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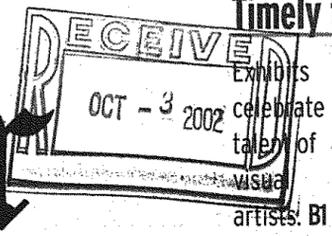
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Timely trio



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■ Campaign trailer

State House candidate Mark Slavens called a press conference Tuesday in which he said he would sign a pledge not to alter Proposal A. And that's what he did. Well, sort of.

The press release announcing the ceremony said "Slavens, along with House Democratic Leader Buzz Thomas, signs pledge to not alter Proposal A." The actual pledge, which he and Thomas both signed, was "to keep the promise of Proposal A."

Is that the same thing as "not altering Proposal A" he was asked. Slavens reiterated that he would work to "keep the promise of Proposal A," which, he said, was to reduce property taxes and provide equitable funding for schools. "That's the message he's been promoting since he entered the race for the 21st District House seat."

"I want to keep the promise of Proposal A," he said last July. "The promise was twofold: property tax relief and equitable funding of our schools. They've achieved the first goal, but not the second." Anything new here?

■ Good cause

Nearly \$60,000 was raised for First Step at Laughs for Life II, the Sept. 20 event at the Star Fairlane theater. The event featured a champagne and dessert reception, private movie screening, silent auction and performance by the comedy troupe Totally Unrehearsed Theater.

Some \$10,000 of the total was collected through donation boxes placed at Star Theatre locations throughout the Detroit area.

The event was chaired by Canton resident Carla O'Malley (pictured at left). Also attending were

Plymouth residents Judy and Allen Swiech; and (pictured below) Pat and David Krajovich of Canton.



■ Wear your gear

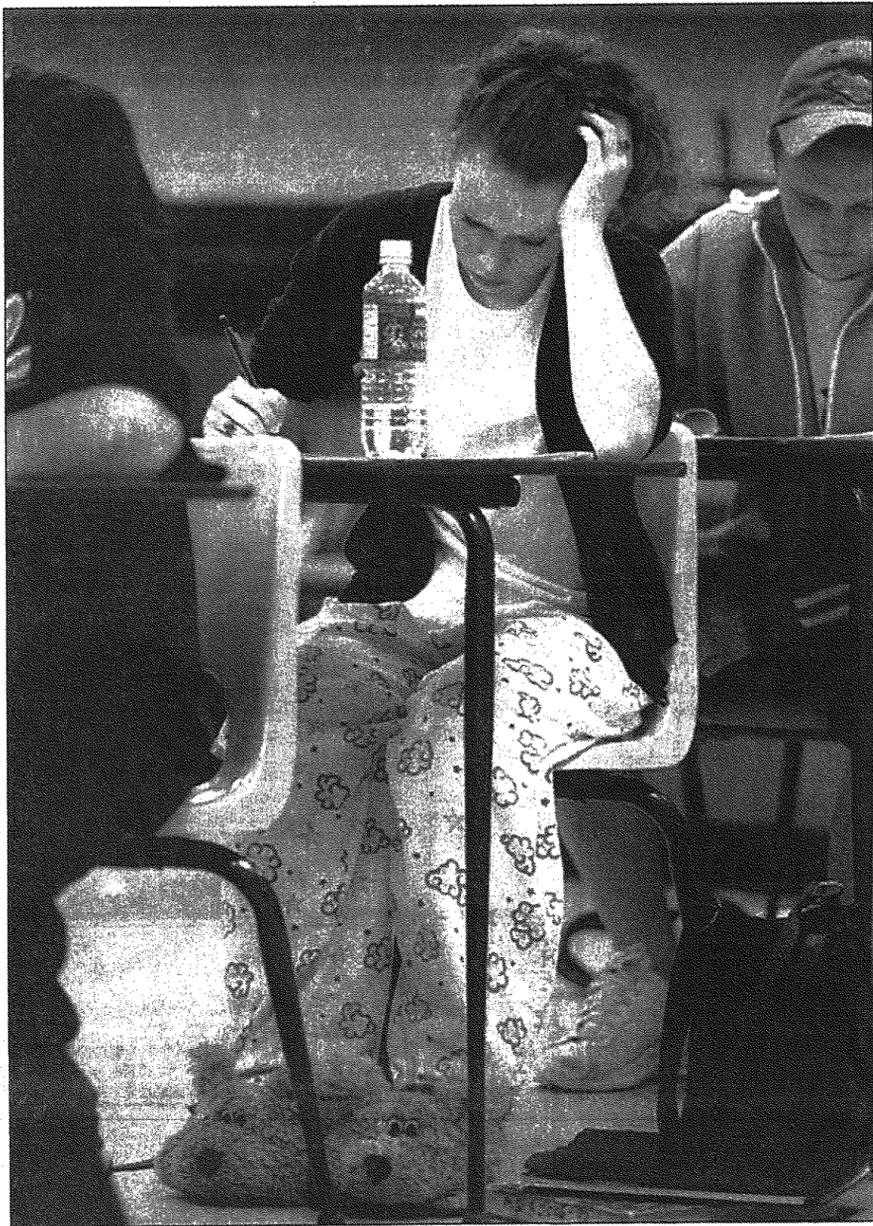
Football fans from the Plymouth and Canton communities can watch the Eastern Michigan University Eagles for half price on Saturday.

Just show up at EMU's 6 p.m. home game against Akron wearing Plymouth or Canton apparel (or show an ID that indicates residency) and you can purchase reserved and general admission seats for \$6 and \$5, respectively.

■ Homework help

Kids - and parents - can get some helpful hints today about how to use the library catalog and databases when researching homework assignments.

The Canton Public Library will host a session for third-sixth graders 7-7:45 p.m. Thursday at the library. Call the children's information desk, (734) 397-0999 to register or for information.



PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

No sleeping in class

Lauren Foley of Canton, 16, takes a Chemistry test Monday while showing off her school spirit by wearing PJs and cuddly slippers. Many students and teachers dressed down for Pajama Day, part of Spirit Week. Canton's Homecoming football game is Friday and the dance is on Saturday night.

Chamber sets sights on office

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER
STAFF WRITER

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is finally getting a home of its own.

More than a decade after the idea surfaced - and three years since buying land for it - the chamber will build a 2,500 square-foot office near the southwest corner of Canton Center and Hanford. Plans call for completion by June, when staffers will make a half-mile trek north from their current rented space in the Canton Ford Crossings office complex.

"It will give us a new identity and we'll be able to better serve the community," said Dianne Cojei, chamber executive director.

"There will be a sense of permanence. The chamber will always be here."

Owning a building will promote stability and longevity, Canton Supervisor Tom Yack agreed. "My hat goes off to the chamber board and everyone concerned for getting this done," he added.

The township planning department is reviewing the project and the site plan approval from the Canton Planning Commission is scheduled for Oct. 21. The Canton Township Board of Trustees will likely vote on it in November and construction could start before the end of the year.

TWO BUILDINGS

Developer Robert Paciocco will handle the project, which includes a pair of single-story, residential-style office buildings and a shared parking lot. The second, 3,800 square-foot office will be built on spec and sold to another user.

Canton architect Van Brouck and Associates designed the buildings.

The chamber is launching a \$400,000 fund-raising drive aimed at its 570 members to pay for construction of its building, which is expected to cost around \$430,000.

Yazaki North America has kicked in \$25,000 - which paid for preliminary design work - and will match other contributions at 10 cents on the dollar up

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Spotlight shines on PHS

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth High School fight song made its debut Monday night during dedication ceremonies for the third high school at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

A plaque for the new building was unveiled during festivities which honored both present and past school board members and administrators who had a hand in the planning and construction phases of the \$50 million facility.

"The vision that I had was to create something very special for kids, create something to help make them the very best that they can be," said Principal Michael Bee, who was hired two years ago to

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On the stump

Posthumus focus is on economy, education

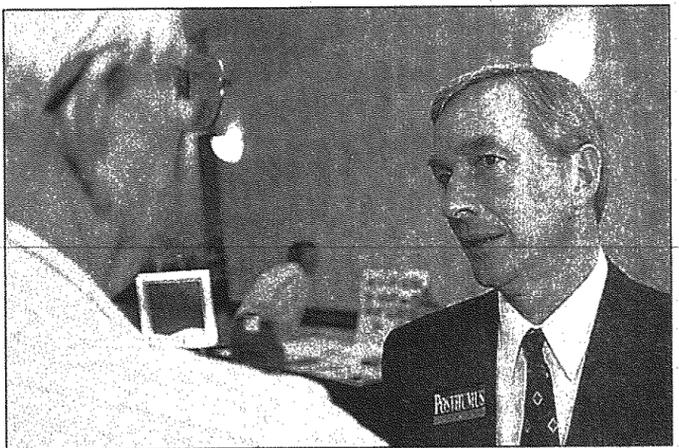
BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Back at the Summit on the Park for the second time in six weeks, Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus told a packed Chamber of Commerce luncheon audience Wednesday that if elected governor in November he'll lead the fight for Michigan jobs.

"Nobody's going to fight harder than I will," he said. "We have to make sure we reduce taxes, but still keep Michigan competitive."

Posthumus said that when he first ran for pub-

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Dick Posthumus speaks to Canton resident Ron Leiberman Wednesday following his speech.

Blackwell campaigns as 'voice of the people'

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Mark Blackwell isn't a career politician, a fact he believes gives him an edge in the 20th District House race next month.

Blackwell, 35, of Wayne, is running on the Democratic ticket against incumbent state Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township) Nov. 5. He's touting himself as a state legislator for the common people.

"I believe that what I can bring to

Lansing is the voice of the people," said Blackwell. "I'm not a politician, and I'm not an attorney. There aren't enough voices for the com-



PLEASE SEE BLACKWELL, A5 Mark Blackwell

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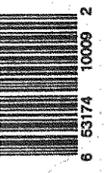
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Royalty crowned

Nicole Genrich of Plymouth, 17, is all smiles as the crown glitters atop her head after she was named Salem High School's 2002 Homecoming Queen Friday evening in halftime ceremonies during Salem's football game against Walled Lake Central. Genrich had a better night than her Rocks; Salem lost to the Vikings, 29-19.

Phony checks spur investigation

Police are investigating incidents involving three counterfeit checks that were cashed at Meijer in July and August.

The incidents were not reported to police until Monday, Sept. 30.

On July 29, according to police reports, a man using a false name cashed a business check at the store. Four days later, on Aug. 2, he cashed another business check. Both checks, which totaled \$711.50, were returned on Aug. 8 as counterfeit. On Aug. 20 a woman cashed a business check at the store for \$365.75. That check was also returned as counterfeit.

Police believe the incidents are related.

HUBCAPS STOLEN

A Mott Road resident told police that between 5-10 p.m. Sept. 29 someone stole the hubcaps off his pickup which

COP CALLS

was parked in front of his trailer. The hubcaps were valued at \$600.

JEWELRY MISSING

A resident of Amber Court reported to police Monday that a gold watch and a diamond wedding ring were missing from the top of a dresser.

The resident said he had a family party on Sept. 14 for about 20 family members.

The next day, his wife realized the watch and ring were missing. He said he contacted everyone who was at the party and they had no knowledge of the incident.

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THEFT FROM BOAT

A South Sheldon Road resident reported the theft of items from a boat that was stored on his property. The theft occurred between 10 p.m. Sept. 22 and 8 a.m. Sept. 23.

The resident said someone ripped the tarp cover off the boat. A depth finder valued at \$364 and a trolling motor valued at \$750 were taken.

BIKE TAKEN

A resident of the 8100 block of Sandpiper reported someone stole a bicycle from his garage between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sept. 27.

The bike was described as a black Diamondback Viper X.

District reports meningitis case

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools administrators have confirmed that a female Canton High School student has been diagnosed with bacterial meningitis.

"The Wayne County health department said it was an isolated case," said Frank Ruggirello, director of community relations for Plymouth-Canton Schools. "It didn't get to the point where she had to go to the hospital for treatment. No one else at the school needed to be treated."

The district sent home a letter to parents Monday, notifying them of the situation, indicating "... this appears to be an isolated case ... Casual contact, however, that occurs in school settings is not considered sufficient to warrant treatment."

The letter indicated "symptoms may begin with cold-like symptoms including a sudden onset of fever. T

here may be a rash, weakness, fatigue, headache, nausea, vomiting, changes in behavior, earaches, sinusitis and a stiff neck. Individuals considered to be at risk for the disease are household and intimate con-

tacts or those who may have come in contact with the ill person's nose and throat secretions."

The school district suggests calling a family physician if symptoms appear. Further information can be obtained from the Wayne County Department of Public Health, Disease Control Division, at (734) 727-7077.

The Centers for Disease Control has additional information concerning bacterial meningitis at its Web site, www.cdc.gov.

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State Senate hopefuls stage lively debate on issues

Mans, Patterson square off in forum at Plymouth District library

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

With Bruce Patterson painting George Mans as a no-show legislator, and Mans depicting Patterson as an all-talk representative, the 2002 campaign season headed down the stretch with a lively, if at times pointed, candidates forum Monday at the Plymouth District Library.

The forum featured Patterson, (R-Canton), the current state House majority floor leader, and Mans, (D-Trenton), who currently serves the down-river area in the state House. Both are seeking the seat in the newly created 7th State Senate district. The forum was sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County and the Observer Newspapers.

Patterson has made a point of pointing out that Mans frequently misses votes in the legislature, a fact Mans doesn't dispute. It was a central theme most of the evening. Naturally, the question came up at the forum whether the candidates think attendance in Lansing is important.

"Absolutely, it's important. If you want to serve effectively, you have to be in Lansing," Mans acknowledged. "But we

The state representative candidates are covered in a separate story. See Candidates in 20th, 21st on Page A4.

only met 80 days. That gave us time to be in our districts. Hard work and attention to the district is just as important."

Patterson said he's got a 100-percent attendance record in Lansing.

"I believe attendance is important," Patterson said. "If you're not there to shape policy, you're not living up to your responsibility."

When asked if they supported the Patients Bill of Rights, Patterson quickly jumped on Mans.

"I voted for it; Mr. Mans wasn't there. I wish he had been," Patterson said. "I believe health care and senior citizen rights is important."

Mans shot back. "If Mr. Patterson was for it, why hasn't it happened?" he asked rhetorically. "The Patients bill of Rights is a great thing. But there's so much more to getting our house in order in terms of medical care. We need to prioritize this in our budget."

As might be expected, the



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State Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, right, shakes hands with State Rep. George Mans, D-Trenton, following a candidates forum Monday at the Plymouth District Library. The handshake was a civil ending to what at times was a testy debate.

two differed on a variety of topics:

■ Possible state takeover of the Detroit water system:

Mans - "Not at this time. We have a new mayor, who has said he wants to reform it, and I think he should get the chance to do it. I do think the suburbs should have more representation (on the Detroit water board)."

Patterson - "How long do we have to wait? Coleman Young

had the responsibility, Dennis Archer had the responsibility. Something has to be done. We are rate-payers to a system that is broken."

■ Should the state create laws concerning child safety and the abuse of the Internet:

Mans - "If you think we in Lansing are going to be able to legislate parental responsibility ... or common sense, we're not going to be able to do that."

Patterson - "It's the state's

responsibility to do everything it can to keep our children safe."

■ Changes to Proposal A (school funding):

Mans - "I think the answer is it's working reasonably well. The answer is to open up Proposal A, look at districts like Plymouth-Canton and see what we can do to get them more money per pupil. It needs to be opened up and looked at."

Patterson - "Proposal A was designed to lower property

taxes and increase funding to schools. Since Proposal A, there has been a reduction in property taxes, and we've increased per-pupil funding 43 percent."

■ Using tobacco settlement money for education:

Mans - "Roughly 27 percent of that money goes for (tobacco prevention) education. We don't have to take (scholarships) away from anyone. But if we can stop our young people from using tobacco, we can cut health care costs in the future."

Patterson - "There are students in this district who benefit (from scholarships). I don't think it's a good idea to take that money and put it into some secret slush fund for special interests."

■ Regional transportation:

Mans - "We have to protect ourselves 25 years into the future. I believe we have to move forward in developing rapid transportation. Every major region in the country has a rapid transportation system."

Patterson - "It would be abysmal for taxpayers to pay for a system that doesn't meet their needs."

The forum was almost canceled before it could get started when a man purporting to be an independent filmer tried to bring a video camera into the forum, which violates League of Women Voters rules. The individual caused a minor disturbance in the hallway before both Patterson and Mans urged him to leave, which he did.

THE CANTON CONNECTION

STUDENT HONORS

Christin Reyer of Canton has been named a United States National Award winner in science by the United States Achievement Academy. Reyer, who attends Calvary Christian Academy, was nominated by science teacher Brooke Bostwick. She is the daughter of Joe

and Renee Reyer of Canton.

BELL RINGERS

The Plymouth Salvation Army is gearing up for its 2002 Red Kettle campaign, and is already looking for volunteers. The Army will hold its annual Kettle Sign-up Breakfast from 7:30-9:30

a.m. Friday, Oct. 4 at the army's headquarters, located at 9451 S. Main. Potential ringers will be able to register for dates and areas of their choosing at the breakfast. The campaign has become a way for groups and businesses to support the community. Red Kettle donations are used for social services, rehabilitation programs, youth

programs and other projects sponsored by the Salvation Army. "The Salvation Army would be unable to serve the community without its Christmas bell ringers," said Nikki Sprout, Kettle Campaign coordinator. "We are looking forward to another exciting season." For more information, call

Sprout, (734) 453-5464, Ext. 28.

VARIETY SHOW

The Canton High School Chiefettes pom pon squad presents its 2002 variety show. The show features two performances - 1 and 7:30 p.m. - on Saturday, Oct. 12 at the

Salem High School auditorium. Tickets cost \$5 and can be purchased from any Chiefette squad member or at the door before the performances. The show includes individual student performances, a Chiefettes parents' routine, a guy/girl dance routine, and performances by the Chiefettes.

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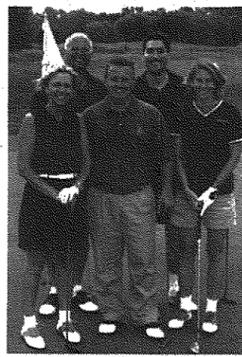


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The fifth annual Golf Classic took place on June 12, at Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton. Among the participants in this sell-out event were Chair and community volunteer Bryan Amann and Honorary Chair and legendary University of Michigan football coach Bo Schembechler. Also participating in the day's events were former Detroit Red Wing, Ted Lindsay and former Detroit Piston, Greg Kelsor.

With the addition of nine new holes on the course, this year's St. Joe's Pro Am Golf Classic was bigger and more successful than ever. Exceeding its goal, the Steering Committee raised more than \$176,000 from community and corporate donors, to benefit the Health Exploration Station, located in



Valorie Knol and her team represent Johnson Controls, one of the events lead underwriters

the Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center. A listing of donors is below.

Special recognition goes to this year's two lead underwriters: Johnson Controls, for which the event was named and Richard Lewiston of Lewiston-Smith Realty. Together their lead gifts encouraged other organizations and individuals to become involved in supporting this year's event.

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System recognizes and commends organizations and individuals for their support. On behalf of the Health System, our thanks for your continued support and partnership with St. Joe's to improve education programs and services.

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Chair Bryan Amann, Honorary Chair, Bo Schembechler and one of the events lead underwriters, Richard Lewiston of Lewiston-Smith Realty



Candidates in 20th, 21st House districts take different stands

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER
STAFF WRITER

A half-dozen candidates for the Michigan House of Representatives tried to separate themselves on issues and experience Monday during a forum at the Plymouth District Library.

While many of their responses were similar, there were key differences on issues ranging from the state's role in mental health care to gun ownership to abortion.

The six are seeking election to the 20th and 21st state House Districts, both of which include Canton Township.

The 20th District race (Canton east of I-275) features incumbent Republican John Stewart facing Democrat Mark Blackwell and Libertarian James Dean. Democrat Mark Slavens, Republican Phil LaJoy and Libertarian Ken Century are running for an open seat in the 21st District, which covers most of Canton.

The forum was co-sponsored

by the Observer Newspapers and the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County.

Both Stewart and Blackwell said a change in attitude on the part of elected officials is needed to confront a growing crisis over the state's mentally ill and disabled populations.

"We must revisit our commitment to mental health. There's got to be more of an effort on behalf of people who can't fight for themselves," Stewart said. Blackwell was more emphatic,

calling for "reinstating mental health programs that were destroyed by Gov. John Engler."

Dean - after admitting he wasn't as informed on the issue as his opponents - said, "In general, we need to find other ways, ways outside of government, to solve these kinds of problems."

WRONG PRIORITIES

In the 21st District, Democrat Slavens said the state's spending priorities were out of whack because it ignored that issue but had "no trouble putting funds into something like E-Michigan, a glorified e-mail system."

LaJoy countered that the legislature should take a comprehensive look at the entire health care industry in Michigan, including its own mental health programs.

Century said the Libertarian philosophy is that any government solution is "short-term."

"The more we lean on government to do these things, the less we take care of them ourselves. We end up raising taxes to help one group at the expense of another," he said.

All the candidates agreed the state was facing budgetary constraints that will make major changes in its biggest depart-

ments, including education, difficult. Each said their experience in the private sector or on other legislative bodies would help in budget matters.

LaJoy said his 15 years as the owner of a temporary staffing firm and three terms as a Canton Township trustee provide a solid background on budget issues.

Slavens said his experience as vice president of the Plymouth-Canton school board "has prepared me perfectly for this job."

"I'm the only state representative candidate sitting in Lansing who has been self-employed and working on commission for 24 years," said Stewart who owns a law practice in Plymouth.

SPRAWL DEBATE

The candidates also differed on how to handle urban sprawl, with several questioning the issue's validity or the way it's been defined.

"Sprawl is a negative term," LaJoy said. "What the legislature needs to do is provide tools to communities to manage development. In Canton, we've initiated planned development district and other ideas to get a handle on it."

Slavens also said the issue should be handled locally. "I'm

a great believer in local control. I don't think many of the remedies start out in Lansing," he said.

Dean said he was "skeptical of the whole concept of urban sprawl. I think it's an idea picked up by people who advocate controlled growth," he said.

Four of the six said they supported the relaxed guidelines for obtaining concealed weapons permits that went into effect in July 2001.

In the 21st District, Slavens and LaJoy said they supported Second Amendment rights in general and the CCW law in particular. Century agreed, adding that "the pro side of guns - using them for self-defense - saves more lives in this country than people realize."

Among 20th District candidates, Stewart supports the law and said there hasn't been a single person charged with a related crime since its inception.

Blackwell doesn't support the law because it's too strict. "If you have a misdemeanor on your record from three years ago that's an automatic disqualification," he said.

Dean declined to answer the question. (tschneider@oe.homecomm.net) (734) 459-2700.

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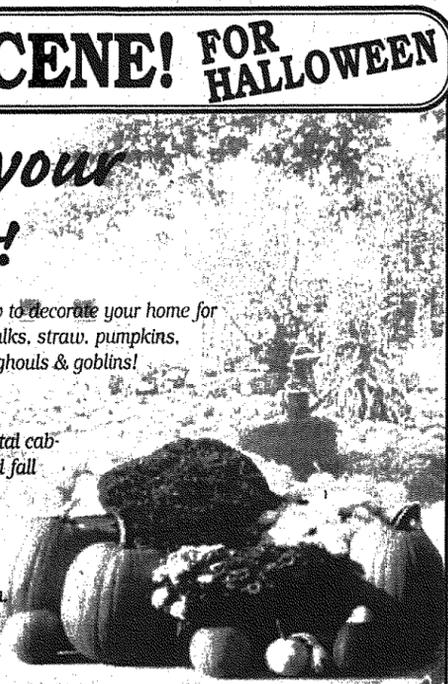
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to an additional \$40,000.

"Since we've come into the community we've felt a need to get involved," said Ross Smith, Yazaki director of environmental health and safety building operations. "This is part of that and its a way to encourage all the industrial firms here to do the same." The chamber's past presidents group has pledged \$25,000 and Regal Construction has also made an

unspecified financial commitment to the effort.

The campaign - whose slogan is "Building to Serve You Better" - will seek 100 percent participation on a variety of levels, said fund-raising chairwoman Janet Volante. Larger members including car dealerships, manufacturers and retailers such as Meijer will be encouraged to make \$10,000 gifts.

But there will be ways in which smaller retail, professional and service firms - which make up the bulk of the chamber's membership - can participate as well, said Greg Switaj,

also on the fund-raising committee.

The building will double the size and be "more user-friendly" than the current space. It will feature a separate meeting area that can be used by members or community groups.

"A lot of our smaller members don't have conference facilities," said Cojei. "We also hope groups like Neighborhood Watch will be interested."

The chamber itself will be able to hold two meetings at once and could host networking receptions or other small events on site, something it can't do now, Cojei said.

Regular business hours of 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday are expected to continue, she added. The chamber has been looking to build a headquarters since the late 1980s, although various directors and boards either put the idea on the back burner or dismissed it as unrealistic. In the mid-1990s, the organization looked at land on Ford Road and several other locations. Wetlands mitigation and other issues stalled some of those plans.

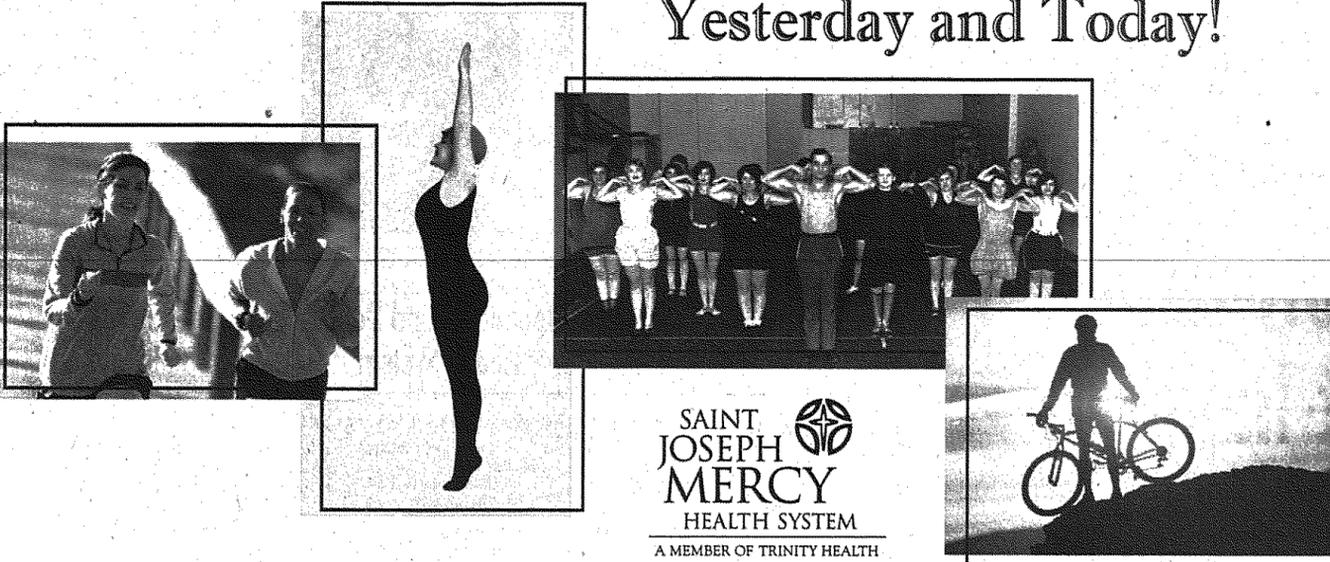
The parcel eventually purchased by the chamber in 1999 was split and half was sold to Community Federal Credit Union. At one point, there was talk of selling the remaining land as well.

The current board has been solidly behind the project and the time is right to build, Volante said. "People like the location - it's not too far from Ford Road and we've grown enough to where it makes sense."

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OUR VIEWS

Gerou the pick for 35th District

In 1994, the second-place finisher in the primary for a seat on the 35th District Court - Ron Lowe - overcame the primary winner to earn the victory.

Mike Gerou is hoping history doesn't repeat itself, and we think voters should help him avoid it.

Gerou, a longtime Plymouth attorney, finished first by a wide margin in the August primary. He did it with a strong campaign - one some would tell you he's been waging since that 1994 defeat - in both Plymouth and Canton, and respectable numbers in Northville.

Gerou has spent his entire career practicing in the shadow of the district court, and has handled every kind of case that generally make up the docket. He supports recent programs designed by the court, including its teen program in the high school and its program to reduce the number of repeat offenders.

Gerou knows some of the biggest types of crimes seen by 35th District Court judges include drunken driving and drug offenses, and commonly involve young people. He says getting to the young people while they can still be reformed is a key, and he backs it up with his involvement with Growth Works, the local agency dedicated to helping at-risk youngsters.

We especially like his idea of having defendants report to the sentencing judge during the course of the sentence, although we worry it will create a workload this judgeship was created to ease.

Gerou has spent 16 years building his own practice and, while he doesn't have any prosecutorial experience, we believe he has the kind of experience in the types of cases most typically seen in the 35th District to overcome that shortcoming.

His involvement in a variety of community programs and projects is a solid indication of his commitment to his community. He's coached youth sports, and he helped get All Saints Catholic School built.

He's got the backing of retired Judge James Garber. The Police Officers Association of Michigan has supported him, as has the Michigan Court Officers Association and the Wayne 13th Republican Committee. Six of the eight primary candidates have endorsed him.

That's a pretty broad base of support to begin with. Gerou's knowledge of the local system and his involvement in his own community make him a solid choice for the bench.

In the Nov. 5 general election, we support Michael Gerou for the third judgeship on the 35th District Court.

SMART use study is good first step

The Suburban Mobility Authority on Regional Transportation is making good on a promise made during the primary election to begin a study of bus use and ridership in Livonia to improve service to the suburbs.

We believe this a move in the right direction toward helping create a mass transit system that makes sense for all of us.

Prior to the Aug. 6 vote on a renewal and increase in the SMART tax millage, Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey complained that few of his city's residents used the regional bus service and were getting a poor return on their tax dollar. Kirksey made overtures of pulling Livonia out of the SMART system, joining Plymouth and Canton as opt out communities.

This same argument has been made by congressional candidate and state Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, who supports an opt-out option for the proposed Detroit Area Regional Transportation Authority.

SMART officials responded with a pledge to do a study and revamp line-haul bus service to the city. Now they are beginning to fulfill that pledge.

Mass transit is a tough sell in metro Detroit. At best, most suburban voters give reluctant support to a bus system they see as benefiting only the poor and the small businesses that employ them.

We believe that opt-outs threaten any successful mass transit system. But we also understand the frustration of suburban politicians.

Metro Detroit still needs a variety of transportation options for a variety of reasons. City workers with suburban jobs, the elderly, the disabled and students are in regular need of mass transit. Mass transit systems also help limit sprawl and spur redevelopment rather than new development.



PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

Julia Scott and daughter Rhiannon, 3, of Canton, on a recent shopping trip at "Secondhand Prose," the used book store in the Canton Public Library. The library is looking for volunteers to help staff the store. Call Marcia Barker, (734) 397-0999, for information.

LETTERS

Swimming values

At Tuesday night's swim meet between Park rivals Canton and Salem, all eight individual event first places were won by Plymouth Canton Cruisers.

Kelsey Lincoln and Heather Michelsen from Salem, and Allison Goodsmith, Emma King, and Susie Patrick from Canton, earned first places for their high schools while exhibiting the swimming skills and competitive spirit learned as members of the Plymouth Canton Cruisers, our community U.S.A. swim team.

Competitive swimming teaches focus, time management and team work, important skills for surviving in everyday life.

Unfortunately, the opening of Plymouth High School, without a swimming pool, has negatively impacted Cruisers in its effort to find adequate pool time.

Not only does the team need pool time for its more than 150 current members, at least 100 other children in the community are on a wait-list to join the team.

Watching those Cruisers swim on behalf of their high school teams reinforced for me that importance of adding a third pool to the Park.

Swimming, a life-long healthy sport should be available for all children in this community, from swim lessons through state level competitive swimming.

When the school board brings the facilities bond issue to the community in the near future, that bond should include a swimming pool for Plymouth High School.

Even though my daughter will be in college by the time a Plymouth High School pool could be operational, I value what swimming gives to children, and I urge the school board to include a swimming pool in the bond proposal.

Kathy Payne
Canton

Eyes opened

As a 30 year member of O.L.G.C. and a 22 year veteran Catholic school teacher and catchiest, I want to thank the weekly protesters for opening our eyes to the evils of abortion.

Since your appearance, parishioners have been talking. I pray that good dialog is taking place.

To my dismay, I have discovered that many of our parishioners have fallen asleep on the issue of abortion. They have fallen down the slippery slope of complacency and simply do not want their comfortable lifestyles disrupted by the truth.

Dear protesters, you are just speaking the truth. Oh, how I wish our church leaders had as much courage as you to speak out in defense of the unborn and speak out against the political opportunists who hide behind the "skirts of Catholicism" to further their personal goals.

In Catholic school, we teach children to live their faith in whatever profession they embrace. We teach them to be leaders who have the integrity and courage to profess what they believe and to act on what they profess.

She may not realize it, but our sister, Jennifer Granholm, has an awesome

opportunity at this time to provide a wonderful example for her children and ours if she were to change her position from pro-choice to pro-life and return financial support to Emily's List (pro-abortion group). Would she dare to do it???

We sing a song at Good Counsel that says, "All are welcome in this place." I apologize for any of our parishioners who may have treated you with disdain. YOU are our brothers and sisters too and should be welcomed in our place.

Pam Swiderek
Canton

DDA on wrong track

On Sept. 19 I went to the third and final "Visioning" session for the DDA. The DDA started in 1984. It captures taxes from the area in order to fund itself. I think it has a lot of money but I can't tell how much. They have taken it from local businesses and kept it somewhere.

There are supposed to be nine members on the DDA - according to Public Act 197 of 1975. Who are they? Do they get paid?

The night was stormy but didn't keep away only 14 residents besides myself from attending. I myself was under the impression that it was a public meeting, and that I would be able to state at that time that I do not believe that the DDA is acting with the general good will of the people of Canton and should cease its activities immediately until a vote can be had. That is my right under Act 197 of 1975.

The "Visioning" was in fact a brainstorming session held by the firm of Beckett and Raeder. There were about six employees from that company there. Except for one they were all quite forceful about what we should be doing there that night.

We were split up into three groups of five each. We were given oversize pieces of paper and orange stickers. We were encouraged to write down something positive about Canton in one column and something negative in the other column. My table was prolific but apparently we had too many things in the negative column and the leader of the Beckett people upbraided us - asking essentially that we don't waste time thinking about negative things - like a proposed barrier running down the center of Ford Road, traffic and bad water. They wanted us to concentrate on positive things - like book stores, which they seem to want more of.

Two men at the session that night spoke about the farms that used to be here and how they were swallowed up by sprawl. Some of the women spoke about not being able to walk to a store.

No one spoke about what the DDA is supposed to be. Act 197 of 1975 was created in part to correct and prevent deterioration of business districts; to promote economic growth and revitalization; to encourage historic preservation; to authorize the acquisition and disposal of interest in real and personal property; to authorize the creation of an authority; to authorize the levy and collection of taxes, the issuance of bonds and the use of tax increment financing in the accomplishment of specific downtown development activities contained in locally-adopted

development plans for older or traditional central business districts of large and medium-sized Michigan cities.

It was supposed to attack problems of urban decline, strengthen existing areas and encourage new private developments in the downtown districts of our communities. The Act is apparently being used in Canton to build new buildings, buy unneeded signs and to invite in powerful national chains against which local stores cannot hope to compete.

The Charter Township Council has taken a public act which was meant to correct the blight and misery of places like Detroit and turned it into a weapon against our own local shopkeepers and citizens.

Alfred Brock
Canton

Hockey thanks

On behalf of the Salem and Canton High School varsity hockey teams and parents, I would like to thank the Plymouth Rotary for their support of the Plymouth/Canton community. By providing the opportunity to volunteer at the Rotary Chicken Bar-B-Que held Sunday, Sept. 8, the Plymouth Rotary gives many high school students and parents the chance to work together, with Rotarians, other high school teams and other parents.

It is a rare opportunity for teens to be able to share in the success of a community event which is so well run.

People working efficiently together is an important part of making a successful event. The Salem and Canton hockey players, by volunteering with the Rotarians, can learn about working together. That concept will not only help them to be quality hockey players, and hopefully win some hockey games, but they can be provided with the opportunity to learn to become prosperous community members as well.

The Salem and Canton varsity hockey team members and their parents appreciate the hard work and dedication to our community the Plymouth Rotary makes year after year. The contributions from the proceeds of the Chicken Bar-B-Que are vital to the function of many community and youth events.

Roxanne Gill
Salem/Canton High School Hockey Booster Club

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Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro, on dropping the D.A.R.E. program in favor of new effort, T.E.A.M.

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Time for lawsuits is over; now make airport prosper

In these times of heightened anxiety and increasingly furious political activity, it's a relief to report that maybe, just maybe, we can get down to business at the new Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Last week, in a major win for the newly established Wayne County Airport Authority, the Court of Appeals rejected, 3-0, a lawsuit challenging the authority's ability to run Detroit Metro and Willow Run.



Phil Power

Wayne County had operated both airports for years. But persistent charges of cronyism and mismanagement hobbled public confidence, especially as the new terminal and runways at Detroit Metro came into operation. At the urging of Gov. John Engler and Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, the legislature this spring created a 7-member appointed authority to manage both airports.

Most of the objections came from the Wayne County Commission, which felt its precious turf was being diminished. Ricardo Solomon, the Chairman, called it a "hijacking" and complained about a "hostile takeover" of a public asset.

The Authority started work in April, but was hamstrung by the Commission's decision to sue. The lawsuit contended that in creating an unelected authority the legislature violated both state laws and existing contracts with airport bondholders.

Last week's Court of Appeals decision was blunt and to the point:

"Considering that plaintiffs themselves admit that Metro has been poorly managed for years, and that plaintiffs were the entities responsible for operating Metro for those years, the Legislature's transfer of operational jurisdiction meets the test of United States Trust (an important precedent-setting case). ... The Legislature has the power to regulate the powers and duties of counties in relation to highways and airports."

So be it.

Some Wayne County Commissioners are satisfied the legal test has been met.

Commissioner Lynn Bankes, R-Livonia, for example, says she supported the lawsuit only to find out if the law authorizing a non-elected airport authority was constitutional. "The Court has now spoken, it's constitutionally proper, and I don't see any good reason to spend more taxpayer money in appealing it."

Sure, the Commission can spend lots more of Wayne County residents' tax dollars in appealing to the Michigan Supreme Court or to the federal courts. Or it can recognize that the legal issues have been resolved and get down to the proper public business of helping the Authority manage the airport effectively and in exploiting the economic development potential of the combination of Detroit Metro (the nation's 11th busiest in passenger traffic) and Willow Run (the nation's 3rd in freight).

There's a lot to do just now. There is still a fair amount of fine tuning to be done at the new facility: Signage is still inadequate, both inside the terminal and outside, especially off the Eureka Road entrance; baggage handling is sometimes problematic. And Northwest Airlines has just announced it plans on demolishing and replacing the just-built commuter jet terminal.

Moreover the economic development potential of both airports, if effectively managed in combination, is enormous. Experts say that the main engines of growth in the 21st century are passenger and freight airports linked together into what are called "aerotropolises".

Los Angeles International Airport, for example, has created literally tens of thousands of jobs over the past decade. There is no reason the combo of Metro and Willow Run couldn't do the same for the Southeastern Michigan region.

Commissioner Bankes, herself a former state legislator, recognizes this. "There is enormous potential for economic development. Hopefully with new leadership in January, we will be able to be much more involved in pushing that idea."

The time for lawsuits is past. The time to buckle down and get to work is at hand.

Phil Power is the Chairman of the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2206 or at ppower@homecomm.net.



Brad Kadrach

Credible candidates needed for Libertarians to succeed

According to literature their candidates handed out at a candidates' forum Monday night, the Libertarian Party believes in limited government and personal responsibility. Libertarians, the literature stresses, believe in a government much smaller than the one we have today.

But apparently, based on Libertarian performances at Monday's forum, they don't believe in putting up credible candidates to help achieve their goal.

James Dean is running for the seat in the 20th House district, against Democrat Mark Blackwell of Wayne and Republican incumbent John Stewart, (R-Plymouth Township). As were all candidates, Dean was invited to the forum by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County, who co-sponsored the event along with the Observer Newspapers.

But right from the beginning, he didn't make much of a case for being there. In his opening statement, Dean acknowledged he's never been politically - or socially, for that matter - involved in his community. No problem there; lots of people aren't all that well known, and lots of candidates are running for the first time. For instance, this is Blackwell's first bid for elective office.

The similarities end there. Blackwell has at least developed intelligible, coherent answers to questions about the issues. When asked the first question, about cuts in the state's budget for mental health care, Dean admitted, "I'm not up to date on many of the state issues. I expect I'd have to be brought up to date fairly quickly."

You think? Any serious candidate for a state office should already have developed not only a knowledge, but also opinions, on the issues about which voters care the most.

Dean passed on questions concerning abortion, the CCW legislation passed by the last lame-duck legislature, and on Second Amendment rights to bear arms in general.

Now, I'm no political strategist, but I would have thought that if a candidate was seeking election to a state office, these are pretty basic issues about which he should be informed. I'm not running for office, and I know what I think about them.

The other Libertarian, Ken Century, is trying to get elected in the 21st District (insert jokes

about building a bridge to the 21st century here). He's running against Democrat Mark Slavens of Canton and Phil LaJoy, (R-Canton). Century fared much better in terms of being prepared to state positions on the issues (although he's got virtually no shot at being elected). For instance, Century responded to a question about programs he would cut by saying he'd stop the war on drugs.

"The drug war is a complete invasion on a personal decision, at least for people who have reached the age of 18," said Century, who favors legalizing drugs. "... If drugs were available at 7-Eleven, there wouldn't be turf wars."

That's a clearly stated, intelligible position. A bit skewed, perhaps, but at least it's coherent. Dean's answer was: "I agree with what (Century) said. And I think the same thing about smoking. If people want to smoke and kill themselves, that's their choice."

Apparently, Mr. Dean hasn't heard the term, "second-hand smoke."

While most of Century's answers were at least reasoned, he lost me a little bit when he answered a question about what qualifies him to help balance a state budget by saying, "Just by balancing my checkbook."

Considering the state has a budget of some \$7 billion, that must be one hell of a checkbook. Dean and Century both seem like well-meaning, reasonable men, both sticking their names (and necks) out there to represent things that mean something to them. And neither has a chance of winning, but not because the Libertarian agenda is unpopular or because the two-party system is simply too strong. Both must be true, though, or else we'd have more Libertarians and independents in office.

The rub for Libertarians is that their platform is so radically different from the other parties that they can't afford to put up candidates who can't intelligently explain it. The difference in their platform, and in their philosophy, is so foreign to voters that the party doesn't have the luxury of placing candidates in the fray who can't articulate it. When your candidate's answer to the first question at a forum is, "I don't know," your party isn't off to a good start.

Brad Kadrach, community editor of the Plymouth Observer, is not a Libertarian. He can be reached via e-mail at bkadrach@oe.homecomm.net or by phone at (734) 459-2700.

LETTERS

Schools praised

An open letter to the citizens and patrons of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools: In July, I had the opportunity of doing a program for the district's administrators. That was followed up by presentations to all

teachers in August, and on Sept. 18, I had the privilege of doing two programs for support service personnel.

I am pleased to report I found all of these groups to be committed, courteous, responsive and concerned for students' success.

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Detention director elected to group post

The National Juvenile Detention Association has elected Leonard Dixon to serve as the association's president-elect and a member of its Executive Committee. Dixon will serve in this capacity for a two-year term before becoming president of the association in 2004. Dixon has been director of Wayne County's Juvenile Detention Facility in Detroit since 1995 and is credited with many of the advancements the facility has made over the past several years.

Founded in 1968, the National Juvenile Detention Association is an association of professionals within the juvenile justice system dedicated to advancing the science, processes and art of juvenile detention services. The association contributes to the analysis, interpretation, understanding and resolution of detention-related issues by providing programs, services, policy statements, conferences and publications.

"To those who know and work with Leonard Dixon, it comes as no surprise that his peers elected him to serve in this important post," says Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara. "Leonard's dedication and contributions to improving juvenile justice are widely known, and we've been very fortunate to have him as part of our team."

Dixon has over 24 years of service in juvenile justice that include detention, residential, non-residential and case management, and he is currently the Division Director of Juvenile Justice for Wayne County. Prior to joining Wayne County, he was with the Dade County, Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services in the Children, Youth and Family delinquency division of the agency.

Dixon joined Wayne County's Department of Community Justice in 1995 and is responsible for the operation of juvenile detention facility, the tenth largest in the nation. He has been credited with revamping Wayne County's once-troubled juvenile detention facility and turning it into a national model for the delivery of child care services.

Dixon has a bachelor's degree in sociology and psychology from Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Missouri and a master's degree in child and youth care administration from Nova University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Dixon currently resides in Woodhaven with his wife and two children.

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Fall features focus on historic covered bridge and the basics of Michigan wines. A farm market "Quick Finder" is also included. For winter, enjoy comprehensive resource guides to ski resorts and outdoor recreational facilities as well as snowmobiles and cross-country ski trails throughout the region.

The Fall/Winter Edition includes an eight-month events calendar and information on select places to sleep, dine, shop and play in West Michigan.

The guides are available to calling toll free, 800-442-2084, ext. 1, via e-mail to info@wmta.org or at www.wmta.org.

S'craft College board opposes ballot issue

Schoolcraft College's Board of Trustees has passed a resolution opposing a ballot proposal that would amend the Michigan constitution.

The Healthy Michigan Amendment, which is being pushed by a coalition of health care and anti-tobacco groups, would require the state to direct 90 percent of its \$8.5 billion tobacco settlement toward health care programs. Currently, a portion of that fund is being used to pay for the Michigan Merit Awards program, which makes stu-

dents who pass the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) High School Test eligible for college scholarships. The proposed amendment will be on Michigan's November 2002 general election ballot.

"Passage of the amendment would potentially deny 200,000 students now in high school the opportunity to receive up to \$2,500 in Michigan Merit Awards," the resolution states.

Since 2000, nearly 1,000 Schoolcraft students have ben-

efited from the program.

Opposition to the proposed amendment does not equate to opposition to the health care programs it would help to fund, explained Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress, who supports the board's position.

"Amending the constitution is a drastic step that will tie the hands of future state policy makers," he said. "And we are concerned that the Merit Award funding won't be replaced if it is taken away in November."

