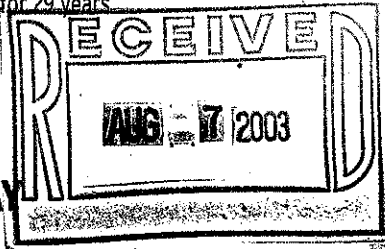


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They're tired of commercial

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

A request to give special land use approval for a Taco Bell/KFC restaurant combination on Michigan Avenue turned into a gripe session about existing businesses near the site at Monday's planning commission meeting.

The 1.57-acre parcel is on the

north side of Michigan Avenue, just west of Sheldon. It is bounded on the east by Dunkin' Donuts and on the west by Metro Power Sports.

The front of the site is zoned regional commercial, while the back portion near Geddes Road is zoned office.

Just after Eric Rauch of Desine Inc. made his pitch for the special land use request and

offered to answer questions, Henry Moore, president of Woodlands of Canton Homeowners Association, whose Geddes Road properties face the back of the parcel in question, stepped to the microphone.

"This project should be limited in its entirety to the C-3 zoned property," he said.

Planner Judy Bocklage point-

ed out that while the back portion of the property was zoned office, it could be used for parking, detention ponds and other uses by Taco Bell/KFC.

When Moore complained that the residents on Geddes needed a transition area between them and the restaurant, Commission Chairman Vic Gustafson said, "You'd have a huge green buffered area."

Moore also complained that the sites now occupied by Dunkin' Donuts and Metro Power Sports were not well-maintained, that the mechanicals were visible on the roof of the Dunkin' Donuts store and the smell of cooking pervades the neighborhood.

Bocklage said that Metro

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Memo

What a winner

Like most buyers of raffle tickets, Dan Durack, Canton Township administrative services director, handed over his cash for the tickets to Canton Clerk Terry



Bennett, put them in his pocket and didn't think about it.

When he arrived home from out of town at the end of the annual Liberty Fest, he was incredibly surprised. "I had about six calls on my cell phone and home phone," Durack said.

The calls were an announcement of sorts. He was the winner of the \$5,000 grand prize in the Canton Chamber of Commerce annual raffle drawing at the Liberty Fest.

"I was pretty excited," Durack said. Jokingly, he said, he immediately ran out and bought 5,000 \$1 Lottery tickets.

The truth is he and his wife, Eve, will likely use the cash for a nice vacation.

"It pays to support the Canton Chamber of Commerce," Durack said.

Out of luck

There were no takers in the state Lottery Commission's effort to find the winner of a Mega Millions Lotto Multistate ticket sold at the Cracker Barrel Party Center in Canton on July 30, 2002.

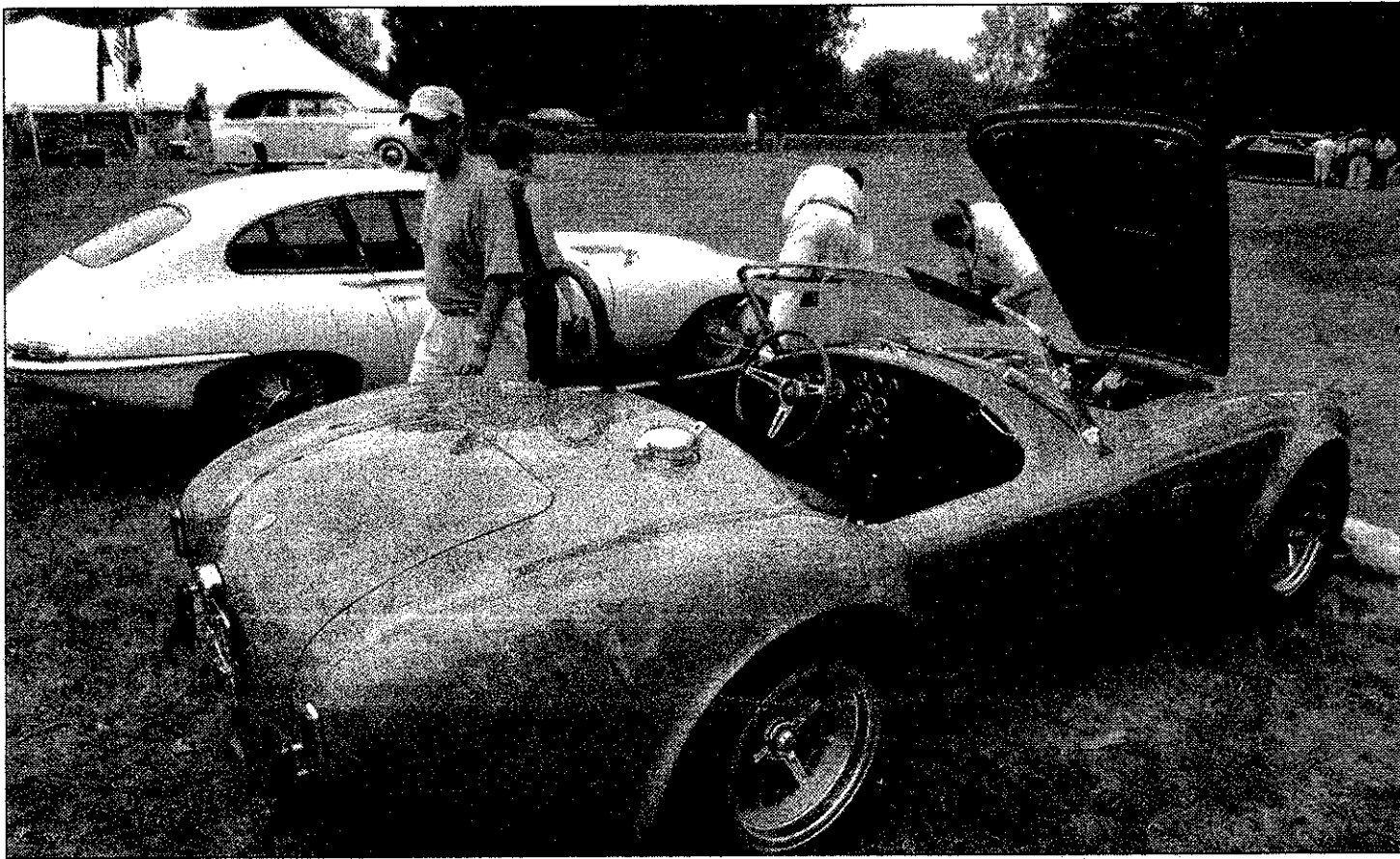
The state Lottery Commission in mid-July announced its search and July 30 deadline by which the holder of the winning ticket - with numbers 2-6-22-27-44 - could claim the \$175,000 prize.

Lo and behold, no one stepped forward to claim the prize. "It's too late now," said Stephen Schlinder, state lottery public relations director. By now, the \$175,000 prize should be winding its way to the state School Aid Fund where it will warm public school coffers instead of the pockets of the person who bought it more than a year ago.

The prize money from five or six winning tickets finds its way to the School Aid Fund annually - all from people who don't claim their prizes. "That's not a lot. But it's not odd either," Schlinder said.

The state Lottery Commission never knows who bought a winning ticket.

"When there is a winning ticket we know where and when it was bought. But we don't know who has it," Schlinder said.



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Car guy

Steve Rohelie of Canton walks around his 1965 Cobra Sunday at the 25th Annual Concours d'Elegance at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester Hills. Rohelie just finished restoring the car after six years, making the Concours his first public display. What's next? "I'm going to put it on the road," he said.

Student contest focuses on literacy

School will be back in session soon and to emphasize a commitment to reading and writing, the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and Oasis Golf Center are sponsoring a contest to mark International Literacy Day.

Students have the opportunity to win four movie tickets and Oasis Golf Center mini-golf admission for four.

International Literacy Day has been held each Sept. 8 since 1967 to focus on the need to promote worldwide literacy. It is estimated that 875 million of the world's adults do not

PLEASE SEE **CONTEST, A5**

McCotter says he opposes the reimportation of prescriptions

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

He didn't drop any bombshells, but U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, fielded questions from constituents at a

Monday luncheon of the Canton Rotary Club.

Bypassing a formal speech, McCotter told the small audience of Rotarians and guests:

"I would like to hear what's on your mind, what

issues you want to talk about, so that when I go back I can say with all honesty that I've met with my constituents and this is what is important to them."

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Mad about science

Canton resident teaches, entertains with experiments

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

She's no magician and she's certainly not frightening. But Canton resi-

dent Monica Baker promises kids a hair-raising experience when she hosts birthday parties or classroom programs.

Baker, along with her husband, Doug, is the founder of Super Science, which she bills as "A Hands-On Experiment in Fun."

The idea behind the company, Baker says, is to "turn young people on to science and math through

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Monica Baker of Canton shows an experiment using a Tesla Coil lighting a fluorescent light bulb.

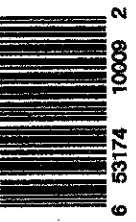
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 ■ You can register now for "Literacy @ Your Library," a new workshop that provides an overview of the wonderful resources available to help you introduce reading to young children. This program, for parents of kids under age five, takes place 7-7:45 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14.
 ■ The library is hosting a "Who's a Frayd Kat" mystery party for kids ages 9-12 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 11, and Thursday, Aug. 14.
 ■ The PGA Championship golf tournament begins Aug. 14 at Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester, N.Y.? To get your fill of the links anytime, check out our special multimedia collection on golf, online at www.cantonpl.org.
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SCIENCE

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simple yet spectacular hands-on activities and demonstrations."
 Offering programs to children ages 5-12, the Bakers will travel to schools, libraries, Scouting events, birthday parties and other programs throughout southeast Michigan.
 Demonstrations and experiments range from jewelry, gems and crystals to crazy chemistry, astronaut adventures, weird weather, brilliant lights and super sounds and more.
 Doug said they've accumulated more than 400 demonstrations so far.
 "Doing the hands-on part is really the best part for the kids," he said. "With clowns and magicians it's very much one-way communication. They try to involve the kids, but they don't usually get up and do the experiment or do the magic trick."
 "With our business, it's very much getting the kids involved."
 One experiment involves a



The nose balancing act is one of the experiments that kids can participate in when Super Science comes to the party.

Van De Graaf generator which, with its large silver dome, looks like something out of *Lost in Space*.
 "The bulb spins and removes electrons from the bottom," Monica said. "They are deposited on the globe so it becomes charged with static electricity. If you hold your hand on the globe, your hair will stand on end because charges are running through your body and up through your hair."
 That's a favorite with the kids, she said.

Another gadget in her bag of tricks is called a "nerve tester." Doug built that himself to demonstrate the principles of current electricity.
 "It's a game a lot like *Operation*," Monica said. "You try to move a metal circle around a metal frame without touching the frame."
 When you touch the frame, a light goes on and a beeper blasts loudly.
 She's concentrating on birthday parties at the moment, although she has a week-long summer camp scheduled July

28-Aug. 1 at Summit on the Park. Open to children ages 6-11, it will run from 9 a.m. to noon each day.
 Cost is \$125 per child and registration is under way. For information call Super Science at (734) 612-8947 or visit the Web site at www.super-science.net.
 Birthday parties cost \$150 for up to 15 children and \$5 for each additional child.
 Parents can choose from the original party package with a mix of experiments from all categories, or they can customize the theme to fit their child's interest.
 And when they conduct the experiments, both Barb and Doug know what they're talking about. Each has a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering and a master of business administration.
 He's a manager of finance with Ford Motor Co. and she has worked as a chemical manager for a GM Tech Center.
 But Barb's interest in scientific experiments goes back further than that.
 "As a kid," she said, "I used to watch *Bill Nye, the Science Guy* all the time."

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VOTING

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voting system will prove to be efficient, effective and reliable for all voters and election workers."
 The optical scan system used by Canton allows voters to color either ovals or connect arrows on paper ballots. The system, called Accu-Vote, was bought in 2002 for approximately \$325,000 - that's \$6,500 per unit. Canton uses 50 units for its precincts. That tab does not include the cost of the software required to tabulate the votes or the operating costs.
 "You always have a paper ballot that can be matched to the results," Bennett said.

Patterson's public act also required formation of an advisory committee to review various voting systems. The optical scan system chosen by Land was reviewed and considered by the committee, which included representatives of county, city, township and other relevant organizations.
 The system is considered a good way to avoid or reduce the number of spoiled ballots. The new law requires electronic tabulating equipment to be at each polling place to detect spoiled ballots.
 And that's what it does for Canton — in some ways.
 "It is a precinct-based system that indicates to the people casting the ballot if they have over-voted the ballot. It allows them to correct their ballot prior to casting it," Bennett said.
 Over-voting occurs when someone votes for two candi-



Bennett

dates, for example, when they may vote for only one. What the system does not do, however, is detect when someone does not vote a particular race on the ballot. That is called under-voting.
 "But then that is a voter's right," Bennett said.
 Added Patterson: "Detecting ballot spoilage is a crucial part of the uniformed voting system. It secures that democracy is protected. Every vote cast will count as the voter intended."
 The optical scan system also allows workers at each precinct to tabulate the total votes for that precinct. Back at Township Hall, a piece of computer equipment allows the clerk and her staff to combine results from all precincts for a total vote, Bennett said.
 Admittedly, the system is expensive, more high-tech and requires more training for election workers. "It puts lots of responsibility on the volunteers to make sure everything balances correctly," Bennett said.

Michigan now uses five different voting methods, some even within the same county. The systems include the optical scan, Direct Recording Electronic, which is a touch screen, punch cards, mechanical lever systems and paper ballots.
 The city of Plymouth uses the optical scan system, while Plymouth Township uses the DRE, which is borrowed by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for its elections.
 "It (the new law) is nothing that looks like it would affect us," said Frank Ruggirello, school district community relations director. "We use Plymouth Township's equipment, so if they have it, we'll have it."
 On the other hand, efforts are afoot in the state Legislature to remove school elections from local school districts and have the local municipalities conduct the elections.
 "We may be out of the election business," Ruggirello said.

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Abby Bates, 9, of Plymouth screams because she can't get out of the human knot.

Quite a mess!

What's better than kids, mud, water and eggs?

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Every now and then, it can't hurt to get as messy as you possibly can with whatever you can.

That was the theme for Saturday afternoon when Grass Stains Included debuted in Heritage Park.

Though designed for big adult kids and their younger and smaller counterparts, the new event drew about 40 kids ranging in ages from 5-12.

"It was a day of messy field games," said Jennifer Eubanks, Canton recreation specialist.

Dirt, mud, eggs, water and a combination thereof decorated the clothes of most of the participating kids by the end of

the afternoon. Kids busied themselves tossing water balloons, whipping eggs through the air, spitting watermelon seeds and a tug of war over a pit of nice, yucky mud.

And believe it or not, there was a non-messy game of musical chairs for those who either wanted to dry off or stay clean.

"We know kids love to play these games," Eubanks said. "It's not something they will do at home. It gave them a chance to be kids."

Even Eubanks dove into the



Rabi Olabi, 10, of Dearborn catches an egg during an egg toss game at the first-ever Grass Stains Included at Heritage Park Saturday.

messy games. "Absolutely. It was great fun."

So much fun, the recreation staff already knows it's a must

for next summer.

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Festival revamps after cuts

Extra hours, run event may cover city expenses

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Fall Festival is hoping a new 5K run and extended hours will keep the annual gathering from going financially into the red.

As a result of the city's budget crunch, city commissioners earlier this year cut back subsidies to many of the downtown events for police and municipal services. That means this year, the Fall Festival will pay the nearly \$16,000 for city services which had been absorbed by the city the past five years.

Mark Baldwin, president of the Fall Festival committee, said he got the idea of a run/walk from Northville and its Jingle Bell Run.

"I figured if they could get 500 people to run on a mid-December morning, and pay money to do it ... the light bulb went on," he said.

Baldwin said the festival — scheduled for Sept. 5-7 — is hoping to raise \$5,000 by charging \$15 to participants in either the 5K run or a 1K walk, and soliciting corporate sponsorships. The event will begin and end at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

"We'll also be cutting back on some of the paid entertainment, and have only two stages," Baldwin said. "That will save us another \$2,000 between the stage rental and the engineering that goes with it."

"Some of the entertainment on Saturday afternoon was going on while people were doing other things, so we'll try to get some local bands during that period and give them some exposure," he added.

Thus far, the only entertainment scheduled for the weekend festival is a return of musician Alexander Zonjic, his third year performing at the

Fall Festival.

Most of the remainder of the money lost could be made up from having carnival rides stay open an hour later, until 11 p.m. Last year, city commissioners wouldn't allow the festival to stay open past 10 p.m. However, after taking away the subsidy, commissioners decided to let the activities remain open an hour later Friday and Saturday nights to raise more money. The festival will continue to close at 6 p.m. Sunday.

"The carnival people tell us that's a crucial hour," Baldwin said. "On Friday, the high school football game doesn't get out until about 9:30 p.m., and kids don't have a chance to get downtown for the rides and food booths."

The carnival generated \$22,500 for the Fall Festival committee, which is about one-third of the festival's revenues.

Baldwin said the festival committee is hoping to "pump up" the beer tent. Three years ago it brought in about \$5,000, but slipped to about \$2,500 last year because of bad weather and poor visibility.

"We'll try to get a big screen TV in there, and maybe get some of the restaurants to donate trays of food, to get people more excited about going there," Baldwin said.

This year, community and nonprofit groups will pay a flat rate of \$350 to have a fundraising booth at the Fall Festival. In previous years, groups paid a fee plus 25 percent of their net proceeds to participate, sometimes costing them more money than this year's fee.

Last year, the Fall Festival committee reimbursed the groups a total of \$10,000 from the surplus. Other events scheduled this year include a classic car show, Optimist Club pet show, the Kiwanis Club pancake breakfast and the Rotary Club barbecue chicken dinner.

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Jordan Moore, 11, of Canton misses catching her egg and it breaks all over her.



Julia Darwin, 9, of Canton is shocked by how cold the spray cheese is as her teammates try to stick as many crackers as they can on her.

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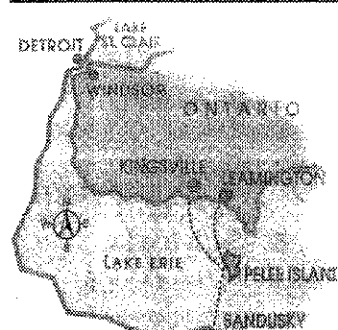
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Donald M. Korte Jr.

Services for Donald Korte Jr., 50, of Lansing will be held Aug. 9 at the Gorsline-Runciman Co. Lansing Chapel, 900 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, and also at 10:30 a.m. on Aug. 11 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton, with the Rev. Tony Richter officiating.

Mr. Korte was born July 24, 1953, in Detroit and died Aug. 2 in Lansing. He was employed for the past five years as a packaging engineer with Altico Inc. He loved fishing, skiing, tennis and was an avid gardener. He also enjoyed cooking and playing basketball.

Survivors include wife, Celeste of Lansing; daughter, Stirling Korte of Lansing; sons, Spencer and Sinclair Korte of Lansing; parents, Donald and Marilyn Korte of Canton; sisters, Pamela Jo Herriman of Canton; Cathleen (Gary) Taylor of Westland; Christine (Paul) Schmidt of Novi; and Lori Ann (Hector) Gonzalez of Mesa, Ariz.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1755 Abbey Road, East Lansing, MI 48823.

Lois Louise Davis

Services for Lois Davis, 94, of Lenoir City, Tenn., (formerly of Plymouth for 50 years), were held Aug. 2 at Parkview Memorial Cemetery with Carson Coonce officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Davis was born June 1, 1909, in Obion County, Tenn., and died July 28 at Parkwest Hospital. She was a housewife.

Survivors include daughter, Sonja K. Sneddon of Lenoir City, Tenn.; son, Thomas E. (Jean) Davis of Loudon, Tenn.; brothers, Clarence Coleman, Kenneth Coleman and Bill Coleman, all of Obion County, Tenn.; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Steve John Hutnik

Services for Steve Hutnik, 78, of Plymouth were held Aug. 2 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating.

Mr. Hutnik was born March 19, 1925, in Martins Ferry, Ohio, and died July 29 in Superior Township. He was a high pressure operator. Mr. Hutnik served in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Hutnik was preceded in death by his brothers, John Hutnik and Mike Hutnik; and sister, Rose Mary Sugg.

Survivors include wife, Frances H. Hutnik of Plymouth; sons, Steve P. (Lisa) Hutnik of Plymouth, Dennis D. Hutnik of Norco, Calif., and Kim (Ginger) Hutnik of Tulsa, Okla.; daughter, Kirstie J. Leopold of Marquette; brother, Joseph Hutnik; and nine grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association Midwest Affiliate Dept. 77-3968, Chicago, IL 60678-3968.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Barbara R. Keith

Services for Barbara Keith, 53, of Plymouth, were held Aug. 2 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. John J. Sullivan officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Keith was born May 23, 1950, in Ypsilanti and died July 28 in Detroit. Mrs. Keith resided in Plymouth her entire life. She graduated from St. Johns High School in 1968.

She worked as an operator for AT&T for 36 years. She was a lifelong member at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church and was a volunteer for a cardiac research project at Michigan Heart.

She volunteered for several organizations, Human Rights Committee for Special Education in Northville Public

Schools, Parent Support Group for Special Education at Wayne State University, and Stephens Ministry at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. She belonged to various support and advocacy groups for children with disabilities. She enjoyed motorcycling when she was younger.

