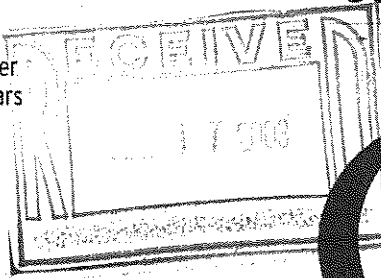


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Raise money

You are invited to a second annual Classic Car Show in the parking lot of Wal-Mart and Sam's Club on Ford at Lotz roads 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today. Proceeds from the event, which also features a raffle, clowns and refreshments, will go to the Heart Transplant Emergency Assistance Relief Team at Henry Ford Hospital.

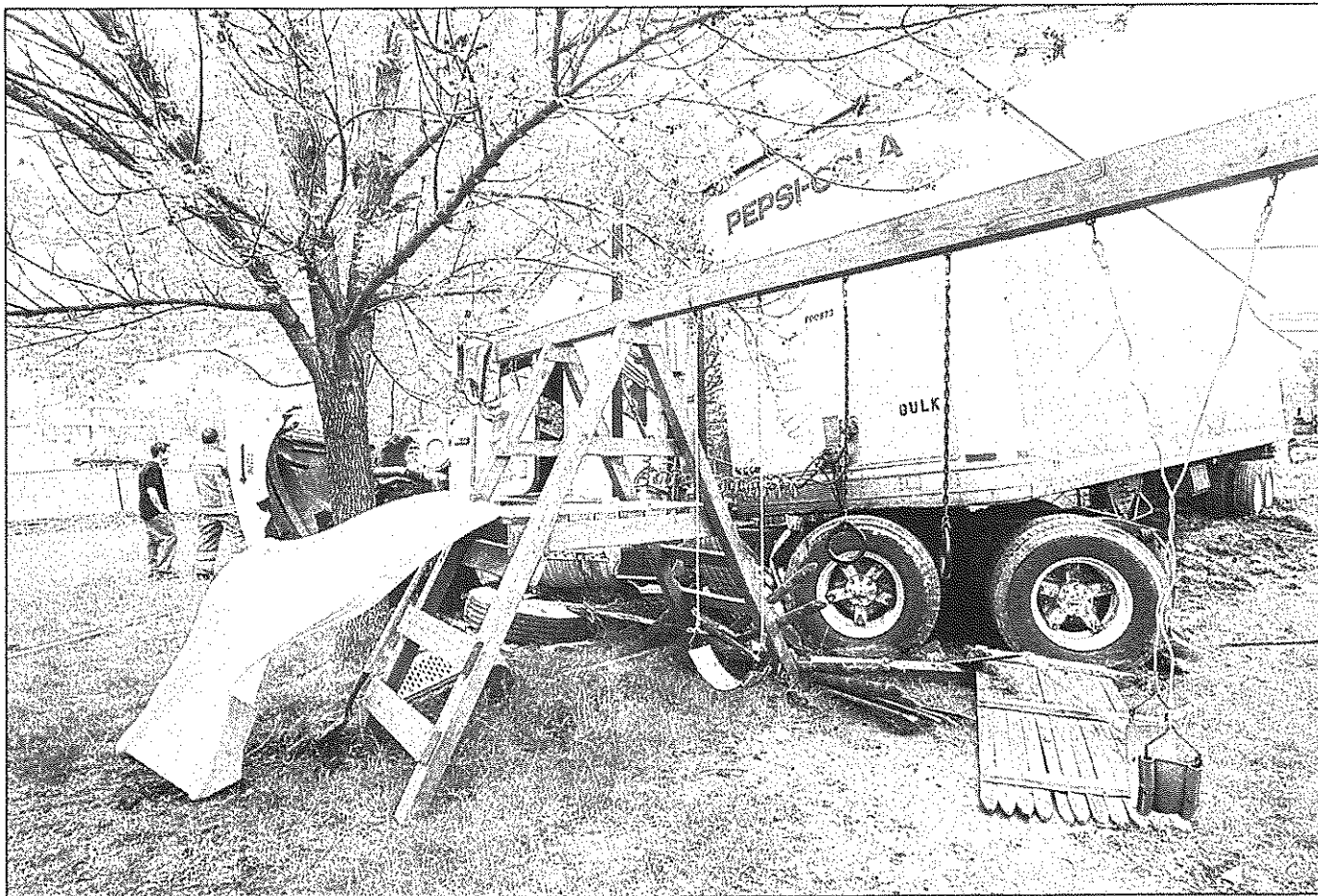
The event is organized by Robert Sharon of Westland, who is awaiting a second heart transplant. "I had a transplant 15 years ago. I had it back when it was experimental," Sharon said. He expects 150-250 classic cars on display.

Dining, helping

Dining at the new Bob Evans on Ford Road, just west of I-275, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday can be a boon not only for the restaurant, but for the Canton Goodfellows as well. The newly opened restaurant will donate a portion of all sales Monday to the organization, which is helping a Canton woman in her late 30s, who has liver cancer. She is a mother to six sons and lives with her mom, said Nancy Spencer of the Goodfellows. For more information, contact Spencer at (734) 397-8975

Employees lauded

Eight Canton Leisure Services employees were officially recognized for their efforts to save the life of a Summit guest collapsing on a treadmill on March 25. Aquatics staff members Erik Koppin, David Carson and Christopher Drabicki and facilities staff members Cassandra Paker, Erin Anthony, Mark Doughly, Leo Caza Jr. and Mark Turnquist were all officially recognized during a township board meeting Tuesday.



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A backyard swing set was the main casualty of this tractor-trailer rig in the back yard of a Canton resident Friday after the driver apparently swerved to avoid a vehicle that had turned into his path.

Crash sends Pepsi truck into yard

Accident closes Canton Center-Warren intersection

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Canton police are investigating a four-vehicle chain-reaction accident at Canton Center and Warren that sent one person to the hospital, a semi-truck skidding into a back yard, and closed the intersection for hours.

The accident reportedly started at 10 a.m. Friday, May 16, when a Nissan Pathfinder, driven by a 59-year-old Plymouth woman, was traveling east on Warren and turned right on a red light into

PLEASE SEE ACCIDENT, A4

DDA's Ford Road plan won't gather any dust

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

A master plan for Ford Road — eastern to western boundaries — won't gather much of a shelf life.

"We are excited. We want to move forward. The timing is good," said Kathleen Salla, Canton Downtown and Community Development coordinator. "We won't shelf this."

Less than four months after consultants Beckett & Rader completed the plan, efforts are afoot to improve the township's major east-west corridor according to the Comprehensive

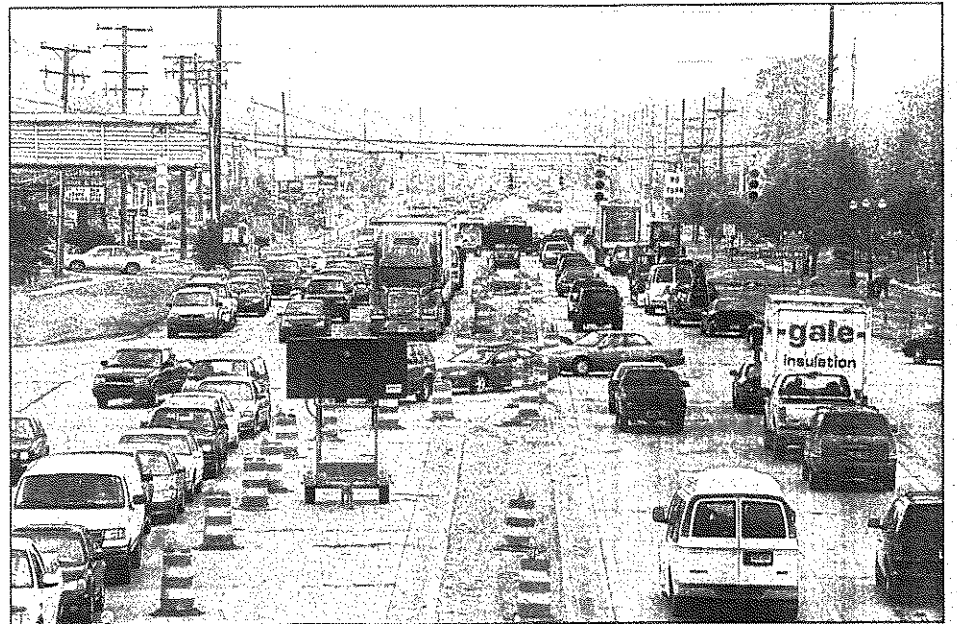
Master Plan commissioned by the Downtown Development Authority. The plan addresses traffic, retail mix, aesthetics and land use.

"We realized the plan would require input and effort from other groups," Salla said.

Bring in the new Ford Road Steering Committee, which met for the first time Thursday night to divvy up who is going to do what to ensure the plan is put to work.

The steering committee draws representatives from the DDA, township planning services, planning commis-

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Drivers negotiate construction along Ford Road in Canton west of I-275 at a snail's pace Friday morning.

Park students 'bugging' Rouge River



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Students take samples from the creek.

Annual clean-up project tests watershed pollution levels

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Amanda Gaedtker, a high school senior from Canton Township, spent part of her school day Thursday looking for insects and bugs in and around the creek that flows through Plymouth-Canton Educational Park — in the rain.

"We picked through the muck to find bugs, and collected them to see which ones are the most common and which ones aren't," said Gaedtker. "If there are some, like mayflies, in there, that means there's not a lot of pollution in the water because they are sensitive to pollution. The creek isn't that polluted."

Students conducted chemical tests, examined aquatic life and surveyed the creek at The Park as part of the Rouge Education Project, coordinated by the Friends of the Rouge.

The good news is that the creek, a tributary of the Rouge River, doesn't appear to be polluted.

"We're doing five chemical tests on the water, and those tests, along with the

insects we find, will give us an overall quality rating for the water," said Denise Zarate, who teaches environmental science at Plymouth High School. "This is the third year we've been doing this, and it's consistent with the other two years."

"We found bugs that are sensitive to pollution, and the chemical tests look pretty good," Zarate said. "They can't tolerate it, so if the creek was polluted they wouldn't be there."

The Rouge River, which runs through 48 communities in southeast Michigan, was once declared a disaster by the federal government. However, with cleanup efforts the past 20-plus years, the Rouge is finally at a place where it's a safe place for recreation.

"Chemical treatments, oil from the streets, fertilizer and geese (droppings), that stuff just washes in the water and it's not good for the stream," said Bob de Bear, Plymouth High School ecology teacher.

"When it rains really hard, the water runs into the storm sewers; and all the

PLEASE SEE CREEK, A3

Slavens wants to continue on school board

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Mark Slavens believes there is some unfinished business facing the Plymouth-Canton school board, and he'd like the chance to finish it by being re-elected to a second four-year term.

Slavens is running for re-election in the Monday, June 9, school board election, in which there are four candidates for the two open seats.

"I'm running because I believe I have the experience to tackle some real strong budgetary issues facing the district," said Slavens.

For Slavens, budgetary issues encompass a number of areas.

"I want to continue our efforts as a leader in this state in trying to get more equitable funding for the school district," he said. "We need to look at the State of Michigan to step up to the plate and ade-

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Be forewarned: Seat belt patrol begins Monday

Beginning Monday, May 19, police agencies will patrol the roads looking for people not strapped in with seat belts.

The "Click it or Ticket" enforcement by the Michigan State Police, Wayne County Sheriff's Department and Canton Police runs May 19 through 29 at various sites throughout in Michigan. Under state law, passengers in Michigan must wear seat belts.

In Canton, the primary enforcement sites include:

■ Monday, May 19, west-bound between Haggerty and Lilley

■ Wednesday, May 21, eastbound Michigan between Canton Center and Sheldon

■ Saturday, May 24, west-bound Ford between Sheldon and Canton Center

■ Tuesday, May 27 north-bound Canton Center, Saltz to Hanford

■ Thursday, May 29, west-bound Michigan between Haggerty and Morton Taylor

The Drive Michigan Grant supports Michigan police departments with the funding needed for overtime traffic enforcement, equipment, training and materials.

Money continues to pour into new Human Services building in the Village

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Ever since water poured into the basement of the new human services building in Cherry Hill Village, the township has had to pour more and more money into it.

At its regular meeting last week, township trustees approved increasing contract costs by \$60,000 to help cover the costs of installing utilities.

Dan Durack, administrative and community services director, said he hopes that

the township can recover some of the additional project costs from the architect, ADG Architects of Ann Arbor.

"We've been just in discussions with them and had some preliminary meetings," he said. "I'm confident we can work things out amicably."

Finance and Budget Director Tony Minghine did not sound so confident at a Tuesday, May 13 board of trustees meeting.

"We anticipate making a rather significant claim against the architect," Minghine said.

The water has been only part of the problem at the building, which opened early this year after several months of delays. Another problem was a smashed wall - caused when a motorist crashed into the east side of the building in 2001. Much of those costs were covered by the driver's

auto insurance policy.

Water has been the most costly problem.

"When (the human services building) was first being built, and we dug the basement, they hit an artesian well and there was a lot of flowing water," Durack said.

The township paid \$200,000 last year to its contractor, Skyline Construction, to install pumps to make sure the basement - which serves primarily as a storage area - stays dry.

So far, the pump system appears to be working.

"We feel comfortable that it's resolved the problem - though obviously it's caused some time delays," Durack said.

In addition to pumps, the township also purchased a generator and back-up generator to make sure the pumps work when the power goes

out. Durack said that the building site is not the problem.

"If we would've realized the extent of the water flow at the time, we might not have had them dig a basement."

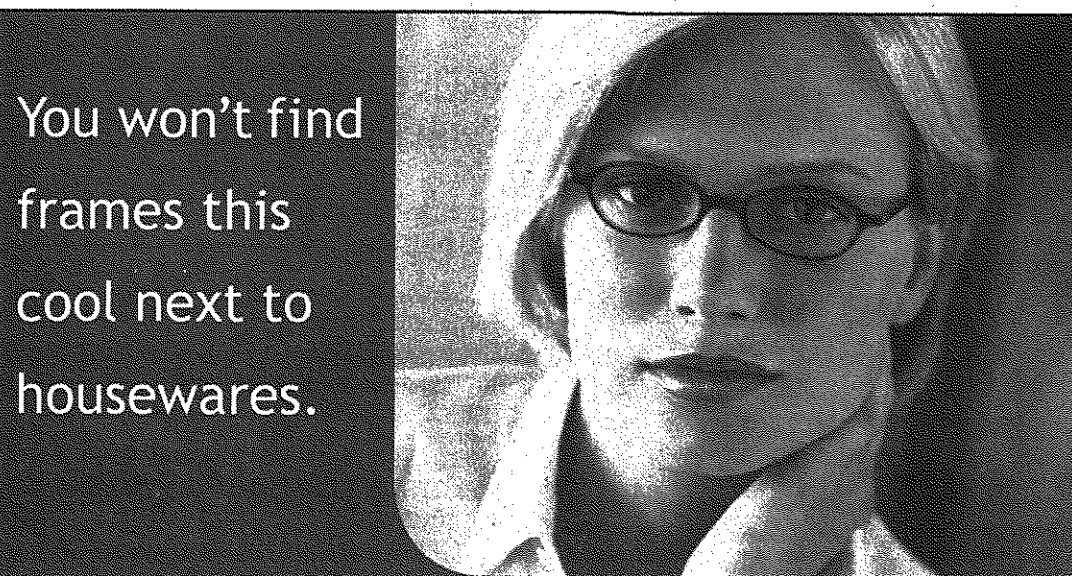
The architectural firm should have told the township about the potential water problems.

"There had been some preliminary indications by various testing companies that there was water down there," Durack said.

"There were some issues that we had with the architects, as to whether or not they paid proper attention to the preliminary tests."

The two primary building tenants are the Canton Community Foundation and Growth Works.

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Lotz Road paving project is on again, with changes

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

The on-again, off-again Lotz Road paving project appears it may be on again - though some business parcels are not part of the deal - and only one-third of the road is included.

The Canton board of trustees held a public hearing on the paving project Tuesday, May 13 and listened to pleas from homeowners to pave the road. Trustees unanimously approved leaving a key business out of the deal and instead covering some engineering costs to

help offset costs to other property owners.

Lisa Walker, a Lotz resident, said during the public hearing that she and other Lotz homeowners have had difficulty selling their property because of the gravel road.

"My concern is the same as everybody else's," Walker said. "You might not think there's a necessity (to pave the road), but there's a necessity - we cannot sell our property. It seems like we're going to be stuck in a commercial zone forever."