The unanimous vote to sup-

port the resolution came at the board's regular monthly meeting, held at Schoolcraft's center

on Radcliff Street in Garden City. The college's main campus is in Livonia.

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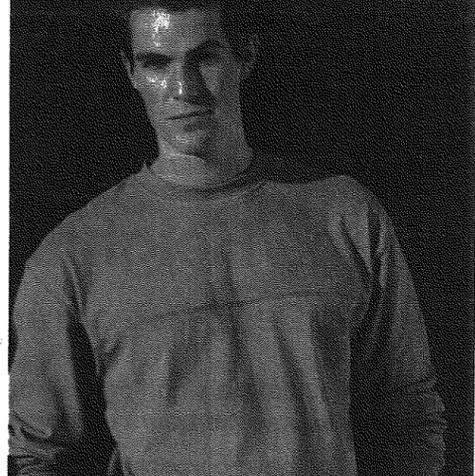
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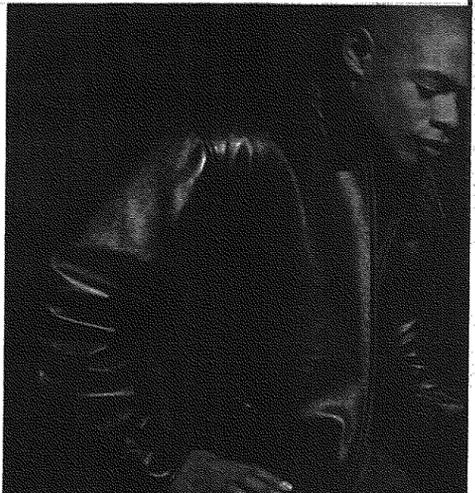
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Ron Shock tells funny stories about his shady and colorful past at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, and 8 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 4 and 5, at the Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase, 314 East Liberty, Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$5 advanced purchase, \$7 at the door on Thursday and \$8 advanced purchase and \$10 at the door on Friday and Saturday. (734) 996-9080.

Opening Friday

A mysterious youth named Haku becomes Chihiro's friend and ally as she enters the spirit world in the new Disney film, *Spirited Away*, opening Friday in local theaters.



Hospital benefit

The Manhattan Transfer performs at a fund-raiser for St. Mary Mercy Hospital's cancer services at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4 at Laurel Manor Banquet and Video Conference Center in Livonia. Tickets for the black-tie optional event are \$75 per person. VIP tickets are \$150 per person. Call the hospital for tickets at (734) 655-2907.

Kaboom!

Research fellow James Gleason of the University of Michigan Department of Geological Sciences will give a free lecture on "Meteor and Asteroid Impacts" at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 9 in room 2009 at the Exhibit Museum of Natural History, 1109 Geddes, Ann Arbor. Although Gleason will address his talk to adults, all ages are invited. Refreshments will follow. (734) 764-0478.

Modernist masters

Check out this painting by Picasso and works by other modernist masters, including Renoir, Matisse, Rodin, Degas and van Gogh, in *When Tradition Changed: Modernist Masterpieces*, an exhibit that continues through summer 2003 at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Institute hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.



Admission is a donation recommended at \$4 for adults and \$1 for children.



Connie Lucas painted this vibrant scene after visiting an African market in Italy. It is one of 102 works in Fine Arts Exhibition presented by Canton Project Arts.

TIMELY TRIO

EXHIBITS CELEBRATE THE TALENT OF VISUAL ARTISTS

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Any time is a great time to celebrate the arts. October is special though because Gov. John Engler has issued an executive declaration to recognize the 31 days as Arts & Humanities Month in Michigan.

A lengthy listing of events can be viewed on-line by visiting www.michiganhumanities.org/a&month but if you don't want to travel all over the state three local exhibits offer works by some of the best visual artists in southeast Michigan.

Nancy Thayer, a Lathrup Village artist, selected 102 two- and three-dimensional pieces for the 10th annual Canton Project Arts' Fine Arts Exhibition, while a committee of three — James Lentini, professor and assistant chair of the Wayne State University music department, Robert Martin, WSU art professor, and Aurora Harris, a published poet, chose visual art, poems and music for the fourth Wayne County

Council for Arts, History & Humanities' *The Artists Among Us* which travels to four locations in the area. The Livonia Arts Commission made the unanimous decision to spotlight award-winning Canton artist Connie Lucas at one of its venues.

Tropical looking watercolors, industrial art, portraits, photography, and paper collage color the Canton Project Arts' exhibition Oct. 5-12 at Summit on the Park Community Center in Canton.

"What's really great is we had the most artists enter ever," said Linda Shapona, co-chairperson

with Clay Mauk. "There are 21 new artists. Our reputation as a fine arts exhibit is growing and we're seeing new artists every year. We're seeing more 3-D, seeing more talent."

VARIETY OF STYLES

This year's \$1,800 in cash prizes drew many top artists working in styles ranging from realism to abstraction including Connie Lucas who's shown in all 10 of the exhibitions as well as taken home several awards. Winning awards is a habit with Lucas so it was only natural when the Livonia Arts Commission had an opening in October for an artist to exhibit in the Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery, they called her.

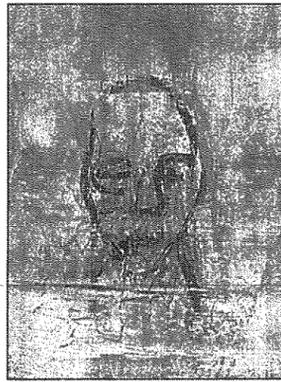
Unfortunately, Lucas told them she couldn't do the show. She'd just come out of the hospital after an 18-day stay during which she was diagnosed with a serious illness.

"All my friends got together to do everything," said Lucas. "I'm so grateful to them."

PLEASE SEE EXHIBITS, B5



Dennis Jones' triptych *Becoming Anonymous* inspired Best of Shows in the poetry and music category of "The Artists Among Us" exhibit after winning the award for visual art.



Concert series variety is spice of life

Ask Sylvia Rubach about Birmingham Temple's Vivace Concert Series then just sit back and listen. The Livonia resident's enthusiasm is enough to inspire anyone to pick up the phone and reserve seats for the musical potpourri of programs in Farmington Hills. Variety is definitely the spice of the series which spotlights a clarinet and piano duo, classical pianist, and chamber ensemble.

A blend of jazz, classical, flamenco, and folk a little more to you're liking? Then mark Saturday Oct. 5, on your calendar. That's when the Gerard Ederly Ensemble perform reper-

toire reflecting the musical traditions of three continents.

Born in Casablanca to parents of Sephardic, Moroccan and Argentine origins, Ederly charms audiences by singing folk songs in more than a dozen languages. His classical background (a master's degree from

Artistic Expressions

Linda Ann Chomin

School of Music) and more than

30 years with U.S. opera companies enable him to easily interchange love songs of Renaissance Spain with French opera, music of the Sephardim, and melodies of Israel's diverse people.

George Mgrdichian, a master oud player (Middle Eastern lute) and percussionist Rex Benincasa join him on stage for a mesmerizing program.

"We seek out artists who bring something different, not just the usual symphonic approach," said Rubach who serves on the committee for the series. "You have to be excited about all of the concerts. Pianist Scott Holden (Nov. 23) is a

Juilliard graduate. April 13 is the clarinet and piano duo of Larry Liberson and Robert Conway of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and May 3 the Merling Trio plays elegant chamber music and will be joined by a jazz bass for a newly commissioned work."

Claire Levine's seen all of the performers and recommended them to the series committee she co-chairs with Sandy Altman. Artists on three of the programs have ties to Michigan including Holden, a professor at Utah's Brigham Young University, Liberman and

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Curtain up, Light the lights

Community theater reaches for new heights

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

If the opening plays are any indication of what's to come in community theater, this season should reach new heights in entertainment. Openers offer everything from Broadway successes like *Jekyll & Hyde*, *The Musical* and *The Rocky Horror Show* to comedies about corporate business practices.

VILLAGE PLAYERS

Jason Landis compares *Jekyll & Hyde*, *The Musical* to "having a good suspense novel in your hands." Landis alternates between *Jekyll & Hyde* in the Village Players production opening Friday, Oct. 11, in Birmingham.

Adapted from Robert Louis Stevenson's dark tale about the battle between good and evil, *Jekyll & Hyde*, *The Musical* has it all including a 10-piece orchestra and the dual personalities of the prim and proper doctor and the tortuous Hyde with his animal like movements and primitive drive.

"It takes the audience through the whole spectrum from comedy to tears to shaking in their seats, to caring for people on stage," said Landis. "Dr. Jekyll is driven by things in his past. His father went insane and he wants to create a formula to take away the dangerous side of human beings. Hyde is the evil side that comes out instead. Hyde can go away and hide after he commits some evil act but Jekyll must remain to face the consequences."

Director Beverly Dickenson is placing her hopes on Landis and the other cast members to carry the show - that and the music directed by her husband John.

"There's not a lot of ways to create visual interest," said Dickenson. "There's not an opportunity to create grandiose sets because most of the times you're in the streets of London. We rely on characters like Jekyll and the music."

"One of the interesting elements is it's a period English piece with music that has a contemporary feel. It's very much like a contemporary musical. There's very little dialogue. The play evolves through music. It's very dramatic."

ST. DUNSTAN'S THEATRE GUILD OF CRANBROOK

Director Jamie Richards bills *The Rocky Horror Show* as "a big, fun, campy, rock musical, a takeoff on a bad science fiction movie or one of the scream queen movies with a sick twisted edge." The production opens the season for St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook Oct. 11.

Richard O'Brien's book centers around a typical 1950s couple who are about to marry when they get a flat tire and end up in castle inhabited by the transvestite Frank N'Furter and his two servants. In the end Brad (played by Scott Macdonald of Berkley) and Janet (Nicki Stacey, Troy) find out they're all aliens from the planet of Transylvania.

"When it was in London in the mid 1970s it was a hit," said Richards of Birmingham.

"They brought it to Broadway and it flopped and then they made a movie and it flopped. They re-released it at a midnight show and people started coming, dressing up, throwing things like rice during the wedding and it became a cult hit. It was revived on Broadway for the 25th anniversary and it was a big hit when they added throwing things like in the movie. It brought theater and movies together in a way that hasn't been done before."

While Richards invites the audience to join in on the fun by throwing confetti or toilet paper (don't throw the entire roll for safety's sake), there will be no food, rice or toast allowed

in the theater. For novices who've never experienced Rocky Horror before a \$10 kit will be available at the door.

"The challenge for me has been overcoming some of the worries the older members of St. Dunstan's have about the production. There are adult situations in the show," said Richards. "But overall there's been so much excitement and buzz in the community over our doing this. Businesses have stepped up. Antonio Salon of Birmingham is sponsoring the show including an Oct. 30 performance benefiting AIDS Partnership Michigan."

"For me personally directing the show has been a sick kind of fun. The actors have done nothing like this. My job is releasing their inhibitions so they can put on corsets, fish net stockings, and high heels. The show definitely has a punk rock feel with the costumes and makeup."

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

The Solid Gold Cadillac, a comedy written in the 1950s, is very timely according to Cynthia Tupper who's co-producing the Farmington Players show with Paula Myers in their temporary theater at Barnes & Noble in West Bloomfield. On Jan. 25, the acting troupe celebrates the opening of their new barn theater on 12 Mile west of Orchard Lake Road.

The Farmington Players have planned a season of laughs to christen their move to the state-of-the-art theater. Even a fundraiser with Bob Sheets incorporates comedy into a series of magic tricks sure to entertain adults as well as children. The show takes place 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3, at Barnes & Noble. Tickets are \$20, \$10 children. Call (248) 219-0800.

But first the Farmington Players open the Howard Kaufman comedy directed by Hank Bennett Friday, Oct. 4.

"*The Solid Gold Cadillac* goes with everything that's going on in the business world with corporate greed," said Tupper. "We want to make people realize this has been going on for a



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Farmington Players rehearse for their season opener *The Solid Gold Cadillac*, a comedy about corporate scandal.

long time and things never change."

Ellen Akins agrees with Tupper that the play parallels the scandals plaguing corporations today. The West Bloomfield resident plays Laura Partridge, a 10-share stock holder trying to learn more about her investment. Akins has 25 years in theater to her credit.

"There's lot of relevance to today," said Akins. "She's an actress and her horoscope tells her to look into her finances so she goes to a stock broker meeting and finds out how much the board of directors are making and starts asking questions."

"She's really a great character. It's fun to see her handle the four board of directors who think they're snowing everybody. She's not the brightest but knows what questions to ask. It's good versus greed. We're playing it in the 50s but 50 years later things haven't change with big corporations. It's about the little guy making it right. It's good versus greed."

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

Heaven Can Wait takes the theme of good and evil straight to heaven where boxer Joe Pendleton has arrived 50 years too early after a plane crash. That's when the antics begin in the Ridgedale Players production opening Friday, Oct. 4, in Troy.

Warren Beatty starred in the 1978 film filled with plotting lovers and a bungling assistant. "A messenger comes down and takes his soul out of his body and takes it to heaven,"

said director Kyle Hentkowski. "It's the messenger's first day on the job and he says he didn't want him to suffer but it's too late to put his soul back into his body and the search begins for another body."

"What's comical is trying to convince someone you're that person in a different body and when you're a soul people don't see or hear you so things move on their own."

SRO PRODUCTIONS

It's a Scream blends horror and comedy in a play about a man who inherits his father's film studio. SRO Productions opens the show Friday, Oct. 4, in the 1854 church at Burgh Historical Park in Southfield.

Spencer thinks he knows how to produce movies better than his late father. He decides not to renew the contract of the studio's biggest star who sets out to demonstrate he still has what it takes to scare Spencer out of his wits. What happens next is thrilling.

STAGECRAFTERS

The Royal Oak troupe continues its main stage production of *Pirates of Penzance* through Sunday, Oct. 6 at the historic Baldwin Theater. It opens its 2nd Stage season with *Stop Kiss* on Saturday, Oct. 19. The poignant and funny play tells the story of Callie and Sara who meet and unexpectedly fall in love. Their first kiss provokes a violent attack in this drama about the ways lives can irrevocably change.

ON STAGE

Farmington Players

The Solid Gold Cadillac 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, and 25-26 and Thursday, Oct. 17 and 24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, 13 and 20, at the theater inside Barnes and Noble on Orchard Lake Road, between 14 Mile and Maple, West Bloomfield. \$13, \$6.50 senior citizens on Oct. 6 only. (248) 219-0800

Ridgedale Players

Heaven Can Wait Oct. 4-6, 11-13 and 18-20, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 205 West Long Lake, Troy. \$12, \$11 seniors and students on Sundays. (248) 988-7049

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook

The Rocky Horror Show 8 p.m. Oct. 11-12, 17-19, 24-26, 31 and Nov. 1-2; dinner package available for Oct. 11; midnight show in addition to regular show on Oct. 26; benefit for AIDS Partnership Michigan, Oct. 30; Halloween performance, Oct. 31. \$16, \$3 seniors/students. Rocky Horror Survival Kits, filled with props, available for \$10 at the theater, 400 Lone Pine Road, between Cranbrook and Lahser roads, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-0527 for tickets; (248) 593-3090 for Oct. 11 dinner package.

SRO Productions

It's a Scream 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 4-5, 12 and 18-19, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, 13 and 20, in the 1854 church located at Burgh Historical Park, Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, one block east of Telegraph, Southfield. \$10, \$8 students and seniors ages 50 and over. (248) 827-0701. For information, call (248) 827-0710

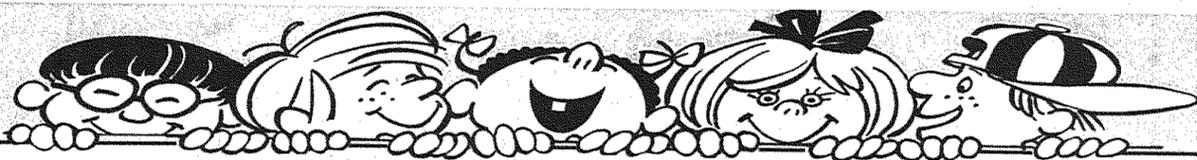
Stagecrafters

The theater wraps up its run of *Pirates of Penzance* this weekend with shows at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 4-5 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6. Tickets are \$14 and \$16. See *Stop Kiss* in the theater's 2nd Stage, at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, Thursday-Friday, Oct. 24-25; 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20; 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27. Tickets are \$10. The Baldwin Theater is located at 415 South Lafayette in downtown Royal Oak. (248) 541-6430 for tickets. For information call (248) 541-8027

Village Players of Birmingham

Jekyll & Hyde, *The Musical* opens 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, show continues to Oct. 26, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13 and 20, at the playhouse, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham. \$15. (248) 644-2075

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Mallet percussion music kicks off wind and strings series

The Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings kicks off its 2002-03 Nightnotes concert season on Friday, Oct. 4 with *Music Behind Bars*, a performance by a quintet of mallet percussion musicians. The performance features xylophones, marimbas and vibraphones.

A reception at 8 p.m. precedes the show, held at Hagopian World of Rugs, 850 Old Woodward, in Birmingham. Tickets are \$19, \$10 for students 12 and under. Call (248) 559-2095.

At the end of the month, the Detroit Chamber will present

Mozart's *Serenade #10 in Bb, Gran Partita*. The concert, entitled "Mostly Mozart," is set for 3 p.m. Oct. 27 at the Birmingham Unitarian Church.

The *Gran Partita* was scored for two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, four horns and contrabass. *Gran Partita* is considered one of the most beautiful woodwind pieces ever written.

For those who don't know what a basset horn is, there will be a presentation by clarinetist Laurence Liberson entitled "What is That Thing —

Everything You Always Wanted to Know about the Basset Horn" before the concert.

Also scheduled for the same day is the *Sonata for Four Horns* by Paul Hindemith, and Antonin Dvorak's *Bagatelles, Op. 47*. Members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra — Corbin Wagner, Bryan Kennedy, David Everson and Karl Pituch — will perform the Hindemith piece.

Tickets are \$25, \$19 for students and seniors over 60, \$10 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available at the door and by calling (248) 559-2095.

Site promotes local bands

Sun Star Production Company is in the process of establishing a centralized Web site devoted to promoting Michigan-based bands.

The site's structure is up and running, but its debut at www.sunstarproductions.net is delayed as owner Eddie Mahone continues to compile links and information for local musicians looking for a little notoriety.

It's open to all musicians and it's based in Grand Rapids. Bands in the Grand Rapids area and those bands who sign on early receive the service free of charge. A charge of \$90 per year will eventually be assessed for out-of-area bands who wish to be remain once the site becomes established. The fees will cover maintaining and aggressively promoting the site.

The site will include band bios and up to three MP3s per group. Another section is devoted to promoting, marketing and booking musicians. At some point, musicians will even be able to sell their records through the site.

Mahone hopes to make www.sunstarproductions.net a regular stop for record label reps, promoters, booking agents and other music-types to find the latest, most comprehensive contact information possible.

"They can jump on one Web site," he said. "It's easy to remember."

The site will also include classified ad space. If you're looking to sell equipment or seeking a new drummer, it could become a valuable resource.

The only requirement? A press pack with all the basics about your band. For more information, send e-mail to eddie@sunstarproductions.net.



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even if you've got a crash helmet, fire-proof suit and skis. See it instead, at Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus today through Sunday, Oct. 6 at The Palace of Auburn Hills. The Max-air Blizzard Battalion, with an explosive, pyrotechnic display of indoor ramp skiing and freestyle trampoline jumping, is among the daring acts at this year's show. Performances are 7:30 p.m. today and Friday, Oct. 4; 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5 and 1 and 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6. Tickets are \$12.50, \$17.50 and \$20, with a limited number of \$30 VIP and \$45 front row seats. (248) 645-6666.

CHOMIN

FROM PAGE B1

Conway from the DSO, and Western Michigan University Artists-in-Residence the Merling Trio.

"New York singer and guitarist Gerard Edery played the series four years ago. He's an outstanding musician, the foremost proponent of Sephardic music but combines several music styles," said Levine of Bloomfield Hills. "Scott Holden returns for a third performance. He's a native of Bloomfield Hills and has played the series since he was in high school. He's a very engaging person and speaks to the audience about the music he's going to play. All of our artists do."

"The Merling Trio (piano, violin and cello by Susan and Bruce Uchimura and Renata Knific) perform chamber music, a staple for the concert series. We try to balance between vocal, piano, small ensemble and strings."

Diversity is what has kept the series alive for 28 years. Levine said that's no easy task for a nonprofit.

"We've started a donor program with several categories of giving," said Levine. "In the last seven or eight years artists fees have risen and we have to keep up with them because we don't want to present artists of a lower caliber. We're asking people to support us not only by giving but by attending concerts."

"The Temple has excellent acoustics so it's ideal for chamber music and ensembles. Our concerts are open to the entire community and we always have an afterglow so audience members can talk with the artists. We're not only



New York musician Gerard Edery and his ensemble open the Vivace Concert Series with a blend of classical, flamenco, jazz and folk.

interested in bringing music to the community, but informing the community about the music."

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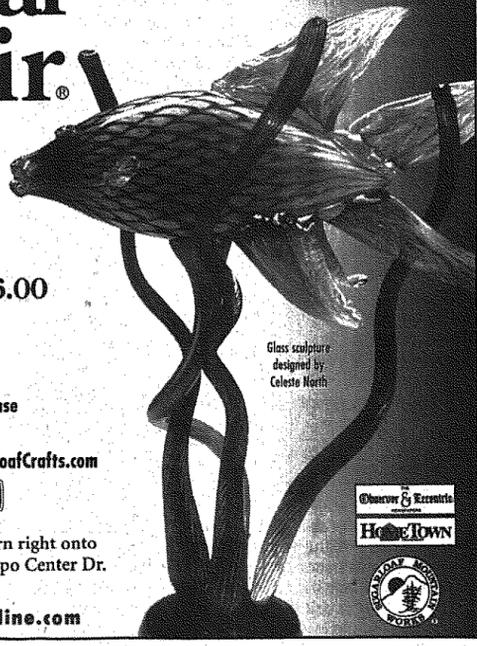
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PROFESSIONAL THEATER

Meadow Brook Theatre
Opens its season with Agatha Christie's *Witness for the Prosecution* Wednesday, Oct. 16 with a preview at 8 p.m., preview nights at 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Oct. 17-18, opening night 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, continues to Nov. 10, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 6 p.m. Saturday, and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, and 2 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday-Sunday, at the theater in Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. \$19-\$16 for previews, \$24-\$38. (248) 377-3300

Millennium Centre Theatre
Buku Productions performs the play, *Free Fall*, at 3 and 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 5 and 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6 at the theater, 15600 J.L. Hudson Drive, Southfield. Tickets are \$20. (248) 645-6666

Performance Network
Midwest premiere of *Defying Gravity* by Jane Anderson runs 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday through Oct. 6, at the theater, 120 East Huron, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$22.50 Thursday and Sunday; \$27.50 Friday and Saturday. (734) 663-0681

Purple Rose Theatre Company
Actor Jeff Daniels' play *Across*

Ridgedale Players

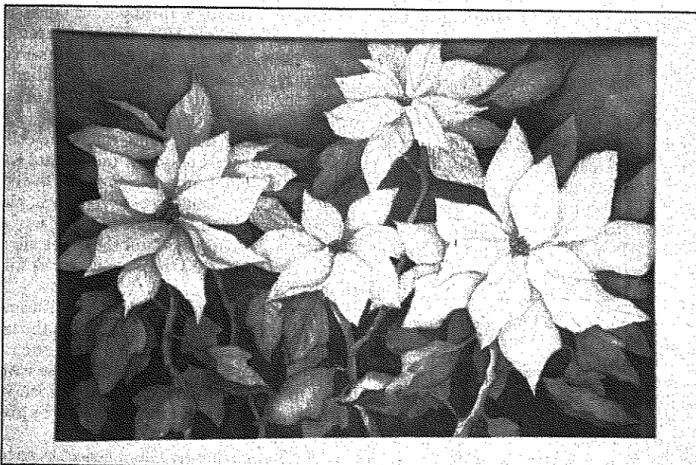
Harry Segall's *Heaven Can Wait* opens the Ridgedale Players 7th season, Oct. 4-6, 11-13 and 18-20, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 205 West Long Lake, Troy. \$12, \$11 seniors and students on Sundays. (248) 988-7049

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook

The Rocky Horror Picture Show 8 p.m. Oct. 11-12, 17-19, 24-26, 31 and Nov. 1-2; dinner package available for Oct. 11; midnight show in addition to regular show on Oct. 26; benefit for AIDS Partnership Michigan, Oct. 30; special Halloween performance, Oct. 31. \$16, \$3 for senior citizens and students. Audience may bring newspaper, noisemakers, confetti, toilet paper, bells and playing cards for participation. Rocky Horror Survival Kits, filled with props, will be available for \$10 at the theater, located at 400 Lone Pine Road, between Cranbrook and Lahser roads, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-0527 for tickets; (248) 593-3090 for dinner package on Oct. 11.

SRO Productions

It's a Scram, a comedy by David DeBoy, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 4-5, 12 and 18-19, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, 13 and 20, in the



Marge Masek is one of the exhibitors in the Livonia Artists Club's Annual Affordable Art Sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, in the atrium of the Livonia Civic Center Library on Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. For more information, call (734) 464-6772. Pictured is Masek's watercolor of a white poinsettia. Exhibitors will display unframed art in many styles, mediums and sizes, also some small framed paintings and Christmas ornaments. In addition, the Greater Detroit Chrysanthemum Society will offer many varieties of mums.

welcome. (248) 354-9603

Avon Players

Costume sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, items include men's and women's clothing, period clothing, specialty costumes, children's clothing, hats, shoes, accessories and more, at the theater, 1185 Washington Road, one mile east of the intersection of Tienken and Rochester roads, Rochester Hills. (248) 608-9077 or visit the Web site at www.avonplayers.org

Die-cast Collectibles Show

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, at the Plymouth VFW Hall, 1426 Mill. \$5, kids under age 10 free with an adult. (734) 455-2110

Storytellers Guild Event

Young at Heart Book and Author Luncheon with guests David Small and Sarah Stewart Thursday, Oct. 3, at the Community House, 380 South Bates, Birmingham. \$35. (248) 594-6405

Theater at the Southfield Library

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, in the Marcotte Room of the Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen. Program is free, registration not required. For more information, call the Fiction Desk at (248) 948-0470

BENEFITS

Jewish Ensemble Theatre

Investigate the mystery of creativity with author Elmore "Dutch" Leonard, JET and performance Network set designer Monika Essen, and percussionist Efe Bes 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre in the Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. \$50. (248) 788-2900

Livonia Symphony Orchestra

Roaring 20s Party Friday, Oct. 11, dinner begins at 6 p.m., features 8 p.m. concert, and silent auction (closes at 9:30 p.m., at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. \$50, benefits the Livonia Symphony Orchestra. (734) 425-4855

MoreDances

Auditions for the Laura Gumina

The dance company holds a fund-raiser luncheon at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, at Big Daddy's Parthenon, 6199 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Reservations at (248) 737-8600

CLASSICAL

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings

Opens its Nightnotes series 8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4 (hors d'oeuvres reception at 8 p.m.), xylophones, marimbas and vibraphones take center stage, at Hagopian World of Rugs, 850 South Old Woodward, Birmingham. \$19, \$10 ages 12 and under. (248) 559-2095

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra

Opens its season with "Pastoral Pleasures," a program featuring flutist/composer Gary Shocker 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Beck Road and North Territorial, Plymouth. \$16, \$14 seniors ages 60 and up, \$10 college students, children grades K-12 free. (734) 451-2112

CHORAL

Spirit of Detroit Chorus

Performs 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, features the 1993 SPEBSQSA International quartet champions, Gas House Gang, and district champion quartet, Musically, at Mercy High School, 11 Mile and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (313) 937-2429

AUDITIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

Bel Canto Choral Group

Seeking new members for the all-women's group which begins its 2002-2003 rehearsal schedule in September under the direction of Martin Mandelbaum. The group rehearses Monday evenings at the Jimmy Prentiss Morris Jewish Community Center. To arrange an audition, call Kathryn Parcels at (313) 640-0123

Cry Dignity

Auditions for the Laura Gumina

play about dealing with the stigma of mental illness take place 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Oct. 7-8, at Mercy Network West, 1885 West Pontiac Trail, between Welsh and Decker, Walled Lake. A stipend will be paid for each performance, male and females needed ranging in age from high school through late adulthood, also one 12-year old girl. For more information, call (248) 668-3410

Franklin Village Band

Adult musicians from southeastern Michigan are invited to join the Franklin Village Band. All instruments welcome, but there is a special need for flutes and clarinets. The band rehearses Monday evenings in the Franklin Community Church social hall on Franklin Road between 13 and 14 Mile roads. For more details, call Bill Prisk, (248) 474-8869, or Bob Zimmerman, (313) 535-4119

Metropolitan Singers of Southfield

Looking for new members of all ages for this group of adult men and women. The group consists of bass, tenor, soprano and alto voices and welcomes all singers of pop, folk, holiday and oldies. The ability to read music is not required. If you like to sing and can carry a tune, come join us. The new season began Sept. 9, in the vocal music room at Birney Middle School on the northwest corner of 11 Mile and Evergreen. (248) 932-0390 or (248) 545-8743

Oakland County Office of Arts, Culture & Film

Seeking proposals from Michigan artists for fine arts exhibition in the Oakland County Galleria, second floor of the executive building, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415

Plymouth Community Arts Council

Is starting a new show choir for singers, dancer and actors ages 11 to 18; choral director Janine Grady has developed choreography to accompany some of the best show tunes for the group to practice and perform at the end of an eight week program that began 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, at the arts council, 774 North Sheldon at Junction. To register or for more information, call (734) 416-4278

PNA Centennial Dancers

Applications accepted for the 2002-2003 Polish dance season. Jan Favot (734) 953-3323

Spirit of Detroit Chorus

Auditions for women's championship chorus 7-10 p.m. Tuesday evenings, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on Five Mile, west of Inkster, Livonia. The chorus performs 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5 in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (313) 937-2429

Stagecrafters Youth Community Theatre

Register at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct.

5, for Pippi Longstocking auditions, which begin at 10 a.m., in the historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette in downtown Royal Oak. Prepare a short (one minute) upbeat poem to recite and be prepared to sing and dance. No tennis or platform shoes. Bring a small, non-returnable photo of yourself. Show dates are Dec. 12-15. (248) 541-8027

Village Players of Birmingham

Auditions for 5-women and 3-4-men for *The Heidi Chronicles* 7 p.m. Sunday and Tuesday, Oct. 13 and 15, at the playhouse, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham. Plays runs weekends Dec. 6-15. (248) 643-0971

POPS/SWING/CABARET

Bird of Paradise Orchestra

9 p.m. Monday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310 (big band, swing, bop)

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Richard Rodgers Centennial salute 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 11-12, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15-\$55. (313) 576-5111

JAZZ/BLUES

Chuck Moss' Paint Creek

Dixieland Jazz Society Performs 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at Shields Pizza, 25101 Telegraph, Southfield. (248) 476-2674 or (248) 855-1342

Paul Keller's 17-Piece Orchestra

The New Windsor Detroit Jazz Club present the orchestra playing the music of Count Basie 3-5:15 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, at

WORLD MUSIC

Gerard Edery Ensemble

The Vivace Series opens its series with the performers who meld folk, flamenco, classical and jazz styles in a musical mosaic, Edery explores rich musical traditions in a dozen different languages ranging from passionate Sephardic songs to French opera 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at Birmingham Temple, 28611 West 12 Mile Road, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. \$18, \$15 students, seniors and Temple members. (248) 788-9338

Pat McDunn

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

CHRISTIAN

Jars of Clay

The Christian alternative band performs 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$19.50-\$29.50. (248) 433-1515

SOCIAL DANCING

Dance Elite Ballroom Studio

Ballroom/Latin Dance Party 9 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, 15 mile and Haggerty inside Bloomfield Ave. Shoppe II, West Bloomfield. \$9, \$8 Michigan Swing Dance Association. Singles welcome. (248) 926-8522

Moon-Dusters

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



The Manhattan Transfer stars at the 10th annual Hollywood Nights 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at Laurel Manor Banquet and Video Conference Center in Livonia. The event benefits cancer services at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Tickets are \$75, \$150 for VIP. Call (734) 655-2907 or visit the Web site at www.stmarymercy.org. The Manhattan Transfer made history in 1981 by becoming the first group to win Grammy Awards in both pop and jazz categories. Their 1985 release, "Vocalese," received 12 Grammy nominations.

The Way opened Thursday, Sept. 26 for a 10-week engagement at the theater, 137 Park Street, Chelsea. 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, Saturday matinee at 3 p.m. and Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Gala fund-raiser, with food, entertainment, play performance on Oct. 5. Event tickets \$250. Show tickets \$17.50-\$25 for previews and \$22.50-\$32.50 remainder of run. (734) 433-7782

1854 church located at the Burgh Historical Park, Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, one block east of Telegraph, Southfield. \$10, \$8 students and senior adults ages 50 and over. For tickets, call (248) 827-0701. For information, (248) 827-0710

Stagecrafters

The Pirates of Penzance, a comic opera, continues Friday-Sunday through Oct. 6, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette in downtown Royal Oak. Thursday-Saturday shows at 8 p.m.; Sunday shows at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$14-\$16. (248) 541-6430

Village Players of Birmingham

Jekyll & Hyde, *The Musical* opens the community theater's 80th season 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, show continues to Oct. 26, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13 and 20, at the Village Players Playhouse, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham. \$15. (248) 644-2075

CHILDREN'S PRODUCTIONS

Paper Bag Productions

I Believe in Make Believe, runs Oct. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27 and includes a hot dog, chips, cookie and apple lunch. Lunch is at noon, with the show at 1 p.m. Saturdays; lunch at 1 p.m. and show at 2 p.m., Sundays, 29516 West Seven Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$10 for lunch and show, \$7 for show only. (248) 888-7685 or (586) 344-7774

SPECIAL EVENTS

Detroit Audubon Society

Lecture by Dorothy McLeer, urban environmental education program coordinator with the Environmental Interpretive Center at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, on "Michigan Wolves: Past, Present and Future" 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, at the Southfield Parks & recreation Building, 26000 Evergreen. No charge, all ages



Alicia Fulford-Wierzbicki stars in "Rain," the coming-of-age drama featured Friday-Sunday, Oct. 4-6, at the Detroit Film Theatre inside the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward. The film marks the debut of Christine Jeffs, a New Zealand writer/director. Jeffs brings to the screen Kirsty Gunn's 1994 novel. No one under age 18 will be admitted. Tickets are \$6, \$5 seniors, full-time students and DIA members. Call (313) 833-3237.

Making contact: Please submit items for publication in *Going Places* to Linda Chomin two weeks in advance of event. *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or fax (734) 591-7279

COLLEGE THEATER

Hilberly Theatre

The Good Doctor, Neil Simon's tribute to Anton Chekhov, plays in rotating repertory Oct. 7 to Feb. 4, at the theater on the campus of Wayne State University, corner of Cass and Hancock, Detroit. \$12-\$20. (313) 577-2972. On Saturday, Oct. 12 the Hilberly celebrates the Gala Opening of the season with the 40th annual President's Preview, a black tie event that includes cocktails and dinner at The Whitney Restaurant, a preview performance of selected scenes from *The Good Doctor*, and an afterglow in the Hilberly lobby. Tickets range from \$50 to \$300.

COMMUNITY THEATER

Clarkston Village Players

Last of the Red Hot Lovers 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday to Oct. 6. Tickets \$10 Thursday and Sunday, \$12 Friday-Saturday. (248) 625-8811

Farmington Players

The Solid Gold Cadillac opens Friday, Oct. 4 and runs to Oct. 26, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 and 25-26 and Thursday, Oct. 17 and 24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, 13 and 20, at the theater inside Barnes and Noble on Orchard Lake Road, between 14 Mile and Maple, West Bloomfield. \$13, \$6.50 senior citizens on Oct. 6 only. (248) 219-0800

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EXHIBITS

FROM PAGE B1

Lucas has titled the show *Simple Pleasures* (of Life). In it she notes some of the beauty, a blue sky, her cat. She'd probably have included *African Market* if it hadn't been chosen for the Canton exhibit. Lucas painted the vibrant scene after photographs taken in Italy.

"I was wandering around and found this market behind the Uffizi museum. I was fascinated by the color and patterns," said Lucas.

Denise Gimmarro's fascination with horses triggered her entry in the Canton Project Arts exhibition. The four-legged *Ol' Paint* was created from recycled tubes of color.

"I started collecting horses at six years old and it turned into a hobby," said Gimmarro, who earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from Northern Illinois University and now lives in Canton.

"How I got into doing horses is by taking a model and then re-sculpting it. I also sculpt my own 3-D models. For *Ol' Paint* I fitted old paint tubes around the horse. He's on a palette, wearing a beret and holding a brush in his mouth. He makes a lot of people smile."

Denise Jones' triptych, *Becoming Anonymous*, has the opposite effect on people. It's thought provoking quality is probably what led jurors to award it Best of Show in the visual art category of *The Artists Among Us* which opens Friday, Oct. 4, at Madonna University in Livonia.

INSPIRED WRITING

But the power of the work didn't stop there. It also caused poets and musicians to create works about it. Ella Singer's poem won Best of Show as did Christian Kreipke's composition. Carol Carpenter of Livonia won an honorable mention.

Carpenter's been writing a long time but the experience of creating a poem about a piece of art was new for her. She's had more than 150 poems published in literary journals like the *Carolina Quarterly* and taught English and creative writing for 17 years in Detroit Public Schools, Wayne State University, Oakland Community College in Auburn Hills, and Oakland University in Rochester.

"I ended up writing a poem for each of the 16 artworks after visiting the Web site (www.WayneArts.org) to view the art and ask what does this mean," said Carpenter.

"The last three years I hadn't written because of time constraints but *The Artists Among Us* inspired me. I had such fun. This is not how we usually write poetry. There was a collaboration between artists, musicians and poets, the stimulation of learning from them and sharing ideas."

Carpenter also enjoyed reading her poem before the first reception at the Padzieski Gallery in the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center in Dearborn Sept. 5. Each time Carpenter reads before an audience the response leads her to ask questions.



Denise Gimmarro pieced together old paint tubes to create this work for the Canton Project Arts exhibition.

"Writing is an act of discovery. It's almost painting on a sheet of paper. It has a lot of images in it," said Carpenter.

"When I read my poetry I get response and feedback. You're always in isolation when writing. It helps me see my work in a new light."

Just as Jones inspired Carpenter, she and the experience of working with poets and musicians inspired him. Jones has now written his own poem about the work *Becoming Anonymous* intensifying its original meaning.

"As an artist recognition is important," said Jones, an artist, architect and instructor

at College for Creative Studies in Detroit. His sculpture is currently on view in Art 'Round Town, a project to bring sculpture to the streets of Saugatuck and Douglas. To view his work, visit www.artroundtown.com.

"A lot of times work is solitary; you're alone. The paintings are also kind of a reflection on numerous people who are anonymous throughout their lives whether they're homeless or feeling oppression from some governmental

regime. It expands to many people who feel the need for recognition."

The Artists Among Us takes note of artists working in a variety of disciplines, something few exhibits do. That's a point of which Robert Maniscalco is especially proud. The president of Wayne County Council for Arts, History & Humanities owns the Maniscalco Gallery in Grosse Pointe.

"The idea for the collaboration came from an exhibit at

FINE ART SHOWS

■ Canton Project Arts 10th annual Fine Arts Exhibition Oct. 5-12. Summit on the Park Community Center, Canton. (734) 394-5193

■ Livonia Arts Commission presents *Simple Pleasures*, an exhibit of watercolors by Connie Lucas Oct. 2-30, in the Fine Arts Gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. (734) 466-2490

■ Wayne County Council for Arts, History & Humanities' *The Artists Among Us* exhibit, opening reception 5-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, show continues to Oct. 16, at the Exhibit Gallery in the Library Wing at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia. (734) 432-5710 or (313) 886-2993

my gallery. The artist showed up with a poet and musicians for the opening reception, grabbed a painting off the wall and the music started and the poet got up and read. We all experienced a work in a way I've never experienced before. The cross-pollination of ideas was a synergy."

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MUSEUMS AND TOURS

Detroit Institute of Arts

Continues its Friday night programming, at the museum, 5200 Woodward Ave. With admission \$4, \$1 children, free for Founders Society members. Call (313) 833-8499 for exhibition information, (313) 833-7900 for general information or visit the Web site at www.dia.org

Detroit Science Center

Digital Dome Planetarium Show *Autumn Nights* continues on weekends. Fall/winter hours 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, 5020 John R. Detroit. (313) 577-8400, www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

Detroit Zoo

Kids will love The Arctic Ring of Life, which features a 70 ft. see-through acrylic tunnel where polar bears swim around visitors. \$8 adults, \$6 seniors and children. For more information, call (248) 398-0900 or visit the Web site at www.detroitzoo.org. Now open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The zoo is located at 8450 West 10 Mile at I-696 and Woodward, Royal Oak. The Detroit Zoo is always looking for volunteers. To volunteer or for more information, call Sue Kingsepp at (248) 541-5717

Henry Ford Museum

Celebrate "Fall in America," at the museum through Nov. 27, includes

demonstrations of classic American crafts and home arts such as candle-making, printing, spinning, weaving and quilting. Vaudeville shows in the Anderson Theater, and Curator Chats "This Old House" (Oct. 8), "America's Haunting Autumn Legends" (Oct. 22), "By the Sweat of Their Brow" (Nov. 6), and "Fash Blast" (Nov. 13), chats begin at 10 a.m. in the Anderson Theater. On weekends go on agricultural tour or learn Contra dancing. Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$8.50-\$13.50. (313) 271-1620. For IMAX ticket prices and show times call (800) 747-IMAX (4629)

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Horton Plumbing has been proudly serving local homes and businesses for 16 years. They are not just your average plumbing company. They are considered by many as experts in the plumbing field. Their wealth of experience and knowledgeable staff will assure you of only quality work at competitive prices. There is great satisfaction for local residents in knowing that when you rely on **Horton Plumbing** you are dealing with professionals. They offer complete residential and commercial plumbing services from the smallest repair to a large installation. They feature repairs and regular maintenance, Bathroom remodeling, complete drain cleaning including Hi Pressure Jetting and Video camera services, and sewer and water service installation.

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Come Little Children Center

Today's parents are becoming more and more aware of the importance of a quality day care and pre-school. If you want your child to have a planned, active, well-balanced day, enroll them at **Come Little Children Center** located at 45050 Warren in Canton, phone (734) 455-4607. Although, **Come Little Children** is a catholic pre-school and day care, they welcome children of all religions. They are licensed by the State Department of Social Services and are a member of Archdiocese of Detroit school system. They accept children from 6 weeks to 12 years and offer daycare, pre-school, kindergarten and latchkey.

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We are pleased to bring **Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel** to your attention. **Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel** would like to thank the community. They value your business and look forward to serving your accounting needs in the future.

Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel is located at 1034 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. For an appointment, phone 734-453-8770 or visit www.pslz.com.

N.A. Mans Kitchen & Bath Design Center

Believe it or not, more time is spent in the kitchen than any other room in your house. Doesn't it make sense, then, that your kitchen should be functional, attractive and enjoyable. If you are dissatisfied with your kitchen or bath then we suggest that you contact **N.A. Mans Kitchen & Bath Design Center**. They have two locations to serve you: 41814 Ford Road in Canton Township, phone 734-844-2679 and 2836 W. Jefferson in Trenton, phone 734-692-0072.

Locally owned and operated, **N.A. Mans** has been serving the area for over 100 years. They pride themselves in offering quality products and creative designs. They have the experience to turn your kitchen or bath into the beautiful, functional room that you have always dreamed of. Just stop by their showroom and let them show you what kitchen and bath craftsmanship really means. They feature the latest in traditional and contemporary style cabinetry. They specialize in both kitchen and bath remodeling as well as new construction. They will assist you in selecting the style and type of cabinets and countertops for your individual needs. In fact, they will also help you with your new construction allowance.

N.A. Mans Kitchen & Bath Design Center would like to take this opportunity to thank the community. They value your business and look forward to serving your future kitchen and bath remodeling needs.



Club Z In-Home Tutoring Service

The reputation of **Club Z** has been achieved through service, satisfaction and quality tutoring skills. Whenever you are in need of any special instruction in study skills, math, vocabulary, science, foreign language, writing skills and LD/ADD, contact **Club Z In-Home Tutoring Service**, located in Canton, phone 734-844-0078.

They will be glad to discuss your individual needs and requirements. The experienced tutors at **Club Z In-Home Tutoring Service** are trained professionals in the educational field. **Club Z In-Home Tutoring Service** provides one-on-one individualized instruction for students in the comfort of their own home. Their in-home instruction program has been designed to eliminate the problems associated with traditional classrooms. They are aware that to help an individual is to improve their self confidence and learning abilities.

We wish to bring your attention to this reliable learning center. Call **Club Z In-Home Tutoring Service** for an appointment or consultation at 734-844-0078.



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Woodhaven Retirement Community

Livonia's **Woodhaven Retirement Community** was recently licensed as a full scale nursing home and is Livonia's only full service continuing care retirement community. **Woodhaven's** services and accommodations include nursing care, Alzheimer's care, adult day services, assisted living, and independent living apartments. Therefore, when your needs change, your home doesn't.

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If you would like a personal visit or FREE literature, please call (734) 261-9000. **The Woodhaven Retirement Community** is located at 29667 Wentworth Avenue in Livonia. Feel free to visit their website at www.woodhaven-retirement.com.



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This information has been brought to you in the interest of better eye health by **The Vision Center** located at 43050 Ford Road, Suite 170, phone 734-981-2700.

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Charisma Salon and Day Spa is a full service state of the art facility located in Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia. With over fifty employees available, you are ensured a pleasurable experience. **Charisma's** hairstylists are knowledgeable and well trained in all the latest hair trends and techniques. They are recognized for creating beautiful styles for everyday as well as dramatic looks for special occasions. The **Charisma Day Spa** staff offers European facials, massages, body treatments, makeup applications, pedicures and manicures. They are proud of the addition of the **Palomar Estelux System**. This system expands the service menu to include light shear hair removal and treatment of skin marred by blemishes and age spots. **Charisma** uses only the highest quality products, including **Sothys' European Skin Care Products** for facial and body treatments. The salon coordinators at **Charisma Salon and Day Spa** are available to help you customize gift packages for any occasion. One of their most popular packages is the "Day at Charisma", which provides an entire day of pampering. Gift cards are also available in any denomination you choose. If you are searching for your favorite beauty product, **Charisma Salon and Day Spa** has an extensive line of high quality retail products. With over fifteen brands available, they are sure to meet your needs.

