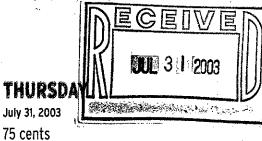
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Scholarship

Officials at American Legion Post No. 390 of Plymouth awarded a \$5,000 scholarship to Canton High School graduate Angela Tablac. Tablac, who plans to go to Northwestern and pursue a journalism career, maintained a 4.0238 gradepoint average graduated first in her class and edited the school newspaper.

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Splitz Gymnastics USA will celebrate the fifth annual National Gymnastics Day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2. There will be many activities planned at Splitz including a flip-athon, moon bounce, face painting, giant obstacle course, demonstration from optional gymnasts, food, raffles and more. Splitz Gymnastics is located at 8745 Old Lilley Road, Canton. All proceeds will be donated to Children's Miracle Network.

Blues fest

The Lower Town Grill in Plymouth will be the site of the Lowertown Blues Fest to benefit the Detroit Music Awards Show in April 2004. The blues festival takes

place at Lower Town Thursday, Aug. 7, with doors opening at 6 and showtime at 7:30 p.m. The show will feature

Wixom Slim & The Wyze Gyze, Shirley Franklin and Delta Drive, the Sax Maniacs, Jerry Mack and the Terraplanes, Stoney Mazur and the Westsiders and Val Ventro and the Motorcity V8. Thayrone X of the Bone Conduction Blues Show will

Sponsors include Lower Town Grill, the Motor City Music Foundation, the Blues Society, Wave Records, the Detroit Music Awards and No Cover Productions.

Admission is \$5. Lower Town Grill is located at 195 W. Liberty in Plymouth. For more information, e-mail Nancy Schoenheide at motorcitymusic@hotmail.co m or call (248) 486-3424.

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BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

Exactly on cue a white dove fluttered into the sky above NorthRidge Church, flew north for a short distance then banked and flew over the church grounds, as if following the departing hearse.

It was the final tribute to Canton Police Officer Lew

Stevens, who was killed last week when his parked police cruiser was struck from behind by a speeding car.

More than a thousand people - including hundreds of police and firefighters from as far away as Chicago - turned out for the 11 a.m. ceremony on Monday. Following the service,

PLEASE SEE MEMORIAL, A3

Original force buries one of their own

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

When Lew Stevens signed up to be a Canton Reserve police

officer in

1976, he probably

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Academy training course at Schoolcraft College that year. Over the years, most of the group went off in different directions. But a handful, including Stevens, stayed with it.

In 1978 when a full-time paid police force was formed, 15 of those volunteers went through as full-time officers.

This year, 25 years later, nine of them were still on the force

PLEASE SEE STEVENS, A3



Officers begin to fold the American flag over Officer Gordon Lew Stevens' casket at his funeral service Monday morning at NorthRidge Church.

Athletes may have to pay to participate

The procession of officers leaves NorthRidge Church.

Move would help district cut costs

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Student-athletes will be required to pay a one-time fee of \$125 to participate in Plymouth-Canton high school sports programs during the 2003-04 school

PLEASE SEE ATHLETES, A2

Eagle Scout enjoys challenge, camaraderie

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON STAFF WRITER

Ten years ago when Greg Poulos joined the Boys Scouts, his mom said she wasn't sure if her son would click with the organization and its activities. Today she finds that thought somewhat humorous as her youngest son recently attained Eagle Scout status - the highest rank that can be earned in the Boys Scouts of America.

Not only has Poulos enjoyed the challenge and camaraderie the Scouts have provided, but he's kept up with his membership in spite of moving two times before his family relocated to Canton in January 2001. "It's been a real learning experience," said Poulos. "I have enjoyed the leadership opportunities in Scouts and it has made me a more organized person."

The 17-year-old was originally a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 14 in New York.



Greg Poulos of Canton was recently awarded the honor of Eagle Scout.

Lauren Poulos said a family they socialized with were involved in the Scouts and enjoyed the outdoors.

'Camping wasn't like anything else he had ever done," said Lauren. "He didn't even have a tent or a backpack. Now 10 years later it turns out it was right up his alley."

After moving from New York to Florida, Poulos joined Troop No. 300. The Canton teen said the organization proved to be a loyal friend during the relocation process when it might otherwise have been difficult for him to make friends. He said he used the Internet to help him find a. local troop once they were settled in Canton.

His current troop, No. 854, meets at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Canton on a weekly basis where he most recently served as senior patrol leader for approximately 50 Scouts.

"It's a very boy driven and run troop," said Lauren. "That has allowed the older Scouts to take on different leadership roles and although they've run into some issues in the troop it has forced them to learn from their mistakes. That's been a good experience all around for

Greg and the other boys. Poulos said the most fun he's had has centered around their campouts. "I like roughing it and getting back to the basics," said Poulos, who has considered serving in the military or giving ROTC a trv. "I have always liked the idea of going into the military. Maybe when I'm done with college.

For now, Poulos says he'll focus on his senior year at Canton High School and on being accepted at Michigan State University where'd he hopes to receive a degree in business and general management. In addition to Scouts, Poulos joined Venturing - a branch of the Boy Scouts for young men and women ages 14-20. It provides challenging high-adventure activities, sports, and hobbies for teenagers that teach them leadership skills and provides opportunities to teach others

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Lessenberry named HomeTown vice president scout

Journalist and educator Jack Lessenberry has been named vice president of editorial for **HomeTown Communications** Network, the parent company of the Observer & Eccentric

He replaces Jeanne Towar, who announced her retirement Monday. Lessenberry's appointment is effective Sept.

"It is a very exciting opportunity," Lessenberry said. "Papers like these are the future of journalism," he said, referring to the community newspapers published by HomeTown Communications.

Lessenberry, 51, is a member of the journalism faculty at Wayne State University and has been a writer for many national and regional publications, including Vanity Fair, Esquire, George, the New York Times, the Washington Post and the Boston Globe.

Locally, he is a contributing editor and columnist for Hour Detroit magazine, the Metro Times, the Traverse City Record-Eagle and The Toledo (Ohio) Blade. He also was a columnist for The Oakland

He holds a master's degree from the University of Michigan. His wife, Karen Lessenberry, teaches history at Groves High School in the Birmingham school district. They live in Huntington

"I intend to be a strong advocate for editorial," Lessenberry

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said of his new position.

Towar is retiring after seven years of working with HomeTown Communications Network Inc. In addition to her duties as vice president of editorial, she also served as publisher of the Birmingham Eccentric and as advertising manager of the Mirror newspapers.

Jeanne Towar has been in our business for 50 years. She started when she was 13, writing a column and working in the circulation department at the Wayne Eagle," said Phil Power, chairman of the board of HCN, the parent company of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

"Over these illustrious years, there is very little she hasn't done: editorial, sales, circulation, general management. She came to our company seven vears ago. She has been an enormous help to every phase of our newspapers and a rewarding colleague to us all. Working with a legend in her own time has been a great experience for us all, and I wish her a wonderful time in her retirement," Power

"It's with mixed emotions that I leave," Towar said. "This is a great company, but after 50 years in newspapers it's time to move on to the next phase of my life.

"We specialize in the kind of journalism that really makes a difference in the lives of our readers. I have found great satisfaction in being a part of the community as well as the finest suburban newspaper company in America," Towar added.

Towar plans to travel extensively. She'll spend time in Royal Oak, Sandcastles on the Beach (a resort in Port Austin she owns with two others) and Florida. She is the mother of five adult children, grandmother to nine and great-grandmother to four children.

"I am going to miss Jeanne's wit, practical experience and straight-forward manner. She was invaluable to the corporation and I wish her well in retirement and her other endeavors that she is involved with," said Richard Aginian, president of HomeTown.

"I am excited that we were able to attract a talented individual like Jack," he added.

"His broad range of editorial experience, including his teaching abilities, will greatly assist the corporation as we strive to put out the best damn community newspapers we know how."

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in a fun environment. The Venturing group Poulos joined currently includes 10 members who meet on a weekly basis at one another's homes under the guidance of Boy Scout leader and Venture Crew Adviser Rick Stoner of Canton.

"Greg is a fantastic young man. He'd does real well. He pretty much came right in to an elected position and got the respect of most everybody in the troop," said Stoner, a Cantón resident.

Stoner said the winter campouts in the U.P. was an example of where Poulos has excelled as a leader. "I know Greg's been really busy this summer but I'm hoping we'll be able to continue with those trips with the Venturing crew."

The 17-year-old is also active

in his church, Calvary Baptist of Canton, where he and his mom volunteer in the nursery; he's involved with a vouth group titled Young Life; he played the mellophone in the marching band his sophomore and junior years and is working as a lifeguard at the Summit in Canton during the summer and on weekends.

Although he's undecided about what he'll do with the Boy Scouts now that he's reached Eagle status, Poulos said the challenge of achieving the honor was well worth it. "It was hard work but a lot of fun."

Poulos organized a group of one dozen Scouts to identify (stencil) storm drains with volunteers from the Friends of the Rouge group in the Central Park Estates development of Canton. Poulos said he read in the newspaper volunteers were being sought to mark the drains so he decided to choose

that as his Eagle Scout project. The daylong activity took place in June 2002 and he was required to detail pre- and post-project work to submit to the Boy Scouts with his Eagle Scout application.

The project encompassed a one-mile radius of the Canton subdivision and he estimates they identified more than 100 storm drains in all.

The Eagle Scout ceremony for Poulos took place May 19 at his Canton church before his congregation, family and friends. The son of Michael and Lauren, Greg has two siblings, Adam, 23, and Gretchen, 21.

"I hope to live by the Scout oath and to maintain the morals and values that come with being a leader," said Poulos.

"I've learned so many things in Boy Scouts I can't see myself . not being a Scout leader when I'm older."

ATHLETES

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year, if a recommendation by the high school athletic directors is approved by the Board of Education.

The stipend to play an unlimited number of sports is expected to help shave \$244,000 from the athletic department budget. It's part of an overall plan by Supt. Jim Ryan to eliminate a total of \$5.6 million from this year's school district budget.

District athletic directors estimated approximately 2,000 athletes would take part in sports at the high school level. Making them pay to participate could cut that to some 1,700, which would generate at least \$212,000 in revenue. The athletic directors expect to use any overage in collected fees to cover costs for students who claim a financial hardship.

Another \$50,000 in savings is expected to be derived from curtailing transportation to weekend sporting events.

Canton High School Athletic Director Sue Heinzman said the decisions were made with the help of athletic parent advisory groups.

"It was overwhelming that parents didn't want us to

reduce any of the teams," said Heinzman, who noted the A.D.s considered cutting ninth-grade sports. "The other way we're going to help with the reduction is weekend transportation. There won't be any, unless a team qualifies for district, regional or state competition. We'll pay for that.

"We're trying to work with everyone to make this as viable, and the least painful, as we can." Heinzman added. "Hopefully, this is only a oneyear situation that will be evaluated at the end of the year."

The exceptions to the \$125 fee will be boys and girls who play on the high school hockey teams, which are fully funded by booster clubs and student fees. Heinzman said participation in hockey costs approximately \$1,000 per student.

It's not the first time Plymouth-Canton has charged students to participate in sports. Heinzman said students paid \$50 per sport, with a maximum \$100, to play during the 1991-92 season.

'We didn't want them to cut freshman teams because we want as many students to participate as possible," said Colleen Brown of Plymouth Township, vice president of the softball booster club.

"Parents jumped on the pay

to participate because it's the easiest. Hopefully, it won't last very long."

Marie Farkas of Canton, whose son Dan played defense for a successful Canton football team last year, said reality of the budget crisis is starting to set in.

"We are realistic and realize the money can only be stretched so far," said Farkas, president of the Canton football boosters. "We are committed to our kids being involved in an activity that keeps them busy from August through November. And if that includes paying to participate, or fundraising, we as a group are willing to do that to keep it a viable program."

Heinzman said the elimination of weekend transportation will mainly affect cross country, track, volleyball, wrestling, baseball and softball teams "because those are the sports that play quite a bit on the weekend, and they have invitational tournaments. The booster clubs can raise money for transportation on the weekends, if they choose to."

Ryan declined to comment on the pay-to-play recommendation, except to say the Board of Education will receive. the proposal at its Aug. 12 meeting.





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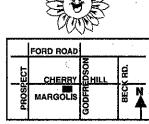
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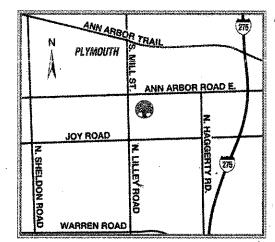


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Officer Lew Stevens, shown second from left (standing) is pictured with the first graduating class of Canton Police Reserve officers in 1976. Others pic-

tured who are still on the force are Rob Cripe (fourth from left standing) and

John MacDiarmid (fifth from left), both now lieutenants. Seated are Ken Winkler (second from left), Eddie Tanner, now a lieutenant, (fourth from left), George Sharp (sixth from left) and Bruce Roderick (last on the right).



Officers from law enforcement agencies throughout the state of Michigan stand outside NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township following Officer Stevens' funeral service. The procession left the Plymouth Township church and ended at the Summit in Canton Township for a memorial luncheon.

MEMORIAL

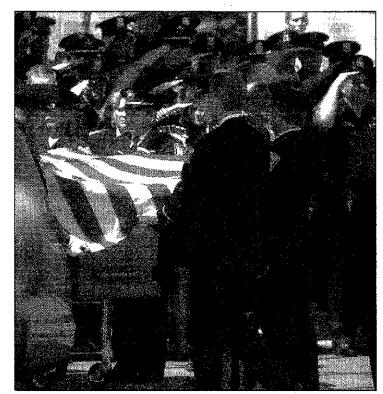
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dozens of police motorcycles and squad cars, lights flashing, drove in a ceremonial procession from the church at Ridge and North Territorial in Plymouth Township to Canton's Summit on the Park where a memorial luncheon was held. As the procession passed the police station on Canton Center Road, it moved through an arch set up by two Canton Fire trucks parked on each side of the street. The ladders from the trucks were extended over the road, forming the arch that was draped by two American flags.

'COP'S COP'

"Lou was a cop's cop," Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro told the mourners during the service. "He gave of himself not only to the community that he served, but to everyone in this room who knew him. He loved his family. He loved his profession.

On Wednesday of last week, Stevens, who had just started his shift a few minutes earlier, stopped his patrol car on Lotz Road just north of Van Born to check out a car parked in some tall grass. He returned to his vehicle to check on the status of the abandoned car through the Law Enforcement Information Network when he was struck from behind by a white Grand Prix.



Officers and family salute as the flag covering the casket is folded.

He was pronounced dead at Oakwood Hospital-Annapolis in Wayne about an hour later.

The driver of the Grand Prix, Curtis Bragg, 22, of Kentucky was charged with seconddegree murder on Saturday. He is being held without bond in the Wayne County jail. A preliminary exam is scheduled in 35th District Court on Friday, Aug. 8, before Judge John MacDonald.

Mourners began arriving at the church a couple of hours before the service was scheduled to begin. In addition to police and fire personnel from the metro area, officers came

from Grand Rapids, Howell, Kent County. Even the U.S. Customs Service was represented.

Judges John MacDonald, Ron Lowe and Mike Gerou of 35th District Court attended, along with court bailiffs and court administrator Kerry Erdman.

"We got a real good start on things at the court," Erdman said. "Everybody started early and we got through the dockets in time to allow the judges and the bailiffs to attend."

Canton Township trustees arrived in a group where they were greeted by Township

Supervisor Tom Yack and Santomauro.

But it was the ordinary cops people who had never met Lew Stevens - who were there in force. As the service got under way, two members of the Canton Police honor guard escorted Stevens' wife, Karen,

to the front of the church. Canton Police Chaplain Wayne Byrum, who had known Stevens and his wife for 17 years, officiated at the service.

GOOD ATTITUDE

"He was a very positive police officer," Byrum told the mourners. "He never talked about others. He never complained, never griped."

A somber Chris Valinski, a Van Buren Township officer, stood silently in the vestibule after the service.

"Everyone of these is different," he said of Stevens' death and the ceremony. "It's tough." For Valinski there was a spe-

cial connection. His father, Keith, of Belleville, and Stevens were close friends in high school.

After the ceremony in the church, Canton Police Sgt. Jerry Hardesty played Taps, the police honor guard rendered a 21-gun salute and the Metro Detroit Police/Fire Pipes and Drums played Amazing Grace while the flagdraped coffin was loaded into the hearse.

As the hearse pulled away and left the grounds, the dove was released, made its turn, circled over the church and disappeared from view.

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and were eligible ... or nearly eligible ... for retirement.

Dan Antieau, who was in the second class of '76 but was one of those hired in 1978, was the first to take retirement. He retired earlier this month. And then there were eight.

Stevens, who 'It was very difficult for me. was eligible, was waiting Fortunately, I got a lot of until the department switched from support from the guys who the present retirement syswere with me." tem for patrol officers to a **Detective Capt. Alex Wilson** new MERS

system, accord-

ing to colleagues. That should have taken a year to 18 months.

But last week he was killed by a car that plowed into his parked police cruiser. And then there were seven.

And those seven, the last of the original '76ers, served as pallbearers at Stevens' funeral on Monday. It was not the kind of reunion they had hoped for.

Officers George Sharp, Bruce Roderick, Ken Winkler, and Lts. John MacDiarmid, Eddie Tanner and Ron Cripe (pictured in the accompanying photo of the original graduating class) all shared in the somber duty. Davy LeBlanc, who was in the second graduwho was hired a bit later, rounded out the group.

Another veteran Canton officer, Detective Capt. Alex Wilson, who was hired on as a sergeant in 1979 and had known Stevens since then, had another difficult role to play in the ceremonies.

Wilson, a native of Scotland, is a member of the Metro Detroit Police/Fire Pipes and Drums, the bagpipe group that

played at the service.

He said the group was formed about eight months ago and has a mission statement: to perform at funeral services for police or firefighters killed

in the line of duty anywhere in the state. All members of the group are sworn police officers or firefighters.

"This was the first funeral detail at which we've per-formed," Wilson said. "We've performed at some other memorial services, but this was the first strict compliance with our mission statement."

He acknowledged it was not an easy thing to do.

"It was very difficult for me," he said.

"Fortunately, I got a lot of support from the guys who were with me."

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Gary Douglas

Services for Gary "Gaz" Douglas, 50, of Canton were July 11 in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. C. Richard Kelly Jr. of St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church. Mr. Douglas was born Oct. 20, 1952, in Washington, D.C., and died July 7, 2003. He spent most of his life traveling the world backstage in the rock and roll industry.

Surviving are his wife of 25 years, Diana; sons, Rory Paul and Ian Michael; mother, Margaret; and siblings, Steve, David, Linda and Paula.

Paul D. Cummings

Services for Paul Cummings, 65, of Plymouth Township, were held July 29 at Schrader Howell Funeral Home.

Mr. Cummings was born June 8, 1938, in Union City. Tenn., and died July 25 in Plymouth. He was a longtime resident of Plymouth, having come from Livonia as a young child. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1956, and received his master's of educational leadership from Eastern Michigan University. He was a teacher in the Plymouth-Canton school district for 10 years. He served as assistant athletic director for 15 years, then as district athletic director for 10 years. He retired six years ago. He was a past president of the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.

Survivors include wife, Patricia; children, Dawn (Michael) Walsh of Plymouth, Robin (Michael) Brown of Canton, and Robert (Lauren) Cummings of Plymouth; grandchildren, Michael and Matthew Walsh, Michael and Anthony Brown, and Morgan Cummings; sister, Sandra (Raymond) Combs of Florida; and nieces and nephews, Tammy, Joseph and Susan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Educational **Excellence Foundation Paul** Cummings Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 700061, Plymouth, MI 48170. Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Angelina Sciantarelli

Services for Angelina Sciantarelli, 82, of Winona, Minn., were held July 29 at the chapel of L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with the Rev. Lampher of St. Joseph Mercy-Ann Arbor officiating. Mrs. Sciantarelli was born March 5, 1921, in Highland Park and died July

26 at the home of her daughter. Mrs. Sciantarelli was preceded in death by her husband, John Sciantarelli.

Survivors include son. Stephen (Marilyn) Sciantarelli; daughters, Julie (Gary) Macdonald and Joan (Mark) Anderson; sisters, Nonnie Werner and Amelia Laffey; six grandchildren; and four greatgrandchildren. Share a memorial tribute with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com. Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

Edward "Eddie" Paul Hansen II

Services for Eddie Hanson. 36, of Canton Township were held July 31 at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth with the Rev. Dean Klump officiating. Mr. Hansen was born Nov. 27, 1966, in Sheridan, Mich., and died July 25. He worked as an insurance agent.

Survivors include wife, Karen Hansen; daughter, Megan Hansen; son, James Hansen; parents, Eddie (Dottie) Hanson; and Dennis (Char) Prebee; grandparents, Charles (Lillian) Wall, and Clara Fandrei; in-laws, Mike (Brenda) Fandrei; sister, Renae Hansen; sister, Rachele (Jeff) Cummings; brothers, Bobby Hansen and Eric Hansen, and five nieces and nephews. Arrangements made L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Lillian May Taggie

Services for Lillian Taggie, 87, will be held at a later date at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Please contact the funeral home for further information at (734) 453-3333. Mrs. Taggie was born April



4, 1916, in Baltimore, Md., and died July 26. She was a resident of Ann Arbor for more than 21 years. She was a for-

Mrs. Taggie was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur

mer resident of London,

Ontario, and Taylor.

and grandson, Matthew. Survivors include sons, Benjamin (Lucy) Taggie of Cape Cod, Mass., and Edward (Sandra) Taggie of Plymouth; grandchildren, April (David) Tagie Hoffman, Elizabeth Taggie, Ben Taggie and Nick Taggie; great-grandchildren, Erin, Jacob, and Julia Hoffman. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 Sheldon Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Lois Gregory

Services for Lois Gregory, 83 of Livonia were held July 30 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Mrs. Gregory was born Dec. 13, 1919, in Hasty, Ark., and died July 27 in Livonia. She came to Northville in 1942 from Arkansas and was a longtime resident of both Plymouth and Northville. Mrs. Gregory worked at Ford Motor Company for 10 years. She then worked at **Burroughs Corporation of** Plymouth for 26 years. She retired in August 1980. She enjoyed sewing and crocheting, and especially spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband of 69 years, Eldon; children, Betty Jean Mikton of Howell, Kenneth Gregory of Pontiac, and Cheri (Tim Ellis) Holman of Canton; grandchildren, Kim Poches of Howell, Kelly (Paul) Bialk of Farmington Hills, Kevin Gregory of Pontiac, Gregory Holman of Canton, and Michael Holman of Canton;

and Sarah and Bradley Bialk. Memorial contributions may be made to Marywood Nursing Care Center, 36975 Five Mile, Livonia, MI 48154.

Mathew and Christina Poches,

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

and great-grandchildren,

Darwin A. Wasmer

Services for Darwin Wasmer, 86, of Plymouth Township, were held Aug. 1 in Gilman, Ill.

Mr. Wasmer was born Oct. 29, 1916, in Gilman, Ill. and died July 27. He was a resident of Plymouth for 32 years and a former resident of Detroit. He graduated from the University of Illinois with a bachelor of science degree in engineering. He retired 21 years ago after working for 43 years at Kelsey-Hayes in Romulus. He was a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers. He was also a member of St. Kenneth Parish in Plymouth Township. He loved gardening, boating, his family, and his first love, his

cottage on Lake St. Clair. Mr. Wasmer was preceded in death by his wife, Delores; and son, Bill. Survivors include wife, Stella Wasmer; daughter, Rita (Donald) Prochot of Wheaton, Ill.; daughter-in-law, Bette Jane Wasmer of Portland, Ore.; stepson, Mark (Lorrie) Johnsen of Commerce Township; grandchildren, Noah Wasmer, Kristie Blaiser, Brienne Wasmer, Charles Andrew Wells, Christian Wells, Christopher Wells, and Hayley Johnsen; and greatgrandchildren, Mary, Charles Robert, and Jonathan Wells. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart

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OUR VIEWS

Police work is never routine

As the Canton Police Department and law enforcement agencies across the state of Michigan mourn the loss of a fallen brother it should remind us all of the valuable and unselfish role these men and women serve on a daily

The tragic death of Officer Gordon Lew Stevens serves as a painful reminder that there is nothing routine about police work. The moment an officer puts him or herself out into the community they step in harm's way whether they are checking an abandoned vehicle, answering a domestic violence call or involved in a high speed chase.

While we are all vulnerable to misfortune when we get behind the wheel or find ourselves in the "wrong place at the wrong time," police officers, soldiers and firefighters face an elevated level of pressure to perform their duties in an environment whose nature is oftentimes coupled

with danger. The family of Hazel Park Police Officer Jessica Wilson, who was shot and killed last year while answering a call about an belligerent man and his dog, are now dealing with the nightmare of a trial. The Stevens family is likely to face the same anguish in the coming months and the community and the police department will stand in support of Officer Stevens as they did this week at his memorial service. Shoulder to shoulder by the thousands.

We'd be wearing our rose-colored glasses if we said that no man or woman should have to lose their life in the line of duty again. The harsh reality is that it will happen, but that it occurs because there are unselfish individuals strangers in uniform to many of us - who are willing to risk their lives so that we continue to feel safe in our homes, schools, churches and towns.

The next time you see a firefighter or a police officer doing something you consider run-of-the-mill, remember Officer Stevens from Canton and know that there is no such thing.

State wisely lowers drunken-driving law

A new law that redefines drunken driving in Michigan should help make the streets a little safer ... and

On Oct. 1, the new legal limit for intoxicated motorists drops from a 0.10 blood-alcohol level to 0.08. The lower standard will bring Michigan in line with the vast majority of states in the nation and guarantees that a full share of federal highway funds is preserved.

Legislation lowering the DUI level was signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm on July 15 and appears to have widespread support. Although some lawmakers grumbled about linking the withholding of millions of dollars in federal road funding with the bill, perhaps that was the push our politicians needed.

Nobody likes to feel they've been blackmailed into doing anything, but this looks like a case where the end

justified the means.

Michigan's move to a 0.08 blood-alcohol level was overdue and springs from a bill Congress passed in 2000 requiring states to adopt the lower standard or forfeit some federal highway construction money.

If lawmakers hadn't acted this term, Michigan would have been penalized by some \$9 million next year.

Long-term failure to switch from 0.10 to 0.08 bloodalcohol content could have amounted to a loss of about \$272 million during the next decade.

Despite the financial pressure from the federal government, lowering the BAC level is a move more about safety than sanctions. Supporters view 0.08 as a sensible standard drivers should not exceed.

Indeed, the Michigan Restaurant Association backed the bill. The law-enforcement community, likewise, isn't anticipating a vastly increased workload when the 0.08 standard kicks in.

People who understand the consequences will ideally refrain from downing that difference-making drink or two in order to stay below the stepped-up drunken-driving threshold.

Clearly, drinking and driving is a problem that won't go away, and reducing the BAC level from 0.10 to 0.08 isn't a cure. But by insisting on a tougher standard and raising consciousness among those who choose to drink, Michigan is moving in the right direction.

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LETTERS

Defending union

Nothing I have read in the Canton Observer made my blood boil more than Phil Power's column (OEE, July 24, 2003) regarding the current auto pact negotiations.

I am a Ford Motor Company retiree retired after almost 36 years service and always was proud to wear the big blue oval, and was equally as proud to have been represented by the UAW for all those years.

Mr. Power commented "...of course the transplant plants are nonunion, which helps in all kinds of ways." Does Mr. Power know that in almost all progressive countries where autos are built (Japan, Korea, France, Italy, Germany, etc.) the workforce is almost all unionized? They do not have that 100-yearold anti-union attitude that has taken over some of the thinking in this coun-

When Ford employees are called to jury duty, the company makes up the difference in lost pay. Think that might make a defendant feel more at ease, knowing that at least ONE member of the jury does not have to worry about money lost? When a military reservist is called to active duty, his lost wages are made up while he or she is defending our country. Think that helps that person's state of mind while they are overseas? When a family member passes away, we are entitled to a bereavement pay. Think that helps ease the mind of the employee?

When a Local 845 member wears his jacket or T-shirt while shopping in Plymouth or Canton, do you think the local merchants don't know that they have more disposable income than most? They can afford to buy cars. houses, etc. THINK THE LOCAL MERCHANTS HAVE THAT ATTI-TUDE THAT SAYS ... BOY, I SURE AM GLAD THESE PEOPLE ARE NONUNION - THAT HELPS IN ALL KIND OF WAYS?

Mr. Power, you are better than that. Please come to one of our local union meetings at our office at Joy Road and Canton Center Road - fourth Sunday of the month. We may convince you that unions are indeed good for this coun-

Dave Travis Livonia

Tragic accident

Gordon (Lew) Stevens died on July 23rd when his car was struck by a speeding vehicle moving at 70 mph. A tragic accident? More like an accidental casualty of local politics.

The Charter Township has just been given permission to regulate speed limits in Čanton.

I believe that it is time to regulate the greed limit as well. In our borders we have what are called "gentlemen's clubs." Our township sees fit to collect "business" fees from these dens of iniq-

Our township also gladly takes money from garbage disposal companies that are taking our land and polluting our water and sky.

Recall that our country is being flooded with illegal aliens, drugs and international waste and the police have their hands tied. It didn't take long but

Canton has grown into an American city. The streets aren't even safe for police officers anymore. You can change things, you can make things better. It will take a little more involvement in your local government. We left the job of policing our streets to someone else and one of them has just been killed.

I salute you, Officer Stevens. In honor of him I believe that all of the "gentlemen's clubs" in Canton should be shut down immediately and permanently. If we can't have clean water at least we can have a clean conscience.

Alfred Brock Canton

Why not lacrosse?

I was reading the article about the plans for Patriot Park in the Sunday, July 20, edition of the Canton Observer, and it brought a concern to my attention. Being a former soccer player, I know that there are plenty of soccer fields in this community, but now that I am a lacrosse player, I am even more aware of the lack of lacrosse fields in Canton

As well as being the oldest and only native sport of this country, played by Native Americans to settle intra-tribal disputes or as religious rituals, lacrosse is the fastest growing sport in America

The Great Lakes area is growing faster than any other part of the United States with a 51.8 percent increase in participation from 2001-2002, and in Canton alone, teams are springing up everywhere, but there are no permanent fields for them to play on.

When I came home from college for the summer, I noticed that there were some goals set up at Flodin Park on Saltz, but a few weeks later I went there to practice with a friend, and they were gone.

I think it would great if Canton were to support the oldest and fastest growing sport in the U.S. by developing at least one lacrosse field with permanent nets among the sea of soccer fields. Perhaps Patriot Park is the perfect place for a start.

Ryan Jackson Canton

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Affirmative action

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In the last six months we've heard and read many opinions on affirmative action. Some I agree with and some I don't but I respect them all. However, I have absolutely no respect for a rather vocal flock who espouse the virtue of hard work and a level playing field while obviously having limited experience with either. Two of the more high-profile birds of

this feather are President George W. Bush and Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. These two could be poster boys for the joys of preferential treatment but you'd never know it listening to them preach.

While they may have done some hard work in their lives neither one would be where they are today but for skin color and cronyism. If we could somehow retroactively level the playing field, today Clarence and George would be pounding the pavement looking for a job.

No! I'm sorry! I take that back. Left to sink or swim on their own merit, one of these guys might very well be a judge today. The other would surely be sitting in a bar at 10:30 in the morning bemoaning the high unemployment rate among male cheerleaders. In the High Court's majority opinion,

Justice O'Connor ventured that in 25 years, affirmative action policies such as U-M's would be obsolete. I would think that every American, pro or con, hopes she's right, but when it comes to selling the benefits of hard work and fair play on a level playing field, we would be wise to insist our salespeople have experience in

William McClevarty

Livonia.

Blair admirer

Some fine, some decent words about Tony Blair have been written in several of our large city newspapers in recent days. Hoorays and bravos have been ringing and rightly so.

There are more souls among us than I thought who realize that Blair understands the events of the day which affect all of us in the world. Like many Americans, including our administration, Blair believes that Hussein and the world's terrorists mean to wreck havoc on any and all peoples they choose to envy, to despise, and to hate. Americans and Jews have been identified by the "believers" to be the most

Early in Blair's administration, I wrote the prime minister that his intent to undo Margaret Thatcher's dis-

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"When you hear about something like this, your first hope is it's not serious. Then you hope it's not someone you know. When I found out it was Lew it was like someone just kicked me in the gut."

- Retired Canton Police Officer Dan Antieau

A trip to Wisconsin gives 2 views of ailing economy

ast week, I experienced two very different but dovetailing views of what ails our economy.

Over the weekend, my wife, Kathy, and I drove to Wisconsin to attend her 40th high school reunion. The people who sent their kids to Clintón High School were mainly family farmers who worked the beautiful, deep black soil of southern Wisconsin. Their heritage lives on in the magnificently well-kept farms that dot the gently rolling landscape.

As she socialized with her classmates at the Milwaukee Grill in Janesville, I got a chance to

learn about how things are going in small-town America. Not particularly well, it seemed.

Although almost everybody I

met came from a farming background, only a few carried on family farming. "Doesn't pay any more," said one, "and it's too expensive to buy the land outright if you don't inherit it." Big, corporate farms are increasingly the norm here, with a smattering of "sundowners," folks Power who have a day job but come home to work their 100 acres as the sun goes down.

So what did people do when they quit farming? For a time, they went to work in manufacturing plants, where the wages were good enough to support a family and leave a little bit left over for extras. And what happened to the manufacturing jobs? Mostly all gone by now.

The big local employer was the Beloit Corp., which for a time led the world in manufacturing enormous papermaking machines. But the company went bust about a decade ago, and the firms that make papermaking machinery these days are in Japan and Finland. Most who got laid off managed to catch on somewhere else, but at much lower wages and fringes.