The project, in its original form in 2001, involved

paving Lotz south of Michigan to Van Born. But several key property owners - who would have paid a big portion of the funding - said no way.

Draw-Tite, a vehicle hitch manufacturer, was one of them, but is no longer doing business in Canton. Another reticent business was Waste Management, a landfill, according to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

In special assessment districts, at least 50 percent of property owners in the affected area need to sign a petition supporting the measure. Then, they have

about 10 years to pay for it - with interest.

The total estimated project cost for paving 1,660 feet of road, is \$660,224, and will be divided among property owners, according to the amount of footage they own. Residential cost estimates vary from about \$17,000 to \$54,000, and business cost estimates are up to \$218,000.

Without Draw-Tite and Waste Management involved and elevated costs from a railroad crossing, the project was nearly scrapped - but not abandoned.

Two more paving propos-

als - one for a three-lane road and another for a two-lane road - were also shot down by Waste Management. The company has since declined to be involved in any paving project, according to Yack.

The next step was to scale down the project even more by not paving the whole stretch of road - and not involving businesses opposed to the project. Another business that has been left out is a former Speedway gas station at Michigan and Lotz.

Legally, businesses opposing tax measures can appeal

tax cases to the Michigan Tax Tribunal, which could hold up the paving process significantly, Yack said.

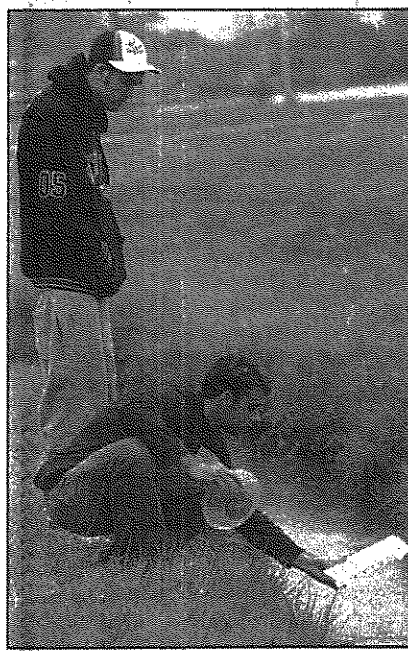
Paving the road will benefit everyone. The township will benefit because it will be able to better attract businesses, and homeowners will see increased property values. "What we would like to do is notify (property owners) that we're going to move forward with the project without the gas station in, and Canton will pick up engineering costs," he said.

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CREEK

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storm sewers go into these streams and the into the lower Rouge," said de Bear, pointing to a storm sewer outlet along the creek at The Park. "If you have high grass, it will stop a lot of the dirt and trap a lot of the



Chris Myks and Andy Osborne return the creek samples, including all of the live nymphs, larvae and snails to the creek after they are catalogued.

chemicals, and keep them from going into the creek."

With that in mind, students and teachers planted trees, bushes and flowers - and put up bird boxes - to help restore the habitat along the creek, which should have an impact on the water quality.

The plantings and bird boxes were bought with the help of a \$63,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Friends of the Rouge. Other Plymouth-Canton schools sharing the grant included West and Central middle schools, along with Field and Bentley elementary schools.

"The native trees, bushes and wildflowers will help filter pollutants that make their way into the water from the parking lots," said Zarate. "There are a lot of spots along the creek where there is no vegetation. So, all the fertilizer and car oil gets washed right in the water."

Jeremy Raiford, 18, from Canton Township, realizes the importance of keeping the creek on school property clean, because of its connection to the Rouge River.

"I've seen people throw wrappers and milk cartons in the creek; they think it's cool to watch them float in the water," Raiford said. "But, what they're really doing is messing up the creek."

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Britney Spade, Nathan Thomason, Erin Dillenbeck and Chris Myks take a close look at samples from the creek.

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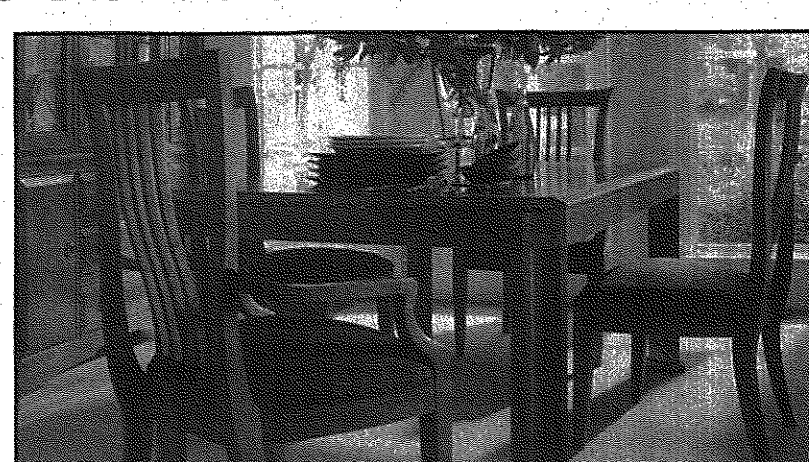
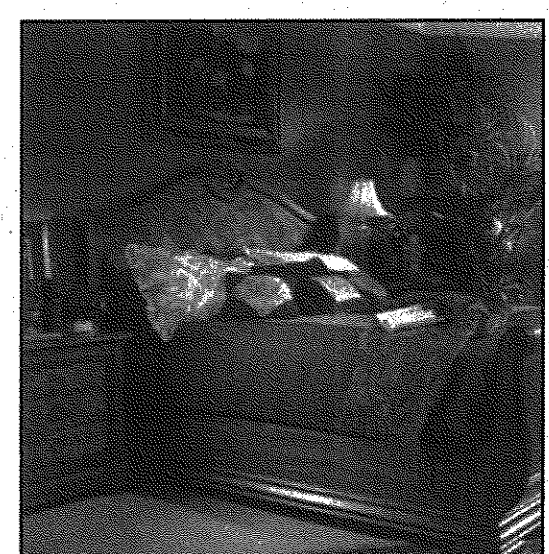
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ACCIDENT

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the path of the Pepsi truck, which was traveling south on Canton Center.

The accident, which drew nearby residents and shoppers to watch, closed down southbound Canton Center

into the afternoon as police and fire personnel cleared the scene. A semi-tow truck was on the scene Friday afternoon attempting to move the Pepsi truck. "Probably the best way to sum up this accident is with a semi involved, you tie up the road all day," said Canton police Officer Bruce Roderick.

The Nissan was struck by the Pepsi semi-truck as it traveled south on Canton Center and wound up knocking down two fences, a child's swingset and landed on its side in a backyard. Driving the truck was a 41-year-old Monroe man who was reportedly uninjured.

The Nissan driver was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for injuries that did not appear life-threatening.

Also struck in the collision were a Ford Taurus heading south on Canton Center, driven by a 34-year-old Muskegon man, and an Olds Toronado, struck by the Taurus after it swerved over the center line.

The Toronado passengers were a 35-year-old Plymouth husband and wife, and their two 2-week old twin boys. None reported serious injuries, though the woman complained of neck and back pain, according to Roderick, who was working the scene.



Canton emergency workers investigate the scene of an accident along southbound Canton Center Road at Warren where a Pepsi truck apparently swerved to avoid a vehicle that had turned into his lane, taking out a fence and careening into another backyard.

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A Nissan Pathfinder with severe front and rear-end damage was apparently the cause of a multiple vehicle accident which left Canton Center closed for several hours Friday.

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FORD ROAD

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sion, engineering, as well as the Canton Chamber of Commerce and board of trustees and township supervisor.

Marching orders were given Thursday night to address appearance and design, traffic and infrastructure improvements, business recruitment and retention and economic structuring for Ford Road.

NO BOULEVARD

For starters, there is little likelihood of transforming congested Ford Road into a boulevard. Room is just too tight. But creating an appropriate entry into the community at Ford Road and I-275 is one of a number of priorities.

A task force of Canton Township, Wayne County and Michigan Department of Transportation representatives is now working on a plan for the improvement and maintenance of the Ford-I-275 area, including the median.

"It's always filthy," Trustee and DDA member Melissa McLaughlin said. "No one travels in it (the median) so no one disperses the crud."

On another front, Trustee

Karl Zarbo plans to meet with a number of developers to talk about redevelopment, development and about a Lifestyle Center, similar to one in Rochester Hills which features a Parisian department store.

"I suspect we will learn a lot," Zarbo said. But it is unlikely the DDA could serve as a property buyer to make changes, such as in retail areas, along Ford Road. "The DDA really doesn't have the kind of cash to become a player on Ford Road," Supervisor Tom Yack said. "We're probably going to be more effective working with people who can assemble (property and developers)."

IMPROVED APPEARANCE

Infrastructure plans target burying overhead utility lines and improving commercial signs and the appearance along the roadway.

A six-to-nine month planning process is likely for burying the lines, and it would probably be two years before they are actually under ground. And how to pay for that? Yack suggested a bonding mechanism the township could share with the DDA.

Discussion has tapped into the possibility of creating what is called an Overlay

District, which could include requirements for parking, architectural styles, setbacks, access, landscaping, rooflines, uses, and even public art.

"We have borne the mantra of residential design in commercial buildings," said McLaughlin, adding that doesn't mean "pizzazz" for those buildings.

Accompanying the comprehensive plan is a market study, conducted by The Strategic Edge in December 2002, that says Canton is primed and ready to take on larger retailers. "They said we have enough of a market and enough of a wealthy market to attract upscale retail," Yack said.

The study defined Canton's marketplace and included survey respondents' likes and dislikes of the area. "It was a study of what we have and what we are missing," Salla said.

Improvements are also planned for the road, such as using smart traffic lights, which adjust timing according to traffic flow. Other possibilities include reducing the exits and entrances from retail areas onto Ford Road.

"It is accepting that this not a walkable retail area," Yack said, adding that distance between shopping areas is too far.

SLAVENS

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quately fund schools.

"They promised in 1994 (with the passage of Proposal A) they would do that, and they're not keeping their promise," Slavens said. "We need to hold their feet to the fire."

Slavens believes continuing to cut programs and staff isn't the only way to go in solving budget deficits facing Plymouth-Canton schools.

"We need to look at more economic development within the community, and I'm very supportive of getting a development director," he said. "You can't keep running a business year after year by just cutting costs. You have to increase your income and revenue flow."

"We may have to look at corporate sponsorship of a number of things, like maybe the football field," Slavens added. "I have always been against that, but since we are facing dire economic times, we may have to start looking at the private sector."

Two areas Slavens named as possibilities for budget cuts include technology and the school administration.

"Maybe we don't have to put so much money into the administration of technology, right now," he said. "I'd rather have it in instruction."

"Also, (we could) look at some administrative positions and make some cuts there," added Slavens. "I've said we're lean and mean, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't take a look at some cuts in administration."

"If you look at the surrounding districts, we have less administration," he said. "However, that doesn't mean that we can't make some additional cuts in that area." Slavens' slate isn't all about finances. Other issues for the Canton Township resident include academic performance, high school renewal, class sizes and a policy dealing with bullying.

"We absolutely have to set some goals as to what academic standards we're going to move towards," he said. "I really want to go out to the community to

help decide what standards we're going to look towards; such as the MEAP scores, how many students go to college, or how many graduate."

"I want to continue the effort we've started with high school renewal," added Slavens. "It helps those students who haven't had the student connectiveness with the big (high school) park. It helps bring about a small school setting, especially for ninth- and 10th-graders."

"I would like to see us work on getting class size back under control," he said. "We have come up with a plan to keep K-2 at 25. I would like to see us institute a policy of moving those class sizes down each year. Part of that is contingent on budgetary restraints."

"I'd like to have a district-wide policy that deals with bullying," Slavens said. "We've seen where if you have extensive bullying in a particular school district, that you have an explosion and some real extreme violence."

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"No one left hungry - I can guarantee that," Pardington said.

"It was fantastic. We had a great turnout of about 250 people."

Charities benefiting from the fund-raiser include the Leadership Canton Alumni Association Scholarship Fund, the Kiwanis of Plymouth-Canton Breakfast Club and the Canton Exchange Club.

Over the years, Pardington said that he has tried to tweak the offerings at the tasting to meet people's requests. Last year, beer was presented for tasting along with the wine for the first time.

"We had a whole assortment of beer, wine coolers and things of that nature, which we brought in by popular demand." Event sponsors included Holiday Market, Leadership Canton Alumni Association in cooperation with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Township.



Denise Staffeld of Canton, from left, Doris Furmanski of Livonia, Pam Haase of Plymouth and Karen Mattarella of Canton enjoy themselves at the wine tasting hosted by Holiday Market Friday night at Walton Woods Cherry Hill in Canton.



Dawn Blaszcak of Northville, from left, sniffs a glass of wine with Kendal Gluck and John Harris of Canton, while Monica Silva and Phil Aiello of Brighton pour, at right. Aiello is with L&L Wine World of Royal Oak.

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Memorial balloon launch
L.A. Turowski and Nelly-Turowski Funeral Homes will host a memorial balloon launch at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 1. The public is invited to attend and pay tribute to a loved one. For information, call (734) 525-9020.

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Robert L. Earley
Services for Robert Earley, 73, of Canton, were held May 7 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. John Shinn officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.
Mr. Earley was born Aug. 14, 1929 in Mt. Carmel, Pa., and died May 3 in Superior Township. He was a design checker at Ford Motor Company and served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.
Survivors include wife, Rae L. Earley of Canton; daughter, Susan N. (Jon) Brown of Newburgh, N.Y.; sons, Douglas T. Earley of Canton, Philip T. (Nancy) Earley of Philadelphia, and Robert P. Earley of Garden City; brother, David Earley of Minnesota; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews also sur-

vive. Memorial contributions may be made to Community Opportunity Center, 33014 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48154.
Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Jack V. Shy
Services for Jack Shy, 82, of Canton, were held May 9 at St. Michael Lutheran Church with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial.
Mr. Shy was born March 5, 1921 in Dayton, Ohio and died May 5 in Canton. He was a development engineer.
Survivors include wife, Lillian Shy of Canton; son, Steven (Camille) Shy; daughter, Vicki (Luces McGrail) Shy; son, Vincent Shy; and two grandchildren.
Arrangements made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home.

OBITUARIES

Bellottie, 75, of Plymouth were held May 10 at the Church of Divine Savior in Westland with the Rev. Alexander A. Kuras officiating.
Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.
Mrs. Bellottie was born March 7, 1928 in Dearborn and died May 7 in Plymouth Township.
She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1994 from Romulus. She was a member of the Church of Divine Savior Catholic Church in Westland. She loved to travel, her family was her number one priority.
She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.
Mrs. Bellottie was preceded in death by her husband, Westley Bellottie.
Survivors include children,

David (Shawn) Bellottie of Tennessee, Lawrence (Patricia) Bellottie of Florida, Darlene (Steven) Hamerink of Plymouth, and Denise (William) Szyndlar of Milan; 16 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.
Memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice or the American Lung Association.
Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

David George Granzin
Services for David Granzin, 64, of Plymouth were held May 15, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Jennifer Saad officiating.
Mr. Granzin was born Nov. 12, 1938 in Bruce Township, Mich., and died May 13 in

Plymouth. He was employed with Livonia Public Schools as a physical education and driver's ed instructor.
Survivors include daughter, Tamara L. Forman of Beverly Hills; daughter, Tracy Baranowski of Waterford; sister, Mary Carolyn Beckman; and four grandchildren.
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Canton extends its Varmint Police pact for animal control

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Canton Township decided last week to renew a contract for a company whose business is going to the dogs - and deer, raccoons, and opossums.

Varmint Police of Westland will stay on as Canton's animal control service provider under a two-year contract extension approved unanimously by trustees Tuesday, May 13. The annual cost for the service is budgeted at \$45,300.

"We have been exceptionally happy with their level of service - we have really not had any time that even a citizen has made a complaint on them," said John Santomauro, Canton public safety director.

A majority of Varmint Police's service in Canton involves dog catching because dogs are required to be licensed. This means that if a canine is caught without his or her tags, the Varmint Police get called to either return dogs to their owners, or haul them in to an animal shelter.

"Basically any animal in the public right-of-way here who is causing a hazard or in violation of ordinance - we would be paying (Varmint Police) to respond - everything outside that scope, residents would pay for."

'We made a conscious decision to privatize. We found it was not cost effective to be in the animal control business.'

John Santomauro
Canton public safety director

This means that if a resident is having a problem with a raccoon family taking up residence in their attic or a groundhog digging up their yard, they should not call Canton police - but can call Varmint Police - or any other animal control service.

Varmint Police has been Canton's animal service contractor since 2000, when the township approved a three-year contract. They handle, on average, 380 calls annually and are available 24 hours a day. The new contract reflects a cost increase of 25 percent, which includes seven percent for inflation.

