

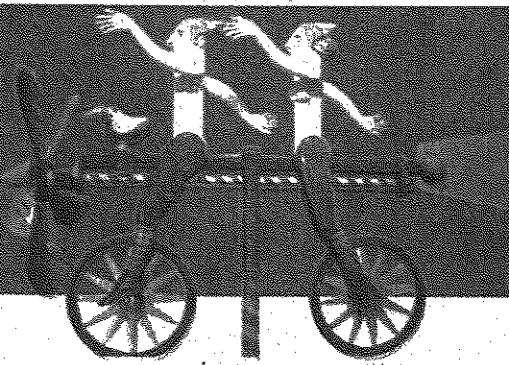
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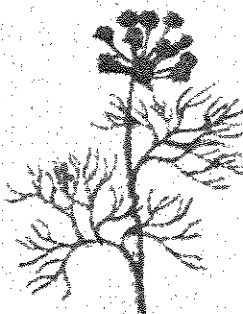
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Celebrate joy

Agape Family Worship Center of Canton invites the community to "Celebration of Joy," a concert presented by Agape's worship team. Contemporary Christian music will be presented by the 16-piece orchestra and singers. The concert will be 5:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 12, at Heritage Park's open air amphitheater.

Having fun

Playing has to be the best way to celebrate the July 4 holiday. Sue Harris of Little Tots Home DayCare in Canton organized the preschoolers for a parade, decorations and an old-fashioned good time.



Harris' day care is licensed for 12 children and accepts children ages 3 months and older.

Choir boosters

The P-CEP Choir Boosters will sell refreshments at the following events:

Concert in the Park - Canton Heritage Park, 7:30 p.m. July 10.

Art in the Park-Plymouth - noon to 8 p.m. July 11; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. July 12; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 13. Look for the boosters' booth in Kellogg Park.

Concert in the Park - Canton Heritage Park, 7:30 p.m. July 31 and Aug. 7.

Proceeds go toward the purchase of music and other items needed by the choirs, and to help fund enrichment activities for the students and staff.

Volunteers are needed to help sell refreshments. Students enrolled in Close-Up this next school year may receive community service credit for helping.

Disobedience

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents "The Art of Civil Disobedience." Gillian Eaton will perform scenes from the Selma Lunch Counter Sit-ins at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. Eaton will serve as a facilitator in an open discussion about the art of civil disobedience. Admission is \$5. For more information, contact the council at (734) 416-4278. The council's Web site is: plymoutharts.com

Volunteers

The American Cancer Society's Discovery Shop in Plymouth is looking for volunteers interested in retailing to make a difference in the fight against cancer. Various positions are available with flexible hours. Training is available. For more information, call the Discovery Shop at (734) 451-0745.

Detention pond prompts concern

Sunflower residents want work stopped

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Larchmont homeowners in the Sunflower subdivision want construction stopped in an adjacent new subdivision because of a detention pond they believe could potentially create an environment for the West Nile virus.

"This site does not represent good engineering practices," said Robert McEachern, a civil engineer whose home backs up to the new Maiden Woods subdivision and its detention pond.

He told Canton planning commissioners Monday night of neighbors' growing concern over the pond with

reported stagnant water that is oozing gas bubbles — a sign of an anaerobic condition, meaning no oxygen in the water and no life.

McEachern said the pond does not meet Wayne County's storm water management standards, including the need for an area circling the pond in which plant life can grow and clean the water.

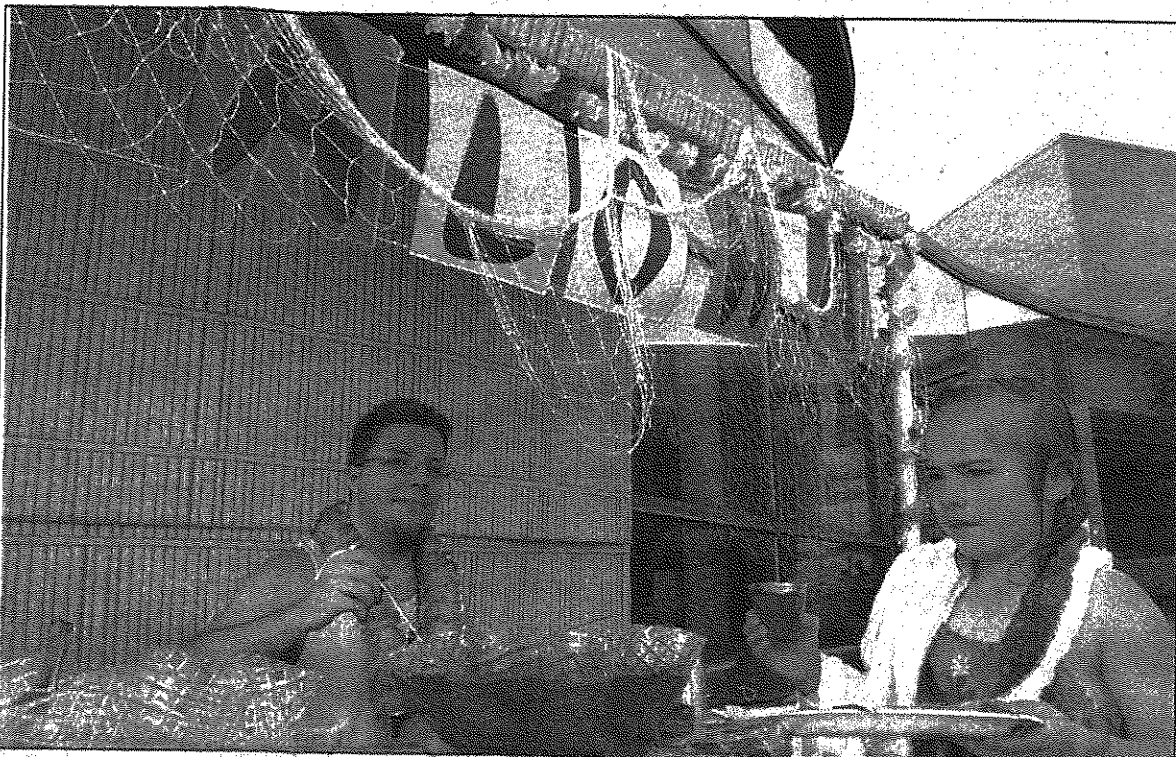
Other residents echoed similar complaints. Gerald Marinski, also of Larchmont, called the pond a nuisance,

as are others in Canton he believes do not follow Wayne County regulations.

"They are disgusting, trash collecting, algae collecting oozing ponds. Every (piece) of paper in town gets caught in these things," said Julie Marinski, adding that the ponds are generally full of dark, brown water. "Some are oozing and bubbling."

Canton Planning Commission

PLEASE SEE POND, A5



Bryan Paquette serves punch to Savannah Knopf.

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Chelsea Davis performs a Polynesian dance.

Imagine a luau, pirates, water baseball and ice

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

There was no surfing and the beaches were ... well, there weren't any beaches. But other than that the aquatics area at Summit on the Park was turned into a tropical paradise last Friday for a "Polynesian Luau."

It was the first of five events scheduled this summer in a program called "Sail the Seven Seas."

"It was all exciting," said

Melissa Francis, a swim instructor at the Summit and co-chair of the series. "We had Hawaiian dancing, demonstrations, crafts. People could make their own sun visors."

Francis said about 100 people — mostly families — took part in the luau, which also featured potato sack races, music and food.

"It went over really well," she said.

The next program, "Pirates of

PLEASE SEE LUAU, A4

Local residents question sidewalk improvements

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

About a dozen residents peppered Canton Trustees with questions Tuesday night about notices they had received that portions of the sidewalks in front of their homes had to be replaced.

The scene was a public hearing to discuss the 2003 Sidewalk Repair Program, in which sidewalks in selected subdivisions are inspected and, in many cases marked for replacement.

The program, which township officials say is designed to protect the public health, safety and welfare, was initiated on July 1, 1999.

This year about 1,500 notification letters were sent to residents informing them about the sidewalk inspections and that portions of their walks need to be replaced. Portions sprayed with green paint are the responsibility of the residents to replace; those sprayed with red are the responsibility of the township.

Homeowners have the option of hiring a private contractor to do the work or letting the township's contractor make the replacements and being billed for the cost.

Wayne Ten Roberts, a Pickwick Village resident, said two slabs in front of his home were sprayed green.

"How do you determine which ones to replace?" he asked. "And at what point does the city (township) cover certain portions?"

Canton Finance Director Tony Minghine replied that there are standards that are applied during the inspections. "We'll only replace those that are caused by water or sewer related problems or work that has been done in the area that undermines the sidewalks," he said.

He said slabs that were more than three-fourths of an

township officials say is designed to protect the public health, safety and welfare, was initiated on July 1, 1999.

PLEASE SEE SIDEWALK, A8

Officials hope law cuts drunken driving

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Law enforcement officials are hoping tougher drunken driving laws will keep more drunken drivers off Michigan roads.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm is expected to sign legislation that will lower the blood-alcohol level for drunk driving from .10 percent to .08 percent. The bill is currently making its way through the House and Senate, and should be ready for Granholm's signature

PLEASE SEE LAW, A4

Mardigian to lead PC board

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

For six years, Judy Mardigian has been a force on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education, challenging fellow board members and the administration on many issues, especially those relating to the budget and academic achievement.

Mardigian will now have to switch gears and begin using her leadership skills to guide the board during the 2003-04 school year, after unanimously being elected

Tuesday night by trustees to serve as the board's president.

Mardigian said she's prepared to change her role, but will miss those opportunities to be outspoken.

"A little bit. But, on the other hand, I'm a good advance worker and I can always let others know in advance how I feel," Mardigian said shortly after presiding over her first meeting. "I'm really hoping to be someone that can bring out the best in others, facilitate and help us

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New school board president, Judy Mardigian.

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Sing, dance, act your way through new summer camp

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Without her summer arts camp, Jennifer Tobin would be lost - and likely the kids who have benefitted from her program over the years.

"For as long as I can remember I have been part of a summer arts experience with kids - even when I was one myself," said Tobin, Canton Township performing arts coordinator. Tobin conducted summer arts camps for the Plymouth Arts Council when she served as executive director.

"I can't think of more fun times in my creative life than when I was spending everyday for a week with other singers, dancers, artists and actors," Tobin said. "You get great creative momentum going and everyone becomes friends really

fast. That's the best kind of fun I know and I want to share it with others."

More kids are needed to round out Canton's first-ever summer arts camp that will run 10 a.m.-2 p.m. July 14-18 at the Summit on the Park. You don't need experience and you don't need to audition, Tobin said.

For Canton residents, the charge is \$100 and \$110 for non-residents. Campers are asked to bring a sack lunch.

Kids ages 5-15 will share the joy of dancing, singing, acting and art and learn a variety of skills in each. The camp will be capped with a 1 p.m. show Friday, July 18 that will feature all the skills the kids have



Tobin

learned. "It's a production of our own design. Part of it will be improvised. Some pre-determined by staff," Tobin said. "It's an amazing process. So much can happen in so short a time. The emphasis is on basics and fun and the results are amazing."

The camp has room for 30 kids. The camp is half-full already but there is still room for more kids.

"There is an artist in everyone, dying to get out. We don't know whether it will dance its way out or sing its way out," Tobin added.

To join the fun, sign up in person at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

For more information, call Tobin at (734) 394-5484.

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Police seek suspect in thefts

Canton Police are searching for a suspect in a string of 15 thefts from automobiles at Lifetime Fitness Center since March 19.

In all the incidents someone used an unknown object to smash the vehicle's window and remove personal property from inside.

A suspect was seen using a stolen credit card from one of the cars at a Sears store in Dearborn on June 29.

He and an accomplice were also seen using a stolen credit card at Meijer in Westland on June 30.

Other stolen credit cards have been used at a Sunoco gas station and a Charter One Bank ATM, both in Canton.

Police released a picture of the man captured on surveillance video tape.

He is described as having short brown hair, long sideburns and a slight beard.

The accomplice has black, shoulder length hair.

Anyone with information is asked to call Canton Police at (734) 394-5400.



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STORM DAMAGE

A brief but powerful thunderstorm that roared through Canton about 1 p.m. on July 4 caused damage in a couple of areas and left some residents without power.

High winds caused some utility poles supporting traffic lights at Sheldon and Proctor to snap and fall.

A vehicle on the roadway was struck by a falling traffic light. Several other calls were received in connection with downed power lines and traffic lights.

Canton Fire Marshal Frank Barrett said in the Sheldon/Proctor area some primary power lines fell across a chain link fence, causing fire fighters to go door-to-door warning residents to stay away from their fences until Detroit Edison crews got the situation under control.

Trees were also blown down across Lilley Road north of Michigan Avenue, blocking traffic for a period of time.

A Detroit Edison spokeswoman said about 500 customers in Canton lost power as a result of the storm.

SHED BREAK-IN

The pastor of First Baptist Church on Cherry Hill reported to police that someone broke into a shed behind the church between 2 p.m. July 4 and 6:45 a.m. July 5 and stole numerous items.

A John Deere tractor valued at \$10,000, various tools and a lawn edger were among the items taken.

The door to the shed had apparently been pried open.

COMPUTER STOLEN

A resident of the 6700 block of Brookshire told police a laptop computer was taken from a kitchen table sometime between July 3 and July 5.

He said a sliding door was open a crack when he returned home. There was no sign of forced entry.

The computer was valued at \$2,000. A \$300 briefcase was also taken.

Fireworks damage
A resident of the 6500 block of Chadwick said she heard a loud bang about 11:30 p.m. on July 5. She went outside but didn't see anything.

The next day when she opened the blinds in her son's room, she noticed a window was broken. The remains of some kind of firework were seen on the roof of the porch.

WINDOW BROKEN

A Sherwood Court resident told police he was on vacation from June 8 to July 6. When he came home someone had shot a pellet from a gun and broke the glass in his carriage lamp.

Another pellet also broke the front house window. Damage was estimated at \$400.

By Jack Gladden

CARRIER OF THE MONTH

James Dubinsky Jr. has been named Carrier of the Month for May, 2003.

James is an eighth grader at Central Middle School, whose favorite subjects are Math and Spanish.

James enjoys coin collecting and bike riding.

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He thinks the newspaper routes could be improved by stopping the pre-payment for three months.



Dubinsky



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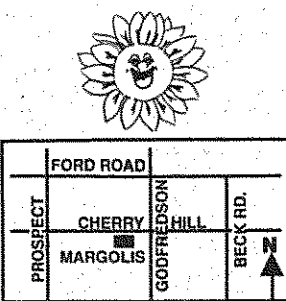
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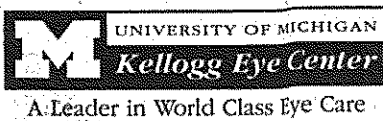
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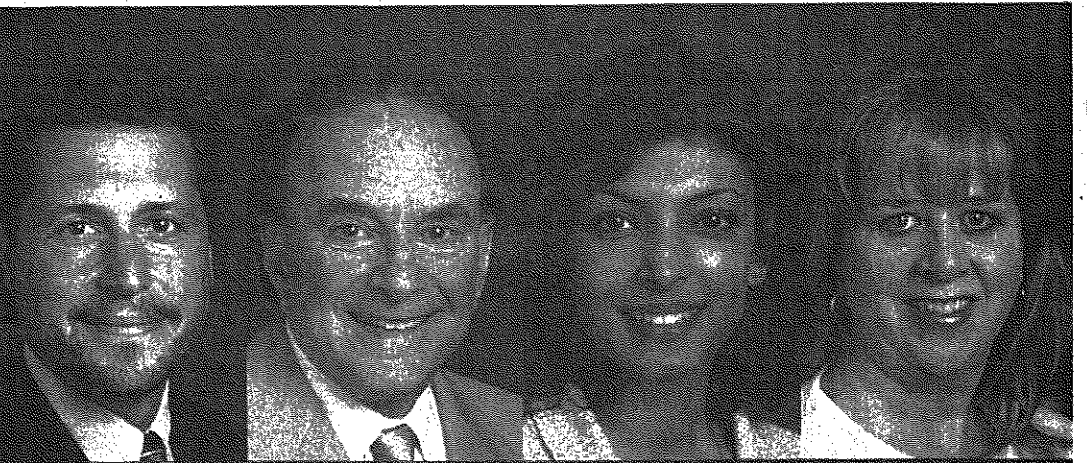
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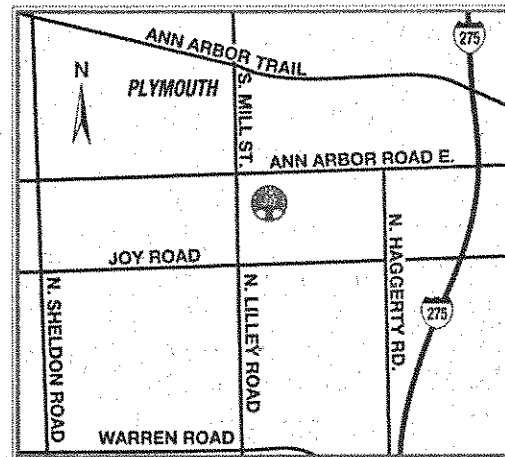
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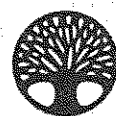


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Native New Yorker takes on Michigan, Canton library and new marketing job

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

As a native of the Big Apple, Rebecca Baumgold often visited the magnificent New York Public Library. But she can't say it was a place she wanted to hole up and study or read for hours.

"It wasn't a welcoming place," Baumgold said.

At the Canton Public Library, where the West Bloomfield resident is the new marketing and communications manager, Baumgold sees a wholly different atmosphere than she experienced in New York.

"I like the community aspect of living in a small town. Having a library in my backyard is wonderful," said Baumgold, who moved to Michigan for her husband Jon's work as an ophthalmologist.

For the former magazine editor and hospital communications director, Baumgold admits marketing for a library will be a new adventure. "The concept of the library profession is brand new to me, but libraries personally have always been a part of my life," she said.

In short, Baumgold plans to put the Canton library on the map.

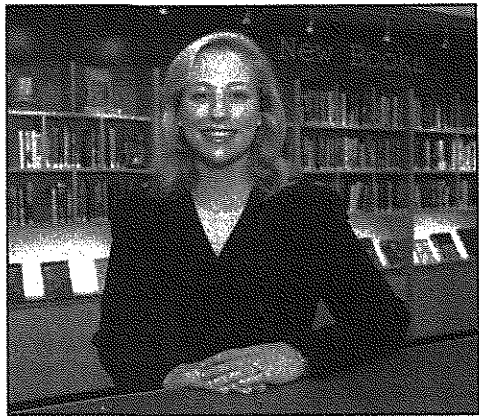
"I was really blown away by the sophistication of this library," she said. "We want to be a model for other libraries in terms of innovative programs. I am impressed with the depth of resources, innovative programs and the Internet branch."

The decision to hire a marketing expert came out of the library board's strategic plan. "We want to let everyone know the various programs we have," said Jean Tabor, library director. "We want to tell everyone all the great things we do."

Even with a burgeoning circulation rate, the Canton library is much more than books and magazines. Times are changing and the library has kept up, if not outdistanced, the majority of information centers.

Baumgold's charge is to develop a marketing plan that will show the world all the neat things patrons can do at the library and with the library's Internet branch. "We're not just bricks and mortar," Baumgold added.

And that's where she comes in.



At the Canton Public Library, where the West Bloomfield resident is the new marketing and communications manager, Rebecca Baumgold sees a wholly different atmosphere than she experienced in New York.

According to a survey, residents admit they don't use the library and say they don't because they do their own research on the Internet. Baumgold plans to show these residents how they just might have an easier way of it if they tapped into the library.

"We have a virtual library on the Internet. We put all those resources together so they're packaged," Baumgold said.

Get into www.cantonpl.org and you have opened up an entire new world — and right at your fingertips. Click onto the database links and a user — through the library — has access to 40 databases. "These will take you where you want to go. You don't have to move around blindly," Baumgold said.

When you go to most Web sites, they are designed to keep you in them. "We're not afraid to send them away," Baumgold said.

Librarians also have added a special Web resource guide for patrons. Users can pick from any number of subject areas including travel and leisure, health and fitness, technology and education.

"They did research on what is the best. We plan to continue adding on a monthly basis," Baumgold said.

For someone who only began her new job in June, Baumgold seems to have all library programs and activities and

future plans down pat. But that's not tough for someone who started out as a journalist with *Child's Magazine*, a national publication with one million circulation. She then became the magazine's health editor.

Her next adventure came with a move to Philadelphia, where she became a public relations, marketing and communications specialist with Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. "I came at it from a journalist's perspective," she said. "I had the inside track."

Baumgold's passion for libraries came shining through for Tabor. "She brought with her such a passion. Her experience is great. She's very poised and bright," Tabor said.

Armed with a degree in political science from Brown University, Baumgold is applying her journalistic and research experience to her new job at the library. "I definitely like being able to look at an organization and see what's unique and valuable about it — and to get the word out," she said.

She has a list of what she wants to get the word out about. For starters, there's the library's newsletter. She wants to publish it more frequently. Brochures are in the plans on what the library has to offer. The Friends of the Canton Library will be yet another organization and program she will market.

"They are really doing some innovative programming," Baumgold said.

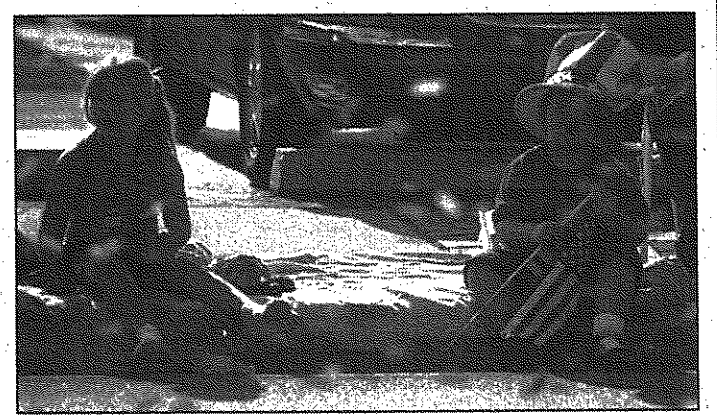
Of course, kids and teens are a whole other market.

"This is a wonderful place for kids and teens," she said. "They have ownership and independence. There is a focus on their needs. They have a room with nooks and crannies that are just for them."

For teens, Baumgold sees the library as a central meeting place. It is also a place where teens can get help. The Tutor Me program, for example, offers online homework help. "They can hook up with certified tutors. We are one of the biggest users in the entire nation."

And the list can go on. Baumgold says she welcomes suggestions: "I want to know what people want to see at the library."

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Mesmerized

Elizabeth Fell (left), 6, and Ricky Fell, 4, watch confetti fall from the Emerald City Design truck at the Plymouth Good Morning USA Parade on July 4 in downtown Plymouth.

Calvary Baptist to expand parking

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

On any given Sunday, you can count about 900 noses in attendance at Calvary Baptist Church services in Canton.

"We tend to count noses, not memberships. The church started in a definite upswing in 1990," said the Rev. Tony Beckett, who arrived as the new pastor 11 months ago. "We have seen a 35 percent increase in four years."

The reason? "It's got to be of God. We don't have a new program or a new trick," Beckett said. "We really want to be a place where God's word teaches and how to apply it to life today."

With the increase in attendance at services and activities at the youth center, cars are often parked on the road when the lot is filled. To accommodate the growing number of noses who attend services, church leaders plan to expand their parking lot with 155 new spaces.

The Canton Planning Commission Monday recommended approval of the parking lot expansion. Before construction can begin — likely in the fall — church leaders must still seek township board approval and the nod from Wayne County, Beckett said.

The project also will include a new drainage system and additional landscaping. "The idea is basically to recharge the ground water," said Jane Greenway, landscape architect with Dietrich, Bailey and Associates of Plymouth. "It (ground water) is going to go through several bouts of filtration."

The 40-acre Calvary Baptist site on Joy Road, west of Lilley, includes the church, Plymouth Christian Academy which has an enrollment of 860 students, athletic fields and a youth ministry center. The church has seven pastors and three ministry directors.

"I'm excited what God is doing," Beckett said. "I am so excited to be here."



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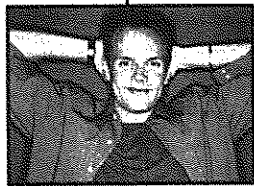
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the Caribbean," will be 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, July 11. Participants can search for buried treasure, then defend their bounty in a water cannon battle. There will be boat races across the pool and even a plank to walk.

Cost for each program is \$4 for an individual. For families of four the costs is \$12 for Summit members, \$16 for non-member Canton residents and \$20 for nonresidents.

"Preregistration is always helpful," Francis said. "People can register at the front desk of the Summit."

Other programs scheduled are:

- "Star Spangled Adventure," 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, July 25. An American fun night, it will feature racing horses across the west, flying paper airplanes without getting them wet, a water version of baseball.
- "Arctic Expedition," 6-8:30



Kiersa Peerbolte places a flower and a paper umbrella in daughter Alaina's hair for a tropical touch.

p.m. Friday, Aug. 8. Snow will be falling on the aquatic center as "dog sled" races take place across the pool. You can hunt for lost penguin eggs, participate in a "snowball" fight and join Wally the Water Polar Bear in a trek through cold water sprays.

- "South of the Border Fiesta," 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22. This South of the Border event will feature pinata-breaking, a build-your-own taco bar, crafts, games, music and - if you dare - a jalapeño eating contest.

LAW

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later this month.

Michigan needs to lower the intoxication limit by Oct. 1, or the state could lose nearly \$12 million in federal road repair money. However, local police officials see a bigger-picture benefit to the new law.

"Lowering the threshold will pull more drinking drivers off the road, which is always a good thing," Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll said. "When the law is passed, more drivers will be facing arrest because they won't be on the borderline between drunk and presumed drunk. Those who drink will either wise up and lower their drinking habits ... or they'll be going to jail."

Canton Township Public Safety Director John Santomauro is behind the change 100 percent.

"The reality is that .08 does affect a person's ability to operate a vehicle," Santomauro said, "so it makes good sense to do it. We're still facing, even with the changes, a tremendous problem in the country because 50,000 people are killed annually from drunk drivers."

Santomauro said most of the people killed in Canton are from accidents, not homicides.

"That's why we place a heavy emphasis on

traffic enforcement, such as the drunk driving laws," Santomauro said.

Carroll said he hopes repeat offenders will finally get the message.

"There are some, that no matter what you do, won't get the message," he said. "Those repeat offenders are the ones we really need to attack, and this new law may get them."

Plymouth Township Lt. Bob Smith said strict enforcement of drunken driving laws is what the public is seeking.

"It reflects the concern the community has towards drunk driving," Smith said. "I don't believe there will be a large increase in the number of arrests because of the lower blood-alcohol level, but it might make drivers reflect more on whether they should be driving after drinking."

According to the latest annual statistics, Plymouth and Plymouth Township made more than 100 drunken driving arrests, while Canton recorded 338.

Currently, a .08 blood-alcohol level is considered impaired driving, a misdemeanor. The change in law would mean drivers at that borderline would, instead, be charged with drunken driving, a more serious misdemeanor offense.

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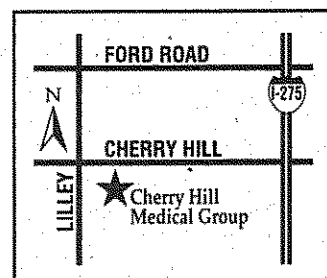
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MARDIGIAN

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get to the best decisions we can make.

"We are going to have a challenging year, but when I look around the table, I see six other individuals who bring different backgrounds and different perspectives," she added. "And the common charge we have is that we all respect what each brings to the table. Working together, we will be able to meet the challenges."

It's no secret the budget will be at the forefront. The district just cut \$5.6 million to balance

the 2002-03 budget, and could be looking at an even higher deficit this year. However, Mardigian said the board has to find a way to continue to meet goals in the face of declining revenues. And, she believes her tenure on the board has given her the experience needed to meet the challenges.

"I pretty much understand the budget, and understand where we can look and cannot look for cuts," she said. "I think I'm well-suited to sit there, even though it's going to be tough; but I think the experience will help me."

"I think the challenge for the

board is going to be keeping our eye on other goals, while we're weathering the hard times," Mardigian added. "We still need to look at how we're going to measure academic success, and how we're going to move ahead. And I think we can continue to do those things in tough financial times."

Mardigian said communicating with the district's constituents will also be a key to success.

"We need to get out in the community and talk about tradeoffs, and get some feedback from the community," she said. "We need to start the budget process sooner, engage

the community, be very thoughtful, watch what's happening in Lansing, and just roll up our sleeves and get going."

Trustees also filled other board positions, re-electing Mark Slavens as vice president; Carol Saunders as treasurer; and Tom Wysocki as secretary.

Tuesday was the first board meeting for Richard Ham-Kucharski, who was elected last month to a four-year term.

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Richard Ham-Kucharski is the newest school board member.

POND

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Chairman Vic Gustafson told residents that the commission and planning staff have no jurisdiction over ponds in the township.

By Tuesday morning, Canton Supervisor Tom Yack was on the phone with Wayne County, which took jurisdiction of water quality and storm water issues — and the permitting process — about a year ago. While residents want construction stopped in the new subdivision, Canton doesn't have the authority. "Only Wayne County can do that," Yack said.

Tom Casari, township engineer, said that township officials have offered to ask the county to make a dry pond in Maiden Woods. The township is also offering to have the existing pond sprayed with an organic material to kill mosquito larvae.

A couple of weeks ago the township began a program for free mosquito treatment to subdivisions or condominium associations which contain a detention pond that was required as part of the development's site plan.

Township-owned ponds are already being treated. Ponds that are strictly on private property — not required detention basins — are not eligible for the program. Private storm sewers or wetland areas are also not included.

In the case of Maiden Woods, the request would have to come from the developer, whose hands the subdivision association remains in while the neighborhood is under construction, Casari said.

Typically, mosquitoes breed in shallow water and generally detention ponds are too deep for breeding. "Every time it rains that pond will be flushed out," Casari, referring to the pond's design and purpose.

McEachern also told planning commissioners that the large population of crows that used to fly around his neighborhood are now gone. "I'm wondering where they went," he said, alluding to the connection between dead crows and the virus.

According to the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, generally the virus is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. The insect becomes infected when it feeds on infected birds, particularly crows. Infected mosquitoes can then spread the virus to humans and other animals when they bite.

In the 1999 New York area epidemic, there was a large die-off of American crows. Since then, West Nile virus has been identified in more than 100 bird species found dead in the United States. Most of these birds were identified through reporting of dead birds by the public, according to the CDC.

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OUR VIEWS

Leisure staff must be lauded

Credit must be given where credit is due. That cannot be truer than with the creative, imaginative and interesting programs the staff of Canton Leisure Services is providing residents, particularly this summer. While some communities provide their residents with the usual recreational fare, Canton's recreation staff takes an extra step. More importantly, they take a risk with their ideas. Maybe it will work. Maybe it won't. Let's face it — nothing in life moves ahead without taking a risk. Consider an ongoing program recently begun by the aquatics staff. It's called the Seven Seas series. It began more than a week ago on a Friday night with a Polynesian luau. The next program sounds so neat you just want to dive into the Pirates of the Caribbean, during which participants can search for buried treasure and defend their bounty in a water cannon battle. Boat races and a plank to walk round out the evening. That will be followed in late July by a water version of baseball called Star Spangled Adventure. And in August, Arctic Expedition will have the aquatics center in snow as participants dog sled across the pool, hunt for lost penguin eggs and join in a good snowball fight. In yet another series, leisure staff correctly assumed musical talent abounds in the community. They asked for audition tapes. And they got more than they could handle for what is Open Mic Night in Heritage Park. Today, they have a waiting list and two more packed events yet this summer.

The list goes on. This staff stands out for their willingness to try an idea and to make creative use of the facilities at the Summit and the parks to create family programs.

And family is what it is all about. For example, coming up at the historic Bartlett-Travis House is a special tea for moms, aunts, grandmothers and sisters to treat their special little ladies, ages 5-12. Not only does the event bring families together, it makes perfect use of the historical home and provides an appropriate setting for a traditional ladies tea.

To generate continuing interest in recreation, staff developed yet another idea: a T-shirt contest. Residents are asked to draw what moves them most about Canton parks. Turn in the T-shirt and it will be judged for prizes. The target age group is 5-16 and older.

These events sure beat the usual summer fare of recreation — not that Canton doesn't also offer that.

Kudos must go to this staff who takes an idea the extra mile and who serves up slice after slice of interesting programs and activities for kids and families.

This is what recreation is all about.

New law makes insurers play fair

Commercial insurers may rail at the idea, but legislation that levels the playing field in Michigan deserves Gov. Jennifer Granholm's signature.

Senate Bill 460, approved by both houses last week, corrects what has been for years an inequitable system, one that has endangered the financial stability of Blue Cross Blue Shield, Michigan's largest insurance provider.

Critics say the new law will simply add weight to Blue Cross' already dominant position in the field.

But while the company covers 4.8 million residents, more than 432,000 small business employees and 643,200 businesses statewide, Blue Cross also accepts the risk of everyone the commercial insurance industry doesn't want. And in the insurance business, risk is everything.

People who write health insurance policies make money with young, essentially healthy people who don't need much in the way of medical care over the life of their policy. Older folks, people with chronic medical conditions or generally poor health will likely cost the insurer more than is generated in premiums.

Similar insurance reform has been passed in 47 other states, so Michigan isn't breaking any new ground. This legislation won't stop health care costs from rising, and it may even drive some commercial insurers out of the state.

It is a large step in the right direction, and if some insurance companies want to pull out of our newly regulated markets, that's OK.

We believe in the most basic lesson everyone should have learned in kindergarten:

If you can't play fair, you shouldn't play at all.



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A manual that is in the works will help the township and the Canton Historical District Commission establish guidelines for the maintenance and preservation of the historic cemeteries. Here, a large bush has overgrown into a headstone at Sheldon Cemetery.

LETTERS

No benefit

What possible benefit is there in setting aside a separate room — that has to be monitored — for adults to access pornography on the Internet? What possible good can come from this? What does this teach the children?

Is this all just an ego that says "I am more discerning than the rest of the country as to what the First Amendment says"? I will not use the Canton Library. I will strongly urge all my contacts within Canton to NOT support any millage for the library.

Jeanne Michelini
Canton

Off target

Your recent editorial on library computer Internet filters was off target. It's not about what "Big Brother" says. It's about what the community says. You, and our librarian, Jean Tabor, are in favor of turning down federal money (and using my taxes) to ensure adult access to pornography in the Canton library. I don't think that reflects our community values. Since this is a quasi-tax, put it to a vote which would reflect all our values, not just one person's. Meanwhile, as a 30-year resident, I've turned in my library card, and will actively campaign against any increase in library millage.

Tom Salapatek
Canton

Give credit

Gun control advocates blasted former Gov. Engler for passing concealed weapons legislation and predicted a killing spree. Attorney General Granholm actively campaigned against this bill that her oath of office required her to enforce.

Murders in Detroit dropped 20 percent and a police department under investigation for corruption and incompetence is getting the credit. Perhaps armed citizens are now protecting themselves. Gov. Granholm shows no interest in repealing the "right to carry" arms. Why doesn't Engler ever get credit for being right?

Hank Borgman
Farmington

Plant them correctly

I have been putting off addressing this issue since last fall when the township began planting new trees in Holiday Park subdivision. But now as I take my morning walk I can no longer just look at the dead trees along the streets. Do you know what that does to the value of our properties as people drive down the streets and see dead trees in front of houses?

I am a Wayne County Advanced Master Gardener and the trees were all planted wrong and a great percentage of them are dying. My neighbors have made inquiries to the township, but only seem to get the answer that the landscape company that planted them assured us they were being planted properly. Well, they were not planted properly.

The root ball needs to be taken off or at least cut, not just put into a hole of clay hoping they will grow out of the root ball.

Sure, the cloth may be biodegradable, but over how many years and by whose calendar? They also should not be mounted up with mulch, but have a "doughnut-like" collar around the trunk so the tree can breathe. Also, we were told that they have a year warranty on the trees. Are we going to replace a tree every time someone doesn't know how to plant it? Look at all the trees and shrubs planted along Morton Taylor that had to be replaced and should still be replaced.

These are our tax dollars at work and we really need to take a look at what we are getting for our money. Someone must be making big bucks off the ash borer problem!

I have lived in Canton for 32 years and have supported most issues, but this is one I cannot let go. The only reply I am looking for is a better job at planting our trees and replacement of the dead ones.

Kathy Israel
Canton

Recognize local role

The state Legislature should be commended for eliminating the requirement for a Republican primary, thereby saving over \$7 million in taxpayer dollars.

However, the legislature should share a portion of the \$708 million Michigan will receive from the federal government with local units of government. News reports indicate that some legislators want to spend the federal funds on tax cuts.

The \$20 billion relief package was passed by Congress only after the president chastised them for not providing for first responders to terrorism, i.e. local police, fire and public safety.

What would have amounted to more than \$160 million for Michigan's local governments was removed by a surreptitious amendment. As a result, our citizens are at the mercy of a state government that has not shown an appreciation for the role of local government.

The state has eliminated or reduced local authority to raise revenue from inventories, intangibles and property. New state taxes were passed based on the promise that local services would be kept whole through revenue sharing. Instead, revenue sharing has been a favorite item for the state to cut.

It is long past time for the state Legislature to honor its promise to our citizens through revenue sharing.

Garth Christie
Redford

Worn the uniform?

Too many among us now whine and cry that Bush, Cheney, Rice, Powell, and any and all with administration ties have lied about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. The liberal would have us believe that Bush seeks world power, helps other nations with financial difficulties to make them submissive, and carries the big stick to cement seeming moves to accumulate influence.

The liberal has been busy looking for issues to preclude a winning vote for Bush in the next election. To date, nothing has been suggested concern-

ing Bush's demeanor, his thinking and preference on the individual social issue, or his pledge to honor and advance the seat of leadership in Washington, to give the unhappy liberal a lot of hope.

The liberal who insists that Bush has lied about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq finds himself in company with Saddam Hussein who maintains that his Iraq did not have such weapons, was not working to produce weapons of mass destruction, and didn't intend to.

It is difficult to believe that the liberal believes that Bush has misled us. The liberal insists that the several intelligence agencies that concur that Saddam is the liar, that the weapons are real, perpetuate the same lie. Several left-leaningers are calling for impeachment solely on the basis that Bush got us into an unnecessary war. I wonder how many of the current doubters and whiners ever wore the Uniform. How do the doubters of America celebrate the Fourth of July? Stay inside and pull the blinds, I guess.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

Landfills are full

I am disappointed that Toronto has closed its last landfill and is now sending all of its trash here. When I first heard this discouraging news, I didn't really think much of it, but then I did some research and I found out how much trash there really is. When I did my research, I found out some of the horrible ways trash can hurt our ecosystem. I don't think I am old enough to sign a petition yet, but I would like to be able to do anything I possibly can to help with this issue. The trash and human waste that they are sending to us will greatly damage our unused land. For instance, we are already running out of landfills and now we will need to find more places to put the garbage.

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— Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, about new vertical driver licenses for drivers under 21, legislation first introduced by former Sen. Loren Bennett of Canton last year

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Governor should lead effort to save our water

"Whiskey's for drinkin'. Water's for fightin'."

Mark Twain was right. Water — whether lapping our shores in the Great Lakes, rippling in our inland streams and lakes or running cool and dark in our underground aquifers — defines Michigan unlike any other place on earth. Even images taken from satellites in outer space spangle Michigan in a setting of deep blue fresh water.

For us today, water is the source of our identity, the savior of our farm economy, the sparkle of our tourist business. Folks in Michigan might now be jealous of places where they pump valuable oil right out of the ground, but I suspect that 50 years from now our water will be substantially more valuable gallon for gallon than petroleum.

For much the rest of the world, however, water is literally a matter of life and death. The global shortage for clean, fresh water is a harsh reality today and will get far worse in the near future. All around the globe, people are just itching to get hold of our water. Which is why we need to get our act together about water — right now, before the thirst around the world unite to glom on to it.

Once Gov. Jennifer Granholm and state Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema get through snapping at each other over the state's budget, they should put their heads together and make maintaining control of our water a big-time bipartisan priority. Gov. Granholm is on record as wanting to preserve our water resources, and Sen. Sikkema, who used to head the West Michigan Environmental Coalition, is one of the few Republicans around with environmentalist credentials. A deal between the two is both obvious and important.