It was a happy evening, but behind the smiles and warm greetings of decent people, you could see eyes that were a little tight and hopes that had worn more than a little thin.

Then last Thursday, President George W. Bush was in Michigan, raising a reported \$2 million at a \$2,000-a-plate fund-raiser at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn, and speaking at the Beaver Aerospace & Defense company in Livonia. There, he touted his \$330 billion tax cut over the next 10 years as a boost for jobs and the economy: "The more money people have in their pockets, the more they demand goods and services. And the more they demand goods and services, the more someone is willing to produce goods and services."

His comments lie at the core of our present economic predicament. By all rights, the macro-economic stimuli already in place - a federal budget

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enormous tax cuts, interest rates at 40-year lows should by now have produced a terrific boom. But no boom is in sight.

So what's going on here? Kathy's classmates in Wisconsin understand a big part of it. All over the country, what were once solid jobs in manufacturing have simply evaporated. Companies have gone bust, unable to compete with cheaper foreign labor; jobs have been exported to lower wage countries, first to Mexico and now to India or China. And now it isn't just the metal-bending jobs on the line that are at risk. The higher value-added jobs in engineering and information technology are moving abroad, especially to India, where an enormous pool of well-educated English-speaking people are will-

ing to work for what we would regard as pennies. The other part of the no-jobs puzzle emerges from dry data provided by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics. Enormous productivity gains stemming in very large part from the investments made in information technology over the past decade are enabling businesses to displace labor while maintaining output. And with top line sales stubbornly flat or even negative, businesses have no choice but to lay off workers to maintain profit margins.

Both these factors — the evaporation of our manufacturing base and the productivity revolution lie at the heart of the puzzling phenomenon of the "jobless recovery." In Michigan, for example, the current jobless rate is 7.2 percent, the highest since 1992. And since President Bush entered office, Michigan has lost 140,000 manufacturing jobs. It's hard for me to see how tax cuts alone address the fundamental changes in the labor market that have led to so much persistent unemployment.

If I had to choose between Kathy's classmates in rural Wisconsin who have lost their roots in farming and their good jobs in manufacturing or President Bush, who thinks that there is no economic problem a tax cut cannot cure, I'd pick her classmates. At least they know there's no free lunch. And if they have to, they'll grit their teeth and make do on a day job and sundown farming.

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

Challenging new course draws ire of parents who feel left out

his fall Farmington Public Schools will offer its high school seniors an International Affairs elec-

Based on the syllabus, this promises to be an intellectually challenging course that will help the students understand the seemingly unending conflicts in the world and their place as citizens of the last

I regret that they didn't have anything even remotely as interesting, challenging or relevant when I was a high school senior. Senior year's social studies curriculum back in the distant '60s, just as Vietnam was erupting, was divided into a semester of economics and a semester of American govern-

> ment. Neither instructor moved beyond the textbook, nor did they offer any conflicting perspectives on the ideas presented.

Probably many of my classmates didn't care. But in our house politics and current events were a constant part of the conversation. My father didn't read newspapers, he devoured them. And he had an opinion about everything and expected you to have one as well (though he didn't always like to hear those that differed too

Gallagher

The new course for Farmington seniors has been controversial both for the process that led to its development and approval by the school board and for the proposed content of the course. The issues raised are important to all of our school districts, but need to be considered separately. Many parents complained that they were excluded from the process when the school system decided to move the government class from senior year to freshman year and created the International Affairs class. The school administration says that parents did have an opportunity to provide input.

A school district has to be careful not to alienate parents or disregard their ideas and feelings. On the other hand, curricula cannot be steered by vocal minorities who might favor their particular view of science, mathematics or social science. Several states have been confronted by promoters of creationism as a viable substitute for the teaching of Darwin's theories of evolution. Various methods for teaching mathematics have strong advocates. A school system has to choose.

In social studies, the choices are difficult because they directly involve political, ethnic, cultural and religious issues. That's what the subject is all about and a school system has to be aware of the many conflicting voices in any community. Few of our suburban communities have as many of those conflicting voices as the Farmington community.

of the course. The syllabus was developed by teachers from the district's three high schools. Elias Khalil

That brings us to the second issue — the content

from North Farmington High School, Angela Leach and Chip Bridges from Harrison High School and Lisa Sievert from Farmington High School. The course has yet to be taught and a syllabus is only an outline around which a talented teacher builds a

The subject for this course is important in our ever-shrinking and ever-conflicted world. The events of 9/11 were proof enough that we can never isolate ourselves against the rest of the world. Students, many of whom reach voting age while seniors and some of whom will take up arms as members of the military, need to understand the world and its many different voices.

The syllabus states that "Students will study specific countries and regions of the world currently undergoing significant political, economic, social, cultural and environmental change.

"Students will explore fundamental concepts of culture, international relations and diplomacy through historical and theoretical perspective."

Whew! One parent suggested that the course was too deep for high school students and suitable for a graduate university course. How insulting to the young people of Farmington. The young scholars I meet each year for our Academic All-Stars would relish this opportunity. There are serious concerns about the language used in the syllabus and some of the presumptions that are made. This issue might have been put to rest with broader parental participation.

But complaints primarily seem to center around that wonderful new teaching tool, the Internet. Some parents have claimed that several suggested Web sites are too "left leaning," anti-American, anti-Semitic or pro-Arab. Those sites are, of course, supplemental and include sites for the State

Department; two major Israeli newspapers, Haaretz and the Jerusalem Post; the Wall Street Journal; the National Review; the London Financial Times; the World Trade Organization; and other far from radical organizations. It also includes sites that present positions opposing U.S. interventionism and the positions of the Israeli government and promoting anti-capitalist economic positions.

That's how an open dialogue and free discussion arise. You read, examine, question every position. High school seniors are up to the challenge. A good teacher can be a moderator for discussions that will open young minds to new possibilities while at the same time make it clearer why our democratic, capitalistic and politically free system has been so suc-

At 17 and 18, students don't need propaganda. They need to know what others think. They need to see events from a variety of perspectives. They need to begin forming their own world views.

Let the thinking begin.

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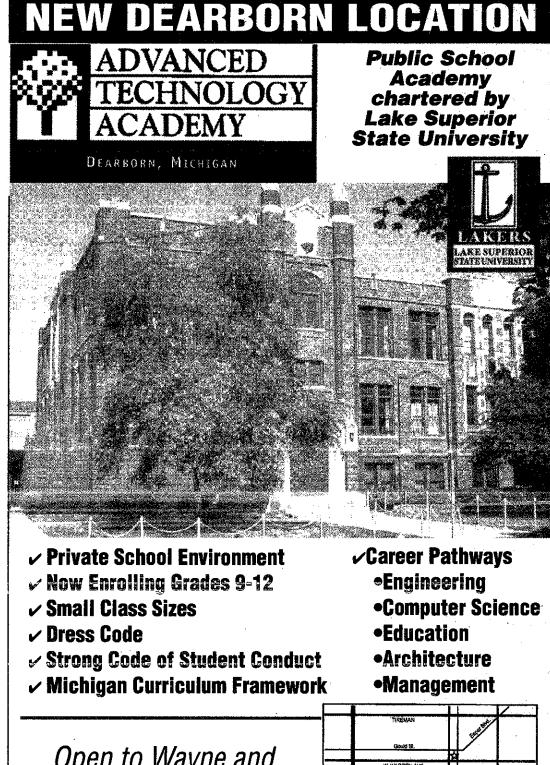
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State toughens drunken-driving law by lowering the limit

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Driven by promises of safer streets and a share of federal money, state lawmakers recently voted to toughen Michigan's definition of drunken driving.

A bill lowering the threshold

of legal intoxication from a 0.10 to 0.08 blood-alcohol level received a final stamp of approval from Gov. Jennifer Granholm July 15.

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The new level goes into effect Oct. 1 and means stiffer penalties for those caught drinking and driving. It also makes it illegal for people to

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drive with any amount of illegal drugs in their system.

"We are pleased with the 0.08 bill. Clearly, data shows that virtually everyone is impaired at that level," said Homer Smith, executive director of the Michigan chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, one of the bill's most vocal supporters.

The move helps Michigan secure a chunk of federal funds only available to states with the lower limit. Lawmakers had previously not responded to pressure from Congress to change the limit, resulting in a loss of millions of dollars in federal aid for road repairs over the last few years. The state would have lost another \$9.2 million next year if the law was not changed.

While the financial incentive was key in drawing support, state Rep. William Van Regenmorter, chair of the Criminal Justice Committee, said he sponsored the bill because a lower limit will protect lives.

The drunken driving limit remained at 0.10 even after the financial incentive was established in 2000 because

some lawmakers didn't want the federal government meddling with a state's right to set its own drunken driving limit.

But Michigan's sour financial situation left lawmakers with little choice. When Granholm took office Jan. 1, the state was facing a \$1.7 billion deficit for fiscal year 2003-04.

Until now, the money Michigan lost was not included in what it normally receives for federal highway funding. But fines would have started next year, and the state stood to lose 2 percent of its highway funds annually if the limit remained at 0.10. That amount would have increased every year until it reached 8 percent in 2006-

Van Regenmorter said that is a loss of about \$272 million during the next 10 years.

Representatives from the Michigan Restaurant Association, an organization that represents 4,000 restaurants and taverns across the state, helped legislators craft the bill.

MRA Communications Director Kristyn Sorensen said the group has been supportive

of the legislation because most members don't believe the limit is so low that it will penalize social drinkers or have an impact on business. However, she said the law was passed in a way equal to "federal blackmail.

But MADD's Smith said in this situation, the spotlight was on safety.

T've heard it expressed that ... it's an issue of states' rights. It's not an issue of states' rights. It's an issue of public safety," he said. Supporters of the 0.08 limit

say it will have little effect on people who have an occasional beer or glass of wine with dinner. According to Dennis Bryde, alcohol and drug enforcement studies director of the Michigan State University Highway Traffic Safety Program, an 180-pound man would have to drink 6 1/2 shots of 80-proof whiskey in a two-hour period on an empty stomach to reach a blood-alcohol level of 0.08.

An 140-pound woman would have to drink about five shots under the same circumstances. Jenny Lozano, director for Wayne County's

MADD chapter, said it can take even less to impair a driv-

In Michigan, it is already illegal for someone to operate a vehicle with a 0.08 -0.09 level, which is considered impaired driving. Under the new bill, there is no set blood-alcohol level that determines impaired driving. All it takes is a person showing signs of impairment and suggested alcohol use for officers to make an arrest.

Driver's license suspension is not a required penalty now for people convicted of drunken driving.

After Oct. 1, first-time offenders convicted of having a 0.08 BAC or above will face a mandatory 30-day license suspension, and a judge can restrict the use of a license up to 120 days. The fine is bumped up from \$300 to

People arrested for driving under the influence typically have a blood-alcohol level much higher than 0.08.

The average amount detected in drunken-driving arrests is around 0.15, said Michigan State Police Sgt. Matt Bolger.



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The key word in describing the Mid-Michigan Bucks' match

The Bucks finish their season at 15-4-1 and as Great Lakes

In Saturday's opening round of the Central Conference champi-

What did that have to do with Sunday's Bucks-vs.-Fire Reserve

The game's pivotal play came when the Fire Reserve, after apply-

That allowed the Fire Reserve to adjust their scheme and con-

Instead they dodged a few bullets, some thanks to keeper Matt

Case in point: With just over 10 minutes left in the first half,

The Bucks had other chances, one of the best coming in the 71st

"I thought on the night we played the better soccer," Bucks coach

Because it was what happened early that decided the outcome of



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Premier champs

Rebuilding? Hogwash. The Plymouth premier men's soccer team had eight new players on its roster this season, but that didn't stop it from capturing the top spot in the Metro Detroit Soccer League with a 5-2 victory over the Ann Arbor Hattricks last Sunday.

The win over the secondplace Hattricks, sparked by four goals by Nick Houdek (Canton HS/Kalamazoo College), gave Plymouth Premier a 9-1-0 record. outscoring its opponents 41-10. The team begins the playoffs against the African Stars Sunday at Canton's Independence Park.

It's been a successful summer season for Plymouth Premier, which reached the final of the MSA Tournament of Champions in June with a 1-0 win over Southfield Chaldean Arsenal and a 3-1 triumph over Ann Arbor United before losing 1-0 on a penalty kick to the Carpathia Kickers in the title match.

Other team members are Jeff Bennett, Justin Fishaw, Andy Gignac, John Kaczmarek, Scott Kahanec, Brandon Kennell, Dan Kogut, Chris Lamasse, Chris Longpre, Dan Longpre, Aaron Schmidt, Nick Sczcechowski, Brett Stinar, Anthony Verrino, Brendan Welsh, Scott Wright, Josh Yeager, Jamie Zdrodowski and Rob Zdrodowski. The team is coached by Paul Kogut.

Award-winner

The award-winners from the University of Michigan's Fundamental Girls Basketball Camp included a Canton resi dent.

In the 3-on-3 competition, the team of Sara Stone (Canton), Brittany Stallworth (Southfield), Tyler Hardy (Ann Arbor) and Veniece Session (Detroit) finished first in the 8-11 age division.

Race results

Garden City's Ken Ahlgren started in second and stayed there the whole way, finishing runner-up in the 35-lap Late Model feature at Flat Rock Speedway Saturday night. Westland's Steve Cronenwett was 13th in that race.

Vern Okopski Jr. (Canton) won the first heat of the Figure 8 race and was second in the 25-lap feature, with Chuck Pankow (Livonia) coming in 13th.

Canton's Justin Schroeder also won his heat of the Street Stocks class.

Redford's Chris Holbrook came a fraction of a second short Sunday to finish second at the IHRA's AC Delco Canadian Nationals in Cayuga,

Unbeatable

The LA Dodgers were undefeated in their division of the Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association, posting a 12-0-1 record.

Dodger players are Katrina Alber, Keisey Nikkila, Jennifer Herzfeld, Natalie DeMeyer, Kayleigh Lemon, Caroline Jungquist, Amy Shoemaker, Morgan Franke, Natalie Maurer, Kristi Durkin, Rachel Killian, Katie Zink, Alyssa Kochan and batgirl Kristi Zink.



Huskies upset Lakers for title in OT

One rally after another. This one was truly a classic.

The Bucks' Erik Nelson puts his head into the ball during Saturday's win over the Menace.

Wolves win

title in a

shootout

The Michigan Wolves' run to the

Coached by Livonia Stevenson's

Lars Richters, the Wolves captured

the coveted boys under-18 division with a 3-2 shootout victory Sunday

SOCCER

over Marin (Calif.) United in the

finals held at Germantown, Md.

Salem High's Brian Popeney

(ninth minute) and Stevenson's Nik

Djokic (51st minute) each tallied a

goal in regulation, both assisted by

which resulted in a 2-2 draw after

former Yale University teammate

Rick Fullerton, forced overtime on

In the shootout, the Wolves pulled

goals by Gage Hills and Kamani

out the victory when goalkeeper

Award winner, came up with a

Jason Tillman (Brighton), named

the boys under-18 adidas Gold Glove

PLEASE SEE WOLVES, B6

Marin United, coached by Richters'

Farmington's Matt Konopinski,

2003 Snickers Youth Soccer National Championship had a dis-

tinct Western Lakes Activities.

Association flavor to it.

BY BRAD EMONS

STAFF WRITER

The championship game in the Metro Summer Hockey League, featuring the unbeaten and top-seeded Lakers against the eighth-seeded Huskies, had one team scoring five unanswered goals from the middle of the second period to the

SUMMER HOCKEY

middle of the third — only to be offset by the opposition scoring five straight goals in the final eight minutes of the game.

It ended up taking three oneminute overtimes before Dwight Helminen put one past

three against three.

Lakers goalie Matt Howard to

give the surprising Huskies an

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skaters against four with one

minute on the clock; if no one

another minute is added, with

Overtime starts with four

scores (it's sudden death),

8-7 win Sunday at Farmington's

The game-winning goal was scored in the third OT, two skaters against two.

Helminen finished with the top total of the day, getting three goals and adding two assists for the Huskies, who led 4-2 after two periods and then

PLEASE SEE HUSKIES, B6

PLEASE SEE BUCKS, B4

Cummings: A man who got things done

STAFF WRITER

Unassuming. Quiet, yet forceful. A leader. A guy who got things done. Paul Cummings could best be described, at least professionally, as the man who guided the Plymouth-Canton schools' athletic departments into the 21st century. And when he retired from there in 1995, he did the same thing at Redford Thurston HS.

Last Friday Cummings — or 'PC' as he was called by his multitude of friends passed away after suffering a heart attack. He was 65.

"As I said to Pat (his wife), he impacted just about everybody in the school system over the past 30 years," said Bob Blohm, longtime girls basketball coach and a former building athletic director at Canton HS. "He updated things and always worked real hard. He was

patient but he let you know where you stand.

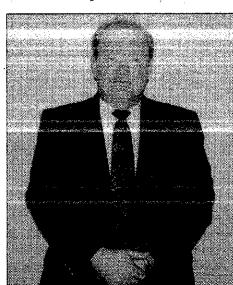
"And he really cared about his coach-

In fact, Cummings was responsible for bringing several coaches into the school district, including Blohm, Salem swim coach Chuck Olson and a host of others. Finding someone more dedicated to the Plymouth-Canton district would be impossible.

Cummings attended, and graduated from, the old Plymouth HS (now Central Middle School) in 1956. He played football and baseball while there, cultivating his passion for sports.

He then attended Eastern Michigan University, working during the summers for the Plymouth-Canton community education department as a lifeguard at the pool. That's where he met

PLEASE SEE CUMMINGS, B5



Paul Cummings was instrumental in constructing what would become the model for Plymouth and Canton athletics.

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Observer golfers post top scores at several tournaments

Tommy Lucko of Livonia shot a 77 on the 6,032-yard course at Stonebridge Golf Course in Ann Arbor to win the boys 13-14 year-old division on the Meijer Junior Players Tour Monday.

Lucko's score earned him 75 firstplace points.

Plymouth's Matt Talbot finished sixth in the division with an 83, scoring 25 points, while Jimmie Vicek of Plymouth placed 10th with an 87 (scoring nine points) and Plymouth's Jeffery Selasky was 12th with an 87, scoring seven points. Non-scorers in the division were Ross Gerulis of Canton with a 94 and Brandon Pilzner

of Plymouth with a 95. In the girls 15-and-over division, played on a course measuring 5,601 yards, Samantha Talbot of Plymouth was second with an 88. She scored 45 tour points.

In the girls 13-14 division, Kelly Thomas of Livonia shot a 103 and took

fourth place, scoring 35 tour points, on the 5,400-yard course. In the boys 10-12 division, Ryan Alger of Livonia's 86 was good for a sixth and 25 points on the 5,400-yard course. John Keller of Farmington Hills shot a 112.

In the boys 15-and-over division, Stephen Pilzner of Plymouth shot an 86 on the 6,458-yard course. Right behind him was Mike Yates of Canton with an 88, Andrew Pellegrino of Farmington Hills with an 89, Jim Brady of Farmington Hills with a 97, Andrew Rousos of Farmington Hills with a 98, James Sovinsky of Livonia with a 105 and Nick Forsman of Canton with a 123.

Fortress conquerors

At the Power-Bilt Junior Players Tour Event at The Fortress in Frankenmuth Monday and Tuesday, Livonia's Shannon Warner finished third in the girls 11-15 division with an 82-86/168 total on the 5,410-yard

course, scoring 60 tour points.

In the girls 16-and-over division, Jenny Kubert of Livonia scored an 85-87/172 and Rachel McHenry of Livonia was right behind with an 87-86/173. Kubert was ninth, scoring 15 points; McHenry was 10th and got 14 points.

In the boys 11-15 division, Joseph Stefan of Farmington Hills placed 14th and scored eight tour points with an 80-78/158 on the 6,409-yard course. Brian King of Livonia shot an 84 on opening day and did not make the cut; neither did Anthony Malizia of Farmington Hills with an 89 and Michael Gerisch of Plymouth with a

In the boys 16-and-over division, Matt Kruczynski of Westland had the best score of Observer-area golfers with a 78-85/163 on the 6,814-yard course. Tomas Bryce of Livonia shot 80-93/173.

Not making the cut were Adam

Dwyer of Plymouth with an 86, Mike Fierk of Livonia with a 91, and Andrew Lulek of Canton with a 92.

Collegiate scorers

Ryan McKendry of Canton teamed with Drew Piazza of Grand Blanc to tie for 13th place and score 4.5 points at the Fidra Midwest Collegiate Series Two-Man Best Ball Tournament July 23 at Forest Akers West in East Lansing.

The McKendry/Piazza team shot rounds of 71-74/145. Jimmy Cappelli of Garden City and Matt Cushman of Hamilton, OH, tied with Nikos Markellos of Redford and Tom McCall of Garden City for 17th, scoring two points each with identical scores of 73-73/146.

At the Top50jrTour.com Tournament at the Golf Club of Michigan July 23, Brandon Raymond of Farmington Hills fired a 78 to place second in the boys 15-and-under division. Justin Ables of Wayne shot a 98 and Ryan Gonzalez of Livonia had a 110 in that division.

In the boys 16-and-over division, Jonathan Noble of Farmington Hills was fourth with an 80. Aaron Cheesman of Canton was right behind with an 81 and Dru Girard of Livonia

In the Top50jrTour.com point standings for the season, Ables leads the boys 15-and-under division with 288 points. Gonzalez is third with 229 and Raymond is seventh with 99.

Steve Robinson of Livonia is fifth in the boys 16-and-over division with 187 points, with Girard seventh with 141. Noble is tied for ninth with 136 and Cheesman is 11th with 93.

Kate Amrhein of Livonia is tied for sixth in the girls division with 141 points. Alexandra Martella of Farmington Hills is 11th with 44 and Kelly Roulier of Livonia is 12th



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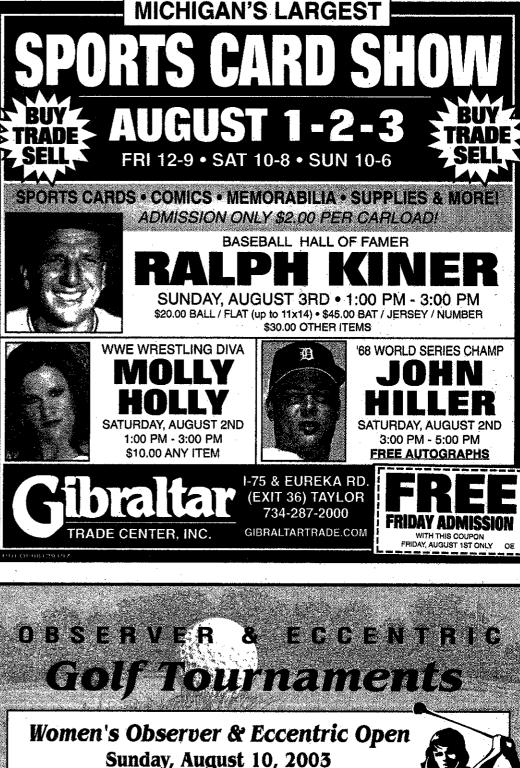
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The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers will sponsor two golf tournaments in August.

The Men's Open is a 36-hole medal-play tournament to be held Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 9-10, at Fox Creek and Whispering Willows golf courses in Livonia. The entry fee is \$95 and does not include cart. The event is flighted and prizes will be awarded.

The Women's Open will take place Sunday, Aug. 10, at Whispering Willows. The entry fee is \$50 and does not include cart. The event is flighted and prizes will be awarded.

All participants must have a USGA handicap. Entries are open to the first 200 golfers; entry deadline is 6 p.m. Aug. 3. Call (248) 476-4493.

SOCCER CAMP

Grace Lutheran Church of Canton is accepting registrations for its seventh annual soccer camp, open to children 5-11 years old. The camp will run from 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 4 to Thursday, Aug. 7 at Grace Lutheran Church, located at 46001 Warren Road, west of Canton Center Road.

The camp's aim is to help beginning and intermediate players develop proper skills and a knowledge of the game. Cost is \$25, payable at registration, and includes instruction, T-shirt and a soccer ball to take home.

Register by calling (734) 414-

VOLLEYBALL CAMP

The fifth annual Community Volleyball Camp for girls in grades five through eight will be from 5-8 p.m. Aug. 5-7 at St. John Center, located south of Five Mile and east of Sheldon. The camp will be conducted by certified AAU and OLGC volleyball coaches. Cost is \$75. Call Kim Price at (734) 635-7498.

BOOSTERS MEETING

The next meeting for the Plymouth Wildcat Football Boosters will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5 in Room 401 of Plymouth HS. Parents of all freshmen and sophomore football players are encouraged to attend. There will be informa-

tion regarding practices, financial reports and upcoming fundraising events.

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 auc-

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-inone at the event can also win a two-year lease on a car courtesy of Hines Park. Contact Deborah Tollison at (734) 981-2802 or Chris Wolfe at (734) 453-8332.

GOLF OUTING

The Plymouth-Canton Thunderbird Softball Organization will host their second annual scrambles golf outing on Saturday, Aug. 16 at the Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course.

Cost of the event is \$100 per person or \$380 for a foursome. which includes greens fees and a cart, unlimited driving range use, buffet dinner, lunch at the turn, door prizes and the chance to win a 2003 Chevrolet with a hole-in-one.

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Errors, lack of hitting wreck Rams

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

The Lake Michigan Area Rams put themselves behind the eight-ball in their All-American Amateur Baseball Association regional opener Tuesday in Zanesville, Ohio.

The Rams, representatives of the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League, committed five errors in a 5-2 defeat to 2002 AAABA runner-up New Orleans.

The loss puts the Rams into Wednesday's loser's bracket of the double-elimination tourney against host Zanesville. which dropped its opener Tuesday to Lansing, 3-2. (Zanesville and the Rams met Wednesday night, results of that game will appear in Sunday's Observer).

Four of New Orleans' five runs scored were unearned.

"The errors were uncharacteristic," Rams manager Rick Berryman said. "I don't know if it was jitters or bad play. But when you play sloppy defense you better hit your way out of it, and we didn't."

The Rams, 21-11 in the LCBL, collected just three hits

BASEBALL

off three New Orleans pitch-

Winning pitcher Mark Fernandez allowed just one hit in 6.2 innings. He struck out nine and walked five. Dan Rodriguez went 1.1 innings, allowing one earned run on two hits, while Jon Wilhite came on in the ninth inning to pick up the save as he retired the order with a flyout, groundout and strikeout.

Meanwhile, Rams starter Mark Lundquist went the first six innings, allowing four runs (one earned) on two hits. He struck out two, walked five and hit one batter.

Wayne State's Gary Zielke (Livonia Stevenson) came on for the final three innings and gave up three hits and one run. He struck out three and walked two.

"I have no complaints about the pitching," Berryman said. "It was one of the worst played defensive performances of the season for us. It was a combination of things, some untimely throws, a passed ball and some balls that didn't get picked up at first base."

New Orleans jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first inning when leadoff man Gary Duhe reached second base on an error by Rams center fielder Bryan Marulli. Duhe then scored on

Rvan Spencer's double. In the second inning, New Orleans scored two more runs to increase its lead to 3-0.

Chase Dardar went to first on a hit batsmen and Sheldon Catchot followed with a walk. Both runners moved up on a sacrifice bunt by Kerry Cardinale. Dardar scored on Jason Schwab's sacrifice fly and Catchot made it all the way from home on throwing error by Albion College's Chris Trott (Salem High).

New Orleans made it 4-0 in the fifth when Duhe reached base and advanced to second on an error by Rams first baseman Mike Pisha. Jeremy Helton then singled home

The Rams cut the deficit to 4-2 with single runs in the seventh and eighth innings.

In the seventh, Pisha singled with two outs and Michigan State's Oliver Wolcott walked. Brandon Volas then singled Pisha home, but Rodriguez, coming on in relief of starter Fernandez, got Marulli to pop out to end the inning.

In the eight, Alex Martin, a pick-up player from LCBL rival Michigan Panthers, doubled, advanced to third on groundout by Central Michigan's Brian Campbell and scored on Trott's single.

New Orleans got an insurance run in the ninth on when Schwab singled to right and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt. Two successive passed balls led to the run.

The win improved New Orleans' overall record to 34-14. The Rams fell to 22-13.

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The public hearing is being held to receive comments from interested persons on the rescission of R38.1205, which pertains to hearing procedures.

This rule is being rescinded under the authority of section 25(2) of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1980, as amended, being section 38.1325(2) of the Michigan Compiled Laws. The rescission will become effective seven days after filing with the Hearing comments may be presented in person, with written comments available at

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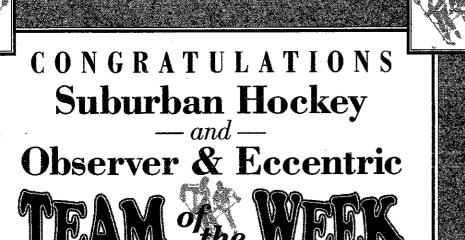
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BUCKS

Turpin as he broke in on goal. However, Turpin slipped and could not get off a shot; the scoring chance was lost.

Less than three minutes later, Chicago's Rob Mouw carried the ball toward the Bucks' corner, to the right of keeper Jeff Wiese, and from there drilled a shot over Wiese and into the net for the clinching

goal. A Snape direct kick five minutes later forced Pickens to make a diving save, and in the final 10 minutes of play both keepers made dramatic stops on headers.

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"We never really established a rhythm on the game," Matkovich said. "But we were on the road while they were at home sleeping in their own beds."

The Fire Reserve were also without leading scorer, Ned Grabavoy, who was with the U.S. National Team (as was the Bucks' Knox Cameron).

On Saturday, just after Chicago demolished the Invaders - Jamal Sutton had two goals and two assists, Patrick Grange had two goals and one assist and Kirk Harwatt had two goals - the Bucks got an early goal from Turpin and hung on, thanks to some superlative play from Wiese in goal, to beat the Des

Moines Menace. Turpin's goal came just 10:15 into the match following a pass from Jason Perry, who sent the

ball toward the corner of the net for Turpin to slide into and

It took the Menace a while to recover, but by the end of the opening half they were playing better and, by the start of the second, the play was going their way.

Which left it to Wiese and defenders Kevin Taylor, Perry and Erik Nelson.

Just as the match entered extra time, Wiese knocked a ball out of the box but was caught out of position as the

rebound reached a Menace player. However, Perry was there, kicking out a pair of shots on goal.

The best, however, was to come. A hand ball was called during the foray, giving the Menace a penalty kick, taken by Tomas Boltnar. The Heartland Division's top scorer and second overall in the nation, Boltnar nevertheless had his shot stopped with a dive by Wiese, preserving the shutout.

"All the pressure was on

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activities each Thursday with Filter

him," Wiese said afterward. "We were ahead by a goal. I don't really guess, but I do try to figure out which way his

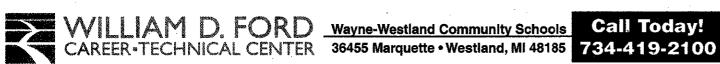
foot is going to go. "With four minutes left in the game, it comes down to the

goalkeeper. "You've got to win it for your teammates. They've been working hard for you the

whole game." Against the Menace, Wiese came through when he had to.

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Fall Registration in Progress

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

JULY 22, 2003

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, July 22, 2003, at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Motion by Bennett to appoint Treasurer Kirchgatter for chairperson in the absence of Supervisor Yack. Supported by Zarbo. Motion carried by all members present. Kirchgatter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, McLaughlin, Zarbo, Kirchgatter, Shefferly Members Absent: Yack Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director

Conklin, Tom Casari, Chief Rorabacher Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the

agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the Regular Board Minutes of July 8, 2003. Motion carried by all members

present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Study Session Board Minutes of July 15, 2003. Motion carried by all members present. Citizen's Non Agenda Item Comments: Mr. Robert

McEachern, of 46593 Larchmont Drive, Canton, MI, appeared before the board restating the claims sited in the Petition previously brought before the Board. He said the citizens that signed the Petition would like a response from the Township. Treasurer Kirchgatter stated the Board was aware of the Petition

and also understands that Mr. McEachern has been in contact with Supervisor Yack and the Township Engineer Mr. Casari. Mr. Casari indicated he spoke with Mr. McEachern on several occasions regarding the process with regard to storm water and

Mr. McEachern believes the Township is in violation of their own ordinance and that is why the petition was submitted. Mr. McEachern believes this is a public health issue and wants the

Board to intervene. Treasurer Kirchgatter asked that the conversations and opinions Mr. McEachern indicated took place be put in writing and

Payment of Bills: Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. Expenditure Recap for July 22, 2003 101

General Fund	101	\$326,497.11
Federal Grants Fund	274	26.61
Fire Fund	206	50,397.12
Auto Theft Grant	289	1,486.69
Police Fund	207	122,484.14
Cap Proj-Summit Const	402	1,209,324.68
Summit Operating	208	80,969.57
Golf Fund	584	39,168.75
Cable TV Fund	230	1,790.39
Water & Sewer Fund	592	665,322.96
Twp. Improvement	246	18,350.82
Post Emp. Benefits	736	22,551.29
E-911 Utility	261	5,200.00
Total - All Funds		2.543.570.13

CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. Special Community Event Status For Canton's Historical Society's Annual Market.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve special event status for Canton Historical Society's annual flea market and placement of signs. Motion carried by all members present. Item 2. Consider Resolution Requesting Traffic Signal Installation at The Intersections of Ford Road at Ridge Road And Napier Road. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the request for Michigan Department of Transportation install traffic control devices at the intersections of Ford/Ridge and Ford/Napier, including whatever improvements

Motion carried by all members present. Item 3. Renewal of I-Series Software Maintenance. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the annual HTE support line services and AS400 software subscription with HTE VAR, LLC, Chamblee, GA for the Public Safety Department's Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System for a cost of \$7,560. Motion carried by all members present.

are necessary for their proper operation, as soon as possible.

GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. Consider Parking Lot Expansion For Calvary Baptist Church. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the request of the petitioner, Ms. Jane Greenway, to approve the site plan for the proposed Calvary Baptist Church parking lot expansion subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 2. Consider Site Plan for Uptown Cherry Hill Village. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the request of the Project Sponsor, Mr. Fritz Fransted, to approve the site plan for Phase One of Uptown Cherry Hill Village, subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 3. Tree Planting Partnership Program Guidelines. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Tree Planting Partnership Program guidelines as a replacement to the current Resident Sharing and Neighborhood Improvement tree planting programs, as proposed. Motion carried by all members

Item 4. Approve Contract with Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the contract with the Department of History, Arts and Libraries for the \$5,000 grant to fund the research and writing of a manual/resource guide for the preservation of historic cemeteries. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 5. Approve Municipal Credit Agreement with Smart. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the 2003-2004 Municipal Credit Contract between SMART and the Charter Township of Canton for \$71,768 and to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the contract on behalf of the Township. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 6. Consider Authorizing Additional Funds to Wayne County for the Previous Installation of the Left Turn Traffic Signal at Canton Center and Ford Roads. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve additional funds in the amount of \$6,149.01 to be paid to Wayne County for the installation of left turn phase signal at Canton Center and Ford Roads. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 7. Consider Award of Contract for the 2003 Sidewalk Repair Program. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award the contract including Add Alternate "A" to Gaglio Brothers Corporation in the amount of \$502,775 plus a 10% contingency of \$50,278 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$553,053 with the option to extend the contract for 2004 Sidewalk Repair Program and to authorize the Clerk to execute the contract documents. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve funding in the amount of \$10,000 to perform emergency sidewalk or drive approach repairs for the DPW based on the contract prices for 4" and 6" and taken from account 592-441-933-0000. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to reimburse Wade-Trim Associates for inspector days performed as provided by the contract and that a separate purchase order be opened in the amount of \$22,880 or 44 inspector days for the Base and Add Alternate "A" Bid. This amount will be subtracted from the original contract and authorize finance and budget to subtract any additional costs based on the per day rate of \$520 for an inspector day if the contractor exceeds the number of specified inspector days in the contract for the Base Bid and for Add Alternate "A". And further move to approve the following budget amendment for the 2003 sidewalk replacement program:

GENERAL FUND: Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$253,053.00. Increase Appropriations: Maint. & Repairs of Sidewalks #101-441-930-0000 \$253,053.00. This budget amendment increases the Public Works Division budget from, \$728,338 to \$981,391 and the General Fund budget from \$24,146,311 to \$24,399,364. Motion carried by all members

Consider Awarding the Fellows Creek Naturalization and Flow Reductions Project to Smith Group JJR, LLC. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to award the design and construction management of the Fellows Creek Naturalization and Flow Reduction Project to Smith Group JJR, LLC. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 9. Consider Authorizing Wade-Trim/Associates, Inc. to Provide Construction Management Services for 2003 Sidewalk Repair Program. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize Wade-Trim/Associates, Inc. to perform Construction Management Services for the 2003 Sidewalk Repair Program in the amount not-to-exceed \$5,000. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 10. Approval to Purchase a New Motorola Base Station for Warning Siren Activation. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of a Motorola base station from Mobile Communication Sales, Roseville, MI, under state bid for a cost not to exceed \$9,800. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 11. Request to Install Epoxy Floor Covering at Station One. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the installation of epoxy floor covering at Station One, by Horger Flooring Corp. Oakland, MI, for a cost not to exceed \$16,000. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 12. Approval to Purchase Two Canines for the Department of Public Safety. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the purchase of two canines from Mid-Michigan Kennels, Eaton Rapids, MI, for a cost not to exceed \$6,800; also approve the sale of "Shilo" to Officer Todd Koch and "Maverick" to Officer Jenkinson for the purchase price of \$1.00 each. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 13. Sale of Sheldon/Michigan Property. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the agreement between the Charter Township of Canton and TRI-CITY Christian Center in accordance with the Offer to Purchase the balance of the property located on Sheldon Road. Motion carried by all members

OTHER: There will be no study session next week. The next study session will be on August 5 and will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a tour of the new Public Works Building on Sheldon Road. ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, Supported by Kirchgatter to adjourn at 8:35 pm

Thomas J. Yack - Supervisor / Terry G. Bennett -Clerk

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STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on (August 18, 2003), Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM.

D-116 Jessica Chesher Household D-119 Kirk V. Surface Household

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the purchase of one Ford F-250 4x4 Styleside Pickup Truck. Specifications and bid forms are available by phoning Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due to the E. J. McClendon Building, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48154, on or before 2:00 p.m., Monday, August 11th, 2003. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school.

Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary

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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD. **CANTON, MI 48188**

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on Tuesday, August 5, 2003 at 10:00 A.M. The auction is to be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd.,

Please note: The bidding will start at the towing and storage

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, August 14th, 2003 for the following:

POLLMASTER VOTING UNITS

Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2003

REQUEST FOR AN

INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION FOR

ARGENT INTERNATIONAL, INC.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 12, 2003, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a

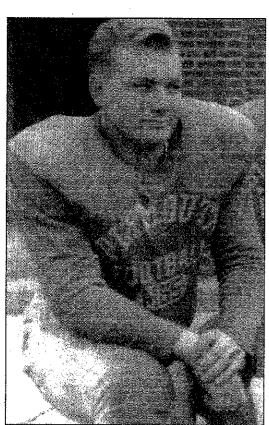
request from Argent International, Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption covering a new leased facility. The company will lease new machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures to be used within the new facility. The facility is located at 41016 Concept Drive, lot 11 and a portion of lots 10 and 12, Metro Plymouth Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. The request of Argent International, Inc. is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30

p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request. The public hearing commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the

Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, August 12, 2003, during the regularly scheduled Board Meeting. Telephone number (734) 354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC, Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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Paul Cummings graduated from Plymouth HS in 1956, where he played both football and baseball.

CUMMINGS

Olson, a friendship that endured

But that kind of relationship wasn't unusual for PC. "He was a great organizer," said Olson. "And he was instrumental in getting coaches hired out there. He got me hired at the high school.

"He designed the physical education department to a large extent. It was one of his responsibilities back then."

Designing the school system's athletic department in the '70s was a daunting task, with so many changes in athletics both in the system and statewide, with the advent of girls sports. "He was the key in the development of the whole park concept," Olson said, referring to the two high schools being positioned side by side.

Although he spent most of his life in the Plymouth-Canton system, Cummings was certainly one

to help out when needed. He didn't stay on the sidelines long after retiring as the high school's director of athletics in 1995, contracting to help the South Redford school system revamp its athletic program, working three days a week and training the new athletic director.

As well as updating the facilities. "Bob Sickles, the Thurston AD, just said 'He saved me," said Thurston assistant principal Jim Finn, who worked with Cummings in the Plymouth-Canton athletic department. "With PC, the final deciding factor was always what affected the

Being taught by Cummings was something longtime friend Gary Balconi, a former track coach and building athletic director at Salem HS, was familiar with. "He took me under his wing," said Balconi, who retired at the same time Cummings did. "He really involved me in all phases of the athletic department. And he

treated me like a partner.

"He wanted to provide an opportunity for the kids. How many people he touched ... We went through a lot of difficult, some very challenging times together. He used to say, 'It's not Salem and it's not Canton, it's the kids."

Those responsible for guiding the kids in athletics - the coaches - often have their own ideas on how to run an athletic department. Cummings was well aware of this; indeed, one of his greatest qualities was keeping his coaches informed.

"He loved his job," said former Salem football coach Tom Moshimer. "He was willing to put in the hours."

When Moshimer took the football position at Plymouth HS in 1967, Cummings joined his staff as an assistant coach. He remained in that position until becoming an assistant to the late John Sandmann, then the school district's director of athletics.

"One of the things about PC," said Moshimer, "he was a real loyal assistant coach. He was the kind of guy you'd want on your

"Then, when he became my boss, the relationship didn't change. What made him a great administrator, in my mind, was he always consulted me before making changes in the program. He could have done that if he wanted to, but he wanted to work with

people, not step on toes." Cummings did his job without fanfare; he never sought the limelight. "He did not look for or want individual praise," said Balconi. "He was the boss. But there wasn't a coach who didn't respect him.

"And like him." There were many attributes rightfully assigned to Cummings. This was Moshimer's:

"If I had to describe him, he was a very compassionate humanitari-

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Taormina now ranked 3rd in the world

With the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece only a year away, Americans now hold down the top three positions in the latest International Triathlon Union world point rankings.

The group includes topranked Barb Lindquist of Victor, Idaho; Laura Reback of North Palm Beach, Fla., second; and Livonian Sheila Taormina, who has moved up to No. 3 spot after being ranked No. 5.

On July 21, Taormina, the former Stevenson High All-

TRIATHLON

State swimmer and University of Georgia All-America, finished runner-up to Canadian Jill Savege in the ITU World Cup event held in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, which located in a town of 20,000. on the west coast of Canada's eastern-most province.

Savege, Taormina and Susan Williams of the U.S. led through the 1,500-meter swim and 40-kilometer bike (24.8mile) portions of the race before Savege pulled away to finish 33 seconds ahead of the Livonian in the hilly 6.2-mile run. The Canadian ran the 10K in 36:27 to Taormina's 37:05.

Savege completed the threepronged event in 2 hours, 5 minutes and 26 seconds. Taormina was clocked in 2:05:59, while Williams finished third in 2:06:21.

Dating back to her runnerup finish last August at the New York City Triathlon, the former 1996 Olympic gold medalist in swimming (women's 4 x 200-meter freestyle relay), has placed first or second in 13 of her last 14 pro races.

Taormina, who finished sixth in the inaugural women's triathlon at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games, started the season ranked No. 10 with her only blemish a 24th at the

2002 ITU World Championships held last November in Cancun, Mexico. Taormina's next scheduled

race is this Saturday in Minneapolis, Minn. for the Life Time Fitness Triathlon, which offers the largest purse in the history of the sport with \$250,000 each going to the overall male and female winhers.

USA Triathlon also announced the sites for three U.S. Olympic Trials qualifying events for 2004, including April 18 in Maui, Hawaii; May 8-9 at the ITU World Championships in Madeira Island, Portugal; and next June at a date to be determined in Bellingham, Wash.

Sites also considered, but not chosen included Clermont, Fla. and Tempe,

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HUSKIES

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got three goals at the start of the third period to open up a 7-2 advantage with 9:17 left in regu-

The deal seem sealed. But the

Lakers thought differently and, from the 7:53 mark until just 33 seconds remained, they poured in five goals to knot it and force overtime.

The tying goal came from Bryan Marshall (from Livonia), with an assist from Stavros Paskaris. Helminen's game-winner was unassisted.

"The first two prelim games we played well enough to win," Richters said. "But in the final we played very well. It could

With a spot already clinched in the finals, Richters rested players in Friday's 1-1 tie with

Daniel Van Acker scored for Marin United in the 58th minute to force the deadlock after Jeremy Stacy (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central) scored for the Wolves in the 41st

n't want to compromise anybody's health," Richters said. than the one we were going to play with on Sunday."

Players like Popeney, Savitskie, Djokic, Katikos, Konopinski and Johnson weren't the only Wolves with WLAA ties. Among the others included midfielder Patrick Kelleher (Northville) and defender Brian Emerick (Livonia Churchill), along with assistant coach Kevin Callaway

Rounding out the national champion Wolves includes John Pizanis (East Lansing), Brady Vance (Traverse City), Mike Borowiak (Fraser), Steve Hecker (Portage Northern), John Grigorakis (Windsor, Ontario) and Ryan Bennett (Ann Arbor

Youth soccer's ultimate prize attracted 48 teams from 39 clubs from 19 different states vying for six boys and girls age bracket titles, under-14 through

The only other national qualifier from Michigan, Vardar under-14, won its first two games before being eliminated

"The soccer is so good at all the different age groups," Richters said. "It was a pretty amazing experience."

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Marshall certainly fueled the Lakers' comeback, scoring twice in the rally. He also had an assist in the game. Jim Brennan, Paskaris and Mike Vigilante also had third-period goals for the Lakers. The Huskies, however, never did trail. Lars Helminen opened the scoring 2:17 into the game; after a marker by Trent

Daavettila (making it 2-1 Huskies) was answered by the Lakers' John Vigilante with 6:45 to go in the second period, the Huskies broke open the 2-2 game with two goals by Dwight Helminen and single scores by Kurt Kivisto, Bill Kiilunen and David Rohlfs.

Or so they thought.

Lars Helminen and Daavettila each had a goal and two assists in the game for the Huskies, with Kivisto and Rohlfs adding a goal and an assist apiece.

For the Lakers, John Vigilante and Marshall both had two goals and an assist, while Paskaris had a goal and two

assists and Mike Vigilante contributed a goal and an assist.

Brandon Tucker started in goal for the Huskies; he was replaced with Brent Bocson (Troy) midway through the second period. Lanny Jardine (Bloomfield Hills) and Howard divided time in goal for the Lakers.

WOLVES

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game-clinching save. The Wolves outscored Marin United 4-3 in penalty kicks as Bain Rumohr (Mason), Kevin Savitskie (Salem), Popeney and J.T. Katikos (Stevenson) found

"This has to be at the very top of my coaching career because the level in this tournament is so high," said Richters, who led Stevenson as a prep all-stater to the 1988 state Class A title and played professionally for the Detroit Rockers. "Something like this is tough to accomplish as a player and that makes it pretty special."

Popeney, named the adidas Golden Boot Award winner, tied teammate Djokic with three tournament goals in four games.

"It was a real battle, it was a fight until the end," Richters said. "We got some really good goalkeeping from Jason (Tillman)."

The Wolves were somewhat of a surprise getting to the nationals after beating the Chicago Sockers 3-2 in overtime for the Midwest Region title June 23 in Des Moines, Iowa.

"At this age group it's a lot different," Richters said. "There were four teams there (in Germantown) that were not expected to win their regions. There were four underdogs and we felt we had as good a chance as anybody, but it would not come easily."

In preliminary round action July 23, the Wolves opened with a 2-0 victory over the Syracuse (N.Y.) Blitz Blissard on goals by Katikos (32nd minute) and Djokic (66th minute). Tillman got the shutout.

In the second round last Thursday (July 24), goals by Diokic (13th minute) and Popeney (64th minute) offset Austin Woolard's goal (45th minute) to beat the Tulsa (Okla.) Nationals '85, 2-1.

Assists in the victory went to

Paul Johnson (Stevenson) and

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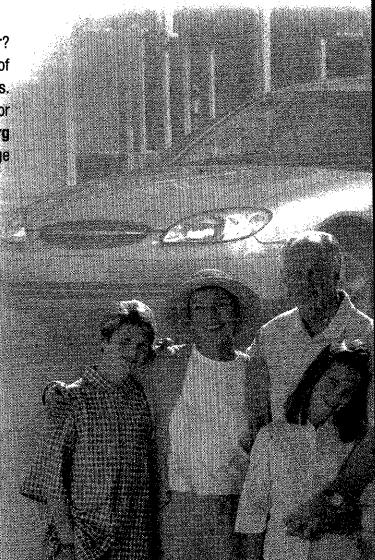
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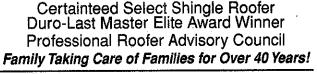
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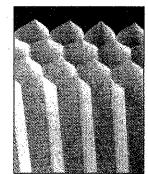
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Get a desk pal

Finding Nemo has made a splash this summer, making fish "cool" pets once again.

For those who do not want to spend hundreds of dollars to support tropical and salt water fish, beta fish represent another less expensive option.

The Desk Pal includes a cylindrical vase with a beta fish and a spath plant, and is available at all 15 metro Detroit-area Thrifty Florist locations.

Beta fish, also known as Siamese Fighting Fish, actually breath air. The Desk Pals retail for \$18.99.

For more information or to find the nearest Thrifty location, readers can call (888)THRIFTY.

Keep child safe

The Child Safety and Prevention Initiative of the Children and Families Commission of Orange County (Calif.) offers some tips to keep children safe this summer.

Stay within arm's reach of children playing in or around a pool or other bodies of water, including a bathtub.

tended in a closed vehicle. Know where your child is when you are backing out of a driveway.

Don't leave children unat-

Hold hands with your child when you are near or crossing streets.

Be aware when children are near open windows or ledges.

For more child safety information, visit the American Academy of Pediatrics at www.aap.org or the Childrenand Families Commission of Orange County's Web site at www.occhildrenandfamilies. com.



Outdoor lighting can be as beautiful as it is practical

BY DOUG FUNKE STAFF WRITER

Folks talk about extending the indoors outside. Landscape lighting does just that.

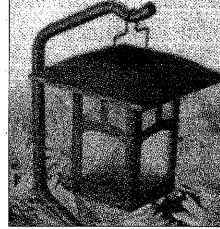
Decks, porches, patios and pools, if illuminated, get more extensive use when the sun goes down. Lights enhance beauty and safety with their functionality. And there are lots of styles from which to choose.

In short, landscape lighting now entails more than just the 60-watt front porch light or the traditional spotlight shining on the basketball hoop in the back

"Lighting lends another dimension to the landscape and also gives the house a little embellishing at night," said Steve Simon, owner of Paramount Landscaping in Livonia.

"Three objectives I try to achieve," he said. "Safety, some strategic markers for pedestrian traffic. Look at security. It's proven that an illuminated house is less likely to be violated. And, night-time aesthetics.

"You can approach it by illuminating the (home's) architecture, you can avoid the architecture and focus on aspects of the landscape or you can combine both," he said.



TASTE MATTERS

More doesn't necessarily mean better, Simon said.

"I put an emphasis on tasteful. I've seen the runway effect and it's just not aesthetic. I try to minimize the amount of lights. At the higher (price) end, four lights can be very effective.

"If you're going to spend money, spend it on a quality system," he said. "Make sure it's installed properly. That will get you longevity."

Lighting can be aimed up or down, said Tony Konja, owner of Artistic Outdoor Services in Farmington Hills.

"I had a job in Franklin in a wooded area where we mounted a light on the tree so it would shine down on the driveway and the pavers, but you don't know where it's coming from," he said. "We strive to get imaginative."

e said. "We strive to get imaginative."

Contact a landscaping professional to explain possibilities

PLEASE SEE **LIGHTING, C8**

Have basics at hand for home repair

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI CORRESPONDENT

Home improvement jobs can become a lot easier if you have the right tools and you keep them organized.

While specific tools are needed for certain jobs, there is some basic equipment that should be in every homeowner's toolbox.

Some of the "have to haves" are a tape measure, a hammer, a measuring square, flat-tip and cross-tip screwdrivers, a small electric hand saw and a 12-volt, multi-purpose drill — for making wall holes and quickly screwing in screws.

Channel locks, a type of pliers that bite from the side instead of the front, can be used to loosen bolts and nuts and grab onto pipes for plumbing jobs.

Power drills and miter boxes are essential if you're doing woodwork, like mold-

ings and replacing doors.

Every home needs a good ladder that folds and extends, for painting, repairs and maintenance work, said Vito Alongi of Alongi Construction in Livonia.

A rechargeable cordless screw gun, a flashlight, duct tape and electrical tape are necessary, too, Alongi said.

He also recommends that homeowners have a hot glue gun for temporary water leak fixes. A glob of glue around a pipe will stop a nagging drip until it can be repaired properly.

"In case you have to wait for someone to come and fix a leak, or you need to go out and get supplies, this is a quick fix to get by," Alongi said.

Nails are one thing you don't

want to stock up on ahead of time, because each project calls for a different size.

Always have a good stock of batteries for various gadgets around the house and in the car.

Nothing is more frustrating, Alongi said, than not being able to

get into your home because the batteries in your garage door opener are dead.

QUALITY COUNTS

Look at the quality of the tool more than price, especially if you plan to use the tool often, said Glen Norgan, project coordinator at Sears Home Improvements in Lyon Township.

"It's always easy to buy cheap tools," Norgan said. "Everybody and their brother are making tools that look basically the same.

"But they're different in various ways — the biggest way is quality."

Norgan said while he worked as a contractor he bought good — and often more expensive — tools that would wear out after three or four years. Lower quality tools sometimes have to be replaced three or four times a year, he said.

"If it's going to be something

PLEASE SEE TOOLS, C8

MARKET PLACE

Enjoy your yard, pond, deck or patio with outdoor lighting. Top,

this mission lantern from Kichler adds a touch of beauty to a

front or side walkway. This Antique Copper Finish from Malibu

will give any fountain a modern look. Second from bottom, his

ginkgo lamp by Kichler will light up your pathway. Bottom, this

porcelain tulip from Kichler contributes elegance through

Submissions Do you have a special

accent lighting.

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Timely fashion
Howard Miller® has added seven handcrafted

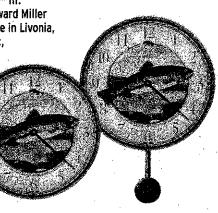
loward Miller® has added seven handcrafted antiqued round dial clocks to its nostalgic Moment in Time™ Collection.

Six of the designs are 13 inches and are available with or without an antiqued pendulum. The seventh design, Enrico Fulvi^M III, is 25 inches. Approximate retail prices are \$77.95 for the 13-inch size without a pendulum, \$93.95 with a pendulum, and \$187.95 for the 25-inch size.

With antiqued black hands and a guartz

movement, each of the themed clocks is produced with fade-resistant inks on laser-cut panel bases. Shown here are two of the 13-inch designs, Vieux Chateau Cetan™ and Driftwood Lodge™ (the pendulums of which extend 5 inches below the dials), and Enrico Fulvi™ III. Stores in Michigan that carry Howard Miller products include Art Van Furniture in Livonia, Westland and Novi; Brose Electric, Chris Furniture, and Classic

Interiors in Livonia; American Blind & Wallpaper, and Laurel Furniture in Plymouth; Clock and Wood Originals in Redford; Marshall Field's in Westland; Northville Watch & Clock in Northville; and Wm. C. Franks Furniture in Wayne.



Herh Fest 2003 The daytime and evening herb study groups at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor, will host Herb Fest 2003 noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3. Joanna Larson will speak on Bountiful Basil, the herb of the year, at 1 p.m., while Joan Wysocki will discuss the role of herbs in Cancer Prevention and Conventional Treatments at 2:30 p.m. This event will also feature educational displays and herbal treats, as well as providing an opportunity to

at Matthaei with herb enthusiasts. Admission is \$5 for Friends members and \$10 for nonmembers. To register, contact the Gardens at (734) 998-7061. For more information, contact Joan Wysocki at (248) 349-5310 or jdwysocki@aol.com.

Old Friends visit

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The Friends of the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens Evening Herb Study Group will meet on Monday, Aug. 4, for a field trip to Old Friends in Chelsea. The group will enjoy a lecture on drying herbs and flowers, a wreath-mak-

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ing demonstration and tour of the production gardens. Refreshments will be provided.

Anyone interested in a car pool should meet at 6 p.m. near the west parking lot at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road in Ann

Call Lesley Chace at (734) 730-2212 for instructions to Old Friends.

All about roses

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses in Belleville, are conducting a series of Saturday programs that will enable gardeners to

succeed with roses in their gardens this summer. Nancy Lindley will discuss rose propagation 1 p.m. on Aug. 9, 16 and 23, Participants will prepare and root roses from cuttings. Reservations requested: \$20 material fee collected at the door. Participants are asked to bring their own pruners. (This workshop won't be offered in the fall since summer is the ideal time to root roses.) At 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, Roger Lindley will lecture and give a hands-on demonstration on Japanese beetle control on roses. Admission is free, and no reservations

are needed. Each presentation or workshop will last for about 1-1/2 hours. Attendees are asked to dress for the weather and to bring a hat if it's sunny. Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road, between

Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) Roads in Sumpter Township, just south of Belleville. Its roses are available at the Northville Farmers Market.

Iris Plant Sale

The Iris Club of Southeastern Michigan will have its annual Iris Plant Sale 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Royal Oak Senior Community

Center, 3500 Marais, three blocks east of Crooks and three blocks north of 13. Mile. Many types of bearded irises will be for sale along with a selection of Japanese Irises, Free admission. For more information, call Ann at (248) 280-0848.

If you have an item for the calendar, please submit it at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net.



Check insurance, breakers during outages

ere it is, the middle of summer 2003 and what makes this summer any different than any recent years gone by? Nothing.

We have had our normal del-

uge of power failures spread far and wide and they have mal life.

Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon put a little strain on many a person's nor-With these power failures and problems with appliances I suggest

that you examine your homeowners insurance policy and double check what is covered and what isn't. If a computer or refrigerator goes to 'appliance heaven" because of voltage problems, you need to

insurance before it happens, not after. While we're on the subject of circuit breakers, you should know that the new GFCI outlets you have in the bathroom and outside outlets should be tripped every month. You should physically trip them to keep the contacts from welding shut and making them useless. These newer outlets are designed to cut off the power at the source in a quarter sec-

know if you're covered by

dryer in a sink full of water. An electrician reported to me that many of these GFCI

ond should you drop the hair

outlets installed in homes are not working and he blames that fact on the quality of the products. The circuit breaker boxes which control all circuits in your home are also mechanical devises which should be tripped a few times a year.

When we have a power failure at our house, I go downstairs and shut off the main breaker. I don't turn it back on until the power has been restored up and down the street. During this period I will trip each and every breaker several times. This action helps to keep the contacts clean inside and is a good maintenance step to follow.

There are many major home appliances sent to the landfills of America because of brownouts and power surges. Much of this can be avoided by some cautionary thinking. If you see the light bulbs dimming in the house, that's a sure-tell sign that there is not enough voltage being supplied to your home.

You should immediately pull the plug on all appliances and other units or pull the main circuit breaker to the "off" position. Many products in your home will suffer damage because they need a certain amount of voltage to operate properly. You might think about having a generator installed and if so, have it done correctly. (You will be liable if it's installed improperly and a lineman working on the pole outside is killed.) Make sure the unit is in a well-vented area making it safe for the homeowner.

If you can afford the new system of generators you might want to contact DTE about installing their system which runs off of natural gas. This new system is installed outside and looks similar to your air conditioning condenser, is very quiet and totally automatic.

All homeowners with the luxury of a pool or hot tub should spend the dollars necessary to make sure everything is grounded and wired properly.

Hire a qualified electrician and have them go over every aspect of electricity around your house. Make sure the house itself is grounded properly. Does your washing machine have a ground strap leading from it to the cold water pipe? Take a look!

If power problems should ever take out your major appliances, computers and electronics, it would be wise to document the model and serial numbers, take pictures and check with your neighbors to find out if it happened to them as well. Your utility might be willing to help with the money woes if you sound well-versed on the subject.

Make sure you check out your insurance policy on what's covered in your home.

Joe Gagnon is host of Ask The Handyman on Infinity Radio AM 1270 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays and Sundays. You can hear his tips on WWJ 950 on weekdays. You can call him on his show at (248) 356-1270.



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Garden books offer maintenance help

hings begin to slow down a bit in the garden on these hot days, although it seems the weeds do persevere! Take time to enjoy a book and a glass of iced tea while you

learn and refresh your-

Here's one that I really liked when I read it.

Spot

Marty Figley

just began to Gardening in Eden, The Joys of Planning and Tending a Garden, by Arthur T. Vanderbilt II (

Simon and

Schuster, \$25). From just the thought of gardening (he calls it "waiting weather,") in the winter, until the end of summer this book captivates.

Vanderbilt believes that planning, patience, and persistence are the three human ingredients necessary to create a garden and shares many thoughts, not always about plants. For instance, as cold weather approaches, he thinks about the goldfish, knowing that the pond won't ice up when he puts the pump in the water to keep it from freezing. This reflects his concern for all parts of the garden. I like the soul of this book. It's a musthave; and what a nice gift.

SMALL, PRETTY SPACES

Natural Gardening in Small Spaces, by Noel Kingsbury (Timber Press, \$29.95) tells to create such a garden that, when established will stay viable and healthy with very little work on the gardeners' part. Kingsbury explains how plant communities work and then suggests suitable plants for many kinds of situations such as dry, exposed habitats, grassland, meadow and prairie and the edge of a wood. He also shares how to garden

without watering, using mulches and building shelters for wildlife.

The plant directory lists many plants for their beauty and ease of growing. Photographs encourage this type of ecological gardening. These are great ideas.

Don't let the size of this book deter you from The Well-Designed Mixed Garden, by Tracy DiSabato-Aust (Timber Press, \$40).

Written in three parts, it is very well organized, taking each step, one at a time, to create a mixed garden.

She discusses color and design principles of unity, dominance, repetition, and rhythm and also tells how to draw a design for your personal space. Nothing has been left to chance.

The design examples include drawings of successful gardens that are accompanied by lists of plants used, and the photographs are stunning. Included is information about maintaining the garden. The last section is an encyclopedia of plant combinations that will whet your appetite. In addition, the appendices are full of excellent information.

COVERING GROUND

The 'bible' of ground covers, Perennial Ground Covers, by David S. MacKenzie is now in paperback (Timber Press, \$29.95). This is the book to have if you want all kinds of information about such an array of plants.

Readers will be surprised at the alternatives available other than grasses and the more familiar ground covers often used. Just think-no more

mowing! MacKenzie shares ground covers' ornamental characteristics and subtleties. He owns and operates a wholesale nursery, Hortech, in Spring Lake, Mich., one of the country's largest and most progressive



Foam flower is a ground cover that prefers NOT to be stepped on. It blooms in early spring.

ground cover nurseries. He has been hybridizing, photographing, researching and lecturing on ground covers since 1983.

One more Timber Press book, The Color Encyclopedia of Cape Bulbs, by John Manning, Peter Goldblatt, Dee Sniman (\$59.95) contains photographs of these flowers taken in their native habitat.

Readers will be amazed at the bright colors of these beau-

Nearly 1,200 species of bulbs grow in this southern tip of Africa. All the species are described with information on habitat, flowering time and geographic distribution.

If you like to try something new and/or learn new ways to garden. The Adventurous Gardener, by Christopher Lloyd (The Lyons Press, \$16.95 soft) will be of interest. This Englishman's style is direct and clear. There are no photos, but that leaves more room for

advice. We must remember his garden is in England, so times for specific chores may be different.

Lloyd addresses the following: Taking cuttings and caring for them, woody plants, problems and how to solve them (such as experiments in bedding, or small garden, large trees).

The chapter titled People, Plans, and Plants includes all kinds of ideas as diverse as making paths and his praise of Gertrude Jekyll. It is interesting reading.

Good garden tip: If you're trying to get pachysandra to fill in an area, pinch or prune back the central leader to encourage multiple side shoots for fuller plants.

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-

Find these gems on the Internet

n a huge fan of National 🕻 🕻 Public Radio, but I'm rarely able to catch my favorite shows, like Fresh Air and This American Life. Thanks to a technology known as stream-



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Rick Broida

program that lets you record Internet radio to your PC. The files are stored

in "MP3 format," which means you can copy them to a portable MP3 player or burn them to a CD for listening in the car. Best of all, Replay Radio can automatically record shows at designated times, TiVo-like, so you never miss a favorite.

Of course, you're not limited to NPR - you can record any Internet broadcast, which opens the door to radio from around the world. Replay Radio is refreshingly easy to use, works like a charm, and costs \$29.95.

Here's more useful sites:Save for anti-virus and Internet firewall programs, I think most PC utilities are a waste of money. Either they're too invasive and cause problems of their own (I'm looking at you, Norton Utilities), or they're just fancy front ends for utilities already built into Windows.

The exception: TuneUp Utilities 2003 (www.tuneup.com), a polished and genuinely useful suite of tweaking and optimization tools. It can purge the clutter from your hard drive, accelerate your Internet connection, improve overall system performance, and lots more.

TuneUp Utilities costs \$34.99, but you can try it free for 30 days to see if you like it as much as I do. By the way, you won't find it in stores—it's a Save for anti-virus and **Internet firewall programs, I** think most PC utilities are a waste of money.

shareware product, meaning the only place to find it is

online.

I'm a sucker for good deals (much to my wife's chagrin), which is why I'm addicted to Spoofee.com. Every day it serves up a few new Internet bargains. One of the latest: a topof-the-line 80GB hard drive for \$50 (shipped!) after rebate. CompUSA price: \$120.

I'm also partial to Overstock.com, where I recently found the 60th Anniversary Edition of Dumbo on DVD (for my daughter) for \$10.49. Best price elsewhere: \$21.59. No obnoxious shipping charges, either - I paid only \$1.40. Overstock.com is also a great place to score closeout PDAs for cheap. Sony's Clié PEG-SJ20, for instance, an excellent entry-level model, currently sells for just \$99.99.

Google has become a Websearch way of life for millions, but 1 few people know the best way to use it. Visit the Google site, click the Services & Tools link, then scroll down a bit until you find the Google Toolbar. Once installed, the toolbar becomes integrated with Internet Explorer, meaning it's always there. Instead of returning to Google every time you want to search, just type your word or phrase into the toolbar and hit Enter. This is the single most indispensable tool on my PC.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, has written for computer and technology magazines, and is a co-author of several books on 🖫 handheld computing. Readers who have questions for Broida can email him at rickbroidal@excite.com.



English Gardens hosts seminars Lighting basics help transform a home

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English Gardens will conduct free gardening seminars on Saturdays at 1 p.m. at all five metro Detroit English Gardens stores. The weekly seminars are open to the public and will be held as follows:

Saturday, Aug. 2: Perennial Gardening - Create a colorful, beautiful garden using perennials. Learn how to select plants, combine colors and provide proper care during and after the growing season.

Saturday, Aug. 9: Arranging Garden Flowers - Bring the beauty of the outdoors indoors with this step-by-step demonstration of how to use your annuals and perennials. English Gardens designers will provide design basics to get you started.