She was an avid sports fan for the Detroit Red Wings, Detroit Tigers, Pistons and Cubs. She loved dogs, especially her own Bernese Mountain dogs. She loved watching movies, shopping and frequented craft festivals in the summer.

Survivors include husband, Michael B. Keith of Plymouth; sons, Neil Keith and Brendan Keith; daughter, Kelly Keith; parents, William (Angela) Thomas; one brother; and three sisters.

Memorial contributions may be made to Henry Ford Hospital, Heart Failure and Transplant Center.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Rolando Jose Bernal-Nouel

Services for Rolando Bernal-Nouel, 22, of Canton, were held Aug. 4 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Tony Ritcher officiating.

Rolando was born July 14, 1981, in Valencia, Venezuela and died July 31 in Livonia. He was a student at the Specs

Howard School of Broadcasting.

Survivors include wife, Lauren Walterscheid; parents, Elsi (Jose Luis) Sevillano of Canton and Floriberto Bernal; brother, Luis Eduardo Bernal-Nouel; and sister, Mariels Bernal-Nouel. Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

Lucille M. Rosenbergh

Services for Lucille Rosenbergh, 81, of South Lyon, were held Aug. 6 at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church.

Mrs. Rosenbergh was born April 25, 1922, in Detroit and died Aug. 3 at Providence Hospital. She was a secretary for the Detroit Board of Education.

Survivors include husband, Joseph M.; daughters, Julie (Ray) Kratt of Canton and Peg (Ron) Beattie of Canton; sons, Joe (Jean) and Bill (Ellen) 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

Zora Mae Shouse

Services for Zora Shouse, 57, of Plymouth were held Aug. 5 at Vermeulen Funeral home with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating.

Mrs. Shouse was born Dec. 26, 1945, in South Lyon and died July 31 in Livonia. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include husband, William Shouse of Plymouth; son, Tyson (Kelly) Shouse of Belleville; and brother, Arnold Childers of Ann Arbor.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Dorothy H. Baldwin

Dorothy Baldwin, 91, of Plymouth died on Aug. 4 in Superior Township. Mrs. Baldwin was born March 13, 1912, in Elk Rapids, Mich.

Mrs. Baldwin came to the Ypsilanti community in 2000 from Plymouth. She was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Mrs. Baldwin was preceded in death by her husband, George L. Baldwin.

Survivors include son, George (Nellie) Baldwin of Plymouth; granddaughters, JoAnn Baldwin of Chicago, and Barbara (Michael) Lund of South Lyon; and great-grandchildren, Katherine and Adam Lund.

Arrangements made by

Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Paul R. Sambrone

Services for Paul Sambrone, 73, of Plymouth Township were held Aug. 7 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

Mr. Sambrone was born June 21, 1930, in Plymouth and died August 4 in Plymouth. He was a lifelong resident.

He worked with his father at the family's business in Plymouth's Lower Town, the Andrine Hotel and Bar. After the hotel was sold, he became a mechanic and worked for City Disposal Systems in Detroit. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth, the Plymouth Knights of Columbus, the American Legion, and the Michigan Teamsters Joint Council No. 43.

Survivors include wife of 45 years, Antoinette; children, Andrew (Carol) Sambrone of Brownstown, Paul Sambrone Jr. of Plymouth Township, Vito (Anna) Sambrone of Canton, and Katherine (Mark) Kohrmann of Plymouth Township; grandchildren, Christian, Sam, Ben, Ripley, Tremor, Eilisha and Alexander; and an abundance of nieces and nephews.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Vera O. Hamilton

Services for Vera Hamilton, 93, of Livonia (formerly of Plymouth) were held Aug. 5 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Sandra Daily officiating.

Mrs. Hamilton was born Nov. 26, 1909, in Detroit and died Aug. 3 in Livonia. She was a homemaker.

She came to the Livonia community in 1953 from Detroit. She was a member of Timothy Lutheran Church of Livonia. She loved to read books, converse with people and drink coffee.

Survivors include daughter, Christine Whitaker of Livonia; sons, Donald (Joyce) Hamilton of Livonia and Walter Hamilton of Livonia; 14 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

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When the first steps of the morning produce excruciating heel pain, it is most likely due to inflammation of the plantar fascia, which is the fibrous tissue that connects the heel bone (calcaneus) and toes. The plantar fascia functions much like a shock absorbing bowstring, supporting the arch of the foot. If the tension on the bowstring becomes too great, however, minute tears can occur along with inflammation. Calf muscles can be activity overload, improper shoes, or abnormal biomechanics (including flat feet and high arches). Plantar fasciitis can develop gradually in one foot, or it can come on suddenly and severely. Treatment includes stretching exercises to increase the flexibility of the plantar fascia, the flexibility of the Achilles tendon, and calf appointment.

P.S. Plantar fasciitis can sometimes be helped by ultrasound, which produces deep heat that may increase blood flow and promote healing.

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CONTEST

FROM PAGE A1

know how to read or write and more than 110 million children lack access to education.

To help celebrate International Literacy Day, the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* In Education Program invites students in grades two-12 to write an essay, a news story or draw an editorial cartoon.

The essay (250-word limit) should discuss what reading and writing means to you - for school work, personal life or future.

Budding journalists can opt to enter the news story category. The news story (250 words or less) should focus on the world losing all of its written documents except for that day's newspaper. Include the who, what, where, when, why and, of course, what the results would be of such a catastrophe.

Or draw an editorial cartoon featuring no words but conveying the message of what it means if one can't read or write.

Look for an entry form inside today's paper or visit our Web site at www.hometownlife.com for contest details.

The contest will have one first-place winner per category and one honorable mention per newspaper in each category (essay, news story, editorial cartoon). In addition, the best overall essay, news story or cartoon will receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond.

Student divisions are grades two-three, grades four-six, grades seven-nine and grades 10-12. Judging will be based on, but not limited to, originality, creativity, design, grammar and spelling.

Entries should be mailed to Oasis Golf Center/O&E, P.O. Box 51908, Livonia MI 48153-5908 and be received no later than Tuesday, Sept. 2.

Winners will appear in the Thursday, Sept. 11, editions of the O&E.

MCCOTTER

FROM PAGE A1

Most of the questions centered on health care reform and prescription drugs, although one questioner wanted to know what could be done to get President Bush's judicial nominees approved.

While McCotter said he didn't want to see the confirmation process radically overhauled, it thought it could be improved. "The first two constitutional criteria (for confirmation) are the person professionally qualified and/or morally unfit," he said. "You could have an exceedingly

qualified lawyer who is a member of a fascist organization."

But McCotter said he thinks another element has crept into the process over the years.

"Now there seems to be a third criterion which is 'politically unacceptable,'" he said. "I don't see that that's a constitutional basis and I think that's a problem."

"The system has served us well over the years. But I'd like to see it function a little more productively."

He was asked about holding the reins on medical malpractice premiums.

"There's a bill in the House," he said, "but it probably won't get through the Senate. Michigan's tort reform is

already better. Michigan's caps are lower. This bill was to make sure the federal level did not change Michigan's caps."

On the subject of health reform, McCotter said a bill has passed the house that would allow health savings accounts to be set up by the individuals. "But that has been subordinated by Medicaid prescription drugs," he said.

Asked about a new business in Livonia that sells prescription drugs at Canadian prices, McCotter drew laughs when he said:

"The ironic thing is the place where they put the new reimportation pharmacy is my old campaign headquarters. I assure you these are the only drugs that were ever in there."

On a serious note, he said a bill has just passed the House that would allow for the reimportation of prescription drugs.

"My understanding is the Senate will not pass the bill," he said. "We want the FDA to be able to certify and/or stop the drugs coming in. Otherwise the people in the federal government won't guarantee the health, safety or welfare of people using these drugs."

McCotter said he wasn't sure reimportation was the best way to go. "I would prefer to find a way to make prescription drugs more affordable and less costly at home than I would on relying on reimportation of the drugs," he said.



U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter fields questions at a Monday luncheon of the Canton Rotary Club.



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COMMERCIAL

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Power Sports has been ticketed for outdoor storage and a court date has been set. She also said Dunkin' Donuts is under a notice of violation and is still operating under a temporary certificate of occupancy.

"But the property has changed owners," she said.

Commissioner Melissa McLaughlin said, "Everything we've done down here has gone sour. Everyone who has come here has always had the best of intentions."

Moore said the proposed operating hours for the new restaurant, which would be open until 1 a.m., was too late. He asked that the closing time be set at 11 p.m.

After more lengthy discussion, commissioners agreed to approve the special land use request with stipulations on the operating hours. They agreed that more adjustments might be made during site plan review.

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OUR VIEWS

Pay-to-play not the only option

Plymouth-Canton Schools' Superintendent Jim Ryan is caught between a rock and a very hard place as he continues to try to balance the school district's budget.

He's got to make up a \$5.6 million deficit this year, and stands on the precipice of an even deeper hole next year. He's cut from every line item imaginable, and now is forced to shave some \$250,000 from the district's athletic budget.

The first and, to some, most obvious thing to do is go to pay-to-participate for sports programs. To us, that seems like balancing the budget on the backs of students and families, some of whom can't afford it.

That's why we hope the pay-to-participate is a one-time, near-term Band-Aid as the district finds ways to either increase revenues or cut expenses.

The plan presented to school board members last week calls for athletes to pay a straight \$125 fee for the year, no matter how many sports they play. At first blush, the natural reaction is to say, "So what? This is an affluent district, and \$125 is not a lot of money."

That's probably true for a lot – maybe even the majority – of families in the area. But it's certainly not true for all of them. And what about families who have several athletes? At \$125 a crack, it can add up.

Of course, the athletic budget should be subject to cuts just as much as any other line item to which Ryan has taken the knife. No one is suggesting the district's athletic department should be immune to cuts.

But perhaps there are other cuts that can be made. For instance, does the district really need three athletic directors? Would one athletic director be able to handle the load? Perhaps one director with an assistant, who would, naturally, draw lower wages and benefits.

Is there other fat to be trimmed in the athletic budget? Is the district getting the best deals it can on equipment and supplies? Are there any kinds of corporate sponsorships available?

The music boosters are conducting a fund-raiser by marketing a CD with music from the various groups, seeking business sponsors to help fund uniforms and other expenses. The hockey boosters fund the hockey program in its entirety. Are there similar opportunities for the other sports?

Pay-to-participate, even on this limited basis, is a first step toward a slippery slope we hope the district can avoid. This year's \$125 price tag for the year could turn into next year's \$125 price tag for each sport.

Sports are an integral part of a school district's curriculum, teaching kids about life, about teamwork, about winning and losing, success and failure. Before we price them right out of range, we should make sure we've done all we can to make sure the chance to experience those benefits exists for all students.

Connerly initiative poor choice for state

Several Republican legislators have signed on to support a ballot initiative banning racial preferences in Michigan.

The leader of this campaign is Sacramento developer and University of California Regent Ward Connerly, a conservative African-American who successfully led a similar campaign in California several years ago.

Connerly's initiative is racially divisive and intellectually and ethically dishonest. The proposal is a backlash to the measured Supreme Court decision in two cases involving the University of Michigan, which upheld the principle of considering race in admission policies while rejecting a point system and quotas.

The issue has divided the state Republican Party. State GOP Chairwoman Betsy DeVos argues that such an initiative would be counterproductive and racially divisive. She says the best way to eliminate a need for affirmative action at the university level is to improve K-12 education for all students.

We defend Connerly's right to make his argument, but we agree with DeVos that this is the wrong initiative at the wrong time for the wrong reasons. The U.S. Supreme Court's middle road ruling on race-based admissions doesn't need to be challenged on a Michigan ballot.

Many of those who claim a holier-than-thou support for racial "colorblindness" were not likely to have been on that side when black people were regularly excluded by law or by practice from almost every aspect of American life. The 40 years that have elapsed since Martin Luther King's "I Have Dream" speech have not undone 300 years of systemic racial preferences for white people.



LIZ OROZCO | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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

LETTERS

Get the facts first

Yakov Smirnoff, the great Russian comedian, said it best, "America, what a country." American law allows its people to use just about any forum for discussion of just about any subject, regardless of one's level of knowledge regarding a particular subject. I hope I haven't lost you already. Somewhere in our local community lives a man who frequently blathers on and on and on about subjects he knows little or nothing about. I'm writing about Mr. Alfred Brock, who often spouts off in letters to the editor about local politics and other community affairs. Now, understand that I would never seek to deny him his "right" to speak his mind. I sincerely wish he would make an attempt to gather accurate, factual data. Then present it to the individuals responsible for resolution rather than using the print media to air out his misguided ramblings. Every letter written by him tries to build a case by using innuendo, lack of specific fact, and outright distortion of the truth to make his point. It reminds me of a recent movie in which the director used the same tactics to spew forth his bile. His movie was called a documentary. In reality, it was a grossly distorted fact to the point of becoming a bad piece of fiction.

I frequently thank God for giving our nation's founding fathers the wisdom to craft our constitution and Bill of Rights, which grant each of us the freedom of speech. Our forefathers, and more recently, members of the U.S. Supreme Court, have stated that along with freedom of speech comes a level of responsibility for statements we make. In other words, no person has the right to make unfounded, malicious, untruthful statements without bearing the consequences.

I had the pleasure of serving the Canton community as a member of the Downtown Development Authority for 15 years. I recently resigned from that board, so now I am writing this letter as just another private citizen of Canton expressing my opinion. Mr. Brock has on occasion written letters to the editor criticizing the DDA. Yet, to my knowledge, he has never attended one single meeting. He has never written a letter to the DDA board expressing concerns, nor, attempted in any manner to resolve issues or obtain firsthand information of its coordinator.

Now, after having said all that, I will try to convey the issue that has prompted me to finally get to the main point of my diatribe. Mr. Brock's latest missive, which appeared in the July 31, 2003, issue of the *Canton Observer*, is in my opinion the most shameful act of baseless opinion that I have had the misfortune to read in a long, long time. Instead of honoring one of our fallen police officers, he has the unmitigated gall to try to link, somehow, the tragic death of Officer Lew Stevens to "an accidental casualty of Canton politics."

Brock also alleges township complicity in what he calls "gentlemen's clubs and dens of iniquity." I, for one, can only reply, "Shame on you, Mr. Brock," for your attempt linkage of this tragedy to political chicanery, or any other subject is a sad mistake in judgment. Your statements serve no other purpose than to enflame emotions and feed dis-information to others who may be gullible enough to swallow your dribble.

I might add that if Brock has credible information about so-called gentlemen's

clubs, or any other illegal activities, that he turn that information over to the proper authorities immediately. Otherwise, stop creating unfounded, destructive rumors.

Letters to the editor columns are tremendous resources for all people to disseminate, thoughts, opinions, gratitude, and a multiple of other ideas through. I ask anyone who chooses to use a forum, such as this, to be a responsible citizen. Do your homework, leave out the invective, and stick to your facts before putting pen to paper or finger to keyboard.

Ralph H. Shufeldt
Canton

Even a Yale grad

Howard Dean, former governor of Vermont and candidate for president in 2004, is a licensed doctor. After graduating from Yale with a degree in political science, he went on to medical school, where he met his wife, and then eventually settled in Vermont and opened his own practice.

This was a long time ago, before he started his political career. But the skills that made Dr. Dean a good physician will serve him well as candidate for this nation's highest elected office in the coming primary election.

Unlike the eight other Democrats who have tossed their hat into the 2004 race, Dr. Dean is cold and clinical when it comes to evaluating the country's current ailments. The symptoms? Fractured international relations, a sour economy and a soaring deficit. The diagnosis? Poor planning, no vision and shady State of the Union addresses. The prognosis? Balance the budget, invest in education and spend wisely (like health care, Social Security and hotel rooms for air marshals – and not stock market games in the Pentagon).

To Dean and his ever growing number of supporters (mainly through word of mouth and the Internet), it's so obvious that even a Yale grad with a C average should be able to figure it out. But, hey, what's a doctor to do?

Robert Dean
Plymouth
member, Students for Dean at the University of Michigan

Yeah, grandparents

This week, the Michigan Supreme Court struck down Michigan's grandparenting time statute as unconstitutional. Michigan's grandparenting time statute says grandparents may get visitation rights when a custody matter is before the court or when one parent is dead. Under the statute, court-ordered visitation is appropriate where a judge finds it is in the "best interests" of the child.

In *DeRose vs. DeRose*, the court held that the statute is unconstitutional because it does not factor a parent's decisions in ordering such visitation.

In the majority opinion, Justice Clifford Taylor wrote, "There is no indication that the statute requires deference of any sort be paid by a trial court to the decisions fit parents make for their children." This is true, the statute only requires the child's "best interests" to be factored when ordering grandparenting time.

While I believe the Michigan Supreme Court made the right ruling in the matter, I believe that the statute should be

amended by the legislature to factor the parent's wishes. The U.S. Supreme Court has held that "the interest of parents in the care, custody, and control of their children" is a fundamental right. The court, in a case called *Troxel vs. Granville*, held that such third-party visitation statutes must "accord deference to the decisions of fit parents regarding third-party visitation."

Nevertheless, in *Troxel*, the U.S. Supreme Court did not hold that all non-parental visitation statutes were unconstitutional. I have had a number of grandparents come into my office heartbroken because they are denied visitation with their grandchildren. I also feel that grandparents are an important influence in a child's life.

In an era of broken homes and blended families, it is paramount that the law provide a way for grandparents to be granted court-ordered visitation. For this reason, I would urge our legislature to waste no time in amending our state's grandparenting time statute so that it may pass constitutional muster by adding the decision of the parent as a factor in awarding grandparents court-ordered visitation.

Ryan J. Deel
Troy

Wrong on race

I read with interest that four states are considering bringing back modified versions of their previously discredited race preference based practices for college admissions because of the recent split Supreme Court decision endorsing racial preferences as a way to achieve diversity.

By allowing racial preferences, we are pitting one race against another, which I believe is leading this country in the wrong direction. Article XIV of the U.S. Constitution, the Civil Right Act of 1964 and our Michigan Constitution are supposed to ensure equal treatment under the law regardless of race, sex or national origin. However, the Supreme Court decision has legitimized the use of racial preferences which undermine these laws.

Ward Connerly's campaign for a ballot initiative in Michigan is an appropriate and welcomed means to send a strong message to our judges and lawmakers that the citizens of Michigan know the true intent of the laws and are determined to put the principle of nondiscrimination into practice.

As a Black American, I look forward to the day when all Supreme Court jurists will render decisions giving all citizens equal protection consistent with written laws.

Kirsten Galka
Livonia

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QUOTABLE

"It seems to me that it's inappropriate for the state government, which has an obligation to fund current programs and services fully, to embark on this. I see laptops to be a new program when they (the state) have not been true to funding the ones that they already have an obligation to."

– Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, about laptops for sixth-graders, a Gov. Jennifer Granholm initiative

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Minnesota's Spam Museum testament to traits on which country was built

There's really only one good reason to go to the Spam Museum in Austin, Minn.

Because it's there.

Recently voted the No. 1 food museum in the country by the Food Network, the Spam Museum pays tribute not only to the most versatile mashed meat product in the world, but to the tenacity and entrepreneurial spirit of two men: George A. Hormel and his son, Jay. Together, they built an empire that now boasts 37 food brands and hundreds of products commonly found on local grocery store shelves.

OK, so one of those products is Garlic Spam. Is that really a bad thing?

I first became aware of the Spam Museum a year ago, while driving to see my daughter, who lives just north of Austin. Billboards proclaimed the glad tidings: The Spam Museum is finally open!

This news came as no small surprise. I've been away from Minnesota more than four years. Clearly, I needed to catch up.

En route to a family reunion last week (where the Soon-to-be-Mister was formally introduced), we stayed a night in Austin and with daughter in tow, trekked to this Eighth Wonder of the World.

As we pulled into the parking lot, a uniformed security guard informed us the museum wouldn't open for another 15 minutes. "But the gift shop is open. You can go in through that door and browse until the museum opens."

Well, of course.

The gift shop ... there's just no way to describe this monument to marketability. We saw Spam magnets, T-shirts, pens, pencils, watches, clocks, baby clothing, basketballs and shot glasses. We bought a Spam Cam, because we'd left the digital behind and didn't want to miss any photo ops.

There were Spam suckers, Spam keychains, Spam beer steins. Spammie Jammies hung on a display that announced "ONE SIZE FITS ALL." And when the STBM spotted a pair of elastic-waisted boxers, he said, "Look! SPAM-dex!"

A loyal Wolverine, he also noted the official Spam colors were maize and blue. Coincidence? Gosh, I hope so.

When the museum finally opened (about \$62 later), we began our self-guided tour

with an eight-minute video called, "Spam: A Love Story." Footage of the Spam Jam 2000 showed a very Minnesota-looking young woman, Denise Sarafini, who declared herself Queen of the Spam Jam.

She even carried a magic Spam wand.

A quartet called the "Spamettes" serenaded what looked like a crowd of thousands, with songs like *Mr. Spam-man, Spam-alot* and *The Outta Spam Blues*. People ate Spam tacos, Spam hot dogs, creamed Spam - there is apparently no limit to the ways this pink brick of luncheon meat can be prepared.

Footage shot inside the plant introduced us to Jack, who explained the labeler he runs packages 320 cans per minute. In all, 13 employees produce 3,200 cans of Spam in 20 minutes; nearly 50,000 every day.

And they don't do it for looks or humor alone.

People all over the world consume about 50 MILLION cans of Spam every year. It's a staggering statistic; even more so when you consider the biggest Spam eaters in the country don't come from Minnesota.

No, sir. The U.S. citizens who eat the most Spam live in Hawaii, where it's often served with pineapple.

