acre to call your own. Great location. \$210,000 (P 248MA)

DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH Charming 3 bedroom 2 bath bungalow with updated roof water heater furnace kitchen and more. Hardwood floors fireplace finished basement and new deck off of the 3 season room overlooking the pool! \$264,900 (C 644AN)

HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER Rolling Oaks Sub. This home has it all! Granite kitchen 4 beds 3 baths finished basement w/ workout room wood floors 2 story foyer 3 car side entry garage deck & gazebo and much more! \$479,000 (C 740HI)

WHY PAY RENT? When you could be a homeowner? This brick ranch offers 3 bedrooms wood trim 6 panel doors hardwood floors and nice sized back yard and a 2 car garage! Come look today. \$139,900 (P 269AL)

HISTORIC CAPE COD in downtown Belleville with 9 ceilings amazing original hardwood floors & trim. Beautifully remodeled kit w/antique cabinetry electrical completely re-wired & copper plumbing. \$219,900 (C 204CO)

SERENE 1/3 ACRE LOT Great family home with 3 bedrooms appliances newer vinyl windows new roof large wood deck 2 1/2 car garage and quick occupancy. Seller willing to help with closing costs! Call today. \$146,900 (C 083TR)

YOU FOUND IT! Gorgeous Northville condo has everything but the maintenance! Clean and beautifully decorated this end unit offers a great master new floors and fixtures dining and study areas enclosed seasonal porch appliances remain. \$134,900 (P 580NO)

UNMATCHABLE YARD 375 ft deep! Charming Livonia bungalow offering a huge lot 3 bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths. Major updating completed furnace air windows plumbing and water heater. Great finished basement and a 2 car garage. \$185,000 (C 630FI)

DOUBLE LOT DREAM Super ranch with over 1300 sq ft and a freshly painted interior. Situated on a double lot with a huge 3 car garage - mechanics delight! Newer Copper plumbing and electrical. Kitchen w/custom lighting. Nice. \$124,900 (C 208MI)

PEACE AND QUIET Can be found in this charming ranch on a quiet dead end street. 4 BR/1 1/2 BA updated oak kit w/appliances finished basement huge garage fenced yard & walking distance to the elementary school. \$170,000 (P 365AV)

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BRIEFS

Manager of Weir Manuel

Pamela McNamee has been promoted to manager at the Plymouth office of Weir Manuel Realtors. McNamee has more than 15 years professional experience in real estate and related fields.

Pamela is married with one child and resides in Dearborn. She is a past president of the Dearborn Heights Kiwanis chapter.

Weir Manuel Realtors is a leading real estate company in southeast Michigan, with more than 150 real estate professionals in four Michigan offices: Birmingham, Plymouth, Rochester and West Bloomfield. Its award-winning Web site is at www.weirmanuel.com.

Douglas joins RE/MAX

Rachel Douglas has joined the real estate office, RE/MAX/Acclaim, 31581 Gratot Ave., Roseville. The Roseville office serves Roseville and the surrounding communities.

Education Seminars

The Building Association of Southeastern Michigan is sponsoring the following seminars:

- 8:30-10 a.m. Thursdays, Oct 27 and Nov 2 — Guest Norman Hyman with faculty from Honigman Miller Schwartz & Cohn will present The 90 Minute Law School seminar in two parts. Part I will focus on contract law concepts, business entities mechanics lien law and copyright law for builders and Part II examines con-

stitutional law concepts in land use, endangered species, Clean Water Act, wetlands regulations, the American With Disabilities Act and Fair Housing Act. Both sessions are held at BIA offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration for each session is \$20 for BIA members and \$40 for guests. Continental breakfast is included. (248) 862-1033

■ Wednesday, Nov 2 — The Best Marketing for New Home Sales at LaSalle Bank headquarters, 23600 W. Big Beaver in Troy. Registration is free for builders and new home sales reps. (248) 862-1033

■ 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov 3 — Contact/Time Management at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 Farmington Hills. Registration is \$20 for BIA or

Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for guests. (248) 862-1033

■ 8:30 a.m. to noon Friday, Nov 4 — Super Leasing Extravaganza seminar at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$69 for Property Management Council members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan members and \$99 for guests. (248) 862-1033

■ 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Nov 7, or 6-9 p.m. Nov 10 and 17 and Dec 1 and 8 — Builder's License Preparation Course at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$200. (248) 862-1033

■ noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov 9 — 'Building the Dry Basement' at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for guests. Bring your own bag lunch.

■ 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov 9 — Land Acquisition and Development in a Changing Market, at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for guests. (248) 862-1033

■ 8:30-4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Nov 9-10 — Seminar on 'Essential Closing Strategies' at Charter One Bank, 1250 W. 14 Mile, Troy. Registration fees are \$149 for SMC members, \$169 for BIA members and \$180 for guests. (248) 862-1033

■ 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov 15 — General membership meeting and discussion at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$40 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$60 for guests.

■ noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov 16 — Roundtable discussion featuring 2005 Remodeler of the Year and industry veteran Robert Johnson of Johnson Building Company, BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Cost is free to Remodelers Council Members and \$15 for guests. (248) 862-1008

■ 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov 16 — 'Filling the Sales Pipeline' at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan and \$40 for guests. (248) 362-1033

■ 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Nov 18 —

'Insurance Reconstruction' at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$140 for Remodelers Council Members and \$160 for BIA members and guests. (248) 862-1033

■ 8 a.m. noon Tuesday, Nov 22 — 'Budget Management and Cost Control' at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$145. (248) 862-1033

■ 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov 29 — Quality Construction at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$140 for Remodelers Council members and \$160 for BIA members and guests. (248) 862-1033

How To Classes

Oakland Builders Institute will offer the following classes:

■ Builder's Pre-License Class — This course will help those who want to subcontract the construction of their own home, real estate investors, developers and building trades people.

Classes will be held 6-10 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Nov 1, 3, 8 & 10, Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, \$189 for residents plus \$20 course textbook and sample questions and nonresidents are \$208 plus \$20, (313) 317-1500

■ Basement Remodeling Class — The seminar is designed to help people make better use of valuable space in their homes by planning and completing a successful basement remodeling.

Classes are 6-10 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Nov 1 & 3, Tinkham Center, 450 S. Vehoy, Westland, \$95 plus \$10 textbook and materials fee, (734) 419-2426, 6-10 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Nov 1 & 3, Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, \$99 plus \$10 for textbook and materials, (248) 956-5000, 6-10 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Nov 1 & 3, The Community School, 30415 Shiawassee, Farmington, \$95 plus \$10 for textbook and materials, (248) 489-3333

■ Build Your Own Home — Designed for those who want to contract their own home construction as well as those who want to work with a builder, the course details each stage of construction as well as your rights and responsibilities.

Classes are 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, Nov 1, 3, 8, 10, at the Tyndall Center, 14501 Talbot St., Oak Park, \$190 plus \$30 for textbooks, (248) 837-8900



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CONDO built 2003! lg loft can be used as den. offc. 3rd BR. kit & bths. Feature beaut ful oak cabs. GR features gas FPL w/gran surround & oak trim. Custom blinds w/dw treatment. kit appls stay. Washer & dryer neg. Fresh paint. home warranty. (CAR18) \$189 500



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CAPE COD end unit w/side entry garage. hwdw floors in entry living room. 1st floor mstr suite w/gas FPL. master BA & walk in closet. Upstairs is 2nd suite w/ whirlpool tub. BA & WIC. Upper loft/office plus extra 12x8 room could be 3rd BR. All appls. (PRE27) \$242 900



CANTON
RANCH in popular Windsor Park deep within sub on a quiet st. open kitchen w/Pergo floors. beautiful fireplace in FR. go geous remodeled bath. newer windows. roof & carpet. Neat decor. finished basement & large laundry w/extra storage. yard w/nground heated swimming pool! (DER09) \$229 900



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GARDEN CITY
BRICK CAPE COD w/2-car brick garage on la ge 1/4 acre. 4 good sized bedrooms & 2 full baths plus many nice updates. new furnace A/C. Walls w/ windows. gass block bsmt. windows and oak kitchen w/pantry. Partially finished bsmt. features a rec room. (MAP06) \$174 900



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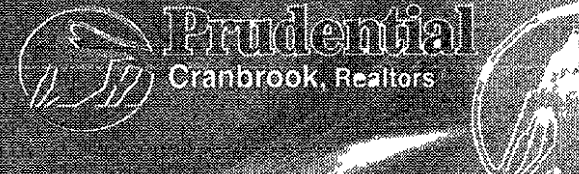


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Canton - Beautiful 2400 sq ft colonial that backs to a creek. Great room w/cathedral ceilings & a natural fireplace. Large kitchen w/island & hardwood floors. 6 panel doors. formal dining room bsmt. large deck. underground sprinklers. C/A. Garage 1st floor laundry. master suite has walk-in closet & master bath. \$315 000 (38TRC)



Canton - Curtis built 2 story with 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. 1st floor laundry. master suite has walk in closet. gas fireplace in living room. neutral decor. bsmt. garage. fenced yard. Morgan Creek is a newer subdivision of only 88 units with a 20 acre nature preserve! \$214 900 (63CON)



Dearborn Hgts - Gorgeous 3 bedroom 1.5 bath brick ranch. Family room w/ fireplace. attic fan. hwdw floors. basement garage. Beautiful sunroom. private fenced yard. newer electric. HWH. roof shingles. Pella windows. large closets. oak kitchen cabinets. double sinks in bath. 6 panel doors. \$235 000 (16TIM)



Genoa Twp - Waterfront! All sports lake w/breathtaking views of the lake from the great room & master bedroom. Remodeled kit w/oak cabs. new carpet. new siding. upstairs loft could be 3rd bedroom. garage home's furn. shed w/furn & all appls. Lease available from Oct 1 2005 April 30 2006. \$1 300 (66CHE)



Livonia - Sharp 3 bed 2 bath brick ranch with hardwood floors. Home warranty. fenced yard. bsmt. sprinklers. garage. Updated windows and doors. Copper plumbing. C/A. newer HWH. 4th bedroom & bath in bsmt. ceramic tile floor in kitchen. porch on front of house. \$164 900 (21HAT)



Livonia - Freshly painted 2-bed condo. Updates include remodeled kitchen with oak cabinets. newer electric. serv. ca. with breakers. Newer windows. covered ceilings in LR and DR. C/A. bsmt. appliances stay. Very nice condition! \$91 900 (12MID)



Redford - Darling 3 bed bungalow w/ many recent updates. Garage. fenced yard. finished bsmt. home warranty. beautiful landscaping. Fresh paint. newer furnace. C/A. windows. roof. Pergo floor in kitchen. newer storm drs. \$136 900. Call Cindy O'Halloran @ 313 570 2353 (0042POI)



Westland - Great value on this 2 bed ground level unit. Assigned carport. all appliances included. newer furnace. master bedroom has walk in closet. immediate occupancy. estate sale. C/A. patio. grounds maintenance. \$70 000 (99MAN)



Westland - Very clean and freshly painted condo. Updates include copper plumbing. newer. W/white windows. newer carpet in living room. newer flooring. blinds and ceiling fan. Immed. occ. occupancy. some appliances stay. Common pool, tennis court. clubhouse and grounds maintenance. \$89 900 (20WOO)

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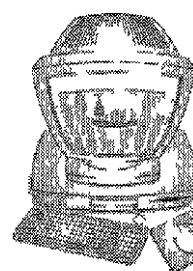
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Bloomfield 3055. By Owner WESTCHESTER VILLAGE BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS.

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By Owner LIVONIA OPEN SUN 12 3 3 bdrm 2 bath ranch large living room.

By Owner SOUTH LYON OPEN SUN OCT 30 1 5 1122 Colt Dr.

By Owner SOUTHFIELD OPEN SUNDAY 1 4 PM 18185 Magnolia Parkway.

Beverly Hills 3049. BEVERLY HILLS Brck and cedar 4 bdrm 3 5 bath.

Bloomfield 3055. CENTURY 21 TODAY CENTURY 21 TODAY (248) 855 2000.

Brighton 3060. BRIGHTON CONTEMPORARY HOME 2800 sqft.

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3000-3890 Real Estate For Sale. BRIGHTON Open Sat 12 3 4815 Fairways Dr.

By Owner NOV! OPEN SUN 12 6 4 bdrm 3 1/2 baths extra large kitchen.

By Owner PLYMOUTH Open Sun 1 4 14146 B Drive N/N Territorial.

West Bloomfield CONDO Open Sun 2 5 5360 Isle Royal N of Walnut Lk.

NATURAL CEMENT & BRICK BEAUTY This gorgeous home in White Lake Twp.

LIVONIA Well built well maintained well located in Livonia.

CANTON LOTS OF UPDATES new 3/4 hwdw floors thru out.

3000-3890 Real Estate For Sale. CLARKSTON QUAD 4 bdrm 2 bath 2000 sq ft.

By Owner DEARBORN HEIGHTS OPEN SAT 1 4 26963 HAVELOCK S/Ford E/Mister.

By Owner NORTHVILLE This stunning 2 BR 2 BA 1275 sqft Condo.

S REDFORD Clean & Spa 3 BR 2 BA ranch Updated kitchen.

LIVONIA Fantastic 4 BR 2 BA Cape Cod in Rosedale Gardens.

LIVONIA Spectacular home in perfect convenient location.

DETROIT Great opportunity to get into Copper Canyon area.

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By Owner CANTON Open Sun 1 4 2560 OAKHAM S/Cherry Hill & E/Beck.

By Owner CHARACTER & CHARM Huge 4 BR 2 BA farmhouse on 225 acres.

CANTON Brookside Village now offering this 3 BR 15 BA colonial.

MINT CONDITION 2 BR 2 full bath brick/vnvy detached Condo.

LIVONIA Immac Cast & Garden concrete 3 bdrms 1.5 BA w/mny updates.

LIVONIA Great town home w/mny updates which include new exterior.

3000-3890 Real Estate For Sale. CLARKSTON QUAD 4 bdrm 2 bath 2000 sq ft Updated Extras!

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REMERICA LIBERTY REAL ESTATE (734) 432-2600 19254 NEWBURGH RD. LIVONIA, MI 48152

FLORISTAR 248-506-0404

By Owner MANCELONA 3 Bedroom home on 2.73 acres with woods.

By Owner WAYNE Prime traffic area for new commerce at business w/fronage on Van Buren.

By Owner DETROIT - 3 BR brck ranch remodeled thru out.

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Canton 3060
BEAUTIFUL 3 BDRM 2.5 bath spacious colonial. Many updates throughout. Private backyard \$285,000 313 613 0953

HOLLY DRIVE 1440 sq ft 3 bdrm tr level 1 1/2 baths fireplace new roof new furnace very clean updated \$186,900 (734) 414 5581

NO CREDIT CHECK!
Lease to buy 3 bdrm bsmt garage Canton Schools Hurry!! (888) 856 7034

JUST LISTED!
TRANQUIL COURT
Spacious floor plan over 2200 sq ft Formal living & dining rooms Bright kitchen & breakfast nook Family room with fireplace & French doors to patio 4 spacious bdrms Updated baths New carpet windows roof & C/A 1st floor laundry \$269,500
AUDREY KOWALEWSKI 734 416 5772

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PREFERRED

Dearborn Hgts 3115
By Owner
FORD & INKSTER 3 bdrm 1.5 bath brick ranch. Finished bsmt w/ extra bdrm 1 car garage fenced C/A family room cathedral ceilings appliances \$182k best 734 748 7942 or 734 722 5746

Farmington 3140
JUST LISTED!
DOWNTOWN FARMINGTON
Beautiful maintenance free 2600 sq ft 4 bdrm 2.5 bath Colonial Huge great room w/cathedral ceiling & granite fireplace Remodeled kitchen w/top of the line appliances & Corian counters First floor master suite has private bath w/Corian & marble Hardwood floors Finished bsmt \$399,000 (GR338)

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JUST LISTED!
FARMINGTON HILLS GATED SUB
On beautifully landscaped lot w/many perennials well maintained 2848 sq ft 4 bdrm 2.5 bath Colonial Formal living & dining rooms library & family room w/fireplace & door wall to fabulous backyard w/deck inground pool & hot tub Updated kitchen w/wood floor & butler's pantry Master bdrm suite First floor laundry Additional 1700 sq ft of living area in finished lower level w/built ins wet bar rec room & woodshop Circle drive \$414,900 (FO369)

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LIKE TO ENTERTAIN?
Great 3 bdrm 2.5 bath open floor plan 2 1/2 car garage only \$234,000 248 553 4964

Ferndale 3155
LAKEFRONT BEAUTY on private all sports Lake Tyrone. Well planned home with 3 bedrooms 1 bry 2 1/2 baths pretty kitchen 1st floor master suite and laundry and 2 car detached garage Great room with gas fireplace 12 foot cathedral ceilings and doorwalls to 16x30 deck Plus ceramic tile custom window treatments dock seawall and more! Hartland Schools \$445,000

Just Reduced!
RENOVATED 2005
New floors paint bath room windows landscap ing & patio 2 bdrm 1 bath 800+ sq ft \$99,900
Call Taylor (248) 444 6313 Keller Williams
2900 Union Lk Commerce

Garden City 3170
CUTE RANCH
3 bdrm 1 bath 29730 Winter Drive Brand new central air new windows & 3 car garage Quiet friendly neighborhood \$190,000 734 915 7064

JUST LISTED!
3 bdrm bungalow dining room 2 car garage Updated windows roof kitchen furnace & C/A All appliances stay! Close to Elementary School
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Garden City 3170
MINT CONDITION
describes this home with a nice open floor plan spacious kitchen & dining room garage Immediate occupancy \$118,900

COUNTRY IN THE CITY
3 bedroom ranch on 1/2 acre lot Ceramic floor in kitchen & bath newer roof furnace & C/A Partially finished bsmt 2 car garage Only \$129,900

PERFECT PLACE TO START
3 bedrooms partially finished bsmt 2 car garage newer windows roof & C/A \$139,900

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Hartland 3200
COME HOME TO this warm and inviting 3 bedroom 2 story farm house on gorgeous rolling 9.56 acre parcel. Lovely kitchen with cherry cabinets formal dining room living room with gas log stove office could be 1st floor bedroom hardwood floors cherry trim 24x24 deck basement 30x50 pole barn 10x20 lean to spillable bring your horses! Hartland Schools \$365,000

HOME SWEET HOME!
Wonderful 1300 sq ft 3 bedroom ranch offers wooded fenced lot fenced yard storage shed and partially finished basement Excellent location close to M 59 and US 23 Hartland Schools \$179,900

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Lathrup Village 3238
JUST LISTED!
CHARMING 4 BEDROOM
1.5 bath Cape Cod Living room/dining room combo w/natural fireplace cove ceiling and built in buffet & cabinetry Spacious master bdrm has walk in closet & oak floor Cozy gas fire place in bsmt Garage \$219,900 (SA188)

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Lathrup Village 3238
JUST LISTED!
LATHRUP VILLAGE
Lovely 4 bdrm 1.5 bath brick Colonial w/many updates Living room dining room & family room w/fireplace Stainless steel appliances in kitchen 2 car garage \$225,000 (ME181KW)

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6755 Telegraph Rd
Bloomfield Hills

Livonia 3250
JUST LISTED!
Brick Ranch w/Florida room huge deck & nice setting Living room w/fireplace finished bsmt attached garage + updated windows roof & more! \$199,900
Call Charlotte Jacunski 734 377 3282 734 464 7111 Century 21 Row

JUST LISTED!
Park like setting across from park! Totally updated 3 bed room 2 bath ranch Gorgeous kitchen 2 fireplaces open floor plan \$229,900
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BEAUTIFUL
4 bedroom colonial built in 1997 Formal dining room and family room with fireplace 335 acres 101 x144.5 lot Partially finished basement and 2 car attached garage Immediate occupancy Home warranty \$234,900
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734 525 9600

JUST LISTED!
LIVONIA
On double lot Charming 2 bdrm home w/open floor plan Extra deep 20 x 30 garage Newer roof Walkside windows furnace hot water heater & enclosed porch \$124,900 (N199TR)
THELMA ROSSBACH
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8611 Commerce Rd
West Bloomfield

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Livonia 7 Mile/Farmington
2 bedroom 2 bath brick ranch New kitchen all hard wood flooring 100 lot with boat storage on side of garage Awesome interior! A must see \$219,900
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Livonia 3250
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LIVONIA HOT!
Can't be beat 4 Bedroom 2 1/2 Bath Colonial in Kimberly Oaks Picture perfect Totally Updated Stunning Maple kitchen Finished bsmt Too many features to list \$254,900
Red Carpet Keim Reliable 248 476 0540

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LIVONIA
Rosedale Gardens
On large lot 3 bdrm 2 bath brick ranch offers 1 357 sq ft w/additional living area in finished bsmt Newer finished hardwood floors Newer roof & C/A 2 car garage A bargain at \$175,000 (V1895EB) For information free market evaluation of your home or to receive listings by email contact
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28544 Orchard Lake Rd
Farmington Hills

JUST LISTED!
LIVONIA
33013 Hees Joy & Farmington 3 bdrm 1.5 bath brick ranch 2 car attached garage oversized lot New roof maple kitchen All updated \$169,900 734 762 9980

By Owner
State Street Sub
Builder's new sub from \$250s 3 car garage & walkouts avail Close to town low township taxes Furn model open 12 5 pm closed Wed & Thurs 248 676 8600
AwardWinnerHomes.com

Northville 3280
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\$1190,000
Stately Colonial on 0.4 acres w/ground floor master bdrm suite & 3 car garage Kitchen has cherry cabinets w/granite counters island & all top commercial appliances Lg study has beveled glass doors & custom cherry bookcases 4 bdrm 4.5 baths Fully finished walk out lower level has custom Cheers like bar w/in ceiling & mirrored exercise room
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43155 Main St Novi MI (248) 821 1900

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Located on 2.5 acres on newly developed Kewawosh Court and adjacent to State Land and the Brighton Rec Area Inside you will find a great room with natural fireplace a large country kitchen 3 bedrooms and 2 baths There is a sunroom and patio which overlook a nicely landscaped yard Pinckney Schools \$199,900

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Plymouth 3347
CHARMING ARTS & CRAFTS
style 2 bdrm 1 bath full bsmt 740 sq ft 1 car garage downtown Plymouth \$179,000 734 207 2399

Northville 3280
8754 NAPIER
Newly built 2005 1st floor master lg kitchen w/granite stainless steel appliances hardwood floors Andersen windows \$7500 towards landscaping All on over 2 acres! \$589,900
NANCY DALY 313 410 6016 Keller Williams
40600 Ann Arbor Plymouth

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Northville
Builder's new sub w/pool on 6 Mile fr 325k 3 car garage & walkouts avail Furn model open 12 5
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AwardWinnerHomes.com

Novi 3290
Just Reduced!
WALKOUT RANCH
\$55,000 below appraisal Being sold at seller's balance! Unbeatable private location New inground heated pool A steal at \$239,900 00
Red Carpet Keim Reliable (248) 476 0540

Orion Township 3310
Orion Builder's new gated entrance sub on top golf course from \$399,900 3 car garage & walkouts avail Furnished model open 12 5 closed Wed & Thurs 248 693 0495

Pinckney 3340
ENERGY EFFICIENT!
Beautiful 2003 built brick Ranch on lg lot 3 bdrm 2.5 bath lg open Great room w/fireplace & cathe dral ceiling Master bdrm w/full bath 1st floor laundry Finished bsmt 2 car attached garage \$179,900 (RO965)

Plymouth 3347
ENERGY EFFICIENT!
Beautiful 2003 built brick Ranch on lg lot 3 bdrm 2.5 bath lg open Great room w/fireplace & cathe dral ceiling Master bdrm w/full bath 1st floor laundry Finished bsmt 2 car attached garage \$179,900 (RO965)

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Plymouth 3347
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Redford 3350
READY FOR YOU!
3 bedroom 2 bath bungalow w/garage New carpeting & freshly painted thru out Newer roof (10HA)

CHARMING
3 bedroom 1.5 bath brick colonial with many updates Oversized 2.5 garage w/work bench Corner lot \$154,900 (25PE)
Century 21 Hartford South 734 464 6400

Redford 3350
Just Reduced!
BRICK 1 STORY
3 bdrms fabulous corner location Fresh paint Seller motivated \$138,000
JENNIFER 734 652 7018
or **THERESE 313 303 3096**
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4 Bdrm 1.5 bath brick bungalow on half acre lot Living room w/fireplace dining room & bsmt Breezeway to 2 car garage Handicapped accessible Home Warranty \$162,260 (LY265)

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Redford 3350
MOVE RIGHT IN
Just Listed! Updated 1014 sq ft ranch 3 bdrm 1 full bath 1 lav in full bsmt 1 car garage 35 acre lot Hard wood floors nice open floor plan huge deck on back All kitchen appliances Absolutely gorgeous inside and out Very well maintained Updates include kitchen copper plumbing new duct work new carpet in master bedroom recessed lighting in living room newer hot water heater garage door and windows! Everything is move in ready! This one won't last! \$139,900
Call for more info and an appointment at 313 387 2493

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JUST LISTED!
UNIQUE & SPACIOUS
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SOUTHFIELD
On beautiful park like lot stunning 2 516 sq ft 4 bdrm 2.5 bath Colonial w/finished bsmt & 2 car side entry garage Formal living & dining rooms Mass ve family room w/ire place w/breakfast room & appliances First floor laundry Pat o w/BQQ Updates include roof new windows exterior paint & some carpet \$265,000 (FR252)