Saturday, Aug. 16: Organic Gardening - Gardening and a concern for the environment go hand-in-hand. This program will teach you how to recycle vard waste into usable materials. The basics of com-

posting will be reviewed, and tips provided on how to grow plants and flowers without the use of pesticides and insecticides.

Saturday, Aug. 23: Fall Landscaping Ideas - Fall is the best time of year to plant. Bring color into a yard and garden with seasonal favorites and learn the proper techniques for planting to ensure gardening success!

Saturday, Aug. 30: Tropical & Flowering Plant Care -Nothing brightens a home better than flowering and tropical plants. Learn how to select and care for plants that will thrive indoors. Tips will be given on how to use plants to enhance a home's décor.

Saturday, Sept. 6: Enhance your Outdoor Living Areas -Learn how to make the best use of your outdoors with plants, outdoor décor, as well as spaces for entertaining, recreation and relaxing. Tips will be shared on developing a plan, selecting plants and trees according to environmental conditions, and proper planting procedures.

Saturday, Sept. 13: Attracting Birds to your Yard -Get tips on plant materials and other elements necessary to create a garden that's home to birds, butterflies and other small creatures.

Saturday, Sept. 20: Planting Spring-Flowering Bulbs - To achieve spring color from tulips, hyacinths, daffodils or crocus, you must plant the bulbs now. Get an overview of different bulbs, and tips on proper planting techniques, and care throughout the winter and during the next growing season. Also, learn the basics of designing a bulb garden.

Saturday, Sept. 27: Perennial Gardening with Color - Create a colorful, beautiful garden using perennials. This program will discuss the basics of design, care and planting of perennials in the landscape. Information will be given on selecting plant materials, combining color and varieties of plants, as well as caring for perennials during and after the growing season. For more information about the seminars, contact the Clinton Township store at (586) 286-6100: Dearborn Heights at (313) 278-4433; Eastpointe at (586) 771-4200; Royal Oak at (248) 280-9500; or West Bloomfield at (248) 851-7506.

Call 1-800-335-GROW (4769) for the nearest English Gardens location, or check the web site at www.englishgardens.com.

BY AMY HOOVER CORRESPONDENT

After the flooring, paint and furniture are all picked out for a room, many homeowners then turn their thoughts to lighting, almost as an after-

thought. That's their first lighting mistake.

"People don't think about lighting," said Paul Feiten, interior designer, Paul Feiten Design in Lathrup Village.

"It's more than just a ceiling fixture and a lamp. The correct lighting can transform a room and create instant atmosphere." Whether you're going to hire an interior designer, or do your home renovations yourself, it's essential to know the basics of lighting.

There are three major types of lighting for a room:

■ Ambient – A hidden source of light that helps give the room a glow, creating very few shadows. A wall sconce or using a dimmer switch would create ambient lighting.

■ Accent - Directional lighting or lighting that highlights a certain object or feature of a room. Halogen spots or table lamps are good examples of accent lighting.

■ Task - Lighting that's used to help perform daily activities like reading, cooking and shaving. Task lighting can be under cabinets in kitchens or above mirror sconces in bathrooms. Not every room needs all

three types of lighting, but they are something to consider when designing the room and

choosing the fixtures. There are several other things homeowners need to consider when lighting a room.

"They need to think about the size of the room, height of the ceiling, the dimensions of the furniture and what style and finish they're interested in," said Lori Koss, showroom manager of Ray Lighting Centers in Troy.

Lighting stores recommend that customers come in with a floor plan of the room or rooms in which they need lighting.

Also, think about the overall architectural style of the home and what look they're trying to create. Feiten had a few more tips to help appropriately light a home. "I would recommend fewer recessed lights, mixed with recessed low-voltage pin spots to accent art work," said Feiten.

"Stay away from overhead lights in bedrooms and put a dimmer in your bathroom. It's a gentle way to start your morning and you will use it every day."

As for current trends in lighting, both Feiten and Koss agree that under cabinet lighting in kitchens is popular.

Many homes have halogen spots under the cabinets to create task lighting. Since halogens can become hot, there is a new trend leaning toward miniature low-voltage lights that use Xenon bulbs. Xenon bulbs have more than twice the amount of light of halogens while consuming half the power. The ease of installing under cabinet lighting depends on what fixture you choose. For some, you just drill holes in the cabinets to mount and then plug them in. Others have

a more complex installation process and would be better handled by an electrician. These rules of thumb can

apply generally to all lighting

fixtures as well. "If you're just replacing one fixture with another, it's a simple thing that most homeowners can tackle," said Koss. "But some lighting jobs are more complex and need to be done by an electrician. Most lighting stores are happy to recommend one."

Lighting stores aren't the only places to find light fixtures these days, but they do tend to have a larger selection.

However, many homeowners find it easier to shop at home improvement stores like Home Depot, Lowe's, EXPO and The Great Indoors. Other retailers like Pottery Barn, Restoration Hardware and even Target are offering a small yet diverse selection of lighting fixtures.

Wherever homeowners decide to find their fixtures, there are still some pitfalls to avoid. "The biggest mistake many people make is just not getting enough light for the space they want," said Koss.

Feiten says that lighting can enhance a home. "A house can 😽 look more expensive and more sophisticated with the proper lighting," he said. "Don't look like everybody else's house. Get some interesting and unique fixtures that are timeless and will last a lifetime."

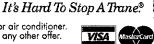


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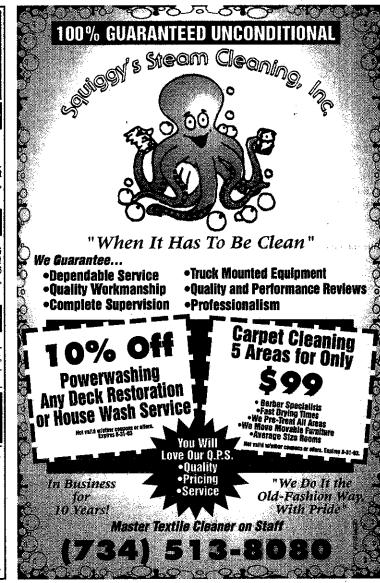
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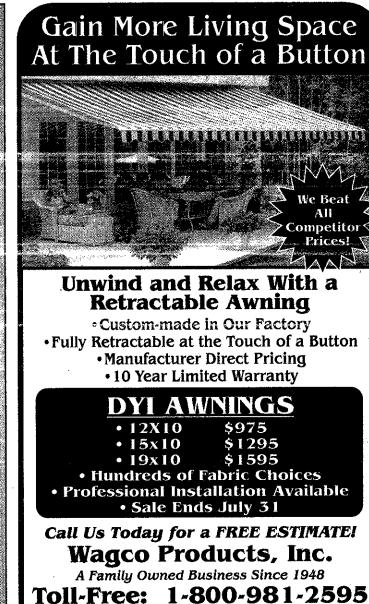
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as you turn

For a semi-recluse, Alex gets out a lot, and when he gets out, he almost always stumbles into a big bunch of trouble. As readers, of course, that's usually to our advantage.

This time around, it's no dif-

Toward the beginning of this stirring, atmospheric tale, Alex and his stalwart Ojibwa pal, Vinnie LeBlanc, head north of the UP to some of the most remote reaches of Ontario. They are on a mission, and their mission is to find Vinnie's missing brother, Tom.

Tom, acting as a guide, has vanished on a moose-hunting trip, along with a number of men he was supposed to lead into the Canadian wilderness.

Where are they now? Are they dead? Are they alive? And, if they are in mortal danger, can Alex and Vinnie reach them in time to save the day?

We will find out soon enough, of course. But, in the meantime, this game is afoot in some of the most rugged and picturesque locales in North America, and we're along for the ride. I can think of no other writer who is better able to capture the essence of this neck of the woods-and thus guide us through it—than Michigan native, Steve Hamilton. Perhaps he's done his very best job of it in *Blood* is the Sky (the phrase is taken from a traditional Ojibwa war song, according to one of the book's characters).

From the bat-infested walls of old cabins, to the bonechilling wail of a black bear at night, to the mud-choked side roads, to the unadorned bars in the scattered, unpretentious villages, right down to Alex's standby - a cold Molson Canadian beer - we can see, hear, feel, smell, sometimes even taste this place.

Here, an old Cree's rez home: "If you believed what was left of the paint, it looked like one side had been green and the other side red. A thin stream of smoke rose from a metal chimney pipe, set at a crazy angle. . .Someone had put down the black tar paper on that roof, but had never bothered with the shingles."

Here, a remote, Canadian hunting lodge: "The whole place had a run-down look ... from the cracked foundation to the porch ceiling overrun with

spider webs ... The room we stepped into was a lot nicer than what I expected ... A big wooden table stood in the center of the room, with eight hand-carved chairs. There was a stone fireplace on the back wall ... and a great moose head looking down at us, its rack of

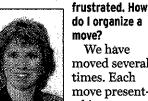
antlers as wide as a piano." And here, the unprepossessing entrance to the Michigan Ojibwa reservation, near Paradise: "If there wasn't a sign there to tell you, you wouldn't even know you were on Indian land. It looked just like any other middle-class housing development. There were raised ranches on either side of the road, with well-kept lawns dying off in the cold weather."

Into this vivid locale, Hamilton brings a cast of characters as colorful as a war bonnet. Among others, there's Leon Prudell, Alex's orangehaired buddy who yearns to be a private investigator, if only his wife would allow it; Vinnie, the part-time casino dealer who plays his cards close to his chest in almost every way; an odd couple of couples who run that remote hunting lodge (and never use the fireplace); and Alex himself, of course, living solo in that lonely little cabin in the woods, sort of stuck in the past, and forever trying to find a way out of it. And then, there's attractive Ontario cop, Natalie Reynaud. Keep your eye on her. Most readers will probably agree we'll be hearing and seeing much more about her later.

Victoria Diaz is a Livonia resident and writes about books, movies and travel for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Hamilton guides us through Plan and organize your next move

Moving is difficult because there are so many things to remember to do. I feel disorganized and



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Diana Koenig

We have moved several times. Each move presented its own challenge.

Moving is

always easier if

I plan and organize. The best way to remember

things is to keep a written list. There are different things to do when moving to a new city or state. I must familiarize myself with stores, cleaners, service stations, and schools.

Besides knowing the location of places, I need to change my drivers license, apply for a grocery check cashing card and open a bank account.

It is important to be flexible and be ready to implement Plan B when Plan A fails.

We rented a house for nine months while we were building a home.

We moved into the rental property from another state. I made the move while seven months pregnant and with two

I had my written list but I had to adapt to some unexpected changes. The moving van arrived one

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My husband and extended family helped unload instead of doing other tasks I had them scheduled to do. Due to the changes and fatigue from pregnancy, I sat on the steps crying and pointed to the room each box should be taken. I learned a significant lesson from this experience. Planning is good but I also needed to be flexible

to a change in plans. Here's a system I use to prepare for a move:

■ I prepare a written list by labeling the top of a piece of paper with the words, "To Do List." When I think of something I need to do, it is written on the list. When I accomplish a project on the list, I draw a line through it.

■ Moving is an excellent time to get rid of items. I schedule a garage sale before the move and give the remaining items to a charitable organization.

■ We list our home with a Realtor and begin looking for a new home.

■ I minimize purchases at the grocery store prior to the move. I try to use the food we have or give it to a neighbor.

■ I clean out every closet and drawer in my house. I am in the mood for a new beginning so it is amazing the number of items I get rid of.

■ I make new purchases for decor items, drapes and linens once I know where we will be moving.

I have a few extra boxes to pack for the move, but with my early preparations I can decorate my new home immediate-

Moving is difficult for me

because I like things organized so the quicker I can decorate my new home the more satis-

fied I am. ■ The day of the move I pack the car with bed linens, towels, toiletry items, and a

couple changes of clothes. This will avoid the problem of hunting for these items the first night in our new home.

■ Once the house we are moving from is empty, I clean the bathrooms and vacuum.

■ When we are in our new home, I clean everything before I begin unpacking. I make sure the furniture is placed in the middle of the room. If we have possession of our home a few days before the big move, I spend the time cleaning and hanging window treatments.

I follow the same procedure whether a moving company moves us or we move ourselves. I make sure the closets and drawers are organized so like things are packed together. I file papers in their appropriate place. I clearly label each box.

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JULY

Nurturing Intuition Workshop

Psychic channel and medium Shala Kilmer talks about nurturing intuition 7 p.m. Thursday, July 31, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. The presentation describes various kinds of intuitive and psychic experiences including aura reading, hands-on heeling, mental telepathy, psychometry, and channeling. Kilmer has been a channel and medium since 1986 and began teaching development classes in 1991. For information, call (734) 421-1760 or visit the Web site at www.unityoflivonia.org.

AUGUST

Advanced Prosperity Workshop

Rev. Christopher Chenoweth, founding minister of www.Positive Christianity.org the successful nondenominational internet prayer ministry, will speak at the 10 a.m. service, an Advanced Prosperity Workshop follows at 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, between Inkster and Middlebelt. For more information, call (734) 421-1760 or send e-mail to UoLivonia@aol.com.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Lighthouse Kids Vacation Bible School featuring stories, songs, games, crafts, and fun 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Thursday, Aug. 4-7, Ice cream social 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

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For ages 4-12 years old 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 4-8, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 13542 Mercedes, east of Inkster, south of I-96, Redford. Middle and high school students may participate in the adult class or serve as helpers.

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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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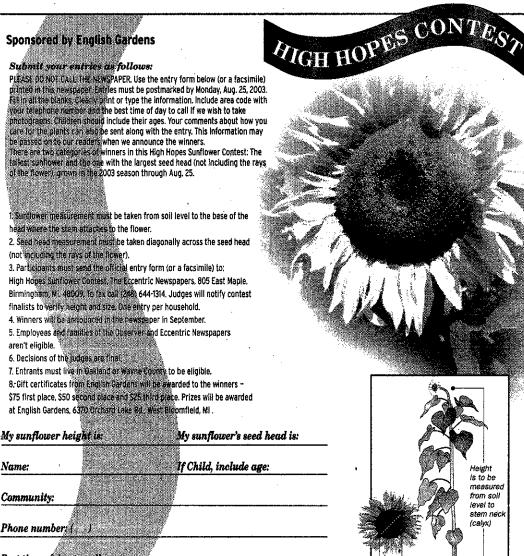
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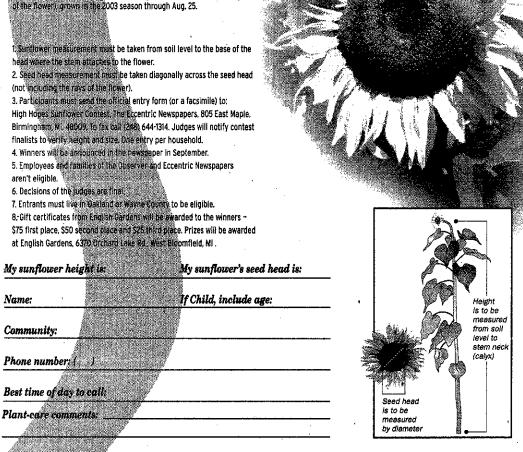


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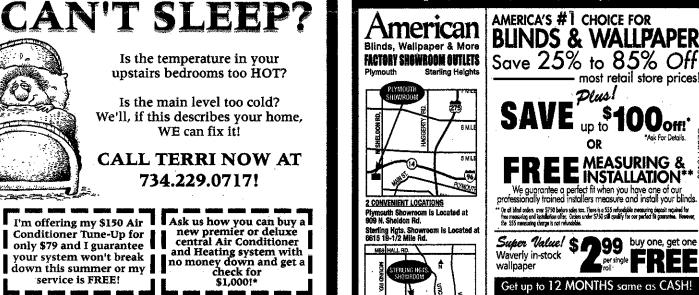
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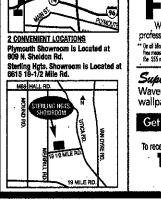
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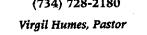
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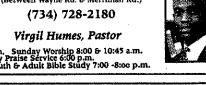
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Despite all of the timesaving technologies at our disposal, from fast-food to fax machines, most of us feel more hurried and harried than ever before. Recently, I had the experience of walking across a beautiful college campus and noticing a newly erected sculpture. My first impulse was to say to myself, "Don't stop to look at it now, you don't have the time." Then I realized that I honestly didn't need to be in such a hurry, and that an extra minute or two to look at this work of art wasn't going to negatively impact my day. On the contrary, slowing down to enjoy this artwork impacted my day in a very positive way. A wise man has said that the secret of life is enjoying the passage of time. But, we can't enjoy the passage of time if we are forever trying to beat the clock. Today's lifestyle is fast paced; however, slowing down and enjoying

God's beauty, such as watching a sunset, or just sitting outside and watching the birds, can be relaxing, and is beneficial to our well-being. There are countless things that we can see or do to make our lives more enjoyable and peaceful. The Bible tells us that God generously gives everything to us for our enjoyment. We should be aware and thankful to God for all the wondrous things in our lives.

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





that you use repeatedly, you

want to buy the name brands," Norgan said. Craftsman brand tools carry a lifetime guarantee, he said.

ORGANIZING

Separating tools for different projects in different toolboxes is one way to keep your work area organized, said Jim Rhoades, owner of Remco Remodeling in Garden City.

One box might have woodworking tools, another would have the right tools for an electrical job, while a third toolbox would hold all the plumbing devices, like grips, pipe wrenches, channel locks, a set of screwdrivers and Teflon tape or some other kind of sealant,

Put all your painting equipment, like brushes, tape and floor coverings,

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in a separate plastic bin, Alongi said. The separate storage areas give

homeowners easy access to

everything they need for a specific job. "That seems to work bet-

ter than trying to put every-thing on a tool bench," Rhoades said.

He said that he bought his wife her own toolbox, with basic tools for small jobs, like hammers and screwdrivers. Stocking a toolbox with some of these essential tools might make for a

good housewarming, shower or wedding gift, too.

Most power tools come with standard safeties. But homeowners should consider using ear covers and safety glasses for certain jobs.

Be sure to wear a dust mask for minor drywall work. and use a respirator or dust mask if vou're

working on an outside deck or other project that involves chemically-treated lumber.

People shouldn't be afraid to tackle some of their own home improvement and repair jobs, like minor electrical or plumbing work, Rhoades said.

"If a light switch goes bad or your faucet leaks, it's not rocket science to fix them," he said.

If you don't know how to begin, Rhoades said, go to a book store and find a "how-to" guide; or save yourself the money and find the books you need at the library. Home improvement stores also have employees who are eager to give customers advice.

Enjoy your photos more by framing them

f you're like most people, you have lots of photographs tucked away in drawers or stacked in a box on the top shelf of the closet, brought out only on rare occasions.



Focus on Photography

Monte Nagler

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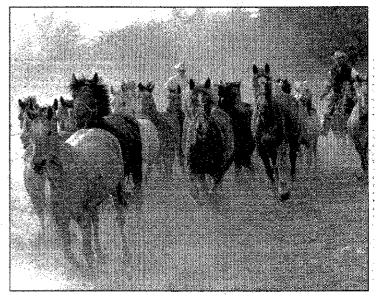
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Mounting and framing pictures may seem hard, complicated and expensive, and so you stay clear of what truly is an exciting and rewarding part of photography. Actually, mounting is easy and framing effortless.

One of the easiest mounting procedures is using photo spray adhesive. The adhesive comes in a spray can and is applied by spraying the back of your photograph with crisscross strokes. Wait a few seconds until the adhesive becomes tacky and then press into position on a mounting board. Center the picture equally left to right, but for aesthetic reasons, allow a little more mat board on the bottom than on the top. With a



This is one of Monte Nagler's favorite new pictures. It was taken at the Double JJ Ranch in Rothbury, Mich. It proudly hangs in Monte's home.

protective sheet of paper, apply pressure to insure a permanent, high-strength bond. The size of mount board should be large enough to provide a 3- to 4inch border around the print.

Another product for mounting photographs is double-sticky mounting sheets available in most camera shops. They come in sheets to match any size photograph. Simply remove and discard one of the protective release sheets and press carefully onto the back of your print. Then remove the other release sheet and press your picture onto the mount board.

Your mounted photograph should have an overmat either in white or, if you prefer, a

complementary color. Many can be bought pre-cut to size or your local frame shop can cut them for you.

Pre-assembled frames in many sizes are available at all local discount stores or you can easily assemble a frame kit carried by all frame stores. Placing your matted and mounted photograph in a frame is easy and fun by just following the simple directions. Imagine how much enjoyment you and your family will get out of your photographs when you tastefully hang them on the wall.

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

LIGHTING

Rhoades said.

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and craft a plan, Konja advises. Safety versus enhancement means different strategies.

"Generally, it runs \$100 per (low voltage) light fixture delivered and installed with a timer," Konja said of an upperend, cast-iron Kichler brand.

There's also hope for the doit-yourselfer with financial

"Lighting is probably one of the simplest ways to improve the looks of a house," said Phil Kinzer, marketing manager for Intermatic Malibu, a landscape lighting manufacturer. "Ours are soft, accent lighting, easy to install and people can add to their living space.

"You can go anywhere from a single solar fixture for \$7 to \$8, to a complete low-voltage set of 10 plastic lights with 4-watt bulbs, a transformer and cable for \$25 or less on special," Kinzer said.

"Or you can spend \$40-\$50 per fixture. There's lighting for every budget," he added.

HERE COMES THE SUN

Stick solar-powered lights, which store energy from the sun, in the ground wherever you want as long as they can attract rays over the course of a day. The light comes on automatically at dusk.

The transformer for a lowvoltage system can be mounted near and plugged into a standard outdoor electrical outlet. The individual lights can be shapped anywhere along the cable. A timer at the transformer directs lights on and

"Solar doesn't cost anything (to operate)," Kinzer said. "Low-voltage, about what it would cost to run a 40-watt light bulb."

Tt-takes about an hour to install a low-voltage system.

"The first step is kind of look around and think small - a small focal point or project, you'd like to light up to start," Kinzer said. "Walk around with a flashlight where you would like to see beams of light.

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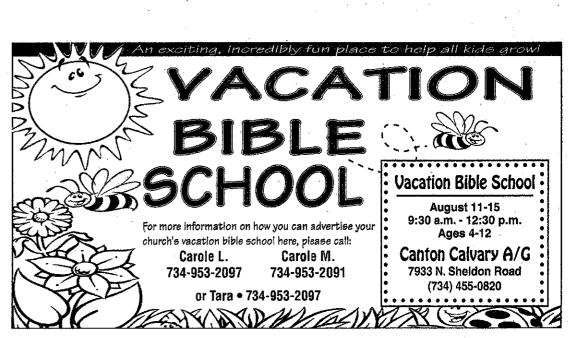
"Let your imagination be your guide. There's no right or wrong way. I guess beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

"I don't recommend that you bury the (low-voltage) cable in the ground right away," he said. "See that the lights are in the position you want them."

Another caveat from Kinzer: "Solar-powered lights aren't real bright. They're accent lights. If an area absolutely has to be lit on a regular basis, go to low voltage." And because sunlight is sporadic in winter at best, Kinzer only uses his solar powered lights April through October, storing them inside during cold-weather months.

Intermatic Malibu products are available in stores like Lowe's, Home Depot, Ace and True Value Hardware. "You can get a pretty good idea - you get a flavor - of what you want," Kinzer said.

Editor's note: Staff writer Doug Funke died July 20 of a heart attack, His death is a tremendous loss for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and he will be missed dearly by his colleagues.





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More eat out

A Gallup Poll conducted in April found that about 40 percent of households that earn \$75,000 or more annually ate out three or more times a week. The survey shows no decline in dining out compared with April 2001; in fact there was a small increase in the rate of eating out.

Bacon's resurgence

Bacon sales have increased 21 percent in the past few years, and many credit low-carbohydrate diets for the upswing in sales, according to the **Christian Science Monitor** and the Food & Beverage Report, a publication distrib-



uted by the Associated Food Dealers of Michigan.

Dietitians argue the Atkins diet has made people eat more meat, but they also conceded that bacon is hard to resist for anyone who enjoys it.

Recipe contest begins

Barbara's Bakery, a natural foods producer, has scheduled a national Get Around Recipe Contest.

The contests is open to consumers of all ages who submit original recipes and usage ideas featuring Barbara's Go Go Grahams, an organic round graham cracker. Go Go Grahams are available in supermarkets and natural food stores nationwide in honey, cinnamon, chocolate and lemon-ginger varieties.

Prizes include a grand-prize, specialized Hardrock bicycle teamed with Razor scooter and Heely's skate shoes; three first-place prizes of Razor scooters, and five secondplace prizes of Heely's skate shoes. Recipes will be judged on basis of taste, ease of preparation, appearance, creativity and appropriate use of Go Go Grahams.

Entry forms are now available at participating retailers, online at www.barbarasbakery.com or by writing to the company at: Get Around Recipe Contest, Barbara's Bakery, 3900 Cypress Drive, Petaluma, CA 94954. A copy of complete rules and regulations is also available on the company Web site or by mail. All entries must be postmarked by Oct. 31.

Fitting foods in

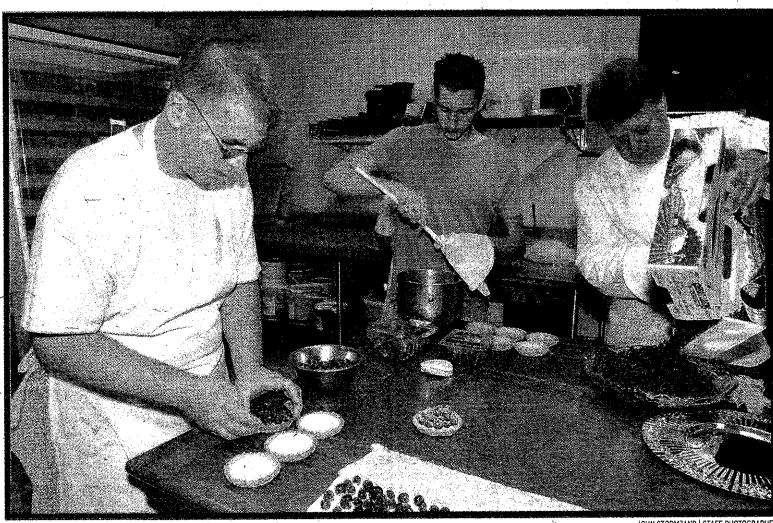
Looking for ways to fit fruits and vegetables into your diet? Here are a few ideas:

Add fruit at breakfast. Bananas, kiwi, strawberries or dried fruit combine well with breåkfast cereal. Add a piece of fruit with toast or cooked rice or create a smoothie by adding fresh fruit to yogurt or milk in a blender.

Experiment with vegetables you've never had before. Mash avocado and use as a spread instead of butter. Grate zucchini, beets or red cabbage and add to salads or sandwiches. Remember the greater the variety of colors on your plate, the healthier the meal is likely to be. Bright colors in natural foods like tomatoes, carrots, sweet potatoes and green vegetables mean they contain antioxidants, food substances that help prevent disease.

Get children into the habit of snacking on fruit. Try to include a variety of fruit so they aren't bored with the same thing.

CANTON HUBLIC FIDINGE



Chef Rick Michels (left), Jason Camarata and owner Gerald Matthes put together blueberry treats at Give Thanks Bakery in Rochester.

Blueberry Craze

Fresh or baked in sweets, this fruit is a summertime treat

BY CHRYSTAL LIEBOLD STAFF WRITER

lorida has oranges, Washington has apples, and Michigan has blueberries.

The dark, delectable berry rich in antioxidants is invading the mouths of fruit lovers this summer with its sweet, tangy goodness. And if you're a blueberry

lover, you're in the right state. "Blueberries remind people of up north and the woods, and they associate blueberries with summer," said Dennis Hazen, owner of Hazen's Blueberries in Howell. "Michigan is one of the leading producers of blueberries in the country. The taste and freshness is hard to beat. You can't beat a blueberry pie, or blueberry anything,

People seem to have a love affair of sorts with the blueberry. The fruit can be used in everything from vogurt to pancakes, flans to salsa. The nutritional benefits are reason enough to indulge, if not for the homegrown taste. One of the leading cancer-preventing fruits, blueberries are recommended for diabetics because of its natural sugar.

Hazen has been in the blueberry-picking business for 50 years and says blueberries and summertime go hand in hand. His U-Pick operation specializes in three varieties of blueberries, and despite a challenging spring, he says business has been prosperous this summer.

"Our main crop is blueberries," he said. "We also sell raspberries and peaches, but blueberries are our biggest drawing card."

When picking your own berries, Hazen recommends to look for plump, appealing berries free of

"People are after the big ones," he said. "They

think bigger is better, but that's not necessarily better. I like the smaller ones."

Chef Rick Michels and other bakers at Give Thanks Bakery in Rochester, owned by Gerald Matthes, utilize the blueberry in their pastries, cakes and muffins. The fruit's versatility allows the bakery, which specializes mainly in

European pastries, to create a variety of treats. "Blueberries go well in every-

thing, especially in muffins, said Michels. "We also do many fresh blueberry tartlets which sell like

crazy." The bakery's best seller is the Blueberry Cream Cheese Linzer Flan with a butter streusel topping and apricot glaze. One of the more unique

dishes the bakery prides themselves in is a variation of the classic Linzer tart that boasts a pastry crust and a raspberry jam filling. They adapted the tart with cream cheese and blueberries

for a Michigan-style Linzer. We do many fresh blueberry tarts and flans with butter pastry crusts," said Michels. "They're nice and light for the summer and they sell real well, especially since blueberries are in season." For an easy-to-make blueberry treat, Michels

"It's fantastic," he said. "I love blueberries. I love their taste and their texture. They have a tartness

recommends pouring blueberries over vanilla ice

to them that's good as long as you don't overly sweeten them up. "Peaches are also a nice combination with blue-

berries. They go so well with so many things whether they're in a pound cake or a muffin.'

PLEASE SEE BLUEBERRIES, D2

BLUEBERRY - CREAM CHEESE LINZER FLAN WITH BUTTER STREUSEL TOPPING

1 pint blueberries

Linzer Pastry Dough: 1 pound unsalted butter 13/4 cups (12 ounces) sugar 4 teaspoons cinnamon 1 teaspoon allspice 10 ounces ground almonds 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

2 eggs 5/2 cups (1/4 pounds) cake flour

Cream cheese filling: 1½ pounds cream cheese ½ cup sugar

½ cup (4 ounces) butter (unsalted and softened) ½ cup (2 ounces) cake flour ½ teaspoon vanilla extract ¼ cup milk 3 eggs

For streusel topping: ½ pound butter (unsaited) 1 cup (1/2 pound) sugar 1 pound (3½ cups) cake flour

For pastry dough, blend butter, sugar and spices at low speed until smooth. (Do not cream until light.) Add vanilla and ground nuts and blend in. Add eggs until absorbed. Add flour and mix just until evenly blended.

Chill several hours before using. For cream cheese fill-

ing, blend cheese, sugar and butter together until smooth. Mix eggs and flour, add vanilla and enough milk so that mixture can be piped or spread.

For streusel topping, mix all streusel topping ingredients together until crumbly.

To assemble the flan, roll out the linzer dough to slightly less than inches thickness on a floured surface. Line a 10-inch flan tine (with removable bottom) with the pastry dough. Fill 4 full with cream cheese filling. Spread fresh or frozen

blueberries evenly over cream cheese filling until entire surface is covered. Sprinkle streusel topping evenly over flan surface.

Place on baking sheet and bake at 350°F for 30-40 minutes.

When completely cool, remove the flan tine and sprinkle with confectioner's sugar.

Recipe courtesy of Give Thanks Bakery.

Here are a few 'Down under Starz' from Oz

ast year, the Australian wine industry celebrated a milestone, reaching \$2 billion in annual export sales for 2001-02. Of 55 million cases of wine exported, 15 million cases come to the United States, making Australian wines the second largest import category in the U.S. market.

Australia has a long history of grape growing and winemaking (uninterrupted by any prohibition) since the first explorers brought vine cuttings to their shores more than 200 years ago.



on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

Australians love their wine (and beer) but with 1,600 wineries in more than 53 different growing regions, they just can't keep up! Exports keep the Australian wine biz booming.

With the assistance of

Merchants Fine Wines and the Unique Restaurant Group, the Australian Wine Bureau brought 30 importers representing 250 wines to the metro Detroit market in June. These wines get from the importer to the retail shops and restaurants via 14 Michigan distributors.

Shiraz has been adopted as the red wine grape of choice throughout Australia. It has its origins in the Rhone Valley region of France and is best known as the red variety of Cote-Rotie and Hermitage,

Syrah. Shiraz can be found as a varietal wine or in combination with cabernet, merlot, malbec and others. In a blend of grape varieties, the label lists the dominant variety first.

where it is better known as

GRANT BURGE WINES

At the tasting, Shiraz became our principal focus along with a host of red wines, many from producers that were new to us. Grant Burge wines were particularly impressive. Since they

were founded in 1988, these wines have grown to become one of the top 10 privately owned wine companies in Australia.

Grant Burge is a fifth-generation winemaker committed to the Barossa Valley. He strongly believes that fine wines are born in the vineyard and that vineyards are the cradle of wine quality. With this in mind, he has developed one of the most extensive networks of premium

PLEASE SEE WINE, D4

Blueberries in season make great desserts Mini melons sized Chicken

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quick-to-assemble desserts using blueberries combine the fruit of the season with simple extras to delectable effect.

The blueberry-mango colada salad is refreshingly light, easily made in a matter of minutes, using blueberries, mango and frozen pina colada mix, plus an optional dash of rum.

The blueberry summer pudding is an old-fashioned recipe that is not likely to go out of style, given its name evoking both a favorite comfort food and a favorite sea-

BLUEBERRY-MANGO COLADA SALAD

2 cups fresh blueberries 2 mangos, peeled, seeded and cut into chunks (about 13/4

¼ cup frozen pina colada mix, thawed

1 tablespoon dark rum (optional) Optional garnish: additional blueberries, slices of

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unpeeled mango, thin slices

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In a large bowl, combine blueberries, mangos, pina colada mix, and rum, if used. Into 4 martini glasses or dessert dishes, spoon fruit mixture, dividing evenly.