Go figure.

Spam travels all over the world, from Nepal and Mt. Everest to the Great Wall of China. There's even a Web site devoted to Spam haiku. (For the uncultured, that's a type of strictly guided poetry with three lines of five, seven and five syllables, respectively.)

Spam haiku archive master John Nagamichi Cho has collected more than 17,000 Spam haiku since 1995. Aficionado Keola Beamer maintains a Web page that begins, "The therapy has failed. I continue to collect haiku poetry written about Spam." A few examples:

*Above all others
porcine treat without equal
there is but one Spam*

*Clad in metal, proud
no mere salt-curing for you
you are not bacon*

*And who dares mock Spam?
you? you? you are not worthy
of one rich pink fleck*

Another young college student wears a Spam T-shirt every day. He has 20 so that he can get by for about two and a half weeks before he has to do laundry.

Now, lest you think this Spam business is all stuff and nonsense, keep in mind Hormel donates more than \$3 million every year to charitable causes, like local food shelves and the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. And Spam isn't Hormel's only product.

Part of the museum is set up like a grocery store, with Hormel meats and other food products lined up row upon row. I found brand names I wouldn't have expected, like ChiChi's bottled salsa and House of Tsang Asian foods.

Whoda thunk?

Our tour of the Spam museum included a bit of history as well. George Hormel founded his meat-packaging company in 1891 and later handed the reins to son, J.C., who originated Spam. (The name, incidentally, is the result of a contest. The winning entry combined the words "spiced" and "ham".)

One of the most interesting Hormel legends had to do with an accountant hired in the company's early days. He embezzled more than \$1 million from Hormel over a period of months. George Hormel had to go to local bankers and borrow money to keep his business afloat. They loaned it to him without hesitation, based on his reputation alone.

Hormel's history also includes ugly labor disputes, the most notable of which was the Local P-9 strike of 1985-86. It followed several years of wage concessions and battles over safety conditions.

Not surprisingly, the Spam Museum doesn't have much information about that period of time. It does have a very cool interactive station, where you can time yourself as you package a can of Spam and test yourself on knowledge of the meat-packaging process.

We closed our tour with Samples - yes, Samples - cubed and skewered with pretzels. STBM enjoyed the Turkey Spam. Daughter and I wrinkled our noses at everything but the pretzel.

Nevertheless, we found the entire experience enlightening, from the Spam-labeled parking spots to the history of Spam in the military.

Yes, all in all, the Spam Museum ranks right up there with the Paul Bunyan Camp, the World's Largest Dala Horse and Ole, the Alexandria Viking - yet another reason I'm proud to be from Minnesota.

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Community rallies in aftermath of officer's death

On July 23, the Canton community suffered a tremendous loss. Twenty-five year police veteran, Gordon "Lew" Stevens, was killed while serving his community. Unfortunately, it is not uncommon to hear of police or fire personnel losing their lives in the line of duty. However, when it happens in your community it is not only a shock, but also numbing.

Officer Stevens' loss touched the very soul of the community.



Tom Yack

Officer Stevens' death reminds us of the many dangers confronted by our public safety personnel.

On behalf of Canton's Board of Trustees and its staff, I would like to extend our thanks for the many expressions of support and understanding offered during this difficult period.

Soon after Officer Stevens' death had been reported, scores of Canton residents and businesses began to reach out to Lew's family and co-workers.

Expressions of sympathy and support took many forms ... flowers, phone messages, cards, notes, donations, financial assistance. Businesses donated food, transportation and other services.

Visible signs of support extended far beyond Canton's borders. NorthRidge Church opened its doors to host the funeral service which was attended by more than 1,200. Neighboring police departments provided coverage so that Canton officers were able to attend Officer Stevens' funeral. Police departments from across Michigan sent representatives to honor Lew's memory.

Thanks is extended to the Summit staff who served over 600 individuals attending the luncheon following the funeral service.

I can't begin to express how much the community's concern and support has meant to Lew's family, friends and co-workers. The compassion, caring and support shown by so many certainly has helped ease the sorrow. One of the most touching signs of this understanding was the little girl who stood silently with her American flag in her hand as the vehicle procession traveled Beck Road.

It has been a comfort to know that we live in a community where people care.

Tom Yack is supervisor of Canton Township. He can be reached by phone at (734) 394-5185 or by e-mail at tyack@canton-mi.org.

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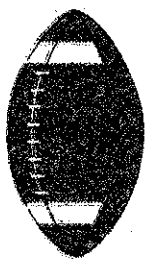


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Sidelines

■ Soccer standouts

The Canton Conquest, an U-17 girls premier soccer team, opened its season with a first-place showing in the U-18 Division at the Cherryland Invitational in Traverse City last weekend. The Conquest were 2-0-1 in the preliminary rounds, then beat the Darien Daredevils (from Chicago) 3-1 in the finals.

Team members are: Erica Arndt, Maureen Bielski, Kristen Boylan, Brittany Cervi, Christie Daniels, Lisa Ealy, Bailey Fagan, Diana Fedrigo, Taylor Foley, Colette Gilman, Amy Gizicki, Bethany Lane, Ali Lindow, Megan McCarthy, Stephanie Price and Molly Priebe. The team is coached by Drew Crawford And Dan Fagan; the team manger is Rich Priebe.

■ 1st-place champs

The Plymouth-Canton Pirates, a Little Caesars Baseball Federation team, won all five of their games to finish first in the 10-and-under division at the Millington Athletic Association Invitational Tournament July 18-20.



The Pirates won their first game by a 15-1 mercy score

over Frankenmuth Friday night, then beat the Lansing Cubs with another mercy score Saturday morning before edging the Flushing Raiders 5-3 Saturday afternoon. Two more wins on Sunday, 6-0 over Otisville and 12-1 against NFWB, clinched the top spot for the Pirates.

Johnathan Ford (from Canton) led the Pirates' hitting attack with two triples and a home run, while the pitching, led by starters Devin Price and Scott Devine of Plymouth and Eric Olech and Jacob Morris of Canton, plus the strong work of closer Danny Adsit of Plymouth, allowed just eight runs all weekend.

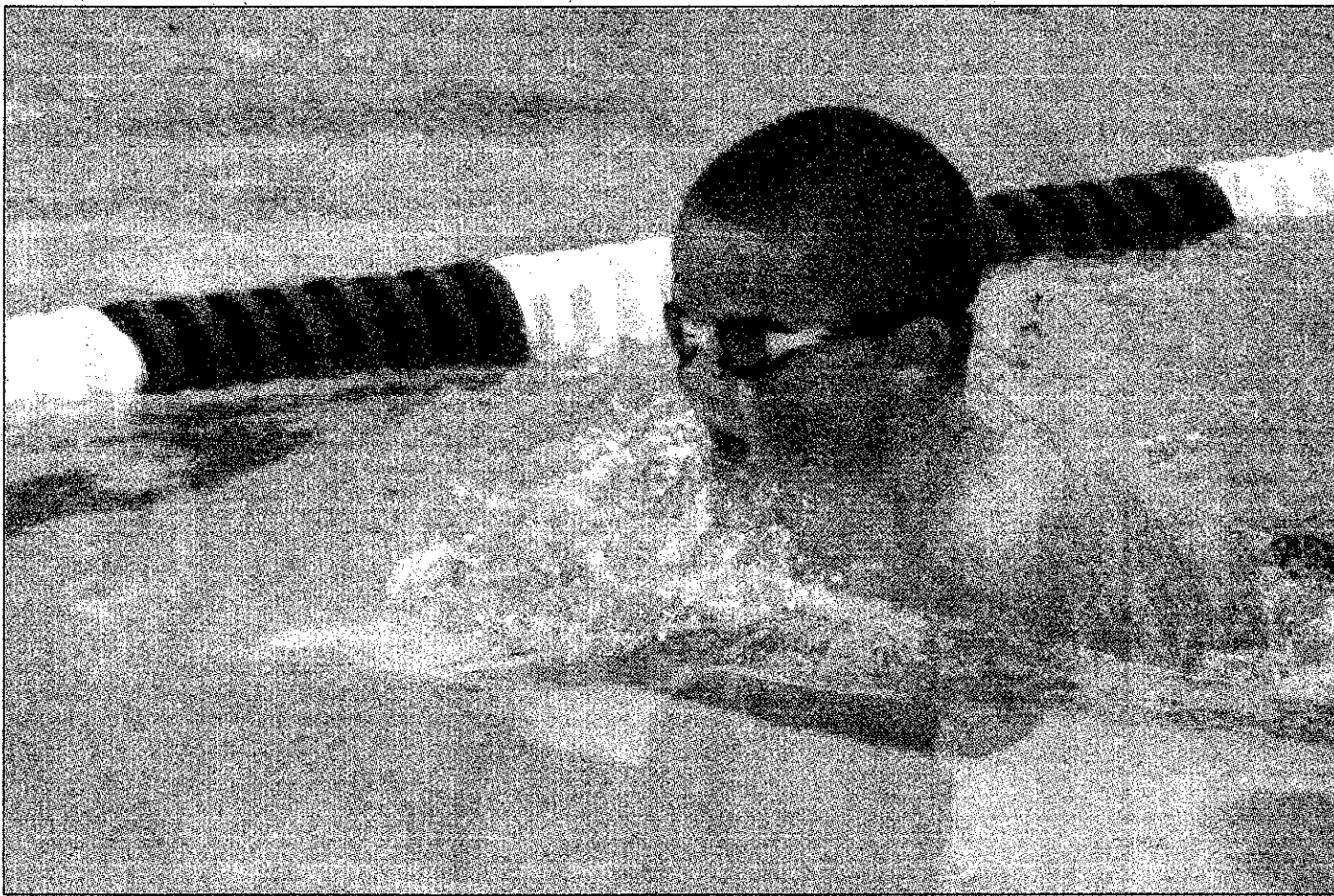
Other team members are Alex Bodner, Jacob Bolz, Alec Khouri, Angelo Lanava and Johnathon Lopus from Plymouth and David Brish, Phil Emminger and Clayton Middleton from Canton. The Pirates are coached by Bruce Price, Denny Devine and Angelo Lanava of Plymouth.

■ Series champs

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association's 11-and-under Indians baseball team collected their second-straight World Series title, using three pitchers in beating the Marlins 5-2 in the final.

Jake Burnstein, Chris Kordick and Troy McParlane were on the mound for the Indians, with Charlie Clark serving as the catcher. The Marlins did put two runners on base in the last inning with two out, but the Indians held on for the victory.

Other team members are Michael Maciag, Sean Knipp, Mitchell Woiski, Josh Johnston, Luke Woodruff, Doug Shepherd, Troy McParlane, Shane Anderson, Sam Rector and Eric Lee. The team's coaches are Don Clark, Chris Anderson, Art Maciag and Kurt Johnston.



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Nine-year-old Maxwell Yoas competed in the 25-meter breaststroke for Colony Swim Club of Plymouth. Colony finished second in the league meet.

Sharks the master at league meet

BY LAURA COLVIN
STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of young swimmers converged on Fairway Farms Swim Club in Livonia last week to close out a summer of competition with an annual championship meet.

The Summer Independent Swim League Meet drew more than 500 competitors from across Livonia, Plymouth, Canton and Northville, with swimmers ranging in age from the under-eight group on up to 18.

"It was a smashing success," said Mel O'Dowd, president of Fairway Farms Swim Club, which hosted the meet this

year. "We had lots of spectators and the weather cooperated. We were very pleased with the way it went."

The five local swim clubs have been competing against one another since 1973.

This year, the Newburgh Sharks took home the league championship for the third time in four years.

"We've just been lucky the last few years," said Rich Bennetts, manager of the Newburgh Swim Club in Livonia. "We've had an influx of experienced kids who swim in other leagues all year."

The league meet, which took place July 26, is the culmination of summer-

long individual meets in which each team swims twice against the four others — once at the home pool and once away.

Newburgh closed out the season 8-0, and finished first in the league championship with 536 points. Second place Plymouth Colony Swim Club of Canton finished with 400 points.

The first half of the daylong event remained very close between the top two teams, according to information posted on Newburgh's Web site. Later in the day, Newburgh took first place in the 9-10 medley relay, the 9-10 free

PLEASE SEE **SHARKS**, B2

SupHer! Demolition repeat!

BY CHRIS MAYER
STAFF WRITER

The Detroit Demolition entered 2003 as the defending National Women's Football Association champions.

Detroit unveiled a new moniker — the franchise was known as the Danger during its inaugural 2002 season when the team defeated Massachusetts in the SupHer Bowl game — but the spotlight was clearly on head coach Tony Blankenship's squad. Could the Demolition make it two straight NWFA titles?

Simply put, yes.

The Demolition wrapped up a brilliant second season last Saturday night, holding off the Pensacola (Fla.) Power in the NWFA championship game. Most Valuable Player Kim Grodus scored on a 1-yard quarterback sneak with 5:51 remaining to lead Detroit to a

28-21 victory before an announced crowd of 3,000 at Vanderbilt University's Dudley Field in Nashville, Tenn.

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

"It feels better and better every day," Blankenship said Monday. "It was a great game for the fans to watch. We made it that way at times, but you have to give Pensacola credit for playing hard and coming from behind."

Sometimes it's more difficult to defend a championship than win one. Blankenship would agree in Detroit's case, but the ability to line up opponents and knock them down has the Demolition on the threshold of a dynasty.

PLEASE SEE **SUPHER**, B5

Locals lead in Junior Tour

Last Friday was a good day on the links for Colin Fitzgerald and Stephen Pilzner — a bit better for Fitzgerald, however.

The Livonia native shot a 77 and finished first in the boys 15-and-over division in the Meijer Junior Players Tour event at Rackham Golf Course in Huntington Woods. The first-place finish on the 6,555-yard course earned Fitzgerald 75 tour points.

Pilzner, from Plymouth, also shot a 77 but lost in the tiebreaker, placing second and scoring 45 points. Dustin McGowan of Garden City also earned points with a 12th-place finish, firing an 82 that got him seven points.

Other Observer-area golfers were Rick Knuth of Livonia, with a 91, and Andrew Pellegrino of Farmington Hills, also with a 91.

In the girls 15-and-over division, Samantha Talbot of Plymouth won by four strokes, shooting an 85 on the 5,683-yard course to garner 75 tour points. Danielle Bickle of Canton was ninth, scoring 10 points, with a 108.

In the boys 13-14 division, Brandon Pilzner of Plymouth shot an 82 on the 6,002-yard

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course to place fourth and score 35 points. Matt Talbot of Plymouth carded an 83, finishing seventh and scoring 20 points, and Jeffery Selasky of Plymouth had an 84 to place ninth and score 10 points.

Other Observer-area golfers were Drew Herron of Livonia, a 90, and Austin Stillmon of Livonia, a 94.

In the girls 13-14 division, Andrea Warzyniec of Livonia fired a 92 on the 5,413-yard course to take fourth place and score 35 tour points. Chrissy McHenry of Livonia had a 98, placing fifth and scoring 30 points.

And in the boys 10-12 division, which was called after 13 holes due to inclement weather, Nicholas Walker of Garden City shot got a second-place finish with a 60, scoring 45 points.

Power-Bilt standouts

In the last Power-Bilt Junior Tour event of

PLEASE SEE **TOUR**, B5



Rick Wheeler of Plymouth was the winner in first flight at last year's O&E Golf Tournament.

Defending champs of O & E tournament would like a repeat

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER

Kevin Wallon is grumbling a little bit about his golf game.

His handicap is going in the wrong direction, and he's not shooting what he feels he's capable of. And he's not getting out as much as he'd like to.

But Canton's Wallon knows the target is squarely on his back this weekend. And, as the defending champion of the *Observer & Eccentric* Open Golf Tournament, he's ready.

"I'm looking forward to it," said Wallon, the Livonia Churchill grad

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who carved out a four-stroke championship-flight win last year over his co-worker at SBC, Dan Donahue of Novi.

"Last year was my first chance to play in the tourney, even though I grew up in Livonia and worked at Whispering Willows. Even though I don't live in Livonia anymore, I still think of it as my home course."

Wallon bested the field with 148 and Donahue shooting 152.

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Also needed: a varsity baseball coach for the 2004 season,

who will be responsible for the organization of the sport, varsity assistants and junior varsity and freshmen coaches.

Other coaching positions that are open are girls basketball assistant, football assistant, volleyball assistant and boys basketball assistant.

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

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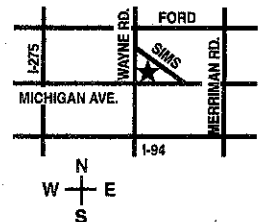
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Eight-year-old Mandy McSweeney competes in the 25-meter backstroke for Colony Swim Club of Plymouth.

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relay, the 11-12 medley relay and the 11-12 free relay, four races that helped the Sharks earn the right to host the league's traveling trophy.

"The trophy has made it's home here quite a bit in the last few years," Bennetts said.

"We made a spot for it right out front."

Newburgh also won the championship in 2000 and 2001. Before that, the team

had no league victories in the 30 year history of the competition.

"It all goes in cycles," Bennetts said. "The main thing is that it's fun for the kids."

Burton Hollow Swim Club of Livonia placed third this year, with 136 points.

"We did pretty good for our team," said Alex Roberge, head coach for Burton Hollow. "Usually we place last, so I was very happy overall."

Some of Burton Hollow's swimmers earned bragging rights of their own this year.

SWIM RESULTS

INDEPENDENT SWIM LEAGUE MEET RESULTS

July 26 at Fairway Farms

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Newburgh Swim Club, 536; 2. Plymouth Colony S.C., 400; 3. Burton Hollow S.C., 136; 4. Northville S.C., 112; 5. Fairway Farms S.C., 96.

BOYS EVENT WINNERS

25-METER FREESTYLE

8-and-under: David Walborn (Colony), 19.06; 10-and-under: A.J. Aquino (Newburgh), 16.69.

50 FREESTYLE

8-and-under: David Walborn (Colony), 45.25; 10-and-under: Adam Seroka (Colony), 35.23; 12-and-under: Michael Cruce (Newburgh), 31.45; 15-and-under: Matt Jurcak (Colony), 26.7; open: Mike Handley (Northville), 27.91.

25 BACKSTROKE

8-and-under: Tom O'Brien (Newburgh), 26.27; 10-and-under: A.J. Aquino (Newburgh), 20.57.

50 BACKSTROKE

Open: Jeff Nevi (Colony), 31.02; 15-and-under: Matt Jurcak (Colony), 31.83; 12-and-under: Kyle Hermann (Newburgh), 35.9.

25 BREASTSTROKE

10-and-under: Jake McNamara (Newburgh), 22.79.

50 BREASTSTROKE

12-and-under: Kyle Hermann (Newburgh), 39.33; 15-and-under: David Gosdzinski (Fairway Farms), 35.37.

100 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

12-and-under: Michael Cruce (Newburgh), 1:21.64; 15-and-under: Travis Hatt (Newburgh), 1:07.24.

25 BUTTERFLY

10-and-under: Adam Seroka (Colony), 17.42.

50 BUTTERFLY

12-and-under: Robert Luke (Newburgh), 37.11; 15-and-under: Travis Hatt (Newburgh), 28.67.

GIRLS EVENT WINNERS

25 FREESTYLE

8-and-under: Lauren Seroka (Colony), 16.29; 10-and-under: Carla McNamara (Newburgh), 17.57.

50 FREESTYLE

8-and-under: Lauren Seroka (Colony), 36.11; 10-and-under: Savannah Hatt (Newburgh), 36.09; 12-and-under: Mary Bender (Newburgh), 31.45; 15-and-under: Katharine Johnson

(Newburgh), 30.42; open: Andrea Giczewski (Burton Hollow), 29.15.

25 BACKSTROKE

8-and-under: Sara Dillion (Colony), 24.16; 10-and-under: Carla McNamara (Newburgh), 20.52.

50 BACKSTROKE

Open: Andrea Giczewski (Burton Hollow), 33.27; 15-and-under: Katharine Johnson (Newburgh), 35.7; 12-and-under: Laura Timson (Newburgh), 35.2.

25 BREASTSTROKE

10-and-under: Kelly Bedro (Newburgh), 22.17.

50 BREASTSTROKE

12-and-under: Laura Timson (Newburgh), 37.02; 15-and-under: Lisa Koch (Newburgh), 36.12.

100 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

12-and-under: Laura Timson (Newburgh), 1:13.97; 15-and-under: Marissa Gordon (Burton Hollow), 1:11.73.

25 BUTTERFLY

10-and-under: Meeghan Hughes (Colony), 18.08.

50 BUTTERFLY

12-and-under: Kelley Hodges (Colony), 33.49; 15-and-under: Anna Polkowski (Fairway Farms), 32.24.

MIXED RELAY WINNERS

200-meter medley (open): Colony (Lisa Gulikson, John Napolitano, Jeff Nevi, Tim Storch), 2:11.51; 200 freestyle (open): Newburgh (Meredith Bajor, Sarah Timson, Garrett Baringhaus, Nick Folas), 1:57.98; 100 freestyle (8-and-under): Colony (Taylor Rieckhoff, David Walborn, Olivia Samoray, Lauren Seroka), 1:15.6; 100 freestyle (10-and-under): Newburgh (Carla McNamara, Daniel Abrahamson, A.J. Aquino, Brian Gotberg), 1:09.33; 200 freestyle (12-and-under): Newburgh (Christina Bender, Michael Cruce, Kyle Hermann, Eric Makinen), 2:07.57; 200 freestyle (15-and-under): Burton Hollow (Marissa Gordon, Sam Loria, Steve Bruestle, Matt Massman), 1:52.75; 100 medley (10-and-under): Newburgh (Kelly Bedro, Savannah Hatt, Leah Williams, Andy Jensen), 1:19.01; 200 medley (12-and-under): Newburgh (Christina Bender, Mary Bender, Julie Gotberg, Robert Luke), 2:28.55; 200 medley (15-and-under): Burton Hollow (Marissa Gordon, Addie Turlo, Steve Bruestle, Matt Massman), 2:11.01.