Charisma Salon and Day Spa is able to provide services to the individual as well as small groups, wedding parties or corporate groups. They are open seven days a week 9-9 Monday thru Saturday and 11-6 on Sunday. Please call the salon at 734-464-8686 and speak to one of their helpful salon coordinators.

DAVID G. SELUK, D.D.S., P.C.

We would like to introduce ourselves and invite you to meet us. **Dr. David Seluk** as well as **Dr. Cheolhee Yoo** graduated from New York University College of Dentistry. After both Doctors completing advanced education in their residencies, **Dr. Yoo** completed 1 1/2 years of a prosthodontic program, specializing in dentures and partials.

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We look forward to serving you for your dental needs. Take time out to come in for a free consultation. Our office offers a comfortable, friendly, honest and clean environment. The office is state of the art equipped and ready to serve you pain free dentistry. Don't be shy or afraid, come on in or call us if you have any questions. Our office is located at 213 North Sheldon between North Territorial and Ann Arbor Road, next to Bird Elementary in Plymouth, MI 48170. OUR TOLL FREE NUMBER IS 888.221.9200.

SEE YOU SOON! **Dr. David Seluk and Staff.**



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We urge you to give your family the water it deserves. Call **Culligan** at 1-800-327-0665 and have a complete water treatment system installed in your home or business.

Joanne's Dance Extension Co.

The many benefits of learning to dance exceed the obvious. Classes in ballet, jazz, tap and gymnastics can increase your coordination abilities and are a very relaxing form of exercise as well as a super way to meet new friends! At **Joanne's Dance Extension Co.**, experienced instructors teach both classic and modern ballet in addition to jazz, tap dancing and gymnastics. Instruction for students of all ages is available from pre-school to adult. Novice, intermediate and advanced classes are taught by certified teachers.

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We are pleased to bring to your attention **Joanne's Dance Extension Co.** Personalized attention by qualified instructors afford each student the finest instruction available locally. For class program rates, call 734-455-4330 today!

Canton Foot Specialists

Podiatrists generally agree, a person's feet must not be neglected. Proper foot care is just as necessary to good health as care of the eyes and teeth. Podiatrists, the specialists that treat foot and ankle ailments, are far too aware that many painful foot afflictions which people suffer from are often easily treated once they are properly diagnosed. Perhaps that is the reason that **Dr. James Duncan, Dr. Michael Lefkowitz** and **Dr. W. Seven Watson** are recognized as some of the areas leading podiatric physicians and surgeons.

Canton Foot Specialists will take a thorough medical history and a podiatric exam in order to determine any foot disorders. Improper foot alignment can cause knee, hip or back pain which may be alleviated or helped by a simple office procedure. They specialize in diagnosing and treating all types of foot disorders, from corns, ingrown nails and plantar warts, to bunions and heel spurs. Also a special concern to the doctor is the care and treatment of the foot of each individual - whether it is the abnormal alignment in a child's foot, the nagging pain from day-to-day activities, or the arthritic or special problems of the elderly or diabetic patient.

There is no time too early to consider foot health. These problems are easily corrected when diagnosed early. So call **Canton Foot Specialists** located at 43050 Ford Road, Suite 150 in Canton, phone 734-981-7800, for more information or a consultation.

United Home Health Services

What is so special about health care? It touches us all . . . old and young, rich and poor, educated and illiterate, handicapped and gifted. Illness, accidents, and disabilities play no favorites. Hospitals, nursing homes, rehab centers all play an important role, however, home care is the future. The focus of **Home Health Care** is Home. That's where everyone would prefer to be. Young and old, with very limiting disabilities or minor illness, find that "family" is really the best medicine of all. **United Home Health Services** has been providing quality home care since 1983. They can provide skilled nursing, rehabilitation therapy, medical social workers, personal care, wound care, psychiatric, and nutrition services. The staff is carefully selected to ensure the patient and family's trust. Care is scheduled intermittently as dictated by patient needs and physician's orders. Their trained personnel offer committed, capable, caring services for all patients.

Call today for more information regarding the services offered by **United Home Health Services** located at 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Suite 250 in Canton Twp., phone 1-734-981-8820. They are Medicare Certified, Joint Commission Accredited with Commendations and approved by the Michigan Department of Consumer Industry Services.

Hear cutting edge music at annual Kerrytown festival in Ann Arbor

Kerrytown Concert House presents the sixth annual Edgifest on Thursday, Oct. 3, through Saturday, Oct. 5.

This year's festival features a stunning lineup of bands led by many of the world's leading cutting-edge saxophonists, representing the avant music communities of Chicago, New York, Montreal, and Amsterdam, as well as the creative jazz scenes of Ann Arbor and Detroit.

As in previous years, Edgifest will take place at Kerrytown Concert House and Workbench Furniture in the Kerrytown Market District and the Firefly Club in the Main Street area. Concerts are scheduled such that festivalgoers can experience all the shows at all three venues (within easy walking distance).

Reservations may be made for individual concerts and a festival-wide "Edgepass" provides admission to all shows with preferred seating. "Edgepasses" may be purchased for \$80 (a savings of \$60 below individual non-student concert prices).

Here's scheduling and pricing information for individual

concerts:

■ **Jewels & Binoculars: The Music of Bob Dylan**, 8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 3 at Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Avenue. \$15

■ **The Other Quartet with Andrew Bishop's Hank Williams Project**, 10 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 3-The Firefly Club, 207 S. Ashley Street. \$15

■ **Roscoe Mitchell Quintet**, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Avenue. \$20

■ **Tim Berne's Hard Cell with Jean Derome Et Les Dangereux Zhoms**, 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4 at The Firefly Club, 207 S. Ashley Street. \$20

■ **John Lindberg Quartet**, 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Avenue. \$15 general/\$10 students

■ **String Trio of New York**, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Avenue. \$20

■ **Ballin' the Jack with Evidence "Ellington at the Edge & Monk at the Margin,"** 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5 at

Workbench Furniture, 410 N. Fourth Avenue-\$20

■ **George Cartwright & Curlew, Midnight Saturday**, Oct. 5, The Firefly Club, 207 S. Ashley Street. \$15

Reservations for Edgepass or any individual concert may be made by calling (734) 769-2999 or e-mailing Kerrytown Concert House at kch@kerrytown.com.

Edgifest does not accept credit cards. Edgepasses may be paid for by cash or check (payable to Kerrytown Concert House) and picked up at Kerrytown Concert House at any time during the festival.

Edgepasses will also be held at the door beginning one-half hour prior to the Thursday show at the Firefly Club.

Payment for individual concert seats may be also made by cash or check at the door of each concert site beginning a 30 minutes before each show. All seating reserved through phone or e-mail is guaranteed only until performances are scheduled to begin. All e-mail transactions will be confirmed through return messages.



Paying tribute

Paul Keller's 17-piece orchestra pays tribute to Count Basie 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, at Temple Beth El Synagogue, Telegraph and 14 Mile, Bloomfield Hills. Doors open at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15, \$12 for members of The New Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club. Call (248) 476-2674 or (248) 855-1342. The Basie sound changed over the years. The early Kansas City-based bands featured the solo skills of the players and had a looser feel. After 1952, the band began to play more concerts instead of dances and bar gigs and the music reflected the change in venues. Keller's orchestra will perform both of these styles.

Acoustic Avenue Coffee House

Location: First United Methodist Church, 22331 Woodward, Ferndale
Tickets: (248) 646-4030 or www.fingerstyle-fgs.org

Al Petteway and Amy White: 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5. \$15

Richard Smith: 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19. \$15.

Fox Theatre

Location: Downtown Detroit
Tickets: (248) 645-6666

Counting Crows: With Graham Colton, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13. \$25, \$29.50 and \$32.50

The Moody Blues: 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21. \$37 and \$45

Magic Bag

Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale
Hotline: (248) 544-3030

Blue Rodeo: 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3. Standing room only. \$15

Orbitsuns: With Dead String Brothers and Some Assembly Required, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4. \$6

The Michigan Theatre

Location: 603 Liberty, Ann Arbor
Tickets: (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666

Indigo Girls: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3. \$35

They Might Be Giants: 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21. \$23

The Palace of Auburn Hills

Location: Off I-75 (exit 81) at Lapeer Road (M-24) in Auburn Hills
Tickets: (248) 645-6666

Cher: With Cyndi Lauper: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13. \$79.75, \$59.75, \$34.75

Royal Oak Theatre

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Viva Mexico serves south-of-the-border favorites

BY MARY QUINLEY
CORRESPONDENT

Ramon Castaneda is back! In mid-April, he and his wife, Vicki, the former owners of Old Mexico, opened Viva Mexico in Farmington.

"Customers are happy that we are here," said Castaneda, who has owned four restaurants, including the Old Mexico eateries in West Bloomfield and Livonia.

Viva Mexico is nestled in a strip mall on the north side of Grand River Avenue west of Orchard Lake Road. The restaurant is open everyday except Sunday.

"We serve \$4.99 lunch specials that change each day," Castaneda said. The special might be flour tortillas, primavera quesadillas or wet burritos. It all depends, he said, on what's available.

Serving sizes are generous. The taco salad (\$7.25) is made with crushed corn ships, ground beef, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, cheese, olives and sour cream.

Botana, a heaping portion of corn ships covered with a mixture of pinto beans and Mexican sausage, and then topped with melted cheese, slices of avocado, tomatoes, onions, olives and jalapeno peppers, costs \$10.45.

Castaneda is constantly trying different recipes.

"If somebody comes into the restaurant I'll ask them if they would like to try whatever I'm cooking," said Castaneda, who, on a recent afternoon, was preparing caldo for himself and his wife.

Caldo, a Mexican soup, is a blend of cabbage, potatoes, carrots, corn, zucchini and meat. It's not on the menu, but perhaps some day it will be.

Sue Comptois is hooked on the restaurant's Mexican fare.

In the spring, she just happened to drive by Viva Mexico and decided to check it out.

"Everything is good," said Comptois of Novi, who immediately recognized the couple from Old Mexico. "To me, the food tastes as authentic as Mexicantown without the drive."

During her frequent jaunts to the eatery — two or three times

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Cost: Lunches begin at \$4.99; a la carte prices start at \$2; dinners range from \$7.99 to \$9.50; and, combination plates run from \$5.50 to \$6.25.

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a week — she feels like family. "They call me by my first name."

Freshness is one of the reasons that customers return.

Several weeks ago, two young women wandered into the restaurant, studied the menu on the wall and, not seeing it listed, inquired about guacamole.

No problem, Castaneda said. He then busied himself slicing and mixing the fresh avocados, tomatoes, onions, jalapenos and a hint of cilantro.

Avocados are very expensive, explained Castaneda. When he prepares a four-ounce side of guacamole (\$2.25) he uses almost a whole avocado.

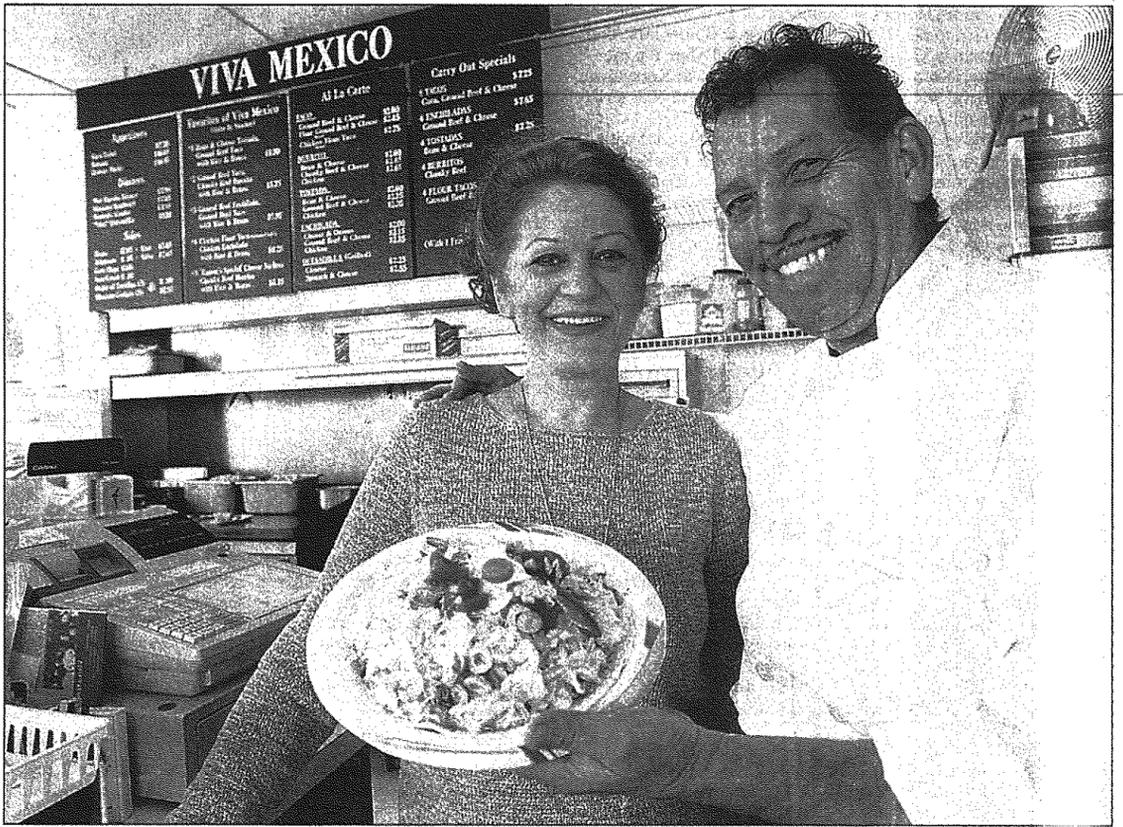
Yummy, exclaimed the duo, as they scooped the guacamole into toasted chips.

Andy Sirvio, who works in Farmington, is another satisfied customer.

"I'm excited to see the restaurant open," Sirvio said, who with his family, used to frequent Old Mexico.

His favorite dish is the "Viva" Quesadilla, a large grilled flour tortilla filled with chicken, spinach and cheese. Guacamole, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, jalapenos and sour cream are served on the side. Rice and beans are also included.

Merina's Combo (\$7.99) is named after the Castanedas'



One of the new items on the menu, an open-face taco is presented by Victoria and Ramon Castaneda.

granddaughter. The dinner features a ground beef taco, an enchilada, a tostada, and sides of rice and beans.

Burritos, enchiladas, tostadas, quesadillas and tamales are available as a la carte items.

The menu lists five Favorites of Viva Mexico.

Each of the "favorites" is served with rice and beans. Prices for these dishes range from \$5.50 for the Bean & Cheese Tostada and Ground Beef Taco combo, to the Chicken Flour Taco served with a Chicken Enchilada for \$6.25.

We train our employees to put all the dishes together, Castaneda explained. "It takes me awhile to teach them because I want to be sure they have the love and the care."

Viva Mexico is compact. There are eight tables and cash

'Everything is good. To me, the food tastes as authentic as Mexicantown without the drive.'

Sue Comptois
Customer

is the only acceptable form of payment. Carryout is available.

"In the future, we hope to have fish on the menu and see what people think," said Castaneda.

And, what do the patrons wish for? Viva Ramon!

Mary Quinley is a Livonia resident and writes about food and travel for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. You can reach her at MQinfo@aol.com.

Golden Mushroom set to close after 30 years

The Golden Mushroom restaurant in Southfield will serve patrons for the last time on New Year's Eve.

Reid Ashton, owner and president, plans to close the building on Jan. 1, 2003 and sell the property, but will continue the restaurant's catering business, which services the Ambassador Hotel and St. John's Conference Center, both in Southfield.

"After much deliberation, considering how the events of Sept. 11, 2001, and the economic downturn have negatively effected sales, we decided to accept the (purchase) offer," said Ashton, in a written statement.

"In our 30 years in operation, we have made some wonderful friends and have had many guests who have celebrated special milestones of their lives at the Mushroom. We hope they will stop in for a last hurrah, for old times sake, because we won't

'We hope they will stop in for a last hurrah, for old times sake...'

Reid Ashton
Owner and president

be closing for a couple months."

He also plans a farewell dinner at the restaurant, which is

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Squeeze the Day

Lynn Waldsmith-Pawlik

'A-camping we will go'

"A-camping we will go, a-camping we will go, hi-ho the derry-o, a-camping we will go." And that's how our first camping trip with the kids begins — singing happily about the joys of the great outdoors as we hit the road for Ontario in our brand new mini-van. Though we are only going away for two days, the car is overloaded with food, sleeping bags, the tent, bikes, bike trailer, etc. Naturally, I am a bit skeptical about whether the girls are ready to sleep under the stars, but my husband is brimming with enthusiasm. "They'll be fine," he reassures me. "This is going to be great! We used to camp all over when I was a kid. We should go three or four times this summer."

"I think one weekend is enough this year," I say cautiously. "Erin is only two. We can go more when they're both bigger."

He scoffs at that suggestion and leads the girls in another round of "A-camping we will go." Two hours later, however, the only sound is the steady roar of rain pouring down on our brand new mini-van. It's raining so hard that we can barely see the car in front of us.

Traffic is at a standstill, with cars backed-up on the Blue Water Bridge in Port Huron for what seems like miles. When I tell our oldest daughter she can't ask "Are we there yet?" any more, she finds new ways to ask the same question.

"How much longer will we be in the car?"

"A long time," I answer.

"Well, how long have we been in the car?"

"Forever," my husband says.

When we finally make it up to the inspection booth, the not-so-friendly customs officer rattles off the usual series of questions and we respond in kind. "Any firearms or other weapons in the vehicle?" he asks.

"We have a 2-year old," my husband cracks. As you might guess, this slight attempt to lighten the moment brings no response from our serious Canadian friend. Fortunately though, he waves us through.

"We're pitching up the tent,

we're pitching up the tent, hi-ho the derry-o,

we're pitching up the tent."

By the time we make it to our campsite, the steady downpour has slowed to light sprinkling. So Matt puts up the tent while I unload the car and the kids jump in puddles. It's then that we realize that we've failed to pack the little Webber grill. Most of the campsites surrounding us have grills, but not ours. We also discover that our campsite is just about as far as you can get from the bathrooms and showers.

During the night it rains, and rains, and rains. The tent holds up rather well in the tempest, but eventually a slow water drip begins to find its way on to my forehead. In the morning, it's more of the same. By 10 a.m., the rain shows no signs of letting up. We decide to wait one more hour. If it's still raining, we say, we'll just pack up and go home. But miraculously, within 30 minutes or so, the skies begin to clear.

"We're having lots of fun, we're having lots of fun, hi-ho the derry-o, we're having lots of fun."

PLEASE SEE SQUEEZE, C2



PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

Author Elizabeth Kerstens was excited to see the finished edition of her book, "Plymouth's First Century: Innovators and Industry."

Book shows Plymouth's photogenic side

Museum archivist puts town's history into pictorial perspective

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

For Elizabeth Kerstens, it was like heaven. A genealogist by trade, Kerstens, the head archivist for the Plymouth Historical Museum, couldn't have been happier when Arcadia Publishing called asking if the museum would like to do a book for its "Images of America" series. Arcadia's idea: Publish a book of photographs depicting the history of Plymouth in visual images. Kerstens, a history buff who can't get enough of the past, was more than happy to say yes. The proposal came last fall, and Kerstens had the book done by April.

The book, "Plymouth's First Century: Innovators

and Industry," takes readers from 1825 to 1920, and includes pictures of the people, places and events that have shaped Plymouth's history.

The photos were culled from the large collection that has built up in the museum's archives over the years, a collection Kerstens had already been organizing. She got Arcadia to accept the images on a CD rather than having to send the originals, and the book was off and running.

"It was so much fun, going through all those pictures," said Kerstens, a retired Marine major. "We didn't want to let go of the originals, so that was huge. You don't want to lose those."

The book is a compilation of photos the museum has collected from local residents. When Arcadia started looking for communities to contribute to the series, Plymouth barely met the minimum population standards.

Arcadia called back around October, and Kerstens and museum director Beth Stewart approached the museum board of directors looking for permission, which was granted shortly thereafter. Kerstens, who had already gotten hip-deep in the photo archives, was ecstatic.

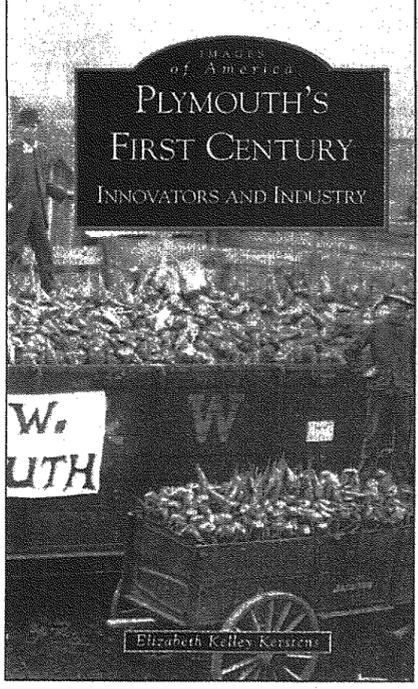
"I love history; it fascinates me," said Kerstens, who was a public affairs specialist for the Marines. "Most of my leisure reading is history. I love reading about stuff that has gone one. Frankly, I'm not all that interested in current events, because so much of it is depressing."

It took Kerstens about four months to put the 128-page book together, a rapid pace considering she only works a couple of afternoons a week. She said having the information on the photos was a big help, and the fact the book is almost all pictures and very little editorial content was also a plus.

"Well, I had already started sorting through the pictures," Kerstens said. "I didn't have a lot of creative research to do, because the photos had captions already. I just had to put it together."

It's the first book of its kind for the museum in about 30 years, according to Stewart.

Arcadia published an unusually high 1,500 copies in the first run (a first run is generally about



The book was finished in April, and has already sold more than half of its first press run.

1,000 copies, according to Arcadia), and within weeks had sold some 750 of them.

The success of the book is a source of pride for Stewart.

"It's a great book because we've acquired so many images over the years," Stewart said. "It gives us a way to share those images with the peo-

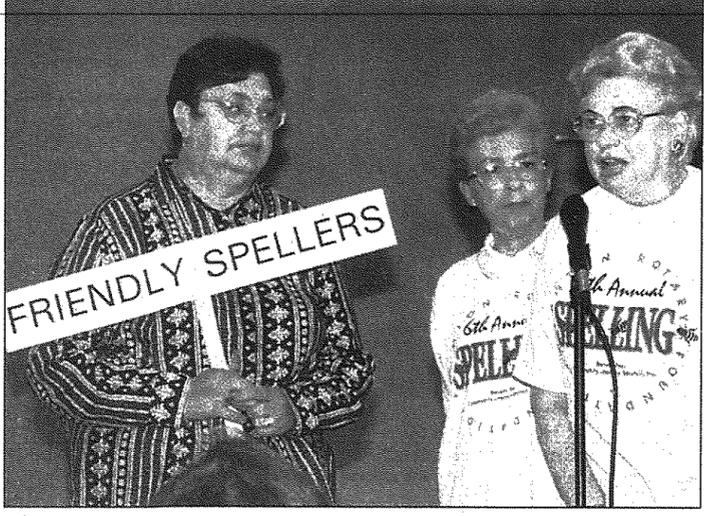
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Author signs book on Plymouth history

Author Elizabeth Kerstens will sign copies of her book, "Plymouth's First Century: Innovators and Industry," from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Little Book Shoppe on the Park in downtown Plymouth. She'll also do a book signing in Northville, at the Barnes and Noble store, at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20.

You can get copies of the book at the Little Book Shoppe, at the Plymouth Historical Museum, or downtown at Wild Wings or the Village Shopkeeper.

Cost of the book is \$19.99. All royalties from sale of the book are going to the Plymouth Historical Museum. For more information on the book, call the museum, (734) 455-8940.



Shirley Reynolds spells the word, while fellow team members Nancy Spencer, left, and Carolyn Kaump look on. The trio represented the Friends of the Canton Public Library at a past spelling bee. While the Friends didn't field a team this year, they made a contribution to the Literacy Council, according to Fran Relyea, volunteer coordinator for the council.

Spellers team up to help Literacy Council

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

It that t-i-m-e of year a-g-a-i-n. The Community Literacy Council is gearing up for its annual spelling bee, to be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, at the Yazaki North America Learning Center in Canton.

The event raises money for the council which provides tutors to adults who wish to improve their reading, writing and math skills.

"The council provides volunteer tutors to tutor students on a one-to-one basis," said Fran Relyea, tutor coordinator for the council. "The tutors are provided for adults who can't read or for English-as-a-Second-Language students. There are a lot of non-English speaking residents in the area, especially in Canton."

So far about 15 teams have signed up for the event. Relyea said the council tries to limit the number of teams to "maybe 17 or 18" just because of time constraints.

Each team consists of three members plus an alternate. Team sponsors so far include:

Plymouth Salem High School, Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, Blackwell Ford, New Liberty Bank of Plymouth, Community Federal Credit Union, Plymouth Rotary, Horton Plumbing, Neville Financial, Canton Chamber of Commerce, The Observer Newspapers, Plymouth District Library, Educational Excellence Foundation, Starkweather School and Neil Anchill's State Farm Insurance.

Master of ceremonies for the event

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SPELLING

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will be State Rep Bruce Patterson (R-Canton). Judges are Plymouth resident L. John Miller and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent James Ryan. Pronouncers are Sharon Hill, director of elementary education for the school district, and former state representative Jim Kosteva of Canton.

Judge Ron Lowe of the 35th District Court will be the timekeeper.

For anyone interested in helping sponsor the event, opportunities are still available. A Gold Sponsor (contribution of \$500 or more) includes the team entry fee and a full-page program ad. For \$300 a Silver Sponsor gets the team entry fee and a 1/3 page program ad.

For those who do not wish to sponsor a team, but would like to support the cause a contribution of \$50 to \$299 (Friend of Literacy) gets an honorable mention in the program. For \$25 a Retail

Judges are Plymouth resident L. John Miller and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent James Ryan.

Sponsor get the business name and phone number listed in the program.

Every sponsorship level includes an invitation to the "Pre-Bee" party. Team members must be adults, age 16 or older.

And Relyea stressed that all contributions - no matter how small - are welcome "You don't have to participate in the spelling bee," she said. "Any gifts are appreciated."

For more information call Fran Relyea at (734) 416-4906.

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ESL tutors wanted to teach reading

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

The Community Literacy Council is desperately seeking volunteer tutors to help local residents who cannot read or for whom English is a second language.

"At the moment, we have more students than tutors," said Fran Relyea, tutor coordinator for the council. "We have about 25 active students right now with a waiting list of 18."

The mission of the council, which sponsors the annual Community Spelling Bee as a fund-raiser, is to "provide adults with basic reading, writing and math skills so that they may reach their fullest potential in life and participate in their community."

Relyea said the area, particularly Canton Township, has a lot of non-English-speaking residents.

While the council occasionally gets calls from people need-

ing tutoring in math, the majority of them are from people needing help with reading skills.

The tutoring sessions are "one-on-one," meaning that each student has his or her own private tutor.

The qualifications are fairly simple: You must be an adult and a high school graduate.

The council provides tutors with 14 hours of training. The next training session is scheduled for November.

Students are then tutored for two hours a week, with time and place to be worked out between the tutor and the student. All tutoring sessions are conducted in public places, such as the Plymouth District Library.

Anyone interested in volunteering, or wanting more information, should contact Relyea at (734) 416-4906 or, by e-mail, relyea@pccs.k12.mi.us.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Voyles-Botwinski

Harold and Merida Voyles of Bloomington, Ind., and Linda York of Amelia Island, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Melanie Voyles to Brian Botwinski, son of Tom and Karen Botwinski of Plymouth.

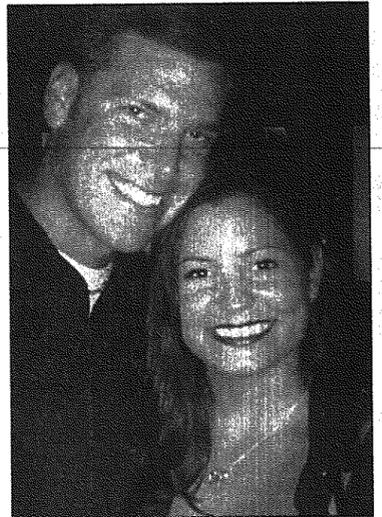
Melanie is a graduate of Fernandina Beach High School and the University of South Florida.

She is currently employed as an independent IT consultant.

Brian is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and the University of Michigan.

He is currently employed as a manager at Accenture in Fla.

A Nov. 2, 2002 wedding is planned at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church in Canton.



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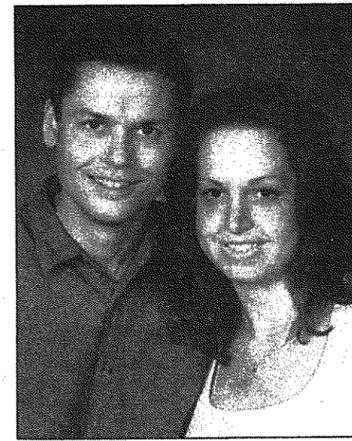
Donald and Susan Iwanski of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Elizabeth Iwanski to Daniel Shaun Ladiski, son of Laurence and Patricia Ladiski of Elsie, Mich.

Iwanski is a 2001 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in Clinical Laboratory Science. She is currently employed by Henry Ford Medical Center in Livonia as a Medical Technologist.

Ladiski is a 1999

graduate of Ferris State University with a bachelor's degree in Product Design Engineering. He is currently employed by Outokumpu Livernois Engineering in Dearborn as a Program Engineer.

A Nov. 9, 2002 wedding is planned at St. John Student Parish in East Lansing, Michigan.



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ple, and give them a sense of what Plymouth is all about."

Kerstens said the toughest part was coming up with pictures for the first chapter, which covers Plymouth from 1825-1860. Photography, she said, wasn't around until years later.

But she found a way, and the book came out in April. Putting the book together was a blast for its author; seeing the book in its finished form was equally exciting.

"I love touching old documents, finding clues among them," Kerstens said. "It's great seeing the whole work all together. What's even better is the enjoyment people get out of it."

"It's all about the people." And the people apparently are all about the book.

The museum, which bought 400 copies, has already sold enough to cover the cost of purchasing them. And buyers are having trouble finding them on bookshelves.

"It's been a great seller," Stewart said. "Book stores can't keep it on the shelves." The book was successful enough that



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Retired Marine Maj. Elizabeth Kerstens, the head archivist at the Plymouth Historical Museum, is all smiles over the success of her book.

Arcadia is interested in adding Plymouth to another of its series, "Postcards of America."

Arcadia approached Kerstens, who is working on a proposal to present to the

publishers. If they like the proposal, and Kerstens is confident they will, another book would be on the way soon.

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SQUEEZE

FROM PAGE C1

Despite a soggy start, our weekend is salvaged. We have a great time biking, swimming, visiting with friends, sitting around the campfire cooking s'mores, and just being in the woods. Of course, I don't particularly enjoy it when I peer out of the tent late at night and observe three raccoons sniffing around our campsite. And when Erin has a nightmare and wakes up screaming in the middle of the night, I become a nervous wreck and can't go back to sleep. Still,

camping is the kind of stuff memories are made of. But there's something to be said for the Holiday Inn.

"You know, I've been thinking," Matt says when we get home as he vacuums the layers of sand out of every crevice in our brand new mini-van. "Maybe camping once a year is enough. Erin is still pretty little you know."

"Maybe you're right," I tell him. "Maybe you're right."

Lynn Waldsmith Pawlik is a regular contributor to the Observer. She and her family live in Plymouth. You can e-mail her at pawlikwald@comcast.net.

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NEW VOICES

Peter Jaghab

Drs. Jeffrey and Stephanie Jaghab of Northville, announce the birth of their son, Peter Jeffrey Jaghab on Aug. 27, 2002 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township. Proud grandparents are Butros and Hanan Jaghab of Livonia; Vassilios and Marie Dionyssopoulos of Plymouth, and great-grandparent, Najla Ghannam of Livonia.



Top Value teams to help Sweet Dreamzzz

Top Value Car & Truck Service Centers has teamed up with Sweet Dreamzzz to help make sure that all the Children in the Detroit area get a good night's rest.

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Kovach

Alexander and Lorretta Kovach of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 19. They were married July 19, 1952, in St. Pauls Lutheran church, Dearborn. They have lived in this community 46 years.

Alexander was an osteopathic physician and surgeon at a family practice 35 years in Garden City.

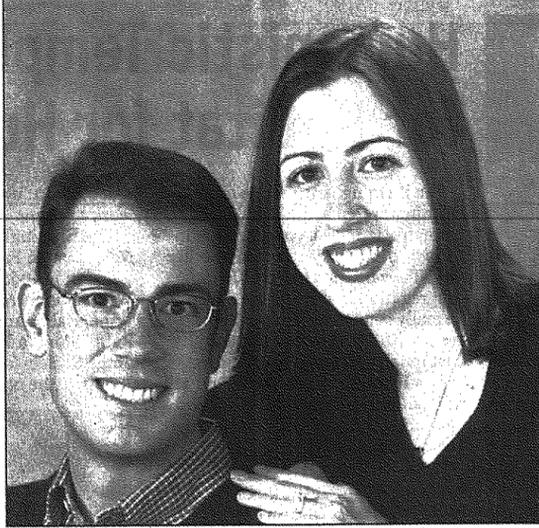
He enjoys radio control airplanes and his greenhouse.

Lorretta was a secretary 25 years at her husband's clinic.

She enjoys sewing, crafts, her grandchildren and being a homemaker.

To celebrate the occasion, the couple and their children enjoyed dinner at Genitti's Home In The Wall Restaurant in Northville. Desert was at their daughter, Karen's, house. The anniversary cake was made by the same bakery that made their wedding cake.

Alexander and Lorretta have four children, Kim of Canton, Karen (Ron) of Livonia, Kevin of Jackson and Kristi (Dave) of Westland; and seven grandchildren.



Watkins-Welch

Terry and Sharon Summers of Westerville, Ohio, and Charles and Shirley Watkins of Canton, Mich., announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jodi Marie Watkins, to Chad Neil Welch.

Jodi is a graduate of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, N.C. She is employed at Frye Regional Medical Center in Hickory,

N.C. She is the granddaughter of Lawrence and Angela Respecki of Livonia.

Chad is the son of D.L. and Brenda Welch of North Wilkesboro, N.C. He attended Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. He is employed at Republic Services of North Carolina.

The couple are planning an October wedding in North Wilkesboro, N.C.

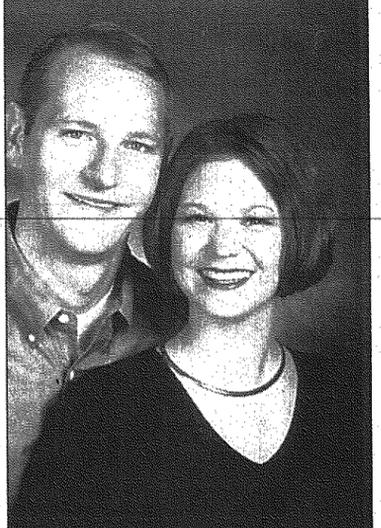
Matukaitis-Funk

Kevin Matukaitis of Livonia and Lesli Funk of Livonia were married Sept. 21 in Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church, Redford with a reception following at Dearborn Inn.

Lesli is the daughter of Thomas and Alicia Funk of St. Clair Shores.

She earned her Bachelors degree in finance from Michigan State University and is pursuing a MBA at Wayne State University. She is currently employed as an assistant vice president at Comerica Bank in small business lending.

Kevin is the son of Barry and Diane Matukaitis. He earned a Bachelors Degree in criminal justice from Madonna University. He is currently employed at Sedgwick investigating worker's compensation claims for General Motors. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and are making their new home in Livonia.



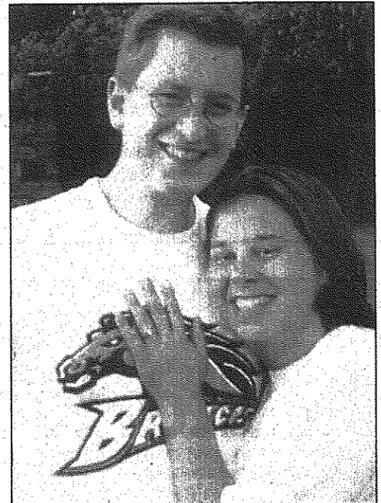
Derge-Marlow

Jon and Missy Derge of Shelby Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Mary Derge of Kalamazoo to Daniel Robert Marlow of Wayland.

Andrea is a senior at Western Michigan University where she is majoring in English and secondary education.

Daniel is the son of Robert and Linda Marlow of Livonia. He is a graduate of Western Michigan University. He is employed as a test software design engineer for Smiths Aerospace in Grand Rapids.

The couple are planning to wed May 2003, in St. Paul United Methodist Church in Rochester.



NEW VOICES

Michael Bandy and Carol Chrzanowski of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, **Alexis Ann Bandy** on May 7, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. She weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 19-1/2 inches long.

She joins big sister, Madison Chrzanowski. Grandparents are Norm and Tina Dugener, and Michele Brown and Chuck Bandy of Westland.

Alejandra Espejel of Mexico City, Mexico, and **Federico Garibay** of Westland, announce the birth of their son, **Eduardo Garibay** on May 8, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Eduardo joins big brother, Rodrigo, 4. Grandparents are Esther Victoria, Margarita Vera, Alexis Espejel and Federico Garibay, all of Mexico City.

Thomas and Bernadette Morse of Livonia announce the birth of their son, **Benjamin Thomas**, on May 8, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce, and

was 22 inches long. He is the grandson of Frank and Frances Morse of Wayne.

Karen Moskalczyn and John Neuwerth of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, **Alyssa Violet Neuwerth-Moskalczyn**, on May 12, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. She weighed six pounds 5 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

Her grandparents are Bob and Marlene Moskalczyn of Livonia and Violet and Chuck Barry of Westland.

Michael Davis and Tina Mamayek of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter, **Brianne Rose Davis**, on May 13, 2002. She weighed 6 pounds 3 ounces, and was 20-1/2 inches long.

Brenda and Marty Mamayek of Garden City, and Shirley and Thomas Davis of Whitmore Lake, and her grandparents.

Dr. Scott and Amy Bemus of Livonia announce the birth of their son, **Jacob Cameron** on May 15, 2002, in Garden City

Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds 15 ounces.

He is the grandson of Dr. Dean and Bonnie Bemus of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and William and Judith McCracken.

Mike and Jena Turi of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter, **Sarah Grace**, on May 17, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds 12 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

She joins big sister, Hannah, 2. Grandparents are Tom and Donna Turi of Cheboygan and Palma and Dave Noble of Brownstown.

Scott and Jennifer Franklin of Westland announce the birth of their son, **Tyler Dennis Cole Franklin**, on May 22, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

He joins big brother, Hunter, 2. Grandparents are Sandra Franklin of Livonia, and Christine Yon of Westland.

of their daughter, **Emily LeeAnne**, on May 24, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces, and was 20-1/2 inches long.

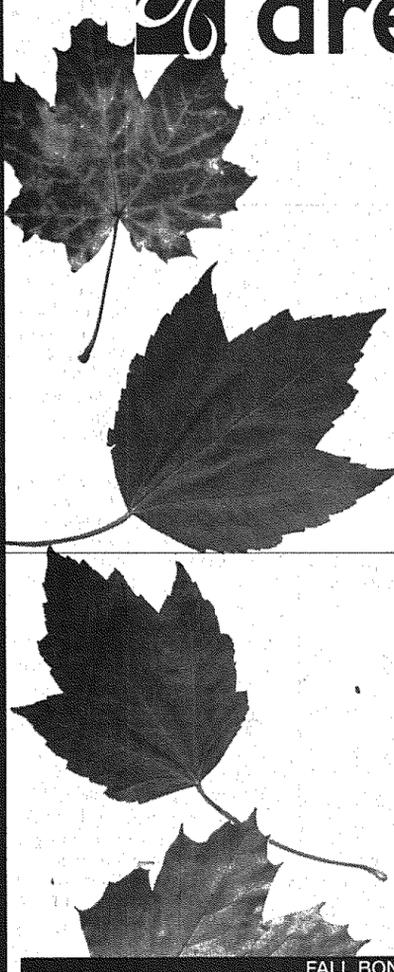
Grandparents are James and Diana Redick of Garden City, and Bruce and Charlene Ellenwood of Ann Arbor.

Kristin Korte and John Christopher of Garden City announce the birth of their son, **Devin Joseph Korte**, on May 27, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds, and was 21 inches long.

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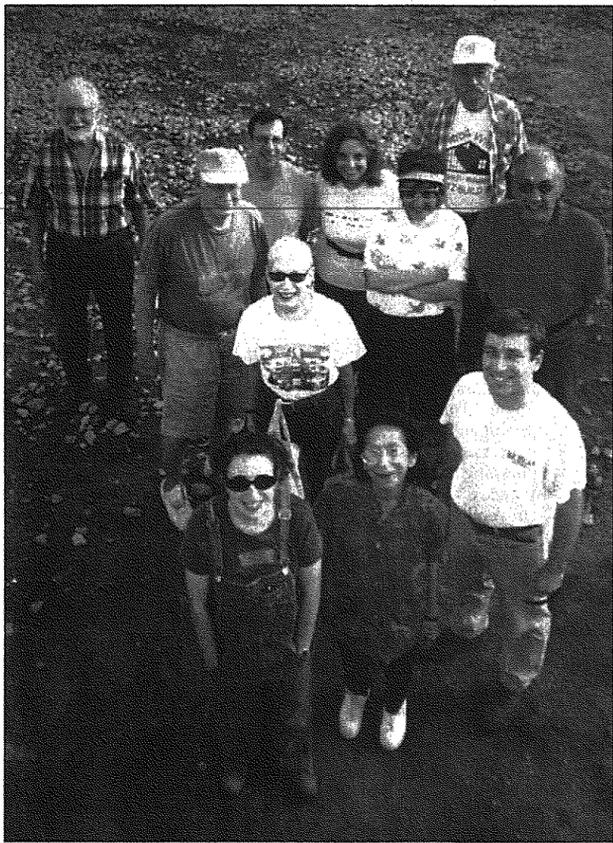
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Humanistic Temple hammers away for Habitat for Humanity event



Celebrating a group effort are volunteers Jack Kaufman, Chuck Rose, Shelly Glass, Harold Finegood, Milt Landau, Sandy Landau, Marty Gorosh, Lee Franklin, Rabbi Adam Chalom, Alison Jerris, and Charlotte Nelson.

The Birmingham Temple of Farmington Hills, the first Humanistic Jewish congregation in the world, recently achieved another first: They became the first Jewish congregation in the Detroit area to formally sponsor a Work-a-Thon event with Habitat for Humanity. Last month, 18 congregation members volunteered to work at Habitat's work sites in southwest Detroit and on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and West Grand Blvd.

In return they got the satisfaction of repairing the world, one small corner at a time, along with a few callouses.

"Habitat is a natural partner for Humanistic Judaism and for the Birmingham Temple," said Rabbi Adam Chalom. "Humanistic Jews depend on themselves and other people to make the world a better place for all humanity. Cooperating to create a new home is a good deed, no matter what your religious commitments may be."

Habitat for Humanity International was founded in 1976 to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness around the world. Since 1986, Habitat for Humanity has built or renovated over 90 homes for low-income Detroit families. Though founded as a Christian organization, in recent years Habitat for Humanity has begun to

reach out to Jewish communities to work together.

The Birmingham Temple, on 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills, was founded in 1963 by Rabbi Sherwin Wine. It is currently led by Rabbi Wine, Rabbi Adam Chalom and Rabbi Tamara Kolton. It is an affiliate of the Society for Humanistic Judaism, the national organization

for Humanistic Jewish congregations. Humanistic Jews endorse ideals derived from the Jewish experience — justice, tolerance, pluralism and equal treatment for all.

For more information about Habitat for Humanity Detroit, visit www.habitatdetroit.org. For information about Birmingham Temple, contact Rabbi Chalom at (248) 477-1410.



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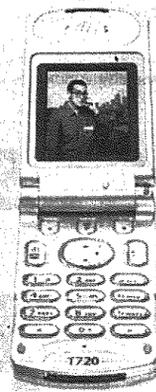
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EVENTS

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Walking Club

Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church offers a walking club. We meet in the hospitality area in the Grand Mall on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and walk outside, rain or shine. Open to all fitness levels.

Divorce Recovery Workshop

Being held Sept. 12 through Oct. 24 in Knox Hall from 7-9:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 for those registering the first night, \$25 for pre-registration. For further information call (248) 374-5920.

Metropolitan Single Professionals Book Discussion Group

MSP's book discussion group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Borders Books in Farmington Hills. Borders will offer a 20-percent discount on all titles chosen for discussion.

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In need of summertime exercise? Join us for several casual games of volleyball. Nets will be designated Social, Intermediate and Competitive.

Everyone is welcome to come and play or just socialize. We play at two locations: Every Tuesday at Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile), socialize afterward at Shots Tavern on Ten Mile just east of Orchard Lake; or on Thursdays at Harding Park (just South of I-696, Exit 17).

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Join us every Thursday between 6-7:30 p.m. for socializing with dinner afterwards. Our goal is to provide our members and friends with a sampling of some of the best and most interesting dining places in the metro Detroit area. On Sept. 26 we will be meeting at New Peking, located at 29105 Ford Road in Garden City. Phone (734) 425-2230 for further information.

AROUND TOWN

Teens Using Drugs

"Teens Using Drugs: What to Know and What to Do", a free, ongoing community education series will be presented by Ron Harrison in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliot Drive, Ypsilanti. "What to Know" will be presented Oct. 1, Nov. 5, and Dec. 3. No registration is required. "What to Do" will be presented Oct. 8, Nov. 12, and Dec. 10.

Organ Concert

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church presents the University of Michigan Conference on Organ Music Opening Concert. This will take place at 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6.

Mandala Workshop

Three Cities Art Club meets from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7 at the meeting room of the Plymouth Township Administrative Building. Local artist and instructor Cathy Dyer will give a mandala workshop showing how to create meditative mandalas on black paper. Bring your colored pencils. Call Marilyn Meredith for info at (734) 397-2348.

Collectible Show

Die-cast collectibles show will be held Sunday, Oct. 6 at the Plymouth VFW hall located at 1426 S. Mill in Plymouth. Show hours are 11 a.m.-3 p.m., admission is \$5, kids under 10 are free with an adult. For info call (734) 455-2110.

Self-Development Lecture

The School for Self-Development is presenting a lecture on "The Development of Consciousness - A Practical Study for Spiritual Growth" at 7 p.m. Oct. 2 at the Plymouth Coffee Bean located at 884 Penniman in Plymouth. For more info call (248) 477-8167.