Garnish with blueberries, mango slices and thin lime slices threaded onto long toothpicks, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional information per **serving:** 130 cal., 1 g fat, 1 g pro., 31 g carbo.

BLUEBERRY SUMMER PUDDING

31/2 cups fresh blueberries ¾ cup sugar 2 teaspoons orange juice 3 tablespoons butter, softened 6 to 9 slices firm white sandwich bread, crusts removed Whipped cream or vanilla ice, cream, if desired

Line a loaf pan (about 81/4-by-4½-by-2½-inch) with plastic wrap. In a medium-sized saucepan, combine blueberries,

sugar and orange juice. Over medium heat, bring to a boil; cook until berries release their juices, about 5 minutes; cool.

Meanwhile, spread butter on one side of each bread slice. Line the bottom of the pan with some of the bread slices, butter side down, trimming to fit. Spoon half of the fruit over the bread. Repeat layers of bread and fruit one more time; finish with a layer of bread. Cover with plastic wrap; refrigerate 8 to 24 hours, until bread has absorbed blueberry juice.

Remove plastic wrap on top. To prevent sticking, run a thin knife between the plastic wrap and the pan. Place a large serving plate on top of the pudding; invert; remove plastic wrap from the pudding.

To serve, use a serrated knife to cut in thick slices. Serve with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream if desired. Makes 6 servings.

Nutritional information per **serving:** 275 cal., 7 g fat, 3 g pro., 52 g carbo.

Recipes for AP from U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council.

BLUEBERRIES

FROM PAGE DI

Jim Moran, general manager of Westborn Fruit Market, 14925 Middlebelt in Livonia, says blueberries are "flying out of the store."

"People put blueberries in everything now," he said. "There's blueberry salsa, all kinds of cakes, pies and pancakes. They're healthy and have a lot of antioxidants. Everyone

responds well to Michigan produce. We try to support it."

Moran is a big fan of the fruit and says he doesn't bother with any of the fancy desserts. He likes his berries simple and to the point.

"I eat them right out of the container," he said, chuckling. "Blueberries are excellent this time of year with them being so fresh and huge and sweet and plump. They're as sweet as your first kiss."

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for small families

BY SANDY YANG ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

PHOENIX (AP) - With its bulky size, the watermelon is usually reserved for big family meals and large picnics.

But that could be changing, with two companies unveiling a downsized version aimed at people who might hesitate to buy the standard variety.

"It's the perfect melon for today's smaller families. Otherwise, they'd eat half of it (a regular watermelon) and throw away the other half," said Gary Koppenjan, spokesman for Seminis Seeds, an Oxnard, Calif.-based company that developed the Bambino, one version of the petite melon.

"We chose a size that was easy to handle, an individual melon that can feed one or two people."

At about 6 pounds, the petite watermelons are roughly the size of a cantaloupe. Regular watermelons run about 15 to 25 pounds for the seedless variety and up to 30 pounds for those with seeds.

The smaller watermelon was a long time coming, and represents a new direction in the way produce companies develop fruits and vegetables.

Instead of growing a unique breed and then deciding how to advertise it, Seminis and Switzerland-based Syngenta Seeds - the world's top commercial seed producers reversed the process.

They each collaborated with retailers, marketers and distributors and began with an idea they believed would draw widespread interest.

They followed up with extensive polls and market research.

"We start with the consumer," said Bruce Axtman, president of the Perishables Group, which markets Syngenta's melon.

"What do they want? Do they want better taste, or in this case, a smaller size? We think by doing this, we bring exciting new things to consumers."

It took roughly 10 years for food scientists to breed the

melons, through a selective process that called for repeatedly growing melons that possessed the desired qualities small size, deep red flesh, no seeds - without using genetic engineering.

Both melons sell for \$3.99 each, making them a premium item compared to regular watermelons, which cost between \$2.99 and \$6.99. They debuted last year and are available nationwide.

Production of Syngenta's PureHearts reached up to 200,000 melons a week this summer. Seminis wouldn't reveal production numbers for the Bambino.

At a Safeway supermarket in Phoenix, 72 PureHeart watermelons sold out in about two days, said Israel Odeh, a Safeway employee.

"Not a lot of people have seen it," said Odeh, who has had customers ask him about

the watermelons. Dawn Ligidakis recently bought two PureHeart water-

melons at Safeway. "My 3-year-old really wanted

it," Ligidakis said. "The produce guy cut it

open in the store, and it was really sweet and it was really good." Axtman estimated that the

PureHearts make up about 2 percent of all watermelon in its first year of commercial production. He hopes the percentage will jump in the next five years and

follow the path of other popular products in the produce aisle, such as the bagged salad. "It's always very exciting when you can give consumers

another choice," said Wendy McManus, director of marketing for the National Watermelon Promotion Board. "When we reach a

point when a consumer is deciding what kind of watermelon to buy, other than Will I buy it or not?', it's a great thing."

That was the case in the late 1980s, when seedless watermelons were introduced. Now they make up about two-thirds of all watermelons grown in the United States.

recipe is quickly prepared

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Some summer recipes are both special enough for entertaining and simple enough for a family dinner. `

What gives them added appeal for the cook is that they can be so quick and easy to make - part of the preparation can be done ahead if you wish, and no oven is needed.

This chicken noodle salad is a fine example, for a no-stress, enjoy-the-party-yourself occasion.

It's included in a feature in Real Simple magazine's August issue, among suggested recipes by food editor Kay Chun for "the easiest dinner ever."

This is healthy eating, too. Peanuts and pears add texture to the recipe, and you can give the seasoning a touch of chili if you wish.

Serve the salad along with other salad choices, or just with fresh bread and fruit, according to the number of diners and your appetites.

PEANUT NOODLES WITH CHICKEN AND PEARS

1 pound spaghetti 1 cup smooth peanut butter 1 cup water, at room temperature ¼ cup white vinegar 1 tablespoon sesame oil

2 teaspoons kosher salt ½ precooked roasted chicken, shredded (2 cups)

1 Asian pear or Bosc pear, peeled and thinly sliced 5 scallions, trimmed and thinly

sliced % cup roasted peanuts, roughly

chopped 3 small red serrano chilles, thinly sliced (optional)

Cook the spaghetti al dente according to the package instruc-

Drain, rinse with cold water, then drain again.

Combine the peanut butter, vater, vinegar, on and sait to make a smooth sauce.

Toss the noodles with the peanut sauce.

Arrange on a platter and top with the chicken, pear, scallions, peanuts and chilies (if using).

To make ahead: Mix the sauce and cook the spaghetti up to 1 day beforehand.

Refrigerate separately. Bring the sauce to room temperature before mixing with the

Makes 8 servings.



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Grill spaghetti squash pairs with tomato-artichoke sauce

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

The beauty of grilling is its simplicity. Put food over an open flame and in a matter of minutes you have a glorious fire-kissed meal.

Yet reading the current crop of grilling cookbooks (some of which make the New York City telephone book seem like light reading) could give the impression that you actually need skill to wield the flames.

Get real. If cavemen could do it with sticks and stones, you should be able to master the propane monster.

Start with the basics. Beyond a grill, the most important tools are tongs and sealable plastic bags. Tongs let you move anything anywhere, usually without burning yourself too badly. Plastic bags let you season your foods minus the mess.

So here's the objective -a. quick and simple vegetarian menu for the grill that requires no special skills, is high in flavor and visual appeal, and can be made in just minutes. It's easier than you think.

Since it's so abundant and inexpensive, let's start with zucchini. For vegetarians, this is a perfect grilling food. It seasons easily, cooks quickly and gets crispy on the outside while staying tender on the inside.

For best flavor, stick with small zucchini, no more than about 6 or 8 inches long. Larger zucchini tend to be fibrous.

To prepare, cut off the ends of each zucchini, then cut each into quarters – start with one slice down the center lengthwise, then cut each half across the center. Figure one whole zucchini per serving.

Toss the zucchini quarters into a large sealable plastic bag. Add 2 or 3 tablespoons olive oil, a pinch of salt (kosher is nice) and a dash of freshly ground black pepper. Seal the bag and shake to coat zucchini evenly.

Grilled as is, these zucchini chunks are wonderful. The simplicity of the seasoning lets the taste of the flame really

For zucchini with more oomph, toss a teaspoon or two of a spice mix into the bag. Fish and barbecue rubs are particularly good - I recently

delicious results.

Grill these zucchini over a very hot flame. There is no need to oil the grill, as the pieces will be well coated already. Grill the pieces about 3 to 4 minutes per side. For satisfying grill marks, let the grill get very hot before starting. For something sweeter, try grilled onions. Cut off the ends of each onion (again, figure one per serving), then cut each in half.

Toss the onion halves in a plastic bag with a few tablespoons of olive oil and an equal amount of balsamic vinegar.

Allow the onions to marinate 15 minutes, then place on a very hot grill. Grill for about 10 minutes over a medium-high

Turn occasionally with tongs and cook until the onions just begin to brown and soften.

While the onions cook, bring ½ cup balsamic vinegar to a low boil in a small saucepan. Add 1 tablespoon strawberry jam and mix well to combine. Stir occasionally and simmer until the liquid has reduced by about

To serve the onions, drizzle with the vinegar-strawberry reduction.

If cut into large chunks, any number of vegetables could be substituted in either of these recipes. Broccoli and cauliflower are especially good grilled in these ways, as are acorn squash and carrots.

But enough with the vegetables; bring on the meat - or at least the meat-like part of the

When it comes to grilling, most soy products fail miserably. Even the firmest varieties of tofu tend to break up and fall through the grate; tofu is much better suited for roast-

There are soy hot dogs and sausages and though some are good, many tend to dry out when grilled. These products are best when pan-fried in a touch of olive oil.

The exception is tempeh, which is made from fermented sov beans. Sold in thin, sturdy blocks, tempeh is relatively tasteless on its own, but shines when seasoned and grilled.

To grill tempeh, cut each block into six pieces and place in a plastic bag. Add enough of your favorite barbecue sauce to cover, then seal the bag and

Grill the tempeh pieces over a high flame for about 4 minutes per side. Use the leftover marinade from the bag (since this isn't meat, it's safe to use) to baste between flips.

For something a little more exotic, try this easy recipe for grilled spaghetti squash with tomato-artichoke sauce, adapted from Sue Spitler's "1,001 Low-fat Vegetarian Recipes" (Surrey Books, 2000, \$19.95).

Spaghetti squash looks like an ordinary hard squash from the outside, but when cooked the flesh separates into thin strands similar to pasta. It also can be baked and microwaved (with cut side down in a baking pan of water). The original recipe calls for making your own sauce, but jarred is so much easier on a hot night. It also calls for fat-free Parmesan cheese, but if fat isn't an issue, go for the real thing.

GRILLED SPAGHETTI SQUASH WITH TOMATO-ARTICHOKE SAUCE

2 small spaghetti squash, cut into halves and seeded 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil ½ chopped onion

2 cloves garlic, minced 9-ounce package frozen artichoke hearts, thawed and cut into halves (canned also

1/4 cup dry white wine or water 3 cups chunky pasta sauce ¼ cup grated fat-free Parmesan

Preheat the grill to medium-

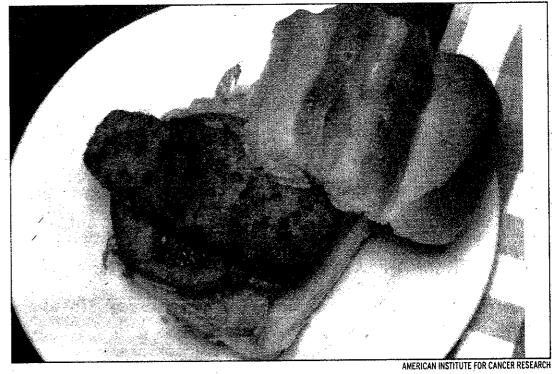
Wrap each squash half loosely in foil and place on the grill. Cook, turning occasionally, until flesh is tender and flakes when prodded with a fork, about 35 minutes. Allow the squash to cool enough to touch.

Meanwhile, heat the olive oil in a medium saucepan over a medium flame on the stove. Add the onion and garlic and saute until tender, about 5 minutes.

Add the artichoke hearts and wine, and heat until boiling. Cover, reduce heat and simmer until the artichokes are tender, about 5 minutes. Add the pasta sauce and heat another 3 minutes, or until warm throughout.

To serve, use a fork to scrape the flesh from each half into a separate plate. Spoon tomatoartichoke sauce over each mound of squash, then sprinkle with Parmesan.

Makes 4 servings.



Cumin, garlic and onion powder and herbs add a little zing to this catfish sandwich.

Cajun catfish sizzles for summer In a small bowl, combine all

CORRESPONDENT

As a teenager growing up in New York City, I was Yankee to the bone. But once I read To Kill a Mockingbird, everything culinary south of the Mason-Dixon line fascinated

I especially wanted to try fried catfish. The first time I had it, the fish was succulent in its crisp cornmeal crust, but I did not like its muddy flavor. The second time, it was blackened Cajun style, and the searing spices were all I could

Recent publicity about farm-raised catfish made me decide to try it again. This was partly because it was claimed that today's catfish, farmed commercially in Mississippi and other states, is sweet and

Most supermarkets now sell meaty catfish filets. Often, they are flavorfully marinated and ready to toss in the pan. Beneath the seasoning, they do taste far sweeter than those caught in streams, though there is still a trace of the characteristic, earthy flavor found in other fresh water fish as well. But catfish is so lean, holds together well in cooking and so easy to cook, that I set out to prepare it in a way I would like.

Instead of prepackaged spices, I chose to blend my own, making a blackening mixture with bold flavor and a kick that leaves tastebuds tingling rather than singed. Apply it like a dry barbecue rub and let the fish set for a few minutes before cooking. A cornmeal coating creates a crisp crust despite the minimal amount of oil. To serve, put the pan-fried fish on a toasted bun, along with mayonnaise, lettuce and tomato. (Southern readers might try Remoulade Sauce and pickle slices instead.)

This treatment is so good you'll go back for a second serving.

CAJUN CATFISH SANDWICH

1 teaspoon each: cumin, garlic powder, onion powder, dried oregano, dried thyme, salt ½ teaspoon sweet paprika ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

¼ cup low-fat mayonnaise 4 (3-ounce) pieces catfish fillet 3 tablespoons yellow cornmeal 1 tablespoon canola oil 3 romaine lettuce leaves, finely shredded

8 thin tomato slices 4 hamburger buns (preferably whole wheat), toasted

spices and salt together. Mix 1 tablespoon of the mixture into the mayonnaise and set aside.

Lightly rub each side of the fillets with the dry spice mixture and let it sit 10 minutes. (This spice mixture is also delicious on other kinds of fish as well as on chicken and pork.)

Lightly coat fish with corn meal. Heat oil in a medium skillet over medium-high heat. Sauté fish until browned on both sides. Reducing heat, if necessary, cook until fish is opaque in the center at the thickest points, about 4 to 5

Spread a thin layer of seasoned mayonnaise on the surface of the bottom and top buns. Reserve remaining mayonnaise mixture for another

Cover bottom of each bun with one-quarter of the lettuce. Add a slice of tomato to each. Top each with a fillet. Add a tomato slice on top each fillet and cover with top of bun. Serve immediately. Makes 4

Nutritional information per serving: 313 calories, 14 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 29 g. carbohydrate, 18 g. protein, 4 g. dietary fiber, 603 mg. sodium.

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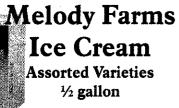
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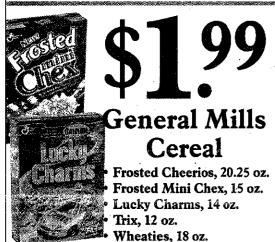
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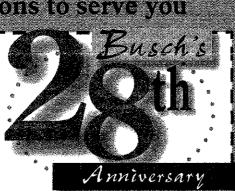
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- 1999 Elderton "Ashmead" Barossa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (\$62)
- 2000 Elderton Barossa Valley Shiraz (\$26)
- 1999 Elderton "Command" Barossa Valley Shiraz (\$62)
- 2002 The Wishing Tree Western Australia Shiraz (\$9). Best Buy.
- 2000 Cape Mentelle
- Margaret River Shiraz (\$21)
- 2001 Mad Fish Western

- Australia Shiraz (\$16)
- 1999 Mount Langi Ghiran Victoria Shiraz (\$45).
- Outstanding. ■ 1998 Glaetzer "Bishop"
- Barossa Valley Shiraz (\$45) ■ 2001 Grant Burge "Barossa Vines" Shiraz (\$11). Delicious fruit.
- 1999 Grant Burge "The Holy Trinity" Barossa Grenache Shiraz Mourvedre
- 2001 Yangarra Park "Appellation Series" McLaren Vale Shiraz (\$15)
- 2001 Yangarra Park "Appellation Series" McLaren Vale Merlot (\$15)
- 2002 Miranda "Firefly" Shiraz (\$7). Best Buy.
- 2000 Miranda Shiraz (\$10). Best Buy.

■ 1999 Miranda "Family

- Reserve" Barossa Old Vine Shiraz (\$25) ■ 1997 Miranda "Family
- Reserve" Barossa Shiraz Cabernet (\$25) ■ 2001 Penley Estate
- Hyland Coonawarra Shiraz (\$25)
- 1999 Penley Estate Reserve Coonawarra Cabernet
 - 2001 Brown Brothers

Victoria Shiraz (\$13). Good value.

- 2001 Winter Creek Barossa Shiraz (\$25). Delicious.
- 2002 Yellow Tail Shiraz (\$7). Wonderfully drinkable.

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Australian wines are all about flavor. As a home cook, don't be afraid to match Mediterranean or Asian inspired with Aussie wines and never hold back on the spice. Whether it is a sauvignon blanc with sushi, riesling with Chinese pork dumplings or shiraz with grilled meat on the barbie, enjoy the wine starz from Oz with a meal.

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.

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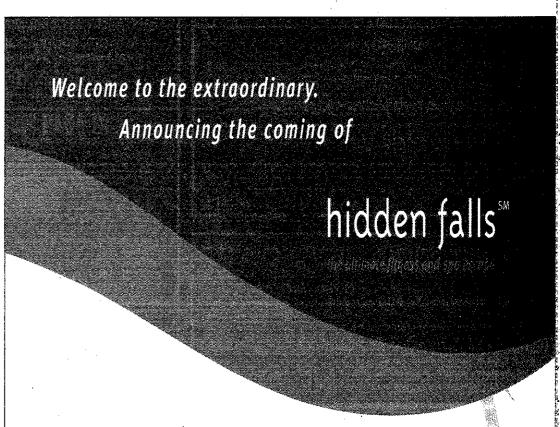
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"Takeout tonight" is a familiar refrain, given the busy lives most people lead. It's one solution for dinner at the end of a hectic day - but there may be a better way to interpret the concept, especially if you want to eat for health and avoid putting on weight.

How about easy recipes for making your takeout favorites at home? A new cookbook collection, "Weightwatchers Take-Out Tonight!" (Fireside, 2003, \$13.95 paperback), offers some 150 restaurant-type dishes that the home cook can make, many shown in color photos.

The recipes are reworked to provide portions, fat content and calorie amounts that won't make eating a guilty pleasure.

Recipes sound familiar: jumbo muffins, chowder, tuna melts and Reuben sandwiches from the deli menu, plus Chinese, Mexican and Italian classics- not forgetting Indian spice and Japanese rice-andsushi specials.

From the Greek cuisine, there's a lamb souvlaki with rice to make at home that can more than rival the takeout version because it's still packed with flavor, but it cuts fat and calories. Note: Once you've done the marinating, it's a matter of minutes to broil the savory

LAMB SOUVLAKI WITH RICE

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil 2 cloves garlic, minced 1 teaspoon dried oregano

½ teaspoon dried thyme 1/z pounds boneless leg of lamb, trimmed of all visible fat, cut into 30 cubes

2 small red onions, root end left intact and cut into 6 wedges

1 large green bell pepper, seeded and cut into 12 pieces

/z teaspoon salt ***teaspoon freshly ground pep-

% cup long-grain white rice, cooked according to package directions

To make the marinade: Combine the oil, garlic, oregano and thyme in a large zip-close plastic bag; mix well. Add the lamb, seal the bag and turn several times to coat. Marinate the lamb at room temperature 30 minutes or refrigerate overnight.

Preheat broiler. Spray a broiler pan with nonstick spray; set

Thread 5 lamb cubes, 2 onion wedges and 2 bell pepper pieces onto each of six 12-inch metal skewers, alternating the ingredients. Transfer skewers to thebroiler pan.

Broil the skewers 4 inches from the heat, turning at least once, until the vegetables are tender and the lamb is cooked through, 8 to 10 minutes. Serve with the rice. Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition information per serving (1 skewer with 1/4 cup rice): 291 cal., 9 g fat (3 g saturated fat), 73 mg chol., 252 mg sodium, 25 g carbo., 1 g fiber, 26

Recipe from "Weightwatchers Take-Out Tonight!"

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 meatfree.) 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 informa-

If you have an item for the calendar, please submit it at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric

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'Takeout' revised for Yard-sale is great source for recipes

BY J.M. HIRSCH ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

It's yard sale season again, that time of year when virtual buffets of bargains laid out on lawns draw us from our homes at obscenely early hours on weekends.

My wife and I have a routine. On Thursdays we scan the classifieds for good hits. Saturday morning, coffee and cash in hand, we're on the road by 7 a.m.

What does this have to do with cooking? Aside from the occasional cookware bargain (I've snagged new Le Creuset pots for \$5), there also often are reams of inspiring and entertaining recipes to be had for pennies.

Yard sales are not suited for recipe snobs. I relish the adventure of spending a few bucks on boxes of sometimes decades-old cookbooks with ugly photography, knowing I'll find at least a few items of interest.

Where else could you find a self-published cookbook from Guam for 10 cents? Though recipe testing indicated the price actually may have been a bit high, it still was fun to try.

But it also is easy to find some real keepers. I recently carted off nearly two dozen issues of Cooking Light magazine from the 1990s for \$2. They may be old, but I wasn't reading the magazine then, so they are new to me.

By far my favorite yard sale finds are recipe boxes, those tiny treasure chests packed with scribbled index cards, folded up newspaper clippings, and kitchen kitsch recipe cards filled with family favorites.

It is a treat to peer into a cook's past, seeing and tasting the recipes a family may have

grown up with. And it can be entertaining to see how tastes, ingredients and even appliances have changed over the

During recent weekend bargain hunts, I picked up three such boxes for 50 cents each. One dated from the 1960s or 1970s, but the other two went back at least to the 1930s.

The woman who sold me one of them said she had found it buried in a wall of her house when she renovated. It felt like reading an anonymous diary as I picked through the fragile. cards brown with age.

Among them were oddities, such as `Auntie Bond's Tomatoes," which calls for 1 can of tomatoes, 2 tablespoons flour in a bit of water, a large onion and celery seed - but never says what to do with any of it.

Prunes apparently were a favorite. One box had recipes for fluffy prune frosting and "Delicious Prune Sponge." I decided to take the author's word on that last one.

Another recipe card left much a mystery. "See Mom about drop cook-

Cooking from such recipes is hit or miss. Often the cards were just reminders of recipes known by heart, making it a challenge to recreate them. Others benefit from updating.

I was intrigued by one recipe scrawled in a shaky hand on an index card. "Anna Shorey's Dessert" offered little guidance when it said: "I can Carnation evap. milk beaten stiff. Add\/2 cup sugar. Fold in juice of 1 lemon or 1/2. Freeze.

Made as directed, the dish was a milky block. Likely, there was more stirring involved that didn't make it into the written recipe. For round two I tossed

the mixture into an ice cream maker. Now that was a sweet and creamy treat!

Since zucchinis are just coming into season, I couldn't resist another recipe called simply "Zucchini Delight." This dish calls for sautéing onions and zucchini in tomato juice, but doesn't do much with seasoning or offer serving advice.

This seemed like a great lowfat meal, perfect for using up abundant produce, but in need of a bit of updating. A dash of salt, a bit of freshly ground pepper, and some garlic got the flavors going. Served over couscous, it was delicious.

Another recipe for sliced tomato salad needed little tinkering. This simple and tasty salad calls for a bed of greens covered with sliced tomatoes and drizzled with a sour-cream dressing.

The original recipe instructs the cook to "peel the tomatoes and chill them thoroughly in the electric refrigerator." I skipped both the peeling and the chilling, the latter because cold robs tomatoes of taste.

The final recipe I tested was "Bishop's Bread from New Hampshire." What I assumed would be a sandwich loaf of some sort ended up a tasty cross between angel food cake and a blondie.

A bit of Internet research turned up countless variations of this dessert, and the trivia that this bread dates from Colonial New England. Housewives apparently baked it in anticipation of the parson's visit.

ZUCCHINI DELIGHT

28-ounce can crushed tomatoes 2 medium onion, roughly 3 medium zucchini, sliced in half lengthwise, then cut into//c inch half moons

Salt and fresh ground black pep-

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 cup water 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive

1 cup couscous

Drain the juice from the canned tomatoes into a medium saucepan. Reserve the tomatoes. Add the onions to the pan and sauté over a medium flame until onions are tender, about 7 min-

Add the zucchini, stir well to combine and saute 5 minutes. Add the reserved tomatoes, salt and pepper to taste, and garlic, then reduce heat to low and simmer 15 minutes. Meanwhile, combine the

water and oil in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil over a high flame, then remove from

Add the couscous, shaking the pan gently to ensure all grains are covered by the water. Cover and let sit 5 minutes.

To serve, fluff the couscous with a fork and transfer to a large plate or platter. Spoon the zucchini mix over it. Serve hot. Makes 4 servings.

SLICED TOMATO SALAD

4 cups salad greens (baby spinach leaves or Romaine are nice)

4 medium slicing tomatoes (beefsteak are good), cut to /4-inch slices

½ cup sour cream (or soy alternative)

½ teaspoon salt ½ teaspoon sugar ½ tablespoon lemon juice

1 tablespoon cider vinegar Pinch cayenne 1 to 2 tablespoons grated horse-

Arrange the greens in a bed on a large plate or platter. Layer the slices in an overlapping circle on top of the greens.

To make the dressing, combine all ingredients in a small bowl and whisk until smooth and well combined. Drizzle the dressing over the tomatoes. Serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings.

BISHOP'S BREAD FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE

3 eggs, yolks and whites sepa-

1 cup sugar 1 teaspoon vanilla

½ cup milk

½ teaspoon salt 1/2 cups all-purpose white flour

11/2 teaspoons baking powder 1 cup raisins

1 cup slivered almonds

Powdered sugar Preheat oven to 375º F.

Use a mixer to cream the egg yolks and sugar in a large bowl. While mixing, add vanilla and milk.

Sift together the salt, flour and baking power, then add to the bowl and mix well. Add the raisins and almonds, and mix to

In another bowl, use the mixer to beat the egg whites to stiff

Using a rubber spatula, fold the egg whites into the batter, being careful not to overmix.

Spread the batter across a standard baking sheet, about /to /s-inch thick. B

Bake for 18 to 20 minutes, or until top begins to brown and a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Let the bread cool, then cut

into squares and dust with powdered sugar.

Makes 12 squares.



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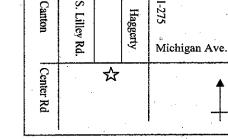
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Go ahead, bag that fish

FISH IN A BAG

8 sheets parchment paper 4 servings Vegetable Mix (see recipe below)

12 lemon wheels, each cut into/4 inch pieces 4 thyme sprigs, approximately 3

5 inches each 1 teaspoon Chef Paul Prudhomme's Blackened Redfish

4 5-7 ounce pieces of tilapia, skin

Vegetable Mix Recipe 1 medium red onion, cut into half

1 medium red pepper, cut into 1-

1½ inch x ¼ inch strips 2 stalks of celery, sliced into/4 inch pieces

8 ounces carrot slims 2 tablespoons of McCormick's It's

a Dilly Seasoning Blend 2 baking potatoes

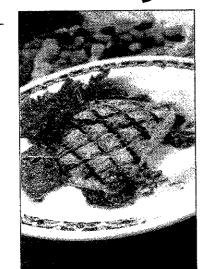
2 teaspoons kosher sait .1 teaspoon black pepper 2 tablespoons fresh thyme,

chopped 1 teaspoon Chef Paul Prudhomme's Vegetable Magic -

Peel the onion and cut in half. Slice into ¼ inch half moons. Cut the red pepper into 1/2 inch long by 1/4 inch wide strips. Trim the celery and cut into ¼ inch pieces. Cut the potatoes in half in the middle and then into 1/6ths. Steam potatoes for approximately 8 to 10 minutes or until tender. Cool in ice water to stop cooking. Once cooled, drain well. Place all vegetables into a mixing bowl. Add the following to the vegetables: It's a Dilly seasoning blend, kosher salt, ground pepper, chopped thyme and Chef Paul Prudhomme's Vegetable Magic. Mix well.

On the skin side of the fish, make 3 to 41/4 inch slices approximately 1/2 inch apart. This will ensure even cooking. Brush the tilapia with liquid butter and then season with kosher salt. Lightly sprinkle Chef Paul Prudhomme's Blackened Redfish Magic on the fish.

Brush each piece of parchment paper lightly with liquid butter (one side only). Place 1/4 of the vegetable mixture in the center of one sheet of parchment paper. Place one piece of tilapia on top of the vegetable mixture. Place three lemon wheels across



Infuse grilled salmon with basil, then add a tomato and arugula salad to your menu.

the fish. Place one large thyme sprig on top. Repeat with the other three pieces of fish.

Place one sheet of the buttered parchment paper on top of the tilapia. Crimp the two sheets of parchment paper like a piecrust until the bottom and the top are completely sealed. Repeat with the other three pieces of fish.

Place the bags of tilapia onto a cookie sheet. Cook in a 4509 F oven for approximately 12 to 15 minutes. To check the temperature, insert a probe into the side of the bag until you have reached the middle of the fish. The temperature of the fish should be between 140-150 degrees. Place the bag onto a plate. Slice the parchment open right at the table to enjoy. Makes four servings. Recipe courtesy of Red Lob-

Wine Pairing Recommendation: A Sauvignon Blanc is a nice accompaniment because it won't overpower the light, subtle flavors of the fish, which is a delicate preparation. Another good pairing would be a Chateau Ste Michelle Riesling. This light, fruity wine complements the spice and citrus seasoning of the

BASIL INFUSED GRILLED SALMON WITH A TOMATO AND ARUGULA

SALAD

4 10-12 ounce pieces of fresh salmon filets, skinless

8 ounces fresh arugula, rinsed

and dried 2 roma tomatoes, cored and quartered

Place these items in a large mixing bowl and refrigerate until you are ready to toss the salad.

Herb Vinaigrette: 2 ounces Ken's Sun Dried Tomato

Salad dressing 4 ounces Ken's Raspberry Walnut

Vinaigrette 1 teaspoon red onion (finely

diced) 1 tablespoon fresh basil

(chopped) Mix all ingredients well and

refrigerate until you are ready to toss the salad.

4 ounces Boyajian basil oil 1/4 cup fresh basil (chopped)

Basil Oil:

Mix ingredients well.

Brush the skin side of the salmon filets with the basil oil and season with kosher salt and fresh ground pepper.

On a clean hot grill, place the salmon seasoned side down and grill each side for 3-4 min-

Place the salmon in a baking dish and brush generously with the remaining basil oil.

Add a small amount of water to the baking dish and finish cooking in a 450°F oven for approximately 8 minutes (internal temperature will be 130-135

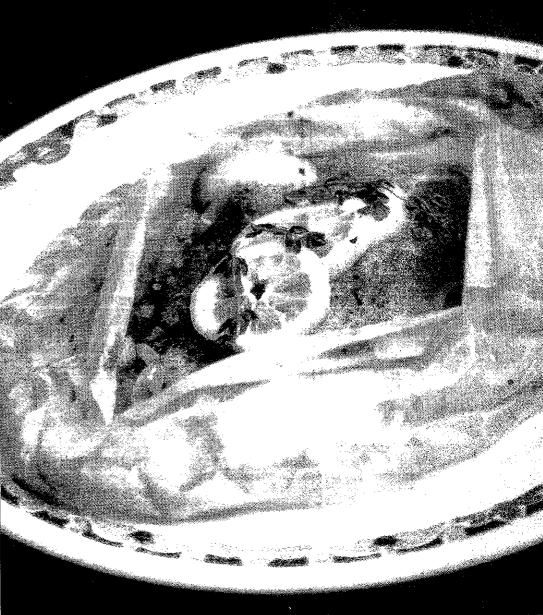
When the salmon is almost done, add the herb vinaigrette to the arugula salad and toss until evenly coated.

Evenly portion the arugula salad and two tomato quarters on each plate, mounding the arugula in the center of the plate and placing the tomatoes to the side.

Place one salmon fillet up against the arugula salad and garnish with a lemon

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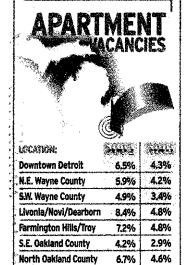
Robert M. Meisner

College degree not required of board members

Our co-op is considering a requirement that any board member have a college degree. I am wondering if you think that is a reasonable restriction. although it may make good

Based on a recent New York intermediate appeals court decision, a board amendment which required that board members have college degrees was set aside as unreasonable. It was an apparent board attempt to keep a disliked chair holder with a high school education from running for the board. While normally cooperative boards are protected by the Business Judgment Rule, in some instances, courts will not give difference to arbitrary decisions made by the board particularly if they are self-serving.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer. He can be reached at bmeisner@mich.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



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Look for ways to eliminate eyesores

BY DOUG FUNKE STAFF WRITER

Why can't so-and-so be more

That's the lament of some sellers who work hard to get their property in mint showing condition inside and out.