"This increase also takes into consideration servicing a larger community in terms of residents," Santomauro said.

One of those residents is Karl Zarbo, a Canton trustee.

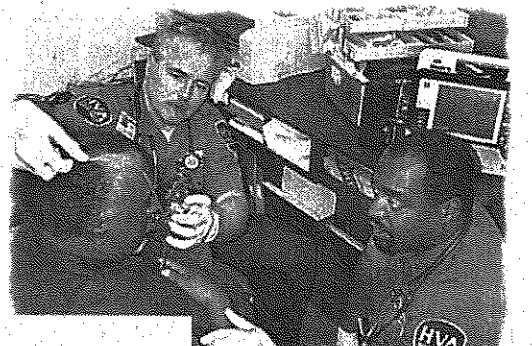
"I just think that for the price, they do an incredible job," Zarbo said during the board of trustees meeting May 13. He said that he has had to call the company about animal problems on his property.

Not all calls involve troublesome canines. A few years ago, a deer jumped through a front window of a residence. Santomauro said that the Varmint Police captured the deer and relocated it.

"We still have a number of wildlife in developed areas end up in the right-of-way," he said.

The Canton Police department had a full-time animal control officer at one time. But it got too expensive, after figuring in salary, benefits, overtime, and vehicle costs. The average cost of having an animal control officer is \$18 per hour, while Varmint Police's average cost per hour is \$3.74 per hour. "Having a police officer performing animal control duties to some degree diminished their ability to provide police service," Santomauro said. "We made a conscious decision to privatize. We found it was not cost effective to be in the animal control business."

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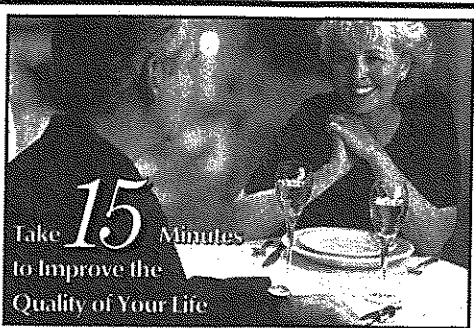
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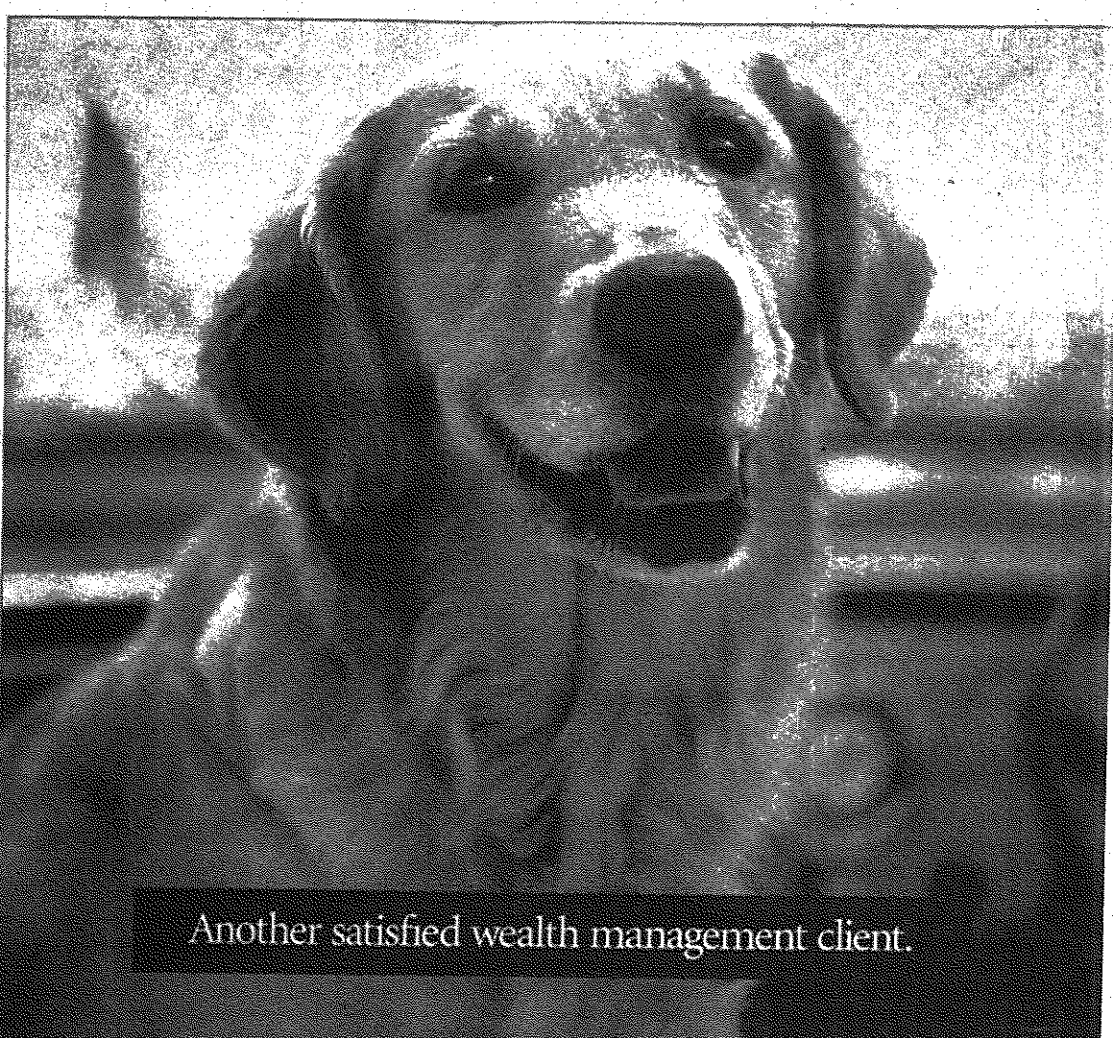
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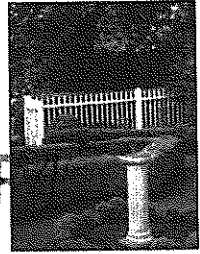
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Select a taste

To highlight the beginning of Michigan's growing season and the newly launched "Select a Taste of Michigan" campaign, Gov. Jennifer Granholm declared May as "Select a Taste of Michigan" month. "Selecting Michigan grown and processed foods helps keep food dollars circulating in our local communities, strengthen Michigan's family farms, improve the quality of life for our citizens in both rural and urban areas, and preserve the state's rich and diverse agricultural heritage," Granholm said.

The Governor kicked off the state's enhanced marketing program—"Select a Taste of Michigan"—for Michigan locally grown and organic foods in late March.

"The designation helps recognize the tremendous contributions Michigan's food and agriculture industry makes to our state," said Dan Wyant, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA).

Agriculture is the state's second-largest industry, contributing \$37 billion annually to economy.

Additionally, the state grows over 125 commodities commercially, making Michigan second nationally in agricultural diversity.

"During Michigan Week, the month of May and throughout the year, we encourage consumers to select safe, high quality, wholesome Michigan food and agriculture products," Wyant said. "Doing so is a win-win for Michigan families, farmers, agri-businesses and retailers."

Asparagus, one of the state's earliest crops, makes its annual debut in May, and signals the beginning of Michigan's fresh agricultural bounty that will be evident through late fall.

In addition to fresh commodities, the state has a significant food processing industry that adds value to Michigan crops and livestock, producing a wide variety of products from pastas, sauces, and wines, to jams, jerky, cooking oils and frozen fruits.

Wyant also noted that Michigan consumers will also see another Michigan agricultural product promotion with "Take Home a Taste of Michigan."

This effort is geared to highlight Michigan's specialty food products by linking them to retailers in the state's prime travel destinations and organizing promotional activities like tastings during peak tourism activities, including festivals and parades.

For more information on Michigan food and agriculture products, the "Select a Taste of Michigan" program, a copy of the Governor's Certificate of Proclamation, or a searchable directory of nearly 300 Michigan farm and farmers' markets and u-pick operations with locally grown, organic and/or processed foods, visit www.michigan.gov/mda or call the Department toll-free at (800) 292-3939.

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Fire up your summer with pork, steaks and vegetables

Now that we're well into the month of May, the long cooking methods of braising and stewing have been replaced with grilling and barbecuing.

It's a great way to relax during the summer, sitting by that searing fire with a nice chair, good music and a favorite refreshment.

Will it be a spice rub, or a teriyaki or lime marinade? Or maybe a glaze ...

Ignite. Preheat. Sear. Cook. What's your pleasure? It's all here, whether you enjoy a steak, ribs, chicken, fish, onions, peppers, zucchini, tomatoes and potatoes.

Frank Agostini grills all year long, but when summer comes along, it also means it's time to barbecue on a much larger scale.

The executive chef at E.G. Nicks in West Bloomfield planned to grill for a party of 150 people this weekend for radio station WYCD at the Downtown Hoedown. This year's theme was a Texas-style barbecue.

When summer unofficially kicks off with the Memorial Day weekend, it also means the grills will be fired up and grates brushed down for another season of outdoors cooking.

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association recommends the following: Dress up lean and tender beef top loin steaks (also called strip steaks) with a full-flavored glaze of coarse Dijon-style mustard, black pepper and garlic complemented by the subtle sweetness of apple juice.

For Agostini, it was another chance to cook some of his favorites: barbecue chicken, ribs and pulled pork. "We do a rub, then a par bake before we put on the sauce," Agostini said.

Agostini doesn't boil the ribs beforehand, as it draws the flavors out of the meat. "You do that when you create a chicken stock for soup, but you don't want that when you're cooking baby back ribs," Agostini said. "You're extracting all the flavors from the ribs. I like to cover them and bake them with a little liquid smoke and water." That



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Mustard-pepper beef steaks with favorite grilled vegetables make a perfect summer meal.

ratio of liquid smoke to water is about 20-to-1.

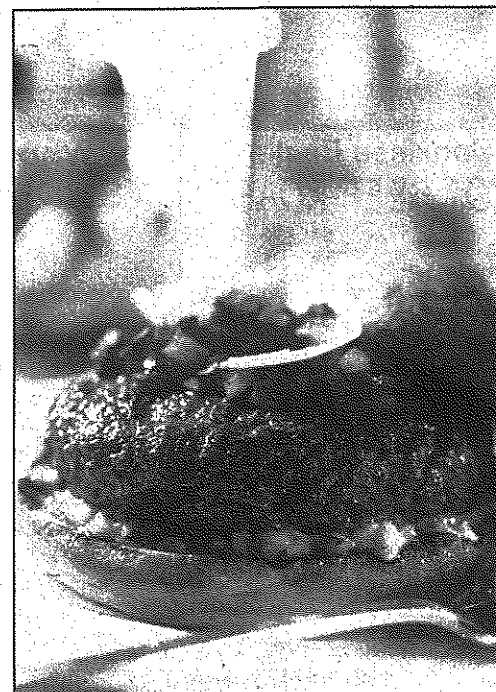
Agostini uses E.G. Nicks' dry rub, a formula of which he is not allowed to disclose, but for his own personal use, he likes a paprika base and herbs. "I like to put the emphasis on the ribs, not the sauce," Agostini said. "I like to taste the sauce, but not bury the ribs."

Coriander, garlic and peppers are other ingredients used in the rub before baking in a convection oven at 350° for about 90 minutes. The ribs are done when they can be cut with a fork.

"Ribs are one of those things people like to experiment with," Agostini said.

For pulled pork, Agostini uses a pork shoulder cooked oh-so-slowly, similar to the ribs. Some people bake it with beer, bourbon, mesquite flavoring or hickory flavoring, but Agostini likes a mixture of pork with onions, then a sauce of ketchup or mustard. Homemade sauces often contain mustard, ketchup, brown sugar, black pepper, garlic and vinegar.

Agostini enjoys tuna, chicken, ribs and steaks. He likes fajitas of steak and chicken, with roasted peppers, onions and tomatoes. He even creates a marinara



Burgers are one of the top choices for summer grilling. For a fresh, new serving idea, try these burgers with red relish and herb aioli.

sauce with these ingredients.

Agostini also likes to grill vegetables, whether it is corn on the cob with herbal butters for a slight charcoal burn, or kabobs with zucchini, peppers and onions.

"That's my favorite thing — grilling," Agostini said. "There's nothing better than open flame."

ON THE GRILL

APPLE GLAZE FOR PORK CHOPS

- 1/2 gallon apple juice
- 1/2 pound brown sugar
- 4 red Delicious apples, peeled and chopped
- 1/2 cup beer

Bring to a boil. Boil for five minutes, then lightly thicken with mixture of water and cornstarch.

Glaze can be used on pork chops or on a pork loin during the last few minutes of cooking.

Recipe courtesy of Frank Agostini.

MUSTARD-PEPPER BEEF STEAKS

- 4 boneless beef top loin (strip) steaks, cut 1 inch thick (about 2-1/2 to 3 pounds)

MUSTARD-PEPPER SAUCE

- 1/2 cup apple juice or apple cider
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 2 tablespoons coarse-grind Dijon-style mustard
- 4 large cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon coarse-grind black pepper

Combine sauce ingredients in small bowl. Remove and reserve 1/4 cup for basting. Brush steaks with remaining sauce.

Place steaks on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill 15 to 18 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally. Baste steaks with reserved 1/4 cup sauce during last 10 minutes of grilling.

Remove steaks from grill; serve. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 451 calories; 61 grams protein; 2 grams carbohydrate; 20 grams fat; 236 milligrams sodium; 162 milligrams cholesterol.

Recipes courtesy of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

SUMMER STEAK & POTATO SALAD

- 1 beef top round steak or 2 boneless beef chuck shoulder steaks, cut 1 inch thick (about 1-1/2 pounds)
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon freshly grated lemon peel
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 12 red-skinned new potatoes, cut in half (about 1 pound)
- 8 cups Boston, leaf or romaine lettuce leaves (about 10 ounces)
- 1 cup red or yellow cherry tomatoes, cut in half
- 1 cup pitted green and ripe olives
- 6 ounces blue cheese, cut in chunks

Combine oil, lemon juice, lemon peel, garlic, thyme, salt and pepper in small bowl. Place beef steak and 1/2 cup lemon marinade in food-safe plastic bag; turn steak to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator six hours or as long as overnight, turning occasionally. Cover and reserve remaining marinade in refrigerator.

Thread potatoes onto four 12-inch metal skewers, leaving small space between pieces. Brush with 1 tablespoon reserved marinade.

Remove steak from marinade; discard marinade. Place steak on grid over medium, ash-covered coals; arrange potato skewers around steak. Grill potatoes, uncovered, 10 to 12 minutes or until tender, turning occasionally. Season with salt to taste.

Grill top round steak, uncovered, 16 to 18 minutes for medium rare doneness (chuck shoulder steaks 16 to 20 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness), turning occasionally. Remove; let stand 10 minutes. Carve steak into thin slices. Remove potatoes from skewers. Line six plates with lettuce leaves. Arrange steak slices, tomatoes, olives, potatoes and cheese evenly over lettuce. Drizzle evenly with remaining reserved marinade. Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition information per serving using Top Round (1/6 of recipe): 502 calories; 40 grams protein; 19 grams carbohydrate; 29 grams fat; 1,086 milligrams sodium; 105 milligrams cholesterol.

Using Chuck Shoulder (1/6 of recipe): 487 calories; 34 grams protein; 19 grams carbohydrate; 31 grams fat; 1,076 milligrams sodium; 98 milligrams cholesterol.

Recipes courtesy of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

CILANTRO BUTTER

- 1/2 pounds butter
- 2 bunches fresh cilantro
- 1/2 cup garlic, chopped
- 1/2 cup lime juice
- 1 cup tomatoes, chopped
- 6 jalapeno peppers

Melt butter and set aside. Roast jalapeno peppers. Take remaining items except the butter

and place in food processor. Grind up fine. Mix butter and mixture, then return to food processor and emulsify.

Use butter with chicken, beef or fish (swordfish) to add a Southwestern zing.

Recipe courtesy of Frank Agostini.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK | STAFF WRITER

Students can help raise hunger awareness

Thursday, June 5, is National Hunger Awareness Day. To raise awareness of and donations to help end hunger in America, the Food Bank of Oakland County (FBOC) is targeting Oakland County schools and businesses for participation in its Bring a Friend a Lunch project.

This service-learning project asks Oakland County students and teachers to pack an extra paper bag on June 5, containing either money for a lunch or a lunch comprised of non-perishable food items.

Those schools that join FBOC in their effort receive a handout with additional activities families can do to help feed hungry neighbors in Oakland County.