American Legion Garage and Bake Sale

Being held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 4-5 at the I.O.O.F. Hall, 344 Elizabeth St. Plymouth. The hours are 9 a.m. through 4 p.m. To drop off any items or if you have any questions, call Jeanette Burman at (734) 459-7324.

Tutor Time Open House

Come join us from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 5 at 15225 Haggerty in Plymouth. Come in and enjoy the fun with the Fire Department, the Police Department, Zany Brains and Books Are Fun.

Rummage Sale

The Plymouth Methodist Church is having a fall rummage sale from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2; and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3 with a bag sale following from 3-5 p.m. at 45201 North Territorial, Plymouth.

Spelling Bee

The Community Literacy Council is presenting the 2002 Annual Spelling Bee at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16 at Yazaki North America, Inc. Learning Center, 6300 Haggerty Rd. in Canton. This annual fund-raiser provides one-on-one tutoring for Basic Adult Literacy and English as a second language

needs in our community.

Preschool Enrollment

Now enrolling for the 2002-2003 sessions at Willow Creek Preschool. Three-year-olds meet Tuesday and Thursday; 4-year-olds meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Morning or afternoon sessions available. The school is located on Cherry Hill between Wayne and Newburgh. Call Sherry at 326-5735.

Estate Planning

"Common Mistakes Made By Trustees," presented by Paul Leduc, estate planner and financial consultant. A free educational workshop for any person who has established a trust or has been named trustee or successor trustee. Being held from 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3 at the Canton Public Library.

Show Choir

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is starting a new Show Choir from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1 for singers, dancers and actors, ages 11-18. The cost is \$150 for this eightweek program. To register or for more information, call (734) 416-4278.

In-Line Roller Hockey Leagues

Skatin' Station II in Canton for all ages. One game a week includes shirts for champion teams, a game jersey, ref fees and hockey stats, rosters, schedules, champion pictures will now be posted on the web. Fall registration is now available. Starts in late September. Call (734) 459-6401 or go to www.skatinstation2.com.

Art Classes

The PCAC has a full line up of classes and workshops this fall available to aspiring artists of all ages and abilities. Preschool to pottery and beginning and figure drawing to oil painting, everyone can find a class to bring out their inner artist. For more information, visit the PCAC or web site, www.plymoutharts.com.

Pottery Classes

The Village Potters Guild in Plymouth has immediate openings for aspiring novice through experienced potters in class 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesdays. The cost is \$180 for 12-week session with additional open studio times available during the week. For more information, call (734) 207-8807.

Roller Skating Classes

Skatin Station II for children and adults. Five-week sessions are \$30 each on Saturdays, 11:15 a.m. - Noon. Call (734) 459-6401 for more information.

Horse-drawn Hayrides

Maybury State Park offers hayrides each Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 p.m., weather permitting in September and October. For a nominal fee you can enjoy the autumn countryside on a leisurely ride through the farm fields of Maybury. Tickets may be purchased at the farm, first come-first served.

Plymouth Symphony

Plymouth Symphony League is launch-

ing the 2003 Greater Detroit Area Entertainment Book Sale. The cost is \$30.00. Place your order at the Plymouth Symphony Office or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016.

Entertainment Book Sale

Plymouth Optimists selling the 2003 books with all proceeds helping children throughout southeast Michigan. Book offers up to 50% savings on dining and fast foods, theater, sports, travel, services and more. Price is \$30 and are home delivered. Call Bill at (734) 453-8253.

Arthritis Self-Help Course

Being held at the Summit on the Park, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 14, 21, and 28. The cost is \$20 (\$5 for a companion) and includes the Arthritis Helpbook. Enrollment is limited and pre-registration is required. To register, call (734) 394-5485.

Free Blood Pressure Screening

Free blood pressure screenings will be taken at the Plymouth District Library 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month. No appointment is necessary. Call (734) 453-0750 for further information.

Bicycle Rides

The location of the bike tours throughout the Plymouth community, sponsored by the Plymouth Newcomers & AABTS, will start at 6:00 p.m. every Monday, September and October, has been changed to the downtown Plymouth parking lot behind the Penn Theater and the Gathering Place. Come join us for a fairly slow, low mileage bike ride through our neighborhoods and to the focal points of our community, while minimizing sharing the road with fast moving motorists. For more information, call Alan Van Kerckhove at (734) 455-9144.

Recreation Registration

The City of Plymouth is now taking registration for its classes for all ages. Classes include gymnastics, dance, core body exercise, tots jump-a-rama, taekwon-do, personal development, aerobics, clogging, senior trips and programs and much more. Call (734) 455-6620 for more information.

CLUBS

Mothers and More

An open house featuring work-from-home opportunities from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9 at the St. Kenneth Church Parish Hall. Our discussion will include tips on starting and running a business from home, juggling work and family, and maintaining your marketability while out of the paid work force. Admission free, adults only please. Call (866) 841-9140, ext. 4329

MOPS-Plymouth

The MOPS group is now enrolling for fall. Relaxing fun time for moms while the kids ages 0-5 enjoy program of games, stories, singing and play. Meets first and third Fridays of the month from 9-11 a.m. at Lake Pointe

Bible Chapel, 42150 Schoolcraft Rd., Plymouth. Call for info (734) 420-0515.

Colonial Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth meets at noon Thursdays at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. For information call Ernie Hughes, membership chairman, (734) 414-0400.

MOPS-Westland

Westland MOPS meets at Westland Free Methodist Church Sept. through May on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Free child care. Contact, Nikki Guenther at (313) 937-2479.

Tai Chi

Taoist Tai Chi Society offers ongoing tai chi classes for all ages in Livonia and Bloomfield Hills at 7 p.m. Afternoon classes at 1 p.m. available in Livonia. Observers welcome. Visit our Web site at www.taoist.org. For more information, call the society at (248) 332-1281 anytime.

La Leche League

Breastfeeding information and support group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. For more information and meeting locations, please contact Michelle at (734) 397-0197.

Canton Rotary Club

The Rotary meets at noon on Mondays at the Roman Forum in Canton on Ford Road. All guests are invited to join us for lunch for more information on our community and international service projects. For more information call

Laura at (734) 207-8517 or e-mail to ExecSec@rotary6400.org.

TOPS

Are you unhappy with your weight? Why not join TOPS? We weigh in weekly and meet to share ideas about losing weight, exercising, etc. We meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon, Canton. For more information call (734) 459-4387.

Astronomy Discussion

Plymouth Library offers a free monthly Family Astronomy Discussion Group from 7-8 p.m. for both individuals and families with children 6 years and older. Door prizes, slides, video and handouts. Call Mike Best at (734) 459-2378.

MOMS Club

A local chapter of the MOMS Club welcomes interested stay-at-home mothers in the Canton/Westland area to meet the third Tuesday of each month. MOMS Club offers weekly activities, playgroups, community service opportunities and a lot more! For more information, please contact Wendy at (734) 398-6957.

West Suburban Stamp Club

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Jaycees meet at 7:30 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month at the Plymouth Township Clerk's office. Call (734) 453-8407 or show up at the group's monthly meeting.

Community Democrats

The Community Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at UAW Local 845 Hall. Business meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. The club serves Canton, Northville, Plymouth and the Livonia 13th District. For further information, call Becky Tavarozzi (734) 398-5845.

Toastmasters

Develop your public speaking, communications and leadership skills. Guests welcome. No pressure to speak. Being held at St. John Episcopal Church in Plymouth. This group meets at 7 p.m. every first and third Monday of the month. Please call (734) 459-0715 for more information.

Westside Singles

Westside Singles presents dances every Friday night at the Burton Manor. Doors open at 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., dressy attire, budget bar, D.J., 25 and older, price is \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after 8:30 p.m. Call (734) 981-0909 for further information.

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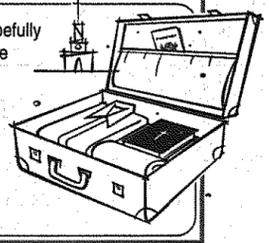
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GO WITH GOD.....

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There is great gain in godliness with contentment; for we brought nothing into this world, and we cannot take anything out of this world;
R.S.V. 1 Timothy 6:6-7



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EVENTS

Grief

Children ages 5-16 who have experienced a loss through death can attend "Connections," a six-week series to help families (kids and adults) deal with grief. Series began 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30, but children can still sign up. Light supper. Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian. Light & Life Free Methodist Church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland. Call (734) 522-4244.

Lifelong learning

Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted Road (north of Grand River), will sponsor "The Lifelong Learning Forum," a free, seven-week series exploring the mind, body and spirit beginning 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3. Topics include nuclear disarmament, portrait drawing, nursing homes, and separation of church and state. Call (248) 478-7272.

Road Rally

Start your engines and sign up for the Garden City Presbyterian Church road rally 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12. Cost is \$6 per person. Call (734) 421-7620.

Daddy/daughter dance

Women of the Immaculate Conception, Knights of Columbus, 30759 Ford Road, Garden City, invite you to attend a "Sweetest Day-Daddy Daughter Dance" 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17. Hot dogs, chips and dessert. \$8 per couple. Call (734) 261-2603 or (734) 722-8360 for tickets.

Coffee time

Trinity Presbyterian Church in Plymouth hosts "Coffee for the Soul," 7:30-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18. It's an evening of drama and music, both humorous and thought-provoking. Enjoy specialty coffees, cappuccinos and lavish desserts. Tickets are on sale at Trinity for \$2. Child care available. Trinity is located at 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road at Gottfredson in Plymouth Township. Call (734) 459-9550 for details.

L.I.F.E.

The Rev. Scott Sherman of Jupiter, Fla., will speak on "Get a L.I.F.E." at Unity of Livonia Sunday, Oct. 6, at the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. Immediately following the 11 a.m. service, the Rev. Sherman will present his "Dynamic Healing" seminar, which emphasizes the power of inner and outer rituals for energetic enlightenment. Unity is at 28660 Five Mile Road between Inkster and Middlebelt. Call (734) 421-1760.

Blood drive

The Red Cross will operate a blood drive at St. Edith Parish, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia, 1-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, in the church hall. Walk-ins welcome. Call (734) 464-2027.

Blood drive

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive at St. Thomas a Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road (south of Cherry Hill), Canton, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6. Call Marion at (734) 981-3433 or Peggy at (734) 397-8495 for an appointment.

Health Festival

Unity of Livonia's second annual Health Festival 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, includes exhibits on aura photography, hypnotherapy, nutrition, Feng Shue and yoga. Also, lectures on allergies, reflexology, meditation and managing stress. St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Oakwood Hospital and the Hearing Center will provide screenings for bone density, fat analysis, heart and hearing. \$5 admission. Unity is located at 28660 Five Mile Road between Inkster and Middlebelt. Call (734) 421-1760.

Life Chain

Join members of Memorial Church of Christ to walk in the annual Life Chain of Metro Detroit to protect the unborn and their mothers. Meet at 1:45 p.m. at the church, 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Designated walk is on Middlebelt Road from Jamison (two blocks south of Five Mile) to Seven Mile. Call (734) 464-6722.

Ladies seminar

Morning Star Ministries, 28563 Pardo, Garden City, presents "A Fresh Start in

a New Era" 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19. Cost is \$15, including continental breakfast, lunch, pampering area, Biblical message, special music and a goody bag. Call (734) 367-3029.

Parenting seminar

Clarenceville Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia, will offer a six-week video series by Dr. Kevin Leman, *Making Children Mind Without Losing Yours*, 6-7:15 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, 13, 20 and Nov. 3, 10, 17. Suggested donation of \$5 for workbooks. Call (248) 474-3444.

Crop Walk

Do those stretches and get ready for the Michigan Church World Service CROP WALK 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Members from all area churches invited. For

information on other area CROP WALKS, call the CWS hotline at (800) 297-1516, ext. 111 or visit www.church-worldservice.org.

Orchard Lake Schools

A fashion show of Polish ethnic costumes is one of the highlights of the 33rd annual Ladies Day Gala put on by the Orchard Lake St. Mary's Ladies Auxiliary 4-10 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, at Burton Manor in Livonia. The benefit for SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, St. Mary's College and St. Mary's Preparatory includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, raffles, dinner, and a drawing of six grand prizes. Tickets are \$100-\$150. Call (248) 683-0411.

Alzheimer's

St. Colette Parish Health Ministry will present a discussion on Alzheimer's 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 29, in the church social hall, 17600 Newburgh (between

Six and Seven Mile), Livonia. Learn the differences between normal aging forgetfulness and Alzheimer's memory impairment. Call Joanne at (734) 464-4436.

Marriage encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend for married couples to improve communication skills and deepen their love Oct. 11-13 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. \$50 registration fee. Call Bill and Carrol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524, or visit www.rc.net/detroit/wmme.

Lola Valley

Lola Valley United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, Puritan, Redford, will hold a "Fall Feast" 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, with turkey, homemade pies, clowns, games and much more. Call

Isabel at (313) 533-9266. The church will hold a "Christmas Salad Luncheon & Boutique" 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19. Call Lynn at (313) 533-6609.

Christian music

Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia, will sponsor an evening of music, fun and friendship 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27. Call (734) 421-7249.

Church ministries convention

The First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville, will host the International Christian Education Association's 56th Sunday School and Church Ministries Convention Oct. 25-26. Eighty workshops and seminars, exhibits, music, all-days kids program, food. Call (248) 557-5526 or visit www.iceaOnline.org.

CRAFT SHOWS

St. Matthew Lutheran

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy Road, Westland, invites you to attend its Sweetest Day Craft Show 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19. \$2 entry fee. Contact Tricia Hamptom at (734) 425-0260.

St. Aidan

St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia, invites you to attend its 19th Annual Craft Show Saturday, Oct. 19, in the Activity Center. Call (248) 477-8942 or (734) 427-1457.

St. Elizabeth's

St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, 26431 W. Chicago, Redford, invites you to attend its Holiday Bazaar 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26. Call (313) 937-2880.



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Opus Dei founder still stirs religious fervor

BY JEROME SOCOLOVSKY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

FUENLABRADA, Spain (AP) — When his alarm clock rings in the morning, Tello Aguilar never hits the snooze button. He says God doesn't want him to.

"It's not easy, but it's the first sacrifice that can be offered to the Lord," says the 50-year-old elementary school principal. "From the first moment of the day to the last, all belong to God."

Aguilar is one of 85,000 worldwide followers of the Roman Catholic movement Opus Dei — "God's work" in Latin.

Disciples believe that professional dedication and personal sacrifice — some even wear hair-shirts and flagellate themselves — are pathways to holiness.

On Sunday, Oct. 6, Opus Dei founder Josemaria Escriva de Balaguer, who died in 1975, will be canonized at the Vatican after one of the shortest waiting times in church history.

The ceremony is expected to draw crowds reminiscent of the 1992 beatification of the Spanish priest, when hundreds of thousands of faithful and supporters thronged St. Peter's Square.

The event will be a pinnacle for a secular movement that was at first regarded warily by ecclesiastical authorities. In the country that is home to about a third of its members, the mention of Opus Dei still stirs passionate debate.

Detractors accuse it of cult-like practices such as brainwashing adherents into thoughtless devotion and blackmailing former members to keep them from revealing organization secrets. Some Spaniards suspect it of illegally acquiring wealth and conspiring to influence both church and state.

"They are a danger to society," said Javier Sainz Moreno, a finance and tax law professor at Madrid's Autonomous University. He claims the organization has enriched itself in a string of murky financial deals.

REVEALED BY GOD

Escriva was born Jan. 9, 1902, in the Aragonese town of Barbastro. Three years after his ordination in 1928, he had a vision in which he said God revealed Opus Dei's mission.

God wants ordinary Christians, he wrote later, "to be saints and apostles in the very midst of our professional work; that is, sanctifying our job in life, sanctifying ourselves in it and, through it, helping others to sanctify themselves as well."

Despite early concerns that Escriva's message might challenge ecclesiastical authority, the church classified the movement a "personal prelature" in 1982. That places it outside the supervision of any diocese.

Today, some of its biggest fans are found in Rome. After he was named pope, John Paul II prayed at Escriva's tomb before addressing cardinals. Opus members close to the pontiff include the Vatican's Spanish spokesman, Joaquin Navarro-Valls, and financial adviser Jose Angel Sanchez Asiain.

The pope, who shares the founder's vehement anti-communism, is said to be impressed with the Opus Dei's ability to inspire religious fervor and bring the faith into the everyday lives of Catholics.

The core of the movement is made up of "numeraries," about a third of the total membership. They are celibate and live in sexually segregated homes.

Some, like psychiatrist Rafi Santos, who lives with nine other professional women, donate their salaries to the cause.

She works at an Opus-sponsored social aid organization and a private clinic, and rises at the crack of dawn.

"My life is not all that different from that of any other professional. Maybe what's different is my motivation," said Santos, who wore a chunky diamond ring on her left hand.

Aguilar, the school principal, lives with his family of eight children. He prays and attends mass daily. He joined the movement at age 18 after visiting an Opus-sponsored youth center.

"I was impressed by the cleanliness and the discipline," he said.

REPUTATION FOR ELITISM

Opus Dei's reputation for elitism started during the 1939-75 dictatorship of Gen. Francisco Franco. Many of the technocrats in Franco's later governments belonged to the movement, and are widely credited with helping cause Spain's economic boom of the 1960s.

Today, Opus Dei runs IESE, one of the nation's leading business schools; and the University of Navarra, which Escriva founded in 1952. Two of Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar's children went to Opus-run schools.

Notable Opus members include Defense Minister Federico Trillio, Justice Minister Jose Maria Michavila, Attorney General Jesus Cardenal, and former National Police Chief Juan Cotino.

The movement's chief prelate in Spain, Mons. Tomas Gutierrez, said in a written response to questions from The Associated Press that members are forbidden by Opus Dei's laws from hiding anything.

Those in public office "are exclusively subject to the norms and guidelines" of their government, he said, notwithstanding Opus Dei's strict adherence to Vatican doctrine on issues such as abortion and birth control, which are legal in Spain.

Gutierrez rejected the conspiracy allegations, maintaining the organization's financial assets are "scarce" — no more than needed to cover education and salaries of its 1,800 priests and sponsored activities. He didn't give any figures.

The cleric also said that self-inflicted suffering for Opus followers was no different from "all those people who wish to achieve an objective ... in sports, at work, in politics and in Christian life."

While some members wear hair shirts under their clothing, most devotees go no further than "going without a drink at dinner, or changing a baby's diaper," Aguilar said.

Sitting in a gay and lesbian bookstore cafe in Madrid's trendy Chueca district, Carlos Biendicho, who spent five years in an Opus home before abandoning priesthood studies, recalled other rituals.

Members were required to report every bit of their per-

sonal lives — whom they met, which books they read — to "spiritual directors," he said. Some strapped their bodies with barbed wire and flagellated themselves with lead-

tipped whips until they bled. "The first thing they do in the morning is kiss the floor and say 'Serviam!' (I will serve!)," said Biendicho. "It is a dangerous and destructive

group that eradicates personality and freedom."

For more information about Opus Dei, visit its Web site at <http://www.opusdei.org>.



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CHURCH SUPPORT GROUPS

Addiction support

Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City, offers a 12-step support group for people recovering from or struggling with addictions through its A Safe Place ministry. The group meets 7 p.m. every Thursday. Call (734) 421-0472.

Calling young adults

Are you a 20-something looking for worship that speaks your language? "707," an interactive and multi-media praise and worship experience at Timothy Lutheran Church in Livonia, may be for you. Come as you are and bring a friend. Church is located at 8820 Wayne Road. Call (734) 427-2290.

Catholic Basics

St. Hillary Church, 23901 Elmira, Redford, hosts a series of classes to learn about the Catholic Church 7-8:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of the month beginning Oct. 9. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a process in which candidates come and see, to discover what it means to be Catholic. For details, contact Sister Marie Miller, pastoral minister, at (313) 533-1560.

Divorce Recovery

Single Place Ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Northville offers a "Divorce Recovery Workshop" through Sept. 26 at the church, 200 East Main Street, Northville. Topics include networking, helping children, legal aspects, church and divorce, and relationships. Call the Rev. Jim Russell at (248) 349-0911.

Widow/Widower

St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton, offers "The Next Chapter," a social club group for widows and widowers, 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month followed

by entertainment and refreshments. Next meeting: Oct. 22. Non-church members welcome. Call Jackie at (734) 981-7247 or Dee at (734) 453-0829. The church also offers grief counseling to anyone of any faith who has lost a love one. Those sessions meet the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. of every month. Again, call Jackie. Next meeting: Oct. 8 and Oct. 22.

Bible study

Study the Bible through a 12-session course titled "Life With God," which meets weekly 7-8:40 p.m. Tuesday evenings starting in September. Offered by Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, next to Ford Field, just north of I-96. Sunday worship services held at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday school and Bible classes for all ages held at 9:45 a.m. Call (734) 522-6830.

Women's Bible study

Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton, will offer a "Bible Study for Women" series on Tuesday mornings and evenings beginning Tuesday, Sept. 10. For information on courses, times, workbooks and costs, call (734) 455-0022. Register by e-mail: cbcwomensministries@hotmail.com. Childcare available on Tuesday mornings for children birth through kindergarten.

Widow/widower support

New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center, offers support for widows and widowers with children on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The group meets at 7 p.m., at St. Kenneth's Parish offices, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth. New Hope for Kids meets at the same time and place and is aimed at children, age 4-11. (248) 348-0115.

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Sidelines

Johnson sparkles

Perhaps Rob Johnson does have a future in football after all. The 1997 Canton HS graduate spent four years at Northwestern University and earned his degree, but saw little action on the field. After another year of grad school at Western Illinois, Johnson went north and signed with the Calgary Stampeders of the Canadian Football League.

Playing wide receiver, the 6-foot-2, 204-pound Johnson hauled down seven passes for 98 yards in Calgary's 26-22 overtime win over Ottawa Sept. 22. For the season, Johnson has 33 receptions for 588 yards and two TDs for the Stampeders, who take a 7-6 record into Friday's home game against Hamilton.

Young Lions roar

The Canton Lions' varsity unit dropped its third consecutive game, 26-7, to Garden City Saturday. The Lions, now 1-3, will look to end their skid Sunday at home against the Lincoln Railsplitters. The Lions' junior varsity squad improved its record to 4-0 with a convincing 26-7 win over the Chargers. The Lions built an 18-7 lead in the first three quarters on long touchdown runs by Chris Fischer (two) and Brandt Thomas.

Fischer iced the game in the fourth quarter with a 37-yard interception return for a TD. Thomas and Nick Wright added interceptions for the defense, which was also bolstered by the strong play of Dustin Walker, Chris Stewart, Cory Amble, Erik Wright and William Tidwell.

The Lions' freshmen team is now 3-0-1 after a 20-0 victory over the Chargers. Anthony Seling rushed for two TDs (33 yards and 1 yard) and Caleb Rankins closed out the scoring with a 26-yard gallop. Andrew Tidwell added two extra points. The Lions' defense was paced by Miles Clifton, Jake Underwood and Adam Payne.

Hoop clinic

The Plymouth/Canton Junior Basketball Association is offering a Pre-season Basketball Training Clinic on Saturday, Oct. 12 at the Canton HS gymnasium. The cost is \$20. The clinic for those in third and fourth grade will be from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; for those in fifth through eighth grades it will be 3:30-5 p.m. The object of the clinic, conducted by the Detroit Pistons organization, will be to improve fundamental basketball skills such as ballhandling, passing, shooting, defense and rebounding.

The \$20 cost also includes two tickets to a Pistons' pre-season game. Registration will be at the door one hour before your session.

Hole-in-One

One of the highlights of the summer for Lynn Johnson, of Auburn, Wash., was playing golf at Fox Hills' Golden Fox course in Canton. Well, not just playing the course. Getting his first-ever hole-in-one.

Johnson, 56, aced the par-three, 145-yard third hole. He used a seven iron on the memorable shot.

Eagles' offense soars in triumph over Baptist Park

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

BASKETBALL

The momentum kept building for Plymouth Christian Academy's basketball team when it traveled to Taylor Baptist Park Tuesday. And in the fourth quarter, the dam broke as PCA washed over the Wildcats 68-31.

The win gave the Eagles a 3-5 record. Baptist Park is also 3-5.

"We finally broke loose and put some points on the board," said PCA coach

Annie Malcolm. "We had good intensity, and it was a total team effort.

"Our shooting wasn't great, but we got 90 shots."

The difference was in the rebounding. PCA had four players in double figures in boardwork, led by Kim Guilfoyle with 13.

Laura Guilfoyle grabbed 12, and Amanda Saagman and Carrissa Elenbaas each

pulled down 10. The Eagles had a school-record 78 rebounds in the game.

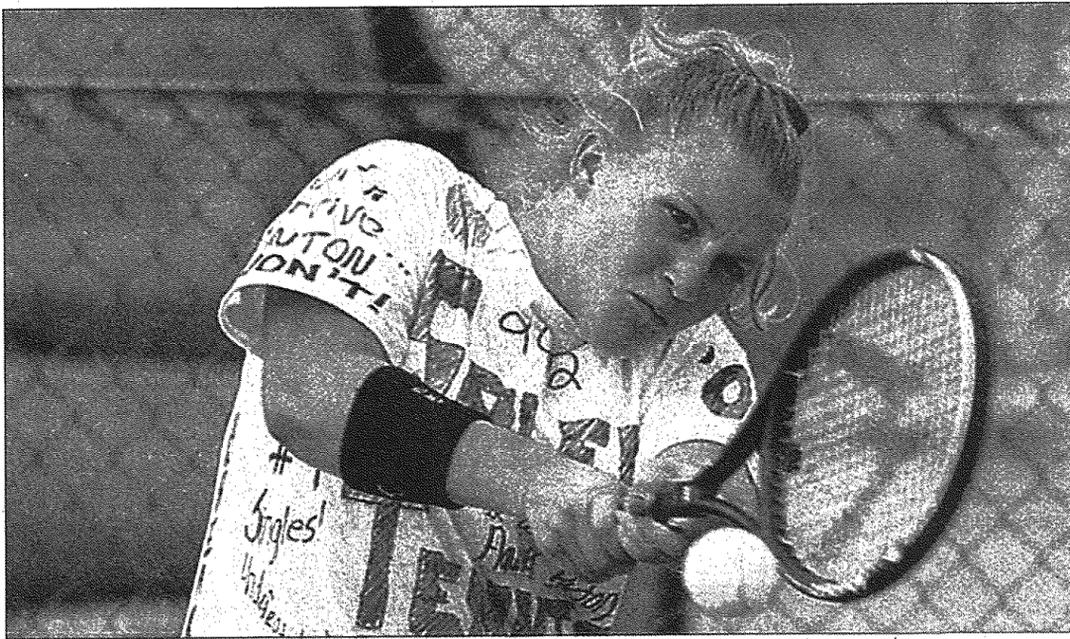
Kim Guilfoyle paced the offense with 24 points on 9-of-14 floor shooting. Melanie Brady scored 11 and Erin Young netted eight. Latina Jones' 11 points topped Baptist Park, which was without one of its top players, Kirsten Thomas, injured the night before in a game against Canton Agape Christian.

PCA had a 13-7 lead after one quarter and increased that to 23-15 by halftime. A 17-9 third quarter put the Eagles in

complete control with a 40-24 lead, but it didn't slow them down. They put 28 points on the board in the fourth quarter, with every player on the team scoring at least one point.

"That's the most points we've scored this year," added Malcolm. Now, however, the Eagles host Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, which was ranked in the state earlier this season. That game is at 7:30 p.m. tonight at PCA.

PLEASE SEE BASKETBALL, D4



PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

Salem's Mandy Bradley stroked her way to a victory at No. 4 singles Wednesday against Canton, beating Lauren Kazmierczak 6-1, 6-1.

Rocks get a victory over Chiefs

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

There have been some tide-changing, momentum-shifting clashes in the past between the Canton and Salem tennis teams. Just two years ago, it required a sweep of all four singles for the Rocks to eke out a 5-3 triumph.

Wednesday's meeting between the cross-campus rivals was not in the same vein.

Salem is enjoying one of its best seasons ever; Canton is rebuilding. So the result when they met Wednesday was predictable — a 6-2 victory for the Rocks.

Salem ends its dual-meet season at 7-1-1. Canton is 4-4 going into today's make-up match against Livonia

PLEASE SEE ROCKS, D5

Rocks' singles sweep stuns N'ville

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

TENNIS

Perhaps it won't make a great deal of difference in the final dual-meet standings of the Western Lakes Activities Association. But make no mistake: Salem's 5-3 victory over perennial league favorite Northville last Friday was huge.

In fact, Rocks' coach Tom Kimball can't remember one that was bigger. "No, definitely not," he replied when asked that very question. "I've been here seven or eight years now, and this is the biggest dual-meet win we've ever had."

The result left Salem, Northville and Livonia Stevenson with one conference loss apiece.

Unfortunately for the Rocks, they also tied Walled Lake Central, which could cost them a share of the regular-season title.

But there was no diminishing the affects of Friday's win. "It was pretty

surprising," said Kimball. "I think most people throughout the conference were pretty surprised."

Even the Mustangs were caught off-guard, particularly when all of Salem's singles players won. "I think it shocked 'em," said Kimball. "They went from thinking they'd win to thinking they might tie to realizing they were going to lose."

Not to be ignored were the three matches that went three sets, with the Rocks winning two of them.

Missy Nelson, Salem's No. 3 singles player, remained unbeaten in WLAA play by edging Northville's Shannon Farris 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Then the Rocks' No. 1 doubles team of Carrie Griffith and Maranon Swasey battled back from a set down to defeat Stephanie Patterson and Kelly Harrison 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

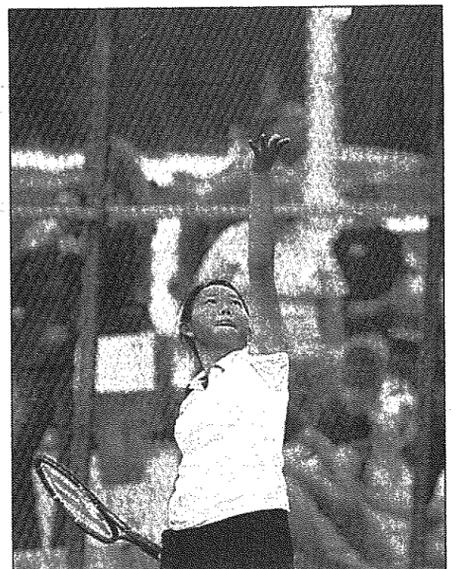
Still, it was in singles play that Salem was dominant. Niki Hlady beat the Mustangs' Allison Long 7-5, 6-4 at No. 1; Lindsay Pyle handled Erica Dobson with ease at No. 2, 6-1, 6-2; and Mandy Bradley rolled to a win at No. 4, 6-3, 6-1 over Ashley Porchynuk.

"They were pleased," said Kimball of his team's attitude after the win. "They all brought their 'A' game and it worked our right."

Best of all, it should have a positive effect at the WLAA Tournament next Tuesday at Stevenson. "We have some girls we know are going to do real well at the tournament," said Kimball. "We'll have a few of them seeded. It's just going to be a matter of, will they get it done on that day."

There have been a couple of surprises in the WLAA season thus far, and there could be another one or two in the next week.

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PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

A strong serve wasn't quite enough for Hitomi Shinoda, playing No. 2 singles for Canton. She lost to Salem's Lindsay Pyle, 6-1, 6-0.

Chiefs blank Pats; Rocks clinch

Canton's soccer squad rebounded from a 5-1 non-league loss to state-ranked Troy Saturday to shutout Livonia Franklin 6-0 in a Western Lakes Activities Association match Monday at Canton.

The split left the Chiefs with a 7-5-1 overall record. Franklin slipped to 4-7-1.

Ryan Lenahan, Pat Zemanski and Brad Westlund each collected a goal and an assist in the win over the Patriots. Matt Tomasso and Alex Popescu also scored for Canton.

The results Saturday against visiting Troy weren't as good.

After an evenly-played first half that ended with Troy ahead 2-1, the Colts asserted themselves, scoring three unanswered goals in the second half.

"They shot us up in the second half," said Canton coach Don Smith. Zemanski accounted for the only Chiefs' goal.

Canton is off until Monday, when it

SOCCER

hosts another state-ranked team in Livonia Stevenson at 7 p.m.

Salem 6, W.L. Central 0: It was a consistently-played match Monday at Walled Lake Central. At least as far as Salem was concerned.

The red-hot Rocks scored three goals in each half to clinch the WLAA's Lakes Division title. They improved to 10-4 overall, 4-0 in the division. Central falls to 5-4-3 overall.

Kevin Savitskie and Brian Popeney again ignited the offense, Savitskie scoring three goals and Popeney getting two and an assist. Two of Savitskie's goals, one assisted by Popeney and the other by Matt Wielechowski, came in the first half, sandwiched around a penalty kick converted by Popeney.

Another Savitskie goal (unassisted)

came in the second half, with Brandon Ross (from Steve Shull) and Popeney (from Chris Conlisk) also scoring.

Jeremy Boothroyd was in goal for the shutout, his fourth of the season.

DeLaSalle 4, Redford CC 0: For the better part of 60 minutes, Redford Catholic Central stayed with top-ranked Warren De La Salle.

But the last 20 minutes was a different story as the Pilots blanked CC. "We were only down 1-0, but we wound up running out of gas," said CC soccer coach Joe Nora. "At the end of the game when we got tired, we might have left a guy open for a couple of seconds and they'd find him. I thought it was one of our more complete games, until we got winded."

Todd Tindall made nine saves in goal for CC (3-6-2 overall, 1-3-2 Central Division), while the Shamrocks got six shots off on the Pilots (10-0-3).

LaRose's hattrick carries Whalers to a 6-4 victory

Let's just say that, after a wild start, the Plymouth Whalers outlasted the Guelph Storm and came away with a 6-4 victory in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

Chad LaRose continued his offensive assault,

HOCKEY

getting a hattrick for the Whalers and adding an assist. Ryan Ramsay was extremely productive as well, scoring one goal and assisting on four others.

LaRose now has five goals and two assists in the last two games (seven points). The Whalers are 2-1.

The opening period was crazy, to be sure,

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State playoff picture is beginning to take shape

We're past the regular season's midpoint. Time to start figuring who has a chance to extend their campaigns.

First, the powers-that-be remain intact. Redford Catholic Central and Westland John Glenn should be able to run the table as far as their respective regular-season schedules are concerned. Both have solidified their well-deserved state rankings.

A team that has risen from the ashes of a four-touchdown drubbing suffered against Glenn is Canton. The Chiefs were up against a tough schedule, to be sure; four of their first five games were on the road, against opponents like Ann

Arbor Pioneer, Glenn, Walled Lake Western and Livonia Stevenson.

Last Friday's 30-0 win over Stevenson gave Canton a 4-1 record; it was also the Chiefs' second-straight shutout (they beat Western 35-0 the week before).

Now for the wannabes. Observerland has its share of those. Redford Thurston and Redford Union are both close to qualifying for the state playoffs. And despite last Saturday's loss to Harper Woods Trinity Catholic, Livonia Clarenceville has proven there is life after Tim Shaw. The Trojans should qualify for the playoffs, too.

Stevenson's loss to Canton was its first of the season. The Spartans are a strong bet to make the playoffs, but this Friday's game against a good Walled Lake Central team could be a significant test.

Three weeks ago, Livonia Churchill was 2-0 and Charger fans were jubilant. They should be still, for now anyway. Churchill has a winning record (3-2), but the Chargers must

still face Walled Lake Western (on Friday), Canton and Stevenson. Not an enviable task. Lutheran Westland comes off a loss to Harper Woods Lutheran East and now must face Clarenceville, a team that hasn't lost a Metro Conference game in four seasons. But the 3-2 Warriors have a shot at the playoffs; the end of their schedule is favorable, against two teams that have two wins between them thus far.

Speaking of wins, I had the fewest in last week's picks. The winner for the week (let him enjoy his limited time in the limelight) was Paul Beaudry with a 10-1 mark. Brad Emons was 9-2 and I was 8-3. Overall, the standings are: Emons, 50-7; Risak, 44-13; Beaudry, 43-14. Now for this week's picks.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

(all games at 7 p.m. unless noted)
Redford Thurston (4-1, 3-0) at Gibraltar Carlson (1-4, 1-4): Thurston ran off with another victory last Friday, drubbing Inkster 32-6 with Chase Waterstradt rushing for 106 yards and three touchdowns and quarterback Corey Reid gaining 110 yards and scoring one TD. The Eagles had 310 yards on the ground; Carlson didn't score a point, losing 32-0 to Highland

Park. Maybe the home field will help the Marauders. PICKS: Thurston - Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

Wyandotte Roosevelt (2-4, 1-3) at Garden City (2-3, 2-3): Welcome back to the planet Earth, Cougars. A 49-0 clubbing, like the one administered by Allen Park last Friday, has a sobering affect. It shouldn't be as rough this time; Wyandotte is coming off a 47-21 loss to Monroe, which isn't exactly one of the many Mega Red powerhouses. PICKS: Garden City - Risak, Beaudry, Wyandotte: Emons.

Redford Union (3-1, 2-1) at Ypsilanti Willow Run (1-4, 1-3): The question is, how will a bye week - RU didn't play last weekend - affect the Panthers? Willow Run is on a roll, getting its first win of the season last Friday. Okay, so it was against a truly terrible Dearborn Robichaud team. That's the last team RU beat, too. 34-12 Sept. 21 with Chris Rigley running for 100 yards on offense and intercepting three passes on defense. Maybe he's all the Panthers will need to beat the Flyers. PICKS: RU - Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

Salem (1-4, 1-3) at Westland John Glenn (5-0, 4-0): Tony Davis and Matt Smitherman. That tandem is a major reason John Glenn should roll to the WAAA title. Last Friday against Northville, they combined to rush for 266 yards. If the Rockets need any more incentive, a win would give coach Chuck Gordon 200 career victories. Salem gave a good Walled Lake Central team a fight before losing by 10 last Friday, but the Rocks are outmanned here. PICKS: John Glenn - Risak, Emons, Beaudry.

Northville (2-3, 1-3) at Wayne (0-5, 0-4): The Zebras are struggling in their inaugural season in the WAAA, and it's unlikely to improve this week. They have some of the pieces,

some weapons, but not enough of them. That was evident (again) in Friday's 41-6 loss to Churchill. Northville, meanwhile, has been on a rollercoaster, losing to Salem, beating Walled Lake Central, then losing to John Glenn in the last three weeks. PICKS: Northville - Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

Livonia Franklin (1-3, 1-4) at Canton (4-1, 3-1): Maybe John Glenn did Canton a favor in Week Two when it won by 25 points. The Chiefs have been unstoppable since, scoring 35 at Western and 30 at Stevenson. More impressive, however, is the Chiefs' defense. The object for coach Tim Baechler now is keep his team focused until the state playoffs start. Franklin led 9-7 against Western last Friday, before losing 38-9. The Patriots will be hard-pressed to score that many against Canton. PICKS: Canton - Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

Redford St. Agatha/Bishop Borgess (0-4, 0-2) at Dearborn St. Alphonsus/Urban Lutheran (3-1, 2-0): Wyandotte Mt. Carmel/Ecorse got its second win of the season last Saturday. Unfortunately, it was against the Baggies, by a 22-14 margin. St. Al's/Urban Lutheran, meanwhile, blasted Zoe Christian 37-0. Maybe St. Agatha/Borgess should find a third school to merge with. PICKS: St. Al's/Urban Lutheran - Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

Livonia Churchill (3-2, 2-2) at Walled Lake Western (2-3, 2-2), 7:30 p.m.: You gotta love those Chargers. And you want to cheer for them, especially after a 41-6 trampling of Wayne Memorial, thanks to a 134 rushing yards from James Gale and Derek Dodd's two TDs, one on offense (a 55-yard reception) and one on defense (an interception return). But the deck is stacked against them, with the roughest part of their schedule ahead. A win

here would get them going. PICKS: Western - Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

Walled Lake Central (3-2, 3-1) at Livonia Stevenson (4-1, 3-1), 7:30 p.m.: This may be the most important game of Stevenson's season. A loss like last week's could ruin a promising season. It's up to the Spartans to respond properly. Central's no walk in the park, either, although it's difficult to figure which Vikings' team will show up, one that's angling for a playoff berth or the one that lost to Northville. PICKS: Stevenson - Risak, Emons; Central - Beaudry.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Livonia Clarenceville (4-1, 4-0) at Lutheran Westland (3-2, 2-2), 1 p.m.: It had to happen. Clarenceville lost to Harper Woods Trinity Catholic 20-7 Saturday, while Lutheran Westland lost to Lutheran East. Who will this game mean more to? The Trojans haven't lost a game in the Metro Conference since the last millennium. PICKS: Clarenceville - Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

Redford Catholic Central (5-0, 1-0) at Orchard Lake St. Mary's (2-3, 0-1), 1 p.m.: CC isn't just the No. 1 team in the state. In at least one national poll, the Shamrocks are ranked No. 20. They showed no mercy burying Detroit Country Day 45-14 Saturday, thanks to three TDs from sophomore Eric Vojtkofsky. St. Mary's isn't as strong as it has been. PICKS: CC - Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Oct. 4

Salem at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 Northville at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Churchill at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.
 W.L. Central at Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 5

Clarenceville at Luth. Westland, 1 p.m.
 Redford CC at O.L. St. Mary, 1 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Oct. 3

W.L. Central at Salem, 7 p.m.
 Oakland Christian at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.
 B.H. Kingswood at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at Lutheran East, 6:30 p.m.
 Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Northville at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 4

Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 6 p.m.
 Ladywood at H.W. Regina, 7 p.m.

PREP BOYS SOCCER

Thursday, Oct. 3

Franklin Road at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Lutheran N.West, 4:30 p.m.
 Cranbrook at Luth. Westland, 5 p.m.
 Northville at John Glenn, 5:30 p.m.
 Redford CC at Rochester, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 4

Ply. Christian at Oakland Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 5

Stevenson at Troy Athens, 1 p.m.
 Redford CC vs. Brother Rice at Liv. Greenmead Field, 1 p.m.
 PREP BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, Oct. 5

Wayne County Meet at Willow Metropark, 10:40 a.m.

PREP GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, Oct. 5

Ypsilanti Invitational, 9 a.m.

Wayne County Meet at Willow MetroPark, 10 a.m.

PREP GIRLS SWIMMING

Thursday, Oct. 3

Ladywood at Mercy, 4 p.m.

W.L. Central at John Glenn, 6 p.m.

Northville at Churchill, 7 p.m.

W.L. Western at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.

Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 4

A.A. Pioneer at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 5

Stevenson at A.A. Huron, noon.

PREP BOYS GOLF

Thursday, Oct. 3

Redford CC vs. Oakland Christian at Caltails, 4 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 4

Canton vs. Salem at Northville Hills, 3 p.m.

MIAC League Tournament at Bald Mountain, TBA

Wayne vs. W.L. Western at Fellows Creek, 2:30 p.m.

Franklin vs. Stevenson at Fox Creek, 2:45 p.m.

Churchill vs. John Glenn at Fellows Creek, 3 p.m.

PREP GIRLS TENNIS

Thursday, Oct. 3

John Glenn at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 4

Wayne at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.

Catholic League meet at Schoolcraft, TBA.

Saturday, Oct. 5

A.A. Pioneer Invitational, 8 a.m.

Catholic League meet at Schoolcraft, TBA.

PREP GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY

Wednesday, Oct. 2

Ladywood at A.A. Greenhills, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 5

Grand Rapids at Ladywood, TBA.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Saturday, Oct. 5

Schoolcraft at Cuyahoga (Ohio), 4 p.m.

Madonna at Siena Heights, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 5

Schoolcraft at A.A. Huron, noon.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Saturday, Oct. 5

Madonna at Siena Heights, 3 p.m.

(Ocelot Invitational at Schoolcraft)

Schoolcraft vs. CMU Club, noon.

Lake County (Ill.) vs. Cincinnati St., 2 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 6

(Ocelot Invitational at Schoolcraft)

Schoolcraft vs. Lake County (Ill.), noon.

Cincinnati St. vs. CMU Club, 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Oct. 3

Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 4

Madonna Tournament, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 5

Madonna Tournament, noon.

Schoolcraft at Owens Tech (Ohio), TBA.

TBA - time to be announced.

CC powers past Country Day

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER

Birmingham - Detroit Country Day was supposed to provide one of Redford Catholic Central's toughest tests of this football season.

Instead, the Shamrocks rolled up 415 yards in total offense and scored in every quarter as top-ranked (Division 1) CC dropped the host Yellow Jackets, 45-14, on Saturday.

The Shamrocks rolled up 321 yards rushing on the game as they improved to 5-0. Derek Brooks led the way with 162 yards on 20 carries and a touchdown, while Eric Vojtkofsky had three touchdowns among his 71 yards on 13 carries.

Brooks put the Shamrocks (5-0) in the lead for good on their second possession with a

PREP FOOTBALL

56-yard scoring run and Jason Ginger added one of his many extra points on the afternoon. CC made it 14-0 on the first play of the second quarter with quarterback Dave Thomas hitting Kevin McKee on a 5-yard TD pass, then 17-0 on a 37-yard field goal by Ginger.

Country Day (3-1) chipped into that lead late in the half as quarterback Earnest Jackson hit Adrian Martin on a pass. Martin tried to score, but fumbled into the end zone, where it was recovered by Phil Damask for the score. Paul Faber added the 2-point conversion, cutting the lead to 17-8.

CC rolled in the third quarter, adding a pair of touchdowns - an 11-yard run by Vojtkofsky and a 17-yard pass

from Thomas to Sean Shahrestani - for a 31-8 lead. Martin and Jackson trimmed that late in the period with a 17-yard scoring pass. But Vojtkofsky added TD's of 6 and 1 yards in the fourth quarter to seal the win.

Thomas was 6-for-13 passing for 94 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions, while Jackson was 5-for-19 passing for Country Day for 136 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions.

Randell Means had a pair of interceptions for CC's defense, while Dan Moore made seven tackles and McKee and Brian Hanley had six each.

CC returns to Catholic League Central Division play on Saturday when they play at Orchard Lake St. Mary at 1 p.m.

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11-0 Twisters romp to 68-0 triumph

The Michigan Twisters left another opponent wondering what happened Saturday as they trounced the Southern Michigan Storm 68-0 at Morenci

The Twisters finished the season unbeaten and untied at

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11-0 in the Lake Shore Football.

They also secured home field advantage for the first round of the playoffs on Saturday. The Twisters will host the South Division's second place team, the 6-4 Toledo (Ohio) Glass City Grizzlies. Kickoff is 7 p.m. is at Willow Run's Devlin Stadium.