"My relay team broke a record," said Matt Massman, 15, a sophomore at Stevenson High School. "I was very happy and proud."

Massman, who swam on the 13-15 200 meter freestyle relay team, has been swimming for Burton Hollow for 3 years, and also swims and plays football at Stevenson.

Fourth place went to Northville Swim Club, with 112 points, and fifth place went to hosting Fairway Farms with 96.

With only 85 kids compared to Newburgh's 140,

Fairway Farms is the smallest team in the league.

"The kids did an awesome job," said Megan Bruestle, swim coach at Fairway Farms. "My goal was for them to learn something, have fun and make new friends. They did all of those things."

For 7-year-old Aidan O'Dowd, a Fairway Farms swimmer, fun is the key element.

"You get a lot of ribbons and meet a lot of friends," she said.

"You get really tired, but it's a lot of fun."

BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

SALEM BASKETBALL

Girls interested in trying out for any of the Salem HS teams — freshmen, junior varsity or varsity — should report to the Salem gymnasium at 9 a.m. Monday. Girls must have passed a physical exam and must bring a copy with you Monday morning. In order for the physical to be valid, it must have been taken

after April 15, 2003.

Call Salem varsity coach Fred Thomann at (723) 484-7746.

CANTON BASKETBALL

Canton HS will conduct team tryouts for its varsity, junior varsity and freshmen teams on Monday, Aug. 11 at the Canton gymnasium. The varsity tryout will be at 8:45 a.m., with the

junior varsity at 10 a.m. and the freshmen at 11 a.m. Those planning to try out must have their sport physical by the first practice (any physical taken on or after April 15, 2003 is good for the 2003-04 school year); they must have a practice jersey; and must be on time and ready to go. Call head coach Bob Blohm at (734) 459-1763 (home) or at (313) 520-8700 (cell).

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Concealed takes 3rd at Series

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER

After going through district, regional and its first two games of the AABC Mickey Mantle World Series unbeaten, something had to give for Concealed Security eventually.

Still, finishing third in the nation was a pretty solid achievement for the team.

"We did well to get there and did a nice job once we got there," Concealed manager Lou Pirronello said of his under-16 team. "This wasn't a buy-in tourney. There were over 3,000 teams trying to get there."

After taking its Thursday opener, Concealed won its semifinal game Friday, 11-10 over host McKinney, Texas, but

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lost to Dallas, Texas, in the winners' bracket final, 7-4, Saturday. Concealed (38-12) was then eliminated in the losers' bracket by Walnut, Calif., 7-2, to finish third overall. Dallas beat Walnut in the finals, 4-1.

Against McKinney, Concealed punted a 9-0 lead after three innings thanks to five errors, but allowed the Texans to come back once starting pitcher Steve Karchefsky was pulled. McKinney fought back and tied the score at 9-9 by the seventh inning and it stayed that way until the 11th when Eric Vojtkofsky (Wayne/Redford

CC) hit his second two-run homer of the game for an 11-9 lead. McKinney got one back in the bottom of the 11th, but got no closer.

Karchefsky, who had re-entered in the seventh inning, got the win and struck out eight with three hits and two runs. Vojtkofsky was 3-for-5 with a pair of two-run homers and three runs scored. Digger Towe was 3-for-5 with a triple and two runs scored, John Rochow (Farmington Hills) was 2-for-4 with two runs scored and Evan Sharpley was 2-for-5.

The magic ended in the next game as Dallas scored a pair of runs in three straight innings for the win. Dallas pitcher Gunner Glad didn't help Concealed, allowing just four

hits with nine strikeouts and two walks. Vojtkofsky had another two-run homer (his fourth of the series), while Scott Szpyka (West Bloomfield), Towe and Jeff Richard (West Bloomfield) had hits. Chris Rusin (Canton) took the loss, giving up eight hits and striking out two with six walks. Walnut ended the season for Concealed on Saturday, thanks to a five-run fourth inning and holding Concealed to just four hits.

Towe had a pair of the hits, with a double and an RBI, while Vojtkofsky and Max Bell each singled. Richard took the loss, giving up just three hits and nine walks with three strikeouts.

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TOURNAMENT

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Livonia's Alex McLuckie was at 154 and Redford's Steve Geanides at 155.

About 50 golfers from around the area are expected to take part in the 36-hole tourney, with 18 holes being played Saturday at Fox Creek and 18 more Sunday at Whispering Willows.

This year also features a women's division, playing 18 holes Sunday, and is expected to draw about a dozen golfers.

Participants are fairly local in both divisions, coming from Livonia, Birmingham, Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Northville, Royal Oak, Novi and Walled Lake. Plymouth's Rick Wheeler is the defending first-flight champ by virtue of his 158.

Wallon came out of Fox Creek last year with a 75 - one shot behind first-round leader Geanides. During Sunday's play,

he was down as many as four shots with 12 holes to play.

"But I stuck to my game plan and things worked out for me," Wallon said. "I got in some trouble off the tee, but I never made worse than a bogey. I didn't do anything stupid to make a big number. I just played smart and got out of trouble."

This year, he hopes to stick with the game plan, although the execution might not be at the level he wants. His handicap is up to a 2.3 from a 1.7 and he's been getting out on Saturdays but not much more.

"I've made sure that I've played Fox Creek and Whispering Willows in recent weeks," Wallon said. "Both courses were in great shape and the fairways were fantastic. I haven't practiced a lot, but I don't have the time to put into it."

"But I'll go out, manage the courses as best I can and try not to make anything worse than a bogey. We'll see what happens."

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Twisters dominate Timberwolves

It figured to be a tight contest between a pair of Mid-Continent Football League unbeaten when the Michigan Twisters met the Southern Michigan Timberwolves Saturday at Navarre Stadium in Monroe.

But while the host Timberwolves showed sparks of life at the start of each half, the rest of the game was dominated by the Twisters who improved to 2-0 with a 34-14 triumph.

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The loss left the Timberwolves at 2-1.

After forcing the Twisters to punt on their opening possession of the game, the Timberwolves marched 78 yards in seven plays, the last 41 covered by a touchdown pass from Phil Peake to Jason Siller. Siller also had two other catches in the drive for 19 yards and the T-Wolves led 7-0.

A 55-yard kickoff return by Frank Stanford gave the Twisters good field position in their ensuing possession at the Timberwolves 37, and they took advantage with a 25-yard scoring pass from Orlando Wright to Matt Koski (from Garden City) on a screen play. The extra-point kick was missed leaving the Twisters down 7-6, but it didn't stay that way for long.

The T-Wolves fumbled away a completed pass later in the second quarter and Twister linebacker Brian Wright scooped up the bobbie and took it the final 20 yards into the end zone, making it 13-7. A Wright-to-Stanford scoring pass covering 61 yards late in the second period increased the Twisters' lead to 20-7 by halftime, a lead they would not surrender.

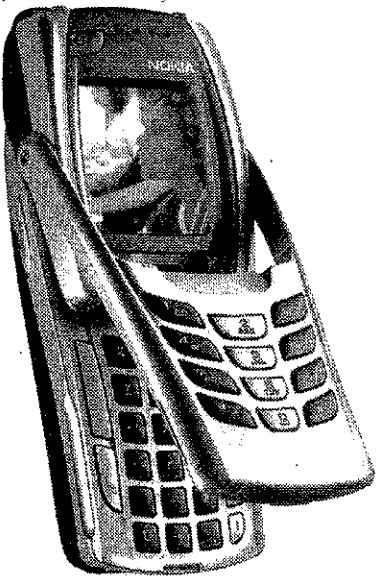
The T-Wolves seemed to be making a game of it to start the second half, scoring on their first possession to make it 20-14. That, however, was as close as they would come.

The Twisters forced four turnovers in the game and got two more TDs on a 17-yard Wright-to-Jason Milan screen pass and a 30-yard punt return by Stanford after the T-Wolves were forced to kick from deep in their own territory. Pat Gibson booted four extra-point kicks for the Twisters.

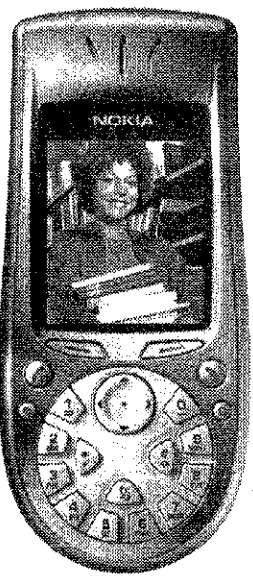
The Twisters host the Indiana Mustangs at 7 p.m. Saturday at Willow Run HS. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for seniors and students 18-and-under. Kids six-and-under are admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

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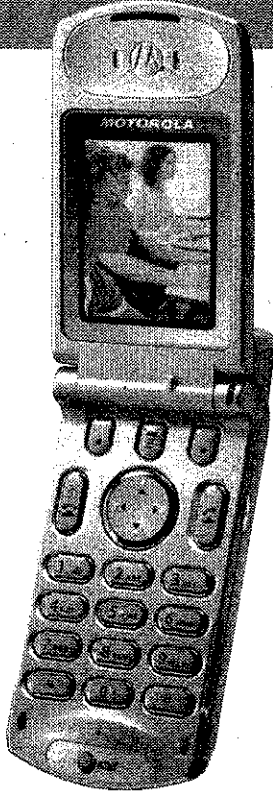
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Well, here's a "heads-up" on getting your fall home improvement done before the snow flies.

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"It was so important for us to be mentally focused and keep our mental preparation at a high level," Blankenship said. "We couldn't afford to become bored and complacent and get caught."

"We know what to expect now," he added. "This was the first time that we were being chased. Last year we weren't being chased because no one knew who we were, but we had to go through this season being chased and hunted. And now we know how to defend ourselves."

Detroit, which has won five straight playoff games over the past two years, watched Southern Conference champ Pensacola (10-1) strike for a pair of quick touchdowns early in the fourth quarter and tie the game 21-21.

Sonia Kircharr tossed a 2-yard scoring pass to Karen Bray with 13:32 left and Emily Morgan kicked the extra point. The Power then stunned the Demolition when Kircharr and Morgan connected on a 70-yard strike with 10:37 to go.

But Detroit (11-0) took the ensuing kickoff and Grodus scored from 1 yard out to cap an eight-play, 53-yard drive. Misty Findlay kicked her fourth extra point of the night to end the scoring.

Grodus finished 12 of 19 passing for 157 yards and three touchdowns. She was intercept-

ed once.

"Kim did a great job for us this year," Blankenship said. "When we needed to make something happen, she made it happen. She struggled a little bit early in the season, but she never got rattled. She never lost confidence and that was key."

Grodus threw first-half touchdown passes of 12 yards to Miaya Tolbert and 20 yards to Angela Griffin as Detroit built a 14-0 lead.

Cassie Amato's 3-yard TD run and Morgan's PAT with 5:53 left before halftime helped the Power close within 14-7, but Detroit regained its two-touchdown advantage when Grodus found Tolbert for a 28-yard scoring play with 9:51 to go in the third quarter.

The Demolition amassed 306 total yards and 17 first downs compared to 185 yards and 11 first downs for Pensacola.

Detroit held a 35:37-24:23 edge in time of possession, but was forced to overcome 12 penalties for 98 yards.

Laurie Aaron (12 carries, 65 yards) and Heather Alexander (10 carries, 64 yards) led Detroit's rushing attack. Tolbert finished with four receptions for 64 yards and Anne Yoches had three catches for 48 yards.

Kircharr passed 6-of-15 for 141 yards - Morgan made three catches for 124 yards - and Amato collected 52 yards on 11 carries.

Demolition linebacker Kim Walters turned in a big defensive effort with nine tackles and two sacks. Porcha Johnson added seven tackles.

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

BASEBALL TRYOUT

The Canton Cobras under-13 travel baseball team is having a tryout at 10 a.m. this Saturday and again at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23 at UAW No. 735, located on Michigan Avenue in Canton.

The coaching staff has a combined 30 years of youth baseball experience, specializing in skills and drills. The team is also well-sponsored for low player cost.

For more information, call Jim Patterson at (734) 207-7793.

COUGAR TRYOUTS

The Canton Cougars, a 14-year-old travel baseball team, will have tryouts for their 2004 season starting at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17, and Sunday,

Aug. 24 at Heritage Park in Canton.

The Cougars will play around 40 games, including Little Caesar's League play and several tournaments. Persons born on or after Aug. 1, 1989, are eligible to play.

Those interested in trying out for the Cougars should be at Heritage Park by 3:30 p.m. on the above-listed days to sign in.

For more information, call Marc Madias at 207-5424.

SOFTBALL TRYOUT

The Canton/Plymouth Thunderbird Softball Incorporated girls fastpitch organization has scheduled a tryout for the 2004 season on Aug. 23 at Discovery Middle School in Canton.

Age group times are: 14-and-under, 10 a.m.; 16-and-under, 11 a.m.; 12-and-under, 11 a.m.; 10-and-under, noon. The rainout date is Aug. 24.

For more information, visit the Web site at <http://members.tripod.com/thunderbirdsoftball> or call (734) 737-9968 for 16-and-under; (734) 844-2656 for 14-and-under; (734) 397-1355 for 12-and-under; and (734) 981-7280 for 18-and-under and 10-and-under.

FALL SOFTBALL

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will sponsor men's slow-pitch and women's slow-pitch softball leagues this fall, with all games at Plymouth's Massey Field.

Registration has begun with the season tentatively starting the week of Aug. 25.

For more information, call the Plymouth Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, ext. 302, or go to the Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

PLATINUM

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Presto! They had a team. The question then was whether they could get them to play like one.

Not at first. Michigan Platinum, which included Kathy Hammerschmidt, Carly Schwan, Ellen Canale and Alyssa Guerin from Salem, lost three-straight games in pool play in the 28-team tournament (seven pools with four teams in each), then dropped its first game in the double-elimination tournament.

"We didn't get a lot of practice time," said Thomann of his newly formed squad. "By the time we got it together, it was the fifth game."

At least it wasn't too late. The Platinums rolled off eight-straight wins after starting 0-4 and found themselves in the semifinals of the loser's

bracket, going up against a Tennessee Elite squad that eventually did sideline them.

The elite team from North Carolina won the tournament, beating Tennessee in the final. Michigan Platinum finished fourth, earning a trophy and individual medals.

Joining the Salem girls on the squad were Ashley Jones, Leshia Jones and Tamarah Riley from King and Ashley McDowell and Kiesha Mosley from DePorres.

"The kids from King were outstanding," said Thomann, then added, "But to be honest, our kids stepped up their game and played with them. They earned it."

And, according to Thomann, the experience was well worth the effort. "I think so," he said. "They got to play against some of the great players in the country."

And they did extremely well.

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WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS 3:00 P.M. MONDAY, JULY 28, 2003

Regular meeting called to order at 3:15 p.m.
Present: Terry Bennett, Steve Mann, Richard Henningsen
Agenda - adopted as amended, adding item # VIII(b) Middle Rouge - HVAC Unit Replacement
Minutes of regular meeting of June 23, 2003 - approved.
Schedule of disbursements totaling \$899,564.66 - approved.
Operations & Maintenance Report for June 2003 - received and filed.
Director's Report for July 2003 - received and filed.
Grinder/Compactor Purchase; Lower Rouge - approval to accept proposal from Duperon of Saginaw, Michigan.
Middle Rouge HVAC Unit Replacement - approval to accept proposal from Fuller Heating & Cooling for the replacement of the main HVAC unit at Middle Rouge.
Bill's Outdoor Care Contract Renewal - approved.
Middle Rouge Enclosed Flight Screw Pump Painting; Award of Contract - approval to award a contract to Dave Cole Decorators of Sparta, Michigan.
Infrastructure Management System Hardware Recommendation - approval to purchase a Dell workstation for the infrastructure management system at a cost not to exceed \$4,999.
YCUA Plant Expansion Update - received and filed.
The regular meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Alternate
TERRY BENNETT

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA AUGUST 14, 2003

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, August 14, 2003 AT 7:30 P.M.** The meeting will be held in the Chestnut Room at the Summit on the Park located at 46000 SUMMIT PARKWAY, CANTON, MI 48188.

The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag
Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Phyllis Redfern and Steven Johnson.
Acceptance of Agenda

- Robert Randall of Tony V's Sunrooms & Spa, 20330 Hall Road, Clinton Twp, MI 48038 representing Ronald and Ruth Kacic, 44687 Westminister Way, Canton, MI 48187. Property located at 44687 Westminister Way, southwest side of Section 10. The ordinance being appealed is Zoning Ordinance Schedule of Regulations Article 26.00 Section 26.02, relative to rear yard set backs in the R-1 district.
Parcel #039-01-0764-000 (Building) **(TABLED FROM JULY 10, 2003 MEETING)**
- Todd and Patty Green, 1825 Delancy Circle, Canton, MI 48188. Property located at 1825 Delancy Circle, Canton, MI 48188, east side of Denton Road between Cherry Hill and Geddes Road. The ordinance being appealed is Zoning Ordinance Schedule of Regulations Article 26.00, Section 26.02, minimum rear setback. Zone R2, Class 401.
Parcel #079-02-0463-000 (Building)
- Terry E. Ulch of Aver Sign Co., 359 Livernois, Ferndale, MI 48220 representing T. Mobile, 1753 N. Canton Center, Canton, MI 48188. Property located at 1753 N. Canton Center, south side of Ford Road between Ford Road and Cherry Hill Road. The ordinance being appealed is Sign Ordinance 120, Section 9, 9.1, sign square footage.
Parcel #061-99-0003-703 (Building)
- Robert Breach, 1300 N. Beck Road, Canton, MI 48187. Property located at 1300 N. Beck Road, east side of Beck Road between Ford Road and Saltz Road. The ordinance being appealed is Zoning Ordinance Nonconformities Article 3.00, Section 3.03 F, expansion of existing porch in front yard set back. Zone R3.
Parcel #062-99-0023-000 (Building)
- Dean Madsen and Mary Kratzer Madsen, 2030 Rector Ct., Canton, MI 48188, requesting a variance to Fence Ordinance 103, Section 8, D2, allow a fence to be located in back yard. Property located at same address, south side of Palmer Road between Rector Drive and corner of Rector Drive and Rector Court. Zone R5.
Parcel #106-01-0117-000 (Building)
- Cherry Hill Investors LLC & Uptown Investors LLC of Cherry Hill Village Planned Development & Uptown Planned Development, 2025 West Long Lake Road, Suite 104, Troy, Michigan 48068. Property located at Ridge & Cherry Hill. The ordinance being appealed is Sign Ordinance 120, Section 6, 6.2, 6.3, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, Section 8, 8.1A, Section 9, 9.4A, regulates setbacks for signs.
Parcel #067-99-0011-000
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Parcel #072-99-0022-000 (Building)
- Kevin J. Kwiatkowski of Pulte Homes, 26622 Woodward Ave., Suite 204, Royal Oak, MI 48067 representing Ben Grosse of Pearl Sounds LTD, 2940 W. Burbank Blvd., Burbank, CA 91505. Property located at 47360 Ford Road, north side of Ford Road and east side of Beck Road. The ordinance being appealed is Sign Ordinance 120, Section 6, 6.2, off premise temporary sign requirements. Zone R1.
Parcel #062-99-0044-701 (Building)

(Approval of June 12, 2003 and July 10, 2003 Minutes)

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TOUR

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the summer prior to the end-of-the-season tournament, Matt Malloure of Farmington Hills and Brian King of Livonia both shot 77s in the boys 11-15 division, played Monday on the 6,285-yard Timber Ridge course in Lansing.

Malloure finished fifth to earn 30 points while King placed sixth and got 25 points. The only other Observer-area golfer in the division was Michael Gerisch of Plymouth, who shot a 96.

In the girls 11-15 division, played on a Timber Ridge course measuring 5,275 yards, Shannon Warner of Livonia

shot an 87 to finish fourth, scoring 35 points.

And in the boys 16-and-over division, played on a 6,585-yard course, Brad Fischer of Livonia shot an 86, Brad Schmitz of Livonia had an 87 and Andrew Byberg of Livonia scored an 89.

Last Friday, the Power-Bilt Tour visited Stonebridge Golf Course in Ann Arbor and Jimmy Burns of Plymouth was sixth with a 75, scoring 25 points on the 6,732-yard course. Patrick Shaw placed 14th with a 79 to earn five points.

Other Observer-area golfers included Brad Schmitz of Livonia with an 81, Adam Dwyer of Plymouth with an 84, Brad Fischer of Livonia with an 84, David Koch of

Farmington Hills with an 88, Andy Thackaberry of Canton with an 89 and Andrew Byberg of Livonia with a 92.

In the boys 11-15 division, which only went five holes on the 5,481-yard course because of inclement weather, Patrick Alger of Livonia was third with a 21, scoring 40 points, and Michael Gerisch of Plymouth was 11th, scoring eight points. Matt Malloure of Farmington Hills had a 26 and Anthony Malizia of Farmington Hills shot a 27.