Workers are asked to forgo the lunch cart or restaurant for the day and donate the money

they would have spent to those that are struggling to make ends meet. This true power lunch will directly energize the programs at the FBOC that serve the community. Every dollar a business or employee contributes buys several meals for friends at FBOC.

Those interested in participating in the Bring a Friend a Lunch project can contact the Food Bank of Oakland County at (248) 332-1473. All money and food items collected will provide meals for children and families served by the FBOC.

Many people are not aware that families in their community struggle with hunger. About 45 percent of households include at least one employed adult yet they still have to choose between paying for food and paying household bills and 39.9 percent of FBOC

clients are children under 18 years of age;

Nearly 14 percent of the clients with children said that their children were hungry at least once during the previous 12 months (but they could not afford more food). More than half of client households have at least one member younger under 18 years old.

The Food Bank of Oakland County is one of more than 200 America's Second Harvest National Food Banks. Last year the FBOC distributed 6.3 million pounds of food throughout Oakland County. Their mission is to alleviate hunger and poverty by securing, storing and distributing food, information, personal care items and household products to emergency food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters in Oakland County.

Burgers are a grilling staple

Besides the great taste, perhaps the beauty of the burger is its versatility.

"If you ask 10 people how they prefer their burger, you're likely to get 10 different answers," says Sara Reddington, director, Beef and Veal Culinary Center of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA).

"From the beloved ketchup and mustard topping a plain grilled burger, to feta cheese and olive tapenade on an oregano and garlic-seasoned burger, the good news is that it all tastes great," Reddington said.

With that in mind, Reddington and her staff created something new and different using summer's bounty of fresh ingredients. The result: Burgers with Red Relish & Herb Aioli - different, delicious and doable in 30 minutes.

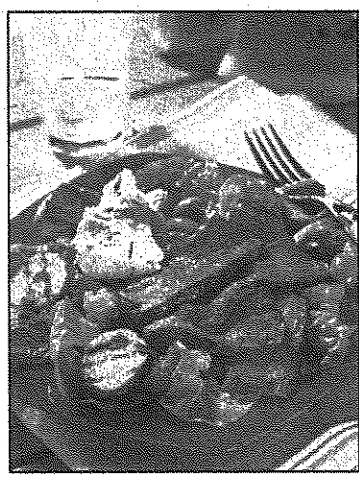
First assemble the relish and aioli and refrigerate them while the burgers grill.

Roasted red peppers, red onion and fresh red tomato with a splash of red wine vinegar make up the piquant relish.

The savory aioli is simply a mayonnaise, garlic, fresh basil and Parmesan cheese mixture. To serve, spread crusty rolls with a perfectly grilled burger, relish and shavings of Parmesan.

Reddington reminds us that making a perfect burger is so simple. Here's how it's done in the Culinary Center:

- Shape burgers with a light touch; don't press.
- Grill over medium temperature (whether



Steak and potato salad is flavored on the grill with lemon and thyme.

using coals or gas).

- Grill burgers just to medium (160° F), until no longer pink in the center and juices show no pink color.

- Use an instant-read thermometer inserted horizontally into the center of the patty to check the temperature.

- Turn burgers with a spatula, without pressing or flattening, which can cause flavorful juices to escape.

BURGERS WITH RED RELISH & HERB AIOLI

1 1/2 pounds ground beef
4 crusty French rolls, split

RELISH

1/2 cup diced tomato
2 tablespoons jarred roasted red peppers, rinsed, drained and minced
2 tablespoons finely chopped red onion
2 teaspoons red wine vinegar

AIOLI

1/2 cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons shredded Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh basil
2 large cloves garlic, minced

GARNISH

Shaved or shredded Parmesan cheese

Combine relish ingredients in medium bowl; cover and refrigerate until ready to use.

Combine aioli ingredients in another medium bowl; cover and refrigerate until ready to use.

Lightly shape ground beef into four 1/2-inch patties.

Place patties on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 13 to 15 minutes to medium (160° F) doneness, until no longer pink in center and juices show no pink color; turning occasionally.

Spread aioli on bottom of each bun; top with burger.

Spoon relish evenly over burgers; garnish each burger with Parmesan cheese pieces. Close sandwiches. Makes 4 servings.

Cook's tip: To thinly shave Parmesan, use vegetable peeler to pull across the narrow side of cheese block.

Nutrition information per servings: 534 calories; 35 grams protein; 26 grams carbohydrate; 31 grams fat; 635 milligrams sodium; 110 milligrams cholesterol.

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TASTE CALENDAR

Weight Watchers
 Chef Tim Cirka will prepare balsamic chicken with mushrooms at cooking demonstrations during the month of May at the following Weight Watchers locations: Monday, May 19, Lathrup Village, 27040 Evergreen, 6 p.m.; Thursday, May 22, Weight Watchers Center, New Towne Plaza, 44734 Ford Road (near Kohl's), 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, May 28, Waterford, Weight Watchers Center, Waterfall Plaza, 5651 Dixie Highway, 7 p.m. The chicken recipe equates to four points per serving, per the Weight Watchers Winning Points program. Other recipes on the handout at the demonstrations include basmati rice and cucumber salad and oven roasted talapia with gremolata. The demonstrations are free and the public is invited.

Community House classes
 The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, in Birmingham hosts cooking classes this summer, including Summer Soups, instructed by Michelle Bommarito, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 28. She will instruct the preparation of Chilled Avocado Lime Soup with Crispy Tortillas and Borscht (Beet) Soup with Dill Yogurt Sauce and Spicy Gazpacho. For information and registration, call The Community House at 248-644-5832.

Continuing education
 Schoolcraft College's Department of Culinary Arts features continuing education classes at the new VisiTech Center at the college, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. You will also find further information at www.schoolcraft.edu, and then click on Continuing Education, CES Schedule, then spring 2003. Jeff Gabriel, certified master chef, will teach Artisan Bread: Hands-On, 5-10 p.m., Monday-Thursday, May 19-22; Fresh and Fabulous Salads, 6-9 p.m., Thursday, June 5, and Quick Easy Meals, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, June 7. Gabriel also instructs Basic Cooking Techniques: Hands-On, Monday-Thursday, June 2-5, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call Continuing Education Services at (734) 462-4448.

Baker loves craft of artisan bread-making

My driver sped through the streets of Paris at break-neck speed, as I pleaded with him. "Please, I have to catch my flight back to the States," I said.

"Don't worree, I get you to zee airport on time. But first you must see my uzzere boulangerie," said Basil Kamir, bread-baker extraordinaire.

It was then that I understood the full meaning of his philosophy: "Bread is not just a business, it's an obsession!"

For Basil, it began when he saw bulldozers clearing a section of his beloved Paris in the 1960s. A narrow building remained intact amongst the rubble and he discovered that inside was an exquisite bakery—a mosaic floor, frescoes on the walls, a beautiful chandelier, cut glass, gold leaf, marble, and the original centuries-old brick ovens. He was captivated. And the obsession began. He bought the building simply to save it from destruction. But he had little idea what to



Give Thanks
 Gerald Mathes

do with it. Basil was in the music business and knew nothing about baking bread. So, he set about researching how it was made, hundreds of years before. He spent untold hours in bread museums and resolved to reinstate Old World methods.

Before long, the bakery was brought back to life and magnificent loaves filled the shelves. And people came. How they came! They lined the streets for several blocks to enter the tiny bakery.

Was it Basil's obsession? Maybe. Or, more accurately, a passionate tour de force.

I've found this is a characteristic of the great artisan bakers I've met in this country, too. Michael London constructed a beautiful test bakery on the

grounds of his farm house in New York State.

Already a master baker, he still loved experimenting. When I was with him he took a huge 10 pound Pain de Campagne and cut off a hunk of a slice. It tasted fresh and full of flavor.

"I baked it a week ago," he said. Incredulous, I peppered him with questions which he patiently answered—explaining his belief in flour milled from wheat which had been harvested at just the perfect stage of the moon's orbit.

Obsession or a passionate tour de force? Perhaps both.

It was similar to what led Daniel Leader to build his "Bread Alone" bakery in the Catskill Mountains of New York, also in the '60s.

He not only imported a master French oven builder to assemble the two ovens, he even imported the bricks from France!

And he traveled to the Dakotas to select the wheat before it was harvested and

sent to the miller. He walked field after field with the farmer to make sure he got what he needed to make great bread.

Obsession? Maybe. But I think it was more a great love for his craft.

That's how I believe successful artisan bakeries are motivated today.

It's easy to coalesce the bread-making process down to eight hours, but how much better the result is when time is viewed as an ally and not as something to cut, to save money.

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At the Give Thanks Bakery, we give thanks for the opportunity to pursue this time-honored course.

Why? Well, if ever Basil Kamir comes to visit us from Paris, we would hope for his greatest compliment—"Zat eez zeh work zat eez truly worthwhile!"

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'Keep on Rollin'

Styx, REO & Journey come to Joe Louis Arena

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

REO Speedwagon singer Kevin Cronin is experiencing a lot of personal energy these days.

It's not surprising since REO is in the midst of a popularity resurgence. Turn on the radio and chances are a REO Speedwagon song will be on soon.

If *Keep On Lovin' You* isn't flowing through the airwaves, songs by Styx or Journey might be instead. It's this three-band concert Thursday, June 12, at Joe Louis Arena that's causing the buzz (originally the show was scheduled for DTE).

Prime seats cost as much as a Lollapalooza or Pearl Jam ticket and they're selling steadily.

On a break from playing with his young twin sons in California last week, Cronin talked about the tour that he calls an experiment.

"We've played with Styx in the past and we're friends with the Journey guys," Cronin said. "But when you have all three bands playing one concert — and we are all the headliners — you have a great mixture of competitiveness, friendship and positive energy where everyone just plays better. It will be very interesting to hear."

Cronin said he's very sincere when he says the Detroit show is a highlight.

"Every show is going to be different, but Detroit? C'mon, it's Detroit. Detroit is a rock n' roll town and every band out there knows it. It's not a cliché when they say it. It's the audience that gives us such great energy and it's the fantastic radio there that helps it all along. Detroit is always a city that bands look forward to."

Cronin wouldn't specify if the three bands will all perform together

IN CONCERT

Who: REO Speedwagon, Journey and Styx

Where: Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit

When: 7 p.m. Thursday, June 12

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er on stage. However he said the stage is open to improv. Fans of the classics by REO, Styx and Journey should appreciate this tour since it's about the hits.

"We're sticking with the big guns; each band only has about 70 minutes to perform, so it needs to be compact. We'll be hitting the gas every single night the whole way through," Cronin said.

And he isn't tired of singing *Ridin' the Storm Out*.

"Believe it or not, I'm still trying to improve it," he said.

Fans will hear songs like *Roll with the Changes* and *That Ain't Love* by REO. And they can expect *Renegade* from Styx and *Open Arms* by Journey. With Styx will be band members Tommy Shaw, James JY Young, Glen Burtnik, Lawrence Gowman and Todd Sucherman.

Deanis DeYoung won't be there. Lead vocalist Steve Perry, won't be with Journey; instead Steve Augeri is the frontman. Neil Schon and Ross Valory are the only original members with the band.

PERSONAL

Cronin knows REO songs were personal for teenagers who grew up listening the band — those songs personal for him too.

'It's embarrassing to admit, but I was more honest in my music than I was in my real relationships. ...

Those songs helped me through a lot growing up ... and I hear they impacted others. Some songs are timeless if the lyrics are honest.'

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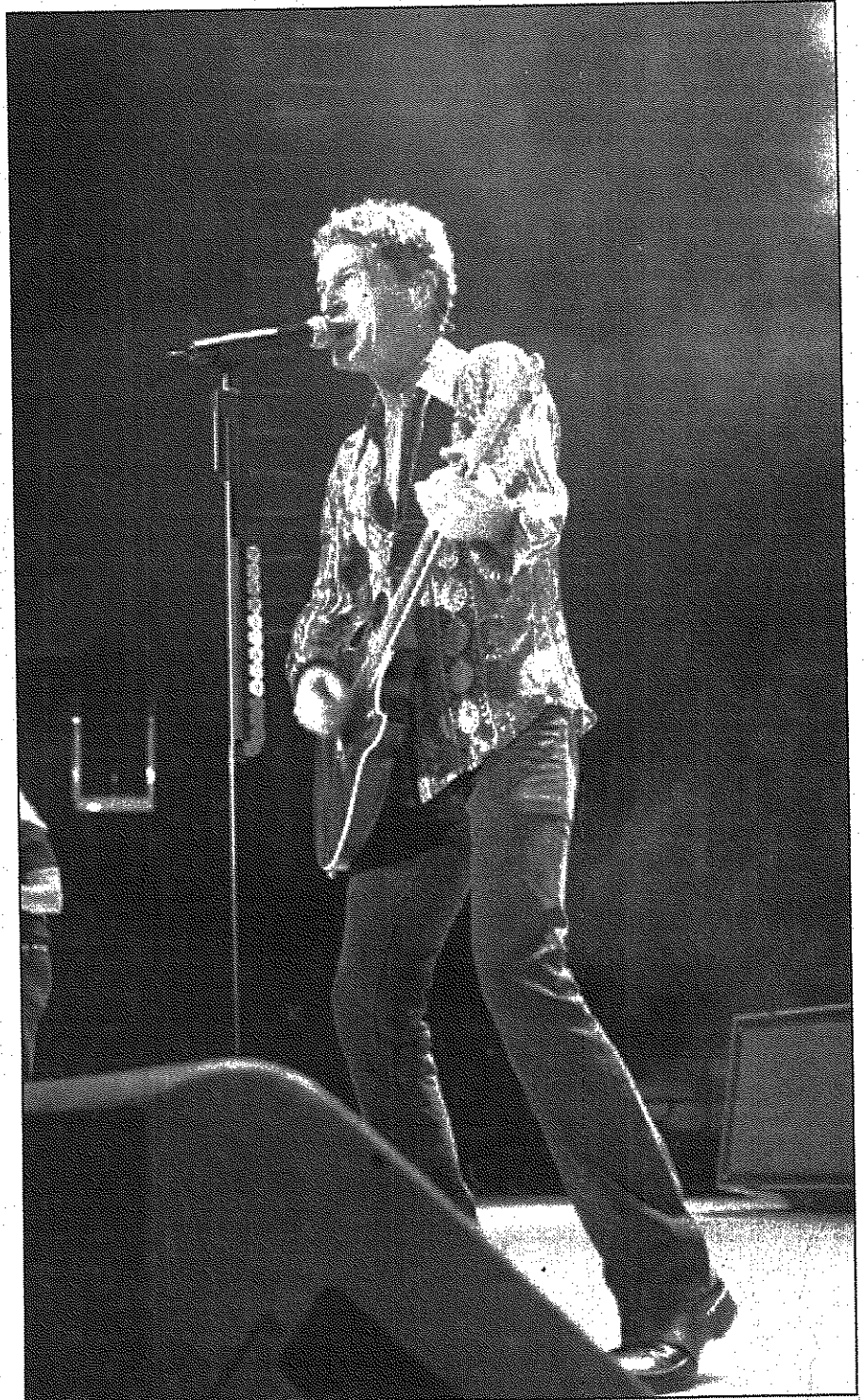
Still, some of the hits might sound different when performed live.

"I could do an acoustic version of *That Ain't Love* if it seems appropriate for the moment. We can take a song that everyone knows and discover something brand new, sometimes it can take years for a song to grow up. They evolve if you let it happen."

As for the future of REO: Cronin isn't ready to discuss it.

The band has been rolling for 30 years and this tour is taking on its own wild life that will probably be extended beyond the currently 45 scheduled shows.

To maintain serenity on the tour, REO travels with a bamboo plant named Lucky, which Cronin says has helped their lives fall into interesting places. (Cronin's complex feel-



Kevin Cronin, lead singer of REO Speedwagon, said it's not a cliché when musicians praise Detroit as a rock n' roll city. REO's upcoming show with Styx and Journey is a hot ticket.

ings about Lucky the Bamboo can be visited on www.speedwagon.com.)

And at the concert, look hard, because Lucky might even be seen somewhere on REO's stage.

When the tour is over, Cronin will take time to be alone with his fami-

ly. For the moment, however, his family is his bandmates and the crew from Styx and Journey.