Problem is, our water and how to maintain control over it is not a simple matter. It's a very complex tangle of state, regional, national and international law, politics and regulation. A leading authority in Michigan is my old friend, Tom Baldini, who for eight years was the U.S. chair of the International Joint Commission, the U.S.-Canada body that by treaty has jurisdiction over all water issues along our borders.

According to Baldini, the issue cannot be solved just by Michigan alone. Nor can it be completely resolved among the eight states and two Canadian provinces bordering the Great Lakes. And it certainly should not be dumped into the hands of the feds. (Think a moment. How many votes in Congress do Michigan and the other

Great Lakes states have? How many do California, Florida and Texas have?)

Back in 1985, at the urging of then Gov. James Blanchard, the Great Lakes governors and the premiers of the two Canadian provinces bordering the lakes signed the Great Lakes Charter, an informal agreement to consult with each other on water diversion issues. One idea was to conduct an inventory of water resources and their use. But the farm lobby, scared that farmers would be blamed for using (and wasting) too much water, killed that. Each state was also supposed to come up with a water conservation plan, as well, but that idea got, um, hung out to dry.

In 2001, the Great Lakes state governors and premiers signed something called Annex 2001, a non-binding (of course) agreement to develop a blueprint for water management that has never been fully implemented. Worse, most authorities think Annex 2001 is unlikely to stand up in court, if challenged.

The prevailing national legal authority dates back to 1986, when Congress passed the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). The act says there shall be no new or increased diversion of Great Lakes water without the unanimous approval of all Great Lakes governors. That's fine, but it's a matter of debate how much protection WRDA really provides.

Worse, there is an international dimension to the problem, and it's called the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), a binding treaty on the United States that says no one state can inhibit free international trade. The International Joint Commission took NAFTA into consideration when it prepared the definitive report on "Protection of Waters of the Great Lakes." The report concluded that if we want to control our water, we've got to adopt rules and practices for water use and diversion that are consistent for Michigan and for other states and provinces around the Great Lakes.

And it's exactly those rules and practices that are the biggest stumbling block, whether between Michigan and the other Great Lakes states and Canadian provinces or between the governments and the various constituencies that have economic interests in keeping things unregulated and unmeasured.

According to Gov. Granholm, "The lakes are ours and we're going to keep them." Fair enough, governor, but you've got to take the lead in assembling a coalition that is powerful enough to do the heavy lifting required.

Phil Power is the chairman of the board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at ppower@homecomm.net.



Phil Power

Patriotism can be found in our diversity of views

It was a Yankee Doodle Dandy weekend. On Thursday, we paid a visit to Greenfield Village to admire the new streets, signage and reorganization and get in touch with American history (and we got to hear the Detroit Symphony Orchestra rehearse Copland's *Lincoln Portrait*). Thursday night we joined a large, well-behaved crowd at Hudson Mills Metropark for a spectacular fireworks display.

Up early for the Fourth of July to take in Ann Arbor's special version of a holiday parade. In addition to the requisite politicians, dance schools, antique cars and local safety brigades, the college town also had several colorfully attired peace groups. The afternoon was a family cookout.

Sunday, we kayaked a bit of the Huron River and ran into a waterway traffic jam with kayaks and canoes moving in both directions.

All this activity got me to thinking about patriotism.

We have some regular correspondents who like to corral patriotism for themselves and those who think just like them. They regularly rail against "liberals," whom they equate with communists, atheists, traitors, etc. One faithful writer is always lecturing on his superior knowledge of economics and history.

Of course, we welcome all correspondence, but after a while this message gets exceedingly tiresome and it belittles the soul and meaning of this great, diverse and politically vibrant country. Its narrow-mindedness about what it is to be American is the very point at which it becomes unAmerican.

These writers are part of the mass that have made the Fox Cable Network a success. Its loud, smug, factually suspect approach to the news has won a large following, but the network basically cheapens the public debate over issues, even as it claims to present "fair and balanced coverage."

On the levels of government closest to the people, city and township councils and school boards, ideology only occasionally rears its head. Most people accept the need for police and fire protection and the majority welcome other local services like parks. Despite an onslaught of anti-public school rhetoric, most people support the public school system. The issue isn't whether to provide government, it is always how much is the public willing to

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pay for what it wants. The terms "liberal" and "conservative" get a bit muddied. When people are polled, a slight majority accept the label moderate. The next largest group call themselves conservatives. A smaller group call themselves liberals.

But when asked their opinions on current issues or government programs, the majority often support those positions usually considered liberal.

This country was founded, of course, in rebellion. The leaders of that rebellion were primarily landed gentlemen who felt alienated and ill-served by the distant British government. Beyond that they were a fairly diverse group, rural and urban, radicals, reformers and conservatives, Protestants, Catholics and nonbelievers.

Through the Declaration we just celebrated, the war and the contentious Constitutional Convention, they created a nation that, with time, allowed more and more participation from its citizens, righted the injustice of slavery through bloody battle, protected the economically disadvantaged through legislation and became a beacon of freedom for the world.

The contributors to this progress have held many points of view, some quite radical, others reactionary. They have been socialist labor leaders and Wall Street tycoons, hard-headed inventors and idealistic dreamers.

John Calhoun and Daniel Webster, Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant, Eugene V. Debs and J.P. Morgan, Henry Ford and Walter Reuther, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, and George Corley Wallace, the SDS and the John Birch Society all mix it up in America.

As a nation, our strength has always been the free flow of all ideas, the testing of all theories and the civility to listen to opposing points of view.

That's what I celebrate on the July 4 holiday.

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SIDEWALK

FROM PAGE A1

inch different in height would be marked for replacement, as would those with a crack greater than two feet long or those with scaling over more than 50 percent of the slab and more than a quarter inch deep.

He said sidewalks in the rear of private property that run along a main road are the township's responsibility to maintain.

Chuck Steele, a Carriage Hills resident, said he had eight slabs marked in green.

"This puts a financial burden on us," he said. "Is there any way we can split the costs with the township?"

Minghine said residents who feel a financial hardship is being created could ask to have the cost added to their tax bills over a five year period.

"There's 6 percent interest and a one-time \$75 fee to process that," he said.

Township Supervisor Tom Yack said residents with questions about their sidewalks could fill out a form (which was available at the public hearing) and the township would send someone out to re-examine the walk and discuss why it meets the criteria for replacement.

"You can challenge it," he said. "Maybe some of those would not have to be replaced."

Richard Cummings, who lives in Cavalier Village, had a question about the timing involved with the notification letters.

"I received a notification from the township dated June 16," he said. "It said if the sidewalk isn't replaced within 60 days of notification, the township will replace it and we'll be billed for the cost plus a 10-percent administrative fee. It said the bill is anticipated to be mailed by the end of July. That gives me a very small window. That 60 days is down to 14."

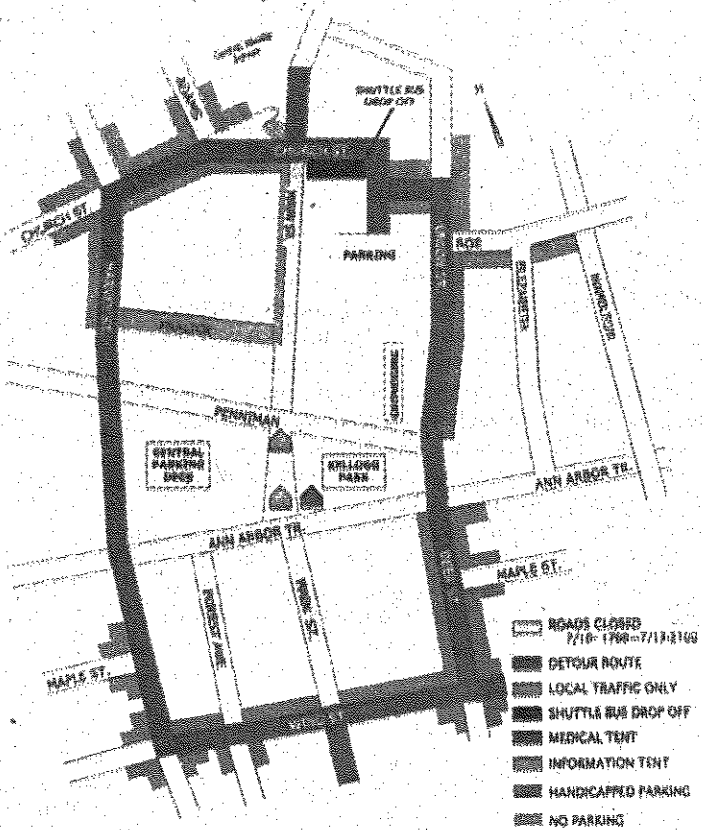
Township Engineer Todd Zilincik said the bills probably wouldn't go out that soon, since more than 1,500 notification letters were sent out and it would take time to complete all the replacements.

Since the program began the township has selected various subdivisions for the annual inspections, starting with the older developments and moving forward chronologically.

This year's inspections were conducted in Canton Country Acres; Carriage Hills 4, 5 and 6 including portions of 2 and 3; Cavalier Village North, South and West; Forest Brook 1 and 2; Pickwick Village; and Willow Trail.

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ART IN THE PARK - 2003
City of Plymouth Downtown Area



Art in Park this weekend

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Crowds totaling nearly 15 times the population of Plymouth are expected to visit the City of Homes during Art in the Park this weekend.

The three-day event, which runs Friday through Sunday, is estimated to import nearly 125,000 people downtown to eye the wares of 425 vendors who will show and sell paintings, ceramics, jewelry, sculpture, photography, fiber, wood, glass, mixed media and folk art.

There will also be live entertainment throughout the weekend, and hands-on art for children.

Sunshine Artist Magazine rates Art in the Park among the top 200 art shows in the country.

"Primarily, the artists have

an avenue to sell their great creations, the patrons have an opportunity to find the coolest art for their homes, musicians perform for the crowds, and children get to participate in hands-on art activities," said Dianne Quinn, who began Art in the Park with only a couple dozen artists 23 years ago in Kellogg Park. "It is also a great opportunity for the entire retail district of downtown Plymouth to be exposed to huge crowds."

Art in the Park runs noon to 8 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. A shuttle bus operates from the Vistcon plant on Sheldon Road in Plymouth Township to Plymouth City Hall. The cost is \$1 round-trip, and is free to children 12 and younger.

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Sidelines

Invaders hand Bucks 1st loss in division

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

SOCCER

Guess it had to happen. Better now than later.

The Mid-Michigan Bucks, playing their second match in a 27-hour span, came up blank against the host Indiana Invaders Sunday in losing 2-0 in South Bend. It was the first shutout suffered this season by the Bucks, who still remain atop the Great Lakes Division in

soccer's Premier Development League. Going into last night's match against the West Michigan Edge at Holland Municipal Stadium, Mid-Michigan had an 11-2-1 record (34 points). Indiana was in third place (through Monday) in the division with a 7-4-2 record (23 points), two points behind the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Fever, who were 8-4-1 (25 points). The

top two teams qualify for the Central Conference Playoffs.

Indiana's win Sunday was pivotal in keeping its playoff hopes alive. Jeff Rowland accounted for both the Invaders' goals, getting the first in the game's second minute, with an assist from Ricky Francis. Rowland's second goal, scored in the 50th minute, clinched it.

Alloysius Agu was in goal for the shutout, making five saves for the

Invaders as the Bucks had an 11-6 shot advantage. Peter Dzubay had three saves in goal for Mid-Michigan.

On Saturday against the Columbus (OH) Shooting Stars at Capital University in Columbus, Knox Cameron knocked home a header with three minutes left in the second sudden-death overtime period to give the Bucks a 3-2 victory. The loss left Columbus at 2-11-1

PLEASE SEE **BUCKS, B3**

Successful Quest

The Canton Quest '94, a nine-year-old Premier girls soccer squad, recently concluded its fall (2002) and spring seasons with a sparkling 12-3-1 record combined, placing second in Division I in both.

The Quest also posted a 3-0 record at the Canton Cup tournament on Memorial Day weekend, outscoring their opponents 16-1, and in April they were finalists at the AFL Northern Ohio Cup, posting a 3-1 record while losing to a Cleveland-based team 1-0 in the title match.

Last fall, the team won the Global Soccer Tournament with a 3-0 record, during which they outscored opponents 16-2.

Team members are Kristina Klusek, Melissa Kulczycki, Lauren Leskovitz, Abigail Livingston, Robyn Mack, Megan McCormack, Kaitlyn Murphy, Taryne Pagel, Mackenzie Rogers, Dominique Sarnecky, Jessica Scott, Emily Southern, Carissa Thompson and Katelyn Watson. The Quest are coached by Jamie Scott and Steve McCormack; Stacy Livingston serves as team manager.

Holes-in-one

Got a couple of them to report:

Leonard Wilczewski of Canton found a unique way to celebrate his 63rd birthday. Playing a round of golf at Pheasant Run in Canton on July 4, Wilczewski sent his seven-wood arcing right at the 161-yard seventh hole.

"The ball bounced once, then went right into the hole," said Wilczewski, who had never in his 25 years of golfing had a hole-in-one. He shot a 90 for 18 holes.

Nicholas Kehrer of Canton just likes to play, which is what he and his dad were doing last Friday at the Lower Huron Metropark par-three course. The 16-year-old senior-to-be at Westland John Glenn HS was playing the 18th, and last, hole on the par-54 course; he used a pitching wedge for the 75-yard shot and, to the astonishment of his dad, Tim, he knocked it right in. They may want him for the Rockets' team next spring.

Grid fundraiser

If a somewhat menacing-looking teenager shows up at your door Saturday asking for returnable bottles and cans, don't be too alarmed: He's part of the Salem HS football team, and they'll be out in the community collecting bottles and cans as part of a team fundraiser between 10 a.m. and noon.

Just in case you don't want to be left out, returnables may also be dropped off at the Salem HS east parking lot between noon and 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

So remember - it's all for a good cause.

Monthly meeting

The Salem Linebackers monthly meeting, for parents of current and incoming Salem football players, will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, in Room 2703 of Salem HS. All parents of Salem players are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Mike Scherbaty at (734) 981-7135.



PHOTO BY PAUL BEAUDRY

The Heart O' Dixie Speedway, a 1/4-mile short track in Alabama, is a reminder of how stock car racing should be.

Now this is real car racin'

Down south, it's all for the experience

Stock car racing fans always seem to have one mantra when it comes to selling others on their sport.

No, it's not "Y'all like NASCAR?" and it's not "The Port-a-John's don't smell THAT bad."

It's usually some variation of "We don't go for the racing, we go for the whole experience."

I've heard it at Bristol Motor Speedway and Michigan International, I've heard it at Flat Rock Speedway and Toledo Speedway. And for the most part, they were right — the event is better than the racing.



Paul Beaudry

PLEASE SEE **RACE, B2**

Demolition seeking a 2nd title

BY MARTY BUDNER
STAFF WRITER

There's a championship that needs to be defended. The Detroit Demolition are ready.

Last year, in its first year as a member of the National Women's Football Association, Detroit proved most worthy by defeating the Massachusetts Mutiny in the league's inaugural SupHer Bowl championship game held in Pennsylvania.

The Demolition continued that grid-iron mastery this summer, sporting a perfect 8-0 regular-season record en route to the Northern Conference's Great Lakes Division Championship. For that effort, Detroit earned a first-



round playoff bye.

This weekend the second season begins.

The Motown women take the first step in defense of their SupHer Bowl title when they meet division arch-rival Cleveland Cruise in a second-round playoff game set for 7 p.m. July 12 at Birmingham Groves High School.

The Demolition are not only ready for the playoffs, they are primed for a repeat. They realize winning consecu-

PLEASE SEE **DEMOLITION, B3**

Plymouth resident earns top four honors

JUNIOR GOLF

The junior golf tours are picking up the pace, with tournaments in the Power-Bilt Junior Tour, the Meijer Junior Players Tour and the Midwest Collegiate Series sponsoring multiple events each week.

At last Thursday's Power-Bilt Tournament at Lakes of Taylor Golf Club, Tristan Lester of Plymouth fired a 75 to tie James Faysal of Novi and David Hamilton of Troy for top honors. However it was Lester, a Redford Catholic Central graduate, who won the tiebreaker and earned the 75 first-place points in the 16-and-over division, played on a 6,700-yard course.

Other point-winners in that division were Aaron Newman of Farmington Hills, who placed seventh with a 77 for

20 points; Phillip Marsh of Canton, who also shot a 77 but took ninth to earn 10 points; and Michael King of Livonia, who had a 79 to place 18th and get one point.

Other Observerland competitors in the 16-and-over division were Adam Slingwein of Livonia, who shot an 80; Andrew Lulek of Canton, who had an 86; Chris Sidor of Redford, 88; Danny Moss of Livonia, 89; Matt Norscia of Livonia, 91; Eddie Bellamy of Farmington, 93; Andrew Byberg of Livonia, 96; and Dan Phillips of Redford, 106.

In the girls 16-and-over division

(6,000 yards), Livonia's Rachel Thomas shot a 92 to place 12th and earn seven points.

In the girls 11-15 age division (5,700 yards), Shannon Warner of Livonia shot an 86 to finish third and earn 40 points; she was five strokes behind winner Steph Koske of Swartz Creek.

In the boys 11-15 age division (6,400 yards), Brian King of Livonia had an 81 to place 14th and get five points. Patrick Alger of Livonia had an 86, good for 18th place and one point.

Other Observer-area golfers in the boys 11-15 division were Anthony Malizia of Farmington Hills, 90; Austin Kronig of Plymouth, 91; and Michael

PLEASE SEE **GOLF, B3**

Rams '2' much for the Eagles

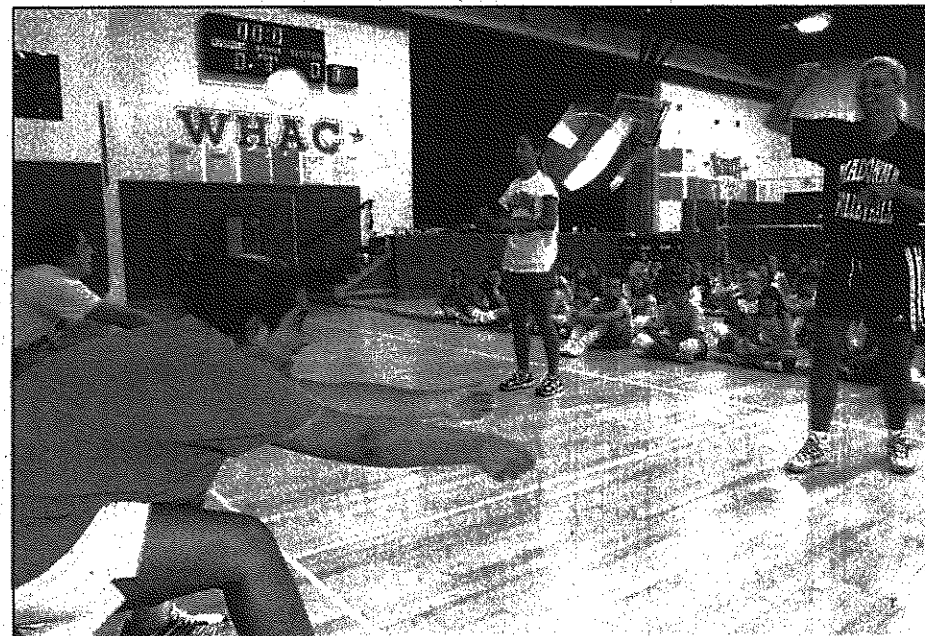
BASEBALL

The Michigan Lake Area Rams got two for the price of one Sunday, sweeping a double-header from the Detroit Eagles, 5-1 and 7-5, at Livonia's Ford Field.

Wayne State University's Gary Zielke (Livonia) was the winning pitcher in the opener for the Rams, but he got stellar relief help from Michigan's Jeff Niemiec (Livonia/Catholic Central).

Zielke went four innings, allowing four hits and one run. He struck out four and walked three. Niemiec

PLEASE SEE **RAMS, B2**



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Demonstration

Madonna University senior Amanda Suder (left), a Salem High graduate, bumps the ball with Plymouth High School volleyball coach Kelly McCausland (right) at a Madonna youth camp.

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RAMS

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faced just nine batters in three innings to pick up the save. He did not allow a base runner and fanned six.

Central Michigan's Brian Campbell (Stevenson) and J.D. Leichtman each had two hits for the Rams. Each had a double and RBI.

Also collecting RBI for the winners were Bryan Marulli, Brad Leach and Farmington High's Tony Luttmann (Henry Ford CC). Albion's Chris Trott (Salem) and Michigan State's Oliver Wolcott (Canton) also scored runs.

Joelle Marshal had the lone RBI for the Eagles.

Losing pitcher Rob Lothiem faced 33 batters in seven innings. He allowed five runs, two earned, on seven hits. He struck out five, walked one and hit three batters.

The Rams rallied for two runs on three hits in the bottom of the seventh to win the nightcap as Henry Ford's Pete Pinto, a Stevenson grad headed to Grand Valley State, knocked in Wolcott and Leach with the game-winning two-run single.

Leach finished with two hits and scored a pair of runs. Campbell also scored a pair of runs, while Trott and Luttmann each knocked in a run. Other runs were scored by Marulli and Mike Pisha.

Jon Hastings, the Rams starter, went five innings, but did not get the decision. He allowed four runs, one earned, on five singles and four walks. He struck out seven.

Mark Lundquist was the winning pitcher in relief, going the final two innings. He allowed one run on three hits. He struck out four and did not walk a batter.

Eagles reliever Jeff Smalarz, who came on for starter Rob Williams in the sixth, took the loss. Smalarz gave up two runs on three hits. He walked three, hit one batter and struck out three.

Williams gave up five runs, three earned, on four hits. He walked five, hit one batter and struck out two.

RACE

FROM PAGE B1

But not too long ago, I had the chance to bask in the mother of the whole experience, to experience more experience than anyone north of the Ohio River should be allowed to experience.

I have seen a lot of things in sports over the years, but nothing, nothing compares to a Saturday night at the Heart O' Dixie Speedway in Sayre, Ala - flippin' - bama.

A lot of the locals call it "Redneck Racin'" as my 'Bama born-and-bred best friend "Two-Eight" explained to me, as the racing fans wear the label with a badge of honor and live up to every minute of it.

I'm not making any of this up. I don't have this kind of imagination. This was atmosphere to the Nth degree.

It's a beaten-down old quarter-mile track, deep in the woods off of U.S. 78, just outside of Birmingham heading toward Memphis, and makes Flat Rock or Toledo Speedway seem like Bristol.

You don't sit on spiffy metal bleachers. The seats are rows of cinder blocks, filled with dirt inside, with heavy wood planks on top. The track lighting provides all the warm glow of a romantic Italian restaurant - which makes night racing all that more interesting.

It's a track where high school kids pile into their pickups for a double date; where the fellas take their wives out for the night, then take bets among themselves on each race; where gnarled old men in mashed-down baseball caps and bib overalls take their grandkids; where the younger women who can get away with bare midriffs proudly display their navels, right alongside their counterparts who couldn't get away with it - now or 20 years ago.

It's where the volunteer firemen sit in the infield eating popcorn and ice cream with the kids and some cute little high school girl running out after every race to hand out the trophies - plucked right off the top of an upside-down lettuce box sitting on the pit wall - and get her picture taken with the winners.

It's about any number of sponsors from places like "Country Gas" or "Kountry Karpet." It's where the track announcer reminds the crowd of a couple of thousand fans

that "Brandy in the concession stand was 18 yesterday, but she's 19 today and she's looking for a birthday date. So if y'all go in and be nice to her, she might could go out with you."

It's about listening to one guy turn to his buddy and say, "This here's a paved track, Bubba. Don't think we're racin' in the dirt."

It was about the contest for the women - free passes for the oldest mother there (73), the youngest (16) and the woman with the most children (12), but it was more entertaining to hear one man, a deep drawl dripping from his lips, pitch a fit as he yelled to the track announcer 100 yards away while going through the process of elimination - "HEY! There's a woman down yonder with SIX key-uds!!!"

And in a wonderful bit of Southern irony, there's no alcohol allowed anywhere - dispelling part of the myth about racing fueled by beer - although that doesn't preclude the occasional flask being slipped in past the Jefferson County sheriff sitting at the ticket gate or a cold one popped open after the race while sitting on the tailgate of a pickup.

In other words, it was all about the experience, although the racing was pretty darn good.

The race card wasn't just your garden variety street stocks and late model with a Figure-8 race thrown in. Shoot, no. It began with an American Buzz race (I had to ask - beginning racers only), then a Rebellette race - all women, no men. It continued with modifieds, street stocks, pure streets and more.

My personal favorite was Renegade race - no cautions, no stopping, no way, which made life interesting for the driver of one car who wound up on a berm in the inside of turn four on the first lap, in turn making the other nine laps interesting for the other drivers.

The evening featured cars with dual exhausts, mag wheels and showroom paint jobs. It had a Pontiac Sunfire with a sporty new racing paint job, driven by a sporty young girl, whose connection to a used car dealership ("Car Country" - go figure) was evident by the "Sponsored by Dad" painted on the roof.

There was an Acclaim that looked eerily like the one I scrapped three years ago. There was a down home ver-

sion of the old Dodge that Richard Petty used to drive - right down to the STP logo on the hood and the 43 on the doors, but I doubt "The King" ever drove a car that had a decal on the rear spoiler reading, "My Other Toy Has Hooters."

There was a deep blue Monte Carlo that looked every bit the race car to beat in warmups - right up until the engine let go in the first half lap.

A Cutlass that was one step from being junked for parts and had an "86" scrawled on the side of both doors in paint so messy that a kindergarten fingerpainting exercise would have been an improvement, ran around the track like it was the only car around.

It was every bit about the racing and every bit about the experience.

And in a sense, it's what a night at the local short track is about - no matter where it is. It's about watching people work hard and doing things they love. It's why lousy golfers still play, it's why bad softball players still come out every week, it's why we participate - winning is fine, but doing is even better.

It's about the fun of a night out that doesn't have to be about fine dining, an overpriced movie or an endless pitcher of beer.

Just by rehashing this, a smile curls to my lips and my stomach starts to grab just a bit.

Not from the memory of eating my first corn dog (Memo to self: Elephant ears are next - w-a-y down the road) or having nachos with Velveeta cheese dipped right from a crock pot, but from the memory of a Southern short track and the flat-out feel-good of the experience.

I might just go to Flat Rock Speedway on Saturday night. It's not Redneck Racin' but it shouldn't be. It's a fun night out, of families and fun, racing and wrecks.

Of course, there's nothing wrong with enhancing the experience, either, like starting the evening off at the "Country Skillet" in Taylor or the "Country Coney Island" in Westland or any "Old Country Buffet."

Y'all coming?
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SPORTS CALENDAR

FISH BUDDIES FISHING CLUB

The Fish Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester. Meetings are open to all anglers, boaters and non-boaters. Call Harold Leider at (248) 656-0556 for more information.

SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION

The Oakland County Sportfishing Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at

the Drayton Plains Nature Center, 2125 Denby, Drayton Plains. Call (248) 693-4389 or visit the club's web site at <http://go.to/ocsa> for more information.

DOWNRIVER BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain (14100 Pardee Road) in Taylor. For more information,

call Ron Fodor at (734) 676-2863 or send an e-mail to river-rat122@home.com.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

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BUCKS

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overall, last in the Great Lakes with seven points.

Mid-Michigan had the early advantage, opening up a 2-0 lead by halftime thanks to a pair of first-half goals by Mychal Turpin.

Turpin made it 2-0 with four minutes left in the half, John Minagawa-Webster earning the assist.

But the Stars battled back with two second-half goals, Lindsey Williams narrowing the gap to 2-1 and Pth Myers knotting the score.

Cameron's game-winner came off an assist from Erik Nelson. Jeff Wiese (Oakland University) was in goal for the Bucks, making five stops.

Salvati was in goal for Columbus; he had 13 saves as Mid-Michigan enjoyed a 30-12 shot advantage.

The Bucks host the Kalamazoo Kingdom at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Canton HS. It is their last scheduled match at Canton this season.

CUP TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets for the Mid-Michigan Bucks' U.S. Open Cup match against the N.Y./N.J. MetroStars, the top team in Major League Soccer's Eastern Division, go on sale today at select Bucks' ticket outlets, including Soccer Plus in Livonia, The Trading Post in Plymouth, Total Soccer in Wixom, Global Soccer in Lake Orion, Berkley's Parks and Recreation offices, and George's Soccer in Lathrup Village and Troy.

The game will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, at

Berkley's Hurley Field. The Bucks' game against the MetroStars marks the first — and only time this year — an MLS team will visit the Detroit area.

Through Sunday, the MetroStars boasted a 7-4-3 record (24 points), best in the MLS's Eastern Division. The Bucks were 11-2-1 through Sunday (34 points), first in the Premier Development League's Great Lakes Division.

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DEMOLITION

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tive championships will be a stiff challenge. They are confident, but not overly so.

"Defending a championship is exciting in itself, but knowing everybody is coming after you there's obviously a sense of urgency and some pressure," said Demolition head coach Tony Blankenship prior to a recent practice at Falcons Field.

"But these ladies have a lot of mental toughness about them and to defend what theirs is really the highest priority," he said. "They have worked very hard at preparing themselves and they are not worried about what other people are trying to do."

The Demolition played this season with perfect results.

Detroit dominated its eight foes, winning by a mind-boggling 66-7 average score with a 526-52 scoring advantage. Twice this season the Demolition mustered more than 100 points and was the only Northern Conference team which won all eight of its regular-season games.

Only two other teams — the Chattanooga Locomotion and Pensacola Power of the Southern Conference — did not lose a game this season.

Detroit's closest game was the season opener, a 7-0 home triumph over Cleveland. The Demolition secured the Great Lakes Division title with a message-sending 33-19 road victory over that same Cleveland squad in the regular-season finale.

"I thought that second win (over Cleveland) was a huge step for us, knowing that we had never beaten them there," Blankenship said. "We played them there a year ago and we lost. That was a big win for us as far as our confidence. We wanted to go out there and prove to them that we could beat them in Cleveland."

Blankenship said it's his and the coaching staff's job to keep the team at a high level of play without getting overconfident. He believes, if they stay focused, his team has a very good shot at defending its title.

"In all honesty, without trying to be too cocky, I just think we're going to have to do something to hurt ourselves for a team to have a lot of success against us," Blankenship said. "There are some very good football teams out there around the country, but I do think we have to have some superior talent. I think if we do what we're supposed to do, like blocking and tackling, then we have a chance to be successful."

"We've always been a very humble group and we try to maintain that," he said. "That comes from me first, then my coaching staff and then through the veteran girls on down."

WHAT: National Women's Football Association (NWFA) Northern Conference semifinal playoff game

WHO: Detroit Demolition vs. Cleveland Fusion

WHEN: 7 p.m., Saturday, July 12

WHERE: Birmingham Groves High School, 20500 W. 13 Mile Road (corner of Evergreen and 13 Mile roads)

O&E CONNECTIONS: Mitchell Rosen, president and co-owner (West Bloomfield); Erica Desentz, general manager and tight end (Livonia); Mary Gillman, defensive line (Farmington); Sarah Kasischke, wide receiver (Farmington Hills); Chris Kendrick, wide receiver (Southfield); Amy Martin, defensive end (Troy); Beverly McManus, linebacker (Canton); Nicole Randolph, wide receiver (Southfield); Amy Rouse, fullback (Farmington); Miaya Tolbert, wide receiver (Lake Orion); Kristine Vidojevski, wide receiver (Troy); Ruth Vinson, snapper/center (Southfield).

GOLF

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Gerisch of Plymouth, 94.

There weren't many Observerland entries at last Thursday's Meijer Junior Players Tour event at Currie Golf Course in Midland, but the Waxer family from Plymouth did well.

On the 5,792-yard course for girls 15-and-over, Meghan Waxer carded a 99 to place fourth, good for 35 points. In the boys 10-12 division, Sam Waxer shot a 117 to finish 15th and get four points on a course measuring 5,411 yards.

At the Midwest Collegiate Series tournament July 1 at Red Hawk Golf Course in Findlay, Ohio, Wayne's Greg Laws recorded rounds of 73 and 83 for a 156 total, tying for 16th on the 7,018-yard course and earning two points.

Michael King of Livonia had an 81 and a 77 for a 158 total, tying for 21st; Redford's Nikos Markellos had rounds of 82 and 79 for a 161, which tied for

30th; and Plymouth's Luther Smith tied for 36th with scores of 82 and 84 for a 166.

On July 2 in the Meijer Junior Tour event at The Fortress in Frankenmuth, a pair of Observer-area golfers captured top honors in their respective divisions. Samantha Talbot of Plymouth shot a 90 to win the girls 15-and-over age division, played on a 5,657-yard course. The first-place finish was worth 75 tour points.

Kim Haskins of Livonia had a 102, placing eighth and picking up 15 points.

In the boys 13-14 division, Tommy Lucko of Livonia had a 76 to edge Ryan Blanz of White Lake by a stroke and take top honors on the 5,877-yard course, worth 75 tour points. Jimmie Vleck of Plymouth had an 86, placing 17th and landing two points. Ross Gerulis of Canton shot a 99.

In the boys 15-and-over division, Andrew Pellegrino of Farmington Hills scored an 82 on the 6,425-yard course, good for eighth place and 15 points. David Stevens of Plymouth had an 84, which placed him 15th and got him four points.

In the boys 10-12 division, Nicholas Walker of Garden City scored a 79, good for fourth place and 35 tour points.

On July 1 at the Power-Bilt Tournament at St. Ives Golf Course in Stanwood, the best Observer-area finish was recorded by Jamie Siedlaczek of Canton, who placed second (worth 45 points) in the girls 11-15 division by shooting a 91 on a course measuring 5,325 yards.

In the boys 11-15 division, Brian King of Livonia shot an 84 to finish 13th and earn six points on the 6,330-yard course.

In the girls 16-and-over division, Jenny Kubert of Livonia fired a 94 to place 11th on the 5,822-yard course, good for eight tour points. In the boys 16-and-over division, Aaron Newman of Farmington Hills had an 81 on the 6,647-yard course; Patrick Shaw of Plymouth shot 83; Matt Kruczynski of Westland carded a 97; Bryce Tomas of Livonia had a 100; and Matt Norscia of Livonia had a 102.

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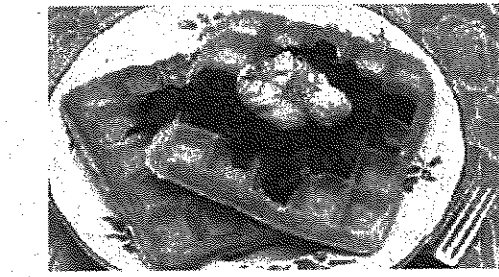
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Bulldogs go on scoring binge, corral Broncos 19-7

Only in the Metro Summer Hockey League.

The Bulldogs trailed the Broncos, 4-3, after one period, but then rang up 13 unanswered goals to cruise to a 19-7 win Tuesday at the Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills.

Brandon Scero led the offensive onslaught with five goals and four assists. Ryan Maki chipped in with four goals and three assists, while Vancouver Canucks' No. 1 draft pick Ryan Kesler, who will be a sophomore at Ohio State, added three goals and two assists.

Other offensive heroes for the Bulldogs included Rob Brunmeier, two goals and two assists; Chris Stevens, one goal and three assists; Tony Keshishian, five assists; Jamie Milam, two goals and one assist; Joshua Moyses, one goal and one assist; Zach Pearson, one goal; and Ryan McCabe, two assists.

Brad Smith went all the way in goal for the Bulldogs, while Jake Archer and Justin Bolla split time for the Broncos.

Todd Bentley had two goals and one assist for the Broncos, while Mike Dzewit, Jack McCoy, Matt Eurich, Brent Cooper and Ryan Ward collected one each.

LAKERS 10, REDHAWKS 8: Brad Zarem tallied four goals, but it wasn't enough to prevent the Redhawks from falling Tuesday to the Lakers.

Mike Vigilante led the victorious Lakers with three goals and one assist. Andy Howard and Bryan Marshall each added a pair of goals, while Ryan Hohl, John Vigilante and Matt Fortier contributed one each.

Marshall also had three assists, while former Michigan Prep Mr. Hockey Scot Curtin added three.

Dave Beard added two goals for the Redhawks, while James Dragescu and Derek Patrosso had the others.

Lenny Jardine and Matt Howard split time in goal for the Lakers, while Brian Markowicz went all the way in goal for the Redhawks.

WHALERS 10, BUCKEYES 4: Hat tricks by Phil Pietila and Tim Kastamo carried the Whalers to a win Tuesday over the Buckeyes at the Training Center.

Todd and Glenn Pietila each added a goal and three assists for the Whalers, who led 5-1 after one period.

Mark Pietila contributed one goal and two assists. Eric Hellunen also chipped in with a goal and one assist. Jay Storm collected two assists.

The winning goaltender was Ryan Rathbun, who went all the way in goal for the Whalers.

Jordan Ingram led the Buckeyes with two goals. Robbie McIntosh and Chris Powrozniak also scored.

Art Baker started in net for the Buckeyes and was relay midway through the second period by Collin Chase.

WARRIORS 11, SPARTANS 5: Adam Krug, Jason Bloomingburg and Jason Moul collected two goals apiece Tuesday, leading the Warriors past the Spartans.

Brent Medlen, Chris Fairbanks, Ryan Wischmeyer and Bill McSweeney also scored for the victorious Warriors.

Adam Krug, Bloomingburg, and Adam Stoner each had two assists.

Jim Stephenson led the Spartans with a hat trick, while Joe Kondratek and Michael Crowley tallied the other goals. Jim Wheaton chipped in with two assists.

Mark Nagel and Rick Marnon split time in goal for the Spartans.

Stephen Yu and Chris Bahash combined for the Warriors.

WOLVERINES 11, SPARTANS 9: Time was running out on the Wolverines Monday in their MSHL game against the Spartans at the Training Center.

The Wolves were down 9-8 with less than 90 seconds remaining when Charlie Henderson found the net, scoring his second goal of the game to tie it at 9-all with 1:15 left. Henderson would prove instrumental in those final seconds, picking up assists (he had three in the game) on two goals scored by Christopher Barczuk (from Livonia Churchill) in the last 1:06 as the Wolverines emerged with an 11-9 victory.

Dave Wyzgowski paced the Wolves with three goals. J.J. Swistak (West Bloomfield) added a goal and five assists. Daniel Rieckhoff scored twice. Nick Martens collected a goal and two assists, and Teddy Theodoroff and Dean Storm (Livonia) had two assists apiece.

For the Spartans, Alex Foster (Canton) picked up three goals and an assist while Brian Sommeriva got two goals and three assists.

Jim Wheaton (Plymouth) scored two goals. Michael Kondratek (Canton) had a goal and an assist. Joe Kondratek (Canton) had one goal, Michael Crowley (Canton) earned three assists and Casey Skrzypek (Canton) got two helpers.

Joseph Rutherford was in goal for the Wolverines; Rick Marnon (Canton) played in the net for the Spartans.

LAKERS 7, HUSKIES 6: The Lakers forgot how to score in the first two periods of their MSHL game against the Huskies Monday at the Suburban Training Center. The remembered in the third.

For the Huskies, it was just the opposite. Trailing 5-2 after two periods, the Lakers completely dominated the third, scoring five consecutive goals while limiting the Huskies to a meaningless score with just :05 remaining.

John Maurer (Plymouth) and Eric Dolech (Farmington Hills) each scored two goals to pace the Lakers. Mike Vigilante and John Vigilante (Plymouth Whalers) contributed a goal and two assists apiece. Scot Curtin (Redford) scored one goal and Stavros Paskaris had two assists.

The Huskies got three goals from David Rohlis, one goal and one assist apiece from Trent Daavetila and Kurt Kivisto, a goal from Chris Walsh, and two assists each from John Kivisto and Matt Ritz.

Brent Bocson (Troy) was in goal for the Huskies, while Matt Howard played in the net for the Lakers.

WILDCATS 10, REDHAWKS 7: Steve Kruszewski scored five goals — two in the last 5:15 to help break a 7-7 tie — and assisted on another to carry the Wildcats to an MSHL win over the Redhawks Monday at the Suburban Training Center.