The girls 11-15 division only made it through three holes on the 5,795-yard course. Ashley Smith of Plymouth was fourth with a 14, scoring 35 points.

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.

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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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WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS STUDY SESSION SYNOPSIS 1:30 P.M. MONDAY, JULY 28, 2003

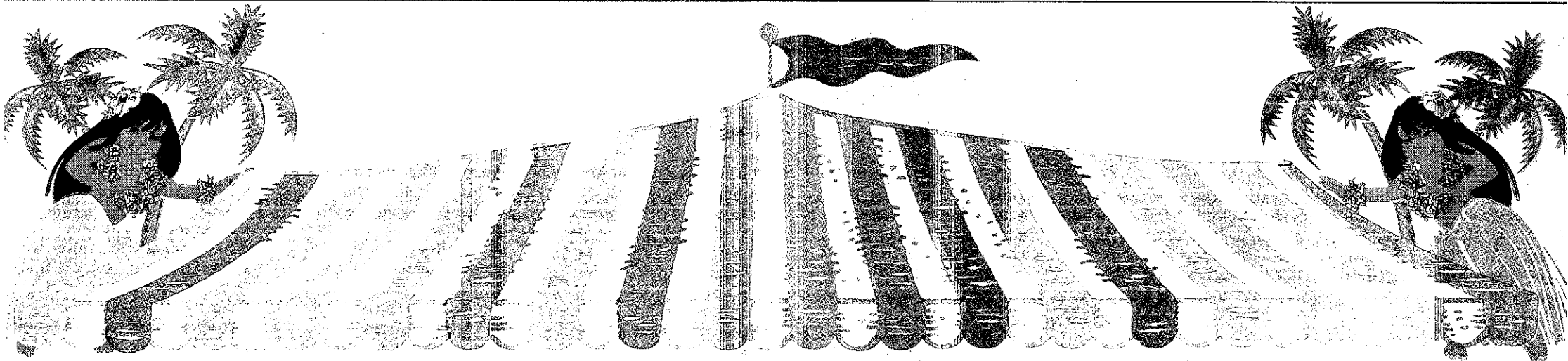
The study session was called to order at 1:47 p.m.
Present: Terry Bennett, Steve Mann, Richard Henningsen
Agenda - adopted as presented.
The purpose of the study session was to review and discuss the proposed budget for the 2003/2004 fiscal year and the Capital Improvement Program.
Tim Faas and Cindy Cezat gave a presentation on the highlights of the proposed budget.
OMI and WTUA staff answered questions from the attendees.
Tim Faas reviewed the Capital Improvement Program with the attendees and answered questions.
The study session was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Alternate,
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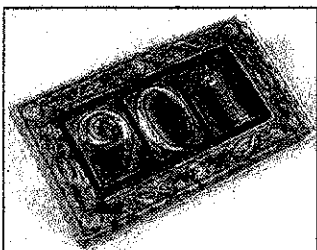
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Accents

Tiles available

Custom tile address plaques have been added to the lineup of new products released by the historic Pewabic Pottery as part of its continuing Centennial Celebration.



Homeowners may choose from a color palette including black, green and blue-green and plaques which accommodate from three to five tile numerals.

Costs range from \$125 for the smallest frame to \$150 for the largest, excluding numeral tiles, which are \$11.60 each.

The tiles are produced at the Pottery, using traditional arts and crafts techniques, and sold through the Pewabic Pottery Museum Store, 10125 East Jefferson (about 1 1/2 miles east of the Belle Isle Bridge).

To learn more about installing ceramic tiles, homeowners can sign up for one of the Pottery's tile workshops or classes by contacting (313) 822-0954, Ext. 114. For more information on Pewabic Pottery Centennial Products, visit www.pewabic.com

Working at home

Plan on working at home? Better plan on setting up a serviceable home office.

Here is a list of essentials:

■ **Desk and chair:** Get a chair that tilts and adjusts to the height of your desk, and find a desk that lets you put your keyboard in a position that's ergonomically correct.

■ **Computer:** If you travel often and are short on space, a laptop may be more suitable. If you spend the majority of time in the home office, then you may want a desktop model with a larger keyboard and monitor, which are easier on the eyes than the compressed space of a laptop.

■ **Printer:** Ink-jet printers are usually inexpensive but can be slower and tend to require more maintenance and ink refills than a laser printer.

■ **Office phone line:** Separate your personal life from your professional life with a separate line that rings in your office. Make sure you have an answering machine or voice mail.

Summer fair

If you enjoy herbs and want to look at a large selection, then take a drive to Heavenly Scent Herb Farm in Fenton for the farm's 14th annual Herbal Summer Fair.

Enjoy complimentary garden tours, a lunch by Appeteezer in Milford, a free children's activity center, and talk with master gardeners. You can take in the sounds of a harp and dulcimer, browse the shoppe and visit the greenhouses and check out the wide variety of herbs. Terri Slingerland will create an old man or faerie figure using a tree trunk with her chain saw. You can bid on the figure. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of a wheelchair swing. Forty artisans also will be displaying crafts ranging from weaving fiber art and garden art to woodcraft and wildlife drawings. For more information, call Kathy Mathews at (810) 629-9208.



the buzz on Hummingbirds

Minding little things can give big welcome to hummingbirds

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Of our fine feathered friends, one of the most fascinating is the fairylike hummingbird.

You might think that this tiny jeweled flier is an elusive, rare visitor to your neighborhood.

But by following a few basic recommendations, you can make your garden or yard something a hummingbird would sing about.

Hummingbirds are "very popular," said Gary Phillips of Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main in Plymouth.

"They're in everybody's neighborhoods," he said.

"The deal with the hummingbird is you can do 14 things right to one thing wrong and you lose . . . The key is to keep that hummingbird feeder clean and keep the nectar fresh."

Hummingbirds do require special care, says Pat Enderle of Wild Birds Unlimited, in the University Square Shopping Center at 3116 Walton in Rochester Hills.

"But the beauty of them and the joy that they bring is worth the effort," she said.

Hummingbirds help pollinate flowers, and eat spiders, aphids and gnats.

ATTRACTING

Dozens of plants, shrubs and vines draw hummingbirds. Even apartment or condo residents can attract them with a particular flower or a window feeder.

'The deal with the hummingbird is you can do 14 things right to one thing wrong and you lose.'

Gary Phillips
Backyard Birds

Farmington Hills.
"Fuchsia is a big favorite of them." (See related article.)

The color red attracts hummingbirds. While they feed at many different colors of flowers, they learn that red tubular flowers often contain the most nectar.

Water misters, or sprinklers

PLANNING A GARDEN FOR HUMMINGBIRDS

Hummingbirds learn that red tubular flowers often contain the most nectar, but you wouldn't want only red tubular flowers in your garden.

Hummingbirds like many types of flowers, and different flowers attract insects that hummingbirds eat.

Among other plants that hummingbirds like are those in the bluebell (such as cardinal flower) and buttercup (columbine) families, clethra "summersweet," weigela, daylilies, lupine, penstemon, hibiscus, ajuga, hollyhocks, bleeding heart, bee balm and honeysuckle.

For a hummingbird-friendly garden, the Wild Birds Unlimited Web site suggests:

■ Create both sun and shade areas. The flowers need the sun and hummingbirds need the shade to perch in between feedings.

■ Remember the importance of plants that provide nesting materials, such as willow and eucalyptus trees. Hummingbirds use downy-like materials with bits of leaves, spider webs, moss and lichens.

PLEASE SEE BIRDS, C4

MARKET PLACE

Submissions

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

Retro decor

Many homeowners are applying nostalgic attitudes in decorating these days. Retro fashions are popping up on walls everywhere. Brewster Wallcovering Company's Remember When line is filled with wallpapers and borders that have retro themes from almost all of the major eras of the 1900s.



www.brewsterwallcovering.com or write Brewster Wallcovering Company, 67 Pacella Park Drive, Randolph, MA 02368.

The line includes styles that are reminiscent of the 1930s American West and the rock-and-roll spirit of the 1950s. Among features of other designs are muted tones and refined scenes from the early 1900s, images of vaudeville, musicians from the 1920s, and musical notes on a silvery background.

For more information, call (800) 366-1700, visit



COURTESY JOHN JORDAN

Light-reflective address signs from Address America, Operation House ID, help paramedics and others responding to an emergency find the right house.

Reflective house signs help save time, lives

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Number, please.

That phrase takes on special significance in an emergency, when time is precious. An address that can be read quickly and easily from the street helps paramedics and others responding to an emergency find the right house sooner.

John Jordan offers what could be a life-saver: light-reflective address signs from a company called Address America, Operation House ID.

As Address America area coordinator, he has had the signs installed at the fronts of residences in Livonia, Oak Park, Ferndale and Berkley.

"Getting a cold pizza is one thing," Jordan said. "But when it's a life-and-death situation ...

"As sophisticated as our emergency response system is, the breakdown is the individual who makes it difficult to find their house. When it gets to be dusk or you're dealing with inclement weather, it can be very time consuming to locate an address."

The weather-resistant signs feature numerals made of the same reflective material as highway signs. Most of the numerals are 3 or 4 inches tall.

The address sign can be installed on a pole or frame so it is free standing in a yard, fastened on a streetside mailbox, hung on a yard lamppost, or mounted on a house or brick mailbox. Installation is done for the customer.

Styles feature a variety of patterns. Made of powder-coated steel, coated aluminum and polypropylene, the signs resemble wrought-iron, but can be painted.

Prices range from \$29 to \$54. These include \$29 for a house-mounted design, \$39 for the Oak pattern on a 30-inch pole, and \$49 for the Rose pattern on a 48-inch pole.

The tallest sign is the Excalibur style, featuring 5-inch numerals and a 60-inch pole; cost is \$54. The vertical Windsor style, for a streetside mailbox, has 3-inch numerals on both sides; cost is \$29.

Customized nameplates or personal greeting signs can be added for \$19. Among the greetings available are Home Sweet Home and Welcome.

The signs also will help guests, delivery and repair people, and taxi drivers find the correct address.

Jordan said he discovered Address America while he was on the Internet and thought the signs were a "much needed product."

Address America was founded in 1992, and the Operation House ID program introduced nationwide after several years of research. The program's home office in Ridgeland, Miss., ships materials to local affiliates.

For more information, call Jordan at (248) 682-0380, or visit www.addressamerica.com/index.asp or www.addressamerica.biz/store/signs.asp?username=jhJordan.

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Manufacturers need to notify consumers about product defects

This column is directed to the state lawmakers.

I would like to see a new law requiring appliance retailers to register any purchase of



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

major home appliances with registration cards sent directly to the manufacturer. I would like manufacturers to be responsible for notifying each and every consumer of any changes (which includes correcting any errors in production which causes malfunctions or safety hazards) within the first five years of owner-

ship.

Don't stop reading now, it gets better!

Appliances often are discovered to have a flaw several months after they were produced. Only a select few appliance servicers receive information about the defect which is covered by extended warranties from the manufacturers. Those remaining technicians don't have a clue about the design problem and every consumer who receives service from them later ends up paying for the repairs.

Many times it is repeated service for factory-created problems.

Say there's a certain manufacturer, where after eight months of production on a refrigerator, the company announces to a select few ser-

vicers that the defrost heater is likely to be defective in the second or third year of operation. This repair will cost a homeowner more than \$150, but the manufacturer will cover it.

Who knows about this problem? Not the homeowner, because they were never sent any notice nor many service companies across the country. After a few million of these refrigerators were sold and the defrost heater failed in the second or third year, who do you think paid for the repairs? Most repairs were paid by consumers and they didn't have to.

Without some form of necessary legal requirement placed on dealers and manufacturers, this old practice will continue to flourish. Take a woman who has repairs done on her microwave oven to the tune of

over \$300.

Because the microwave oven is beyond the first year of the warranty, she called an independent servicer who has been taking care of her products for years. The product still didn't work correctly, so in desperation she called the manufacturer. The company's service personnel informed her that they knew of a particular problem with her microwave, would fix it at no charge and indicated that there was an extended warranty on this particular component.

The fact that many consumers don't read their warranty information is as true today as it was years ago.

Even so, a simple law can help save millions of dollars in needless expense to consumers.

In my reading of service pointers (factory information supplied to select repair companies) I learn of many different things which can correct different problems on appliances. For example, the foam backing in the "cold control" of the refrigerator was installed backwards and needs to be reversed or food will freeze.

Now, who in blazes is going to know this information unless they are told directly by the factory? (By the way, many of these service pointers exist, not just a few.)

In the 1970s a federal law mandated that manufacturers know who purchased a microwave oven.

At that time it was believed that this new product might cause health-related problems and studies were not yet

completed.

During that time I worked for a major manufacturer of appliances and we knew that we had the government looking over our shoulder. We couldn't afford to make any kind of mistake in the production of our microwave oven.

Today, many years later, maybe we should use that analogy for all of appliances. Many state lawmakers have had the past few years to learn the ropes.

They can call me to discuss this matter.

Stay tuned.

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.

Touch the tropics with flowering plants

If you're looking for a great way to add color to your yard this summer, consider a tropical plant.

Shipments from Florida and California offer everything



Landscaper's Cove

Rick Vespa

from bright hibiscus to fragrant jasmine. They are perfect for patios because they grow well in containers. Tropicals also provide screening to define areas.

Most varieties need full sun, with six to eight hours of

direct light daily. Fertilize every 10 days to two weeks, and you'll be rewarded with

beautiful blooms throughout summer.

Popular varieties include:

■ Bougainvillea: A profusion of vivid flowers on a vigorous, showy vine.

■ Canna: Large, exotic leaves with orange or yellow flowers.

■ Citrus plants (lemon, lime, orange): Medium to tall shrubs or small trees with glossy, green foliage and flowers that produce fruits.

■ Hibiscus: A handsome, showy shrub excellent for screening or containers. It has large flowers in many colors, from single to double blooms.

■ Gardenia: A glossy, green shrub with fragrant white blooms.

■ Jasmine: Highly fragrant cluster of button-like flowers on a vining plant.

■ Mandevilla: Vigorous evergreen vine with green, glossy oval leaves and enormous trumpet-shaped flowers in a profusion of colors.

■ Passion Vine: Evergreen, twining branches hold glossy green foliage and showy star-like flowers.

Flowering tropicals are considered annuals in Michigan, but many can be brought indoors during winter. Place the plant near a window facing south or west to receive bright light.

Water the plant, but don't fertilize. Bring it outside next year after the frost has passed, and enjoy another season of beauty.

Rick Vespa is vice president of Landscape Design & Installation for English Gardens.

Find potential treasures at garage sales

For those looking to snag deals on items like toys, clothing or housewares, week-ends are spent at local garage sales.

Besides the potential to find treasures at a discount, many find such sales alluring because of their variety. You'll never know what kinds of things you'll find.

If you want to hit some sales, search newspapers to see which ones are located nearby. Map the area so you have a game plan.

Start early.

Stop at the bank before you hit the sales: Most garage sales sellers only accept cash and having some ones and fives on hand is good, especially if you plan to make small purchases.

You also might want to bring your own tote bag to stash your

'It's okay to leave a sale emptyhanded: You aren't obligated to make a purchase at every yard sale.'

wares in. As in any store, items at garage sales can be overpriced or underpriced. If you feel like you aren't getting a good deal, try bargaining with the seller.

As long as you are friendly and not intimidating, the person will likely be willing to negotiate the price with you.

If you see something you like that's too pricey and the seller won't budge on the price, give him your name and number.

Tell him that if it's not sold by the end of the day and he's willing to reduce the price, you'll take it.

And, if you don't see something you want on display, tell the seller what you'd like.

Perhaps it is hidden inside.

Sometimes, you can profit off items you buy at a garage sale. You can sell something to a thrift shop or pawn it off online. But make your purchases carefully.

Ask yourself if you can use what you are buying, give it as a gift or resell it for profit.

Or maybe it has a "potential" use.

An old leather boot can be used as an outdoor can planter, or an old toy dump truck can make a flower planter.

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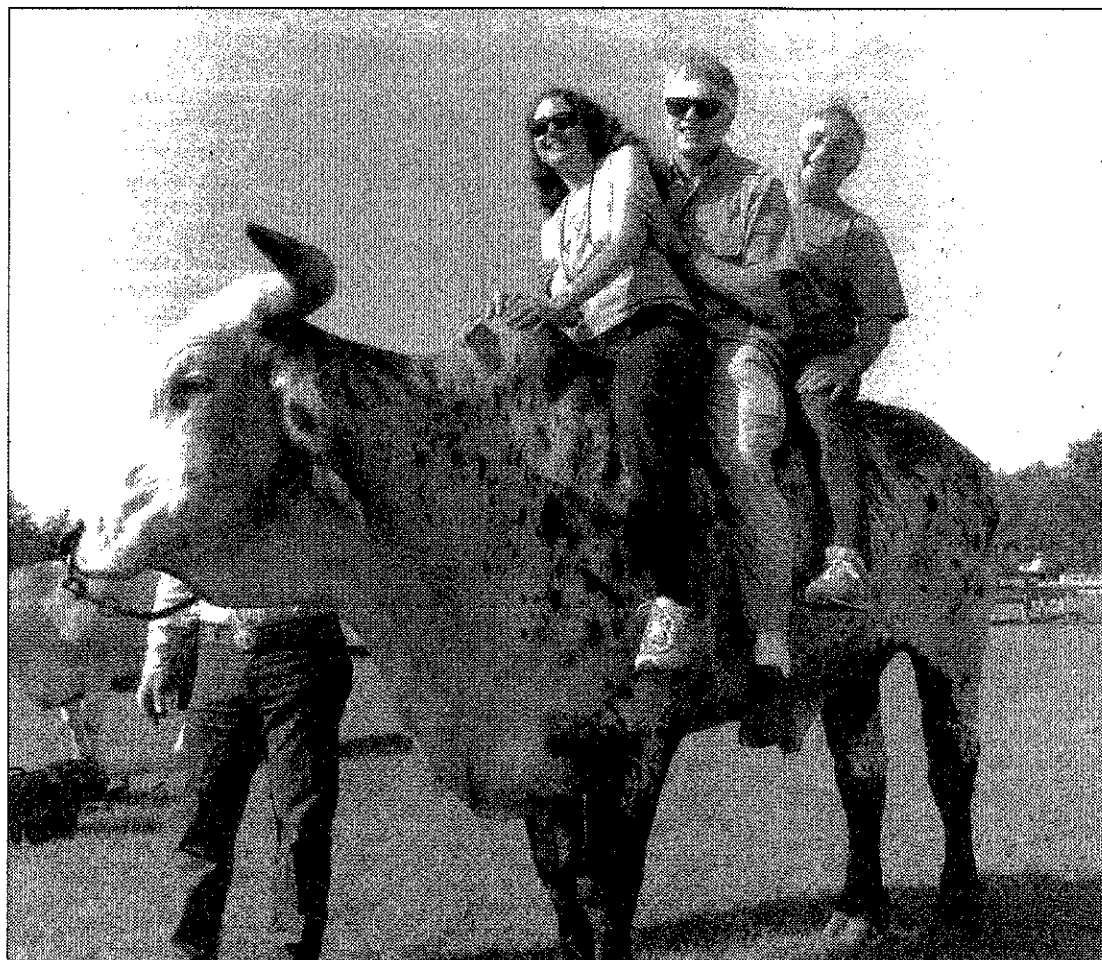
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Jill Enfield, Rick Sammon and Monte Nagler sit happily atop 2,200 pound Sir George as Jim Jurewicz documents this delightful moment on film.

Put a little humor in your shots

We've all heard the expression "lighten up" and "don't take life so seriously" as common phrases of how best to deal with life's day-to-day stresses. And we all know how important it is to have and maintain a good sense of humor to get through pressure-filled days.



Focus on Photography

Monte Nagler

Have you ever thought about "lightening up" on your photography by putting some humor in your shots? Doing so can be refreshing and will add variety to your photographic portfolio.

You can put humor in your photographs two ways: Intentionally planning or stumbling onto a funny situation.

'Have you ever thought about 'lightening up' on your photography by putting some humor in your shots?'

Planned humor can begin at home with your children and family pets. You can dress up your little girl in mom's high heels and makeup or pose your Labrador on the piano bench ready to play a Mozart concerto!

Have a cat and goldfish? How about setting your feline alongside the goldfish bowl and then waiting for that hungry, lip-smacking look in his eyes. Or the next time grandma and grandpa come to visit, think up some slapstick routine involving the family that you can capture on film.

The second type of humor photography requires more

spontaneity on your part because most often the action is in front of you almost before you know it. And unless you're ready, you may miss the shot.

At the completion of a recent workshop I taught at Michigan's Double JJ Ranch with photographers Jill Enfield and Rick Sammon, the ranch owner thought it would be a great photo op if the three of us posed atop his prize bull, Sir George. This wasn't just any bull, but a 2,200-pounder with all the trimmings! We weren't up there very long but friend and photographer Jim Jurewicz was ready with his camera and captured this humorous and fun-filled picture.

Always try to be on the lookout for humor both with and without your camera. After all, lightening up is a real "snap"!

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

HOME AND GARDEN CALENDAR

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.)

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.

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For more information, contact your local Home Depot.

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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.

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A store that sells alcohol-free Listermint spray mouth wash for Marilyn.

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A store that repairs vintage and costume jewelry for Jill.

A store that sells the Subtract girdle for Ellen.

A store that sells the replacement baking tin tray for a Black & Decker toaster oven/broiler for Judy of Birmingham.

A store that sells clip-on

earrings button style (about the size of a quarter) in white or black for Halina.

A store that sells brown socks to make the monkey puppets for Margaret of Livonia.