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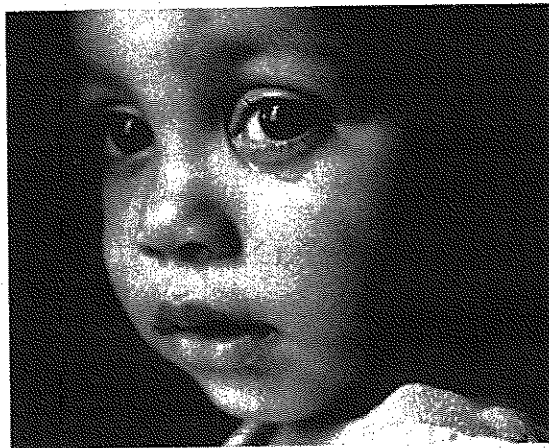
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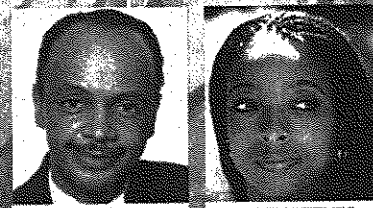
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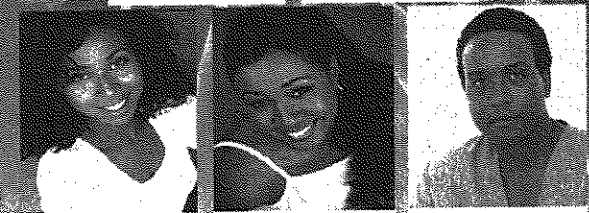


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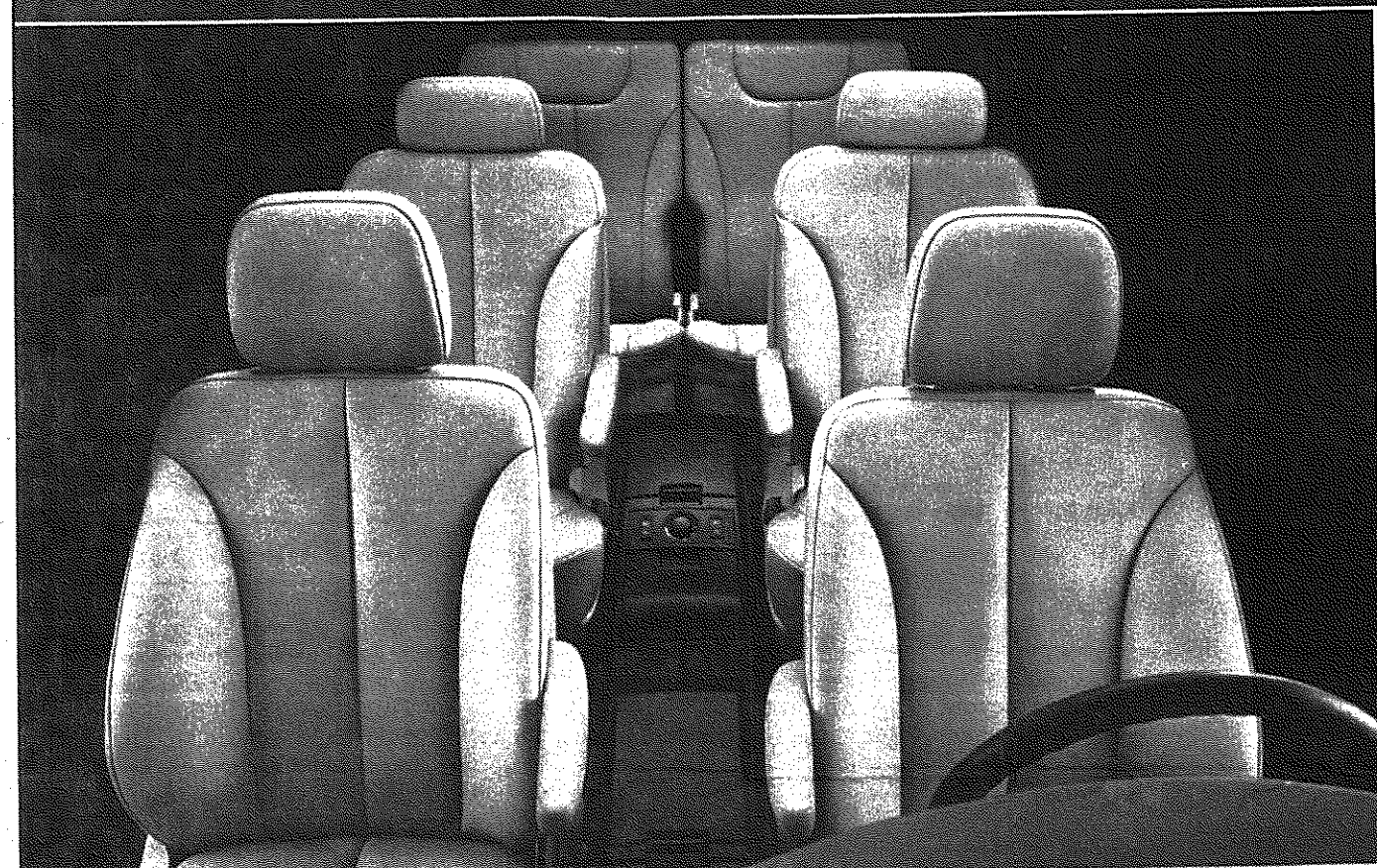
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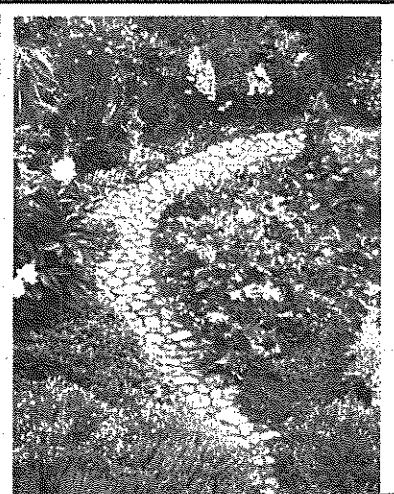


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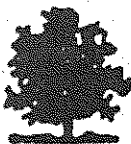
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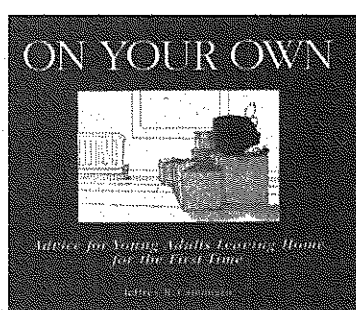
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By Jeffrey Caponigro, Barker Books Inc., Southfield, MI, \$9.95

BY KEELY KALESKI
STAFF WRITER



Jeffrey Caponigro started making a list of little things he has learned in life and thought it would be kind of neat to put them into a book. He did, and gave it to his nieces and nephews who were graduating.

Word got around and pretty soon people were asking for copies. His list of 15-20 "little things I've learned in life" evolved into *On Your Own: Advice for Young Adults Leaving Home for the First Time*.

It's a gem, filled with golden nuggets that will help you, and those you care about, shine no matter how old you are.

"I mixed funny things with serious, and how to get off to a good start in business," said Caponigro, a Troy resident and owner of Caponigro Public Relations Inc., with offices in Southfield and downtown Detroit.

Caponigro says *On Your*

Own is a collection of things you learn when you're older.

"I sort of travel a lot on the job and while I'm on the plane I'll think of a topic and ask, 'What lessons did I learn?'"

Some of the advice is from friends, such as "Don't sleep overnight in a room that you painted the same day."

"Someone I went to high school did that and fainted the next day," said Caponigro. He has some favorites:

"Write a letter to your favorite elementary school teacher. I did that and the letter I got back was amazing," he said.

"If some older people seem cranky, it's because they've run out of patience after decades of seeing people like you make dumb mistakes that could have been avoided. It would make you cranky too." Wanna bet his sons Nick and Mike have heard that one? Nick will

be attending Indiana University this fall and Mike is a high school senior.

Trust your parents, "they just want to make sure you don't make the same mistakes they did when they were your age," is another one of Caponigro's favorites.

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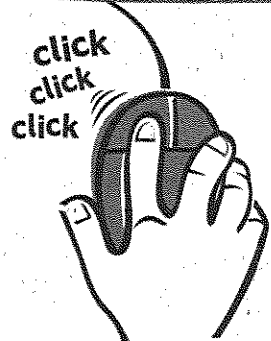
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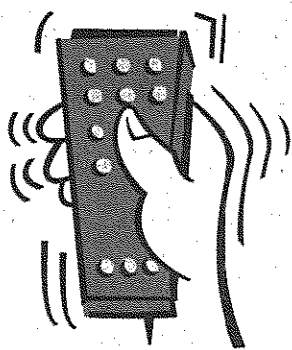
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Moving south, we stopped at Chiang Mai, Thailand's second largest city. Here great scenery abounds and we began to see rice paddy workers and some amazing Wats (temples).

Further south, we spent some time photographing Sukhothai, a grouping of temples from ancient times. Here you'll want a wide-angle lens to get more in the viewfinder and take advantage of the increased depth-of-field afforded by wide-angles.

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Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave a message for him at (734) 953-2047.

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Eclectic Athens, Georgia is Southern, and more

BY ALICE RHEIN
CORRESPONDENT

It wasn't until the family was taking a mid-afternoon stroll around downtown Atlanta, with several greetings from panhandlers, that we realized just what a Goldilocks experience our trip to Georgia had been.

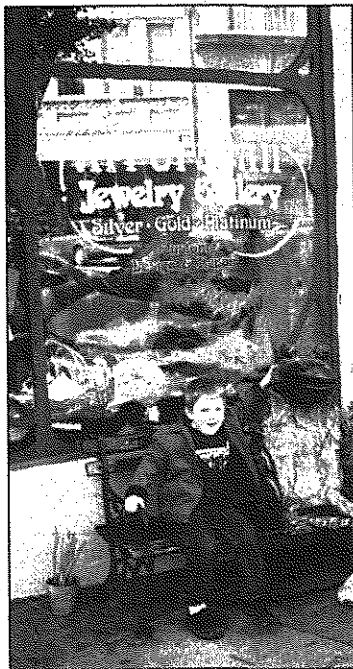
Atlanta was big, but not altogether comfortable. Clayton, a bedroom tourist town about 90 minutes north-east of Atlanta, was quaint, but a wee bit small.

And Athens, a college community about a hour from Atlanta, was just right.

Athens is to Georgia what Ann Arbor is to Michigan. Home to the University of Georgia, Athens offers a diverse campus community along with a thriving business and entertainment district. Having spawned alternative bands like R.E.M., the B-52's and Widespread Panic, Athens remains a musical mecca.

Wasn't that Sister Hazel at the table next to us at the Thai Cafe on N. Lumpkin? You bet. The Georgia Theatre just up the street draws in many nationally known acts. And it's not unusual to find an Ani DiFranco wannabee or two strumming a guitar on a street corner.

On warm spring days - which are frequent here -



Unique shops and sites are found on the streets of Athens.

even music instructors take to the streets, sometimes with the trombone section of the University of Georgia's marching band in tow for a spectacular aural treat.

Athens is also home to some of the most beautiful gardens in the South. If you're lucky enough to visit in early spring, you'll catch the brilliant colors of the azalea trees. They make even the most vibrant azalea bush here seem scrawny.

One of the smallest but historically significant gardens is

on the UGA campus. The formal Founders Memorial Garden, which features an ornate fountain, rare flora and brick pathways, is the site of America's first garden club.

For those who prefer to see a little more red, Sanford Stadium, home to the UGA Bulldogs, is just a short walk away.

Memorials to Uga I-V, the bulldog mascot made even more famous in *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, are located on the grounds. Don't dis the dog - he's waaay loved around here.

In addition to numerous music clubs and bars, Athens also offers numerous dining options, from outdoor coffee shops to steak and wine lunches. Retail stores reflect the town's eclectic personality. Patchouli-scented clothiers and specialty shops fill the historical Victorian-era buildings downtown, and offer a charming antidote to the identical malls and retail outlets that line the highways.

BED AND BREAKFAST

Several adorable bed & breakfasts can be found close to the UGA campus including the Magnolia Terrace, but kids will appreciate the amenities - read, indoor pool - that the Holiday Inn downtown has to offer. Opt for the suite and you'll still get a bargain, free continental breakfast, and a door between you and the little ones.

Though less so than in some Southern towns, the Civil War still looms large in this city's legacy.

It's not atypical to see men in Confederate garb riding horses to who-knows-where to do who-knows-what. And an abysmal military artillery failure, the double-barreled cannon, is now a cherished landmark on the grounds of City Hall.

It's just another example of Southern ingenuity, and smart marketing. It may not have



A musical mecca, downtown Athens draws the University of Georgia trombone players out of the classroom.

won the war, but the South has certainly won the hearts of history buffs and building preservationists.

Some of the finest examples of Federal and Greek Revival architecture can be found on the campus of UGA and in the city of Athens. And with several examples of architectural splendor, a thriving music scene, unique shops and tremendous gardens that highlight natural beauty, a trip to Athens means everyone wins.

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Alice Rhein lives in Huntington Woods and writes about a variety of topics for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.



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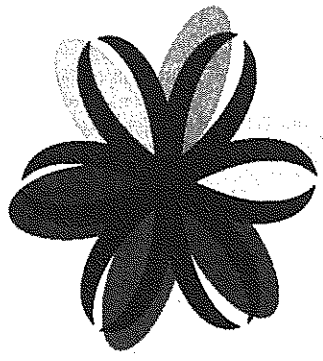
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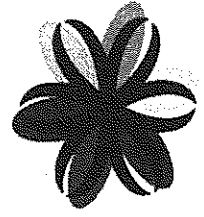
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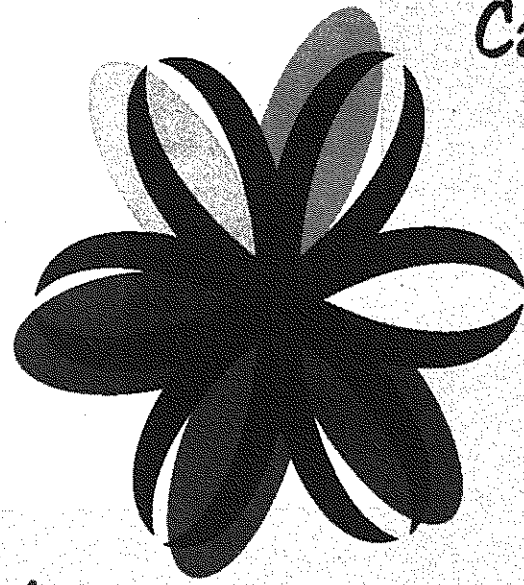
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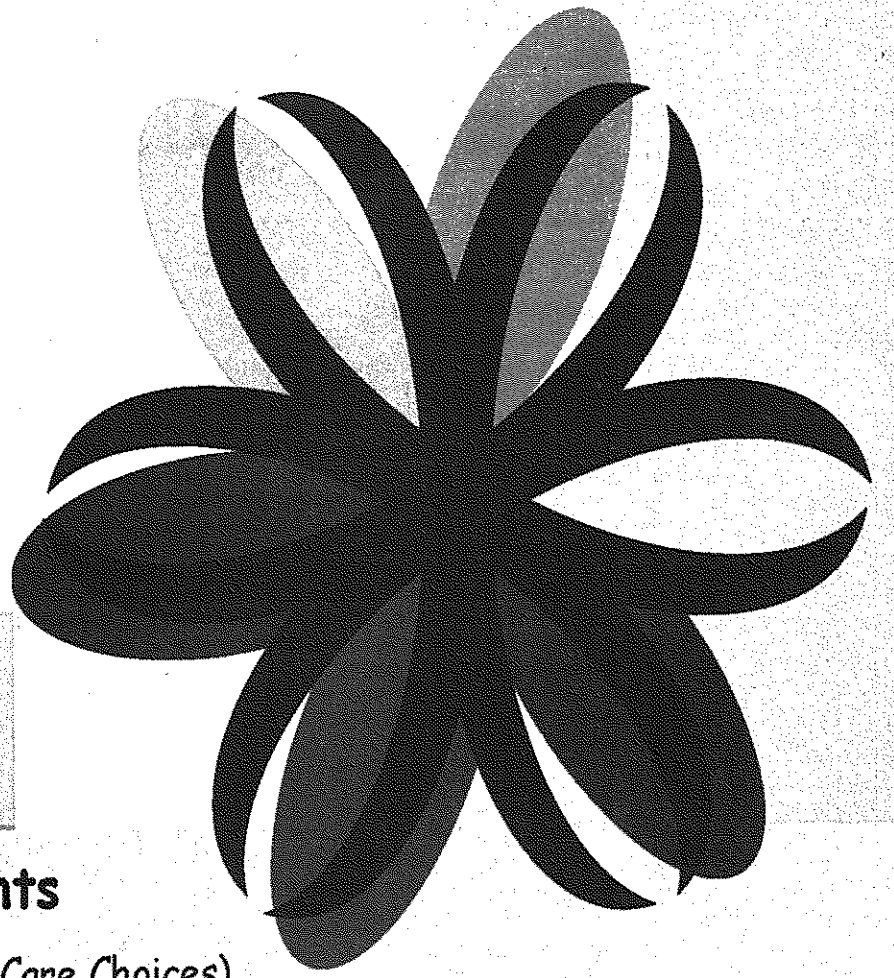
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Grief series

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The series will help people who have lost loved ones adapt to the loss and develop new skills in coping. The series offers participants healthy ways to move through the grief process and provides support, understanding and friendship to those who may believe they are alone with their feelings of grief.