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South Lyon 3400
JUST LISTED!
SOUTH LYON CHARMER
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By Owner
COLONIAL
3 bdrm 2.5 bath around 2000sq ft fireplace hardwood floors new air furnace water heater in 2000 lg master bath jetted tub kitchen remodeled 2002 maple cabinets heated pool lg lot \$302,900 (248) 601 1264

OAKLAND TWP Gorgeous 3200 sq ft 4 bdrm 3.5 bath colonial 3 fireplaces 1850 sq ft finished walk out Premium wooded lot Motivated sellers! \$535,000 586 243 3224

Royal Oak 3370
By Owner
1219 West Wndemere 3 bdrm bungalow updated kitchen & bath hardwood floors thru out \$189,900
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www.forsalebyowner.com ID #20516965

DOWNTOWN Newly renovated bungalow 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath finished bsmt \$177,500 248 884 3036

By Owner
SPARKLING 3 BEDROOM
1 bath bungalow Brand new kitchen bath windows doors & carpet 2 car garage fenced yard \$179,800 248 635 4213

Southfield/Lathrup 3390
JUST LISTED!
Beacon Square Cape Cod
27058 BELMONT LANE
Beautiful 4 bedroom brick home w/in fabulous master suite Family room with natural fireplace hardwood floors quiet street \$248,900
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LATHRUP VILLAGE Spacious 4 bdrm 2 1/2 bath fireplace finished bsmt garage \$249,000
ShareNet Realty 248 642 1620

RANCH 3 Bdrm 1.5 Bath on approx 1 acre lot new roof w/drows kitchen bath & carpet 2 car garage close to E ways & schools \$188,500
Call Marj @ Re Max 248 722 5577

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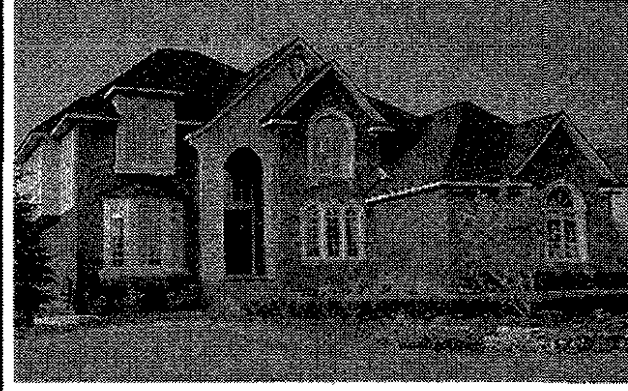
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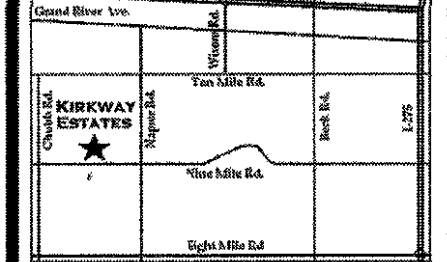
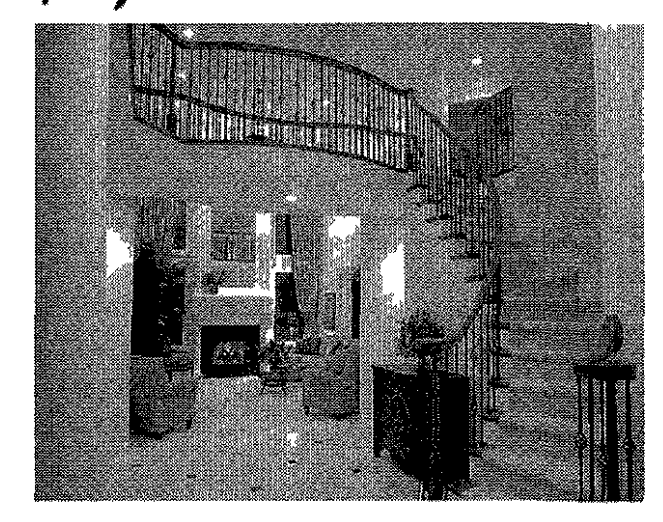


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Soeth Lyon 3400

FOR SALE/RENT 1600 sq ft colonial \$210 000 248 231 8946 734 542 8922

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TRANSFER FORCES MOVE! Stunning mint condition 4 bdrm 2.5 bath Colonial...



By Owner

A MUST SEE! Spectacular clean 4 bdrm 2 1/2 bath + library...

JUST LISTED!

TROY Immediate occupancy Sharp 4 bdrm 2.5 bath Colonial w/double entry...

JUST LISTED!

TROY GREAT LOCATION Professionally updated 3 bdrm 2.5 bath ranch...

West Bloomfield 3440

(NORTHWEST) 3 4 br 3 bath Flexible layout 1900 sq ft 2 car garage...

COLONIAL 4 bdrm living family & dining room

On nicely landscaped lot that backs to commons 2,502 sq ft home w/contemporary flair...

JUST LISTED!

WEST BLOOMFIELD On nicely landscaped lot that backs to commons...

Westland 3445

Builder taking reservations for last phase From \$190s 3 car side garage & daylight bsmt avail...

BY OWNER, Must Sell

Make offer! Westland/Livonia schools 3 bdrm 2 bath brick ranch...

WELL-MAINTAINED

3 bdrm 2 bath brick ranch w/fully finished bsmt All appliances stay! 2 car garage w/keyless entry...

Century 21 PREMIER

PRISTINE BRIGHT END UNIT RANCH CONDO Open Flr Plan Vaulted Ceilings lend spacious feeling...

Wixom-Commerce 3480

COMMERCE TWP Updated 3 bdrm 1.5 bath ranch Finished bsmt 2 car garage deck fenced yard!

Genesee County 3600



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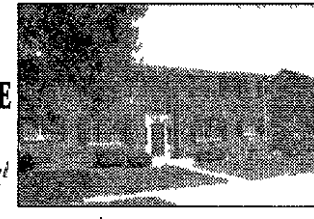


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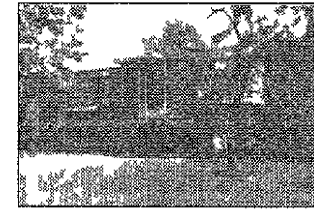
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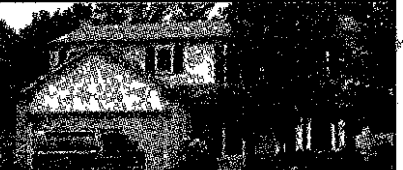
DEARBORN HTS A Wonderful Condo
Spacious 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath condo offers hardwood floors in large living room, formal dining room and bedrooms. Very nice layout and glass block windows in basement.
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WESTLAND Condo
Nice upper unit condo in Westland w/Livonia a School's Deck, quiet surroundings, tennis courts and pool. Nice sized rooms, low association fees.
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LIVONIA Beautiful Brick Ranch
This 3 bedroom home is gorgeous inside & out. Updated from top to bottom w/open floor plan. Partially finished basement, 2 car garage & appliances. Awesome front yard & professionally done patio.
(E82ANT) 734-455-5600 \$189,000



HIGHLAND LAKE Prime Lot
Beautiful 4 BR 2.5 BA hardwood floors, newly done kitchen. Cozy family room w/fireplace & deck access. Master suite has jet tub. Large bedrooms. Newer windows (some bays). Newer furnace home warr.
(E80SCE) 248-349-5600 \$339,900



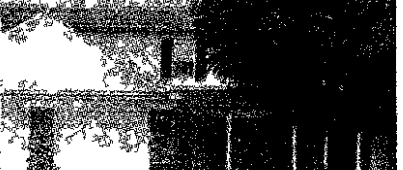
DEARBORN HTS Lots Of Updates
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick. Newer windows, entry doors, doorwall & electric. Roof 2001. Large living room w/cathedral ceilings. Kitchen with newer Pergo floor. DR w/doorwall to patio. Full bsmt & 2 car gar.
(E67TER) 248-349-5600 \$169,900



BLOOMFIELD TWP Don't Miss This
Wonderful ranch offering 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, wet plaster, huge living room, w/replace updated kitchen, lovely 4 season room overlooking deck, inground pool & patio. 2 car attached garage w/water, all appls & warr.
(E80HIL) 734-455-5600 \$314,900



PLYMOUTH A Real Charmer
Custom built all brick contemp. 'big lot' in little Plymouth. Very clean and well taken care of. Has built in double ovens, newer roof and HVAC. Unique floor plan, n/s 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath home. Bring all offers.
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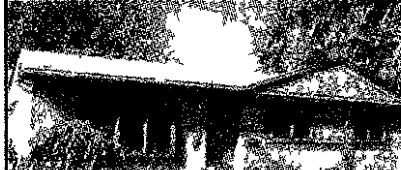
WESTLAND Great Location
For this 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath condo w/Livonia schools! Close to shopping & dining. Neutral decor living room w/natural frpic opens to DR. Doorwall to private deck. Kit appls & washer & dryer, no 2 W/C bsmt & att gar.
(E83PRI) 734-455-5600 \$139,000



NORTHVILLE A Victorian Gem
Walk to downtown. Covered porch, beautifully renovated brick paver driveway, numerous updates including roof, plumbing, electric and more. 2 car garage. Built in 93. Northville school's. Must see.
(E30YER) 248-349-5600 \$324,900



WALLED LAKE Cozy & Comfy
Well maintained 2 BR 1.5 BA 2 story condo w/full finished basement. MBR with walk in closet & extra shelves. Step saver kitchen w/snack bar. DR newer windows att gar w/opener. Move in ready. Warranty.
(E71INL) 248-349-5600 \$134,900



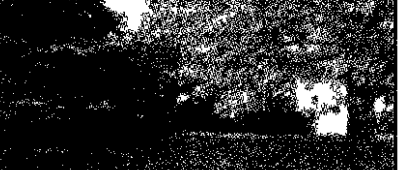
PLYMOUTH A Pleasure To Show
Shows like a model! Clean & many updates! 3 bedroom ranch has Andersen wood windows, newer roof, 2003 open kit w/built in desk, pantry, stove & frig incl. FR has doorwall to deck & pr landscaped yard. Fin LL, 2.5 car gar.
(E83RED) 734-455-5600 \$229,500



ROCKWOOD Palatial Beauty
Brick 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath w/full basement, master suite w/WIC, bath & cathedral ceiling, dual staircase, attached 2 car garage, 2 story ceramic foyer, sprinkler, glass block windows in basement, FFL & large lot.
(E79HER) 734-455-5600 \$289,000



LIVONIA Private Setting
For Livonia ranch! Enjoy sitting by the pool! Many updated (roof, floor, etc) newer windows w/marble sill, sliding gutters & drive. Spacious kitchen finished LL w/gas frpic, 2 car attached garage & updated baths.
(E89MAY) 734-455-5600 \$204,000



NORTHVILLE Great Family Home
Walking distance to Winchester Elementary & nearby park w/tennis, basketball & swings. Eating area in kit w/sharp updated oak cabinets w/counters & sink. Newer carpeting T/O all newer windows. FR w/frpic warranty.
(E10WIN) 248-349-5600 \$249,995



LIVONIA Move-In Ready
This spacious 3 BR 2 BA home has large LR w/hardwood floors, FR & DR w/newer carpet, updated C/A HWT, paint & more. Walk out LL to beautiful fenced yard & 2 car garage. Walk to sch's. 1 yr warranty.
(E14GRE) 248-349-5600 \$209,900



ALLEN PARK Nice Brick Ranch
Home offers 3 bedrooms, fresh paint, newer windows, updated furnace and C/A, finished basement w/wet bar and full bath, 2.5 car garage with opener.
(E85DAS) 734-455-5600 \$135,000



GARDEN CITY Bigger Than The Rest
This lg 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial presents 2 car attached garage, bsmt, great room w/fireplace, cantilevered upper deck off master ste, kit w/quality cabinets, lower deck w/hot tub w/pr vacy enclosure.
(E70BRO) 734-455-5600 \$239,900



LIVONIA Enjoy The Tranquility
Of sitting around your inground pool or in the Florida room on hot summer days + lovely family room w/cozy fireplace for cool winter nights. All this in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch w/full basement & 2 car gar.
(E30PER) 734-455-5600 \$209,900



WESTLAND Excellent Location
3 BR 2 BA ranch on quiet cul de sac on low traffic area. Dramatic vaulted ceilings, T/O skylights, ceramic foyer, large eat in kitchen w/lots of storage, spacious GR w/frpic & private deck. C/A, partially finished basement.
(E71DUN) 248-349-5600 \$194,000



LIVONIA A Home You'll Treasure
Beautiful light & bright, feels like home! 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car attached garage and basement. Updated T/O w/newer kitchen and both baths. Some newer windows. Shiny hardwood floors. Spacious FR w/frpic.
(E03LAD) 248-349-5600 \$243,900



WESTLAND Beautiful Brick Ranch
In a low traffic location offers this 3 BR home w/updated oak kit, ceramic bath, hardwood floors, T/O w/updated windows, new tear off roof (04), 2 car powered insulated garage, some appls & home warranty.
(E71CHI) 734-455-5600 \$169,900



CANTON Built In 1991
Located on dead end street, it's exceptionally well maintained 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial features newer Pergo floors, newer neutral carpet and spacious master bedroom w/double closets.
(E57BRO) 734-455-5600 \$199,900



WESTLAND A Real Dream House
This charming home offers 3 bedrooms w/gorgeous bsmt w/summer kitchen, nicer than you can imagine. It's only outside by the main floor that is wonderful. Updated kit, AC, furnace, roof, windows & drive.
(E59GIL) 734-455-5600 \$168,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Better Than New
Updated since 2002. New roof, A/C, sliding HWH driveway, sidewalk, sprinkler, front porch, deck, fence, sod, upgraded elec (200 amp), hwdw frs, newer Berber carpet, complete newer kitchen & all 3 baths. Warranty.
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WIXOM Adult Co-Op Ranch
Move in condition with gorgeous kitchen. All appliances stay inc Neptune washer/dryer. Wallside windows. Newer furnace and central air. Newer roof. Screened in back porch. 55+ older adult community.
(E90HEL) 248-349-5600 \$69,000



GARDEN CITY Wow Detached Cape Cod Condo
With 2 baths, great price, super sharp, master suite + 2 vaulted ceilings, FFL, brick & vinyl, 2 car attached garage, basement fireplace, C/A, builder pays trans tax.
(E27BIR) 734-455-5600 \$187,400



VAN BUREN Outstanding Condo
2 bedroom, 2 bath upper unit ranch w/WIC in master bedroom, great room w/vaulted ceiling, large oak kitchen w/snack bar, doorwall to deck and appliances.
(E33WIL) 734-455-5600 \$130,000



NORTHVILLE Residence Of Dignity
Private home setting on approximately 2 acres overlooking pond. Walk to town, 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, 4 fireplaces + car garage. Master bedroom retreat finished lower level. Finest quality.
(E05SPR) 248-349-5600 \$1,189,000



SOUTH LYON Meticulously Maintained
Don't miss this lovely 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial. Ceramic entry, kit & baths. Stunning white kit w/solid surface countertops. Two-story foyer, second floor laundry, many upgrades. Extra deep unfinished W/O.
(E09WES) 248-349-5600 \$349,900



NOVI Northville Schools
An aggressive price for this luxurious 4 bedroom, 3.1 bath executive home. Woodland view and hardwood. Dual staircase leads to step up MBR. Finished LL offers full bath and separate wine room. Warranty included.
(E58YOR) 248-349-5600 \$525,000



PLYMOUTH Beautiful Country Home
5 bedroom, 4 bath 19th century colonial on approx 2.8 acres. Great master bedroom, hardwood floors, country kitchen and formal dining room. Pond, deck and gazebo. A must see!
(E86HOM) 734-455-5600 \$519,900



DETROIT Charming Brick Bungalow
3 possible 4 bedroom home w/fin bsmt, 2 car garage, big fenced yard, lib/study in the upper level, new roof, 05 updated furnace and C/A, wet plaster walls, covered ceilings and fresh paint. A lot of charm.
(E16FIV) 248-349-5600 \$144,900



SOUTH LYON Golf Course Custom Built
The most beautiful views of the sunset down the fairway of this golf course frontage, custom built 4 bedroom, 3.2 bath. Ready in April 2006. Come in to make your selection. 3 car side entry. Open floor plan. FF master.
(E65COU) 248-349-5600 \$795,000



PLYMOUTH Popular Plymouth Corners
Cute 2 BR, 1.5 BA townhouse on private court location. Large BR w/cath ceilings & skylight in main bath. Neutral decor. All appliances included. Private deck. Convenient to downtown Plymouth, Northville x ways.
(E75MIL) 248-349-5600 \$162,000



LIVONIA Great Priced Ranch Condo
Neutral decor with 2 walk in closets, all appliances, ceiling fans, patio and carport. Full and half baths with separate entrance and 2 bedrooms.
(E00CLA) 248-349-5600 \$102,000



PLYMOUTH Move Right In!
Excellent location in Plymouth. This 2 bedroom condo has newer carpet, kitchen cabinets, dining room flooring and windows in living room. Large private basement and more.
(E99SHE) 734-455-5600 \$85,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Elegance At Its Best
Sharp 3 bedroom, 2 bath home w/large deck & 2 car sitting on approx 3/4 acre wooded lot. 1st floor laundry, fireplace in great room, professionally finished basement, new closet organizer in mstr bdrm + warr.
(E11BRI) 734-455-5600 \$269,900



NORTHVILLE Lakefront Colonial
Lakefront home w/views of beach, 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/lots of recent updates. Pottery barn decor all on approx 3/4 acre wooded lot. Updates include roof, windows, furn C/A. Turn key home. Must see.
(E79SCE) 248-349-5600 \$349,900



FARMINGTON Custom Built Colonial
Beautiful home features 3 huge bedrooms, 2.5 baths, a master bath, Jack & Jill bath, FR, formal dining room, partially finished basement, attached 2 car garage and is situated on a private cul de sac near downtown.
(E30WHI) 248-349-5600 \$309,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD Bring Your Fullest Buyer
Spacious 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial on prem lot, beautiful landscaping w/pond. Inside you will love the spacious GR w/frpic, private study w/French doors, lg kitchen w/eat in area to deck. Lg mstr ste w/dressing area.
(E20MIL) 248-349-5600 \$459,900



MELVINDALE Fantastic Buy
On this sharp 2 unit brick income property. Both units identical w/2 bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen and bath. Separate utilities. Nice sized fenced yard.
(E81WOO) 734-455-5600 \$138,000



TAYLOR Make It Your Own
The charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch home has gorgeous rear yard w/1/2 moon BBQ grill. Newer furnace, C/A & roof. Open floor plan w/fireplace & hardwood floors. Used as residential but zoned comm.
(E48GOD) 734-455-5600 \$239,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD Beautiful End Unit Condo
2 bedroom, 2 bath ranch w/FFL, large MBR w/full BA & WIC. Updated kitchen with opening to DR, hardwood floors, ceramic backsplash, T/O and large skylight, bsmt gas frpic, built in buffet w/mirrors, 2 car att gar.
(E24GRE) 248-349-5600 \$215,000



WESTLAND Close & Convenient
To Westland Mall x way & restaurants yet tucked away in a quiet little sub 3 bedroom full brick ranch w/basement & 2 car garage. Updated kitchen & bath. Very nice! Newer windows, some carpet & fresh paint.
(E30WHI) 248-349-5600 \$159,900



BROWNSTOWN Beauty From Door To Deck
Brick ranch condo new in 2005. Open island kitchen, great room w/replace, FFL, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car att gar, C/A, sprinklers & deck. Beautiful quiet setting. Shopping & restaurants within walking distance.
(E70WES) 248-349-5600 \$178,500



WYANDOTTE Spacious Home
Large 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1.5 car garage w/opener, updated kitchen, windows, roof, electric plumbing & siding. Formal dining room, eat in kitchen, basement w/full bath, large lot, all appls & freshly painted.
(E405TH) 734-455-5600 \$114,900



WESTLAND Terrific Home!
This 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home features attached garage, basement, hardwood floors in living room & bedrooms, family room w/natural fireplace, awesome 2 tiered deck & updated oak kitchen, bath & windows.
(E40RED) 734-455-5600 \$169,500



YPSILANTI Stunning, Warm, Model Flare
3 BR 2.5 BA 2 car att gar home. Finished W/O gourmet kit w/oak cabinets, lg center island/snack bar, neutral decor & state of the art appliances. Garage has an attached tanning room or workshop. Landscaped lot.
(E66FIE) 248-349-5600 \$199,900



WESTLAND Livonia Schools
Lovely well kept 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick ranch. Updated kitchen, hardwood floors, newer windows, fenced yard. Finished lower level. In great family neighborhood. Don't miss it!
(E08BEA) 248-349-5600 \$169,900



BROWNSTOWN Beauty From Door To Deck
Brick ranch condo new in 2005. Open island kitchen, great room w/replace, FFL, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car att gar, C/A, sprinklers & deck. Beautiful quiet setting. Shopping & restaurants within walking distance.
(E88WES) 248-349-5600 \$178,500

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LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Location quality value & charm! Attractive 2400 sq ft brk colonial 4 BR, 2.5 BA, FR w/FP. 1st flr Indry bsmt & 2 car att gar. New roof & doors. All appls stay. (25076879) \$314,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Well Maintained 3 bedroom 2 bath ranch located in Green Brier Estates Sub. 5 acre lot with mature trees. Home also has a Florida rm and a 2.5 car garage. (25131287) \$309,500



NOVI 248-348-6430
ATTRACTIVE COMFORTABLE & WELL KEPT HOME. Lovely GR w/cathedral c/g formal DR, prvt den, sunny kit & brkfst area. 4 nice BRs, 2.5 baths, 1st flr Indry, spacious deck & fin d bsmt. 349-6200 (25114528) \$300,000



CANTON 734-591-9200
Welcome to this exquisite 2003 built 4 BR, 2.5 bath, 2448 sq ft, 2 car att gar & bsmt detached condo w/maple cabs, Corian counters & a great view. (25057048) \$279,900



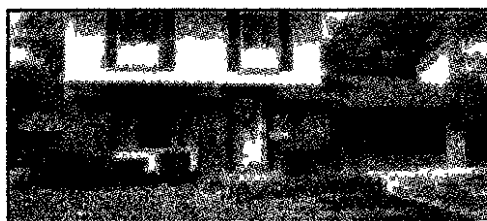
NOVI 248-348-6430
BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL. Curb appeal galore. 4 bdrms, 2.5 baths. Many recent updates include roof, wndws, siding, garage door, encl shed, H2O heater, mstr bath & many more. 349-6200 (25135532) \$263,000



FARMINGTON 248-348-6430
GORGEOUS KENDALLWOOD HOME. Remodeled kit & bath, Lg GR w/bar. Beautiful treed lot, 1925 SF. Great home for family & entertaining. A must see. 349-6200 (25145709) \$239,900



NOVI 248-348-6430
COMPLETELY REMODELED RANCH. Convenient to most everything is this quaint & cute home, updated kit, spacious FR, LR, Parquet flrs on main level, fin bsmt w/rec room, BR, full bath & bar. 349-6200 (25129440) \$229,900



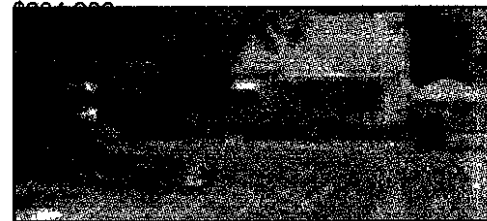
PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
SPACIOUS COLONIAL 3 BR, 1.5 BA. Easy access to I-275 & downtown Plymouth. New roof, White bay cabs, Corian sink, Cozy FR w/FP, bookshelves on sides of brick hearth, Dbl doors into mstr. (23E10127) \$223,900



ROYAL OAK 734-455-7000
ROOM TO ROAM! Almost 2000 sq ft, 5 BRs (4 w/office/den). Very close to x-ways. Tons of updates: roof, furnace, c/a, maple kit, cabs, Lg FR, formal DR, 2 car gar. Ready to move in. (23Rowla1911) \$224,900



WESTLAND 734-591-9200
Well maintained 5 BR, 3 full bath home in Westland. Mother-in-law apartment upstairs w/2 BR & 1 BA. Lrg home offers newer roof, newer wndws, hdwd flrs, lrg eat-in kit, part fin d bsmt. (25119773) \$214,900



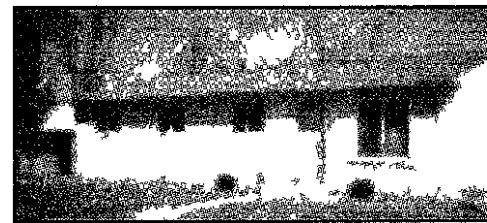
PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
WALK TO DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH! 3 BR, 1.5 BA, plus a finished basement, large lot, granite kitchen, stainless appliances, very neutral, newer flooring t/o, 2 car garage. (23C9244) \$209,900



WESTLAND 734-591-9200
Newer Construction Condo w/loads of updates. Fully fin basement w/bar and Egress wndw. Home features gas fireplace, deck, ceramic tile, hdwd flrs, stainless steel appliances and much more. (25074971) \$199,900