SUMMER HOCKEY

A goal by the Redhawks' Brad Zarem with 7:21 to play knotted the game at 7-all, but Kruszewski scored with 5:15 left to give the 'Cats the lead for good. Chris Conner (Westland), who also had an assist in the game, got a goal with 4:26 remaining to give the Wildcats a two-goal lead. Kruszewski's final score was into an empty net with 0:25 to play.

Brandon Thom (Livonia) totaled two goals for the 'Cats. Sam Dismuke (Westland) contributed a goal and three assists. Aaron Jakubowski got a goal and an assist, and Joe Tome and Jeremy Majszak (Canton) each had two assists.

The Redhawks were led by Josh Schaeffer, who had two goals and an assist. Trevor Mallon added a goal and two assists. Zarem had a goal and an assist, Derek Patrosso, Dan Cook (Livonia) and Rick Merlo each scored goals, and James Dragescu and Robert Vulaj got two assists apiece.

Brian Markowicz was in goal for the Redhawks, Matt Williams (Westland) was in the net for the 'Cats.

SALEM SOCCER

The Salem boys soccer team will have optional workouts for all interested players entering grades nine-12 on the following dates: July 11, 14, 16, 18, 21, 23 and 25.

The workouts will be held at the high school fields on the corner of Joy and Canton Center from 6-8 p.m. Official team tryouts start Aug. 11.

For more information, contact coach Ed McCarthy at (248) 561-2846.

CCJBSA REGISTRATION

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association will have registration for its coed fall registration from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, July 19 at the Summit in the Park in Canton, located off Summit Parkway. Space is limited; registrations will be accepted on a first-come basis.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Registration is for boys and girls from 4-17 years who are Plymouth or Canton residents and/or attend school in the Plymouth/Canton school district. New players must bring a copy of their birth certificate. Fees range from \$75-\$110. Current players may drop off their registration forms at this time instead of mailing them in.

Only checks, cashier's checks or money orders will be accepted. Games start in September. Any adult interested in coaching or umpiring can sign up at this time, or call Greg Angel at (734) 981-3007 or Dave Giove at (734) 981-3427.

For further information, contact Chris Angel (teeball 4-6 years, coach-pitch 7-8 years) at (734) 981-3007; Don Clark (baseball 9-12 years) at (734) 455-1224; or Bob Unis (13-17 baseball) at (734) 454-5725.

COACHING POSITIONS

There are several positions

for coaches for the 2003-04 seasons currently available at Plymouth HS.

Included are girls basketball assistant, football assistant, volleyball assistant and boys basketball assistant.

Anyone interested in any of those positions should contact Plymouth athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5702.

GOLF OUTING

The two Plymouth-area high school hockey teams will be hosting a golf outing on Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Hickory Creek Golf Club in Plymouth.

Cost of the event is \$110 per player or \$400 for a foursome and includes green fees and a cart, a steak dinner, on-course beverages and a chance to participate in a silent and live auction.

Check-in for the event is at 7 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8

a.m. The dinner and auction will start at 1 p.m.

There will also be prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin. Anyone who gets a hole-in-one at the event can also win a two-year lease on a car courtesy of Hines Park.

For more information on the event, contact Deborah Tollison at (734) 981-2802 or Chris Wolfe at (734) 453-8332.

VOLLEYBALL CAMP

The Plymouth Volleyball Camp is scheduled for 1:30-4 p.m. July 22-24 at the new Plymouth High School. All middle school and freshman athletes (as of the 2003-04 season) are welcome to attend.

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BASEBALL

■ Plymouth Christian Academy will host the Doyle Baseball School, a nationally-recognized five-day clinic, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. July 14-18 at the PCA ball fields in Canton.

The school will provide instruction for baseball and softball players from 6-16 years old in hitting, throwing and fielding. Doyle Baseball, in its 22nd year of operation, conducts satellite schools all over the country and in Canada.

More than 500,000 players have benefitted from the Doyle school, thousands going on to play collegiately and some into pro baseball, including Walt Weiss, Joe Oliver, Derek Lee, Charles Johnson, Jody Reed, Turner Ward, Steve Karsay, Tino Martinez, Dave Martinez, Derek Bell, Dan Wilson and Jim Poole.

Cost is \$95 per player for payments received before July 7, \$115 for those received after that date. To register, call PCA's Sandy Murray at (734) 459-3505, ext. 117 until July 13. After that date, please call PCA baseball coach Don Shumaker at (734) 416-0513. For a free brochure on other Doyle programs, call (863) 439-1000.

■ Total Baseball-Softball will stage a series of summer camps (ages 7-17) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, July 15-17, at Wixom.

The fee is \$135. College coaches and former pro players will instruct youth on hitting, pitching and field techniques. A radar gun will clock arm speed. In case of rainouts, the camp will be moved to Total Soccer's Wixom facility.

For more information, call (248) 668-0166, or email totalbbalwixom@aol.com. You can also register online at www.total-baseball.com or www.total-softball.com.

BASKETBALL

■ Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Carlos Briggs will conduct a boys basketball camp for grades 1-12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 4-8.

The cost is \$125 per person. Players will be matched by age, size and ability, and will receive both individual and group instruction on fundamentals.

For more information, call the Schoolcraft Athletic Department at (734) 462-4400, Exts. 5564 or 5607.

■ The 22nd annual Championship Basketball Camps for Girls, hosted by Schoolcraft College, will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, July 28-31 (grades 7-12).

Cost for grades 1-6 is \$75 (half-day camp); for grades 7-12, \$115 (full-day camp).

The camp coordinator and lead instructor is SC women's head coach Karen Lafata. She will be assisted by her assistant coaches, Maria Christian and Michelle Jackson.

The camp will feature competitive games and drills, contests with awards, a camp basketball (with full-day camp); a camp T-shirt; individualized instruction; and, with the full-day camp, swimming at lunch.

For more information, call the Schoolcraft College Athletic Department at (734)

462-4400, Ext. 5249.

■ The Trojan Basketball Camp for boys and girls will be from 8-11 a.m. (ages 4-7) and noon-3:30 p.m. (ages 8-12), Monday through Thursday, July 14-17, at Livonia Clarenceville High School.

The cost is \$60. Checks should be made payable to Clarenceville Basketball. Mail applications and checks to: Kevin Murphy, Boys Basketball Coach, Clarenceville, High School, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, Mi. 48152.

For more information, call (248) 473-8926.

■ The ninth annual Jeff Suspeck Memorial Basketball Camp will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 26, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

The one-day camp is free to all children ages 9-14. Lunch will be provided courtesy of White Castle Systems, Inc.

The camp is sponsored by the Jeff Suspeck Foundation, which was founded in memory of the former Dearborn Divine Child and St. Mary's College player who passed away in 1994.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. (the day of the camp) at the Schoolcraft College gymnasium.

To pre-register, call (248) 478-0662 or email jsuspeckcamp@hotmail.com.

■ The Metro Basketball Association will hold a summer basketball camp for boys and girls from 8:30 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, July 21-25, at Schoolcraft College.

The cost is \$100 per player (includes 17 hours of fundamental instruction, contests, games, camp T-shirt, ball and certificate).

For more information, call (313) 406-2722 or email kwilk@metrobasketball.org.

SOCCER

■ British Challenger Soccer will run a summer camp for the Redford Soccer Club at Bell Creek Park from July 14-18. The camp offers 90-minute sessions for children under six, half-day sessions for ages 6-18 and full day sessions for ages 12-18.

For more information or to register, please call Nancy Jackett at (313) 534-5687.

■ Madonna University will stage a session of Premier Soccer Academy (boys and girls ages 6-15) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 21-25.

The cost is \$210 per player (includes T-shirt). Group rates (for eight or more) is \$175 per player.

Mark Zathey, MU women's coach and director of coaching for the Northville Soccer Association, is the camp director assisted by former MU players Jen Barker, Kara Wisniewski, Matt Buzewski and Emily Jackson, along with Sam Maki of the Northville Soccer Association.

For more information, call (734) 432-5882 or email mza-zathey@madonna.edu.

■ Schoolcraft College will be staging a series of weekly soccer camps for boys and girls ages 5-16, July 14 through Aug. 4.

There are sessions for beginner and intermediate players, along with advanced players.

Each coach will train 10 to 12 players. Parents are invited to observe and participate in the final day of camp.

Camp coordinator is Schoolcraft men's soccer coach Dominic Scicluna.

For more information, call the Schoolcraft Athletic Department at (734) 462-4400, Exts. 5564 or 5607.

■ Plymouth-Canton Community Education and ProExcel, one of the largest providers of soccer education in the USA, will host their community soccer camp from July 14-18 at West Middle School in Plymouth.

The camp is open to boys and girls from kindergarten on up and will run from 9 a.m. - noon each day. In addition to the soccer coaching, ProExcel will also host a free coaches clinic during the week of the camp.

For more information or to register, call the Plymouth-Canton schools at (734) 416-2937 or visit the website at www.ProExcel.com.

■ Goose's All-Star Soccer

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All camps are 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. and cost \$139 per camper.

Advanced striker/goalkeeper clinics are also available at the Farmington July 14-18 camp and at the Canton July 28-August 1 camp for \$179 per camper (for serious players only).

Additional family members and teams of 10 or more receive an extra \$10 off. For more information, please call (734) GOOSE-22, or visit us online at www.goose22.com.

■ Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia (next to Ford Field) will host its annual soccer camp for children ages 5-11 from 6:30-8

p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 28-31.

The camp is for beginning and intermediate players to develop proper skills and knowledge of the game. The program includes instruction, materials, T-shirt and soccer ball. Students must bring their own soccer ball or shin guards if desired. (Items not needed to enroll.)

The \$20 camp fee is payable at registration. Enrollment is limited to the first 100 participants.

To register, call (734) 522-6830.

OTHER

■ The Livonia Family YMCA, in partnership with Coaches Enterprises, is offering four specialized, week-long sports camps for summer 2003 including flag football, Monday through Friday, July 14-18; baseball, July 21-25; basketball, July 28-Aug. 11; and street hockey, Aug. 4-8.

For more information, call the YMCA at (734) 261-2161 or Coaches Enterprises at (866) 332-5777.

VOLLEYBALL

■ Madonna University will host a summer volleyball camp. The morning session will be from 8:30 a.m.-noon — July 13-16 (hitters); afternoon session, 1-4 — July 13-16 (defensive specialty).

Cost is \$120 (\$90 for youth camp).

For more information and registration, call MU head volleyball coach and camp director Jerry Abraham evenings at (734) 254-0698 or the volleyball office at (734) 432-5612.

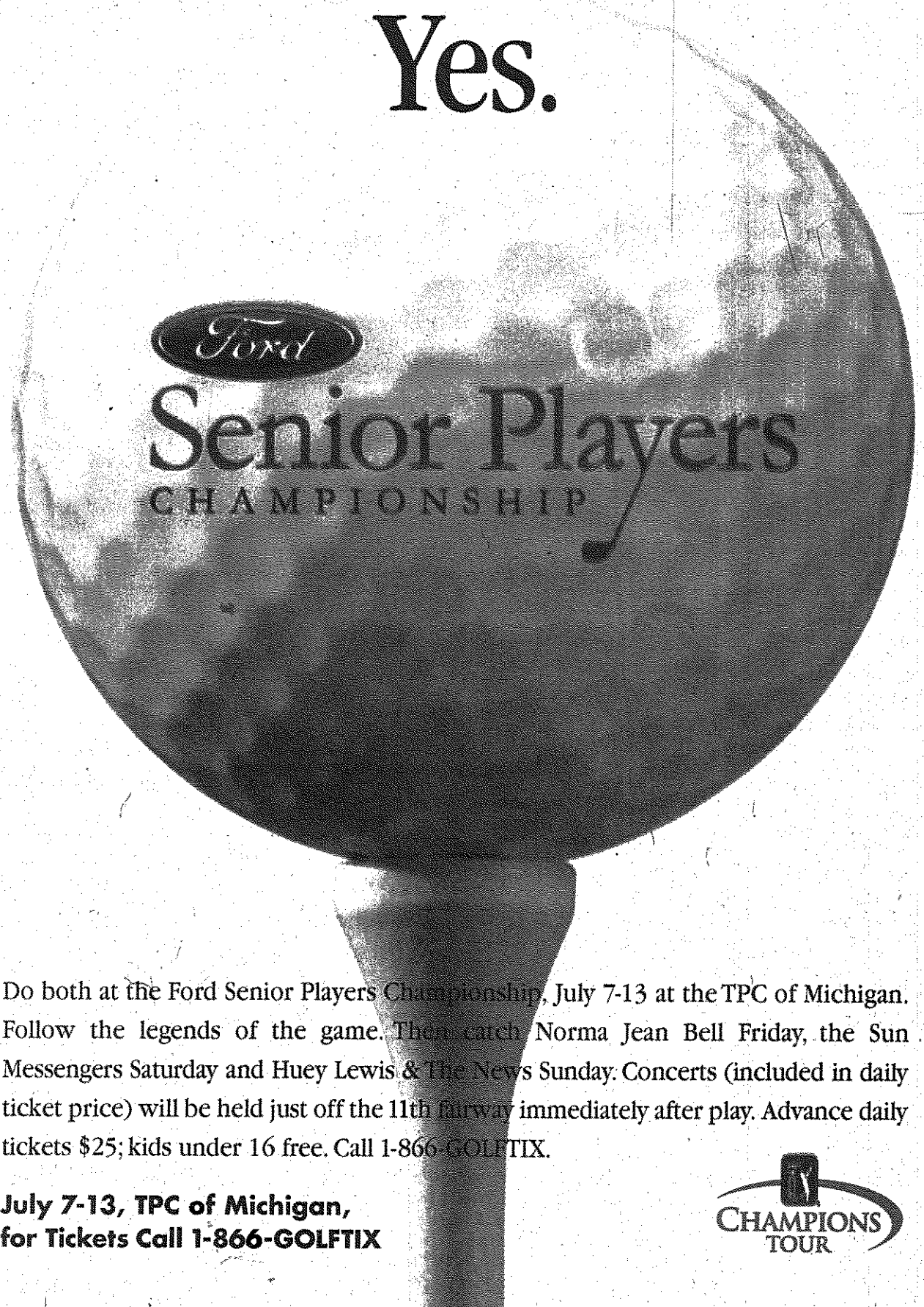
■ Schoolcraft College will stage a series of summer volleyball camps (ages 8 through adult) for beginner and intermediate players, as well as elite players.

Camps for beginner and intermediate players will include for Spiking and Serving and Setters Training, all 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 14-17.

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New hydrangea

A new green-flowered hydrangea, developed by the Dutch, could make your neighbors green with envy.

The new Limelight hydrangea is extremely hardy and blooms every year. Its large, bright green flowers appear in summer and last until frost when they transform into remarkable shades of green, pink and burgundy.

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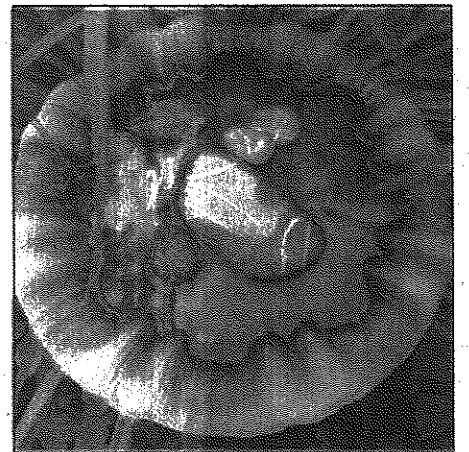
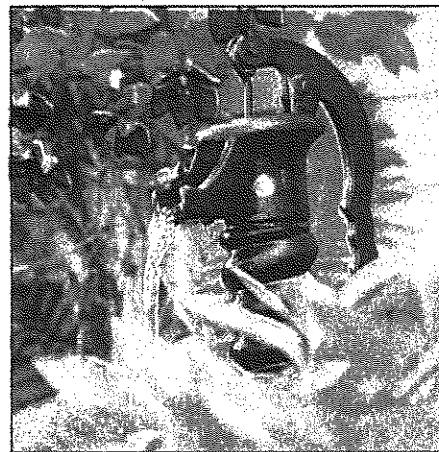
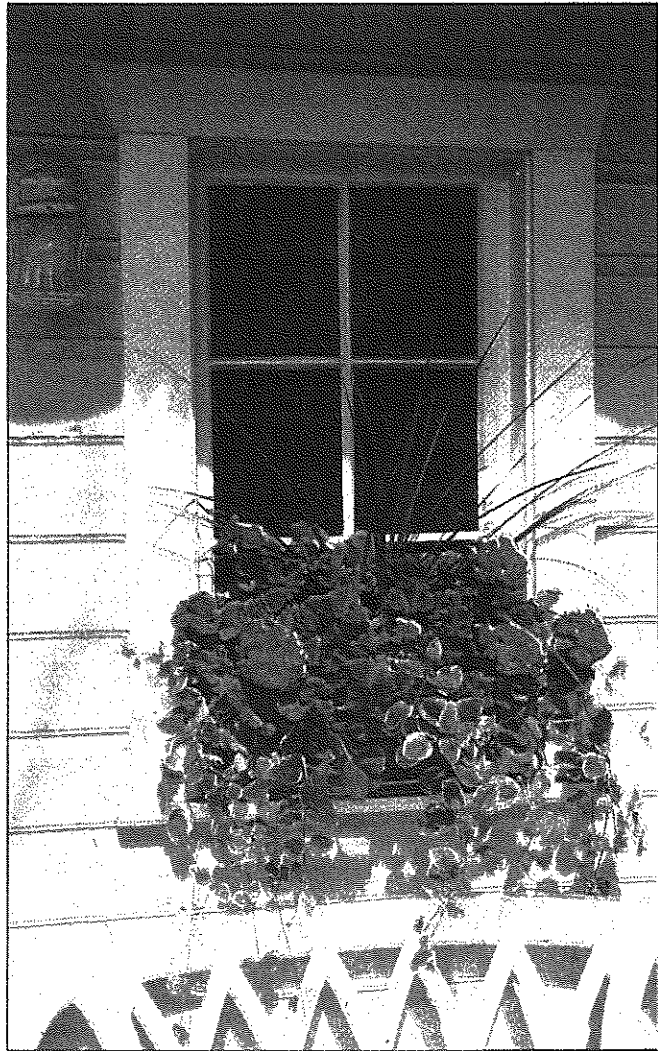
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The Home Depot offers free weekly how-to clinics for do-it-yourselfers. Associates give step-by-step instructions during the clinics which last about 30-45 minutes. For information, contact your local Home Depot. The clinic schedule is as follows: Installing ceiling fans Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; Installing vinyl windows, Thursdays, 7 p.m.; Laying ceramic tiles, Saturdays, 10 a.m.; Faux Painting, Saturdays, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Building a deck, Saturdays, 2 p.m.; Faux painting, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Do-it-yourself workshops, Monday, July 28, 7-9 p.m.

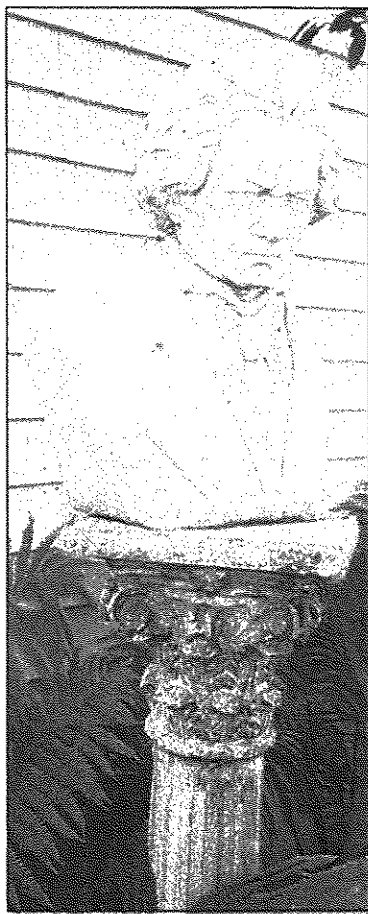
Skylight help

American homeowners are discovering that it's a bright idea to cut a hole in the roof - and installing a modern skylight, roof window or sun tunnel. Bathroom skylights provide privacy as they bathe the area with natural light, provide ventilation and help control condensation. Electric venting skylights are available with remote control, blinds, shades, awnings, insect screening and automatic rain sensors.

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Clockwise from top left: A garage window at Bernadine Vida's home in Redford bursts with creativity and color. Coreopsis flowers bloom along the Vida's garden's edge. A small water feature utilizing an old hand pump built by Brian McNamara who lives on Denby. A small birdbath is home to several decorative stones from the Mediterranean in the Vida's garden. A small statue stands among hostas, roses and snow-on-the-mountain in the Vida's garden. A number of statues adorn McNamara's garden.



PHOTOS BY JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
 A bust of Beethoven is nestled among ferns in McNamara's backyard.

Eye CANDY

BY CHRYSAL LIEBOLD
 STAFF WRITER

Plethoras of marigolds, fuchsia roses and hot pink Asian lilies are surrounded by apple trees, fish ponds and trumpet vines crawling up walls and fences.

Exotic displays of tulips and poppies blaze and glow in every corner of the rainbow, with wild grasses and 10 varieties of hostas.

Redford gardens are candy for the eyes. They're extravagant, picturesque and they're on display Saturday, July 12, for Redford's biennial Garden Walk. Eight artistic yards will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a self-guided walk that includes both large and small yards in various sections of the township.

"All the gardens are special in

their own way, and that's the way we try to plan it," said Arlene Funke, secretary for the Redford Township Beautification Commission. "There will be a variety of gardens - large and small, shady and sunny. This way, people can get ideas for their own yards."

Organizers say Redford was the first community in the area to put on a garden walk, and within the last 20 years more communities have followed suit. The walk typically takes five hours to complete, and this year, the commission is expecting about 200 people to stroll through the featured yards.

Janet Watson, beautification commission chairwoman, said she searched for well-maintained gardens with a variety of perennials, shrubs, ponds and statuary.

"We look for something a little exceptional, not just a potato plant and a couple petunias," she said. "It's important for people to see what's going on in Redford and to see the gardens and encourage others to beautify their property."

PICTURE PERFECT

When she's not busy as a photographer and designer, Bernadine Vida works in her garden on Centralia, one of the eight featured on the walk. Her now well-known garden was conceived in 1948 by her parents and has been passed down to her.

"This garden has been tended for a long, long time," she said. "Eighty percent of the garden is perennials. There's also

PLEASE SEE FLOWERS, C4

What: Eight beautiful yards will be included on Redford Township's biennial Garden Walk. The self-guided walk includes both large and small yards.

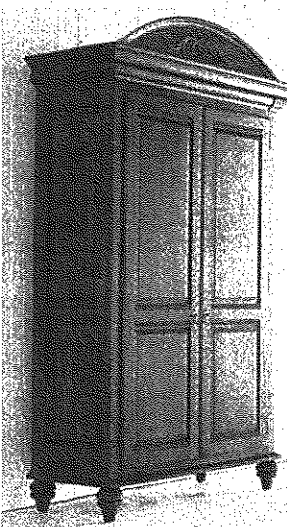
When: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 12.

Tickets: \$4 in advance or \$5 Saturday. A map and description of the yards will be provided at time of purchase. Tickets are available at the following locations: Township Hall, 15145 Beech Daly; Redford Community Center (Senior Office), 12121 Hemingway; Flower Station of Redford, 25801 Plymouth Road at Beech Daly, and Seven Mile Garden Center, 26346 Seven Mile Road, west of Beech Daly. Free bus transportation is available for senior citizens. Contact the Redford senior office at (313) 387-2784. For information on the walk, call Beautification Commission chairwoman Janet Watson at (313) 255-5293.

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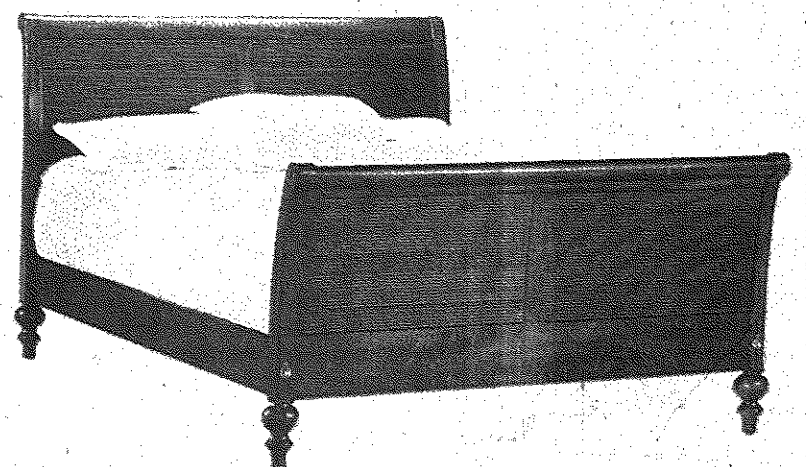
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Do you have a special item you'd like to showcase in Marketplace on the front of At Home? We'd like to feature it! Send a photo or slide of the piece, along with information, to: Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.



A collection

Intricately carved details and a rich Cinnabar finish lend an exotic elegance to this distinctive British Classics collection at Ethan Allen. Antiqued hardware and gentle distressing give each timeworn piece individual perspective. The collection is crafted of maple, with select hardwoods, veneers and other elements. The armoire lists for \$2,499. It is 84 inches high with six interior tray drawers and two adjustable shelves. The sleigh bed has reeded panels, turned feet and a medallion on each post. It lists for \$1,449. The round lamp table features a carved pineapple motif and lists for \$399. Ethan Allen has stores in Birmingham, Livonia and Novi.



Choose a purse that fits your needs

Q: How do I shop to find a purse to fit my needs?

A: A purse should service you efficiently, not function as a 'clutter bin.' It is important that you purchase the kind of purse that will best suit your needs.

Purses come in various sizes, shapes and colors. They also function differently. Some have zippers while others have snaps, buttons, velcro, draw string or an open compartment.

Purses also are constructed differently. They have numerous compartments or just one large compartment. Purses are important to women and very personal. The items in a women's purse contribute to her identity and satisfy her needs. Think twice about buying a purse for a gift unless you know the individual very well.

Purses have many different uses. Keep smaller purses in several different colors that match dress shoes. These purses work for short periods of time because they do not usually have the space to hold the contents of a women's daily needs.

Some purses can be carried on the shoulder and some on the arm. A shoulder bag allows your hands to be free for carrying other items. Wearing a purse around your waist is great for long days at an amusement park,

the zoo, or a museum. You may want to consider seasonal purses. A good summer purse could be lighter in color, made out of straw or constructed with a printed fabric. A winter purse would be darker in color and made of leather or vinyl fabric. A good system to keep an organized purse is to clean it out weekly and when you change to another purse.

Spend time shopping before you purchase a purse. It is important to purchase a purse in which it is easy to find items and easy to keep organized. I found out the hard way that I do not like purses that have numerous compartments. Because I am an organized person I assumed I would like a purse with many compartments so I could separate and put like items together. It works in my closets and with my dresser drawers but not with my purse. I purchased this kind of purse and discovered that every time I needed to locate my keys quickly I had to unzip three zippers before I could locate them.

I like a purse with one big zipper that I can open and see all the contents at once. I like one extra small compartment where I keep extra keys that are not on my key chain. I separate the items in my purse by purchasing organizers such as a make-up bag, coupon sorter, wallet, envelope for receipts, and an envelope for other papers that require my action when I am doing errands, such as documents for car inspection, coupon book to pay orthodontist, shopping list, etc.

It is hard for me to purchase a purse on the spur of the moment.

I had to make an exception, however, when we were on a family vacation visiting some relatives living in a warmer part of the country. We were staying at their home enjoying their superb hospitality. Our personal items, including my purse were in the closet of the guest room. One day I went to the closet to get my purse as we prepared for an outing. I lifted it from the floor and noticed rapidly moving black specks. I observed more closely only to discover ants crawling in and out and up and down my purse. I quickly carried my purse downstairs and out the door, calling for help as I went. We emptied the contents, which were covered with masses of ants, brushed off each item. We tried removing them from inside the purse but were not successful because they kept reappearing. The ants had found their way inside the purse lining so we made a small cut to try to get them out.

The purse was destroyed in the process and I had to go emergency purse shopping. I purchased a purse but used it for only a short period of time because it did not suit my needs.

I needed more time for such an important purchase.

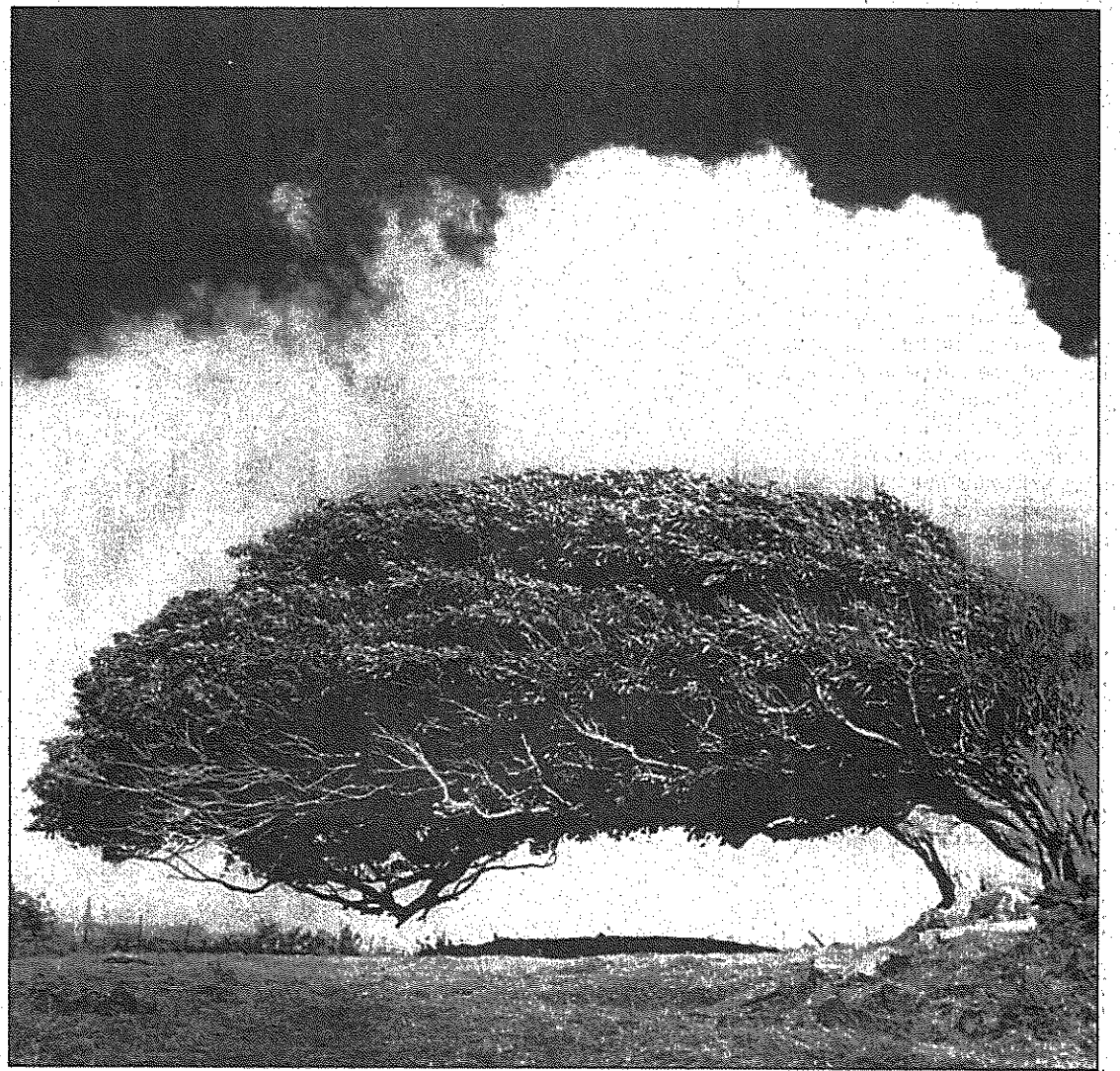
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The sky is an important part of the composition in this photo taken in Hawaii of a most unusual banyan tree.

Add the sky for drama in photos

The expression "the sky's the limit" is often used in our daily lives. Today, I'd like to apply it to our photography.

After all, a dramatic sky can indeed enhance our pictures and turn an ordinary shot into something quite special. I'll frequently add an impressive sky to many of my photographs, waiting sometimes for hours, even days until spectacular clouds are available.

Focus on Photography

Monte Nagler

In color photography, the best way to strengthen the sky is by using a polarizer filter. A polarizer renders the sky a

much deeper blue, adding important impact to your shot and giving the sky separation from the white clouds.

By carefully selecting your camera position relative to the direction of the sun and by proper use of your polarizer filter, you can choose the degree of blue you want.

With black and white film, as I've previously written, the yellow-orange-red family of filters darken a blue sky without affecting the tonality of the clouds.

How can you emphasize the sky and give it "pizzazz" when there just are no clouds at all? Solution: combine two pictures into one. With black and white, two negatives, one with clouds, one with a cloudless scene, can be combined to produce a truly remarkable picture - in

either your own darkroom or at a professional lab. If shooting digital, it's easy to do with Photo Shop software.

With color slide film, it's easy to combine two transparencies, again one of clouds and one of the scene, into a "sandwich" that will result in a spectacular shot.

A perfect blue sky/white cloud day greeted me in Adelaide, Australia as shown in the photograph here. A red filter darkened the sky perfectly to give it separation from the clouds.

Remember to emphasize the sky. If you do, you'll add many great shots to your photographic portfolio.

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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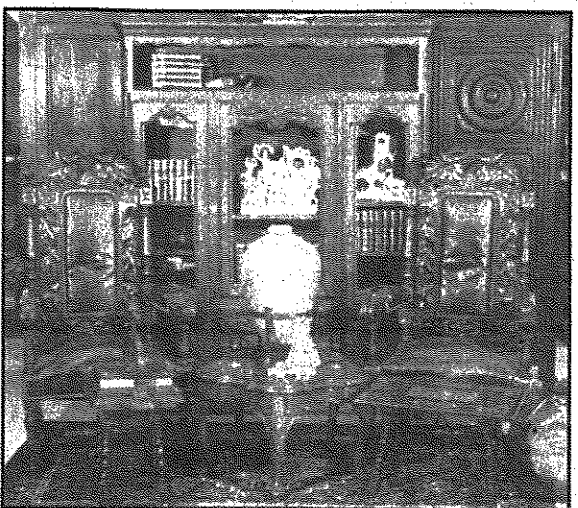
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Comfort, roominess set Sanctuary's style

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

It quickly becomes apparent what tools designer Ann Eckles favored when decorating the two models at The Sanctuary in Rochester Hills.

Lots of large pictures/prints on walls; realistic-looking faux trees, plants and flowers in virtually all rooms; many, many mirrors; plus matching patterns in drapes, furniture and bedding.

"The (model) homes have a lot of volume so you need larger pieces," Eckles said. "Scale is important and you have to keep it open to traffic flow."

Eckles, owner of Impact Design in Houston, decorated two homes - a two story of 3,031 square feet (\$442,070) and a story-and-a-half of 2,652 square feet (\$429,625) both with three bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths.

The homes, attached in pairs, are off South Boulevard between Coolidge and Crooks. The models, (248) 299-5101, are open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Tadian Homes is the builder.

"Buyers at The Sanctuary are retired, empty-nest buyers," Eckles added. "You try to create something they remember, that stands out."

Decorating a model isn't necessarily the same as decorating a private home for day-to-day living, she said.

"You've just got to be comfortable in it," Eckles said of the latter. "You've got to decide where you want color."

Sometimes it's the wall, sometimes furniture. You go through magazines and see what appeals to you. Start from there."

Here's how Eckles set things up at The Sanctuary.

CHESAPEAKE MODEL

The formal dining room in the story-and-a-half features a glass-topped table with six high-backed wood chairs along the sides, and a couple of cloth-covered chairs at the ends, just like many of us mix-and-match when company comes.

Both this model and the other feature a buffet and mirror in the formal dining room. The kitchen/nook also has a



PHOTO BY WILLIAM KENDALL

Matching patterns in the drapes and some pillows on the sofa help set an intimate stage in the family room of the Deerfield model.

smaller glass table top like the dining room, a tea service and tea bags set up on a counter and a tea kettle on the range.

The drapes in the great room are identical to those in the dining room across the two-story entry foyer. Pillows on the beige sofa match the blue/red fabric of the two chairs in the great room. A coffee/cocktail table is in the center of the room.

This great room also features a fireplace with an archeological stone relief on the mantel and a cabinet TV.

The large master suite showcases a sitting area with a bookcase, TV, chair and footstool. This sitting area could be converted to a separate library at the buyer's request.

Matching end tables and lamps are on either side of a large bed packed with pillows. A large dresser and mirror have been placed on the bed side of the suite.

The bath portion sets the mood with a candle on the tub, a large vase and several towels in the linen closet, hangers and shopping bags in the walk-in clothes closet.

A blue ottoman and mirror are at the foot of the stairs.

A loft at the head of the stairs contains a pair of matching chairs, regular checkers and Chinese checkers boards on a foot stool and a TV.

One of the upstairs bedrooms has been decorated as an exercise room with several pieces of equipment and a mirror that runs along the full length of a wall.

The other bedroom upstairs has a patriotic theme with two large prints featuring flags and a flag pillow on one of the two wicker chairs.

DEERFIELD MODEL

Again, a buffet and mirror accentuate the formal dining room.

The library on the other side of the foyer of this more compartmentalized two story includes an L-shaped desk with a chair and two other fancier chairs if needed for private conferences.

The great room contains two beige sofas facing each other with a coffee table in between, two matching chairs with foot

stool, a bookcase and ubiquitous mirror.

The patterns on some furniture pillows match the pattern of the drapes.

The hearth room off the kitchen/nook includes fireplace, cabinet TV and matching chairs around a small table. The kitchen table and chairs have an antique look.

A small alcove upstairs showcases a cabinet TV, two matching chairs and foot stool.

The master includes a dresser with a large mirror. Two matching chairs and center table are in the suite. The yellow drapes match the bedding and pillows on the bed.

One secondary bedroom up is decorated as a hobby room with an exercise bike and two chairs facing across a glass table/desk.

The other upstairs bedroom includes a dresser with mirror and desk with computer. Again, the drape pattern matches the bedspread and pillows. A local touch has been added with an Oakland University teddy bear on the bed and sweatshirt on a bulletin board over the computer.

Protect trees from storm damage

Summer can be a season of wild weather extremes.

From violent storms to excessive or absent rainfall, trees must withstand a great deal. Homeowners can protect their trees from any type of weather by being proactive.

Preparing trees to withstand storms is much less expensive and easier to handle than dealing with the aftermath of downed trees. By instituting a program of routine pruning, you can help prevent damage due to falling limbs.

Regular pruning removes dead, decaying or broken branches, as well as reducing wind resistance. Pruning out dead branches discourages secondary damage from pests and diseases. Cabling is the installation of flexible steel strands between branches.

It protects trees by transferring the weight of a weak branch to a stronger one, which prevents limbs from breaking during rough weather. Bracing helps prevent the splitting of large limbs from the main trunk.

The technique uses screw rods, washers and nuts to secure limbs and allow bark to grow and reinforce the area.

WATCH FOR DROUGHT

Signs of drought stress include yellowing, wilting of foliage, undersized leaves, leaf scorch and premature fall coloration. Trees should be watered within the perimeters of any local water restriction during periods of drought.

Young trees in particular should be mulched with organic products such as wood chips,

shredded bark or pine needles under the canopy of the tree to prevent water loss.

Water under the dripline of the tree, where most of the feeder roots occur, until the soil is moist 10-12 inches from the soil surface. Lay a hose under the canopy and let hose run slowly until soil moisture is achieved in that area. Move hose until all areas are well-watered.

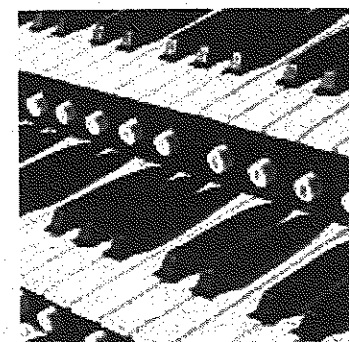
Letting a lawn sprinkler run under the dripline is also a good way to get moisture to the root zone. Check for moisture with a soil probe or use a shovel or trowel within the root zone. Avoid fertilizing during periods of drought as root burn can occur.