Against the Storm, the game started off on the right foot for the Twisters as Charles Fountain (Westland) returned

the opening kickoff 81 yards for at touchdown. In the third quarter, Fountain returned another punt 51 yards for his second TD of the day.

Offensively, running back Jason Gibson (Milan) rushed for four touchdowns for the Twisters.

The Twisters' defense was at its best, allowing 23 total yards.

Charles Lauber (Westland), Jeremy Overton (Wayne) and Aaron Brothers (Canton) helped anchor a defensive unit that amassed 37 tackles and three sacks.

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Salem, Canton teams solid

Salem's girls cross country team split into three parts Saturday, the top seven runners traveling to the Sterling Heights Invitational at Delia Park and the other two competing at the Dearborn Divine Child Falcon Invitational at Dearborn HS.

The results were good. The top Rocks finished third at Sterling Heights, scoring 105 points. Clarkston was first (29) and Grosse Pointe North took second (101).

Salem's scorers were Lauren Kane, 18th overall (21:43); Laura Friedman, 19th (21:44); Amanda Kassem, 21st (21:45); Liisa Keski-Hynnala, 23rd (21:51); and Erin Jensen, 24th (21:58). Other Rock runners were Lianne Griffiths, 30th (22:12), and Stephanie Hajduk, 31st (22:14).

At the Falcon Invite, Salem's B team finished second in Division 1 with 84 points. Leading the Rocks was Monica Przebienda in eighth place (21:12.3), followed by Lauren Medley, 12th (21:25.8); Katie Dondzila, 18th (21:47.9); Meghan Galvin, 22nd (21:59.1); and Alyssa Mastic, 24th (22:13.2). Kim Towne was 32nd (22:42.5) and Alyssa Borowy was 37th (22:59.8).

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The Rocks' C squad took sixth place in the 10-team race with 160 points, led by Kim Mason in 28th place (22:17.1). Next best was Sheena Haddad, 29th (22:26.1); Lynden Gault, 33rd (22:49.9); Chelsea Baldwin, 34th (22:53.6); and Allison Janda, 36th (22:58.4). Allison Sponseller placed 39th (23:04.8) and Adriana Blazeski was 48th (24:36.7).

In Division 2 at the Falcon Invitational, the Plymouth HS girls team did not get a team score (they had just four runners), but three of the four girls did run personal bests. Tiffany Burns was the Wildcats best runner (22:09.1); Nichole McLaughlin was next (22:42.3), followed by Amy Ostrowski (23:17.5) and Morgan Benson (24:51.3).

Livonia Ladywood was second in Division 2 with 67 points, led by Meagan McGrath in fourth (21:33.1); Alicia Taylor, 11th (22:30.8); Beth Conklin, 15th (22:46.0); Ashley Bauer, 18th (23:01.9); and Leah Anderson, 19th (23:06.8).

Both Salem and Plymouth will run at the Wayne County Cross Country Championship

at 10 a.m. Saturday at Willow MetroPark.

CANTON PLACES 3RD

Canton went up against some pretty tough competition at last Saturday's 18-team Haslett Invitational, but the Chiefs managed a strong third-place finish with 132 points. Holt won the Invite with Ann Arbor Huron second.

All five Canton runners clocked under 21:30, with the Chiefs' top three beating 21 minutes.

"It's nice to have all the girls dropping into the 21s," said Canton coach John Venning. "That's a pretty strong five we're looking at, and (Jessica) Levely, with a little bit more kick, is into the 19s."

"They ran really well and they had some pretty decent competition."

Levely was ninth overall at 20:08. Next best for the Chiefs was Sarah McCormack in 18th (20:31); Becky McCormack in 31st (20:55); Sarah Stobbe in 36th (21:22); and Carrie Oleskiewicz in 38th (21:27).

Canton runs at the Wayne County Cross Country Championships at 10 a.m. Saturday at Willow MetroPark.

Chiefs 5th; Rocks' split works well

It was tough running at the Grosse Ile Invitational for Canton's boys cross country team Saturday, but the Chiefs still managed a fifth-place finish with 109 points. Brighton was first with 27.

John Hodge of Grosse Ile was first overall in 16:19. Canton's Jon Western finished sixth overall in 17:15, with Steve Kress next for the Chiefs in 20th (18:35). Other Canton scorers were John Madonna, 24th (19:04); Tim Summers, 29th (19:17); and Trey Wolfe, 30th (19:18).

The Chiefs run at the Wayne County Cross Country Championships at 10:40 a.m. Saturday.

SALEM SPLIT IS SOLID

Salem divided its team into

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

three parts for runs at two different meets Saturday, the Rocks' top runners traveling to the Sterling Heights Invitational (results not available) with two other groups competing at the Dearborn Divine Child Falcon Invitational at Dearborn HS.

At the Falcon Invitational, the Salem A team placed third out of seven teams in Division 1 with 61 points and the Salem B team was sixth with 147 points.

For the A team, Scott Fysh was best, placing seventh (17:50.2). Mike Horgan was eighth (17:57.2), Jimmy Walsh took 10th (18:00.0), Andrew Proctor was 16th (18:27.5) and Dave Hannon was 20th

(18:51.7). Mike Jahn finished 22nd (19:00.8) and Dan Kapadia was 24th (19:03.8).

The B team runners were paced by Joe Rothert in 27th (19:08.3), followed by Yair Leventhal in 28th (19:12.9), Justin Rumao in 29th (19:18.5), Alan Mlynek in 31st (19:28.5) and Matt Vivian in 32nd (19:30.1). John Israel was 38th (19:53.4) and Matt Roman placed 40th (20:28.7).

Plymouth HS had its three runners there as well, and all three ran personal bests. Jeff Movsesian led the Wildcats (19:51.2), followed by Nate Kostegian (20:43.8) and John Zaccone (22:28.4).

Salem hosts the Wayne County Cross Country Championships Saturday at Willow MetroPark. The boys meet begins at 10:40 a.m.

GOLF RESULTS

SALEM 151
NORTHVILLE 157
Monday at Northville Hills
Salem's golfers: Charlie Suder, 34 (medalist); Joe Pomorski, 37; Andy Thackaberry, 39; Aaron Cheesman, 41; Mike Cassidy, 45; Dave Pawlukiewicz, 52.
*Northville's golfers: Dave Oljace, 35; Brandon VanHyde, 40; Ryan Gideon, 40; Jim Gates, 42; Ryan Hunt, 44; Lance Dehne, 46.
Dual-meet records: Salem, 3-4 overall, 3-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association;

Northville, 4-2 in the W.L.A.A. Salem's next match: Friday vs. Canton at Northville Hills.
CANTON 160
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 168
Monday at Whispering Willows
Canton's Golfers: Ryan McKendry, 37 (medalist); Scott Oliver, 39; Steve Oliver, 42; Dominic Gallo, 42.
Churchill's Golfers: Kyle Hardey, 41; Scott Cendrowski, 41; Steve Robinson, 43; Mike Dolmetsch, 43.
Dual-meet records: Canton, 4-2 in the

Western Lakes Activities Association; Churchill, 4-4 overall, 3-4 in the W.L.A.A.
REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 148
BIRMINGHAM BROTHER RICE 160
Oct. 1 at Cattails
CC scorers: Jimmy Burns, 36 (medalist); Jack Kelly and Rob Pryzma, 37 each; Tristan Lester, 38.
Rice's top scorer: Matt Maloure, 38.
Dual meet records: CC, 12-1 overall, 9-1 Catholic League; Rice, 2-8 Catholic League.

WHALERS

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although the Whalers never did trail in the game.

Ramsay's goal just 4:22 into the first gave Plymouth the lead (assists from Karl Stewart and LaRose), but 3:26 later the Storm tied it on a goal by Colin Power.

The Whalers got the next two goals, from LaRose

(Ramsay and Matt Armstrong assisting) and Nate Kiser (from Armstrong and John Mitchell), for a 3-1 lead. But before the end of the first, Guelph narrowed the gap to 3-2 with a power-play goal by Dustin Brown with just 1:02 left.

LaRose's second goal, 13 seconds into the second period (from Ramsay), restored the Whalers' two-goal advantage, but the Storm retaliated with scores by Brown and Daniel

Paille to knot it at 4-4 after two. John Vigilante's power-play goal 4:48 into the third period (from Cole Jarrett and Ramsay) gave the Whalers the lead for good. LaRose's third goal (from Ramsay and Stewart) with 54 seconds remaining iced it.

The Whalers have a three-game road weekend ahead, playing at Oshawa Friday, at Belleville Saturday and at Mississauga Sunday.

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BASKETBALL

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Canton 62, W.L. Western 45: It was a long trip for Canton to Walled Lake Western Tuesday, but it didn't take the Chiefs long to reach a satisfactory conclusion.

of those offensive. Briana Wolcott was next for the Chiefs with nine points, with Kristen Lake and Christina Redd netting eight apiece, Redd grabbing nine boards and Lake five.

that pace in the second half and scored just 15 points to Belleville's 28. "They just made a few more shots in the second half," said Thomann, "and we had some great, great opportunities to score and didn't put them in. It was a really hard-fought game."

Middle School. Amy Henry led them with 18 points; she also grabbed eight rebounds. Lisa Ther had 17 points and eight boards, and Emily Tong finished with eight points.

SWIM RESULTS

ROCK MAURER INVITATIONAL

Sept. 28 at Salem HS Team scores: 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 356 points; 2. Farmington Hills Mercy, 264; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 199; 4. Monroe, 138; 5. Salem, 134; 6. Dearborn, 88.

500 freestyle: Heat A - 1. Laura Pollard (AAP), 5:25.58; 2. Colleen Coan (FM), 5:39.10; 3. Christine Perko (LS), 5:45.37; 4. Maggie Fisher (S), 6:19.02; 5. Jessie Costello (M), 6:25.40; 6. Kaitlyn Fink (D), 6:51.46.

Miller's OT goal gives Madonna victory

The Madonna University men's soccer team got a goal from James Miller in the second overtime to escape Mount Vernon Nazarene University Tuesday with a thrilling 2-1 victory.

COLLEGE SOCCER Madonna keeper Joe Suchara (from Livonia Stevenson). Neither team could find victory in the first five-minute overtime, but in the second Madonna found salvation.

a 2-0 triumph. The victory was a nice rebound after Madonna lost at Bethel College Friday, 4-0.

Cougars and scored both insurance goals unassisted. Schoolcraft 6, Triton 1 (men's): Will Friend scored three times and keeper Eric Sicilia (Livonia Churchill), playing in the field, added a goal and an assist to carry Schoolcraft College past Triton College Saturday at SC.

STATE RANKINGS

BOYS SOCCER STATE RANKINGS (As of 9-30 by MHSACA) Division 1 - 1. Warren DeLaSalle (9-0-3); 2. Rochester (10-3-0); 3. Livonia Stevenson (8-1-1); 4. Troy (7-2-1); 5. Troy Athens (10-3-0); 6. Farmington (9-3-0); 7. Traverse City West (10-0-1); 8. Grosse Pointe North (7-0-1); 9. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central (9-0-1); 10. Ann Arbor Pioneer (9-1-4).

Division 3 - 1. Macomb Lutheran North; 2. Cheboygan; 3. Birmingham-Detroit Country Day; 4. Lansing Catholic Central; 5. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook; 6. Elk Rapids; 7. Jackson Lumen Christi; 8. Madison Heights Bishop Foley; 9. Lake Fenton; 10. Spring Lake.

Division 4 - 1. Muskegon Western Michigan Christian; 2. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian; 3. Hudsonville Freedom Baptist; 4. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist; 5. Ann Arbor Greenhills; 6. Southfield Christian; 7. Watervliet Grace Christian; 8. St. Joseph Michigan Lutheran; 9. Birmingham Roeper; 10. Lansing Christian.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE NOVEMBER 5, 2002 GENERAL ELECTION Notice is hereby given that October 7, 2002, is the last day registrations can be accepted in order to be eligible to vote in the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2002.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA OCTOBER 10, 2002 Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2002 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the Chestnut room at the Summit located at 46000 SUMMIT PARKWAY.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, October 17th, 2002 for the following: FALL 2002 PARKS TREE PLANTING

LEGAL NOTICE STORAGE USA Notice is hereby given that on (OCTOBER 15, 2002), Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA, will be offering for sale under the judicial lein process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods.

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WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS 3:00 P.M. MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2002 Regular meeting called to order at 3:08 p.m. Present: Thomas Yack, Steve Mann, Richard Henningsen

MAYFLOWER AUTO TRANSPORT NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 10, 2002 at 11 am at Mayflower Auto Transport, 1179 Starkweather, Plymouth MI. A Public Auction of the following vehicles will be held:

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TENNIS RESULTS

SALEM 5
NORTHVILLE 3
 Sept. 27 at Salem
 No. 1 singles: Nikki Hlady (S) def. Allison Long 7-5, 6-4.
 No. 2: Lindsay Pyle (S) def. Erica Dobson 6-1, 6-2.
 No. 3: Missy Nelson (S) def. Shannon Farris 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.
 No. 4: Mandy Bradley (S) def. Ashley Porchynuk 6-3, 6-1.
 No. 1 doubles: Carrie Griffith-Maranon Swasey (S) def. Stephanie Patterson-Kelly Harrison 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.
 No. 2: Amanda Retzbach-Jamie Lindholm (N) def. Erin Ross-Sarah Jose 6-2, 6-3.
 No. 3: Amanda Darish-Jen Harkness (N) def. Aarti Bakshi-Amy Geick 6-0, 6-0.
 No. 4: Amy Knoth-Jackie Taylor (N) def. Emily Bohr-Maureen Bohr 6-4, 5-7, 6-2.

CANTON 7
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 1
 Sept. 23 at John Glenn
 No. 1 singles: Lisa Vacca (JG) def. Beth Treadwell 1-6, 6-4, 6-4.
 No. 2: Hitomi Shinoda (C) def. Caitlin Cotwell 6-4, 6-3.
 No. 3: Abbi Pyne (C) def. Jenny Kukeski 6-0, 6-0.
 No. 4: Lauren Kazmierczak (C) def. Doreen Gidali 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.
 No. 1 doubles: Sara Galante-Chelsea Darouie (C) def. Jessica Soulliere-Danielle Vujnovich 6-0, 6-0.
 No. 2: Ji-Min Lim-Julia Fabiszewski (C) def. Megan Begarowicz-Lauren Perry 6-1, 6-1.
 No. 3: Jenny Bedard-Meena Hasan (C) def. Ketheline Francois-Angela Hastings 6-2, 6-2.
 No. 4: Natalie Slupek-Caitlin Staples (C) def.

Brittany Bower-Sheri Manfre 6-4, 6-0.

NORTHVILLE 7
CANTON 1
 Sept. 18 at Canton
 No. 1 singles: Allison Long (N) def. Beth Treadwell 6-4, 6-0.
 No. 2: Erica Dobson (N) def. Hitomi Shinoda 6-2, 6-1.
 No. 3: Abbi Pyne (C) def. Shannon Farris 6-3, 6-7, 6-1.
 No. 4: Ashley Potchynok (N) def. Lauren Kazmierczak 6-1, 6-0.
 No. 1 doubles: Stephanie Patterson-Kelly Harrison (N) def. Sara Galante-Chelsea Darouie 6-2, 6-4.
 No. 2: Jamie Lindholm-Amanda Retzbach (N) def. Ji-Min Lim-Julia Fabiszewski 6-1, 6-4.
 No. 3: Amanda Darish-Jen Harkness (N) def. Jenny Bedard-Meena Hasan 6-1, 6-4.
 No. 4: Amy Knoth-Jackie Taylor (N) def. Natalie Slupek-Caitlin Staples 6-1, 6-0.

CANTON 7
WAYNE MEMORIAL 1
 Sept. 16 at Canton
 No. 1 singles: Beth Treadwell (C) def. Elizabeth Lewis 6-2, 6-2.
 No. 2: Hitomi Shinoda (C) def. Kelly Harris 6-2, 6-1.
 No. 3: Abbi Pyne (C) def. Becky Sikora 6-2, 6-1.
 No. 4: Erin Bierkamp (WM) def. Lauren Kazmierczak 6-1, 6-4.
 No. 1 doubles: Sara Galante-Chelsea

Darouie (C) def. Sarah Burkett-Stephanie Powers 6-1, 6-0.
 No. 2: Ji-Min Lim-Julia Fabiszewski (C) def. Tina Spear-Dena Sulling 6-0, 6-2.
 No. 3: Jenny Bedard-Meena Hasan (C) def. Jacki Hicks-Allyce Reynolds 6-0, 6-0.
 No. 4: Natalie Slupek-Caitlin Staples (C) def. Sandy Huff-Crystal Beaver 6-1, 6-0.

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 5
CANTON 3
 Sept. 13 at Central
 No. 1 singles: Michelle Maxfield (WLC) def. Beth Treadwell 6-1, 6-2.
 No. 2: Liz Murray (WLC) def. Hitomi Shinoda 6-3, 0-6, 6-4.
 No. 3: Abbi Pyne (C) def. Laura Slusher 6-3, 6-2.
 No. 4: Nicole Anstett (WLC) def. Lauren Kazmierczak 6-1, 6-1.
 No. 1 doubles: Chelsea Darouie-Sara Galante (C) def. Jessica Grodleksi-Kelsey Cross 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.
 No. 2: Chelsea Jahn-Abby Ulberg (WLC) def. Ji-Min Lim-Julia Fabiszewski 6-1, 6-0.
 No. 3: Jenny Bedard-Meena Hasan (C) def. Tracy Morris-Carla Gonzalez 6-4, 6-4.
 No. 4: Mandy Stapula-Rebecca Jensen (WLC) def. Natalie Slupek-Caitlin Staples 7-6 (7-5), 6-4.

No. 9-ranked Lady Crusaders drill 2 conference opponents

Another Madonna University volleyball foe got a WHAC Tuesday.

The Lady Crusaders rolled to a 30-12, 30-13, 30-15 victory over host Spring Arbor as Shelley Stanton and Laura Lesko recorded 11 kills each. Tera Morrill (Livonia Franklin) added 10 as Madonna, ranked No. 9 in the latest National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics poll, improved to 21-2 overall and 6-0 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC). Setter Natalie Sayre had 31 assists and four ace serves to complement the trio of hitters. Amanda Suder (Salem) paced the defense with 15 digs. Stanton and Alison Nykamp added 13 and 12, respectively.

VOLLEYBALL

The loss drops Spring Arbor to 8-13 overall and 2-4 in the conference. On Saturday, MU romped to a 30-8, 30-15, 30-10 win over WHAC opponent Tri-State (Ind.) University. Stanton and Lesko combined for 31 kills, while Hayley Myers added 11, giving her an attack percentage of .647. The Crusaders hit at a .550 clip as a team. Madonna's defense kept Tri-State (1-13, 0-5) at bay, holding the Thunder to a .131 attack percentage and forcing seven errors. Setter Ashley Frost led MU

in assists with 31, while Sayre added 14.

OCELOTS WHIP DELTA

On Tuesday, the Schoolcraft won in three games, 30-19, 30-17, against Delta, to improve to 10-0 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and 24-9 overall. Katie Drews (Livonia Stevenson) led the way for the Ocelots with nine kills followed by Holly Solodenski with eight and Stephanie Koslows and Carly Szajnecki, each with five. Setter Ioana Vescan contributed with 22 assists. Schoolcraft extended its winning streak to five games, its second longest of the season.

ROCKS

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Churchill. Asked how it was going as the completion of Wednesday's meet drew to a close, Canton coach Barb Lehmann could only reply, "Not too good. I just lost too many girls the last couple of years. I hope to get some people seeded for the conference tournament. It's been a tough two weeks of tennis."

The Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament, hosted by Livonia Stevenson, will be Tuesday at the Stevenson and Schoolcraft College courts. With the Farmington schools having left, there will be three seeded players in each flight — which means, to earn a seed, a player can have no more than two losses in WLAA play.

While the Chiefs will hope to have two, perhaps three, of its eight flights seeded, Salem figures to have "at least six, and maybe all eight" of its flights seeded, according to coach Tom Kimball.

It's been that kind of season for the Rocks. A dual-meet loss to Stevenson and a draw with Walled Lake Central have been the only blemishes on their record. The highlight, of course, was their 5-3 win over Northville last Friday. There can, at times, be a backlash from such an emotional win, especially with another highly-charged match following on its heels. Like against Canton.

"It's one of those intangible things," said Kimball. "You never really know which way it will go. Emotions are running high."

"I let them know where their skill levels are, tell them to take the emotion out of it. They may win a few points with superior play, but in the end the better talent will prevail."

On of the better matches of the meet figured to be at No. 3 singles, where Canton's Abbi Pyne and Salem's Missy Nelson were unbeaten in league play (both will be seeded at the conference tournament). It ended up being a triumph for the Chiefs' Pyne by a 6-4, 6-2 margin. But the best match of the meet was at No. 3 doubles, where Canton's Jenny Bedard and Meena Hasan duelled through three sets against Salem's Aarti Bakshi and Amy Geick. The Chiefs got the win, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.

No other Salem player, however, in singles or doubles, lost a set. Nikki Hlady defeated Beth Treadwell 6-0, 6-2 at No. 1 singles; Lindsay Pyle bested Hitomi Shinoda 6-1, 6-0 at No. 2; and Mandy Bradley won over Lauren Kazmierczak 6-1, 6-1 at No. 4.

In doubles, Carrie Griffith and Maranon Swasey were 6-0, 6-4 victors over Sara Galante and Chelsea Darouie at No. 1; Erin Ross and Sarah Jose beat Julia Fabiszewski and Ji-Min Lin 6-1, 6-2 at No. 2; and Emily Bohr and Maureen Bohr stopped Natalie Slupek and Caitlin Staples 6-4, 6-2 at No. 4.

Conference coaches will meet tonight to determine which players are seeded where. Depending how it goes, it could help determine if Salem can make a legitimate run at the WLAA championship — something the Rocks could only dream about in the past.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER 24, 2002

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy at 7:04 pm to move from closed session to open session. Motion carried by all members present.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, September 24, 2002, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, Shefferly, McLaughlin, LaJoy, Yack

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Machnik, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin

Staff Absent: None

Also Present: Chief Rorabacher

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the regular Board Minutes of September 10, 2002. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the study session Board Minutes of September 17, 2002. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Shefferly to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Recap for September 24, 2002

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name, Amount. Total - All Funds: 2,227,588.46

Board Member Reports: Trustee LaJoy announced the Chamber of Commerce Business Expo tomorrow, September 25th from 5:00 pm to 7:30 p.m. at Summit on the Park.

PRESENTATION: Mr. Bob Boyer presented a check from the Canton Lions Club to the Canton Goodfellows, The Canton Historical Society and The Helping Hand Fund. The money was raised through Canton Lions Club charity corn roast.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. Consider Payment For Professional Services Provided by Warner, Cantrell & Padmos, Inc. For The Cherry Hill Road Sanitary Sewer Extension Project. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to decrease Purchase Order 35239 in the amount of \$9,511.00 and provide a new Purchase Order to WCP in the amount not-to-exceed \$9,511.00 to pay for professional services provided. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 2. Consider Payment for Professional Services Provided by Dietrich, Bailey and Associates for the Joy Road Water Main Project. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to decrease Purchase Order 34498 in the amount of \$13,000.00 and provide a new Purchase Order to DBA in the amount not-to-exceed \$13,000.00 to pay for professional services provided. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3. Consider Deeding Ten (10) Feet of Additional Right-of-way at the Fellows Creek Golf Course, along Lotz Road to Wayne County. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to sign the attached quit claim deed granting an additional ten feet of right-of-way along Lotz Road to Wayne County. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4. Approval to Pay Annual Invoice For Software Client Licenses And Maintenance Fees. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve payment for eight software client licenses for CAD and Records Management systems and maintenance fees to HTE, Inc. for the amount of \$7,400. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5. Adopt Patriot Park as The Official Name of The Ford/Ridge Road Park. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt PATRIOT PARK as the official park name of Ford/Ridge Road Park. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. Special Community Event Status for Canton Historical Society's Annual Antique Appraisal Clinic. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve special event status for Canton Historical Society's annual antique clinic and placement of signs. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7. Annexation Reform Legislation. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the resolution urging the Local, Urban and State Affairs Committee of the Michigan State Senate to approve House Bills 4720-25 immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 8. Appointment to the Canton Planning Commission. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to appoint Katherine Bovitz to fill the current vacancy on the Canton Planning Commission which expires on December 31, 2002 and reappoint Ms. Bovitz for a three year term to expire on December 31, 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 9. Consider Resolution to Approve Permitted Sidewalk on Sheldon Road for the 2002 Sidewalk Gap Program. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the attached Resolution to Assume Jurisdiction of the Sidewalk Within The Wayne County Right-of-Way at Sheldon Road for the 2002 Sidewalk Gap Program. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES - CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Assume Jurisdiction of The Sidewalk Within The Wayne County Right-of-way at Sheldon Road For The 2002 Sidewalk Gap Program.

WHEREAS, the Township Board approves the permitted sidewalk at Sheldon Road for the 2002 Sidewalk Gap Program,

WHEREAS, the Township of Canton shall assume jurisdiction of the sidewalk within the Wayne County right-of-way at Sheldon Road for the 2002 Sidewalk Gap Program,

WHEREAS, the Township of Canton shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend Wayne County and its officials and employees against all claims, suits and judgments arising out of the design, construction, operation, maintenance or existence of the permitted sidewalk.

WHEREAS, such responsibility of the Township shall not be construed as a liability for damage caused by or resulting from the sole negligence of the County, its agents, or its employees; and authorize the Township Clerk to sign the construction permit.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, approves the construction of the sidewalk at Sheldon Road and Canton Township shall assume jurisdiction of the sidewalk within the Wayne County on Sheldon Road for the 2002 Sidewalk Gap Program.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. Set December 1, 2002 Millage Rates. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Resolution to Set December 1, 2002 Millage Rates. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES - CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Set December 1, 2002 Millage Rates

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, that there be levied on the taxable property of said Township for the year 2002, for general Township purposes, a tax of 1.71 mills on the Taxable Value thereof, said value being \$2,542,497,469 Real Property and \$169,394,180 Personal Property, totaling \$2,711,891,649, and the tax amounting to \$4,637,334.72.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, that pursuant to Public Act 33 of 1951 there be levied on the taxable real property of said Township for the year 2002, for Fire Protection purposes, a Special Assessment of 2.7400 mills on the Taxable Value thereof, said value being \$2,542,497,469 Real Property, and the tax amounting to \$6,966,443.06.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, that pursuant to Public Act 181 of 1951 there be levied on the taxable real property of said Township for the year 2002, for Police Protection purposes, a Special Assessment of 4.4000 mills on the Taxable Value thereof, said value being \$2,542,497,469 Real Property, and the tax amounting to \$11,186,988.86.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Item 2. Consider Crescent Academy Expansion Special Land Use. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the request of the Project Sponsor to conduct the special use for the proposed Crescent Academy Expansion subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3. Consider Special Land Use Request for Quality Care Auto Service Center. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the request of the Project Sponsor to conduct the special use for the proposed Quality Care Auto Service Center subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4. WTUA Annual Budget Approval. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly that the budget for the Authority for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, in the amounts presented, is hereby approved. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES - CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WTUA Annual Budget Resolution

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2002, the Board of Commissioners of the Western Townships Utilities Authority adopted a budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003 and

WHEREAS, the Authority is required to present its budget to each of its member Townships for approval; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the budget for the Authority for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, in the amounts presented, is hereby approved.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Item 5. Consider Chen Rezoning Request. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the request of the petitioner Mr. Kevin Chen to rezone certain property identified by property tax EDP#065-99-0027-702 to R-2, Single Family Residential. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. Consider Second Amendment to Charter Academy Consent Judgment (Greystone Apartment - Singh Development Company.) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the amended second amendment to the Charter Development Company Consent Judgment at the request of the project sponsor representing Singh Development Company. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7. Consider Developer Instigated Revisions to Central Park Subdivision Number 2 (Part of the Central Park Planned Development District). Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Brian Newcomb, to approve the revised plan for Central Park Subdivision #2, subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 8. Consider Site Plan Approval for Canton Administration Building Addition. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the request of the petitioner, Barry Nebhut, to approve the site plan for the proposed Canton Administration Building Addition, subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 9. Authorize Electronic Switching Systems (ESS) to Provide Data Line Upgrades for the Public Works Facility. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to authorize Electronic Switching Systems (ESS) to assist in the Public Works facility data line system upgrades for an amount not to exceed \$10,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 10. Authorize Allied Communications to Provide Telephone System Upgrades for Public Works Facility. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to authorize Allied Communications to assist with the Public Works facility telephone system upgrade for the amount not to exceed \$15,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 11. Consider Final Settlement and Road Paving Agreement for Lotz Road (Inline Development - Deer Creek Estates). Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Settlement Agreement between Inline Development, LLC, the Charter Township of Canton and Wayne County regarding the Lotz Road Improvements, as discussed, subject to final review and approval by Wayne County and the Township Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 12. First Reading Amending the Sign Ordinance 120 (E). [This Item was Deleted from the Agenda]

Item 13. Request to Purchase Two Rescue Squads. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of two (2) rescue squads from Gogan & Associates, Union, Michigan for a total cost of \$170,440. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment in the Fire Fund to re-appropriate 2002 funds for the purchase of capital equipment scheduled in 2001.

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Increase Revenues: Fund Balance Appropriation #207-000-699-0000 \$85,220.00. Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay-Equipment #206-336-977-0000 \$85,220.00.

Item 14. Request to Approve the Purchase of Five Self Contained Breathing Apparatus. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of five self contained breathing apparatus from PVT Pressure Vessel Testing for an amount not to exceed \$14,950.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 15. Approval for Communications Specialist to Attend Training in Arlington, VA. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve Scott Daniel attending the 2002 Law Enforcement Communications Series in Arlington, VA for a cost not to exceed \$2,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 16. Request to Purchase Border Patrol Portable Rink System. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the purchase of Border Patrol Portable Rink System for the in-line skating to Athletica in the amount of \$10,625. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 17. Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds. (Limited Tax). Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the resolution authorizing the General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds (Limited Tax), Series 2003 not to exceed Sixteen Million Dollars (\$16,000,000) to pay the cost of the expansion/renovation of the Administration and Public Safety Buildings. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS (LIMITED TAX), SERIES 2003

Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne, State of Michigan Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "Issuer"), held on September 24, 2002, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Time.

PRESENT: Members Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, Shefferly, McLaughlin, LaJoy, Yack ABSENT: Members None. The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Bennett and supported by Member McLaughlin:

WHEREAS, the Issuer does hereby determine that it is necessary to acquire and construct certain capital improvements in the Township, consisting of additions, extensions, and improvements to the Township's Administration and Public Safety Buildings, together with necessary and related appurtenances and attachments (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Project is estimated to be approximately Sixteen Million Dollars (\$16,000,000); and

WHEREAS, the Township Board deems it necessary to borrow the principal sum of Sixteen Million Dollars (\$16,000,000) and issue capital improvement bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001 ("Act 34") to pay the cost of the Project; and

WHEREAS, a notice of intent was published in accordance with Act 34 which provides that the capital improvement bonds may be issued without a vote of the electors of the Issuer unless a proper petition for an election on the question of the issuance of the bonds is filed with the Township Clerk within a period of forty-five (45) days from the date of publication and no petition was filed within said time.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Authorization of Bonds: Bond Terms. Bonds of the Issuer designated GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS (LIMITED TAX), SERIES 2003 (the "Bonds") are authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal sum of not to exceed Sixteen Million Dollars (\$16,000,000) for the purpose of paying the cost of the Project, including the costs incidental to the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds. The issue shall consist of bonds in fully-registered form of the denomination of \$5,000, or multiples thereof not exceeding for each maturity the maximum principal amount of that maturity, numbered consecutively in order of registration, dated as of February 1, 2003 or such other date as may be determined at the time of sale. The Bonds shall bear interest at rates to be determined at the time of sale thereof. The Bonds shall mature and be payable on October 1st of each year as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Amount, Year, Amount. 2003 \$350,000 2013 800,000

Table with 4 columns: Year, Amount, Year, Amount. 2004 400,000 2014 850,000 2005 400,000 2015 950,000 2006 450,000 2016 1,000,000 2007 500,000 2017 1,050,000 2008 550,000 2018 1,100,000 2009 600,000 2019 1,150,000 2010 650,000 2020 1,200,000 2011 700,000 2021 1,250,000 2012 750,000 2022 1,300,000

The Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity in the manner and at the times and prices set forth in Section 6 hereof.

Interest shall be payable to the registered owner of record as of the 15th day of the month prior to the payment date for each interest payment. The record date of determination of registered owner for purposes of payment of interest as provided in this paragraph may be changed by the Issuer to conform to market practice in the future. Interest shall be payable to the registered owner of record as of the 15th day of the month preceding the payment date for each interest payment. The principal of the Bonds shall be payable at Bank One Trust Company, Detroit, Michigan which is hereby selected to act as the transfer agent for the bonds (the "Transfer Agent"). The Treasurer of the Issuer is hereby authorized to execute one or more agreements with the Transfer Agent on behalf of the Issuer.

The Bonds shall be issued in book-entry only form through The Depository Trust Company in New York, New York ("DTC").

2. Execution of Bonds. The Bonds of this issue shall be executed in the name of the Issuer with the facsimile signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk of the Issuer and shall have the seal of the Issuer, or a facsimile thereof, printed or impressed on the Bonds. No Bond shall be valid until authenticated by an authorized officer or representative of the Transfer Agent. The Bonds shall be delivered to the Transfer Agent for authentication and be delivered by the Transfer Agent to the purchaser or other person in accordance with instructions from the Treasurer of the Issuer upon payment of the purchase price for the Bonds.

3. Transfer of Bonds. The Transfer Agent shall keep the books of registration for this issue on behalf of the Issuer. Any Bond may be transferred upon such registration books by the registered owner of record, in person or by the registered owner's duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of the Bond for cancellation, accompanied by delivery of a duly executed written instrument of transfer in a form approved by the Transfer Agent. Whenever any Bond or Bonds shall be surrendered for transfer, the Issuer shall execute and the Transfer Agent shall authenticate and deliver a new Bond or Bonds, for like aggregate principal amount. The Transfer Agent shall require the payment by the bondholder requesting the transfer of any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the transfer.

Unless waived by any registered owner of Bonds to be redeemed, official notice of redemption shall be given by the Transfer Agent on behalf of the Issuer. Such notice shall be dated and shall contain at a minimum the following information: original issue date; maturity dates; interest rates; CUSIP numbers, if any; certificate numbers (and in the case of partial redemption) the called amounts of each certificate; the place where the Bonds called for redemption are to be surrendered for payment; and that interest on the Bonds or portions thereof called for redemption shall cease to accrue from and after the redemption date.

In addition, further notice shall be given by the Transfer Agent in such manner as may be required or suggested by regulations or market practice at the applicable time, but no defect in such further notice nor any failure to give all or any portion of such further notice shall in any manner defeat the effectiveness of a call for redemption if notice thereof is given as prescribed herein.

4. Limited Tax Pledge: Debt Retirement Fund; Defeasance of Bonds. The Issuer hereby pledges its limited tax full faith and credit for the prompt payment of the Bonds. The Issuer shall, each year budget the amount of the debt service coming due in the next fiscal year on the principal of and interest on the Bonds and shall advance as a first budget obligation from its general funds available therefor, or, if necessary, levy taxes upon all taxable property in the Issuer subject to applicable constitutional, statutory and charter tax rate limitations, such sums as may be necessary to pay such debt service in said fiscal year.

The Treasurer is authorized and directed to open a depository account with a bank or trust company designated by the Township Board, to be designated GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS (LIMITED TAX), SERIES 2003 DEBT RETIREMENT FUND (the "Debt Retirement Fund"), the moneys to be deposited into the Debt Retirement Fund to be specifically earmarked and used solely for the purpose of paying principal of and interest on the Bonds as they mature.

In the event cash or direct obligations of the United States or obligations the principal of and interest on which are guaranteed by the United States, or a combination thereof, the principal of and interest on which, without reinvestment, come due at times and in amounts sufficient to pay at maturity or irrevocable call for earlier optional redemption, the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, shall be deposited in trust, this resolution shall be defeased and the owners of the Bonds shall have no further rights under this resolution except to receive payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds from the cash or securities deposited in trust and the interest and gains thereon and to transfer and exchange Bonds as provided herein.

5. Construction Fund: Proceeds of Bond Sale. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to open a separate depository account with a bank or trust company designated by the Township Board, to be designated GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS (LIMITED TAX), SERIES 2003 CONSTRUCTION FUND (the "Construction Fund") and deposit into said Construction Fund the proceeds of the Bonds less accrued interest and premium, if any, which shall be deposited into the Debt Retirement Fund. The moneys in the Construction Fund shall be used solely to pay the costs of the first phase of the Project and the costs of issuance of the Bonds.

6. Bond Form. The Bonds shall be in substantially the following form:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOND (LIMITED TAX), SERIES 2003

Table with 4 columns: Interest Rate, Maturity Date, Date of Original Issue, CUSIP. Interest Rate: Blank, Maturity Date: October 1, 2003, Date of Original Issue: February 1, 2003, CUSIP: Blank.

Registered Owner: Principal Amount: Dollars

The Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "Township" or "Issuer"), acknowledges itself to owe and for value received hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner specified above, or registered assigns, the Principal Amount specified above, in lawful money of the United States of America, on the Maturity Date specified above, unless prepaid prior thereto as hereinafter provided, with interest thereon from the Date of Original Issue specified above or such later date to which interest has been paid, until paid, at the Interest Rate per annum specified above, first payable on October 1, 2003 and semiannually thereafter. Principal of this bond is payable at the designated office of Bank One Trust Company, Detroit, Michigan, or such other transfer agent as the Issuer may hereafter designate by notice mailed to the registered owner not less than sixty (60) days prior to any interest payment date (the "Transfer Agent"). Interest on this bond is payable to the registered owner of record as of the fifteenth (15th) day of the month preceding the interest payment date as shown on the registration books of the Issuer kept by the Transfer Agent by check or draft mailed to the registered owner of record at the registered address. For prompt payment of this bond, both principal and interest, the full faith, credit and resources of the Issuer are hereby irrevocably pledged.

This bond is one of a series of bonds aggregating the principal sum of \$16,000,000, issued for the purpose of paying the cost of certain capital improvements for the Issuer. This bond is issued under the provisions of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, the Issuer's Charter, and a duly adopted resolution of the Issuer.

Bonds of this issue maturing in the years 2003 to 2013, inclusive, are not subject to redemption prior to maturity. Bonds of this issue, or portions thereof in multiples of \$5,000, maturing in the year 2014 and thereafter may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer; in any order of maturity and within any maturity by lot, on any interest payment date on or after October 1, 2013 at par and accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

In case less than the full amount of an outstanding bond is called for redemption the transfer agent upon presentation of the bond called in part for redemption shall register, authenticate and deliver to the registered owner a new bond of the same maturity and in the principal amount of the portion of the original bond not called for redemption.

Notice of redemption shall be given by the transfer agent to the registered owner of any bond or portion thereof to be redeemed by mailing of such notice by first class mail not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the registered owner at the address of the registered owner as shown on the registration books of the Issuer maintained by the transfer agent.

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No further interest payable on any bond or portion thereof called for redemption shall accrue after the date fixed for redemption whether presented for redemption or not, provided that funds are on hand with the transfer agent for such redemption.

This bond is transferable only upon the registration books of the Issuer kept by the Transfer Agent by the registered owner of record in person, or by the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, upon the surrender of this bond together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Transfer Agent duly executed by the registered owner or the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon a new registered bond or bonds in the same aggregate principal amount and of the same maturity shall be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor as provided in the resolution authorizing this bond and upon the payment of the charges, if any, therein prescribed.

This bond, including the interest thereon, is payable as a first budget obligation from the general funds of the Issuer, and the Issuer is required, if necessary, to levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the Issuer for the payment thereof, subject to applicable constitutional, charter and statutory tax rate limitations.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by law to be done, precedent to and in the issuance of this bond and the series of bonds of which this is one, exist and have been done and performed in regular and due form and time as required by law, and that the total indebtedness of the Issuer, including this bond, does not exceed any constitutional, statutory or charter debt limitation.

This bond is not valid or obligatory for any purpose until the Transfer Agent's Certificate of Authentication on this bond has been executed by the Transfer Agent.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Charter Township of Canton, by its Township Board, has caused this bond to be signed in the name of the Township by the facsimile signatures of its Supervisor and Clerk and a facsimile of its corporate seal to be printed hereon, all as of the Date of Original Issue.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
County of Wayne,
State of Michigan

7. Said notice of sale shall be in substantially the following form upon determination of date of sale:

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN
GENERAL OBLIGATION \$16,000,000
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS (LIMITED TAX) SERIES 2003

SEALED BIDS for the purchase of the above bonds will be received by the undersigned at the office of the Township Clerk located at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188-1699, on the _____, the _____th day of _____, 2003, until _____ o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened and read. Bids will also be received simultaneously and publicly opened and read at the offices of Bendzinski & Co., Municipal Finance Advisors, 607 Shelby, Suite 600, Detroit, Michigan 48226, or by fax at (313) 961-8220.

The Township Board will meet no later than 7:30 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on that date to consider the award of such bids.

ELECTRONIC BIDS: Electronic bids will also be received on the same date and until the same time by Bidcomp/Parity as agent of the undersigned. Further information about Bidcomp/Parity, including any fee charged, may be obtained from Bidcomp/Parity, Anthony Leyden or CLIENT SERVICES, 395 Hudson Street, New York, New York 10014, (212) 806-8304. NO ELECTRONIC BID WILL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS THE BIDDER HAS SUBMITTED A FINANCIAL SURETY BOND IN THE AMOUNT DESCRIBED IN THE SECTION CAPTIONED "GOOD FAITH" BELOW.

Bidders may choose any means or location to present bids but a bidder may not present a bid in more than one location or by more than one means.

BOND DETAILS: Bonds of both issues will be registered bonds of the denomination of \$5,000 or multiples thereof not exceeding for each maturity the aggregate principal amount of such maturity, dated February 1, 2003, numbered in order of registration, and will bear interest from their dates payable on October 1, 2003, and semiannually thereafter.

The bonds will mature on the 1st day of October of the years and in the principal amounts as follows:

Year	Amount	Year	Amount
2003	\$350,000	2013	800,000
2004	400,000	2014	850,000
2005	400,000	2015	950,000
2006	450,000	2016	1,000,000
2007	500,000	2017	1,050,000
2008	550,000	2018	1,100,000
2009	600,000	2019	1,150,000
2010	650,000	2020	1,200,000
2011	700,000	2021	1,250,000
2012	750,000	2022	1,300,000

PRIOR REDEMPTION OF BONDS: Bonds of both issues maturing in the years 2003 to 2013, inclusive, are not subject to redemption prior to maturity. Bonds of both issues, or portions thereof in multiples of \$5,000, maturing in the year 2014 and thereafter may be redeemed at the option of the Township, in any order of maturity and within any maturity by lot, on any interest payment date on or after October 1, 2013 at par and accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

In case less than the full amount of an outstanding bond is called for redemption the transfer agent upon presentation of the bond called in part for redemption shall register, authenticate and deliver to the registered owner a new bond of the same maturity and in the principal amount of the portion of the original bond not called for redemption.

Notice of redemption shall be given by the transfer agent to the holders of any bond or portion thereof to be redeemed by mailing of such notice not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the registered owner at the address of the registered owner as shown on the registration books of the Charter Township of Canton (the "Township" or "Issuer"). No further interest payable on any bond or portions thereof called for redemption shall accrue after the date fixed for redemption, whether presented for redemption or not, provided that funds are on hand with the transfer agent for such redemption.

INTEREST RATE AND BIDDING DETAILS: The bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates not exceeding 8% per annum, to be fixed by the bids therefor, expressed in multiples of 1/8 or 1/20 of 1%, or both. The interest on any one bond shall be at one rate only and all bonds maturing in any one year must carry the same interest rate. The difference between the highest and lowest interest rate on the bonds shall not exceed two percent (2%) per annum. No proposal for the purchase of less than all of the bonds or at a price less than 98.5% of their par value will be considered.

BOOK-ENTRY ONLY: The bonds will be issued in book-entry only form as one fully registered bond per maturity and will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as bondholder and nominee for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository for the bonds. Purchase of the bonds will be made in book-entry form, in the denomination of \$5,000 or any multiples thereof. Purchasers will not receive certificate representing their interest in bonds purchased. The book-entry-only system is described further in the preliminary official statement for the bonds.

TRANSFER AGENT AND REGISTRATION: Principal shall be payable at Bank One Trust Company, Detroit, Michigan, or such other transfer agent as the Township may hereafter designate by notice mailed to the registered owner not less than 60 days prior to any interest payment date. Interest shall be paid by check or draft mailed to the person or entity who or which is the registered owner of record as shown by the registration books of the Township as of the 15th day of the month preceding any interest payment date. The bonds will be transferable only upon the registration books of the Township kept by the transfer agent.

The Bonds are issued for the purpose of paying the Township's share of certain capital improvements in the Township. The Bonds will be a first budget obligation of the Township, payable as a first budget obligation from the general funds of the Township including the collection of ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the Township subject to applicable constitutional, charter and statutory tax rate limitations.

The rights and remedies of bondholders may be affected by bankruptcy insolvency, fraudulent conveyance or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally now existing or hereafter enacted and by the application of general principles of equity including those relating to equitable subordination.

GOOD FAITH: A certified or cashier's check drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company or a financial surety bond, in the amount of \$160,000 and payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Issuer, must accompany each bid as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the bidder to be forfeited as liquidated damages if such bid be accepted and the bidder fails to take up and pay for the bonds. If a

check is used, it must accompany each bid. If a Financial Surety Bond is used, it must accompany each bid. If a licensed to issue such a bond in the State of Michigan and such Bonds must be submitted to the Issuer's financial advisor prior to the opening of the bids. The financial surety bond must identify each bidder whose good faith deposit is guaranteed by such financial surety bond. If the bonds are awarded to a bidder utilizing a financial surety bond, then that purchaser (the "Purchaser") is required to submit its good faith deposit to the Issuer or its financial advisor in the form of a cashier's check (or wire transfer such amount) as instructed by the Issuer or its financial advisor in the form of a cashier's check not later than Noon, Eastern Time, on the next business day following the award. If such good faith deposit is not received by that time, the financial surety bond may be drawn by the Issuer to satisfy the good faith deposit requirement. The good faith deposit will be retained by the Issuer. No interest shall be allowed on the good faith checks and checks of the unsuccessful bidders will be promptly returned. The good faith check of the successful bidder may be deposited immediately by the Issuer and payment for the balance of the purchase price of the bonds shall be made at the closing.