The goals of the group are to understand how grief affects you physically, emotionally, and spiritually; learn to deal with difficult emotions such as anger, guilt and loneliness; learn to take care of yourself and reinvest your energy; and to take steps to reconcile with grief, and grow because of it.

The series is open to the public at no charge. It is recommended that participants attend all five sessions. To register, call Saint Joseph Mercy Hospice at (734) 327-3409.

A second five-part series will be offered 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday beginning July 15 also at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

USO Fund-raiser

Farmer Jack Food Market has launched a storewide fund-raiser to support the United Service Organizations (USO) through Memorial Day, May 26. Farmer Jack will match customer donations (up to \$15,000) from its stores in Michigan and Ohio.

One dollar donation flyers will be available near check-out registers at all Farmer Jack Food Market and Food Emporium stores. Customers interested in donating simply must fill out a flyer and give to the cashier. The flyers will be displayed prominently at the front of the store to show Farmer Jack and its customers' support for the USO.

On May 31, at the Detroit Tiger's home game against the New York Yankees, Farmer Jack will announce the grand total raised during the fund-raiser at a pre-game ceremony. Farmer Jack will also give away 10,000 Farmer Jack baseball hats to children 14-years-old and under.

"Thousands of American troops remain overseas and Farmer Jack wants to show its support in their continuing efforts," said Mike Carter, president of Farmer Jack Food Market. "The USO provides much-needed relief to the men and women serving away from home and for that, we are proud to help support its mission and programs."

The USO provides morale-boosting programs and services to enhance the quality of life for military personnel and their families stateside and overseas.

A private, non-profit organization, the USO relies on donations from individuals and corporations to support such programs and services as Operation Phone Home, cyber canteens, family and community centers, mobile canteens and deployment centers.



Asthma and Exercise

It doesn't have to take your breath away

BY JENNIFER KENNEDY
CORRESPONDENT

Most people expect to get a little winded when they exercise, regardless of their fitness level. However, for some, it can mean shortness of breath, tightness in the chest, coughing, and wheezing, which can hinder the continuation of the exercise, or even daily activity.

People who experience these symptoms could have chronic or exercise-induced asthma. Does this mean they should avoid exercise altogether?

Doctors say no, aside from the most severe cases of asthma. "Exercise can be a trigger for asthma, but with proper diagnosis, precautions and treatment, most asthmatics should be able to exercise regularly and safely," said Dr. Clyde Flory, board member of the Michigan Chapter of the Allergy and Asthma Foundation of America, located in Southfield.

What is asthma?

Asthma is an inflammatory lung disease in which muscles surrounding the airways tighten, become swollen, and clogged from membranes secreting extra mucus, blocking air passages. The results are often difficulty of breathing, coughing and wheezing. Although there is no cure for asthma, it can be controlled.

More than 18 million Americans, or approximately 7 percent of the population, are reported to suffer from asthma. With strenuous physical exercise, most of these individuals experience asthma symptoms.

What is exercise-induced asthma?

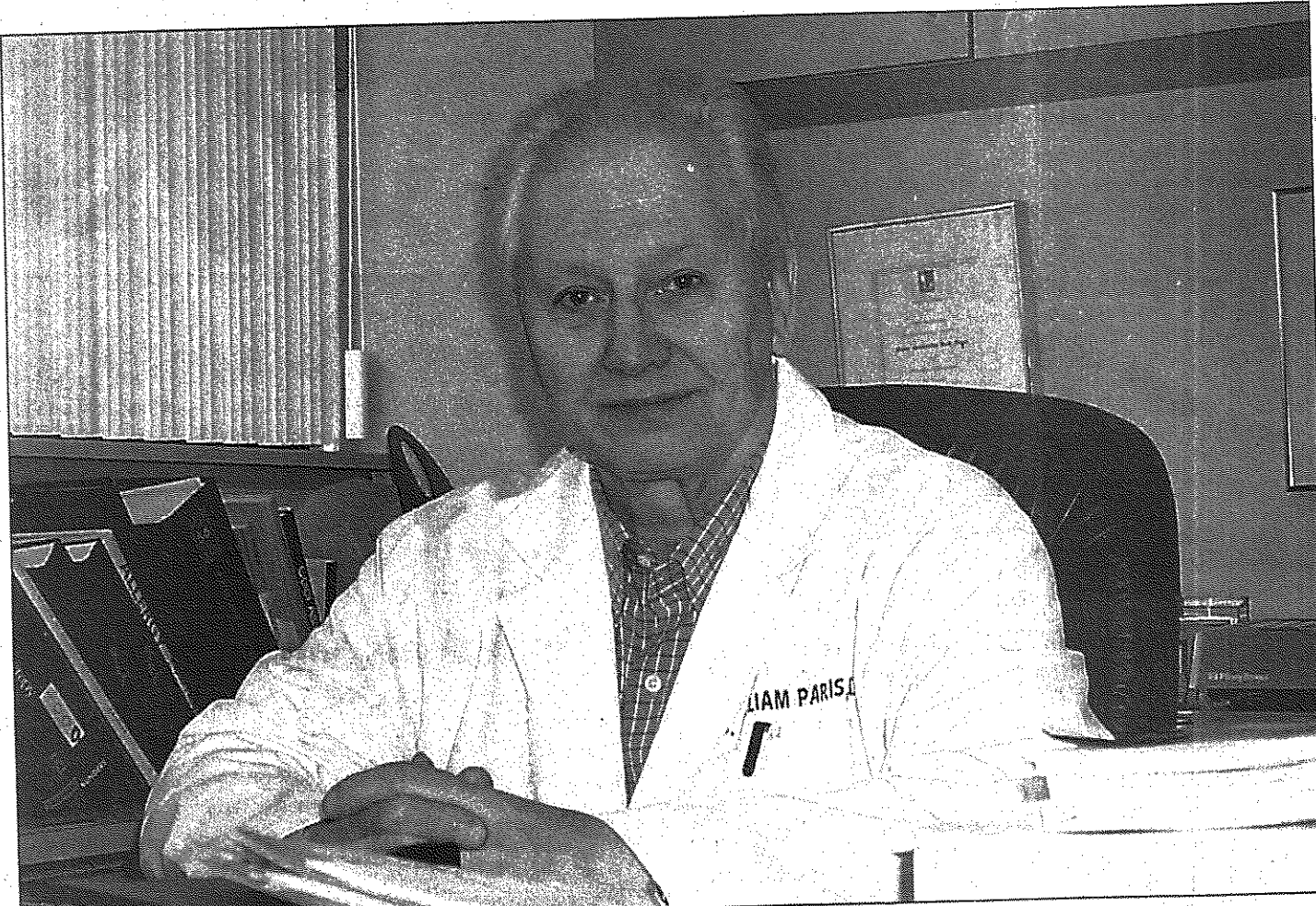
Exercise can sometimes trigger symptoms in people with asthma. However, for some individuals, exercise is the main trigger. This is called exercise-induced asthma (EIA), or exercise-induced bronchospasm (EIB). As we exercise, we breathe faster and the body's natural response is cooling of the airways, said Flory.

"The airway cooling will cause bronchospasms in some people," said Dr. S. William Paris, of Paris Allergy and Asthma Centers, located in Livonia and Farmington. Depending on the time of the year, cold, dry air or certain allergens can also be the cause.

"There are two phases of EIA, one phase that occurs early on, within 10 minutes of exercising, or a late phase response in which the individual experiences difficulty of breathing shortly after exercise has stopped," said Paris. "Either phase can be controlled with medication."

What is the treatment for EIA?

Like the treatment of chronic asthma, the key to treating EIA is proper diagno-



Dr. William Paris advises that exercise is good for asthma patients.

sis and pre-treatment. By taking medication before exercising, narrowing of the airways can be avoided. For individuals with EIA, a variety of medications may be used. Some of the medications most commonly used are bronchodilators, like albuterol or formoterol inhalers. They can be used as a preventative measure, or as quick-acting relief, but it is important to consult your doctor to learn what works best for you.

"Steroidal medications are typically only prescribed to chronic asthmatics whose asthma is out of control enough, or more severe," said Flory.

Are there other triggers?

Asthma can be either physically induced, or allergen-induced, said Paris. In this case, immunotherapy (allergy shots) may also be an option for treating allergen-induced asthma. Some common allergens are pet dander from dogs or cats, ragweed pollen, dust mites and molds.

"This time of year tree pollen and molds are high, which can trigger wheezing, said Paris. "An individual can be exposed to allergens, be exercising and start to wheeze. The shortness of breath could be due to the allergens or the exercise."

Or, if an individual has a cold or even a

respiratory or sinus infection, shortness of breath can result.

Should I stop exercising?

Don't stop exercising, said Flory. Many people, including global leaders, famous celebrities and athletes like Greg Louganis (Olympic diver) and Dominique Wilkins (NBA basketball player) have asthma and exercise regularly.

"Exercise of any kind improves the body's oxygen uptake efficiency – lung capacity, or amount of oxygen you can consume – and improves the lungs' exertion capability. This is true for asthmatics, or anyone," said Flory.

What exercise is best?

Swimming, said Flory and Paris. Although, any type of exercise should do your body good when your asthma is under control. Exercise should be a part of everyday life for all asthmatics.

If you think you may have asthma or exercise-induced asthma, by educating yourself about medications and other management strategies, you can control it and live an active life. Even if you are not striving for an Olympic medal or a World Championship, you should be able to exercise to your full potential with appropriate diagnosis and treatment from an allergy and asthma specialist.

ASTHMA INFORMATION SOURCES

For more information on chronic asthma or exercise-induced asthma, contact the following sources:

- Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
(800) 7ASTHMA
- American Lung Association
(800) LUNG-USA
- American Academy of Allergy and Immunology
(800) 822-2762
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Livonia Rotary hosts 'last polio victim' from Americas

Until now, Luis Fermin, the last polio victim in the Americas, is a child most have only seen through photographs and videos. However, that changed a few years ago when Rotarians of District 6400 had the opportunity to meet Luis at the District Conference in Traverse City. Luis has been the inspiration behind much of the District's polio eradication efforts.

Luis visited the Livonia Rotary Club on Monday, May 12.

Luis was born to poor peasants who lived in abject poverty in the remote Peruvian mountains of Pichanaqui. In 1991, at the age of 3, Luis was diagnosed with polio by a visiting Rotarian doctor.

Two years later, Luis was spotted by Rotarians in Lima. He was unable to attend the local school because of paralysis and other medical conditions. Peru's National PolioPlus Committee offered to assist Luis, and with his parents' blessings, brought him to live in Lima, which held better prospects for a child with disabilities.

"Luis is a great symbol of the struggle for polio eradication," said Gustavo Gross, past RI director and president of the polio eradication fund-raising campaign (PEFC) effort in Peru and Ecuador.

"I take care of his education and health program," said Gross, who, along with his wife, Dorit, act as surrogate parents to

Luis. "At present, he has teachers in the areas of language and psychological therapy, pedagogical help, and physical rehabilitation."

Part of the cost of Luis' treatment and studies is being met with the help of U.S. and Canadian districts. For the Rotary years 2002-2004, District 6400 has "adopted Luis."

While Rotarians are on the drive to eradicate polio throughout the world, Dave Carpenter of the Wayne Rotary Club has volunteered to chair the Luis Fermin Fund.

"I don't think we should forget those that Rotary didn't get to in time," he said. "Luis is not only a symbol of the help

needed by polio victims, but he is also a real live person in need."

District 6400 has committed to support Luis through the next two years. Carpenter hopes to raise \$24,000 to pay for physical therapy and additional operations. A club member or another individual could "sponsor" a week of Luis' care for \$250 or a month for \$1,000, he said.

Luis puts a human face on the Rotarians polio eradication program and demonstrates the need to assist those who the Rotary Polio Eradication program was too late to reach. For more information, contact Bill Fried of the Livonia Rotary Club, at (734) 421-5055.

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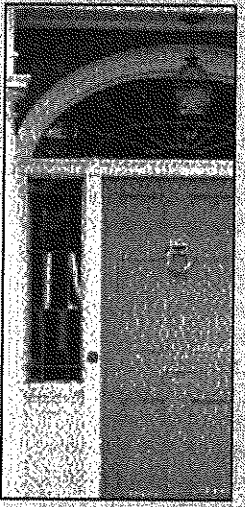
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Builders combine to construct luxury houses in Novi

Multi Building and LoPiccolo Homes have joined forces to build Churchill Crossing, a platted residential community of 215 luxury homes in Novi.

The development on 10 Mile Road between Novi and Taft roads is about a third sold out.

"I think we've got a premier location within the city of Novi," said Adriano Paciocco, Multi Building CEO.

"We're probably less than a half mile away from city hall, less than a couple miles from the Novi Road/I-96 interchange. You've got dining, shopping, everything you need right there, and a premier school system," he said.

"We give people what they want for a good value," said Sam LoPiccolo. "The attraction is Novi schools and a moderate price for Novi."

"We give standard features that are options for other builders. I think we pay a lot of attention to detail on elevations," LoPiccolo added.

"For the quality of home you get, I think the value is unbeatable in the city of Novi," said Kristina Moore, sales manager at Churchill Crossing. "We have very loyal trades who do a great job for us."

"They (visitors) love the floor plans," she added. "They're very family friendly and functional - no wasted space. Yet, they're luxurious."

The plans combine some of the best elements from previous homes constructed by both LoPiccolo and Multi Building.

"We have a reputation for customer service," Moore said. "It brings customers back."

SEVEN FLOORPLANS

Seven different floor plans are available.

Base prices range from \$409,900 for a colonial of 2,975 square feet with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths (\$419,900 in Phase II), to \$449,900 for a colonial of 3,450 square feet with four bedrooms and 3-1/2 baths (\$459,900 in Phase II).

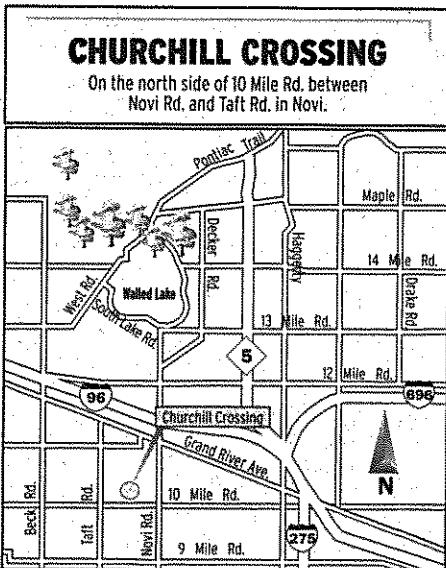
Lots are available in both phases of the development.

All homes at Churchill Crossing include at base price garage space for three vehicles, basement, first-floor



The Stratford, a colonial with four bedrooms and 3-1/2 baths, also includes plenty of living space with volume ceilings on the main floor.

BOBBI ADAMS



laundry, air conditioning and fireplace.

Kitchens include a dishwasher, plus cooktop and double oven or cooktop, range and microwave at base price. Master suites contain separate tub and shower.

Hardwood flooring is standard in the foyer, kitchen and nook, ceramic in baths, vinyl in the laundry and carpeting throughout the rest of the home. A light fixture allowance of \$1,500 is provided.

Brick and fiber cement are primary exterior materials.

Two on-site models, colonials, have been constructed.

The Ambassador, 3,450 square feet, contains a two-story foyer, a study with cathedral ceiling and French doors, and a formal dining room.

A great room with two-story ceiling and kitchen/nook with island that can be used as a breakfast bar and a built-in desk are built across the back of the home.

An interesting back mud hall including laundry, closet and half bath is off the garage entrance.

Four bedrooms, a guest suite with shower, two bedrooms sharing a Jack-and-Jill bath, and the master with tray ceiling, sitting area, large walk-in closet with organizing shelves and two-sink vanity are upstairs.

Base price is \$449,900 in Phase I, \$459,900 in Phase II.

The Stratford, 3,100 square feet, is a bit more of a contemporary layout.