In early fall or spring, fertilize with a slow-release fertilizer to encourage growth of root which were lost during the drought.

Flooding, particularly over long periods of time, can severely damage a tree. In general, healthy trees are better able to withstand excessive water. Routine care including fertilization and pruning promote health. After waters recede, recovery can be encouraged by removing dead and dying branches as well as left-over sediment greater than three inches deep to help oxygen return quickly to the roots.

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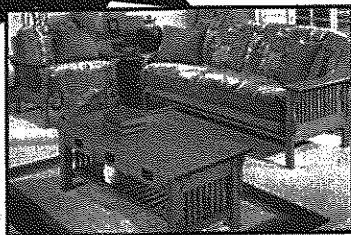
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Shades of Green offers friendly service

FLOWERS
FROM PAGE C1

There's a new kid on the block. Well, it's not a new kid, it's a teen-ager, having been in operation with new owners for 17 years.

The business has the descriptive name Shades of Green. It is at 496 E. Avon Road in Rochester Hills, between Rochester and John R roads (watch for the sign on the south side of Avon).

Hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

"My husband, Rick, and I were customers and fell in love with the little old man who owned it," said Deborah Lee, owner.

"He was 85 years old and was ready for a change. I had worked at drafting and I, too, was ready, so we purchased the business.

"I always loved plants and as a child I planted flower seeds," she said.

"I have no formal education in this endeavor and I am challenged to learn and am constantly getting new ideas."

After three years, as the business grew, Deborah

needed manpower, so Rick quit his job and joined the business.

IN THE FAMILY

This is a family affair. Deborah's father, Gene Langford (86), keeps things in repair and beautiful, and is an all-around help.

"In high school Deborah took care of all the flowers and the greenhouse and really fell in love with flowers and trees," Gene said.

"She always had a desire to be a farmer. I'm certainly proud of her."

Linda Clark Swan is the artist on the staff. Her work can be seen in the sales office and on three stands that hold water plants.

She also designed pins for the employees.

Linda's mother, Rosemarie Clark, works here occasionally "to play and water."

The friendly feeling and helpfulness is abundant. "We all do everything," Deborah said. "If we see something to do we do it, everyone has free rein."

The property is 6.1 acres, so there's plenty of room to grow large evergreens and various trees.

Although the grounds are being redesigned, I was quite impressed when I visited the display area, a peaceful setting in which customers can stroll while they choose their plants.



Deborah Lee and Amber invite gardeners to visit Shades of Green.

There is room for customers to stand back and see the plants from all sides.

Unilock brick pavers are comfortable for walking.

When Deborah saw a customer with an oxygen container, she decided to make access easy for all.

Each area has a title, such as Shade Lovers Vertical, Sun Lovers, Ground Lovers, Herbs and Veggies.

The Vertical garden contains wreaths and baskets made of dwarf Japanese juniper, spirals of St. Jose and Moonglow juniper, and pom-pom pines and others. Some of the special plants are weeping, fern leaf and tri-colored beech trees; three-flowered maple, purple robe locust and weeping Katsuratree. Low-grow fragrant sumac tops out at about 2 feet high.

The staff is willing and able to encourage customers to be receptive to unusual plants.

Plans are on for a new water pond with a waterfall, to replace two former smaller ponds. Three stands, mentioned earlier, hold the plants now.

FRIENDLY

This is a full retail store with one-stop shopping. It does commercial and residential landscaping and installation, brick pavers, retaining walls and water features, and offers garden art.

There is delivery service for bulk products.

Shades of Green employs a staff of eight and a full landscape crew of 24 employees.

This is a friendly place and quite comfortable.

Customers come in just to say "hi"; many of them have become friends.

"Plants are like people and may get 'sick,'" Deborah said. "Our advice is to keep plants well watered, give them fertilizer by following the label directions, and let nature take its course."

"The environment affects plants so gardeners need to grow them in the correct environment which will allow plants to grow healthy and strong."

The gift shop has lovely and unusual items, some of which are made by local artists.

A gentle, 10-year-old mascot, Amber, part chow and golden retriever, is often in the midst of things. She seems happy to be a part of Shades of Green.

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

echinacea, Snow on the Mountain, wild grasses and a variety of plants densely growing together. There's a lot of history to this garden."

Vida's garden stands out for its 10 varieties of hostas, eye-catching bright pink roses and unique statuary. There is a great variety of flora — including wild lilies and tea roses rimming the garden.

"My garden is a true garden," she said. "It's so pungent with rose smell you wouldn't believe it. My garden is like a piece of sculpture to me — it's my little place, my little paradise."

Brian McNamara's house on Denby is another must-see stop on the walk for its elaborate look and artistic feel. Walking into McNamara's garden is like being delightfully bombarded with pinks, yellows, reds and purples.

A traditional English garden that is ever-blooming in the spring, there are hundreds of tulips, daffodils, daisies and poppies, and about 300 different perennials.

"It's like my little meditation oasis," he said. "I like the constant color. It's very beautiful, very serene. A lot of the neighbors like to come to my backyard and relax."

McNamara, who owns a restaurant in Pontiac and designs floral arrangements for weddings, learned the art of gardening from his grandfather and said it came natural to him because it's one of his passions.

"The reason I like to participate in the garden walk is because I like people to see that with a small yard, you can still have 'nice.'"

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Open Days

Five private gardens in Bloomfield Hills, Beverly Hills, Birmingham and Franklin will be open to the public 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 13, rain or shine, as part of the Garden Conservancy's 2003 Open Days Program. The national program gives the public a chance to view outstanding private gardens; almost 400 gardens in 22 states are featured this year.

Admission is \$5 per garden. Reservations aren't required. Visitors may begin their tour at Hickory Hill, 26705 Irving Road in Franklin. Call (888) 842-2442 for more information and wheelchair accessibility. Among the featured gardens are a property with a woodland garden, a sun garden and a two-tiered, 10,000-gallon water garden with streams and waterfalls; a site with nine garden areas and two 100-foot perennial gardens; and a garden with many Oriental influences, including a bronze temple bell, and water features highlighted by river-birch, katsura and a granite bridge. These local gardens are included in the 2003 Open Days Directory, a soft-cover book that features detailed driving directions and descriptions. Cost is \$15.95 (\$10.95 for Garden Conservancy members), plus \$4.50 for shipping. To order with Visa or MasterCard, call (888) 842-2442; or send a check or money order to: the Garden Conservancy, P.O. Box 219, Cold Spring, NY 10516.

Pond tour

The Southeast Chapter of Michigan Koi and Pond Clubs will present its annual pond tour 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 12, in Harper Woods. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 5-12. Tickets bought in advance will be entered in a door prize drawing that will take place 10 a.m. Saturday. Advance tickets are available at the Services for Older Citizens (SOC) office, in the Neighborhood Club building at 17150 Waterloo in Grosse Pointe, or by calling Bruce Modetz at (734) 425-7490. The tour will begin at the Harper Woods Library, 19601 Harper Avenue (take I-94 to the Allard exit), and feature nine ponds, including the 18,000-gallon pond at St. Sabbas Monastery. Vendors will have booths at the library, master gardeners and club member "Koi Kops" will be on hand to answer questions, and a raffle will take place at the library. Proceeds from the tour will benefit SOC and provide a student scholarship to Cornerstone Schools. Call Cheryl Costantino at (313) 371-6333 for more information. The chapter organizes a tour in a different area each year.

Anyone with information on garden walks can forward it at least two weeks before the event to Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009 or kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net.

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BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

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"Structured wiring is pre-wiring a house for flexibility," said Jim Struble, owner of RCI Electric in Farmington Hills.

FLEXIBILITY COUNTS

"The primary benefit is flexibility of having a house pre-wired for services we all use, or will use, where you don't know what room you will put things in or you change the layout of the house or use of a particular room," he added.

For instance, a bedroom today might become an office or media room tomorrow.

The key components of a structured wiring system include a hub distribution center — similar in appearance to a traditional circuit breaker box

— usually placed in the basement.

Ports — similar in size and appearance to a traditional electrical box with wiring for telephone, cable TV and computer Internet services — are placed in individual rooms and carry wire behind walls to the hub distribution center.

Main cable TV, telephone lines and Internet connections coming into the home attach to the hub.

Consumers can design a plan that carries various capabilities per room via ports, wiring and the hub that suit their purposes. Cable connections at the hub allow for different rooms to come "on line."

Several different companies provide various cable, telephone and Internet activated services, said Walter H. Denike, master electrician with RCI.

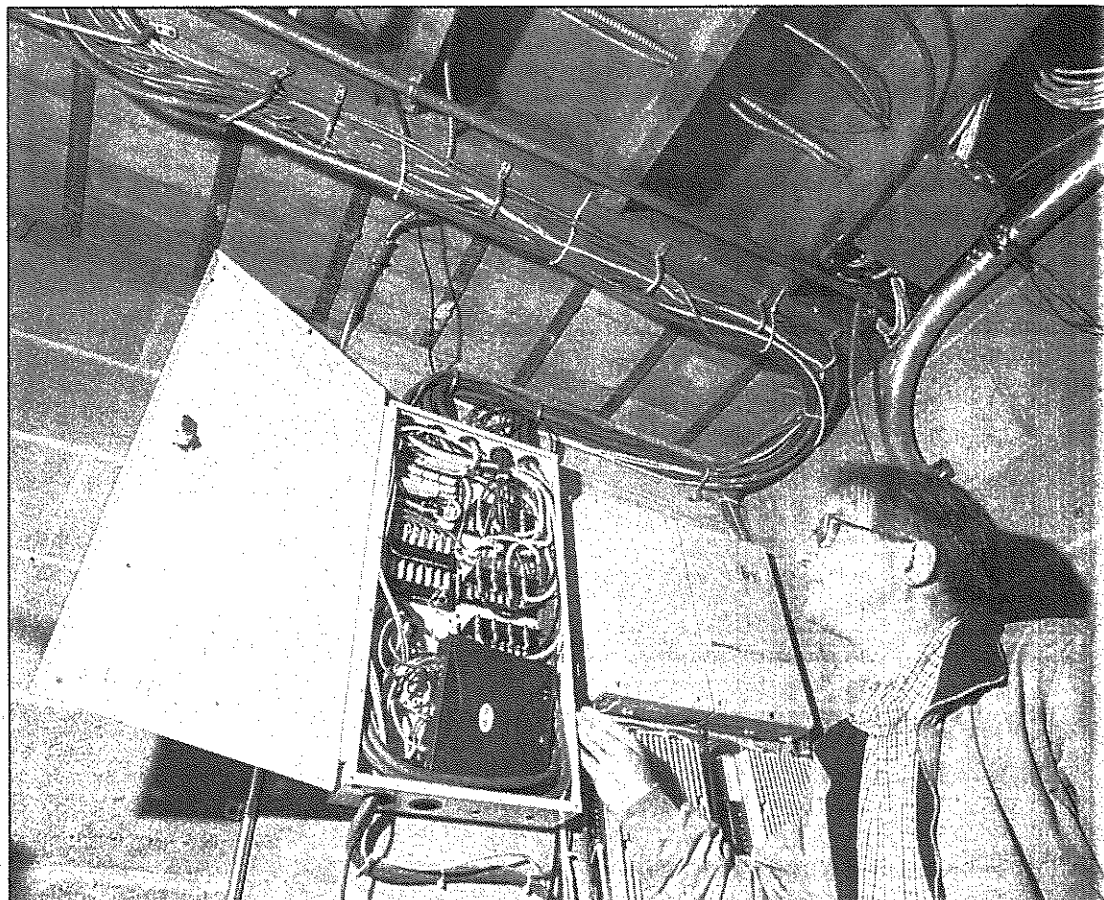
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Other electrical contractors install structured wiring systems.

Struble pegged the price at about \$125 per wall port outlet to retrofit an existing home, plus \$1,000 for the hub.

NEW IS BETTER

"It's much easier, much more economical (to install) new," he said. "I have complete flexibility with never having to go back into the walls again."



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Jim Struble of RCI Electric retrofitted his home in Farmington Hills with wiring for the digital age.

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"It's an investment in flexibility and interconnecting of a house," he said.

The future is now with structured wiring, said Marc Cohen, president of Wired for Sound in West Bloomfield.

"This is not *Lost in Space*, *Close Encounters*. This is reality," he said. "We tell what's available ... and design to a customer's needs ... make it work for a customer. It keeps them in touch with technology."

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"People just love it," said Pamela Robinson, sales man-

ager. "Most people know what it's about — new technology, fast speed."

Cohen meets with purchasers to custom design specific systems, she added.

Buyers will demand structured wiring systems of builders as they become aware of technology's potential in the home, Struble predicted. Buyers of older existing houses will want it, too, he added.

"I think it's a feature that will add value to a house. Just think — any room they can plug in a telephone, cable TV, computer," Struble said.

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Someone who can repair a Bell & Howell Super 8mm movie projector (regular - No. 456) for Mary.

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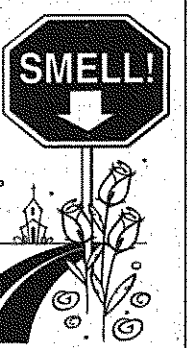
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The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. - R.S.V. Song of Solomon 2:12

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RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

JULY

Summer Concert Series

St. James Presbyterian Church Summer Concert Series begins with a 6 p.m. potluck dinner Thursday, July 10 followed by a 7 p.m. program featuring songs from the 1940s. All are welcome to join in the event at the church, 25350 West Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730 for more information.

"2DIE4"

Stained Glass, the Senior High Youth Singing Group of the Church of Christ (Disciples of Christ) of Canton, Penn., present a theatrical/musical "2DIE4" 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 10, evening begins with a 6:30 p.m. dinner, at First United Methodist Church of Wayne/Westland, 3 Town Square, across from the Wayne Post Office. Donation at the door. Call the church office 9 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday for reservations or if you have any questions, (734) 721-4801.

Single Adult Ministries

Gary Harris, Michigan Department of Corrections Chaplain, present "From Bitterness to Blessing," 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 11, round table discussion follows, Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile,

Northville. Call (248) 374-5920

Christian music concert

Presented by Northwest and Christian fellowships 6-9 p.m. Saturday, July 12, on the northwest lawn of YWCA, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, between Seven and Eight Mile roads. No charge.

Prayer Praise Deliverance Conference

Thursday-Sunday, July 10-13, guest speakers are George Bloomer, Kathy Bynum, Todd Hall, Samuel Smith, and Randy and Paula White, daily services at noon and 7 p.m., at High Praise Cathedral of Faith, 8809 Schoolcraft, Detroit. (313) 491-1222

St. Hilary fund-raiser

St. Hilary Church (23901 Elmira) in Redford will host several fund-raising events including a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 10-13; bake sale 10 a.m. July 13; homemade (chicken) dinner noon to 5 p.m. July 13; and a cheer basket and raffle prizes will be available. Everyone welcome. Call (313) 533-1560.

Michael J. Roads Seminar

The Australian author and speaker conducts a seminar "Walking Through the Looking Glass: Discover the Truth that will Change Your Life" Saturday-Sunday, July 12-13, free discussion 7 p.m. Friday, July 11, at Unity Church of Livonia. For more information about Roads, visit the Web site at www.michaelroads.com.

Summer Bible Ministry

Vacation Bible School 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 14-18, at

Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia. Call (248) 474-3444 for information.

Summer Series

Second part of "Helping the Family Live Christian Values in Society" 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, Rev. John Currin, St. Luke's of Detroit pastor, discusses "Nurturing Our Faith While Immersed in Today's Culture, From a Parent's Perspective," in the Activity Center at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. (734) 425-5950

Grief to hope

Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring grief seminar, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 19 titled "From Grief to Hope." The workshop will be presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief support. There is no cover charge but a \$7 donation is requested to cover breakfast and lunch. The program is for all adults who are learning to cope after the death of a loved one. Ward Church is located in Northville at Six Mile and Haggerty Roads. Call (248) 374-5966 to register.

Prayer Luncheon

Guest speaker Sister Loretta Mellon, O.P. noon Monday, July 21, at Livonia Sweden House, 29477 Seven Mile at Middlebelt. Cost is \$6.75. For reservations, call (734) 427-4371 or (734) 427-0002.

VBS Round Up

Rancho Round-Up Vacation Bible School will feature Bible stories, worship, crafts, skits, music and snacks 6-8:30 p.m. July 21-25 for ages three to

adult. Baby-sitting provided for those attending Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church (9600 Laverne, East of Inkster and North of West Chicago) in Redford. Theme is based on Psalm 23. No charge.

Rancho Round-up

Grace Lutheran Church of Redford (25630 Grand River) invites children ages 3-12 to attend the Rancho Round-up Vacation Bible School ministry 9-11:45 a.m. (weekdays only) July 21-30. There will be numerous Bible-based, Christ-centered learning activities including lessons, music, craft projects and a separate parade, carnival and more.

A closing worship will be held 7 p.m. July 30 at the church. Call Matthew Ripper at (313) 532-2266.

Widowed Friends

Widowed Friends will meet for movie night 6:30 p.m. July 26 at the AMC theater in Novi. Call for information (248) 349-9145.

SCUBA Bible School

Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia (35475 Five Mile) will hold Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:30 p.m. July 27-31. Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure (SCUBA) will be the theme. To register call (734) 464-6722.

Vacation Bible School

The multi-generational school runs Monday-Tuesday, July 28-29, Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt. Call (734) 421-7620.

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AUGUST

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Women's Event

Calvary Baptist Church of Canton (43065 Joy Road) will host popular Christian women's speaker Becky Tirabassi through their women's ministries program. The event titled "One Thing," will take place Oct. 25 at the Canton church. Tirabassi is the author of "Let Prayer

"Change Your Life," and several other books and has been heard on the radio and seen on television across the country. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. and there is a morning session at 8:30 a.m. then after lunch a session beginning at 1:45 p.m. Registration fee is \$20. Call (734) 480-4528.

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Having your ducts cleaned will greatly reduce these contaminants, which in turn will improve the interior air quality of your home. In addition, studies by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency show that clean ductwork helps your HVAC equipment operate more efficiently. Cleaning helps reduce your energy costs and prolong the life of your HVAC equipment.

There are many duct cleaning contractors in the area. By and large, they all use the same technique to clean the ducts. The ducts are placed under "negative pressure." (In other words, a big vacuum cleaner is placed in the ductwork.) Tools and devices are used to help dislodge stuck debris. A vacuum alone is not enough to clean the ducts, there must be some sort of agitation for a complete job.

The National Air Duct Cleaning Association suggests cleaning should be done as often as necessary. Since every home is different and circumstances and characteristics vary with each home, the frequency as to how often the ducts should be cleaned is difficult to specify.

If smokers or pets reside in the home, the ducts will need cleaning more frequently. Residents with allergies or asthma need improved air quality so ducts in those homes also will need more cleaning. Cleaning also should be considered after major construction or renovation projects.

Some contractors will suggest using a chemical sanitizer. This antimicrobial substance is applied to the interior surfaces of the duct. Before deciding if this treatment is desired, ask if the chemical is

EPA registered for this purpose and ask the see the material safety data sheet (or MSDS) for the product.

When you decide to select a contractor, as with any contractual work, get several quotes. Check their certifications, insurance and check with the Better Business Bureau. Ask around for referrals and ask the contractor for their most recent references.

Harry Jachym is a Plymouth resident. E-mail him at Jachym at askdad@comcast.net.



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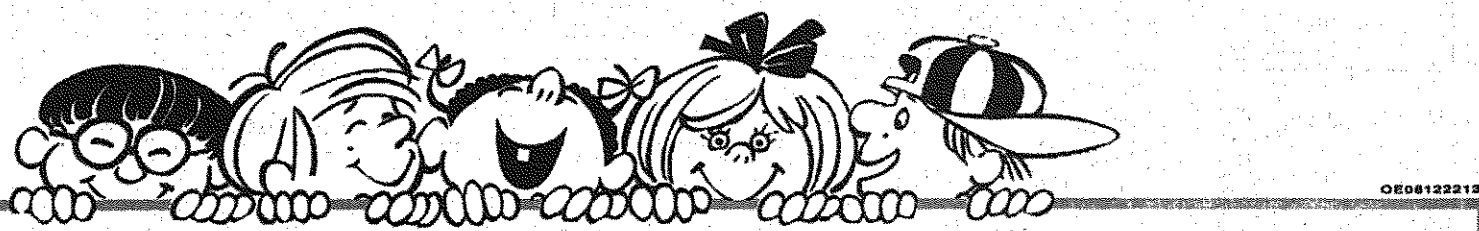
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Lilies provide gardening joy for enthusiasts

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

For Richard Bayerl of Northville, it was almost love at first sight; he started growing lilies after seeing them at a garden show at Cobo Hall. Gail Jensen of Birmingham got intrigued about lilies by reading a book about them one winter. Regardless of how they became attracted to growing lilies, Bayerl and Jensen are equally ardent lily enthusiasts. They are members of the Michigan Regional Lily Society, which is having its 41st annual show Saturday in Birmingham.

"Just like people, each (lily) is different," said Jensen, who is chairing this year's event.

The elegant Easter lily (*longiflorum*) is one of the most well known.

But lilies come in many shapes, colors and sizes — with downfacing, outfacing or upfacing; the petals curled back to form a "Turk's cap," spread out gently, or elongated like the body of a trumpet. They bloom from May to September, close to the ground, a few feet high or on towering stems.

Jensen's front and back yards

present a symphony for the eyes, with varieties of lilies like sections of an orchestra. She estimates she has 1,000 plants.

Many of these are martagons, which prefer the shade. They include the delicate Amelita and star-shaped *lilium tsingtauense*.

Among her other lilies are Trogon and Sweet Irene. A row of arborvitae forms a backdrop for some tall Top Hat lilies.

Bayerl's garden is also a lily showcase, featuring a wide range of Asiatic, Oriental and hybrid lilies.

"I'm just learning as I go," said Bayerl, vice-president of the MRLS, standing among the cultured kaleidoscope he has raised. "Just watching them grow is really something."

Bayerl's Asiatics include Rosepoint Lace, the petals of which curve back and display tiny rose-colored spots, and Red Velvet, with black-red blooms.

Among his Orientals are Stargazer, with white-edged, crimson flowers, and Sorbonne, with wide, pink petals trimmed in white.

Examples of hybrid lilies are Oriempets, which combine

Oriental and Trumpet lilies. Bayerl's hybrids include Silk Road, which have large white flowers with deep pink throats.

The stately Colossus and dainty Michiganense are also on view.

Fellow enthusiasts Eleanor Williams of Bloomfield Hills and Eileen Evans of Orchard Lake stopped by the garden as Bayerl spoke with a visitor. They also became attracted to lilies in different ways.

"I got interested in lilies by mistake," said Williams, MRLS president.

Several years ago, she went to what she thought was a late daylily sale and discovered it was a lily sale.

Williams met Virginia Heller, who was a noted garden expert and MRLS president, at the event and became "hooked," she said.

Evans grew up with lilies.

"My parents were major growers," said Evans, MRLS publicity chair. Her father was president of the North American Lily Society and the Ohio Lily Society.

Her parents grew lilies over a few acres, digging up grass to plant them, and grew some in the basement as well.

Lilies may be grown from seeds or scales. Growers may also hybridize, combining such traits as color, form and disease resistance from different flowers.

Lilies are "fairly easy to care for," Bayerl said. "They like real loose soil. They also like it to be well drained."

"Lilies like plenty of sun, with the exception of the martagons," Jensen said.

The show isn't the only activity in which the MRLS is involved. Each year, the group sponsors lectures, maintains a lily garden

at the Detroit Zoo and gardens at Birmingham Congregational Church, schedules tours of local lily gardens, and presents a lily bulb sale in October. The show and bulb sale are open to the public.

"It's a wonderful event," Jensen said of the show. "It brings lily lovers and lily growers together from all over the region."

Williams and Evans advise anyone interested in lilies to attend the event and join their organization.

"Come to the show and they'll fall in love," Williams said.

Viewing the wide variety of lilies at the show could help visitors decide on the types of lilies they would like in their garden; they could then buy the bulbs at the sale in the fall, she said.

"You should join a group like a lily society," Evans said. "You meet people who have more knowledge."

HYBRID LILY SHOW

What: The Michigan Regional Lily Society's 41st annual Hybrid Lily Show, featuring dozens of colorful, majestic hybrid lilies on display. Any grower is encouraged to enter stems.

When: Saturday, July 12. Registration of stems will be 9-11 a.m. The show will be open to the public 1-5 p.m.

Where: The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham.

Admission: Free.

Information: Call Gail Jensen at (248) 647-2672 or visit www.MRLS.org.

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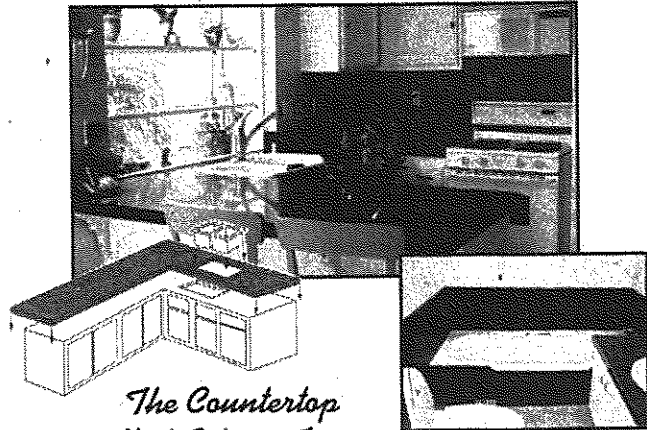
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Well, here's a "heads-up" on getting your fall home improvement done before the snow flies. We will publish our annual Fall Home Improvement guide in



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■ Bake-off

The 41st Pillsbury Bake-Off contest is heading to Hollywood, and organizers are preparing the red carpet for one creative home cook who will leave Tinseltown a winner.

The \$1 million grand prize will be awarded during the Pillsbury Bake-Off finals June 26-29, 2004 at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel in Hollywood, Calif. (The contest has been held in February in previous years.)

The event will be sponsored by General Mills, General Electric, American Dairy Association and Multifoods, who are collaborating to create a contemporary contest featuring new categories and a list of qualifying products that will reflect a full range of ingredients for creative cooks to use.

There will be other cash and sponsored prizes in addition to the \$1 million cash prize, such as GE appliances to recognize innovation and awards from the American Dairy Association to honor the best recipes made with cheese, according to Kris Burns, Bake-Off promotion manager at General Mills.

Starting this December, consumers will find entry information on a special Bake-Off section of the www.pillsbury.com Web site. Consumers can visit the site now to get tips helpful for those considering entering or to find a great recipe to serve tonight. Entry deadline for the contest will be in March 2004.

"While specific entry details aren't available for a few months, there's much people can do to start generating creative ideas," said Lynn Vettel, the Bake-Off kitchens manager.

"As you serve dinner, think about ways to give familiar favorites a new look or flavor blast. It's fun to look for inspiration on restaurant menus or to take note of great family recipes that you could make quicker and easier with convenience products available today."

For each competition, 100 original recipes are selected from tens of thousands of entries.

The finalists win an expense-paid trip to the contest finals to prepare their recipes for final judging by a panel of food experts.

General Mills is a manufacturer of consumer foods products and brands, including Pillsbury, Green Giant, Old El Paso, Betty Crocker, Cheerios, Wheaties and other Big G cereal brands, Colombo, Yoplait, Totino's and Progresso.



June Brown's pesto salad blends garlic, parmesan cheese and basil for a refreshing, yet light, dish.

Herb's the word

From basil to tarragon, these plants add depth to cooking

Herbs may be the "comfort food" for the summer.

Catch the scent of thyme roasting with potatoes in a pan. Even the neighbors notice the aroma of a rotisserie chicken coated with garlic and rosemary as it dissipates through the yards. And the basil, well, it just has to find a way into that pasta dish or with broiled tomatoes.

Herbs attract gardeners and garden lovers for several reasons: They are an important component of aromatherapy, while others may enjoy their scents and beautiful color in the garden or the home in potpourri or a vase.

But Epicureans know something else about these wonderful plants - they are delicious. Herbs elevate cooking to another stratosphere, adding a new dimension and depth to dishes and bringing new taste experiences to the table.

'There is nothing more comforting than to enter a house and be greeted by the aroma of a casserole being cooked with fresh herbs or vegetables being roasted with herbs and olive oil.'

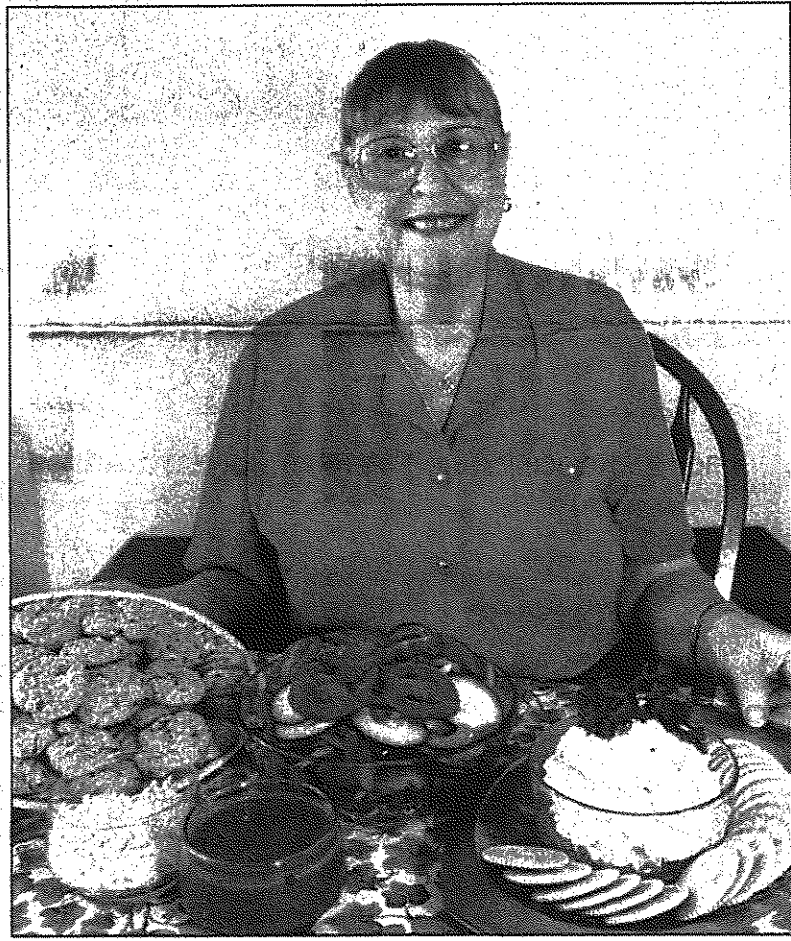
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lets us know about herbs in her tremendous book, *New Book of Herbs*. She writes: "There is nothing more comforting than to enter a house and be greeted by the aroma of a casserole being cooked with fresh herbs or vegetables being roasted with herbs and olive oil. This is how food should be cooked and enjoyed, for the pleasure of family and friends...By using herbs in cooking, you not only create a wonderful meal, but a healthy one as well."

Check with your local garden club and you'll probably find several gardeners who enjoy herbs.

July Cornellier of Troy remem-

More delicious recipes can be found on Page D2.



June Brown enjoys cooking with herbs, using them for salads, dips, sauces and even sweets. She's prepared lemon basil cookies (left) and boursin dip.

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PESTO SALAD

3 ripe tomatoes, sliced
1 cucumber, sliced
1 green pepper, cut into strips
1 red sweet pepper, cut into strips (and any other fresh vegetables that you like raw)
1 cup olive oil
1 bunch fresh sweet basil
1 clove garlic
1/2 cup freshly grated

parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons lemon juice
Put the olive oil, basil, garlic and cheese into the blender and blend until finely chopped.

Add lemon juice and blend. Pour over the fresh vegetables.
Recipes courtesy of June Brown of Livonia.

ORANGE OR LEMON BASIL COOKIES

1/2 cup butter
8-ounce package cream cheese
1 egg yolk
1 tablespoon orange (lemon) juice
1 teaspoon grated orange (lemon) peel
1 box orange (lemon) cake mix
1 cup chopped nuts
1 cup raisins (optional)

2 tablespoons dried basil
Mix together butter, cheese, egg yolk and juice. Add cake mix. Stir in nuts, orange (lemon) peel and basil.

Chill dough. Roll into 1-inch balls and place on greased cookie sheet. Flatten each ball, slightly with a fork. Bake at 350° F for about 8-10 minutes.



Basil isn't just for pesto anymore, as Brown has created these lemon basil cookies.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

PLEASE SEE HERBS, D6

Small and serious captures Signorello

Ray Signorello, now 40 years old, readily admitted, "The romantic side of winemaking brought my family to Napa Valley." That was and continues to be the

incentive of many winery owners. The so-called "Valley Lifestyle" is a very real part of the

California, and particularly Napa Valley, wine business. It is what lures 5 million visitors annually.

Yet during a recent interview, Signorello seemed to understand that living a dream is a serious endeavor.

In the mid-1970s, Ray's father, Ray Sr., initiated the vineyard project. He purchased the 100-acre estate, located on the south end of the Silverado Trail.

"Until he passed away in the fall of 1998, I worked side-by-side with my father," Ray said, "to establish the winery's reputation for excellence."

PLAN FOR GROWTH

Growing quality grapes to sell to Napa Valley wineries was the original Signorello plan. Mother Nature intervened in 1985 with an abundant harvest.

Since the Signorellos had more grapes than customers, they took the opportunity to custom crush what they could not sell. Signorello, as a brand, was born.

The second phase of their Napa Valley "adventure" began with building the winery in 1986. By the end of the decade of the 1980s, Signorello was vineyards and winery. Greater growth occurred in the 1990s as the Signorellos read the handwriting on the wall - Napa Valley is the best place in the world to grow Bordeaux varieties. Syrah does well in some locations, so they planted that, too.

"I'll be honest," Signorello said. "I really enjoy Bordeaux wines. So they are the model for what we make."

Today, Signorello remains small and serious, producing only 8,000 cases of estate-bottled wines.

TASTING SIGNORELLO WINES

■ 2001 Signorello Seta (\$33), first produced in the 1999 vintage, has Chateau Haut Brion Blanc in a riper vintage as its benchmark. Seta is Italian for silk and this barrel-fermented blend of 60 percent semillon and 40 percent sauvignon blanc is just that, silky-textured with intense, unique flavors. Pair it with Asian-fusion dishes.

■ 2001 Signorello Estate Chardonnay Vieilles Vignes (\$43) is produced from more than 20-year-old vines that are planted on rocky, sloping hillsides and the sandy loam valley floor. It was barrel-fermented by native yeasts in 40 percent new French oak and bottled unfiltered. Very Euro-style, which translates as not a fruit bomb, it is full and rich. Serve it with grilled fish or lobster, where the wine's creaminess will harmonize with drawn butter.

■ 1999 Signorello Estate Cabernet Sauvignon (\$47) is the flagship wine.

Hillside plantings contribute to the wine's cherry and dark fruit characters with an overall restrained

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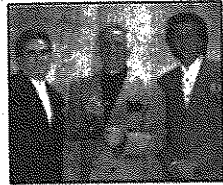
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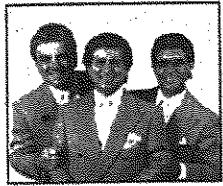
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1 cup grated carrots (about 4 medium-small carrots)
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese (about 4 ounces)
8 tablespoons mayonnaise
16 slices whole wheat bread
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
Chopped dried Michigan cherries
Dill chopped, to taste

In medium bowl, toss together grated carrots, cheese and cherries. Divide and spread mayonnaise evenly among bread slices. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and dill. Spread 8 slices with carrot-cheese mixture.

Top with remaining bread slices. Trim off crusts and cut each sandwich into 4 squares, triangles or fingers. Makes 32 sandwiches.

Recipe courtesy of Judy Cornellier of Troy.

HERBAL SUNSHINE TEA

To a quart of fresh cool water, add 3 tea bags or 3 teaspoons of loose tea (more or less to your taste).

Add a hand-full of lemon balm, well washed and crushed by twisting just before adding to the water. Place the container in a warm sunny place, outside for the day.

Be sure to have a tight-fitting lid.

To serve, strain the tea first. Pour the herbal tea over plenty of ice.

Garnish with lemon and a sprig of lemon balm.

flavors to try are apple mint, spearmint, pineapple sage, lemon verbena, and rosemary leaves.

Recipe from Judy Cornellier of Troy.

PECAN CHICKEN SALAD

3 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts, well rinsed and patted dry.

3 cups of chicken broth
1 pound seedless green grapes
1/2 cups pecan halves
1 cup diced celery
1 cup chopped fresh dill
1/2 cups sour cream
1/2 cups mayonnaise
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

2 bunches watercress (optional dill sprigs, for garnish)

Preheat the oven to 350° F. Arrange the chicken breasts in a single layer in a shallow pan.

Bring the chicken broth to a boil.

Pour enough broth in the baking pan to just cover the chicken breasts. Lay a sheet of cooking parchment or aluminum foil over the chicken, and bake until cooked through, 30 minutes.

Allow the chicken to cool in the liquid; then discard the liquid.

Shred the chicken into bite-sizes pieces and place them in a large bowl. Add the grapes, pecans, celery, and chopped dill, and toss well.

In a separate bowl, mix the sour cream and mayonnaise together.

Toss this into the chicken salad. Season with salt and pepper. Cover, and refrigerate for 2 hours.

Serve on a bed of watercress or other a salad; green, garnished with dill sprigs. Makes 8 portions.

Recipe from Judy Cornellier of Troy, adapted from The New Basics Cookbook by Julee Rosso & Sheila Lukins

FRESH GARDEN HERB BUTTERS

2-3 tablespoons chopped herbs
8 ounces unsalted butter, slightly softened

1 tablespoon of fresh squeezed lemon juice
Garlic (optional), either chopped or pressed

Fold the fresh chopped herbs (plus optional garlic) into the butter.

Then add the lemon juice.

Mix until smooth.

Chill before serving.

Note: Herb Butters are a delicious way of learning the different flavors of fresh herbs.

Choose one herb, add it to butter and chill.

Spread on warm toast, or warm muffins. As you explore, you discover the ones you like best.

With experience begin blending flavors.

Your nose and pallet will be your guide.

Choose from well-flavored herbs such as basil, chervil, chives, garlic, parsley, rosemary, sage, salad burnet, tarragon and thyme.

Substitute cream cheese to make a delicious spread for bagels and crackers.

The next step is to use the butters on your vegetables, grilled meats, and fish.

Add the delicate flavors of dill and basil at the end of cooking.