FARMINGTON HILLS 734-455-7000
CRACKLING FIRE AND PUMPKIN PIE! Honey of a home for the holidays, needs a new king and queen. Newer 1999 3 BR brick ranch, 2 car garage, close to 1/2 an acre. (23B34815) \$194,815



WESTLAND 734-591-9200
Absolutely gorgeous brick ranch, totally re-done w/pottery barn style, 3 BR, 2 full BA, rec rm in awesome finished bsmt. Another rm down that could be office or 4th BR. Call Now! (25025583) \$186,900



INKSTER 734-326-2000
5 ROOMY BEDROOMS & 2 BATHS for the growing family, many updates including kitchen & baths. Wayne-Westland schools. (S297) PC220192 \$159,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Great! Updated 3 bedroom ranch with Livonia schools! 2 car garage, fireplace, new roof, windows, furnace, kitchen, bath ect. (C28546) \$154,900



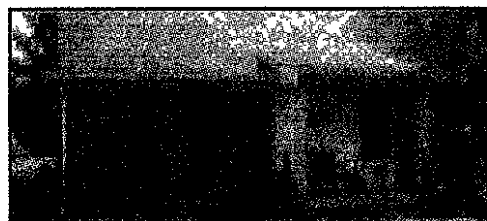
CANTON 248-348-6430
BEAUTIFUL 3 BR CONDO w/1 1/2 baths. Close to shopping & freeways & fin bsmt. Have new carpet, Eat-in kit w/new maple cab & all appl. Ceramic tile in foyer & bathrooms. 349-6200 (25130248) \$147,500



SOUTHFIELD 248-348-6430
SPACIOUS DETACHED RANCH CONDO - A MUST SEE! Wood entry w/pantry closet, White kitchen w/wood flrs, eat-in area, Lg Indry rm w/lots of cabs & desk area, 2 assigned parking spaces. 349-6200 (25125546) \$145,900



WALLED LAKE 248-348-6430
STOP PAYING RENT! Welcome home to this bright cheerful condo. Neut decor t/o, Open flr plan, Dir access att gar & fin bsmt give this condo everything you need. Appl included. 349-6200 (25117389) \$133,000



CANTON 734-326-2000
NEED A RANCH? WANT A CONDO? So much charm! Fireplace, private patio, dining area, eat-in kitchen, 2 BR, full basement, c/a, end unit, close parking & clubhouse. Sellers have loved it here. (S410) \$127,000



INKSTER 734-326-2000
BEAUTY BEYOND COMPARE! Is this 3 BR brick bungalow with remodeled kitchen & bath, full finished basement, formal dining room & 2.5 car garage on a nicely landscaped lot. (S109) \$119,900



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
ALL DRESSED UP & WAITING! Updates include gorgeous oak kitchen, bath, rf shingles, windows, driveway, stove & doors. Newer flooring, deck off rear, nicely landscaped. (S348) PC 220172 \$114,900



REDFORD 734-591-9200
Charming home offers 4 lrg bedrooms w/a first floor master, a 1st floor laundry room, kit w/newer oak cabs, dining rm opens to spacious living rm and much more. (25129311) \$99,900

BRIGHTON 734-591-9200
Waterfront Stylish 3 BR ranch w/fin walkout bsmt on 1/2 acre. Everything updated, tastefully decorated! Hartland schls. Visit www.door2dreams.com (25090515) \$239,900

GARDEN CITY 734-455-7000
BEST BUY! 3BR brick ranch w/basement. Some major updates. Do the cosmetics and make some sweet equity! (23R555) 25120720 \$124,500

NOVI 248-348-6430
RANCH CONDO Charming 2 BR, 1 bath home w/priv patio. Neutral decor w/newer carpet and updated bath. Incl all appliances. Main flr laundry. Att garage. Home warranty. 349-6200 (25107731) \$136,000

WALLED LAKE 248-348-6430
BEAUTIFUL 2 BR, 1.5 BA END UNIT CONDO. Freshly painted neutral decor t/o. Full brick wall, flrc in LR. All appls. 349-6200 (25124058) \$145,900

CANTON 734-455-7000
Extra large FR (16x28) w/wall of custom bookshelves, open kit, newer appls, fin bsmt. Newer roof & windows. Hdwd flrs in BRs. (23B43850) 25116096 \$229,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Gorgeous home featuring open floor plan, 3 BR, 3 full BA. Fresh paint, cerm BAs, HDWD & Pergo T/O. Fam rm w/sky lghts & drwall to private deck w/built in hot tub & more. (25139045) \$219,900

NOVI 248-348-6430
GAR W/PRVT ENTRY Super sharp carriage ranch. Open floor plan, DR w/doorwall & balcony. Att gar w/prvt entry. All appl stay. Pool clubhouse & tennis. Newer carpeting. 349-6200 (25101755) \$123,900

WEST BLOOMFIELD 248-348-6430
WONDERFUL DELIGHTFUL & GORGEOUS. Fabulous hm w/brook in back, 3 BR, 3.5 BA, Hdwd flrs and Lg WIC. 349-6200 (25099347) \$350,000

CANTON 248-348-6430
MOVE-IN PERFECT RANCH. Awesome cherry kitchen w/extra cabinets, skylights & appliances. roof windows, 2 car attached garage. 349-6200 (25127837) \$197,500

LIVONIA 734-455-7000
WELCOME HOME! Updates thruout, lg kit w/Corian counters, 2-1/2 car att gar, Part fin bsmt, MBR/BA. Wallside windows, roof on house and garage new in 2001. (23H9068) 25128638 \$217,000

PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
PRIDE IN OWNERSHIP 4 Bed, 3.5 Bath, loaded with updates: roof, furnace, A/C, hot water, countertops, carpet, sod landscaping ect. Bonus - Huge 3-season sunroom. (23T10332) 25101511 \$349,900

WESTLAND 734-591-9200
3 BR, 1.5 BA. Liv schools. Clean & neat neighborhood. Fin d bsmt w/wet bar & pool table. Large deck w/hot tub. (25131493) \$164,900

CANTON 734-591-9200
Lrg fenced backyard. This 4 BR, 1.5 BA home has been freshly painted, some wood flrs, newer doorwall, wndws, furn, C/A, kit flr, part fin bsmt w/lots of storage. (25107135) \$179,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
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AVOIDING A DECEPTIVE PERSON



WORKWISE
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What causes a person to be deceptive? How can you spot signs of deception to protect yourself from aligning with the wrong people?

Chicago psychiatrist Paul Dobransky of mindOSoft.com has a patent-pending product and service, mindOS, for character analysis. It's taken 10 years to develop so that it works in person and virtually. Dobransky created mindOS not only to identify character problems but recommend solutions to them. "They can deeply impact a person's mood status, work functions and money management," he explains.

"Character is closely tied to psychological maturity level," he says. "A person who is overly-sensitive, exhibits intolerance to stress and is repeatedly suffering has a boundary problem." Note the same phenomenon when a person says, "You're pushing my buttons." He says to be alert to "should" used repeatedly in addressing you or others close to the speaker on personal issues. For example, a co-worker may say, without your asking for advice, "You should treat your boss differently." The word "should" enables you to "detect with just one word of dialogue exactly how committed, stressful, and manipulative another person," he says.

There are two areas of control, Dobransky

indicates. The internal one is represented by our "personal boundary," which we do control. The external, such as people, economy and traffic, we can't control. A person with holes on the boundary -- that's a part of the human condition -- "gives other people easy access to private thoughts, energy and decisions." In other words, we allow them to invade our lives. People who don't achieve emotional maturity tend to be and deceive as a smokescreen over their vulnerability.

ALTERNATIVES
Are there other ways to pinpoint deception? Gregory Hartley, an interrogator during the Gulf War, details his method in "How to Spot a Liar" (Career Press, \$14.99), with Maryann Karinch. The process requires preparation. In military intelligence, that means reading a prisoner's file and observing the individual's actions for 20 minutes to 10 hours to spot deviations in pattern. He discusses the importance of building rapport with the person and watching for signs, "ranging from subtle to obvious tell(ing) you whether or not someone is practicing deceit." However, he points out, "those signs differ from person to person."

Hartley, who has interviewed executives by telephone to gauge deceptiveness and personality, maintains that "detecting deception is more complex on the phone or Internet but not impossible (especially) with auditory clues (in the case of the telephone) as well as repeat and control questions." He counsels noting cadence,

including "speech, response and overall behavioral shifts."

This method helps you become suspicious of a person who

- deflects, answering a question, but not yours,
- conditions a question by stating "define (a word or phrase),"
- obfuscates with a long preamble, then not answering a question, or
- "taking the moral high ground, such as 'God is my witness'."

Clues may be hidden in e-mail, Hartley says, because they're often "rewritten and sterilized. I do look for pattern changes." A full-sentence e-mail broken by a disjointed phrase is a red flag. Why the change? Watch for odd spacing, where the message may have been reworked.

Of course, there can be compelling behavioral clues for those who aren't skilled interviewers or users of mindOS. Bob Orndorff is associate director of Career Services at Pennsylvania State University in State College. Having consulted in character development with high school students, he maintains that you can assess character in others over time by observing if they "do what's right and be good to all people in good times and bad." In other words, they

- are conscientious and honest, living life with integrity,
- respect others, including those of diverse backgrounds,
- have an upbeat attitude whenever possible, and



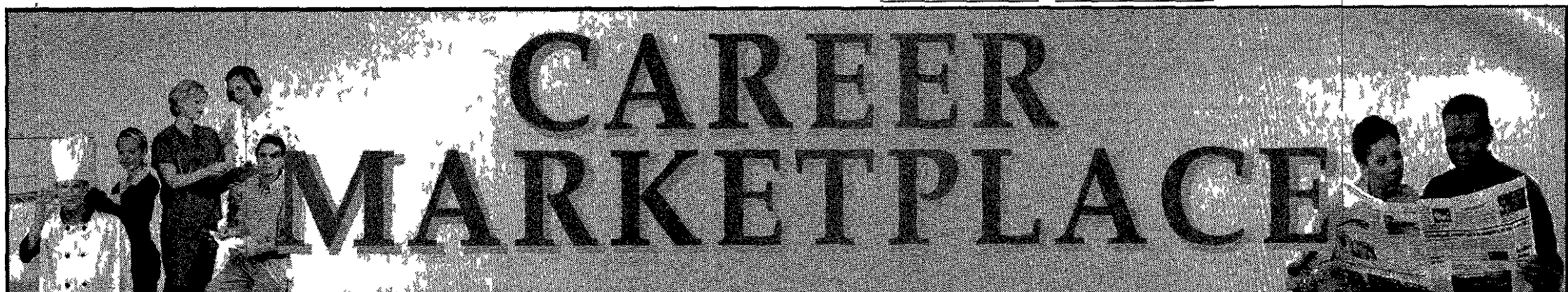
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-- are considerate of others, or team-players. Orndorff recommends getting character references in a virtual relationship. Marian Calabro, president of CorporateHistory.net, in Hasbrouck Heights, N.J., keys into empathy and a sense of humor, "life-understanding humor," not jokes.

While the last two methods may appear thin, they nonetheless help detect the source of a potentially damaging relationship.

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The 2006 Toyota Sequoia

Advertising Feature

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BY DALE BUSS

Sometimes I tire of positing that the entire American automotive marketplace spins around Toyota like the Earth on its axis, but it's difficult to deny the truth of that statement anymore. An additional proof of this reality is the 2006 Toyota Sequoia sport-utility vehicle. It is capable of meeting just about any automotive call to duty, it compares well to anything else in its segment, and it's a version that Toyota didn't even upgrade much from the previous year's model!

Say you're General Motors Corp., for example, and you're depending heavily on the soon-to-be-introduced overhauls of your big SUVs, like the GMC Yukon and Chevrolet Tahoe. They're among your most profitable vehicles, but they've taken a huge hit lately, both from gasoline prices and from the fact that GM simply wanted too long to replace these high-margin hogs.

Overall, the big-SUV business is shrinking, down in sales about 10% this year, even with employee-pricing deals and other big consumer incentives. Gasoline prices remain close to \$3 a gallon, and some of the best experts say that Americans should get used to paying "European-style" prices for gasoline from here until the last drop of oil is drained from the planet.

Yet GM executives have based much of their optimism for better days on an expectation that the company will be able to increase its 62% share of the large-SUV market by stealing share from competitors such as Ford and Nissan. That's because they shouldn't necessarily expect to be able to steal many sales from the likes of Toyota, even in a vehicle segment that GM helped create and historically has dominated.

If that proves out, the 2006 and beyond Sequoia will be a big reason for GM's frustration. This is a rugged, huge, and yet highly flexible and driveable, vehicle that demonstrates - just like many other vehicles do - why Toyota has become such a tough competitor up and down the segment lineup. Sequoia isn't much to look at, being rather plain and



The Toyota Sequoia offers Three row Seating for up to eight people.

boxy like everything else in the segment. But neither is it ugly. It presents a look of heavy, competent utilitarianism, which is exactly what folks want in this kind of vehicle. Key exterior features include running boards, without which you might have to pole vault into the vehicle.

Under the hood, Sequoia features a 4.7-liter, dual-overhead-cam 32-valve V-8 engine that gives drivers the feeling that they could run over or through practically anything. The vehicle takes on highway bursts and inclines with equal aplomb, and is much easier to handle than you might assume, given its bulk. It is stable enough in hard cornering, like the big truck that it is, although harp'n turns and tight parking spots are not friendly environments for Sequoia. When it comes to four-wheel-drive, Toyota has learned how to make it right. Sequoia's four-wheel drive can be used on dry pavement and includes a locking center differential and low-range gearing. Fuel economy is one area where Sequoia is vulnerable to better competition from GM and others. It gets an average of only about 15 miles a gallon the city and only about 18 mpg on the highway, which are respectable for late-model-year SUVs. But Sequoia's figures aren't state of the art. GM's new Tahoe, for example, when it's introduced in January, will boost fuel economy to 20 miles a gallon even for a four-wheel-drive version by relying on a new family

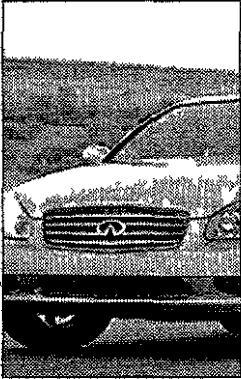
of engines that shuts down four of the eight cylinders when cruising at highway speeds.

Inside this American-built vehicle is where Sequoia really excels, offering a level of comfort and amenities that in some ways seems more appropriate for Toyota's upscale Lexus brand. To start with, each Sequoia offers three-row seating for up to eight people, and the last seat is easily removable and replaceable, the Limited version seats seven with optional second-row bucket seats and center console. Rear-seat DVD entertainment also is available. So while it's possible to argue that the middle-of-the-vehicle passengers get the best deal, Sequoia is no slouch up front, either. It offers large instruments and controls plus heated seats, an optional navigation system, sunroof, a huge console and four cupholders.

And one more thing: in the very, very rear, Sequoia offers a nifty cargo net that I just left attached for most of the week I was driving the vehicle. It was a handy catch-all for most of the stuff that I wanted to throw back there, shopping bags and lots of other things - although you wouldn't want to rely on it to hold anything too heavy. It was an ideal solution to having cargo slide all over this vast vehicle. For list prices ranging from about \$33,000 to more than \$45,000, Sequoia remains a formidable competitor.

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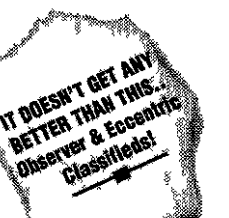
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ROVIEW

Rosie Thomas makes the type of records I file under "pretty music" She's the perfect setting for a Sunday morning



ing when you

try, unsuccessfully, to get out of your pajamas for the 14th time before giving up to a day of laziness

If Songs Could Be Held is Thomas' latest release, which hit stores in mid-September The album is her third full-length release for Sub Pop Records in Seattle, where she also makes her home A few years ago Thomas spent some time here in Detroit singing and recording, so we can attempt to call her our own

Thomas sings about love, falling in it and out of it, growing as a person and finding out who you really are, such as *Pretty Dress* ("You'll know better than them, someday") "It was freeing, Thomas said of the introspective album The songs tend to start with simple piano and guitar to back Thomas' stunning vocals and then blossom into grand pieces of, well, ear candy

There are no shows planned for the Detroit area currently, but visit www.rosiethomas.com for updates



'Tis the season

Think back to Band Aid's infamous *Do They Know It's Christmas?* single from 1984, the charity song that featured George Michael and Duran Duran singing for starving kids While I find this a very worthwhile cause, there's an even bigger problem facing kids today The spread of Halloween Luckily, The North American Halloween Prevention Initiative's *Do They Know It's Halloween?* is out to help

The benefit single features the likes of Beck, Yeah Yeah Yeah's Karen O, Sonic

Youth's Thurston Moore and even comedian David Cross telling kids to "just say no" to Halloween OK, so while it's more fun than serious in its attempt to stop the holiday, you can't help but love lyrics like this "In the rest of the year, they don't observe this bash which has become our biggest concern/ Latvia, Laos, Chad, Peru/ We need their help, or else we're through"

All sales of the single will be donated to UNICEF Visit www.vice-recordings.com/halloween/ to get your copy

WONDER FUN

Feeling a little too old for trick-or-treating? Don't worry, you can still have fun this Halloween by attending one of the many shows this weekend

Tonight

■ Magic Stick Halloween Party, 4120 Woodward, Detroit (313) 833-9700 Doors open 9 p.m., tickets are \$2, free if you wear a costume

Friday, Oct 28

■ The Hard Lessons, American Legion Hall, 234 Walnut Blvd in Rochester This is an all-ages show starting at 8 p.m. Visit www.thehardlessons.com for more info

■ The Gore Gore Girls, Magic Stick in

Detroit Doors are at 8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct 29

■ Come as Your Favorite Rock Star Halloween Bash, Lager House, 1254 Michigan, Detroit For more info, visit www.lagerhousedetroit.com or call (313) 961-4668

■ Zombie Dance Party with Johnny Headband, W-Vibe, The Pizazz and guest DJs The Witches at Small's, 10339 Conant St in Hamtramck, tickets are \$8, 21 and up

Sunday, Oct 30

■ The Avatars (and more!) in a benefit show at the Magic Stick Doors open 8 p.m., tickets are \$8

Monday, Oct 31 (Halloween)

■ The Fags, Magic Stick Doors open at 8 p.m., tickets are \$10

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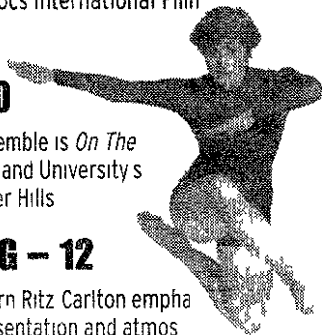


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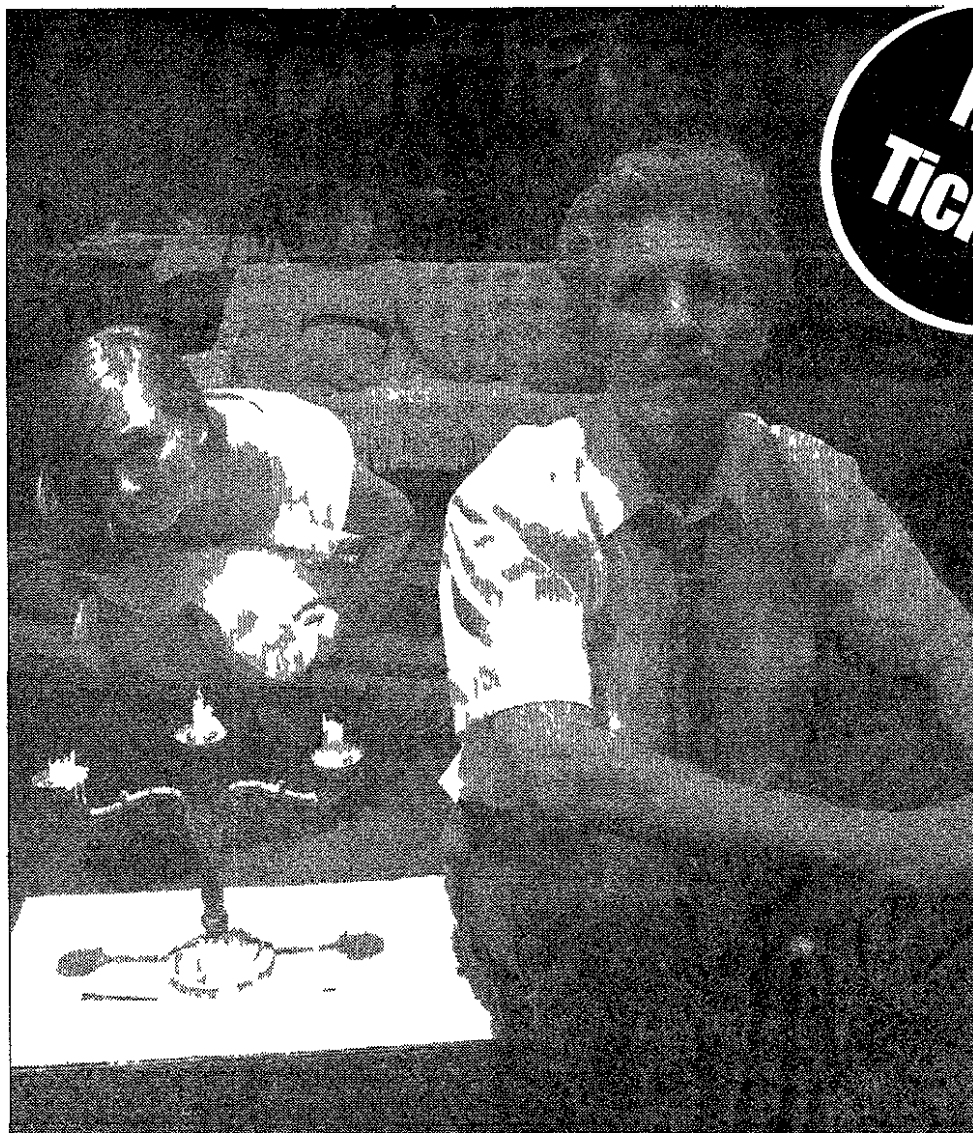
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Stranger Bernie Worrell on Earth's set to run Nov. 2 at the Detroit Film Theatre.

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Molly Thomas (from left), Michelle Mountain and Tom Whalen perform in *The Glass Menagerie*.

American classic

The Purple Rose stages 'The Glass Menagerie'

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

It's the perfect all-American theatrical experience. Head out to the small and quaint town of Chelsea, take your seat in the Purple Rose Theatre and then take in Tennessee Williams' classic American drama *The Glass Menagerie*.

"To hear those great words in our theater, it's like a beautiful bell choir. It's hard to describe," said Guy Sanville, artistic director of the Purple Rose Theatre Company, of the play, which opened last week and runs through Dec. 18. They say it's the most well-known of all American plays.

The Glass Menagerie, which opens the Purple Rose's 2005-2006 season, goes inside the world of the

AMERICAN CLASSIC

What: Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie* opens the Purple Rose Theatre Company's 2005-2006 season.

When: Continues through Dec. 18. Most performances slated 8 p.m. Wednesday, Saturday 3 p.m., Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Where: The Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park Chelsea.

Tickets: \$25-\$35. Call (734) 433-7673 or visit www.purplerosetheatre.org.

Wingfield family—a mother, son and daughter living in St. Louis in 1936. The story centers on attempts to find the daughter, Laura, a peculiar girl with a leg brace, a gentleman suitor. Most tragic, however, is the tendency of all the characters to seek refuge

from reality by living in a world of illusions.

To be sure, *The Glass Menagerie* is a classic. So, although regularly staged by college and community theaters, the play rarely is done by professional theater organizations like the Purple Rose.

And there's a special place in our hearts for these classics. Jeff really wants one done every year," said Sanville.

By Jeff, Sanville means Hollywood actor and Chelsea resident Jeff Daniels, Purple Rose Theatre Company's founder and executive director.

A prolific playwright himself, Daniels has a new play set for production this season at the Purple

PLEASE SEE PURPLE ROSE, D18



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From the Bravo stand-up comedy series, *The D List*, Kathy Griffin comes to the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts

D-listed

Kathy Griffin's comedy takes Macomb Center stage

She's a sassy redhead who's full of jabs and sarcasm

And she's coming to town to spread the laughter

FUNNY GIRL

What: Comedian Kathy Griffin performs stand up comedy
When: 8 p.m. Friday Oct 28

Where: The Macomb Center for the Performing Arts 44575 Garfield Road Clinton Township

Tickets: \$30-40 Call (586) 286-2222 or visit www.MacombCenter.com

Kathy Griffin is set to perform Friday, Oct 28, at The Macomb Center for the Performing Arts in Clinton Township. Griffin is a multi-faceted performer who is probably best known for her role as Vickie Groener on the NBC television sitcom,

Suddenly Susan

But her work demonstrates a wide range of comic talent, from guest-starring roles on television, to voice work for characters on animated specials and even her hit stand-up comedy specials

PLEASE SEE GRIFFIN, D6

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Jazz – It's all over metro Detroit

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

If you're a jazz aficionado, you know what style of music you prefer

If you're not an expert but have an interest in America's original music, there's some big events happening in the jazz world over the next weeks including contemporary, Dixieland, big band and more



Here's some assistance to help you choose which event you might enjoy

■ If you like light-hearted, happy, non-threatening, take-a-step-back in time music, then Dixieland jazz might be for you

It's a style that, unfortunately, is fizzling out at today's jazz clubs, but Dixieland is alive in metro Detroit thanks to Wally's Warehouse Waifs

The Waifs are performing 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road (between Seven and Eight mile roads), in Livonia

It's a smoke-free room, cash bar and table seating. Bring your own parasol, or purchase one at the show, because that's what you dance with to Dixieland music. Tickets are \$16 and seating is limited, call (248) 478-0172

That old style of music is accessible to the public because of the Windsor Detroit Jazz Club. The group, headed by jazz lover Bill Knowles, is dedicated to preserving jazz and exposing it to the youth

David Bennett, the clarinet player of Wally's Warehouse Waifs is our prodigy," Knowles said. He's been playing with us since he was 14 years old. He's a man now and is the youngest member of the Waifs. But we love seeing younger people playing Dixieland."