A store that sells Pilot gel ink pens for Leo.

A store that sells 8-inch candles for a wall sconce in the color Colonial blue for Ann of Garden City.

A store that sells Ashley Taylor shoes (formerly sold at Kmart) for Karen of Redford Township.

A store that sells Red Wing wrapping paper and a Red Wing hand stamp for Nancy.

By Sandi Jarackas

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1. Sunflower measurement must be taken from soil level to the base of the head where the stem attaches to the flower.
2. Seed head measurement must be taken diagonally across the seed head (not including the rays of the flower).
3. Participants must send the official entry form (or a facsimile) to: High Hopes Sunflower Contest, The Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI. 48009. To fax call (248) 644-1314. Judges will notify contest finalists to verify height and size. One entry per household.
4. Winners will be announced in the newspaper in September.
5. Employees and families of the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers aren't eligible.
6. Decisions of the judges are final.
7. Entrants must live in Oakland or Wayne County to be eligible.
8. Gift certificates from English Gardens will be awarded to the winners - \$75 first place, \$50 second place and \$25 third place. Prizes will be awarded at English Gardens, 6370 Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield, MI.

My sunflower height is:

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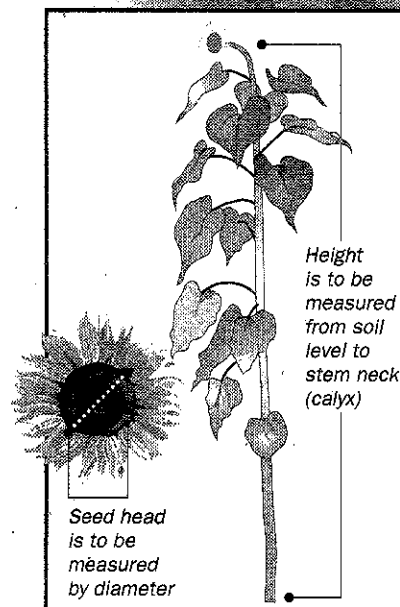
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BIRDS

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that give a gentle spray and are placed close to a bush, also appeal to them.

"They like flying through misters and that's how they take a shower," Phillips said.

FACTS

The ruby-throated hummingbird is the only one that is seen in the eastern half of the United States. Its breeding period is from late March into August. It migrates northward from late February to mid-May, and southward from late July to late October.

A ruby-throated hummingbird weighs 3 grams (1/10 the weight of a first-class letter). An average hummingbird consumes half its weight in sugar each day. When it's hovering, its wings move in a figure eight pattern.

The hummingbird doesn't suck nectar. Rather, it uses a long, slender tongue with grooves along the sides to lap nectar like a dog laps water from a dish. (The hummingbird takes 13 licks per second.)

Hummingbirds don't always hover while they feed. They will sit on a perch, if one is available.

A perch, however, may attract orioles and other birds that will make the hole (in the feeder) bigger to get at the nectar and will crowd out the hummingbirds.

Most of the things to keep in mind about hummingbirds have to do with the feeder.

FEEDERS

Feeders come in assorted sizes, shapes and styles. You can select one that you hang, that stands on a stake or that attaches by a suction cup to a window. There are small feeders designed for children. Ant guards and bee guards are available.

Some feeders can turn a yard into a mini art gallery, with such features as blown glass in a variety of colors, or copper leaf accents. Some resemble "flying saucers."

"You don't have to spend a lot of money," Phillips said.

He said the feeder most popular with hummingbirds is around \$12.99. This plastic feeder has a slight hourglass shape, and a red top and base.

Enderle showed some new feeder items, including a feeder in a teeter-totter style with a perch on each side. Another feeder consists of several tubes; you can buy replacement tubes and put in tubes filled with fresh nectar when you remove others for cleaning.

Whatever type of feeder you get, be sure that it is easy to clean. It's important to clean the feeder every two or three days after the temperature gets up to 60 degrees (and about two or three times a week before). The feeder should be placed in the shade and out of the wind. And keep it away from feeders for other types of birds, as the birds mean competition.

"They're the smallest bird with the biggest attitude," Phillips said of hummingbirds.

"The hummingbird is such a feisty bird he'll chase a hawk."

NECTAR

The hummingbird's menu includes nectar, and insects for protein - no seeds.

You can buy nectar or make your own. Liskiewicz shared a recipe using 1 part sugar and 4 parts water. Boil the mixture (1 to 2 minutes) to sterilize and to dissolve the sugar, then let it cool. Store extra nectar in the refrigerator.

Don't add red dye, and don't use honey.

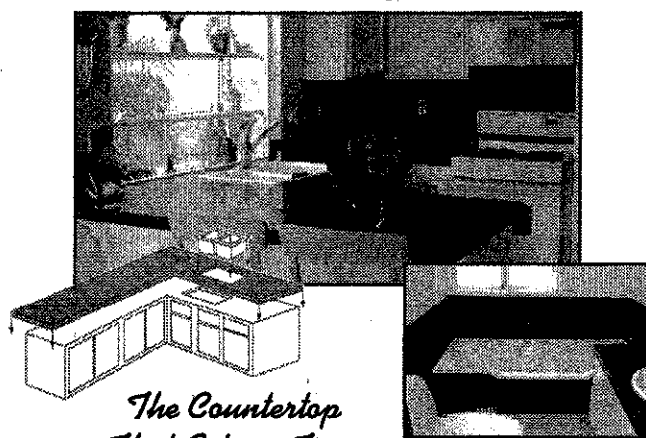
"Honey causes a mold that can be fatal," Liskiewicz said.

Start putting the feeder out in mid to late April.

If you haven't seen a hummingbird at your feeder, the reason could be that the feeder is in direct competition with all of your flowers, Phillips said. He compared it to a traveler seeing signs for free food everywhere and being unable to decide where to eat. Other possible explanations include that there aren't many plants in your area that hummingbirds like, or that you left your feeder empty for too long and the hummingbirds are looking for food somewhere else. If the experience with a feeder at one location isn't good, try moving it to a different spot.

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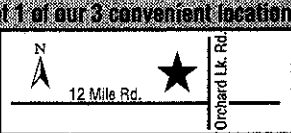
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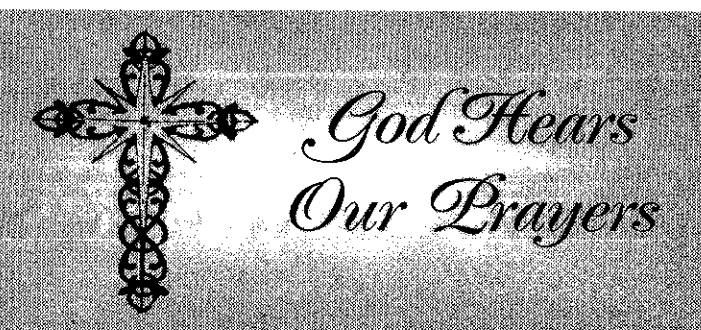
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AUGUST

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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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Walk on wild side with flowers named after animals

August is the month when I often think of visiting the zoo. Many families choose this as a destination when they need a break from the usual busy summer activities.



Garden Spot

Marty Figley

Today we'll wander down a garden path and visit flowers that have animal names. Let's begin with lion's ear (*Leonotis*), which is in the mint family, so the stem is square.

The clusters of showy, two-lipped flowers come in red-orange, scarlet and orange, as well as white, and are arranged around the stem in tiers. They will roar with delight when you visit.

What would a trip to the zoo be without monkey flowers (*Mimulus*)? Their cheerful, funny-faced, snapdragon-like flowers have five lobes or petals, bloom in shades of red, pink, yellow and orange, and are often spotted with contrasting colors.

The fall zebra (*Zebrinus*) grass is tall and stately, just like the animals of the same name. Young leaves have no yellow bands at first but develop them as they mature. Fluffy pinkish flowers bloom in the fall. This plant likes to grow at water's edge but will do well in a regular garden.

Watch closely as you might see butterfly flowers (*Schizanthus pinnatus*) flitting around in the zoo gardens.

The plants grow one-half to 1-1/2 feet tall with fernlike leaves and clusters of tubular flowers with flaring lips.

They come in shades of pink, purple, red, yellow or white.

The throats are often

marked in contrasting colors.

Always a favorite animal, bear's breeches (*Acanthus spinosus*) has spiny leaves and pretty bicolor purple and white flowers on tall spikes. Just like the real animal, it could hurt you if you get too close (because of the spikes).

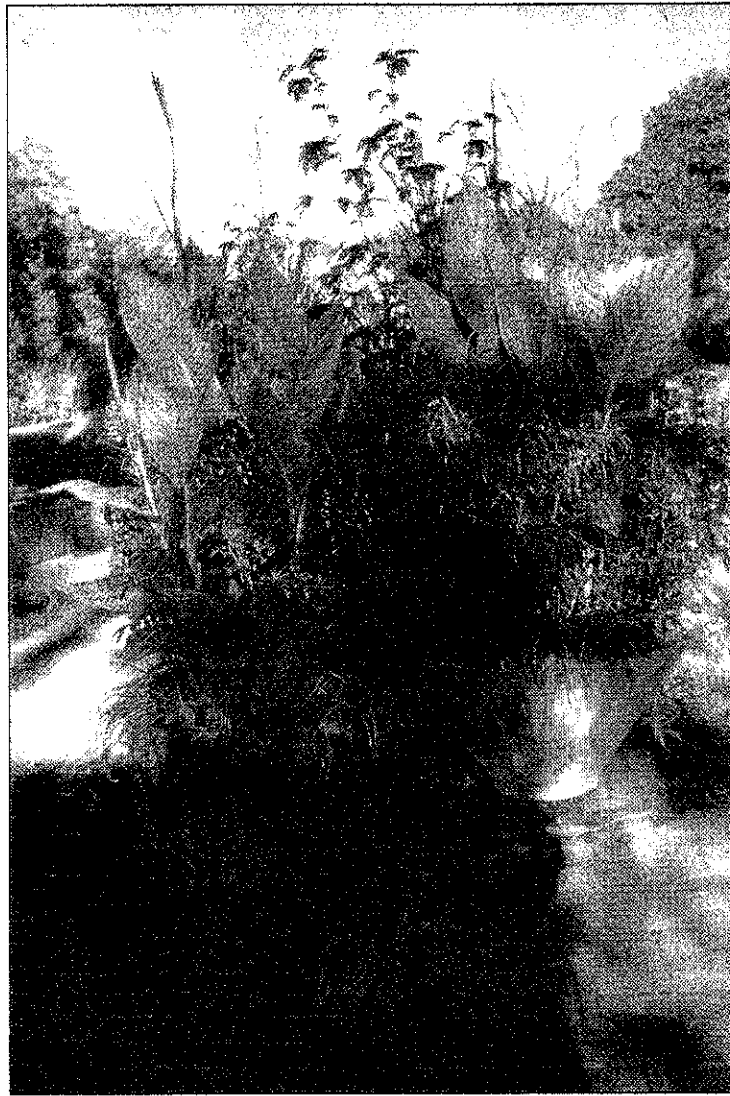
The elephant's ear (*Colocasia*) is very large. These lumbering, yet graceful animals are not to be missed on a visit to the zoo.

The plants spread by underground tubers, and many of them are attractive with huge

leaves and striking green or purple colors in the foliage and the stems. The flowers are striking additions to pond gardens.

Although this is the wrong time of the year to see fawns, a visit next year may be in order. Nevertheless, the fawn lily (*Erythronium americanum*) is an interesting plant. It is as skittish as a baby fawn in that it only appears for about a month before it returns to the earth.

The leaves on young plants are light green and mottled



This pot is blooming with animal-named flowers at Longwood Gardens. You might want to plant the same thing sometime.

'The clusters of showy, two-lipped flowers come in red-orange, scarlet and orange, as well as white, and are arranged around the stem in tiers. They will roar with delight when you visit.'

with tan spots, and the chrome yellow flowers bend backward to expose six brown stamens.

Tiger lilies (*Lilium tigrinum*) grow 3 to 4 feet high and bloom with bright orange/red flowers with purplish black dots. Tigers at the zoo in a small way resemble the color, although in muted tones. They, too, will roar with delight when they see you.

FARM FRIENDS

When you visit the farm area at the zoo, here are three more flower animals:

Pigsqueak (*Bergenia*) has small, clump-forming flowers in the spring. The leaves are bright green and leathery, and

they turn red in the winter. Rub a leaf between your fingers and it will squeal like a pig.

Lamb's ear (*Stachys byzantina*) has gray-green leaves that are soft and fuzzy like a lamb's ear. It's fun to make a bow with the leaves.

With hens and chicks (*Sempervivum Crassulaceae*), look for the little chicks around the larger mother.

Ridges of thatched roofs were planted with succulents with these plants to protect the house from lightning years ago.

They're ideal for small gardens, and there are many types. The colors range from

shades of reds and greens:

A visit to the zoo wouldn't be complete without some cotton candy and a balloon flower (*Platycodon grandiflorus*) to remind you of a happy day. The buds are balloon-shaped, thus the name. They open to reveal bell-shaped blue, white or pink flowers.

I hope you've enjoyed this summer outing. Perhaps you can share it with some children and see what other animal flowers you can find in the garden.

Another thought: Did you notice how the botanical name is similar to the "animal" one?

Goodgarden Tip: Dry heads of hydrangeas by hanging them in bunches of no more than three in a warm, dry, dark, well-ventilated place, for winter bouquets.

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

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Side dish

Organic sales rise

American shoppers spent nearly \$36.4 billion on natural and organic products in 2002, according to research published in the 22nd annual market overview in the June issue of *The Natural Foods Merchandiser*.

The Natural Foods Merchandiser (www.nfm-online.com) is a leading



trade magazine serving the natural and organic products industry and is read by more than 15,000 retailers and industry leaders each month.

In a year of economic stagnation, natural products sales increased 6.6 percent across all sales channels, including supermarkets, mass marketers, direct marketers and the Internet.



Sales of organic products rose 17.3 percent in natural products stores in 2002.

Some of the healthiest gains were in organic produce, up 33 percent; frozen and refrigerated foods, up 18 percent; nutrition bars, up 20 percent; organic beer and wine, up 56 percent; and nondairy beverages such as soy and rice milk, up 13 percent.

Additional statistics and facts about one of the nation's fastest-growing consumer segments may be found in *The Natural Foods Merchandiser's* market overview.

Open for lunch

Bahama Breeze is now open for lunch.

Weekday lunch is now available at the Caribbean-style restaurant at 19600 Haggerty in Livonia. Entree prices on the lunch menu range from \$6.99 to \$15.99 with most entrees around \$10.

Refreshing drink

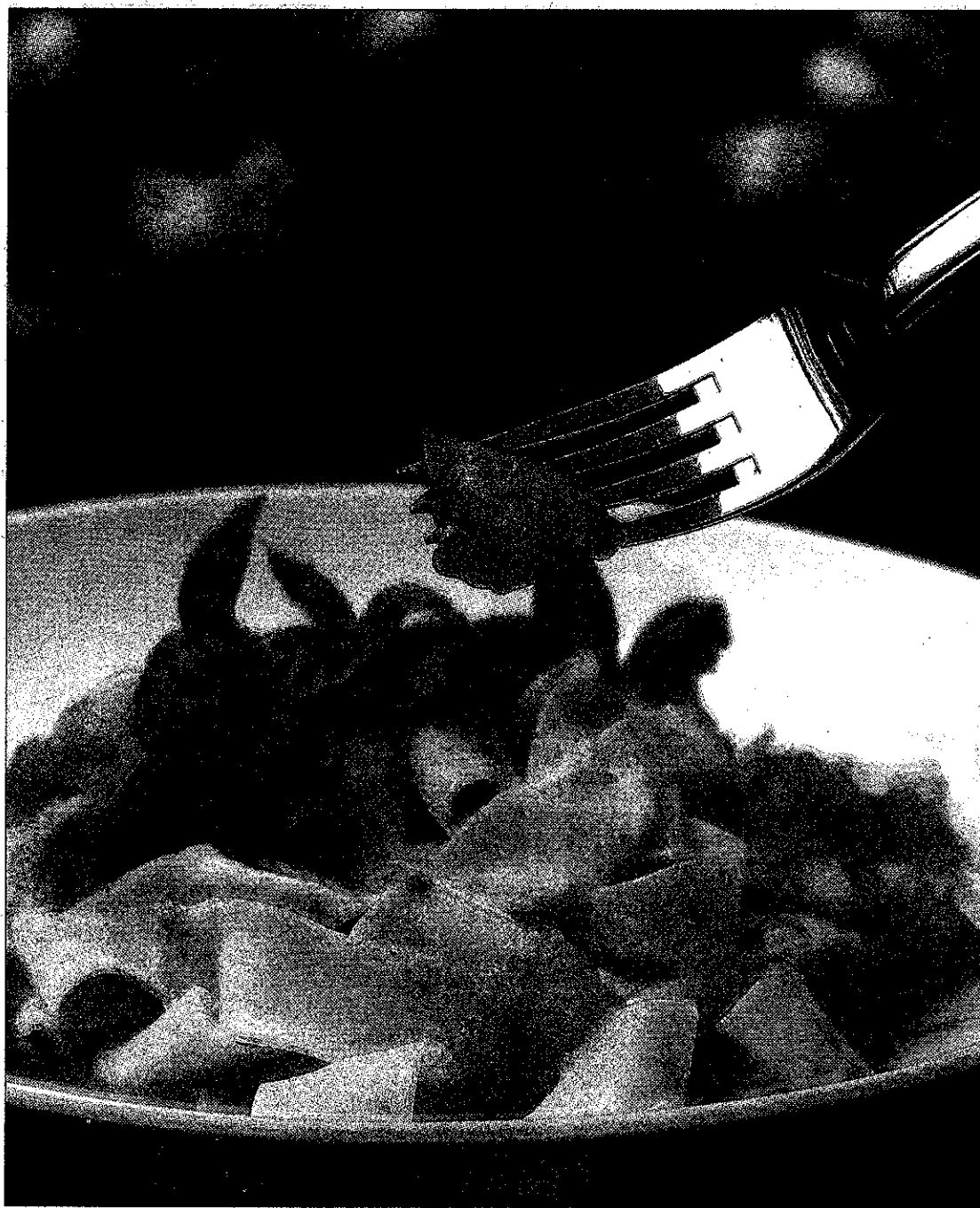
Canarino, a refreshing lemon drink that Italians have enjoyed for hundreds of years, is now being produced and sold in the United States, with an eye toward diet- and health-conscious consumers. The all-natural drink has no caffeine, sugar, sodium or calories.

Canarino is a hot drink - it can be served cold just by adding ice - made from the peels of lemons.

The Italians discovered long ago that there was a delicate, smooth flavor to be derived from the natural lemon oils and flavors in the lemon peel.

They used it for centuries to produce the liqueur called Limoncello, which has recently been marketed in this country, and to produce a pleasing hot lemon drink, now being sold as Canarino.

A box of 20 individual bags costs \$5.99. Canarino can be obtained at select specialty food stores throughout the United States and can also be purchased from the company's Web site, www.canarino.com.



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Cafe Cortina's sauces marry the flavors of herbs and tomatoes from the restaurant's garden.

Simple and Fresh

STORY BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Tomato sauces are as individual as the fingerprints on the chef at each pot. The results depend on how much time you spend and the ingredients you add, ranging from a dash of salt in canned sauce to starting with homegrown tomatoes and adding from your own herb garden.

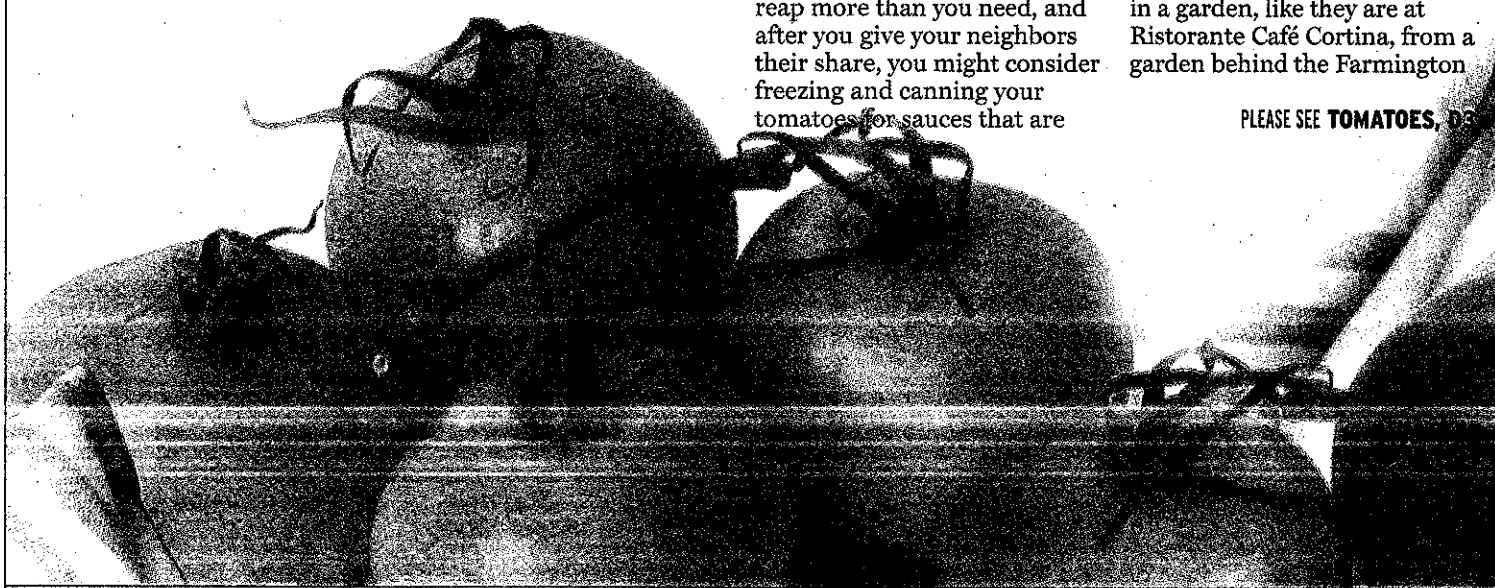
If you decide to start from scratch, those succulent, flavorful red balls grow in abundance in backyard gardens throughout Michigan in July, August, September and, if you're lucky, into October. You'll probably reap more than you need, and after you give your neighbors their share, you might consider freezing and canning your tomatoes for sauces that are

especially appreciated throughout the winter.