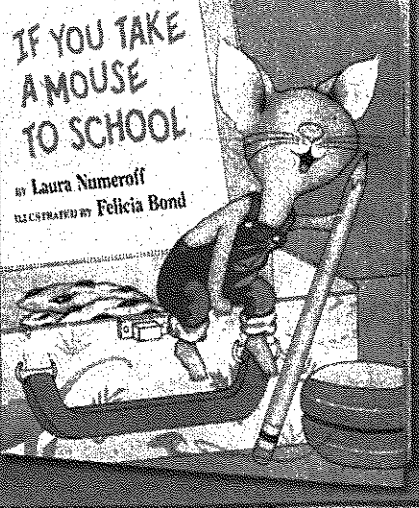
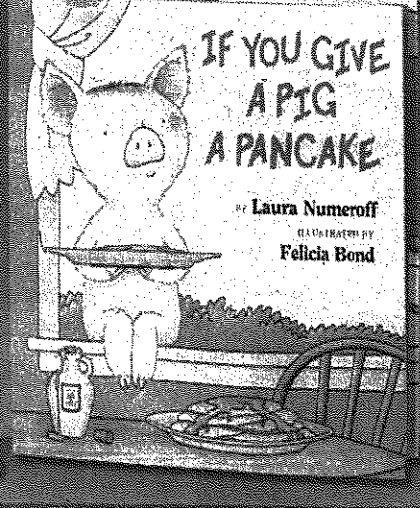
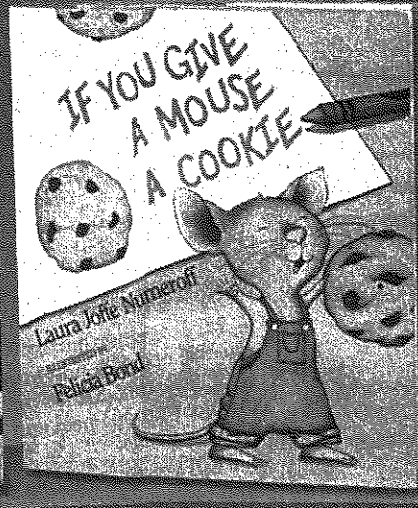
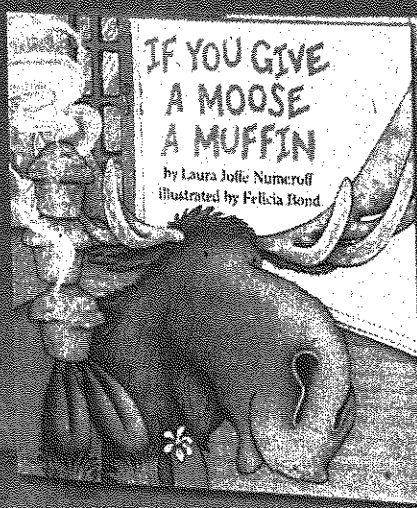
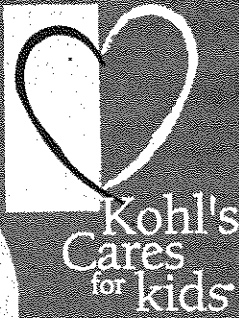
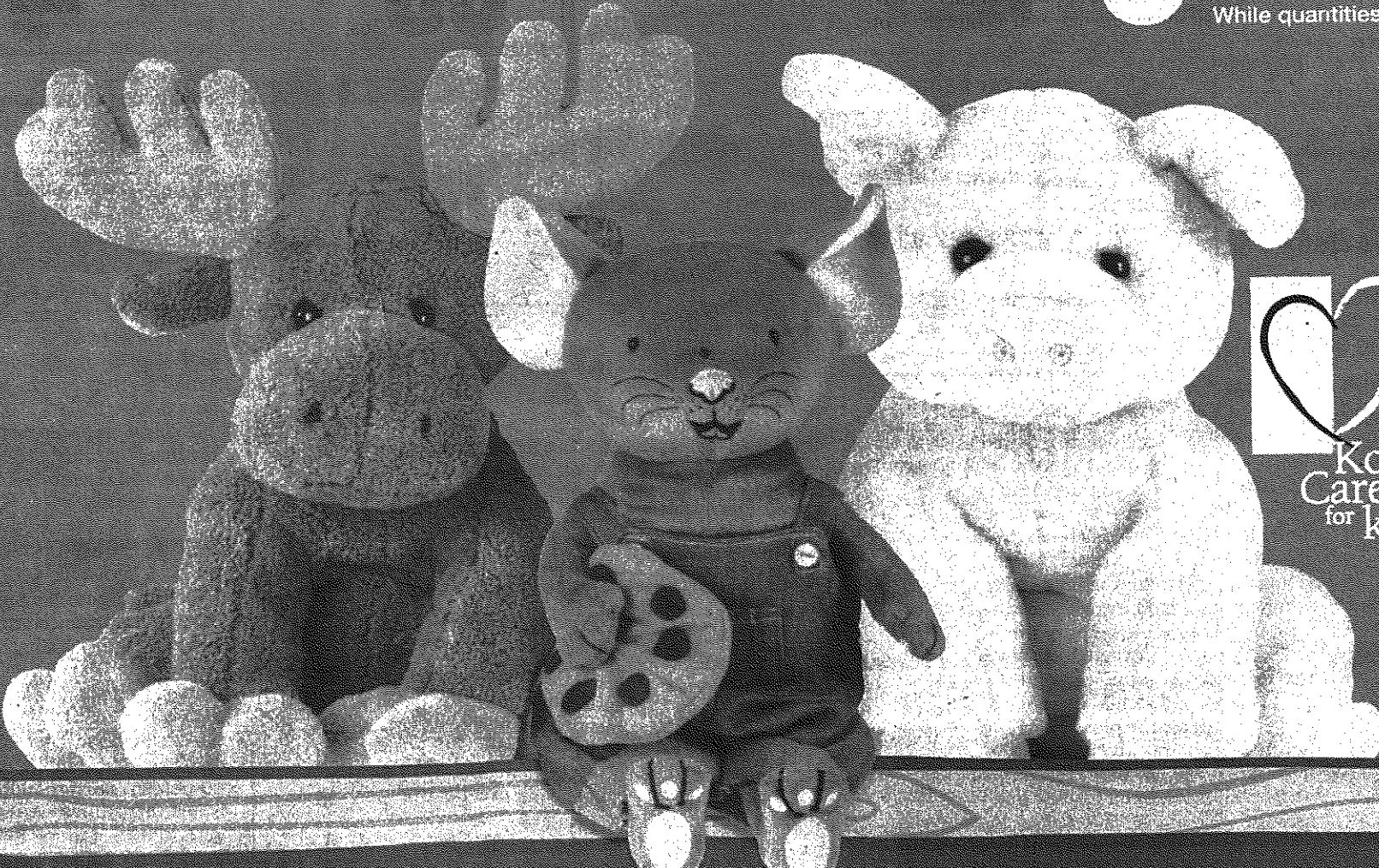
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WINE

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impression, which is not fat or fruity. "I don't want to make wines that are ready to drink upon release," Ray said. "Signorello wines need bottle aging." And this one most certainly does.

And that begs the question, do Signorello wines age? From a recent tasting of Library Wines dating back to 1993, we'd say they do and that goes for the chardonnay as well as cabernet sauvignon.

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WINE PICKS

Pinot Noir accompanies a broader range of food than any other red wine. This includes roasted or grilled chicken, chicken with rich sauces, grilled duck breast, pork, tuna, risotto and all but the most pungent or blue-veined cheeses.

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

Corn bisque is a lean surprise

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

When local corn is in season, I can dine on half a dozen ears, steamed or in their husk, with the warm, earth-spice smell of the vine still clinging to them. For me, fresh corn needs nothing more than a light sprinkling of salt and pepper to taste heavenly.

Even on cold, rainy summer days, along with a craving for hot soup, I still want my ration of fresh corn.

To have both at once, I used to make corn chowder. Full of cream and studded with diced potatoes and crumbled bacon, it was a disaster of saturated fat and cholesterol, so I tried translating it into a healthy version. Eventually, I lost count of the failed attempts. After years of eating the old, familiar version, no revision could satisfy me. Each attempt was too thin, too bland, or required too much effort.

The bowl of soup that finally pleased me, and won praise from everyone who loved the original chowder, was com-

pletely unexpected. It was also a reminder that however creative the cook, we are always building on recipes that came before.

For the newly slim and irresistible soup, I was inspired first by a recipe that called for simmering fresh corn shucked straight into the soup along with the cobs. This enriched its flavor nicely. Then, I took the suggestion of a colleague to create a thick, rich texture by puréeing potatoes in a blender. Finally, I surrendered to the current trend of naming dishes by description rather than by classic definition.

Bisque, for example, is a smooth, rich soup usually made with cream, but in today's culinary terms, its texture is more key than the cream. Accepting this freed me to enjoy this thick, golden soup filled with corn kernels. For optimum taste, use the sweetest, best corn of the season's local crop.

SUMMER CORN BISQUE

4 ears fresh corn
1 small onion, finely chopped

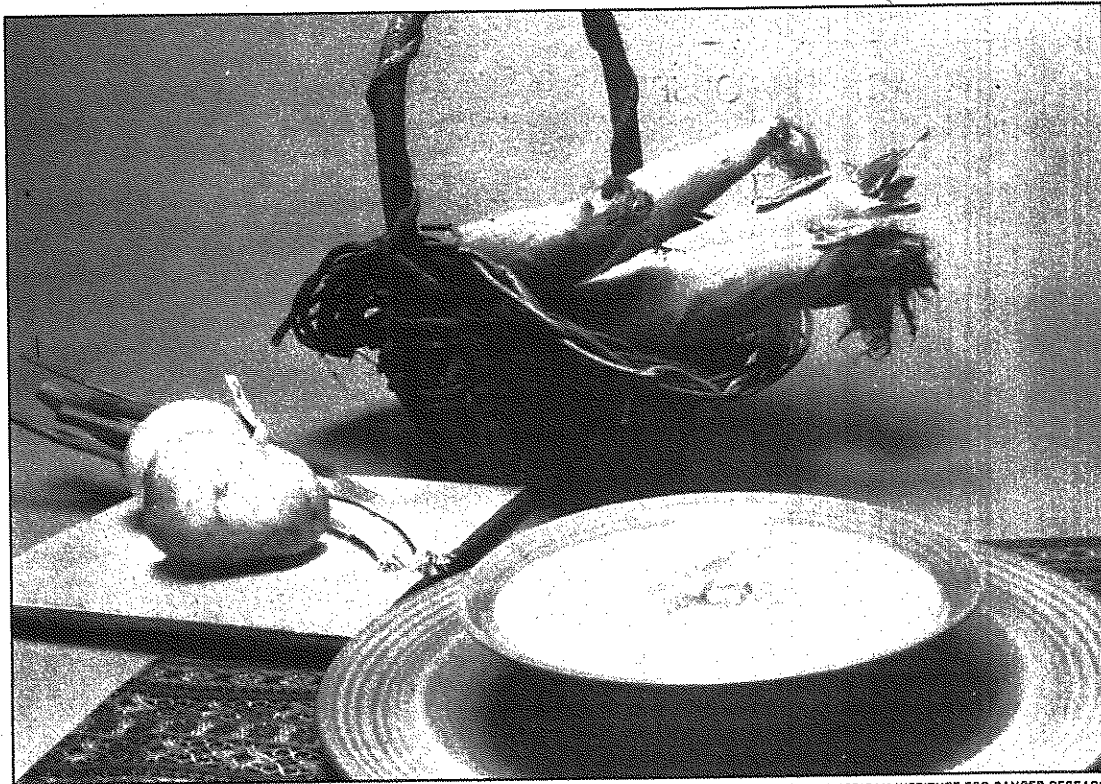
1 medium yellow-flesh potato, peeled and cut in 1/2-inch cubes
4 cups cold water
1/2 cup evaporated milk, preferably low-fat
Pinch of cayenne pepper
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 tsp. sugar (optional)
1/2 cup chopped scallion, green part only
12-16 medium shrimp, cooked and shelled (optional)

On a chopping board, cut off the corn kernels from each cob and transfer to a medium Dutch oven or deep saucepan. Scrape cobs with the back of the knife to extract milk and remaining corn bits, and add to the pot.

Add the scraped cobs to the pot. Add the onion, potatoes and water and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and boil gently until vegetables are tender, about 15 minutes. Remove cobs and discard.

Strain soup into bowl, reserving cooked vegetables; there should be about 4 cups of broth. Take out 1/2 cup of the vegetables and reserve.

In a blender, purée remaining



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For optimum taste, use the sweetest, best corn of the season's local crop.

vegetables with 2 cups of broth (about half) until mixture is creamy and smooth. Return purée to the pot. Mix in 1/2 to 1 cup evaporated milk, depending on thickness of purée.

Reheat until hot. Season to taste with cayenne, salt and pepper. If the sweet taste of fresh

corn seems weak, add up to 1 teaspoon sugar, if desired.

Divide chowder among 4 bowls. Garnish each with reserved corn and scallions. If desired, garnish soup with cooked, shelled shrimp. Serve. Refrigerate or freeze remaining corn broth to use in making veg-

etable soup. Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 152 calories, 2 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 27 g. carbohydrate, 9 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 76 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Enjoy homemade ice cream with these books

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Ice cream is one of the sweetest treats for most people almost any time, but its cool pleasure is even more welcome in warmer weather.

Preparing homemade ice cream doesn't sound like a hard job for the cook, not something about which to sigh "but someone's got to do it!" To make even thinking about it easier, and perhaps to persuade you it's worthwhile, check out one or two specialized cookbooks - they make mouthwatering reading. "Ice Cream" (Simon & Schuster, 2003, \$16.95), with recipes and text by Mary Goodbody, is among the most recent cookbooks in the Williams-Sonoma Collection series.

This one has the series' uniform size and style: It's straightforward, well-designed and generously illustrated with full-page color photos. The recipes are grouped in chapters that include the classics; fresh fruit flavors; coffee, tea and nuts; "elegant," and "indulgent" ice creams, and ice cream dishes.

The introduction extols homemade ice cream and its use of simple, fresh ingredients to make divine confections; the recipes include both old

favorites and new flavors. At the back of the book is a summary of ice cream basics and a glossary.

Among the 40 or so recipes is this simple one for peppermint ice cream. A note points out: "This ice cream does not harden as much as some of the other recipes in this book because of the high sugar content from the candies, which inhibits hard freezing. It is meant to be enjoyed as a soft ice cream."

PEPPERMINT ICE CREAM

3 cups (24 fluid ounces) heavy cream
1 1/2 cups sugar
2 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
About 36 hard peppermint candies (6 ounces)

In a bowl, stir the cream and sugar together until the sugar dissolves. Add the vanilla and stir to combine. Set aside for about 15 minutes, stirring occasionally, to allow the flavors to blend. Cover and refrigerate until chilled, at least 3 hours or up to 8 hours.

In a food processor, grind the peppermint candies by pulsing 2 or 3 times. Some of the candies will be more finely ground than others; small chunks of candy will add texture and interest to the final ice cream.

Pour the cream mixture into an ice cream maker and freeze according to the manufacturer's instructions. When nearly frozen and the consistency of thick whipped cream, add the ground peppermint candies. Churn or stir just until mixed. Transfer the ice cream to a freezer-safe container. Cover and freeze until firm, at least 3 hours or up to 3 days, before serving.

Makes about 1 quart.

Here are other selected books:

■ "125 Best Ice Cream Recipes" (Robert Rose, 2003, \$18.95 paperback) by Canadian food writers Marilyn Linton and Tanya Linton points out that making your own ice cream at home means you know your ingredients are wholesome. The writers also emphasize that you can indulge your own tastes, or meet special dietary needs from the variety of recipes available.

The sky's the limit as far as flavors go, they say, citing their recipe for roasted garlic ice cream, and their healthy tomato basil ice. But plenty of classic sweet flavors such as butter

pecan and chocolate are included, and some are shown in full-page color photos. An introduction gives basic information to get you started.

■ "The Scoop" (Villard, 2003, \$17.95 paperback) by Lori Longbotham is subtitled "How to Change Store-Bought Ice Cream into Fabulous Desserts." Longbotham, former Gourmet magazine food editor, advances a provocative notion. She says she's convinced that "nowadays, store-bought ice cream is almost always better than homemade." She allows for times when you'll just want to eat the ice cream right out of the container, standing in front of the freezer. But, she adds, "the simple guidelines provided here will help you on the occasions when you want something more."

So: whether it's classic coupes, banana splits or an easy baked Alaska, Longbotham has worked out some 150 ways to assemble a wide range of desserts, based on ice cream paired with cake, fruit, sauces, toppings and other embellishments.

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This potato and watercress soup can be refreshing when well-chilled in the summer.

Welcome watercress soup this summer

Soup has come in from the cold. It is now as common on hot summer days as it is in chillier months.

While winter soup is hearty and rich, warm-weather soups tend to be light and fresh tasting. Soups can be made creamy by using potatoes as well as cream. And with greens like spinach and watercress, this actually lets the vegetable's flavor come out more clearly than it does in cream-laden soups that tend to mask flavors.

Greens like watercress also are packed with vitamins, minerals and other health-protective substances.

Compared to light-colored lettuce, the darker leafy greens like watercress, spinach, romaine and arugula have more beta-carotene, vitamin C

and folate, a B vitamin linked to lower risk of cancer and heart disease.

Watercress and other cruciferous vegetables, which include spinach, Brussels sprouts, bok choy, cabbage and kale, contain several compounds that seem to help prevent cancer from developing. Some people don't like the occasionally sharp or bitter taste of cruciferous vegetables, so be careful not to overcook which tends to exaggerate their assertive flavors. Many of these vegetables, like watercress, spinach and bok choy, can be added raw to salads.

For optimum flavor when cooking, steam or stir-fry these vegetables briefly, and add flavorings such as a little olive oil and garlic to smooth out the taste.

The addition of a few shrimp makes this potato and watercress soup a whole meal, refreshing whether well-chilled in the summer or served hot when the weather is cool.

chicken broth
Salt and freshly ground pepper
8 large shrimp, boiled and shelled

In a small Dutch oven, melt the butter over medium-high heat. Stir in the onion and sauté until it is translucent, about 4 to 5 minutes. Do not let it turn brown.

Add the watercress, stirring until it is wilted, about 2 minutes. Add the chicken broth and potatoes.

Bring the soup to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer, covered, until the vegetables are soft, about 20 minutes. When the soup has cooled slightly, transfer to a blender and puree until it is creamy and smooth, about 30 seconds. (Do this in 2 batches.)

Season the soup to taste with salt and pepper. Pour it into a container and refrigerate until well chilled, at least 4 hours. Halve the shrimp lengthwise. Ladle the soup into individual bowls. Check and adjust the seasoning as needed. Arrange 4 shrimp halves on the surface of each serving of soup. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 152 calories, 3 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 25 g. carbohydrate, 7 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 609 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of American Institute for Cancer Research.

WATERCRESS SOUP WITH SHRIMP

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 bunch watercress, tough lower stems removed
- 3 potatoes, about 1 pound, peeled and diced
- 1 quart fat-free, reduced-sodium



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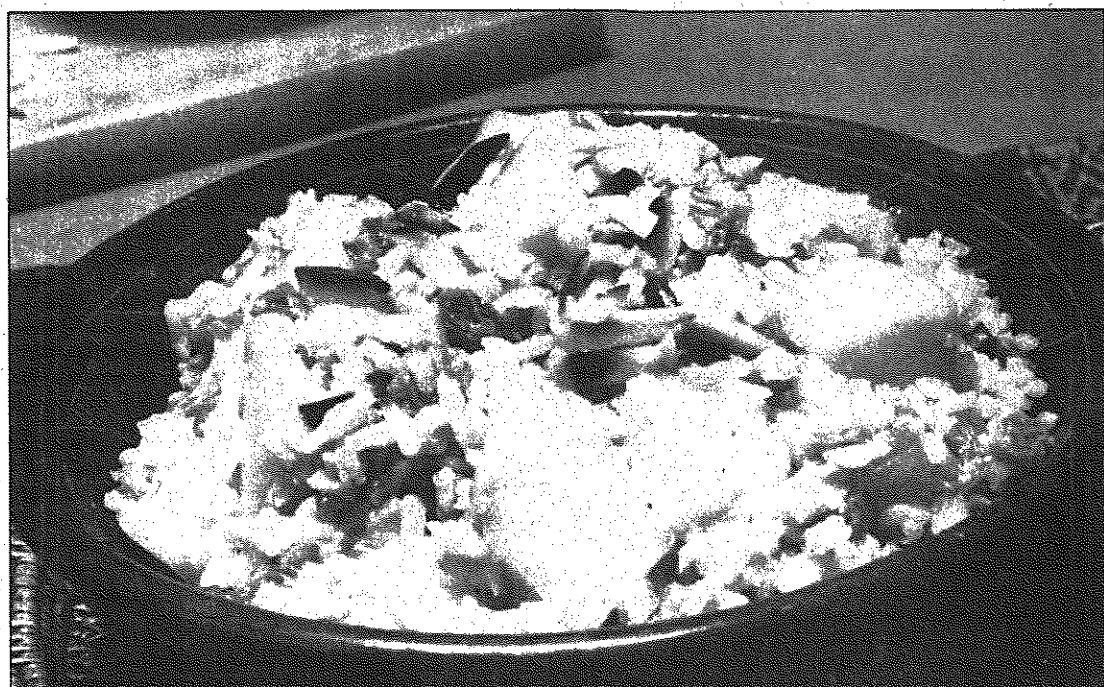
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Spice the summer up with curried rice.

Shift to lighter foods with curried rice

As the weather warms up, the kitchen should cool down. Light but filling salads make perfect entrées for hot weather and follow new nutritional guidelines.

The American Institute for Cancer Research is urging Americans to adopt a meal model that shifts emphasis from meat to vegetables, fruits, whole grains and beans, the plant-based foods that help fight chronic health problems like cancer and heart disease. They recommend that at least two-thirds of the plate contain these foods, and one-third or less contain meat, poultry, or fish.

Giving meat a supporting role allows dishes to take fuller advantage of the flavors, textures and colors of vegetables, fruits, whole grains and beans, while boosting health-protective substances in the diet.

Research shows that plant foods contain thousands of natural compounds called phytochemicals that, depending on the type, can help protect

against cancer and other diseases. Because phytochemicals seem to work together in complex ways that are not yet fully understood, a diet high in a variety of plant foods is ideal.

Summery, whole grain-based salads are a simple way to try the new meal model.

This summer salad offers a healthful balance between a whole grain, fruits, nuts and protein. It's also colorful, refreshing and easy to make.

CURRIED RICE SALAD

2 cups brown rice
1 teaspoon salt
2½ teaspoons curry powder, divided
3 tablespoons white wine vinegar
½ cup extra virgin olive oil
¾ cup golden raisins
1 cantaloupe, seeded and cut into ½-inch cubes
1 cup plain non-fat or low-fat yogurt
¼ cup chutney
½ cup blanched and slivered almonds

In a large saucepan, bring to a boil the amount of water called for in the instructions that come with the rice. Add rice and salt, stirring until the water returns to a boil. Lower heat to simmer, cover and cook until rice is done, about 30 minutes. Transfer rice to a very large bowl and let it cool to room temperature.

In a small bowl whisk together 1½ teaspoons of the curry powder, vinegar, oil and salt to taste. Add the mixture to the rice and toss well. Stir in raisins and cantaloupe.

In a blender, combine yogurt, chutney and remaining curry powder until the dressing is smooth. Pour over the rice mixture and toss well.

Chill the salad, covered, for 1 hour. It may be made 2 days in advance and kept covered and chilled.

Just before serving, lightly toast almonds, either in a non-stick pan over medium-high heat or in a 400° F oven. Sprinkle toasted almonds over the salad for garnish. Makes 10-12 servings.

TASTE EVENTS

Healthy cooking

Valerie Wilson (Macro Val) will instruct healthy cooking classes this summer. She will host a pot luck picnic in Hines Park 2-5 p.m., Saturday, July 26. Admission is \$5 for guests who bring a

dish to share or \$10 without a dish. (Guests are asked to bring foods that are sugar-free, dairy-free and meat-free.) Learn how to prepare your favorite Chinese foods at Chinese Food 2003, taught 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, July

30, at 30561 Krauter, Apt. 3C, Garden City, MI 48135. Class fee is \$25. Wilson will also offer a four-week beginning cooking series in September. All classes must be prepaid. Call (734) 261-2856 or visit macroval@cs.com for information.

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HERBS

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bers purchasing herbs after she heard a speaker talk about them at Cranbrook House in Bloomfield Hills.

"I came home with 12 different varieties of herbs," she said. She planted them all and after what she describes as "a summer of soccer balls and warm weather," she had "nothing but mint," she said.

But she learned about herbs and continued to grow them. "There's a world of difference between the fresh grown and the packaged," Cornellier said. "It not only adds color, fragrance and texture, they also add minerals and give you help to stay well."

The month of July means the herb season is well underway. And if there were a roster of five All-star flavors, surely these would make the first team: Rosemary, oregano, basil, dill and thyme. But foodies who love salsa would certainly lobby for cilantro while sage, tarragon, parsley, fennel, mint and chive would pick up their share of votes.

Cornellier enjoys basil, especially with tomatoes. "There's no comparison," Cornellier said.

"Pick a fresh tomato and pick fresh basil, and combine the two. With tomatoes you want the basil for sauces or salads. You can slice them with the basil and serve with cheese. And it's always great to have parsley, and it's not just for the side of your plate (for a garnish)," she jokes, "but to add it to salads or tabbouleh."

COOKING FRESH

June Brown of Livonia, a master gardener and member of the Livonia Garden Club, has cooked with herbs for about 25 years.

"Herbs always intrigued me," Brown said. "I was fascinated with different herbs. Gardening got me started on them."

Brown enjoys cooking with them, too, but not all of them, she said. "I really enjoy oregano," Brown said. "I love dill, I like fennel and I like basil. But I don't like tarragon at all."



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Boursin dip includes parsley, garlic powder and cream cheese with just a pinch of each of the following herbs: marjoram, savory, sage, thyme and rosemary.

HOMEMADE BOURSIN

- 8 ounces softened cream cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt
- pinch of marjoram
- pinch of savory
- pinch of sage
- 1/4 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- pinch of thyme
- pinch of rosemary
- 1 teaspoon parsley, finely chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon soy sauce

Cream together butter and cream cheese.

Add remaining ingredients. Thoroughly blend.

Refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving to blend flavors. For marjoram, thyme, savory, rosemary and sage, you may substitute 1 teaspoon herbes de provence.

Recipe courtesy of June Brown of Livonia.

She uses garlic, parsley and basil in her pesto, and oregano in spaghetti sauce. But she prefers the pesto with her pasta. She also bakes with the basil in her lemon basil cookies, which she says are a favorite at family gatherings.

Dill comes in handy in a variety of ways in her kitchen. "I use dill in salads, scrambled eggs and old-fashioned dilly bread," Brown said.

Brown enjoys her parsley in tabbouleh and stuffing a fish with rosemary. For the most part, she lets her fennel grow for the butterflies.

She'll also dry some basil and oregano. She'll also freeze some pesto for later use.

Herbs always have been served as a traditional accompaniment to meat dishes and used as a flavoring for sauces, according to McVicar.

"When you cook with fresh herbs, they release a wonderful

aroma, which not only smells fantastic, but makes your mouth water. This release of saliva actually helps prepare your stomach for food," McVicar writes.

She also believes the increase in the use of pungent herbs in modern cooking "has a lot to do with people's desire to counter the bland flavor of intensively farmed foods and mass-produced ready-made meals."

"But, as the organic movement gathers momentum and locally grown and seasonal food becomes more popular, the future of good flavorful food is looking much brighter," McVicar wrote.

"Herbs are part of this desire to use fresh and simple ingredients."

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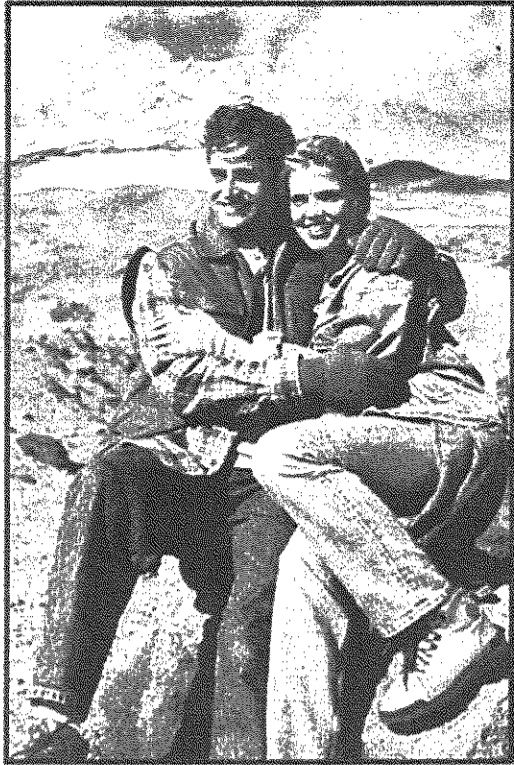
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Hot Ticket

Musicians entertain fair fans

Art isn't the only attraction for attendees of Plymouth's Art in the Park event. Organizers have an impressive lineup of music throughout the weekend to appeal to people of all ages.

Co-director Raychel Rork said performances featuring three reggae steel drummers are very popular including appearances throughout the weekend from Watson & Company's The Barefoot Violinist.

Conceived in 1990 by violinist Malcom Watson, the duo will take the stage dressed in tux and tails — Watson all in white and guitarist Colin McAllister in black. The jazzy new-age compositions are mixed with interpretations of timeless classics from Bach to Pachelbel and Paganini.

"We're going to have a dulcimer artist playing a combination of music from folk to contemporary," added Rork. Charlene Berry can be seen all weekend playing the solo hammer dulcimer.

Twenty-five-year-old pianist Jeffrey Michael will tickle the ivories performing some of his tunes from the more than 70,000 CDs he's sold through his record label Fireheart Music.

Other performers include Uprizin' (steel drum band); Xpression; and George Tortorelli and Lisa Lynne on the Celtic harp and flute. For the past five years Lynne and Tortorelli have been charming audiences with their magical and endearing sound. Rork said a saxophone quartet from the Plymouth Salem Marching Band will also make an appearance.

"We really try to offer a variety of music that you can enjoy while sitting in the park or wandering throughout the booths," said Rork.

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Barefoot Violinist Malcom Watson performs his unique brand of classical street music at a recent Art in the Park in Plymouth.

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- Uprizin, a Steel Drum Band noon to 4 p.m. Thursday and 1-5 p.m. Saturday on the Kellogg Park stage.
- Xpression, a Caribbean group - 1-5 p.m. Saturday on the Kellogg Park stage.
- Performing on the streets throughout the festival are Watson & Co., The Barefoot Violinist with guitar accompaniment; Charlene Berry on hammered dulcimer; Jeffrey Michael on piano; and Lisa Lynne and George Tortorelli on Celtic harp and flute.

Sit back, relax with music in Kellogg Park

During the summer, you can hear music in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park three days a week — Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

CHILDREN'S CONCERTS

The Plymouth Community Arts Council has presented summer concerts for over 19 years. From the beginning, these concerts have been very popular.

Every Wednesday at noon in the summer, children bring their mothers, fathers and grandparents to Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. The performers bring songs, talents, and fun to the program each week introducing music young children where they hear best — outside while having fun.

Audiences are just as much a part of the success of the program. Seats aren't assigned; people choose a spot, enjoy the sunshine and show. At 1 p.m. they pack up and go home. If it rains, the concerts take place underneath the Gathering next to the Penn Theater.

This summer's schedule of performers includes Beverly Meyer, "The Music Lady," noon Wednesday, July 16; High Flyin' Bird, July 23; Guy Louis, Chautauqua Express, July 30; The Cleland, Aug. 6, elmo/Thumm, Aug. 13, and Zak Morgan, Aug. 20.

On Thursdays in July you can hear the Plymouth Community Band play at 8 p.m. The band is composed of more than 100 musicians who have played in a college or

university band. The Plymouth Community Band was founded in 1960, as a German "oompah" band, and has remained intact ever since, evolving into its current concert band arrangement. The band rehearses once a week, year round (except for August). Carl Battishill has been conductor of the band since 1979. He is a music educator in the West Bloomfield school district.

Friday's "Music in the Air" Concerts 7-9:30 p.m. feature a variety of entertainers. Lady Sunshine and the X Sunshine Band play blues on July 18, and The Raisin Pickers, Bluegrass and Contra dancers, perform July 25.

The series continues through Aug. 29 with Pamela Ransford and the Plymouth Guitar Band in a "Farewell to Summer."

'Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines' is fun

TERMINATOR 3: RISE OF THE MACHINES

**1/2 (out of four)

It's been ten years since the Terminator traveled back in time to save future messiah John Connor and squash the

machine uprising that would one day snuff out the human race. John (Nick Stahl) is now a homeless junkie who remembers his *Terminator* (Arnold Schwarzenegger) adventure like a bad dream - hey, if your future is no longer as the savior of mankind, why

have a future at all?

The response comes in the form of a sexy killing machine called the T-X (Kristanna Loken), a liquid-metal kill-bot with the ability to control other machines via remote mind control.

The original *Terminator* model - these days as outdated as an Apple IIe - also returns to protect John, and together with John's future spouse Kate (Claire Danes), they try to out-manuever the wily Terminatrix and - oh, why not? - save the world's future one more time.

The big question shrouding the first third of *T-3* is "how is any of this possible?" If you remember, *Terminator 2* concluded with a pretty tidy eradication of all uppity robots. As a result, there shouldn't even BE a future apocalypse. What's up?

The Terminator's explanation: "You didn't stop the machine revolution, you just delayed it."

This is a terribly disappointing thing to hear, for it oh-so-casually discards the first two amazing James Cameron films as misguided and irrelevant - see, the heroes of those two films were just wasting their time.

It reminds me of when the short-lived *Ferris Bueller* TV show kicked off by ripping apart a cardboard Matthew Broderick. It's just not respectful.

So yes - *T-3*'s justification for existing is pretty flimsy. (The real reason the film exists is obviously monetary, but let's pretend we're oblivious).

In fact, the film has every indication of being yet another disappointing "blockbuster." *X-MEN 2* was hobbled by too many characters and a sappy story line. *Matrix Reloaded* was bogged down with coldly scientific fight sequences and dull philosophical quandaries. And *The Hulk* was just too long.

But the tip-off that *T-3* is going to be different is its length - *T-3* clocks in at a tidy 109 minutes, almost 30 minutes shorter than its predecessor.

Director Jonathan Mostow has taken the reigns from Cameron, and Mostow is hardly the egomaniacal Conductor of Destruction that Cameron is - rather, Mostow is a roll-up-the-shirt sleeves blue-collar type craftsman.

This results in a movie that is cosmetically unattractive, not particularly well



Extra Butter

Daniel Kraus

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shot and lacking almost any of the apocalyptic grandeur of *T-2*. But, folks, there's an upside and it's a doozy: *T-3* is fun.

Really fun.

T-3 begins as a parody of *T-2*, with a naked Arnold entering a male strip club to find clothes and being mistaken for a dancer.

Then, when he pulls out his trademark shades, they turn out to be Elton John-style novelty glasses, which he promptly crushes beneath his boot.

There's no cutting-edge FX, no mind-bending existential issues, and no pretension. In fact, despite a reported \$178 million price tag, *T-3*'s action scenes feel almost retro. But there's some great chase scenes.

Sure, there are some nagging questions about the T-X.

Why attract attention by building her to look like a supermodel? Why didn't she travel further back in time and attack John when he was an infant incapable of fighting back? Why, if she can control machines with her mind, does she not simply turn off the vehicles that John is constantly driving?

But none of these questions are bothersome when a film is this enjoyable and has the guts to end with an eerie poetry that brings the series full-circle.

There's so much *T-3* does right that. Maybe one day, we can go back in time and fix what it does wrong.

Daniel Kraus is a syndicated columnist and filmmaker. Info on his latest film, *Ball of Wax*, can be found at www.ballofwaxmovie.com.

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Small Screen

'Massacre' butchers the art of filmmaking

Beware of any movie that is written, directed, produced and stars any one person unless that person is Orson Welles or Charlie Chaplain. Be especially wary if it's a work by Joseph (who?) Clark.

Clark has given us *Massacre*, his one-man show with a minimal cast, marginal special effects and barely enough talent to go around to make this just acceptable.

Even so, it's still miles better than, say, *Dreamcatcher*, the latest Stephen King stinkfest.

Dreamcatcher and *Massacre* actually share a key feature. Both are made-in-the-woods productions.

These are especially popular with cheap horror filmmakers because the budget for sets is zero, which is significant when the budget for the rest of the movie is about \$10.

While budget was not an issue with

Dreamcatcher, it certainly was with *Massacre*, which takes place entirely in the woods of Ontario.



Beyond Bad

Greg Kowalski

The tone of the film is set in the first scene, in which we see a man discretely peeing on a butterfly. He and his lady friend soon come upon a body stuck with a knife.

Fade to the title "Three Days Earlier" and we find two couples heading out for a weekend of rollicking fun communing with nature and each other in a most personal manner.

But things immediately go wrong. One of the young ladies nods off in

the SUV they riding in and wakes up to find herself covered with blood and her three companions lying dead on the

road. This is a dream but it leads to another weird scene of a one of the ladies topless and with bleeding eyes walking down the railroad tracks.

It appears that something profound is going on here. Actually nothing profound is happening, but this makes interesting filler.

In fact, there is a lot of filler in this film. Scenes of frolicking on the beach, linger shots of rolls of toilet paper, stuff like that.

Interspersed are a few mysterious characters who pop in from time to time, including one young camper's dead father who used to molest her as a child. She's not only unhappy about that, but she is upset that he shows up at camp, even though he's dead.

"Do you see any of the other kids' dead parents here?" she scowls.

A drooly old mountain man also crashes the party. His presence along

with that of dear old dead dad give clues that there's more here than meets the bloodshot eye as the head chopping commences. Without giving too much away - although I can't imagine anyone hanging in suspense over this - this may all be nothing more than an elaborate suicide.

There's a fair amount of skin throughout as well as a generous supply of gore ranging from the traditional pitchfork impalement, ax attack and a tree-hanging torso that is quite intriguing. And while we could have done without the chain saw dismemberment performed to the rousing chorus in Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony*, there's enough goofiness here to make it worth a couple of bucks to rent.

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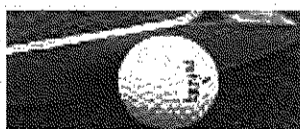
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Laugh, cry, take spit in the face - acting coach shows you how

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Taking spit in the face can be glorious, if you're an actor.

"Eight takes later they had to give me a towel to wipe my face down," recalled Westland native Gordon Michaels, on his scene with Elizabeth Shue in the film *Leaving Las Vegas*.

While continuing to work as a Hollywood actor, the 1978 John Glenn High School grad also works as an acting coach and teaches around the country.

He'll present a two-day Intensive Actors Workshop July 19-20 at Genetti's theater in Northville.

So he's OK with spit?

"At first she didn't want to do it," Michaels recalled. But director Mike Figgis said, "let's just try it," to embellish a late-night scene where Shue is tossed from a casino, then butt-grabbed by Michaels playing a leering security guard.

"You're in a situation where you want to be good. Later, you're back at the hotel room sitting there, the director is satisfied - it's a euphoric feeling. You think about being back at the Neighborhood Playhouse learning all these things, then actually being able to apply it."

The Neighborhood Playhouse School of the Theater in New York City is where Michaels learned the most about acting,

after his introduction to the theater in Phoenix, Arizona - where his parents had sent him to study chiropractic medicine.

Michaels applied to the Neighborhood Playhouse and was accepted for a two-year program.

"I had to follow my heart," he said. "I learned the biggest thing to be an actor is to be a human being, period."

"A lot of people think acting is all about crying, and being over the top or trying to be funny. It's about the reality of doing. If you're doing a play and sipping from a coffee cup you're really drinking the coffee. Be in the moment; have whatever emotion it calls for."

Michael's own workshop in Northville focuses on audition techniques, actor's resumes, improvisation, scene study and more.

The goal is to get students comfortable with performing and auditioning.

"For a lot of people opening yourself up to judgment is not easy. We start slow; it's about learning; taking a lot of small steps."

Michaels estimates a fourth of his time is spent presenting workshops around the country.

He has also worked as a personal acting coach, most notably for Dylan McDermott on the ABC TV show *The Practice*.

"We went to Playhouse together; I know him so well. When he's on the set and he's doing his thing the director might say 'That's good enough, let's go to the next scene,' but I'll know that's not the best thing he can do."

Michaels would signal his concern to McDermott with a nod, so the star could consider trying again.

"I might have him move a few feet closer to the audience, or sit in a chair, or ask him to prepare form a different place emotionally."

While this system might slow the show-making machinery - Michaels admitted the process makes some directors testy - "they live with it."

Michaels and McDermott plan to co-star in a quirky romantic film titled *Unbeatable Harold*. Michaels plays Harold, an assistant manager in a steakhouse who has a thing for McDermott's girlfriend. They have yet to cast the female part.

"We hope to start shooting in fall," Michaels said, adding it has not been determined where the film will appear. "The financial backing depends on who we can get to play the female part."