■ The day before, at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, is an entertaining film that focuses on the early days of jazz. The film is about one of America's most beloved cities — New Orleans

The film *New Orleans*, made in 1947 and running 90 minutes, was conceived by Orson Welles originally to be named *The Story of Jazz*. It features Louis Armstrong, Billie Holiday, Woody Herman and others. It's set in the 1920s and is a tribute to the New Orleans as the birthplace of jazz

After the film, a Q&A will be hosted by famed New Orleans musician Charlie Gabriel. The topics included are the city's history, music and also race

New Orleans will be featured at Sip Theater on the second floor of Central United Methodist Church, 33 E. Adams, at the corner of Adams and Woodward in Detroit. Call (313) 963-7575. Admission is

free

■ At 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, is a night of jazz at Wayne State University featuring composer/artist John Cooper. The evening opens the 2005-06 concert series of Wayne State's jazz lab big band

The band is directed by Chris Collins and guest composer is WSU alumnus John Cooper. Cooper's quintet will perform original big band music and chart hits. The band features Cooper on trumpet, Chris Collins on tenor sax, Matt Michaels on piano, Jeff Halsey on bass, and David Taylor on drums

The concert will be held in WSU's Schaver Recital Hall, 480 W. Hancock, Detroit. Tickets are \$5-\$8 and may be purchased at the door. (313) 577-1795

■ Lastly, Najee, a pioneer of the rhythm and jazz movement of the 1980s that helped define the contemporary jazz scene, comes at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, to the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn

The show celebrates his CD *My Point of View*. The show, *My Point of View*, features veteran vocalist Will Downing and newcomers Lomon Andrews and Sisaundra. Session musicians include keyboardists James Lloyd, Rex Rideout and Chris "Big Dog" Davis

Najee said that in his early years of music he tried to imitate John Coltrane and



Contemporary jazz musician Najee comes to the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center in Dearborn

Charlie Parker. Today he has his own style

"The one piece of feedback that I've really enjoyed hearing from my associations throughout the music industry is that I have my own distinct musical voice," Najee said. "I think it's not necessarily something I've consciously strived for. It's just a signature song that has evolved over time. I think the title song (*My Point of View*) conveys that sense of individuality."

Tickets are \$50 and \$100. Call (313) 943-2350

Zoo Boo celebration Saturday

On Saturday, Oct. 29, Pizza Hut employees will trick or treat with Detroit area children at the Detroit Zoo's Zoo Boo celebration

Pizza Hut will donate \$5,100 to the Detroit Zoo at 6:30 p.m. on the Zoo Boo stage, located in the Children's Activity Tent near the end of the Zoo Boo treat trail. Pizza Hut employees will hand out treats and free Personal Pan Pizza® certificates to children at the Pizza Hut treat station

The donation to the Detroit Zoo is the highlight of a five-month long campaign called "Do The Zoo Thing," a fund raising venture with Pizza Hut

Detroit area Pizza Hut restaurants featured "The True Zoo Family Deal," a bundled meal deal where 20 percent of the proceeds from the purchase were donated back to the Detroit Zoo. The funds from the donation will go toward general improvements at the Zoo and educational programs

Event raises funds for breast cancer research

Inflatable Planet will host Bouncing for a Cause - A Halloween Happening 5-9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, at 7370 Highland Road in Waterford

Mrs. Michigan 2005 Liz Pratt will appear at Inflatable Planet. Mrs. Michigan will highlight the event by allowing children to make memories while either wearing or holding her crown as a photographer captures the moment for them to take home. Pictures can be purchased for a nominal fee. Pratt will also judge the costume contest

Cost of admission is \$9 for children

and includes games, giveaway, prizes, candy, beverages, a costume contest, and unlimited bouncing on inflatables

Adults are welcome to make a donation to help further breast cancer research. A portion of the proceeds from both the admission and the pictures will be donated to The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute earmarked for breast cancer research

At this event, activities and entertainment are scheduled for the whole family, but one can receive educational materials regarding breast cancer and self-exams

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Broken Social Scene masters the buildup and breakdown

BY STEPHANIE TARDY
STAFF WRITER

BROKEN SOCIAL SCENE

Limited edition Self titled with EP to *Be You and Me*
Arts & Crafts
In short: A toasty comforter of sound to keep you warm on these cold autumn nights

How seriously brilliant is Broken Social Scene?

Consisting of something like 17 people, the Canadian collective's last album, *You Forgot It in People*, was undoubtedly a landmark. It forced

people to re-think the way they heard experimental music simply by infusing it with catchy hooks. Their latest is a self-titled disc that also includes a separate EP.

Residing on the soundscape somewhere close to The Avalanches, BSS is a headphone band that fully embraces the sonic buildup and breakdown. You know what I'm talking about, right? Where the music slowly gets faster or louder until it can no longer work within its own boundaries and so it must

break into a million parts? Steve Wonder knows what I'm talking about. So anyway, BSS's new album focuses quite a bit on these buildups and the result is less hook and more circular throb. *7/4 (Shoreline)*, with its spiky vocals punctuating a catchy looped beat, would've fit perfectly on *You Forgot It*.

Newbies to Broken Social Scene may want to start with *Swimmers*, sung by recent-buzz-getter Feist, and very tame. On the other end of the spectrum is *Windsurfing Nation*, which signals the band's continued commitment to pushing the envelope on what music can even sound like. Which, ultimately, is Broken Social Scene's strongest selling point.

Broken Social Scene plays tonight (Thursday) at the Majestic Theatre, 4120 Woodward in Detroit. (313) 833-9700. Feist, who alone would make this bill a must-see show, opens.

DIOS (MALOS)

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Pay it forward: Once someone assumed I'd really like dios (malos) based on my musical taste, which when you think about it, is always a

really uncomfortable thing for some one to do because if you don't like it it's hard to tell them and maybe it crushes them a little that they don't have you completely figured out and if you do like it then they'll just keep recommending new things until you tell them to stop. What I mean to say is if you think you and I have similar music taste, then check it out but you don't have to report back to me or anything, so if you hate it I won't be disappointed. I mean, personal taste tends to follow a fickle ever-changing course. And I know I don't have you figured out.

dios (malos) is from California, though you need not look this up to know it. California seeps from this album. And by California, I mean there are a lot of keyboards and simple guitar hooks and sunny handclaps and that somewhat hollow drum sound that I'm starting to think originated in the Sunshine State. It's briefly psychedelic and, as can be assumed with most California indie rockers, someone in the band owns a really worn-out copy of *Pet Sounds*.

This album is so Californian, in fact, that I briefly wondered if *EPK*, a slow piano number, was actually Phantom Planet.

Elsewhere, *So Do I* sounds like the kind of thing you'd sing along to after someone brings out the guitar at the bonfire. And the album's strongest track, *Grrrr!*, begins as straight-out bouncy-angry indie pop and ends as a power ballad. Oh, California.

dios (malos) plays Saturday at the Magic Stick in Detroit. Catfish Heaven and The Swords open.

BETA BAND

The Best of the Beta Band Music
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If you want to get over a fear of electronic music.

There are basically two reasons you'd want to buy any "Best Of" compilation:

1. You sort of like the band, or at least have heard good things about them, and want a primer.
2. You like the band so much that you want everything they ever recorded, even if it means buying the same songs again.

This two-disc album has a little bit to satisfy both reasons. Disc I, the traditional "best songs" CD, culled from the band's four albums, fulfills the first reason. Disc II, a live

performance at The Shepherd's Bush Empire, gives a little something-somethin' to the diehards.

As a more-accessible Flaming Lips (which is all I really need to say about what they sound like), I imagine *The Best of the Beta Band Music* will be played with abandon in edgy, big-box bookstores and hip, corporate coffee shops all across the country. Which would support the theory laid forth in *High Fidelity*: Everyone with ears ultimately likes The Beta Band. I'd like to add that this is because they are a band you like but, sadly, rarely are they a band that you love. They are basically your best opposite-gender friend who you could never actually bring yourself to date. They are the universal Kenny Warner.

And while Kenny can be nice to have at dinner parties and long car drives with parents, he probably isn't going to be the person who will change your life forever. You get where I'm going with this.

Stephanie Tardy promises to sometimes (30 percent?) actually write about the albums. She can be contacted at stardy@oe.homecomm.net.

Music reviews

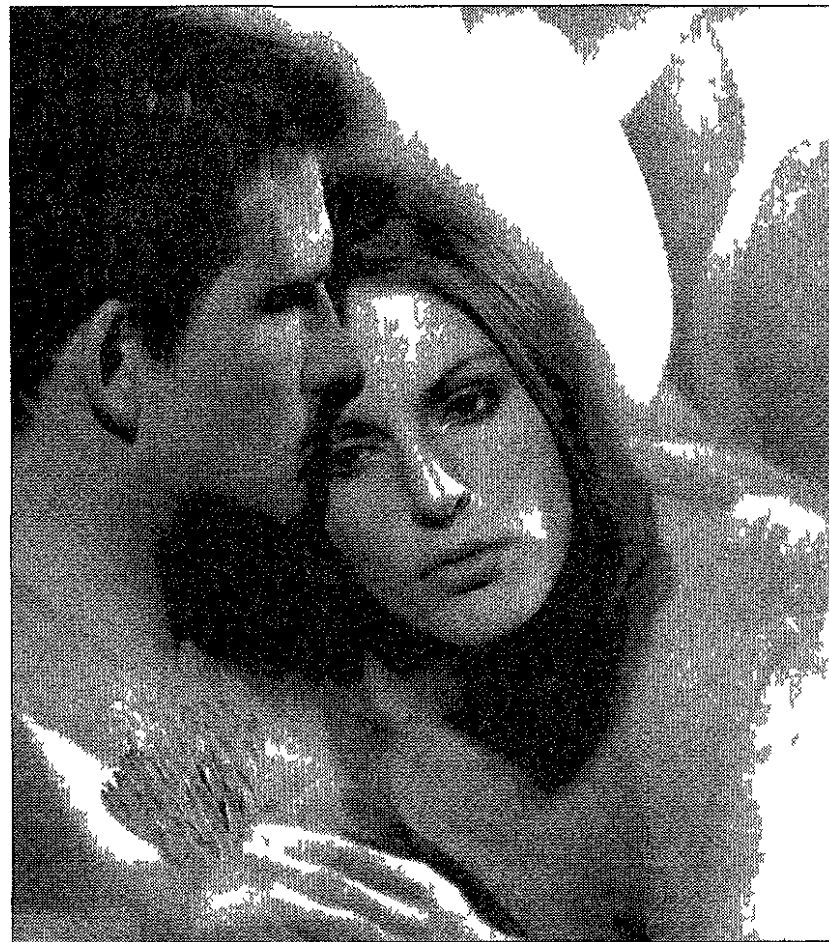
'La Boheme' plays at the opera house

Michigan Opera Theatre's 35th anniversary season continues with Giacomo Puccini's masterpiece, *La Boheme*.

The production opens Saturday, Nov. 5, with five subsequent performances through Nov. 13 at the Detroit Opera House.

Arguably the most popular of all operas, *La Boheme* is a tale of young love set in the bohemian culture of 1830s Paris. A bittersweet tragedy, the opera centers around four poverty-stricken friends surviving on very limited means.

The Detroit Opera House is at 1526 Broadway in Detroit. Tickets are priced \$28-\$113. Call (313) 237-SING or visit www.MichiganOpera.org. Tickets can also be bought at all TicketMaster outlets and by phone at (248) 645-6666.



'La Boheme' is a tale of young love set in the bohemian culture of 1830s Paris.

GRIFFIN

FROM PAGE D4

Griffin began her career by moving west from Chicago and joining the famed Los Angeles Groundlings comedy improvisational troupe.

Then she did guest roles on such series as *Mad About You* and *ER*. She appeared as the recurring character Sally Weaver on *Seinfeld*.

After various television guest spots, Griffin began gaining notice as a stand-up comedian and landed her own HBO half-hour comedy special. In 1998, HBO gave Griffin her own one-hour special, *A Hot Cup of Talk*.

Griffin has supplied voices for characters for *Dilbert* and *The Simpsons*. She also appeared in a dual role on the *X-Files* and in Eminem's video, *The Real Slim Shady*, co-directed by rapper Dr. Dre.

Griffin co-hosted *The Billboard Music Awards* three years in a row, has appeared on numerous talk shows including *Late Night with David Letterman* and *Live with Regis and Kelly*. Her film work includes *It's Pat*, *Muppets From Space* and the animated feature, *Lion of Oz*.

Griffin has a bit of a passion for reality TV, too. Believe it or not, the sarcastic comedian participated in and won *Celebrity Mole* on ABC, and hosted both the NBC reality series *Average Joe* and MTV's *Kathy's So-Called Reality*.

Her recent stand-up comedy special, *The D-List*, recently completed its run on Bravo. She also recently finished taping another special for Bravo, *Kathy Griffin Is Not Nicole Kidman*, set at the Orpheum Theatre.

Exhibit displays bold works by David Fludd

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

A new voice with a new language
That's how Myrlen Washington
describes the vividly colored paintings by
New York artist David Fludd

His exhibit *The Grids of Life* is at Sherry Washington Gallery in Detroit through Saturday, Dec 3

'His work takes us in a new direction. It's not your standard work, which

is why he attracts so much attention,' Washington said

Sherry Washington Gallery has represented Fludd for 12 years. That's a long time in the art world.

Fludd, born in New York, was introduced to art by his father. A graduate of fine arts from Yale, Fludd also studied printmaking at New York University and Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture. He was also a 1998 Solomon Guggenheim Fellow and later studied painting in Rome.

Praised by *The New York Times* and other major media, Fludd's works are influenced by music, history and architecture.

The bold lines of the buildings he paints, crooked sidewalks, crowded

THE GRIDS OF LIFE

What: New paintings by David Fludd

Where: Sherry Washington Gallery inside the L B King Building 1274 Library St (one block west of Woodward seven blocks north of Jefferson) Detroit

Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday Friday noon to 5 p.m. Saturday through Saturday Dec 3

streets, landscapes and people represent a robust life for the artist.

His paintings represent any city, but also reveal every sight. His life as a painter, a jazz pianist, printmaker and art historian is

represented in his works.

The gallery presents this summary about Fludd's works. His art is complex yet simple, he abstracts what we see, reinterprets it in his mind's eye then brushes the canvas with his view of the grids of life. We experience his art in our daily life. Thus, in a sense he is really painting us, history, architecture and everything on Earth that presents itself as his next idea.

Fludd said he tries to comprise a new interpretation of painting in the "infinite culture of the universe."

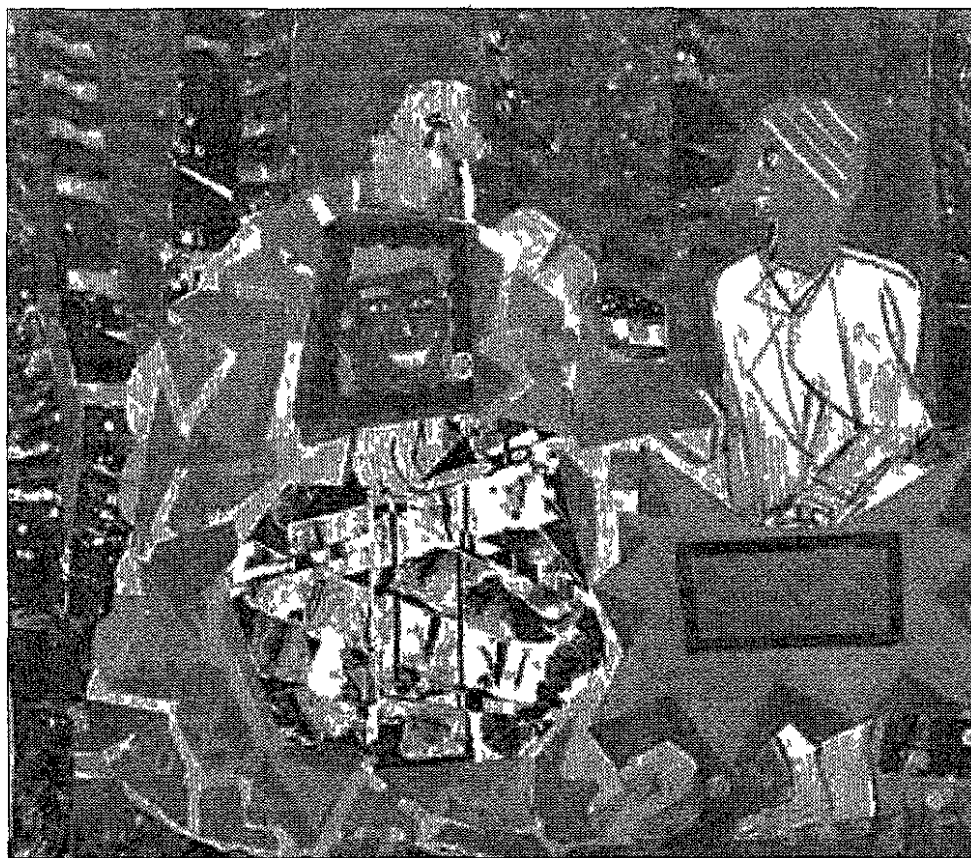
"I explore the developmental discourse of a painting," Fludd said. Language comprised of a visual vocabulary generating from dialectical painting origin.

Perception and information always change a viewpoint. One may look at a painting on an occasion and afterwards read a book and experience a cultural revelation, then return to the same painting and have a completely new experience.

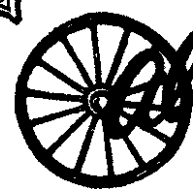
His paintings, he hopes, probe reality.

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Fludd's paintings feature bold lines and crowded areas.



David Fludd's life as a painter is represented in his works.



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Boys of Baraka (above) follows Baltimore inner city boys to a boarding school in Kenya and screens at 7 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Birmingham 8. Cowboy Del Amour (at top) the story of a cowboy turned cupid who arranges marriages with Mexican women runs at 9:15 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Birmingham 8.

Detroit Docs film festival looks faraway and close to home

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

It's nice to travel to faraway places, just as pleasurable to return home and always interesting to draw comparisons about two very different places.

Such a process might be an apt metaphor for describing the mix of documentary films making up this year's Detroit Docs International Film Festival.

In its fourth year, the annual festival begins Nov. 2 and continues through Nov. 7 at five venues, the Detroit Film Theatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit Film Center, College for Creative Studies and Wayne State University, all in Detroit, and the Birmingham 8 theater in downtown Birmingham.

Of the approximately 400 films submitted to the festival's selection committee, more than 60 documentaries are slated to screen during the five-day festival.

DARING DOCS

What: Fourth annual Detroit Docs International Film Festival featuring more than 60 documentary films at five venues.

When: Wednesday Nov. 2 to Monday Nov. 7. Most weekday screenings held in the evening with weekend screenings starting at about 1 p.m. Detailed festival schedule available online.

Where: Venues are Detroit Film Theatre (Detroit Institute of Arts) 5200 Woodward; Detroit Birmingham 8 211 S. Old Woodward; Birmingham Detroit Film Center 1227 Washington; Detroit College for Creative Studies 201 E. Kirby; Detroit and Wayne State University (undergraduate library) 5155 Gullen Mall; Detroit.

Tickets: Festival pass \$25 only available through the Detroit Film Theatre box office; call (313) 833-3237 or visit www.dia.org/dft. Individual tickets are available at least 20 minutes prior to the screening at all venues. Adults \$7.50; students and seniors \$5; members of Detroit Docs, Detroit Film Theatre or Detroit Film Center \$5. For more information or a festival schedule, call (313) 417-9784 or visit www.detroitdocs.org.

PLEASE SEE FILM, D9



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The Fall of Fujimori (above) is a political thriller about Peru and the reign of president Alberto Fujimori. It screens at 2 p.m. Nov. 6 at Detroit Film Theatre. The Beggars Description (below) follows a Montreal poet who suffers from schizophrenia and runs at 3 p.m. Nov. 5 at the Birmingham 8.

FILM

FROM PAGE D8

It's fewer than last year, which is not indicative of Detroit Docs shrinking. There were very few short films submitted this year, so we have many mid- and full-length films, said Tod Hardin, the festival's executive director.

But what's particularly interesting about the festival's documentary lineup is the geography it covers.

There are works by filmmakers from a dozen countries and a number of films by local or former residents of the southeastern Michigan.

Among the nations represented are Cuba, Argentina, Mexico, Australia and North Korea. So, no, the festival's international flavor doesn't come solely from countries from which we expect films, such as France, Italy or Spain. In fact, there's not even one French film on the program.

Closer to home, there's a series of films by Birmingham documentary maker Sue Marx, who won an Oscar for Best Documentary, Short Subjects in 1988.

She's been making documentaries for 30 years and is nationally and internationally recognized, said Hardin.

Marx will attend the series, a retrospective of her work, introduce each film and answer audience questions after each screening. The event is slated Sunday, Nov. 6 at the Birmingham 8 theater.

Marx has made several films that focus on Detroit landmarks, including Cranbrook Educational Community. She also filmed a series about the Detroit Zoo.

Her documentary about man's closest relative from the Detroit Zoo series, *A Community of Chimps* with narration by Tim Allen, is included in the retrospective.



Marx's Oscar-winning film, *Young at Heart*, also will be shown.

But directors with and without local connections are slated to appear and speak during the festival. Indeed, the number of discussion panels and lectures augmenting the event has increased.

The quality of this year's offerings likewise has risen, reflecting the explosive growth and development of documentary filmmaking, said Hardin.

"It was very hard for our selection committee to select films because of the quality of the films," he said, adding, "First and foremost is the quality of the film — how compelling is the story?"

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Physical maneuvers

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble steps into new season

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Choreographer Laurie Eisenhower's moves are always slick, smart and funny

And there's plenty of light-hearted movement for movement's sake in her dance company's first performance of the season

On *The Move*, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 29, at Oakland University's Varner Hall in Rochester Hills, showcases three of what Eisenhower describes as "pure movement" pieces. "There's no literal or thematic meaning behind it," she explained.

However, the program's guest dance company, the Kalamazoo-based Wellspring/Cori Terry and Dancers, tends to embrace more literal imagery. "So there is a nice balance in the program," said Eisenhower.

Wellspring will add three works to those set for performance by Eisenhower Dance Ensemble, which include the choreographer's ever-popular high-energy work *Stop*.

New works by Eisenhower, of Rochester Hills, are set to debut

CELEBRATING 15TH YEAR

What: On the Move fall dance concert with guest Wellspring/Cori Terry and Dancers

When: 8 p.m. Saturday Oct. 29 program prelude starts at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Varner Recital Hall campus of Oakland University Rochester Hills

Tickets: Adults \$15 seniors \$12 and students \$8. Call the box office at (248) 370-3013. For more information visit www.ede-dance.org or call (248) 852-5850.

later in the EDE season *December Dances*, slated Dec. 18 at the Lake Orion Performing Arts Center, features a three-movement piece set to *Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 4*.

"It's a classical modern piece. I'm using classical music but modern movement with a classical ballet vocabulary," Eisenhower said.

The second movement in the work has the dancers doing nothing but walking as a vehicle to explore pattern.

Eisenhower plans to reveal



Among the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble members performing is Ann Chiaverini

another new work at *NewDANCEfest IV*, slated Feb. 10 at Troy High School.

Eisenhower has yet to complete the work but describes it as "*Moulin Rouge* meets *Cirque du*

Soleil

EDE's final concert of the season, set for March 25 at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, pays tribute to Motown with music by and with

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Eisenhower Dance Ensemble member Aaron Perlstein takes a precarious pose

SEASON CONTINUES

■ *December Dances* 3 p.m.

Sunday Dec. 18 Lake Orion Performing Arts Center

■ *NewDANCEfest IV* 7:30 p.m.
Friday Feb. 10, 2006 Troy High School

■ *Motown in Motion* with The Contours 8 p.m. Saturday March 25, 2006 Macomb Center for the Performing Arts

The Contours

Not only will the entire program be set to Motown music, but also The Contours will appear live on stage as the dancers perform in at least two works. Several guest choreographers are creating pieces for the program, including Mia Michaels, who had done work for Celine Dion and Madonna.

"It's something that we've been thinking about for a long time," Eisenhower said of the Motown show. "Now it's coming to full production."