The lawn is immaculate. You could eat off the floor of the uncluttered garage. Windows sparkle. Individual rooms could serve as photo opportunities for Better Homes & Gardens magazine.

Then there's the house next door, behind the back fence or across the street.

Several cars in various tates of efficient operation some dripping oil, are parked in the driveway, on the street and in the rear yard. The grass, to paraphrase that great show tune, is as high as an elephant's eye.

Wrappers, cups, straws and napkins - remnants from visits to the local convenience store lie discarded among overgrown shrubbery next to the crumbling concrete porch steps.

Twigs sprout in clogged gutters. Toys, bikes and skateboards are strewn everywhere. And the final kick in the butt: that big dog always outside whose mess is as ever present as its obnoxious bark.

Who wants to buy into that kind of setting?

PRICES IMPACTED

"A year ago, I showed a



home to a darling young couple. It was their first house," said Deborah Field Cavanaugh, a Realtor with Hall & Hunter in Birmingham. "From their yard you could see five other back yards and two were disgraceful - junk ... paint was peel-

ing.
"It was really a good deal," Cavanaugh said of the house she showed. "It needed work and he was an architect and needed a project."

The couple saw beyond the eyesores, bought and got an even a better deal due to the condition of the properties around them, Cavanaugh added.

Century 21 Nada in Farmington Hills and a 38year veteran of the real estate business, knows that an eyesore impacts sales. She also knows that everyone isn't as understanding or attuned to the possibilities as Cavanaugh's

"They might look but say, 'Oh my gosh," Ilich said. "It's the American way. You barbecue, sit in the back yard. If something isn't pleasant, you don't want to buy it."

So what's a seller to do?

DIALOGUE

Ilich suggests a nonconfrontational talk with a neighbor whose standards of upkeep differ substantially from yours. An offer to do some work also may be appreciated.

Say something like, 'I'm selling my house, I know you're very busy, don't have much time. Is there any way I can

Joe Durso, associate broker with RE/MAX Classic in Livonia and also a 38-year veteran, said he prefers to be the bad guy and deal directly with problem neighbors for the seller.

If things really are bad, communications probably have broken down and the problem

neighbor is a big reason for the move anyway, he said.

Make it clear to the offensive neighbor that his cooperation can go far in getting the sellers out more quickly – if that's his goal, too.

And offering to lend a hand with the work may be the icing on the cake.

"It's a matter of being as diplomatic as you can," Durso said. "I'll go over and say,
"We've come up with a marketing strategy and, frankly, I need some help from you. Can I cut your grass?

"A lot of times, a little old lady lives there alone, her son won't come over to do it, she doesn't have a lot of money. They will appreciate it," he said.

Durso finds that four out of five times, a sloppy neighbor will take care of business or let him do it when he explains the situation. However, there's always that

knucklehead who won't listen to or respond to reason. "Then you certainly go to

code enforcement," Durso said. Most municipalities have ordinances on parking unlicensed cars on a property, boats and motor homes in driveways. There are laws on how high grass can get, letting garbage get out of control and keeping unruly pets.

But with warnings, tickets and court action, the process can take time.

"Nobody wants to buy a problem," Durso said, "It does take longer to sell. It definitely takes longer, much longer. Unless a buyer gets a good deal, as a rule, you're not going to buy a problem."

Mary Ferrazza, affiliated with Real Estate One in Rochester, agrees that a neighborhood-wide cleanup a couple of times a year may be one way to deal with problem properties without embarrassing individual owners.

Also, many hands make for a lighter load.

"An act of kindness some-

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times goes a lot farther than that first.

VEGETATION/FENCES

Create an oasis, Cavanaugh suggests. Plant trees, shrubs or hedges to screen problems. However, because many new developments have deed restrictions, check first to see what's allowed, Keep in mind, too, that vegetation needs time to mature.

Privacy fences, especially in older, more-established neighborhoods, also may be a solution. Again, check with your municipality and association for permit procedures and restrictions.

Cavanaugh offers another piece of advice.

"Get your Realtor to help you find out where their mortgage is and let the mortgage company know they're not complying with basic maintenance, that the house isn't being protected," she said.

All mortgages have clauses requiring borrowers to keep property from deteriorating, Cavanaugh said. Check municipal records

for information on ownership and where property tax bills go. Many folks pay through their mortgage companies. So drop the lender a line, she

Mortgage

Tim 'Timbo'



Still time to make move

t seems like the "back to school" sales hit the retail stores earlier every year. What's the rush? Heck, it is late July and my 4-year-old daughter pointed out to Mom some cool Halloween items out on store shelves. (No kidding!)

Retailers may want you to believe that summer's already over, but I am not buying it. There's still plenty of summer left, and that means there are ample opportunities for renters and home-seekers to land some incredible real estate deals before school begins.

There is no way to predict where the real estate market and mortgage interest rates will be next spring and summer. However, we can be certain that the current conditions are absolutely marvelous for home buyers to make a move. The housing market inventory is plentiful, and many mortgage lenders are offering attractive programs and premium pricing for purchases now that the refinance market has begun to

Many professionals characterize the current real estate market as a "buyer's market." Simply put, that means there are more homes for sale than there are qualified buyers to purchase them. That's great news if you are a buyer, because it means you may be in a better position to negotiate a deal for yourself for your purchase.

INTEREST RATES

Do not let the recent interest rate increases stop you from being an activ real estate shopper. Interest rates in the 6 to 7 percent range may seem high compared to the 45-year record low rates we have experienced over the past quarter, but they are fantastic relative to just a few short years ago, when rates were dancing around 8 percent. Back then, folks would have done back-flips to get a rate below 7 percent.

A benefit of the recent interest rate increases is that most lenders are getting "caught up" with their underwriting. Some mortgage lenders recently reported underwriting turn-times in excess of a week, some even longer. As the refinance market softens, so will the mortgage underwriting chaos. That means faster loan processing, and that's great news So go find yourself that

home. There's still time to make your move.

Timothy J. Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. You may reach him toll-free at (866) 369-4516, or via www.HomeQuarters.BIZ. Home buyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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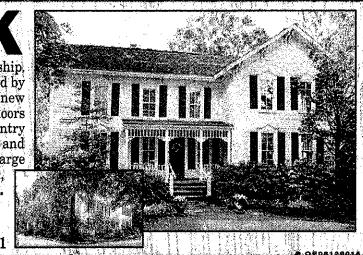
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of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan offers a six-hour, statemandated continuing education class for annual real estate license renewals 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

Cost, which includes continental breakfast and lunch, is \$50 for sales and marketing council members, \$55 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$80 for non-members.

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To register, call (734) 266-9000.

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Activities include tethered balloon rides, climbing wall, inflatable gym equipment and Moonwalk. A massive balloon launch is scheduled for sunset Friday.

Cost is \$5 per car, the park's standard entry fee. All activities are available on a donation basis, with proceeds to benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

For details, contact Denise Felker at (248) 620-1000.

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Professional maintenance course sponsored by the Apartment Association of Michigan, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15, Building Industry Association of Michigan headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Registration \$85, includes

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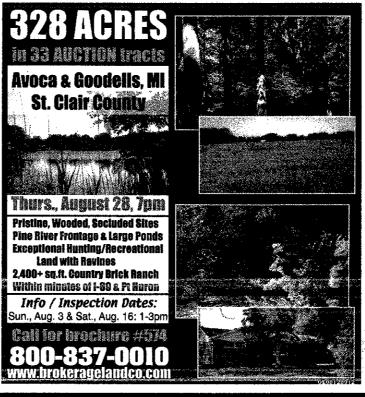
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Roberta Peterman has been chosen to head sales at Cressbrook, Robertson Brothers new luxury condominium community on the Kahn

estate in Franklin. She will be responsible for the day-to-day sales at Cressbrook, which will include 21 detached condominiums with prices starting in

the high \$900,000s. Peterman was previously media director and senior vice president at FCB Worldwide. She provides makeovers to cancer patients and senior citizens as a volunteer artist with Look for Success, a charity organization sponsored by Estee Lauder.

A resident of Commerce Township, Peterman completed her real estate education at Middleton Real Estate Training, Inc. in Southfield.

The Detroit chapter of **Commercial Real Estate** Women has named seven finalists for its Real Estate in Excellence Award, which recognizes two southeast Michigan commercial property developments that significantly impact their surrounding communities.

Finalists in the "new construction" category

Altair Engineering

world headquarters, Troy submitted by

Liberty Property Trust. LOC Performance manufacturing facility, Plymouth submitted by

Telcom Credit Union main office, Novi - submitted by Campbell/Manix, Inc.

Ricardo, Inc. Detroit Technology Campus, Belleville - submitted by DeMattia Group

NSK Corporation North American headquarters and technical center, Ann Arbor submitted by DeMattla Group

Finalists in the "redevelopment category" include:

Ford Field, Detroit submitted by Boadman, Longley & Dahling

Thea Bowman Community Health Center, Detroit - submitted by Providence Hospital.

A panel of eight judges in the commercial real estate industry selected a winner in each category on July 30. The award will be presented at a Sept. 25 luncheon at Oakland Hills Country Club in Birmingham where all finalists' entries will be on display.

Luncheon tickets are \$60, for more information call Donna Hanson (248) 375-7239 or see www.crewdetroit.org/awar ds.html

Projects earn points for being environmentally friendly, improving the surrounding community, and creatively using current materials, space and technology.

Mike Bilbey and Sharon Laurain have joined Coldwell Banker Schweitzer's Clarkston office, 7151 N. Main St. Laurain is a resident of Waterford, Bilbey lives in Grand Blanc.

Subdivisions sprout in Montana farmland

BY MICHAEL JAMISON AP CORRESPONDENT

Bob O'Neil looked worried, arms folded over his chest, standing knee-deep in the middle of a piece of Flathead Valley farmland thick with grasshoppers.

It was land just like the land he spent his life farming, land that in recent years has been growing a cash crop of subdivisions.

Up in the Flathead and up the Bitterroot and up in valley after Montana valley, cash-strapped farmers have been selling off their wheat fields to a seemingly endless stream of developers.

Between 1992 and 1997, census data show the Flathead lost farmland at a rate of 1.4 acres per hour, an overall drop in agricultural land of 22 percent. The individual farms decreased in average size by 29 percent.

Meanwhile, the market value of crops sold from those farms slipped, on average, by 9 percent.

If you're a farmer like O'Neil, it's a balance sheet that doesn't balance. "We sold it to the develop-

er for obvious reasons," said Flathead farmer Brent Johnson. "Just to clear up the debt."

A good field of wheat brought him 100 bushels per acre, Johnson said, and a good market put \$5 in his pocket for every bushel. But things weren't always good. Sometimes, he got just 80 bushels per acre, and sometimes a bushel was worth only \$3.

"Eventually," Johnson said, "we just started to go back-

And so he whacked off a chunk of dirt, sold it to a developer and kept farming

Meanwhile, big landown-

ers like Plum Creek Timber Co. also have been selling off

The company's real estate manager, Jerry Sorenson, said agricultural and timber lands go for between \$300 to \$500 per acre. Carve it up into residential lands, however, and the price jumps 20 times to \$10,000 per acre.

"There is a tremendous demand for rural real estate within any proximity of town and the airport," Sorenson said. Since 1996, he said, his company has cashed in on 37,000 acres.

And government has joined the rush as well.

The state Department of Natural Resources and Conservation relies on its land base to make money for Montana's schools. After years of logging and grazing those lands - while at the same time keeping them open for uses such as hunting and fishing - the DNRC is increasingly looking at single-use commercial and residential leases.

On the north side of Kalispell, a square mile of DNRC land that is currently farmed brings in about \$45 per acre. A new shopping center planned for those same fields will pay \$3 per square foot, or \$120,000 per acre.

"But before you join the gold rush," warns Sonny LaSalle, "you better realize, when the house is built, that's about it."

No more hunting there, no more biking or horseback riding or swimming in that favorite shady pool. As farmers and companies and governments sell off what was open space, LaSalle said, communities lose values they need to compete in the modern economy.

"People need to recognize that ag land has a value that's much greater than the

production of crops," LaSalle said.

LaSalle is a former member of the Ravalli County Planning Board, and says there exists a "direct and obvious" relationship between the health of a community's economy and its scenic open spaces.

Perhaps that is why Bob O'Neil was standing in that grasshopper patch talking not to farmers but to the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce. Local business leaders spent most of a sunny July day last week touring the Flathead's farmlands, talking about the connections between amenities like open space and the dollars and cents of economics.

Most of the time, the problems that come with carving up farmland are articulated by the "smartgrowth" and wildlife advocates. They worry about losing habitat, about polluting waterways, about turning 100 acres of wheat into 20 five-acre patches of knapweed.

But now, it seems, business is worried, too.

Business is worried about sustaining land values, about the costs of servicing those new developments, and about preserving the landscape that is driving the economies of places like Kalispell and Hamilton.

Business is worried about the fact that for every dollar a residential parcel pays in taxes, it requires somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1.50 in government services, while farms require only about a quarter in services for every dollar spent in taxes.

Wheat doesn't need a cop, hay doesn't need a firefighter, and neither needs an education.

Some contend impact

'You can't expect the farmer to give up land for nothing, and you can't just condemn a guy to his farm. There has to be a fair

Sonny LaSalle former planning board member

trade."

fees are a way to balance those books, requiring developers to pay the price of development upfront. Developers, however, say that would only drive housing prices higher.

Economist Tony Prato is embarking on a three-year study on Flathead Valley land-use trends. He argues that allowing development that costs local government more than it brings in "is simply a way to subsidize developers, and developers aren't going broke here."

After all, he said, developers will always maximize profits, regardless of what's considered affordable.

"It is absolutely about business and economics," said Larry Swanson, an economist who heads the Regional Economy Program at the Missoulabased O'Connor Center for the Rocky Mountain West. "What makes the economies of these places is the fact that they're attractive, and what makes these places attractive for development is that they're undeveloped."

The trick, Swanson said, is to develop and design smart.

For years, Swanson said, the plan for limiting sprawling development was to put everyone on a 10- or 20-acre chunk of dirt. Time and again, however, that approach has resulted in a haphazard appearance with a house poking up every which way you look.

The new approach, he said, is to cluster development - to build nice neighborhoods on sizable lots with common streets and infrastructure, with trees and sidewalks and nice homes. Give the developer a few extra spots in the density codes, Swanson said, to entice cluster development, and then leave the rest of the space open around the cluster.

A 100-acre subdivision that would have had a house on every 10-acre lot becomes instead 15 houses on 15 acres, with 85 acres of farm land or open space surrounding the neighborhood. The cluster homes are worth more to the developer, and the farmer keeps farming.

There are other tools, such as the now-common conservation easements.

Gallatin and Missoula counties have passed public bonds to simply buy the open space and farmland. Grand Junction, Colo., has passed a bond to buy land in the spaces between small surrounding towns, so they don't bleed together and lose their individual identities. "But whatever you do," LaSalle said, there has to be a fair exchange. You can't expect the farmer to give up land for nothing, and you can't just condemn a guy to his farm. There has to be a fair

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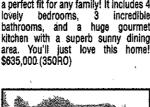


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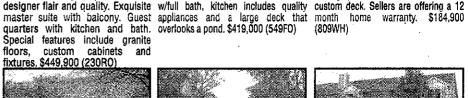


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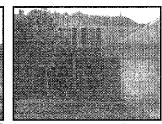
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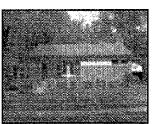
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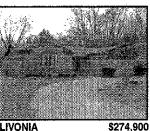
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eat-in kitchen w/marble counters. Formal dining room. (BGN16LAU)



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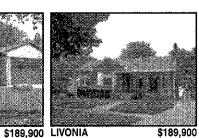


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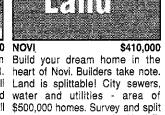
Going, Going, GONE! Liv. ranch Remarkable Updating! New kit Newer 3 Bedroom Colonial on feel. Updated furnace & CA. BGP45Ora 888-870-9127



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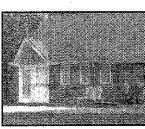
PLYMOUTH Incredible! 4BR, 2.1BA Colonial in Beacon Trail. Priv wooded setting. New dream kitchen (cbnts. Warranty. warranty incl. (BGN70GLE) 888- BRs completely redone. BGP-00Moo 888-870-9127



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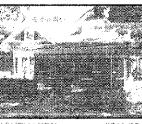
\$397,000 SOUTH LYON Enjoy wooded lot w/brick pavers & 9' bsmt ceiling. Water access. Immediate occup. (BGSLY49EME) 888-870-9131



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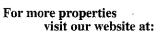
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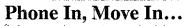
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REDFORD - Smart buy! Great 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch with finished basement, 2 car garage, a ton of updates, hardwood floors, all appliances and home warranty. \$139,900 (69WAD) 734-455-



SOUTH LYON -- Private country setting on approx. 4 acres. Maintenance free 3 bedroom ranch! Major updates: roof, furnace, C/A, elec., well pump! LR w/crown molding, custom built-ins, natural FP w/slate hearth, hdwd. floors in bedrooms, oversized 3 car garage, full bsmt. & home war-ranty. \$299,900 (00TOW) 734-455-5600



WESTLAND - Charming starter home. Cute 2 bedroom ranch with 2.5 car garage, updated furnace, C/A, vinyl windows, roof, circuit breakers and much more, plus a home protection plan. \$104,817 (24KAR) 734-455-5600



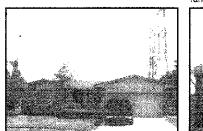
Spectacular best describes this stately 4BR, 3.2BA custom Colonial deep in golf community. Certainly nothing spared. \$100,000 in upgrades and over \$40,000 in landscaping including pavers and custom deck \$884,500 (57SAT) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Shows beautifully. A 3BR, 1.5BA Castle Garden beauty that is totally neutral, updated and ready for you to move in. Hardwood floors, newer windows - some Pella, updated baths and large eatin kitchen. Family room with fireplace. \$205,900 (62BLU) 248-349-5600



ience. Beautiful 2BR, 2BA located in an adult community that offers full service plus health care options. Spacious ranch w/FP, 1st floor laundry, att. garage & basement, too. Wonderful private wooded setting. Like new - must see. \$247,900 (29ARC) 248-349-5600



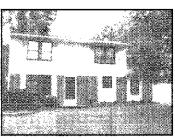
- Move right in! Wonderful 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick/vinyl ranch with 2 car attached garage, finished basement, family room with fireplace and cathedral ceiling, French doors, and updated inside and out from top to bottom. Plus beautiful inground pool. \$221,900 (43FAI) 734-455-



DEARBORN - Old world charm & character. Spacious brick bungalow. Hdwd. floors throughout. Natural woodwork, leaded glass, 2 baths & kitchen updated. Most windows replaced. Newer furnace, C/A, roof, elec., insulation, HWH & sprinklers. Formal DR, FR, basement, 2 car garage. \$247,000 (05MOR) 734-455-5600



DETROIT - Darling! 3 bedroom with partially finished basement includes family room. Newer kitchen and bath, plus hardwood floors add charm. Freshly painted and looks great, ready for you to move in! \$85,000 (10BRA) 734-455-5600



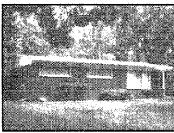
NOVI - Lovely 3BR, 1.5BA home in truly move-in condition. A sliding doorwall leads from the family room w/FP to an extensive patio that extends to an in-ground heated pool. Recent kitchen & bath upgrades, central air, newer roof & windows, fresh paint newer carpet, neutral throughout. \$257,500 (59OAK) 248-349-5600



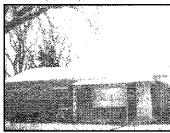
new since 2000: carpet, kitchen and baths, windows and doorwall. Pass through breakfast bar. 2 large bedrooms, partially finished basement. Newer hot water. Nice to show. Close to expressways. \$140,000 (15KIN) 248-349-5600



the needed touches are already done. 3BR, 3.5BA Colonial w/deck, sprinklers, landscaping and an incredible finished basement with full bath & great storage. island counter kitchen open to FR. Beautifully decorated from top to bottom.



WESTLAND - Quiet suburban retreat. 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch with 2 car attached garage, newer roof, bath, windows, furnace and C/A plus large deck with gazebo. 1st floor laundry, full wall fireplace with insert. Take a look! \$159,900 (70GLO) 734-455-5600



TAYLOR - Clean 3 bedroom brick ranch Finished basement with full bath, 2 car attached garage, family room with fireplace, C/A, sprinkler system, full brick exterior, hardwood floors and wood trim throughout. \$139,900 (53WIC) 734-455-



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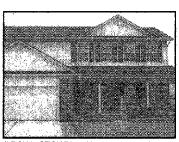
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Well maintained 3 bedroom, all brick ranch in desirable area. Newer remodeled kitchen with 2nd kitchen in partially finished basement. Patio and shed in lovely backyard. One year home warranty offered. Move right in. \$122,000 (75MIC) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE - Come fall in love with this fabulous home on approx. 1.25 acres. 3BR, 2BA brick ranch with Northville schools. Walk to downtown. Newer furnace, hardwood floors, carpet and stone tile in baths and kitchen. A dream home with huge garage. \$299,900 (31BYR) 248-349-5600



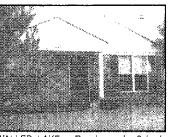
BROWNSTOWN - Hurry, it won't last! 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial with 2 car attached garage, family room with fireplace, large master bedroom with his and her walk-in closets, dining room, 1st floor laundry, C/A. \$224,900 (61BUC) 734-455-5600



CANTON - Resort like living on secluded pond setting at Links W of Pheasant Run, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath with 2 car attached garage, basement, 1st floor master/ Jacuzzi, hdwd. floors, great room w/cath. ceiling, oak staircase, wall of windows, gas FP, large custom deck, alarm system. \$319,900 (83HOG) 734-455-5600



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WALLED LAKE - Ranch condo. 2 bedroom ranch w/1 car attached garage. Full basement wi/cedar closet. Newer hardwood floor in great room, kitchen & dining room. Vaulted ceiling in great room w/natural fireplace. Private patio off dining area. Master bedroom with walk-in closet. Super clean. \$163,000 (02DOV) 248-349-5600



HIGHLAND - Golf course community. Custom built home on an approx. .7 acre lot in Prestwick Village. Soaring ceilings in GR & media room. Large island kitchen. Hardwood foyer & solid oak circular stairway. Master suite with 2 walk-in closets, Jacuzzi tub, custom blinds & recessed lights. \$459,900 (37CAR) 248-349-5600



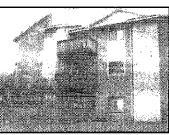
built on approx. 1 acre lot. Foyer w/wrought iron and wood trimmed staircase, 2 story great room w/fireplace and crown molding, kitchen & master bath w/granite tops. All 3 bedrooms have a bath and walk-in closet. Full basement w/walkout and 3 car att. garage. \$759,000 (51ROL) 734-455-5600



home. 4 bedroom Cape Cod sitting on 3/4 acre lot w/1st floor master suite w/walk-in closet & Jacuzzi, 2.5 baths, LR w/gas FP, DR, Ig. country kit w/light oak cabs, oak floor in foyer, light oak trim t/o, 2.5 car att. gar, 90% eff. furnace & C/A. Home warranty. \$318,900 (09BRY) 734-455-5600



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Plymouth's Hidden Ridge. Master bedroom w/full bath, oak kitchen. LR with fireplace. Deck overlooks wooded area leading to Hines Park. Neutral decor and newer carpet. Finished basement offers office/playroom plus large storage area.



Premium lot. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial w/2 car att. garage. Master bedroom w/bath & jetted tub. Family room w/fireplace. Hdwd. floors, basement. Contemporary Colonial home with neutral decor. Sprinkler system, large private deck & appliances. \$269,900 (51COL) 248-349-5600



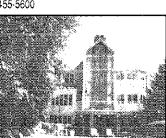
over-sized deck. This newer detached condo has everything: DR, LR balcony overlooks family room w/FP, finished basement w/garden windows & 2 car garage. Short walk to Walled Lake, Golf community. Clubhouse, pool & more. \$285,900 (94CHA) 248-349-5600



الى 2 half bath Large 2 bedroom, 1 ft" townhouse with finished basement, attached garage, private deck, all appliances, newer carpet and fresh paint. You must see this one. \$157,900 (75MIL) 734-455-5600



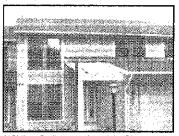
VAN BURN - Wonderful Colonial, Large 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial offering 2 car attached garage, basement, beautiful landscaping, master suite with walk-in closet, formal dining room and much more. \$247,000 (65ANN) 734-455-5600



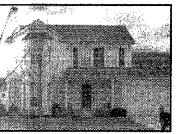
PLYMOUTH - Custom contemporary home. Exquisite throughout! 3 story atrium foyer, spiral oak staircase, great room w/fireplace opens to sunroom, kitchen w/newer granite counters, formal DR w/hardwood floor, library or music room, master suite has FP, letted tub, finished LL walk-out to inground pool. \$675,000 (77WES) 734-455-5600



CHESTERFIELD TWP - Upgraded ranch condo. Great value on 2BR, 2BA end unit w/attached garage and 1st floor laundry Full basement-partially finished with many upgrades. Private entrance, park-like setting, close to water and shopping. Low association fees. \$137,500 (50MEL) 248-349-5600



Smile, you found it. Sharp, spacious 2 story condo with 3BR, 2.5BA and private entrance. Open floor plan and many updates. All appliances and attached garage. Walk to pool and clubhouse. Private deck overlooks park. A must see. \$165,000 (67CRA) 248-349-5600



SOUTH LYON - Shows like a model, nothing to do but move right in. Custom white cabinets and island in kitchen. Master suite with soaking tub. Custom mini blinds on all windows. Lots of upgrades. 1st floor laundry. Paver patio, deck and professional landscaping. \$269,900 (62CHE) 248-



LIVONIA - Living room w/recessed lighting, neutral carpet & decor. Open floor plan! Kitchen has newer flooring, oak cab, appi., roof 2001, C/A, sprinkler system, newer vinyl windows, refinished hardwood floors in hedrooms, newer vinyl siding storm door. Full basement, 2 car garage. HPP \$211,500 (12HIX) 734-455-5600



WAYNE - Cute bungalow. Great Wayne bungalow with updated carpet, windows, furnace, C/A and roof. Remodeled kitchen, neutral decor throughout. Open floor plan. must see! \$118,000 (89WIN) 734-455-



Charming 3 bedroom home with many updates including: windows, family room in lower level, roof, elec., carpet in up and in basement. Fenced yard with lots of flowers. Home is freshly painted throughout Conveniently located to everything \$138,800 (15VIR) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - Great starter. Seasoned with love and care, cozy ranch with all appliances. Nice backyard, double driveway, newer carpet, paint and new (5/03) roof on house & garage, plus home warranty. \$142,000 (01JUN) 734-455-5600



INKSTER - A honey for the money! A 3 bedroom home with C/A. Many updates include kitchen with oak cabinets, bath with ceramic tile, plumbing and elec. Family room leads to lovely deck, plus a garage \$84,500 /16| EH) 734-455-5600

CANTON - Gorgeous condo. Beautiful

view of pond from large deck. Gas fire-

place in living room, oak kitchen, 1st floor

aundry, master suite with Jacuzzi tub,

daylight basement and 2 car attached

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WESTLAND - Full basement & att. garage.

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NORTHVILLE - Stunning historic duplex. Charm, personality & curb appeal, 3 historic flats that are beautifully updated w/tumbled marble, granite & wide plank oak floors. Flat #1-new designer carpet. Flat #2 & Flat #3, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 kitchens. Babbling brook. Close to downtown. \$314,900 (01RAN) 248-349-5600



1.5BA home with newer roof, windows, deck, furnace & A/C. Hardwood floors, 2 car garage with newer door and electric opener. Finished lower level makes nice family room. Fanced ward and highli sought after Livonia schools. \$167,000 (50SAN) 248-349-5600



GENOA TOWNSHIP - Executive retreat. Pinecreek sub offers this 4BR, 2.5BA home w/open floor plan. 2-story LR w/2way FP. Open FR, butlers pantry-cherry cabs w/Corian counters, Andersen windows & prof. landscaped w/sprinklers, 2nd floor sun deck w/porch. Access to Brighton Lake. \$599,000 (64ARB) 248-349-5600



ANN ARBOR - Dixboro Village - Ann Arbor schools. Farm style for 21st century on approx. 1 acre. 3 bedroom home with many upgrades and additional square footage in studio/office over garage. Many extras Must see to appreciate. \$430,000 (60CHU) 248-349-5600



CANTON - Great Windsor Park location for this 3BR, 1.5BA colonial. Remodeled kitchen. Family room with natural fireplace. Newer furnace, C/A, Marvin wood windows and doorwall. Finished basement extends under family room. Plymouth-Canton schools. \$204,800 (97LOM) 248-349-5600

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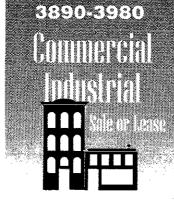




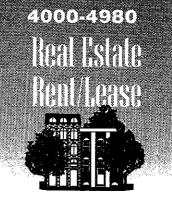












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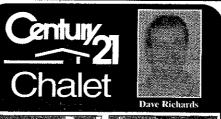
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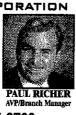
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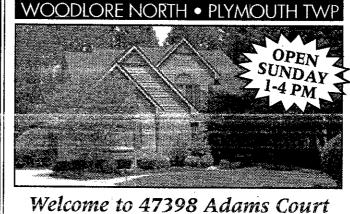
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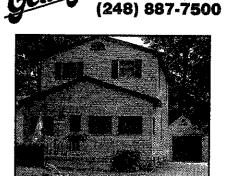
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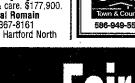
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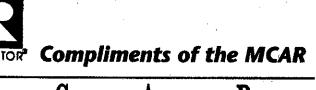
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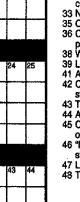
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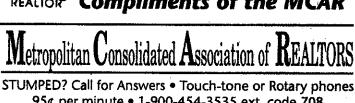
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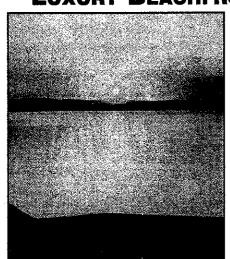
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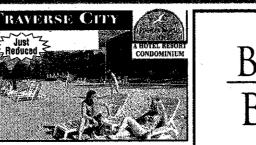


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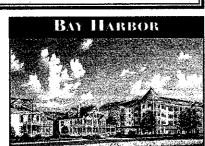
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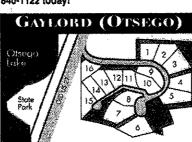
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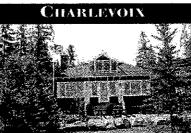
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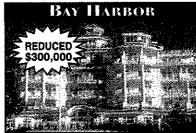
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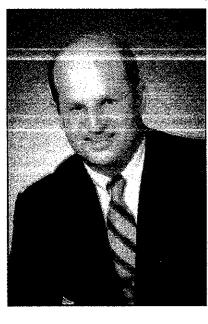


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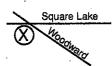
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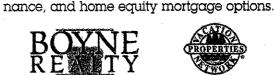
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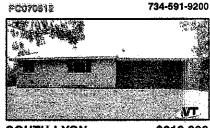
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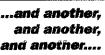
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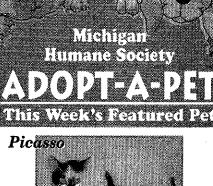
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2003 MAZDA TRIBUTE

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Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

By now, auto makers have the market for small-to-medium-sized sport-utility vehicles pretty well covered, so it's difficult for any particular model to stand out. But even with those odds, the Mazda Tribute distinguishes itself from the pack with its sporty appearance, responsive handling, brisk performance and ample interior amenities.

For prices ranging from under \$20,000 through the mid-\$20,000s, the 2003 Mazda Tribute delivers a great value for buyers who want the versatility and image of a true SUV combined with comfort features and handling of a true car-based vehicle. It seems overall to come as close to this mark as any of its class of competitors, which include Jeep Liberty, Ford Escape, Honda CR-V and Toyota RAV4.

Tribute manages to display a distinctive sportiness in its styling yet to avoid some of the extremes of rakishness that can look good on vehicles of this size – but which also can severely compromise the cargo room that SUV buyers expect. The body side cladding adds to the vehicle's overall armature but without being too heavy or ostentatious. Clear-lens front halogen fog lights, which are standard on the Tribute ES model that I drove, add a nice design touch.

Rather than the side openers on so many SUVs, I appreciate the Tribute's flip-up rear window, which opens high enough even for a six-footer not to bump and which actually is wide enough itself to allow the passage of a four-by-eight piece of plywood. The fully equipped power moonroof is just large enough for all passengers to benefit.

Another positive is that Tribute's structure is



The Mazda Tribute distinguishes itself from the pack.

unibody, meaning it's designed like a car rather than as a compartment sitting on a frame, as in truck-based SUVs. That design feature is responsible for much of Tribute's commendable responsiveness in handling, giving it more of the driving feel of the best minivans than of larger SUVs. Tribute is very agile in all situations and extremely stable at high speeds, making it not only safe but also fun to drive.

Under the hood, Tribute's 200-horsepower 3.0-liter V6 supplied by Ford, Mazda's North American partner (and manufacturer of the Ford Escape SUV which is derived from the Tribute platform and is, naturally, very similar), is standard on the mid-range LX and upper-end ES models. It supplies best-in-class zip to Tribute, and it works well with the full-time four-wheel-drive system and four-speed automatic transmission. Still, fuel mileage is a highly respectable 23 mpg on the road and 18 mpg in the city, strong for this class of SUVs and even competitive with some minivans.