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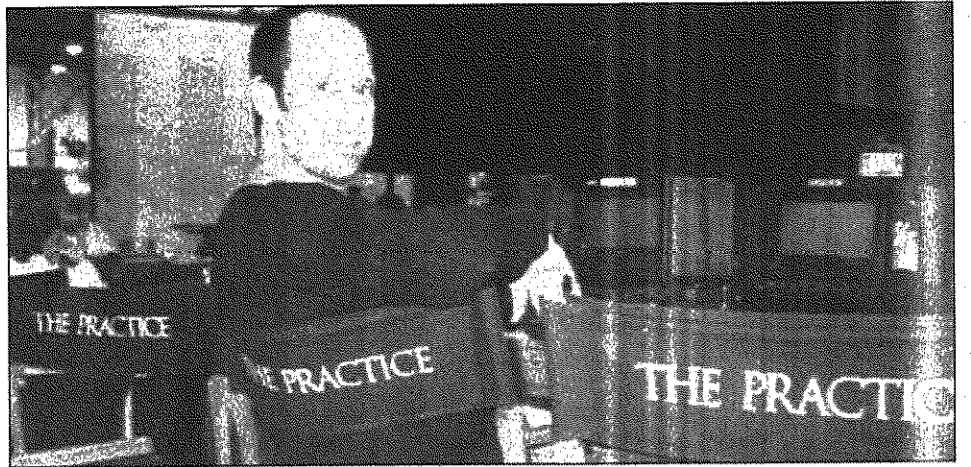
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his work as an acting coach: "I have gift. I know how to get inside somebody and push certain buttons so they can reach the goals of the scene. You have to do that slowly and delicately. If you push the wrong buttons you screw them up."



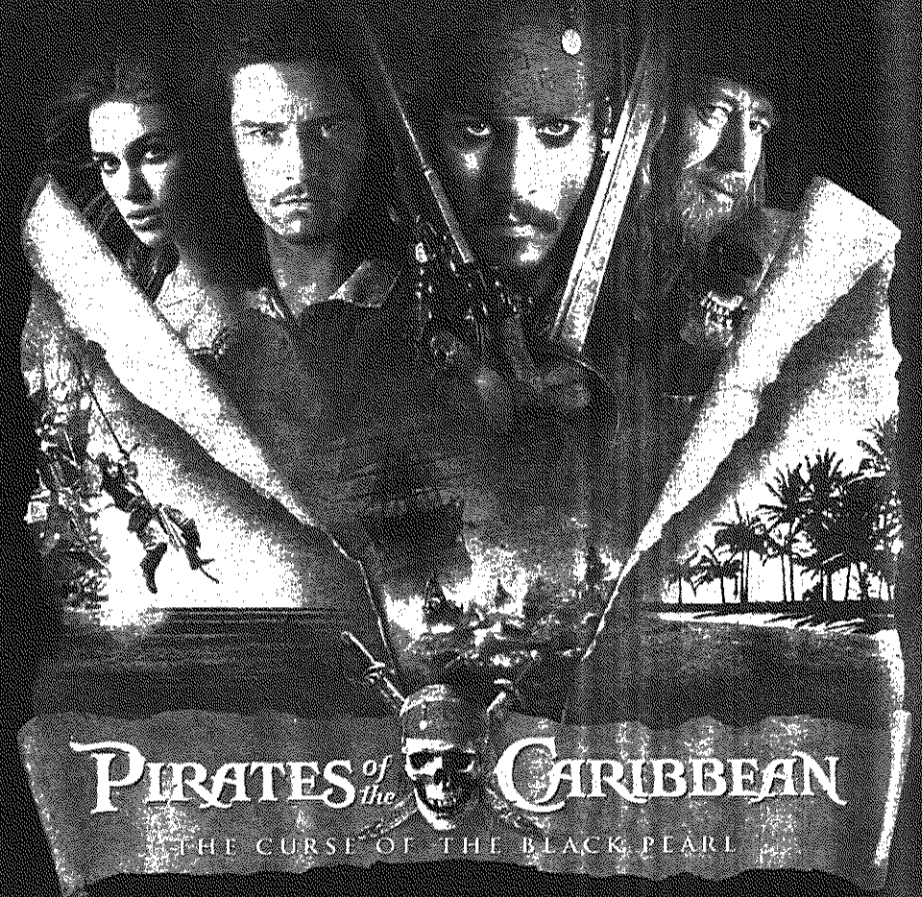
Gordon Michaels on the set of 'The Practice' where he worked as a personal acting coach for Dylan McDermott.

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THEATER

Stagecrafters

Youth Theatre presents *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 17-19, 2 p.m. Saturday, July 19, 1 p.m. Sunday, July 20, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$5 youth, \$7 adults, (248) 541-6430.

Players Guild of Dearborn

Jack? A Modern Musical, a new spin on *Jack and the Beanstalk*, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday, July 18-20, 21730 Madison, Dearborn, \$5, (313) 561-TKTS, www.players-guildofdearborn.org

JAZZ/BLUES

Ron's Fireside Inn

Matt Michaels Trio with guests 7:30-11 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, Jack Brokensha, vibes, July 23, Ron Kischuk, trombone, July 30, Barbara Ware, vocals, 28937 Warren, Garden City, \$5 cover with dinner, \$10 cover without dinner and two-drink minimum, reservations recommended, (734) 762-7756.

Vince James Trio

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Alexander Zonjic & Friends, 6-10 p.m. Thursday through Aug. 28, Hotel Pontchartrain Terrace, 2 Washington Blvd., Detroit. Doors open 5 p.m. General admission \$10, reserved \$15, (313) 965-2575.

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

Downtown Plymouth

7-9:30 p.m. Friday, July 18 Lady Sunshine in the X Band. Children's concerts at noon every Wednesday. Plymouth Community Band performs 8-9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 10, 17, 24 and 31, downtown Plymouth in Kellogg Park.

Troy

7 p.m. Ray Kamalay and his Red Hot Peppers play jazz Wednesday, July 16 on the lawn of the Troy Civic Center. Call (248) 689-9756 for information.

Birmingham

7 p.m. Thursday, July 10, The Bowzies, Shain Park downtown Birmingham. Playing at Dick O'Dow's afterward.

Farmington

7:30-9 p.m. Friday, Pergola Gazebo on Grand River, three blocks east of Farmington Road. Chateau plays

music from the 50s and 60s on July 11. For more information call (248) 473-7276

Farmington Hills

Ed Nuccilli & Plural Circle 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 10, Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile Roads. Jeremy Kittle Plays on July 24.

Northville

Tunes on Tuesday Family Concert series 11 a.m. to noon downtown Northville Band Shell. David Mosher, Matt Watroba on July 15.

LivoniaMusic Under the Stars, 7:30 P.M. Thursday, July 17, Sunset Boulevard, dance band, Civic Park, Five Mile Road at Farmington Road. (734) 466-2540.

Franklin

Music on the Green 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 16 (Tom Allport Band, Big Band); July 23 (Bobby Lewis and the Cracker Jack Band, classic rock), July 30 (Sun Messengers, jazz, Motown), Village Green between 13 and 14 Mile Road, (248) 737-6936.

Oakland Community College

Motor City Brass Band, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, OCC Highland Lakes Campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road; The Detroit Brass Society, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, OCC Auburn Hills Campus, 2900 Featherstone Road.

Southfield

The Royal Garden Trio - musical blend of Dixieland era tunes some gypsy jazz 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, Burgh Historical Park Gazebo, northeast cor-



Take a Chance on the tribute band ABBA performing 'The Music,' at DTE Energy Music Theatre on Wednesday, July 16.



Rockers Queensryche and Dream Theater play at DTE Energy Theatre on Thursday, July 17.

ner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road. Series continues to Aug. 20, (248) 796-4600.

Canton

Immunity, Raggae, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 10, Heritage Park, Beat Club (Beatles Tribute), July 17.

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

8 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, Gentleman Songsters, 29887 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 476-8860.

Southfield City Centre Plaza

Twistin' Tarantulas (rockabilly), 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, July 10, July 17, Motor City Street Band, Central Park Boulevard, one block west of Evergreen between Civic Center Drive and the I-696 service Drive.

Redford

Sun Messengers 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, Capitol Park, Redford.

Clarkston

The Delivery Boys, bluegrass, Celtic and folk, 7-9 p.m. Friday, July 18, Depot Park, west of Main Street, downtown Clarkston. July 20 Trilogy, oldies, classic rock.

FOLK

Trinity House

Kathy Bowser, 8 p.m. Friday, July 11, Jake Armerding, July 17, northwest corner of I-275 and Six Mile Road, Livonia, \$10, (734) 464-6302.

Nanci Griffith

With Billy Shaver and the Cash Brothers July 27, 7:30 p.m. \$100 reserved, \$50 general admission. The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor.

FESTIVALS

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Michigan Elvisfest

5 p.m. to midnight Friday, July 11, 11 a.m. to midnight Saturday, July 12. Riverside Park in Ypsilanti's Historic Depot Town. (From I-94 take Exit 183, Huron Street and follow the signs to Elvisfest). Two days of Elvis tribute artists, contests, memorabilia and much more. Cost: \$7. Kids 10 and under free. For more information: www.mielvisfest.com

Czech & Slovak American Festival

2-11 p.m. Saturday July 19, 1:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday July 20. The Yach Arena, 31313 3rd St. & Eureka four miles east of I-75, Wyandotte.

ART

Susanne Hilberry Gallery

Claude Cahun, Francesca Woodman and Justine Kurland, photographs, July 11 to Sept. 13, 700 Livernois, Ferndale. Reception for Kurland, 8 p.m. Friday, July 11; open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, sfh@susannehilberrygallery.com, (248) 541-4700.

Wyandotte Art Fair

10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 10-12, downtown Wyandotte. A free fair shuttle runs from Roosevelt High School, where there is paid parking. www.wyandotte.net

Art in the Park

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 12-13, Hamlic Park, 13 Mile Road, west of Ryan, Warren. Fine art, painting and crafts, entertainment.

New art from Iran

A Breeze from the Gardens of Persia, exhibit of contemporary Iranian art 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, through Aug. 9, Creative Arts Center, 47 Williams, Pontiac. (248) 333-7849, www.cacpontiac.com

Preston Burke Gallery

Collection of historic Detroit photographs from 1880 to 1920 through Sept. 1, 30448 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, (248) 549-5171.

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Celebrate the Art of Photography through July 31, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

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Reggae

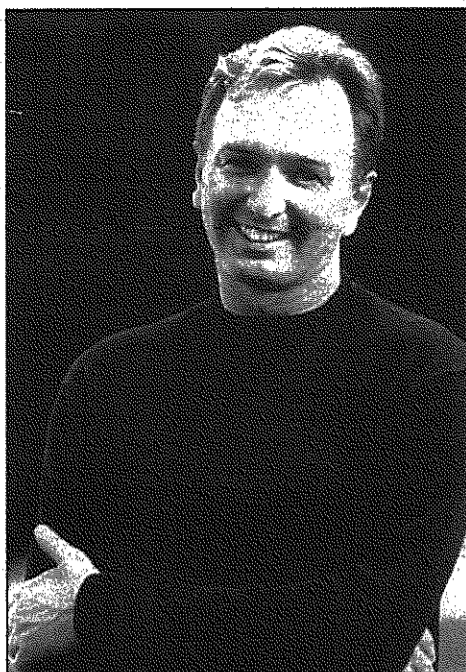
Tropical Hut Lounge, 14925 Livernois, Detroit near Fenkell. This is not one of those suburban nightclubs that pretend to be a cheesy island bar with fake grass and palm. Tropical Hut is the place for real fans of island and roots music. It's one of Detroit's truly authentic Reggae/roots clubs that attracts the city's island-born residents. If you aren't dancing, you might not fit in. Tropical Hut DJs have the pulse on the freshest music from Africa, the Caribbean and West Indies. Wednesdays, Ladies Night; Thursdays, Reggae Night; Fridays, Friday Surprise; Saturdays, African Night; Sundays, Fun Sundays. Open 4-9 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday; 4 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Thursday-Saturday; 5 p.m. to midnight Sunday, (313) 861-5340.

Majestic Theatre

4140 Woodward Ave. Detroit. Parking available on street and behind building. It seems that every blues, underground, industrial, punk, reggae, world and Americana band has played here. Buju Banton and Burning Spear played here as did Social Distortion's Mike Ness. It's also a place where you can still hear '80s bands like Bahaas. Attire is freestyle, casual and up. Before the night begins stop at the adjacent Majestic Cafe for a gourmet veggie sandwich, mussels or Mediterranean dip. And if that isn't fun enough, stroll over to the also adjacent Garden Bowl here the lanes and balls glow in the dark and the rock n' roll crowd enjoys a good bowl while the Ramones play off in the background. Call for hours, (313) 833-9700.

Paradox Cafe

1927 Michigan Ave., Detroit at the corner of Rosa Parks Blvd. Metro-Detroit's friendly Latin residents gather here for salsa dancing to the music DJs and live music. Women wear dresses and high heels and men wear suits or flamboyant clubwear. Strict dress code, no jeans or tennis shoes. This is the place where couples dance. And if you're a woman going stag no problem because you'll be danced by some skilled dancers who will politely will spin you around the



Steiny pianist Kevin Cole, who has delighted audiences worldwide with his interpretations of George Gershwin and other 20th century musicians, will perform 8 p.m. Saturday, July 19, at Cranbrook's Performing Arts Center in Bloomfield Hills. Event proceeds will support scholarships, supplies and renovations for Cranbrook's summer theater school. Tickets \$25, (\$20 for students and senior citizens). Call (248) 645-1576 or (248) 645-3678.

dance floor and thank you afterward before moving on to the next partner. Fridays are occasionally world music night and the Latin music is on Saturdays. Valet parking is available. Call for hours, (313) 313-268-2325.

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COMEDY

Chaplin's Comedy Club

Jef Brannan Thursday-Saturday, July 10-12, 34244 Groesbeck, Clinton Township. 8:30 p.m. Thursday, \$7, 9 p.m. Friday, \$12, 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, \$12, (586) 792-1902

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EARTH, WIND & FIRE is coming Friday, July 11, to Freedom Hill Amphitheater. The band is known for energetic rhythms, love songs and positive vibes.

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7:30 p.m. Friday, July 11 to Freedom Hill Amphitheater on Big Beaver in Sterling Heights. Price: \$25-\$45, (248) 645-6666, www.freedomhill.net

Elvis Costello

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 15 to Freedom Hill Amphitheater on Big Beaver in Sterling Heights. Tickets: \$35-\$42, (248) 645-6666, www.freedomhill.net

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 11-12, Meadow Brook Music Festival, The Romance of Rachmaninoff, \$10-\$55 with Doc Severinsen 6 p.m. Sunday, July 13, \$10-\$55, (248) 645-6666.

Michael McDonald

7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 12 (classic rock/pop) DTE Energy Music Theatre, \$32.50 pavilion, and \$18.50 lawn, (248) 645-6666.

John Michael Montgomery

7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 13 (country) DTE Energy Music Theatre, \$32.50 pavilion, \$21.50 lawn, (248) 645-6666.

ABBA, tribute band

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, at DTE Energy Music Theatre. (stage presentation/pop, \$29.50 pavilion, \$18.50 lawn, (248) 645-6666.

Queensryche/Dream Theater

7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 17 (rock) DTE Energy Music Theatre, \$38.00 pavilion, \$23 lawn, (248) 645-6666.

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Ballroom dancing to live bands, featuring swing, fox trot, waltz, cha-cha and Latin, 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road at Five Mile Road, \$5, (248) 968-5197.

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Flow and Line Dancing lessons \$10.00, 7:30 p.m., Saturday July 12. The Italian Cultural Center, 28111 Imperial Dr. south of 12 mile east of Hoover, Warren.

MUSEUMS, PARKS AND TOURS

Birmingham Museum

With Charles L. Bowers School, Hay Day, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, July 12. Farm animals, learn about the importance of farming, 556 W. Maple at Southfield, Birmingham. \$2 adults, \$1 seniors, students, (248) 642-2817.

Cranbrook Institute of Science

T. rex on Trial, an exhibition featuring a crime scene complete with life-like robotic dinosaurs and hands-on detective activities continues through Monday, Sept. 1. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, until 10 p.m. Friday, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free with museum admission \$7, \$5 ages 2-12. Call (877)

462-7262 or visit the Web site at www.cranbrook.edu. Dinosaur Days 1-4 p.m. Saturday, July 12 and Aug. 9. Dig up fossils and make casts of a dinosaur bone while learning about paleontology from Cranbrook paleontologist Mark Uhen. Free with museum admission.

Ann Arbor Hands On Museum

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Tours of permanent collection and current exhibitions of art, architecture and design. *Bruce Springsteen: Troubadour for the Highway* to Aug. 31, *Cranbrook and the British Arts & Crafts Movement* continues to Sept. 28, *Graduate Summer Exhibition* to Sept. 28, at the museum, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3361

Detroit Science Center

Titanic: The Artifact Exhibit continues to Sept. 7. Advance timed tickets for the exhibit \$16.95, \$13.95 seniors, \$11.95 ages 2-12. IMAX film and planetarium shows \$4 each or \$6 for both. (248) 645-6666. Also a planetarium show recreating the stars the night the ship went down, and IMAX movie on the ghostly ship at the bottom of the ocean. Digital Dome Planetarium Show, weekends, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, at 5020 John R, Detroit. (313) 577-8400, www.detroitsciencecenter.org

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

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Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$8.50-\$13.50. (313) 271-1620. For IMAX ticket prices and show times, call (800) 747-IMAX (4629).

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Tours 1:30 p.m. Monday-Sunday, and 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, cost is \$12.50, \$8.50 seniors over age 62, \$6 children under 12, children under 2 free; Tea on Tuesday \$35, at Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. For information, visit the Web site at www.meadowbrookhall.org

Plymouth Historical Museum

New permanent Abraham Lincoln exhibit. Images of Lincoln, acquired from Michigan collector Weldon Petz, at the museum, 155 S. Main. \$3, \$1 students ages 5-17, \$7 a family. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Saturday-Sunday. (734) 455-8940

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

The 16-acre museum complex tells the story of Oakland County's earliest pioneers. Admission includes tours of the 1840 Van Hoosen Farmhouse, 1850 Tenant Red House and 1927 Van Hoosen Dairy Barn. The museum's new permanent exhibit, *A Lively Town*, uses more than 200 images and 100 artifacts to show the development of the Rochester area. \$5, \$3 children, students and seniors. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, at the museum on Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off Tienken. (248) 645-4663 or visit www.rochesterhills.org/museum.htm

Onstage

Stratford offers sampling of great theater

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

O, Canada, what a horrible spring it's been. SARS, Mad Cow, unwanted trash ... will the bad news never end?

The good news is that Canada is still a great place to see summer theater at its professional best and to enjoy our neighbor's special hospitality in beautiful settings.

Stratford offers city pleasures in an idyllic small town setting. Niagara-on-the-Lake, site of the Shaw Festival, is a fashionable resort town with big city amenities and great sight-seeing opportunities.

This year's theme at the Stratford Festival is the classical world with productions of three Shakespeare plays set in the time of ancient Greece and Rome and productions of several Greek classics. But, as always, Stratford offers a wide sampling of great theater that covers many eras, themes and styles.

Here's a sampling:

TAMING OF THE SHREW

Two directors take different approaches to making Shakespeare accessible and fresh to modern audiences.

Miles Potter moves *The Taming of the Shrew* out West. The Bard's language is retained (except for a few mentions of Santa Fe), but the sets, costumes and attitudes are definitely mythic, movie cowboy.

Graham Abbey arrives on stage with a slouch hat and a cheroot looking like Clint Eastwood's Man with no Name, followed by Wayne Best as his "sidekick" Grumio looking like Gabby Hayes and sounding like Walter Brennan.

This fooling with Shakespeare is a tradition at Stratford. This time it works at making the situation immediately understandable, especially to young audiences, while at the same time distancing this "problem" play, which seems to suggest that women should be submissive.

Seana McKenna has a romp as the blistering Kate moving from she-devil to compliant mate.

The problem is that the play gets muddy when it moves to the "ranch" and no resetting makes it any easier to sort out. Give this one a plus for effort. It looks good and the country music is fun.



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'The King and I' runs through Nov. 9 at The Stratford Festival. Here, Victor Talmadge portrays the King and Lucy Peacock plays Anna Leonowens.

PERICLES

More successful is director Leon Rubin's colorful take on one of Shakespeare's more obscure plays *The Adventures of Pericles*. This play is part adventure story, part bawdy comedy, part world bazaar.

Pericles sets out to sea to avoid a vengeful and incestuous king. He finds true love only to lose it.

The story is told with bright costumes and heroic gestures. It has two heroes, Pericles (played valiantly by Jonathan Goad) and his virtuous daughter Marina (played with Princess Leia zest by Nazneen Contractor). What begins as swashbuckling sword fights and raging seas turns into a tender story of love restored.

Especially notable in the large cast is Thom Marriott, the narrator/chorus who performs as a ghostly figure. His voice is rich, clear and often poignant. He also does a bit with marionettes that is wonderful to see.

THE KING AND I

Wonderful in other ways is this year's big musical, Rodgers and Hammerstein's *The King and I*.

Set against a royal court, designed by Debra Hanson, that rivals the real thing, this production is elegant, musically pleasing and elaborately costumed.

Victor Talmadge brings warmth, dignity and the right suggestion of menace to his performance as the conflicted king who welcomes Western technology but is wary of Western culture.

Stratford veteran Lucy Peacock is a proper, intelligent Anna. Her voice is thin but effective.

What is missing in this otherwise fine production is the sexual undercurrent between king and teacher.

STRATFORD FESTIVAL

For ticket information: Call (800) 567-1600 or visit the Web site

www.stratfordfestival.ca

At the Festival Stage

The Taming of the Shrew, *The King and I*, *The Adventures of Pericles*, *Love's Labour's Lost*

At the Avon

Gigi, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *Present Laughter*

At the Tom Patterson

Antony and Cleopatra, *No Exit*, *The Birds*, *Troilus and Cressida*, *Quiet in the Land*

At the Studio

Agamemnon, *Electra*, *The Flies*, *The Swanee*

Also notable are Anne Marie Ramos as Tuptim, Helen Yu as Lady Thiang and Wayne Sujo as the crown prince.

Still the great songs (*Whistle a Happy Tune*, *Hello Young Lovers*, *Shall We Dance*) ring out and the setting is eye-appealing.

HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME

Less appealing is a gloomy and misguided staging of Victor Hugo's *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*.

Rick Whelan's new stage version is heavy and clumsy. It is neither a sweet story of unrequited love (the great Charles Laughton portrayal) or effective horror story (the Lon Chaney version).

The actors move the plot along by telling us what happens. The parts of the story that are dramatized are played against a gray photo-like rendering of the cathedral. Many plot elements are fuzzy.

Jennifer Gould's Esmeralda is played too roughly, without any nuance of sympathy. Peter van Gestel subbed in the pivotal role of Quasimodo. The makeup was fine, but he didn't really have a voice for the long deaf and mentally slow bellringer or project his full agony.

Maybe book adaptations are not a good idea. What is a good idea is exploring the lovely town of Stratford. A park follows along the winding Avon River. There are beautiful gardens, unusual home architecture and a variety of interesting restaurants.

(In an upcoming issue, the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake.)

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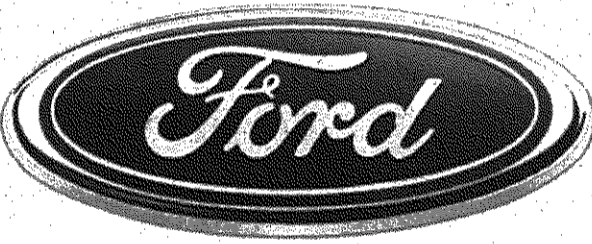
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Cover story

Plymouth Art in the Park retains small town charm

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's "Art in the Park" July 11-13 has grown from 30 artists in 1960 to 425 today.

"You can get through the Plymouth Art in the Park. We have gotten larger but we are still contained and still have some sanity about the event," said Dianne Quinn, who organizes it with her daughter Raychel Rork.

"Everything is all within walking distance, you can actually know where you're going, you don't have to travel by another means to another part of the show," Quinn said.

"Everyone has a lot of enthusiasm for Art In The Park," said Debbie Metler of West Bloomfield, who has long sold handmade women's clothing at an event booth.

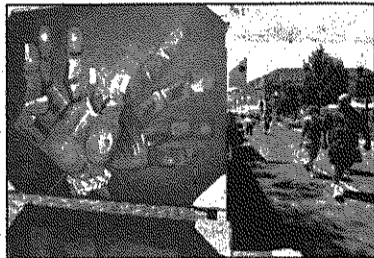
Art In The Park features artists from 28 states and Canada, showing glass, calligraphy, jewelry, photography, paintings, ceramics, metal work, sculpture, woodworking, art wear, furniture, fiber art, basketry, leather, quilts, and herbal items.

"It does have a small town atmosphere to it," said Donna Williams, president of the Plymouth Village Potters Guild, whose members traditionally



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Ibtam Arafat of Gaza checks out some acrylic wind wiggles.



BRYAN MITCHELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Giant hands reach out to passersby along Main Street in Plymouth at the 2002 Art in the Park.

exhibit works at Ann Arbor Trail and Forest. "We pick up students from Art In The Park and we get people curious about pottery."



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Brooke Ballard of Orchard Lake (left) and sister Nicole discuss their fashion palette as they peruse Pret a Porter patterns along Forest Street at the 2001 Art in the Park in Plymouth.

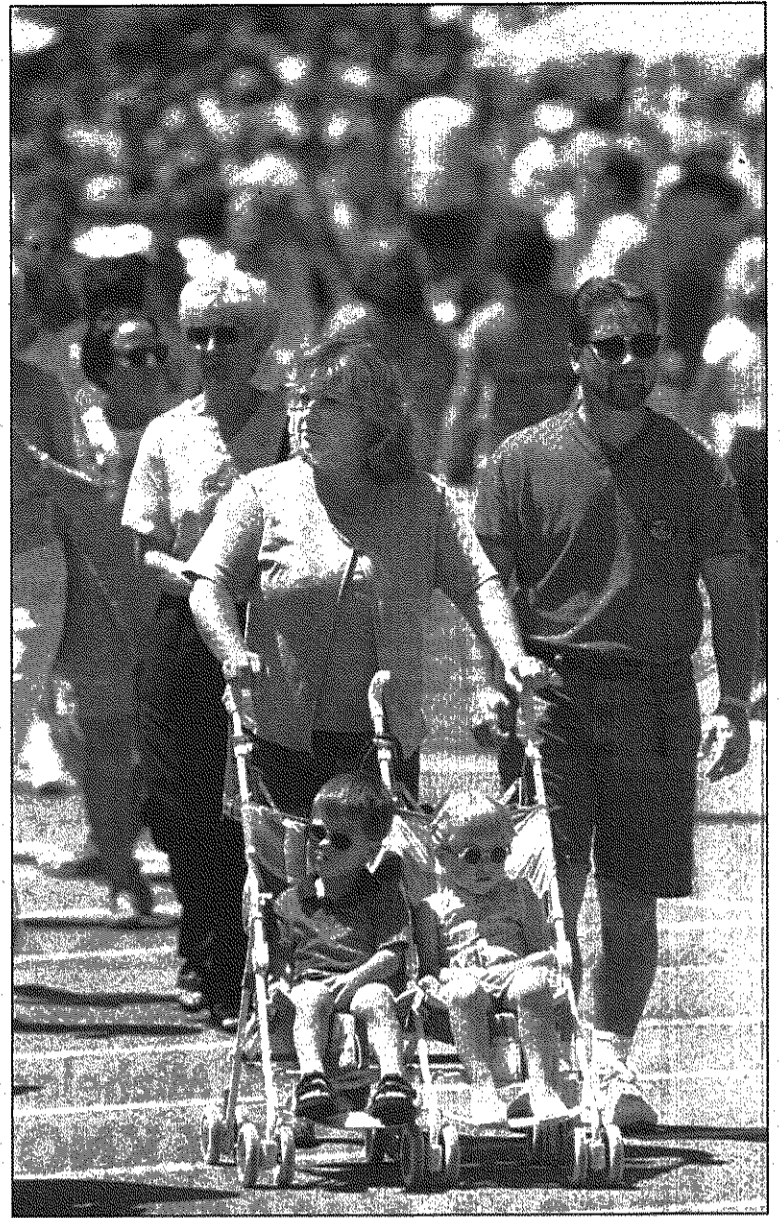
In this city with a population of 9,022, Quinn said there is high community interest and involvement in the event. The Plymouth Canton Educational Park Band sells bottled water at Art In The Park to raise money, downtown churches raise money by opening their lots to visitors, and the local Jaycees last year ran one of the most successful blood drives in the country during the event.

New Plymouth Coffee Bean owner Steve Prokef said he plans to put staff on roller blades at 7 a.m. Saturday, to serve pancakes to artists. "It's because they're tied up and really can't get out."

Quinn said some standout artists this year include Martin Borja from Arizona. "He does larger than life huge metal sculptures," she said, and Erin Harvey from Plymouth who paints collages. "She does a mixture of reality and fantasy all coming together to give you this impact."

Another feature of Art In The Park is a focus on kids, with mural painting and other activities available in Kellogg Park. Some artists also feature child-related creations, including puppets, toy-boxes, name signs, stuffed animals and kids furniture.

More event information is available at www.artinthepark-inc.com, the event's just-established Web site.



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A typical scene at Art in the Park has strollers and parents navigating the pedestrian traffic.



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Dana Hay checks out some screen bugs at a booth along Main Street in Plymouth at the 2002 Art in the Park.

PLYMOUTH ART IN THE PARK

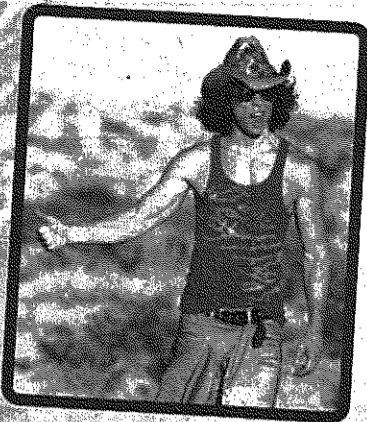
Where: Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

When: Noon to 8 p.m. Friday, July 11; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 12; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 13.

Parking: Downtown churches charge a fee to park, however there is some free parking on area streets. A shuttle service runs from the Visteon plant on Sheldon Road at M-14 to Plymouth City Hall 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday; 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday; and 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

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Ann Arbor is a happening - art, huge crowds and all



There's lots to see at the Ann Arbor Art Fairs.

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

It's pretentious, with that redundant "s" at the end of the official name - "The Ann Arbor Art Fairs."

It's a pain to park. Who really wants to ride a shuttle bus from Briarwood Mall? And on art fair weekends, crowds are so dense it can be hard to squeeze past some street booths.

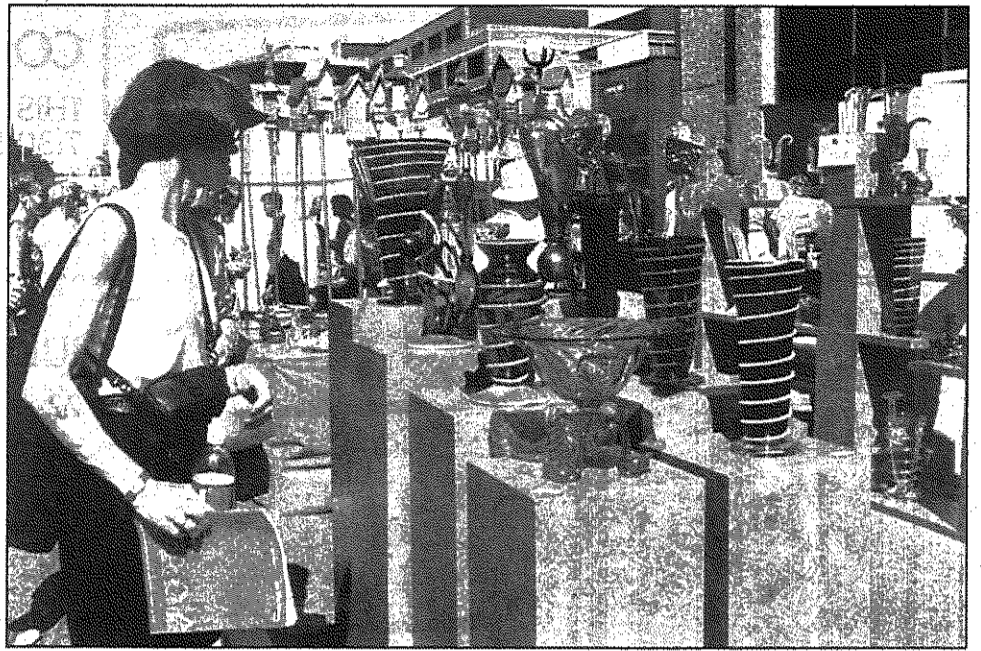
We love to hate it. But 500,000-750,000 of us go every year.

For many, attending The Ann Arbor Art Fairs, July 16-19, has become a pleasing yet painful rite of summer, like going to a Tigers game or sitting stopped in I-75 traffic after a weekend Up North.

"I think what people need to remember about the art fair is it's the whole Ann Arbor experience, it's a happening," said Linda Ashley, an event promoter.

"Ann Arbor turns into an outdoor art gallery and exotic bazaar. It's about the people-watching that can't be beat, spontaneous entertainers on street corners, food booths from around the world.

"All these things are happening at once.



Ann Arbor turns into an outdoor art gallery July 16-19 during the Ann Arbor Art Fairs.

It's the whole experience that's compelling about it."

You don't need a degree in art studies to know that the fine art and crafts displayed in the Ann Arbor fair are top-notch.

The estimated annual economic impact on Ann Arbor is \$20-\$50 million.

"For me it's the variety and the level of professionalism," said "Max" Clayton, of the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans who organize the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair.

Added this year to the pastels and oil paintings, the sculptures and wood products, the pottery and ceramics are two-

dimensional art works created by computer.

"It's a new way of manipulating images," Clayton said. Guild artists are also contributing to a project to wrap a Lexus parked at the fair in art. "I think that's going to be a very cool landmark," she said.

Nick Miller, spokesman with the Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, explained the art fair allure: "Ann Arbor in southeast Michigan is really a destination for culture; this is just an extension of that."

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ANN ARBOR ART FAIRS

What: Four separate but concurrent art fairs, run by four different organizations. They are Ann Arbor's South University Art Fair, the State Street Area Art Fair, Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair, and the original Ann Arbor Street Art Fair.

Where: Ann Arbor downtown business district along Main Street, Liberty, Washington and William east to streets bordering the University of Michigan campus - South University and Fletcher.

This year, booths are expanding to the North University-Thayer area, near Hill Auditorium.

When: Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, July 16-18, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 19.

Bring: Sunblock, bottled water, a hat for sun protection and a small umbrella to fend off rain.

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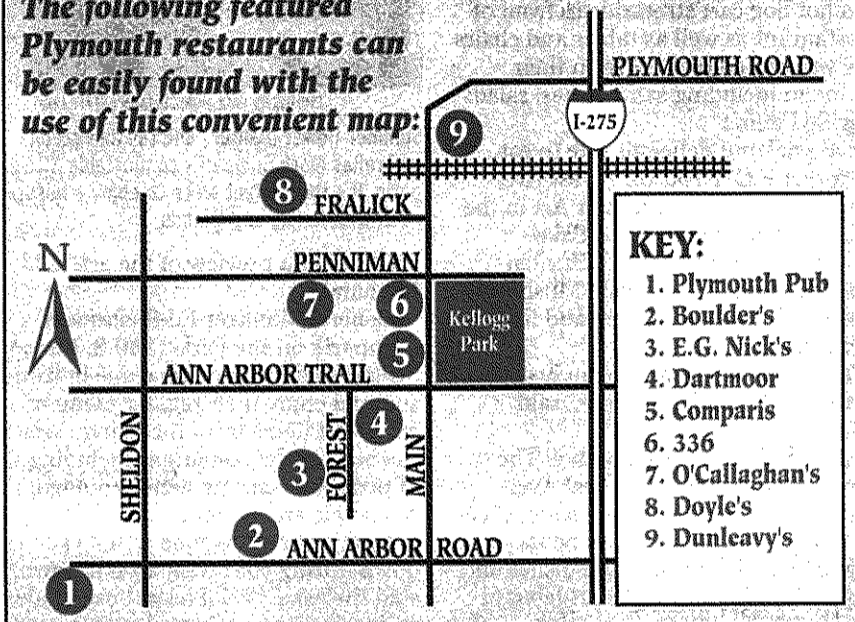
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CHANGE

The biggest change this year involves expansion of the fair to the Hill Auditorium-Burton Tower-Rackam-Ingalls Mall area. The move was sparked by a disagreement, since resolved, between the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair group which started the event 44 years ago and the South University Area Association.

While both shared exhibit space on South University for several years, the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair group has decided to move to the Ingalls Mall area, to remain distinct from the South University Association and to promote its identity as the original art fair organization.

The move "is going to bring even more of the University of Michigan campus to it, and make it feel less crowded," Miller said. In another new offering, the air-conditioned Michigan Theater is to be turned into a beer garden during the fair, with beer, brats, hot dogs and chips for sale along with theater concession items, as staff organists play the theater's historic Barton Organ.

PARKING AND SHUTTLE BUSES

■ Fair goers can park for free and board shuttle buses at two locations: Briarwood Mall, on the northwest corner of I-94 and State Street; and Pioneer High School, kitty-corner from the University of Michigan football stadium at Main and Stadium (take I-94 to Main Street exit, go 1 mile north to Stadium).

■ Round-trip tickets for shuttle buses is \$3 per person. Children under 7 ride free. Shuttle buses run every 10-15 minutes. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday.

■ Parking may also be available in downtown parking structures and on downtown streets - if you find a space. If you hope to park on the street, bring lots of quarters and keep track of your meter expiration time, as Ann Arbor has a spirited parking enforcement staff. Private lots typically charge \$8-\$10 to park.

Being selected for Ann Arbor an honor

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Artists say The Ann Arbor Art Fairs, once the top U.S. summer art show, has slipped, yet still retains high status.

"It used to be the top show in the country; it no longer is," said Jann Forster, of Northville, who exhibits bronze sculpture with husband Adrian.

"Some say it's because of the economy here, some say the show has gotten too big so people stay away - it's too hard to do; too big, too congested," she said.

"A lot of the old dogs have been complaining that it's gotten too big," said Robert Bartley, a digital artist from West Bloomfield. These artists say the number of exhibitors has grown, but not the available dollars to buy art. Bartley disagrees. "To me there's more people going to art fairs now than ever."

But artists agree that to be selected for the still prestigious art fair is an honor. They say the event is stimulating because of the large crowd that attends, and because patrons know more about art than those at other area fairs.

"They're informed, they're not just family people out with kids, they're ready to shop," Bartley said. "They've seen years and years of great art work so they're discriminating."

"I just got back from shows in Chicago and Cincinnati. They would consider 70,000 to be a lot of people, so just from the sheer numbers (more than a half-million in Ann Arbor) I anticipate it to be a

good show," said Nina Cambron, a mixed-media fused-glass artist from Novi getting ready for her first Ann Arbor fair.

Cambron plans to pack her purple 1997 Dodge Caravan with around 200 pieces of art. "I pack it with a shoehorn," she said, laughing. "I have Rubbermaid bins that I'll stack on top of each other; everything goes in there like a puzzle."

"There are people traveling from California to participate. I feel fortunate that I can sleep in my own bed."

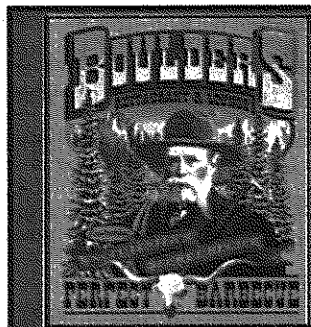
This is the fifth Ann Arbor fair for the Forsters. They did three in the early 70s before pursuing car sales and real estate careers. Now, "Everyone has very elaborate booths with tents and everything, it's more organized," Jann Forster said. "The people are the same. In Ann Arbor for the most part people are more aware of art and more interesting to talk to."

Forster said the most she's heard of an artist making at the Ann Arbor fairs is \$15,000. But it's not all about money. Art fairs spokeswoman Linda Ashley recalls the artist who was told by a sister of a long-ago art fair customer that the woman had recently died, and that she always treasured her bracelet.

Artists agree that part of the fun is getting together with other artists to talk shop, find out what's going on around the country, and to party.

"Artists are very friendly, very hard working," Forster said.

"A lot of them are divorced or whatever," Bartley said. "It's a Bohemian village that moves around."