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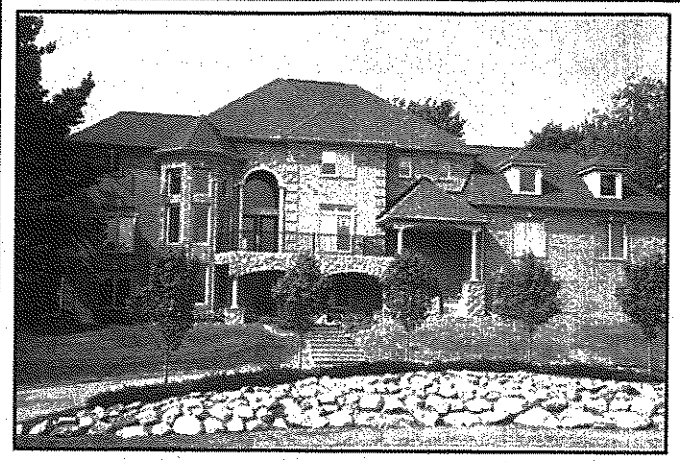
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How now, brown cow - bovine condominiums?

(AP) - A plan is in the works to build the West's largest cow town, a nearly 2,000-acre gated community in the Mojave Desert where 600 dairy farmers and their families would live alongside about 90,000 cattle.

two successful California businessmen aims to reduce agricultural pollution in the town by turning manure into clean, renewable energy to run the cow complex, with some left over for sale to the electricity grid serving Southern California.

Estimated cost of the project is \$1 billion. "We're talking cow condos, a complete gated community, sharing all sorts of services. It will be good for dairymen and a good way to dispose of animal waste," said Henry Orlosky, one of the develop-

ers of the proposed cow complex. Orlosky and partner William Buck Johns plan to seek permits for the dairy from San Bernardino County. With strong backing from lawmakers and the dairy industry, the first of the cows

could begin arriving in the high desert by early next year. The complex would build 30 dairy farms from scratch with 3,000 cows each on a 1,920-acre former alfalfa field in the Mojave just north of Barstow.

threatened desert wetland when you have tens of thousands of dairy cows and the associated stench and flies," said Daniel Patterson, biologist for the Southwest Center for Biological Diversity.

Even supporters concede putting 90,000 Holsteins in the midst of the desert is unusual. Nevertheless, the project is being propelled by two powerful political currents - the need to reduce agricultural pollution and the need to diversify and expand California's sources of electricity.

Under a new state law, California is supposed to get 20 percent of its energy from renewable sources by 2017. Power demand statewide is growing by 2 percent annually, and the state Energy Commission recently granted dairy farmers \$8 million to develop alternative sources of energy.

In the San Joaquin Valley, emissions from livestock waste are emerging as one of the leading causes of air pollution in one of the smoggiest places in the nation.

"On the surface it seems crazy, but we have to start thinking outside the box," said Assemblywoman Barbara Matthews, who chairs the Assembly Agriculture Committee.

While digesters aren't new, they have never been used before on such a large scale in such a remote area. Some dairy farmers question feasibility of the proposal, while some environmentalists fear the cow complex wouldn't be as clean as Orlosky and Johns claim.

"I'm not sure how excited the public is going to be on a

substation about 65 miles east of Pensacola, said Kathy Morrow, spokeswoman for the cooperative. Gulf Power workers replaced the 115,000-volt line and power was restored to some of the cooperative customers affected by the blackout about four hours later. Others were without electricity for nearly 10 hours, Morrow said.

There was no sign of the suspect woodpecker, she added.

Woodpecker pecks a peck of problems

(AP) - A persistent woodpecker was blamed for a power outage that recently left 6,400 homes and businesses without electricity in the Florida Panhandle community of Santa Rosa Beach. A wooden utility pole, apparently weakened by the bird's long-term hammering, fell over in a wind. The pole crashed taking along a Gulf Power Co. transmission line that carries current to an electric cooperative

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Voluntary water use rules don't work well, researchers say

(AP) - Voluntary watering restrictions are less effective than mandatory rules, say University of Colorado researchers. Doug Kenney, a researcher at the Natural Resources Law Center and Roberta Klein of the Center for Science and Technology Policy Research, studied the effectiveness of watering restrictions used last year by Front Range cities from Denver to Fort Collins.

Water use dropped, by as much as 56 percent, when cities instituted mandatory restrictions, Kenney said. "But voluntary watering restrictions, by and large, aren't very helpful," he said.

In Boulder and Thornton, in fact, total water use actually increased when those cities asked residents to conserve voluntarily.

Recently, Boulder's City Council enacted voluntary restrictions, with city staff suggesting that could reduce water use by 10 percent over past years.

Of six cities that used voluntary restrictions for at least a few weeks last summer, none came near to achieving a 10 percent reduction, according to the new report.

Residents of Fort Collins and Westminster cut back by about 3 percent each, but Thornton's total use went up by 7 percent, and Boulder's was up by 2 percent in mid-May, before watering restrictions went mandatory, Kenney said.

Communities here have gone to odd/even outdoor watering restrictions in recent summers when drought-like conditions materialized.

Ned Williams, director of

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utilities for the city of Boulder, said he thinks voluntary restrictions will result in more conservation this year because of increased awareness of this region's drought-prone environment.

Moreover, city residents have cut back by more than 10 percent for periods of time in the past, he said. In 1998, when a pipeline sprung a leak that disrupted the city's water supplies, Boulder residents cut back by more than 20 percent for several days.

"And I think people do understand that if we do not meet our 10 percent goal, then we will be forced to move back into mandatory restrictions," Williams said.

Kenney acknowledged that this year is different from last, and people now know, for example, that Kentucky bluegrass lawns don't need daily watering.

Overall, the new study showed that cities that go to twice-weekly watering schedules (Fort Collins, Boulder and Louisville, last year) can expect to reduce water consumption by about 30 percent.

Prisoners assist Habitat for Humanity

(AP) - Almira Enriques knows little about the origin of her Habitat for Humanity home and doesn't seem to care that its walls were built by state prisoners.

She's just anxiously awaiting the day she can call the home her own.

"It will be nice to have

some room for the kids and a place for them to play at their own house," said the Holland (Mich.) Township woman who currently lives with her husband, children and relatives in a mobile home.

Habitat for Humanity's program to build homes for

low-income families is well-known. Less well-known is a burgeoning relationship the organization has developed with the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Mike Green, administrator for the correction department's Prison Build Program, said the vocational skills

project has taken off since its birth in 1998. Inmates at 18 of the state's 42 prisons have helped build more than 400 homes since then.

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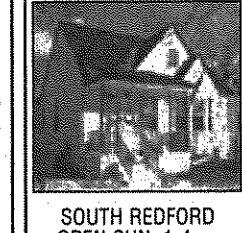
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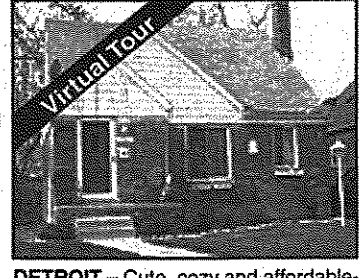
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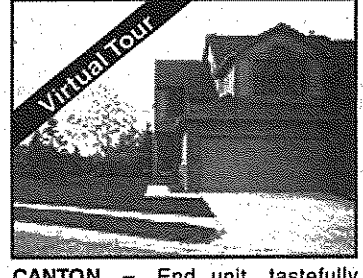
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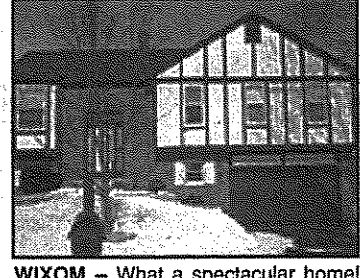
DETROIT - Cute, cozy and affordable 5 bedroom brick bungalow! Open airy kitchen with new counter top, sink, floor (03), rebuilt furnace(02), central air (97), hot water heater (03), hardwood floors, home warranty and appliances. Call Sylvia Florence-Albert.

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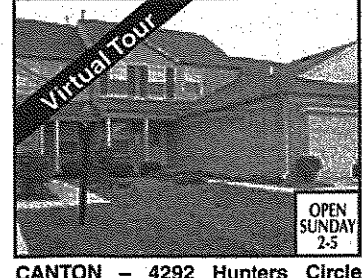
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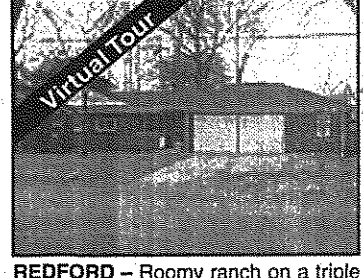
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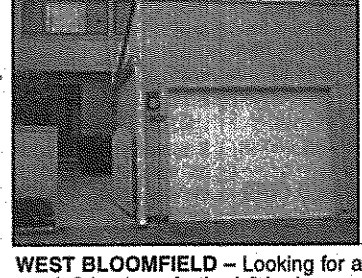
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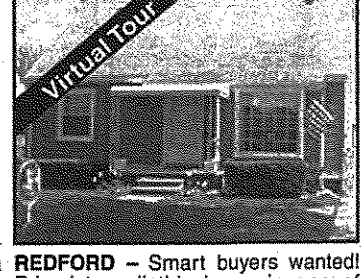
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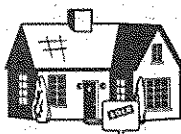


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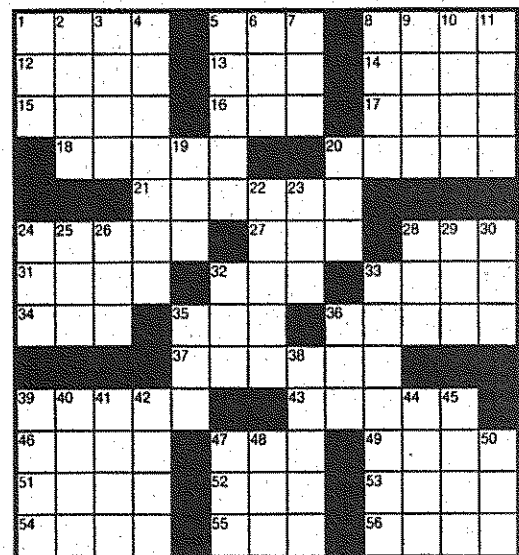
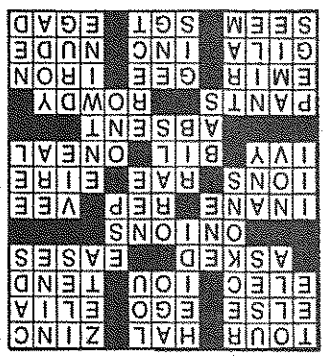
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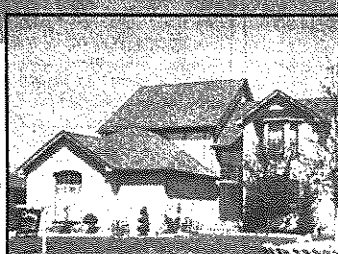
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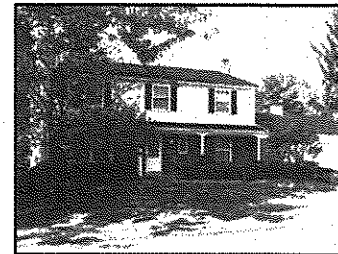
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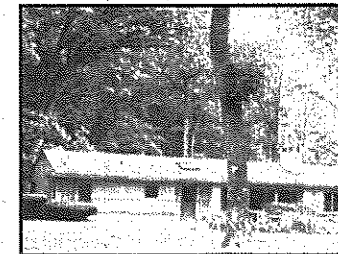
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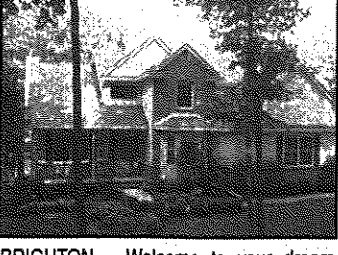
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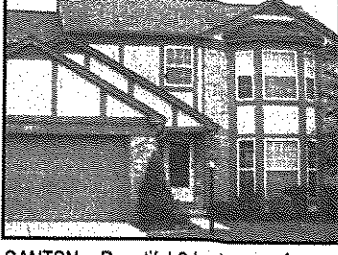
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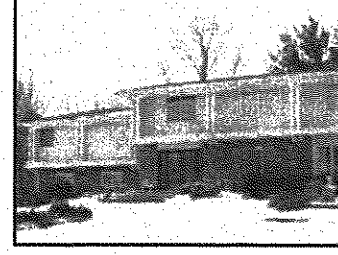
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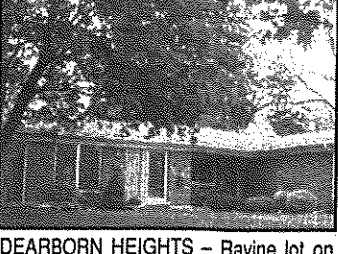
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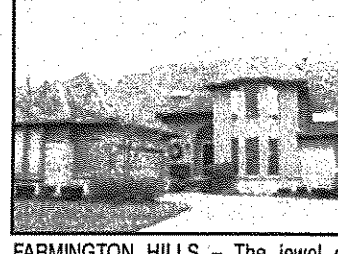
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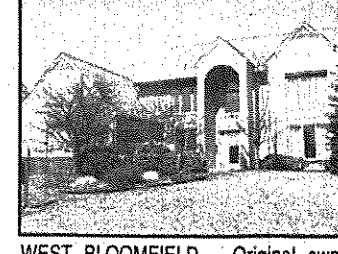
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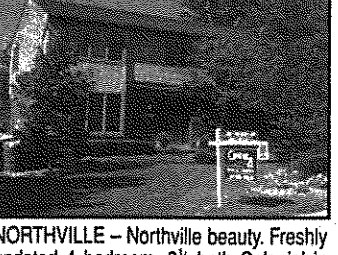
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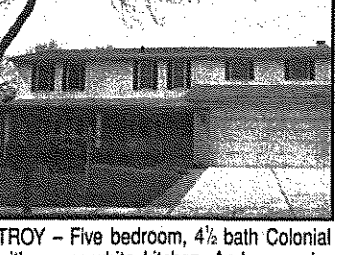
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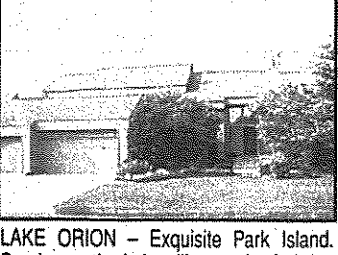
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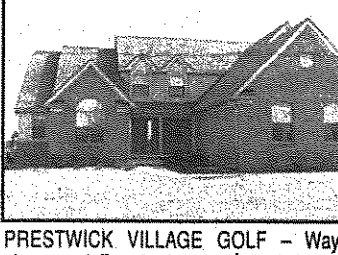
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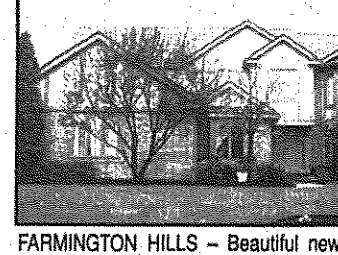
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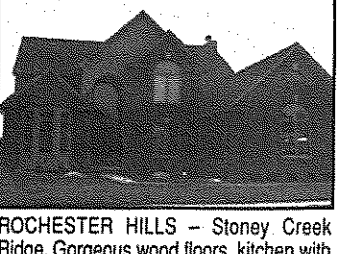
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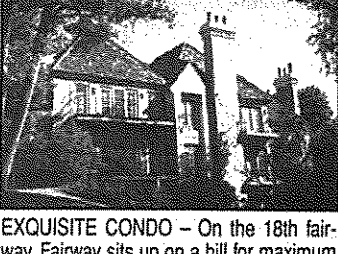
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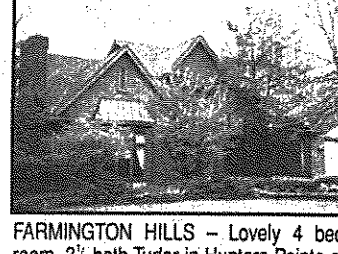
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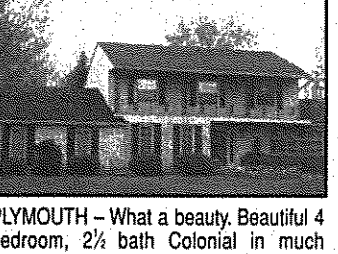
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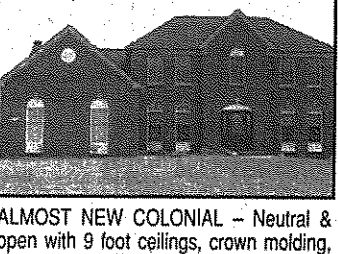
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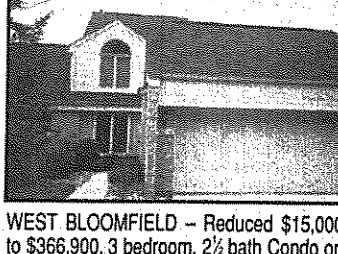
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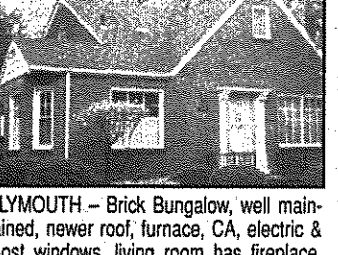
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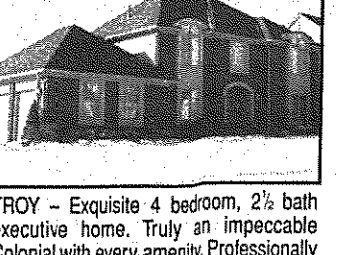
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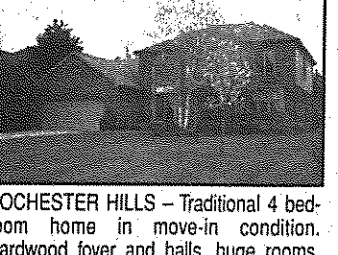
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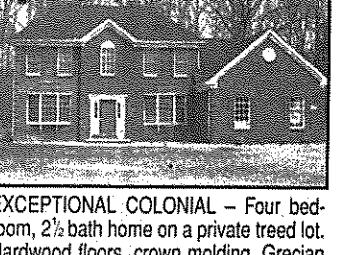
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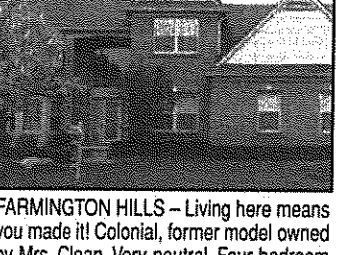
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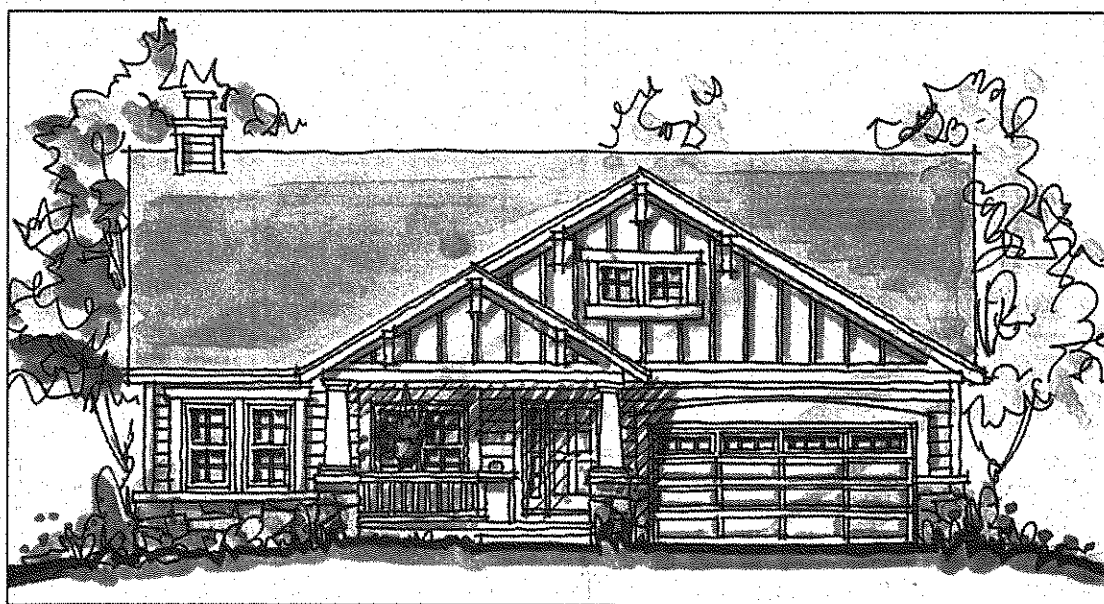
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Eden looks compact, but has lots of space

