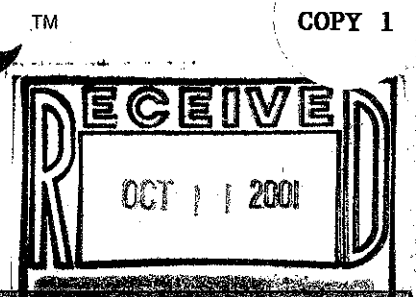


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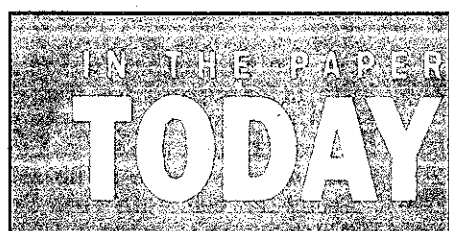
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Canton's rallying around the flag



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A show of unity: Maha Siddiqui, 10, a student at the Crescent Academy, speaks out against terrorism (with a little assistance from Canton Supervisor Tom Yack) at Sunday's Canton Cares Rally in Heritage Park. In the photo at right, Chelsey Coleman (left), age 10, from Canton, and mother Tammy, enjoy the program and sense of community. Readers will find additional stories and photos on local reaction to the events of Sept. 11 on Page A3 and the editorial and op-ed pages of today's Observer, including information on a Saturday memorial service for Meredith Whalen, the Canton native presumed dead in the World Trade Center attack.



Parents notified of illness

VAN BUREN SCHOOLS

BY KURT KUBAN
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Van Buren Public Schools officials confirmed this week that a North Middle School student had contracted viral meningitis.

On Friday, officials discovered a seventh-grade girl had contracted the disease when she returned to school with a doctor's note. The girl, whose name is being withheld, missed several days during her illness, but was back at school this week.

Viral meningitis is less serious than bacterial meningitis, but is still contagious. It is most often spread through direct contact with respiratory secretions, and usually happens by shaking hands with an infected person or touching something they have handled. It is rarely fatal in persons with normal immune systems.

Officials sent a letter about the case home with every North student on Monday. On Tuesday they sent a similar letter home with every student at South Middle School, because some students there ride a shuttle bus with North students.

The letters warned parents to keep an eye on their children to make sure they don't develop any of the symptoms associated with the disease,

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Slap shot

Young cancer patient finds salvation on the ice with PCHA

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
SPECIAL WRITER

The truth is simple for Ryan Thomas of Plymouth. Hockey saved his life.

"If I hadn't been playing hockey, I wouldn't have known," said the 11-year-old left wing for the Plymouth Power Sharks of the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association.

A former basketball player, Ryan believes that without the rough and tumble of hockey, he wouldn't have known he has osteosarcoma, a bone cancer that primarily affects teenaged boys.

It is the same cancer that Sen. Edward Kennedy's son had as a teenager, and the same that Atanas Ilitch, son of Mike Ilitch, was diagnosed with in 1999 when he was 35.

Despite this detour in Ryan's life, and the often agonizing process of



treatment and recovery, the All Saints Catholic School student has found an amazing network of friends and supporters.

A benefit game between the Red

Wing Alumni and coaches of the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct.

Please see **CANCER PATIENT, A4**

Islam primer: Canton mosque to hold open house on Saturday

BY CAROL MARSHALL
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A Canton mosque is inviting the community to go where most have never gone before. The Canton

Mosque, located at Palmer and Lotz roads, will host an open house next Saturday.

"We wanted to invite the public to come learn more about us," said Yusuf Hai, spokesperson for the Muslim Community of Western Sub-

urbs. The open house is partly a response to backlash against the Muslim community since Sept. 11. "It has been very difficult for a

Please see **MOSQUE**

Water park in the money

■ Wayne County has included up to \$4 million in matching funds in its 2002 capital improvements budget for construction of an aquatics park at Ford and Ridge roads.

BY CAROL MARSHALL
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Canton Township got the first thumbs-up from Wayne County on the plans for an aquatics park to be built at Ford and Ridge roads.

"The county administration has included the park -- up to \$4 million --

in their capital improvements budget for next year," said Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin. "Now we've got a lot of work to do."

Canton proposed earlier this year a partnership with the county, in which the township would provide 15 acres, situated on a 120-acre, township-owned park parcel in the western portion of the township. Canton would also pay for half of the construction costs, and would operate the park.

The park deal is far from signed, and there is still a lot of planning ahead.

"From here, the proposal will be reviewed by a county committee which will make its recommendation to the Wayne County Commission," Conklin said. "We also have a lot of work to do in Canton before it gets to that point."

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Accident victim faces OUIL count

A 60-year-old Livonia man was taken by Med Flight to Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital late Sunday night after he drove his car off Michigan Avenue.

Police, Canton Fire Department and Med Flight responded to the scene on eastbound Michigan Avenue, east of Beck just after 10 p.m.

The driver was trapped in his car, and the passenger side of his new Mercury Sable was crushed, according to police reports.

The driver was conscious during the hour-and-a-half it took the rescue crew to extract him from his car. He told officers he had three or four beers at Leggs Lounge that evening.

A witness told police she saw the man's car come across Michigan Avenue and hit a sign before it came to rest where officers found it. The man's car was stuck atop a cast iron utility pipe.

After the man was rescued from his vehicle, officers sought a warrant for OUIL and unlawful blood alcohol level.

Home Invasion

A 34-year-old Canton man told police someone broke into his house in the 4500Q block of Courtview Drive Monday while he was at work.

The man returned home just before 7 p.m. and found someone had kicked in the front door. He said the thief had stolen three jackets from an upstairs closet and jewelry from a box on his dresser.

The items stolen were worth more than \$700.

Assault

A Canton woman wishes to prosecute the man who spit on her in an apparent roadside altercation last Wednesday.

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The 30-year-old woman told police the 40-year-old suspect, also from Canton, tried to pass her as she drove north on Sheldon Road near Cherry Hill Road.

The man did was not able to maneuver his Ford Ranger past the woman's car because a school bus turned onto Sheldon, blocking his way.

The woman stopped at a stop light, and the man pulled up behind her, got out of his truck, approached her and spit on her.

The victim got out of her car to take down the man's license plate number, and she said he pushed her, then got back into his truck and drove away.

Canton police questioned the man, who became angry and verbally abusive when they contacted him, according to police reports.

The man said the woman hit him and denied assaulting her. He was issued a citation and was ordered to appear in court for assault and battery.

Breaking and entering

Canton police are investigating a breaking and entering that occurred last Thursday night.

Someone broke into Best Block at 4930 Belleville Road.

The thief made off with more than \$1,200 in cash and caused more than \$700 in damage to the building and its contents.

The thief smashed a window to gain entry to the building, and once inside used a sledge hammer to break into a cabinet in which the cash drawer was kept. The burglar also, apparently accidentally, smashed a \$200 computer printer while breaking into the cabinet.



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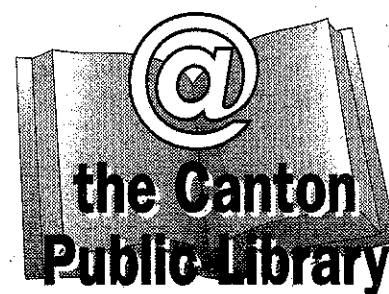
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The Friends of the Canton Public Library evening book discussion on Monday, Oct. 15 is *The Bell Jar* by Sylvia Plath?

America's first department store opened on Oct. 16, 1868 in Salt Lake City, Utah?

There are more public libraries than McDonald's restaurants?

If the cost of gas had risen as fast as the cost of academic library materials since 1980, it would cost \$5.69 a gallon to put fuel in your car?

Web watch

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Q & A

Q: When was the White House built?
A: The cornerstone for the presidential residence at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C., was laid on Oct. 13, 1792. Designed by James Hoban, the first presidential family to occupy it was that of John Adams in November 1800. With three stories and more than 100 rooms, the White

House is the oldest building in Washington. It was first described as the "presidential palace" and acquired the name "White House" about 10 years after construction was completed. It was burned by the British troops in 1814 and was reconstructed, refurbished and reoccupied by 1817.

Source: *The Teacher's Calendar 2001-2002*

Audio Books

American Caesar: Douglas MacArthur, 1880-1964 - William Manchester

On the Street Where You Live - Mary Higgins Clark

Stones from the River - Ursula Hegi (Oprah book club title)

Juvenile fiction/non-fiction

Crafty Magic - Nick Huck-leberry Beak (NF)

Baseball in America - Sarah Dann and John Crossingham (NF)

The Many Faces of the Face - Bridgette Baumbusch (NF)

Rivka's Way - Teri Kane-field

Sleep Tight, Ginger Kitten - Adele Geras

Summer Party - Cynthia Ryland

Hot Topic of the Week

Teen Read Week, Oct. 14-

20! The teen years are a time when many kids reject reading, as being just another dreary assignment. The goal of teen read week is to encourage young adults to read for sheer pleasure as well as learning. It is also a time to remind parents, teachers and others that reading for fun is important for teens as well as young children and to increase awareness of the resources available at libraries.

Teens can celebrate Teen Read Week at the Canton Public Library with contests, crafts and great reads. Come to The Teen Place any day during Teen Read Week to participate in the Teen Read Week trivia contests. Prizes will be awarded.

@ the Canton Library is compiled by Laura Dorogi of the library staff. The library is at 1200 S. Canton Center. For more information about library programs and services, call (734) 397-0999.

GED test dates set for P-C

GED testing will be offered through the Plymouth-Canton Adult Education Department. Testing will be offered on Monday, Oct. 15 and Wednesday, Oct. 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 10 p.m. It is a two-day test. The test will be held at Stark-

weather Education Center, 550 N. Holbrook in Plymouth. The cost of the full test is \$75. Early registration is being urged. If registration is too low, one or both tests could be canceled. Call (734) 416-4901 for further information.



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Miller students pitch in for NY



BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

What started out as a classroom project by Miller Elementary students to help three schools in New York City affected by the events of Sept. 11 blossomed into a relief effort that got a lot bigger than anyone anticipated.

Teacher Denise Bryan of Plymouth Township, who worked in New York City over the summer, received an e-mail from the United Federation of Teachers requesting assistance to re-supply three schools in Manhattan which became unusable after the attack at the World Trade Center.

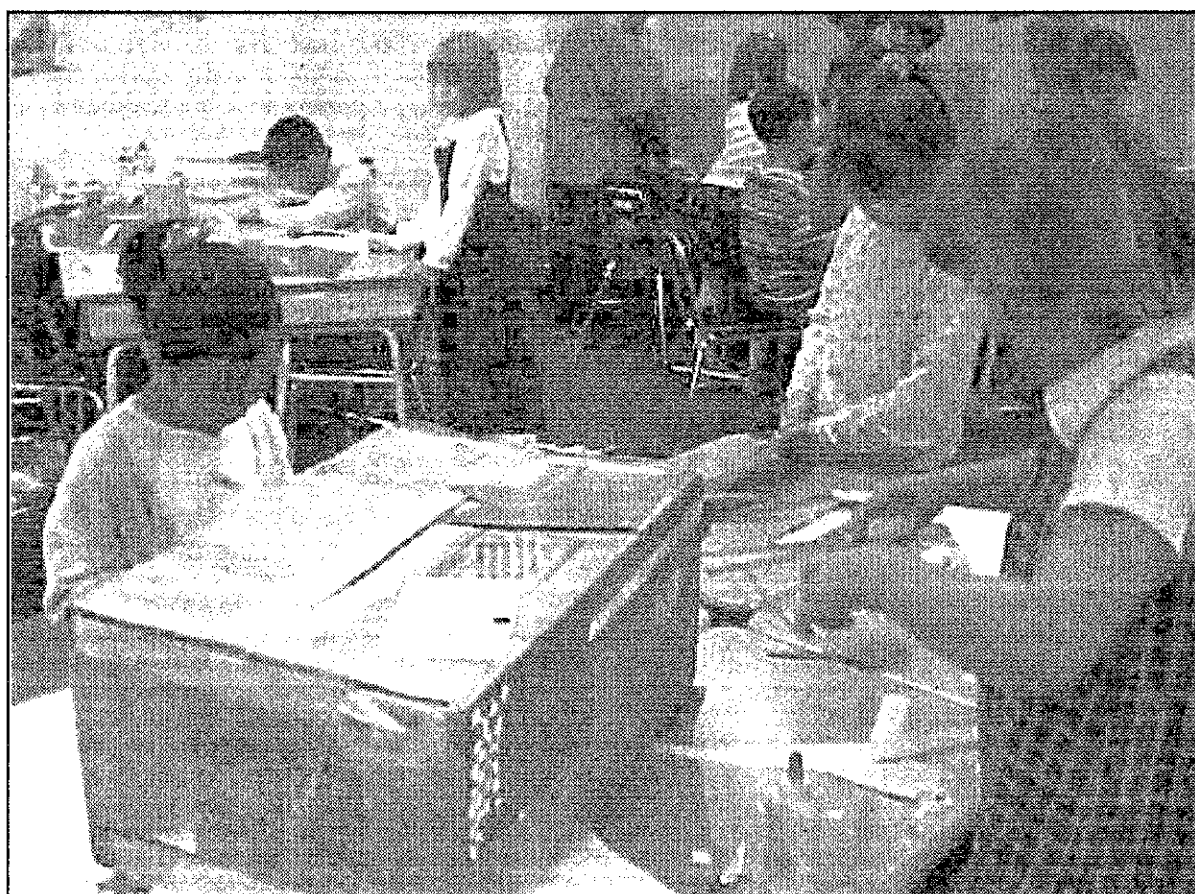
"The schools had to evacuate and leave everything behind," said Bryan. "I was looking for a project to help victims of the attack that was kid appropriate. Every kid understands crayons, pencils and the excitement of getting new school supplies. It seemed like the right thing to do, and it blossomed from there."

What started out as a few boxes of supplies to be shipped UPS to New York turned into nearly two hundred boxes packed into a 24-foot Ryder truck and driven east with the help of two volunteer drivers. One of them was Bryan's husband, Mike, pastor of First Baptist Church in Plymouth, which also collected donations. Pencils, pens, children's books, backpacks, crayons, glue, paper clips, erasers and staplers were packed neatly in boxes by students and teachers the past couple of weeks and arrived in Manhattan Tuesday morning.

"When I heard about the terrorism, it made me feel bad about everyone that died," said third-grader Justin Heck of Canton. "It made me feel good to help children my age so they can feel better inside."

"I felt sorry for them because they didn't have a school to go to," added Francesca Bessey of Canton.

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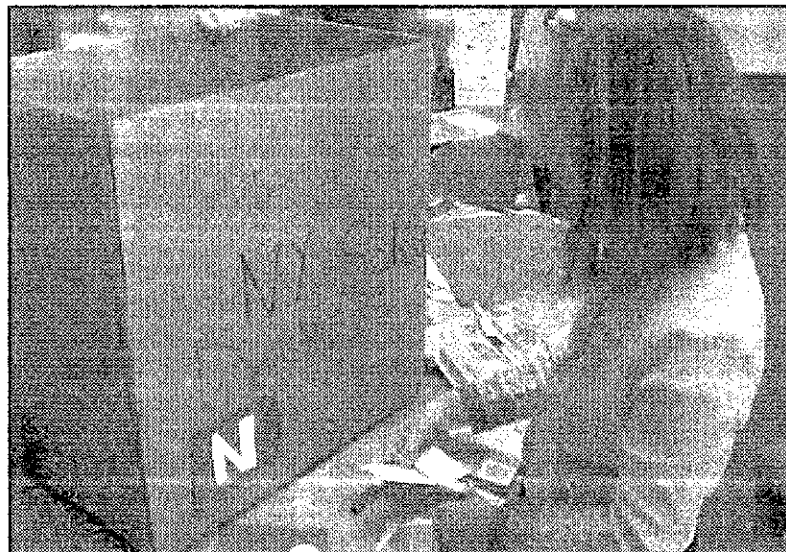


Helping hands: Miller students (from left) Emily Wang, Tracey Fu, Taylor Birman pack up school supplies to ship to damaged New York schools.

donations was for gasoline, as Ryder Systems in Ann Arbor paid for the rental truck and mileage. That came about because Miller teacher Lisa Eischer's husband works for Ryder Systems.

"There's been a great outpouring of support. You plant a little seed and you get much more than you hoped for," she said. "The project has given children some sense of healing. Miller is a multi-racial school and many still have family members overseas, and they want to know how this was going to affect them."

Eischer also gave credit to four Miller students who collected \$1,300 by selling red, white and blue ribbons, with the donations given to the American Red Cross relief effort. They included Maggie



Almost there: Canton resident Audrey Wilson readies a package for its destination.

DePentu, Amy Hill and Meredith Citkowski of Canton, and

Lindsey Moore of Plymouth.



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At rally: Niles Paluchniak (holding flag) of Canton joins hands with the other attendees of the Canton Cares Rally and prays.

Whalen memorial service is Saturday

Friends and family of Meredith Whalen, 22, of Canton, will celebrate her life and pay tribute to her Saturday, Oct. 13, at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

Whalen was at work Sept. 11 on the 93rd floor of the World Trade Center's north tower, and is presumed dead.

Meredith graduated with honors in 1996 from Plymouth Salem High School, and graduated with honors from the University of Michigan in April 2000. Shortly after graduation, she went to work for Fred Alger Management Co. in New York as a research analyst.

Ms. Whalen's father, Henry C. (Hank) Whalen, a former Canton Township trustee, preceded her in death in 1989.

She is survived by her mother, Patricia Whalen, of Canton; sisters, Kristen Whalen, Debo-

rah Whalen, and Katherine (Bob) Jackson; a brother, Stephen (Michelle); two nieces, Katie Whalen and Katherine Elisabeth Whalen.

Canton Township will purchase with donated money a bench and tree with a plaque to be placed in Heritage Park in memory of Meredith Whalen. The Meredith L. Whalen Memorial Fund is being established to purchase a marble bench, which will be placed at the University of Michigan Business School. It will be engraved with her name, date of birth and date of death.

If any funds remain, they will be used to establish a scholarship in her name.

Donations can be also be made to the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. The church will plant three white cedar trees in her honor.

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Cancer patient from page A1

21, in Joe Louis Arena is testament to the support Ryan and his family have found since the diagnosis in March.

Proceeds from the event at Joe Louis Arena will go to the Atanas Ilitch Osteosarcoma Foundation in Ryan's name.

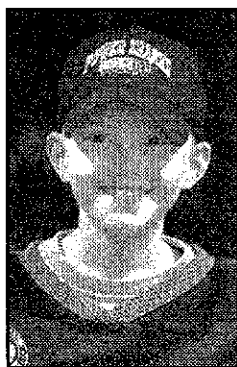
"Before I was out of the woods, my brother and sister started the foundation," Ilitch said. "They put my name on it because they thought it was important to share information with other people."

Started in 2000, the foundation has given \$150,000 in matching grants to hospitals, such as Beaumont, Harper and Children's primarily for research into the bone cancer that most commonly begins in the leg bone or, as in Ryan's case, in the arm near the shoulder.

With little more than a month of chemotherapy left, Ryan isn't the only one thanking hockey.

Lucky break

"Ryan had never played hockey before (joining the Power



Ryan Thomas

Sharks)," said coach Matt Zink of the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association, a Canton resident. "I still feel today that, had he not played hockey,

they might not have found the cancer."

Before the osteosarcoma was diagnosed, Ryan complained of soreness in his arm. Ryan's parents, Mary Lynn and Tim, as well as coach Zink, remember the complaints. But it took a challenge on the ice to learn the truth.

"He fell on that arm and it snapped in half," said Mary Lynn, recalling the January game in which Ryan was

'For some reason God gave me this challenge. I am in the high 90s in terms of what I can do now. They put a new hood on me. I call it my Tupperware.'

—Atanas Ilitch

bumped and then fell to the ice. "He screamed initially in pain. But when he got in the car he said it was fine."

Because of the location of the break, Ryan's arm was not casted. As the weeks passed, it also didn't heal. It wasn't until the cancerous tumor in his arm bulged through his skin that Ryan was referred to Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. There he met Dr. Kim Les, a surgeon who shares Ryan's love of hockey, and Dr. Charles Main, chief of pediatric oncology.

"Immediately, Dr. Les made the diagnosis," said Ryan's mom, referring to the March 1 meeting.

Three weeks later, Les removed the tumor and per-

formed reconstructive surgery on Ryan's arm. Today, he can swing a golf club and drive a ball 75 yards. Not as far as his typical 150-175 yard-drive, but he's on his way.

Long way to go

Surgery was only the beginning of healing for Ryan. A nine-month to one-year treatment program was prescribed, including 38 weeks of rigorous chemotherapy, ending Nov. 16.

That will be just short of a month after the fund-raiser at Joe Louis Arena.

"We thought as an association we should do something for Ryan," Zink said. "We thought of giving the family money to help with the bills. We talked of doing a Red Wings Alumni game."

Almost simultaneously, Ryan's aunt, Ann Thomas Battersby, who works for WJR, gave her sister-in-law Ilitch's phone number. Mary Lynn left Ilitch a message.

"Lo and behold! A nurse comes in and says, 'there's a man here by the name of Atanas Ilitch. Do you know him?'" Mary Lynn recalled.

And in walked Ilitch. "He was just as warm as could be," Mary Lynn said. Ilitch arrived with a binder-full of information about osteosarcoma. "He was very forthcoming in his offers to help in any way."

Equally important, Ilitch offered Ryan friendship and understanding. Ilitch had been where Ryan is today. But the cancer was in his skull. Like Ryan, he underwent surgery and chemotherapy.

"For some reason God gave me this challenge. I am in the high 90s in terms of what I can do now. They put a new hood on me. I call it my Tupperware. There are some things I can't do, like sports. I am particularly careful with my noggin. You live day by day," said Ilitch.

It was seeing children undergoing chemotherapy in the hospital that tugged at his heart.

"For me that made it clear what I needed to do," Ilitch added.

Mary Lynn and Tim credit Ilitch with providing their son some normalcy during his treatments and his time away from school and hockey.

"I got to sit in the Ilitch suite," Ryan said proudly, remembering Ilitch's invitation to attend the 'N Sync concert at Comerica Park from a pretty cozy suite. "There's two TVs in there."

The concert hasn't been the only heartwarming effort shown Ryan and his family. From well-wishers, Ryan has received a Steve Yzerman jersey, signed by Red Wings players, as well as a stick and hat signed by hockey great Ted Lindsay.

Someone in the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association anonymously gave Ryan a brand new computer this past summer. He now has his own e-mail that daily fills with good wishes from friends and supporters.

Computers have played a role for neighbors and friends, who organize meals for the family. "It's all done on e-mail," said Tim. "Meals are dropped off twice a week."

A neighbor also works on a calendar on Yahoo that provides updates on Ryan's progress.

"We have been overwhelmed by the amount of support we have. We are so grateful. We have a community of friends. And some people were complete strangers to us," Mary Lynn said. "This is something that in a million years you think will never touch your family. Right away I knew that was what one of the Kennedy boys had."

Early signs

Looking back over the past 10 months, Mary Lynn and Tim say that when it rains, it usually pours. Last December, the family took a cruise. Ryan complained of the soreness in his arm. But as a young athlete, active on the ice, as well as on in-line skates, golf, baseball and soccer, it wasn't considered unusual. At the same time, Ryan's brother, Austin, 8, had a ruptured appendix. In Miami right off the ship, he was rushed by ambulance for emergency surgery.

The four types of chemotherapy that Ryan receives are intense and cause recurring hos-

pital stays because the drugs weaken his immune system.

The hospital stays, however, have become a reunion of sorts with hospital staff and other kids in the pediatric unit. "The nurses all fight over who gets to take care of Ryan," Tim said. "And the patients' families all get together."

Ryan's aunt, Ann Thomas Battersby, continues to coordinate the blood drive that is needed for Ryan. "Because their (children's) blood count gets so low they need platelets. Every family has blood issues. You can't get the right type," Mary Lynn said.

Blood needed

Battersby coordinates direct donations. The need for blood donations has become so apparent, Mary Lynn said, particularly in light of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11. "What people forget is that everyday someone needs blood. I want people to keep that spirit alive." In Ryan's case, Battersby makes sure there is enough blood available. Only about five people have the right blood type Ryan needs. And the blood lasts about five weeks in the bank.

While undergoing treatments, Ryan has kept up with school with the help of a tutor. And he has every intention of returning to hockey.

"We are hoping for the best. We are hoping he will come back," coach Zink said. "He was playing some good hockey. He had the energy to play it. He's a fighter."

Atanas Ilitch would have no doubts either. "I am impressed with his outlook and his attitude. He's a great little guy. He's a trooper. They are an impressive family. They have fortitude."

Tickets to the Sunday, Oct. 21, Red Wings vs. Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association All Stars benefit for the Atanas Ilitch Osteosarcoma Foundation are \$8 and include the game and parking for Joe Louis Arena. Children age 3 and younger are admitted free. Tickets are available at three Plymouth locations: The Trading Post, 1009 Ann Arbor Road; Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer 4-6 p.m., Saturdays in the lobby; Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, 386 Main.

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Sick from A1

which include severe headache, fever, nausea and vomiting, stiff neck and sensitivity to light.

"If a child exhibits those symptoms, there should be cause for alarm and parents should get their child to a doctor immediately," said Superintendent Larry Tabor.

North principal Dianne Tilson said there have been a few calls from parents since the letter went home, but there has been no noticeable increase in absent students.

"We've had a couple calls from people looking for general information, such as what grade the girl is in. We've had no other reports of any other students developing symptoms of the disease. We hope parents will call us to let us know if something were to develop," she said.

School officials contacted the Wayne County Health Department about the case, and Tabor said he is confident the district has taken the necessary steps to inform the public.

"The chances that any other students contracted the disease is remote but possible, because they may have had some kind of contact with the student. We made the parents aware of the situation, which is all we can do," he said.

According to Tabor, the most effective method of prevention is to wash hands thoroughly and often.

Additional information about the disease can be found at the Web site, http://health.excite.com/encyo_content/asset/adam_disease_viral_meningitis.

Park from A1

We promised we would seek a lot of input from the community before we take the plans to the county for approval. There's a whole other committee the administration still has to report to, and the commission still have to approve it. This deal has not been negotiated just yet."

The township will hold two public meetings for input. The meetings will be held Oct. 29 and Nov. 1 at the Summit on the Park, Conklin said.

The county's share of the costs will be paid from recreation millage money. The project's costs are estimated at approximately \$9 million. The project is included in the township's 2002 capital improvements plan.

According to Conklin, Canton residents will directly benefit from the partnership. Canton residents supported the 2000 Wayne County Parks millage renewal by a 70 percent margin, and the community generates \$500,000 in tax money for the county parks. The aquatics park will be the first Wayne County park constructed in Canton, if it is approved by the county commission.

Mosque from A1

of our community members," Hai said. "Unfortunately a lot of people can't differentiate between Muslims, and all Arab Americans, and we're associated in their minds with the terrorists. A lot of our members are afraid of leaving home, and even afraid to come to the Mosque."

The mosque will offer informational tours and host talks about Islamic beliefs and culture, as well address how the Muslim community views the attacks on Sept. 11.

"We're very affected by what happened," Hai said. "We want people to understand that."

The open house is one of several activities planned to increase awareness and education about the Muslim community, especially at a time when Muslims are greatly misunderstood, Hai said.

There are several hundred Muslim families in the Canton area, and more than 100,000 in the greater Detroit area, and some 6 million nationwide.

The open house will be held at the mosque at 40440 Palmer Road, from noon to 4 p.m., Oct. 13. For more information call (734) 678-3657.

Octoberfest is fall party in Heritage Park

BY CAROL MARSHALL
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One of Canton's favorite events has grown up a little bit. The fifth annual OctoberFest celebration next weekend will draw more than 4,000 people, and will feature activities for children and adults alike.

"For many years, we did a Halloween Party, and it was very popular. It was a fun

event, and it was a safe Halloween party. Parents were very comfortable with it because it was a controlled event," said Recreation Supervisor Bob Dates. "But about five years ago, we decided to make it bigger and bring it outdoors, and add some activities that parents would like to do along with their children."

OctoberFest has grown over the years to include stage performers, games and an art

workshop. Max & Erma's and Holiday Market will provide cider and doughnuts.

This year, OctoberFest will also include an all-new Trick or Treat Trail.

The trail is a fantasy walk around the fishing ponds in Heritage Park with special stops along the way to enchant and entertain the children.

"OctoberFest became so popular and so big, the lines for a lot of the events were getting

kind of long, which I guess is a good problem to have. So we added the Trick or Treat Trail to give people more to do, more choices," said Recreation Supervisor Bob Dates. "There are eight stops planned already, so it's pretty elaborate."

Stops along the trail include the Witches Kitchen, Chester's Soccer Challenge, Cinderella's Castle, Magic-Magic, and a performance from the Wizard of

Oz.

OctoberFest will be held at Heritage Park, behind the township's municipal offices, from noon to 4 p.m., Oct. 20. Most activities are under tents and will go on rain or shine. Youngsters are encouraged to come in costume. For more information, contact Canton Leisure Services at (734) 394-5460.

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MONA GAYE PREVATTE

Services for Mona Prevatte, 55, of Canton were held Oct. 5 at McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly officiating. Burial was at Knollwood Memorial Park. Mrs. Prevatte was born Nov. 11, 1945, in Huntsville, Ala., and

died Oct. 1 in Wayne. She was a reservations agent for Northwest Airlines.

Survivors include daughter, Lisa Prevatte of Belleville; brother, Emmett Prevatte Jr.; and sisters Patricia Weaver and Vicki Prevatte.

Arrangements were made by

McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

MARY KOTLARCZYK

Services for Mary Kotlarczyk, 85, of Plymouth will be held Oct. 8 at Church of the Divine Savior with the Rev. Alexander A. Kuras officiating. Burial will be at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights.

Mrs. Kotlarczyk was born Dec. 4, 1915, in Detroit and died Oct. 4 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Kotlarczyk had also previously lived in Grand Court and Presbyterian Village in Westland. She was a member of Church of the Divine Savior.

She was preceded in death by her brother, John Golembieski.

Survivors include son, Raymond T. (Catherine) Kotlarczyk of Plymouth; daughter, Lorraine (John) Borgi of Pleasant Prairie, Wis.; brother, Frank (Irene) Golem of Bloomfield Hills; and grandchildren, Jeffrey and Jill Kotlarczyk.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

DANIEL W. GIBBONS

Services for Daniel Gibbons, 21, of Canton were held Oct. 8 at St. John Neumann Church with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mr. Gibbons was born Feb. 9, 1980 in Livonia and died Oct. 4 at St. Joseph Hospital. He

worked as an assistant manager at Wallpaper and Blinds.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Florence Gibbons.

Survivors include parents, Patrick (Paula) Gibbons; sister, Beth; grandmother, Bernadette "Peggy" Windisch; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, 1669 Hamilton Road, Ste. 210, Okemos, MI 48864-1809 or The Gift of Life.

Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

LYDIA H. GENG

Services for Lydia Geng, 91, of Dearborn (formerly of Plymouth) were held Oct. 11 at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dean A. Klump officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Ms. Geng was born Jan. 10, 1910 in Plymouth and died Oct. 8 in Dearborn. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, the Plymouth Historical Society and the Plymouth Grange. She was also a member of the Button Club of Plymouth. During her later years, she taught quilting. She was an active participant in all crafts and games that were

available to her.

Survivors include daughter, Joy Geng, and her partner, Mary Winiarski of Dearborn.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

THERESA ANN MAHONEY

Services for Theresa Mahoney, 40, of Dearborn Heights were held Oct. 10 at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mrs. Mahoney was born Aug. 18, 1961 in Ann Arbor and died Oct. 6 in Ann Arbor.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Mary Cullen.

Survivors include her husband, Marshall Mahoney; parents Russ (Alice) Cullen of Canton; brothers, Michael Cullen and John Cullen; sister, Margaret Cullen.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Homes Canton Chapel.

JOHN K. JOHNSTONE

Services for John Johnstone, 77, of San Bernardino (formerly

of Plymouth) were held Oct. 6 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. James Skimins officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. Johnstone was born Jan. 5, 1924 in Scotland and died Sept. 29 in San Bernardino. He was a retired sheet metal worker for General Motors Willow Run Plant. He was a member of the Eastern Star in Scotland. He was a member of the UAW Local 735. He loved to travel. He served in the Royal British Navy during World War II. He was a father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and uncle.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Christina.

Survivors include daughter, Irene (Harold) Burden of San Bernardino; son, Johnny Johnstone of Homestead, Fla.; grandchildren, Richard (Melody) Burden of San Bernardino, and Christina (William) Harris of San Bernardino; great-grandchildren, Richard and Heather Burden; sister, Janet Uttley of Scotland; brother, Donald (Georgina) Johnstone of Scotland; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

State group honors papers with 40 awards

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers received 40 awards in the Michigan Press Association's annual Better Newspapers Contest announced today.

The awards in 19 categories for class B weeklies are the most for any newspaper group in the state. The Eccentric Newspapers won 26 awards, the Observer Newspapers won 14.

The Redford Observer took Second Place for General Excellence. The judges cited "Good use of photos and headlines, body type. Great local news coverage."

Stacy Jenkins took First Place for her West Bloomfield Eccentric story "Still Searching." Judges cited "Good, thorough work. By the second story, makes it sound like she was in wonderful graces with the cops. Obviously a writer who's done her homework and kept up the camaraderie with the locals." Jenkins is now a reporter for the Redford Observer.