AWARD OF BONDS: The bonds will be awarded to the bidder whose bid produces the lowest interest cost computed by determining, at the rates specified in the bid, the total dollar value of all interest on the bonds from _____, 2003, to their maturity and deducting therefrom any premium and adding thereto any discount.

LEGAL OPINION: Bids shall be conditioned upon the unqualified approving opinions of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., attorneys of Detroit, Michigan, copies of which opinions will be printed on the reverse side of the respective issues of bonds, and the originals of which will be furnished without expense to the purchaser of the bonds at the delivery thereof. The fees of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. for services rendered in connection with such approving opinions are expected to be paid from bond proceeds. Except to the extent necessary to issue its unqualified approving opinions as to validity of the above bonds, Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. has not been requested to examine or review and has not examined or reviewed any financial documents, statements or materials that have been or may be furnished in connection with the authorization, issuance or marketing of the bonds, and accordingly will not express any opinion with respect to the accuracy or completeness of any such financial documents, statements or materials.

TAX EXEMPTION: In the opinion of bond counsel the bonds will be exempt from taxation in the State of Michigan and from Federal income taxation subject in both cases to certain exceptions described in bond counsel's opinion. The bonds will not be "private activity bonds."

DELIVERY OF BONDS: The Township will furnish bonds for execution at its expense. Bonds will be delivered without expense to the purchaser Detroit, Michigan, or such other place as may be mutually agreed upon. The usual closing documents, including a certificate that no litigation is pending affecting the issuance of the bonds, will be delivered at the time of the delivery of the bonds. If the bonds are not tendered for delivery by twelve o'clock noon, Eastern Standard Time, on the 45th day following the date of sale, or the first business day thereafter if said 45th day is not a business day, the successful bidder may on that day, or any time thereafter until delivery of the bonds, withdraw his proposal by serving notice of cancellation, in writing, on the undersigned in which event the Township shall promptly return the good faith deposit. Payment for the bonds shall be made in immediately available funds. Accrued interest to the date of delivery of the bonds shall be paid by the purchaser at the time of delivery. Unless the purchaser furnishes the transfer agent with a list giving the denominations and names in which the purchaser wishes to have each issue of the bonds issued at least five business days prior to the date of delivery of the bonds, each issue of the bonds may be delivered in the form of a single certificate for each maturity registered in the name of the purchaser.

CERTIFICATE REGARDING ISSUE PRICE: The successful bidder will be required to furnish, prior to the delivery of the bonds, a certificate in form acceptable to bond counsel as to the "issue price" of the bonds within the meaning of Section 1273 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

CUSIP NUMBERS: It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on said bonds, but neither the failure to print such numbers on any bonds nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the purchaser thereof to accept delivery of and pay for said bonds in accordance with terms of the purchase contract. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on said bonds shall be paid for by the Township; provided, however, that the CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of said numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the purchaser.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE: As described more fully in the Official Statement, the Township will agree in the resolution awarding the Bonds to provide or cause to be provided, in accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule") promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, (i) on or prior to the last day of the sixth month following the end of the fiscal year of the Township commencing with the fiscal year ended _____, 2003, certain annual financial information and operating data, including audited financial statements for the preceding fiscal year generally consistent with the information contained or cross-referenced in the Official Statement relating to the Bonds unaudited financial statements, or in the event audited financial statements are unavailable, (ii) respect to the Bonds and (iii) timely notice of a failure by the Township to provide the required annual financial information on or before the date specified in (i) above.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT: A copy of the Official Statement may be obtained by contacting Bendzinski & Co., Municipal Finance Advisors, at 607 Shelby, Suite 600, Detroit, Michigan 48226-3206, telephone 313-961-8220. The Official Statement is in a form deemed final as of its date by the Township for purposes of SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(1), but is subject to revision, amendment and completion of a final Official Statement. The successful bidder shall supply to the Township, within twenty-four hours after the award of the bonds, all pricing information and any underwriter identification determined by the Township to be necessary to complete the Official Statement.

The Township will furnish to the successful bidder, at no cost, two hundred (200) copies of the final Official Statement within seven business days after the award of the bonds. Additional copies will be supplied upon the bidder's agreement to pay the cost of the Township for those additional copies.

The Township shall deliver, at closing, an executed certificate to the effect that as of the date of delivery the information contained in the Official Statement, including revisions, amendments and completions as necessary, relating to the Township and the bonds is true and correct in all material respects, and that such Official Statement does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

BOND INSURANCE AT PURCHASER'S OPTION: If the Bonds qualify for issuance of any policy or municipal bond insurance or commitment therefor at the option of the bidder/purchaser, the purchase of any such insurance policy or the issuance of any such commitment shall be at the sole option and expense of the purchaser of the Bonds. Any increased costs of issuance of the Bonds resulting from such purchaser of insurance shall be paid by the purchaser, except that, if the Issuer has requested and received a rating on the Bonds from a rating agency, the Issuer will pay the fee for the requested rating. Any other rating agency fees shall be the responsibility of the purchaser.

FAILURE OF THE MUNICIPAL BOND INSURER TO ISSUE THE POLICY AFTER THE BONDS HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO THE PURCHASER SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE CAUSE FOR FAILURE OR REFUSAL BY THE PURCHASER TO ACCEPT DELIVERY OF THE BONDS FROM THE ISSUER.

THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.

ENVELOPES containing the bids should be plainly marked "Proposal for Capital Improvement Bonds".

Clerk, Charter Township of Canton

8. Defeasance. In the event cash or direct obligations of the United States or obligations the principal of and interest on which are guaranteed by the United States, or a combination thereof, the principal of and interest on which, without reinvestment, come due at times and in amounts sufficient to pay at maturity or irrevocable call for earlier options redemption, the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the bonds, shall be deposited in trust, this resolution shall be defeased and the owners of the bonds shall have no further rights under this resolution except to receive payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the bonds from the cash or securities deposited in trust and the interest and gains thereon and to transfer and exchange bonds as provided herein.

9. Disclosure. The Township covenants it shall comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") regarding continuing disclosure and herewith appoints the Director of Finance and Budget (the "Director") or his or her designee as its "Disclosure Representative" for purpose of complying with the Rule. The Director be and is hereby directed to provide annually a continuing disclosure undertaking pursuant to the Rule.

10. Useful Life of Project. The estimated period of usefulness of the Project is hereby declared to be not less than twenty (20) years.

11. Tax Covenant: Qualified Tax Exempt Obligations. The Issuer

shall, to the extent permitted by law, take all actions within its control necessary to maintain the exclusion of the interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), including, but not limited to, actions relating to any required rebate of arbitrage earnings and the expenditures and investment of Bond proceeds and moneys deemed to be Bond proceeds. The Township hereby designates the Bonds as "qualified tax exempt obligations" for purposes of deduction of interest expense by financial institutions pursuant to the Code.

12. Authorization of Other Actions. The Supervisor is authorized and directed to take all other actions necessary or advisable, and to make such other filings with any parties, to enable the sale and delivery of the Bonds as contemplated herein.

13. Rescission. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

AYES: Members: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, Shefferly, McLaughlin, LaJoy, Yack. NAYS: Members: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Township Clerk

Item 18. Truancy Ordinance Amendment 156 (A). Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to table for first reading and publication the amendment (A) to the Truancy Ordinance #156. Publication will occur on October 3, 2002. Motion carried unanimously.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE,
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
TRUANCY ORDINANCE -**

ORDINANCE NO. 156 (A) (Amended effective: 10/17/02)

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING MINORS FROM BEING TRUANT FROM SCHOOL IN PUBLIC PLACES; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES, HEARINGS AND PARENTAL OBLIGATIONS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF INVALID SECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. TRUANCY. The Township Board finds, determines and declares as follows:

There has been a general increase in crimes committed by juveniles in the Southeastern Michigan area, as well as throughout the nation. The increase in juvenile criminal activity is partly attributable to an increase in the juvenile truancy rate. School attendance is mandated by State Law until a minor reaches the age of seventeen (17) years. The Charter Township of Canton has been adversely affected by both the increase in juvenile crime and the increase in juvenile truancy. This Ordinance is designed to address truancy by minor students in public places.

SECTION 2. TRUANCY IN A PUBLIC PLACE; MINOR; EXCEPTIONS. (A) It is unlawful for any minor under the age of seventeen (17) years, who is enrolled in a public or private educational program to be absent from school and found in a public place, as defined in subsection (B) of this section, unless the minor has one of the valid excuses specified in subsection (C) of this section.

(B) For purposes of subsection (A) of this section, a minor is absent from school and found in a public place if said minor is found loitering, idling, wandering, strolling, playing, or aimlessly driving or riding about in or upon any public street, avenue, highway, road, curb area, alley, park, playground, or other public ground, public places or public building, place of amusement or eating place, vacant lot or unsupervised place, or any place open to the public during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. of the same day when said minor's school is in session.

(C) The provisions of subsection (A) of this section shall not apply under the following:

- 1) The minor has in his or her possession a written excuse from the minor's parent(s), legal guardian(s), or other adult person(s) having the legal care or custody of said minor.
- 2) The minor is accompanied by his or her parent(s), legal guardian(s), or other adult person(s) having the legal care or custody of the minor.
- 3) The minor is on an emergency errand directed by his or her parent(s), legal guardian(s), or other adult person(s) having legal care or custody of the minor.
- 4) The minor is going directly to, or returning directly from, a medical appointment.
- 5) The minor has permission to leave campus and has in his or her possession a valid, school issued, off-campus permit;
- 6) The minor is going directly to, or returning directly from, a public meeting or a place of entertainment, such as a movie, play, sporting event, dance or school activity provided such meeting, event or activity is a school-approved activity for the minor or is otherwise supervised by school personnel of the minor's school;
- 7) The presence of the minor in said place or places is connected with, or required by, a school-approved or school-related business, trade, profession or occupation in which said minor is lawfully engaged;
- 8) The minor has graduated from high school or has fulfilled all requirements for high school graduation; or
- 9) The minor is in attendance at religious instruction classes in accordance with MCL 380.1561(3)(d).
- 10) The child is being educated in an organized educational program at the child's home by his or her parent or legal guardian in accordance with the Revised School Code, Public Act 451 of 1976, as amended.

(D) Violation of subsection (A) of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a first offense and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a second or subsequent offense during the same calendar year, and or imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days. The court may set aside the fine and/or imprisonment, or any portion thereof, if the fine is based on the minor's first infraction under this section and the minor produces proof satisfactory to the court that the minor has had no prior unexcused absences from school. (Ord 156(A) amend eff. 10/17/02)

SECTION 3. ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE; PARENTAL OBLIGATIONS. (A) A minor cited for a violation under this Ordinance shall attend a court hearing and must be accompanied at the hearing by his or her parent(s), legal guardian(s), or other adult person(s) having the legal care or custody of the minor. (B) It is the obligation of the parent(s), legal guardian(s), or other adult person(s) having the legal care or custody of the minor, upon receiving notification from the court or the township, to attend any court hearing as described in subsection (A) above. Failure to so attend upon notification shall be a misdemeanor.

(C) It is the obligation of the parent(s), legal guardians, or other adult person(s) having the legal care or custody of the minor, to ensure and monitor the school attendance of the minor as required by State Law. Failure to do so shall be a misdemeanor.

SECTION 4. VIOLATION AND PENALTY. Unless otherwise provided, any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 5. REPEAL. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, except as herein provided, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

SECTION 7. SAVINGS CLAUSE. The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended.

SECTION 8. PUBLICATION. The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Adjourn: Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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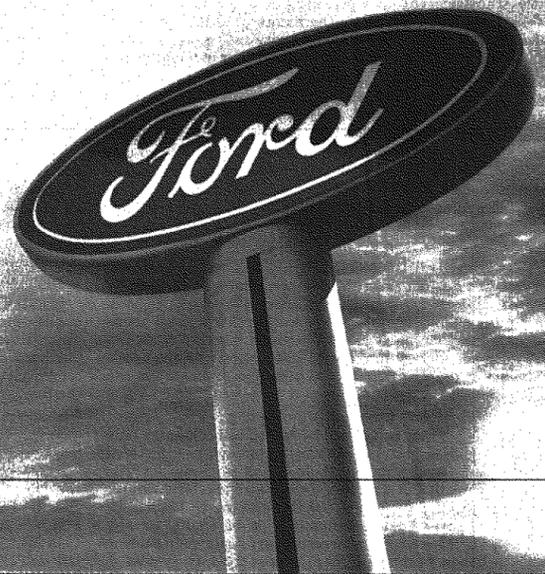
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Real Estate Inquires

Robert M.
Meisner

Price surge slows a bit in Naples

I read recently that the market conditions in Naples, Fla., which had been so good for appreciation, have slowed down. Do you have any information?

A number of people, speculators and/or investors hoping that the prices would substantially appreciate before the completion of the buildings, purchased condominiums at a preconstruction price.

While great appreciation had generally been the case over the last five or six years, with the events of 9/11, the market slowed down and there is, in some minds, a glut on the market of new and unsold units in certain high rises in the northern part of Naples.

However, whether or not this will limit the appreciation in value of approximately 20 percent a year of prime real estate remains to be seen, depending upon economic conditions.

The market still is strong in Naples because there is a limited amount of land upon which units can be constructed on or near the water.

Robert M. Meisner, a lawyer, concentrates his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. He can be reached via e-mail at rmeisner@mich.com. This column provides general information and shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

COME ON IN

Residential rental vacancy rates in the Midwest region, which includes Great Lakes and Plains states.

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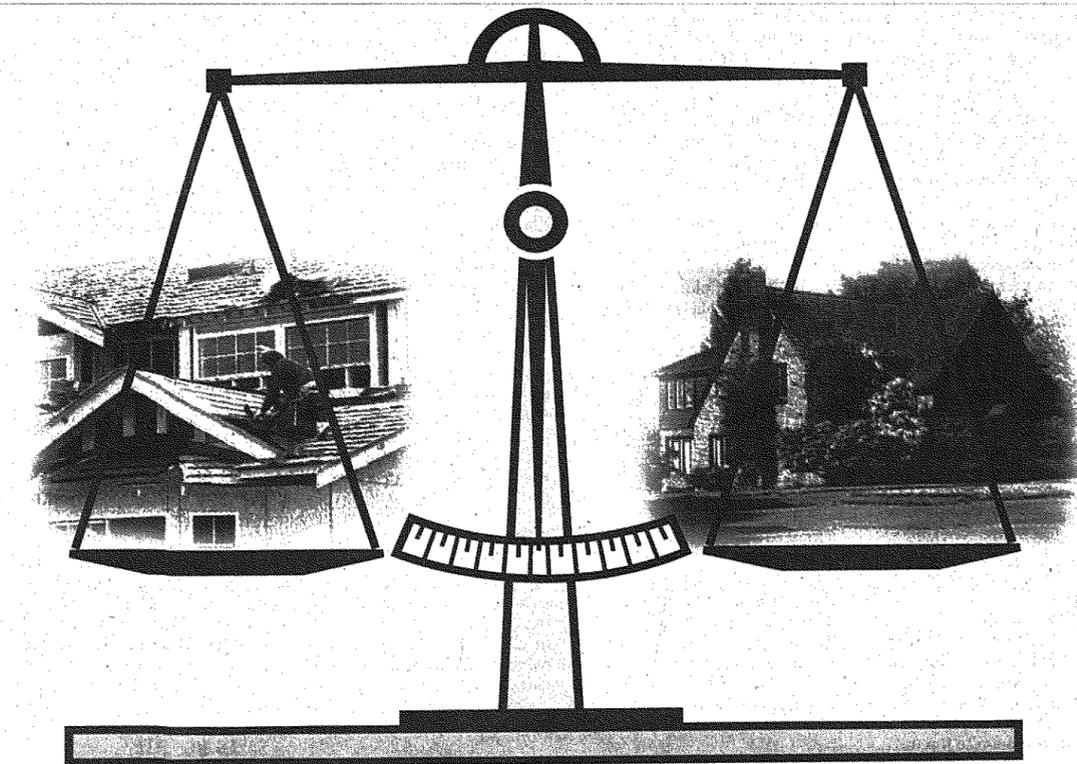
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New or used?

Realtors tout the good, bad of both

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

Somewhere far back in her 83 years, Ida Lucas learned how to sell.

"I teethered on a counter," she said of her parents' knit goods shop on Jos. Campau in Hamtramck. The lessons of then still work for her now in her continuing career in real estate sales.

No matter what you're selling, Lucas said, "The customer is king."

"As I grew up, I was always aware of the importance of good service. You do your best for your customers because they feed you," she said.

Currently, Lucas, a Southfield resident, sells new homes and is one of a number of metro area real estate people who have switched from used homes to new or the other way.

After 10 years in used, Lucas said, she got a call "from someone whose home I'd sold. He wanted help selling some condos he'd acquired. That was 27 years ago when condos weren't selling."

But she sold them. Now with Tri-Mount in Novi, Lucas sells condos in Dearborn Heights in the \$195,000-\$220,000 range. She likes that "the customer come to you." And she likes that "the place is clean."

When selling used homes, Lucas said, "If it's your listing, you tell your clients to clean up their acts and get ready to show their homes. If it isn't your listing, you don't know what you might be walking in on."

In new home sales, she said, "You know the model is clean." After cleanliness, Lucas said, comes involvement. "Get involved with your customer, with the family." Be interested in them, in their lives and their needs, and watch it pay off, she said.

"I'm now selling to the grown-up children of my customers from years back," Lucas said.

Carol Frick's switch from used home sales to new also was unplanned and unexpected. "I'd been selling used for 30 years - I started when I was six," she said with a laugh.

Frick was sales manager for Ralph Manuel Associates, Birmingham, when

she received a call from Robertson Brothers, Bloomfield Hills, a company in search of a sales manager.

"The thought of doing something new was appealing," Frick said. "It's the same basic shelter industry, but a different arena."

"The company is both developer and builder, so we take the process all the way from land acquisition right on through sales," she said. "I'm learning about wetlands, about replacing trees, all the care given to the environment in creating a new community."

"In selling used, everything is fixed in place," Frick said. "But with new, my sales counselors deal with the customer from the time they first look and up to eight to 10 months through the construction process to help with the selection of special things that go into a home."

There's a lot of hand-holding, Frick said, to sell condos ranging from \$186,000 to \$3 million.

Frick also enjoys the cleanliness of new homes. "But the looking experience is different when you're showing construction sites in varying stages of completion."

"You have a special pair of shoes" for walking up planks where front steps will be placed someday, she said. "There's something exciting about a house being built, the smell of the wood ..."

It's that same kind of excitement that drove Lou Sabatini to new home sales 18 years ago after two in used homes.

"I get to work with these customers, their decorators, architects and the craftsmen, said Sabatini, whose company, M. Louis Sabatini, is in Bloomfield Hills.

One of his current projects is the Mayflower Center, a development of 11 custom condos in Plymouth.

But Linda McCulloch, now selling used homes for about a year after 15 years selling new, will tell you that selling used "is more interesting."

Because, she said, "you can take customers to many different locations and show many different styles of homes in many different price ranges. You're not limited to one product or confined to one office all day every day."

McCulloch's life is a tale of many cities.

She lives in Wixom, works for Keller Williams in Northville and sells in Farmington Hills, Birmingham, Royal Oak and other communities in Oakland County.

She felt a lack of "people interaction" in new home sales and thinks used is best for a "self-motivated" sales person.

Another problem she saw in new sales was marketing.

"If the builder doesn't have much of an advertising budget, it's difficult to get qualified buyers. If you're selling a \$500,000 to \$700,000 product, it's not good to have a \$200,000-\$300,000 buyer come through. That's of no value to you."

A double-switcher, Cathy Dew started in used sales, after eight years went to new for five years and has been back in used 13 years, now with Weir Manuel Snyder & Ranke, Birmingham.

Her career in new was as general manager of sales and marketing for a company that had offered her an unrefusable salary.

"I hired the sales staff, did the marketing plan, the brochures. But my heart was in used. I have a lot more freedom," Dew said.

"I think there are two types who sell real estate. Those who sell new sell what's on the shelf. They don't do the actual research to find properties to satisfy customers' needs."

"When you sell used, you listen to the buyer and try to satisfy a need. It's a totally different kind of salesperson," Dew said.

Then there's Lynn Baker. She started selling used in the late '70s, then moved to new where she represented three builders from 1993-2000, and now is an associate broker with Hall & Hunter, Birmingham, where she reps five builders and also sells used.

"I hesitate to say one is better than the other," Baker said. "It depends on your own personality. Some agents don't like driving people around. Some like selling the same product over and over again. It gives them a comfortable feeling. They understand it and they become expert."

"With used, you're selling in many different cities and different price ranges. Some like to be in one place and stay there," she said.

Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo'
Phillips

Money pros align with loan officers

Would you have a "discount" heart surgeon operate on a family member? Or seek a cut-rate "e-attorney" to handle your family's estate? If not, you would probably find the value in having a professional loan officer assist you in finding your family the right mortgage.

Fiscally savvy borrowers recognize the huge value of working with professional loan officers to help them with their mortgage requirements.

They hire professionals for the other important aspects of their lives, and they recognize that making a wrong mortgage choice can cost thousands of dollars annually.

More than ever, financial planners of every sort are actively aligning themselves with full-time mortgage professionals to better serve their clients. In fact, it makes perfect sense. How can asset managers give exceptional service without taking every effort to minimize the greatest threat to a person's potential asset base—a large negative cash flow?

Since a home mortgage is the average person's greatest cash outlay, it is critical that all borrowers receive proper coaching on the benefits of different mortgage programs and loan configurations.

Wealthier borrowers have much more to gain...and much more to lose. As with other service professionals, they should strive to know their mortgage loan officer by name, and should work to feel comfortable enough with that person that they can phone him or her anytime—whether or not it's mortgage time.

The old (grammatically corrected) adage, "You get that for which you pay" holds true in mortgage lending, too. What value can you place on being able to talk to a real live person about your largest financial commitment? What is the real cost of trying to save an extra eighth of a percent online?

As a full-time mortgage broker, I have yet to see two identical home loans. Each is different and most have unique challenges that have required my personal intervention. Borrowers who originate mortgages online should make sure they have a "virtual loan officer" who will help them with unforeseen issues that may slow or halt their loan process.

Tim "Timbo" Phillips is a mortgage loan officer serving all of Michigan. You may contact him anytime at (734) 797-5522, or via e-mail at PhillipsHO@comcast.net. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

HOME Of The WEEK

1565 N. Glengarry Rd., Bloomfield Village

Gracious Colonial sits on almost 1.5 acres, nestled in desired Bloomfield Village. This home has been updated and charmingly renovated with hardwood floors throughout. It features a first floor master suite with french doors leading to a private brick patio. The family room has a fireplace & a wet bar & leads to a large cozy year round sunroom. Call Ronni Keating for a private showing.

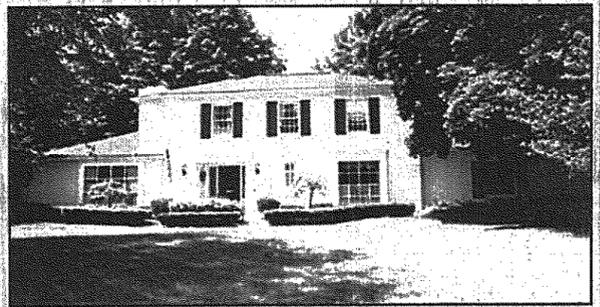


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CAREER DAYS

Real Estate One presents a free informational class on how to get into residential real estate sales noon to 1:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25, at its Farmington Hills office, 32961 Middlebelt at 14 Mile Road.

To register, call Sharon Spindler (Ext. 404) or Steve Leibhan (Ext. 405) at (248) 851-4100.

REAL ESTATE LICENSE

Schoolcraft College offers one-day continuing education classes required for annual real estate license renewals 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, Thursday, Oct. 10, and Tuesday, Oct. 29, on campus, 18600 Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Cost, which includes lunch, is \$48. To register, call (734) 462-4448.

BUILD HOME CLASS

Walled Lake Community Education and Oakland Builders Institute give a 16-hour seminar, "How to Build Your Own Home," 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Oct. 8-17, at Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail. Topics include estimating costs, building codes/permits and construction basics. Cost is \$205 plus \$25 for two textbooks. To register, call (248) 956-5000.

CONDO CLASS

Robert M. Meisner, a lawyer and columnist for the O&E, and Oakland Community College,

presents a class, "Introduction to Condominium Operation: Essentials for Success," 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 8-29, at the Bingham III Office Park, Suite 467, 30200 Telegraph Road, Bingham Farms. Cost is \$95. To register, call (248) 522-3618 or (248) 644-4433.

SALES CLASS

The sales and marketing council of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan sponsors a class, "How to Sell in a Challenging Economy," 8-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, at the Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver, Troy. Cost, which includes continental breakfast, is \$79 for sales and marketing council members, \$99 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$129 for non-members. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

BUY HOME CLASS

Flagstar Bank and RE/MAX offer a free class for home buyers 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, at Westminster Title, 39500 High pointe Blvd., Suite 140, off Haggerty between Eight and Nine Mile roads, Novi. To register, call Vicky Heaney at (248) 348-3000 Ext. 253.

REMODELING SHOW

The BIA sponsors its 10th annual Fall Remodeling Show, Friday-Sunday, Oct. 11-13, at the Novi Expo Center, Novi Road at I-96. Hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$6, \$5 for senior citizens. No charge for children 12 and under. On-site parking is an additional charge. For information, call (248) 862-1019.

Professional Real Estate Title, conducts a free class, "For Sale by Owner," 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, at Hunter Community Center, 509 Fisher Court, off Main Street north of 14 Mile Road, Clawson. To register, call (248) 231-1041.

ARCHITECTURE

Hernan Diaz Alonso is the featured speaker as part of a free lecture series sponsored by Lawrence Technological University, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, architecture building auditorium on campus, 21000 W. 10 Mile Road, Southfield. For information, call Michelle Juras at (248) 204-2880.

BUY HOME CLASS II

Juliette Bauman, a Realtor with RE/MAX Classic in Livonia, and Colonial Mortgage present a free class for home buyers 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road, Livonia. To register, call Bauman at (734) 779-9977.

LAW SEMINAR

The firm of Howard & Howard offers a free seminar, "Law for the Real Estate Professional: What You Need to Know," 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. Continental breakfast and lunch included. To register, call Sue Gates at (248) 723-0357.

SELL HOME CLASS II

Birmingham Community Education presents a class on how to go about selling a home 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, at Berkshire Middle School in Birmingham. Cost is \$12. To register, call (248) 203-3800 or visit the Web at www.communityed.net

HOMEARAMA

The BIA presents HOMEARAMA Macomb, 13 new houses for public view, now through Sunday, Oct. 6, at Cornerstone Village Subdivision, off Card Road just south of 22 Mile Road, Macomb Township. Hours are 2-9 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays. Cost is \$7, with children under 12 free. Discount coupons are available at Standard Federal Bank branch offices. For information, call (248) 862-1019.

EFFECTIVE PLANNING

Michigan State University Extension sponsors a series of classes on effective community planning 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, now through Oct. 30, at the Wayne RESA Building, 5454 Venoy, Wayne. Topics include retaining tax base and community character, environmental issues with storm water management, developing brownfields, and eliminating nuisances. Cost is \$35 per class. For information, contact Kristine L. Hahn at (313) 833-3417.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity seeks volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience needed. Training will be provided. For details, call (734) 459-7744.

FAIR HOUSING CENTER

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit, a non-profit monitoring, testing, and information organization, always needs supporters. Basic annual individual membership is \$15, basic family membership \$25 and basic organizational membership \$50.

For information, call the center at (313) 963-1274.

ENERGY CD-ROM

The Building Owners and Managers International has released a CD-ROM, "The Property Professional's Guide to Building Energy Performance." Cost is \$15 for BOMA members, \$25 for nonmembers. To purchase or obtain more information, call (800) 426-6292, or visit the Web at www.boma.org/pubs/energy_cd.htm

BIA UPDATES

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan now provides weekly updates of news and information affecting the construction industry to members via e-mail. Contact Rosalie Lamb at the association, (248) 737-4477 for details.

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

A book available from the Community Associations Institute can help community association managers and board members ensure that their playgrounds and tot lots are as safe as possible. Detailed information is provided on safety inspections and implementing an effective maintenance plan. "Playgrounds for Young Children" is available for \$40 by calling (703) 548-8600, or ordering through www.caionline.org

SALES WEB SITE

Curious as to what houses are selling for in your neighborhood? Steve Wiese of Southeastern Appraisal Corp. in Farmington Hills has updated maps on a community-by-community basis with that information on the Internet. And it's free. Just dial up www.homevaluemap.com

Position ceiling fans for every season

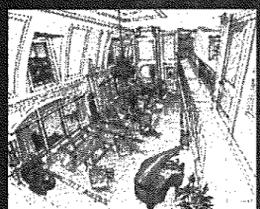
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FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Q. Kathy asks: I read your article about ceiling fans and agree wholeheartedly about their use all season long. However, one of the things I've been puzzled about is which direction should the blades be moving to push warm air downwards (for winter) and vice versa? Should they rotate clockwise (looking up at them) or counterclockwise? And is it normal for it to take four years (from the purchase date) for one's husband to install it? Thanks for your response. I'm going to write down your answer so I'll always know.

A. When the leading edge of the fan blade is lower than the trailing edge, air moves upward (winter position). When the leading edge of the blade is higher, the air moves downward (summer position). In the summer you want the fan to blow air directly downward. This position has a cooling effect on those beneath. During the winter, you want air to blow upward toward the ceiling. This causes the hot air above to blow across the ceiling and down the walls. Warm air circulates throughout the room and absorbs condensation from windows and glass doors. This improves energy efficiency and reduces mildew at window sills.

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Leo J. Brennan joins Ford & Earl Associates in Troy as vice president of marketing communications. Previously, Brennan was owner/CEO

of a marketing communications firm serving automotive suppliers, electronics, chemical, plastics and technology companies.

His design honors include a Golden Pyramid Competition Award from the Direct Marketing Association and a Citizenship Award from the Ferndale Police Dept. for school safety programs. Brennan lives in Fenton.

Fiord & Earl is involved with interior architecture and design, signage programs, exhibit design and identity/branding issues.

Arvin Meritor's 250,000-square-foot Manufacturing & Technical Center in southwest Detroit has received the first Real Estate Excellence Award from the Detroit Chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women.

The project team included F.J. Fisher LLC, West Bloomfield, developer; Campbell/Manix, Southfield, architect/contractor; G2 Consulting Group, Troy, environmental; Fox and Haengel, Canton, testing; and the firm of Maddin, Hauser, Wartell, Roth, Heller & Pesses, legal.

Several agents have affiliated with Century 21 Towne Pride, Westland.

They include Eric Pankowski, Kristie Bobbish, Henry Gomez, Ralph Eskildsen, Teresa Schoolcraft, Mikale Capen and Jamie McClendon.

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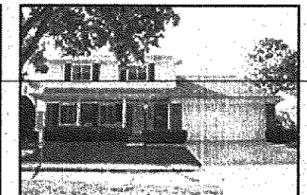
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PLYMOUTH
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FORMER MODEL. Huge fam rm w/cath, ceiling & wet bar, nat tpic, 1st flr laundry, full bsmt, updated kit cabs & flr, 4 brms, 2.5 baths, newer c/a, fresh paint, new carpet. All new windows, Granite pool w/hot, brick paver patio, much more. (P398II) \$309,900

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43640 Abbey \$287,000	7335 Heron \$482,000	1580 Manton \$200,000	44150 Westminister \$218,000	33277 Marquette \$154,000	35428 Dale \$172,000	9006 Tavistock \$168,000	26720 Joy \$51,000	34045 Blackfoot \$150,000
8327 Alton \$160,000	1132 High Ridge \$217,000	230 McDougal \$438,000	6350 Winter \$216,000	29514 Rosslyn \$123,000	36621 Dale \$130,000	9768 Tennyson \$310,000	17699 Lennane \$93,000	34106 Blackfoot \$155,000
43653 Antietam \$145,000	48167 Inverary \$429,000	277 Country Club \$408,000	2453 Woodgreen \$319,000	31224 Rosslyn \$124,000	19426 St Francis \$133,000	51171 W Hills \$326,000	13050 Laverne \$115,000	8579 Cranston \$160,000
43665 Applewood \$165,000	48266 Inverary \$401,000	2015 E Franklin \$113,000	2659 Woodsboro \$280,000	32145 Rosslyn \$167,000	14168 Stark \$165,000	24344 Lyndon \$97,000	14173 Marion \$180,000	38604 Emerald \$230,000
1478 Bayberry \$222,000	48467 Inverary \$392,000	45898 Fountain View \$325,000	539 Worthington \$252,000	28956 Sheridan \$109,000	16827 Surrey \$175,000	16890 Beech Daly \$124,000	9339 Nathalie \$139,000	8326 Gary \$155,000
41516 Bedford \$129,000	46785 Larchmont \$329,000	6800 Fox Hills \$258,000	1876 Morton Taylor \$254,000	6919 Whitby \$154,000	18351 University \$124,000	26250 5 Mile \$130,000	19201 Olympia \$40,000	7806 Manor \$88,000
1708 Brookdale \$310,000	42580 Lilley Pte \$123,000	39749 Fox Valley \$181,000	6839 New Providence \$125,000			10003 Brady \$115,000	12831 Royal Grand \$120,000	35263 Marquette \$95,000
444 Buckingham \$183,000	42818 Lilley Pte \$128,000	2025 Franklin \$110,000	7125 Poppleton \$410,000	Garden City	Livonia	17349 Brady \$110,000	14178 Sarasota \$150,000	37575 Marquette \$180,000
6982 Bunker Hill \$184,000	2150 Lone Wolf \$198,000	43999 Fred'sburg \$159,000	44740 Ridgefield \$211,000	29415 Barton \$122,000	18895 Amber \$320,000	25090 Cathedral \$136,000	20431 Seminole \$108,000	451 N Hanlon \$147,000
		47593 Glengarry \$357,000	2160 Roundtable \$211,000	31960 Bridge \$145,000	36543 Ann Arbor Tri \$243,000	14863 Dogwood \$248,000	26527 So'western \$110,000	7710 N Henry Ruff \$173,000
		42121 Hartford \$200,000	7161 Royal Villa \$390,000	32455 Brown \$165,000	18335 Arleen \$317,000	43850 Joy \$255,000	18664 Woodworth \$135,000	2009 N Walton \$87,000
				29415 Barton \$122,000	11316 Auburn \$171,000	13133 Leblanc \$318,000	20408 Delaware \$81,000	6565 Quail Run \$180,000
				6408 Dillon \$188,000	18546 Gill \$280,000	40165 Newport \$275,000	24956 Elmira \$139,000	7899 Terri \$162,000
				390 E Rose \$122,000	16192 Golfview \$116,000	40877 Newport \$127,000	39281 Armstrong \$180,000	33555 University \$131,000
				6933 Gilman \$101,000	7030 Helen \$145,000	8890 Northampton \$400,000		6085 Wilmer \$95,000
				32455 Brown \$165,000	31032 John Hawk \$157,000	51028 Plymouth Rdg \$550,000		6254 Yale \$94,000
				258 Helen \$185,000	11037 Merriman \$100,000	49954 Plymouth Way \$169,000		
				7030 Helen \$145,000	30441 Munger \$430,000			
				102 Lathers \$111,000				

HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of June 24-28, 2002, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

5711 Kingsmill \$285,000	28018 Golf Pte \$360,000	1056 Miners Run \$449,000	3566 Summit Rdg \$355,000	Walled Lake	1470 Silverbrook Rdg \$40,000
4064 Lakeridge \$565,000	28297 Grand Duke \$300,000	3541 Oakmonte \$178,000	2833 Tallahassee \$220,000	2065 Waldor \$234,000	
2629 Lamplighter \$410,000	25056 Lyncastle \$245,000	3543 Oakmonte \$188,000	1267 Thames \$320,000	122 Welfare \$139,000	
3815 Lincoln \$375,000	33681 Lyncroft \$250,000	3557 Oakmonte \$198,000	1316 Thames \$305,000	141 Wendover \$342,000	
4896 Loch Lomond \$392,000	32451 Nestlewood \$230,000	3559 Oakmonte \$178,000	1818 White Water \$335,000	553 Woodhaven \$242,000	
1958 Maplewood \$620,000	28651 Oak Pt \$335,000	1411 Pebble Ridge \$685,000	314 Willow Grove \$150,000		
2631 McClintock \$220,000	26300 Power \$668,000	322 Taylor \$2,000			
6100 Old Orchard \$190,000	28929 Ramblewd \$318,000	629 Wyngate \$484,000	Southfield	West Bloomfield	
6130 Old Orchard \$225,000	21124 Randall \$138,000		17340 Catalpa \$157,000	4164 Alston \$187,000	
122 S Cranbrook \$292,000	33584 Richwood \$180,000	Rochester Hills	21560 Constitution \$126,000	4550 Appletree \$410,000	
566 S Spinwheel \$240,000	30159 Richmond \$223,000	236 Ann Maria \$190,000	19641 Dorset \$233,000	2836 Baltane \$390,000	
1780 Sunset \$375,000	21698 Roosevelt \$174,000	1887 Ansal \$233,000	24992 Edgemont \$280,000	6334 Bentley \$528,000	
1148 Timberview \$253,000	29639 Sierra Pt \$187,000	515 Arlington \$251,000	25401 Farmbrook \$150,000	4185 Blackburn \$215,000	
4279 Wabek Lk \$379,000	23722 Springbrook \$201,000	708 Baker \$264,000	29705 Farmbrook \$151,000	1928 Bloomfield Oaks \$346,000	
541 Wadsworth \$269,000	29585 Sylvan \$188,000	1480 Colony \$178,000	19751 Filmore \$173,000	1703 Cardinal Rdg \$250,000	
	32952 Thorndyke \$285,000	972 Croydon \$260,000	28439 Glasgow \$128,000	6506 Cheyne \$470,000	
Farmington	23268 Tuck \$159,000	1691 Devonwd \$335,000	28501 Glasgow \$86,000	7373 Coldspring \$340,000	
23806 Beacon \$168,000		1967 Fairfield \$267,000	20752 Inkster \$80,000	6693 Edinborough \$315,000	
31831 Grand River \$52,000	Keego Harbor	2495 Frankson \$153,000	17612 Jeanette \$203,000	2080 Hiller \$235,000	
32040 Grand River \$102,000	2390 Pontiac \$230,000	1532 Grandview \$257,000	24850 Larpes \$200,000	4224 Macqueen \$300,000	
2110 Laurelwood \$175,000		3774 Greenwood \$465,000	17555 Lincoln \$150,000	6709 Maple Lakes \$170,000	
32832 Stocum \$110,000	Lathrup Village	809 Grovercrest \$380,000	21894 Mada \$109,000	1832 Midchester \$341,000	
32297 Valley View \$219,000	18474 Dolores \$191,000	679 Heritage \$395,000	19175 Magnolia \$180,000	1711 Mountain Ash \$429,000	
	Oakland Township	1536 Hidden Valley \$135,000	16256 Mayfair \$177,000	4911 N Clunbury \$225,000	
	1692 High Meadows \$150,000	2841 Long Meadow \$75,000	19047 Middlesex \$147,000	5298 N Peblecrk \$215,000	
	210 Indianside \$225,000	410 Maplehill \$167,000	20201 Midway \$119,000	7241 Oakwood \$405,000	
	2424 Pond Vallee \$400,000	425 Millstone \$300,000	20452 Midway \$86,000	4111 Old Dominion \$349,000	
		1692 Morningside \$230,000	15600 Pennsylvania \$187,000	2127 Peachtree \$365,000	
		3228 Norton Lawn \$186,000	20314 Rodeo \$188,000	6958 Pebble Pk \$225,000	
		1792 Old Homestd \$455,000	17360 Roseland \$131,000	7408 Pebble Pte \$200,000	
		127 Old Perch \$180,000	26704 Senator \$75,000	5415 Pocono \$235,000	
		343 Old Ridge \$270,000	30224 Southfield \$80,000	6028 Quaker Hill \$250,000	
		1959 Rainbow \$645,000	30244 Southfield \$90,000	3623 Sancroft \$175,000	
		1626 River View \$150,000	18591 W 10 Mile \$620,000	2288 Shore Hill \$380,000	
		1630 River View \$147,000	17439 W 13 Mile \$155,000	4301 Somerville \$327,000	
		1614 Rivers Edge \$144,000	16211 W 9 Mile \$154,000	6886 W Knollwood \$410,000	
		3658 Samuel \$170,000	18778 Webster \$129,000	7642 Waitford \$510,000	
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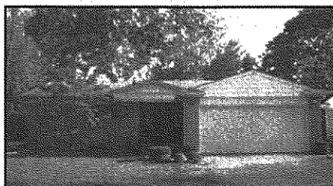
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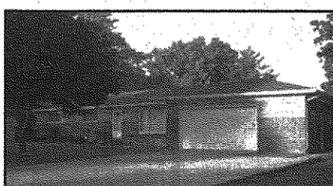
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And it's for sale.
For \$1.3 million, you could own Terra Rubra - Latin for "red earth" - the 149-acre farm along Pipe Creek where the author of The Star-Spangled Banner played, learned patriotism and entertained his grandchildren.

"I really can't remember when a house of this significance has come on the market in Maryland," said Charen Rubin, the property's real-estate broker.

She said she has gotten more than 20 serious inquiries from around the country since the owner, the Terra Rubra Home Trust, put the place on the market Aug. 15.

Trustee Terri Baker, who has lived in the four-bedroom, two-story house for 29 years, said the estate - which includes a huge barn and several outbuildings - has become too big for her and daughter Tenni, 16.

"I want something that's kind of downsizing and empty nest," Baker said.

Selling also makes sense financially. Demand for residential real estate has risen sharply since her father, Lee Brown, bought Terra Rubra for about \$250,000 as an investment in 1974.

"It's a good market," said Baker, a National Cancer Institute biologist.

She will leave behind memories of the goats, sheep, cattle and horses she raised there, as well as plank floors and hand-forged hardware that date to at least 1865, when the house was rebuilt after an 1858 windstorm.

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The cellar and chimneys date to 1770, when Key's grandfather, Philip Key, first settled in the hilly area 40 miles northwest of Baltimore.

The new owner will have to contend with tourists who drop in unexpectedly about a once a month after spotting the estate on state road maps.

Most realize it's not a museum as they come up the driveway but some ask for tours, Baker said.

"It's never really been a burden over the years," she said.

The buildings and grounds appear well-kept, although not always with an eye toward historic preservation.

One bedroom is wallpapered with a stars and space shuttles design. The kitchen is thoroughly modern, and the carriage house contains a hot tub, water bed and bar.

The dining room decor better reflects the home's history.

An oil portrait of Key hangs on one wall, opposite a framed reprint of the poem he wrote after witnessing the British shelling of Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor the night of Sept. 13, 1814.

The poem, with music borrowed from an English pub song, *To Anacreon in Heaven*, was declared the national anthem in 1931.

Key was born at Terra Rubra, then a 3,000-acre plantation, on Aug. 1, 1780.

His father, John Ross Key, a circuit judge, told the boy thrilling stories of his service in the revolutionary army, according to a 1937 biography, Francis Scott Key: Life and Times, by Edward S. Delaplaine.

At age 10, Key was sent to grammar school at St. John's College in Annapolis, where he lived with relatives. He also received his bachelor's and law degrees there, returning home to Terra Rubra in the summers.

He practiced law in nearby Frederick and later in Washington, but treasured his visits to Terra Rubra, which he inherited and willed to his wife, Polly.

Delaplaine quotes an unidentified granddaughter's recollection of Key riding on horseback beside his grandchildren during wagon rides around the farm.

The family kept slaves. Baker and Rubin identified one bedroom as former slave sleeping quarters, and a slave graveyard is marked on the property.

Key, who is buried at Mount Olivet cemetery in Frederick, condemned the buying and selling of slaves for profit but also opposed freeing slaves unconditionally, favoring instead the concept of sending liberated slaves to Africa, according to biographers.

Terra Rubra eventually passed out of Key family ownership, and the estate's acreage dwindled as parts were sold off to pay debts.

Real estate agent Rubin, president of Frederick-based Historic Properties Associates, said the property, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, may be especially appealing as horse farm.

Although some of the farmland is protected by agricultural easements, the estate could be carved up into eight new subdivision lots under local zoning laws.