GROW YOUR OWN

Tomatoes used in sauces can be plucked from Roma plants in a garden, like they are at Ristorante Café Cortina, from a garden behind the Farmington

PLEASE SEE TOMATOES, D3



Southern Italy boasts consistent wine quality

Italy, or what is often referred to as "the boot," is a peninsula extending 750 miles from the Alps to the Mediterranean and includes 21 different wine-growing



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

regions. Southern Italy is comprised of the six wine regions south of Rome — namely Campania, Apulia, Basilicata and Calabria — plus the islands of Sicily and Sardinia.

Southern Italy produces 40 percent of Italy's wine and has less seasonal variation than regions to the north. This means more consistent quality from year to year, and because these regions are less famous than Tuscany and the Piedmont in the north, less expensive wines.

SARDINIA

"Sardinia," in the words of the English wine writer, Hugh Johnson, "is a strange, timeless island adrift in the center of things and yet remote." In fact, Sardinia is so detached from Italy's mainland that its dominant grape varieties are of Spanish origin.

At the south end of Sardinia is a winery known as Argiolas, which makes a very good white wine from the vermentino grape. The 2002 Costamolino (\$10) is 100 percent varietal vermentino with floral and pear aromas and bright, fresh flavors that suggest pairing with shellfish. Argiolas 2001 Costera (\$14) is a red wine made of 90 percent cannonau, a relative of the southern French grenache, showing aromas of red fruits and tannins that yield a dry finish. Try it with grilled lamb and spicy foods.

In recent years, quality producers like Tasca d'Almerita (better known as Regaleali) have raised the quality bar for the wines of Sicily. This family wine estate, since 1837, has also attracted Americans to Sicily because of its cooking school. The favorable weather as well as modern technology have given birth to balanced, dry wines with character. During the dog days of summer, there is nothing better than the dry, well-chilled 2002 Rose de Regaleali (\$12) to help you cool off at the end of the day.

If your menu includes grilled meats, try the 2000 Regaleali Cygnus (\$25), a red made from 75 percent nero d'Avola and 25 percent cabernet sauvignon. If the weather is hot, chill the wine for about 20 minutes before serving. With raspberry aromas and a big fruit statement on the palate, this wine boasts good structure, a mellow finish and nice length.

CALABRIA

Calabria is the toe of the Italian boot and its best growing region, known as Ciro, overlooks the Ionian Sea coast. The history of Ciro dates to the arrival of Greek

PLEASE SEE WINE, D4

From croquettes to cashews, culinary teams shine

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Think you're pretty sharp when it comes to culinary knowledge?

Try a Knowledge Bowl quiz. Here are some questions for you. Which nut is a member of the poison ivy family, and because of toxin resin on the hull, it is not available in the shell? Can you name the three parts of a wheat kernel? Which two leaveners act to help a croissant rise?

Those are a sample of the questions the members of Schoolcraft College's Knowledge Bowl team

faced in the American Culinary Federation national tournament on July 26 in Washington, D.C. (Sorry, but you'll have to read this entire article to get the answers.) And a few days after the Knowledge Bowl team won the 2003 national title, Chris Misiak, who coached the team, was still on "cloud nine." Schoolcraft's Salon team also competed and won its second ACF title in three years. The two titles mark the first time one culinary school has won both in the same year, school officials said.

"I was a nervous wreck,

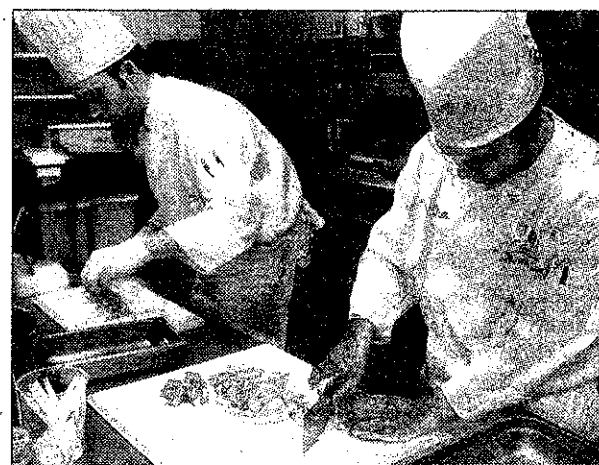
but we did really well," Misiak said. "For our first year, it really is an incredible story."

THEY'RE KNOWLEDGEABLE

The Knowledge Bowl team was formed in December with the encouragement of Bruce Konowalow, director of culinary arts at Schoolcraft. The team faced state and regional competitions, winning and advancing to the national level. The Schoolcraft team not only defeated college teams, but hotel and ACF clubs as well.

Knowledge Bowl team members are Mark Butcher of Northville, Kathryn Cillick of Livonia, team captain Richard Weinkauff of Farmington, Pam Charney of Grosse Ile and Carolyn Atcheson of Flat Rock. Misiak of Livonia, who is also an instructor at Schoolcraft, coached the team.

The Salon team is captain Mark Donovan of Westland, Adam Kline of Charlevoix, Jeremiah Brown of Petoskey, Brandon Taylor of Livonia and David Koshizawa of



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Salon team member Jeremiah Brown of Petoskey prepares the trout, while team captain Mark Donovan of Westland cuts up the duck during a recent practice.

PLEASE SEE CHAMPS, D2

Treat the grill menu to a new twist or two

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's not likely that summer cooks will soon tire of the fun of firing up the grill.

It's not likely, either, that families will fail to identify their favorite foods to grill. However, every now and then the cook can ring the changes — putting together a menu that throws in a new flavor, a twist in seasonings, a different combination of ingredients.

It's easily done, using standard ingredients. Here are a couple of recipes to try, together or in other combinations.

The Honeyed Pork and Mango Kebabs are a tasty blend of savory, spicy and sweet. The pork is marinated in a mixture of honey, apple juice and hot pepper sauce, then grilled with mango chunks and onions. Spinach and Grapefruit Salad would hold its own well as an accompaniment to many robust grilled dishes, adding a refreshing tang. The familiar spinach-bacon base gets a citrus lift from the juicy addition of grapefruit.

HONEYED PORK AND MANGO KEBABS

- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/4 cup frozen apple juice concentrate, thawed
- 3 tablespoons hot cayenne pepper sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 1 pound pork tenderloin, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 large (12 ounces) ripe mango, peeled, pitted and cut into 1/4-inch cubes
- 1/2 cup frozen baby onions, partially thawed

Combine honey, juice concentrate, hot sauce and allspice in small saucepan.

Bring to a boil over medium heat. Reduce heat to low; cook, stirring, 5 minutes. Stir in lemon peel.

Remove from heat. Pour 1/4 cup marinade into small bowl; reserve.

Place pork in large resealable plastic storage bag. Pour remaining marinade over pork. Seal

bag; refrigerate 1 hour. Prepare grill.

To prepare dipping sauce: Place 1/4 cup mango cubes in blender or food processor. Add reserved 1/4 cup marinade.

Cover; process until pureed. Transfer to serving bowl; set aside.

Alternately thread pork, remaining mango cubes and onions onto metal skewers. Place skewers on oiled grill. Grill over medium-low coals, 12 to 15 minutes or until pork is no longer pink. Serve kebabs with dipping sauce.

Makes 6 servings (3/4 cup dipping sauce).

Note: You may substitute 1/2 cups fresh or frozen peach cubes for fresh mango.

Recipe for AP from Frank's RedHot.

SPINACH AND GRAPEFRUIT SALAD

- 10-ounce bag spinach, leaves washed, stemmed and torn
- 2 cups sliced mushrooms
- 1/2 red onion, sliced into thin wedges
- 6 slices uncooked bacon, cut into thin strips
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1/2 cup cider vinegar
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 3 tablespoons spicy mustard
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 pink grapefruits, peeled and cut into sections

Place spinach in large salad bowl. Add mushrooms and onion; set aside. Cook bacon in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until bacon is crisp. Drain; reserve 2 tablespoons drippings in pan.

Combine 1/2 cup water and cornstarch in 2-cup measuring cup until blended. Stir in vinegar, sugar, mustard and Worcestershire. Pour into skillet with bacon drippings. Bring to a boil; simmer 2 minutes or until thickened, stirring constantly. Cool slightly.

Top salad with bacon and grapefruit. Pour dressing over salad; toss well to coat evenly. Serve immediately.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Recipe for AP from French's Mustard and Worcestershire Sauce.

CHAMPS

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and David Koshizawa of Canton. The team was coached by Joe Decker and Kevin Gawronski, two certified master chefs and instructors.

Each of the students on both teams won \$500 scholarships.

Misiak said he applied his experience with Knowledge Bowl competition from his high school days to assist the inaugural team for Schoolcraft.

Misiak said the team used the school's technology in the new VisTaTech facility to help them set up question and answer formats to practice.

For example, learning the cuts of lamb was outlined in a taped lecture in a demonstration class, then used by the Knowledge Bowl team. "The information we used is a lot like teaching a class," Misiak said. "That (technology) is a big boost to the students at the college."

"We used the computer system to develop games of our own, and now we have a database for future teams to use."

WINNING AGAIN

Schoolcraft College's Salon team won its second title in three years. But it wasn't without a glitch. In the hot foods competition that Sunday, team members learned that they would be using electric instead of gas burners.

Obviously the team has experience using electricity, but Gawronski reminded the team the day before of the residual heat left in pans heated with electricity.

The team worked on plating the salad dish and creating goat cheese croquettes for that plate. "They needed four plates of the salad, three which were going to the judges, so one of the croquettes was left in the pan," Gawronski said. "That pan was left on the burner, even though it was off, it over-browned the last croquette."

No problem. It was placed on the display dish, and turned upside down. Out of sight, out of mind and a winning plate.

The judges gave Schoolcraft the title in the hot foods competition, which consisted of knife skills on Saturday, and the actual food competition on



Schoolcraft College's Salon team won its second American Culinary Federation's Hot Food national competition in three years. Pictured are Chef Joe Decker, coach (left); Mark Donovan, team captain; Adam Kline, David Koshizawa,

Sunday.

Gawronski thought the team's practices prepared them well for the title. "They gave up two weeks of their lives to be prepared," Gawronski said. "They practiced sometimes twice a day. We got out there three days early and they practiced there and prepared for working in a different environment."

The practice session helped the night before, too. Two chefs who happened upon their practice critiqued their dishes. The ACF competition took place during the ACF's annual convention for new food products. One chef suggested a slight change in a trout filling for the first course, another thought a cookie needed to be moved from the sauce and peaches added.

The teams devised changes that final evening. They added shallots, white wine and cut the egg white in the trout dish and added marinated peaches to the dessert, sliding it under the S-shape of the cookie.

Gawronski said the team was the only one of the four teams practicing the night before. "We always encourage (chefs) to critique it," Gawronski said. "It may spark an idea."

For two days before, they used a kitchen at the hotel. The actual demonstration kitchen they didn't see until the night before.

TEAMWORK

On Saturday, the team competed in the knife skills competition. The team performed the following cuts on a potato: large dice, tournet (a football shape 1 1/2 inches long), fine brunoise (1/8-inch by 1/8-



Pictured are Schoolcraft College's ACF champion Knowledge Bowl team. Members are Pam Charney (left, front row), Kathryn Cillick, Carolyn Atcheson, Mark Butcher (left, second row), Rich Weinkauff, team captain, and chef Chris Misiak, team coach.

inch), julienne and batonet (1/4-inch by 1/4-inch). That was followed by a tomato concasse, which consisted of a 20-second boil, then shock of the tomato in ice water. It was then peeled, quartered, seeded and the outside flesh was diced, while the inside was cut up.

Parsley leaves were chopped "as fine as you can get it" to fill four tablespoons, said Gawronski. Two onions were diced, and one carrot was sliced, and two mushrooms were fluted.

On Sunday, the team cooked last of the four teams. The produce was shipped in the day before along with the fresh duck and the fresh trout.

Mark Donovan of Westland, the captain of the Salon team who also works at Knollwood Country Club in West Bloomfield, said he and the team members "knew what they had to do."

"We had to make that adjustment from gas to

electric, but everything worked out in the end," Donovan said.

The title speaks to the quality of the school's program, Gawronski said.

"It speaks to the entire staff and the quality of the training and the educational objectives we apply here," Gawronski said. "Everything we do we do as a team here."

"The input of the staff is critical, from Jeff (Gabriel), Dan (Hugelier) and Brian (Polcyn)," Gawronski said.

"They've always been there to help. (The title) continues to give us the credibility we deserve."

Oh, and here are those Knowledge Bowl answers. Cashews are a member of the poison ivy family,

The germ, endosperm and bran are the three parts of a wheat kernel. And a croissant rises through the action of yeast and steam.

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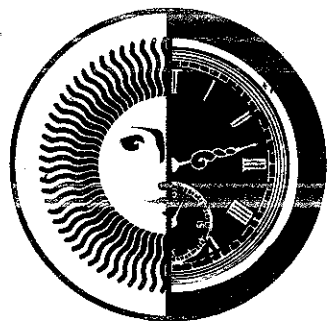
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Enjoy a warm spinach salad

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Warm spinach salad with seared scallops and roasted pepper vinaigrette is a stylish but simple main-course salad that can be prepared in less than half an hour.

The recipe is from "The Quick Recipe" (Boston Common Press, 2003, \$29.95), a cookbook compiled by the editors of Cook's Illustrated magazine.

The collection consists of more than 300 "quick-from-scratch" such recipes - about which you can be sure that when the reliable Cook's Illustrated claims they are exhaustively tested they mean that batch after batch of cookies or chops were made, for careful comparison.

All the recipes can be made in less than 60 minutes, start to finish. Otherwise, dishes included span a wide range - from scrambled eggs to Thai beef salad to berry cobblers.

This salad calls for searing the shellfish in the pan in which you build the vinaigrette, a step that takes very little time and makes a satisfying one-dish meal.

WARM SPINACH SALAD WITH SEARED SCALLOPS AND ROASTED PEPPER VINAIGRETTE

9 ounces baby spinach (about 8 cups lightly packed)
¾ cup sliced almonds
5 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 pound medium sea scallops, tendons removed (see note)
Salt
4 ounces jarred roasted red peppers, drained and cut into thin strips (about ½ cup)
2 medium shallots, sliced thin
½ teaspoon ground black pepper
1½ tablespoons sherry vinegar

Place the spinach in a large bowl and set it aside.

Toast the almonds in a 12-inch skillet over medium heat, shaking the pan occasionally to turn the nuts, until they are fragrant and lightly browned, about 3 minutes.

Transfer the almonds to the bowl with the spinach.

Add 2 tablespoons oil to the empty skillet, raise the heat to medium-high, and heat until the oil begins to smoke. Add the scallops, flat-side down, and cook until well browned, 2½ to 3 minutes. Using tongs, turn the scallops over, one at a time. Cook

until medium-rare (the sides will have firmed up and all but the middle third of the scallop will be opaque), about 45 seconds longer.

Transfer the scallops to a plate, season with salt to taste, and set aside.

Lower the heat to medium and add the remaining 3 tablespoons oil to the empty skillet along with the red peppers, shallots, ¼ teaspoon salt, and pepper.

Cook until the shallots soften slightly, about 2 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat and swirl in the vinegar.

Pour the warm dressing over the spinach and gently toss to wilt. Divide the spinach salad among 4 plates and arrange the scallops on top. Serve immediately.

Makes 4 main-course servings.

Note: The small, rough-textured, crescent-shaped muscle that attaches the scallop to the shell toughens when cooked.

Use your fingers to peel the tendons away from the side of each scallop before cooking.

Recipe from "The Quick Recipe" by the editors of Cook's Illustrated, Boston Common Press, 2003, \$29.95.

TASTE EVENTS

KOREAN COOKING

Mi Jung Lee, a Korean cooking instructor, will hold a cooking class at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8 at the Korean American Cultural Center, 24666 Northwestern Highway in Southfield. She will create a fusion-style California roll, chop che (a pasta salad), Ku-jol-pan (crepe wrap), marinated beef dish, Ta-rock-juk (Korean style porridge) and vegetarian Jeon (dipped in batter and pan-fried). Enjoy these creations. The class fee is \$10 to cover the ingredients and purchase a

gift for the instructor. Space is limited to the first 30 people. For information, call (248) 945-9044.

Good taste

The 10th annual Night of Good Taste benefit for the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Foundation will be held Thursday, Aug. 21 at the Radisson Kingsley Hotel in Bloomfield Hills. This year's event is "A Night of Good Taste Goes Fishin'" and features the culinary creations of Matt Prentice and the Unique Restaurant's Northern Lakes Seafood Company. Robbie

Timmons, Channel 7 newscaster and Jim Brandstatter, the voice of the Detroit Lions at WWJ Radio will co-host the event. Tickets begin at \$70. For ticket information, call (248) 443-5800, ext. 4632.

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WINE

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colonists who discovered existing vineyards and called the land Enotria, the "land of trained vines."

Cantina Librandi has a reputation as the best producer in Calabria.

Librandi's 2001 Ciro Rosso Classico (\$10) is produced from the antique vine gaglioppo, known for its high level of tannin and hints of tar.

The wine is tank fermented and not wood aged since toasty notes evolve from the grape, according to winery manager, Enzo Massei.

Librandi's dedication to tradition combined with innovation is illustrated in the 1999 Gravello (\$27), a wine with international appeal.

Gaglioppo is blended with 40 percent cabernet sauvignon that has been aged 12 to 14 months in one-third new French oak.

The blend is made after aging and produces a wine

with aromas of black cherry and black currant, chewy tannins and an exceptionally long finish.

APULIA

If it were a country by itself, Apulia, at the heel of "the boot," produces enough wine to be seventh largest in the world. The traditional wines of Apulia are inky reds made from negroamaro, primitivo and malvasia nera.

However, in recent years, this region has seen a trend toward white wines, like the 2002 Botromagno Gravena Bianco (\$10), a blend of 60 percent greco di tufo and 40 percent malvasia.

This wine has intriguing citrus and mineral elements that suggest serving with shellfish or Thai cuisine.

La Corte, another Apulian winery, founded in 1998, specializes in dry-farmed, old-vine zinfandel (primitivo) and negroamaro.

In 2001, La Corte hired the renowned Australian

winemaker, Chris Ringland, to craft the wines grown in Apulia's warm southern climate.

With vineyards cooled by the breezes from the Adriatic and Ionian seas, La Corte produces bold red wines with deep color.

The La Corte 2002 Anfora Zinfandel (\$14) is named so because zinfandel is related to the primitivo grape grown in Apulia.

This wine shows raspberry and blackberry fruits, a rich palate expression and velvety finish.

The 2002 La Corte Solys (\$14) is an exciting red made of 100 percent negroamaro. A mélange of red and black fruits greets the nose, followed by an explosion of rich, plump flavors on the palate.

Look for delicious and value-priced wines from the southern Italian producers we've mentioned.