Darrell Clem of the Westland

Observer took Honorable Mention for Spot News for his coverage of George Bush on the campaign trail.

Matt Jachman of the Livonia Observer took Second Place in Local News Reporting for the story "Down the road." Judges wrote: "Does an excellent job of making what could be an ordinary construction series quite extraordinary, with good quotes and clear descriptions. Nice job of following an issue to its conclusion. Good use of humor."

Barry Jensen won Second Place in Enterprise reporting for his Observer story "Sprawl affects us all." Judges said: "Well written and researched piece. Very informative and reader friendly."

Tony Bruscato of the Plymouth Observer took Honorable Mention for his story on the Plymouth Community Foundation.

The Plymouth Observer won Second Place for Editorial Page. The judges wrote: "Good letters participation, some hard-hitting

editorials." Brad Kadrich, Plymouth Observer community editor, took Second Place in Editorial Writing. The judges cited, "This entry, unlike some others, had courage to take stands on issues. I also liked the mix of topics submitted in the entry."

Paul Hurschmann took Second Place in Sports Picture for the Livonia Observer for his photo "Foiled Dreams." The judges cited "The shot of those faces gave the reader exactly what the story said: These girls had a TOUGH loss. Way to capture the essence of the game in one shot."

Tom Hawley took First Place for Picture Story for the Redford Observer for his "Dean Hamrick Story." Judges said: "It's rare that a subject allows a photographer to become in essence his shadow. Hawley accomplished that with Hamrick, and the readers of the Observer benefited from the experience."


Paul Beaudry of the Redford and Garden City Observer took Second Place for Sports Column.

The judges said: "Colorful, winning prose that knows its purpose. A good read." Beaudry also took Third Place for Sports Feature for "Show him the money." Judges said: "Clever story idea to follow a little leaguer for a game."

C.J. Risak of the Plymouth and Canton Observer took Honorable Mention for Sports Column.

Kim Mortson, editor of the Wayne County Observer Hometown Life Section, took Second Place for Lifestyle Section. The judges cited, "Good use of photos to tell story. Good to tell her story first - then walk-athon. Good use of map on first page. Good jump layouts."

Mary Rodrique, editor of the Farmington Observer Hometown Life Section, took Honorable Mention for Lifestyle Section. The judges cited, "Great story - good use of inside photos. Good community focus."



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Charges likely in fatal crash

BY CAROL MARSHALL
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Canton police are continuing to investigate a car crash in which a lone passenger, 21-year-old Daniel Gibbons of Canton, was critically injured last Thursday morning.

Gibbons died Friday at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti.

Police are awaiting alcohol and drug blood test results for the driver, also a 21-year-old Canton man, whose name is being withheld because of possible criminal charges.

The crash occurred Oct. 3 on Ann Arbor Road near Napier. When police arrived, the driver was lucid and talked to officers, according to a preliminary report.

Gibbons was being administered CPR at the scene by fire rescue workers.

The driver told police on the scene he was speeding, and admitted to driving 65 to 70 miles per hour.

A witness told police he noticed the car traveling on westbound Ann Arbor Road behind him, and that he was

driving 55 miles per hour at most. When the witness looked in his rearview mirror at one point he saw sparks. He turned his car around and headed back to the scene of the crash.

The 20-year-old witness' brother happened to also be driving on Ann Arbor Road. He also stopped at the accident scene, and called police.

War talk is high on residents' agenda

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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U.S. actions involving terrorist suspect Osama bin Laden and Afghanistan emerged as one of the topics on local residents' minds recently at a coffee hour with U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor.

About 20 residents turned out for the Oct. 1 coffee chat at

American Family Diner on Wayne Road in Westland. Rivers regularly hosts the morning coffee chats at different locations throughout her district, which includes western Wayne and eastern Washtenaw counties.

At issue was Congress' decision to allocate \$40 billion in emergency funds for disaster relief from the Sept. 11 acts of terrorism, which included four

crashed jetliners, the destruction of New York's World Trade Center and neighboring buildings, and damage to the Pentagon. The estimated death toll from the incidents is expected to exceed 6,000.

The funds are also to be used to implement measures which could prevent future terrorist attacks.

An Ypsilanti resident said he was concerned about the Unit-

ed States getting involved in Afghanistan.

"Hopefully we won't get caught in Afghanistan like the Russians did," said a man named Bruce, who declined to reveal his last name. He was referring to the former Soviet Union's unsuccessful occupation of Afghanistan, which lasted through the 1980s.

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by Steve Mansfield
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We salute Canton's spirit of giving in tragedy's wake

Metro Detroit has a strong history of giving. Whenever the United Way, American Cancer Society and other national charities tally contributions, southeastern Michigan routinely comes out ahead of comparable-sized communities. Even smaller or regional non-profits report fund-raising success, in times both good and rocky. So the heartfelt, grassroots response to the tragedy of Sept. 11 shouldn't really surprise us.

Nonetheless, the outpouring of support in the Canton community these past few weeks is truly stunning and deserves special recognition. Literally dozens of local efforts to aid victims in New York and Washington, D.C., sprang up overnight. They range from multi-faceted corporate campaigns at supermarket chains and restaurants all the way down to a couple of neighborhood lemonade stands in Canton subdivisions.

Not a day passes here at the Observer without a phone call, fax or e-mail listing plans for an upcoming event – or telling us about the wonderful response from within the community to a recent fundraiser.

They are part of a national movement that has seen more than \$850 million in contributions through the beginning of this week.

Just a few examples of the activities in Canton:

■ Students at Eriksson Elementary School last week staged a walk-a-thon during lunch hours and recess. On Thursday, they were joined by parents and family members. More than \$14,000 was pledged for the American Red Cross and other aid agencies.

■ The Westbrook Salon at the northwest corner of Canton Center and Warren roads will hold a cut-a-thon 2-8 p.m. Monday to raise money for the American Red Cross.

■ Students and the PTO at All Saints Catholic School raised more than \$2,000

in change and by staging a "Jean Day."

■ Brownie Troop 699 staged a can drive on Sept. 27. Six Canton kids from the Evans and Loney families conducted a similar drive and raised \$470 over one weekend.

■ Canton firefighters have been conducting a "Pass the Boot" campaign since Sept. 27 to aid the families of fallen New

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York City firefighters.

■ The Canton Public Library staged a "Fines for Freedom" drive, allocating all fines for overdue materials through Sept. 30 to the World Trade Center Relief Fund. Some \$2,639.68 in fine money and contributions was collected.

■ The Canton Community Foundation has created a pass-through fund for local contributions. They are forwarded to the September 11th Fund administered by the New York Community Trust and the United Way of New York City.

■ And there was Sunday's Canton Cares Rally in Heritage Park, which helped raise our spirits as well. The hour-long event drew dozens of participants and featured inspirational readings and music.

One of the rally organizers, Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz, explained the thinking behind the event this: "I think the community is still coming to terms with what happened and what could still happen, but the true American spirit says we'll come together and we'll beat it."

We couldn't agree more. And we've seen enough evidence since Sept. 11 by Canton residents and area businesses to believe we're well on our way to that point.

Stakes high in Michigan for collecting Internet tax

As Congress moves closer to extending a moratorium on new Internet sales taxes, Michigan has rocketed toward an effort that would help states collect taxes on transactions that cross their borders in cyberspace.

House Bill 5080, passed by the Senate and signed by Gov. John Engler, will make Michigan the 20th state to join a national "compact" dedicated to streamlining tax collection systems. A compact is allowed by the U.S. Constitution when at least 20 states agree to exactly the same rules and conditions, which also must be approved by Congress.

Proponents say uniform classifications and tax rates for goods and services would make it easier for states to collect tax dollars major companies avoid by setting up separate Internet divisions.

Opponents say this is just an attempt to get around a 1992 U.S. Supreme Court decision that limited a state's ability to collect taxes from businesses that don't have a physical presence there. They argue that it's unconstitutional and would simply allow states to swell their already burgeoning coffers.

Proponents say collecting Internet sales taxes will level the playing field so that "bricks and mortar" stores, where retailers have to collect sales taxes, aren't being hurt by on-line sellers who give buyers a five or six percent "break" in the tax-free purchase price.

What's more, they argue, this isn't a "new" tax, but an existing tax retailers are avoiding.

Every year, Michigan taxpayers have the obligation – as do people in virtually every state – to report out-of-state purchases and submit the requisite 6 percent sales tax on those items. And therein lies the rub.

States aren't about to monitor every single item people purchase on the Internet and tote up an annual bill. While we believe in the basic honesty and goodness

of the shopping public, we know folks aren't going to voluntarily fork over those funds.

In Michigan, the stakes are high. Unpaid taxes on Internet sales could cost the state \$240 million, and two-thirds of sales tax collections go to public schools. That's also a \$240 million sales advantage being handed over to businesses outside our borders.

But it is already within the state's power to get those dollars back.

The Internet sales tax moratorium signed into law by President Bill Clinton three years ago doesn't apply to taxes in place before 1997 – and according to state treasurer Douglas Roberts, Michigan and 46 other states have in place a law that taxes out-of-state consumer purchases. Michigan's has been on the books for 60 years.

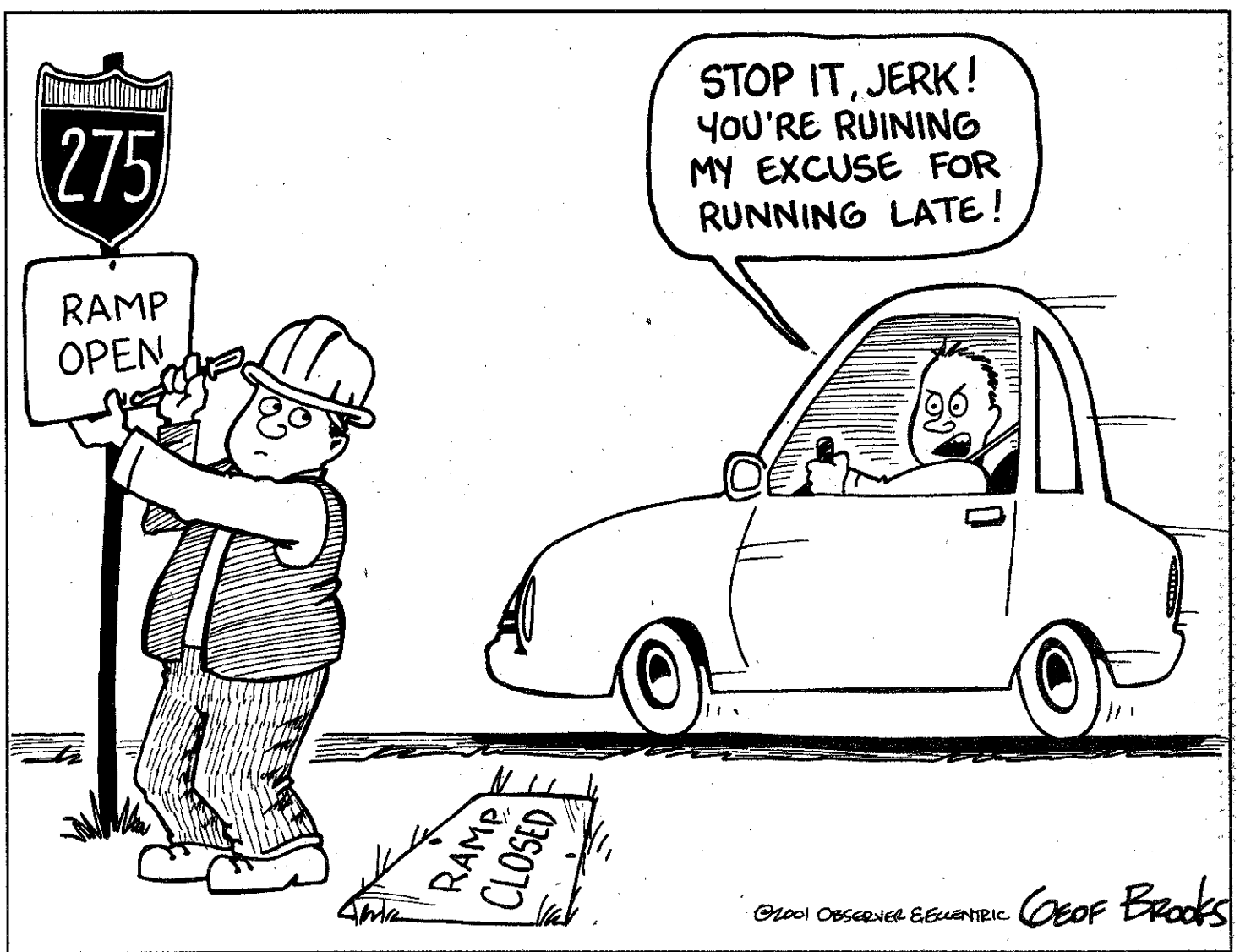
While it's uncertain what effect the aftershocks of terrorism will have on our economy, collecting taxes already due has to remain a priority for our state government. Creating another level of bureaucracy at the federal level doesn't seem to us a cost-effective way to accomplish that goal.

Like Sen. Loren Bennett (R-Canton), we have very real concerns about this system becoming nationalized and usurping states' rights, not to mention the inherent risks that lie in creating a new layer of government.

Since Gov. John Engler is now president of the National Governors' Association, which is pushing the streamlining effort, Michigan's going to be part of the national compact. But setting up the system is going to take time. The problem of revenue collection, especially in a depressed economy, is immediate.

Now that we've jumped on the national bandwagon, we urge lawmakers to also take a look at how to better enforce existing laws and end the "dot-com advantage" for out-of-state businesses.

vision to merge the 18th and 29th District Courts has been removed from House Bill 4788.



LETTERS

■ No pledge here

Regarding the letter "Fly flags all year" by Karen Roberts (Canton Observer, Sept. 27):

I understand her questioning "Where have our flags been?" But I must correct Ms. Roberts when she states that the flag is a symbol that our children respect every day at school when they say the Pledge of Allegiance, for once they leave elementary school, our children do not say the Pledge of Allegiance in their classrooms.

I feel disheartened that the Pledge of Allegiance was obliterated from our children's school days. They do not partake in one of the most wonderful "rituals of unity" that we adults were allowed to partake in when we were children. The Pledge of Allegiance is one of the easiest means of learning what our most precious values are in this country. If "one nation under God" bothered certain people, these same people must really be bothered these past weeks by the resounding of "God bless America."

Colette Trevanthen
Canton

■ Actions praised

In January of 2001, my daughter plowed into a snow bank at Haggerty and Palmer. She couldn't get out, it was still snowing, the police were there and told me I would have to get it moved or ticketed. I called a tow truck operator and found out he wanted \$75 to come out and another \$50 to give me a boost if my battery was worn down. (I had to leave the flashers on.) I told him yes and went back to the car.

As I stood in the snow, a four-wheel drive stops and Sam and his two sons jump out. The two sons looked liked they could have played football for MSU. Anyway they pushed me out easily and declined all my offers to reimburse them.

He and his son were Arab-Americans. They pointed to the mosque down Palmer and explained that was their church and they were trying to do a good deed. They also told me they planned on checking out other motorists who might be in the same predicament. You can imagine my joy at being able to call the tow truck operator and cancel the request for service.

Thanks a million, Sam. Sorry I waited so long to tell the story. Now seems like a good time to tell it.

Tom Hartnett
Canton

■ Fair representation?

Taxation without representation. A right so fundamental to Americans that it was responsible for the formation of our country. Recent developments in our local school system might, however, lead you to believe that the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools no longer place much value on this basic principle of American government. Admittedly a very strong statement. Allow me to take a few minutes of your time to provide my basis for this conclusion and then you can decide for yourself.

Let's start our story just a few years ago at a school board meeting of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. If you had attended one during this

time you might remember a couple of things about it. If you came to address the board you were given 2 or 3 opportunities to speak at every meeting and were typically engaged in dialogue by the board so they could better understand your point of view or concern.

You may also remember the length of these meetings, sometimes stretching into the early morning hours. This was due in part to providing the opportunity for citizens to be truly represented and due in part to the board openly debating issues in public.

Now let's take a look at a board meeting of today. Citizens are given a single opportunity to speak and there is no engagement of the speakers by the board or administration. In fact, the superintendent has said that this type of interaction with the public "simply must be avoided." Board members are encouraged by the superintendent to let her know how they will vote before the meeting and encouraged to ask questions before the meeting rather than engage in open, public debate.

While these new "rules" certainly make for shorter board meetings, I will let you decide if you are being represented by them.

How has other community input been addressed? Let's look at the citizens' committees that were in place only a couple of years ago. First let's look at what happened to the Citizens' Finance Committee, charged by the board to provide input in the budget and financial processes of the district. This is an easy one ... it no longer exists.

Next is the Long Range Planning Committee. Don't blink or you'll miss this one as well. No evidence that this committee has met in recent memory. Once again, I will let you decide if you are being represented.

What about the hiring process the district has been using. Integral to this process was a community based hiring team including parents. This process was used to hire every employee in the district. When queried at a recent board meeting, neither the board nor administration could even confirm that this process is still being used or what was being used in its place. It seems that the community based hiring process could be headed for the same fate as other community based input. Are you being represented?

The latest flash point for the community is the superintendent's draft report on restructuring our school districts. The superintendent has said that the report was always designed to generate community input.

However, the report was presented at a board workshop where it was not an agenda item, at a meeting held outside of our school district. While this approach certainly meets the letter of the law regarding open meetings, it doesn't seem to be a good way to get the community input that superintendent has said she so badly wants. Are you being represented by this approach?

I will leave it to each of you to decide if you feel you are being represented in the decisions of your school district. If this is not the kind of "representation" that you want, don't let your school district shut you out. Ask questions, demand answers, represent your dollars and your children. If it were 200 years ago I'd suggest it is time to throw the tea in the bay and tell the

monarchy we've had enough.

Mark Horvath
former school board member

■ For safety or revenue?

Regarding Mayor Kirksey's proposition of asking the State of Michigan to lower Speed limits on I-275 and other area freeways to 55 mph.

This proposition is couched in the name of safety and freeway noise reduction, the mayor rebuking any suggestions that the City of Livonia is doing this in the name of revenue enhancement through increased traffic tickets and fines.

Mayor Kirksey, I, too, have a proposition.

If safety is indeed your ultimate goal...and NOT revenue enhancement. Reduce the speeds with the one condition, that no Livonia Police traffic units be allowed to patrol the segments of roadways with the reduced limits. Other than accident investigation, high speed chases and motorcade security, NO Livonia Police enter any freeway with a posted speed limit under 65 mph.

ONLY allow the Michigan State Police to patrol for traffic enforcement. NO revenue sharing, all the ticket revenue goes to the State of Michigan. We, the drivers of the Interstates, may not live within your jurisdiction but may be forced to travel through your lovely city en route to other areas of Metro Detroit and Michigan and may not wish to contribute to your coffers.

If safety is truly your goal, revenue being far from your mind, and as you suggest Livonia PD is not currently regularly detailed to patrol the freeway system, leave patrol services to the State of Michigan or better yet, for safety's sake detail your police units to the freeways and turn over all traffic related revenue to the State of Michigan. This bold action on your part supposedly enhancing our traffic safety while reducing the now increasing image of Livonia as one giant freeway speed trap!

Mark Bajek
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The Oct. 4 Observer editorial about a proposed third judgeship in the 35th District Court should have said that the pro-

Lessons to be learned from Bollinger's leaving the U-M

University of Michigan President Lee Bollinger is headed off to New York to become president of Columbia University.

His departure is a real disappointment. Bollinger was extremely popular.

A full-blown intellectual but personally warm and congenial, he taught an undergraduate course in the First Amendment, tirelessly defended the university's affirmative action admission policies and spurred the \$200 million Life Sciences Institute.

To me, a defining anecdote took place after Michigan defeated Penn State in 1997. As thousands of students milled around the president's house on South University, Bollinger spontaneously invited them in: "Tonight, this is your time, too," he told the group. Afterward, Bollinger told me the students had been polite and well behaved. "When you treat people with courtesy, you get courtesy back," he said.

After having been courted – and ultimately turned – by Harvard, Bollinger announced he wasn't a candidate for the presidency of another institution. But Columbia went after him big time and, evidently, Bollinger and his wife, Jean, realized they were "facing a life-changing, life-course type of decision" and decided to take the Columbia offer.

The University of Michigan is one of our prime assets. And when an extremely popular president decides to leave U-M after only four years in office, it's worthwhile reflecting on what can be learned from the episode.

Some are saying the Board of Regents had trouble getting its act together in time to make Bollinger a big salary offer to keep him in Ann Arbor.

Frankly, I think the Bollingers decided they were going to New York, and that was that. No counter offer from the Regents would have made much difference.

That said, however, it's worth considering the situation faced by great public universities like U-M. During my time on the Board of Regents, two presidents – Bollinger and Harold Shapiro, who went to Princeton in 1988 – have left Michigan for the Ivy League. Certainly, the Harvards, Princetons and Columbias of the world reek with prestige, but they're not that much grander than

the University of Michigan.

So what's going on?

In part, I think, it's a compensation issue, both internally and externally. Bollinger is paid \$325,000 at Michigan, while football coach Lloyd Carr makes more than \$1 million. Does that disparity really reflect the comparative contribution of the two positions? George Rupp's salary as president of Columbia is reported to be \$500,000, and most Ivy League presidents are paid far more than most public university presidents. Is running an Ivy League school that much harder than heading a great public university?

I've been at the table when compensation packages with U-M presidents were being negotiated. The plain fact is that public university trustees are scared of paying their presidents what they're worth. They don't want to antagonize the state legislature – or the news media or the know-nothings in our communities – by paying their presidents big salaries in public funds.

But the old axiom – "You get what you pay for" – holds true for university presidents as in most

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everything else. Running a university as big, complicated and good as the University of Michigan is a very tough job. It calls for a person of remarkable skills and experience.

And such qualifications are very much in demand around the country. Earlier this year, the Regents discussed a solution to this problem: Create a private endowment fund to supplement public funds to bring presidential salaries up to market. A couple of well-meaning alumni promptly said they'd donate the whole sum.

Having an endowment makes sense. But contributors should be anonymous. No university wants a few wealthy contributors, no matter how well intentioned, to own a piece of the president.

Beyond the specifics of presidential compensation, we all – legislature, media, Regents, know-nothings – need to realize that maintaining the U-M as a magnificent institution requires identifying, recruiting, paying and motivating the very best people in the country to lead it. If we don't, we're going to find the University of Michigan becoming just another way station on the career resumes of able and talented educational leaders.

Phil Power is the chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. He was a Regent of the U-M from 1987-1998. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@homecomm.net



Tedd Schneider

Governor's race requires more than waving the flag

These were the issues shaping Michigan's gubernatorial campaign on Sept. 10: Education, the environment, and the state's softening but still healthy economy. They were replaced on Sept. 12 with new priorities – security and leadership.

Of course with the election 14 months away, it's way too soon to know if the seismic shift brought on by the terrorist attacks will dominate the governor's race already under way in our communities. Residents and business leaders in Canton Township got an early indication last week though, when likely Republican nominee Dick Posthumus ditched perhaps half of his basic stump speech for talk on how Michigan – and the country – will deal with this truly new world order. The leading Democratic contenders are surely grappling with the same quandary.

"They may have torn down the (World Trade Center) towers," the lieutenant governor told his audience, "but they're underestimating Americans. They've not torn down our spirit."

Following his remarks, Posthumus said the speech reflected the mood he's picked up from citizens across the state in his travels since the attacks. "There's a tremendous unity, a tremendous pride every place I go. It didn't exist three months ago – and it's too bad it took a tragedy to bring it out – but it's definitely there."

Call it the politics of patriotism. It's hard for candidates and voters alike to focus on the nitty-gritty issues typical of local or statewide races during a moment of crisis followed by a huge, national mobilization. And things are unlikely to change dramatically in the coming months. Sunday's bombing runs, the official launch of the war on terrorism, have ensured that.

The phenomenon isn't confined to Michigan. The New York Times reported on Sept. 30 that candidates from mayoral to congressional races across the country have begun presenting themselves as more than just public servants seeking to advance their constituents' interests. They're now "leaders of a patriotic cause" and trumping, rather than running away from their Washington connections, the Times story said.

It's an emotional response and it makes for a compelling campaign. Even Posthumus was almost miraculously transformed from his plain vanilla persona as he talked of assuring the safety of Michiganders as "the one issue that supersedes all others."

But putting national pride aside for the moment, all this flag waving could do more harm than good

when it comes time for voters to choose their next governor. It's those seemingly trivial issues – and how the candidates stand on them – that will have far more consequence for the continued health of the state both on a day-to-day basis and in the long run.

This is what we need to hear more about from our gubernatorial hopefuls. There's no doubt Posthumus – along with Democrats Jennifer Granholm, Jim Blanchard and David Bonior – are for a strong, resolute America.

Where are they though when it comes to school finance reform; or brownfield redevelopment; or

Yes, it's been difficult to think about mundane stuff like potholes and budgets the last few weeks. But we need to hold the candidates accountable, even while applauding their efforts to drop any pretense of partisanship in the fight against terrorism.

using tax incentives to promote business growth? Will they be able to differentiate themselves on those issues when the overriding concern is one that draws people together, rather than pushes them to separate ideological corners?

Some of this responsibility falls on our own shoulders as journalists and voters. Yes, it's been tough to think about mundane stuff like potholes and budgets the last few weeks. But we need to hold the candidates accountable, even while applauding their efforts to drop any pretense of partisanship in the fight against terrorism. We need to demand clear plans and thoughtful responses from candidates on *all* issues in the months ahead in order for a clear picture to emerge as to who is best qualified to guide Michigan in the post-Engler era.

Yes, some of the best leaders are forged during times of crisis, as Posthumus noted during his speech to the Canton Chamber of Commerce last week. But crises ultimately pass and the need for good leadership in Lansing will be there long after this one is gone.

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McNamara touts airport security, 'world-class' status

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America will survive the terrorist attacks, and so will those airlines serving it, Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara promised at Tuesday's Fairlane Club Forum luncheon in Dearborn.

Moreover, McNamara said signs are already pointing toward a post-tragedy comeback at air transportation facilities such as Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, where there remains an unprecedented level of security.

"It's picking up, flights are getting fuller," he said. "People are coming back and they're not afraid. More and more, people are accepting the fact this is going to be a new way of life."

Speaking of signs, as luncheon guests listened, they looked at large, color artist renderings on each side of the podium. One of those featured the undisputed jewel of McNamara's 14-year administration, the fledgling Edward H. McNamara Terminal. The sophisticated midfield terminal, to be the home of airport hub company, Northwest Airlines, remains slated to open in January 2002.

So, with a lot at stake, given the multi-billion makeover at Metro, McNamara addressed concerns about how the attacks prompted a major business slump for the airlines – and about what might happen if Northwest, Metro's top air carrier, decided to pull out of Detroit.

"I don't think they're going to go out of business, maybe some of them will," McNamara said. "But the Detroit hub is going to be one of the most desirable hubs in the whole universe, bar none. And if Northwest isn't there, United or American will just step up. It's just too wealthy an operation for them to let it go."

Despite continuing media scrutiny about how airport construction job contracts are being handled, McNamara told the gathering that everybody involved is focusing on the task at hand: constructing "a world-class airport we can all be proud of."

Clashing worlds

McNamara prefaced many of his comments – and answers during the subsequent Q & A session – with a touch of tongue-in-cheek humor that sometimes bordered on the sarcastic.

The Plymouth resident and former Livonia mayor lamented the county-state confrontation involving airport contracts and pinned it on partisan politics. "One of my difficulties is I'm a Democrat in a Republican world."

Only two weeks ago, the county commission approved a memorandum of understanding with Northwest. It included the formation of a so-called "stakeholders" committee to review construction bids. But, that same week, state Sen. Glenn Steil (R-Grand Rapids) unveiled his own oversight committee, in response to alleged mismanagement and cronyism regarding airport deals.

Steil's committee was created following a lengthy investigation, a probe McNamara said cost about \$600,000 to conduct.

"Mr. Steil proposed a new level of government," said McNamara matter-of-factly, "(With) nine people, five appointed by the governor of the state, and they'd look at every contract."

That means the state would have to review anywhere from 5,000 to 7,000 contracts annually – and then forward them to the county commission for a final decision.

"We will stop that airport dead in its tracks" under such a system, McNamara warned. "Nothing will happen. It (the new terminal) won't even open in January if these guys have their way."

McNamara also made it clear that taxpayers of Wayne County would not be stuck paying the bill should struggling airlines

not be able to pay off \$900 million in bonds for the planned second phase of Metro's facelift. He said various airport fees, such as those for concessions, landings and parking, are expected to pay off the debt – not additional taxes.

"The bond is tax-exempt because it's sold by the county," McNamara explained. "But the county has absolutely no responsibility financially to make sure that bond is paid."

Up to speed

Touching on other topics, McNamara said it was unfortunate that a city with a "world-class" airport remains saddled with a "third-world public transportation system." To generate revenue for a high-speed transit system, he suggested a gas tax of 25 cents per gallon.

McNamara said he hoped the county and Detroit will get together on an economic development project for Michigan

Avenue businesses. But McNamara said the county has not been contacted to try to put new life into Tiger Stadium.

"Detroit hasn't contacted us," McNamara said. "I think the talk right now is to tear it down, and that's a shame."

At the beginning of his talk, the first of Fairlane Club Forum guest speaker luncheons, McNamara outlined some of the responsibilities faced by the county. "We're accused of just

running airports but we do a lot of other stuff."

For example, there are: 1,500 miles of road; three jails; the need to provide cost-effective health care for 40,000 indigents; programs for dealing with juvenile delinquency and at-risk children; a new, state-of-the-art medical examiner's office; an expanded parks and recreation system and efforts on behalf of keeping the Rouge River and Newburgh Lake clean.

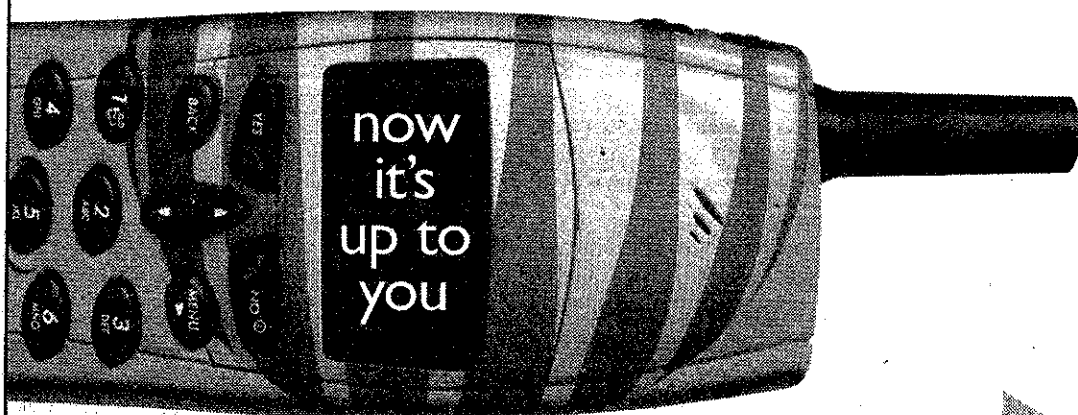
"And we're responsible for the

greenage in the county," he added. "Hines Park is a flood plain. It's kept that way so that the water doesn't go into your basement, ... it goes into Hines Park."

After the program, guest Louise Carlson of Dearborn Heights said it was interesting and informative to hear what McNamara had to say.

"I thought the answers were straight-forward," Carlson said. "I think he's doing a good job."

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Reach for the sky

JAZZ FLUTIST HOPES

TO RAISE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FOR RED CROSS

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Alexander Zonjic still seems stunned a month after terrorist attacks destroyed the twin towers of the World Trade Center. The loss of thousands of people preys on his mind as he talks about the tragedy in between taping his morning radio program for Smooth Jazz WMVM 98.7 FM in Farmington Hills.

Zonjic admits life changed for him and everyone that morning. Until then he'd been happily planning a release party for his new CD *Reach for the Sky*.

It was to be a celebration for the flutist whose last solo recording, *Passion*, hit the store shelves in 1993. Saxophonist Kirk Whalum and keyboardist Jeff Lorber played on the new CD and were to appear on stage with Zonjic for the release.

"We were watching on a black and white TV at the radio station," said Zonjic. "It was so surreal."

Surreal and sad, so sad Zonjic changed his plans for the CD release party. Instead, he'll donate the net proceeds from an Oct. 18 concert to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

New York holds special memories for Zonjic. Over the years, he's played everywhere from Carnegie Hall to the Blue Note in Greenwich Village.

"We were going about the process of setting everything up when everyone's life changed," said Zonjic. "Once the smoke cleared no one was thinking about new CDs. We'd lost the enthusiasm. I wasn't comfortable thinking about doing it. We started a dialogue. I said we had to change the focus of this. We had to have a reason to do this. How can we help? I talked with people at the radio station and we decided to present a benefit concert for the Red Cross."

Once all the musicians involved realized it was a benefit, Zonjic said "they wanted to participate even more."

That touched Zonjic deeply. He's been in the music business since the late 1960s and appreciated the fact friends such as Bob James, Whalum and Lorber wanted to help with the effort.

Reach for the Sky suddenly became more than just a title for a CD by the flutist who spent most of his career pushing the limits of musical styles. They were reaching for the sky to raise thousands of dollars to help victims of the terrorist attacks. *Reach for the Sky* now became part of the healing. But then so did one of the songs on the new CD. When Zonjic recorded *Amazing Grace* he never imagined the spiritual would have such meaning for the mil-

lions of Americans reeling from the tragedy.