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Green Day film premieres in metro Detroit

Green Day fans have just one opportunity to see the band's film *Bullet In A Bible* on the big screen

It's coming to Commerce Township Stadium 14 in Walled Lake at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1

Two weeks later, Tuesday, Nov. 15, *Bullet* will be released on DVD

We are excited to give our fans the unique opportunity to view *Bullet In A Bible* on the big screen, Green Day frontman Billie Joe Armstrong said. "This will be the best one-night stand you'll ever have!"

Bullet In A Bible features live concert footage of the two biggest shows of Green Day's 17-year career, playing to more than 130,000 people at London's Milton Keynes

National Bowl

The film also includes rare, intimate glimpses into band members Armstrong, Mike Dirnt and Tre Cool

There are candid interviews discussing their career and life on the road

The documentary shows the love Green Day has for performing live

The film is presented by Big Screen Concerts and Network Live, which showcases concert footage simultaneously at different theaters throughout the country. So all Green Day fans nationwide can enjoy the film at the same moment

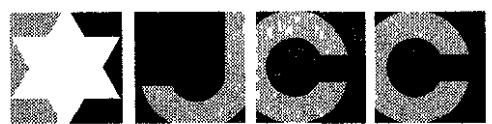
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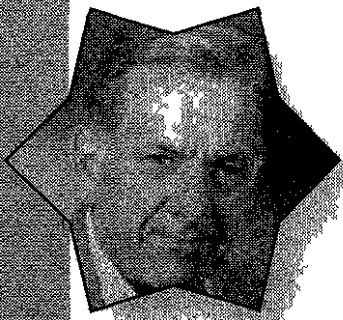
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Caesar Salad made with petite red and green romaine on a focaccia collar with shaved Reggiano

The Grill at the Ritz has it all

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company is a two-time winner of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award and was recently recognized in a study published by the Luxury Institute as the No. 1 brand in the United States.

Yet, you may ask a legitimate question simply because The Grill at the Dearborn Ritz-Carlton is in the Company, does it deserve such high praise? Answer under hotel management by Gerard van Grinsven, Executive Chef Rob Wilson and his kitchen staff, food and beverage manager John Sullivan and maitre d' Lewis Weidemann, yes.

Over the last few years, changes that have put The Grill on the fast track for Five Star Mobil and AAA Five Diamond recognition have accelerated

In cooperation with Southfield's Park West Gallery, diners now sit in a veritable art gallery of twice yearly changing art works. At the place setting is a charger rimmed with a Dominic Pangborn design.

The menu bears the same art logo and servers wear a Pangborn limited-edition necktie.

PLATE ART

Menu items, arriving on a white plate and placed on the charger are also works of art. The eye is the first sense awakened, by plate presentation with intricately-cut fresh vegetable garnishes, all purchased from the "heartland's"

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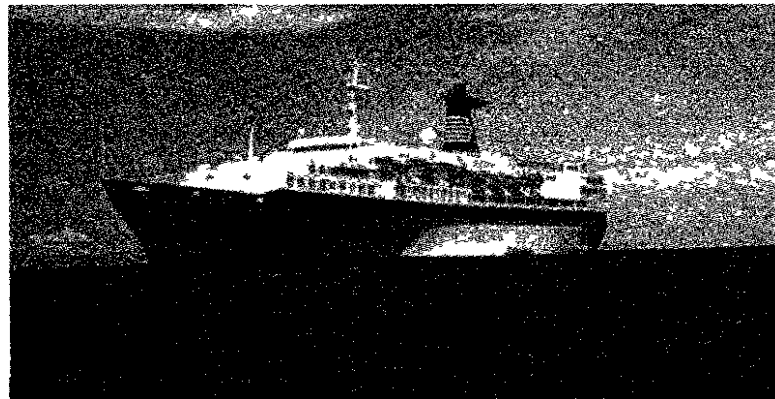
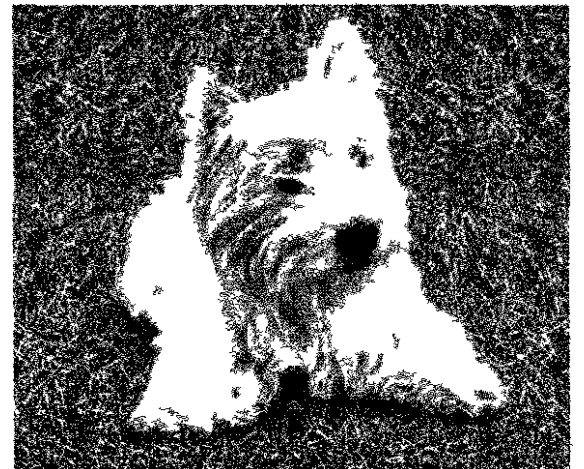
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How to...

By Cathy Johnson

Most of us would like to remain independent and live in our own home during the senior years but health problems often make that impossible. *Assisted care facilities are designed to help seniors and their families make the transition from self-sufficiency to assisted care.*

Assisted living centers offer more privacy and are less institutional looking than a traditional nursing home, but there are nurses and caregivers in attendance to help administer medications or help with bathing and therapy if needed. They are more expensive than other senior residences since they must retain additional medical personnel and specially trained employees to help with a variety of needs residents may have.



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Top Things To Remember When Choosing An Assisted Care Facility:

1. Don't be shy about asking a lot of questions. You want to be cautious and make an informed choice.
2. Ask for a written description of rates and charges for additional services.
3. Talk to a few current residents to see how happy they are with the level of care and services provided.
4. Check with your state's long-term care ombudsmen or other government agencies to help determine if a facility is rated highly or has logged many complaints.

Before you make a commitment to any assisted living complex, it's best to check it out in person. Glossy brochures may present a rosy picture, but it's best to visit a facility more than once at different times of day to form an impression. Keep your eyes and ears open, talk to residents, and if possible, stay for lunch or dinner. Trust your instincts to get a feeling if the place is homey and inviting or sterile and too institutional.

Most seniors resist the idea of moving to an assisted living facility because they believe it means a loss of freedom and privacy. On the other hand, knowing that assistance is available in the event of a health care crisis or accident brings peace of mind to many families. Other advantages include companionship, regular meals, and the opportunity to participate in social and recreational programs, plus added safety and security.

Many assisted care facilities provide new residents with a comprehensive assessment that is written into a plan of care. Written guidelines are important to assure that all staff members are informed of the resident's condition and the level of assistance that is required. You should look for an assisted care center that allows each resident to be as independent as his condition allows, while still having access to different levels of help as needed.

Ask how the facility helps residents who need some assistance with caring for themselves such as getting to the bathroom, showering, dressing and eating.

Does the center have methods in place for keeping track of medications, troublesome new symptoms, and behavior problems that may arise?

How often do staff members check on residents' physical whereabouts and mental state of mind?

If a resident has a behavioral problem, such as refusing to eat, or becoming verbally uncommunicative, how does the center handle the issue?

Make sure that you trust the facility to manage your loved one's medical care. This includes making sure medications are given on time, prescriptions are refilled, and changes in a resident's condition are reported.

Does the facility provide assistance or transportation for getting to and from doctor's appointments?

Ask how medical emergencies are handled. Is there an ambulance service on call, and which hospital are residents taken to for emergency care? Also find out what health services are provided on-site such as physical therapy, wound care, assistance with daily injections, or blood and urine testing, etc.

It is important to choose a facility that has a nursing staff to handle dispensing medications. Some centers allow residents to keep their medications in their rooms and monitor their own dosage. This can often lead to serious mistakes when medications are forgotten or taken too often.

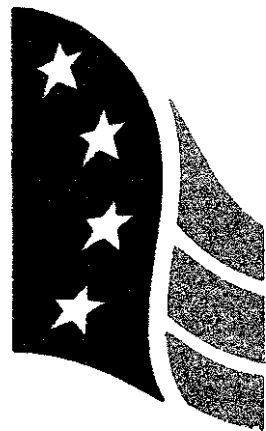
Ask about the training and certification of the personnel responsible for caring for residents. Are background checks performed on all staff members?

How does the facility handle aggressive residents who are unkind or abusive toward others? Is there a safety policy in place to handle residents who may wander off or forget where their room is located?

Are there programs in place for residents to socialize and exercise? Does the center offer transportation or assistance to go shopping, visit parks and museums, or go to the movies? Do any community groups send members to visit and entertain residents?

Be sure to ask how long the facility has been in business and what sort of licensing and accreditation it has received. Before you sign a contract, read all of the fine print and make sure you understand all of the policies and rates. Consider having an attorney review the contract if you find it confusing.

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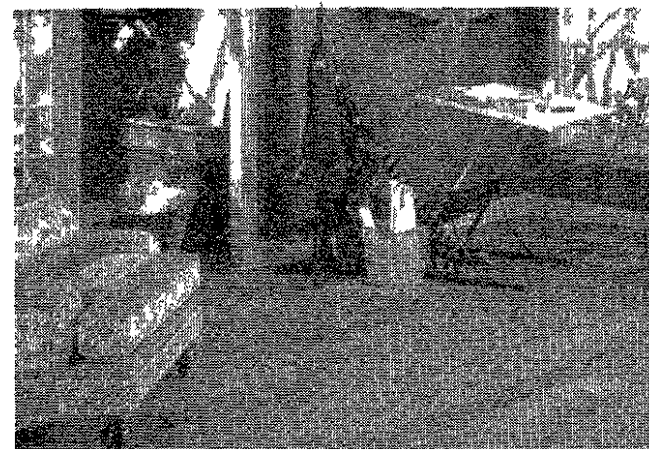
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How to...

By Amy Black

Hardwood floors have always added character and warmth to a room and they have never been more popular than today as a decorating trend. Wood flooring is enjoying renewed popularity because it promotes a healthier living environment and can be used with virtually any design scheme.

Before investing in a hardwood floor, take a look at your options. Familiarize yourself with the types of hardwood flooring before you visit a dealer. Engineered flooring is available as strips or planks and it is preferable to solid wood flooring in environments where moisture is a concern. Long strip flooring is constructed of individual slats glued together end to end to form strips that are installed in a tongue and groove



Adding a darker urethane finish is an affordable way to add panache to a wood floor and does not involve as much labor as some custom options. When applied properly, a dark finish mimics the look of

BUY & CARE FOR HARDWOOD FLOORS

Hardwood Floors... A Few Pointers:

1. Familiarize yourself with the different types of hardwood flooring before you visit a dealer.
2. When you shop for wood flooring take detailed measurements of the rooms and create scale drawings if possible.
3. Keep in mind that lighter colored flooring can make a small room feel more spacious, while dark-colored floors can make a large room feel cozy. Also, light flooring will show dirt more than darker finishes.
4. To maintain your floor's beauty and durability, always wipe up spills with a dry or slightly damp towel, sweep or vacuum once a week to remove surface dust, use doormats at entrances to catch dirt and in front of the sink to catch water spills.
5. Buff waxed wood floors periodically to restore their shine.
6. Mist the floor with a mixture of one-quarter cup of white vinegar and one quart of warm water to clean urethane floors.

process. Strip flooring is usually 2-1/2 inches wide while plank flooring can be up to 12 inches wide. Parquet flooring consists of small strips of wood made from hardwoods like oak, cherry, mahogany, beech and pecan.

The traditional parquet floor is laid to produce geometric patterns such as herringbone and checkerboard. Block flooring, as the name implies, is constructed as a block and cross-banded with plywood. When it is designed to look like parquet it is referred to as parquetry.

The price range of wood flooring is based on the grain, wood origin and imperfections. If you are seeking a more rustic look, a lesser grade will have more character and be easier on your budget.

Oak accounts for about 90 percent of the wood flooring market share since its neutral color goes with any room decor. Other popular wood choices include cherry, bamboo, ash, maple and birch. Consumers today have a choice of low gloss or high gloss finishes plus a wide range of wood colors from butterscotch to walnut and cinnamon. Some of the new trends in wood floors include highly defined grain patterns, wider slats and the use of contrasting borders.

When you shop for wood flooring take detailed measurements of the rooms and create scale drawings if possible. The flooring sales specialist at your local hardwood flooring dealer will use the information to provide you with an estimate and suggest woods that will work best for your room situation and budget. Keep in mind that lighter colored flooring can make a small room feel more spacious, while dark-colored floors can make a large room feel cozy. Also, light flooring will show dirt more than darker finishes.

Another option is adding a different type of wood to an already finished floor. You can pull up old pieces of wood and replace them with new planks of a different type to achieve a very modern look.

exotic hardwoods while the urethane resists wear and requires no buffing or waxing.

Some homeowners resist the idea of wood flooring because they believe it is difficult to care for. The truth is new technology and innovative products have made it easier to care for than ever. Finishes differ among manufacturers so you should always follow the recommended maintenance tips. Still, with any type of hardwood floor there are basic steps you can take to maintain its beauty and durability.

Sweep the wood once a week with a soft bristle broom, or vacuum to remove surface dust. Wipe up spills with a dry or slightly damp towel. Use doormats at entrances to catch dirt that is tracked in from outside. If you have a wood floor in your kitchen, place an area rug in front of the sink to catch water spills. Waxed wood floors can be buffed periodically to restore their shine. Urethane finishes resist wear and stains and require no stripping, buffing or waxing.

The majority of wood floors installed today have urethane finishes, which means they can even be used in bathrooms and kitchens. Misting the floor with a mixture of one-quarter cup of white vinegar and one quart of warm water will clean most urethane floors. Simply sponge mop with the mixture and towel dry. A urethane floor can be restored to its original appearance by having it professionally screened and recoated with a new coat of urethane. Types of urethane differ in sheen, drying time, odor, ease of installation, and color.

If you're torn between replacing carpeting or installing wood flooring, consider that carpeting lasts between seven and 10 years with normal residential use, while hardwood floors can last a lifetime. And if your family suffers from allergies, hardwood floors can dramatically reduce the bacteria, allergens and dirt that get trapped deep in wall-to-wall carpeting. With proper care, hardwood flooring becomes more beautiful with time and may even enhance the resale value of your home.



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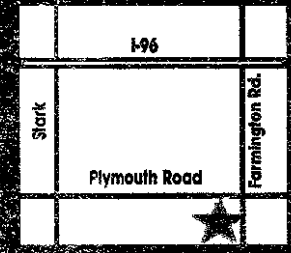
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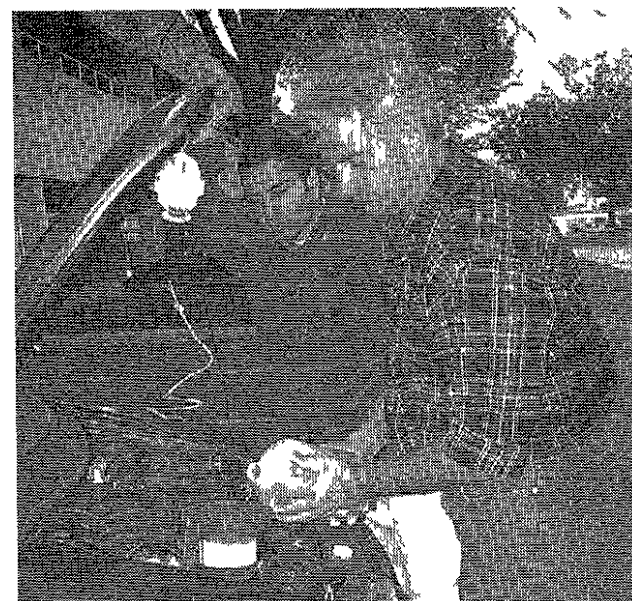
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How to...

CHOOSE AN AUTO REPAIR SHOP



Dan Markham

The mechanic in our imagination may be a man who wears his hard work on his sleeve And his pants And his shoes

While we expect cleanliness out of our school teachers, waiters and other professionals with whom we have daily contact, many of us are willing to overlook a little (or a lot) of grease on our mechanic or his shop Hey, it's a dirty job, right?

Well, if you're in the position of looking for a mechanic, experts say that cleanliness is a trait worth savoring, even in a mechanic

The California Bureau of Automotive Repair, in its checklist for selecting a good repair shop advises motorists to put cleanliness next to goodliness "A good repair shop should have a neat and well-organized service floor, modern equipment and clearly posted policies regarding labor rates"

Finding your perfect mechanic

- 1) Choose before you go. Selecting the proper auto repair shop takes time, and is best done before you need service. Talk to friends and family for recommendations.
- 2) Check credentials. Good relations with the Better Business Bureau or completion of certified training programs suggests the technicians provide quality work.
- 3) Clean is good. A neat, well-organized shop signifies a professional atmosphere. A dirty shop doesn't necessarily mean the service will be less expensive.
- 4) Follow-up. Don't hesitate to ask for an itemized list of work done on your vehicle and don't shy away from airing concerns with your service with the owner or manager.

Shop owner Austin C. Davis, the founder of the website www.TrustMyMechanic.com, is even more adamant about looking for a clean shop and shopkeeper "Don't leave your car, a huge investment in your life, in the hands of a slob "We are looking for a shop that we can call home for a long time You should feel comfortable in this shop while wearing white tennis shoes or new penny loafers A clean shop will attract clean and well-educated mechanics service writers and any other shop personnel Dirty shops attract dirty people "

There are plenty of other things to look for when you're in the market for an auto repair shop And among the first things to understand is it's better to make your decision before you need work done

The California BAR among other experts, recommends choosing a mechanic in advance of needing major service Doing so reduces the headaches at the time service is required, and allows you to make an informed decision about your mechanic

The first step in choosing one is to talk to friends, family and others for recommendations Find a mechanic they trust "If they're happy with the shop's services, chances are you'll be happy too," the BAR reports

Stan Adamick, writing on the subject for www.Howtoadvice.com, also recommends setting up alternate transportation in advance, to keep from selecting a shop solely on location

Once there, you should verify the shop's credentials Look for diplomas or other items signifying credentials Membership in the Better Business Bureau or status as an AAA-Approved Auto Repair shop is a sign that the work is of higher quality

To Adamick, the best indicator of good work is certification from the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) He says ASE conducts the only industry-wide national certification program

for automotive technicians

"Consumers benefit from ASE's certification program since it takes much of the guesswork out of finding a competent technician ASE certifies the competency of individual technicians through a series of standardized specialty exams

In California, motorists should seek out licensed shops, which will also include a sign indicating the state's Motorist Bill of Rights Such rights include the right to a written estimate before any work is done a detailed invoice of work done and parts supplied a return of replaced parts, answers to additional questions by the manager and assistance from the BAR with additional questions

Other states have similar rules protecting motorists and should be researched before taking your vehicle to the shop Also at the shop you should look at the types of vehicles being worked on Some vehicles specialize in certain makes and models and it's best to find a shop that is comfortable with your car Feel free to ask the technician what kind of vehicles the shop typically works on

One other thing to consider is that you're really not done choosing a mechanic until after the transaction is complete Once your car is finished don't hesitate to question any items on the bill you don't understand

"It is to your advantage to ask for an itemized face-to-face explanation with the service writer of the work that was done to your car," says Davis

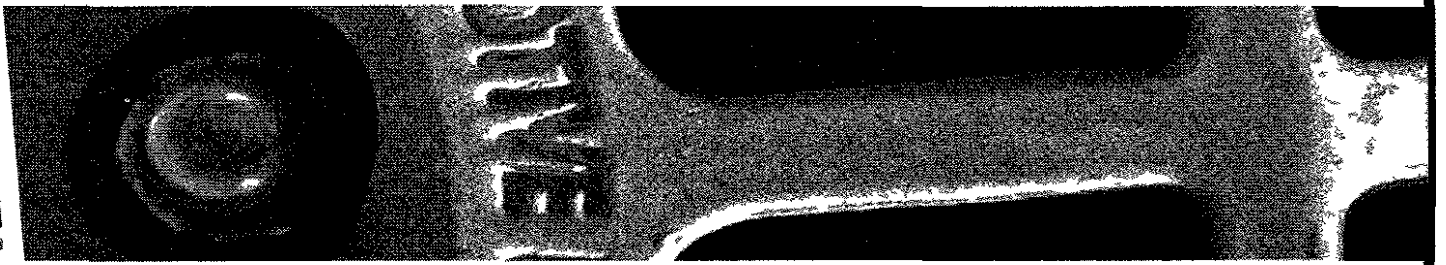
Adamick also believes that you should immediately bring any problems to the owner's attention "Discuss the problem with the service manager or owner Give the business a chance to resolve the problem Reputable shops value customer feedback and will make a sincere effort to keep your business "

And remember that It is your business the auto shop needs, not the other way around



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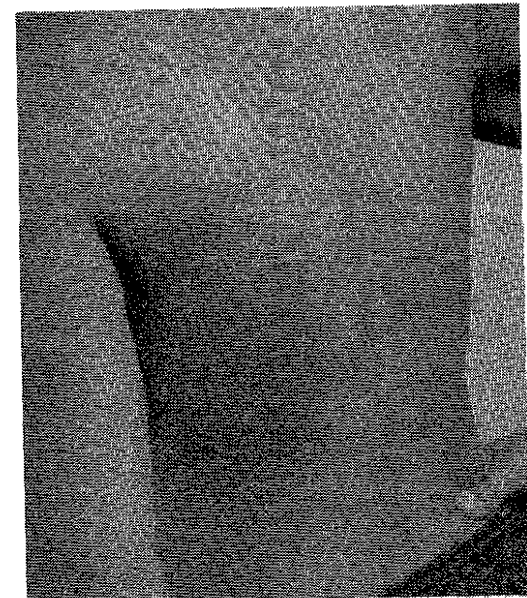
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How to...

CHOOSE A CHIROPRACTOR



Chiropractic is a drug free, non-surgical healthcare field designed to optimize health based on the idea that a properly functioning nervous system will enable the body to self-regulate and self-heal through its own natural recuperative powers. Chiropractors focus on the central nervous system, which, through the brain and spinal chord, transmits signals that control all bodily functions.

By relieving pressure from the spine, chiropractors remove any interference allowing your body the opportunity to function at its full potential. Chiropractic is considered to be the third largest healing profession and it is estimated that more than 30 million adults receive chiropractic care. Chiropractors specialize in the structure and function of the spine and joints.

Things to keep in mind when choosing a chiropractor:

1. Friends, family, and co-workers may be able to provide a starting point by referring you to a chiropractor they are familiar with.
2. Chiropractors are licensed by the state, and should have completed six to seven years of college and post-graduate schooling from an accredited university.
3. Chiropractic treatment can help with a wide variety of ailments, but a good doctor will make referrals when needed.
4. Choosing a chiropractor is ultimately a personal decision, and you should choose a doctor you feel personally comfortable with.

Chiropractic focuses on maintaining optimal health naturally so that the body is better able to resist disease, rather than simply treating the symptoms of disease. Chiropractic care can include diagnosis, which includes determining whether or not chiropractic care is needed, and what kind of treatment is appropriate, case management, which involves chiropractic treatment, or referral to an appropriate healthcare provider when needed, and health education. The most well known chiropractic work is spine realignment. People often visit chiropractors for traumatic injuries such as whiplash and car accidents, but treatment is also appropriate for low back pain, neck pain, headaches, allergies and acid reflux just to name a few.

Where to start?

Choosing the right chiropractor is like choosing any other kind of doctor. It is best to take time and research until you feel comfortable with your choice. Talk to friends, family members, and co-workers who have been satisfied with their chiropractic treatment. You can also ask your medical doctor for a referral.

Some chiropractic clinics will offer free consultations and free screenings, as well as pre-treatment lectures to learn more about what chiropractic care is about and the particular doctor.

Professional chiropractors, or Doctors of Chiropractic (DCs) receive licensing through an exam administered by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners. A minimum of six to seven years of college and post-graduate studies, including 4,200 hours of coursework and field experience.

Consideration should be given to technique, expertise, and specialty as well as more personal considerations such as personality, style of communication, and philosophical approach.

The initial phone call

The most important consideration is to find a DC

you feel comfortable with. Your first contact with your chiropractor will likely be by phone. Don't be afraid to ask any questions that concern you. Some factors you may consider include: How many years of experience does he have? Where is the clinic located? What are the office hours? How long are the sessions? What is the cost? How often are treatments? What procedures will be used in treatment? Do they have a referral base?

Since chiropractors treat a myriad of conditions, be sure to inquire about whether he or she has any specialties, which may include work related injuries, sports, or working with children.

What to expect?

A good chiropractor, as any other doctor will listen to you and work to meet your health goals and treatment needs.

During your first visit, your chiropractor will ask you questions about your family history, diet, occupation, and prior treatment. The chiropractor will perform a physical exam. He will conduct a spinal examination to check for any structural abnormalities that may be causing problems. In most cases, you will be recommended for x-rays. Your chiropractor will then sit you down and explain what they have found and to discuss a plan of care. The DC begins care by administering specific spinal manipulations, called adjustments. The chiropractor may give you some stretches or exercises that can be done at home to assist the spinal adjustments. Be aware that a responsible chiropractor will refer you to another health care professional if his treatment isn't necessary. If the DC determines that chiropractic treatment is needed, he should explain everything completely. Your chiropractor should be focused on improving the overall structure of your spine to remove any pressure that it may be placing on the nervous system. Upon achieving this goal your chiropractor should educate you on ways to properly maintain your spine and offer routine check-ups to ensure proper spinal alignment.