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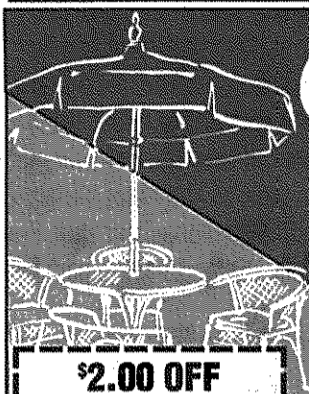
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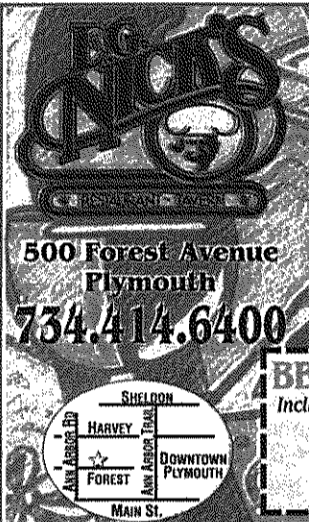
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According to Marcia Cameron from the Sweet Afton Tea Room (450 Forest Ave.) they haven't decided on what lunch special they will be offering but shoppers can quench their thirst on a glass of Apple Ginger Ice Tea they'll be brewing up especially during the fair.

"We're going to have a good special I know that and you can try our signature tea — Cinnamon Orange Spice. It's very popular," added Cameron.

Penniman Deli, a hot spot on Penniman Avenue (820 Penniman), will have a hot dog cart streetside in front of the restaurant as well as tables and chairs where you can enjoy food from their main menu including sandwiches, salads and grilled items.

For a quick but delicious bite to eat don't forget E.G. Nick's on Forest Ave. Manager Dave Viola said their Art in the Park menu will include Crab Cake Sandwiches, Southern Fried Chicken Wraps, Vegetarian Portobello Mushroom Wraps in addition to burgers and fish and chips.

"We try to simplify our menu just because it gets so busy in here," said Viola.

New to downtown Plymouth is The Dartmoor located at 447 Forest Ave. According to owner Mike Michaud, executive chef Camel Sherrod will be incorporating an artistic flair into the dishes and food presentation during their debut at Art in the Park.

"Our menu will reflect the activities of the art fair and the weather," said

Michaud. "The food will be presented in the spirit of the event."

The Dartmoor owner also said the restaurant doesn't currently feature any artwork but a local artist will be displaying work that has been commissioned for the Plymouth restaurant.



Relax and unwind after shopping for art on the outdoor patio at Compari's.



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Summer flower planters and tan and green umbrellas mark Compari's comfortable 30-seat patio. It's the perfect place to enjoy a leisurely meal with family and friends.

"We'll offer a preview of the art," added Michaud.

General Manager Ed Bielaska of Compari's on the Park (350 S. Main Street) said patrons can come in from the sun and enjoy their regular menu or carry-out items from the lounge area in the back of the restaurant including slices of pizza and sorbets such as mango, pineapple and lemon.

"The sorbets are good to help you cool down during your walk around town," said Bielaska. "We'll be as busy as always and welcome people to stop in or carry out."

If you can find a seat The Box Bar (777 W. Ann Arbor Trail) is always a popular hangout for a burger and a beer or try one of their sandwiches and salads before you head across the street for the activities in Kellogg Park.

If you're driving around Plymouth or walking downtown the options for lunch and dinner are endless whether you want to run in or sit down and enjoy a gourmet meal. Restaurant offerings range from big sandwiches like those at Harvey's Deli on Mill Street to fish and chips from the Plymouth Fish Seafood Market or Thai at Little Bangkok Cuisine on Forest.

Visit Plymouth Art in the Park's Web site or see the related list of local restaurants to help you plan a weekend of shopping combined with delicious dining.

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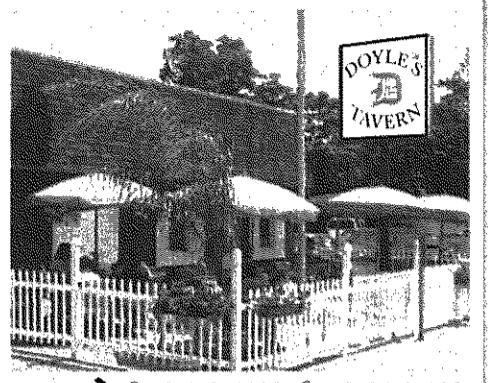
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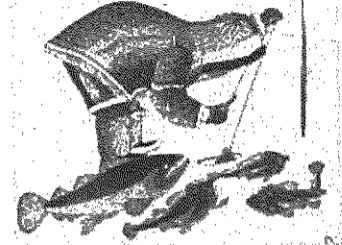
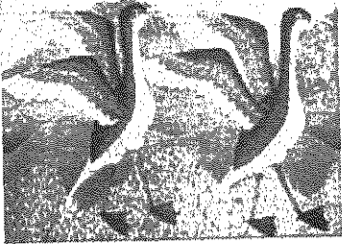
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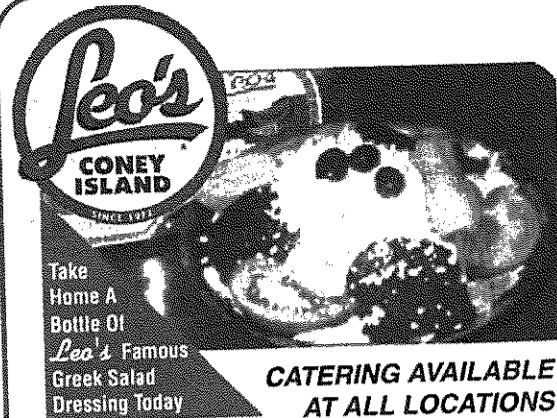


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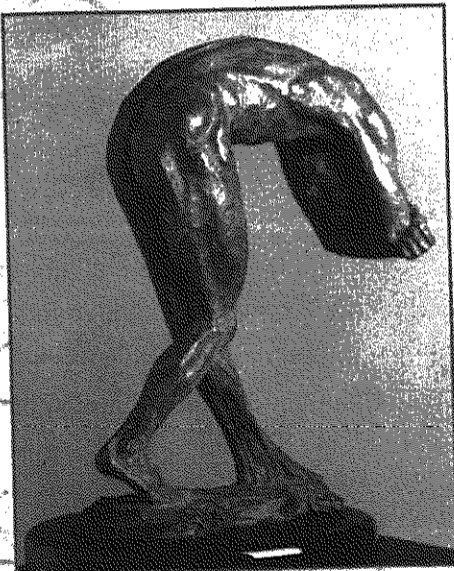
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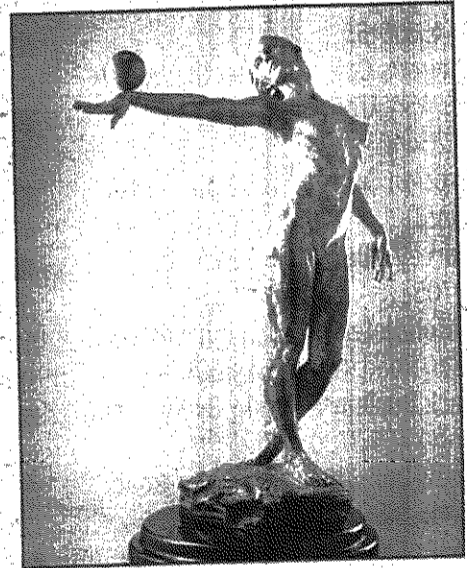
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BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Put "wedding" in the title, if you want a popular show.
Case in point: *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, *The Wedding Planner*, *The Wedding Singer*, *Four Weddings and a Funeral*. And how about *Muriel's Wedding*, *Betsy's Wedding*, and *My Best Friend's Wedding*.
My Cousin's Wedding, already popular with Second City audiences in Detroit and Chicago, runs July 11-26 at the Farmington Players Barn.

FROM SECOND CITY TO FARMINGTON

What: 'My Cousin's Wedding'
Where: At the new Farmington Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, west of Orchard Lake Road
When: Friday-Saturday, July 11-12, 18-19, 25-26.
Tickets: \$16 adults. Seniors pay \$13 for matinee tickets. Available at the theater or by calling (248) 553-2955.

Kirk Hanley, a Farmington Players alumnus, stars in the comedy which he co-wrote. "I wanted to do it here for my friends and family before we take it on tour," he said.

The 1981 Troy Athens High graduate originally named the play *Standing on Ceremony*. It was performed in 2001 at Second City Detroit.

The play stars Hanley and Maribeth Monroe, also from Second City. "We always worked very well together," Hanley said. "We thought to write a show for just the two of us, and came up with this wedding idea."

Instead of focusing on the bride and groom, the play centers on a couple attending the wedding. "We thought wouldn't it be fun to take a look at a wedding where the bride and groom are just extras," Hanley said.

The couple are unmarried and living together. The wedding rituals force them to confront a crisis: Should they break up, or marry?

Farmington Players president Dave Ternes saw the show in Detroit. "After much coaxing and begging we got Kirk to bring it to us," he said. "It's a funny romantic comedy that anybody in a relationship can relate to."

Hanley and Monroe play several characters. In one scene, he plays a middle-aged

woman at a bachelorette party and she a teenage boy at a bachelor party.

Growing up in Detroit in the '60s, Hanley loved TV variety fare including *The Flip Wilson Show* and *Laugh-In*, and comic teams including Stiller and Mera.

While studying engineering at the General Motors Institute in Flint, he tried out for a college play and got a part.

By 1986, he was thinking about performing again. He got involved with the

Farmington Players, and performed in all three shows that year and the next.

Hanley decided to quit his engineering career and commit to theater. He has supplemented his actor's pay with commercial voice-over jobs. Recently, he won the job of directing Second City's national touring company.

The performances of *My Cousin's Wedding* will help raise money to pay for the Farmington Players new theater.

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Music

Make a night of it: DSO concerts offer more than music

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Planning to attend a Detroit Symphony Orchestra outdoor concert this summer? Pack a picnic and make a night of it.

Atmosphere is playing a big role in the orchestra's 2003 summer season, slated every Friday, Saturday and Sunday night, July 11-Aug. 10, at Meadow Brook Music Festival on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills.

"We're trying to create a festival environment," said DSO resident conductor, Thomas Wilkins of West Bloomfield.

For example, concert-goers will receive chocolate and roses - not just program books - at "The Romance of Rachmaninoff," the DSO's first summer program, set for Friday, July 11 and Saturday, July 12.

Rachmaninoff's romantic Piano Concerto No. 2, which will be played by French-Canadian pianist Marc-André Hamelin, is at the heart of the program and followed by the popular *Symphonie fantastique*, a story of love gone wrong.

Similar theme-inspired surprises are in store for the DSO's remaining Friday and

DSO OUTDOORS

What: Detroit Symphony Orchestra's 2003 summer season.

When: Friday, July 11 to Sunday, Aug. 10.

Where: Meadow Brook Music Festival, campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills.

Tickets: Advance tickets range from \$9 for lawn seats up to \$55 for premier seating in the pavilion. Tickets at the door \$14-\$60.

Call the Orchestra Hall box office, (313) 576-5111, or visit www.detroitssymphony.com.

Tickets also available from Ticketmaster, call (248) 645-6666.

Saturday performances: "Mostly Mozart" with Czech cellist Claudio Bohórquez, "Great Gershwin" featuring *Rhapsody in Blue*, *Meadow Brook Fantasia*, the orchestra's version of the classic *Fantasia* soundtrack with Detroit-born Omar

Butler on trumpet, and "Tchaikovsky Spectacular" with the *1812 Overture* set to fireworks and cannons.

Butler, a DSO civic orchestra alumni and student at Julliard, is performing two pieces on the trumpet that were written for violin, *Waxman's Carmen Fantasy* and *Sarasate Zigeunerweisen*.

A graduate of Cass Technical High School and Interlochen Arts Academy, Butler performed with legendary soprano Kathleen Battle last September at the DSO's opening gala.

"This kid can play the trumpet," Wilkins said.

FAMILY NIGHTS

Speaking of younger generations, don't write off bringing children to a summer DSO concert.

Kids activities and programs are a new direction for the DSO's summer series but integral to the 2003 season.

While Friday performances have been dubbed "Casual Fridays," Sunday shows are family concert nights.

For instance, John Lithgow in *Farkle & Friends*, slated Sunday, July 20, is a musical children's guide to the orchestra based

on the actor-comedian's best-selling book and CD.

The DSO's first Sunday concert in August features music from *Harry Potter* and *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*. There's a Harry Potter costume contest for willing participants, too.

"Although all the programming may not be specifically for kids, it is the kind of programming that the whole family can enjoy," said Kendra Whitlock, director of pops and specials for the DSO.

Besides, face-painting, game stations, caricature artists and a bouncing castle will be available at every Sunday show. Also, grounds and activities will open at 4 p.m., two hours before show time, for families' enjoyment.

"It's a family fun experience," said Whitlock. "You're not just going to a concert, you're having almost a whole day."

Special activities like "The Instrument Experience," where kids can play a violin or cello, are aimed at teaching younger generations about classical music and encouraging an appreciation of it.

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Actor John Lithgow, star of the television hit 'Third Rock from the Sun,' joins the Detroit Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, July 20. The family program, 'Farkle & Friends,' is based on Lithgow's child guide to the orchestra, which he first created as a best-selling book and CD.

Museums

Phoenix Mill to honor women's role in early industry

BY CHRYSAL LIEBOLD
STAFF WRITER

James Brown might think it's a "Man's, Man's, Man's World," but Lyn Bankes doesn't.

The Wayne County commissioner and president of the Phoenix Mill Women's Museum Charity says women should be celebrated, particularly the pioneering women workers of the automobile industry.

The Phoenix Mill Women's Museum Charity is putting on a fund-raiser on July 19 to transform Plymouth's Phoenix Mill Factory into a museum honoring women's work in the auto industry.

"Our goal is to write the women's history of the 1920s, '30s and '40s," said Bankes. "If it weren't for the women making weapons, where would we have been in the war?"

The museum will also tell the story of the many working women that contributed to the U.S. victory during World War II.

The Phoenix Mill was part of the Ford Village Industries established along the

Rouge River in the 1920's. Opened in 1922, the Phoenix Mill was unique because almost all of its workers were women. The plant produced electrical parts, voltage regulators and switches. The mill was donated to Wayne County in 1948.

It has been used as a sign shop and is currently a maintenance yard for the county road division.

Bankes says their goal is to raise \$20,000. The event will feature quilter Serena Wilson, making her first trip to Michigan to exhibit the Underground Railroad quilt history.

Wilson's great, great grandmother was a midwife who traveled from plantation to plantation who secretly taught slaves how to sew quilts with designs on them. Escaping slaves would see the designs and know how to progress to the next stop on the Underground Railroad.

Wilson will bring her 100-year-old quilts and autograph copies of her family story, *Hidden in Plain View*.

"The group of people that operated the Underground Railroad were a special group who believed in the golden rule,"

PHOENIX MILL FUND-RAISERS

Where: Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, and the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main St., Plymouth.

When: 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Saturday, July 19

Tickets: \$25 for Burton Manor event; includes light snacks, storytelling, a slide show and performance by the Grace Mercy Singers. Plymouth Historical Museum event tickets \$75. includes a strolling wine and cheese reception, storytelling and book signing. For more information call Debbie, (313) 224-3616.

said Wilson: "They risked their lives, their families and everything for the calling of a higher power to help the slaves on their way. From reading slave narratives and family stories repeated and handed down for five generations including my daughter and her children, the people really believed in what they were doing and the brotherhood of man."

The quilt code has about 18 patterns and has become an oral tradition passed down through Wilson's family.

"When I ask people if they know about

the Underground Railroad, they think it was a subway in New York," said Bankes. "They don't know what it is, and I think it's important. It's a part of our history."

Bankes says she hopes people of all nationalities, ages and ethnic backgrounds attend the event because the charity has been working around-the-clock to draw a diverse group of people.

"It should be a real spiritual time," she said.

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the main entrance is one block west of Washtenaw Avenue. Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Admission to the museum is free. Afternoon planetarium shows during the Art Fairs, Wednesday-Saturday, July 16-19 are 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, and 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Saturday. Admission to planetarium shows is \$3.50 per person.

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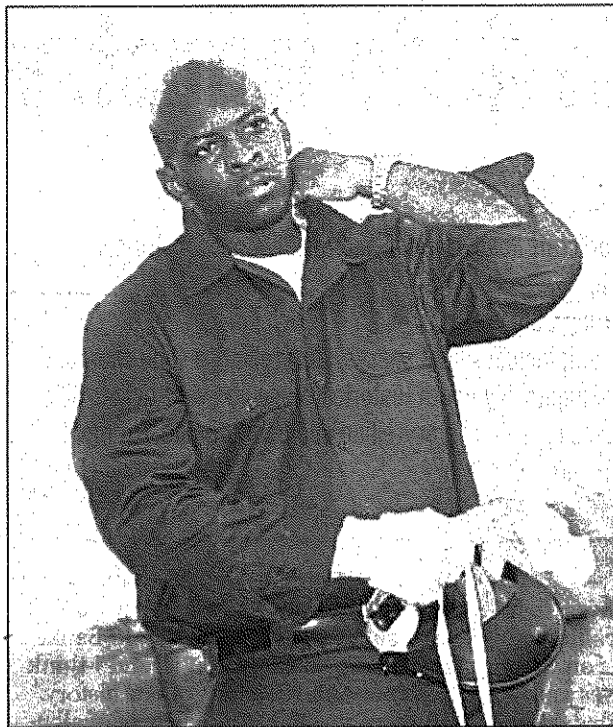
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BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

When Mathias chats even informally both his potent words and physique command the room despite a soft-spoken style.

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Righteousness takes over as well.

It's the words he writes that attract attention.

Mathias is an expressionist whose spoken word performances are accompanied by live music of jazz and hip-hop. Growing up in a rough part of Detroit, his writings are about love and hope, the problems we face and solutions for it.

Mathias performs spoken word with live music that backs it, and adds to its intensity.

Erase any spoken word images of poetic-hippies. Mathias can't even be compared. He's in the core of Detroit's urban spoken word scene and his socio-political message is about love, glory, life's problems, questions and solutions. God, this deeply spiritual man says, is all around him.

"Someday I want children in Brazil reading my words. I want to leave something for this world," Mathias said.

Spoken word has a serious underground following in Detroit. Mathias recently released his first CD, *P.O.E-X radio*. It's about respect, God, ancestry, the hardships of life, especially in the inner city, and taking control of it. Don't expect flowers and butterfly poetry here. He talks about love, pride and good solutions. It's worth hearing.

Mathias is an expressionist accompanied by a band playing ambient jazz mixed with a bit of hip hop and old school experience.

Sometimes the angelic voice of Detroit singer Inohs Sivad can be heard in the background. More militant poets won't touch the music aspect but Mathias likes breaking barriers.

"When Mathias speaks he can get an entire room to listen," his manager Geoff Baker said.

Don't call him a poet, he said, because expressionists are truer to themselves.

To understand Mathias is to read his words:

"For the taste of life and no limitation words follow words souls express fascinations. By faith are we placed in existence just to exist, or does the world yearn for her children to create clear messages."

Mathias started rapping in 1986 but quit because the obscenity and attitudes of other rappers were too repugnant for the man with high morals.

"It turned into just a way to impress women, it wasn't about the art," Mathias said. "There was a lot of anger but no solutions in it."

He grew up in the north end of Detroit at East Philadelphia and John R near what used to be known on the streets as Detroit's Black Bottom — an area where the best paying job was the

MATHIAS

■ The expressionist's spoken word CD, accompanied by harmonious jazz/hip-hop and soul music, is called *P.O.E-X radio* and can be purchased at most independent record stores. For details, visit www.poexradio.com

■ Attend spoken words events at Envy, 234 W. Larned in Detroit, Wednesday-Thursday. Call (313) 962-ENVY for schedule, events vary.

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top drug dealer.

It was a place where the average male between 15-18 was said to be either dead, in jail or on drugs, he said.

Spirituality entered his life, he began reading the Bible and discovered poetry in it.

He wanted to be part of it, creatively and personally.

Today, Mathias is a welder who works 10 hours a day, takes care of his family and still finds time to write and perform. His writing, he said, influences his co-workers in the labor force.

He wants them to also explore their artistic talents.

"You need something else when you're working a laborious job because it suppresses creativity."

He speaks occasionally at places like Cafe Mahogany, Wednesdays at Envy nightclub and Thursdays at Marilyn's on Monroe all in Detroit. He hopes his words can introduce others to a new way of thinking.

"Without understanding our past, there is no future," Mathias said. "There's a lot more out there in the world than just television and other forms of garbage. Life can be pleasurable and good."

Mathias's spoken word CD, *P.O.E-X radio*, can be purchased at The Cd/Game Exchange in Southfield, Detroit and Ferndale and other independent record stores.

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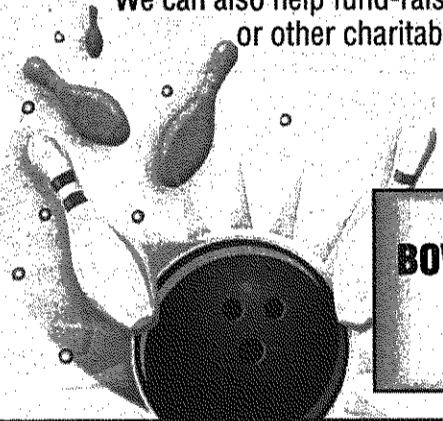
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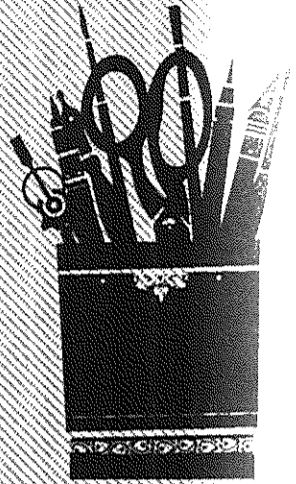
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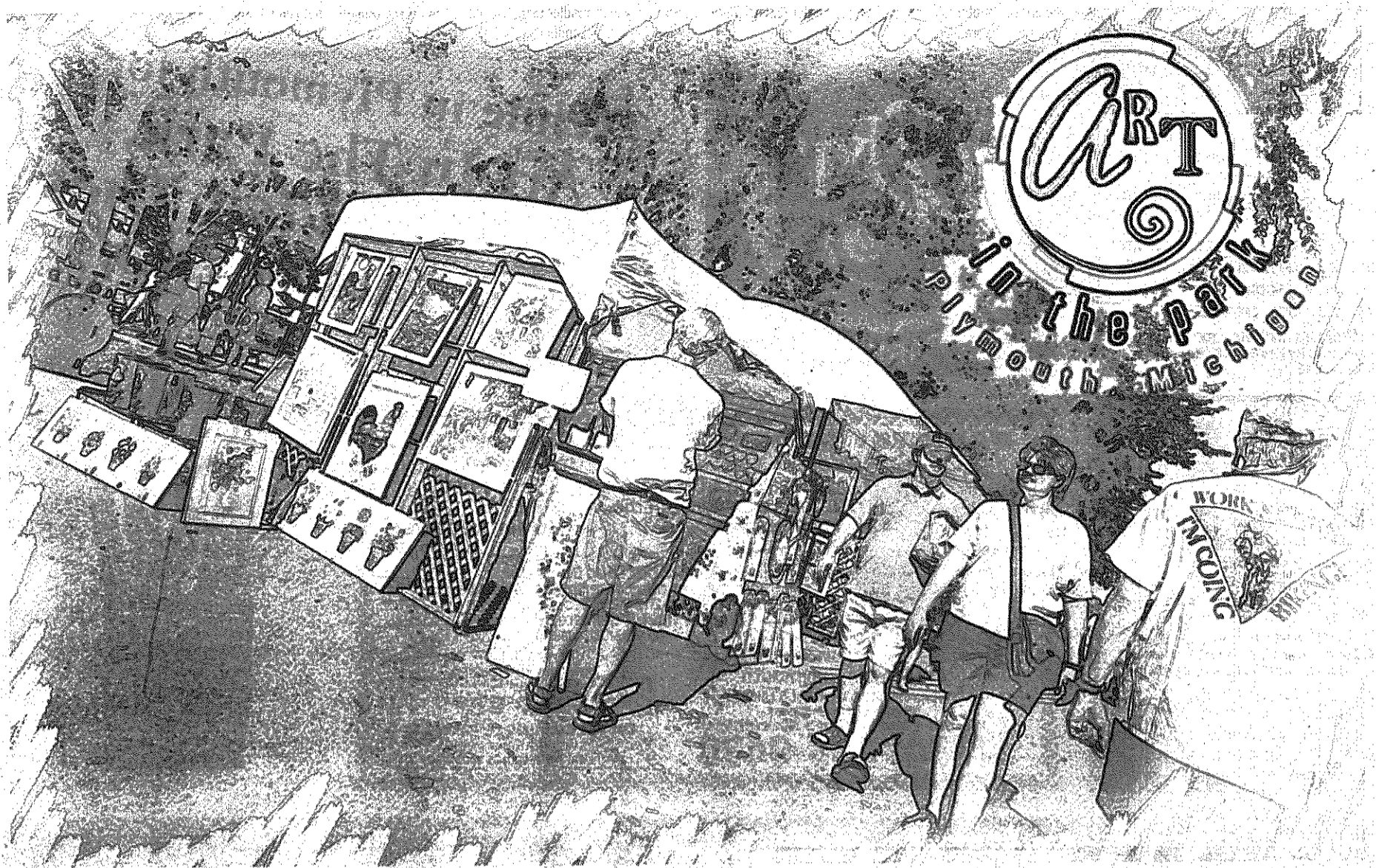
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 Fred Albrecht (222 Corkers)
 Dave Alger (400 Fine Wood)
 Steve Anderson (318 Sculpture)
 Lisa Anderson (385 Jewelry)
 Mary Arkush (143/144 Art Wear)
 Paula Ashley (280 Floral Art)
 Richard Backer (364 Sculpture)
 David Badgett (128/129 Wood)
 Patsi Barker (214 Quilts)
 Jill Barnes (386 Ceramics)
 Heidi Barron (347 Glass)
 Wayne Belke (46 Wood)
 David Bell (120/121 Wood)
 Robert Bellavia (369 Etching)
 Ray Berger (325 Metal Sculpture)
 Carole Berhorst (159 Ceramics)
 William Berkompas (433 Drawings)
 Barbara Bettag (226 Sculpture)
 Wayne Bihler (307/308 Sculpture)
 Mitch Billeter (374 Clay Sculpture)
 Gregg Billman (229 Painting)
 Mark Billman (327 Jewelry)
 Jane Billman (230 Painting)
 Kevin Birchfield (200 Soap)
 Joyce Birchler (244/245 Glass)
 Lisa Blakeney (211 Art Wear)
 Doreen Blasier (127 Metal)
 Matthew Boa (274-275 Jewelry)

Karen Boals (228 Art Wear)
 Gary Bobofchak
 (43/44 Photography)
 Kathleen Bolan (146 Jewelry)
 Peggy Bonbrisco
 (430 Antique Linens)
 Martin Borja (175 Sculpture)
 Beth Bosman (389 Jewelry)
 Allan Bovee (140 Photography)
 Marianne Brennan (314 Jewelry)
 Carl Buehler (322 Jewelry)
 Charise Bundesen (429 Painting)
 Nancy Bundy (78 Jewelry)
 Catherine Bur (199 Ceramics)
 Jennifer Burt (102 Glass)
 Susan Burton (406 Calligraphy)
 Nina Cambron (224 Glass)
 Gene Cantrell (215 Rugs)
 Carol Caron (145 Leather)
 Susan Case (302 Photography)
 Beth Casmon (212 Garden Items)
 Linda Cearbaugh (202 Quilts)
 Roger Chase (323 Photography)
 Pam Chatley (45 Painting)
 Migi Cherif (362 Painting)
 Victoria Chester (42 Art Wear)
 Amy Cicchini (421 Glass)
 Diane Cimbalik (164 Furniture)
 David Clevenger (289 Wood)
 Wayne Clow (118/119 Furniture)
 Nancy Cody

(22 Home Furnishings)
 Durwood Coffey (136 Painting)
 Jeanne Coleman (234 Ceramics)
 Richard Collopy (299 Painting)
 Jana Conger (235 Painting)
 Chris Connelly (151 Sculpture)
 Eric & Trudi Cooper (306 Jewelry)
 Lynne Corrie (326 Glass)
 Shirley Couture (295 Jewelry)
 Cindy Crawford
 (62/63 Home Accessories)
 Beth Cumbo (293 Painting)
 Nicole Currier (60/61 Jewelry)
 Bebin Cypher (169 Ceramics)
 Meg Czechowski (340 Floral)
 Cathy Davis (336 Jewelry)
 Evie Davis (64 Art Wear)
 Marilyn Davis (525 Ponchos)
 Hanna de Volska (418 Jewelry)
 Monica DeCampo (182 Ceramics)
 Deborah Delaunay (152 Metal)
 Denise DeMarchis
 (87/88 Furniture & Clothing)
 Richard Denomme
 (89/90 Photography)
 Pam DeVaney
 (524 Gourmet Foods)
 Sharon Dillenbeck (51 Painting)
 Carl Dingwell (243 Jewelry)
 Ray Doan (36/37 Photography)
 Carol Doehrman (378 Herbal Dips)

Sheryl Dombrowski
 (388 Birdhouses)
 Charles Donofrio
 (192/193 Handbags)
 Kerry Dortch (528 Puppets)
 Jimmy Dreskin (319 Jewelry)
 Douglas Durkee
 (158 Infinity Tables)
 Richard Dutilly (253 Potpourri)
 Heather Eckhardt (384 Metal)
 George Efta (16 Wood)
 David Emmons
 (27/28 Plant Rooters)
 Emily Engel (344 Sculpture)
 Kim Ensch (342 Painting)
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 Eric Evans (170 Sculpture)
 Denise Falsetti (216 Mirror)
 Renate Favour (209 Sculpture)
 Babu Terry Ferguson
 (167 Sculpture)
 Merideth Fike (116 Jewelry)
 Tracey Leigh Fisher
 (227 Furniture)
 Jill Flinn (172 Sculpture)
 Tim Flohe (335 Metal)
 James Flowers (291 Fiber)
 Tammi Floyd (204 Wood)
 Cynthia Fogliatti (130 Jewelry)

Laura Foster (435 Ceramics)
 Eleanor Fox (141 Jewelry)
 Sara Frank (331 Ceramics)
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 Mary Lou Frazier (203 Ceramics)
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 Martin Gaiti (249 Sculpture)
 John Galbo (231/232 Photography)
 Richard Galbsy (201 Photography)
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 (521/522 Name Plaques)
 Dianne Geier (138/139 Metal)
 Linda Geiger (366 Painting)
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 Elvira Germani (286 Art Wear)
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 Erin Harvey (313 Mixed Media)
 Kevin Heekin (109 Sculpture)
 Joe Hehir (390 Soaps)
 Beverly Hendrix
 (105/106 Art Wear)
 Ann Henning (530 Sand Art)
 Kate Hetzel (260 Glass)
 Pauline Hibbard (83 Art Wear)
 Sonja Hietikko (155 Sings)
 Gail Hiller (413 Ceramic)
 Pamela Hoehn (248 Herbal Soaps)
 Jim Hogenson (154 Ceramics)
 Nita Holt (300/301 Painting)
 Glenda Hopp (163 Garden)
 Jill Howard (12 Herbal Alchemy)
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 Paul James (242 Photography)
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 William Jenkins (355 Glass)
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 (257 Gourmet Food)
 Donald Johnson
 (189 Personalized Signs)
 Nels Johnson (72 Photography)
 Matt Johnson (333 Jewelry)
 Judy Johnston (360 Baskets)
 Jillian Jones (424/425 Art Wear)
 Hilda Jones (359 Glass)
 Tammy Jones (412 Jewelry)
 Marilyn Joy (103 Jewelry)
 Page Kaczynski (285 Jewelry)
 Margaret Karlin (162 Ceramics)
 Mary Kastelin (219 Wood)
 Jan Kaulins (171 Photography)
 Steve Kender (126 Neckties)
 David Key (25 Garden Benches)
 Jeff King (251 Ceramics)
 Stanley Klein (328 Photography)
 Richard Kolb (297/298 Sculpture)
 Linda Krause (296 Polar Fleece)
 Leslie Krist (284 Ceramics)
 Maxim Krivelev
 (264 Ceramic Eggs)
 Lisa Kull (265 Jewelry)
 Joyce Kuretzky (266 Painting)
 Holly Laginess (84 Lamps)
 Theresa Lannen (377 Painting)
 Debbie Lapratt (294 Ceramics)
 Julianne Lardas (250 Painting)
 James Lardas (8/9 Wood)
 Dan Lary (531 Candle Making)
 Bill Lasher (110 Wood)
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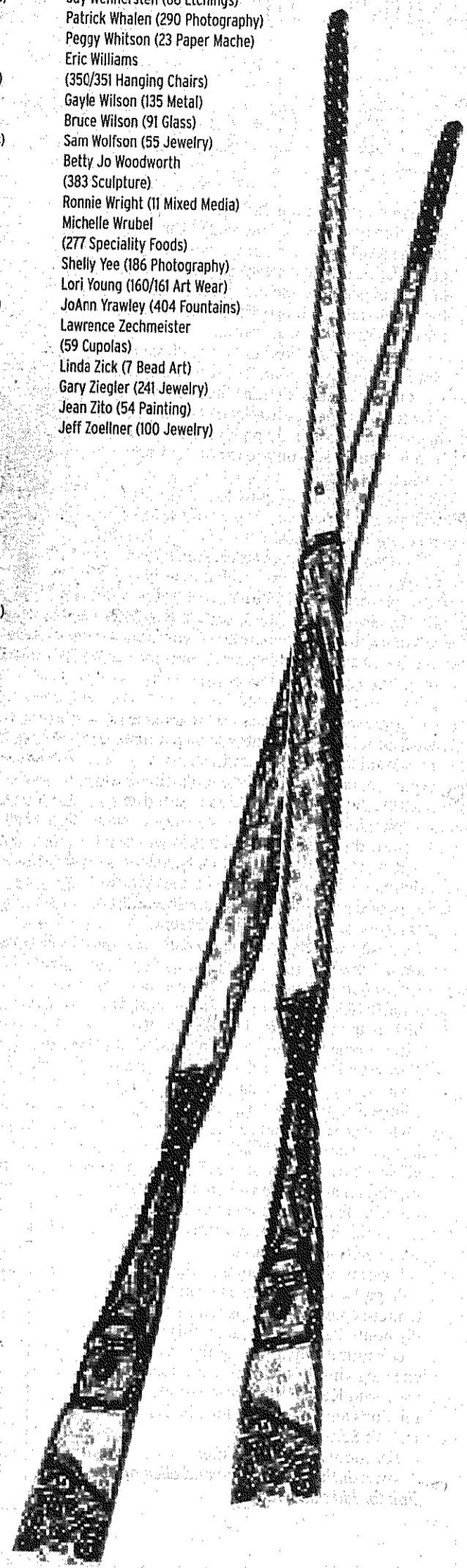
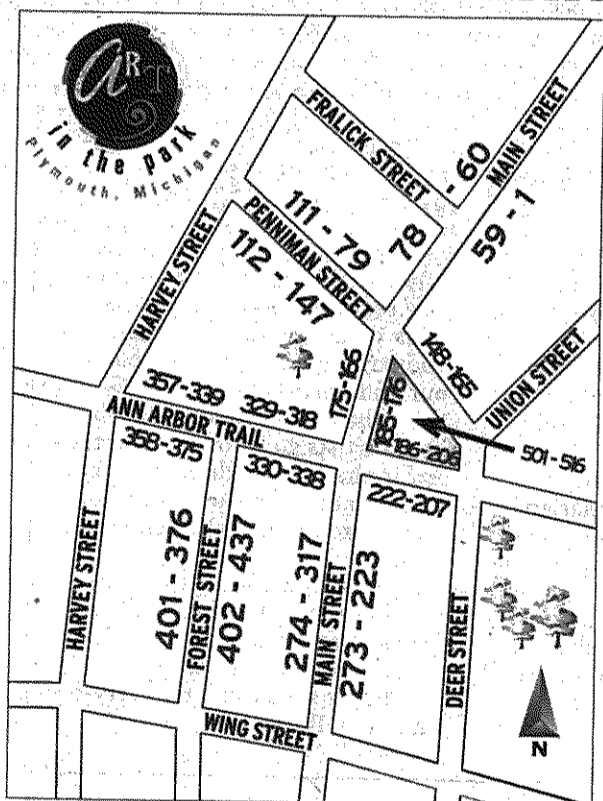
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 Susan Loy (76 Calligraphy)
 Jan Lucking (283 Wood)
 Mary Lychuk (111 Jewelry)
 Shannon Macklin (205/206 Metal)
 Michael MacManus (391 Jewelry)
 Thomas Mahard (180 Sculpture)
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 (254 Home Furnishings)
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 Nick Mamula (40/41 Tapestries)
 Barb Mann (408 Jewelry)
 Patti Marmion (329 Stained Glass)
 Penny Martin (96 Wall Art)
 Sarah Martin (393 Art Wear)
 Paul Mason (74 Metal)
 Diana Master (132 Painting)
 Lauren Matusko (282 Jewelry)
 Shari Mauer
 (98/99 Engraved Wood)
 Todd Maurer (263 Photography)
 Mandy Maye (437 Art Wear)
 Becky Mazur (71 Jewelry)
 Carol McCrady (147 Painting)
 Brian McKelvey (422 Pen & Ink)
 Donna McMullen (178 Jewelry)
 Robert Mefford (315 Signs)
 Cathy Meier (387 Jewelry)
 Judith Merckling (149 Ceramics)
 Tom Messenger
 (107/108 Miniatures)

Debra Metier (221 Art Wear)
 Sarah Metzwood
 (303/304 Painting)
 Margaret Micael (317 Painting)
 Jeffrey Michael (52 Music)
 Amy Millsbaugh (267 Ceramics)
 Jim Mindy (341 Timepieces)
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 Paul Montecalvo (53 Photography)
 Lucy Moore (519/520 Fiber)
 Brian Morrow (131 Baskets)
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 Steve Munn (123/124 Furniture)
 Bela Nagy (394 Glass)
 Ted Nelson (343 Photography)
 Jeffrey Nelson (85 Wood Inlay)
 Susan Nestor (428 Jewelry)
 Melodie Nichols (395 Jewelry)
 Marv Nicholson (515 Puppets)
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 Janice Novachcoff
 (409 Wall Hangings)
 Donna Nowak (532 Airbrush)
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 Janice Pease (419/420 Furniture)
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 Maria Pfropper (375 Painting)
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 (356/357 Furniture)
 Leona Rush
 (29 Digital Photography)
 Jackie Russo (26 Mosaic)
 Rex Rutherford
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 John Rzeszutek (113/114 Wood)
 Gimt Sabaliauskas (21 Ceramics)

Susan Sadler (334 Art Wear)
 Kathy Sandberg (324 Ceramics)
 Gerald Sanders (133 Metal)
 Tina Sartin (372/373 Art Wear)
 Shinichi Sato (73 Painting)
 Duane Scherer (190/191 Clocks)
 David Scherer (97 Clocks)
 Jan Schilling (423 Painting)
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 Sharon Scholl (407 Pillows)
 Jean Schultz (15 Mirrors)
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 Dong Shang (179 Painting)
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 Diana Shaw (270 Stained Glass)
 Margaret Shaw (252 Painting)
 Kathy Sheldon (142 Paper)
 Ann Shepard (213 Jewelry)
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 Janey Short (34/35 Ceramics)
 Kari Siirala (233 Handbags)
 Grant Sims (239 Photography)
 Kathy Sinelli (381 Furniture)
 Donna Skinner (198 Teddy Bears)
 Paddy Skwira (92 Ceramics)
 Judy Smith (240 Silhouettes)
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 Chuck Snelling
 (523 Childrens Playtents)
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 (533 Candy Sticks)
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(218 Gourmet Foods)
 Jay Wennersten (86 Etchings)
 Patrick Whalen (290 Photography)
 Peggy Whitson (23 Paper Mache)
 Eric Williams
 (350/351 Hanging Chairs)
 Gayle Wilson (135 Metal)
 Bruce Wilson (91 Glass)
 Sam Wolfson (55 Jewelry)
 Ron Schmidt (379 Metal)
 Betty Jo Woodworth
 (383 Sculpture)
 Ronnie Wright (11 Mixed Media)
 Michelle Wrubel
 (277 Speciality Foods)
 Shelly Yee (186 Photography)
 Lori Young (160/161 Art Wear)
 JoAnn Yrawley (404 Fountains)
 Lawrence Zechmeister
 (59 Cupolas)
 Linda Zick (7 Bead Art)
 Gary Ziegler (241 Jewelry)
 Jean Zito (54 Painting)
 Jeff Zoellner (100 Jewelry)

ART IN THE PARK



Kids create colorful mural for Science Center

Plymouth Art in the Park will have something for everyone whether you're three or 13. The 23rd annual event will not disappoint young attendees with an impressive line-up of activities including the chance for kids to add their artistic flair to a mural for the Detroit Science Center.