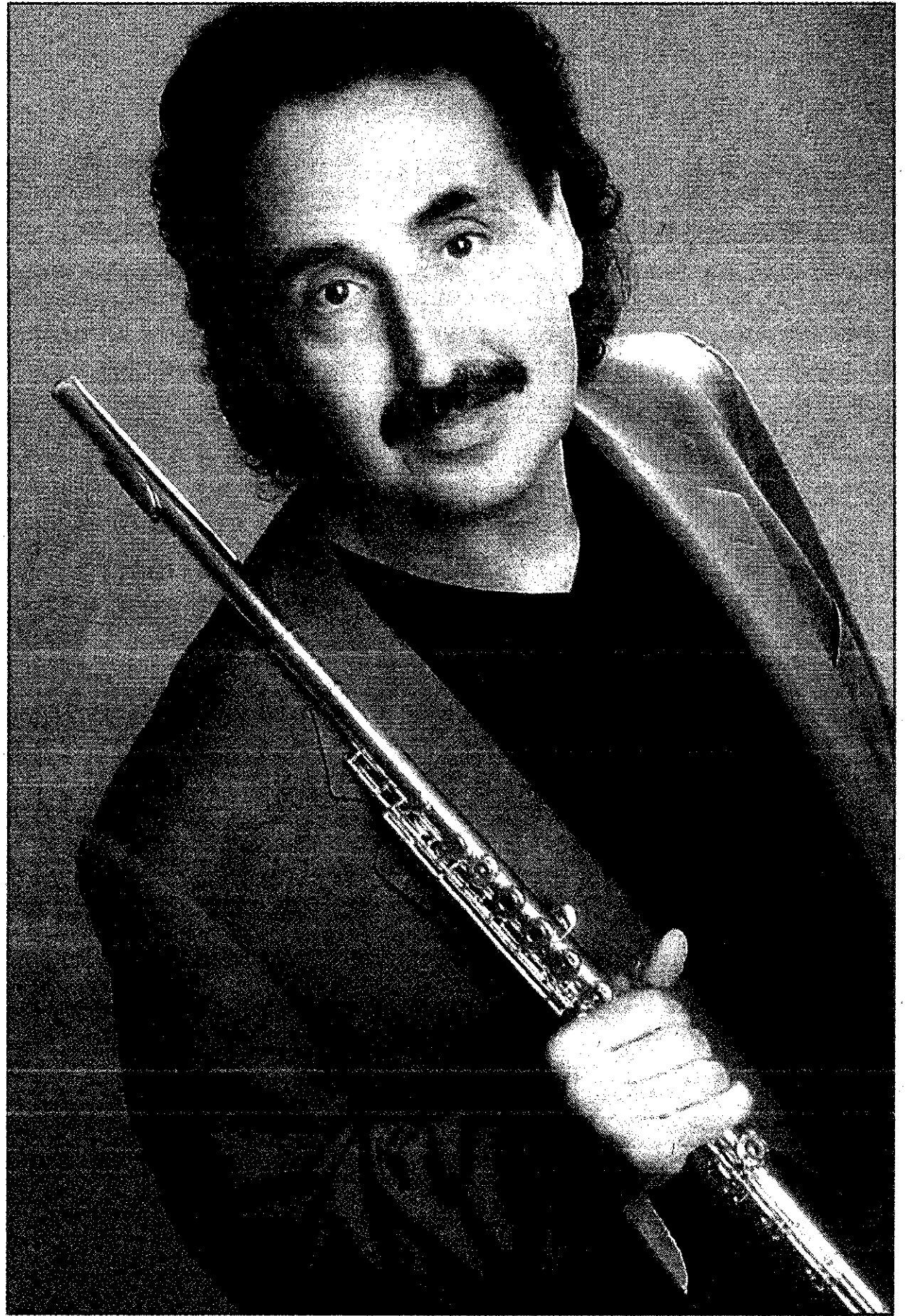
"It's inspiring," said Zonjic. "I wanted it to be more upbeat, never realizing."

Looking back

Reach for the Sky was to be a celebration of Zonjic's career, and it is. There are early tunes like Carole King's *It's Too Late*, which Zonjic played as a rock guitarist in Toronto 30

years ago. *Angela* (Theme from *Taxi*) pays tribute to James with whom Zonjic toured with for 10 years in the 1980s. James wrote the theme for the television comedy which took place in the heart of New York.

Chuck Mangione's *Bellavia* is sure to be a favorite because of Zonjic's ethereal sound. The Beatles' tune *A Hard Day's Night* came out just as the Canadian-born Zonjic decided to become a musician at age nine. After playing several years in a rock band he bought a flute from a stranger on the street and at 21 became enthralled with the instrument. Before



Benefit concert: Alexander Zonjic introduces his new CD at a concert to benefit the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

long he auditioned to study classical music at the University of Windsor. After graduation Zonjic continued to study flute with Ervin Monroe, principal flute for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. In addition to three CDs released with Monroe, Zonjic recorded several solo CDs including *Elegant Evening*, *Romance with You*, *When is it Real*, *Neon* and *Passion*.

He also recorded with James after meeting him while playing at Baker's Keyboard Lounge in Detroit. Over the years Zonjic's not only recorded with prominent musicians but performed with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

"The CD's a mix of covers and originals, a result of musical collaboration through the years; if not on the CD these musicians helped in some way," said Zonjic. "All the tunes - there's nothing by chance. It's eclectic. It represents the new, old. It's different

songs that have significance in different points in my career. *It's Too Late* from the late 60s, I was playing guitar in a rock band in Toronto, Crosstown Traffic. If it's a great song then, it's a great song now."

"There's *Swinging Shepherd Blues* by Moe Koffman who recently passed away. Moe was a big influence on me. There's only a handful of flute players that have made an impact on the music world like he has."

It's apparent a lot of thought went into selecting songs for the new CD, but so did time. Zonjic spent a period of 18 months recording *Reach for the Sky* in Los Angeles, Nashville and the Detroit area.

"When you're recording there's all the time involved and funds," said Zonjic. "It's a joyous event. It's like a musical child."

One Zonjic will proudly but modestly introduce to the public Thursday, Oct. 18.

COMEDY



Kathleen Madigan

Kathleen Madigan finds fodder for laughter

BY MIKE MURPHY
SPECIAL WRITER

Kathleen Madigan's life has been in disarray since September's terrorist attack, but the attacks aren't the only reason for the mess.

"Excuse all this construction noise," Madigan said over the phone from her home outside of Los Angeles. "It's very loud. They're building a house next door to me, and I'm learning Spanish. Eight hours a day."

Madigan's scheduled to appear at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle Oct. 12 and 13 and she said she's had to revamp her act a bit since the September tragedies, which also caused her to be bumped off *Late Night with David Letterman*.

"The Bush jokes, you can't do them now," says

Madigan, in her raspy, smoker's voice. "The whole terrorist thing has affected everything."

Fortunately, it hasn't affected Madigan's ability to turn everything else in the world into a joke. Current events aside, the 35-year-old St. Louis native's still got popular culture icons like Martha Stewart, Oprah Winfrey and Barbara Walters to kick around.

"My dad always told me there's no such thing as a stupid question, and then I saw Barbara Walters interview Ann Heche. I said 'No Dad, there's about 500 of them,'" Madigan said.

And then there's her family, which doesn't escape Madigan's humor.

The comedian said she called her mother and told her she was thinking of having Lasek surgery done

on her eyes because of her nearsightedness. Her mom told her to wait, she had a coupon for it.

Or how about the time she brought her family to the 1996 American Comedy Awards where Madigan was recognized as the year's best female stand-up performer?

"My dad saw Bea Arthur and said 'Look, there's Maude,'" Madigan said. "Even Grandpa knew she was on *Golden Girls*."

Growing up in St. Louis, Madigan had no intentions of becoming a comedian. She graduated from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville in 1987 with a journalism degree and began working as a bartender and a freelance journalist for a suburban

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Drama:
Nora
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struggles
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for control
of her life
in "A Doll's
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the campus of Wayne State University. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. on select and Saturdays. Tickets \$12-\$20, call (313) 577-2972.

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St. Louis newspaper.

But neither job made the grade for Madigan, who said that while bartending was fun, it didn't offer much of a future. Working as a journalist was something she went into for lack of anything better to do. Besides, she was having a good time at it, she said.

"Everything was so serious," Madigan said. "I thought, 'I want to have fun,' and I always have fun going to clubs."

In 1989, she and a friend found themselves at the St. Louis Funny Bone Comedy Club on amateur night and Madigan had her epiphany.

"I thought, I could do that. I could be that bad," Madigan said.

Now, Madigan spends about two weeks each month touring comedy clubs across the country. She's made numerous appearances on television shows including *The Tonight Show*, *Late Night with David Letterman* and *Conan O'Brien*.

Other network appearances include VH1's *The List*, *Comedy Central Presents*, HBO's *Women of the Night* and her own HBO half-hour comedy special.

She's also entertained audiences in Hong Kong, Ireland and Canada and released her own comedy CD, *Kathleen Madigan Live*.

In a nutshell, she's been busy.

"I wish we were like rock stars, where you could go on tour for six months and take eight years off and have a nervous breakdown, but we don't have that luxury," Madigan said.

The now-veteran comedian writes all her own material and she wouldn't have it any other way.

"I write every word of it. I want to say what I want to say," Madigan said. "I'm my own boss. I can fire myself, and rehire myself."

As a side project, Madigan is involved in the making of a documentary on early female comedians. The documentary traces female comedy back to its Vaudeville days.

Madigan and her associates are in the process of shopping the project to networks. As of yet, they haven't found a buyer, but Madigan said she's learned a thing or two about women and comedy.

When only three networks existed, female comedians didn't have to work as hard as they do now, but female stand-up comedians were fewer and farther in between, Madigan said.

"Once you got on TV, it was instant fame," Madigan said, citing classic stand-up artists like Phyllis Diller and Moms Mabley. "Plus these people were making like \$60,000 a week in Vegas, which was the only place to play."

Madigan doesn't think it's as hard for women to make it in comedy as it was back then but she said her difficulty is in convincing men in the audience that she's different from a lot of female stand-ups.

"The hard thing for me is communicating to men that I'm not a male-bashing comedian," Madigan said. "Trashing men is just old."

When she's not performing, Madigan enjoys sporting activities like golf and surfing.

One of the highlights of her career thus far is that it gave her the opportunity to play with golf legend Arnold Palmer, but she's more likely to be seen playing in St. Louis with her mother's 9-hole golf league.

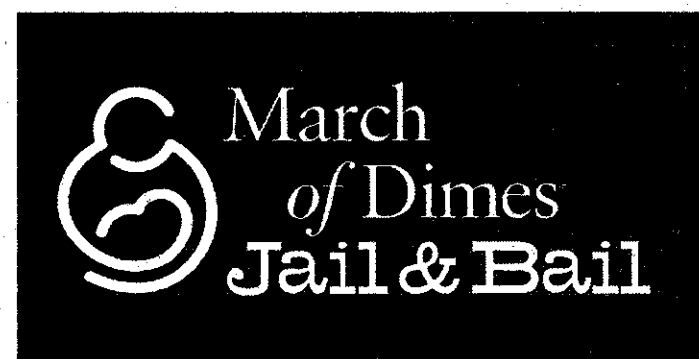
"It's a great thing to do to feel good about yourself," Madigan said. "Those ladies say things about me like, 'You can tell she's a good golfer because she looks for the flag.'"

Madigan ranks herself a rung lower when it comes to surfing, which she took up when she moved to California.

A storm in Hawaii was wreaking havoc on Pacific Coast waves when this interview was conducted.

"The waves are too big for me," Madigan said. "I don't think my health care insurance covers asinine behavior at the age of 35."

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Deathcab for Cutie takes snapshots of sound



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

Ben Gibbard wants to take you backpacking. And when the lead singer for Seattle's Deathcab for Cutie extends an invitation – particularly one with stops at a Coney Island carousel, a Los Angeles airport and a European adventure – you just can't refuse. Pack a camera and grab a copy of the band's latest CD.

The unforgettably-named West Coast quartet just released their third full-length effort, *The Photo Album*, on Barsuk Records – striking a balance between the sheer pop of its debut *Something About Airplanes* (1998) and the more solemn-sounding *We Have the Facts and We're Voting Yes* (2000). The 10 songs on *The Photo Album* offer pop-infused, poetic snapshots from Gibbard's wandering mind and all sound influenced by his recent travels.

He begins these tales from the comfort of his front porch, surprised by the girl he thought had gotten away. From there, hope, heartbreak and even reflections on death follow. Wherever Gibbard goes, it feels you're right there beside him. Band members Chris Walla, Nick Harmer and Michael Schorr make the ride that much more memorable.

I spoke to Gibbard recently, while he was working at a friend's store in Seattle. From Rudy's Vintage, where he claimed to be "rocking out to the new American Analog Set," Gibbard reflects on the short history of how this all began.

"We were going to school up in Bellingham, an hour and a half north of Seattle," he begins. "I was in a band at the time, of no real importance. Chris just moved to town. I ended up recording eight songs."

So he brought in a few friends to work on his material and soon enough, Deathcab for Cutie came into being. Timing seemed per-

fect. "I graduated in 1998 and the record came out in August," said Gibbard. There was no confusion about what to do after college.

Garnering attention and surviving a lineup change, the band moved onward, showing strength in their songs.

"Every song comes from a different place," said Gibbard. Many are based on places he's been and people he's known. Some sound more like daydream than reality. He wrote the opening track late one night. "I thought it would be a good way to end the record, or a good way to begin the record." With the first quick breath and notes that draw you in, it's decided, he was right.

On *Information Travels Faster*, Gibbard returns to his European travels and an American girl he met on the way. "She was this really weird character," he said. "She went to graduate school for poetry. I asked her 'What do you feel you accomplished?' She said, 'I learned to look at my own writing objectively.'" He turns his disbelief, and this personal story, into engaging, music that trickles right along.

The band is working on a video, or more likely a short film, featuring the song and another, *I am a Kaleidoscope*.

On a darker note, Gibbard wrote the sad tale *Styrofoam Plates* based on the story of a close friend who grew up in the shadow of an absent, alcoholic father. "His dad passed away and it was a really weird affair," said Gibbard. The song deals with closure and resentment, whether or not to forgive a man for all the pain he caused, simply because he died.

Gibbard feels *The Photo Album* is the band's best work yet. Showing strength in melody and that dreamy lyrical quality, it's an easy one to appreciate.

And when he's not playing music, Gibbard can be found



Deathcab for Cutie

golfing or riding his bike around Seattle. He's looking forward to returning to Michigan on this tour. He plans to stay with family who live in the Ann Arbor area. "I love Ann Arbor. We stay with cousins and their wives." He was packing already, a week before the band was scheduled to leave. Talk about being prepared.

When Deathcab return next week, look for a tour-only EP containing three songs which almost appeared on *The Photo Album*: a Bjork cover and two new songs – *Stability* and *20th Century Travelers*.

Don't miss this Photo op, Deathcab for Cutie performs with friends *The Prom*, *Red Shirt Brigade*, *Saturday*, Oct. 20, *Magic Stick*, Detroit. Call (313) 833-9700.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about popular music for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Call (734) 953-2130 or e-mail scasola@oe.homecomm.net.

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PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY: *Trouble in Mind* continues through Sunday, Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday and 6 p.m. Sunday, Anderson Center Theatre at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$20 advance, \$25 at door; matinee \$15 advance, \$25 at door; seniors/students \$15 advance, \$20 at door, and two-for-one Thursdays \$20 for two in advance, \$25 for two at the door. (313) 872-0279

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CAPITOL THEATRE: *The Nearness of You*, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at the theater, 121 University Ave., W., Windsor, Ontario. \$18 adults, \$12 students and seniors Canadian. (519) 253-7729 or www.capitol.on.ca

NOVI THEATRES: *The Crucible* 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 26-27, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at the Novi Civic Center Stage. \$8 advance, \$10 at door. (248) 347-0400

REDBUD PRODUCTIONS: *The Shadow Box* 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 25-27, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 27-28, at Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti. \$14, \$10 students/seniors. (734) 663-7167

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS: *Once Upon a Mattress*, Oct. 12-14, 19-21 and 26-28, at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy. (248) 988-7049. www.ridgedaleplayers.com

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HAUNTED FOREST: With ghouls and fiends in the theme of Sleepy Hollow guiding patrons along the path, 7-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 26-27, between the Livonia Family YMCA and Frost Middle School, Livonia. \$3, proceeds going to YMCA Partners with Youth Campaign

LITTLE GOBLINS' NIGHT OUT: Trick and treat and a hayride for children ages 8 and younger, 5-7:30 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Oct. 28-29, Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores. \$7. Reservations required. (313) 884-4222

SLAUGHTERHOUSE: Featuring 7,000 square feet of sets and adventures designed by artists working for Disney and Universal studios, through Halloween, Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Recommended to those 12 and older due to graphic nature of exhibits. \$10 Monday-Thursday, \$12 Friday-Saturday. (248) 601-1925, www.slaughterhouseonline.com

ZOO BOO: The Detroit Zoo's annual Halloween event takes place 6 p.m. Oct. 19-21, 26-28 and 30-31, at the zoo, Royal Oak; and at the Belle Isle Zoo 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, Oct. 17-21. \$4. (248) 398-0900 or www.detroitzoo.org

CLASSICAL

ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY WOODWIND QUINTET: Into the Winds, an introduction to woodwind family highlighted with music, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr., Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 971-0990.

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE: Seventy-sixth season opens 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11 at Birmingham Community House. Program includes performances by soprano Carol Petty, pianist Elsie Watson, and a flute trio. (248) 288-3723

CRANBROOK MUSIC GUILD: Presents the St. Petersburg String Quartet 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, at Christ Church Cranbrook, Cranbrook and Lone Pine roads. \$25 at door, \$15 students. (810) 751-2435

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

AVON PLAYERS: Auditions for *The 1940s Radio Hour*, four females (late teens to middle age) and eight males (late teens to over age 60), 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Oct. 15-16, high-energy ensemble performers who can harmonize and sing in true jazz style will be required as well as non-singing roles, all singers will audition to *I'll Be Seeing You*, at the playhouse, Rochester Hills. (248) 650-2526

COUNTY CONNECTION CHORUS: Auditions women for its Sweet Adelines-affiliated a capella women's group, 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, UAW Local 898 Hall, 8975 Textile Road, Ypsilanti. Informal audition; sight reading not required. (734) 480-8843 or chorus@sweetadelines.org.

HURON VALLEY HARMONIZERS: Can you juggle, perform magic, dance or play a musical instrument? Are you part of an acrobatic troupe? The Harmonizers are presenting a variety show Nov. 10 at Washtenaw Community College and are still looking for a few acts to add to their vocal presentation. (734) 728-2453 evenings, (734) 260-5445 days

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS: Auditions for *Wait Until Dark*, 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Oct. 22-23, Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River, Detroit. (313) 532-4010

SPIRIT OF DETROIT CHORUS: Gives a series of singing lessons 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, 23 and 30, and Thursday, Oct. 18 and 25, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. The lessons will be held before the choruses Tuesday rehearsal and at a special time on Thursday. The lessons are free, but there is a \$5 fee for materials. (313) 937-2429, (734) 525-7493 or (248) 363-1929

ZAMIR CHORALE OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT: Open rehearsals and auditions for new members, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Congregation Beth Achim, 5075 W. Maple, Bloomfield Township. (248) 661-9505

Counting to ... Remy Zero

If you have a tendency to judge others by the company they keep, Birmingham Alabama's Remy Zero don't have any reason for concern.

The band has toured with a diverse mix of talent from the much-admired Radiohead, to unpredictable Hole, from the sentimental poetics of Counting Crows to Brit pop sweethearts Travis, Remy Zero has supported some of the best, and earned fans every step of the way.

Transplanted to Los Angeles, the band has just released its first record for Elektra, *The Golden Hum* and is once again on the road with Travis. With one listen though, Remy Zero earns recognition and praise all their own.

Together since boyhood, the bandmates - (left to right) Cedric LeMoine, Cinjun Tate, Jeffrey Cain, Shelby Tate and Gregory Slay - claim that music is "just something that happens between friends."

Be there to experience it 7:30 tonight as special guests Remy Zero and headliners Travis come to Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. Tickets for this all ages show cost \$22-\$25. Call (248) 645-6666.

- By Stephanie A. Casola



8 days a week

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POPS/SWING/ CABARET

BIRD OF PARADISE ORCHESTRA: 9 p.m. Monday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310 (big band, swing, bop)

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: With Music Director of the Academy Awards, Bill Conti, 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111

JAZZ/BLUES

RON BROOKS TRIO: 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

BUCK 'N' THE SYSTEM: 9:30-11 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Oct. 19, Michael's on the River, Flat Rock. (734) 782-1401

DOUG DEMING AND THE BLUE SUIT BAND: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. Free. (248) 645-2150

PAUL FINKBEINER'S JAM SESSION: 9 p.m. Sunday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$2 cover. (734) 662-8310

RICK K. AND BRAZIL AND BEYOND: 8-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at Big Fish, Dearborn. (313) 336-3650

MIKE KAROUB'S CELLO JAZZ: 8-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, Borders Books and Music, 45290 Utica Park, Boulevard, Utica. (810) 726-8555

LOS GATOS: 9 p.m. Wednesday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

HERBIE HANCOCK: With saxophonist Michael Brecker and trumpeter Roy Hargrove, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$18-\$49. (313) 576-5111 or www.detroitssymphony.com

SHEILA LANDIS TRIO: With Rick Matle and Dennis Sheridan, 8-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. (248) 652-7057

LORI LEFEVRE: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 12-13, Bird of Paradise, 312 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10; \$7 students. (734) 662-8310

BRETT LUCAS BAND: 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Oct. 4-5, Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

MIKE KAROUB'S CELLO JAZZ: 8-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, Borders Books and Music, 45290 Utica Park Boulevard, Utica. (810) 726-8555

FILO MACHADO: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 19-20, Bird of Paradise, 312 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10; \$7 students. (734) 662-8310 or www.thebirdofparadise.com

WYNTON MARSALIS: With the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, Hill Auditorium, 825 S. University Ave., Ann Arbor. \$20-\$48. (734) 764-2538

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With vocalist Sandra Mandella, 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road, Westland. \$5 cover with dinner, \$10 cover without dinner. (734) 762-7756

ROBERT MICHAELS AND FRIENDS: 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, south of 10 Mile Road, Southfield. \$10; \$8 seniors and students. (248) 424-9022

JANE MONHEIT: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, Power Center, Ann Arbor. \$25 and \$30. (734) 763-TKTS

LARRY NOZERO JAZZ QUINTET: Perform 8 p.m. to midnight Mondays, at Mitch Housey's Food & Spirits, Livonia. (734) 425-5520 or visit the Web site at www.larrynozero.com

ROBERT PENN: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 12-13, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. (248) 645-2150

TONY POPE'S N'ORLEANS SIX: 3-6 p.m. every other Saturday, at S.K. Brewer's Food and Spirits, Southfield, \$6 cover. Food available during show and dinner hour. (248) 476-2674

RJ'S RHYTHM ROCKERS: 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. Free. (248) 645-2150

RANDY VOLIN AND THE SONIC BLUES: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Oct. 19, Edison's, 200 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. (248) 645-2150

BARBARA WARE AND THE MATT MICHAELS TRIO: 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, First Baptist Church, Willits and Bates streets, Birmingham. Free. (248) 644-0550

FOLK/ ACOUSTIC

RFD BOYS: 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10; \$9 members, students, seniors. (734) 761-1451

POETRY

LABOR POETS TRIBUTE: With Minnie Bruce Pratt, Judith Roche, Charles Potts, Stephen Thomas, Angelo Verga, Ernest Lewis III and Wardell Montgomery Jr. and Murray Jackson

DAVID LEHMAN: With Bib Hickok, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, The Scarab Club, 217 E. Farnsworth, Detroit. Free. (313) 831-1250

COUNTRY MUSIC

THE TWANG BANGERS TOUR: Featuring Bill Kirchen, Dallas Wayne, Red Volkaert and Joe Goldmark, 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 761-1451

WORLD MUSIC

KLEZMATICS: 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$16-\$45. (313) 576-5111 (Jewish folk)

PAT MCDUNN: 8-11 p.m. Friday, at Duke Humphries, Rochester Hills. No cover. (248) 601-1100 (Irish)

DANCE

MOON-DUSTERS: Ballroom dancing to live bands, featuring swing, fox trot, waltz, cha-cha and Latin, 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road at Five Mile. \$5. (248) 967-1428

RHYTHM N' SHOES: Weekly ballroom/Latin dance party with DJ, 8:30-10:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the club, 2172 Franklin Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$7. (248) 334-0299

SAN FRANCISCO MIME TROUPE: *Eating It*, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, Power Center, Ann Arbor. \$12.50 and \$16.50. (734) 763-TKTS

U-M BALLROOM DANCE CLUB: Ballroom dance lesson and open dancing 4-10 p.m. Sunday, at the Union Ballroom, Ann Arbor. \$2. (734) 763-6984

COMEDY

ANN ARBOR COMEDY SHOWCASE: 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 12-13; Maryellen Hooper, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 19-20, at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Derek Richards, Oct. 11-14; Chas Elstner, Oct. 18-21, at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Kathleen Madigan, Oct. 11-13. \$15 Thursday, \$17.50 Friday, and \$20 Saturday (special engagement); Mike Lukas and Rob Little, Oct. 18-20; \$6 Thursday, \$12 Friday, \$14 Saturday. (248) 542-9900

ROYAL OAK THEATRE: Margaret Cho performs two shows, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at the theatre. \$25-\$35. 21 and older. (248) 645-6666

SECOND CITY: *Mayor-Go-Round* Thursday-Sunday; Jammin' Wednesdays featuring *The Best of Second City*, at Second City-Detroit. (248) 645-6666

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

CRANBROOK HOUSE: Tours continue to Oct. 25, walk-in Sunday tours at 3 p.m. for \$10, and 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Thursday for \$10, \$15 for lunch (reservations needed), at 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3147. Tours also available of Saarinen House, call (877) 462-7262

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE: *Mostly Music*, a hands-on, interactive exhibit that offers opportunities to listen to music from different eras and countries, and experiment with various instruments while learning about harmony and dissonance, tone and pitch,

and rhythm and synthesizers, continues to Jan. 6, at the museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. \$7 adults; \$4 children ages 4-17, students with ID and senior citizens ages 65 and older; free for children ages 3 and younger. 1-877-462-7262 or www.cranbrook.edu

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM: Classical dancer and scholar Sudha Chandra Sekhar leads a workshop and teaches participants about the lifestyle, holidays and cuisine of East Indian cultures as part of the children's Wiggle Giggle Series, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at the museum, 1460 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. \$4.50 adults; \$2.25 seniors and children 12-18; free for children ages 11 and younger. (313) 833-1807 or www.detroithistorical.org

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE: IMAX movies *'NSync* and *Super Speedway* continue at the museum, Dearborn. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL: Tours continue through June 1:30 p.m., Monday-Sunday, and 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, teas 3-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Jan. 15, Feb. 19 (\$30, prepaid reservations required), at the hall in Rochester. (248) 370-3140 or www.meadowbrookhall.org

LIVE MUSIC

THE ADAM CHILD: Wednesday, Oct. 17, Leopold Brothers, Ann Arbor. (734) 747-9806

TORI AMOS: With Rufus Wainwright, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, Fox Theatre, Detroit. (248) 645-6666

THE ANNIVERSARY: With Superdrag, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (248) 645-6666

BISMARCK: Saturday, Oct. 13, Nik's Bar & Grill, Romulus. (734) 326-9300

THE BLACK CROWES: With Beachwood Sparks, 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, Eastern Michigan Convocation Center, Ypsilanti. (248) 645-6666

BLESSID UNION OF SOULS: 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, Varner Recital Hall, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. Tickets \$9 OU students, otherwise \$15. (248) 370-4295

THE BLUES AIRMEN: With Gacy's Crawlspace, Saturday, Oct. 20, Nik's Bar & Grill, Romulus. (734) 326-9300

BLUE CAT: 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800

BONNE TEMPS ROULE: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 19-20, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800

BROADZILLA: With deathgirl.com, Throttlebody, 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$7. (248) 544-3030

AL CARMICHAEL: 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15, 22, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800

CHICK N' CATS: Saturday, Oct. 20, The Rookie Sports Cafe, Wayne. (734) 729-7337

CLOUD 9: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-8555

THE DAMNED: With Swingin' Utters, 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$15-\$17. (248) 645-6666

DEAP RHYTHUM: Saturday, Oct. 20, Phil's, Garden City. (734) 522-9450

DE LA SOUL: With Bionics, Biz Markie, 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. 18 and older. \$30. (248) 645-6666

DETROIT BLUES SOCIETY: Presents Detroit Blues Piano Summit V, with Mike Montgomery, Kerry Price, Kenny Cox, Bob Seely, 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, Scarab Club, Detroit. All ages. Free. (313) 831-1250

THE DONNAS: With The Kicks, The Eyeliners, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$12. All ages. (313) 833-9700

DROPKICK MURPHYS: With Sick of It All, Tiger Army, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. \$13. (248) 645-6666

D-12: With Kottonmouth Kings, Bionic Jive, Sunny Ledfurd, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. \$25. (248) 645-6666

BOB DYLAN: 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, Cobo Hall, Detroit. \$25-\$37.50. (248) 645-6666

EAGLE EYE CHERRY: Cancelled.

THE FAINT: 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and older. \$8-\$10. (248) 645-6666

FAMILY VALUES TOUR: With Stone Temple Pilots, Staind, Linkin Park, Static-X, Spike 1000, Monday, Oct. 15, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$45 reserved and general admission. (248) 645-6666

50 CENT HEADRUSH: With Liquid #9, Friday, Oct. 12, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 26-27, Nik's Bar & Grill, Romulus. (734) 326-9300

FISHBONE: 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$18. (734) 996-8555

THE FLOATING HEADS: Saturday, Oct. 13, Phil's, Garden City. (734) 522-9450

SHAKE FOWLKES BENEFIT: Hosted by Robert Bradley, featuring Howling Diablos, Reefermen, 2D14, Ferris of Give, 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. 18 and older welcome. Donations at the door.

FUNKTELLIGENCE: 9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$6-\$8. (734) 996-8555

GARAJ MAHAL: With Full, 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 18 and older. \$12. (734) 623-9962

GROUND ZERO GIT DOWN TOUR: With Fishbone, Bluffy, Dirty Walt & The Columbus Sanitations, Mr. Madvibe, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$18. (248) 645-6666

HARLOW: 9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 22, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. All ages. \$10. (734) 996-8555

HAUNTFEST: 6-10 p.m. Thursday and Sunday in October, 6-10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday in October, and 6-11 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Oct. 29-31 only and 12-4 p.m. matinees Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 27-28 at DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. (248) 645-6666

DAN HICKS & THE HOT LICKS: With Heather Eatman, 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030

AL HILL & THE LOVE BUTLERS: 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, 336 Main, Plymouth. (734) 454-6500; 9p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Oct. 23-25, Habitat, inside Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-3636; Solo performances, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 19-20, 336 Main, Plymouth. (734) 454-6500

CLAIRE HOLLEY: 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$8-10. (734) 464-6302

LISA HUNTER: 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main, Ann Arbor.

IMMUNITY: 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Cavern Club, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900; 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 2-3, Bachelor's, Keego Harbor.

INCUBUS: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. \$25. (248) 645-6666

THE INDEPENDENTS: With Jettingham, Blindshot, 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5, The Shelter, Detroit. \$8. (248) 645-6666

INSANE CLOWN POSSE: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, Michigan State Fairgrounds, Eight Mile and Woodward, Detroit. All ages. \$25. (248) 645-6666

JAH WOBBLE AND DEEP SPACE: 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and older. \$12. (248) 645-6666

JANE'S ADDICTION: With Live, Stereo MC's, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$45-50. (248) 645-6666

JENDZA: With Gunhack, Crash 94, 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, Emerald Theatre, Mount Clemens. 18 and older. (810) 913-1920

ELTON JOHN: 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. \$47.50-\$87.50. (248) 645-6666

50 CENT HEADRUSH: With Liquid #9, Friday, Oct. 12, Nik's Bar & Grill, Romulus. (734) 326-9300; Friday-Saturday, Oct. 26-27, Nik's Bar & Grill, Romulus. (734) 326-9300

KOMPOSIT: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-8555

LADY SHUNSHINE AND THE X BAND: 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

BOBBY LEWIS & THE CRACKERJACK BAND: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 11-13, Major Tooley's, Northville. (248) 465-1680

MACHINE GUN KELLY: 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800

MAN OR ASTROMAN: 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$12. (313) 833-9700

STONE MAZAAR & THE WESTSIDERS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 12-13, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800

THE M-80S: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21 and 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. Tickets \$10 except New Year's Eve show, \$35 advance. 21 and older. (248) 645-6666

MOON BOOT LOVER: With The Flow, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-8555

MY LIFE WITH THE THRILL KILL KULT: With Professional Murder Music, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. 18 and older. \$12. (248) 645-6666

THE NEW DEAL: 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and older. \$10. (248) 645-6666

NEW FOUND GLORY: With H2O, RX Bandits, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, State Theatre, Detroit. \$25. (248) 645-6666

19.5 COLLECTIVE: 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, St. Andrew's Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$7. (248) 645-6666

NOIR LEATHER HALLOWEEN FETISH BALL: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$20. 18 and older. (248) 544-7938

ROBERT NOLL: Solo, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800

ORIGINAL HITS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, 23, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800

OYSTERHEAD: Featuring Trey Anastasio, Les Claypool, Stewart Copeland, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. (248) 645-6666

PERNICE BROTHERS: With Kingsbury Manx, 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$9. (248) 544-3030

PIEBALD: With Small Brown Bike, Few and Far Between, 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. (248) 645-6666

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TOUR: With Slipknot, Rammstein, American Head Charge, System of a Down, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, Cobo Arena, Detroit. \$37.50. (313) 471-6611

P.O.D.: With Fenix TX, Blindside, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. \$22. (248) 645-6666

PRESIDIO: With Kevin Boyer: 9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-8555

PRESTON SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY: Featuring Spiral Stairs of Pavement, With The Shins, The Standard, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and older. \$10. (248) 645-6666

PSYCHO 78: Misfits tribute band, with Smashbandits, 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, 313.JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. (313) 962-7067

PUDDLE OF MUDD: With Mesh, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$10. (248) 645-6666

RAVE FROM THE GRAVE: WDRQ hosts this Halloween costume party, 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$9.31 with proceeds donated to American Red Cross Disaster Relief. 21 and older. (248) 544-7938

DINING

Deadwood Bar & Grill mixes traditional dishes with wild game

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Restaurateurs Victor Dzenowagis and his wife, Linda Egeland, have earned a reputation for their subtlety.