Columns on the covered porch as well as the multi-use of exterior material on the Eden gives this home a truly unique facade.

Windows across the face as well as the use of windows in the garage door also spice up the look. The Eden has 1,724 square feet of living area along with an unfinished basement of 1,724 square feet.

Crossing the covered porch to the front door of the Eden brings guests into a rather isolated entryway. There is a coat closet readily available to hang one's outerwear. Following the hall to the left brings the

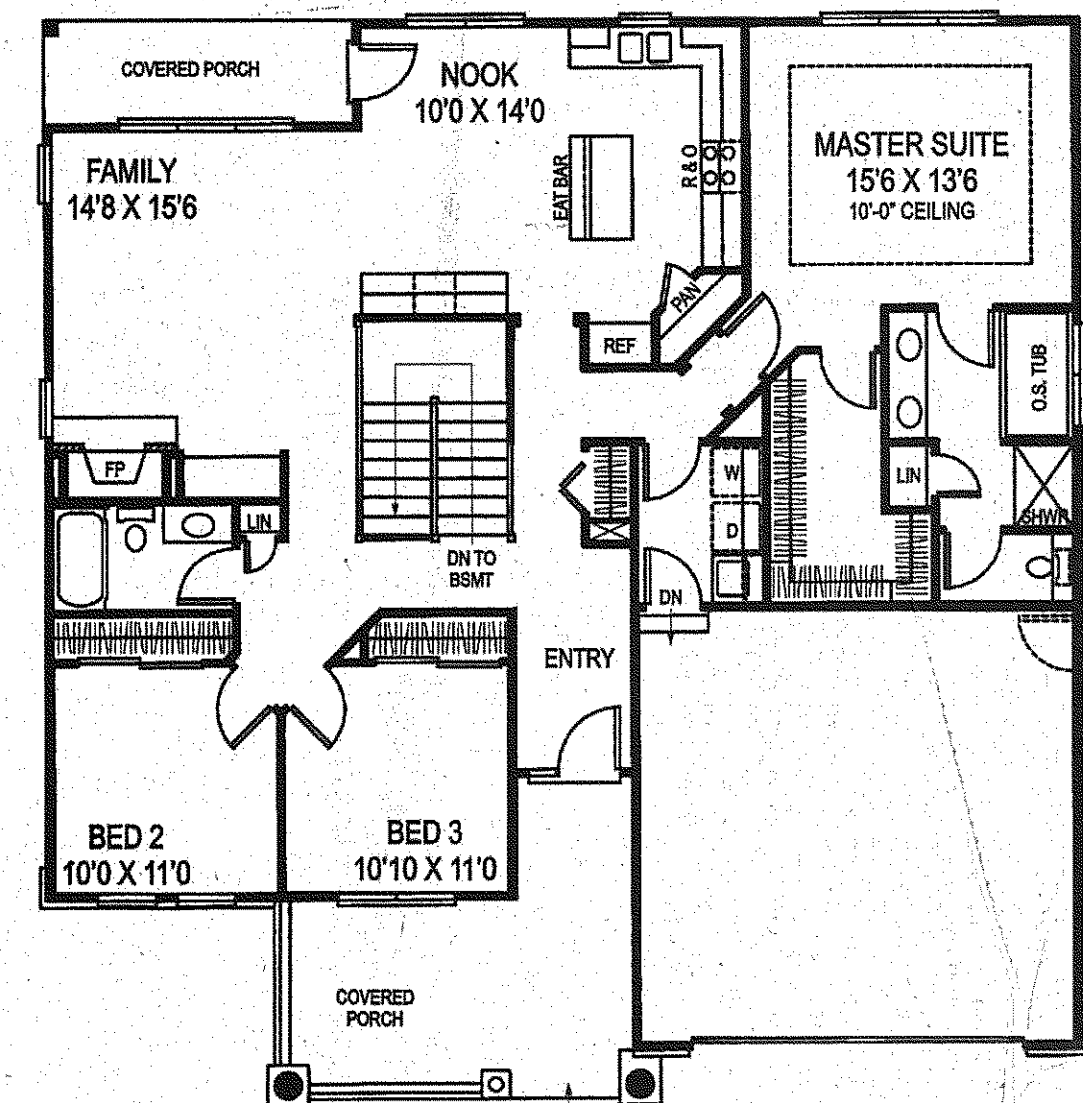
guest past the stairs to the basement and into the family room. Windows on the side and rear of the room provide a great amount of sunlight making the room light and cheery.

Between the family room and the kitchen is the nook. It has a door that opens onto a covered porch in the rear. The kitchen has counters and cabinets that run along the right wall with an island in the middle containing the eating bar. A corner walk-in pantry is incorporated into the counter area. More counter and cabinets are mounted against the back of the

stairs. Just off the kitchen is the utility room that also opens into the two-car garage.

The master bedroom is on the right side of the home opposite the other two bedrooms. It has a 10-foot coffered ceiling and large windows that overlook the backyard. An elongated walk-in closet is on the left side of the master bath. There are "his and her" sinks, with an oversized tub, a shower, a linen closet, and private stool area.

The other two bedrooms are on the left front of the Eden and have long wall



closets as well as large windows bathing the rooms in light. Adjacent to bedroom 2 is a full bath with a tub and a conveniently located linen closet.

The Eden gives the appearance of a compact home from the exterior, however, inside overflows with living space. This home would be an ideal retirement home. The bedrooms are separated and would be ideal for guests or kids returning to visit.

For a study plan, including scaled floor plan(s), elevations, section(s), and an artist rendering, send \$24.95 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Road E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424. Please specify plan name (EDEN) and the number (D8505). A catalog featuring hundreds of home plans is available for \$12.95, or save by ordering both for \$29.95. For faster processing, call (800) 562-1151 or visit www.landmarkdesigns.com.

There is a large fireplace in the right front corner of the family room as well as an area that could be used for an entertainment center.

Look to your local contractors for any disaster repair jobs

(AP) - It doesn't take long for home builders and remodelers to surface after a disaster, but some builders are urging people to use caution when selecting a contractor.

The emotions involved with losing a home, coupled with the abundance of contractors looking for business, could cause some to make rash decisions about remodeling and rebuilding, said Jim McWhirter of Gemini Homes in Choctaw.

That community is outside Oklahoma City where several neighborhoods were hit recently by tornadoes.

It could be a year or more

before people who lost homes have new ones, partly because the construction industry in that metro area was taxed to begin with, McWhirter said.

"People who tell you you'll be in a house in six months - they better beware," he said.

McWhirter said people whose homes were destroyed or damaged need to be wary of doing business with anyone who doesn't have an established local reputation.

"What we try to preach in the home builders association and the remodelers association is if they don't have a business location and a business phone, then

move on to the next one," he said.

He added that some reputable small-volume builders do work out of their homes.

The Central Oklahoma Home Builders Association advises people to check credentials before hiring a builder or

remodeler, said builder Daryl Campbell of Edmond's Alpha Homes and vice president of the association.

He said that means membership in the builders association or in the National Contractors Association.

The general number for the

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan is (248) 737-4477; the Better Business Bureau here, (248) 644-9100.

"Beware of people from out of town. Where are they going to be next week?" Campbell said. "A lot of people drift in for some quick money."

But it's not just questionable builders and remodelers that prey on storm victims.

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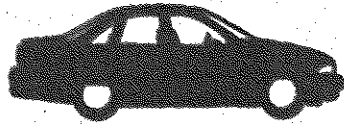
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Your Guide to Towing a Boat or Trailer

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Boating season is here now— finally — and we live in a state where that matters. More than 1 million Michigan residents own boats.

So this week I wanted to venture off the regular path a bit and address a timely issue for car and truck owners who also own boats: how to tow one properly.

Towing a trailer or a boat isn't as easy as just installing a hitch, hooking it up, putting the car in drive and making it go. Nope. There's actually a lot to know before you trailer your boat or trailer — especially if it weighs more than 1,000 pounds.

There are three basic things you'll need to know before you start: 1. What is the total weight you plan to trailer? 2. Are there any safety requirements? 3. Do you need to drive any differently while towing?

There are several different types of hitches. You need to know about those, too. A small frame hitch can effectively tow anything up to 1,000 pounds.

For large loads, you'll have to get a frame hitch or a weight-distributing hitch.

A weight-distributing hitch is the best, however, because it has stabilizing weights that distribute the weight of the trailer or boat evenly.

Generally, the rule of thumb is that 60 percent of your load should be carried toward the front, the remaining in the back.

The same holds true with the type of vehicle you have. If you're towing less than 1,000 pounds, nearly any vehicle can do that — including a subcompact like the Dodge Neon.

But once you pass that 1,000-pound marker, you're going to need a larger vehicle, and, depending on what you tow, a trailering package on that vehicle. Trailering packages can be ordered when you order your car. Generally, they include special equipment like a heavy-duty cooling system, engine oil cooler, different axle ratio and heavy-duty suspension components.

On a truck, a trailering package can include a heavy hitch platform, wiring harness, heavy-duty shock absorbers, engine oil cooler and auxiliary transmission oil cooler.

As you're getting ready to haul your boat, it's a good time also to start paying better attention to your car's exterior. The easiest way to preserve that original showroom look is to strip off all old wax, dirt and grime that's on it, giving the paint some luster.

First, use a rubbing compound or commercial stripper found at most auto parts suppliers to remove existing dirt and grime. After



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that's been done, be sure to pick out a quality wax, paint sealant or paint protectant to put on your car. Most brand names are a sure bet, but take care to read all the instructions before doing the initial application. But don't stop there.

Walk around your car and look carefully for any paint chips or small dents that have caused the paint to be removed. Take special care to inspect the front of your vehicle and in back of the wheel wells, where road debris and stones could have chipped off small areas of paint.

If those small chips aren't taken care of, next year those chips become rust spots. You can get most colors of manufacturer paint selections at almost any auto parts store, but the best place to make sure it's a perfect match to the manufacturer's is to get it from your new car dealership. A small investment in that little bottle of touch-up paint and a little bit of your time can prevent the headache of unwanted rust.

Speaking of rust, inspect your car thoroughly for any spots of rust and get them repaired as soon as possible. Small rust spots turn into large rust spots in a matter of months during inclement weather, even during spring rainstorms and summer thundershowers.

Don't ignore other non-paint surfaces of your car, either. Get a good chrome cleaner and polish and apply it liberally to every piece of chrome on your vehicle. If you have mag wheels, be sure to purchase a sealer to prevent any minute rust that may have formed during the winter.

The interior of your vehicle should also get some heavy-duty attention. Clean all upholstery and carpeting by vacuuming it thoroughly, then wash it. Purchase either a can of carpet/upholstery shampoo or rent a carpet machine to clean the interior. Use the small upholstery attachment to get into the smaller areas of your vehicle.

When cleaning with a carpet machine, don't ignore the headlin-

er, especially if you or your passengers smoke in your vehicle. Not only does the thorough cleaning restore a fresh, clean smell to your car, it also lays the proper groundwork for application of a fabric protectant or sealer. Professional application of Scotchgard treatment should also be considered. Most auto dealers and reputable car wash establishments charge between \$35 and \$75 for professional Scotchgard treatment.

Of course, the smartest investment anyone can make is a decent set of floor mats — for both the front and rear floors of your vehicle. Nobody wants to lug a vacuum cleaner or carpet machine out on a regular basis and it's much easier to pick up the floor mats and vacuum or clean them inside the house. The easiest, quickest and least expensive way to protect your car's exterior, however, is to wash it often.

If you wash your car at home, be sure to always work in the shade. When soap dries on a vehicle's paint surface, it's not only harder to remove, but also causes spotting and streaking. Be sure to pay special attention to the inside of the wheel wells, where rusting often begins. If you can, take your vehicle to a coin-operated spray wash at least once a month, using the pressure wash to clean all slush and snow out of the wheel wells.

Avoid any automatic car washes with bristle brushes, which tend to scratch and damage your paint. Brushless, or cloth-style car washes, are more gentle to the paint surface and tend to clean your car better.

That \$3 or \$4 investment every week to clean the mud and dirt off your car pays off in the long run because it'll be easier to sell your vehicle further down the road. First impressions usually sell a prospective buyer. Taking care of the exterior of your car will pay you a dividend when you sell it.

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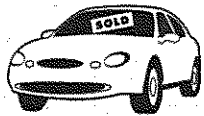
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