According to Art in the Park co-director Raychel Rork (who manages the event with her mother Dianne Quinn) the opportunity to collectively paint a 10- by 6-foot mural has grown increasingly popular each year and is a "must see" on the list of Art in the Park attractions.

"It's exciting knowing what they create will become a permanent part of the science center," said Rork.

This year the mural was created with a science theme to fit in nicely as a permanent piece at the science center. Local artist Kristie Good was invited to create the original mural that more than 1,000 children will help paint. The picture features astronomy, biology, earth science and images related to sight and sound.

Good, who took classes and worked at D&M Art Studio in Canton, also painted the mural for the 2001 Art in the Park event which featured children playing in a park. That piece was donated to Children's Hospital in Detroit.

"I was there for the unveiling. It was really great," said the 2000 Plymouth Salem High School alumni who is currently working on a degree in computer science and mathematics at Grand Valley State University. Good wants to be a teacher after graduation.

The chance to paint a portion of the mural is free of charge. "Art in the Park is thrilled about the New Detroit Science Center being the recipient this year," said Dianne Quinn, Art in the Park director. "It is truly a magical learning environment for children."

There are numerous other activities designed to interest kids including sand art, edible candy art, candle making, face painting and an artist who will offer airbrush tattooing featuring more than 180 designs. Rork said these activities have a nominal fee associated with them.

The mural can be found in the heart of Kellogg Park. "The New Detroit Science Center is pleased to be partnering with Plymouth Art in the Park on this year's children's mural, which will bring art and science together in such a fun and creative way," said Kelly Fulford, director of public relations and marketing for The New Detroit Science Center.

For more information visit www.artintheparkinc.com and click on the link for kid's activities.



BRYAN MITCHELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Children add to the annual mural project last year in Kellogg Park. Each year, the finished mural is donated to a different public facility. This year, the Detroit Science Center will receive the project.

Young artists to sell their work in Kellogg Park

Ten-year-old Paige Bishop is putting the finishing touches on more than 100 fairies she's created for Plymouth Art in the Park.

The Bird Elementary School student says she'll try her hand for the first time next week selling her work at one of 14 booths featuring children artists.

According to Raychel Rork, co-director of Plymouth Art in the Park, the response has been phenomenal to have kids sell their work.

The booths will be in Kellogg Park near the fountain and features everything from painted

boxes and personalized bracelets to three-dimensional fairies and painted clay animals.

"I go to Art in the Park every year and thought it would be fun to sell something myself," said Bishop who plans to use the money she earns for college.

"I want to be a veterinarian." The daughter of Annette and Jim Bishop of Plymouth says she was inspired to make the fairies after seeing a similar version of the design somewhere else but she put her own twist on the doll by using flower petals, thread and wire.

Rork said young artists were also required to submit paperwork regarding their medium and pay a fee. "It was less than our adult artists but this gives them the chance to see what the other artists go through," said the Art in the Park co-director. "They learn that part of their profits have to go to things like entry fees."

Some of the other attractions for children will include balloons, clowns, sand art, candy art, airbrush tattooing and more.

"There's something for everyone," said Rork.



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
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The back-to-nature setting helps the Royal Oak Outdoor Art Fair stand out. The fair combines fine art from 105 artists with a natural setting, Memorial Park.

Local art fairs a contrast of styles and substance

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Two art fairs, two towns, two distinct styles.

The Royal Oak Outdoor Art Fair July 12-13 combines fine art from 105 artists with a natural setting, Memorial Park.

It's a clear contrast to the Farmington Art on the Grand art fair July 17-19, which places a fine art fair in the middle of the community-wide Farmington Founders Festival.

ROYAL OAK OUTDOOR ART FAIR

Keeping the number of artists to a manageable number, around 100 each year, is a key feature of this municipal art fair, in its 33rd year.

"It's a comfortable number for the park. Everybody gets to be in the shade, it's comfortable for the artists," said Lorna Wildon, art fair chairwoman and president of the Royal Oak Arts Council. The Sunshine Artists collective has named the art fair one of the top 50 fairs nationwide.

Some art fairs reach out to kids or offer other activities to keep everyone happy. But not this one.

"Kids might like it if they're into art," Wildon said. "We have three or four food vendors. We're a fine arts show. We don't really have crafts type things."

The fair presents artists who work in clay, glass, metal and wood, plus a range of paintings.

"We have an artist from Canada who does stone sculptures of animals; we have outdoor sculptures of metal, we have a painter who does huge paintings of flowers," she said.

One artist new to the fair does life-size soft sculptures of people.

The back-to-nature setting helps the event stand out. "It's under the trees, there's really plenty of space. Once we get an artist at our fair, they usually want to come back," Wildon said.

FARMINGTON ART ON THE GRAND

Now in its third year, Art on the Grand has become an established addition to the Farmington Area Founders Festival.

The fair happens in Memorial Park across from the Farmington City Hall. It features 32 artists showing fine art including sculpture, paintings, fiber, jewelry, photography and mixed media. Members of the Farmington Artist Club also exhibit their work in the large tent staffed by the club.

David Boyer, Farmington Hills director

A TALE OF TWO ART FAIRS

Royal Oak Outdoor Art Fair

Where: Memorial Park, Woodward Avenue at 13 Mile Road.

When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 12; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 13

Parking: There is a municipal parking lot just east of the park on the northeast corner of Coolidge and 13 Mile roads. Shuttle parking is also available; watch for signs along Woodward near the park.

Farmington Art on the Grand

Where: Memorial Park, Grand River at Farmington Road.

When: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 17-19.

Parking: Free shuttle buses run from Farmington High School, 32000 Shiawassee, to Founders Festival sites including Art on the Grand.


of special services, said what's special about Art on the Grand "is probably the variety we have, whether it's glass or pottery or flat art. It's in a small area, but a lot of artists say they enjoy this show more than Ann Arbor. They are able to talk to the people."

Balloon art, face painting, and free hands-on arts and crafts are free for kids.

Live entertainment in the park features:
Thursday, July 17 — 11 a.m. to noon and 4-5 p.m., Shakespearean acting vignettes; 6:30-8:30 p.m., Jeremy Kittel, 2000 U.S. Fiddling Champion.

Friday, July 18 — 11 a.m. to noon, Shakespearean acting vignettes; 1:30-3 p.m., Mark Moultrup Group, jazz; 2-7 p.m., Balloon Man Dan & Lovely the Clown; 3-6 p.m., Maurice the Art Critic, wandering entertainer; 4-6 p.m., Truth, smooth jazz; 7-9 p.m., Paul Ventimiglia & Friends, Billboard Magazine's 1999 Jazz Composer of the Year.

Saturday, July 19 — 11 a.m. to noon, Shakespearean acting vignettes; 1-7 p.m., Balloon Man Dan & Lovely the Clown; 1-4 p.m., Rodeo Joe, wandering entertainer; 1-2 p.m., Shakespearean acting vignettes; 3-5 p.m., Sheila Landis Trio, 2003 Jazz Vocalist, Detroit Music Awards; 5-8 p.m., Groucho Marx, wandering entertainer; 6:30-9 p.m., Dan Rafferty Band, classic oldies.



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Pure Picks

Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda, we present our top picks for the week, "Filtered" just for you.



Concert The eerie feedback and layered guitars of LA's **Black Rebel Motorcycle Club** are enough to make you forget that this is the same city that produced Motley Crue.

Thank goodness BRMC's Peter Hayes, Robert Turner and Nick Jago were influenced by The Stone Roses, The Jesus and Mary Chain and The Velvet Underground branch of rock instead of Poison, Warrant and Whitesnake. Catch them Sunday, July 13, at the Shelter, 431 E. Congress St., Detroit. All ages. Doors open at 8 p.m. \$12.

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Festival

Detroit presents the 2003 **Concert of Colors** Friday, July 11 to Sunday, July 13 at Chene Park. Like always, a wide diversity of music is the center of the festival. Hear jazz, reggae, blues, rock, drum circles and everything in between. Highlights include: War, 9 p.m. Friday, Main Stage; Robb Roy, Saturday, Diversity Stage; Bo Diddley, Sunday, Main Stage. For a full schedule of the free event and information on before and after parties check out: <http://www.accesscommunity.org/index.cfm?location=100&subsectionid=91>.

Chene Park is located at 2600 Atwater St, at the corner of Chene and Atwater in Detroit.

Web site

While researching the history of housing projects in Detroit, I stumbled across possibly the most addicting Web site on the Internet - **DetroitYES!** "Home of the Fabulous Ruins of Detroit."

The site recounts the city's past by exploring its ruins. Run by artist Lowell Boileau, it is set up to take visitors on a number of themed virtual tours through the city and in-depth history of its buildings - and all of it is very fascinating.

Visitors can discuss everything Detroit in the forums and the site provides a link to Soulful Detroit, which provides a tour of soul music in Detroit.

The site is chucked full of information and history on landmarks - from printable maps of Detroit ruins to an overall history of the city and population movements - in fact, so much information (over 700 pages of it) that it's impossible to include an overview of everything in this space.

Point your browser to <http://detroityes.com> or <http://soulfuldetroit.com>.

Album

Ever since that red and white Detroit duo made it onto the mainstream radar, two-piece bands have been popping up all over the place.

London-based duo **The Kills** are one band worth the hype, even though they sound scarcely like the Stripes. In fact, the group's debut record

"**Keep your Mean Side**" (out now on Rough Trade) is a perfect remedy for a Yeah Yeah Yeahs hangover.

Alison Mosshart and Jamie Hince bang and crash through 12 scuzzy tracks on "Mean Side." Mosshart's heavy voice (it sounds like she took singing lessons from P.J. Harvey) is set over guitar work that sounds more like a punk version of roots music than an updated version of the blues. The record's best tracks, *Kissy Kissy* and *Superstition*, are full of spiraling circular guitars and guttural musings. Available at local record stores.

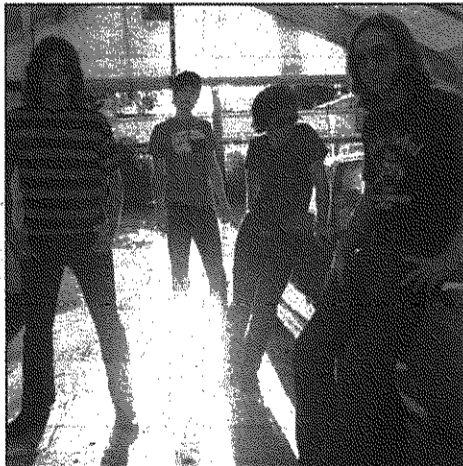
The Kills will appear with local band Cyril Lords at 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 23 at the Magic Stick, 4120 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Doors open at 8 p.m. Cover is \$8.



Local band

The Go are proof that Detroit rock 'n roll will never die. After being signed and then immediately dropped by indie label Sub Pop after their first record was released, the band has returned on Lizard King Records with a self-titled release. The glam rockers have been compared to MC5 and T. Rex and are influenced by current bands like the Detroit Cobras and the Dirtbombs - the Go are pure Detroit soul revival rock. And it's slinky, loud and here to stay. Pick up the album at Tower Records in Birmingham.

The Go will play August 15 at the Magic Stick in Detroit. Tickets and show time to be announced. For more information, call (313) 833.9700 ext. 203 or check out <http://www.majesticdetroit.com>.



This week's Pure Picks was written by Stephanie Tardy. Got an idea for Pure Picks? To submit information on local entertainment or other ideas to be featured in this space, e-mail her at stardy@homecomm.net.

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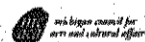
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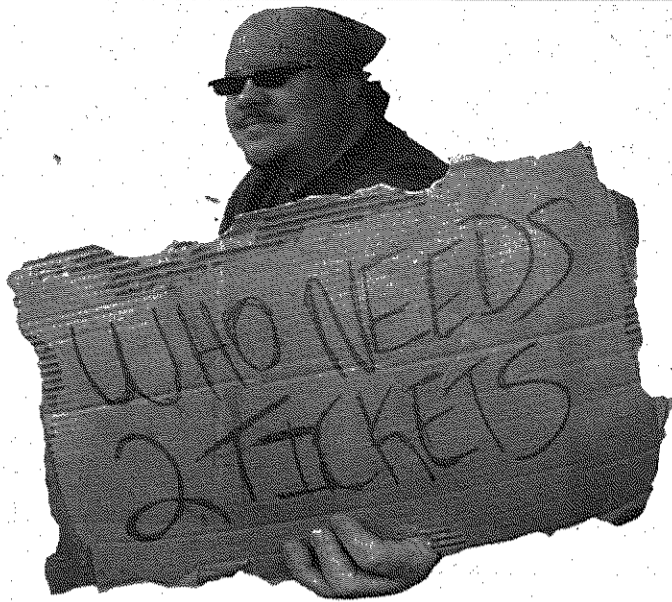
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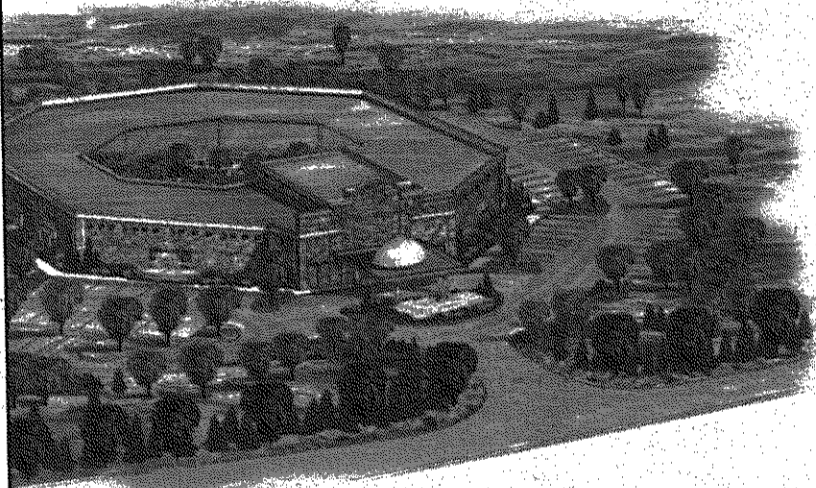
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Real Estate Inquires

Robert M. Meisner

Dog raises bone of contention

I am on the board of our condo and we received a request to keep a dog in a unit to cope with a co-owner's alleged panic disorder. She gave us documentation to show that she has a mental disability and her physician said the dog was helpful to her. Do you think we have to allow her to have a dog, which is against our policies?

While the answer isn't totally clear, many courts have ruled that community associations can be held liable for damages and attorney fees if they violate Fair Housing Laws, including failing to provide a disabled member with a reasonable accommodation. In the particular case at hand, and a similar case out of California involving an apartment resident, when the owner sued to evict the resident, she filed a discrimination complaint with the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The owner ended up paying the resident \$100,000 to resolve the case.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer. He can be reached at bmeisner@mich.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



Carol Cheatam demonstrates safety procedures that her staff follows when showing apartments. Standing between the client and the door keeps her in a safe position.

Seminar shares self-defense suggestions

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Real estate pros know a nice suit and late-model car show customers you mean business. But criminals also see your image. To them, you may look like money - an inviting target for a mugging.

"When we're out in the community, there are unfortunately a lot of situations where you can be targeted," said Lawrence "Jake" Sweeney, a former trainer of federal law enforcement officers, in a talk Wednesday before 60 real estate managers at the Skyline Club in Southfield.

The Canton author of *Practical Defense: A Personal Safety Survival Guide* said martial arts classes and firearms training may sound good when you're thinking about personal safety. But he said dabbling in either discipline won't do a potential victim much good in a real attack.

For example, a woman in a skirt and heels can't perform martial arts well, Sweeney said.

The former federal agent said he got the idea to do seminars for the public on self-defense after his wife attended such a seminar, only to be shown a few martial arts moves.

He criticized one personal safety lecturer whose fee includes the price of a nickel-plated handgun and bullets for each attendee.

"If someone has a handgun and you ask them where they keep it, they usually say the glove box in their car or a table near their bed - it's not going to help them."

"Even police officers are not proficient on firing guns, how can we expect citizens to be?" he asked. "And professionals will tell you a gun range is much different from a combat situation."

KEEP IT SIMPLE

SAFETY TIPS FOR REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS

- Follow your intuition. If you have a bad feeling about being alone with someone, you could be right.
- Upon entering a room, position yourself between the customer and the door so an escape avenue is available.
- If you feel uncomfortable with a client, use an excuse to get away: "I have to take this call."
- If threatened at gunpoint, don't allow yourself to be led to a secluded location.
- Authorities say pepper spray is effective at slowing attackers.
- If you decide to resist an assault, remember the eyes, throat and groin are good points to attack.

Sweeney said most people would benefit more from a keep-it-simple approach.

"Heed your intuition. Many people who are attacked say that prior to being attacked they had a very bad feeling."

Jerry Solomon, a real estate manager with City Elevator of Detroit, said that while he has never been attacked, "I work in some secluded areas of downtown Detroit. You never really think that type of situation will happen."

Carol Cheatam, a real estate manager with Lautrec Ltd. of Southfield, said she instructs her sales staff on safety.

"I tell them always position yourself between them and the door, when you're showing a room, so you're able to leave."

Cheatam agreed with the notion to follow your instincts.

"If a situation feels creepy, you can excuse yourself, and say, 'I have to take a phone call.'"

IN CONTROL

Sweeney said that an attacker will see opportunity in getting a victim alone.

impractical for fending off attack because you have to have one handy, then touch it to the attacker.

To protect the home from invasion, he recommends good locks and a home security service.

"When you come home you just lock the doors and put the system on," Sweeney said.

Stan Watson, property manager with Signature Associates of Southfield, said he agrees with Sweeney's keep-it-simple approach, and with going with one's instincts.

"These are things you don't think about every day," he said. Monica Kennedy, a manager with Keystone Property Management of Southfield, agreed with warnings to avoid doing business alone.

"When you make deposits you shouldn't go by yourself, you should be aware of your surroundings."

"You have to educate your staff," said Cheryl Parisi, a manager with Beacon Hill Apartments of Auburn Hills. "How many times do they go out and show a unit?"

Sweeney said it's a fallacy that women are more victimized than men. He said statistics show men are attacked twice as often.

"Police cannot advise physical resistance in every encounter," Jamie Senkbeil, Plymouth Township community resource officer, said.

But there are techniques available if you're the victim of attack. Senkbeil said a victim being held in a bear hug can rake the side of their shoe down an attacker's shins, pinch the back of the arm or inner thigh, or stomp on an attacker's foot - all to cause pain and distraction.

"This action has got to be followed up by running away," she said.

Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

'Equity lovers' go biweekly

During the first seven years of a typical 30-year mortgage, homeowners accumulate about enough equity to cover a Realtor's commission to sell their home and their moving costs.

Except for home value increases, they are unlikely to realize huge home equity gains unless they either choose shorter-term mortgages for subsequent purchases or voluntarily decide to accelerate equity growth.

True to my style, let me "shock and awe" you with another revelation that over a standard 30-year mortgage term, borrowers won't experience principal-to-interest parity until their 222nd payment.

They will make payments for more than 18 years before they begin paying more monthly principal than interest.

You may build equity faster by adding extra money with each of your monthly payments or by adding another full payment each year. The problems then become personal discipline and lender accountability.

Too often, especially with adjustable mortgages and loans with escrow accounts, your payments aren't correctly applied, thus rendering your efforts fruitless.

A solution is to choose a biweekly payment schedule. Such programs typically allow you to make half of your normal monthly mortgage payment every other week, making 26 half payments per year.

The increased frequency and the extra annual payments can help 30-year borrowers to pay off their mortgages about seven to 10 years earlier while building equity about three times as fast.

Automatic bank draft features can eliminate the self-discipline factor and add huge convenience to the process.

Unfortunately, most lenders don't offer biweekly mortgage plans because their increased workload would dramatically decrease their interest revenues from you. Expectedly, equity-conscious borrowers usually use third party biweekly programs, the best of which even add on free auditing services.

You can download a free biweekly analysis report and view an online video at www.EquityMultiplier.com. You may also find that link and relevant mortgage calculators on my Web site, www.HomeQuarters.BIZ.

If you have already taken advantage of these historically low interest rates, you can now further leverage your money. A biweekly payment program may be your ticket to owning your home in a third less time while saving thousands of dollars.

Timothy J. Phillips is a mortgage specialist and newspaper columnist. You may reach him toll free at (866) 369-4516, or via www.HomeQuarters.BIZ.

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Table listing real estate transactions with columns for address, price, city, and agent information.

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Manufactured homes evolve, attract upscale clients

BY TERI FRASER
CORRESPONDENT

Manufactured homes – a far evolution from the old-style single “trailers” customarily sought out by low-income singles and families – have attracted the upscale and middle class.

Manufactured home communities or mobile home parks, no longer called trailer parks, have developed into a multi-billion dollar industry in Michigan. Newer homes produced by the manufactured housing industry are sound, solid homes. These newer homes aren't only installed in these parks, but also in communities all over the state.

Manufactured home quality is top rate – the homes are built in factory warehouses, using

the same state and federal uniform building codes, without exposing the building materials to the outside weather, so there is less chance of warping, mold and other building pitfalls.

These homes are far less expensive than traditional homes: a three-bedroom, 2-1/2-bath, 2,000-square foot manufactured home starts pricing at about \$40,000. Manufactured homes include carpet, flooring and most kitchen appliances. There is a variety of floor plans and features – the selections are awesome.

The land choices for manufactured homes can be a bit overwhelming. Forty-five percent of manufactured homes are placed in park communities – you lease a lot from a community.

The other 55 percent are installed on private land, adding a basement or garage.

In Michigan, manufactured home regulation falls under the jurisdiction of the Mobile Home Commission, a state commission formed to regulate the various aspects of the sale, installation and business practices of broker/dealers, retailers, installers and park communities.

The commission regulations, formed under Public Act 96, follow the basic uniform construction codes and incorporate other federal and state laws, acts and statutes related to the industry.

A state-produced booklet, *The Manufactured Home Buyer's and Resident's Handbook*, is a guide to the

specifics of buying a manufactured home and leasing land in a park. All retailers and communities are required to give this booklet to prospective buyers.

All manufactured communities built in Michigan must meet or exceed the standard building codes, the same as residential communities, apartment or condominium complexes, with plans, blueprints, inspections and approvals specific to state codes and the cities and municipalities where they are built.

Retailers, brokers and dealers must have a license to sell, installers and services must have a license to install and service. Communities must have a license to operate, as do utility installers.

Many low-

income singles and families can afford to buy a manufactured home for a price within a budget and lease a lot in a park. With the usual government regulatory processes, there are glitches in the system, and due to lack of produceable tax income from the lower priced homes and rentals, the systems put in place for these communities don't get the same regulatory checks and balances as a \$200,000 per home condominium complex.

Actually, condominium regulations were included in the same statutes and class as mobile or manufactured homes, until those homeowners formed associations and coalitions to enforce laws, and lobby for better laws that give them the same rights and

protections as “regular homeowners.”

Most of the manufactured home and community standards fall under the local jurisdiction, as regulated by the Mobile Home Commission and PA 96. Unfortunately, most local building departments don't know or realize that they have jurisdiction.

Most city service departments, when asked, will state emphatically that a manufactured home park is private property, and they aren't allowed to respond to complaints from residents; they refer everyone to the Mobile Home Commission.

Most local jurisdictions have the responsibility to issue the utility and occupancy permits for all home and building construction – the same standards that apply to manufac-

ture home installation and occupancy standards.

Some local service departments balk and ignore complainants when presented with the commission's documentation that they have jurisdiction.

The sale and resale of manufactured homes is poorly regulated as are the communities and practices.

Homeowners find that banks and finance companies are willing to finance new homes, yet refuse to refinance at standard industry rates or not at all. Homeowners' insurance policies are priced higher than other sectors.

Manufactured homes, unlike the old-style “trailers” of the past, are still regulated and titled by the Secretary of State Motor Vehicle Division, not registered as regular real estate.

If a manufactured home is placed on private land, finance options are plentiful, the home appreciates in value, as does the land. The same home placed in a leased community has few options, only a few finance companies fund leased land purchases and the homes depreciate.

The Mobile Home Commission has a complaint process. Each year hundreds of consumers file complaints against retailers, installers, services and communities for breaches in the system. Most complaints take months to get response and resolution.

It is time for a major reckoning within the industry. The legislature provides for fines, sanctions and prison sentences for people and

businesses violating the laws of state. Other states have the same or similar laws, others have more stringent laws that are enforced and promoted.

Michigan state and local agencies need to reassess and refocus on servicing the communities' needs. New laws might make things better, but enforcement of the existing laws is a given. The retailers, installers and community owners and managers need to clean up and revisit the integrity of their business practices and follow the laws.

Teri Fraser is president of the Chateau Community Association. She is also chair of the Chateau Coalition of Associations Representing Manufactured Home Owners Legislative Association (MOLA) Members.

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

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services for the 2003 Clarkston Community Schools Bond Issue and Building Project.

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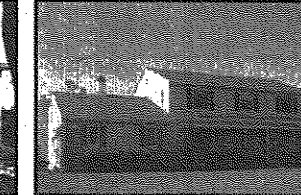
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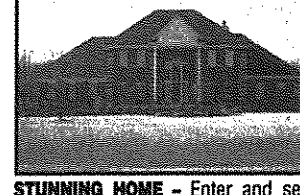
TREE-LINED STREET - This home is on a tree-lined street close to downtown Wayne & park. Two-story with 3 bedrooms, large master bedroom with master bath & 2 walk-in closets. Many updates! Basement and garage. \$149,000 (425CH)



SPOTLESS AND INVITING - Neutral, attractive 2 bedroom ranch condo in 55 and over community. Updates include vinyl windows and doorwall. Professionally updated kitchen. Appliances - newer stove, dishwasher, washer. Carport too! \$134,500 (603NE)



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CHOICE LOCATION - One of the few remaining building lots in the Plymouth/Northville area that has all utilities, private, wooded and affordable. \$159,900 (00VLA)



GREAT INCOME PROPERTY - Income property in neighborhood with lots of new construction. Two bedrooms, new carpet, paint and vinyl siding. Don't wait on this one. \$59,000 (592RD)



NORTH GARDEN CITY - Spacious floor plan offering 3 or 4 bedrooms, living & dining room w/cove ceilings & arched doorways. Large kitchen. Updated bath, partially finished basement, new siding, furnace, C/A & windows. \$129,900 (440DO)



LARGE LOT - This beauty boasts a huge near 1/2 acre lot with pond & waterfall. Master bedroom with walk-in closet and jet tub. Family room with gas fireplace. Three bedrooms, 2.5 baths, basement, and 2-car attached garage. \$224,900 (157ST)



INVESTORS SPECIAL - Sold “as is.” Three bedroom ranch. Some updates include oak kitchen, roof, windows and hot water heater. Wood doors and trim. Vinyl exterior. Home has family room and some newer carpet. Come take a look. \$114,900 (540WI)



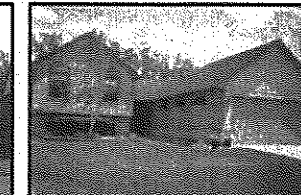
PRIVATE COUNTRY SETTING - Huge 7 acre lot with pole barn and horse barn with 2 stalls. Updated kitchen with granite counter, Kohler sinks, and all appliances included. Great room addition in '99 with knotty pine vaulted ceiling and gas fireplace. \$474,900 (090NO)



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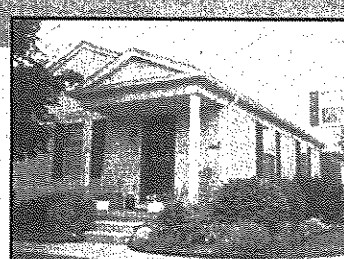
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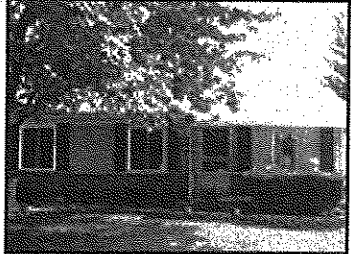
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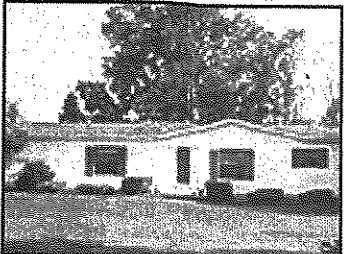
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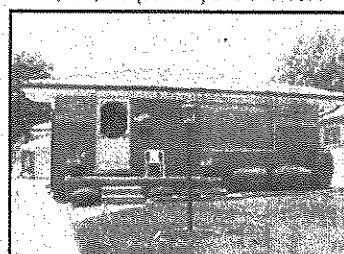
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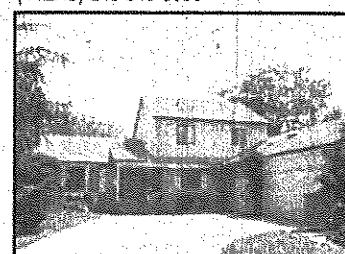
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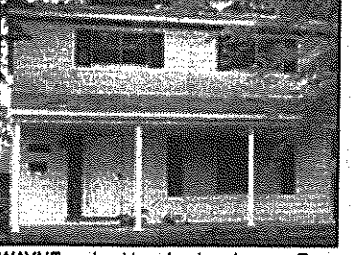
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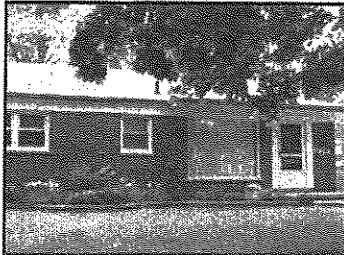
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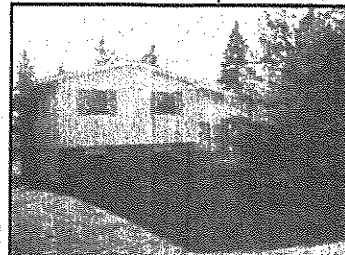
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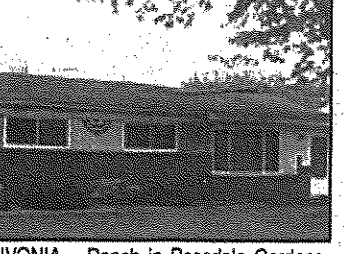
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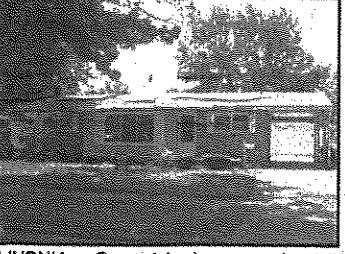
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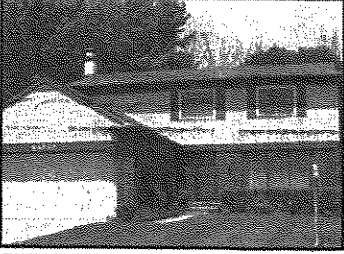
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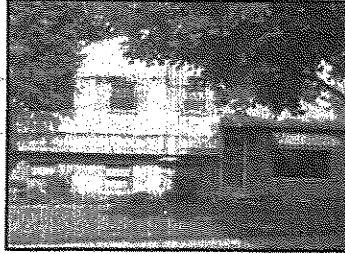
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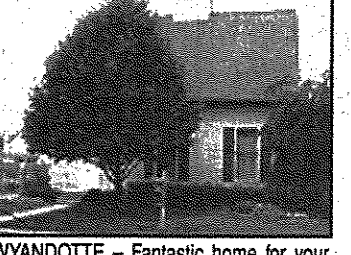
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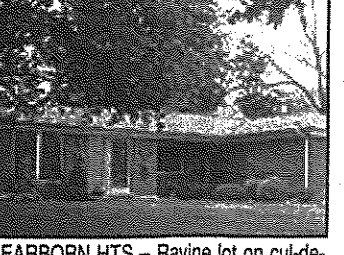
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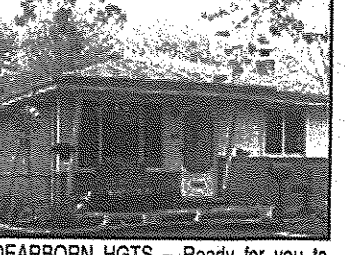
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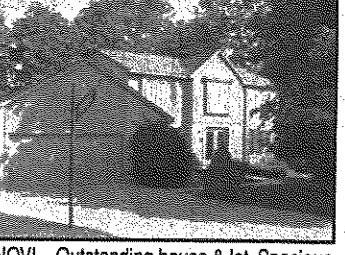
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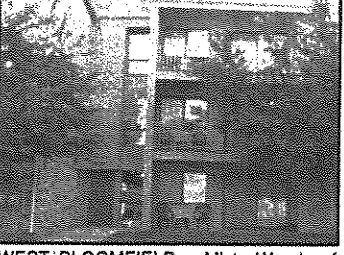
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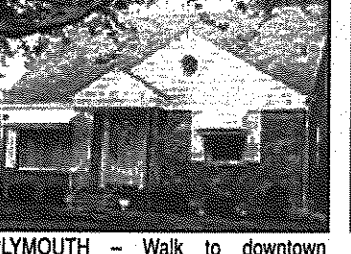
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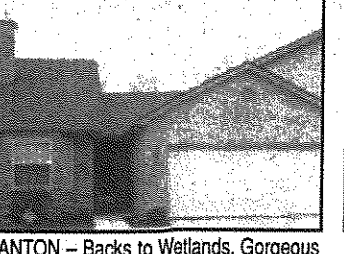
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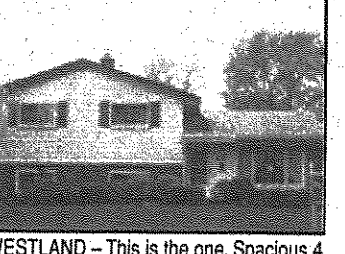
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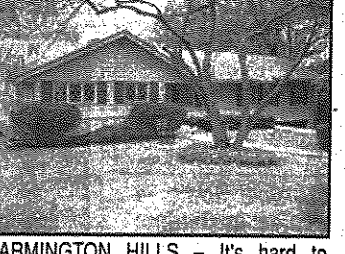
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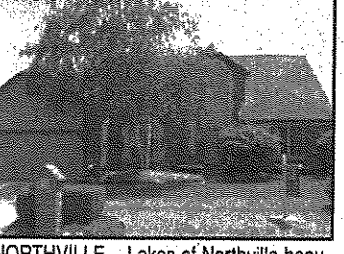
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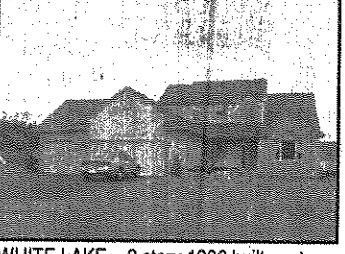
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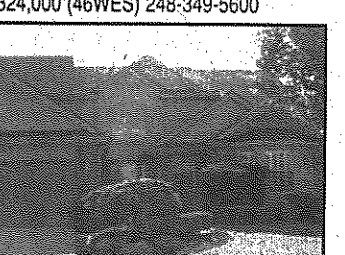
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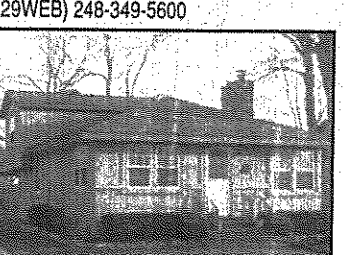
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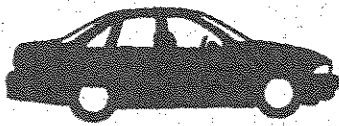
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BY DALE BUSS

My parents would love the 2003 Buick Park Avenue, with its ample interior room front and rear, its understated styling and old-school-cushy ride. Despite Buick's much-vaunted assault on the younger market, featuring spokesman Tiger Woods and all, the Park Avenue remains its flagship, and it's decidedly aimed at the pre-boomer generation.

Nevertheless, I felt that the Park Avenue - even in the \$42,000 Ultra version that I drove - came up short in a few ways that would be disappointing to its target market for early retirees-and-up.

There's a lot of good stuff to report about the Ultra version of the Park Avenue. Overall, the car's exterior styling is a model of moderation, whose picture could be in the dictionary next to the word "sedan." It sports clean lines, a low-hung stance and an assertive but not aggressive appearance.

But Ultra reaches into Buick's past for clever design cues including a "waterfall" grille, tri-shield Buick insignia and chrome-plated exhaust tips, plus - most notably - the classic front-fender VentiPorts portholes. The portholes first appeared on Buicks in 1949, were discontinued in the Eighties, and now are found again exclusively on the Ultra.

Other nice touches include 17-inch chrome-plated alloy wheels, replacing the previous 16-inch wheels. One design touch that I thought was a misstep: the brushed finish on the front window frames struck me as an inexpensive-looking clash with the exterior's other classy strokes.

Performance-wise, the supercharged 3800 V6 engine was very much up to the task of propelling this full-size sedan smartly down the road. Fuel economy is an impressive 18 mpg in the city and 28 mpg on the highway.

Ultra made good use of the standard Gran Touring



Park Avenue Ultra is one of the roomiest cars available.

package that features a specially tuned suspension and a rear stabilizer bar. Handling was excellent for a car this big, and I especially appreciated that Ultra well kept a true course in the midst of rapid acceleration after taking a corner.

The ride was a bit sumptuous for my taste, but I could well imagine my parents and their good friends Art and Alice setting off from Wisconsin on one of their thousand-mile road trips and loving the experience of driving and riding in an Ultra for the whole time. They'd also be thrilled that, as advertised, Ultra is one of the roomiest cars available.

The driver's seat is marvelously ample. The front passenger's seat is, too, as Ultra's design takes pains to restrain the dashboard and glove compartment on the passenger's side, which isn't the case in many vehicles today. And in an era when, in most cars, rear passengers still seem to be a bit of an afterthought, there's an awful lot to be said for the spaciousness of Ultra.

Overall, however, I found Ultra's interior to be a mixed bag. In addition to the roominess, I appreciated the leather upholstery; the big doors that made getting in and out very easy; the low profile that also facilitated entering and exiting the vehicle; dual sun visors with extensions that shield glare from almost every conceivable angle; the presence of a sunroof; the simple logic of the climate controls; and the fact that

Buick chose to label almost all the controls with actual words instead of only with those little icons whose very proliferation makes it increasingly illogical that the symbol itself actually communicates anything to the user. Thus, for example, I was overjoyed to see a switch labeled "heated seat" right with the icon that tried to represent a car seat with heat coils.

I also especially liked a couple of aggressive features of Ultra. One was the blinking red lights in your rearview mirror that tell you when you're backing up. The other was Ultra's use of the head's up display: I found the feature helpful after I got accustomed to it.

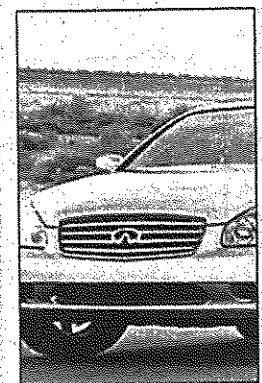
However, a number of aspects of Ultra's interior I couldn't warm up to. One of them is the flimsy compartment covers on the center consoles - they aren't up to the standards of a near-luxury sedan. Another is the fact that the front passenger side has an open slot between the seat and the seat back, big enough not only for coins and pens to slide through but also cell phones; it was an annoying oversight.

Yet, while I can't see Ultra in my near future of car ownership, I can certainly understand why it is helping Park Avenue continue to appeal to Buick's core retiree market.

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