They rely on simple interior designs and word of mouth to promote their restaurants, including Deadwood Bar and Grill, which is celebrating its second birthday.

"We don't need to pound our chests and say, 'Here we are,'" Dzenowagis said with a smile.

Its elusiveness is its charm. Located on a bend on Northville Road near Seven Mile Road, Deadwood's building is tucked back. Upon entry, the music of country artists Brad Paisley and Johnny Cash quietly floats through Deadwood, providing a hip venue for them and others trying to resuscitate the traditional end of the genre.

The decor resembles a northern Michigan cabin. Trees were hollowed and fashioned around support beams. The trunks of saplings were cut into potato chip-size slices and nailed to the wall in random order behind the bar.

"It's a neat little touch. I don't think a designer would think about that," Dzenowagis explained.

Custom-made pool tables from Idaho sit near the patio door, while the rural-looking dining area fills the rest of the building. Snow shoe scones provide a base for lights above the windows.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Hearty: Victor Dzenowagis (left) owner of Deadwood Bar & Grill serves up venison brochette from their wild game (left front), black & blue filet from their black Angus beef (left back), porcine mountain sundae (back right) and campfire whitefish (right front).

While subtlety is the key to the marketing campaign and decor, Deadwood thrives on serving hearty food. Dishes like duck tenders, warm grilled chicken salad, road kill grill and Guinness barbecue chicken have won over diners. A page full of specials, primarily consisting of fish dishes, changes daily.

Like the couple's other restaurants - Beaver Creek in Westland, the Moose Preserve in Bloomfield Hills, and Camp Ticonderoga in Troy - the menu is heavy on game. Wild thang is a sampling of Deadwood's appetizers including spicy venison

sausage, rabbit ravioli, duck tenders, whitefish pate and barbecue buffalo balls. The Montana Broil features Michigan farm-raised buffalo flank steak marinated in red wine and ginger, topped with grilled mushrooms on a bed of game sauce.

More familiar dishes make the cut: smoked turkey waldorf salad, filet mignon, ribs, burgers and sandwiches.

The drinks also possess subtle nuances. A "bloody moose" is a mixture of Pertsovka, Stoli Limonnaya and the house bloody mary mix poured into a spic-rimmed glass. A bleu cheese-

stuffed olive and a slice of venison sausage serve as garnish.

"It's not crazy, foo foo-type stuff. It's hearty, familiar and high quality," Dzenowagis explained.

One of the most popular items on the menu, he said, is its homemade chocolate chip cookies.

"They take eight minutes to cook. They're made to order. Sometimes customers will bring them back to the office, but sit and eat a few in their car first," he said.

Chain restaurants may serve the same food but, he explained, the similarities end there.

"Time and a lot of work - that's what separates us from chain experiences. We offer a different experience than they do. We offer the same consistency and same quality, with more of a flair, more intelligence and more sophistication without being pretentious."

The crowd evolves throughout the day. Business people stop in for lunch, while families and couples eat dinner. A 25-35-year-old bar crowd fills Deadwood between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Mondays bring in football fans to watch Monday Night Football.

The duo, former Westland residents who now live in Metamora, have had a successful run with their four restaurants.

Of the two, Egeland is the "creative person," while Dzenowagis described himself as the "crack the whip" behind-the-scenes employer. Egeland did all the decor herself, purchasing

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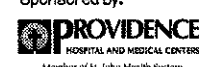
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Players of the Week

Madonna University earned top honors in three of the four sports categories last week for the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

■ In women's soccer, Becky Guibord — a sophomore forward from Dearborn — earned player of the week honors after scoring three goals in a 10-0 win over Concordia College. Teammate Christen Shull (from Plymouth Salem) was also considered for the honor, collecting two goals and four assists in the victory.

■ In volleyball, senior middle hitter Donna Birkenhieser was named player of the week after leading the Crusaders to a 5-0 record and a championship at the Indiana Wesleyan Wildcat Invitational last weekend. Birkenhieser had 61 kills with a .607 kill percentage and 19 blocks; she was named MVP at the Wildcat Invitational.

■ The volleyball setter of the week honor went to Madonna's Jennie Wind. A senior, Wind totaled 158 set assists in the Crusaders five wins (12.15 per game) and nine blocks. She was named to the Wildcat Invitational all-tournament team.

Hole in one

Dorothy Lindbloom, from Canton, got her first-ever hole-in-one while playing in the annual Canton Senior Outing Oct. 2 at Pheasant Run. Lindbloom's first ace in 15 years of golf came on the par-three, 93-yard 15th hole.

She got it with a seven iron.

Power moves up

Andy Power, a senior midfielder at Siena Heights University and a Plymouth Salem graduate, scored one goal and assisted on another in the Saints' 3-0 victory over Goshen College Saturday. That gave Power 40 goals and 28 assists for his career, a total of 108 points — third on Siena Heights all-time list.

For the season, Power has nine goals and seven assists. Siena Heights improved to 11-3 overall with Saturday's win.

Good Counsel reigns

For the second-straight season, Our Lady of Good Counsel's eighth-grade varsity volleyball team finished as undefeated champions in their CYO league. They will begin their pursuit of the CYO city championship Saturday.

Team members are Ashley Bowles, Teresa Coppiellie, Megan Hodges, Tatiana Imamura, Rachel Jeffery, Ashton Judis, Lauren Kurtz, Lauren Price, Courtney Ratkowiak, Nicole Rotondo and Laura Schroeter. The Crusaders are coached by Kmi Price.

CCJBSA nominations

Any members of the Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association wishing to nominate someone for president, secretary, vice president of boys upper division, vice president of fields or vice president of equipment should submit his/her name to the Elections Committee for review and approval.

It must be made in writing at least 30 days prior to the Nov. 26 meeting to be considered. Send all nominations to: CCJBSA, P.O. Box 700170, Plymouth, MI, 48170.

U-M soccer at Canton

The University of Michigan men's soccer team, sporting a 7-2-1 record, will play against Bowling Green State University in an NCAA Division I match 7:30 tonight at Canton High School.

Admission is free.

U-M features four starters with Observerland ties — goalkeeper Joe Zawacki and stopper Mike White, both of Livonia Stevenson; right defender Dave George, Livonia Churchill; and forward Karl Lopata, Farmington.

U-M assistant Walt Barrett formerly coached at Stevenson.

Tryouts

The Michigan Indians travel baseball club, based in Plymouth, will be holding open tryouts for next years 13-and-under team from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14 at Massey Field in Plymouth.

For more information call Mark Glover at (248) 349-3392.

Rebuilt Whalers ready for a title run



BY C.J. RISAK
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It was, indeed, a big weekend for Plymouth Whalers.

First, they welcomed the return of a pair of stalwarts from last season's Ontario Hockey League finalist in Stephen Weiss and Chad LaRose.

Both had been in NHL camps.

They returned in time to appear in Friday's game in London against the Knights, and Weiss — the Whalers leading scorer last season and the NHL's

fifth-overall draft pick — wasted no time getting accustomed to his surroundings. He scored his first goal of the season, and Plymouth's second of the game, just 8:31 into the first period. Weiss would finish with a goal and an assist in the Whalers' 8-0 win.

Defenseman Cole Jarrett scored twice for Plymouth and added an assist, and Tim Sestito contributed a goal and two assists. Sestito and Mike Smith each scored short-handed goals for the Whalers, while George Nistas had a goal and an assist. Other goals were netted by James Wisniewski (from Canton) and Jared Newman, and Kris Vernarsky picked up three assists.

Jason Bacashihua turned away 29 shots in picking up his first OHL shutout. Glen Ridler and Aaron Molnar were in goal for London.

Weiss got his second goal of the season Sunday in the Whalers' 3-1 victory over the Kingston Frontenacs at Plymouth's Compuware Arena. Sestito and Smith both scored in the second period to stake Plymouth to a 2-0 lead; each also had an assist in the period, as did Nistas.

Kingston closed to within one with a power-play goal by Kyle Neufeld 11:31 into the third, but Weiss'

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Coming up short

Canton takes 4th at WLAA Tournament

At the end of the Western Lakes Activities Association golf tournament, the non-scoring golfer's result suddenly counted.

Livonia Stevenson and Northville wound up all tied at 322 strokes Tuesday after the completion of the 18-hole tournament at Hudson Mills Golf Course.

That put it down to the tie-breaker — each team's fifth, usually non-scoring, competitor.

Northville's third, fourth and fifth golfers — *Dana Ogden, Tom Scott and Derek Miller* — shot 81, while Stevenson's fourth and fifth — Andy Byberg and Dru Girard — were both at 85. Thus, the Mustangs were crowned the WLAA tournament champ, clinching their second-straight tournament and overall league title.

Northville's point total for the tournament and dual-meet competition was 23. Stevenson was second with 17 and Farmington Harrison third at 16, "our best finish in years," according to Hawks' coach Bill Spencer.

Harrison's overall placement was due to its third-place finish in the tournament with a 330. Indeed, nine WLAA teams finished in an 11-stroke span.

Plymouth Canton was fourth (331), followed by Walled Lake Central (332), Walled Lake Western (334), Westland John Glenn (335), North Farmington (337 — won tiebreaker), Livonia Churchill (337), Farmington (338) and Plymouth Salem (340). Livonia Franklin placed 12th (352). *See statistical summary.*

"It was not unexpected to have Northville win," Stevenson coach John Wagner said. "They've been strong all season. They have fine players.



Top shooter: Ryan McKendry led Canton with a 79.

"Stevenson's boys were lucky enough to score a 322 and tie them. Although we lost on the tie-breaker, I'm proud of my boys."

The Spartans owned the meet medalist, Matt Bartnick, who shot a 3-over 74 to edge Harrison's Matt Lee by a stroke.

"I was very pleased with how I hit the ball and how I putted the ball particularly," said Bartnick, a senior. "It was real windy at certain points. But the temperature was good, which was a first for the last couple of years."

Only four other golfers managed to break 80 at Hudson Mills. Franklin's Cole Muncy and Central's Sean McMahon were next best, each with a 78; Canton's Ryan McKendry and Salem's Bobby Jones were next best with 79s.

Next up are the regionals, on Friday.

"We're looking forward to giving our best effort at the state regional at the Links at Pinewood," Wagner said.

The top three schools advance to the state meet. Salem, Canton, Stevenson, Churchill, Franklin, Northville, Western, Central, North and John Glenn will all be there, as well as Garden City and Redford Catholic Central.

"The competition will be extremely tough," he said. "Our regional is loaded with talented teams. Our work's cut out for us."

"I felt very good that the boys really put it all together (in the WLAA tournament). Even though all our numbers weren't extremely low relative to all the scores, our boys did a fine job."

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Madonna on a victory roll

So far, so good? How about *very* good? Madonna University's volleyball team continues to roll in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, collecting its seventh-straight win in conference play Tuesday with a 30-8, 30-18, 30-22 triumph over Concordia College at Madonna.

This coming on the heels of the Lady Crusaders' victory at the Wildcat Invi-

VOLLEYBALL

tational, hosted by Indiana Wesleyan last weekend in Marion, Ind.

The Crusaders stand at 19-6 overall, 7-0 in the WHAC. With Tuesday's loss, Concordia fell to 8-15 overall, 1-5 in the conference.

Lauren Ban and Donna Birkenhieser — who was named WHAC player of the week — each had 10 kills in the match, Ban with a .533 kill percentage and Birkenhieser with a .500. Birkenhieser also had seven blocks, while Ban had three blocks and five digs.

Jennifer Frost contributed nine kills (.615), five service aces, five digs and

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Raiders regain net crown

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North Farmington's only blemish in its girls tennis season thus far was a season-opening 4-4 tie with Northville.

On Tuesday, the Raiders made it clear they are the undisputed champions of the Western Lakes Activities Association by winning six of eight flights en route to a team-high 30 points.

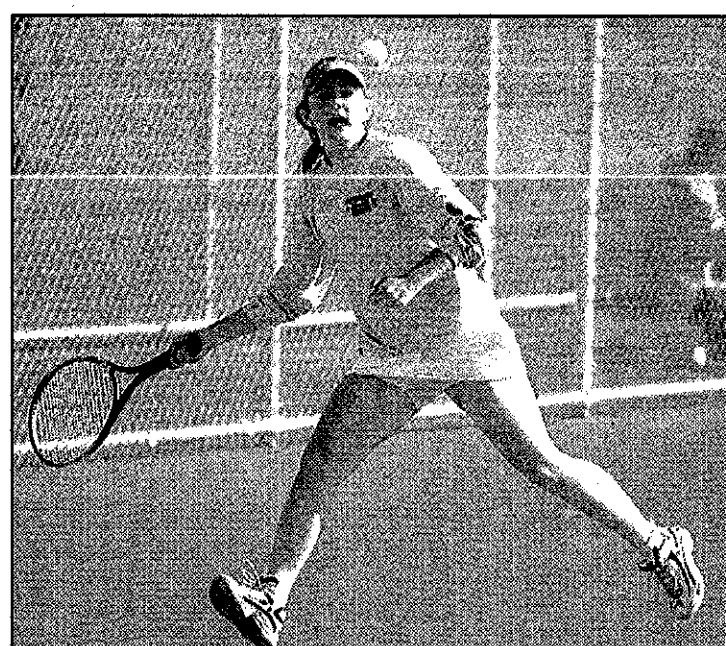
Northville was a distant second with 20 and host Livonia Stevenson was third with 13.

Once first-year coach Joe Brennan got his singles and doubles lineup situated, the Raiders have been a on roll.

They finished their dual meet season at 11-0-1 overall, including a 7-1 non-league victory Monday over West Bloomfield.

"I like the fact that the girls work hard, they want coaching and have shown improvement," Brennan said. "It was a very impressive performance today. I'm especially proud of the doubles teams because they've shown at lot of improvement."

North, which leaves next year to join the Oakland Activities Association, won its second straight WLAA crown. The Raiders may not want to leave



Runners-up: Salem's No. 1 doubles team of Missy Nelson (left) and Mandy Bradley reached the WLAA championships before losing to North's Michele Boothroyd and Chrissy Dwyer.

STAFF PHOTO
BY BRYAN MITCHELL

the WLAA because three of their four singles players return next season.

In the featured match at No. 1 singles, North sophomore Emily Jaffe repeated as champion with a 6-1, 6-3 triumph over Stevenson junior Erin Mazzoni.

The two also met last Thursday with Jaffe coming away with a 7-5, 6-0 victo-

ry after starting out slowly.

"The game is all mental, you can't get negative, even when you're down or you'll get stuck in the mud," Jaffe said. "Joe (Brennan) tells me to be consistent, be patient and don't go for big shots too much and too soon. I also tried to get to the net and finish when I get the chances."

Both Jaffe and Mazzoni have impressive tennis resumes.

Jaffe has only lost two matches all year — to Laura Hutto of Ann Arbor Pioneer and Katie Lavoie of Bloomfield Hills Kingswood. She also captured the Okemos Invitational.

During the summer, Jaffe won a gold medal in the Girls 14-and-under division at the Maccabai Games in Philadelphia, Pa. She also reached then front draw of the Round of 16 and was a back draw quarterfinalist at the Western Tennis Association Open in Springfield, Ohio.

She was a quarterfinalist at year ago in the Division II state finals.

"My goal is to make the semifinals and go beyond that, maybe even win it," Jaffe said.

Mazzoni, 21-5 on the year, is a hard-hitting left-hander with heavy top-spin forehand. She was a state qualifier in Division I a year ago and recently knocked off Hutto in the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational.

Mazzoni will be the top seed Friday when Stevenson hosts the regional.

At No.2 singles, North senior Bethany Nestor rolled to a 6-1, 1-0 victory over Farmington's Brittany Nuc-

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Championship is classic WLAA



GRID PICKS
C.J. RISAK

The Western Lakes Activities Association will celebrate its 20th — and undoubtedly last, at least as we know it — year of football competition with a championship match-up worthy of its history.

Farmington Harrison will be making its 17th appearance in the title game. In the league's 20 years, the Western Division in the football final is Walled Lake Western.

John Herrington's Hawks have been better than the New York Yankees in post-season play, with a 14-2 record in WLAA championship games and 11 state championships.

Westland John Glenn has been good, too; this will be its 10th appearance in the WLAA final. Chuck Gordon's Rockets have won three conference crowns and, although they can't match Harrison's post-season record (who can?), they have qualified for the state playoffs 13 times since 1985, reaching the state championship game in 1993 and the state semis in '96.

So the WLAA's two premier football teams, both past and present, will clash at John Glenn at 7:30 p.m. Friday. They won't meet again for the league title unless something quite unexpected happens and the Farmington schools opt to stay in the WLAA next year instead of jumping to the Oakland Activities Association.

Both Harrison and Glenn are unbeaten in divisional play (5-0); Harrison is 7-0 and ranked with the nation's elite, while Glenn is 6-1.

They have met seven previous times in the championship game, with Harrison holding a 5-2 edge. But the last two meetings have been decided by a total of seven points (Harrison won both, 20-14 in 1998 and 7-6 in double overtime in 1993). Glenn, on the other hand, is the only team to beat the Hawks in a WLAA title match-up.

It has the makings of a classic, and it's the best way to end an era.

In Observerland playoff news, both Glenn and Plymouth Canton assured themselves of a state berth by posting their sixth victories last weekend.

The news was not as good for some others. Wayne Memorial fell to 4-3 with a 14-13 loss to Lincoln Park and must win its last two to qualify. The

Zebras host Taylor Truman Friday, then finish at home against Glenn.

Of the bubble teams — those that had to win out to qualify — Redford Thurston and Lutheran Westland both suffered losses, all but ending their hopes. The Eagles were blanked by Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 35-0, while Macomb Lutheran North edged the Warriors 14-13.

Redford Catholic Central blanked Warren DeLaSalle but was eliminated from Prep Bowl consideration when Birmingham Brother Rice lost to Orchard Lake St. Mary's. Still, CC — 4-3 overall — has a shot at a state playoff berth.

So does Livonia Stevenson, which earned its fourth win of the season by trimming North Farmington. The Spartans must defeat a rugged Walled Lake Western team Friday (at Stevenson) before going against Livonia Churchill in their regular-season finale.

Now, for the Game of the Week: Redford Bishop Borgess maintained its perfect record by blanking East Catholic Sunday, setting up its biggest game of the season Saturday at home against Royal Oak Shrine, also unbeaten in the division. The winner plays in the Prep Bowl.

Oh, yes — the predictors' standings. Brad Emons continues to run away with the overall title, posting a 13-2 record last week. Redford/Garden City's Paul Beaudry and Plymouth/Canton's C.J. Risak (that's me) were 12-3, while Farmington's Danny O'Meara's gambles did not pay off in his 11-4 week. Emons leads at 86-16; Beaudry and O'Meara are tied for second at 79-23, and Risak is just one game behind them at 78-24.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
(All at 7 p.m. unless noted)

Redford Thurston (2-4, 3-4) at Highland Park (6-0, 7-0), 4 p.m.: Thurston saw its playoff hopes end with a 35-0 trouncing at the hands of Dearborn Heights Robichaud. Highland Park has already qualified for the state playoffs. Friday's game pits the best of the Mega's Gold Division against the Blue's middle of the pack. **PICKS:** Highland Park — Risak, Beaudry, O'Meara, Emons.

Taylor Truman (2-3, 3-4) at Wayne Memorial (3-2, 4-3): The Zebras had their playoff fate in their own hands and let it slip, losing 14-13 at home to a Lincoln Park team that had just one prior win. Truman suffered a similar fate, losing 13-12 to a previously winless Dearborn Edsel Ford, thus ending its playoff hopes. Wayne must win out to qualify. Home field doesn't mean much here — the Zebras are 0-3 this season on

their turf. **PICKS:** Wayne — Risak, Beaudry, O'Meara, Emons.

Monroe (3-2, 5-2) at Garden City (1-4, 3-4): Monroe was in the running for the Mega Red lead with Wyandotte Roosevelt, Allen Park and Belleville but dropped out when it lost 21-6 to Belleville. Now the Trojans are seeking that magic sixth-win qualifier. Garden City, on the other hand, got its first win in the conference, barely beating winless Romulus 14-7. The only thing left to play for the Cougars is pride. **PICKS:** Monroe — Risak, Beaudry, O'Meara, Emons.

Redford Union (1-4, 2-5) at River Rouge (3-2, 4-3): Perhaps Friday's 23-6 loss to Melvindale, second in the Mega Gold, will serve as a wake-up call to River Rouge, which now must win its final two games to qualify for the state playoffs, starting with Friday's game against RU. One thing's for certain — the Panthers will win. OK, both teams are the Panthers. **PICKS:** River Rouge — Risak, Beaudry, O'Meara, Emons.

Livonia Churchill (0-5, 1-6) at Farmington (0-5, 0-7): Both teams have struggled throughout the season, as their records indicate. Churchill is coming off a 21-0 homecoming loss to Northville, while Farmington was drubbed by Westland John Glenn, 41-0. **PICKS:** Churchill — Risak, Beaudry, O'Meara, Emons.

Northville (2-3, 4-3) at North Farmington (2-3, 2-5): This will be the second meeting of the season between these two. They met in a non-conference season opener, which Northville won 42-12. The Raiders have played better since, but have they improved enough to upend the Mustangs, who still have a good shot at the state playoffs? **PICKS:** Northville — Risak, Beaudry, O'Meara, Northville.

Livonia Franklin (1-4, 2-5) at Plymouth Salem (1-4, 1-6), 7:30 p.m.: Franklin was playing its WLAA rivals pretty tough, until last Friday's unfortunate meeting with Harrison, which resulted in a 54-7 loss. Salem, on the other hand, has had to play everyone in the WLAA who is tough. They've lost to Harrison, Glenn, Stevenson, and last Friday on a field goal with nine seconds left, to Walled Lake Central. **PICKS:** Franklin — Beaudry, O'Meara, Emons; Salem — Risak.

Walled Lake Western (3-2, 5-2) at Livonia Stevenson (3-2, 4-3), 7:30 p.m.: There's a lot at stake in this game. Stevenson needs to win its final two contests to assure itself of a state playoff berth; Western has to win one of its final two, but its last game is against a very strong Walled Lake Central squad. Last week, Western was embarrassed by a fired-up Canton team, 18-0. Stevenson managed to escape from North Farmington with a 14-7 win. **PICKS:** Western — Risak, O'Meara, Beaudry, Emons.

Plymouth Canton (5-1, 6-1) at W.L. Central (4-1, 5-2), 7:30 p.m.: Central very nearly gave up its shot at the playoffs last Friday against Plymouth Salem, but a 30-yard field goal by Mike Hildebrand saved the Vikings. Canton has a half-dozen guys who can run the ball, so why

throw it? If the Chiefs can keep possession of the ball, they'll win. If Central can utilize its speed and throw the ball, it will win. By the way, yours truly made the Worst Pick of the Week last week when I chose Western over Canton. **PICKS:** Canton — Risak, O'Meara, Beaudry, Emons.

Grosse Pointe University Liggett (5-1, 6-1) at Livonia Clarenceville (6-0, 7-0), 7:30 p.m.: Watch out, Trojans. This could be a test. University Liggett survived a challenge with Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, winning 26-20 in two overtimes. Meanwhile, Clarenceville was pasting Harper Woods Lutheran East, 49-0. It's been awhile since anybody challenged the Trojans. Liggett just might. **PICKS:** Clarenceville — Risak, O'Meara, Beaudry, Emons.

WLAA Championship

Farmington Harrison (5-0, 7-0) at Westland John Glenn (5-0, 6-1), 7 p.m.: So many weapons, starting with quarterback Drew Stanton and wideout Agim Shabab and running back Marcus Woods and . . . where do you draw the line? It's like the Lions against the Rams, a near-impossible task for John Glenn. If the Rockets play well, they just might do as well against the Hawks as Canton did (an 11-point loss). **PICKS:** Harrison — Risak, O'Meara, Beaudry, Emons.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Harper Woods (3-3, 3-4) at Lutheran Westland (2-4, 3-4), 1 p.m.: Harper Woods is coming off a convincing 34-20 win over winless Hamtramck, while Lutheran Westland lost a heart-breaking 14-13 decision to once-beaten Macomb Lutheran North. Pride is, once again, the only motivating factor in this game. Can the Warriors retain theirs? **PICKS:** Harper Woods — O'Meara, Emons; Lutheran Westland — Risak, Beaudry.

R.O. Shrine (4-0, 6-1) at Redford Bishop Borgess (4-0, 7-0), 1 p.m.: These are the only two teams of any consequence in the Catholic League's C-Section. Both won lopsided games last weekend. Royal Oak Shrine beating Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 42-14 and Borgess whipping East Catholic, 36-0. This game won't be that one-sided, not with a berth in the Prep Bowl at stake. **PICKS:** Borgess — Risak, Beaudry; Shrine — O'Meara, Emons.

Detroit Country Day (5-2 overall) vs. Redford Catholic Central (4-3 overall), 7 p.m. at Kraft Field: Country Day met Delphos (Ohio) St. John's and came up short last week, 29-24, while CC plastered Warren DeLaSalle, 37-0. The Shamrocks must win to regain their accustomed spot in the state playoffs; for Country Day, this would be nice. After all, CC always has a target on its back. **PICKS:** CC — Risak, O'Meara, DOD — Beaudry, Emons.

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FOOTBALL

CC blanks DeLaSalle

Redford Catholic Central's football team is still on the bubble.

The Shamrocks improved to 4-3 overall Saturday with a 37-0 thrashing of Warren DeLaSalle to remain alive in their struggle to make the MHSAA playoffs again.

Next up is Birmingham Detroit Country Day, a contest that will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday at Kraft Field (Hilbert Junior High).

The Yellowjackets play Farmington Harrison next week.

Catholic Central started slowly against DeLaSalle.

Randell Means recovered a fumble on the Pilots' 48 and after five running playsm Derek Brooks scored on a 5-yard run with 6:56 left in the opening quarter.

With eight minutes left in the second quarter, quarterback Tom Jakacki scooted 4-yards around end.

The Shamrocks exploded for a two scores in the final 1:35 of the half to take a 23-0 lead into their locker room.

Fullback Mike Banaszak scored on a 2-yard run with 1:35 left in the half and safety Landon Langham followed with an interception to set up a 21-yard Jason Gingell field goal on the last play of the half.

Banaszak scored on a 5-yard run with 1:04 left in the third quarter and linebacker Brad Jarzembowski picked off another Pilots' (2-5, 0-4) pass to set up a 51-yard scoring romp by Brooks as time ran out in the third quarter.

Catholic Central pilfered three passes and pounced on two fumbles in improving to 2-2 in the Catholic League.

Brooks was the Shamrocks' leading rusher, gaining 171 yards on 19 carries while Jakacki ran six times for 66 yards.

Jakacki also was 4-for-8 passing for 74 yards. Catholic Central ran for 299 yards.

Defensively, Means was the leading tackler with four solos and six assists. Linebacker Ryan Rogowski had two solos and six assists while Jarzembowski had five solos and three assists.

DeLaSalle was held to 144 yards total offense, 82 on the ground, as Catholic Central recorded its first shutout of season.

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Salem shuts down North

Four players scored a goal apiece and Tavio Palazzolo recorded his fourth shutout of the season as Plymouth Salem blanked North Farmington 4-0 Monday at North.

The win assured the Rocks of second place in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division. They are 4-1 in the division, 9-6-2 overall. North finished third in the Lakes at 3-2; the Raiders are 9-4-1 overall.

Goals from Jared Lamborn and Kevin Savitskie gave Salem a 2-0 halftime lead. Parker Stinar and Jeremy Boothroyd padded the Rocks' lead with second-half markers. Boothroyd also had an assist in the match.

Canton 1, Farmington 1: Plymouth Canton offset an early Farmington goal with one of its own before the game was 10 minutes old, but after that — despite chances for both sides — the scoring was absent Monday at Canton.

The draw, combined with a win Saturday over Walled Lake Central, gave the Chiefs a 14-1-1 overall record. Farmington is 11-2-2.

"They played us tough," said Canton coach Don Smith. "There were lots of shots but no goals. We put a lot of pressure on them but we didn't capitalize."

The Falcons scored first when Nate Meyer headed in a corner kick from Matt Okopny just 90

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seconds into the match. The Chiefs knotted it with 30 minutes to go in the half, Nick Rolfe scoring with an assist from Nick Houdek.

Greg Musser was in goal for Canton.

On Saturday against Central, the host Chiefs had no problem winning 10-0 — which might have led to trouble on Monday against North.

"It was too easy a game," said Smith. "That was the problem."

Houdek scored three goals for Canton and Evan Baker added two more. Aaron Schmidt, Brad Weslund, Brett Kwiatkowski, Alex Popescu and Chris Stevanovic each scored a goal apiece.

The Chiefs led 7-0 at the half.

Canton has already clinched a berth in the WLAA championship game opposite No. 1-ranked Livonia Stevenson Wednesday at Stevenson.

Oakland Christian 2, PCA 1: With five teams in its Michigan Independent Athletic Conference ranked in the state's top 10 in Division 4, there won't be any easy conference matches for Plymouth Christian Academy.

On Tuesday, when the eighth-ranked Eagles hosted sixth-ranked Auburn Hills Oakland

Christian, two early second-half goals were too much to overcome. Kevin Mahan proved to be PCA's biggest nemesis; after shutting the Eagles out in the first half as the Lancers' keeper, he went to forward in the second half and scored both goals.

After that, he went back into goal for the last seven minutes.

PCA scored with just under 10 minutes remaining, when James Bauslaugh converted a pass from Matt Gallagher. But the Eagles could not get the equalizer as they fell to 9-4-2 overall, 3-3-1 in the MIAC.

Oakland Christian is 9-4-3 overall, 4-2-1 in the conference.

On Monday at ninth-ranked Bloomfield Hills Rooper, PCA got the game-winning goal from Gallagher — his 20th of the season — with 10 minutes left in a 2-1 win. Chad Boruta assisted.

PCA led 1-0 at the half on a goal by Eric Schultz, assisted by Gallagher. The Roughriders tied it following an indirect free kick midway through the second half; Eagle keeper Mark Ericson made the initial stop, but Jeff Gunnip buried the rebound.

The Eagles continue play at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, the defending Division 4 state champs, today at 4 p.m. Gallagher is a transfer from Inter-City.

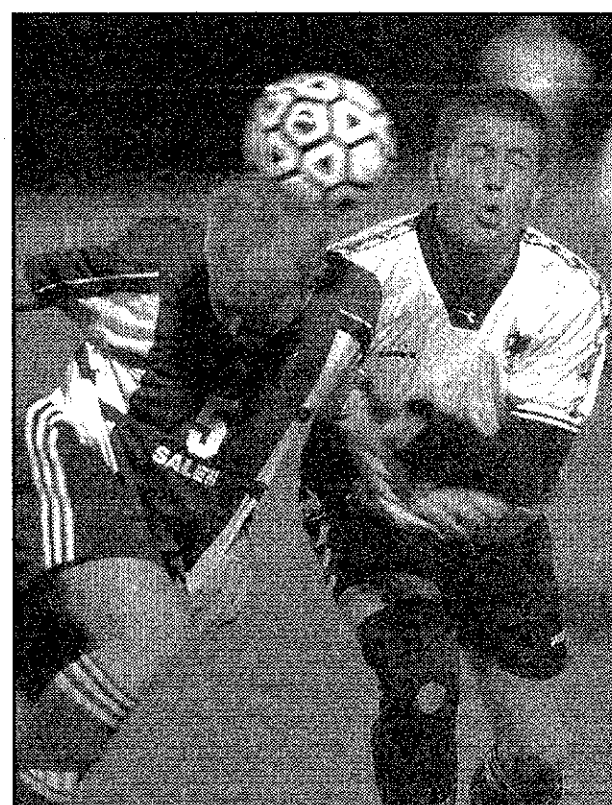
Notre Dame Prep 1, CC 0: Redford Catholic Central coach

Dana Orsucci figures his team must be cursed.

Once again, the Shamrocks "played hard," but once again, CC wound up losing 1-0 — this time to Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

"I don't know what it is," said Orsucci after his team fell to 0-9-4 overall and 0-6-1 in the Central Division. "We hit the crossbar twice in the first half, with Kevin Azanger and Matt Stafford. We had a dozen decent opportunities to score and it's just eluding us. I thought we created enough opportunities to score for ourselves."