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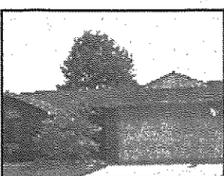
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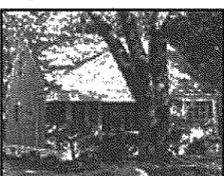
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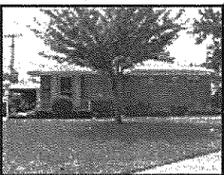
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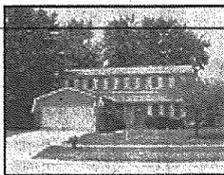
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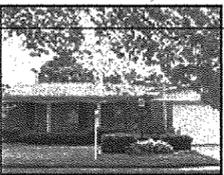
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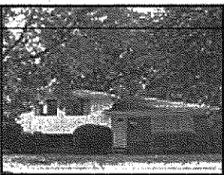
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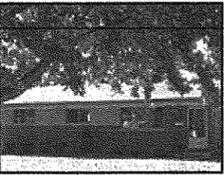
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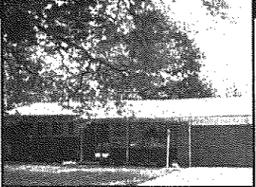
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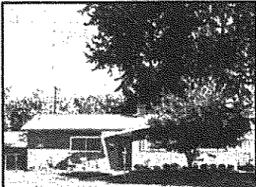
NOVI - Sharp Tudor in Novi. 3 BR, 2.5 BA home w/beautiful hardwood floors & kit cabs, family room w/frplc that leads to a w/o deck, cathedral ceiling in LR, 1st floor laundry. Master bedroom w/WI closet & bath. \$305,000 (19SQU) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Unique home on approx. 1.65 acres. 5 BR, 2 BA, 2 lav w/spacious kitchen w/custom cherry cabs & breakfast room w/frplc. Fin bsmt w/glass block bar & 1/2 BA. 3 car attached garage leads to a great 2 BR, 1 BA, LR w/FP & knotty pine added home. \$329,900 (01NOR) 248-349-5600



CANTON - Condo Living. Open floor plan offers spacious LR. Open kitchen & dining room. 3 BR, 1.5 BA w/partially finished basement. Great location w/Plymouth-Canton schools. Private entry. \$129,900 (16NEW) 248-349-5600



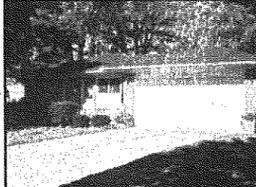
WESTLAND - Westland's Finest! 3 BR, 1 BA brick ranch w/newer roof & furnace, brand new Wallside windows, new doorwall, heated Florida room, remodeled bath w/ceramic tub surround. Nicely landscaped. \$132,000 (70AVO) 734-455-5600



CANTON - Cul-De-Sac Location! 3 BR, 2 BA ranch updated in Pickwick Village! Kitchen w/new hardwood floors, 1st floor laundry, new carpet in LR & BRs. Baths remodeled w/ceramic floor, newer landscaping. \$223,000 (71HIG) 734-455-5600



CANTON - Woods, Pond & Peaceful! 3 BR, 2 BA. Don't miss this updated and exquisite ranch! Newer roof, C/A, siding & water heater. All of this on a 1.3 acre lot overlooking pond, stream & woods! \$284,900 (34THO) 734-455-5600



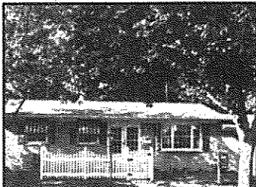
FERNDALE - Very nice home. 3 BR ranch with nice finished basement w/kitchen, lav & fireplace, 2 car garage w/opener, C/A & some newer windows & large yard. \$139,000 (71SCO) 248-349-5600



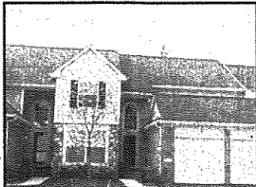
LIVONIA - Country lot and more. This spacious ranch has 3 BR, 2 BA w/in basement, frplc, C/A, freshly painted & carpeted t/o. So many updates. Livonia schools. All this and it's in move-in condition. \$209,900 (03LIV) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Best buy on this great home w/Stevenson schools. 3 BR, 1.5 BA. Bright, open floor plan, hardwood & newer carpet. Formal living room, family room w/brick hearth fireplace, light airy kitchen. Entertainment-sized deck. Neutral decor t/o. \$204,500 (44FIT) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH - Move Right In! 3 BR brick ranch w/over 1200 sf. Open floor plan, family room w/fireplace, large country kitchen w/some updates, hardwood floors in living room & bedrooms. Newer Andersen windows, furnace, C/A, 2.5 car garage. \$187,500 (46BIR) 734-455-5600



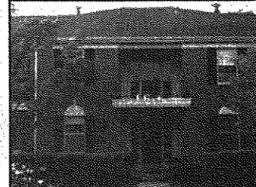
CANTON - Immaculate & Tasteful! 2 BR, 2.5 BA 2-story condo w/approx \$15,000 in upgrades! 2-story foyer opens to LR w/FP, kitchen w/Oak cabs, dining area & LR w/doorwall to deck overlooking pond, 2 car attached garage. \$249,999 (01HOG) 734-455-5600

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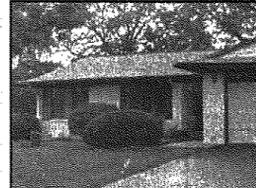
FERNDALE - Investment Potential. Let this 2 bedroom ranch home give you what the stock market can't - Equity. Detached garage and laundry room. \$82,900 (36PIN) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Livonia Colonial! 3 BR, 2.5 BA. Nice home in nice neighborhood. Newer carpet & flooring, 2 car attached garage, C/A, finished basement, deck, dining room & kitchen appliances included, brick paver driveway. \$229,900 (00BRO) 734-455-5600



GARDEN CITY - Absolutely Adorable! 2 BR ranch, great starter home is ready to move right into! Roof, furnace, C/A, windows, siding, kitchen & bath all updated within last 2 years, kitchen & bath ceramic, 265 ft. deep lot. \$109,900 (22JOH) 734-455-5600



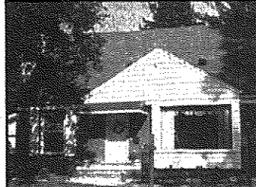
NOVI - Most desirable sub. 3 BR, 2.5 BA ranch w/wood flooring at entrance & other areas. Beautifully remodeled kitchen w/Jennaire, stove & trash compactor. Family room w/natural fireplace, finished basement w/1/2 bath & glass block windows. \$229,900 (17HEA) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH - Truly a Diamond. Well appointed cape cod. 1st floor master, upgraded appls, hardwood flrs, w/o LL & deck w/pond view. Home shows better than new. Open spacious feeling inside & out. Premium elevation. \$314,900 (64WAT) 248-349-5600



SOUTH LYON - Barely Lived In! 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial. 2-story foyer, kitchen w/hardwood floors & island, formal dining room, living room & family room w/fireplace, neutral tones thru-out, 1st floor laundry, walk-out basement, large deck. \$397,500 (35BUC) 734-455-5600



REDFORD - Sharp Brick Home! 3 BR, 1.5 BA family room w/fireplace, deck, finished basement, C/A, newer cement, windows, carpeting, hardwood floors & updated baths, glass block windows, steel doors. \$146,900 (66NOR) 734-455-5600



NORTHVILLE - Northville Best Buy! 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial w/4200 useable sq. ft. Original 3 season sunroom w/daded fireplace, forced air & electric heat. Updated kitchen, basement, roof, furnace, A/C, deck & landscaping. \$454,000 (04WAT) 734-455-5600



HAMBURG - Gorgeous treed lot. 3 BA, 1.5 BA ranch w/deck off back for entertaining. Built-in oven/range country kitchen. Partially finished basement with fireplace. Hot tub, heated 2 car garage & extra carport. \$167,000 (70ROB) 248-349-5600



NOVI - Clean 2 BR condo. Nice, well kept 2 BR unit located in popular Country Place w/newer windows, refrigerator, washer/dryer & garbage disposal. Family room w/natural fireplace, finished basement w/1/2 bath & glass block windows. \$229,900 (17HEA) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE - A Cut Above. Resort style living w/perfect waterfront views. 2 BR, 3.5 BA condo. Loft/study, 2 fireplaces, mirror wall, DR/door to private deck, finished w/o LL/door to terrace leads to deck. FFL. Meticulous landscaping. \$419,900 (53BLU) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Country Living in City! 3 BR, 1.5 BA w/towering trees. Sprawling 1978 sf ranch on over 1.6 acres in Livonia! 2 fireplaces, family room, formal dining room & eat-in kitchen, 2.5 car garage & Florida room. \$339,000 (33CUR) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN - Move In Condition! 3 BR, 1.5 BA. Delightful 8x6 Florida room, garden vinyl windows in clean basement, beautiful oak woodwork & stairway, new storm & garage doors, great terms, home warranty. \$149,900 (06QUE) 734-455-5600



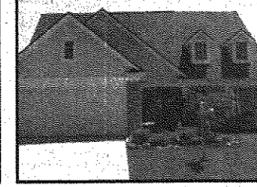
LIVONIA - Country in The City! 3 BR, 2 BA. 1998 contemporary has a huge lot (270') and a first floor master BR, 2 full baths, huge basement, set back from the road, wooded backyard, 2 car garage & basement. \$224,900 (38WAY) 734-455-5600



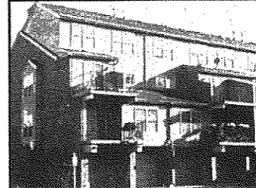
WEST BLOOMFIELD - Outstanding 2 BR, 2 BA ranch condo. Great floor plan. LR w/2 sided gas log FP. For DR + lib or 3 BR. MBR suite w/WIC, add'l closets & bath, FFL w/B-I's, updated gourmet kitchen including B-I appliances, sound system in many rooms. Neutral. \$234,900 (85PEB) 248-349-5600



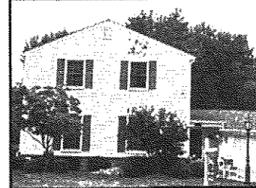
SOUTHFIELD - Great Opportunity. Brick ranch on approx. 1 beautiful acre w/2 BR, 1.5 BA, FR, DR, large eat-in kitchen. Knotty pine interior for up north feel. Partially finished bsmt w/B-I bar. MBR w/WIC & built-ins. Newer roof, furn, HWH, C/A & att 2 car garage. \$189,900 (14FOR) 248-349-5600



SOUTH LYON - Elegant Cape Cod. 3 BR, 3.5 BA brick in Trotter's Pointe. Great room w/cathedral ceilings, fireplace, DR & library. White kitchen w/oak floor. Finished basement w/guest bedroom & full bath. Professionally landscaped w/patio. \$278,000 (71COL) 248-349-5600



DEARBORN - Bright & Beautiful! 2 BR, 2 BA condo end unit. Mirrored baths, kitchen w/cherry cabs, 3rd level w/master suite, 2nd level w/LR, BR, bath & laundry, lower level w/storage & entry to garage. 3-sided fireplace. \$178,000 (26GEO) 734-455-5600



NORTHVILLE - Whisper Wood Sub! 4 BR, 3.5 BA beautifully remodeled colonial, new kit w/hickory cabs & granite center, large great room w/fireplace, Peila-doorwall to cedar deck w/hot tub, Andersen windows, newer roof, finished basement. \$359,900 (06STE) 734-455-5600



WIXOM - Need Fast Sale! 3 BR Tri-Level. Spacious pie shaped lot. Open floor plan, oak cabs in large kitchen w/doorwall to deck, brand new wood fenced, new ceramic tile in bath, slate in landing, newer carpet. \$184,900 (36WEN) 734-455-5600



HOWELL - Move to the country. 4 BR, 2 BA farming on approximately 40 acres. Included is pole barn, 2 storage sheds, chicken coop & barn w/grainery & horse stalls. The acreage includes hay to harvest & woods. \$320,000 (22OAK) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Unique, warm & inviting. 3 BR, 2 BA ranch w/2 fireplaces & large lot. Large heated garage, sauna, hot tub, hardwood flooring, newly remodeled kitchen, lush herb & perennial gardens. Frank Lloyd Wright style home. \$235,000 (75BLU) 248-349-5600



NOVI - One of a Kind! Exceptional 3 BR custom contemporary. Great room w/fireplace, cathedral ceiling, separate dining room & 2nd story loft, first floor laundry, finished basement, private corner lot - very nice. \$319,900 (25PHI) 248-349-5600



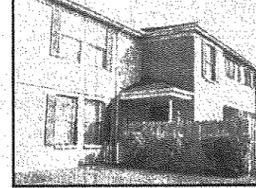
CANTON - Transfer Forces Sale! 4 BR, 3.5 BA formal LR w/French doors, family room w/fireplace, formal DR, eat-in kitchen w/oak cabs, island & doorwall to deck, finished basement w/full bath & dry bar, 2nd floor laundry, master suite. \$314,900 (70GLE) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - Look No Further! 3 BR, 2 BA. Spacious 2nd floor ranch condo overlooking Hines Park. Fireplace in living room w/access to deck, 1 car garage, storage room in basement, open floor plan & neutral decor. \$162,900 (71SYC) 734-455-5600



NOVI - Brand New Novi Condo! 2 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 car garage, soaring ceilings, hardwood floors, oak & ceramic baths, 1st floor laundry, basement, large loft area, Moeen fixtures. All for under \$240,000! \$239,900 (19YEA) 734-455-5600



NORTHVILLE - Northville Condo. 2 BR, 2 BA upper ranch. Soaring cath ceiling in LR, DR & Kit. Kit w/almond cabs, floor & counter. MBR has private bath & VIC. Generous closets t/o. Encl balcony for 3 season sunset view. Neutral. \$132,900 (77NOR) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE - Beautifully updated 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial in Whisperwood Sub. Andersen windows t/o. Beautifully landscaped private yard. Northville schools. Won't last long. Motivated sellers. \$329,900 (05AMB) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE - Private Backyard. Custom built 3 BR, 3 BA cape cod with-in walking distance to town. Picturesque views from the 2-story windows in the large GR w/hardwood floors & frplc. Partially fin LL w/o with add'l sq. footage. \$384,000 (90GRA) 248-349-5600

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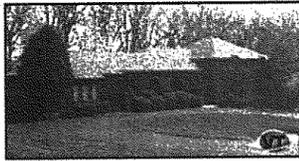
PLYMOUTH \$799,000
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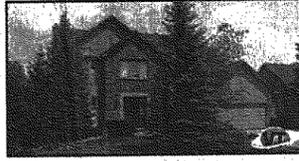
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FABULOUS NORTHVILLE COLONIAL with fin'd w/O! 4 BR, 2.5 baths, hdwd flrs, neutral decor, lg FR w/frpl, LR & DR w/bay windows. Newer interior/exterior paint, tiered deck. (56CAM2)

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FARMINGTON HILLS \$244,700
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ROOM TO ROAM! Huge ranch (2352 sq ft) on almost a half acre lot. 3 lg BR, family rm, 2 car attached garage, new roof July 02. (D26135)

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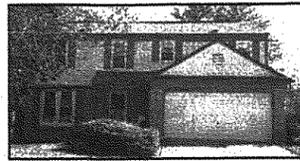
LIVONIA \$219,900
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CANTON \$212,000
GREAT FAMILY HOME 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial. Large master suite, open kitchen with white cabinets, eating area opens to deck. Neutral decor. Home warranty. (23R2343)

734-455-7000



WAYNE \$199,900
ORIGINAL DUPLEX NESTED IN WAYNE Both units 3 bedrooms, basement. Updates include furnace one side, 100 amps, roof on garage, seller also rents garage sep. Must sell land contract or 1031/cash. (P357)

734-326-2000



LIVONIA \$189,900
THIS IS WHAT EVERY BUYER WANTS! Location! Pool! 1/2 acre lot, master w/full bath, large bedrooms, updates galore. Hurry! (W27995)

734-591-9200



FARMINGTON HILLS \$174,900
DON'T WAIT! HURRY BEFORE IT'S GONE! This 2184 sq ft brick colonial offers 4 BR, 2 car att'd garage & breezeway, new paver walkway, huge 21x12 eat in country kitchen that looks onto .66 acre lot! (S20969)

734-591-9200



WESTLAND \$167,900
FABULOUS FEATURES 2 BE FOUND in this 3 bedroom 2 bath Westland Ranch in Livonia Schools, 2 1/2 car garage, hardwood floors, rec room w/gas fireplace and C/A. (A769)

734-326-2000



LIVONIA \$164,999
THIS HOUSE IS ALL BRICK Updates include: windows, re-shingled roof early 90's, new furnace & C/A. 2.5 garage. Detroit Edison will be removing 4 trees in the back yard. (H922)

734-326-2000



LIVONIA \$154,900
SOLID & REASSURING! Ranch home w/ 3 bdrms & 1 full bath on first floor. Finished bsmt w/toilet room. Lovely yard w/raised patio w/foundation. Greenhouse attached to garage. (23W29174)

734-455-7000



LIVONIA \$149,900
GREAT LOCATION IN LIVONIA! Nice park 1 1/2 blocks away! This ranch offers a nice lot w/private yd, LR w/coved ceilings, deck, 20x30 garage and much more! Updated kit cabinets, wndws, rf. (A14984)

734-591-9200



GARDEN CITY \$139,900
GARDEN CITY RANCH WITH A DECK AND GAZEBO Newer shingles, refinished hardwood floors, newer white kitchen cabinets. Newer counter, sink & flooring, beautifully finished basement with recessed lights. (S284)

734-326-2000



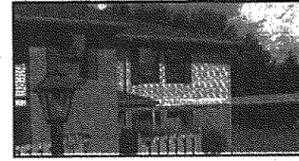
WESTLAND \$136,900
BEAUTIFUL NEWER HOME ON ALMOST 1 ACRE wooded lot located on quiet street. All appliances included, C/O complete, moving in at closing. Double lot. (P283)

734-326-2000



REDFORD \$134,900
SOUTH REDFORD BEAUTY! Move in condition - 3 BR, 1.5 BA, fin bsmt, brk ranch, 2 car garage, landscaped & fenced yd, new rf, furnace w/ac, updated elec & plumb. (G12861)

734-591-9200



NORTHVILLE \$134,900
CREAM PUFF, IMMACULATE NORTHVILLE CONDO! 2 BR, upper-level, 1-story, w/vaulted ceilings & open flr plan. 2 full baths, 2 carports, nicely decorated in neutral tones. So affordable! (81NOR2)

248-348-6430



REDFORD \$134,500
ALL WORK IS DONE! JUST MOVE IN Oak kit w/blt-in ovens & cooktop(01), bath(00), elec(01), plumb(01), rf(95), furn(91), wind rms & carpet(02). Too much to list! A must see! (B17229)

734-591-9200



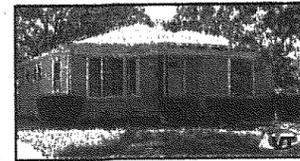
REDFORD \$129,900
GREAT VALUE ON THIS full brick bungalow in South Redford! Full bsmt, some newer wndws, 2.5 car garage, c/a, upstairs BR w/adjacent 9x6 study area was finished 2 yrs ago. Much more. (N11416)

734-591-9200



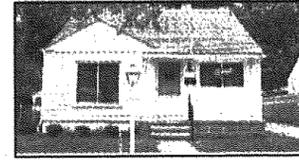
GARDEN CITY \$129,900
RAINBOW'S END 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, one a gorgeous master, features some newer windows, siding, furnace, air, plumbing, electrical, ceiling fans and an updated kitchen. (H603)

734-326-2000



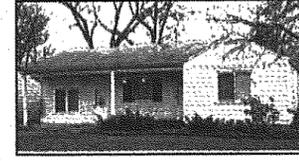
REDFORD \$127,900
JUST UNPACK - IT'S ALL DONE! 3 BR, 2 full BA, new vinyl siding, gutters, wndws, drs, gar rf. Kit is totally updated and lg fin bsmt has bar w/poss 4th BR. Nice fenced yd w/shade tree. (G20504)

734-591-9200



REDFORD \$124,900
CHARMING BUNGALOW IN QUIET REDFORD UNION neighborhood. Newer windows, rf, & aluminum siding. Fenced in treed backyard w/one car garage. Basement is finished. Updated kitchen, & newer carpeting. (W20539)

734-591-9200



LIVONIA \$124,900
NO TIME TO WAIT! This cute 1276 sq ft 3 BR ranch is located on a lg lot. Offering updates including a new furnace, hwh, vinyl wndws, bath, & more! (L20435)

734-591-9200



KEEGO HARBOR \$123,900
DON'T WORRY BE HAPPY And you will be as the owner of this 2 bdrm, ground level, ranch condo w/ access to both Cass & Sylvan lakes. Open floor plan. This is a must see. (23C1615)

734-455-7000



REDFORD \$119,900
DECORATED TO PERFECTION! Absolutely gorgeous home, beautifully fin'd hdwd flrs, light & bright kitchen, updated bath, c/a, full bsmt, shows like a model home! (09FIV2)

248-348-6430



INKSTER \$94,900
BRAND NEW CONSTRUCTION 3 bdrm, 2 walk-in closets, 2 baths, open floor plan. Oak raised panel cabinets w/lazy susan, pull out shelves, snack bar. Vinyl windows, 6 panel interior doors. (H300)

734-326-2000



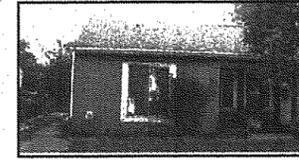
INKSTER \$94,000
YOU'LL BE SOLD ON THIS 3 BEDROOM RANCH located in a wooded area of Inkster. Be the first to say I'll take it! (R259)

734-326-2000



WARREN \$89,900
MUST SEE THE INSIDE, MOVE IN CONDITION! Beautifully updt'd Ranch features: newer roof, carpet, paint, hwh, double fenced yard, spacious rooms & deck. Quick possession. You'll be pleasantly surprised! (67PAC2)

248-348-6430



WAYNE \$89,900
LAND CONTRACT OR 1031/CASH This 3 bedroom Ranch has an updated furnace, hot water tank, fenced. (V422)

734-326-2000

LIVONIA \$269,900
GREAT FAMILY HOME in Idle Hills Estates! 5 BR, 3 bths, FR w/FP, beautiful yard w/wheated pool, deck, gazebo, bbq grill, patio/lower gardens. Original owners gave this home TLC! (47ELL2)

248-348-6430

PLYMOUTH \$190,000
PLYMOUTH BUNGALOW 1428 sq ft of quality living area. 4 BR, 1 BA, LR w/FP. Everything is new: rf, wndws, doors, kit, bath, plumb, furn w/ac, elec. 2 car heated gar w/wrk shp. (A40758)

\$190,000

734-591-9200

REDFORD \$175,900
MOVE RIGHT IN TO THIS WELL CARED FOR 3 BR brk ranch - 3rd BR currently used as a dining room - family and mudroom addition - newer furn, rf, a/c, wndws, curment. Must see to appreciate! (C25954)

\$175,900

734-591-9200

REDFORD \$153,900
3 BR, BRICK BUNGALOW, PRICED TO SELL! Come ready to roll up your sleeves & discover the charm of this solid brick home. New roof & gutters in 2000. Lg fenced yard w/deck. (94BEE2)

\$153,900

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Call Info Line at 888-REO-LIST, punch in the PC code #, get information!

Office Clerical 5020
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
 Community Development
 Starting Range
 \$26,651 - \$28,413

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH is accepting applications for the position of **Administrative Assistant**. Requirements include, High School Diploma or equivalent, and completion of two years of college or business/vocational school. Must have one to three years of previously related experience. Advance skills of Microsoft and other computer programs, typing at least 65 wpm. Excellent verbal and communication skills. Ability to set priorities, work on multiple tasks simultaneously and meet deadlines. Also must be able to use good judgement and initiative.

Applications and job descriptions are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm in the Township Clerk's Office, 42350 Ann Arbor Rd. (at the corner of Lilley Rd.) Applications must be picked up, resumes without applications will not be accepted. Application deadline is Friday, October 11, 2002 at 4:00pm.

Township is an equal opportunity employer.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
 Growing company in Walled Lake. 2 yrs experience, knowledge of MS Word & Excel, excellent organizational & communication skills. Salaried position w/benefits. EOE.

FAX or Email resume w/salary history to (248) 960-8908 resumes@healthmaster.com.

APPOINTMENT SETTERS
 Growing Westland home improvement company needs exp. appointment setters. Base salary & commission pays real professionals up to \$800/wk. Please call Jim at 734-524-0003

Automotive Receptionist
 Cashier Multi-franchise Import Dealer is seeking applicants for this full time position. Overtime is required. This high volume facility offers a very competitive benefits package that includes 401K, medical, dental, paid holidays, vacation pay, merchandise discount. Contact Rory Williams at (248) 522-1801 or fax resume to (248) 522-1817

BILLING CLERK
 Full-time, Plymouth area, data entry exp. \$10/hr. plus benefits. Fax resume to: 734-354-6951 attn: Dee.

BOOKKEEPER/CONTROLLER/GENERAL OFFICE SALARY OPEN
 Full charge of Peach Tree & Excel, accounting and financial reporting. Looking for long term relationship with integrity & loyalty. Apply in person 10am-2pm, Mr. N., Contractors Fence, 14900 Telegraph Rd., Redford, MI 48239 or fax Res: 313-592-8401

CLERICAL
 Full-time. I need a good helping hand from someone proficient in Excel & Word. Call me in our newly opened facility. Office between 12 Noon & 6pm for an apt. so we can talk about your interest. Ask for Helen, 734-459-3500

CLERICAL
 Ideal for students/others. 4 hrs/day. Mon-Fri. Must be good with figures, detail oriented, organized. Southfield. Raelyn 248-355-1000 ext 314 Joe Panian Chevrolet

CLOSER
 Livonia based mortgage lender seeks Processor/Closer for full or part-time position. Competitive salary & benefit package. Great team oriented working environment! 1 Yr. experience necessary. Fax resume in confidence to 734-524-0600

COLLECTION FOLLOW-UP/BILLING
 available in busy Farmington Health Care Facility. Fax resume to 248-471-6682

Office Clerical 5020
CUSTOMER SERVICE/TELEPHONE SALES
 An established and well recognized bottler and distributor of water products is looking for talented individuals to work at its Plymouth location. Responsibilities include taking incoming calls from customers, data entry and dependability. No evenings and minimal weekends. Daily wage + commission, great benefit package, including 401K.

Send resume to: Telephone Sales #11 P.O. BOX 701220 PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

Or fax resume to: 734-416-3810

e-mail: hr_manufacturing@hotmail.com

E.O.E.

DATA ENTRY - 10 key pad speed required. Must have experience with Microsoft Excel. Call 248-307-0052

LEGAL SECRETARY
 Farmington Hills law firm seeks legal secretary with litigation & WC background. Excellent typing and computer skills required including Microsoft word and dictation. Excellent benefits. Fax resume toll free to: 877-557-5299

LEGAL SECRETARY
 Full or Part-Time, experienced. Nice salary & benefit package. Fax resume to: Sondra: 248-723-1659 or email: sirmms@provide.net

LEGAL SECRETARY
 Needed part-time (afternoons preferred) for Southfield law firm specializing in labor law. 2-5 years experience required. Send resume to: 400 Galleria Office Centre, Suite 117, Southfield, MI 48034. Fax (248) 354-8656 E-mail: dyork@kmsmc.com

LEGAL SECRETARY
 Southfield law firm is looking for a full-time secretary. Excellent salary and benefits. Experienced with knowledge of WP9 preferred. Professional dress required. Send resume: Box #1493, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150.

MATURE PERSON with good computer & phone skills, experience in accounts receivable and collection, non-smoking office. Fax resume to 313-531-0478

OFFICE ASSISTANT
 Corporate Headquarters seeks administrative support employee with strong communications and M/S skills. Top benefits.

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PARALEGAL
 Experienced for Family Law Practice

LEGAL SECRETARY
 Experienced for Birmingham law firm. Call Marie at... 248-258-7074

RECEPTIONIST PART-TIME
 afternoons for childcare center. Call (248) 645-1811 EOE.

RECEPTIONIST NEEDED
 Part-time, permanent. Wayne area. Looking for mature, responsible person with clear, pleasant voice, who enjoys working with the public. Typing, filing, & math abilities a must. 5 1/2 hrs/day, 5 days/wk. No benefits. Call (586) 773-3300, between 9-5.

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 Full time, Plymouth area. Looking for mature, responsible person with clear, pleasant voice who enjoys working with the public. Typing, filing, and math abilities a must. 35 hrs/week. Benefits. No computer skills necessary. Call (586) 773-3300, between 9-5.

RECEPTIONIST
 Small law office, entry level. Computer skills necessary. (248) 262-3200

RECEPTIONIST TROY LAW FIRM
 Work with great people. Switchboard, mail, data entry, etc. Professional & extravert, 8-5pm, benefits. Fax resume to Chris at: 248-362-0422

Office Clerical 5020
RECEPTIONIST WANTED
 Part-time hours available at Re/Max 100 at the Northville & Novi branches. Please contact Jessica or Judy at (248) 348-3300

RECEPTIONIST/ASSISTANT
 Part-time AM. Some experience. MS Office helpful. Located in Farmington Hills. Fax resume to: 248-865-3203 Or email: HR@almosna.com

RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY
PART TIME-MORNINGS
 Recent phone experience helpful and should type 35 wpm accurately. For large residential building company located in 13 Mile/Orchard Lake Road area. Must be able to start work at 7:45 am sharp Mon. thru Fri., and work until noon or 1pm. Please fax resume to attention "Office Manager" at 248-539-2125, or email: "Help Wanted @edwardrose.com".

RECEPTIONIST/PATIENT RETENTION COORDINATOR
 Needed for progressive optical office. Part-time, no weekends. Must be professional & dependable. Salary commensurate with experience. Call: 734-981-5831 btwn. 11am-3pm.

Receptionist/Secretary
 Management consulting firm in Farmington Hills. Must have at least 3 years experience in a professional environment. Current references required. Proficient in computer (Excel, Word), spelling, grammar and typing skills. Professional phone and communication skills a must. Excellent salary and benefits. Fax resume to: 248-855-6276

SECRETARY
 needed for Livonia law office, approx. 30hrs/wk. 734-513-2200

SECRETARY
 20hrs/wk. Inside sales, order processing, typing and computer use. P. O. Box 700840, Plymouth, MI 48170

SECRETARY - Small home improvement business needs full-time office help. Must have good computer skills. Call Wednesdays only (734) 454-1140

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SECRETARY
 NW Detroit lumber co. seeks Secretary, Phone and data entry. Mon. - Fri., 8-5pm. Salary & benefits. (313) 834-6770

SECRETARY
 Part time, 25-30 hours/week, \$12/hour. Excellent typing skills, Microsoft Office & Excel required. Outpatient physical therapy clinic in Farmington. Fax resume 248-888-1234

SECRETARY/COORDINATOR
 Sharp individual, independent, self-starter to schedule cases for home care agency in Brighton. Mature with strong communication skills, computer literate to interact with employees/clients

FAMILY HOME CARE
 248-338-1016

Dental 5040
Dental Assistant
 Full time position in progressive Northwest Livonia office. Experience preferred. Excellent work environment. Call 734-464-2664 or Fax Resume to 734-464-6496

DENTAL ASSISTANT
 Plymouth office seeking a dependable, dedicated team player eager to learn and face new challenges. Experience preferred. (734) 453-8190

DENTAL ASSISTANT
 RDA/CDA preferred. Team oriented Farmington Hills office. 248-851-6446

DENTAL ASSISTANT (EXP.)
 for quality Cosmetic/Restorative practice, Northville. Part-time. (248) 349-4210

DENTAL ASSISTANT
 Looking for a change? Denture lab is looking for a motivated person to learn lab skills. Dental background and a desire to learn is required. 9-3pm, Mon.- Fri. No weekends. Call Dave 734-427-8301

DENTAL ASSISTANT
 Modern practice in Dearborn Heights is looking for an experienced Dental Assistant to complement our team. If you are energetic and looking for a full-time position with benefits and generous salary, please call (313) 274-4040 for an interview.

DENTAL ASSISTANT NEEDED
 Friendly patient oriented practice. Full-time, experience necessary, Livonia area. (734) 522-6770

DENTAL ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST
 A unique position for someone experienced with both in a dental office. Excellent benefits & salary. Tel-Twelve area. Call: 248-642-5000

Dental Receptionist
 Part time. Dental experience preferred but not a must. Will train right person. Computer experience a plus. 248-777-8044 Ann

DENTAL RECEPTIONIST
 Canton. Full time. Organized team-player with great communication skills. Exc. salary & benefits. 734-981-4246

FRONT DESK
 Beautiful dental office at 12 Mile & NW, is seeking a 2nd exp full-time Receptionist. Dentch skills strongly preferred. Mon-Thur. No weekends. Exc salary & benefits. Call: (248) 356-8790

FRONT DESK
 Dental office looking for front desk member to complete our team. Minimum 2 years experience required and Dentech experience preferred. Call Michelle at 248-353-7440 to schedule an interview.

FRONT DESK PERSON
 Full-time. Great Livonia Office. (248) 4732000

ORTHODONTIC ASSISTANT
 Needed for our ortho practice. Good hours & good pay. Tue-Thur. Experience preferred. Must be dependable. Please fax resume to: (734) 844-2190

ORTHODONTIC CHAIRSIDE TECH/LAB ASSISTANT
 Position available in orthodontic office. Mon, Tues, & Thurs. Plymouth/Canton area. Call Mary at: 734-459-4430

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 Terrific openings! Cardiology, Med. OB-GYN & Internal Medicine experience a plus. Fax resume: 248-932-1214 or call Tara: 248-932-1202

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CHEMISTRY SUPERVISOR
 Chemistry Supervisor for a core/reference laboratory environment. MT, ASCP with automated chemistry experience required. Position is full-time afternoon/midnight shift position and will require rotating weekends and holidays. This is a salaried position with comprehensive benefits. Apply in person, mail, fax or email resume: HOSPITAL CONSOLIDATED LABORATORIES 23775 Northwestern Hwy. Southfield, MI. 48075 Fax: 248-358-1311 email: hcrresumes@providence-hospital.org Re: Chemistry Supervisor

Medical 5060
Due to growth in our private duty home care, we are looking for:

CLINICAL SUPERVISOR/MANAGER
 Take the lead in clinical operations! Supervise nurses and home health aides, QI activities, develop/implement new programs. Must be RN with home care experience

PRIVATE DUTY MANAGER
 Oversee daily operations of a stable, growing department. Must have at least 5 years home care experience. Excellent computer skills. BSN preferred.

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 Contingent and part-time assignments, hourly. Flexible hours. All specialties.

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 Visiting Nurse Association
 Home Support Services
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 Oak Park, MI 48237
 Fax: (248) 967-5811

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Medical Assistant w/X-Ray experience
 Full-time, benefits. Northville family practice office. Fax resume: 248-380-9365 Call Susan 248-349-0627

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 For dental/medical office in Dearborn (313) 562-5823

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 For Ophthalmologist. Experienced. Fax resume to: 734-425-8211 or call: 734-425-2514

HHA's/CNA's/LPN's
 All area shifts. Work for the best. Our patients need your tender loving care. **FAMILY HOME CARE** 248-333-7993

HISTOTECHNOLOGIST
 Hiltich Dermatology Lab. Full-time, day position. Mon-Fri. no wknds or holidays. Cert. preferred. Fax resume to 734-762-0530.

INSTRUMENT TECHNICIAN/STERILE PROCESSING MANAGER
 Leading medical reprocessor has an immediate opening for a certified instrument technician with several years experience. Good verbal and written communication skills necessary. Some travel required. Pay commensurate with experience, good benefits. Fax resume including salary history to 734-595-7644 or mail to: 39120 Webb Drive, Westland, MI 48185. EOE.

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 Full-time/Part time afternoon shift positions. Rotating weekends & holidays. Previous lab experience desired, 40/45 wpm required. Apply in person, mail, fax or e-mail resume: resume to: Hospital Consolidated Laboratories 23775 Northwestern Hwy. Southfield, MI. 48075 Attn: Lab Aid/Processor Position Fax: 248-358-1311 hcrresumes@providence-hospital.org Subject: Lab Aid/Processor

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 MT (ASCP) with generalist experience (to include Blood Bank) needed for ER stat lab and Phlebotomy Service Center. This is a working supervisor position with both bench and administrative responsibilities. Position is responsible for the staffing and scheduling of 11.5 FTE's which include technical and phlebotomy personnel, as well as the overall laboratory performance for this 24 hr., 7-day operation. This opportunity is a salaried management position with competitive benefits. Apply in person, mail, fax or email resume: HOSPITAL CONSOLIDATED LABORATORIES 23775 Northwestern Hwy. Southfield, MI. 48075 Fax: 248-358-1311 email: hcrresumes@providence-hospital.org Subject: Laboratory Supervisor

MEDICAL ASSISTANT
 Full-time for busy OB/GYN office in W. Bloomfield. Exp. preferred. Exc. benefits & 401K. Fax resume to: (248) 932-8641

Medical 5060
MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST EXPERIENCED
 Full-time, benefits. Billing helpful. Fax resume to 248-855-1323

MEDICAL ASSISTANT
 For OB/GYN office. Part-time to full-time. Call (248) 353-9460

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MEDICAL ASSISTANT
 For Livonia pediatric office full and part-time. Call (248) 477-7034

MEDICAL ASSISTANT
 OB/GYN - office in Livonia. Full or part time. 248-615-1234 Fax 248-615-1236

Medical Assistant & Medical Receptionist
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MEDICAL ASSISTANT & RECEPTIONIST
 Busy OB/GYN office in Novi looking for 2 experienced individuals. Call 248-347-6100 or fax resume: 248-347-6104

MEDICAL ASSISTANT
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MEDICAL ASSISTANT
 Needed for ophthalmic practice. Will train the right energetic, upbeat person. Great pay & benefits. Call the administrator at: 248-352-2806

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 Experienced, 34-36 hours per week for Livonia Internal Medicine practice. Fax resume to 734-464-9737

Medical Receptionist
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RN, LPN, MEDICAL ASSISTANT
 Dermatology/plastic surgery/surgery background. Looking for full or part time in surgery based practice for skin cancer. Fax resume & salary requirements to (248) 853-3275

RN/LPN
 3 days for busy pediatric office in W. Bloomfield. Ask for Debbie (248) 855-7416

RN/LPN - Full-Time
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 Hiring for 2 positions need mature adult for full-time midnights. (9pm-5am) \$9.00/hr. also person needed for mornings (5am-1pm) \$8.00/hr. Benefits available. Apply: 39600 Ann Arbor Rd @ I-275 in Plymouth, 734-459-5944.

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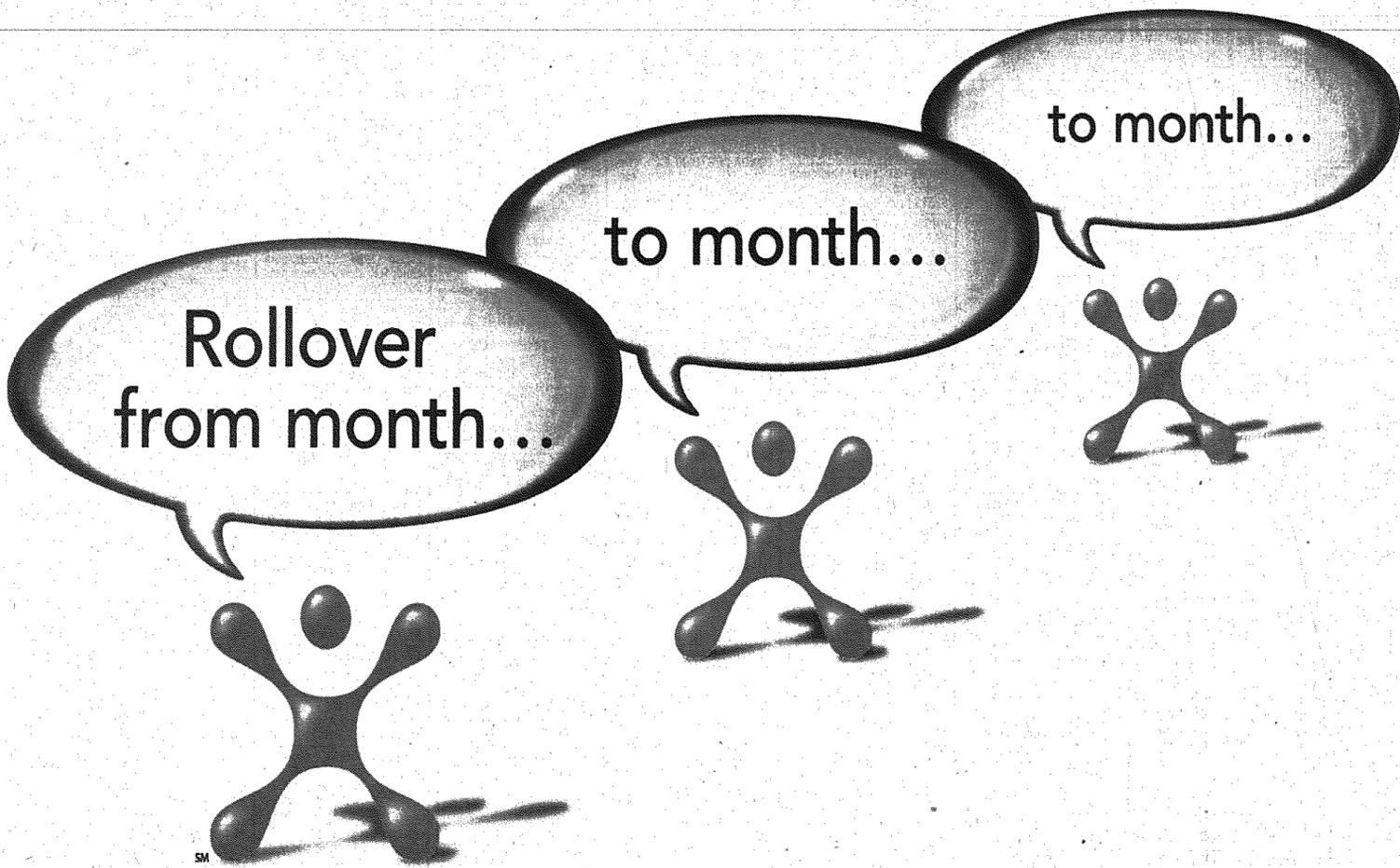
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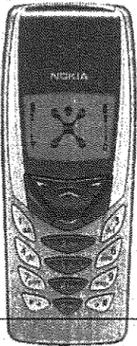
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Tips for cleaning dishes

Here are some dishwasher tips from www.handymanusa.com.

■ If your machine doesn't get the dishes clean all the way, run the hot water at the sink until it gets warm before starting the dishwasher. This will help the first wash water cycle to have hotter water.

■ Don't install your dishwasher next to the refrigerator, since both emit heat. Insert a panel of insulation between, if they have to be next to one another.

■ No matter how many dishes you place in the dishwasher, the same amount of water and energy are used. Therefore to be more economical, run full loads at all times in the dishwasher! By air drying you will also save, by avoiding the drying heater from running.

For those times when you need to wash dishes the old-fashioned way, here are some tips from the experts at Colgate-Palmolive.

■ Vinegar is a versatile kitchen must-have. Add a little vinegar to your dish-washing water to prevent spots from forming on dishes and glasses.

■ Stop spaghetti sauce stains - Many foods, like spaghetti sauce, stain plastic

storage containers. No matter how many times you clean them, the unsightly ring doesn't seem to go away. To prevent stains, add a very thin layer of vegetable oil to the inside surface of the container before you fill it with food. If you already have stains, fill the container with water and a little baking soda. Place the container in the freezer and let the liquid freeze completely. Remove the container, hold it upside down and pop out the ice chunk. The stain will be removed with the ice.

■ Wash 'cleanest' items first - Always wash items like silverware and glasses first. Saving the dirtiest items, especially pots and pans, for later helps prevent spreading grease and grime unnecessarily.

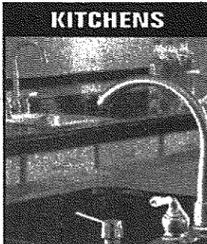
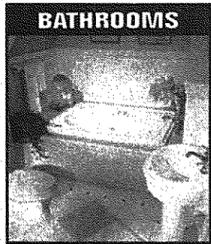
■ Soak to prevent stuck-on foods - If you're pressed for time and know you won't be able to get to the dishes until later, or live with children (or adults) who forget to rinse off dishes before they add them to the sink, here's a solution. Fill up the sink with hot, soapy water. Then, as dishes are used they can be added to the soapy water. Cleanup later on will be much easier because there won't be dried-up, stuck-on food.

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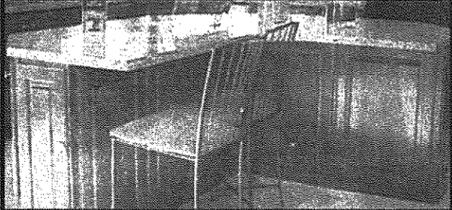
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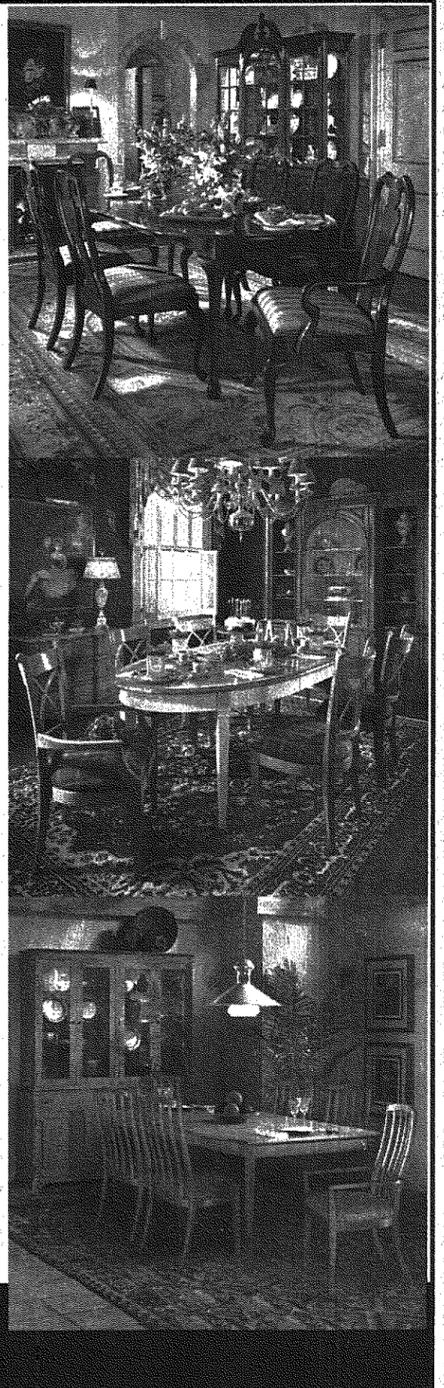
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The cook's kingdom

Professional grade equipment heats up residential kitchens

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Growing in popularity among homeowners is the so-called chef's kitchen.

Also known as a cook's kitchen, the concept builds on both the functional superiority and look of a restaurant kitchen - modern and utilitarian with its abundance of stainless steel.

"The trend is definitely on the rise," said Barbara Chick, marketing and communications manager for Trearrow Inc., a retailer of high-end home appliances in Auburn Hills.

"People are spending more time at home and investing more in their home, and the kitchen always seems to be the central point."

Of course the appeal of the cook's kitchen differs among those who have or desire one. For some, including those who aren't avid cooks, the aesthetics of a professional kitchen is the focus.

Serious cooks, though, look to the professional kitchen for power, precision and ease in food preparation.

TOOLS FOR THE JOB

In both cases, the heart of the residential chef's kitchen is the commanding - typically stainless steel - equipment. The major players: high-performance ovens and gas stoves.

Most cook-tops and ovens in this category are larger in size to accommodate greater volume. Stoves and ranges, for instance, are equipped with multiple burners.

But special features play an important role.

For example, scorching chocolate on a gas burner is tough to do on high heat generated at a rate of 500 BTUs.

An oven with a built-in food warmer enables the home cook to prepare certain foods in advance while entertaining or tackling complicated dishes. Dacor is a kitchen appliance maker that pays special attention to warming ovens and drawers.

Popular brands include Viking and Wolf, both companies make products used by professional chefs. Wolf ranges are among Trearrow's most popular for cook's kitchens, said Chick. Later this year or early next, Wolf will offer the option of custom ranges that incorporate specialized equipment, such as a wok cooker, steamer, deep fryer or indoor grill.

AN OVEN OR TWO?