Tribute handles the rutted roads of exurban Detroit very well, and it can tow trailers of up to 3,500 pounds if properly equipped, but it's definitely not meant to go off-road: It doesn't, for example, have a traction-control system nor a

low-range set of gears.

Interior amenities put the finish on Tribute's case for best-in-class. The instrument panel, including the climate controls, are simply laid out and easy to use. Standard interior features include power windows and locks, automatic-off headlights, air conditioning, power steering and a folding rear seat. The mid-range LX and highend ES also offer a split folding rear seat, a cargo cover and a height-adjustable rear seat.

The front-bucket seats are more comfortable than in most competitors. The front of the vehicle also has plenty of places to put things, including the larger-than-expected covered box in the center console that has room for plenty of items like CDs and a full-size box of tissues. In back, the second-row seat folds down, revealing a flat cargo floor and nearly 64 square feet of cargo space. Handily, a 12-volt power outlet is located in the rear of the cargo compartment.

Luxury touches in the \$26,700 ES I drove include a six-way power seat, leather upholstery, an overhead console and heated seats and mirrors. The premium audio equipment held its

Overall, then, Tribute makes for a good show-Write Dale at daledbuss@aol.com.



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Hot ticket

Enter the Bat Zone

Get up close and personal with night's winged creatures

BY NICOLE STAFFORD

STAFF WRITER

Bats are like women who play hard-to-

We're intrigued because they're mysterious, distant, unavailable.

"We see them flying all the time being that we live out in the country," said Jeff Hilton, who traveled from Ortonville to visit the Bat Zone, a sanctuary for injured and orphaned bats that's open to the public at the Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills.

"But you could never get this close," Hilton said.

As close as 4 or 5 inches, if you're watching a live bat program, during which staff directly handle and show many of the Zone's different breeds, from the famed Vampire bat to the Golden bat - one of the most endangered species to those native to Michigan.

Come Saturday, Aug. 2, the date of the second Great Lakes Bat Festival; there will be no shortage of up-close-and-personal encounters with the sanctuary's black winged creatures.

Eight experts are set to make presentations, some aimed at adults, others geared to a younger audience.

The stars of the show: more than a dozen different types of living, breathing, flying bats from around the world, plus other animals from wetlands and rain

Just don't touch the bats, which, contrary to popular belief, are on the cute side of dark and mysterious.

And get ready for this: Bats aren't blind. In fact, many types see three times better than human beings. Those native to Michigan see as well as dogs.

Rest assured, a visit to the festival will net you more than a good look at a bat or

An important goal of the event is education, so you'll learn plenty about the species, their conservation and the benefits of having bats nearby.

Hands-on learning activities for children and a bat netting in the evening are also planned, said Kim Williams, executive director of the Organization for Bat Conservation, which runs the Bat Zone and is hosting the festival.

"It's always fun to see live animals." said Williams. "And the netting is very



Living, breathing, flying bats are the stars of the upcoming Great Lakes Bat Festival at the Cranbrook Institute of Science.

BATS, BATS, BATS

What: Great Lakes Bat Festival hosted by the Organization for Bat Conservation. When: Saturday, Aug. 2; presentations, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., bat-netting, 8-10 p.m. Where: Bat Zone at Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Regular Bat Zone hours are from noon to 5 p.m. daily through Labor Day. After Labor Day hours are from noon to 5 p.m. weekends. Admission: Free with admission to science institute - \$7 for adults and \$4 for children age 2 or older; evening event is \$3 or day admission, call (800) 276-7074 or visit www.batroost.com.

The procedure, called mist netting, will take place at about 8 p.m. on the river on campus. Using a large stationary net, staff will catch a number of bats, identify them and then affix a degradable fluorescent light to each one.

"Then we release them and they fly off all together," said Williams. "It's like watching fireworks. Everybody is like 'oooh ... ahhh.'"

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Big screen

'Spy Kids' has more than its share of irritating moments

SPY KIDS 3-D: GAME OVER

*1/2 (out of four)

t the risk of being singled out as unbelievably uncool, I hated Spy. Kids 3-D.

Here's the strange thing – there were a lot of elements that were impressive. There were even some things I found admirable. But two words ran through my mind the entire time: "Please end."

The film was icky. Here's why. Episode three picks up with adolescent secret agent Juni Cortez (Daryl Sabara) called back to service by Agent Dora (Salma Hayek). His mission – save his sister, Carmen (Alexa Vega), from the psychological prison of an interactive computer

game called "Game Over." To do this, Juni must "enter" the game world, free Carmen and avoid the virtual pitfalls created by the villainous Toymaker (Sylvester Stallone).

The majority of the film takes place in the computer-generated landscape of the video game, which director Robert Rodriguez unwisely chose to shoot in old-fashioned 3-D.

Rodriguez is one of the few major Hollywood directors to embrace digital video as a shooting format (George Lucas is the other). And, to be fair, Rodriguez's high-def digital cinematography is conceived far more intelligently than old 1950s 3-D shocker

gently than old 1950s 3-D shockers like Creature from the Black Lagoon and Robot Monster. Rodriguez's weapons jab us, goo splatters us, cars race over our aching foreheads.

The scenes without 3-D effects are flatout gorgeous – crisp, vibrant images and subtle, warm hues that seem impossibly lifelike. But when the glasses go on – announced by big, green text that reads, "Glasses on!" – the beauty drains out. Sure, there's some novelty fun for a while, but soon enough the blurry, blue-tinted image begins to irritate.

When the "Glasses on!" signal returned for one last climactic scene, there was an audible groan in the theater. It's a shame, too, because Rodriguez's films don't need chintzy headwear to seem three-dimensional. His best work, like *El Mariachi*, his episode of *Four Rooms*, and the original *Spy Kids*, practically leapt off the screen with energy, humor and wacky, in-

your-face camera angles.

Spy Kids 3-D feels obligated to acknowledge its technology, both low and high. Juni greets a character named Rez by saying, "Hi Rez." Later, when we are mercifully returned to land of 2-D, a scientist remarks, "Those video games are killers on the eyes." This in-joke mambo line continues with the return of every minor character from the first two Spy Kids and cameos by Elijah Wood and George Clooney, the latter of which does a Stallone impersonation. Buffs who get off on being "in on the joke" will howl. The rest of us will pray for an Advil.

If you happen to love the 3-D effects, good luck navigating the story, which is similar to the '80s classic *Tron* — but gone wrong. Rodriguez makes it crystal clear that he doesn't give a hoot about coherency or logic and that is refreshing. Characters bark out clichés so fast that we know they are intentional — Rodriguez is merely advancing the plot swiftly to keep the interest of his young audience.

But, Mr. Rodriguez, everything has its limit. The characters wander aimlessly through "exciting" computer-generated landscapes with which I refuse to be impressed. Meanwhile, the plot is utter nonsense. It is organized with different "levels" like a video game and that's exactly how it feels. Ever watch somebody else play a video game? It sure looks like fun, doesn't it?

I know *Spy Kids 3-D* is cool. I can feel coolness dripping off every frame. But to me, it was loud and nonsensical and a technical failure. It was like watching two hours of bad Saturday morning cartoons. Which is, in a word, icky. Icky to the max.

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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'Seven Vampires' is pure campy delight

o we dare delve into the world of Brazilian horror?

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Beyond Bad

Grea Kowalski

This is a delightful film from Brazil in Portuguese with English subtitles. Our friends far south of the border have their own ideas on making horror films, which we might find rather odd, but it's not without some merit.

To begin with, this film opens with an introduction by none other than Alfred Hitchcock, speaking Portuguese, no less.

What is the grand master doing here? Apparently someone got an episode of

one of his old TV shows and dubbed him speaking Portuguese. Things just get more bizarre from there.

A scientist receives a special package from Africa, which turns out to be a man-eating plant. This nasty bit of

greenery has tentacles and big spiky teeth. Before you can "salto franga" ("let the chicken go") the plant chomps on the scientist's head. His wife, Sylvia, rushes to his rescue but the plant takes a big bite out of her arm.

The upshot is that she turns into a vampire because of the poisonous plant bite and needs fresh blood to keep from becoming a withered old witch. That leads to a string of murders that has the police department ("The finest in the world!" says the chief) baffled.

As the bodies pile up, Sylvia - who has her good moments and bad ones agrees to help her friend stage a show at his nightclub. She hires seven sexy women and gives them plastic fangs for her show, the Transylvania Follies.

With the police unable to find the killers, a private detective is called in to assist the investigation. His name is Raimudo Marlou. He has a sexy secretary and sits around all day reading detective magazines. There's also a character called Fu Man Chu, who does a magic act in the nightclub, and a goofy police detective who is the only person

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The Ghoul returns to his former haunt

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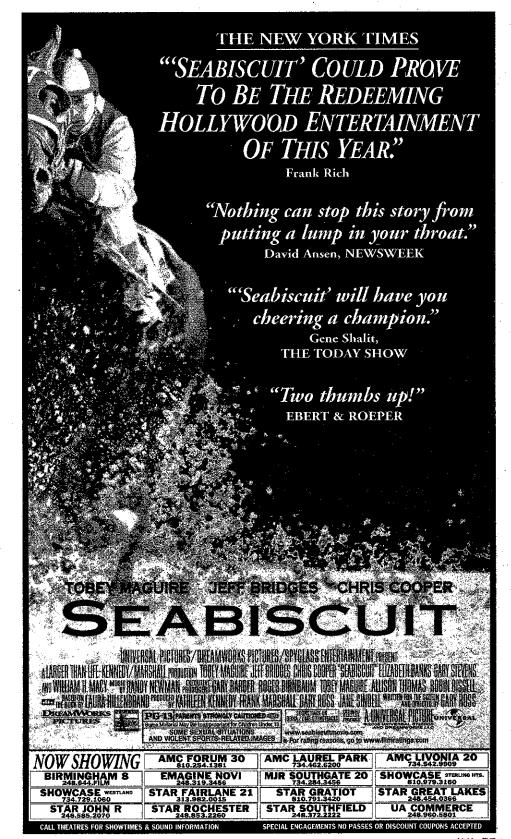
Since being banished to Ohio decades ago, The Ghoul has maintained a loyal following and legendary status as a cult TV host. He is best known for blowing up firecrackers, sparring with Froggy his plastic frog pal on a string summoned in a blast of fire extinguisher vapor and the call "Pluck your magic twanger, Froggy." — and for showing

some of the worst movies ever made.

He was obnoxious, juvenile and beloved by a generation of fans of bad TV movies. Since retreating to his native Ohio, The Ghoul has made periodic forays back up north to meet with his fans who just won't let go.

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SEVEN VAMPIRES

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who recognizes that a vampire is responsible for the murders.

Of course, all the bodies with their necks ripped open and their blood drained gave a hint that these were no ordinary murders.

And this is no ordinary movie. Brazilian horror movies are an acquired taste, but one worth sampling. We haven't gotten into the world of Coffin Joe yet, with his mind-boggling Brazilian wonders. *The Seven Vampires* isn't widely available, but it is on the shelves of Thomas Video on Main Street in Clawson.

Greg Kowalski has never been to Brazil but knows someone who was. She says there are no vampires there. He can be reached at gkowalski@oe.homecomm.net or (248) 901-2570.

GHOUL

FROM PAGE E5

"He'll be signing stuff," said Thomas owner Jim Olenski. The Ghoul has his own line of products ranging from videos to T-shirts.

And while The Ghoul excels in excess with firecrackers and such, "He really is good with kids," Olenski said.

Perhaps they see his fright wig, phony

goatee and sunglasses with one lens in a different light.

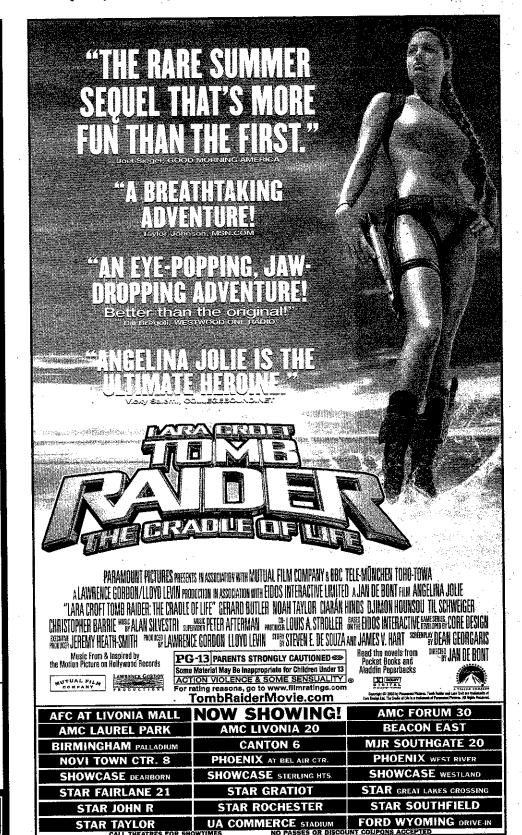
The Ghoul's visit will coincide with the Clawson Lions Club auto show, so Ghoul fans should enter the Thomas parking lot from the rear.

Weather permitting, a tent will be set up in the lot.

The last time he was at Thomas, the store had an overflow crowd and — believe it or not — people waited for hours to meet him.



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YOUTH THEATER

Flint Youth Theatre

Here A Fable, There a Fable 4:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 1-2; Elgood Theater, 1220 E. Kearsley St. Flint. \$6 children, \$8 adults, (810) 237-7333 or (888) 8CENTER, recommended for ages 5 and up.

Dearborn Heights Youtheatre

Once Upon A Mattress, 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 31, Aug. 1-2; 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, \$5, Livonia Mall, Seven Mile Road at Middlebelt, use the "G" entrance, (586) 344-7774.

Marquis Theatre

Goldilocks and the Three Bears, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday-Friday, Aug. 5-8, 12-15, 19-22; 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, 16, 23, and Sept. 6, 13; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, 14. \$7.50, 135 E. Main St. Northville, not recommended for children under 3, (248) 349-8110.

Livonia Youtheatre

The Music Man, 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 7-9; 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10, \$5, Livonia Mall, Seven Mile Road at Middlebelt, use the "G" entrance, (586) 344-7774.

THEATER

Stagecrafters

Plays host to their sister theater group. Company of Ten from St. Alban's England when it brings *Habeas Corpus*, a comedy by Alan Bennett to the Baldwin Stage, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 1-2; 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, \$12, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 541-6430.

Ridgedale Players

Fourth annual summer Shakespeare Festival featuring *The Tempest*, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 1-2, 8-9; 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3 and 10, \$12, seniors \$11 on Sundays, 205 W. Long Lake Road, between Crooks and Livernois, Troy, (248) 988-7049.

The Actor's Company

Bat Boy, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 1-2, Village Players Playhouse, 34660 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. \$18 adults, \$15 students, seniors, \$10 students for Thursday performances one hour prior to curtain. (248) 644-2075.

Water Works Theatre Company

Shakespeare in the Park Royal Oak presents *Much Ado About Nothing*, to Aug. 10; shows 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, 7 p.m. Sunday, and 3 p.m. Saturday, Starr Jaycee Park, 13 Mile Road between Crooks and Main. \$20 adults, \$10 children, (248) 988-1359.

Broadway Stage

Under the Yum Yum Tree, Lawrence Roman's comedy set in the 1960s, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. select Sundays, through Saturday, Aug. 23, 21517 Kelley Road at Toepfer, Eastpointe, \$15, (586) 771-6333.

AUDITIONS

Disney Theatrical Productions



Doc Powell performs 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at Jazz on the River in Trenton at Elizabeth Park in Trenton. The festival, 1-8:45 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 2-3 also features the Brother's Groove, Keiko Matsui, and Alexander Zonjic & Friends. For schedule visit www.waynecounty.com/parks/events.ht m or call (734) 261-1990.

Looking for children ages 9-12, under 58inches tall who can sing, dance and act to play the African Lion cubs, Simba and Nala, for *The Lion King*, sign in noon to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 4, Marygrove College, Liberal Arts Building, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit, for information call Project Day Dream (313) 341-0448 or (212) 827-5450, Disneyonbroadway.com

Broadway Onstage Live

All's Well in 804 by Ed Thomas 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12 and Thursday, Aug. 14, 21517 Keliy Road, Eastpointe. Production dates 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22. Bring prepared monologue no longer than 2 minutes. Payment upon casting \$25 per performance, (586) 771-6333 or www.broadwayonstage.com

Ridgedale Players

Over the River and Through the Woods, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy, (248) 584-2345, Ext. 222 or e-mail lennoxmi@earthlink.com. Show dates are in October.

MUSIC FESTIVALS

Meadow Brook Music Festival

DSO Fantasia, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 1-2; DSO Symphony and the Sorcerer, 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3; Chris Isaak with Lisa Marie Presley, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, (248) 377-0100, (248) 645-6666.

DTE

County Music Festival with Brooks and Dunn, 3 p.m. Thursday, July 31; Gin Blossoms, Soul Asylum, The Verve Pipe and Sponge, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1; John Mayer, Counting Crows, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2; Iron Maiden with Dio and Motorhead, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6; Ringo Starr and his All Star Band, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, (248) 377-0100, (248) 645-6666.

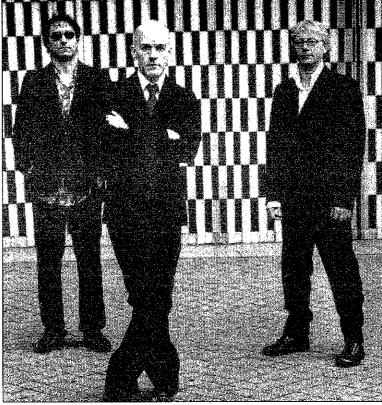
POPULAR MUSIC

Magic Bag

Immigrant Suns with In Door Park & Thtx 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1; Rib with Black Bottom Collective & The Strange, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.

Comerica Park

Aerosmith, Kiss with Ted Nugent, 6 p.m.



Tickets for R.E.M. with Sparklehorse at The Palace 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28 are on sale now, and will be hard to get later. Tickets \$39-\$59, call (248) 645-6666.

Friday, Aug. 15, \$65, (248) 645-6666

PIANO CONCERT

Jeffrey Michael

Will perform a grand piano solo concert 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave., at Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$15 advance, \$20 door, call (888) 534-0218. For more information www.fireheartmusic.com

JAZZ/BLUES

Ron's Fireside Inn

Matt Michaels Trio with guests 7:30-11 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, Edward Gooch, trombone, Jerry McKenzie, drums; Aug. 13 George Benson, saxophone; Aug. 20, Russ Miller, saxophone; Aug. 27, Barbara Ware, vocals, 28937 Warren, Garden City, \$5 cover with dinner, \$10 cover without dinner and two-drink minimum, reservations recommended, (734) 762-7756.

Edison's

Wixom Slim & The Wyze Gyze, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Aug. 1; Tall Cool One, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, (248) 645-2150, no cover.

Rene Marie & Trio

SereNgeti Galleries, 2757 Grand River, Detroit, 9 and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 8-9, \$20 in advance, (313) 963-8099, (248) 645-6666.

P'Jazz

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, Aug. 1, Impact 7. Children's concerts noon Wednesday, Aug. 6, The Clelands; Plymouth Community Band performs 8-9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 31, downtown Plymouth in Kellogg Park.

Troy

7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6 Steve King & the Dittilies, on the lawn of the Troy Civic Center. (248) 689-9756.

Farmington

7:30-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1 Motor City Brass Bands, Pergola Gazebo on Grand River, three blocks east of Farmington Road. For more information call (248) 473-7276

Farmington Hills

7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 31; PRime vocal Jazz, Aug. 7, Farmington Community Chorus, Aug. 14, Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile Roads.

Northville

Hats Off by September Productions, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Aug. 5, downtown Northville Band Shell,, (248) 349-0203, Ext. 1411.

Livonia7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 31, The Wrenfields, Wilson Barn, Middlebelt at West Chicago, (734) 466-2540.

Oakland Community College

Blackthorn, Tuesday, Aug. 5, Oakland Community College Highland Lakes campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road. The Fragment Band, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, OCC Auburn Hills Campus, 2900 Featherstone Road.

Southfield

Robert Penn, Blues, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6; Motor City Brass Band, Aug. 13, Rich Eddy's Rockin's Oldies Band, Aug. 20, Burgh Historical Park Gazebo, northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road. (248) 796-4600.

Canton

Secrets, pop variety 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 31 Heritage Park; 7:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19, The Spoonman; 2-3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3 Pamela Ransford and Friends, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8 Little Davy and The Diplomats, Cherry Hill Village, (734) 394-5460.

Nardin Park United Methodist Church 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, Love Notes II and evening of love songs, 29887 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 476-8860.

Redford

Waco Country Band, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, Capitol Park, Redford. Series continues to Aug. 13. (313) 387-2650.

Birmingham

Detroit Brass Society and The Christa Grix Jazz Harp Trio, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 31, Shain Park, Birmingham

Oxford Township

Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, Stony Lake Park.

FESTIVALS/FAIRS

Ribs 'n Soul Festival

Friday-Sunday, Aug. 1-2, Hart Plaza, downtown Detroit. Features ribs, children's activities, entertainment.

Astrology Fair

Clawson-Troy Elks, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, 1451 E. Big Beaver Road. \$5, readings \$20, (248) 528-2610.

BOOK STORES

Mr. Winkle

With Lara Jo Regan to promote A Winkle in Time: Mr. Winkle Celebrates the Underdogs of History, 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, Borders Bookstore, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham.

Harpbeat

Around the World 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, Borders Books & Music, Birmingham.

CLUBS/BARS

The Moose Preserve Bar & Grill

Summer Luau Party, Thursday-Friday, Aug. 7-8, live entertainment starting at 9:30 p.m., tropical food & drinks, Hula dancing, contests and giveaways, island atmosphere, outdoor deck, 43034 Woodward Ave. (north of Square Lake Road, Exit 75 off I-75), Bloomfield Hills, (248) 85-TROUT.

BullFrog Bar & Grill

Velkro, Thursday-Saturday, July 31, Aug. 1-2, West Jefferson, Sunday, Aug. 3; Ty Stone, Monday, Aug. 4; Karaoke, Tuesday, Aug. 5, Pakistani Tambourine, Wednesday, Aug. 6, 15414 Telegraph, Redford, (313) 533-4477.

Mephisto's

2764 Florian Avenue. Want a taste of the music at Mephisto's? Visit its entertaining Web site www.mephistosdetroit.com. While surfing you'll dance in your seat to the heavy techno beat repeating "here we go." Mephisto's is close to both



'Inside and Outside' an exhibit by Elaine Treisman of Bloomfield Hills opens Thursday, July 31 and runs through Saturday, Aug. 21 at the Starkweather Art and Cultural Center, 219 N. Main, north of 32 Mile Road, Romeo. Reception to meet the artist 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2. Gallery hours 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, call (586) 752-5700 for information.

I-75 (off Caniff) and I-94 in Hamtramck (off Mt. Elliott). This 21 & over club where proper attire is mandatory is new to our ever-changing club scene and features three levels including a VIP lounge and terrace; a Tiki Bar, and high energy dance floor. What other club has both chandeliers and a sexy vibe? Music is techno, hip hop, old school and top 40. And when you aren't dancing, check out the very worth-while art: 1940s glamour girl pinups and much, much more. Hours: Thursday, Friday and Saturday 7 p.m. to 2 a.m., (313) 875-3627.

Reggae

Tropical Hut Lounge, 14925 Livernois, Detroit near Fenkell. This is not one of those suburban nightclubs that pretend to be an island-style bar with fake grass and palm. Tropical Hut is a 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. 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 Bahaus. 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.

Call for hours, (313) 833-9700.

Parabox Cafe

1927 Michigan Ave., Detroit at the corner of Rosa Parks Blvd. Metro-Detroit's friendly Latin residents gather here for salsa dancing to 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, it's no problem. You'll be asked to dance by patrons, who are skilled dancers. Expect to be politely spun around the dance floor and thanked afterward before they move on to the next partner. Valet parking is available. Call for hours, (313) 313-268-2325.

Edison's

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COMEDY

Joey's Comedy Club - Livonia

Kerry White, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 31, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 1-2, 8 p.m. Tuesday, open mic; Jim Hamm, Aug. 6-9, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. \$5 Thursday, \$12 Friday-Saturday, dinner/show package available. (734) 261-0555, www.joey'scomedyclub.com

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

Dustin Diamond-Screech 8 p.m. Thursday, July 31, 8 & 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 1-2; \$11 advance, \$13 door, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 996-9080.

Jackie Mason

Prune Danish, The Second City Detroit, through Aug. 10. Performances 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday, \$49.50 plus \$1.50 restoration fee, (248) 6456666, (313) 965-2222, www.Ticketmaster.com, www.OlympiaEntertainment.com.

SOCIAL DANCING

Moon-Dusters

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.

Country Western Dance

Blackberry Creek Dancers 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 9, Italian Cultural Center,
28111 Imperial Dr. south of 12 Mile east of
Hoover, Warren. Line dance lesson 7:30
p.m. \$10 includes lesson, soft drinks &
coffee, (586) 573-0668 or
dli@comcast.net.

Social dancing

Classes for Motown style ballroom start Monday, Aug. 25, City of Southfield Parks and Recreation, 26000 Evergreen, taught by Dr. Karyne Johnson and Dale Lott, call (248) 796-4620 for information.

ART

Janice Charach Epstein Gallery

Emerging Artists 2003, Aug. 7 to Sept. 30, reception to meet the artists 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, (248) 432-5448.

Livonia Arts Commission

At the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road, Linda Sterns; watercolor, mixed media, collage, Aug. 4-28, opening reception, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, Fine Arts Gallery, second floor. Livonia City Hall Lobby, 33000 Civic Center Dr., east of Farmington Road, Livonia Artist Club, mixed media, Aug. 3-28.

MUSEUMS, PARKS AND TOURS

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen

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. 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

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. Free with museum admission.

Ann Arbor Hands On Museum

Celebrating 20 years of discovery, museum offers more than 250 science and technology exhibits to explore the world of science, 220 E. Ann. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$7, \$5 children, students and seniors. (734) 995-KIDS or www.laahom.org

Cranbrook Art Museum

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

Detroit Zoo

Celebrates its 75th birthday, Friday-Sunday, Aug. 1-3. 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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John Peakes (right) as King Lear and Paul Riopelle as the fool in the Michigan Shakespeare Festival's production of 'King Lear.'



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Experience Shakespeare in the summer's breeze

BY NICOLE STAFFORD

STAFF WRITER

To attend the Michigan Shakespeare Festival is to experience theater a lot like it was when the Bard himself lived: outdoors and in the elements.

In its ninth year, the festival brings Shakespeare's plays to audiences in an Elizabethan courtyard setting in 530-acre Ella Sharp Park in Jackson. The unique venue is one reason the state Senate recently designated the event The Official Shakespeare Festival of Michigan.

This year's season, which runs Thursday-Sunday through Aug. 3, features *The Taming of the Shrew*, a bawdy, comedic battle of the sexes, and *King Lear*, one of the Shakespeare's greatest dramas.

"Being outdoors brings us closer to what a Shakespeare play would have been like when it was done in his time," said John Neville-Andrews, the festival's artistic director and head of performance in the theater department at the University of Michigan.

In the 16th century, Shakespeare's plays were performed in courtyard or outdoor theater settings, the most famous of which was The Globe Theatre.

Last year, about 5,000 people – most from southeast Michigan – attended the festival.

"There is a feeling of unity in the audience when a play is performed outdoors and a sense of collaboration between the actors and the audience," said Neville-Andrews, who is directing Shrew. "There's also a festive feeling about coming to the theater, but you don't necessarily have to dress up. You can bring your chairs and a cooler, sit back and relax."

Though the conflicts at the center of plays like *Shrew* and *Lear* are timeless, Shakespeare's dialogue can be difficult for modern audiences to follow.

"We try to make the plays accessible through clarity of language and telling the story in its simplest form," said Neville-Andrews.

In the festival's staging of *Lear*, for instance, set and costuming aid language.

King Lear "is some of Shakespeare's

THE BARD IN THE PARK

What: Michigan Shakespeare Festival featuring King Lear and The Taming of the Shrew in an outdoor park venue.

When: 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday through Sunday, Aug. 3; 2 p.m. matinee Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 2-3.
Where: Ella Sharp Park, off Park Road, Jackson. From 1-94 west, take exit 138, go south on West Avenue (becomes South Fourth), turn left on Park Road.

Tickets: Seating is general admission and first-come first-serve (gates open 30 minutes before show), adults, \$18, children age 12 or less, \$8, call (517) 782-3221 or visit www.michshakefest.org.

darkest writing," said Judith Peakes, the production's director. "The play is not pretty."

To convey the tone of the language, Peakes set the play in the 10th century and used costumes and staging to create a "primitive feel."

Festival directors aren't above modernizing Shakespeare to make the Bard's plays more accessible, either.

"We're not fuddy-duddies that are purists or traditionalists. We sometimes update Shakespeare," Neville-Andrews said, adding he took a contemporary approach to Katharina and Petruchio, the lead couple in *Shrew*.

Instead of presenting Katharina as a quick-tempered woman unfit for marriage and Petruchio as the man who must tame her, Neville-Andrews has given the characters equal status.

"I see them as two people that identify with each other," he said. "They are both life forces. So the audience immediately identifies with the story, the characters and the emotions."

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Table hopping

New owners bring delicious changes to Inn Season

There have been a lot of changes at Inn Season Cafe in Royal Oak since new owners

In this eclectic vegetarian restaurant on Fourth Street, where it seemed little improvement was needed, new owners Nicholas Raftis and Chef Thomas Lasher have made the food even more tempting.

For starters, there's brunch every Sunday. Among the menu items are vegan French toast, pancakes, spicy rancheros, frittatas, sweet coffee cakes, "sausage" patties and fresh juices. Everything offered is flavorful and worth the visit.

This month Inn Season will test market several dishes of trendy raw food; a cuisine that has been emerging in New York, L.A. and San Francisco and is considered worthy enough to be offered on a five-star level in those cities.

Inn Season will be the first restaurant in metro Detroit to offer a sample of gourmet raw meals.

The concept of vegetarian raw, said Inn Season's Sheri Lazar, is to prevent ingredients from reaching 118 degrees Fahrenheit in temperature.

Raw is much more than salads. It's burritos that could include cabbage as the shell. It's lasagna that might contain thinly sliced squash as the noodle. Lazar studied the art of raw in New York and is planning "pasta" dishes with daikon radish, carrots, beets, basil pesto and more.

"Raw foodists believe once a food hits 118 degrees the nutritiously beneficial enzymes are killed," Lazar said. "The taste and textures are very good without sacrificing its nutrients in the cooking process."

AESTHETIC CHANGES

Raftis is in the planning stages of redecorating the airy atmosphere of the already fashionable hardwood-floor dining room, where fresh flowers brighten the dark wooden tables and every few months new artists are featured on its walls.

Not to give away all his creative ideas, there is an interesting new waiting-room lounge, in the building adjacent to the restaurant, with a separate outside entrance. It's a sexy combination of hip meets Victorian, with dark purple hues dominating the room.

Most importantly to the restaurant - that for years has enjoyed a loyal following - is the quality and flavor of the food. The majority of customers aren't vegetarians; rather, people looking for unusual and fresh



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Chef Thomas Lasher presents a freshly made Inn Season Salad in the kitchen at Inn Season Cafe.

INN SEASON CAFE

Where: 500 Fourth St., Royal Oak, east of Main St. (248) 547-7916, www.innseasoncafe.com

Open: Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, noon to 4:30 p.m. Saturday: dinner is 4:30-9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 4:30-9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Brunch from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday. Cost: Lunch entrees \$5.95-\$9.95; dinner \$6.50-\$13.95. Brunch items \$1.50- \$9.50. No smoking, no alcohol.

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gourmet food.

"People come here for high-quality, interesting meals that taste great," said Raftis.

"Our customers are meat-eaters, vegetarians, senior citizens enjoying lunch, hip rastafarians, business people. ... We have delicious dishes and not having meat makes it even more interesting."

More than 80 percent of the menu is organic, including the tortilla shells in the Mexican dishes, and the majority of ingredients are fresh, Michigan grown.

Proof, for example, is in the flavor of the popular Inn Season salad's cherry tomatoes.

One bite and you'll never manage to eat another bland hot house tomato again. Try the honey poppyseed dressing on it.

Lasher makes certain all Inn Season's dressings are made in-house. In fact, there's hardly a metal can to be found in the entire kitchen

"Almost everything is made from scratch including our beets," Raftis said.

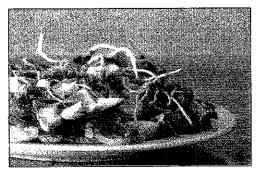
Lasher increased the menu. He has added pastas, more gourmet pizzas with toppings like garlic-roasted walnuts, capers, fresh basil and spinach; plus he has spiced up the stir-fries and added even more desserts.

One highlight is the sublime dessert called the Opera. It has layers of vanillacoconut cake, vegan mocha creme, rich chocolate cake, raspberry vegan coconut custard and citrus frosting that's decorated with fresh raspberry sauce.

The most popular dishes are the Mexican entrees - burritos and nachos. Soups like wild rice chowder and Budapest mushroom have been hits for years. Fruit smoothies, made from real fruit instead of typical frozen concentrate, contain fresh strawberries, apples and bananas.

And where else can you find a restaurant where the menu includes organic lemonade, kale, roasted red pepper hummus, shiitake mushrooms and ginger beer, plus hearty foods like botanas, hand-made veggie burgers, pastas, gourmet pizzas and huge salads that contain more than a dozen items?

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The Inn Season Salad at Inn Season Cafe features organic vegetables grown in Michigan.