The Shamrocks — who have scored just three times on the year — had 13 shots on goal, while goalie Todd Tindall stopped eight shots.



Collision course: Salem's Jarod Lamborn (left) and North's Mohamed Bachrouche collide in an attempt to gain possession of the ball Monday. Lamborn scored Salem's first goal in its 4-1 win.

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Twisters set for playoffs

The Michigan Twisters will open the Lake Shore Football League playoffs Saturday against the Lorain County (Ohio) Steelmen, the Southern Division runners-up.

Kickoff is at 7 p.m. at Willow Run's Devlin Stadium.

Sixteen Twisters and six alternates were recently named to the LSFL's North Division 30-man All-Star team, which will play the Southern Division squad, 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27 in Oberlin, Ohio.

Twisters coach William Brown has been selected to lead the Northern Division squad.

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Offensive All-Star selections include wide receivers Reggie Brandon (Wayne) and Dotti Hamilton (Ypsilanti); quarterback Rob Elswick (Brownstown) and tailback Jason Gibson (Milan); offensive linemen Matt Walline (Milan) and Walt Steffe (Ann Arbor); and tight end Anthony Leighton (Pinckney).

Defensive selections from the Twisters include defensive backs Tim Simon (Taylor), Dorian Bow (Ypsilanti) and Eric Thompson (Ypsilanti); linebackers Bob Pen-

sari (Canton) and Aaron Brothers (Dearborn Heights); defensive linemen James Chapman (Canton), Earl Sutton (Detroit) and Henry Jones (Detroit); along with free safety Steve Hohl (Canton).

Offensive alternates include wide receiver Frank Nisoromni (Farmington), linemen David Banks (Dearborn Heights) and Ken Szmansky (Westland) and kicker/punter Chuck Petitpas (Livonia).

Defensive back DeVaughn Smith (Ypsilanti) and defensive end Lonny Bryant (Ypsilanti) were also named as alternates.

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goal 2:36 later secured the Whaler win.

The Whalers outshot Kingston 41-28. Paul Drew was in goal for the victory, turning away 27 shots. Peter Hamerlik had 38 saves for the Frontenacs.

Whalers at No. 2

Once again, the Plymouth Whalers — despite the loss of several key players and their coach from last season — are ranked with the elite in the

Canadian Hockey League.

The Red Deer Rebels of the Western Hockey League, the defending Memorial Cup champions, are ranked No. 1 with a 6-1-2-0 record. The Whalers, riding a five-game winning streak, are second at 6-1-0-1. The next best OHL team is the Belleville Bulls at No. 7.

Plymouth has reached the OHL finals the past two seasons only to lose. With coach/general manager Pete DeBoer leaving to

take a similar position with the Kitchener Rangers and nearly all of the team's top scorers either departing for or drafted by the NHL, it didn't figure to be a big season for the Whalers.

Certainly not at the start. However, under the tutelage of new coach/general manager Mike Vellucci, it's been just the opposite.

The Whalers host the Toronto St. Michael's Majors at 7:30 p.m.

Friday.

Zepp signs NHL deal

Former Whaler goalie Rob Zepp signed a contract with the Carolina Hurricanes. Zepp was Carolina's fourth-round selection (110th overall) in June's NHL entry draft and will start the season with the East Coast Hockey League's Florida Everblades.

Zepp is the Whalers' leader in franchise wins with 36.

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citelli after getting by Stevenson freshman Ashley Moccia in a tough semifinal match, 4-6, 6-0, 6-2.

Junior Amy Berke of North repeated as No. 3 WLAA singles champion with a 6-1, 6-1 triumph over Stevenson sophomore Sara Gonzalez.

North made it a clean sweep in singles when freshman Kelly

Davis beat Northville's Ashley Potchynok in straight sets, 6-1, 6-2.

The Raiders also captured the No. 1 and 2 doubles flights.

Juniors Michele Boothroyd and Chrissy Dwyer took care of Salem's Mandy Bradley and Missy Nelson, 6-1, 6-4, to claim the No. 1 doubles crown.

In the last and longest match

of the day, North's Kimmy Solarz and Allison Kay defeated Walled Lake Western's duo of Laura Bell and Christina Williams, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1, to claim the No. 2 flight.

Northville claimed the Nos. 3 and 4 doubles crowns.

Stephanie Patterson and Kelly Harrison beat North's Jenna Street and Jessica Hoffman in

three sets, 6-0, 4-6, 6-4 at No. 3, while the Mustangs' Megan Bensette and Amanda Retzbach took out North's Sarah Williams and Rachel Redmond, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

North will host its own Division II regional this Friday and will be a heavy favorite. The Raiders hope they will top last year's 11th-place finish at the state meet.

WLAA TENNIS RESULTS

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GIRLS TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Oct. 9 at Livonia Stevenson

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. North Farmington, 30 points; 2. Northville, 20; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 13; 4. Plymouth Salem, 12; 5. Farmington, 11; 6. Livonia Churchill, 8; 7. (tie) Walled Lake Western and Farmington Hills Harrison, 6 each; 9. Walled Lake Central, 5; 10. Plymouth Canton, 3; 11. Livonia Franklin, 2; 12. Westland John Glenn, 1.

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS

No. 1 singles: Emily Jaffe (NF) defeated Erin Mazzoni (LS), 6-1, 6-3; **semifinals:** Jaffe def. Nike Hady (PS), 6-3, 6-0; Mazzoni def. Lauren West (N), 6-1, 6-3.

No. 2: Bethany Nestor (NF) def. Brittany Nuccitelli (F), 6-1, 6-0; **semifinals:** Nestor def. Ashley Moccia (LS), 4-6, 6-0, 6-2; Nuccitelli def. Lindsay Pyle (PS), 6-3, 6-1.

No. 3: Amy Berke (NF) def. Sara Gonzalez (LS), 6-1, 6-1; **semifinals:** Berke def. Sarah Price (N), 6-3, 6-0; Gonzalez def. Michelle McManaway (LC), 6-4, 1-6, 6-4.

No. 4: Kelly Davis (NF) def. Ashley

Potchynok (N), 6-1, 6-2; **semifinals:** David def. Maranon Swasey (PS), 6-0, 6-0; Potchynok def. Allison Lyon (F), 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Michele Boothroyd-Chrissy Dwyer (NF) def. Mandy Bradley-Missy Nelson (PS) def. 6-1, 6-4; **semifinals:** Boothroyd-Dwyer def. Laura Glynn-Abbey Cleland, 7-6, 6-1; Bradley-Nelson def. Lauren Farris-Sarah Polier, 3-6, 6-0, 7-5.

No. 2: Kimmy Solarz-Allison Kay (NF) def. Laura Bell-Christina Williams (WLW), 6-4, 4-6, 6-1; **semifinals:** Solarz-Kay def. Adriane Grace-Natalie Rock (F), 6-3, 6-2; Bell-Williams def.

Jamie Lindholm-Erica Dobson, 7-5, 6-2.

No. 3: Stephanie Patterson-Kelly Harrison (N) def. Jenna Street-Jessica Hoffman, 6-0, 4-6, 6-4; **semifinals:** Patterson-Harrison def. Katherine Fretz-Lindsey Novotny (LS), 6-1, 6-4; Street-Hoffman def. Nancy Okerhukwu-Monica Ramsay (F), 6-1, 6-3.

No. 4: Megan Bensette-Amanda Retzbach (N) def. Sarah Williams-Rachel Redmond (NF), 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; **semifinals:** Bensette-Retzbach def. Jody Winkler-Kristy VanBelle, 6-4, 7-5; Williams-Redmond def. Sarah Wight-Miti Saxena (LC), 6-0, 6-0.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

YPSILANTI INVITATIONAL

Oct. 6 at Ypsilanti H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS (Division I): 1. Livonia Stevenson, 58 points; 2. Brighton, 70; 3. Plymouth Canton, 73; 4. Ann Arbor Huron, 81; 5. Monroe, 103; 6. Toledo Whitmer, 127.

Canton finishers: Steve Debien, 17:04; Aaron Lanning, 17:19; Pat Pruitt, 17:31; Brandon McClellan, 17:57; Matt Rymond, 18:00; Steve Cheek, 18:21; Jon Western, 18:28.

WAYNE COUNTY INVITATIONAL

Oct. 6 at Willow Metropark

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 50 points; 2. Plymouth Salem, 59; 3. Livonia Churchill, 61; 4. Dearborn Fordson, 130; 5. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 133; 6. Redford Catholic Central (B team), 136; 7. Dearborn Divine Child, 173; 8. Southgate Anderson, 257; 9. New Boston Huron, 279; 10. Detroit Holy Redeemer, 301; 11. Garden City, 302; 12. Plymouth Christian, 313; 13. Livonia Franklin, 315.

Individual winner: Justin Hajduk (Salem), 16:32.

Other Salem finishers: 5. Chris Vranjak, 17:09; 6. Jim Leddy, 17:12; 23. Randy Bearden, 18:07; 24. Mike Horgan, 18:07; 30. Erik Ness, 18:17; 47. Adam Warner, 18:48.

Plymouth Christian Academy finishers: 28. Mark Varney, 18:13; 61. Ben Baloga, 19:55; 68. Mark Burkhardt, 20:53; 76. Matt Worley, 21:54; 80. Reagan Rose, 22:04; 82. Jason King, 22:39.

Redford CC 'B' finishers: 20. Jon Marshall, 18:02; 22. Matt Esper, 18:03; 29. Trevor Step, 18:15; 32. Kevin Mason, 18:18; 33. Chris Kune-man, 18:20; 37. Jim Beson, 18:33; 48. Zach Fellrath, 18:59.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 25; 2. Northville, 41; 3. Plymouth Salem, 66; 4. Dearborn Esel Ford, 117; 5. Dearborn Divine Child, 148; 6. Harper Woods Regina, 157; 7. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 202.

Individual winner: Susan Duncan (Churchill), 19:58.

Salem finishers: 10. Kristin Mastic, 21:07; 11. Lauren Kane, 21:10; 13. Stephanie Hajduk, 21:17; 17. Kim Wood, 21:44; 19. Monica Przebinda, 21:49; 20. Halle Burton, 21:58; 21. Jill Grey, 21:58.

SMALL SCHOOL INVITATIONAL

Oct. 2 at Cass Barton

TEAM STANDINGS: (top three runners score) 1. Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart, 12; 2. Detroit Holy Redeemer, 29; 3. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 31; 4. Wyandotte Mount Carmel, 32; 5. Plymouth Christian Academy, 39; 6. Marine City Cardinal Mooney, 69; 7. Center Line St. Clement, 74; 8. Adrian Lenawee Christian, 90.

PCA's top three: 5. Mark Varney, 18:56; 16. Ben Baloga, 20:02; 18. Mark Burkhardt, 20:13.

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Oct. 6 at Cass Barton Park

Top 10 finishers: 1. David Lucas, 16:49; 2. John Krawiec, 16:56; 3. Jim Hageman (U-D), 17:08; 4. Kyle Jekot, 17:16; 5. Bryan Seymour, 17:24; 6. Brian Doot, 17:29; 7. Aaron Coury (U-D), 17:38; 8. Chris Jordan (U-D), 17:44; 9. Matt Esper (CC), 17:53; 10. Dan Horgan (CC), 18:03.

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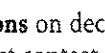
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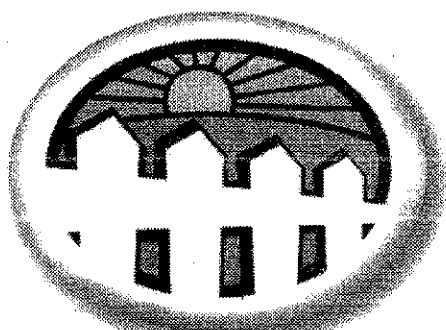
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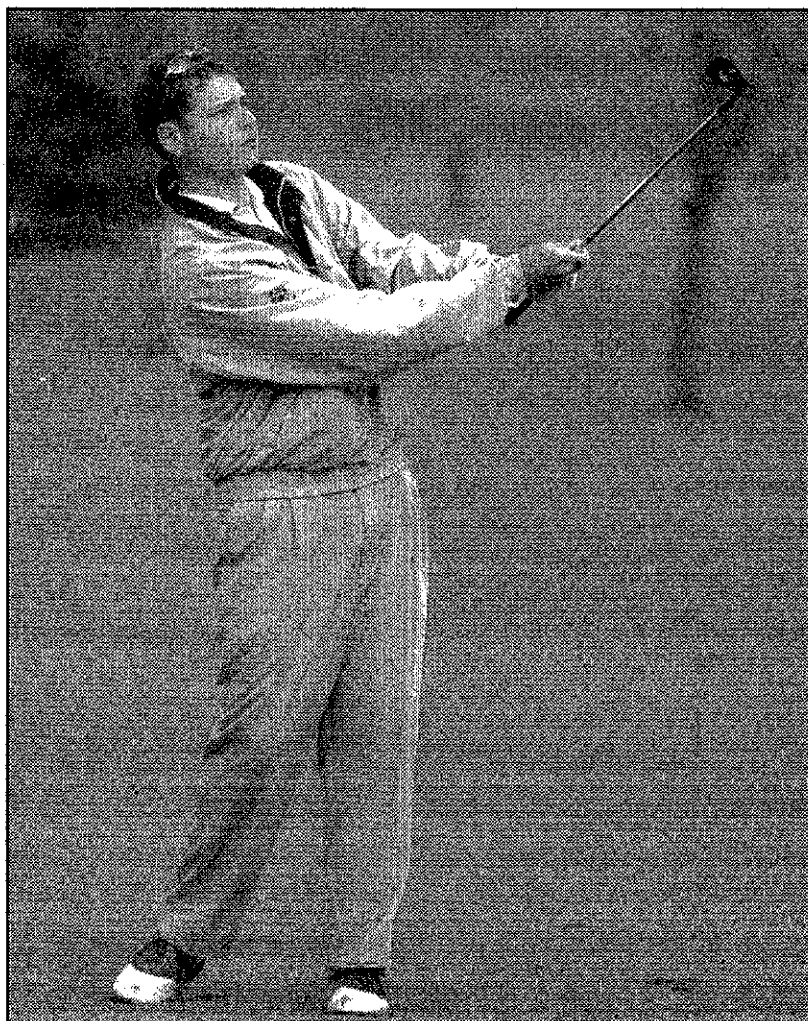
There's something familiar happening with Redford Catholic Central's golf team and coach Bill Hayes isn't sure that he likes it.

Last year, the Shamrocks won the dual-meet portion of the Catholic League's A-B division only to stumble at the league meet. CC did win its regional, but failed to qualify for the second day of competition at the state meet.

After winning the dual-meet portion of this year's Catholic League season, the Shamrocks came in third Monday at the league meet at St. John's Golf Course in Plymouth.

"There's something about that course and that tourney where we just don't do well," said Hayes. "We had three decent scores in the 70s, but had three in the mid-80s and that's uncommon for us. If we had four in the 70s, we would have won. We just didn't get it done."

De La Salle won the meet with 314, just ahead of Notre Dame Prep with 317. CC was third with 320 and Brother Rice was fourth with 325. After combining the dual meets and the league meet, there was a three-way tie



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All-Catholic: CC's Tristan Lester, from Plymouth, shot a 78 to finish fifth at the Catholic League Tournament.

at the top. The tiebreaker — best score at the league meet — gave the league title to the Pilots.

Three of the Shamrocks did make all-Catholic as Tristan Lester and Jack Kelly shot 78, finishing fifth and seventh overall, while Jared Henderson was 11th with a 79.

Jimmy Burns and Andy Soley both shot 85 for CC, while Andy Mitchell had an 86. De La Salle's Scott Purshing shot a 75 to earn medalist honors.

"The course had problems, but it was a problem for every golfer," said Hayes. "The fairways and greens were aerated and the course didn't play well. It's not an excuse, it's just the way it goes. Better it happen today and not Friday at the regionals. If we play like that Friday, we're in trouble trying to qualify for states."

The Shamrocks play in the Division 1 regionals at the Links of Pinewood on Friday. While CC won the division last year at Pontiac Country Club, Hayes doesn't guarantee that it will happen again.

"If we play like today, we won't get out of the region," said Hayes. "They moved things around and we're in a much tougher region this year. It won't be easy to get back to the state tourney."

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PCA takes 2nd

Plymouth Christian Academy edged Southfield Christian for second place Tuesday at the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Golf Tournament.

Auburn Hills Oakland Christian placed first overall with a 317. PCA was next with a 334, just ahead of third-place Southfield Christian (339). Bloomfield Hills Roeper took fourth (357) and Macomb Christian was fifth (420).

Tournament medalist was Oakland Christian's Clint Johnson with a 74. Next best were PCA's Dave Paradowicz and

Oakland Christian's Kevin Kelchner, each with a 79.

PCA's other scorers were Matt Immerfall with an 83; Brian Carnevale and Bryan Dustman, each with an 86; and Xander Younce, with an 88.

Paradowicz and Immerfall were both named to the all-MIAC team, together with Oakland Christian's Johnson, Kelchner, Dan Rainey and Justin Hatch, and Southfield Christian's Neil Stemberg.

Johnson was the league's MVP, while Oakland Christian's Randy Johnson was coach of the year.

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TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 322 (won on fifth-man tiebreaker); 2. Livonia Stevenson, 322; 3. Farmington Hills Harrison, 330; 4. Plymouth Canton, 331; 5. Walled Lake Central, 332; 6. Walled Lake Western, 334; 7. Westland John Glenn, 335; 8. North Farmington, 337 (won tiebreaker); 9. Livonia Churchill, 337; 10. Farmington, 338; 11. Plymouth Salem, 340; 12. Livonia Franklin, 352.

TEAM-BY-TEAM RESULTS (Totals based on 4 low scores)

NORTHVILLE: Tom Borda and Kyle Dehne, 40-40-80 each; Dave Oljace and Tom Gavin, 38-43-81 each; Derek Malizia, 42-39-81; Ryan Gideon, 49-44-93.

STEVENSON: Matt Bartnick, 37-37-74 (medalist); Scott Wolfe, 39-41-80; Matt Courtright, 40-43-83; Andy Byberg, 39-46-85; Dru Girard, 40-45-85; Jason Fischer, 44-45-89.

HARRISON: Matt Lee, 38-37-75; Joey Graves, 44-38-82; John Kluka, 41-44-85; Junichi Miura, 41-47-88; Chris Fitzgerald, 43-45-88; Dave Koch, 44-44-88.

CANTON: Ryan McKendry, 42-37-79; Scott Oliver, 39-43-82; Michael Baracy, 42-43-85; Jason Brand, 44-41-85; Andrew Wagner, 44-43-87; Chris Slupek, 45-44-89.

W.L. CENTRAL: Sean McMahon, 39-39-78;

Tony Rishell, 39-42-81; Robert Ulrich, 40-46-86; Andrew Naylor and Steve Percha, both 42-45-87; Adam Hogan, 42-46-88.

W.L. WESTERN: Ralph Martello, 36-44-80; Steve Sobieck, 40-44-84; Lars Haglund, 41-44-85; Eric Hoffman, 42-43-85; Scott Williams, 41-46-87; Trevor Monfette, 48-43-91.

JOHN GLENN: Keith Fukuda, 42-39-81; Jason Lang, 42-40-82; Rich Sudak, 43-42-85; Jeremy Fendeleit, 43-44-87; Dan Schenk, 47-47-94; Nick Macica, 51-52-103.

N. FARMINGTON: Jeff Patterson, 40-42-82; Alex Yerkey, 41-41-82; Brian Bober, 42-44-86; Tony Rea, 40-47-87; Adam Armbruster, 48-43-91; Bob Turkovich, 50-45-95.

CHURCHILL: Gary Bubar, 39-45-84; Scott Cendrowski, 43-41-84; Kevin Kasten, 44-40-84; Steve Robinson, 43-42-85; Ryan Wright, 45-48-93; Matt Krucynski, 47-50-97.

FARMINGTON: Bryan Proven, 39-41-80; Matt Ryder, 38-44-82; Keith Hay and Jeff Tosolan, both 43-45-88; Drew Mortens, 46-44-90; Mike Schuyler, 44-47-91.

SALEM: Bobby Jones, 40-39-79; Dave Wallen, 41-43-84; Aaron Cheesman, 43-45-88; Ryan Williams, 43-46-89; Andy Thackaberry, 45-45-90; Jon Gordon, 49-43-92.

FRANKLIN: Cote Muncy, 37-41-78; Mike Bakun, 45-44-89; Joe Labelle, 44-48-92; Corey Garbutt, 45-48-93; Drew Witte, 51-47-98; Randy Kondrath, 47-52-99.

Madonna gains 4th-straight WHAC win

Jamie Scott converted on a penalty kick 20 minutes into the second half to keep both Madonna University's and Indiana Tech's records in women's soccer in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference perfect.

The goal by Scott, a senior midfielder from Livonia (Churchill HS), gave Madonna a 1-0 victory and upgraded the Lady Crusaders' WHAC record to 4-0. They are 6-4 overall. Tech slipped to 0-4 in the WHAC, 4-9-2 overall.

Although the score was close, the offensive pressure applied by each team was not equal. Madonna outshot the Warriors 26-2; Tech keeper Wendy Jacobs made nine saves,

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while Crusader keeper Jennifer Barker (Livonia Stevenson) did not make a save.

SC splits at Cuyahoga

The weekend started well for Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team at the Cuyahoga (Ohio) CC Tournament. The Ocelots beat Essex CC 3-1 on Saturday.

But on Sunday, disaster struck. Bryant Stratton College, with a large contingent of foreign-born players, dismantled SC 5-1.

"They basically outplayed us," was SC assistant coach Joe Kurta's frank assessment.

In the win over Essex, the Ocelots got goals from Tom Eller (Livonia Stevenson) on a penalty kick; from Zoran Golgic, with an assist from Dan Lipon (Stevenson); and from Lipon, with an assist from Mike Thomas (Stevenson). Kevin Smail was in goal.

Against Bryan Stratton, injuries forced SC coaches Dominic Scidluna, Kurta and Lamar Peters to adjust the lineup, moving Golgic from sweeper to midfield and to insert Ryan Mallord in at sweeper. It didn't help the Ocelots, however, whose record was 10-2-1.

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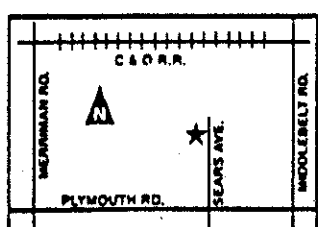
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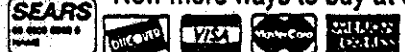
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two blocks, and Marylu Hemme (Plymouth/Livonia Ladywood) added six kills (.857), three aces and 11 digs. Natalie Sayre finished with 33 set assists.

On Saturday at the Wildcat Invitational, Madonna posted four-straight three-game sweeps, defeating Westminster (Pa.) 30-22, 30-19, 30-23 in the final and Spaulding University 30-17, 30-21, 30-18 in the semis. On Fri-

day, the Crusaders met the same two teams, with similar results. They beat Westminster 30-20, 30-21, 30-28 and Spaulding 30-18, 30-26, 33-31.

Birkenhier ignited the attack with 54 kills in the four matches; she also had 19 blocks. Frost added 42 kills, with 15 aces, 10 blocks and 45 digs; Tera Morrill (from Westland/Livonia Franklin) contributed 39 kills,

six aces, nine blocks and 47 digs; Laura Lesko had 42 kills and 14 digs; Hayley Myers totaled 39 kills and 18 blocks; Amanda Suder (Canton/Plymouth Salem) got 42 digs and 12 aces; Hemme had 35 digs and eight aces; and Jennie Wind finished with 146 set assists, 30 digs and nine blocks.

Madonna hosts Mt. Vernon Nazarene in a non-conference match at 7 p.m. tonight.

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line in the fourth; she finished the game with 12 points, on 12-of-13 shooting at the stripe.

"In the fourth quarter, we made 'em when we needed to make 'em," said Blohm. Canton was 21-of-33 (63 percent) at the line for the game, compared to Pioneer's 10-of-20 (50 percent).

Kristen Lake led the Chiefs with 13 points. Johnson chipped in with 10. Pioneer got 19 points from Candice Davis and 10 from Jennifer Kraus.

The loss left Pioneer at 3-8. The week won't get any easier for the Chiefs. They host Northville, considered a contender for the WLAA title, at 7 p.m. tonight.

Salem 46, Churchill 14: State-ranked Plymouth Salem (11-0 overall, 6-0 in the WLAA) used a stifling defense Tuesday to drill host Livonia Churchill (5-7 overall, 2-4 in the conference).

Senior guard Kelly Jaskot led the victorious Rocks with 17 points, while senior forward MaryLou Liebau added 14 points and 12 rebounds. Stephanie Phillips and Amy Szawara each dished out four assists. Szawara also grabbed six rebounds and scored four points.

"We played solid tonight," Salem coach Fred Thomann said. "Defensively, we were solid. We gave up only one hoop in the second half.

"They (Churchill) they came out with a triangle-and-two defense and it took us awhile to get going offensively."

Senior Deanna DeRoo led Churchill with 11.

"Offensively, we didn't get anything going and they (Salem) did a great job of frustrating us," said Churchill first-year coach Rod Windle, whose team was outscored 25-2 over the final 16 minutes.

Agape 45, Macomb Christian 15: Canton Agape Christian surrendered just one point in the first half as it crushed visiting Macomb Christian Tuesday in a game played at Garden City United.

Agape improved to 10-2. Macomb is 1-4.

Amy Henry paced Agape with 20 points and 11 rebounds. Rikkia Swiley added 11 points. Sarah Mahloy's eight points topped Macomb.

The Wolverines led 18-1 at the half and 33-4 after three quar-

ters. "Macomb had trouble with our man-to-man (defense)," said Agape coach Chuck Henry.

Inter-City 42, PCA 31: Plymouth Christian Academy got off to a great start — something the Eagles had struggled to do previously — on Tuesday at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist. But in the second half, they fell apart.

The loss left PCA at 3-8 overall, 1-4 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Inter-City is 4-5 overall, 2-3 in the MIAC.

PCA led 14-9 after one quarter and 22-16 at the half. But the Chargers regrouped and played much tougher in the second half, outscoring the Eagles 10-0 in the third quarter.

"They came out and played very aggressively, and we did not respond to the challenge," said PCA coach Annie Malcolm. "They were kind of shellshocked in the third and could not recover in the fourth."

Amy Brandt and Kim Guilfoye paced PCA with six points apiece. Stacy Copeland led Inter-City with 24 points, 17 of those coming in the second half and 12 in the fourth quarter.

Steelers roll to wins

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior football league team got touchdown runs of 70, 30, 50 and 1 yards from Shawn Little and an all-around strong defensive performance in beating the Garden City Chargers 28-6 Sunday.

Brian Leighton had an interception and Andy Lafata recovered a fumble to halt Charger drives. The Steelers improved to 3-2.

The Steeler junior varsity's Dalton Walser ran 65 yards for one TD and caught a 20-yard scoring pass from Adam Powers for another in a 12-0 victory. The Steelers improved to 4-1.

The freshmen squad weren't as fortunate, dropping to 1-4 with a 19-0 loss to the Chargers. Austin Hayes led the defense with an interception; other strong plays were contributed by Jeff Greer, C.J. Gregory, Danny Norris, Weston Smith, Brian Miller and Tyler Rusin.

Lions edge Braves

The Canton Lions varsity junior football team downed the Ypsilanti Braves, 12-8, Saturday at Ypsilanti High School. The Lions third straight win improved their record to 3-2.

The Lions scored first on a 2-yard Matt Kennison touchdown run to make it 6-0. The Lions doubled their lead later in the

third quarter on a 3-yard run by Joe Vella. After Ypsilanti cut its deficit to 12-8 in the third quarter, the Lions' defense — led by Jonathon Wood, Matt Farmer and Joe Sander — shut down the Braves the rest of the way.

The Lions junior varsity football team dropped its fourth-straight game Saturday, 26-0, to the Braves. The Lions are now 1-4. Vernon Stewart provided the only highlights for the Lions when he intercepted two Ypsilanti passes.

The Canton Lions freshmen squad remained in first place with a 20-7 victory over the Braves, improving their record to 3-1-1. Myron Puryear paced the Lions' strong offensive attack by scoring all three TDs and one extra point. Nick Wright also contributed an extra-point run.

Defensively, the Lions were led by Luke Konsitzke, who returned a blocked punt to the Braves' 2-yard line, and Steven Mehrer, who blocked a punt and recovered a fumble. Chris Koetting added a nice kickoff return to set up one of the Lions' touchdowns.

Good Counsel rolls

Our Lady of Good Counsel began its quest for a Catholic League championship with a 39-13 victory over Our Lady of Refuge at Orchard Lake St. Mary's Sunday.

Andy Rossow scored on runs of 83 and 55 yards on Good Counsel's first two possessions and Matt Czajkowski returned a punt 60 yards for another score to give the Crusaders a 24-0 lead after one quarter. Other TDs were scored by Matt Sweda on a 2-yard run and Gavin Ambrosi on an 82-yard dash. Colin O'Shaughnessy booted three two-point conversions and Bud McCort had another.

Good Counsel next plays Bloomfield Hills St. Hugo's in a league semifinal at 1 p.m. Sunday at Harper Woods Notre Dame.

Good Counsel's junior varsity suffered its only defeat of the season when it lost 29-22 to St. Hugo's Sunday at Detroit Country Day. The Crusaders' JV finished 6-1.

The Good Counsel JV Yellow Division squad (fifth and sixth grades) battled St. Hugo's to a 6-6 tie, finishing at 2-2-3, while the freshmen Crusaders (fourth grade) took on St. Anne's and tied, 26-26, to end the season at 2-3-1.

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Recliners often are the easy chairs of life. Get home from work and hit the recliner, then pull the side lever and lay your body out. Close your eyes and relax. You can even fall asleep here and often do.

Recliners fill a needed role in the living room or great room. One can accompany a sofa in a great combination of style and color. The recliner chair can contrast well with a sofa to work both pieces in the entire room's design.

It's no longer "Dad's" chair, either. Daughters have been known to doze off in it while watching television. Mom can curl up with a blanket with a good book, a movie or favorite comedy. Of course, there's Dad armed with remote, jumping between football games and golf.

With the choices of fabric or leather, people ultimately want comfort.

"We've got a lot of people who are price conscious and want a good product," said Paul Franks, president of Frank's Furniture in Wayne. "They want a good, washable product."

Franks noticed that the store is now selling more leather, but fabric remains the chair of choice.

"As soon as the weather turns, in late September or early October, we get people who look at these, but people also move in the summer and they need furniture, too," Franks said.

"The rocker-recliner is our best seller," said Franks. "When someone sits in one of these, (the recliner) just moves with the body."

LaZBoy remains the best seller. "It's the only one that has three adjustable posts for the footrest, and a movable position for the seat."

Franks also offers swivel options for all the rocker-recliners.

Colors vary, but blues, greens, beiges and taupe are popular. Taupe is often chosen to match a pattern in a sofa, Franks said.

Newton Furniture owner Bill Wolf said leather has grown in popularity. "It's taking over tremendously," said Wolf. "It's comfortable, and so much

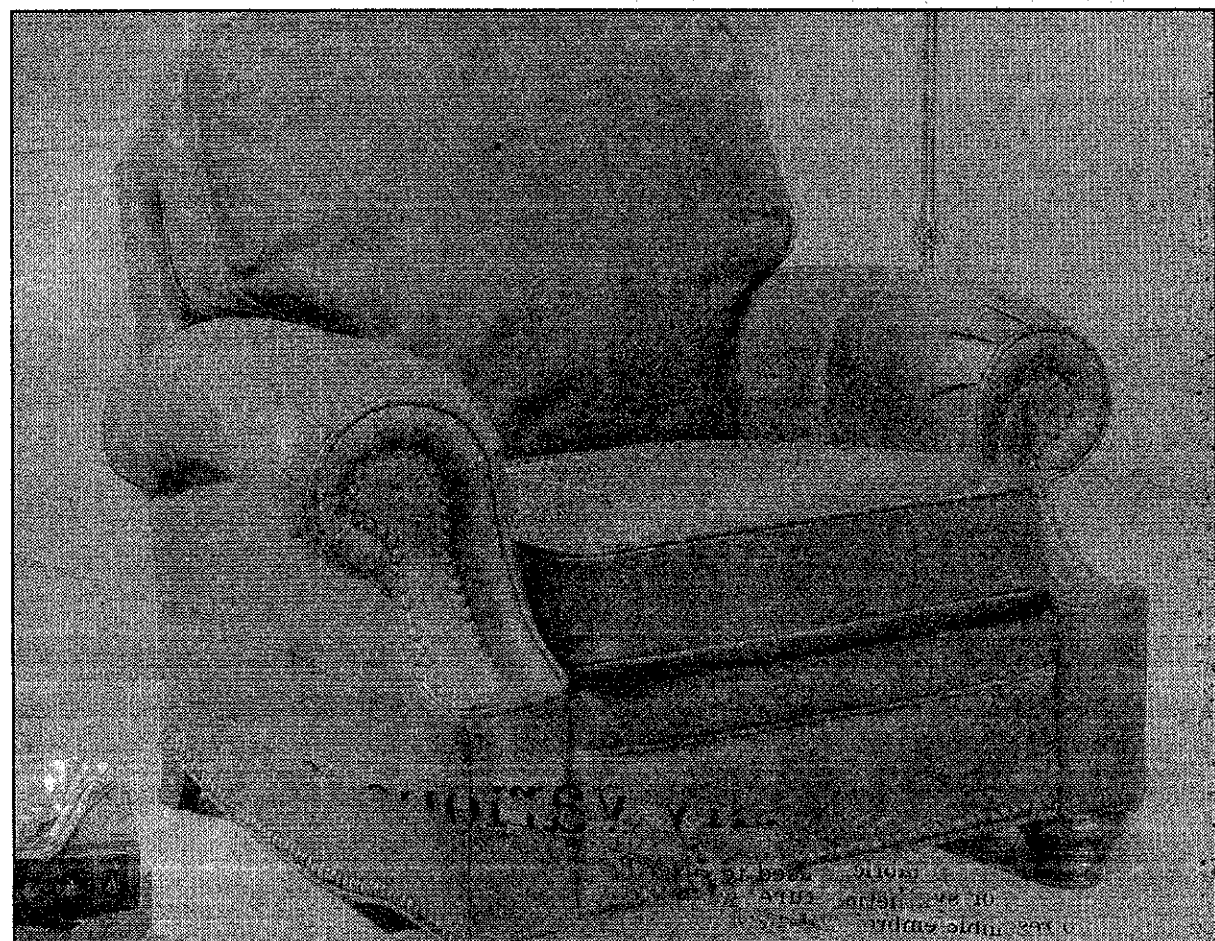


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Relaxing: With the choices of fabric or leather, people ultimately want comfort in their recliners. This recliner is the Longhorn model by BarcaLounger.