The possibilities for special-



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Adjacent to a dual oven system with food warmer by Viking Range, far left, are wood cabinets in a kitchen designed by Bella Cucina in Sylvan Lake. The eye-level panels are retractable and open to reveal a work-space and appliance center. Such a set-up is a popular way to make kitchens more functional without sacrificing the beauty of the room.

ized ovens are as abundant, so much so that many homeowners are opting for two or three, rather than just one, oven, said Scott Grandis, certified kitchen designer and president of Bella Cucina in Sylvan Lake.

Currently popular in cook's kitchens are convection ovens, steam ovens and ovens equipped with separate warming drawers.

Multiple ovens allow serious cooks to juggle several dishes at once, accommodate larger-scale entertaining and prepare foods and dishes in advance.

For instance, steam ovens "delicately" cook fish and vegetables, said Grandis. Miele, which makes a full line of kitchen appliances, is well known for its steam ovens.

"Convection cooking is becoming much more popular," said Wally Mistak Jr., co-owner of Walter's Home Appliance in Canton.

Convection oven heating "reduces cooking time, on average, 20 to 40 percent," said Mistak. "It's also more even heating of your food because of the even flow of air."

Of course professional-grade equipment for residential use does differ from products used in restaurant kitchens. It might be smaller in size, for example.

One reason: Homeowners

want more room for movement than chefs do because a residential kitchen is more than a work station; it's the place where family gathers for meals and guests gather for conversation.

"Residents want room for movement, guests and family," said Grandis.

GOOD LOOKS, TOO

Likewise, homeowners want their kitchens to look attractive, rather than merely serve a function, said Grandis.

That's why cabinetry, storage and counter space are as crucial as the appliances in a residential chef's kitchen.

Avid home cooks want to be able to grab a utensil in seconds, but don't want all their utensils on display. Thus, well-designed and ample storage becomes very important.

One popular way for balancing function and appearance is with a work station that's hidden behind retractable cabinets.

"Homeowners don't want a kitchen that looks like the back of a restaurant. The serious cook's kitchen is very functional in terms of cooking, but it's also beautiful," said Grandis. "It is an adaptation."

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- Specialties Showroom, Berkley, (248) 548-5656.
- Expo Design Center, Troy, (248) 689-3346.
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- Kitchen Master, Farmington, (248) 478-8888.
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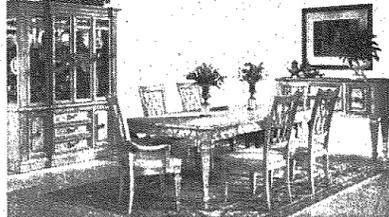
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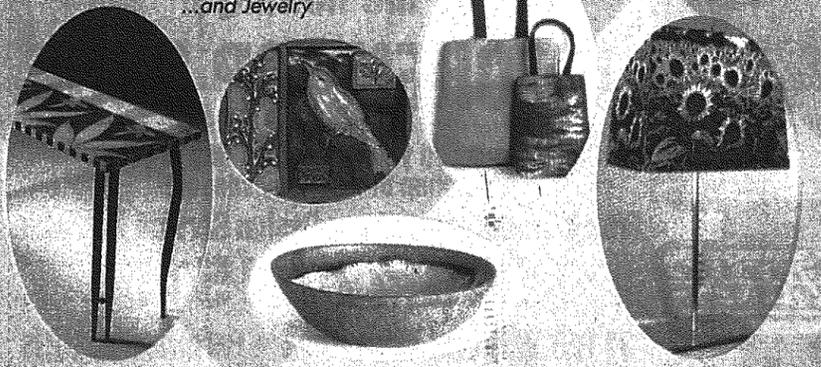
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Wallpaper's an easy way to decorate

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

For a lot of reasons, in a lot of cases, wallpaper offers decorating solutions that painting cannot.

Wallpaper is easier to live with than paint, says Kim Custer, showroom manager for Thybony Wallcoverings (one of the 40 companies within the Michigan Design Center in Troy).

"It's very easy to clean," she said. "It's also cheaper for some jobs. A mural pattern would be very expensive to paint compared to wallpaper."

And there are a lot more choices these days. Prices range from \$25 per 30 square foot roll of wallpaper to \$300 to \$500 per roll for silk or handmade designs.

As one can expect, most purchases fall between those figures. In a lot of cases, it doesn't require a professional to redo a room or an entire house in wallpaper.

"Many products are easy to use by yourself," Custer said. "There's pre-pasted wallpaper that you just soak, put up and wipe dry."

There are a lot of options, and not just based on what a person is willing to spend. There are common household wallpapers - vinyl coated, easy to clean products good for the kids' rooms - and uncommon products - contract-grade wallpapers that are fire-resistant and made to meet strict city and hospital codes.

What to buy depends on what a homeowner needs. Lynn Marie, an American Society of Interior Designers member and design consultant for Ethan Allen in Livonia, said that a new way to use



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wallpaper is to start where most people think the job starts.

"Some people put wallpaper on ceilings for dramatic effect," she said. "That gets used a lot in master bedrooms and powder rooms."

She said there are other, nonstandard applications to consider when working with wallpaper. Some people will take their paper and, rather than lay it on the wall in strips,

they will cut out the individual floral patterns for use.

"They paste them up and put them on the walls like Colorforms," Marie said. "Some people use wallpaper in combination with paint."

Of course, wallpaper can be used to hide imperfections in the walls themselves. Vinyl papers will help hold cracked or crumbling walls together. A trellis pattern opens up a windowless room, and borders add architectural interest without molding.

"If the pattern is very busy, it can close the room up," Marie said. "If you use open patterns that have more background than pattern, you can make the room seem larger than it is."

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Don't be afraid of color; give your walls the brush

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Nothing gives a home a new look like paint, wallpaper, and a mural here and there. You get a change of pace without the fuss of moving.

Handpainted, one-of-a-kind murals, are finding their way into every room of the house and even onto ceilings.

"People have finally broken away from the white walls and realized that there is color out there and things that you can do with walls," said Lois Primeau, a Resource Center exhibitor at the Michigan Design Center in Troy and owner of Two Frogs Studios in Huntington Woods.

"It's only paint," she said. "You don't have to be afraid of color. It can always be changed."

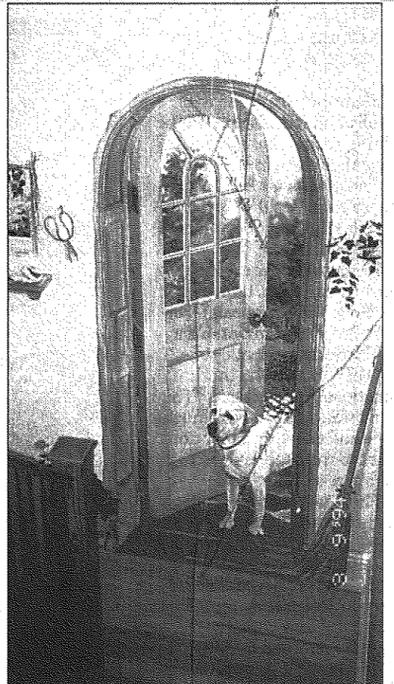
Primeau has painted everything from wagon trains, to Navajo Indians, to flower gardens filled with flower fairies and architectural pieces with a view looking onto the French Riviera.

The possibilities are only limited by the artist's imagination, she said. Different painting techniques and products can give walls textured appearances; others simulate leather and broken plaster.



COURTESY LOIS PRIMEAU

These murals by Lois Primeau of Two Frogs Studios show how walls can be decorated to exciting effect - whether the look is fantastic (as in the mural in a bedroom, above) or familiar (as in the scene with the dog, which adorns a stairwell to a basement, right).



PREPARATION

Most novices believe applying wallpaper and paint is simple. But the experts point out that it's not as easy as it might appear.

Jason Schomberger, manager of Martin-Senour Paints in Plymouth, can tell a few stories about people who probably should have put more thought into their work.

For example, the painter who fastidiously did all the right preparation, including taping the ceiling to protect it from the paint he was using on the walls. The problem arose when he waited too long to take the tape off and the ripped fresh paint off.

"You have to take the tape off right when you're done painting and that won't happen," Schomberger said. "It's a very expensive disaster."

Actually, he said, preparation before painting and wallpapering is the most important step.

"I've seen people who don't prep the walls right and the wallpaper falls off when they put it up," Schomberger said. "Everything pretty much depends on how you prep it."

Preparing the wall includes washing down the surface, as well as using a primer and sizing.

A wall covering adhesive helps with removing the wallpaper when the time comes, said Ken Hahn, owner of Hahn Paint & Wallpaper in Westland.

"The products that are out there now to make things easier should be used," Hahn said.

The adhesive also helps wallpaper stick better, keeps seams from splitting and is especially important when applying borders over vinyl wallpapers, he said.

"People tend to try to do things too quickly and not prepare the wall properly, but it makes a big difference in the end result," Hahn said. He said that wallpaper is most often used in kitchens and bathrooms.

STYLES

A lot of customers are buying traditional wallpaper, in mid-tone colors and flower designs, and they're choosing historical colors, like greens, purples and pastels, Schomberger said.

The ever-popular stripes, textures and neutral colors are bought more often in wallpaper than any other styles, said Josh Bykowitz, manager of Sherwin-Williams in Farmington Hills.

Grass cloth, a straw woven textured paper has returned, said Ann Gallison, design consultant at Windows & Walls in West Bloomfield.

Vinyl papers that can be easily washed are most often found in bathrooms, laundry rooms and kitchens, Gallison said.

"High-end designer papers that are 100 percent paper with no vinyl coating are popular in foyers, bedrooms and dining rooms," she said.

Don't feel compelled to stop using

wallpaper when you come to the ceiling.

"Instead of painting the ceiling, some people paper it," Gallison said.

Do a little homework before you start a project and it might help save time in the long run, said Bykowitz.

"Get all the information you can on the product and read up on it, before you go gung-ho," he said.

While it's important to follow directions for wallpaper and paints, Hahn warns against feeling intimidated.

"It's amazing," he said. "There aren't a whole lot of problems."

Many homeowners who forego the wallpaper are choosing paint faux finishes, like glazes, rag-rolling, feather dusting and other specialty techniques. The latter include smooching, which involves applying a drop cloth over wet paint and using the palms of your hands to smear it over the wall.

Sponge painting is the most popular of the faux finishes and feather

dusting is probably the easiest and quickest style, Hahn said. Each faux finish ensures your walls will be unique, because you're mixing the colors and adding the individualized strokes.

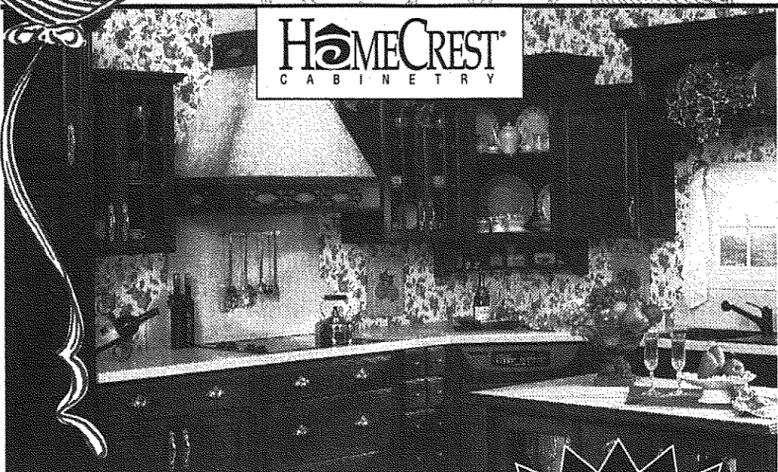
Martin-Senour offers classes for faux paint techniques periodically throughout the year. The next class will be offered at a yet undetermined date in mid-October.

As far as paint colors, most customers are choosing various shades of taupe, Bykowitz said.

Other homeowners are going to the opposite extreme and using vibrant paint hues, like bright red and dark and hot greens for interior walls. Light to medium colors are most often used in home exterior jobs, Bykowitz said. This year Sherwin-Williams customers will have a new palette of shades to view, which is the first major change the company has offered in 15 years.

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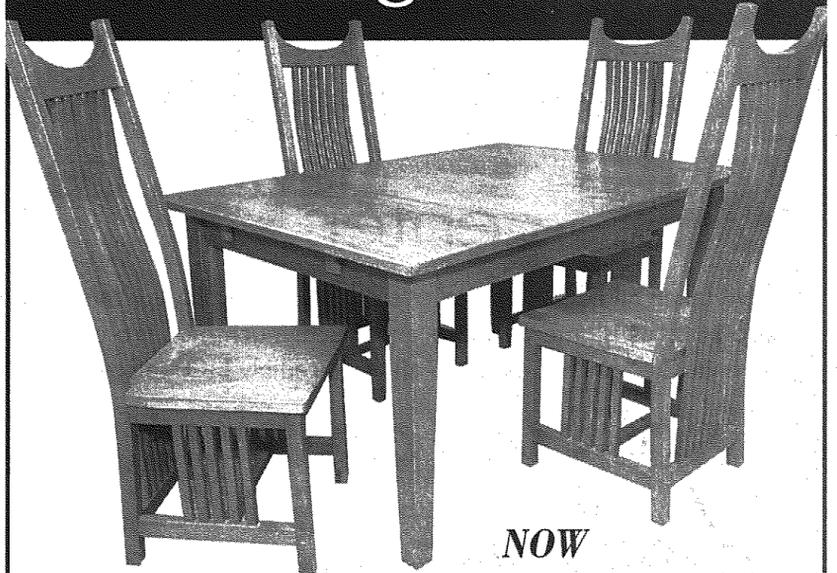
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Focus stronger on dining rooms today

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Memories are made with family and friends around the dining room table more than any other place in the house.

And comfort is key, according to Kurt Voparil, owner of Watch Hill Home Interiors in Birmingham.

Homeowners are asking for pine dining room tables with an old world European farmhouse look that maintains a sophisticated, eclectic style.

"They want tables that are functional," Voparil said. "They don't want to spend too much time and effort, and they don't want to worry about how to take care of them."

These tables have a rustic, slightly worn, antique appearance, but the wax finish makes maintaining them easy.

"In Europe they're creating a 'cocoon' look - something that's very cozy," said Voparil who recently returned from two furniture shows in Europe where the phrase "cocooning" has become popular.

A straight lined, country table with a dark finish adds a bit of formality. Indoor teak wood, for instance, is stained and finished with a dark mahogany.

Increasingly, Voparil said, he hears that dinner guests remain at the dining room table for their coffee and after dinner drinks rather than retreating to other rooms. Hosts are choosing tables and chairs to meet these longer comfort needs.

WARMTH

Sitting at the dining room table is "a time we can be together, reminisce and make new plans," explained Denise Ziya, owner of Designs by Denise in Dearborn and a designer on call with the Michigan Design Center in Troy. Some of her clients are rear-



This 7-foot Turned Leg Farmhouse Table with black distressed base and lite poly top is available at Watch Hill Home Interiors in Birmingham.

ranging their houses to make the dining room bigger. A retired doctor and his wife, who like to cook and have dinner parties, transformed their living room into a dining room. Their children are having children and the family's dining needs are growing.

"It's now the largest room in the house," Ziya said. "They use it all the time and they love it."

The couple chose a country French table with multiple extensions that allows them to seat up to 12 people comfort-

ably.

Along with the country French and country English furniture, another popular style is the glass top pedestal table.

"People are moving away from the fussy and going to the everyday," Ziya said adding that younger people are more often choosing cleaner lines seen in the neoclassic styles.

New home designers are also devoting a lot of space to the dining area, according to Melissa Gutzwiller, a sales per-

son at Creative Collections at Lacooff in Troy.

With houses getting bigger, she said, dining areas that are included in great rooms and family rooms are allowing for bigger dining room tables.

Typically customers want tables that seat at least six people, Gutzwiller said.

Round tables that are 60-inches and 72-inches are replacing the common 42-inch and 48-inch table. Rectangular tables, that come in 42-inch by 72-inch styles, are more spa-

cious, too.

"The whole idea of a large table is that you can seat everyone at the same table," Ziya said adding that customer needs are extremely diversified from the "very small" dining rooms in condominiums to the "very large" dining rooms in some newly built homes.

Round tables are chosen more often than rectangular tables for practical reasons, Gutzwiller said.

"Everyone can see each other and everyone is equal at a

round table," Gutzwiller said.

Customers also look for something that will make their dining room table a little different than the rest. They're asking for different materials. Rather than wood or metal, a lot of people want leather, rattan or an interesting finish.

"For centuries, eating brought people together," Gutzwiller said. "Families are getting closer and staying together longer. They have more values and want to eat dinner together."

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Don't move - Improve!

BY JOAN BORAM
CORRESPONDENT

Have you convinced yourself and your family that the home of your dreams is on the other side of a "For Sale" sign? Does Sunday afternoon mean visiting model homes in new developments?

Wait a minute! Are you sure you aren't already living in your dream house? You don't have a sauna, but you're good friends with your neighbors. The kitchen's lackluster, but you know your local tradespeople and mail carrier by name. Do you really want to give up those big old maple trees for spindly twigs in a new development?

As if finding a new dry cleaner and manicurist weren't bad enough, just consider that, according to the American Homeowners Foundation, moving typically involves a 6 percent commission on the home's price, plus 2 to 4 percent more for closing, moving and other related expenses. So consider what improvements you could make for that 8 to 10 percent of your home's value before you decide to pull up roots.

"Customizing homes is an increasing part of our business," says Adam Helfman, president of Fairway Construction in Southfield. "People are rethinking the notion that they must move in order to have a master suite or up-to-date kitchen. In most cases, it's simple to add these features."

If you sigh over those lavish master suites in shelter magazines, one can be yours. An attached garage can easily be converted to a master suite. Or you might build an addition, or annex a vacant bedroom for a luxury bath.

"When it comes to bathrooms," says Helfman. "Bigger is always better."

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The keys to kitchen design are customization, personalization, and decoration. Knocking down a wall might give a kitchen a sociable view into the dining room — and lets you add an island or peninsula with seating for guests. While you're at it, be sure to include a



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second sink and a wine cooler. Go ahead, splurge on those built-in double ovens you've always wanted.

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"We've been adding patios, or enlarging existing patios," said Ron Lühring, owner of Lühring Building Co. in Livonia. "Some clients in older homes are replacing back porches with generously-sized patios that have enough room for a barbecue, a table, and enough chairs to accommodate a few friends. The wood in a patio is treated against insects and wood rot, so it's lower maintenance than a porch. You can stain it, or just leave it as is."

Lühring added that paver bricks are commonly being installed as an attractive replacement for concrete paths.

With thoughtful remodeling, you can have it all: a luxurious home plus familiar surroundings. You won't even have to displace all those boxes in the basement. So get moving — or not, as the case may be.

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Designer should consider lifestyle

JOAN BORAM
CORRESPONDENT

There are as many reasons to consult a professional interior designer as there are to meet with any other professional.

Maybe you're building a new home and want the entire house professionally decorated; or you want one room in your current home updated; maybe you're happy with existing furnishings and accessories, but want the advice of a trained eye to establish harmony. Whatever your needs, the most important part of working with an interior designer is to identify your personal likes and dislikes, your lifestyle, and your budget and time frame.

"My philosophy is that I'm here to help you get the look you want," said Duane Petrostey, an interior designer at Newton Furniture in Novi.

"It's a team effort. A file of looks you like is helpful. Even if it's only a window treatment, a sofa, or another element that strikes you, it tells me what style you want to live with."

"Pictures also help avoid a problem with semantics. If a client says her preferred style is contemporary, and shows me a photo of a sofa with a skirt and rolled arms, I know what she means by contemporary."

"One of the first questions I ask when I visit a client's home is: 'What absolutely has to stay?' If the favored piece absolutely doesn't fit, sometimes it will work in another room."

Petrostey adds that his nightmare client is one who says: "I don't know what I want — just do it."

"You have to share — even if you just tell me what they don't want."

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No question — redecorating the entire house is a daunting endeavor. Make it easy on yourself: with just one room. By the

time you've finished, you should be comfortable working with your interior designer, and you'll treasure the wealth of knowledge he or she employs to get the job done to your satisfaction.

When people walk into Classic Interiors in Livonia to inquire about interior design services, design consultant Kathy Bouchet begins by asking questions about their lifestyle.

Do they entertain formally, informally, or only at Thanksgiving? Do they have children, or pets? Do they love (or hate) French country or contemporary styles?

"Then I ask them to come back

that a designer is qualified. Ask questions: Why are they qualified? Do they have at least a bachelor's degree? Are they registered with the state of Michigan? Look at their portfolio. If everything looks the same, do you want their "look?" References are touchy — you're not going to be referred to an unhappy client!"

Discuss the designer's fees and your budget. Some people forget that a designer has to make a living, or that the price of everything, including furniture, has gone up since the 70s.

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with the room's measurements, samples of sofa and carpeting materials and wall colors. If they want a bed to go with a dresser, I ask for a photo or a drawer from the dresser. If it's important, I'll visit the home and look at the room or rooms, then I'll draw up a couple of arrangements on graph paper, and work with the clients to make sure they get what they want."

The first element to be decided upon is upholstery, then carpet, wall color, and window treatment. The task is more difficult if the walls are already painted a less-than-neutral color.

"TVs are the designer's biggest obstacle," said Bouchet. "Every room needs a focal point, and often there's a fireplace and a nice window view, plus the television. You can't face all three, so it's a matter of priority. As often as not, the television wins."

"People shouldn't be too trusting," said P. K. Fields of P. K. Fields Interiors, in Plymouth. "Don't just assume

that is dog-proof, or at least dog-resistant. I had a client who had two dogs and wanted a white silk sofa, said Fields. "She settled for white polyester. It has a greater tensile strength than silk and can withstand more abuse. A good designer will walk you through your life, not just ask you your favorite colors."

A designer shouldn't just say something is wrong, he or she should explain why, and the client should listen. It's an education process. "Like a good marriage," said Fields. "Both sides should be open and honest and express their opinions."

To find an interior designer, ask acquaintances for recommendations, scan local newspaper "home" sections for rooms you like, or simply call the Michigan Design Center and ask about the Designer on Call program, a free one-hour on-site consultation with a professional interior designer. For more information, call (888) DIAL-MDC.

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Things to consider when remodeling

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY
CORRESPONDENT

Today's kitchen is no longer limited to food preparation.

"We don't just sit in there and cook. Kids are doing their homework, we do our bills or people sit and talk. A lot of people want islands in their kitchens for the extra workspace," said Barbara Stratham, Lowe's kitchen design specialist in Westland. Islands can also provide kitchens with a second sink or cook top.

Despite the newest trend in kitchens, not everyone can have an island according to Bob Welker, owner of Welker Kitchen and Bath Inc. in Farmington Hills.

"Some kitchens are just too small," he said.

Welker has designed islands as small as 15 inches wide to try and accommodate smaller kitchens, but admits "they should be 42 inches wide if possible." That allows for the ideal amount of additional work and storage space.

"It also gives people somewhere to lean as more and more people are using the kitchen as a gathering spot," he said.

MAKING IT WORK

Just getting the island in the kitchen is not the end of the remodeling project. You still need to be able to open oven, refrigerator and dishwasher doors, which forces homeowners to knock out walls.

There are lots of things to consider when you're remodeling a kitchen.

Complete kitchen remodeling generally costs \$20,000-\$25,000 and includes cabinets, flooring, walls and appliances, according to Linda Welch, designer at N.A. Mans Kitchen and Bath Center in Canton.

Picking the cabinet style and color is the first, and typically the most expensive step in kitchen remodeling. Decisions about flooring, countertops and wall color aren't usually finalized until cabinets are installed.

"You shouldn't bother laying a floor or painting the walls until you know where the cabinets are going," said Stratham.

The last step before the actual tear-down of the kitchen occurs is making sure the plan is within budget. Inevitably, last minute changes may be made.

For those debating where to spend the money, Welch offers this tip.

"If you're hedging between better cabinets or granite countertops, decide how long you'll be in the home. If you're living there for the short-term, get the countertop, but if you're planning to live there long-term, get the better cabinets."

According to experts, kitchens should get a makeover about every seven years, but it doesn't need to cost thousands of dollars. Simply changing the wall color, countertops, hardware and flooring can be dramatic.

Shed some light on your dining activities

Lighting in kitchens and dining rooms has improved beyond Thomas Edison's wildest dreams — just as the rooms themselves have evolved dramatically. Today's new kitchens feature expansive islands and wide-open spaces.

To provide adequate lighting for such vastly different rooms, designers have developed an array of new technology, from greatly improved low voltage specialty systems to new incandescent fixtures that use halogen or xenon bulbs, and new fluorescent sources that offer greatly improved CRI (color rendering) and CCT (color temperature).

So, how can you take advantage of these new lighting systems? Whether you're building a new home or simply want to add new life to an existing one, good lighting design is based on a system the experts call "layering." Instead of simply mounting a fixture to provide light, layering produces more interesting spaces by balancing the decorative and functional aspects of lighting.

Joe Lynett, a sales representative for Brightmoor Electrical Supply in Redford, said a lot of people are looking into recessed lighting in their kitchens.

"It's not gaudy," he said. "There's nothing hanging down, all they see is the trim ring."

If a person is building their house new, carpenters can just nail the fixture to the joist before putting up drywall. If the house is having the new lighting put in, a hole will need to be cut in the wall.

In any case, the fixture isn't really the expense.

"It can cost as little as \$12 or as high as \$60 per fixture," Lynett said. "It all depends on the trim."

Nick Rafoo of Milan 2000 in Livonia sells all sorts of lighting for inside and outside the home. For those who want a little bit more in their home, he can come up with a wide price range.

"The crystal pieces depend on the quality and size," he said. "Some go for \$75 apiece, others can be as expensive as \$20,000."

Everything counts on the size of the house, its style and what the homeowner is ready to spend. He said they do a lot of consulting to help people who really don't know what they want or what is best for their home.

"The size of the room is very important," Rafoo said.

Milan 2000 does special orders, some they contract out to other suppliers, others they design and build in-house.

Diane Wyko, lighting consultant at Pine Tree Lighting in Lake Orion, said the most popular trends in lighting in the kitchen are driven by what people have there already.

"A lot of people go with islands in their kitchens," she said. "So they tend to go with pendant lighting."

Pendants are small (two to three inches in diameter) globes that hang from the ceiling. The powerful halogen globes are nondescript, you see them but you don't really. They come in all types, from high-tech to old world. A style can be found to match most existing appliances.

Pendant lights run from \$50 apiece to \$250 each. The most popular colors are rusty, bronze and brushed nickel.

Eating areas, however, are a different story.

"There's a big selection," Wyko said. "People are looking for things with clean lines, they don't want anything that looks too fussy."

They also don't want to fuss with what's hanging over their dinner tables. She said the most popular fixtures now are no-maintenance surfaces rather than clear glass that show every speck of dust.

Instead, things like alabaster and amber glass are popular; They're bright enough to eat by

LIGHTING SERVES 4 FUNCTIONS

An effective lighting system will serve one of four major functions — and there's a host of innovative new products available for each of them:

■ Ambient or General Lighting

Today's new fluorescent lighting offers excellent color rendering for general lighting in kitchens. New designs offer fixtures that are beautifully encased in wood with the latest designer finishes and accents. Or, you can use recessed fixtures for general lighting, taking advantage of today's new compact fluorescent lamps.

■ Task Lighting

Low-voltage pendants or recessed low-voltage lighting over a kitchen island provide excellent task lighting for this busy workspace. Under the cabinets, try low-voltage linear lighting instead of fluorescent fixtures. For example, Ambiance Lighting Systems by Sea Gull Lighting Products, Inc., offers an array of new designs, as well as a mini-recessed fixture that is approved for use as a shower light.



A variety of lighting fixtures can be blended together to create the right amount of illumination and ambiance for your kitchen.

■ Supplemental Task Lighting

Recessed low-voltage lighting is an ideal choice to provide supplemental task lighting in counterspace work areas in kitchens.

■ Accent Lighting

Small, adjustable and directional track fixtures are useful for accenting countertop or cabinet displays in dining rooms. Or, you can highlight special items by displaying them in glass-front cabinets illuminated with innovative new fixtures, like the Disk Lighting System — also part of Sea Gull's Ambiance line.

but aren't as harsh as what one would want in the kitchen.

Lighting in the dining room starts at \$100 and can run as high as \$1,000.

The alternatives could go on and on, limited only by your creativity. As kitchen designs continue to evolve, the lighting industry will continue to develop new technologies and new products that

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This credenza from Heckman's Chartwell Collection features inset panels on door fronts with alternating checkerboard inlay, hand-rubbed walnut finish, and iron hardware.

Choose colors you can live with

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY
CORRESPONDENT

Whether you're partial to plum or ga-ga over green, you can usually put it in your kitchen without committing a design disaster.

Designers throughout metro-Detroit agree that there really is no trend toward choosing certain colors for the kitchen walls, countertops and other accessories. Color choices are being driven only by personal preference.

"It's about creating an art statement," said David Kallis, whole house designer at EXPO Design Center in West Bloomfield.

Here are some of the color combination he has seen work well:

- Country French – tomato red and golden wheat
- Nantucket – blue and white
- Old World – linen parchment and moss green
- Eclectic – deep plums and shades of gold

Jewel colors are targeted for specific areas in kitchens, in the tile work behind a stove or sink, in the moldings of the cabinets, or the in the islands (free-standing work areas.) The intention is to create "splashes of color."

Use cushions, window treatments and shelf items to bring out colors. "The eye pulls that color forward so it pops out," said Kallis.

The effect is heightened by making the lighter color dominant on the wall.

Combined with the popular stainless steel appliances and lighter wood cabinets, kitchens are taking on a "softer, homier look," according to Linda Welch, designer at N.A. Mans Kitchen and Bath Center in Canton.

"A lot of people are passing over the oak of the 70s and 80s for maple," agreed Barbara Stratham, Lowe's kitchen design specialist in Westland. "Although, they may include a glaze," added Welch.

Glazes are used on cabinets to bring out the different tones of a piece of wood. They come in multiple colors ranging from white to black. Some people even have multiple treatments for a "more sophisticated look."

The most important thing to keep in mind when coloring your kitchen is perspective.

"When choosing colors, you should be able to live with it for 10 years," said Stratham.

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Opening up

New treatments for kitchen, dining room windows

BY JOAN BORAM
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Someone (probably a poet) once said that the eyes are the windows of the soul.

One might add to that dictum that windows are the eyes of a house. Imagine rooms with no natural light, no view overlooking the garden and the action around bird feeders - you couldn't even see if it was raining or snowing!

Designers say that homeowners have a renewed appreciation for the delights that windows provide, especially in kitchens and dining rooms where families gather.

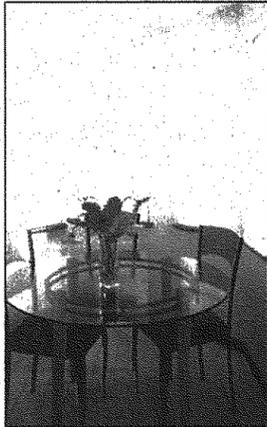
Newer homes have larger windows or French or sliding doors, enhanced by window treatments that act as a frame to a painting.

In addition they provide light control and privacy when desired. You may want to block midday glare; you don't want to share the sight of intimate dinners or family celebrations with the general public.

"Newer homes tend to have large kitchens with doorwalls designed to bring the outdoors in," said Pat Prisbe, drapery designer at EXPO

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Design Center in Troy. "We tend to keep the treatment simple, using blinds or a cornice border that coordinates with the window treatment over the sink."

"We're seeing a lot of bay windows in kitchens, with French doors that go almost to the ceiling. In this situation, it's difficult to use a valance, so we use pleated shades for light control and privacy. Fabric, if used, coordinates with the walls. If the walls are papered, companion fabrics are often available."

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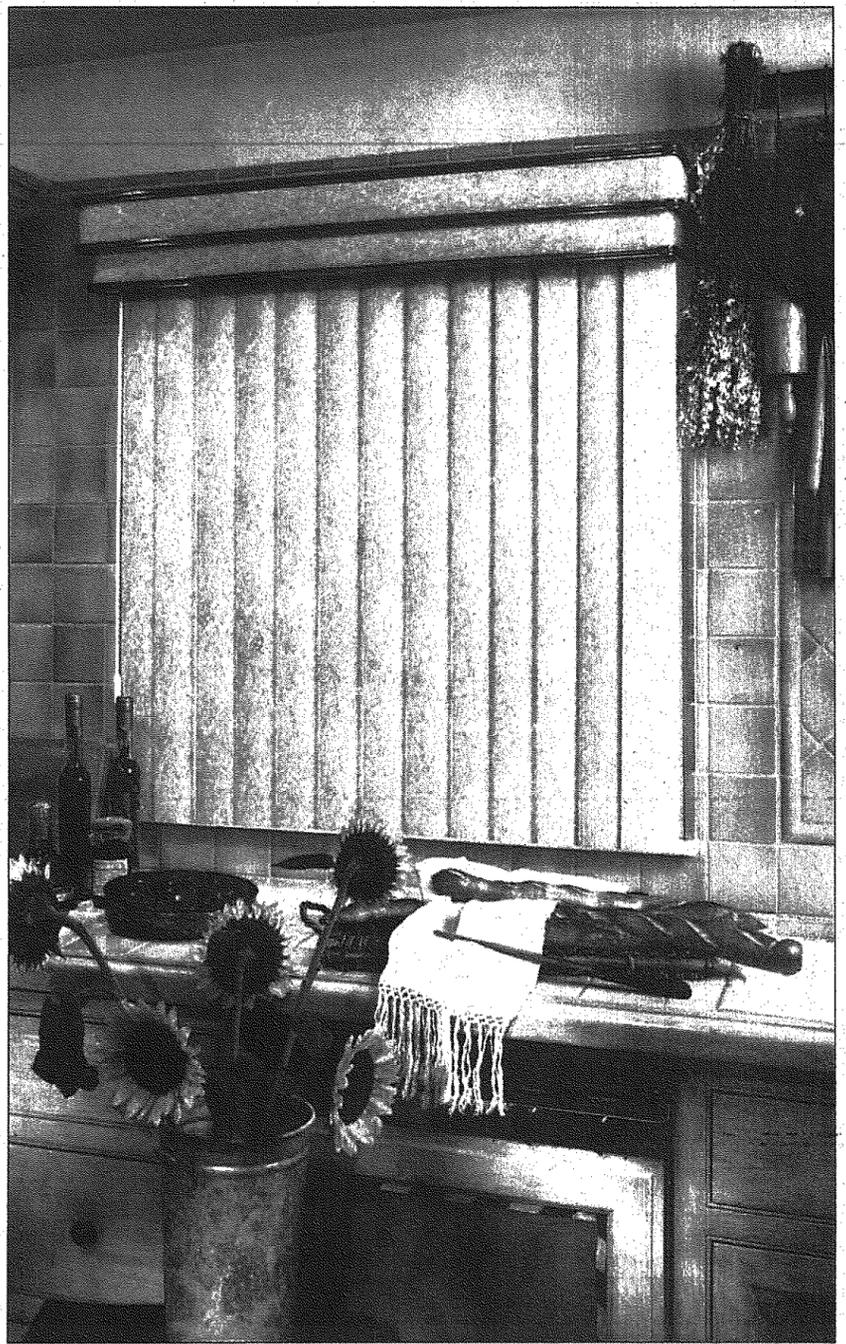
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Not only do Duette honeycomb shades by Hunter Douglas complement the clean, contemporary lines of this breakfast nook, they also bathe the space in morning light while preserving privacy. Featured is a semi-opaque fabric in the 3/8-inch pleat size and the bright Daisy White Color.

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"There's no quicker way to add a decorative element to a room than our two-piece ceiling medallions," says Mike Reed, director of marketing for Style Solutions, Inc. "This is a one-person job that easily transforms the look of a room in minutes."

The medallions are available from Style Solutions in styles ranging from classic to contemporary and come with a pre-primed white finish that can be painted with either latex or oil-based paints. The pieces can also be faux finished by homeowners or ordered with

an upgrade real metal METAL-LONTM finish option in either brass, nickel, bronze or copper to complement metals in lighting fixtures and the home.

The easy installation steps for the two-piece medallion include:

1. Start by turning off the electrical breaker for the ceiling light or fan element that will be surrounded by the medallion.

2. Secure the first half of the medallion around the base of the light fixture or ceiling fan with premium urethane millwork adhesive.

3. Interlock the second piece to the first piece and secure with millwork adhesive. Add a small amount of adhesive to the areas that interlock to assure a tight fit. Wipe away any excess adhesive.

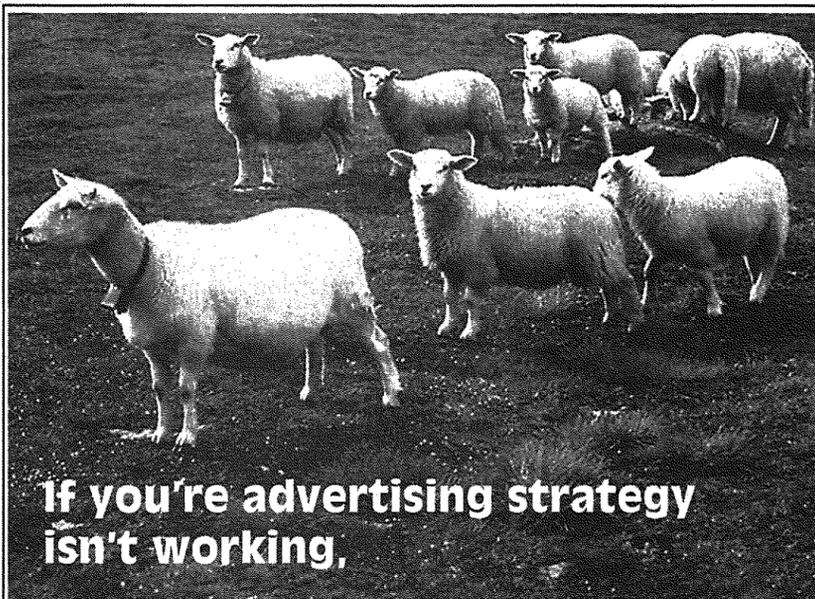
4. Nail or screw the medallion in place into the ceiling. Countersink nail holes and fill holes and any visible seams with white spackle.

5. Paint the medallion if desired to complement the room decor. Turn the electrical breaker back on when finished with the project.

Start-to-finish installation of the two-piece medallion should take less than 10 minutes.

Constructed to replicate old-fashioned plaster ceiling medallions, the Style Solutions pieces have a closed cell structure that prevents water penetration and absorption, making them ideal decorative elements for any room in the home.

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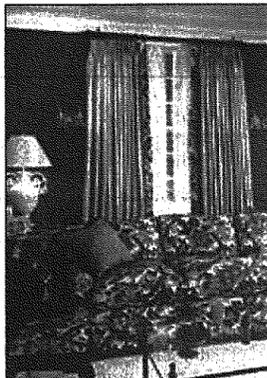
(WMS) - Fabrics have long been a designer's best tool for creating beautiful rooms. Whether the fabrics are vividly colored or neutral, patterned or plain, small or large in scale, there is perhaps no other single element that does more to set the mood of a room and create a lasting impression.

The decorating experts at Stroheim & Romann offer the following tips for using fabrics in your home:

■ Don't hesitate to use one strong pattern in a room - whether it be a large-scale floral, paisley or other design. To maximize its impact, combine it with more subtle, understated fabrics and wallpaper.

■ Fabrics are a great option if you have furniture you're tired of but don't want to replace. Re-upholstering a good quality sofa or dining room chair with something new will update your home and be an excellent investment. If your dining table is sturdy and in good proportion to the room, you can cover it with a fitted or unfitted table cover.

■ Window treatments are often the focal point of a room,



A striking, large-scale floral fabric on the sofa, Stroheim & Romann's Bellissimo, is the focal point of this elegant room. The print is dramatically set off against the red walls, and creamy draperies in Sakhon Thai Silk.

and there is a wide range of fabric possibilities to make the most of them. Choose from delicate sheers that let in lots of light, rich damasks, brocades or velvets for a formal look, opulent silks that billow gracefully, or colorful prints.

■ Rooms will have a more pulled-together look if you repeat the main fabrics. For

example, if you've used a dramatic pattern on an upholstered piece, use the same pattern elsewhere as an accent - a contrast banding on a solid drapery, or a pillow on solid or textured upholstery.

■ For an especially luxurious look, use an interesting pattern to upholster your walls. Fabrics can be applied flat to the wall, or you can achieve a quilted look by applying a layer of polyester batting under the decorative fabric.

■ When choosing fabrics for major pieces of upholstery, don't feel the need to match too many pieces - that can look boring. One possible decorating scenario is to combine a pattern like a floral in one of the pieces with one or more solid or textured piece and then add another in a coordinating stripe or check. The pattern mix gives a room a more energetic and up-to-date look than one with matched furniture.

Stroheim & Romann fabrics and wallpapers are available through interior designers and design showrooms. For information, call (718) 706-7000, or visit their Web site at www.stroheim.com.

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the interior side comes in a range of colors."

DINING ROOMS

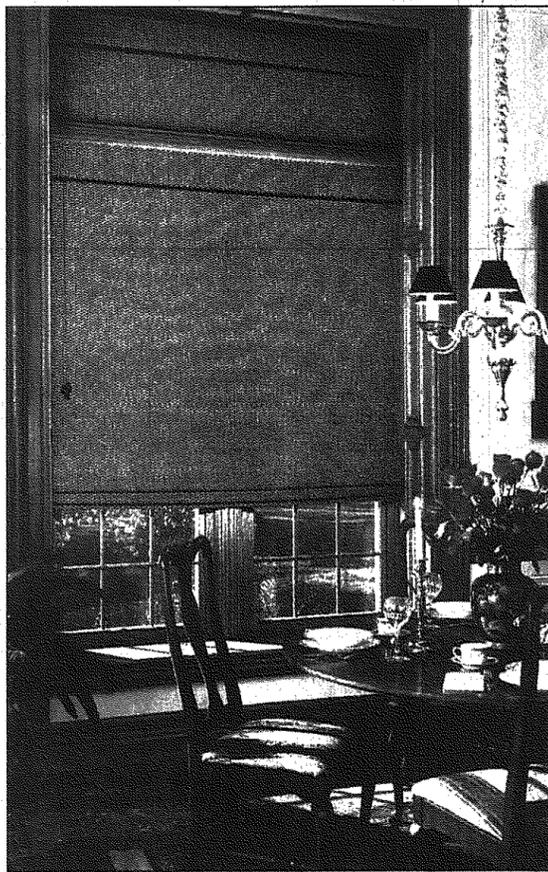
Dining rooms tend to be formal, so an elegant window treatment is called for. They're also the rooms most likely to be wallpapered.

"Often, a dining room has hardwood floors covered with an oriental rug, and there may be a chandelier and artwork as well as wallpaper," said Prisbe.

"You don't want window fabrics to compete with these elements, so you concentrate on texture, such as damask or pure silk, or perhaps a timeless pattern, like stripes.

"To add elegance, we often emphasize hardware - 'window jewelry.' There are wonderful finishes: crackled, vintage paint, aged metal, and finials in American traditional, neo-classical or country French styles. Fluted poles, brackets, wings - all add an unobtrusive note of individual style."

Trish Steiber, custom window designer at The Great Indoors in Shelby Township, suggests: "To soften the architectural lines of panels, drape a scarf over the rods and let the ends extend downwards at the sides. Now that we're into fall, seasonal colors such as eggplant, taupe, orange, sage green or browns are very appropriate for the scarf."



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Hunter Douglas Provenance woven wood shades are offered in 11 unusual designs in bamboo, reeds, grasses and wood slats. Color-coordinated multiple yarns add durability. An innovative opacity system that uses micro-pleated shades directly behind the woven woods provides light-filtering and room-darkening options for any fabric style, as well as, a neutral white appearance to the outside.

Skylights are attractive, efficient

Today's homeowner is in constant search of ways to make the home not only more attractive, but also more energy efficient. Skylights have proven to be a simple improvement that attains both goals. The varieties of skylights available today are now even more numerous than their benefits and can be found in homes and office buildings everywhere. Is your home ready for skylights? Read on to find out.

Skylights lend a unique air to any room and are aesthetically pleasing. By letting natural light in, they fill rooms with warmth and a feeling of spaciousness. They are also highly functional by reducing the need for electric lighting. In cold-weather climates they help trim energy bills by adding natural warmth. And clear skylights can give you an unobstructed view to a starry night sky.

Skylight frames are constructed of a rugged combination of metal, vinyl and wood. The exterior frames tend to be

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aluminum cladding with some sort of durable finish, while the inside is often made of solid wood, plywood or vinyl. Although most homes have similar styles, there are a variety of available choices on the market: dome, flat, pyramid, round, hip ridge, ridge, polygon, lean to, and barrel vault (diagrams available at: http://www.buyskylights.com/skylight_tutorial.htm).

Some skylights are glazed with acrylic or polycarbonate, others with glass. Plastic windows are lightweight, economical choices. Their primary benefit is that they are less likely than glass to break. Because they are molded, they come only in the standard sizes and

shapes noted above.

According to hometips.com, many people prefer glass windows because they don't scratch as easily as plastic and because they are available in a larger variety of sizes and types. Glass is available in single, double or triple glazing. If high-energy costs are a concern, energy-saving low-E glass or argon-gas-filled panes are available. For protection against ultra-violet (UV) rays, bronze-tinted or other UV-blocking glass is available to keep furniture and carpet from fading. Other options for eliminating or reducing the sun include built-in blinds, horizontal curtains or shades and UV-blocking insect screens.

DRESSY, DRAMATIC

According to Kathleen Bruce, in-home consultant at Calico Corners in West Bloomfield, kitchens are dressier in the past, resulting in more-dramatic window treatments.

"Ball fringe is used much more, and we're using a fan-folded piece of fabric, called a jabot, running down from the valance. For an ethnic look, a black background with roosters or dragonflies against a black background is very

popular, and we're seeing more reds than we've seen in a while."

For a French country look, Bruce recommends butterfly-pleated drapes, with a fan pleat at the top. She also suggests board-mounted treatments as perfect for bay windows, instead of rod mounts.

Dining room window treatments, too, are fussier than they've been in the past, with lots of bells and whistles, says Bruce.

"We're layering window fabrics, fringe is popular, and

clients love pinch-pleated sheers over Hunter-Douglas blinds.

"For a more sophisticated look, we like to mix patterns. Ralph Lauren fabrics are especially conducive to mixing; they're designed to coordinate different patterns with compatible colors and scale. Laura Ashley and Martha Stewart fabrics are also designed to mix and match. All of these fabric lines are available at Calico Corners in Novi and West Bloomfield."

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