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If you've been considering LASIK to reduce your dependence on contact lenses or glasses and you've been bombarded with information regarding hype, different prices, technologies (WaveFront, bladeless LASIK, \$295, High Definition) you are probably now confused. How do you make a decision regarding your most precious sense, the sense of sight? You have also heard some of the possible



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- Seek surgeon with in-house, state of the art equipment
- Seek latest technology (i.e. VISX Iris Registration)
- Expect professional and knowledgeable staff
- Meet with the surgeon before surgery
- Seek pricing that includes all follow-up care with a local surgeon

problems associated with LASIK, especially in the past when LASIK technology was not as advanced as it is today, where patients complained of visually debilitating complications, such as halos, night vision, severe dryness and other visual problems

Evolution of LASIK

The good news is that LASIK surgery has evolved. Currently using WaveFront technology, LASIK is enabling surgeons to correct not only myopia, hyperopia or astigmatism, but also other variables in the optical system of the eye, giving patients visual results exceeding their vision with contact lenses and sometimes, even their glasses. At the same time throughout the evolution of LASIK complications have become much less common and side effects such as glare or halos at night have also become significantly less common.

In the last several years LASIK, which is a wonderful procedure, has been turned into a commodity and has been highly commercialized with centers using deceptive advertising, hype and gimmicks to entice patients. That trend is leading patients into assembly line-like surgery. In some instances the surgeon flies in from another state leaving the patient under the care of non-surgeon providers. Some of these centers have taken the doctor out of the procedure where the patient only meets the surgeon at the time of surgery.

Since we are dealing with your most precious sense, you should do your homework and obtain more than just one consultation. Insist

on meeting the surgeon who you're willing to trust your eyes in their hands. They owe you the time to examine you, and you need to feel comfortable that this is indeed the person you will allow to operate on your eyes. Also, check to see if that surgeon is going to be available locally should you have problems.

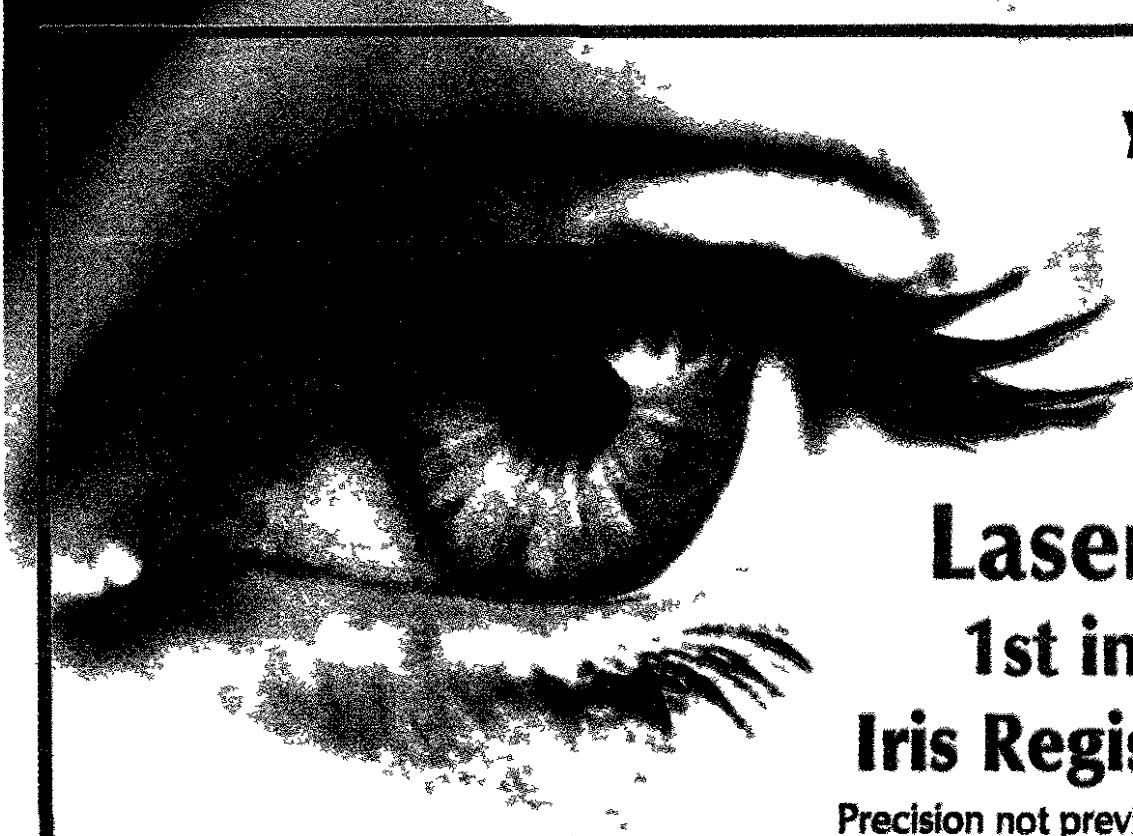
Who is a Candidate

A candidate for LASIK is someone who is over 18 years old, who has obvious myopia, hyperopia or astigmatism, who has stable vision so that the eyes are not changing significantly and is free from certain ophthalmological conditions such as severe dry eye, advanced glaucoma, or other corneal and ocular disorders. Of course a thorough evaluation should be performed during the screening process to see if the person qualifies for the procedure. A LASIK candidate should make sure that a physician examines him or her rather than a sales person telling them that they are indeed a candidate and scheduling them for the procedure.

How to Choose Your Surgeon

In choosing your surgeon, one should make sure the surgeon is Board Certified and specializes in vision correction, not someone who just dabbles in it, has had at least 5 years experience and utilizes the latest technology as well as having the technology in-house rather than using a free-standing center that rents the laser.

These are your eyes, make sure you choose wisely and are comfortable with your surgeon.



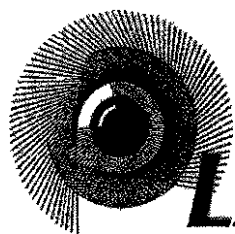
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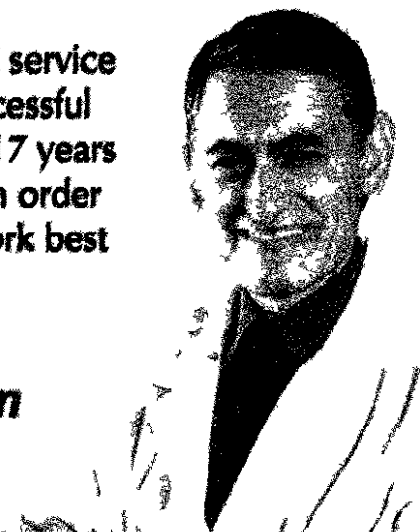
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How to...

By Curt Hagedorn

If you remember your grandfather or other relative with a box about the size of a transistor radio in their pocket with a wire running to an earplug, hearing aids have changed a lot since then. With the rise of digitization and computerization, hearing aids have become ever smaller, and more effective - in fact, like contact lenses. However, unless you're the kind of person who picks out a pair of reading glasses by trial and error at the local drugstore, you should really first consult with your physician and/or audiologist to make sure that you're getting the proper hearing aid for you - and to



SELECT A HEARING AID

Finding a Reputable and Skilled Hearing-Aid Dealer or Audiologist:

1. Avoid those who sell only one type or brand of hearing aid. No manufacturer makes an aid that's right for everyone.
2. Make sure the hearing aid dispenser offers at least a 30-day trial period for the hearing aid and services the aids that he or she sells.
3. Find out exactly what's included in the price. Some dispensers charge separately for the hearing aid and the fitting; some will quote an all-in-one price.
4. Watch out for excessive, nonrefundable fees. Some hearing aid dispensers may charge a "restocking fee" or a "dispensing fee" analogous to the dealer surcharges added on to some new cars.
5. Know whether the warranty is honored by the manufacturer or by the dispenser.

make sure that your hearing loss isn't cause by some other underlying problem. Also, since hearing can change over time, it's important that you have a relationship with a professional that can help you analyze problems and make adjustments over time as you break in the device and learn how to use it over the long term.

A hearing professional will do a variety of tests covering the full range of sounds and frequencies to determine if you may need assistance or have trouble hearing. Tone tests or pure tone tests measure the kind of hearing loss you might have. Speech recognition tests measure the threshold of volume where you can hear and understand speech. Finally, impedance tests help the audiologist understand the functioning of your middle ear in your overall hearing profile. Once these tests are completed, you can expect to be presented with the results of what is called "audiogram," which will tell you if there is any variation in hearing between your right or left ears, your total level of hearing loss, and at what levels or frequencies you hear best. Your potential hearing aid will then be adjusted based upon these results.

There are a number of different kinds of hearing aids available, not only in their operation but also how they're worn. Conventional hearing aids pretty much are based upon the same "transistor radio" technology of your grandfather's hearing aids. They have an analog microphone and amplifier, and a manual "volume" adjustment. The manufacturer or hearing professional can make other adjustments. Though most hearing aids are now 'in ear' models, these can be somewhat larger

and more obtrusive. The major advantage to this type of hearing aid is cost usually from \$500 to under \$1,000, and if your hearing loss is minor, specific to only one ear or only necessary in certain situations, say, at theatre or sporting events, an analog aid might be an adequate choice.

Computer programmable and digital hearing aids offer greater adjustability to match the specific losses outlined on your audiogram, can be customized for each individual ear, and depending upon the kind and style you get, can be almost invisible "completely in the ear canal" models to "behind the ear" models that have certain advantages of amplification and battery life and size. By far the most popular are those which are almost completely invisible to the casual observer, though they do have some significant disadvantages in terms of not being able to accommodate major hearing loss, as well as reliability problems and just the sheer problem of say, changing a battery in something so small that is often used by the elderly. So, one of the slightly larger "in the ear canal" or "in the ear" models might make more sense for you in terms of the trade off between cosmetic appearance and performance.

Expect to pay from two to three thousand dollars or more for a quality in the ear model. Programmable features allow you to set your hearing aid for different listening environments - say "in church" or "watching television at home" - different aids offer different numbers of channels and feature. Finally there is no substitute for a professional analysis of hearing loss and a permanent hearing aid solution.

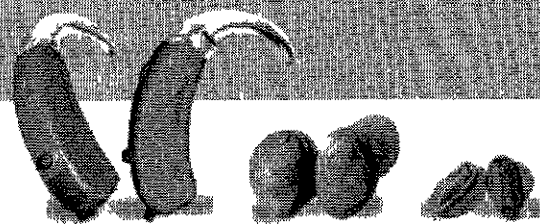
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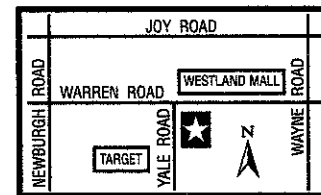
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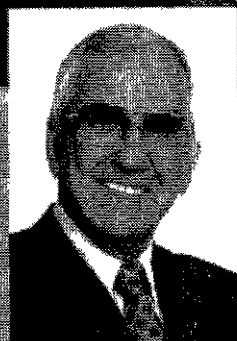
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How to...

By Carol Krause

Before you begin shopping for engagement and wedding rings, ask a jeweler to measure your fingers for the proper size. Jewelers can measure you with a wide sizer for the wedding bands and a narrow sizer for the engagement ring. Keep in mind there should be some effort needed to push the correct sizer over your finger joint, but on the finger it should fit comfortably and not too tight. The ring should never feel so loose that it might slide off when you wash your hands or reach for something on the floor. Your finger size may change with extremes in weather, medical conditions or even the time of day. It's a good idea to get measured a few times over several days or weeks before making a



CHOOSE YOUR WEDDING RINGS

What to consider when purchasing your wedding rings:

1. How thick would you like your wedding band to be?
2. Do you prefer a plain band or would you like something with a design on it?
3. Perhaps you would like a Celtic band? Or an Irish band? Or an antique band?
4. You must also decide on the type of finish that you would like your ring to have: high polish, Milgrain or satin finish.

final selection. Rings can always be resized to fit, but you'll save money if you get it right in the beginning.

It's a good idea to seek out a local jewelry store with an established reputation. A jeweler who has been in business for many years will take the time to show you a variety of quality rings and make sure you are a happy customer. Many couples find choosing engagement rings confusing because they know little about the variables in diamond quality and value. A patient jeweler will show you a variety of styles in different price ranges and explain how carat, clarity, color and cut determine the cost.

The most popular diamonds for engagement rings are princess, oval, marquise, pear or round shapes. Engagement diamonds are usually paired with white gold, yellow gold or platinum bands. But there is great variety in band styles. The manner in which the diamond is placed on the band is what the jeweler calls the setting. Some settings place the diamond high, somewhat away from the band, while others set the stone lower, closer to the band. A lower setting is easier to wear on an everyday basis and offers more protection for the stone.

Many women like the idea of another gem such as a sapphire surrounded by accent diamonds. If you love a particular stone, a jeweler can create a special ring to suit your needs.

Wedding bands are available in many styles but generally are constructed from three basic metals: gold, silver or platinum. The majority of couples choose 14K yellow or white gold because it is extremely durable while still retaining beautiful color and shine. Rings made of 18K gold are more costly, softer and more easily scratched than 14K but they also exhibit a richer color. Gold that is 14K is 58.5% pure gold and 41.5% other metals such as silver or copper. Rings constructed of 18K gold are 75%

pure gold and 25% other metal alloys. It's a good idea to avoid 10K gold since it is only 42% gold and lacks the luster and durability of 14 or 18K. Although 24 karat gold is 100% gold it is generally considered too soft to use for rings.

Silver is less expensive than gold and it is a much softer metal. It is prone to tarnishing and discoloration. However, if you are on a tight budget, there are many attractive silver rings to choose from.

Platinum is deemed the most precious metal and it is increasing in popularity for wedding rings. It is much heavier than gold. Small amounts of ruthenium and iridium are added to increase the hardness of platinum. It has excellent durability and a worn look. A ring constructed of white platinum is an investment that will last a lifetime.

Flat bands are a good choice for those seeking an understated, simple style. They are constructed with a rectangular cross section with slightly rounded edges. Half-round bands have a cross section that is flat on the inside and rounded on top. They have traditional styling with a domed or raised center. Sometime half-round bands have a beaded edge for decoration. Comfort-fit bands are heavier and more expensive than other types. They are constructed with an oval cross section and have smooth, rounded edges for a more comfortable fit. They are also available with a mill-grained edge.

Don't be afraid to ask questions about diamonds and wedding bands. Good salespeople enjoy sharing their knowledge with customers. Trust your instincts. If a salesperson is pressuring you into buying a ring you can't afford, take your business elsewhere. If a ring seems too good to be true as far as carat weight versus cost, it probably has flaws and inclusions. Don't feel embarrassed if you want to purchase simple gold bands. Many couples prefer the classic look of plain gold bands and they never go out of style.

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How to... **MANAGE BACK PAIN**

By Heidi Serven

Get Fit & Stay Active

Leading a healthy and active life style is important for your bodies overall Health While most people experience back pain at sometime in their life, in many cases back pain can be managed by keeping back muscles strong by staying active and making healthy choices

Walking, swimming and stationary bike riding in



How To Manage Back Pain:

- Get Fit & Stay Active – Exercise, stretching and strengthening your back muscles reduces back pain
- Maintain good posture and avoid heavy lifting and awkward bending that cause back pain.
- Elevate your knees when sleeping.
- Use ice to reduce swelling following an injury.
- Wait 2 to 3 days before applying heat to a back injury.
- Seek medical attention before the pain becomes severe.

conjunction with proper stretching and strengthening exercises are important in any workout routine Exercise in conjunction with healthy eating and staying active are all ways to maintain your body's optimum health Before beginning any new diet regimen or exercise routine it is recommended that you consult your health care provider

Unhealthy behaviors such as smoking impact many parts of the body, including reducing the blood supply to your back, reducing the nutrients to your muscles

Practice Proper Posture

In many cases back pain or injury can be avoided by maintaining good posture and when possible avoiding certain activities that may trigger back pain This will vary by individual Being mindful of good posture by not slouching, slumping or hunching over and sitting straight and standing tall go along ways to improving the health of your spine

Avoid lifting and carrying health objects When lifting always bend at the knees instead of bending your back and keep your feet apart for stability and carry objects close to your body At the office keep your muscles working by alternating positions frequently and using proper ergonomics while working on the computer and using your keyboard

When doing household chores and gardening, avoid stooping, awkward bending and lifting heavy objects Warm up muscles with simple stretching exercises before doing any physical activity

Self Care Remedies

Back pain should not and most often cannot be ignored Unless there is a serious, underlying cause for the pain you are experiencing the best thing for treating back pain is to stay as active as possible While bed rest was once believed to be an effective method of treatment, bed rest is no longer recommended After an injury occurs,

reducing physical activity for the first few days is recommended to help reduce inflammation and alleviate symptoms, but gradually resuming your regular activities is the best medicine to treating a bad back

Below are some quick reminders for responding to a back injury or flare up

- Ease pressure on the back by placing pillows under and between your knees while resting or sleeping
- Use ice or heat to calm back spasms and manage pain
- After an injury or flare up ice packs should be applied to the area for no more than 15 minutes at a time for the first 48 to 72 hours A heating pad, hot water bottle or hot towel can be used as needed after a couple of days Too much cold can trigger spasms, while too much heat can cause more inflammation and hinder healing
- Over the counter medications such as ibuprofen can assist in providing pain relief Check with your doctor to find out the best choice for you

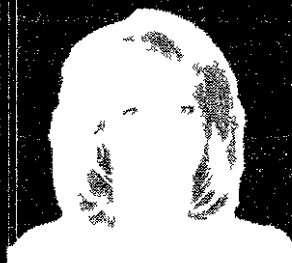
Involve your Health Care Providers

Back pain can also be managed through massage, physical therapy and by visiting your chiropractor Don't wait until you are in pain to get help By keeping your back muscles healthy on a regular basis, you may be able to prevent future problems

Acute back pain may be a sign of more serious health concerns Listen to your body and respond You should seek medical attention immediately if you have any of the following,

- Unexplained fever with back pain
- Back pain as a result of a fall, severe blow or auto accident
- You have weakness or numbness
- The pain is very sharp
- The pain is worse when lying down or awakens you from sleep
- The episode has lasted more than four weeks

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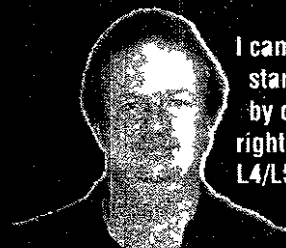
My MRI indicated that I had ruptured discs which severely pinched the nerves in my back. This caused pain in my leg with constant burning, tingling and numbness from my knee down. Between the back, leg and foot pain, I didn't know which was worse. My doctor recommended surgery, but I said "NO." I heard about SPINEdex Physical Therapy and I started right away. The attention you receive at SPINEdex is one-on-one and the therapists are absolutely great! I firmly believe in every technique that Spinedex Physical Therapy, and would recommend them to anyone that is experiencing any type of back or neck pain.

Deborah Savich (Shelby Township, MI)



I was rear-ended in a car accident last year, instantly changing my life. Before Spinedex, I couldn't walk without a cane and I was in excruciating pain. I had difficulties taking care of myself, couldn't lift anything more than a couple of pounds...most of all, I couldn't work. I was given numerous medications, injections, had aquatic and traditional physical therapy, but nothing worked. Within weeks of starting treatment at SPINEdex Physical therapy, the pain subsided. I felt relief after every visit. I can now walk without assistance, carry heavy weights again, and work again. Thank you Spinedex for my life back and helping me prevent more injuries with the knowledge you've given me.

Brian Leader (Warren, MI)



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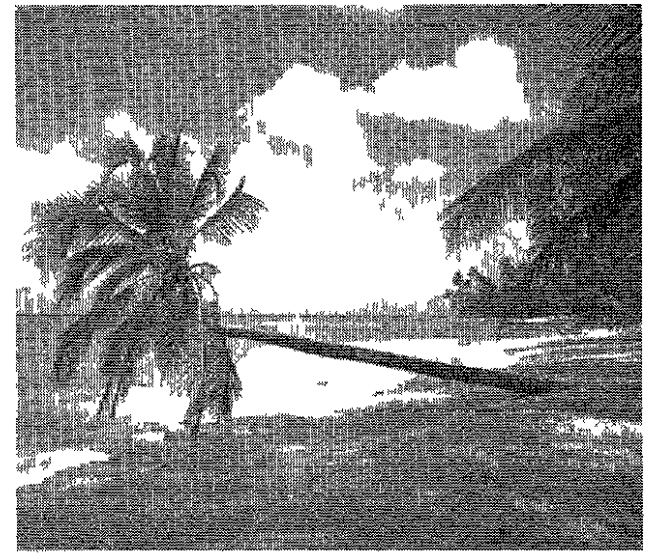
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By Mike Dunn



How to... CHOOSE A CRUISE PACKAGE

Packing for your cruise vacation

- When you're packing for your cruise vacation, think light and think economically.
- Pack clothes you can mix and match easily. Plan on one outfit for every two days at sea, but stretch the outfits by mixing and matching. It may be helpful to make a list of the types of activities you expect to be doing and pack accordingly. Remember to include belts, neck ties and jewelry.
- For footwear, you'll need something comfortable to walk around in during the day, sandals for time at the beach, and dress shoes for formal night. A vertical shoe organizer is great for preserving space in your cabin. You can hang it from the clothing rack and also store other items in it.
- Make a complete list of your luggage contents and carry it with you at all times. A so-called fanny pack is good for carrying your money, credit cards, travel documents and ship's boarding pass when you go ashore. Fanny packs are almost snatch proof, but you can put the strap through a belt loop for an extra measure of safety.
- In addition, bring a backpack in your luggage. You will want to bring a backpack ashore with you to carry your towels, sunscreen, camera and film. It's also nice to have a backpack when you go shopping. And bring some plastic locking zip storage bags with you for storing rolls of film and storing snacks.

In choosing a cruise package you can arm yourself with lots of useful information before determining which cruise line and/or destination you prefer. There are an abundance of cruise books available at the bookstore and library as well as brochures from the travel agency or via the Internet.

The best place to start the selection process is among friends and family. Those who have been on cruises, especially those who have been on two or more, can supply valuable insights. If they have used different cruise lines, ask them to make comparisons. Would they prefer one cruise line to another? Why?

Another good source for feedback is travel agents. The agents who have been on a number of different cruise ships are obviously the best ones to query. As long as the agent isn't trying to promote one cruise line above another, you can get objective, useful answers that will help you in making your final decision. A good travel agent knows the right questions to ask you in return and will fill your eager hands with a number of brochures geared to your preferences.

Brochures give clues as to the type of people the cruise line is courting. A brochure showing lots of young people involved in various activities indicates that the cruise line is catering to that crowd. Conversely, a brochure showing families indicates a cruise line that gears itself toward families.

Now that the preliminaries are out of the way, it's time to make some decisions. What kind of trip are you interested in? There are cruises out there to suit just about anybody's taste, but you must know what you're after. Some cruises provide fascinating lectures and places to see while others emphasize sightseeing tours and still others have activities lined up around the clock. Some cruises schedule activities with kids in mind. If you are planning a family getaway, then you will want a cruise ship that caters to kids because that means other families with other kids will be on board.

Once you have an idea of the type of cruise you want and the general destination you want to go, whether the Caribbean or the Gulf of Mexico or Alaska, then it's time to start comparing prices and packages. The variables in cost usually revolve around the length of the cruise, the itinerary, and the cruise line.

Most cruises are offered for either 3-4 days or 7 days. The shorter cruises are less expensive and make nice getaways, but they are typically geared toward the party crowd and only take in a few ports. The week-long cruises are more popular because they offer the most variety and fit in people's schedules a bit easier. A 7-day cruise is a little more relaxing and laid back than a shorter cruise and there will be more ports to visit with more opportunities for shopping, sightseeing and snorkeling.

Longer cruises, lasting eight or more days, have farther destinations such as the Mediterranean or South America. These cruises have much less of a 'party' feel to them and are great for relaxing. However, they are more expensive.

In recent years, the differences between the luxury lines and the less expensive cruise lines has diminished a good deal. One thing is sure for cruise vacationers: the service you get on any cruise line will be excellent and so will the food. Your travel agent can help you here by showing you different packages that are being offered by the various lines. You're sure to find one that fits your style and your budget.

Your travel agent can also help you with any other preparations that are needed for your cruise. You may need to get a passport, for instance. The travel agent can also arrange your airfare if you are flying to the port where the ship departs. The travel agent will go over these and any other important details, such as what to budget for during the trip, how much you are expected to tip, etc.