TV is being watched today, and it is used for that purpose."

Shoppers can spend anywhere between \$300 for a cloth recliner to \$500 up to \$2,000 for a leather recliner, Wolf said. There is a big difference in price between cloth and leather.

"Leather requires little care. Cloth can get worn and dirty, while leather is very durable," Wolf said.

"They don't have to be big and bulky. They can be used anywhere and they can be as comfortable as a sofa can be."

Shoppers should sit in the chair before purchasing it. "What is comfortable for you may not be comfortable for me," Wolf said. "They should also take into account how tall they are and how big they are."

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BY JOAN BORAM
SPECIAL WRITER

Upholstered furniture pieces add color, style and warmth to a room's ambience.

Just don't allow yourself to be intimidated by the thousands of samples that most stores and design professionals make available. You already know that you detest/love orange, or teal, or green, so you've eliminated a few thousand possibilities before you even start.

On further consideration: You have children and a large dog, durability is your top priority. You entertain frequently, elegance is a must. You love antiques, you want your sofa recovered in a mellow fabric that will blend in with older pieces.

See how easy it is?

"I start with a client interview," says Barbara Krass, director of design for Colorworks Studio of Interior Design in Farmington Hills. "Do you want a soft or a slick look? Dramatic or cozy? After the style is determined, we settle on a color scheme. In a room with soft seating, such as a great room, we determine the fabric palette before walls or floor covering. Look at a room as a painting. Fabric is the foreground, everything else is background."

All fabrics begin with fibers that are either natural or synthetic (manufactured). Commonly used natural fibers are cotton, silk, and wool. Synthetics include rayon, acrylic, polyester, and nylon.

Modern manufacturing techniques have blurred the distinc-

tions between natural and synthetic fibers. Not long ago, natural fibers were characterized by their feel, and synthetics were selected for their durability and stain-resistance. Thanks to technology, stain-reducing treatments, like Teflon, have increased the longevity of natural fabrics, while innovations in yarn-making have made synthetics softer and more comfortable.

"Thanks to the new treatments, it's entirely possible, and practical, to use silk as a sofa covering," says Krass. "There are so many other improvements and innovations. One of my favorites is a polyester/woven fabric that can look exactly like natural fabrics

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Mixing it up: This living room features warm tones and textures mixing tweed chenille and neutral stripes. The artwork adds a burst of color to the mix.

How to identify various fabrics

Brocade - a patterned fabric, usually of fine silk or synthetic yarns, made to resemble embroidery. Suitable for fine upholstery.

Calico - A printed cotton made to resemble antique textiles. Patterns are small and colors simulate those of natural dyes. Often used with provincial furnishings.

Chenille - (The French word for caterpillar.) Traditionally made of cotton, now a rayon weave used for upholstery. Not as cozy as cotton, but more durable. Characterized by a fuzzy nap.

Chintz - A fine plain weave cotton, frequently glazed, usually with a printed design. Often

used to cover light-scale furniture where crisp lines are desired.

Cretonne - A plain or twill weave fabric, heavier and larger in scale of pattern than chintz. Used with furnishings of larger scale than chintz.

Leather - Treated animal hide used as a fabric. Top grain or top cut from the hide is most desirable.

Matelasse - Figured double weave cloth with raised design. Used for upholstery where some thickness is required.

Tapetery - Originally, a ribbed material produced on a heavier warp by finer wefts.

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Living rooms reflect comfort, less formality

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

The living is easy in living rooms.

Furnishings for the living room today are comfortable. Their versatility applies both to their function and to their style, as they can adapt to current needs and to future trends.

"People are using their living rooms to live in now," said Bill Wolf, owner of Newton Furniture in Livonia, which also has stores in Bloomfield Hills, Novi and Sterling Heights.

"(Furnishings) are comfortable to sit on and good looking besides."

Sectionals are popular choices as residents furnish their living rooms for use as well as appearance.

"With a sectional grouping, you can put anything to match, fit in a room or a corner," Wolf said.

"They give you a lot of seating in a limited amount of space," said Don Wurm, owner of Laurel Furniture in Plymouth.

Examples of beautiful and functional furnishings that fit

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owner of Newton Furniture

any decor can be found in a sampling of new collections.

The Laura Ashley Home collection by Kincaid Furniture, offered by Newton Furniture, includes pieces in the Keswick line inspired by the classic English country style. An auburn finish accents the solid maple grain. Armoires feature plentiful storage space.

Versatility and elegance are among the attributes of Baker Furniture's Historic Charleston collection, inspired by styles from the 18th and 19th centuries.

The line presents a tulip chair that can serve as an occasional chair or a decorative place to stack books. In the style of an early 19th century hall chair, the piece has a tulip-shaped back, turned front legs and saber back legs.

Ethan Allen's Swedish Home collection offers simple charm, as in the creamy sofa and table for the living room. The table features two shelves, open on all sides.

Amish styles are popular, Wurm said. The pieces resemble

the mission style in their clean lines.

Chinese and other Oriental furniture pieces are popular additions to room furnishings, said Chris Chung, co-owner of East Asia Gallery in Royal Oak. The store, which recently opened, imports 90 percent of its furniture from mainland China.

"People are really utilizing Chinese furniture and mixing it in with sets now," Chung said.

With its straight lines, Korean furniture fits in with modern style furnishings, he said. The low end tables are good pairings with sofas that have low arms.

With Asian furniture, chairs often feature lumbar support and silk pillows frequently serve as upholstery. Garden seats, screens and nesting tables are among popular pieces, Chung said. The tansu cabinet, with its stairlike shape, makes a fashionable room divider and display area.

Furniture colors are set by women's fashions, Wolf said. Popular shades today include orange, red, blue, brown and yellow.

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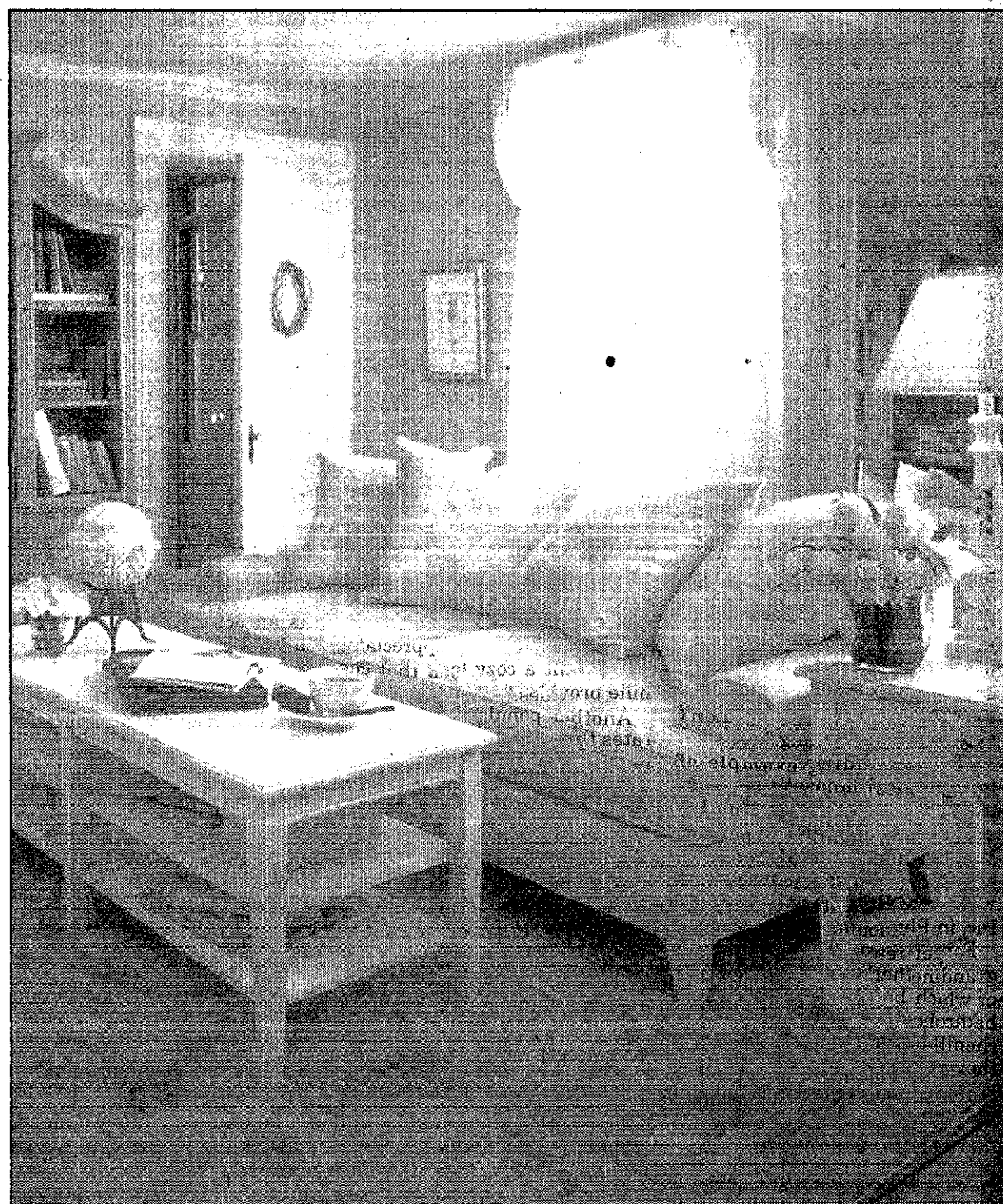


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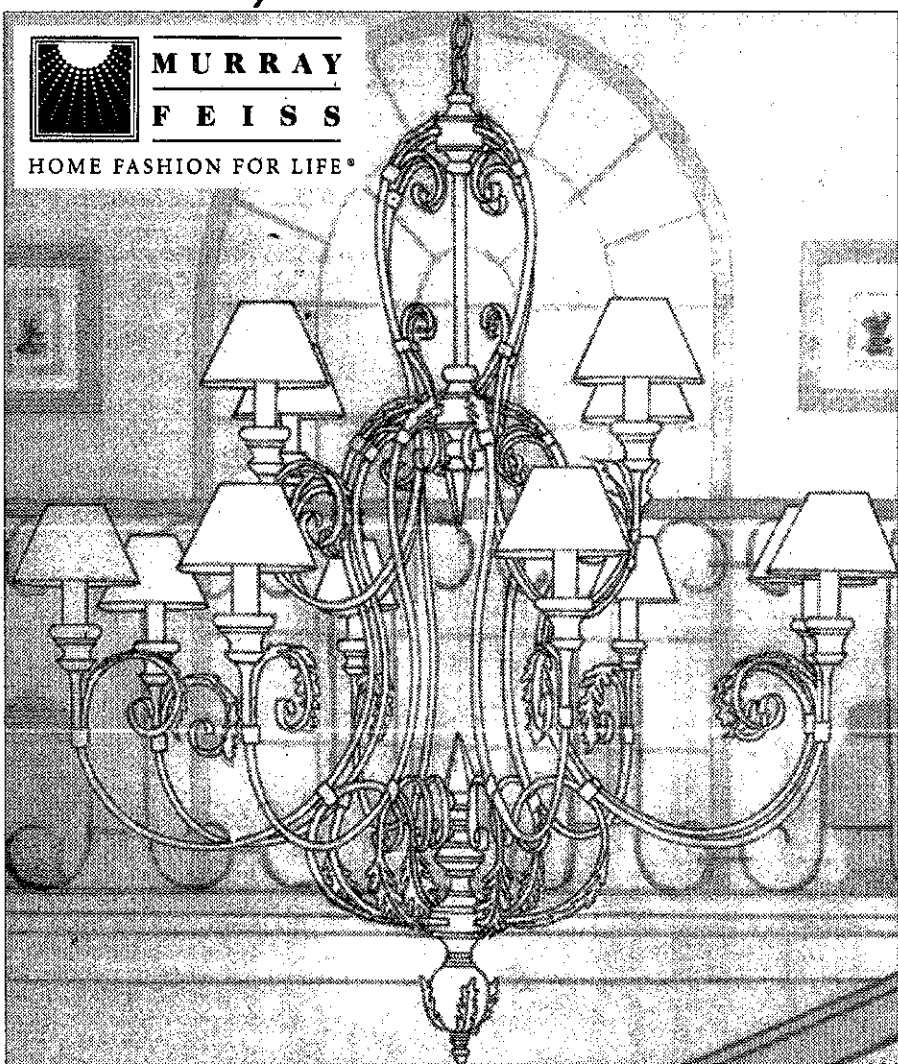
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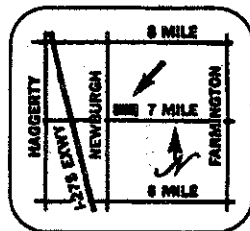


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DESIGNER'S CORNER

In order to design a successful living room, you need to know what your needs are, and you need to make sure that each decision you make is honoring those needs.

When choosing items make sure you select those you really love, and not just because they match. Know that the more input you look for others to give about your selections, the more uncertain you will feel about your choices.

You will know that you've succeeded in creating the perfect living space when it reflects who you are and how you live.

What do you do in your living room? I get up in the morning and I meditate, then I may pull out my books or some paperwork and make a few notes.

But for the most part the living room sits vacant most of the day, then I come back in the evening and join my son or my husband and lounge around and watch TV and talk about the day.

That's how I use my living



Ellen Jewell

room on a day-to-day basis. Other times my husband and I throw parties for two to 45 guests. Then I move the furniture around and add some mobile chairs (chairs on casters), pull up several small tables that I have placed throughout the house, and put the television back down into the cabinet (a remote hydraulic system is hidden in the cabinet).

My lighting consists of two totem style floor lamps. Each lamp has three lights that can be operated individually. They provide enough light for the entire room.

My fabrics and finishes can all be wiped down or easily cleaned: two white leather sofas, a dark wood bench, a large glass coffee table, several small, lightweight

steel tables, a thick area rug, blackened wood floors, mobile chairs upholstered in a soft ultrasuede fabric, and a silver glass entertainment center.

I am very passionate about art work and have favorite pieces in my living room.

Propped on my mantel are a Joan Miro, a black and white photo of my granddaughter, a beautifully framed silver mirror and a black and white piece by Anne McCauley.

Another wall holds a large paper cast, about 5 by 4 feet, of *Oriental Girl* by Gallo. It is housed in an acrylic frame about 5 inches deep.

My windows have no drapery treatments but look out onto a large back yard.

For my living room I've selected each item carefully and thoughtfully to ensure that I would be creating an elegant, easily maintainable, clutter-free room.

Column written by Eileen Jewell, American Society of Interior Designers, Allied Member.

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maintain, such as straw or raffia or woven leather. Clients love them, especially with the natural look that's so big now, incorporating a lot of stone, metals and woods. I'm very picky - I wouldn't use these if they didn't look like the real thing.

An outstanding example of technological innovation is chenille, one of the most popular upholstery fabrics around, according to David Buzenberg, president and fabric buyer for Walker & Buzenberg Furniture, Inc. in Plymouth.

Forget retro: This is not your grandmother's chenille, the stuff of which bedspreads and cuddly bathrobes were made. "The new chenilles are pre-washed rayon; they have a built-in durability, and a soft, silky feel," explains Buzenberg.

"The very casual look of the past six or seven years is trending toward a more formal style with a casual feel. Chenille, especially cut chenille with a floral or paisley pattern, is an example of a more formal look with a casual feel. Popular colors are shades of brown, such as raisin or Sienna, or sage green.

Earth tones in general are very big. They give a European, old world look that the younger - age 25 to 45 - group appreciates. They want a cozy look that chenille provides."

Another popular look incorporates three related fabrics on one piece. For example, the seat cushions might be a large floral pattern, the back cushions the same floral in a smaller version, and the body of the piece a matching solid or a mini-print, dots, perhaps.

Walker and Buzenberg carries five major upholstery lines, which add up to several thousand fabrics. "Most people find the furniture first, and then select the fabric, often from the samples provided by the furniture's manufacturer. But some do find the fabric first, and then select the furniture piece," says Buzenberg.

According to Pat Roubic, who trains the Detroit District design staff for Ethan Allen Home Interiors, Inc. including stores in Birmingham, Livonia and Novi, the eclectic look is "hot." The suite of matching furniture has gone the way of the little black

dress. It's safe, but not very interesting. What is interesting is an eclectic look, as if you've inherited interesting pieces from several well-traveled aunts.

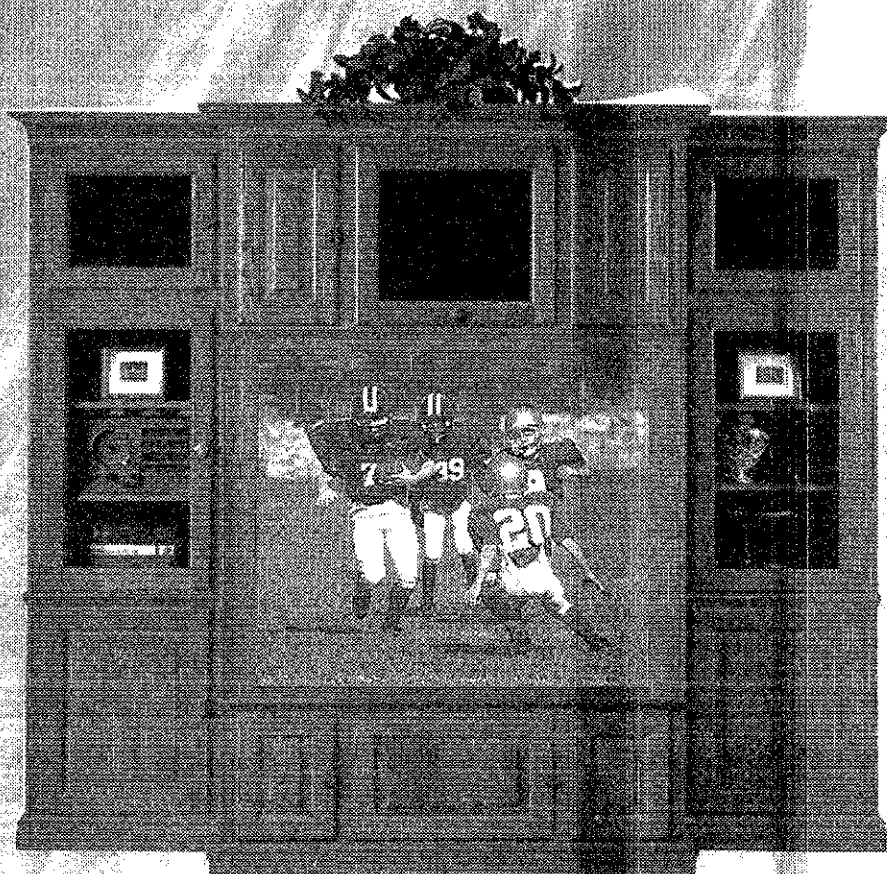
"People want a 'collected' look now," says Roubic. "It's not a simple thing to do. The old rules no longer apply, but the mix-and-match look requires a discerning eye, or it can be an expensive disaster. You can avoid a chaotic look by allowing a trained designer to help you achieve a slightly formal but relaxed atmosphere."

Roubic recommends mixing textures and patterns to enhance the collected look.

"For example, let's say you have a large leather chair and you want to use it as the focal point of the room. Leather is shiny; it has a 'cold' finish. To warm up the room, you'll want to use softer, warmer, more tactile fabrics - chenille, damask, wovens, perhaps, in lighter colors. Use pattern for visual interest: Plaids, florals, or a mix of bold and petite prints.

"It's a look that's more thought out, but if done right, it's worth the effort."

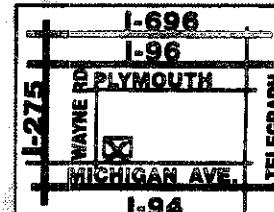
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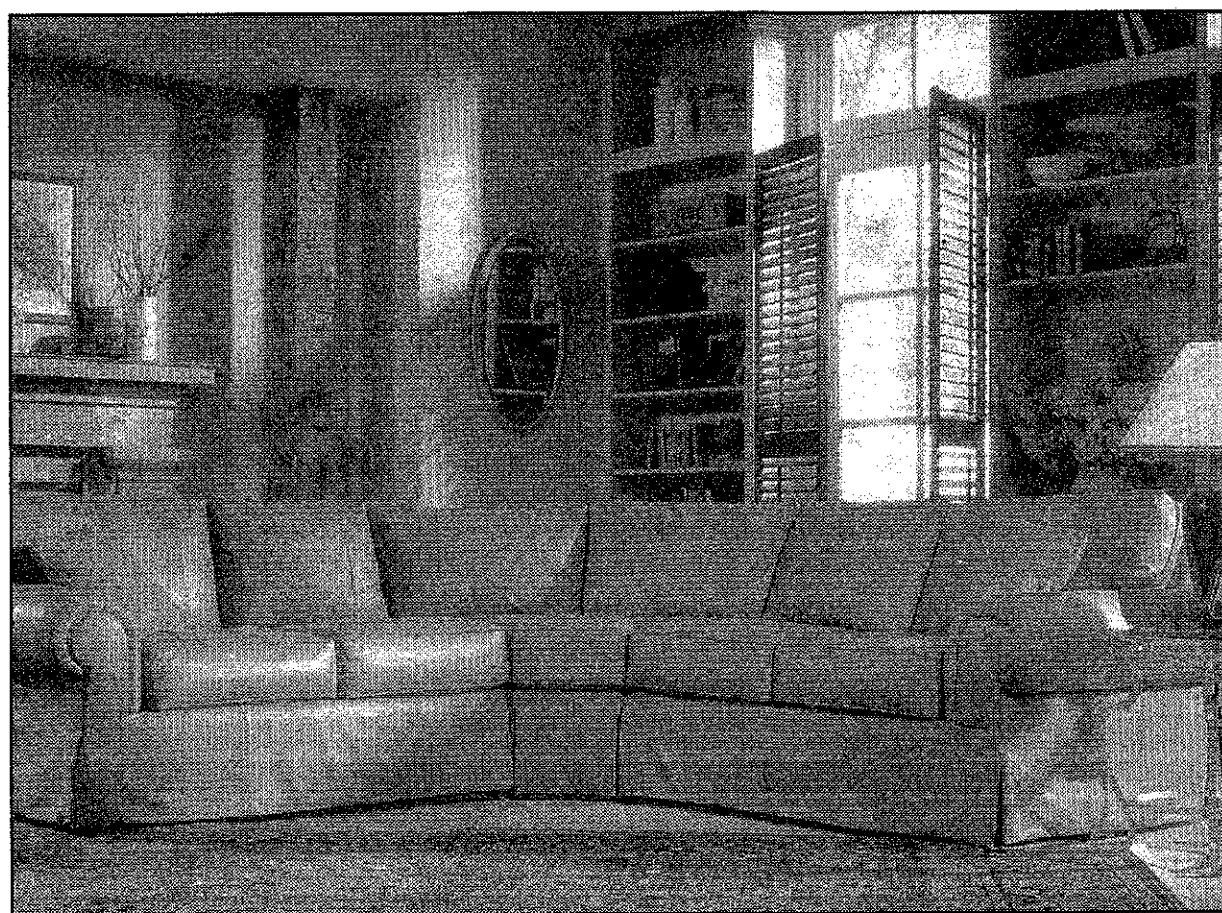
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Simply great: Today's homeowners use the great room to watch television or just sit and rest on a large sectional. Wide open spaces are the norm in this great room, right, furnished by Sonoma sofas and chairs.



Great rooms are family activity centers

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Americans used to gather in living rooms in their bungalows or ranch homes.

But look at where they meet now: the great room.

"They used to have a separate room to gather, either den or family room, but only occasionally was the living room used," said Bill Wolf, owner of Newton Furniture in Livonia, which also has stores in Bloomfield Hills, Novi and Sterling Heights.

Today's homes replaced the

living room, den and family room with the great room. "Today people are using the great room to watch television, sit and relax in the furniture or use the entertainment center," Wolf said.

"It's changed dramatically over the years. The chairs, sofas and recliners are more comfortable, and there's better quality covers and leather."

Today people use three rooms, the great room, kitchen and bedroom of the home. "The great room is where they go to relax," Wolf said, as people use entertainment centers with DVD players, CD players and stereo

■ "I think the great room has changed in how it's equipped."

-Ken Kucab,
McLaughlin's Furniture

equipment to enjoy a room full of sound.

"I think the great room has changed in how it's equipped," said Ken Kucab of McLaughlin's Furniture in Southgate and Novi. "That change in equipment now includes the home theater and in terms of seating space needed in the room."

Since there is so much enter-

taining, the room is casual, said Kucab.

Accessories include the torchiere, which is a floor lamp with reverse lighting with a dimmer switch.

Sectionals can help fill up those wide open spaces, Kucab said. Fabric colors can vary from brown and rust to blue. Cherry wood is popular on accent or end

tables. Animal motifs also play a big role in the decorating scheme.

"The colors of animal skin, such as zebra and leopard, those types of look-alike fabrics are popular," Kucab said.

Don Wurm, owner of Laurel Furniture in Plymouth, said entertainment centers remain the focal point in great rooms. "They've eliminated the living room and instead you see the great room in newer homes," Wurm said.

Homeowners also use bookcases alongside the entertainment center in the room. "People use this room on a regular basis,"

Wurm said. "They are also putting in computer desks and putting them in the family room. These computer cabinets can be closed up." That allows the family to store the computer in a central location of the home where parents can keep an eye on children surfing the Internet.

Accessories usually include lamps, end tables, pictures and clocks, decorating the room in a traditional style. "Sometimes people purchase transitional pieces, such as a sofa with wood feet on it instead of a skirt," Wurm said. That allows homeowners to change decorative styles from room to room.

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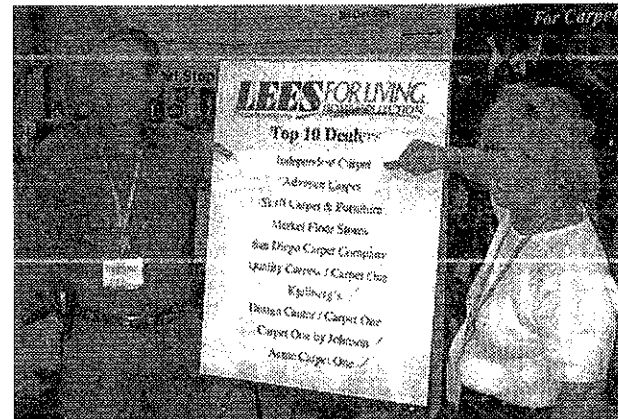
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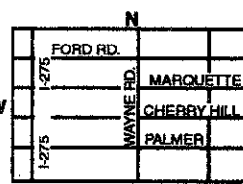
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Fabulous FURNITURE 2001

Area rugs add beauty, color

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Area rugs are to wood floors as tint is to paint — they make the area come alive with color and style.

The eye naturally gravitates to an area rug, because it provides relief from the sea of wood or marble panels.

Area rugs "make the room," explained Jeremy Dantzer, sales associate of Dalley Carpet in Livonia.

Paul McEachern, general manager at A.R. Kramer in Livonia, said there seems to be two extremes in trends — one exemplifies an older, antique Oriental look and the other is "completely contemporary new looks."

"We are showing and selling more area rugs, because they go hand-in-hand with the wood floors," McEachern said. "That's probably going to grow, because of the amount of hard wood floors. People are going with their entire first floors with hard wood and using area rugs to accent."

"There are still a lot of hand made rugs and a nicer quality of machine rugs," McEachern said. "The pricing is staying the same. You can get a nice wool rug at a fairly reasonable price."

There's a big selection in 5-by-8-feet, machine made rugs, he said, that run between \$149 to \$1,000 and more.

The best thing homeowners can do to maintain their area rugs for as long as possible, McEachern said, is to have their area rugs professionally cleaned.

"We use them to define space," explained Suzanne Hagopian, executive vice-president of Hagopian World of Rugs in Birmingham, Novi and Oak Park.

"They add warmth — visually and physically."

While there are a number of benchmarks to look for when buying a rug, Hagopian said, finding a pattern that you like is the most important thing.

"Buy a rug because you love it and that it makes you feel good," she said.



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Brilliant color: Karastan presents the SunWash Collection of rugs, which radiate a warmth and glow with burnished and golden tones.

Then ask yourself if it will look good after 10 years of vacuuming and cleaning.

The quality of wool is determined by a lot of elements, including the number of colors, knot count, the execution of the pattern and the tightness of the weave.

Beyond everything else, look for the aesthetics of the rug, Hagopian advised.

"Does it seem like the colors are in harmony with each other?" she asked. "Are they making noise or are they making music? When you have two antique rugs side by side and the condition and quality are the

same and one is in hot pink and the other is in claret red, which do you think is of more value?"

Dantzer finds that a lot of his customers design their drapes around the patterns and colors used in their area rugs.

"Or, they have the drapes and look for area rugs to help accent them," he added.

From the classic Oriental style to the contemporary squares and blocks, Dantzer said, more and more companies are providing a deep sculptured look in area rugs.

"There's a style for everyone and a fabric for everyone," he

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Sofa sleepers span the seasons in styles, colors

BY SANDIE PARROTT
SPECIAL WRITER

Sofa sleepers, once the solution for where to put extra guests, aren't selling like they used to. Most of the area retailers agreed that sales were down significantly this year. Some didn't even have models on the sales floor.

Why are they losing popularity?

Changes in housing trends have led to their possible demise. In our area, homes are getting larger. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, new one-family, four-bedroom homes increased 14 percent while three-bedroom homes actually decreased. More families are building a permanent extra room instead of using a sofa bed

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in a multipurpose room.

Many competing products are also adding to the trend away from sofa beds.

Futons are popular for younger persons who aren't as concerned about comfort and a traditional look. They are also significantly less expensive (\$200 to \$600) and much easier to move.

Airbeds are also very popular. They are relatively inexpensive (\$150 to \$250), and can be stored

in a closet and quickly inflated whenever they are needed.

Furniture companies are also adding their own products that make sofa beds less attractive to buyers.

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Many people are still buying sofa sleepers. The trend is leading away from the traditional, uncomfortable, bar-in-the-back sleepers. You can still buy the more inexpensive models with 3-inch mattresses and little support, but they are harder to find and not recommended.

According to area retailers, people are buying queen-size sofa sleepers above all other sizes. It is big enough to fit just about everyone comfortably, yet it doesn't take up the whole room.

Manufacturers have introduced chair-and-a-half (single bed) sleepers for very limited spaces. Art Van Furniture calls them "Snugglers," because two people really have to sit close together. Carol Smith of Art Van in Waterford said they sell quite well.

Colors, technology

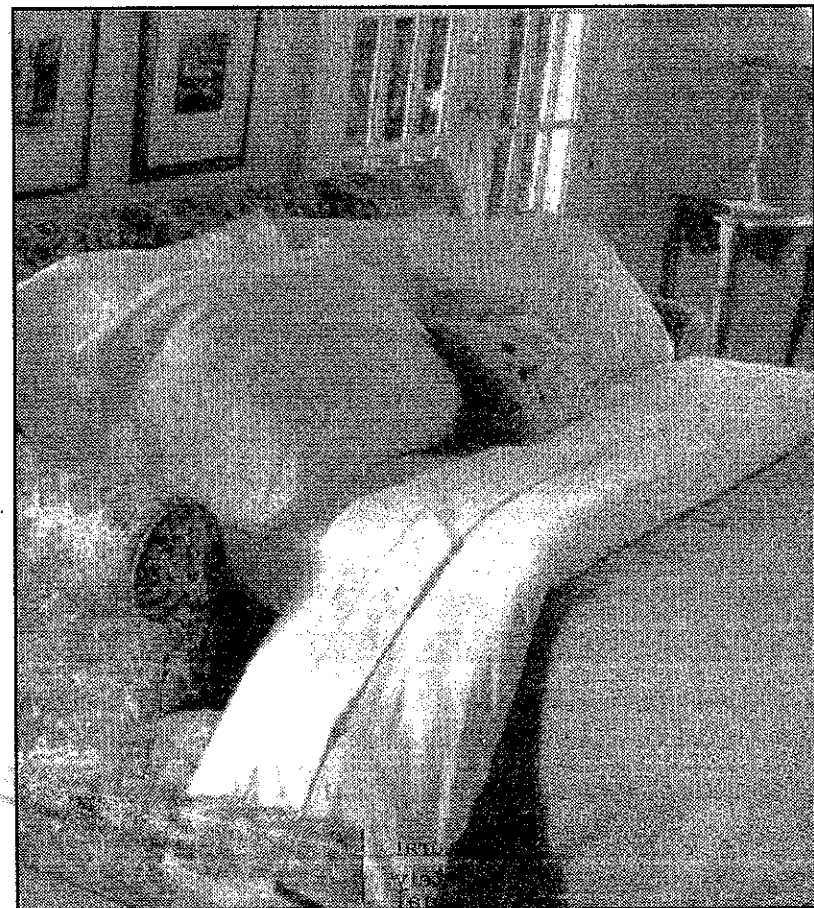
Neutral colors are still very popular along with sage, plum and burgundy.