THE MENU

The biggest Inn Season change is the expanded menu. A brief sample:

- Shiitake mushroom sauté mushroom caps sautéed with toasted sesame oil, tamari, mirin and garlic.
- Basil Penne Salad with organic Penne pasta tossed with red onion, red pepper, carrot and creamy nondairy basil dressing served on baby greens.
- Barbecue Seitan Sandwich Seitan is derived from soy and has a beefy texture and color. House-made seitan sautéed with onion in tangy barbecue sauce. Served on multi-grain bread with lettuce and tomato.
- Black Bean Avocado Quesadilla -Whole-wheat tortilla filled with refried black beans and cheese or soy cheese. Pan braised. Served with avocado and roasted chili salsa.
- Mediterranean Ragout Baby eggplant, zucchini, green beans, shallots, red pepper, green pepper and herbs in a roasted tomato-red wine sauce. Served with organic brown basmati rice and roasted beet-dill salad.
- Portabella Walnut Pizza Portabella mushroom, garlic roasted walnuts, capers, tomato sauce, fresh basil and cheese or soy cheese.
- Chocolate Cheeseless Cake Dark Belgian chocolate-cashew pie in an oatalmond crust. Drizzled with raspberry





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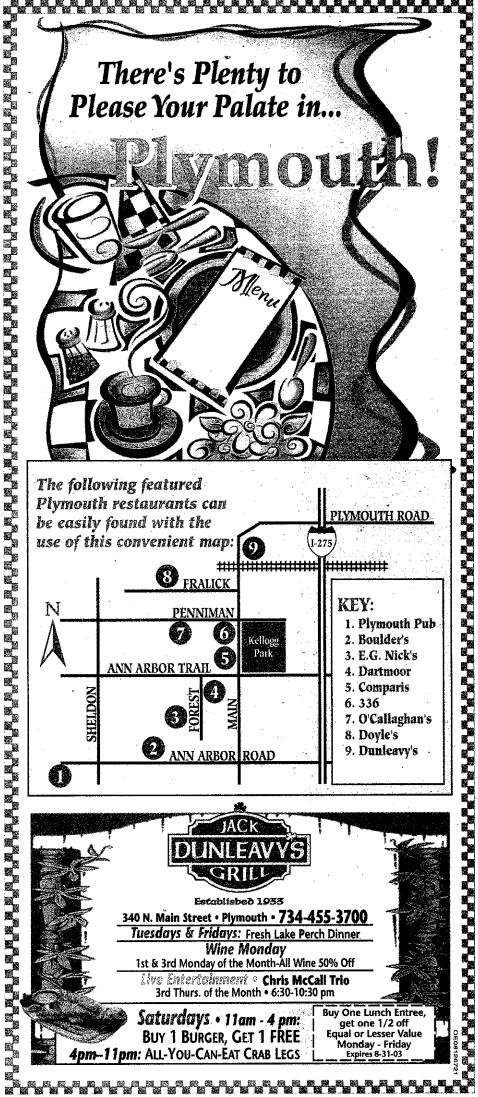
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Great Scots

Highland Games festival celebrates Scottish pride

BY KEVIN BROWN

STAFF WRITER

It seems the Scottish have a bold streak.

Take that William Wallace guy, portrayed by Mel Gibson in *Braveheart*. Consider the volume of a typical 25-piece bagpipe band.

Haggis isn't found in the "lite" food section of the supermarket. And Scots Sean Connery and Rod Stewart aren't exactly shy.

Bagpipes, haggis, tartan plaid kilts, Celtic dancing and extreme athletics all get their day in the sun Saturday, Aug. 2, at the 154th Annual Highland Games, a one-day Scottish festival, at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia.

New this year is a cricket workshop for children. It joins

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154TH HIGHLAND GAMES AND CEILIDH

What: A spirited celebration of Scottish history, pageantry, traditional dance and dress and athletic events.

When: The Ceilidh is 5-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1. The Highland Games 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2

Where: Greenmead Historic Village at the southwest corner of Newburgh and Eight Mile Road, Livonia.

Admission: Ceilidh advance tickets are \$15, available at Greenmead or through The Highland Fling at Canterbury Village in Lake Orion, (248) 391-5819. Highland Games advance tickets are \$8, available at Greenmead. Event day tickets are \$12. Kids 12 and under admitted free with adults. Call (248) 593-5064 or visit www.highlandgames.com

Drinkology

Rum has long history with the islands

BY ELEANOR AND RAY HEALD CORRESPONDENTS

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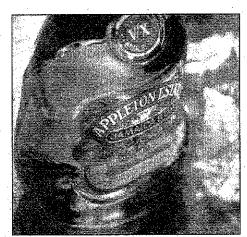
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Slowly add orange juice and garnish with an orange wedge.



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Night spots

The Bosco lounge geared toward creative crowd

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

You might be this person. If not, you snow one:

Intelligent, creative and hip with a longing to relocate to New York or L.A. – places where the young, intelligent and hip crowd tends to go.

Even Gov. Jennifer Granholm admits creative youths flee Michigan. Daniel Haberman knows it too.

He's smart and hip and he moved to the East Coast for law school. There he was surrounded by eclectic nightlife.

His hangouts were intimate, stylish lounges that were understated, comfortable and social. He avoided common pick-up bars or nightclubs with high-maintenance clienteles; places where materialism and flamboyance ruled the atmosphere.

When returning with his law degree to Michigan, Haberman remembered why smart, creative people often leave: There isn't a lot for them socially, he said.

So he opened his own lounge that cele-



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The outdoor patio at The Bosco in Ferndale is serene at twilight, and heats up with larger crowds as the sky darkens.

brated its two-year anniversary last week: The Bosco on Woodward Avenue in Ferndale, just north of Nine Mile Road.

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It's adjacent to his brother's movie house/music venue, the Magic Bag.

"I'm fighting the good fight," Haberman said. "I'm hoping that others might open places for people who are creative. Maybe down the road those people won't feel the need to leave."

Haberman wants metro Detroit to be a cool place for artists and intellectuals.

The lounge doesn't have a sign and its only advertising is the interesting orange squares that can be seen from Woodward but only if you look hard.

"Royal Oak was too bland for (The Bosco) and is getting blander," Haberman said. "Birmingham definitely wasn't right either."

Haberman is specific about who is not a common Bosco patron: people who sport shiny shirts, chains around the neck, blue glasses; people with nothing to say except a pick-up line.

Bosco patrons are comfortable and hip definitely not overdressed. You aren't at The Bosco to impress, you come to escape from a flashy world and mingle among like-minded people with your own creative, casual flair.

"The main crowd here are those in the advertising industry," Haberman said. "Writers, graphic designers, etc."

The advertising world is so key to The Bosco that the first Wednesday of each



TOM HIBBEL

Bartender Shannon Tenes mixes a cocktail for The Bosco clientele during Wednesday's Sushi/Sake night.

month features Ad Lounge to welcome that crowd, and they come.

The most popular beers are Red Stripe, \$4.50 but \$2 on Tuesdays; and Corona, \$4.50. The most popular drink is anything vodka — Skyy, \$4.50; Banana Mojito, \$8.50.

THE ATMOSPHERE

Fashion buyer Sylvia Stefanovich of Royal Oak spends a lot of time in New York on the job. At her first visit to The Bosco she was reminded of her love for the Big Apple.

"There's a definite New York ambiance here," Stefanovich said. "On the patio I kind of feel like I'm on a New York rooftop, and inside it's definitely an East Coast lounge."

Indeed, when Haberman decided to open The Bosco he was influenced by the

minimalist, clean lines of New York establishments.

The Bosco is long and narrow. Pale gray ceramic floors and lighter-shaded walls immediately set a fresh tone.

The thin, muted-tone sofas subtly curve as they stretch across the lounge. They sit low to the ground against the walls, and each can seat about 15 to 20 people.

Low, blonde coffee tables and candles are specifically placed nearby. The furniture is set for comfortable socializing.

Some people smoke at The Bosco, but you might not notice.

"We spent a lot of money on the best air cleaners, ventilation we could find," Haberman said.

The Bosco smells clean with subtle hints of lime and vanilla.

The soft lighting and long bar adds to the posh, but understated, style.

The patio is a highlight in the summer. A comfortable Brazilian walnut, high-back sofa-style bench makes up one wall. A flat-stand waterfall creates an unintrusive allure. It also has small tables, chairs, trees, lamps and a darker gray brick floor.

BOSCO MUSIC

You won't hear typical techno. "Our music has more heart," Haberman said.

Instead you'll hear groovy dance hall and dub and modern Reggae — music that enhances the ambiance rather than overpowers it. The Bosco even has its own available CD, Mr. Reynold's Opus.

There isn't a dance floor, but people

THE BOSCO

What: An East Coast-style lounge, Don't expect to see club-goers wearing shiny shirts or chain necklaces. This lounge is neither faux-trendy nor a meat market it's hip.

Where: 22930 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, next to the Magic Bag less than two blocks north of Nine Mile Road. Visit www.thebosco.com. Call (248) 541-8818.

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Open: 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesday-Saturday

The Music: Funky, chic with some Reggae and dance hall influence. The Bosco released its first soundtrack called *Mr. Reynold's Opus, prime cuts* Volume One. Available at most stores.

dance when the groove is right.

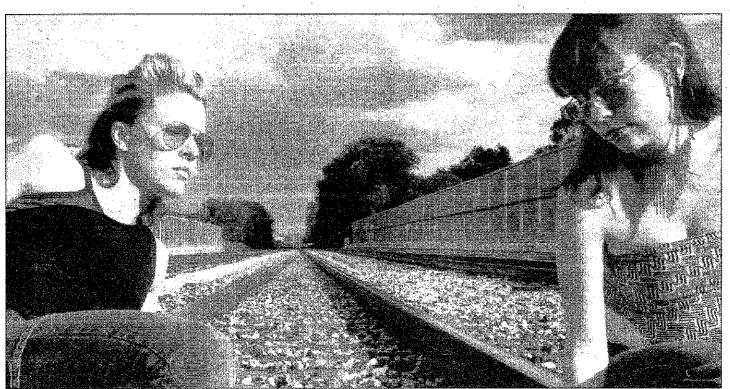
"If people get into the music, it's not uncommon to see them moving to it – whether it's by their couch, in the middle of the room, wherever. And since we've got some of the best music in the world, I don't blame them," Haberman said.

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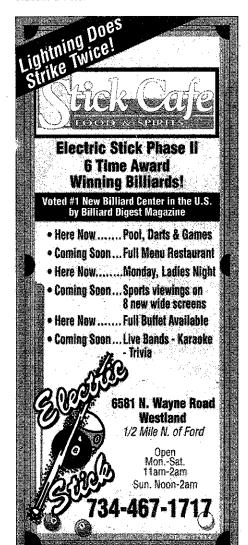




Auto designers move talent from roadway to runway



The clothing by designers Therese Tant (left) and Jovanka (Jennifer) Atanasovski highlights the fashion show at Fashionably Detroit, a fund-raiser to benefit



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Both events benefit Michigan Empowered Networking Unlimited, a new nonprofit group dedicated to empowering Detroit-area art students through a Talented Youth Outreach Program.

Jovanka (Jennifer) Atanasovski of Royal Oak emphasizes femininity; Therese Tant

The two General Motors designers have created Detroit-inspired apparel to raise money for promising art students. They'll show off their creations during a fashion show at Fashionably Detroit on Friday, Aug. 1, in Shed Number Five at Detroit's

After the fashion show, guests can mingle with the designers. Two hours later, at 9 p.m., the topic changes from fashion to food when Eastern Market merchants offer wine and cuisine during Tastefully

created an edgier line of couture.

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The charity is close to Atanasovski's heart. An interior color and trim designer for Saturn, she's also a painter. Atanasovski creates abstract landscapes using acrylic on mylar. The mylar canvas represents her engineering side.

As an artist she understands the struggles artists face. Her fashions are conceptual, but she hopes to open a boutique some day.

"My styles vary and there is a lot of Asian influence in them, but don't ask for the reason because I don't know why it hits me so strongly," Atanasovski said. "I make a lot of dresses, very soft and very feminine with flowing fabrics. Bright colors like blues and hot pinks."

She's inspired by Michigan's outdoors, and her clothing leans toward evening

Tant is an interior designer for GMC trucks and named her creations "Demolition Girl." Her tough line of clothing has secret compartments underneath sexy cuts.



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What: Fashion show followed by wine and food in a fund-raiser to benefit student artists.

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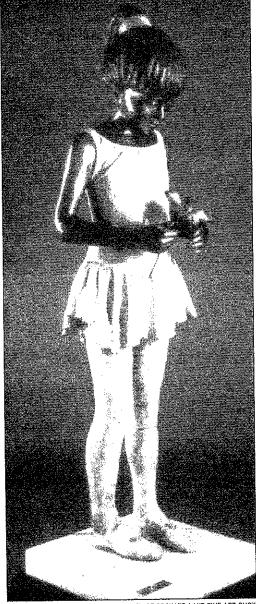


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'Girl with Flower,' a 49-inch bronze sculpture, is one of many pieces showcased at the Orchard Lake Fine Art Show.

BY NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER

Art is often inspired by nature. So, organizers of a new art show are embracing the elements and making trees and flowers the backdrop for the Orchard Lake Fine Art Show.

The showcase of 120 artists from 27 states, Aug. 8-10, is set on the picturesque grounds of Orchard Lake Schools.

"We're looking at aesthetics throughout," said Mark Loeb, one of two show organizers. "Aesthetics form a cohesive palette for the art work and activities."

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Tickets: Free except preview, which is priced \$25, call (866) 468-3401 or visit www.ticketweb.com. For more information, visit www.artshowinfo.com.

And Loeb isn't stretching the truth. Plans for the show's main entry call for a \$20,000 garden courtesy of Donnelly Landscaping Brothers.

In another example of attention to aesthetic detail: Floral arrangements from Gerych Florist of Walled Lake will be set up throughout the show.

A beautiful venue not only makes for a more pleasurable experience but also differentiates the art show from similar events, said Loeb, who has organized the Detroit Festival of the Arts and the Royal Oak Clay and Glass Show.

We wanted to be able to create an event from scratch that was very beautiful and different," he said.

Even the show's entertainment

smacks of the unusual - a Native American flutist and an Andean acoustic ensemble.

Instead of just face-painting for the kids, there's a young collectors tent where pieces donated by artists are priced under \$20 for buyers under age

Unlike most art shows, which cater to a variety of interests and draw a large number of people, the Orchard Lake Fine Art Show will be quiet and relaxing, said Loeb.

It's aimed at people who want to be in a more intimate, more artistic, even off-beat, environment."

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Tibbits Opera House gets ready to welcome new 'Baby'

BY CHRYSTAL LIEBOLD STAFF WRITER

For nearly 40 years, Tibbits Opera House has entertained theater-goers with its professional summer stock theater. The 121year-old historic landmark in Coldwater has become a place for families to relax, catch a show and take a break from the city.

This year's season includes You're a Good Man Charlie Brown and the new Broadway musical, Baby.

The show everyone seems to be most excited about is *Baby* – a musical dealing with the joys and consequences of having a newborn.

"Baby is new to everybody in the company; it's a fun, fun show – certainly what I'm

looking forward to the most," said Charles Burr, opera house artistic director. "The actors performing this summer are all working professionals."

Last year, over 10,000 theater fans came through the opera house doors, and the cast and crew are hoping to top that this year.

Built in 1882, the Tibbits Opera House is the second-oldest theater in Michigan, known for its nearly perfect acoustics and intimate 499-seat setting.

Actress P.J. Davis, who works all year doing mostly musicals and Shakespeare, will lend her talents to *Baby*. She said her experience at the opera house has been unique because unlike the classical theaters she's used to, Tibbits does "flashier" shows.

"It's been fabulous overall, very rejuvenating," she gushed. "I'm ready to go again and get back out there and keep on going. Burr has hired a multi-talented cast – any one of these ensemble members could be a lead."

Davis recently moved to Coldwater and says she can't think of a better place to come visit. Locals describe Coldwater as a laid-back community with charming shops, cottages and Victorian houses – a place to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city.

"It's a cute town, it really is," said Davis.
"This theater is a historic landmark, a little
gem that used to be treasured. You won't
find many buildings that are this historic
being operated and in use regularly."

TIBBITS OPERA HOUSE

Where: Tibbits Opera House, 14 S. Hanchett St., Coldwater.

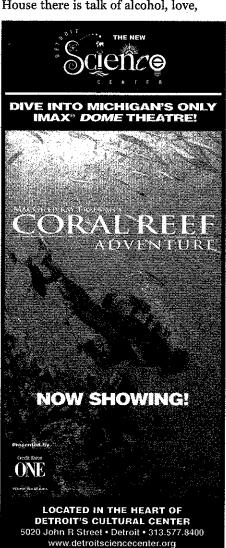
When: Shows are at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; *Baby* continues through Aug. 2; *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* is through August 6-16.

Tickets: Matinees \$20, evening shows \$22. For more information call (517) 278- 6029 or www.tibbits.org.

Spoken word Mondays at the Opera House prove that poetry isn't dead

BY MARY MCDONOUGH STAFF WRITER

On Mondays at the Detroit Opera House there is talk of alcohol, love,



aging, God, sex, sickness and everything in between.

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Beyond the coffee houses and the university towns, poetry is not dead. It is very much alive at the opera house, the site of free readings 7-9 p.m. every Monday through Aug. 11.

The Poetry at the Opera House series
— sponsored by the arts and humanities
arm of the YMCA known as Writer's
Voice — is now in its sixth year.

And its popularity is strong and getting stronger each year, with more than 100 people attending most readings.

Most readings draw a mixed crowd with people of all races, ages and genders. The readings are done by paid, pub-

lished local poets.

"The first one was standing room only," said M.L. Liebler, director of the Writer's Voice and himself a published poet.

"It gives poets a chance to read. Many of them haven't had a chance to read in front of an audience. But they are all established writers in Michigan and they're paid. It's really to make poetry accessible to more people. That's really the goal."

At the July 21 reading, most of the participants were members of a group called The Emerging Ink Collective, including Lisa Rye, Cheri L. Roberts, Lori Volante, Steven Rydman, C.M. Scott and Randy Thomas.

Many people in the audience are suburbanites and closet poets, others are published poets, and many are students fulfilling a course requirement.

"I write short stories but I am not a poet," said audience member Angela Simpson. "I love poetry and that's what brought me here. I enjoyed it."

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What: 'Poetry @ the Opera House' is presented by The Writer's Voice of the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit, The Michigan Opera Theater and The Michigan Council for the Arts & Cultural Affairs. Readings take place in rehearsal studio one of The Michigan Opera Theater on Madison at Broadway. Readings are free and open to the public.

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FESTIVAL

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the traditional Highland Games lineup, which features mega-man events including poll-tossing and boulder-hurling, and Highland dancing – much more frenetic than traditional Irish folk dance.

And don't forget Scottish cuisine, headed by haggis – the minced liver, heart and lungs of a sheep mixed with oatmeal and suet and seasoned with salt and lots of pepper.

The concoction is traditionally boiled in a sheep's stomach.

For years after its inception in 1849, no more than a few hundred Scots attended the annual event, in spots around metro Detroit that included Boblo Island, Historic Ft. Wayne and the Eleanor and Edsel Ford grounds.

But the games site shifted to Greenmead five years ago, after the release of *Braveheart*.

"The movie was pretty moving and it did promote our Scottish heritage," said event co-chairman Murray MacDonald, who owns Absorbence Midwest Inc., a plant safety supply firm.

Plus, the rise of the Internet has made genealogy records easily available.

"People are getting more aware of their ancestry post 9/11," said Highland Games co-chairwoman Cathy Hasse. "They are realizing life isn't forever and they want to know more about their heritage."

Membership in the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, which sponsors the event, has grown from 200 to 450. Greenmead's dirt roads and bigger fields better suit the Highland Games. Attendance at the games has grown from 1,000 a decade ago to 14,000 today.

So what does it mean to be Scottish?

'When you see at

least 15 bagpipe

it gets me going."

Murray MacDonald

event co-chairman

bands enter the field.

"You're a hard-working race, a fun-loving country, steeped in tradition," Hasse said.

Scots are proud that nine Declaration of Independence signers were Scottish, as were poet Robert Burns, industrialist Andrew Carnegie, inventors, scientists and more.

ACTIVITIES

Preceding the games on Friday is the Ceilidh, which means 'party'

"There's Scottish beer, just a good time," MacDonald said.

Saturday activities for children, or wee bairns, include shield-painting, face-painting and creating tartans, or plaids.

Some say the best thing about the Highland Games are bagpipes.

"When you see at least 15 bagpipe bands enter the field, it gets me going," MacDonald said.

Young people from around metro



The bagpipe is restricted to a mere nine notes, but its music is varied and has a powerful, moving effect. Several bagpipers will be performing Saturday at the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Highland Games.

Detroit who study Highland dancing will perform.

Hasse said Scottish dancing has some movements that recall Irish dancing, yet the Scottish form involves more

> hand movements and the dancer does not stay in one place.

"They tell a story when they dance."

The event also features hulking giants in kilts, tossing everything from 56-pound boulders to hammers to the caber – a heavy pole more comparable to a telephone pole than a spear.

Many male attendees wear their kilts, a nod to the days when the whole 9-yard-long

garment doubled as covering at night in the sheep fields.

A genealogy tent will be on hand along with Scottish foods including fish and chips, meat pies and traditional American fare like hamburgers and hot

The event is expected to raise \$35,000 for charities supported by the St. Andrew's Society.

Comparable Scottish festivals are presented annually in Stone Mountain, Ga., and on the East Coast.

Festival

Festa Italiana serves up variety of food, music, fun

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

Two years ago, 10,000 people attended Festa Italiana at Freedom Hill in Sterling Heights. Last year, attendance doubled to 20,000.

This year, organizers expect even more people to visit the Italian Festival that runs Friday-Sunday, Aug. 1-3.

Joe Vicari owns Freedom Hill and, along with chairman Reno Garagiola, is one of the organizers of Festa Italiana.

The men attributed the festival's popularity surge to the added gourmet food vendors such as Andiamo, Picano's, Buca di Beppo, Antonio's and Papa Romano's.

The biggest addition last year was the Nina Salvaggio tent, where Italian and Sicilian foods were offered in refrigerated cases underneath the huge tent. Salvaggio will offer its fare again this year.

"People come for that great Italian food, the music, the cars," Vicari said. "And they come for the children's games. We try to offer entertainment for every age group to enjoy."

Some foods to expect:

■ Cannoli created with handmade shells that are filled with ricotta cheese or cream; both flavored with chocolate, vanilla and cinnamon.

■ Homemade pasta noodles, fresh tomato marinara sauces and meatballs.

■ Italian sausage sautéed with green peppers and onions served on bread rolls.

Lemon ice.

■ Red and white wines.

Vicari said he is excited to see the expanded exotic Italian car show at Festa Italiana that will include both Ferraris and Maserati.

On a lighter side, there will be a meatball contest, too.

The sounds of festive and romantic Italian music can be heard at the free performances by Stefano Garrisi, Mark Randisi, Tony Dannon, Pino Marelli and others.

"We really worked hard at attracting sponsors this year to provide the topname performers both locally and nationally," Vicari said.

Paul Anka will sing such hits as *Diana* at Freedom Hill's amphitheater on Friday. On Saturday, Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons will sing *Candy Girl* and other hits, and on Sunday, the legendary Al Martino will sing such hits as *Spanish Eyes*.



Frank Valli will sing hits like 'Big Girls Don't Cry.'

FESTA ITALIANA

When: Aug. 1-3; 6-11:30 p.m. Friday; noon-11 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.
Where: Inside Freedom Hill County
Park, 14900 Metropolitan Parkway (16
Mile Road), three miles east of Van
Dyke (M-53), Sterling Heights.
Concerts: Start at 7:30 p.m. Paul
Anka - Friday; Frankie Valli & The
Four Seasons - Saturday; Al Martino
- Sunday, Aug. 3.

Admission: Festival admission is free, parking \$7. Concert tickets \$15 (lawn), \$55 (pavilion), or get all three shows, with prime pavilion seating for \$99. Call (586) 268-5100, or visit www.freedomhill.net

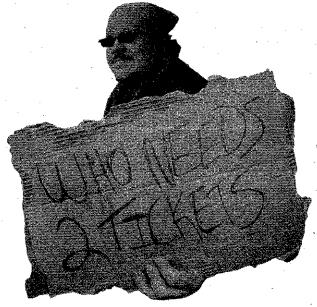
Martino is known for his smooth charisma.

He'll perform with comedian Pat Cooper, whose jokes are known as somewhat politically incorrect. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

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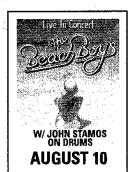
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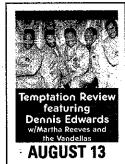
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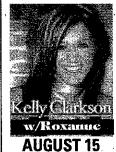








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Pure Picks Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda, we present our top picks for the week, "Filtered" just for you.

Generally, when you read about new bands that are the twist of an original, it seems more than a little con-

trived. But the Kings of Leon, who can be described precisely as the southern Strokes, feel so authentic in the classic revival music they play, it's hard not to find your foot tapping along, your arms aching to jam some air quitar. The Tennessee band moves from well-crafted popsongs to twangy Southern rock with such ease that you might forget that they are a modern rock band. Their first full-length, a mix of Lynyrd Skynyrd and Bob Seger with New York cool, "Youth and Young Manhood," will be released on August 18.

It certainly doesn't hurt that the band - three brothers



and a cousin on bass - are a publicist's dream. The music press, searching to break the next big thing. has built up a huge amount of

buzz for a band whose record has yet to hit American shelves. But don't let these things keep you from giving Kings of Leon a chance or enjoying them as a guilty pleasure.

Available at local record stores. The band is online at http://www.kingsofleon.com.

The 46-year-old Flatpoint High School freshman is back. A hilarious spoof of TV after-school specials, "Strangers with Candy," was taken off Comedy Central far too quickly. But fans of the show can rejoice - Comedy Central has released "Strangers with Candy Season One" on DVD this month. The DVD features the entire first season, the pilot episode, audio commentary by stars Amy Sedaris, Paul Dinello and Stephen Colbert, outtakes and deleted scenes. Available at select local video rental stores and retailers.

If you haven't made it to the Detroit Institute of Arts in awhile. Friday Nights at the DIA is a great excuse to take the trip downtown. This Friday's activities include magnet making, symphonic rock band Larval, a demonstration by artist Ruth Gordon, a youth drawing workshop and two guided tours. All programs are free with museum admission and run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information or a schedule for Fridays, click on http://www.dia.org/events/Fridays.

Even if you follow Detroit garage rock, you may find yourself a little confused about who is in The Sights these days. Guitarist and vocalist Eddie Baranek has led The Sights since their first show in 1998. The newest member, Bobby Emmett, plays hammond and piano bass, while Dave Shettler of Koufax fame is on drums. And while the band may be noted for their continual lineup changes, their music, influenced by '60s pop, Motown and garage rock, places them in the same circle as other successful Detroit garage



bands. Simply put - The Sights revival rock with the best of them. Before heading out to tour the UK this fall, The Sights will play August 1 at the Magic Stick, 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit. This is the band's first show in quite awhile at the Stick, so it's geared up to be an amazing one. The Shams and The Elevations open the show. Doors at 9 p.m. Cost is \$5.18 and up with ID. For more on The Sights, check out http://www.thatsightsband.com.

Raging hormones and punk rock will collide August 3 when **Vans Warped Tour** 2003 rolls into the Pontiac Silverdome.

The tour hosts over 35 bands, including headliners The Ataris, Suicide Machines and Simple Plan.

On the local stage, Andrew W.K., Cobalt, Ettison Clio, No Alternative, Troubleman and Well in Doubt are scheduled to perform with others.

The tour also features skateboarding demos, charity booths, a rock wall, motorcycle stunts and even a reverse day-care area where parents can hang out while their kids check out the shows.

Doors open at 11 a.m. Tickets are 29.50 and can be purchased through Ticketmaster.

For a complete lineup of bands scheduled to perform and more, check out www.warpedtour.com.

Pure Picks is written by Stephanie Tardy. Have something you want considered? To submit information on local entertainment or other ideas to be featured in this space, e-mail her at stardy@oe.homecomm.net.

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Tank of gas

Shakespeare to satellites, Jackson is a family destination

BY ALICE RHEIN CORRESPONDENT

While some might think of Jackson as a pit stop on the way to Chicago, there are plenty of reasons to stay awhile, especially if you fancy the Bard.

That's because the city is host to the Michigan Shakespeare Festival, which takes place outdoors on an Elizabethanstyle stage in Jackson's Ella Sharp Park

through Sunday, Aug. 3.

If you happen to make a weekend of it, another place you won't want to miss in Jackson is the Michigan Space Center. Celebrating its 26th year, the futuristic dome houses more than \$30 million in artifacts and displays, most having been provided by the National Aeronautics Space Administration and the National Air & Space Museum/Smithsonian Institute, according to the Center's Web

The Center offers several hands-on exhibits including a space capsule simulator and exploring the moon's surface through 3-D glasses. It also holds a moon rock collected by Jackson astronaut Al Worden of Apollo 15. Other exhibits include a model of the Hubble Space Telescope, Mercury, Gemini and Apollo space suits and a display that focuses on Michigan astronauts.

IF YOU GO....

- Michigan Space & Science Center - 2111 Emmons Road, on the campus of Jackson Community College. www.iackson.cc.mi.us/spacecenter/ or call (517) 787-4425
- 'Linda McCartney's Sixties: Portrait of an Era' is at the Ella Sharp Museum in Jackson through Sept. 14. Call (517) 787-2320.

PEACE, LOVE AND PHOTOGRAPHS

Through Sunday, Sept. 14, the Ella Sharp Museum is exhibiting "Linda McCartney's Sixties: Portrait of an Era," which is sure to draw die-hard Beatles' fans looking for never-been-published photos of the band from its Sgt. Pepper era. The 50-photograph exhibit also captures Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, The Who and the Rolling

The city of Jackson is making a party of it by proclaiming this summer "The Summer of the 60s." Various events will take place at the Museum, and its restaurant, Ella's Granary, will also feature vegetarian dishes from McCartney's cookbooks.



The Beatles in the recording studio is one of the photos featured in 'Linda McCartney's Sixties: Portrait of an Era.'

Take a tour down memory lane

Here are some stops recommended by the Ella Sharp Museum in the spirit of the "Summer of the 60s" that take you from Jackson to Ann Arbor and Detroit.

■ The Parlour - 1401 Daniel, Jackson, (517) 783-1581. Originally known as "The Loud and Jackson Dairy Bar," this decades-old soda fountain and restaurant was very recently remodeled. Try the "Dare to be Great" – an ice cream sundae made with 21 scoops. Those who finish it, and those who attempt it, get their names on the Wall of Honor.

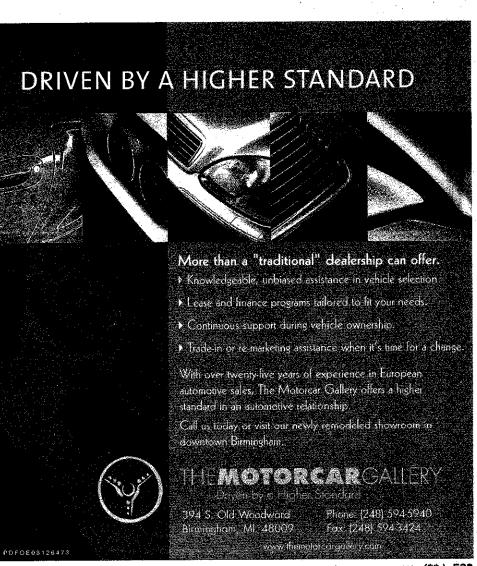
■ Drive by attraction – It all started at the Michigan Union on the campus of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. On Oct. 14, 1960, then Senator John F. Kennedy made an unprepared campaign speech to a group of University of Michigan students on the steps of the Michigan Union. He asked them if they would be willing to devote a few years of their life working in underdeveloped countries around the world to promote better understanding between the United States and developing nations and their peoples. Within weeks 1,000 Michigan students had signed a petition calling for

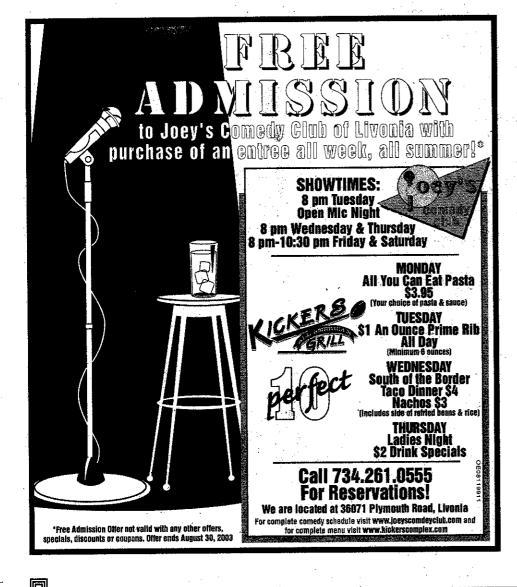
the establishment of the Peace Corps program. On March 31, 1961, the Peace Corps was born.

■ Motown Historical Museum - 2648 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, (313) 875-2264. In the 1960s an independent record company in Detroit began creating and marketing hit records better and in larger volume than any record company in the world. The name of the company was Motown. Visit the original Hitsville USA building to learn more about this company started by Berry Gordy.

■ Traffic Jam and Snug – 511 W. Canfield, Detroit, (313) 831-9470, www.traffic-jam.com.

In 1965 a young high school teacher was having a drink in a "dive" bar near Wayne State University when a fight broke out. After cleaning up, a woman called out from behind the bar, "anyone want to buy a bar?" The high school teacher took out a loan from the Detroit Teacher's Credit Union and renamed the bar Traffic Jam. Still going strong, Traffic Jam and Snug prides itself on its homemade baked goods, beer, cheese and ice







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