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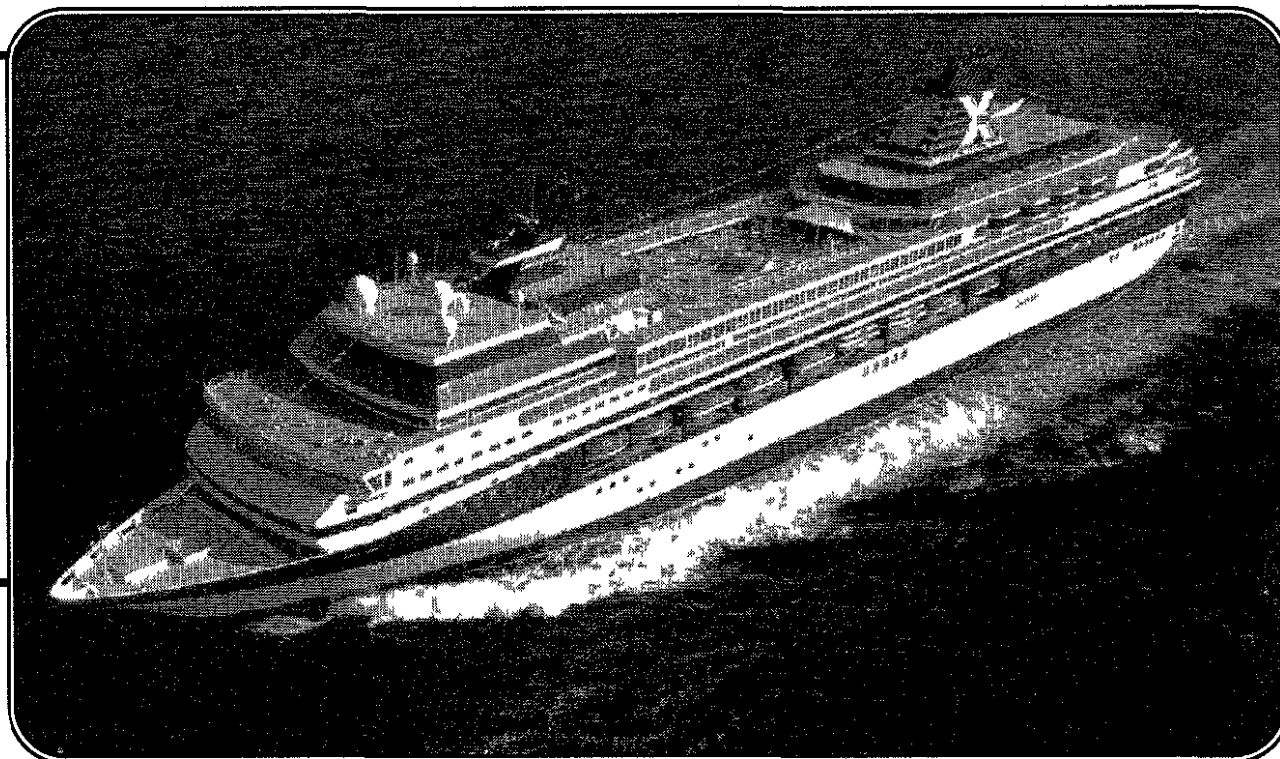
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How to... FIND QUALITY HOME HEALTH CARE

By Andrea Kelly

If you feel overwhelmed in caring for an aging spouse or disabled family member, a home health services agency can customize a plan that will provide medical assistance and help preserve the dignity and independence of the person who needs special care.

Home health care services may include hiring a registered nurse, home health aide, physical therapist, occupational therapist or speech therapist.

Usually if it is necessary to hire a registered nurse he or she will work with the family to carry out a plan of care formulated by a doctor. Nursing care may include routine physical exams and tests, IV therapy, wound observation and dressing changes, colostomy care, and injections. A nurse will chart a patient's progress or note changes that should be discussed with the doctor.



Top Things To Remember When Choosing Home Health Care:

- Choose an agency that has high standards in hiring health care workers including conducting thorough background checks.
- Make sure the agency has adequate insurance coverage for handling liability, theft and worker's compensation claims.
- Be sure the agency is certified to handle Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance claims.
- Check references from current and prior clients.

Home health aide services supplement care provided by nurses or physical therapists. Home health care assistants help with bathing, shampooing, changing linens, helping the disabled dress or go to the bathroom, and may also help with some household chores and meals.

Physical therapists work with patients at home to help them relieve pain, prevent further disability, or restore function through an individually planned exercise regimen. Occupational therapists can help the disabled adapt to daily routines and their surroundings to become more independent in spite of a disability. Speech therapists often work with those who have suffered an injury or lost their speech due to a stroke or surgery. The therapist helps with pronunciation and regaining language skills.

Home health services are available throughout the United States and Canada. Your doctor or local hospital should be able to provide you with a list of agencies licensed to serve your community. You can also look in the telephone directory under home health care and nursing services. Also ask friends and neighbors for recommendations.

When you are evaluating various agencies make sure they are licensed in your state and that they have trained personnel to provide the services you need. Before you contract for services from an agency make sure you fully understand how payment and billing will be handled. Also check with your local Better Business Bureau and your State Attorney General's office to check for any complaints that may have been filed against the agency.

Ask the top three agencies you are considering if they can provide references from previous clients. Talk to the prior clients in detail about their experiences and analyze carefully the positive and negative feedback they provide before making a final decision.

Check with the agency to make sure they are certified to receive Medicare or Medicaid reimbursements and if they are experienced in dealing with insurance companies.

A quality home health agency will provide the family with an analysis of the patient's health care needs by a



registered nurse or therapist and work closely with doctors involved in the case to monitor a patient's condition.

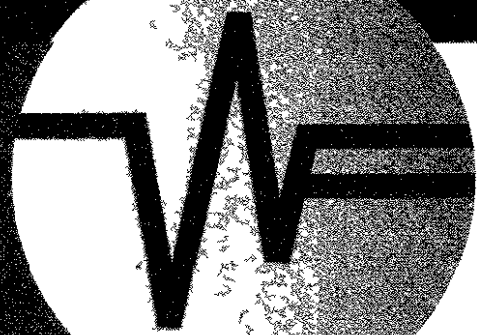
Choose an agency that has high standards in its hiring process. A good agency will make sure that all of its personnel have been prescreened with thorough background checks. If an agency hesitates when you ask about training and screening of personnel, be very cautious. A reputable agency should be willing to show you licenses, certification, and provide references from prior and current clients.

Charges for home health services can vary widely among different agencies. Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance may cover all or a portion of home health care costs. Make sure you understand the requirements to qualify for full or partial coverage and that you are prepared to cover the difference if some costs are not included.

Ask how long the agency has been in business and if workers are bonded or insured. The agency you hire should have extensive insurance including professional and general liability coverage as well as bond and worker's compensation policies to cover employees who might be injured while working in your home.

Visit the office of the agency to make an assessment of the degree of professionalism. You will have a better feel for the type of people you are dealing with if you meet with them in person rather than just talking on the phone.

Hiring a home health care provider through an agency relieves you of the burden of handling screening, payroll and taxes, and an agency can send a substitute if the worker calls in sick or can't show up for another reason.



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How to...

By Sandy Cook

It's pretty difficult to pass by a box of bright-eyed puppies or cuddly kittens without being tempted to take one home. But choosing a pet on impulse is not a good idea. Different types of pets require various levels of responsibility, and you should be very sure about what you are getting into.

Taking the time to learn about different animals and breeds can save you a world of heartache later. For example, some breeds of dogs are better with children than others and certain types of animals interact better with each other. Your family needs to



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So you want to get a new pet...

- Do NOT buy a pet on impulse.
- Make sure your new pet matches your lifestyle.
- Be aware of the responsibilities required to properly care for your pet.
- Be aware of the financial costs of owning a pet.
- Consider the pet's needs and where and how you live.
- Be aware of what you are looking for in a pet.
- Remember, cats and dogs are not the only options.
- Exotic pets, fish and birds have special needs but can offer special rewards.

consider who will be the primary caregiver for the new pet and how other responsibilities such as dog walking, cleaning the litter box or maintaining the aquarium will be handled.

One of the most important factors to think about is your family's lifestyle. Is anyone home during the day or will the animal be left alone for several hours each day? Do you take weekend trips or long family vacations? Do you own other pets that might be jealous or unfriendly toward a new pet?

You should also think about the financial responsibilities of pet ownership. In addition to providing food and grooming supplies, you will have to pay for vaccinations, pet exams, medications, veterinary care and, quite often, licenses. If you will be out of town frequently, you may have to board your pet or hire a pet sitter.

Also, think about how much space you have for a pet. If you live in a small apartment or a home without a yard, a small dog, cat, rabbit or bird might be a better option than a large dog. If you don't own your residence, you may have to pay a fee to your landlord to keep a pet.

Choosing a pet that fits your personality and lifestyle generally works out best. There is a reason people call themselves "cat people" or "dog people." Cats are more independent and can be happy for hours without human companionship. Dogs, on the other hand, require more constant attention and may become destructive or bark excessively if they become lonely. Are you looking for an energetic pet that can accompany the family on outings, or would you prefer a mellow companion that will curl up with you while you watch TV?

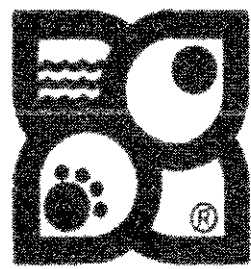
Grooming is another important consideration. Long-haired cats and certain breeds of dogs require constant brushing and regular trips to a pet groomer for their coats to stay in top shape. Are you willing to invest the time needed to assure your pet's coat is properly maintained?

Cats and dogs are the most popular pets but other animals also make good companions. Rabbits are very quiet and can be trained to use a litter box. Birds and hamsters sometimes work out best in a home with limited space. Fish are beautiful to look at but certain types require special treatment and are more difficult to care for. Reptiles also have specific care requirements. Check with your veterinarian, library or your pet store for more information on the type of pet you would like to bring into your home.

If you enjoy jogging and leading an active lifestyle, you may want to select a medium to large sized dog with a high energy level. They require more exercise and also make good running partners. Larger birds like parrots usually require more attention and maintenance than a smaller bird such as a parakeet or canary. Some cat breeds such as Siamese, Persian and Himalayan may require more constant attention due to their personalities.

Smaller dogs, including Chihuahuas, toy poodles and terriers, are more content being inside for long periods. They take up less space and can be exercised indoors when the weather is bad. Cats are good pets for people who have to be away from home a lot and for those who don't want the chore of walking a dog daily.

If you are considering adopting a more exotic pet, such as a ferret, iguana or snake, talk with your pet store or veterinarian first so you will be more educated about its care requirements.



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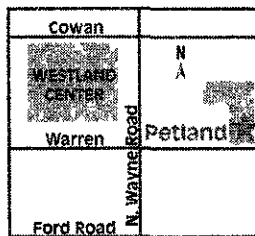
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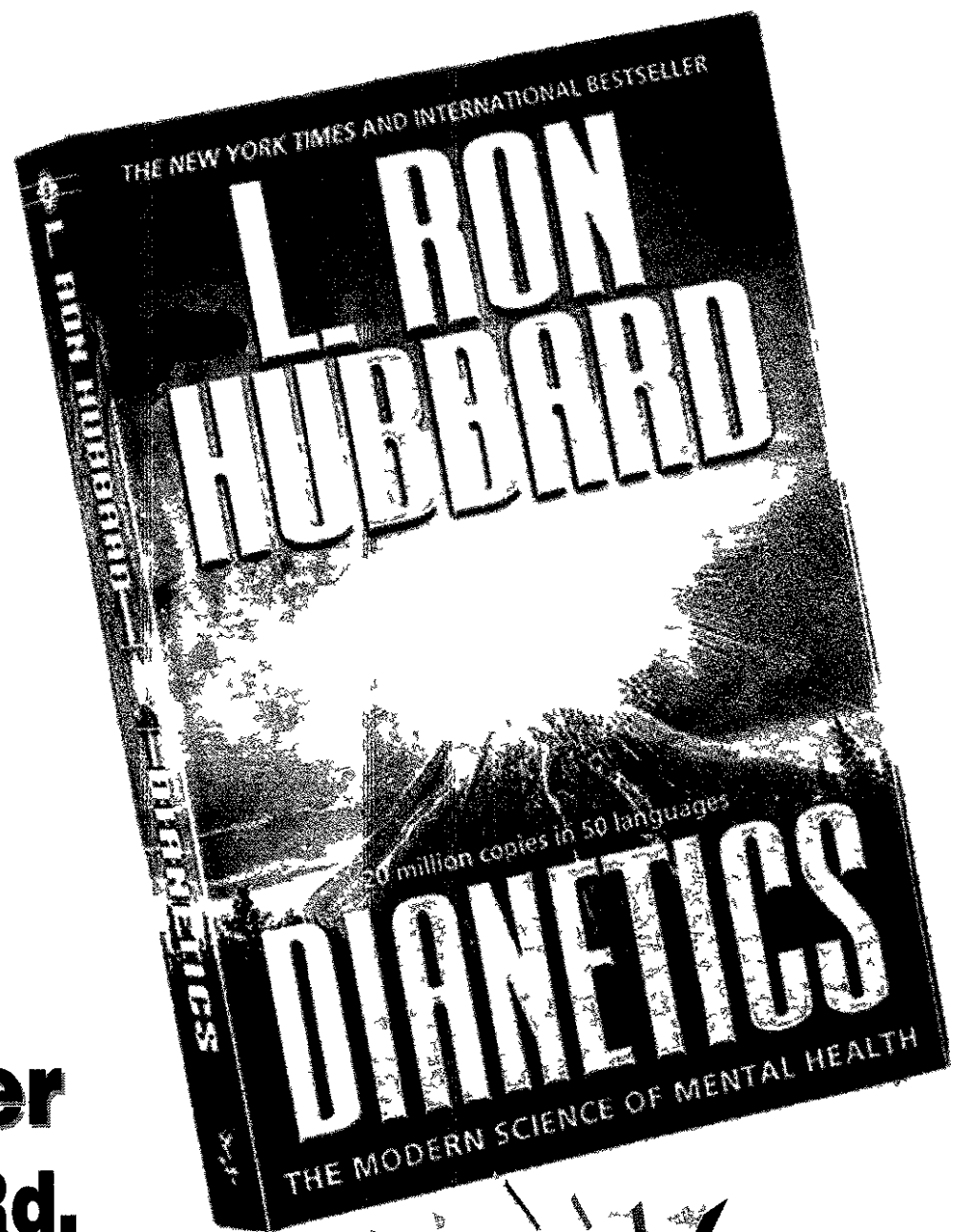
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You can go all out and order a Five Course Tasting at \$90, increasing to \$125 with a wine package, expertly selected by Weidemann from The Grill's wine list, which won its first Wine Spectator Award of Excellence this year.

The list is strong in West Coast favorites such as Cakebread, Lincourt, Ferrari Carano and Chateau Montelena, along with interesting French, Italian, Spanish, New Zealand and Australian bottlings.

On Thursday evenings (except Thanksgiving), all wines with dinner are discounted 50 percent. Combining this with a "Cool Nights and Hot Jazz" performance in the lounge from 5-9 p.m. creates a special night out. Jazz performers entertain on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday also.

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Eleanor Heald is a nationally published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact her by e-mail at efocusonwine@aol.com



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ART EXHIBITS

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University of Michigan Museum of Art

Betye Saar Extending the Frozen Moment an exhibition of more than 60 works by artist Betye Saar through Jan 8 2006 525 South State University of Michigan campus Ann Arbor suggested donation is \$5 call (734) 763 UMMA or visit www.umma.umich.edu

Op Art

Bridget Riley Works on Paper and concurrent Op Art exhibit until Oct 30 Cranbrook Art Museum 39221 Woodward Bloomfield Hills \$4-\$6 (877) GO CRANBROOK or www.cranbrookart.edu

Wright Museum of African American History

Tyree Guyton An American Show through Oct 30 Museum hours are 9 30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday Saturday and 1 5 p.m. Sunday \$5-\$8 Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History 315 East Warren Detroit (313) 494 5800 or www.maah.org

Chicago artist

Inigo Manglano Ovalle Cloud runs through Nov 6 Cranbrook Art Museum 39221 Woodward Bloomfield Hills admission \$4-\$6 (877) 462 7262 or www.cranbrookart.edu

Screenprints

The Art of Screenprint at the Detroit Institute of Arts 5200 Woodward Detroit \$3-\$6 (313) 833 7900 or visit www.dia.org

ART GALLERIES

Janice Charach Epstein Gallery

A Family Affair 3 Sculptors 1 Painter 1 Quilt Maker through Nov 30 Jewish Community Center Campus 6600 West Maple West Bloomfield (248) 432 5448

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

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Elaine L. Jacob Gallery

Proximity The Sensory and Displacement through Oct 28 480 West Hancock Detroit (313) 993 7813 or www.artwayne.edu

River's Edge Gallery

New work by Tim Burke and His Pack of Scavengers 3024 Biddle Wyandotte through Oct 31 (734) 246 9880

Lawrence Street Gallery

Works by Alice Frank Nov 126 artist's reception 6 9 p.m. Friday Nov 4 at 22620 Woodward Suite A Ferndale Call (248) 544 0394 or visit www.lawrencestreetgallery.com

Oakland Community College

Student Art Show Paintings ceramic works and arts and crafts items by students of the Highland Lakes Campus At the campus at Woodland Hall Library 7300 Cooley Lake Road Waterford 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday Friday 8 a.m. to 4 30 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday

Art Leaders Gallery

Salvador Dali Master of Surrealism (1904-1989) through Nov 30 33030 Northwestern



Highway West Bloomfield (248) 539 0262 or www.artleaders.com

Posner Gallery

Works by Stephen Hanson through Nov 17 2253 Cole Street Birmingham (248) 258 9977

Neal Davis Gallery

Meet Neal Davis an exhibit of the gallery's resident artists through Nov 28 314 West Fourth Royal Oak (248) 298 0326 or www.nealdavisgallery.com

Park West Gallery

Itzhak Tarkay exhibition and sale through Nov 2 at 29469 Northwestern Southfield (800) 521 9654

Lemberg Gallery

James Stephens *Ecotone New Paintings* through Dec 3 23241 Woodward Ferndale (248) 591 6623 or www.lemberggallery.com

CLASSICAL

OCC

Piano recital by Jose Garcia Leon Oakland Community College faculty member 7 30 p.m. Saturday Nov 19 at Smith Theatre at OCC's Orchard Ridge Campus 27055 Orchard Lake Road \$5 advance tickets available at Orchard Ridge Bookstore (248) 522 3595

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ART

Ruth Butler, world renowned Rodin expert and author of the forthcoming book *Rodin The Shape of Genius*, speaks at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct 29, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit The lecture addresses the current exhibit *Camille Claudel and Rodin Fateful Encounter* Museum admission, \$3-\$6, Rodin exhibit tickets, \$8-17 Call (313) 833-7900 or visit www.dia.org

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FAMILY

Detroit Science Center

Exhibits include *A Journey to Our Future* opening Nov. 5 to accompany center's new permanent Space Laboratory exhibit 5020 John R. Detroit \$6.7 call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org

Detroit Historical Museum

Fourth annual Treats in the Streets in the museum's *Streets of Old Detroit* exhibit 2-4 p.m. Oct. 30 admission is \$3.50 5401 Woodward Detroit (313) 833-7935 or www.detroithistorical.org

The Second City

Debuts its first children's theater production *After the Beanstalk* suitable for ages 5-10 performances run every Saturday at 11 a.m. now to Dec. 17 \$10 (248) 348-4448 new Second City Theatre 42705 Grand River Ave. Novi

FILM

State and Michigan theaters

Halloween screening of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* midnight Oct. 28-29 State Theater 233 S. State Street and *Nosferatu* 7 p.m. Oct. 30 Michigan Theater 603 East Liberty Street both venues in Ann Arbor \$6-8.50 (734) 668-TIME or www.mchtheater.org

Detroit Docs International Film Festival

More than 60 documentaries Nov. 2-7 Detroit Film Theatre 5200 Woodward Detroit Film Center 1227 Washington College for Creative Studies 201 E. Kirby Wayne State University 5155 Guilien Mall all in Detroit plus the Birmingham 8 211 S. Old Woodward Birmingham single \$5-7.50 festival pass \$25 (313) 417-9784 or www.detroitdocs.org

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William Castle Triple Feature with *3 Ghosts* *Homicidal* and *House on Haunted Hill* 7 p.m. Oct. 28-29 and 5 p.m. Oct. 30 Detroit Institute of Arts 5200 Woodward Detroit \$7.50 (313) 833-3237 or www.dia.org/dft

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Thursday 8-11 p.m. at The Bubble Bliss 125 S. Main Street. Come and watch or bring an instrument to perform.

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Current exhibits include Behind the Scenes 50 Years of Disneyland 9-30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily \$10-14 20900 Oakwood Boulevard west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue Dearborn. Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre. For more information call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.hfmgv.org

Cranbrook Science Museum

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Detroit Science Center

Premiere of *Magnificent Desolation: Walking on the Moon* narrated by Tom Hanks and new planetarium show *Journey to the Edge of Space and Time* \$6 shows run indefinitely Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday Friday 10-30 a.m. 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday 5020 John R. Detroit \$6-\$7

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Detroit Historical Museum

Reflections: The Mary Wilson Supreme Legacy Collection an exhibit of Supremes costumes through Feb. 12 5401 Woodward Detroit admission is \$3-\$5 (313) 833-1805 or www.detroithistorical.org

OPERA

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Season continues with *La Boheme* Nov. 5-13 \$28-\$113 1526 Broadway Detroit (313) 237-SING or Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666 or www.MichiganOpera.org

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A play featuring Mark McPherson actor playwright author who recreates the persona of Professor C.S. Lewis in a journey of Christian faith presented at 4:30 p.m. Sunday Oct. 30 in the sanctuary of Kirk in the Hills 1340 West Long Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills. The program ends with a private showing of *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* at the Palladium theater. All events are open to the public. For information call (248) 626-2515

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Oakland Town Hall

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Tennessee Williams *The Glass Menagerie* through Dec. 18 137 Park Chelsea \$25-\$35 call (734) 433-7673 or visit www.purplerosetheatre.org

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The Night of the Living Dead: The Musical through Oct. 30 8 p.m. Friday Sunday and 4 p.m. Sunday 715 East Milwaukee Detroit \$10 in advance \$15 at the door for information call (313) 831-0665

Meadow Brook Theatre

Steel Magnolias through Nov. 6 207 Wilson Hall on the campus of Oakland University Rochester Hills \$22-\$32 (248) 377-3300 or visit www.mbttheatre.com

Gem Theatre

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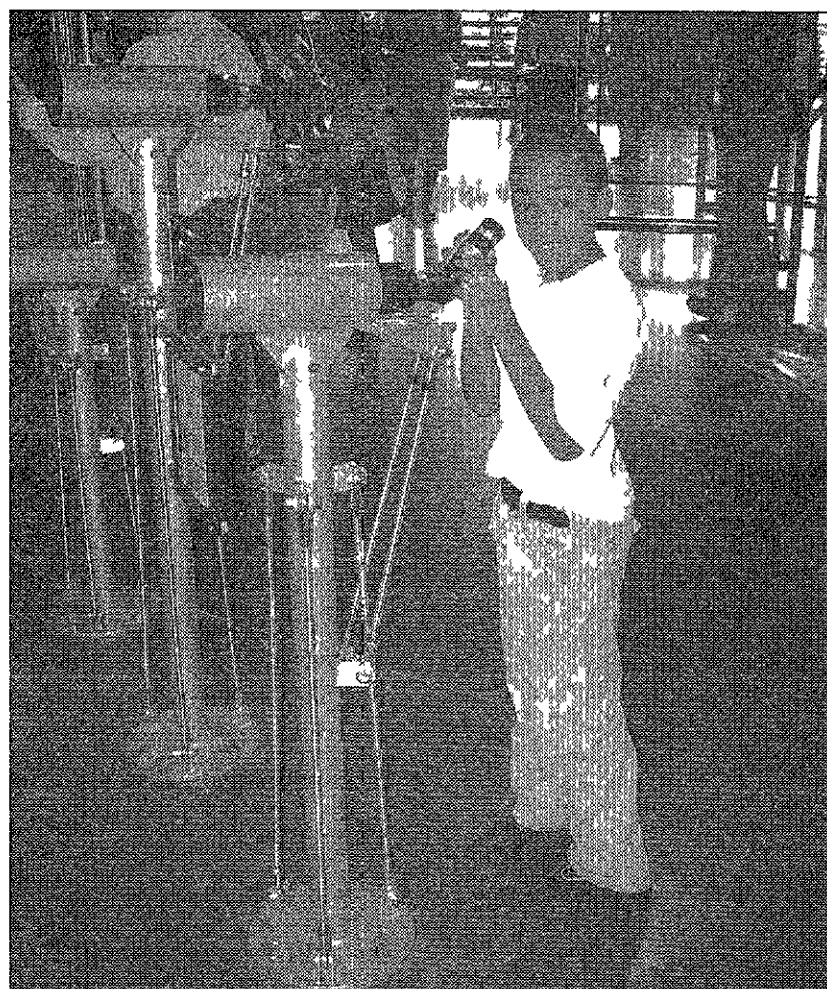
What: New Space Laboratory featuring a NASA Hubble Space Telescope link and numerous hands-on exhibits plus accompanying exhibit *Journey to Our Future*.

When: Space lab is a permanent exhibit. *Journey to Our Future* opens Nov. 5. Fall museum hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Where: New Detroit Science Center, 5070 John R, Detroit.