Coleen Gahry of Ethan Allen Interiors advises choosing styles and colors that span the seasons. Many people choose darker colors in winter or light colors in summer and aren't satisfied in the coming months.

Manufacturers are making sofa beds more comfortable and easier to use. Mattress depth ranges from 4 inches for economy styles up to 6-1/2 inches for luxury sofas.

Innerspring mattresses without the uncomfortable bar are the best sellers. Some luxury models also have raised TV position headrests that lock into place.

La-Z-Boy will be introducing a new type of sleeper sofa with what it calls the Slumber Air Mattress System. The air mattress is attached to the top of the heavy gauge coil mattress. When it is inflated, it adds 5 inches of air comfort to 4 inches of mattress support, according to La-Z-



Sweet dreams: This Ethan Allen sofa sleeper has a lively print with heavy duty construction, standard 6-1/2-inch thick mattress and TV position feature.

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will use it at least five or six times a year.

If you aren't going to use it enough, it is better to buy a more comfortable (less stuff) easier to move sofa, he said.

Prices and quality vary considerably, so it pays to shop around.

Depending on the fabric or leather chosen, the type and thickness of the mattress and the quality of the frame and overall construction, prices can vary from \$500 to \$2,600 for a full-size sleeper sofa.

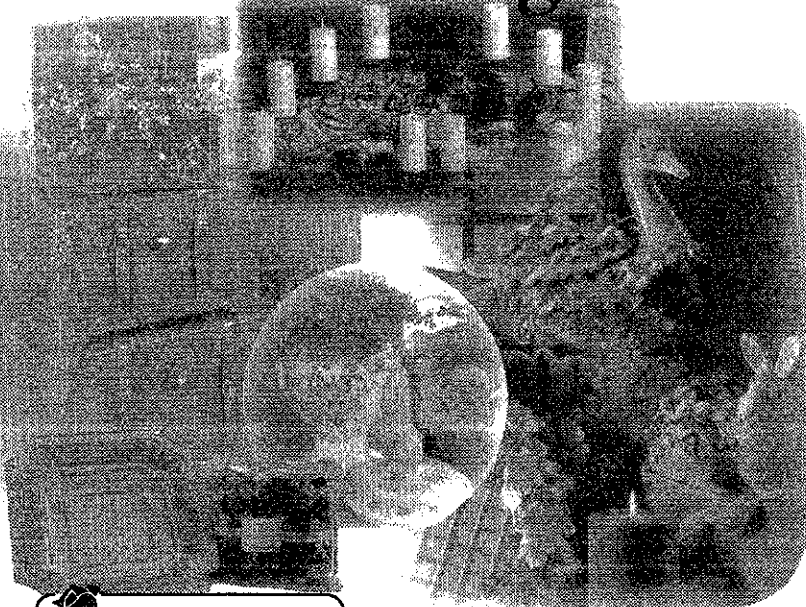
Prices don't vary much between full and queen size, so that may be another reason why queen-size units are so popular.

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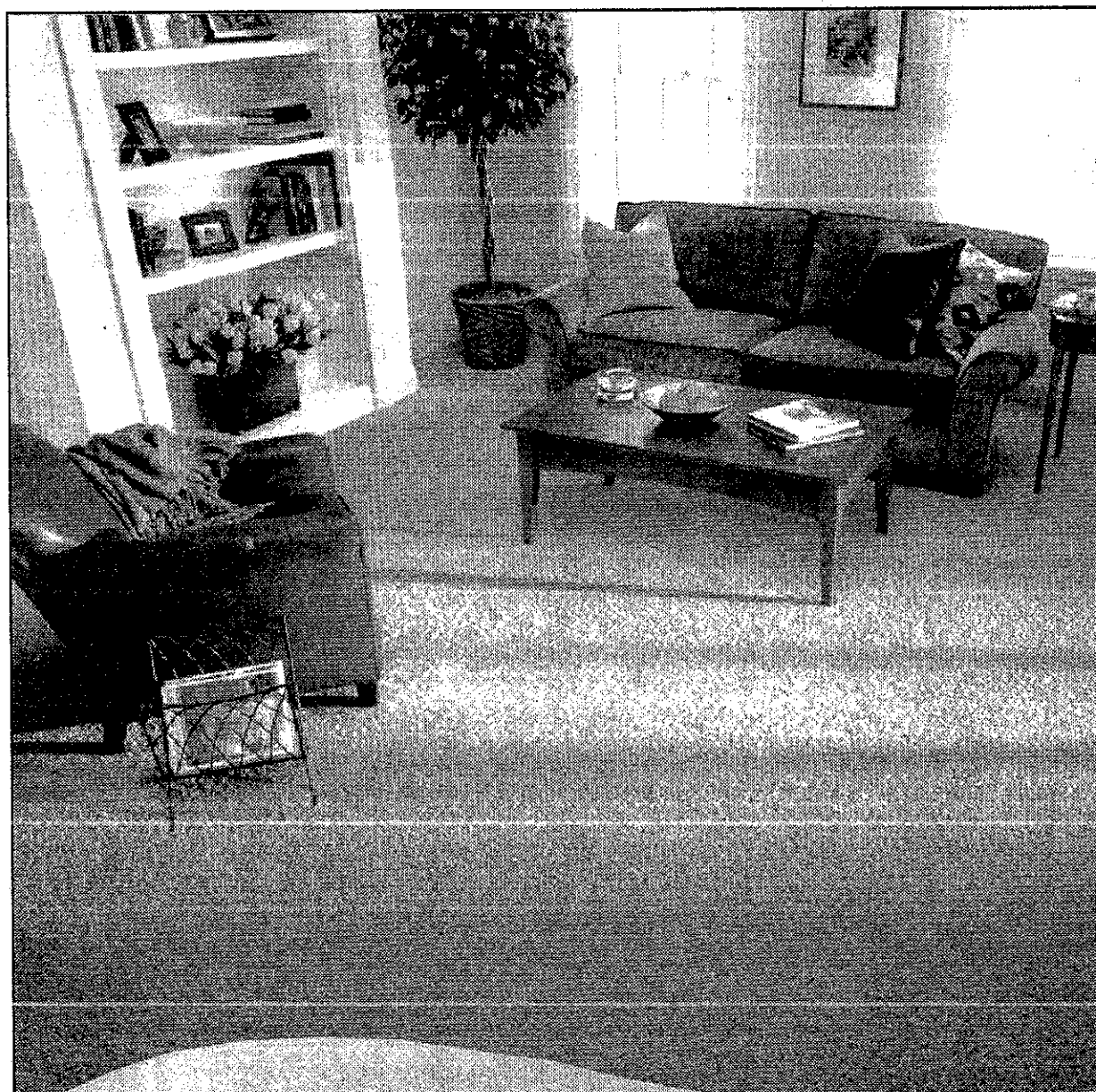
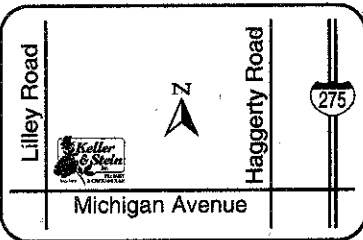
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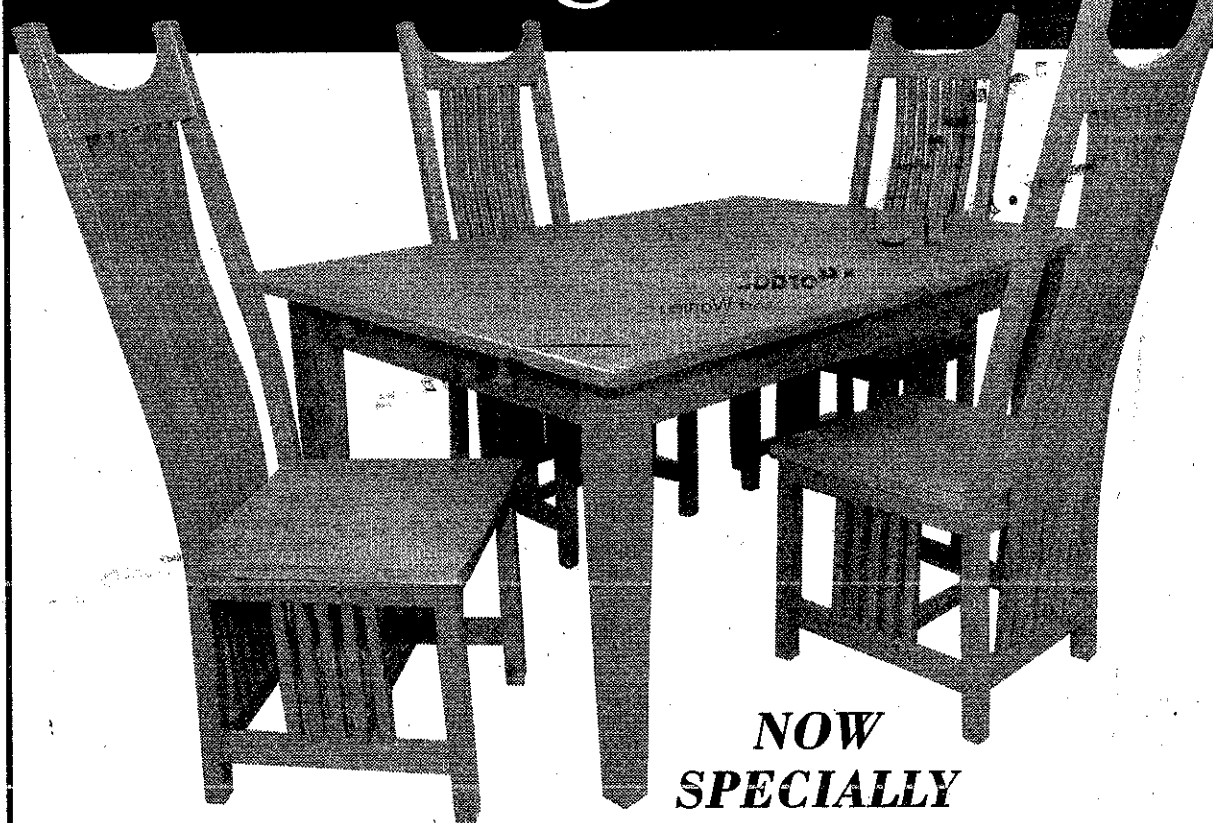
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Furniture as art can decorate and beautify rooms

BY CORINNE ABATT
SPECIAL WRITER

Let's say you want art in your home. Your list includes paintings, graphics, textiles, sculpture, maybe ceramics and photography.

But, what about furniture? Think about it. Isn't furniture really just a form of sculpture that serves a function - holds a body, a plate, a computer, clothes or books?

Some of the most influential furniture designs of the 20th century have come from artists who were affiliated with the Cranbrook Academy of Art - the husband-and-wife team of Charles and Ray Eames among the best known.

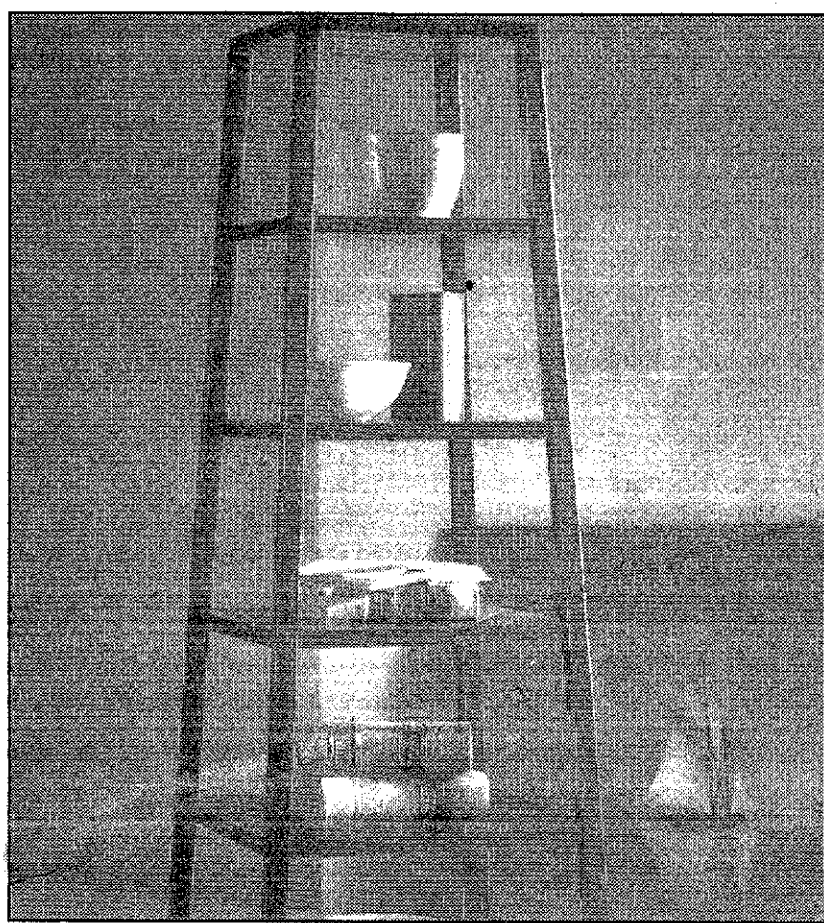
Greg Wittkopp, director of the Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum, described some of the qualities necessary for furniture to be considered art.

"Here at Cranbrook we believe very much the best furniture design is furniture that can stand alone as a sculptural object and still be completely successful as a functional object." He used a chair designed by Charles and Ray Eames as an example, calling it "a stunning three-dimensional object that works ergonomically as well."

Surely no single piece of furniture has attracted more attention from artists of vision than the chair. Like sculpture, the chair has a clear and defined profile. Like painting, it has a surface to embellish.

At the Arkitektura showroom of Birmingham, Janet Burzynski, manager, said, "When people think of furniture as art, they think of classic pieces."

Here those classic pieces are signed and numbered reproductions of furniture by 20th century



Visual reality: The geometric back design and the slightly bowed arm base add powerful visual elements to the profile of Baker Furniture's Cockpen Chair from its historic Charleston Collection. A tapered eitegera, right photo, by Milling Road is adapted from a favorite 19th Century form.

masters such as the Eames, as well as by architects Frank Lloyd Wright, Eliel Saarinen and Le Corbusier, and Austrian designer, Josef Hoffmann. To name only a few.

The furniture which they and their contemporaries designed brought revolutionary changes in how people viewed their surroundings and was the inspiration for much of what we call modern design even today.

These pieces with their geo-

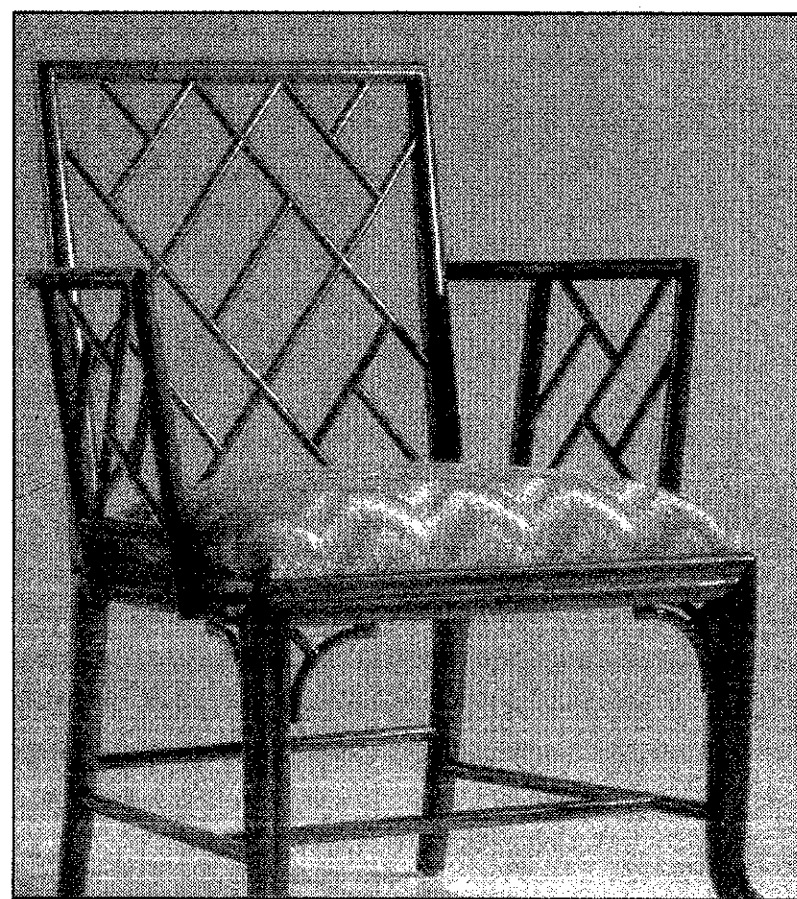
metric shapes and clearly delineated forms look as fresh and exciting now as they surely did when they were introduced to the world. Josef Hoffmann's pieces, with their strong relationship to sculpture and the circle, date to the early 20th century.

So, with this information, let's look further. Clean, geometrics characterize a contemporary grouping, the Sahara Collection by Huppe at In Style Furniture

& Accessories in West Bloomfield. "This is one of our hottest new looks," said Marilyn Berman, who with husband, Rick Berman, owns In Style.

However, if tradition is your preference, the Baker showroom of Birmingham could prove intriguing. These collections draw on historical sources from as far as ancient Rome to as near as Charleston, S.C., before the American Revolution.

For instance, the George III



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Cockpen Chair comes with a striking profile and a fascinating

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background. Robin Richter, staff writer for Kohler, Baker's parent company, said, "That chair was inspired by the elaborate cages the English used for their birds trained for cock fights ... that was a long time ago. It's a beautiful chair. I'd love to own one."

Handpainted furniture continues to surge in popularity. (If you want to paint and decorate furniture, classes in this are available at local art centers and in adult education programs.)

Furniture making has a distinguished history in Michigan. Northern Michigan University, offers a degree program. Others may wish to look into programs at Cranbrook Academy of Art (graduate level only) and the College of Creative Arts of Detroit.

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Tune up piano knowledge before making that purchase

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
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Purchasing a piano is one of the biggest investments you'll make for your home. It requires consideration of manufacturer, style, quality and price. But most of all it involves the love of sound.

"Sound is the most important element in choosing a piano. That is the reason the piano was created. With the dollars you have budgeted, try to get as much of the sound as you can," said Nate Edwards, a consultant at Hammell Music in Livonia.

The piano was once known as a "pianoforte," a combination of two Latin words — "piano," meaning "soft" and "forte," meaning "loud." The perfect combination of soft and loud is why professional musicians choose a majestic, hand-crafted Steinway, said Edwards.

"That's why Steinway has been the piano of preference for over 150 years," he added. "It gives the musician the broadest range of sound. Imagine an artist having a box of 24 crayons. He can do a masterful painting with those crayons, but

with 64 crayons, he can do every shade in between."

Of course, the Steinway sound doesn't come cheap. An upright starts at \$15,000 and a baby grand at \$40,000. However, the resale value is wonderful, said Edwards — up to 50 percent more than original price.

Considerations

The following factors should be taken in consideration when purchasing a piano:

■ **Budget.** Most new pianos cost \$3,000 to \$7,000; used pianos average \$1,000 to \$3,000. If you're purchasing a piano for your child, or are an adult novice player, don't buy the most expensive model.

■ **Personality.** If your choice of furniture and personal taste is traditional, consider a traditional piano, not only in style but in tone.

■ **Sound board.** The highest quality tone board is made of Alaskan sitka spruce. Some pianos have laminated sound boards, which are warranted for life but produce a flatter sound.

"It is important to understand a piano in terms of furniture life and musical life," said Edwards. The higher quality pianos (with

the solid wood sound boards) have a longer musical life."

■ **Voicing and regulation.** The piano should be tailored to the customer's tonal expectations — brighter or more mellow — without affecting the instrument's integrity, said Edwards.

■ **Player systems.** Playing systems enable a piano to play by itself. They can cost an additional \$5,000. However, they may be worth it, especially if a piano-playing relative is deceased, said Edwards. "It will reproduce a performance as if the musician was there."

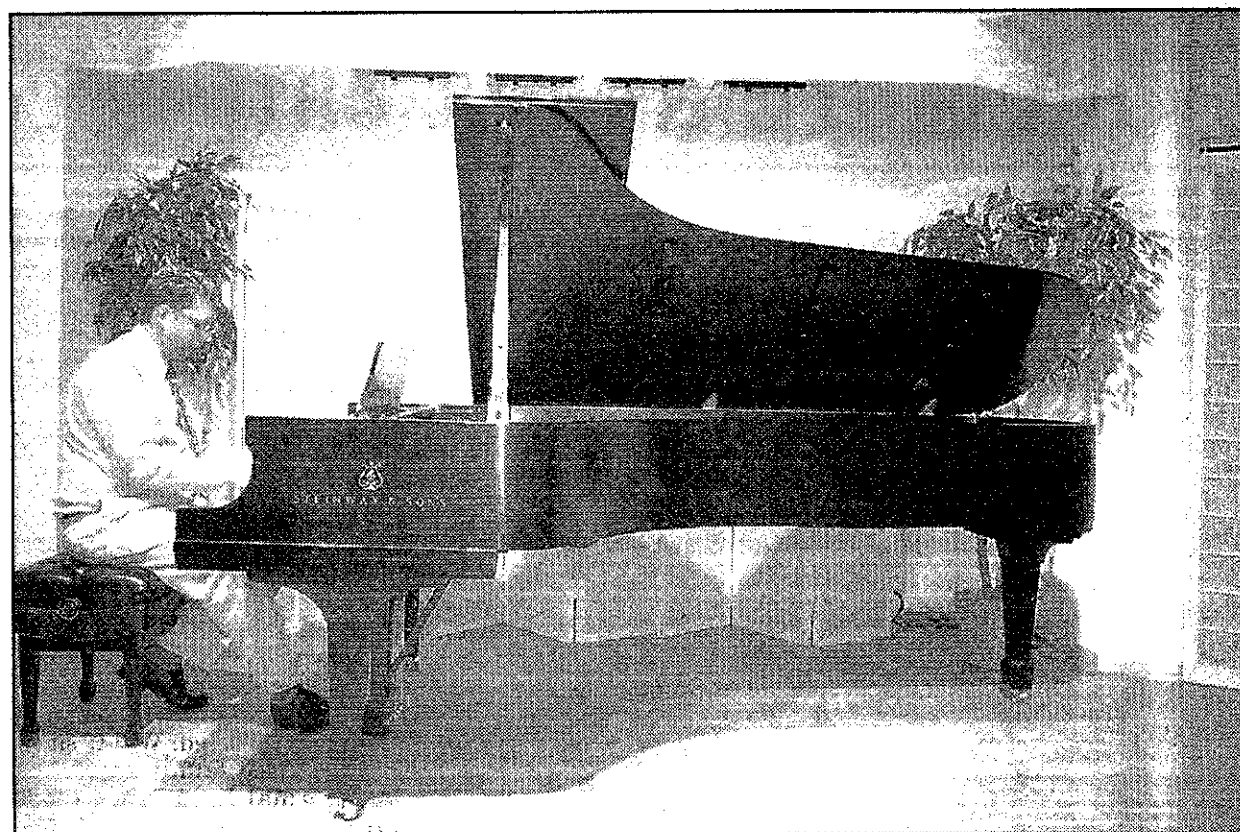
Buyer beware

Paul Cusumano, manager of Evola Music in Canton, does not recommend buying a piano through the want ads.

"That is not the best way because you could be buying someone else's troubles. Most people know nothing about pianos. I would want to look at the sound board. I'd want to see the tuning receipts," he said.

Do your research before reaching for your wallet — go online, talk to teachers and piano tuners, and develop a relation-

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Players: Hammell Music store manager Brian Sampson plays the nine-foot Steinway Grand in the auditorium. Michael Daniels of Detroit, 8, plays one of the Yamaha Baby Grands in the main showroom.





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Sofa needs to be more than just eye-pleasing

BY LISA LUCKOW-HEALY
SPECIAL WRITER

A sofa purchase is a big decision. This one object in your home makes a fashion statement. It is a trendsetter. It says something about your personal style. But it's more than a pretty face in your living space.

A sofa has substance. Knowing how to buy the right sofa for your lifestyle needs is the difference between a comfortable living experience and an object that doesn't hold up to its expectations.

"The structural components of a sofa are important considerations when making your purchase," said Cynthia Neada, sales manager, Ethan Allen Furniture in Birmingham.

"A sofa should have a solid hardwood frame that's doweled, glued and screwed together. If the piece has a good frame, this will add to the comfort and durability of the fabric."

"If the spring system is good and the pillows are styled properly, the sofa will be more comfortable. If the fabric feels good to the touch — called the hand of the fabric — it will add to the

"The best sofa construction is one incorporating a frame of solid hardwood of maple or birch."

Kevin Konat
owner of Classic Interiors

comfort level."

A sofa can look good on the outside. But it's about what is on the inside that really counts in a sound purchase decision — one not influenced strictly by style.

"The best sofa construction is one incorporating a frame of solid hardwood of maple or birch," said Kevin Konat, owner, Classic Interiors in Livonia.

"The springs are eight-way, hand-tied. Cushion seat cores should be double-wrapped with a urethane foam core followed by a spun poly-dacron layer that's then put inside a tailored muslin casing."

Konat said the purpose of this type of frame design is to keep the frame stable. The spring design means that no matter where you sit, the entire spring system supports you where you are, and lends itself to long-lasting comfort.

"The double-wrapped cushions keep shape longer, and keep from flattening out quicker," Konat said.

While aesthetics are pleasing to the eye, comfort and durability are often at the forefront of the final purchase considerations.

"If a customer wants a down-filled cushion feeling, I'll ask him if he's tried it and likes the feeling of it," Neada said.

"Down-filled sofas have an unstructured look. If you like a more unstructured look with some wrinkles in the fabric, it's

a comfortable choice. Our down cushions have a spring down design in them to help them bounce back.

"If a customer likes something a bit firmer, I'd show them other styles and ask him or her to check the differences."

After style and comfort levels are selected, fabric is a major consideration.

"Upholstery is much like a fashion statement," Konat said. "Fabric, color and patterns will come and go. But the fabric blend is important to the life of the sofa."

"Customers should think about where they will use the sofa and how it will be used. Will it sit in a highly used family room or a more formal living room? For durability's sake, a rayon-polyester or a polyester-cotton blend is a good choice, followed by chenille."

Ask yourself how you will use the sofa you plan to buy. A family with children and pets will get a longer life from a sofa that has a more durable fabric or leather. The same rule holds true for a room with high traffic.

A more delicate fabric can be used on a living room sofa that receives much less use and isn't subjected to the daily activities of children or pets.

"A customer can expect to spend approximately \$1,099 for a sofa that is on sale, and up to \$2,000 for a good, well-built sofa," Konat said.

"The average customer keeps a sofa six to seven years. If the right fabric is selected, the customer will tire of it before the sofa's structural integrity wears out."

"But it costs as much, if not more, to reupholster an old sofa as it does to buy new. The choices are really a matter of personal preference and budget."

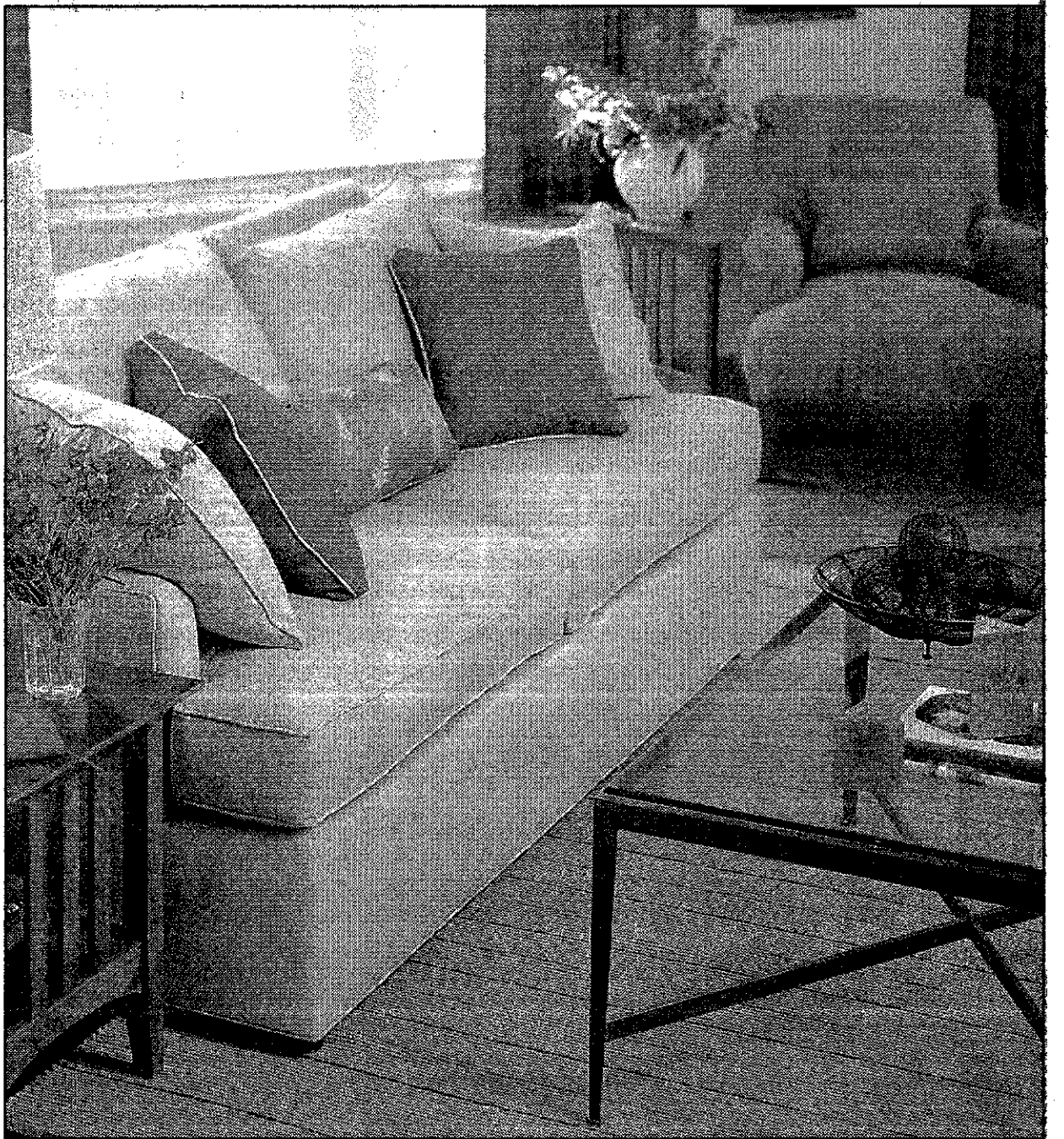


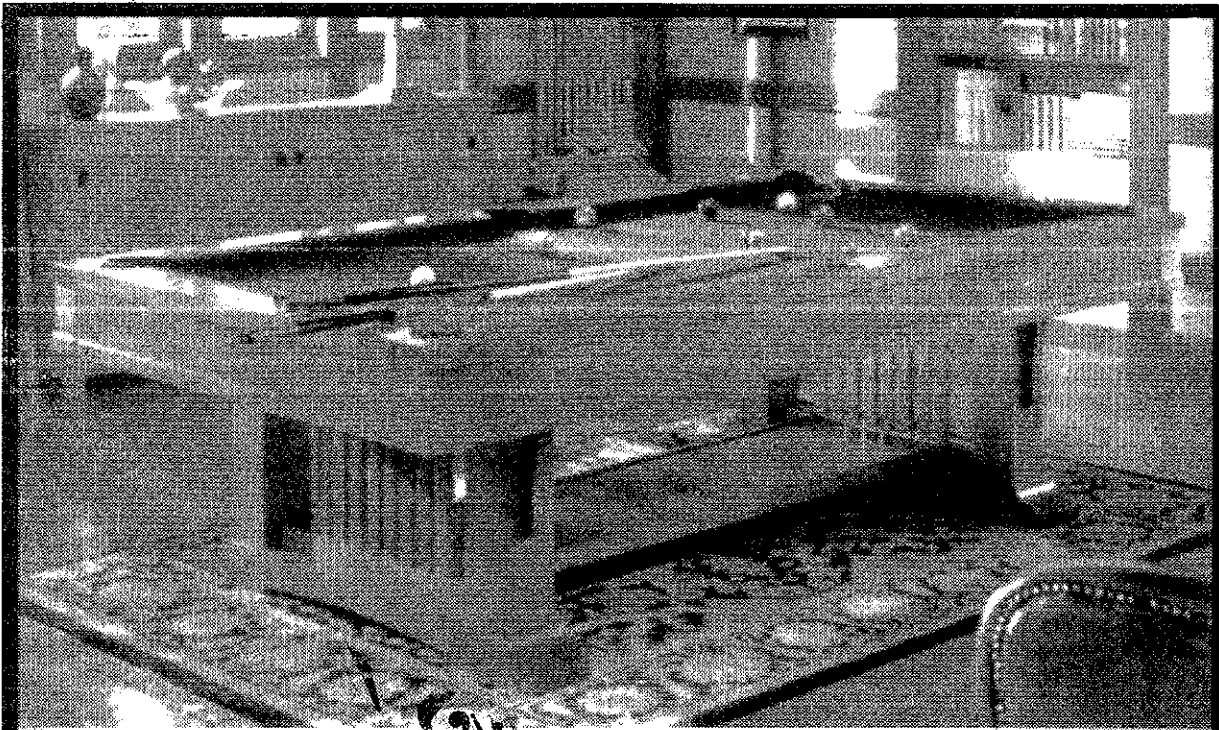
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Soft sofa: Before purchasing a sofa homeowners should first check its structure and how it is constructed.