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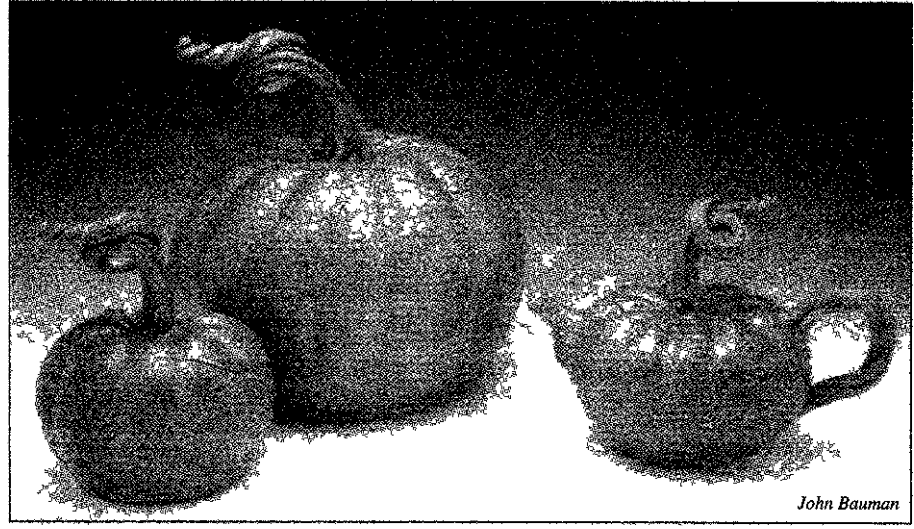


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STAFF WRITER

He's one of the most bizarre figures in American avant-garde music. He wears a mask on his face and a Kentucky Fried Chicken bucket on his head.



His name is Buckethead. He never removes the bucket or the mask, and even missed a gig with Ozzy because of it. Osbourne didn't like the bucket, but Buckethead, like KISS in the 1970s, refused to change his look.

Buckethead really has no specific musical genre. Some of his music is based on Parliament Funkadelic, a style of music in the 1970s made popular by George Clinton.

But he's also heavy metal. Buckethead is coming to the Magic Bag at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov.

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He's an accomplished, multi-instrumentalist who's most known as virtuoso guitarist.

Buckethead has worked with many artists, including Viggo Mortensen (yep, the *Lord of Rings* hunk is also a musician).

His music is rapid fire riffing, idiosyncratic lines that combine elements of Adrian Belew, Yngwie Malmsteen, Slayer's Kerry King and more. The music is rooted in metal, with influence of sci-fi and horror movie music scores. And he doesn't ignore funk/jazz/blues either.

Who is Buckethead?

In the mainstream world, he might be best known for his short stint with the short-lived formation of Guns & Roses with Axl Rose. Buckethead, real name Brian Carroll, was the dark, masked guitarist who performed with them on the MTV Music Awards in 1999.

He's also known for his electronica/rock sound in the underground hip-hop scene.

Why does he wear a face mask and a bucket on his head?

That's part of the mystery. Part of his persona is also the fun rumor that he's the son of Colonel Sanders (KFC), but that's not confirmed, probably never will be.

His story of why he wears a bucket is that he was a lonely farm boy who spent most of his childhood playing guitar, watching *Texas Chainsaw Massacre* and hanging out with chickens in the coop.

The locals, say the legend, made fun of him and once someone threw a bucket of chicken at his head.

The story goes that he put the bucket on his head, picked up his guitar and ran for the cemetery. But he'd prefer to make friends in Disneyworld.

And he has made many friends. He has played with Praxis, Giant Robot, Giant Robot 2, El Stew, Thanatopsis and CobraStrike. He recorded some film scores with Michael Kamen,



Virtuoso guitarist and multi-instrumentalist Buckethead comes to the Magic Bag just days after Halloween

George S. Clinton and John Carpenter.

His discography is large, as he has been making CDs since the early 1990s, almost one a year. Find his music in the

avant garde section of record stores. Hear a sample at www.amazon.com.

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SPACE

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Accompanying the permanent exhibit is *Space: A Journey to Our Future*, which opens Nov. 5 at the Science Center. The interactive exhibit will guide visitors through a journey of the past, present and future of space exploration. Highlights include a walk-through Mars base camp and a multi-sensory theater.

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PURPLE ROSE

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Rose *Guest Artist*, a work loosely based on playwright Langford Wilson, opens Jan 19

Thematically it's about the arrogance of power, said Sanville. An apprentice from a local theater has been sent to pick up a Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright at a bus station.

The only problem: The playwright has failed to come with the play he promised to bring.

A comedy with a serious side, *Guest Artist* poses some interesting and controversial questions, said Sanville. "It's about something that matters to (Daniels) very deeply, and that's when he puts his best foot forward."

The season also features the work of local playwright David MacGregor. *The Late Great Henry Boyle* is a romantic comedy and slated to open April 6.

Next up is *Honus & Me*, a family production about a kid who's obsessed with baseball

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- *Guest Artist* by Jeff Daniels
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cards and then finds a magical one that allows him to travel back and forth in time.

The play is set to open June 22 and continue through Aug 26.

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At left: It's classic Tennessee Williams with 'The Glass Menagerie' featuring Ryan Carleson (front) and Molly Thomas at the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea

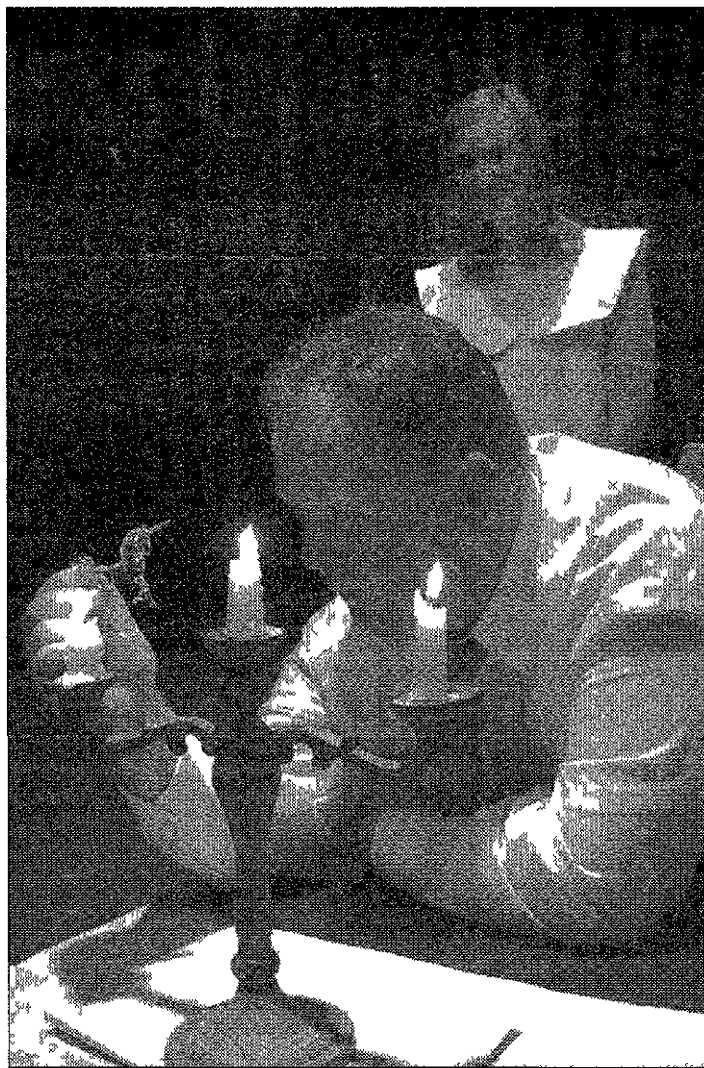


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Martin re-explores Los Angeles in 'Shopgirl'

Shopgirl

Fourteen years after exploring the disconnectedness that permeates Los Angeles in *L.A. Story*, Steve Martin returns to the city as the writer and co-star of *Shopgirl*. Through his eyes, little has changed – it's the same absurd place, only tinged with a bit more sadness. Martin finds once again that loneliness is an inevitability in such a sprawling city with such a transient population, where being trapped in your car all day can mean being trapped within yourself. And yet there's an old-fashioned, fairy tale element of hope lurking beneath Martin's script, which he based on his novella of the same name. Claire Danes' character, who has the oddly pleasing name of Mirabelle Buttersfield, finds herself torn between two lovers who couldn't be more different in terms of age, experience and sophistication – a hyperactive graphic designer played by Jason Schwartzman, and Martin's much older dot-com millionaire. It's a pretty standard premise, but through the unique prism of Martin's dry, observant humor, it results in one of the smartest, funniest romantic comedies to come along in a long time. R for some sexual content and brief language. 107 min. Two and a half stars out of four.

Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic



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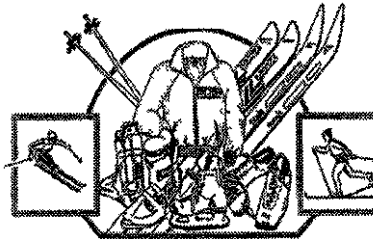
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Videogame turned movie is boring, clichéd

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Capsule reviews of films opened last week

Doom

The latest video-game-turned-action-movie sticks to the essentials of the source material, U.S. Marines blowing away zombies and mutant monsters on Mars. And it doesn't bring much more to it. As a Marine leading his troops against the creatures, The Rock is robotically boring for most of the movie before turning callously dogmatic about his mission, a scenario in which he's still boring. Director Andrzej Bartkowiak keeps the lighting low and the action a blur, and he apparently never saw a don't-go-down-that-dark-hallway horror cliché he didn't want to steal from a thousand other monster movies. R for strong violence/gore and language. 104 min. One and a half stars out of four.

David Germain AP Movie Writer

Dreamer: Inspired by a True Story

Unabashed in its sentimentality and saddled with every imaginable horse-movie cliché, this makes *Seabiscuit* look like a documentary. And yet it feels like a higher echelon of feel-good family film, thanks to solid performances from a veteran cast that includes Kurt Russell, Kris Kristofferson, Elisabeth Shue, Luis Guzman, Ken Howard and Dakota Fanning. Yes, we've included Fanning in that category, even though she's just 11, she shows again she's an actress of astonishing maturity and intelligence. She even manages to wring some genuine emotion from her scenes with Russell, who plays her father — scenes that could have been predictably melodramatic. Predictability is the pervasive theme from screenwriter John Gatins, who directs for the first time with this tale of a horse trainer and his daughter who nurse an injured filly back into racing shape. The horse's salvation naturally provides redemption for everyone who comes into contact with her, and there's plenty to go around. PG for brief mild language. 105 min. Two stars out of four.

Christy Lemire AP Movie Critic

Kids in America

This well-intentioned attempt to mock sanctimonious authority figures in public schools ends up trivializing the subject through cuteness and villains too farcical to believe in. The low-budget flick has the earnestness of a student film, yet its lack of polish and real wit makes it not much more interesting than the sort of teen audiovisual club projects it spoofs. Director Josh Stolberg and his co-writer, producer and co-star Andrew Shafer, aim for broad satire but end up with caricature in the story of teens (led by Gregory Smith) bat-

ting a school principal (Julie Bowen) over freedom of expression. The cast includes Rosanna Arquette, Malik Yoba, Elizabeth Perkins, George Wendt and Nicole Richie. Closing-credit interviews with real teens whose suspensions inspired the film have such conviction and power, the fictional movie feels trifling by comparison. PG-13 for sexual content, mature thematic elements and language. 91 min. Two stars out of four.

David Germain AP Movie Writer

Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang

As much fun as the title suggests, and packed with banter that rolls off its actors' tongues just as easily, Robert Downey Jr. and Val Kilmer — each known for their strong personalities on and off screen — bounce off each other with the comfort of an old comedy team. The delivery is often so quick and deadpan, you may have to go back and see it a second time, just to catch the lines you missed while you were laughing. Downey plays a thief-turned-actor who finds himself playing a detective in a movie, Kilmer, a private eye known as Gay Perry who's been hired to train him. Together they end up having to solve a real murder in Los Angeles, with the help of a femme fatale/wannabe actress (the kittenish Michelle Monaghan). All the elements are in place for a stylish, old-school film noir, but writer Shane Black (*Lethal Weapon*), directing for the first time, subverts the genre while simultaneously embracing it. The result is a comedy thriller hybrid that's silly, smart and never, ever dull. R for language, violence and sexuality/nudity. 103 min. Three stars out of four.

Christy Lemire AP Movie Critic

North Country

Charlize Theron doesn't stand on a table in the middle of a factory holding up a cardboard sign, but you suspect she could at any moment. Director Niki Caro's story of one woman who fought the horrors of sexual harassment at a northern Minnesota iron mine by filing an unprecedented class action lawsuit definitely has that inspirational *Norma Rae* feel to it. It also feels like a glorified TV movie, with its topical subject matter, well-timed emotional turn-arounds and corny courtroom ending. What elevates the film above the frequent two-dimensionality of Michael Seitzman's script are the performances from an esteemed cast — especially from Theron, powerfully reserved but still radiant beneath her stripped-down exterior. Frances McDormand has a no-nonsense likability as the friend who encourages her to take a job at the mine, Sissy Spacek is quietly moving as her disapproving mother, and Thomas Curtis has some wrenching moments as Theron's unsympathetic teenage son. R for sequences involving sex-

ual harassment including violence and dialogue, and for language. 105 min. Two and a half stars out of four.

Christy Lemire AP Movie Critic

Stay

Director Marc Forster mined deep depths of emotion with *Monster's Ball* and *Finding Neverland*, yet he manages only technical success in this dour psychological thriller. This is one of those annoying, it's-all-in-his-head flicks where the filmmakers feel at liber-

ty to throw reality out the window. Ewan McGregor plays a psychiatrist who descends into the reality-bending madness of a patient (Ryan Gosling) planning to kill himself in three days. Naomi Watts co-stars as McGregor's girlfriend, a former suicidal patient herself. Precise in production design and execution, the movie is a bag of filmmaking tricks, the screenplay by David Benioff presenting little sentiment for the people on screen. R for language and some disturbing images. 99 min. Two stars out of four.

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'Boo' is a tasty Halloween treat

Boo!" Although actually it's *Boo*, without the exclamation point. Either way, it's an excursion of film making that stays just this side of the line that separates cheesiness from, well, even worse cheesiness.



Beyond Bad

Greg Kowalski

fire

The story is less inspiring. A group of teenagers decides to experience some Halloween chills by sneaking into the abandoned Santa Mira Hospital.

It doesn't take long for them to learn the hospital is haunted. There's a mysterious figure of a little girl, who never really is explained. But the key figure is a former

inmate of the third floor, where the lunatics once were housed.

Years ago, he tried to escape from the hospital by setting the place on fire. However, the head nurse — ever mindful of the welfare of all — tossed the keys out the window to prevent his escape.

Of course, everyone ended up as toast, but at least the evil inmate didn't escape. But being dead proved to be little more than an inconvenience for him as he continues to try to escape the hospital. Key to his plan is to possess someone, anyone, so he can make it outside in physical form. This is complicated by the fact that people who get possessed tend to fall to pieces. Big and little gooey hunks of pieces.

And therein lies both the strengths and the weaknesses of *Boo*. It doesn't make a whole lot of sense, although we can't be too picky with a movie like this.

But why would the nurse allow the whole place to be incinerated when all they had to do is clonk him on the head and run outside? And why was the hospital abandoned with about a million dollars worth of various pieces of equipment left behind? And why was power still connected to the abandoned building? And why?

OK, that's enough. And admittedly just

when we start to raise such prickly questions, someone gets their head smashed in, or blows apart.

And the effects are exceptionally well-done.

There is some gibberish thrown into the plot about the ghost actually being afraid of life, but you can ignore it and just stick to the action.

If you do, *Boo* will be a worthwhile Halloween treat. Thomas Video in

Clawson has it.

Horrors In our last outing about the venerable Carl Kolchak, I inadvertently said his boss was played by Claude Akims. I should have said Simon Oakland, another fine, overlooked actor. Amazingly, several readers caught the error and called me. Nice to know you're reading.

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Fourth season of 'Alias' is now on DVD

Here are top new DVD releases as reviewed by IMDbPro.com

Alias: The Complete Fourth Season

The more things change... The fourth season opens with old partners split up and operative Sydney Bristow (Jennifer Garner) recruited into a new covert CIA unit where she finds herself back with old allies and a surprising new boss... her former nemesis Sloane (Ron Rifkin). Two part season opener *Authorized Personnel Only* teams Syd with her sister Nadia (Mia Maestro) the daughter of Syd's mother (Lena Olin) and Sloane. While Syd loves Nadia like a sister, it makes for strained relations in the new chain of command, not just Sloane, but Sydney's father (Victor Garber) who continues to keep all sorts of secrets

that inevitably spill out. The season opens with a number of rapid paced action episodes, many teaming Syd and Vaughn (another strained relationship where the romantic heat slowly rekindles over a season of working closely under fire) many others with her old partner Marcus (Carl Lumbly) and of course plenty of double team assignments for Sydney and Nadia, who are always dressed to kill. The increasingly wild plot that drives the season puts them back on the trail of The Covenant and the ancient artifact known as the Rimbaldi Device, and finds a new evil genius in Joel Grey, Kevin Weisman (as their own quirky resident Q, Marshall) and Greg Grunberg (as fellow agent Eric) co-star Angela Bassett, Isabella Rossellini and David Anders return in recurring roles. Kelly Macdonald, Gina Torres and Michelle Forbes make guest appearances, and Sonia Braga

takes a meaty part in the last half of the season. The season once again ends with a cliffhanger. No rating. Buena Vista

Herbie: Fully Loaded

Lindsay Lohan is the latest driver of Disney's plucky 1963 VW Beetle with a personality and a mind all its own in this modern revival of the family comedy franchise. She's the daughter of an overprotective race car driver (Michael Keaton) who winds up following in his footsteps when she's challenged by a cocky NASCAR champion (Matt Dillon) and takes him on behind the wheel of the high spirited Herbie.

It's an innocuous kids movie through and through, an exact 21st century replica of the live action movies that were once Disney's bread and butter in the '60s and '70s, but it's far from terrible. writes IMDb critic Mark Englehart. This *Herbie* while never truly picking up speed, coasts along smoothly enough under the direction of Angela Robinson and a straightforward follow your dream story that for some reason needed four screenwriters to crank it out. Breckin Meyer, Justin Long and Cheryl Hines co-star. Rated G. Disney.

Last Days

Gus Van Sant's discomfiting drama, a take off on the suicide of Kurt Cobain, offers no explanations as it slips back and forth through the final days of a depressed, isolated rock star named Blake (Michael Pitt) who takes sanctuary in his dismal mansion. Pitt, looking vulnerable, damaged and Cobain like under his shaggy blond hair, delivers a startlingly affecting physical performance as he stumbles and mumbles and passes out as the drugged to incoherence Blake while his disturbingly indifferent housemates (Lukas Haas, Asa Argento, Scott Green) steer clear of him. Like his previous films *Gerry* and *Elephant*, Van Sant takes an impressionistic, non-linear approach, which creates a queasy disorientation in this atmosphere of decay and deterioration. Harris Savides' haunting photography and the austere soundtrack of distant sounds enhance the chillingly alienated atmosphere.

The texture of Blake's haunting deterioration and emotional abandonment becomes the drama, and it's hard to shake off. Ricky Jay, Harmony Korine, and Sonic Youth's Kim Gordon co-star. Rated R. HBO.

Melinda and Melinda

Woody Allen offers two takes on the same story of an emotionally desperate young woman (Radha Mitchell) who crashes a Manhattan dinner party and stays in the lives of her hosts: one a heavy drama (co-starring Chloe Sevigny, Jonny Lee Miller, and Chiwetel Ejiofor) and the other a lighthearted romantic comedy (with Will Ferrell, Amanda Peet, and Steve Carell). Wallace Shawn and Larry Pine play the two playwrights whose alternate spins on the anecdote frame the film, or films. Rated PG-13. Fox.

Mysterious Skin

Indie maverick Gregg Arak directs this provocative adaptation of Scott Heim's novel about the reverberations of childhood sexual abuse on two young boys 10 years later when one (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) has become a handsome and charming but cruel gay hustler and the other (Brady Corbet) a nervous, socially awkward introvert with black outs and a conviction that he was abducted by aliens. *Austin Chronicle* critic Marjorie Baumgarten writes that Arak crosses over from the fringes to make his most mature and penetrating drama to date. Although he's still transgressive to the core, Arak nevertheless creates with *Mysterious Skin* a story that is psychologically rich, emotionally haunting, and technically superior to anything he has ever done. Michelle Trachtenberg, Jeff Licon, Bill Sage, Mary Lynn Rajsak, and Elisabeth Shue co-star. Unrated. Tartan/TLA.

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3939. You must wear a costume to attend. Prize is \$300 for best costume. 21 and over only. \$12.

Bleu Halloween

10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday Oct. 29 and 30 at Bleu 1540 Woodward Avenue in Detroit. (313) 222-1900. Electronic artists Filo & Peri of New York, Kenneth Thomas/Armada of Bleu, Dabura of Detroit and more on Saturday. Tickets \$35 at www.groovetickets.com. Sunday's bash begins at 9 p.m. featuring Massari. Visit www.bleudetroit.com.

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At the corner of Water Street and South Perry in downtown Pontiac, across from the Phoenix Center. www.hauntedpontiac.com. Indoor waiting available. Admission \$19. Not suited for young kids. Hours are 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays & Sundays. (248) 332-7884.

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Five Terrors

Ward's Orchards 5565 Merritt Road, Ypsilanti (734) 482-7744. www.wards.com. Prices are hayride \$12, ultimate barn \$12, the asylum \$12 or get combined packages that include two, three, four or access to all five haunted areas for prices up to \$30. Not suited for kids under 12.

Tunnel of Terror

Rochester Jaycees haunted house at Rochester Municipal Park in downtown Rochester. (248) 652-7777. Weekends 7:15 p.m. \$8. Not suited for very young children. However, there is a friendly monster food drive day from noon to 3 p.m. on Friday Oct. 15. Admission is a \$2 donation that day or two non-perishable food items.

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(the acknowledged pioneer of krumping who created it in the wake of the Rodney King riots in 1992. South Central Los Angeles) Lil C, Dragon, Tight Eyez, La Nina and Miss Prissy are featured. Rated PG-13. Lions Gate.

House Of Wax

The in-name-only remake of the kitschy Vincent Price horror film drops a handful of photogenic college kids (among them Elisha Cuthbert and Chad Michael Murray) on a road trip into a deserted Louisiana town where a killer turns visitors into museum pieces. The wax museum of the title is itself sculpted completely out of wax, inside and out, which is the ingenious twist in the entire dreary horror. It adds goopy fun to the climactic battle with the wax-dipping psychopath in the midst of an obli-

atory inferno. The place literally melts down around them and threatens to suck our hardy heroes through the gummy floor. The rest of it is overlong, unscary, poorly paced and banally written about as exciting as watching wax dry. Paris Hilton is a guest victim and Jaime Collet Serra directs. Rated R. Warner.

Dominion: Prequel to the Exorcist

Paul Schrader's prequel to the classic possession horror film was shelved by the studio who decided it didn't have enough splatter and all but reshot by Rennie Harlin to pump up the shock and gore factor. That scattered mess of clichéd scare tactics bombed. Now Schrader's original film is finally on DVD (after a brief theatrical release). This take on the story written by William Wisler and Caleb Carr finds Father Merrin (Stellan Skarsgård) on an archeological dig in colonial Africa which uncovers a well of evil and forces him to confront his faith. Rated R. Warner.

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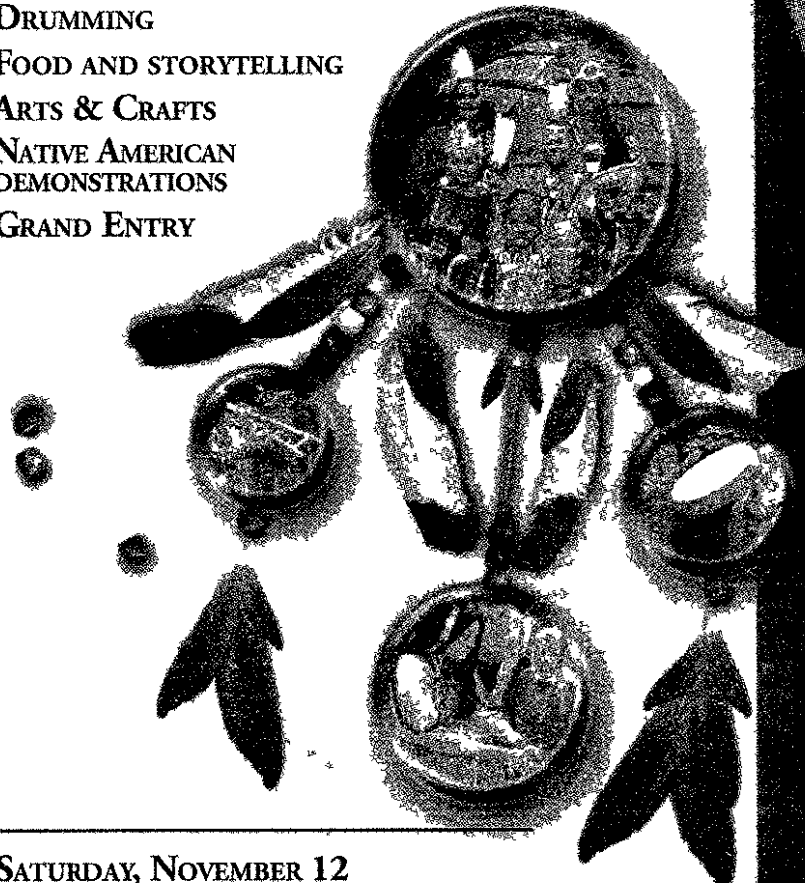
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