Buying tips

When making the decision to spend the money for a new sofa, keep the following purchase considerations in mind:

- Solid, hardwood frame
- Good quality spring design in seating areas
- Seat cushion structure (i.e. double-wrapped)
- Quality of tailoring



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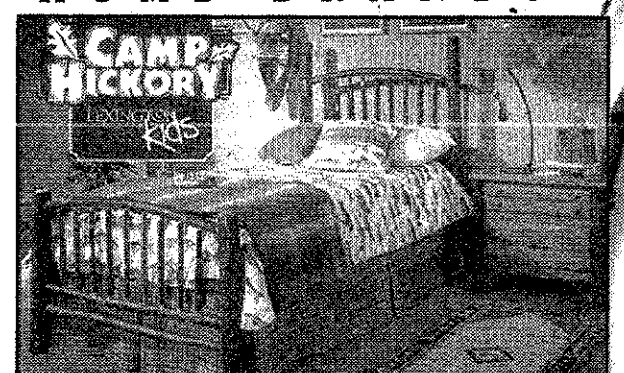
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Decorating turns homeowners into artists

PRNewswire - Festive fuschias and sleepy sages. Groovy geometrics and playful floral patterns. Homeowners today decorate their homes as artists might paint their canvases - using colors, textures and patterns to reflect their personalities and to evoke a certain mood.

With the palette of new colors and the variety of textures available for use in decorating, according to the Carpet and Rug Institute, it is easy to create a home that echoes the owner and initiates the desired atmosphere.

Consider first the mood you want the room to possess. Depending on your budget, adding new accessories, such as pillows, is one economical way to replicate a mood or give a room your personal touch. Another inexpensive and simple change that creates a more dramatic effect is to re-carpet the room or to bring a new focal point into

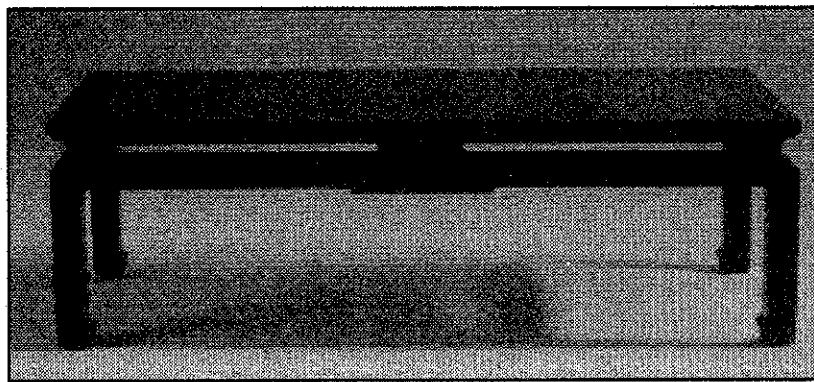


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Oriental expression: This Chinese low table, part of Baker Furniture's Historic Charleston collection, is crafted from hardwood solids and inspired by Ming Dynasty design.

the room with vibrant area rugs.

Using cool carpet colors and smooth cut pile for the floor covering can transform a room to create a mood that simply makes people feel calm and comfortable.

For a more vibrant feel, per-

haps in a child's playroom, bright warm-colored carpet in textured cut and loop pile combinations can achieve an invigorating effect. Boldly patterned carpet with florals and borders reminiscent of the European look provide an over-all pattern

that is prevalent in the English traditional combinations with floral chintz and striped fabrics.

"When carpet is added or updated, it is the one item that creates the greatest interior impact for the price," said Linda Frazier, interior designer. "Carpet is the easiest, most cost-efficient means of changing the entire look of a room because it covers so much of the visual space and because of the return on investment - the long life of the carpet versus the initial cost."

Carpet can be the subdued background of the room's decor or the definite focal point.

For a casual natural effect, Frazier recommends using carpet in fashionable, small- to medium-scale patterns in colors that blend with the colors already present in the room.

A wide variety of naturalistic patterns such as leaves, water, waves and florals allow homeowners to further expand the

ambiance. Frazier also encourages selecting textures that imitate a natural look, such as waffle weaves and small scale checks and stripes, the "sisal look" which tend to have greater longevity than the extreme trends that are disappearing in recent years.

More than ever before, decorators and interior designers are receiving requests for soft colors, such as dusty blue, aqua and lavender. Frazier believes this is in response to the chaotic lifestyle most Americans lead. "These soft hues induce feelings

of serenity and calmness - something we all wish we had more of in our lives."

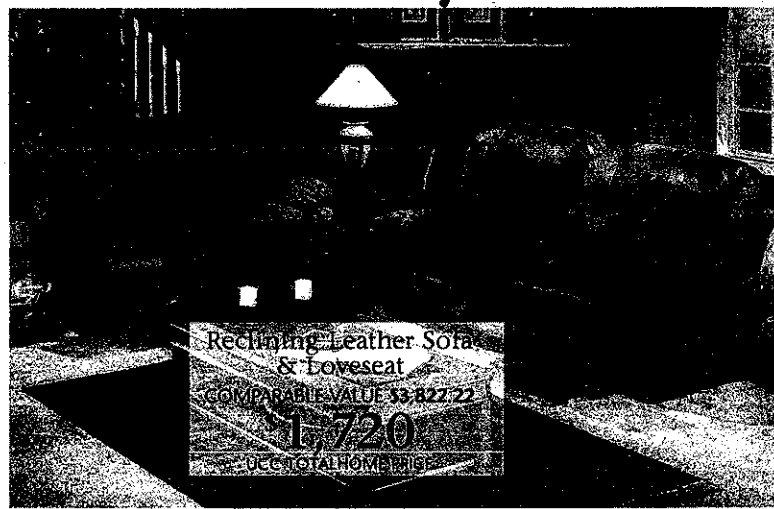
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Making history: This 19th century style mahogany cocktail table is one of the occasional tables in the Historic Charleston collection by Baker Furniture. The table's fixed satinwood oval top is bordered with ribbon stripe mahogany and decorated with gleaming brass handles. A contrasting display of mahogany and beeswing satinwood veneers continues the decoration, as do the satinwood fans that cradle the top of the supporting saber legs.

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ship with a qualified salesperson.

"Pianos are very subjective in tone and touch," said Cusumano. "Touch, the way the keys feel, is very important. If you're a player, you'll want it to play a certain way. Every piano has a different touch. American, European and Asian models are all different."

If you're a novice player, don't be talked into buying a new piano before you considered a used one, which often costs less than \$1,000. "They may need refurbishing, but they're good buys. I'm not going to sell someone something they'll have trouble with," said Cusumano.

Digital

"Digital pianos have really

influenced the market in a positive way. Most people can't tell the sound difference," said Edwards.

Digital pianos are less expensive, costing approximately \$2,000 brand new compared to \$3,000 to \$4,000 for a new upright. There also space savers, measuring four to five inches less than an upright.

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"You don't ever have to tune it," said Cusumano. "You save \$70 to \$80 a year, and we recommend two tunings a year for traditional pianos."

However, there's a major disadvantage: Lack of resale value.

"You're not going to get the trade-up on an electronic. A real piano could really appreciate,"

said Cusumano.

Whether you buy a new, used or digital piano, don't deliberate too long. Do your homework, connect with a trusted salesperson and make a decision, said Cusumano.

"I've had customers who have been looking for two years and still haven't bought anything,"

For more information on purchasing and caring for a piano contact Hammell Music locations in Bloomfield Hills, Utica and Livonia, Evola Music locations in Bloomfield Hills, Canton and Utica or PianoNationa locations in Novi next to Twelve Oaks Mall or Ann Arbor.



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My baby grand: A Boston Baby Grand can show off a great room.

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added.

The most affordable fabric is polypropylene, which is also easily cleaned.

"With wool you have to take every precaution in cleaning," Dantzer said.

"You need to send it to a rug cleaner and it's best not to try to clean it at home. With polypropylene, you can use just about anything to clean it."

Since it is cheaper, homeowners who like to change their accessories often might look for an area rug with polypropylene.

"A year or two later they don't have to break the budget to change the rug," Dantzer said. "It's a good all around area rug."

Shoppers who are looking for wool area rugs can choose from those made in the United States or "the more desirable New Zealand wool," Dantzer said, adding that quality is also affected by whether or not the

fabric is hand or machine dyed.

Wools used in area rugs, however, come from all over the world and just because they are from a particular city or country doesn't necessarily determine the quality.

"So many countries are doing beautiful work," Hagopian said. "It's almost like we're going into a Renaissance. Rugs from Nepal, made by Tibetan people, have a beautiful texture. They're unlike any other Oriental rug."

"We have wonderful rugs from Pakistan, India, Egypt, Turkey and China is doing some beautiful work," she said. "Every country has its own strengths and weaknesses."

The dark forest greens and browns are being replaced with the muted celery, sage, olive, tan and other light tones, Dantzer said. Hagopian customers have asked for a range of

colors that could rival any Crayola box of 64 crayons.

"People want richness in color," Hagopian said.

Keep in mind, however, that dark rugs that don't have patterns, seem to magnify everything that falls on them and often look dirty.

Using vegetal dyes made from roots, leaves and insects in hand spun wool creates an antique look in area rugs and the technique is growing in popularity, Hagopian said. These rug can be purchased for a fraction of the cost of antique rugs.

Style and color are the two most important factors in what sells area rugs, according to Jeremy Rockett, Shaw Rugs, manufacturer of mostly machine woven rugs made in Georgia.

Most people who buy area rugs are still buying traditional patterns, but generally in much more casual styles as opposed to

the more elaborate Victorian prints.

Tea wash, is a popular technique that gives dark rich colors, like forest greens and burgundies, a faded antique look. Sun washed area rugs offer more golds, taupes and caramel colors, which also focuses on a muted tone.

Shaw Rugs has also recently introduced a Tommy Bahama line of area rugs that promotes a relaxed, but elegant island lifestyle.

"People have started to combine the traditional with the contemporary," Rockett said.

The real hard, bold contemporary styles have a softer flare and the traditional styles are less formal, more casual and contemporary.



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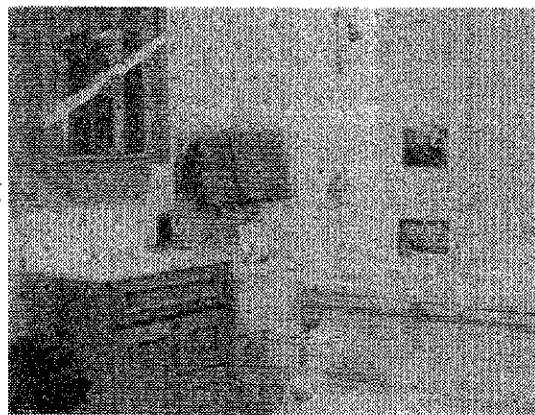
A brighter floor: These area rugs show a variety of style and patterns, including Milliken available at Dalley Carpet in Livonia.



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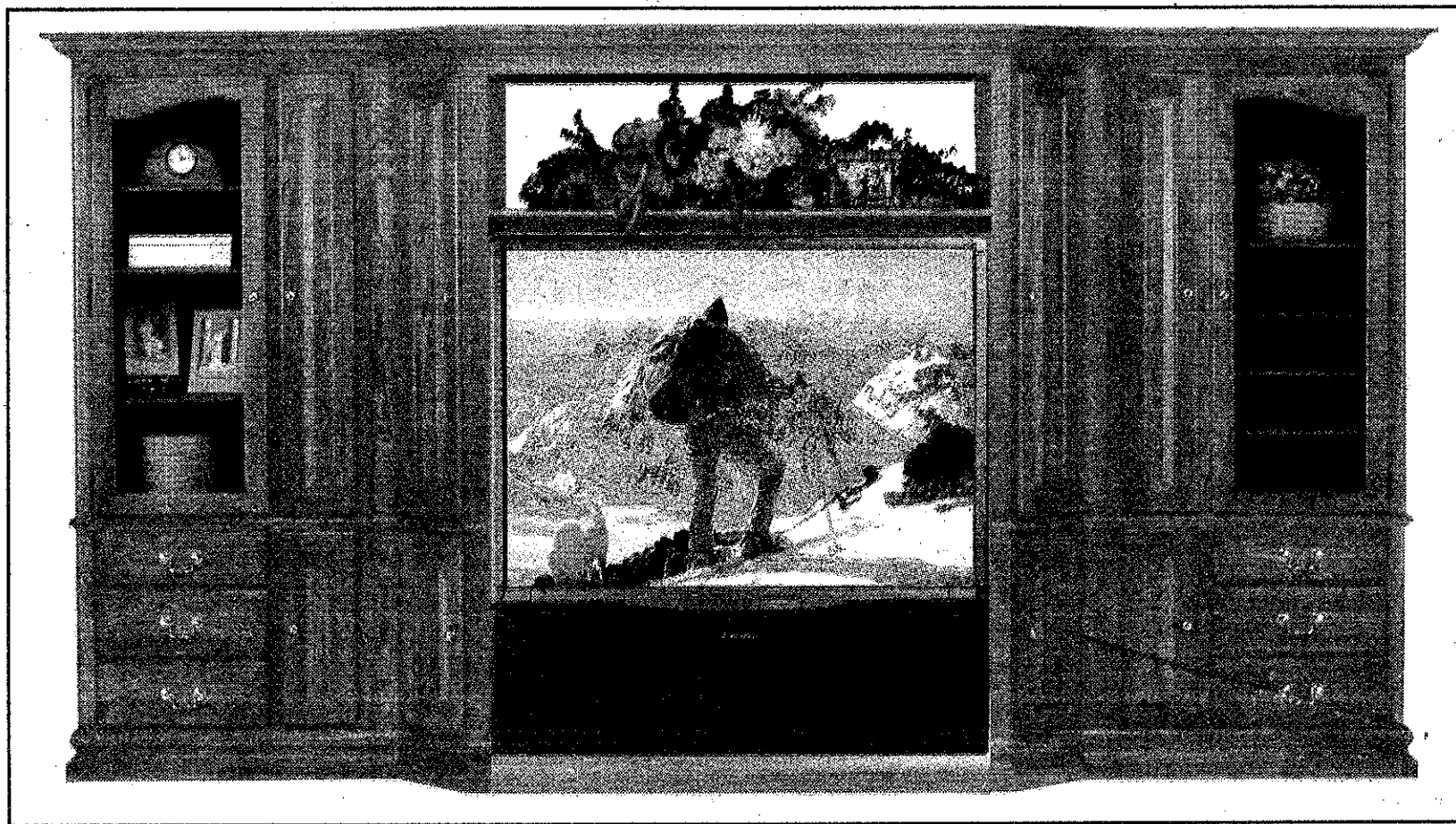


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Home theater: This big screen home theater wall system, left photo, is an example of custom cabinetry available to fit any TV and audio systems. This corner big screen unit shown above is with additional cabinetry.

Entertainment centers need not crowd a room

BY JENNIFER PLACINTO
STAFF WRITER

Videos, cable and satellite have brought the movies home.

But while having a large screen television in your living room might make you feel as though you're at the movies, most people don't want their homes to look like movie theaters.

Entertainment centers, if selected properly, can preserve the big screen feel without compromising the look of the living or family room.

Instead of taking over a room, these units can downplay the size of TVs while providing more space for storage, said Paul Franks, owner of Franks Furniture of Wayne.

In business for 39 years, Franks has been offering customers the option of selecting customized entertainment centers for the past 18 years. And with the size of televisions on the rise, so are customized orders.

Most places that provide entertainment centers for big screen TVs provide two deep cabinets for either side of the set with a shelf above connecting the cabinets, Franks said. However, the cabinets must be just as deep as the TV.

At Franks, entertainment centers can be customized to conceal the set and provide any type of cabinetry the customer wants, from curio style cabinets and bookcases to full audio-visual

centers with all the storage.

"We can basically give a customer just about any format they would like," Franks said, including corner arrangements.

With custom made centers, Franks said, customers don't have to worry about color variations since the entire unit is made and stained at the same time.

"A lot of our custom units are made to match furniture they already have," he said.

Susan Edwards of Sherwood Studios of West Bloomfield said customers want something that will house all their components as well as matching their decor.

DVDs, satellite, cable, video games and surround sound are a part of the picture in many area

homes.

"It's not just the VCR and the cable box anymore," Edwards said. "They don't want a TV on a stand anymore. They want it housed in something that looks like furniture."

And there's a lot to choose from at Sherwood Studios with options of wood, laminate and mirror-type entertainment centers in manufactured or custom styles.

And customized orders can include built-in bookcases, curio display cabinets, electronic doors, and remote-controlled lighting displays.

Custom centers are typically made for TVs 32 inches or larger. Prices can range widely, of course, but a custom unit with a

pair of pocket doors, full-extension drawer for tape and CD storage and room for a VCR in a fully enclosed cabinet starts around \$899.

A customized three-piece unit made of oak or cherry wood, of which Franks sells a lot, can run around \$4,000; \$2,500 for an entertainment center that looks like it's three pieces, but is actually two horizontal pieces.

"People don't mind spending a little more in that area than they did before," he said, referring to the many home viewing opportunities including special sporting events.

Edwards agreed. When it comes to entertainment centers, customers with large televisions are willing to spend \$3,000 to

\$15,000 for a place to house their entertainment necessities, she said. Individuals with standard size televisions can find units at Sherwood and Franks for a lower price.

Often customers come in with an idea of what they want and when they realize what can be done, they want more, Franks said.

And it's often the woman who is concerned about the look of the unit, he said.

"Usually the man wants a big TV and he's not as concerned if it has a fancy cabinet," Franks said. "The woman wants it to look as nice as the rest of the furniture. We try to make it look the least obtrusive."

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Personalized art on the web can lend style to the home

PRNewswire - Home art lovers who desire style and emotional significance are finding the Internet a great resource for buying personalized masterpieces. Companies such as photowow.com, Pine Hollow Pottery and It Figures are creating stylish works of art that are unique to each buyer.

"Families are looking for artistic alternatives to standard decor," says Eileen Gould, board member of the American Society of Interior Designers and owner of Lifestyles Interior Design and Construction in Westlake, Calif. "The Internet is giving shoppers the opportunity to incorporate personalization into sophisticated design."

At photowow.com (www.photowow.com, (800) 453-9333), family photos become colorful masterpieces on canvas in the style of artists, such as Warhol and Liechtenstein. This Los Angeles company transforms customers' photos into art using

40 design styles, from a carved effect to a modern "In-Paint" look. Personalized proofs are e-mailed to clients and, once approved, are printed on canvas or poster paper as large as 4-by-5-feet and custom framed. Clients can also transfer designs onto other home decor products including coasters, ceramic tiles, and pillows.

At Pine Hollow Pottery (www.pinehollowpottery.com, (724) 696-9391), patrons can commission customized ceramic artwork. The Pennsylvania artisans match each piece to a client's decor, with colors and the personal style that best complements the home. The company uses objects, from wood blocks to heirloom lace, to create impressions in porcelain clay. From these molds they design dinnerware, vases, masks and wall hangings.

Sculpture has long been an elegant form of artistic expression. For centuries, art collectors have purchased figurines to

enhance their homes and reflect their own personalities. Now, It Figures (www.itfiguresonline.com, (818) 509-0200) is taking a modern twist on an old concept by molding the subject of a favorite photograph into a caricatured clay sculpture. The Los Angeles artists carefully eye each snapshot as they sculpt the subject using polymer clay.

"The Internet has created a new market for consumers who desire chic design," says Gould. "With Web access so easy, customers are able to find sites with personalized products that can really help create a one-of-a-kind feel in their homes." Gould recently commissioned a piece for a multi-million dollar home where she handled contracting and interior design.

With the resources available on the Web, anyone can purchase unique art to create a stylish home with the warmth of a personal touch.

See displays of furniture, decorating ideas at Novi show

Over a dozen model rooms filled with decorating ideas will be on display at the ninth annual Fall Remodeling & Furniture Show, Oct. 11-14 at the Novi Expo Center.

"One of the quickest ways to improve a home is by upgrading its decor," said Stephen J. Taglione, president of Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and of Westminster & Abbey Homes in Bingham Farms. "The show has more home decorating ideas and solutions than ever before."

Over a dozen model rooms have been created to provide inspiration and education about the newest color, furnishings and home accessories trends.

WNIC Radio is sponsoring the model rooms. Through a

People's Choice Contest, show attendees will vote for their favorite rooms, named for WNIC personalities.

La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries of Novi will create an all-leather room, living room and family room display.

East/West Futons of Novi and Royal Oak will display futon furniture in a living and family room grouping and a bedroom vignette.

Ethan Allen Home Interiors will be featuring several collections from its "Office @ Home" line of furniture. The new British Classics Executive Series will showcase a traditional high end line of office furniture. Another new introduction from the Work Systems collection will be shown for those consumers who are looking for form and

function. Other office furniture to be showcased is from the Horizons, American Impressions and Elements collections.

Newton Furniture will bring the latest styles in furniture, display hundreds of fabrics and showcase 84 different color wood samples available for custom dinettes.

Novi Expo Center is located at I-96 and Novi Road. Show hours are 2-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6 for adults; \$5 for seniors; and children 12 and under are admitted free. Ample parking is available at Novi Expo Center for a fee. For more information, visit <http://www.builders.org> or call (248) 862-1019.

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It's about time: Grandfather clocks show timely fashion

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

In terms of popular furnishings for the home, grandfather or floor clocks are as timely as ever.

They are timeless as well, with decorative and family appeal, and can become heirlooms, clock manufacturer representatives said. The clocks are attractive to the eye and ear, and can start or carry on a family tradition.

"They're very popular and getting more and more every year," said Mark Siciliano, advertising manager for Howard Miller.

"I think clocks have their own personality," said Jeffrey Pulver, manager of product development for Sleigh.

"There's a nice ticking sound to the mechanism."

Grandfather clocks have changed over the years, with such features as beveled glass and decorative pendulums available now that weren't offered 20 years ago.

"Chimes have changed in the past five years," said Dan Anderson of Northville Clock & Watch Shop in Northville. The Anderson family also has shops in Troy and Dearborn.

"You had clocks that played three (types) — Westminster,

Whittington and St. Michael's. Now they're producing clocks that can play *Ode to Joy*, *Ave Maria*, Beethoven's Ninth — more complicated tunes."

Regular full-size clocks can run as high as \$15,000, Anderson said.

"Clocks under \$300 are not of heirloom quality," he said.

Besides the traditional look, grandfather clocks come with dome shapes, flared cases, square or contemporary forms and nickel accents. Grandmother clocks stand 5 feet tall or less.

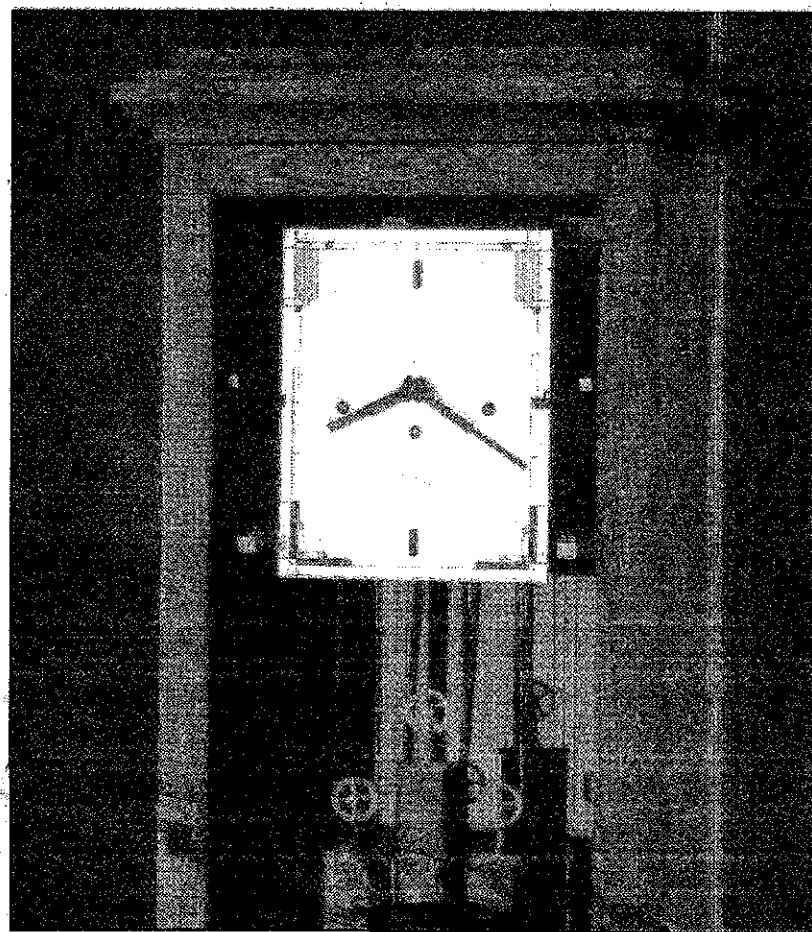
The *Grand Cayman* clock from Howard Miller's Tradewinds collection has a flared case, and a pendulum with a nickel finish. *Emerille*, from the company's *Camden Passage* collection, features shelves hidden behind the door.

The mission style is popular, as in the *Garrison* clock by Sleigh.

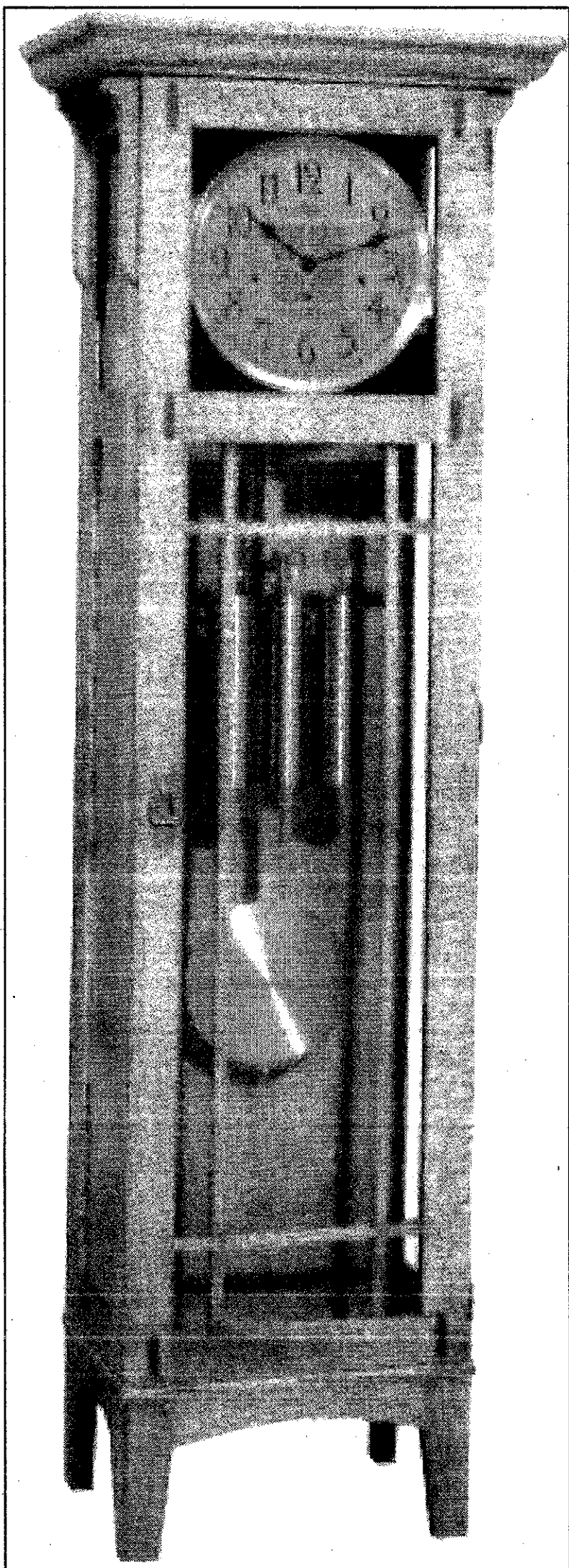
Woods include oak, cherry, walnut and mahogany.

"There has been a call for lighter finishes, more so now than ever before," Pulver said.

A grandfather clock should be balanced and oiled every three to five years. A clock dealer can perform the maintenance, or teach the owner how it is done.



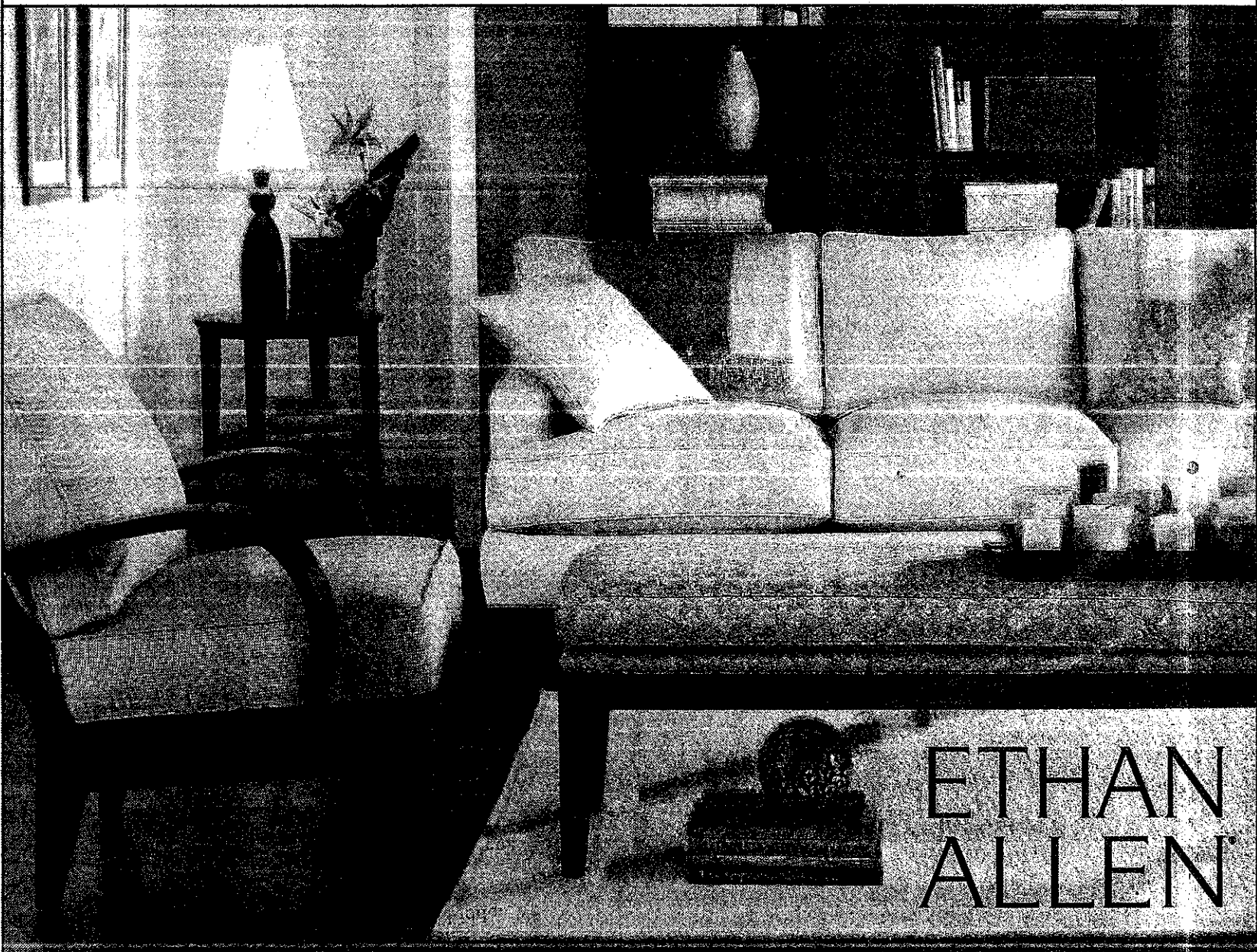
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Timely fashion: This Sleigh model, *Garrison*, is an example of the variety of floor clock styles.

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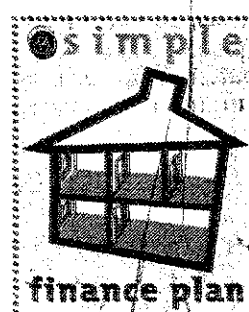
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