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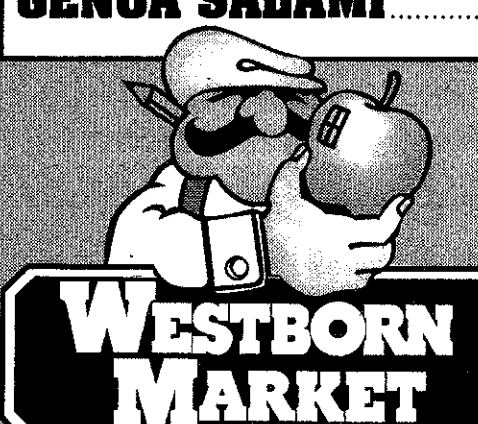
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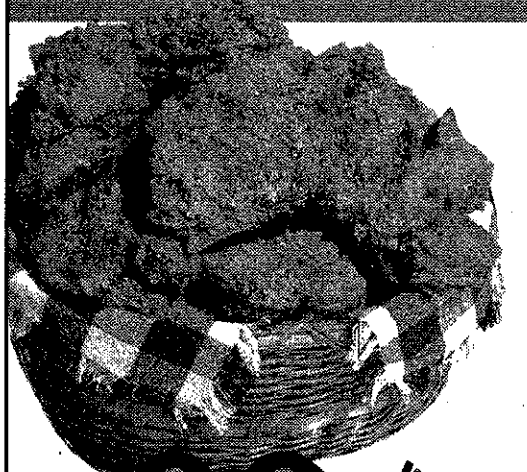
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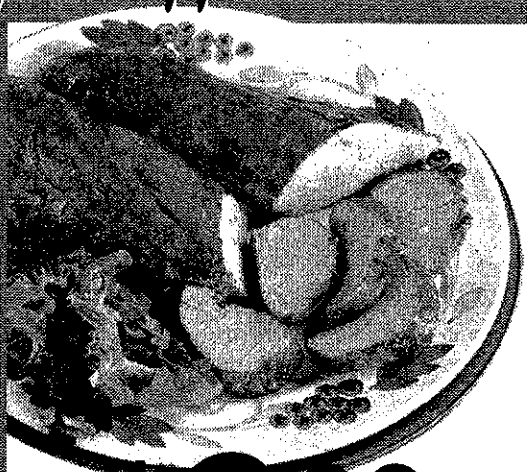
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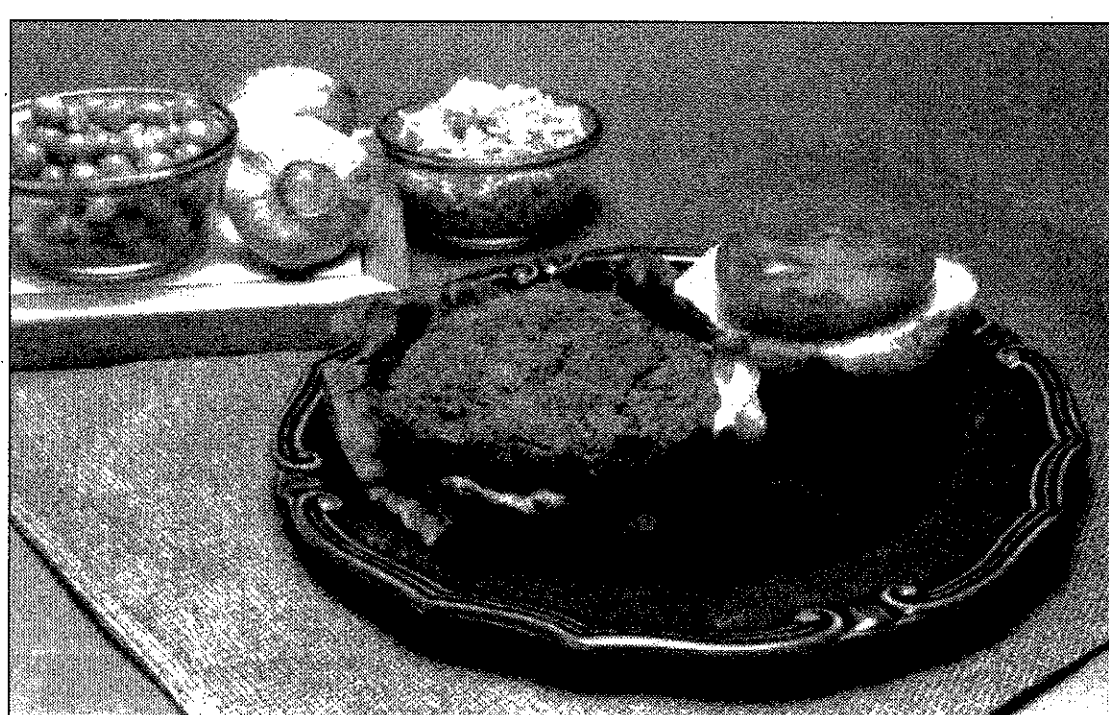
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Out of the frying pan, under the grill

An ancient Middle Eastern snack food can be turned into a good, light American dinner.

Falafel are small, deep-fried balls made of spicy ground beans. Crunchy on the outside and moist and tender inside, they're usually tucked into pita bread and served with a yogurt-based sauce.

By taking falafel out of the frying pan and putting them under the grill, this side dish can be enjoyed with less fat but with full flavor.

Although falafel is considered the national food of Israel, it is thought to have its roots in ancient Egypt. Israelis make falafel with chickpeas, and Egyptians use fava beans.

Chickpeas are larger than green peas and have a firm texture and mild nutty flavor. Also called garbanzo beans and ceci, they are used extensively in dishes of the Middle East, Mediterranean and India.

They are rich in protein, fiber, vitamin B6, folate, iron, zinc and many other important minerals. They contain a group of phytochemicals, isoflavones, that may help prevent hormone-related cancers.

Chickpeas are available canned, dried and, in some places, fresh.

The following recipe for grilled falafel uses chickpeas because they are creamy, and

includes rice, which keeps the patties moist while binding them well.

Grilling the patties produces tasty, low-fat falafel that's crisp on the outside and moist inside. This method works equally well outdoors on the grill, or indoors in a skillet or under a broiler.

GRILLED FALAFEL

- 1 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 can (15 oz.) chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1 cup loosely packed cilantro leaves
- 1 cup loosely packed flat-leaf parsley
- 1 cup cooked long-grain brown rice
- 1 tsp. curry powder
- 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 1 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs
- 4 hamburger buns, preferably whole-wheat
- 4 leaves of dark, leafy green lettuce
- 4 slices tomato

Heat the oil in a medium, non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Sauté onion and garlic until the onion is soft and the garlic golden, about 4 minutes. Let cool.

Place the sautéed onion in a blender or food processor. Add the chickpeas. Pulse to coarsely

chop the beans. Add cilantro, parsley, rice, curry and cayenne. Pulse until all ingredients are finely chopped and evenly distributed. Turn the mixture into a bowl.

Add the juice and 1/4 cup of the bread crumbs. Have the remaining bread crumbs ready in a shallow dish or bowl. With your hands, knead the chickpea mixture until it is like a moist dough. Scooping up 1/4 cup at a time, form the chickpea mixture into patties. Coat lightly with remaining bread crumbs. Repeat, making eight 3-inch patties.

Heat the grill, griddle, or cast iron skillet. Brush lightly with oil. Place the patties down an inch apart.

Cook 4 minutes, until brown in spots. Turn and cook another 4 minutes, to brown lightly on second side.

Or, heat the broiler and place the falafel in a shallow foil-lined pan. Broil 3 minutes, turn and cook on the other side for 3 minutes.

Serve immediately on whole-wheat buns with lettuce and sliced tomato.

Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 437 calories, 9 g. total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 77 g. carbohydrate, 14 g. protein, 9 g. dietary fiber, 750 mg. sodium.

From the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Miniature pavlovas have grape filling

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The meringue-based dessert known as the pavlova makes a charming summer sweet. In this version, made in individual servings, lightly glazed grapes flavored with a touch of lemon fill small meringue shells.

Picture them served with a dollop of lemon yogurt or whipped cream on top, perhaps garnished with a lemon twist, and imagine how decorative they'd look set out as part of a buffet.

How practical, too, for entertaining, in spite of the pavlovas' airily delicate appearance. The meringue shells may be made ahead and stored in an airtight container.

The recipe tester reports that she experimented with filling them with the prepared grape filling, held them for two hours at room temperature, then refrigerated them

overnight - and the meringues held up well, without getting soggy.

GRAPE PAVLOVAS

- 2 egg whites
- 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
- Salt
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 cup water
- 1 teaspoon butter
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 2 cups seedless grapes
- Optional garnish: lemon yogurt or whipped cream

Preheat oven to 250° F. Beat egg whites with cream of tartar and a dash of salt in small bowl until soft peaks form. Gradually add 1/2 cup sugar, beating at high speed until stiff peaks form and sugar dissolves. (Mixture should feel smooth when rubbed between thumb and forefinger.)

Line a large baking sheet with

parchment paper. If desired, draw 2-inch circles as guidelines for meringue shells. Spoon meringue in 2-inch circles on parchment paper; form indentation in centers of circles with back of spoon. Bake 1 hour at 250° F. Turn oven off without opening door and leave meringues in oven 1 hour. Remove meringue shells from oven and cool completely.

Combine 1/2 cup sugar and cornstarch; add water and mix well. Cook and stir until mixture comes to boil. Simmer and stir 1 minute. Add butter and stir until melted. Stir in lemon juice and peel. Add grapes to sauce; mix well. Cool. Just before serving, arrange glazed grapes in center of cooled meringue shells. Makes 10 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 97 cal., 1 g. pro., 1 g. fat, 24 g. carbo., 1 mg. chol., 0 g. fiber, 69 mg. sodium.

Recipe created for AP by the California Table Grape Commission.

Peanut noodles with chicken and pears is a quickly prepared meal

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
- 1/4 cup white vinegar
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1/2 precooked roasted chicken, shredded (2 cups)
- 1 Asian pear or Bosc pear, peeled and thinly sliced
- 5 scallions, trimmed and thinly sliced

- 1/2 cup roasted peanuts, roughly chopped
- 3 small red serrano chilies, thinly sliced (optional)

Cook the spaghetti al dente according to the package instructions. Drain, rinse with cold water, then drain again.

Combine the peanut butter, water, vinegar, oil and salt 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 pasta. Makes 8 servings.

TOMATOES

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Hills restaurant. Their sauces also include San Marzano tomatoes grown from volcanic rock in Italy.

During the right season the chefs harvest the vegetables and fresh herbs — including basil, sage, rosemary and lots of mint — that will be used for meals served that day, explained Adrian Tonon, who owns the restaurant with his mother, Rina Tonon.

Rina Tonon's family is from Isola di Ponza in southern Italy, and Adrian's father, Adriano, who is now deceased, lived 45 minutes from Venice in northern Italy.

Adrian and many of the staff at Ristorante Café Cortina study culinary techniques regularly in northern Italy. Those techniques help the staff to know and understand the sauce-making process.

"We don't want to overpower with basil," Adrian said. "You can always add more, but you can't take away. So, start with less."

Ristorante Café Cortina chefs Hoffa and Blinderini follow one rule: Keep it simple and fresh.

"Simplicity is true Italian cooking," Anton said. "It's not what you put in your sauce, it's what you don't put in your sauce. Cooking is truly an art — it's a passion. We do what's done in Italy and on our tables at home."

Tomato sauces vary from region to region in Italy. Restaurants in northern Italy, for instance, tend to prepare sauces that are less spicy, and as you travel south, it seems, more and more is added to the pot.

Keep in mind, Tonon noted, that even tomatoes that have been left on the vine longer

Freeze tomatoes for a bit of summer all year long

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Freezing your tomatoes is one way to make sure you enjoy your harvest even on the coldest winter days — when chili is on the menu and your garden plot is frozen 2 inches deep.

Pulling out a bag of frozen tomatoes from your freezer for your sauce will be a welcome reminder of a new garden that will be planted on warmer days. You also have the comfort of knowing that the ingredients are pure.

A process for freezer-stewed tomatoes is outlined in a flier provided by Michigan State University Extension Bulletin

2657 in May 2001, according to Toni Grimmert, MSU extension program assistant.

Begin by removing the stem and peeling the tomato. Quarter tomatoes before placing them in a sauce pan and cover. Cook until tender for about 10 to 20 minutes. Put the sauce pan in cold water and cool. Pour the mixture in freezer containers and fill to about half an inch from the top to allow the air to release.

Put the date on the container before you freeze it and remember, it will stay good eight to 12 months.

If you like, add herbs to the tomato mixture before you place it in the freezer, Grimmert says.

"When you put seasoning in

beforehand, it gets into the sauce — the seasoning is more rich," she adds.

Discard the bag you used to freeze the tomato sauce. "There's nothing written, but once I use plastic containers I usually discard them, and I don't use them for anything else," Grimmert says.

She also recommends washing the tomatoes in cold running water.

If tomatoes fall off the stems before they're ripe, put them in a bag at room temperature. Avoid placing them on a window sill, she says, and keep them away from flies and insects. Keep tomatoes refrigerated, she adds, and bring them to room temperature before they are served.

HOT TOMATO PEPPER SAUCE

5 pounds of tomatoes.
2 pounds of chili pepper
1 pound onion, peeled and chopped.
1 cup of vinegar (with at least five percent acidity)
3 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper

(Remember to wear rubber gloves to keep hot peppers off hands and wash hands thoroughly with water before touching your face.)

Wash tomatoes and dip in boiling water for 30-60 seconds until skin splits. Dip in cold water.

Place peppers in oven at 400° F. Allow peppers to cool for six

to eight minutes. Place in a pan and cover with a damp cloth. Peel peppers; discard seeds and chop.

Chop tomatoes and combine with chopped onions.

Combine peppers and remaining ingredients in a large sauce pan. Heat to a boil and let simmer for 10 minutes.

Put the sauce in clean, hot canning jars and leave 1/2 inch at top to remove air bubbles.

Wipe jar lids and place flat lip top and band on the jars.

Follow manufacturer guidelines that come with the jars. Process in a boiling water canner following directions. Makes six to eight pints.

Recipe courtesy of Michigan State University Extension Service.

than you would have liked can be used for sauces, because there's more juice in a riper tomato.

A LITTLE GARLIC

A few miles away at Buca di Beppo in Livonia, chefs typically prepare 80 gallons of marinara sauce daily. (Buca di Beppo also has a location in Birmingham.) That sauce begins with crushed tomatoes.

Chefs there fire the stoves early in the day to let the sauce fully marry the olive oil, red onions, garlic, fresh basil and salt. You might consider adding red pepper at home, explains Blaine Skadsberg, Buca di Beppo guest service representative.

"The tomatoes are always slowly simmered," Skadsberg said. "We open, typically at 5 p.m., and we're up bright and early in the morning starting our sauces. Sauces depend on the amount of time you want to put in."

The food at Buca di Beppo, which translated means "Joe's basement," follows a southern Italian cuisine, and patrons will taste a stronger presence of garlic in many of the tomato sauces than might be found in northern Italy.

"We use garlic in almost everything," Skadsberg added. At home Skadsberg makes his own tomato sauce by starting by taking the tops off the tomatoes and cleaning the skin. (Remove the seeds if you'd like.)

He slices them in sections and tosses them in olive oil and coarse salt. Then he arranges them on a baking dish and leaves them in the oven about five hours at 200 to 300 degrees checking them periodically to make sure they don't burn. The idea is for them to shrink in size.

Skadsberg purees them in a blender and slowly simmers the juice adding fresh garlic, oregano and parsley. He said the olive oil is fresh and should

be used within one or two days from the container being opened. "Some people play around with sugar to balance it and change the intensity of the flavor," Skadsberg said. "I would do that really slowly to taste if you want to do that. You don't want to ruin what you've made."

IT'S NOT JUST ITALIAN

Tomato sauce is the key ingredients of entrees and side dishes from countries around the world.

It's also a staple in Greek cooking, explains Marion Ginopolis, whose husband, John, owns Ginopolis restaurants in Farmington Hills and Plymouth.

"We use tomato sauce for so many different things," Ginopolis said.

Her family regularly asks her to make Chicken Kapama, a dish rich with tomato sauce. She begins by drizzling olive oil in a frying pan and sprin-

gling salt, pepper, lemon and cinnamon over chicken pieces.

While the chicken is browning, she starts the sauce in a separate pan. She begins with a can of tomato paste and fills that can with water twice, then adds it to the paste. Ginopolis adds a quarter cup of red wine, a quarter cup of lemon, and sprinkles the mixture with cinnamon.

After brining the sauce to a boil, she pours it over the chicken and lets it cook.

Separately she cooks macaroni according to the box directions. After draining the pasta, Ginopolis pours the sauce from the chicken over the macaroni and sprinkles it with grated Kasser cheese and adds the chicken. Other cheeses can be used as substitutes.

Proving that tomato sauces come in all varieties, Ginopolis uses V-8 juice to prepare another favorite dish among her friends and family.

She calls it G.B. Vegetables,

named for its originator, her father, George Bokos, who owned Bokos Waffle Shop in northwest Detroit.

She slices zucchini, peeled raw potatoes, tomatoes and onions placed in layers in a baking dish. Ginopolis sprinkles the vegetables with a lot of dill and adds a second layer.

For the sauce, she pours on a large can of V-8 juice, and adds salt and pepper to taste, making it a nutrient-packed, spicy tomato sauce that's ready-made.

She said her cupboards wouldn't be complete without cans of tomato sauce, tomato paste and V-8 juice making her ready to prepare a wide variety of meals.

Ginopolis advised that if you're preparing anything with tomato sauce, be sure the mixture doesn't boil onto your stovetop, "Because it makes a mess that's hard to clean."

Diane Gale Andreassi is a freelance writer who lives in Livonia.

Jumbo shrimp features pepper salsa

JUMBO SHRIMP WITH PEPPER SALSA

32 raw jumbo shrimp, shelled, but with tails left on
1 canteloupe melon, seeded and cut into cubes
For the marinade:
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
1 teaspoon chopped garlic
1 teaspoon chopped ginger
For the salsa:
6 vine-ripened tomatoes, chopped
1 small red onion, minced
1 red bell pepper, seeded and

chopped
1 teaspoon chopped garlic
1 fresh green chili, deveined, seeded and finely chopped
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
Shredded scallions

Preheat the broiler to high. Soak 8 bamboo skewers in cold water (this will prevent them from burning under the broiler). Combine all the ingredients for the marinade in a shallow dish.

Add the shrimp and stir to coat with the marinade. Cover and chill while preparing the salsa.

Mix together all the salsa ingredients and season with salt and pepper to taste. Thread the cubes of melon onto 8 unsoaked wooden skewers and place on a serving dish; set aside.

Thread 4 shrimp onto each of the soaked skewers, piercing them through both ends (this will help keep them flat). Broil 4 inches from the heat until the shrimps are pink, turning them once, 3 to 4 minutes; do not

overcook or they will be tough.

Garnish the salsa with the shredded scallions. Place the shrimp kebabs on the serving dish with the melon. Serve with the salsa alongside.

Makes 4 servings.

Note: Cubes of fresh pineapple can be speared onto skewers to accompany the shrimp kebabs in place of melon.

Nutritional information per serving: 150 cal., 24 g pro., 1.5 g fat (0.5 g saturated fat), 11 g carbo., 3.5 g fiber.

Oasis Golf Center and the Observer & Eccentric's
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STUDENT CONTEST

Students—we know that returning to school consists of a few words that many of you wish you did not have in your vocabulary, but International Literacy Day reminds us that we should be thankful that we can read and write.

International Literacy Day has been held annually on September 8th since 1967 to focus attention on the need to promote worldwide literacy. It is estimated that 875 million of the world's adults do not know how to read or write (nearly 2/3 of this number are women), and that more than 110 million children lack access to education.

To participate in celebrating International Literacy Day, the Oasis Golf Center and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' in Education Program are teaming up to invite you to write a story or submit an editorial cartoon per the subject matter and directions below.

ESSAY: Write an essay about what reading and writing mean to you—for your school work, personal life, future, etc. Please limit this to 250 words or less.

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2. Judging will be based on, but not limited to the following criteria where applicable:
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3. All entries must be mailed to The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and received no later than Tuesday, September 2nd to:

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Livonia, MI 48153-5908

Winners' names and contest entries will appear in the Thursday, September 11th issues of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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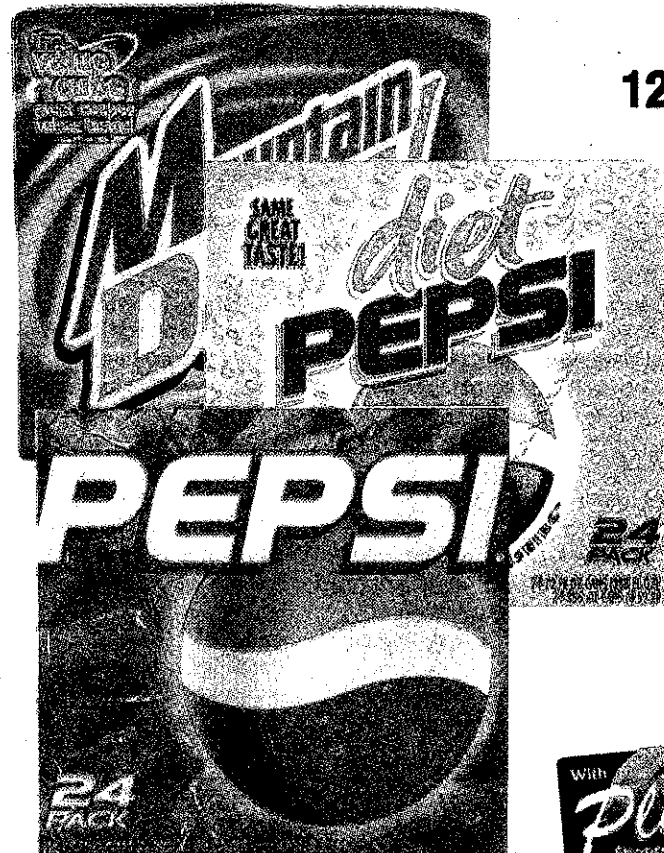
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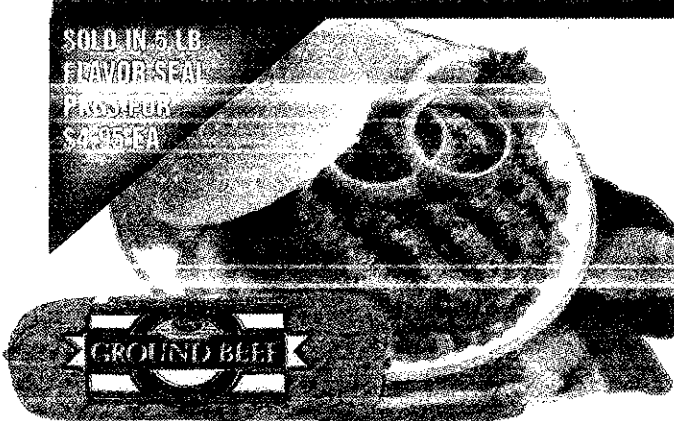


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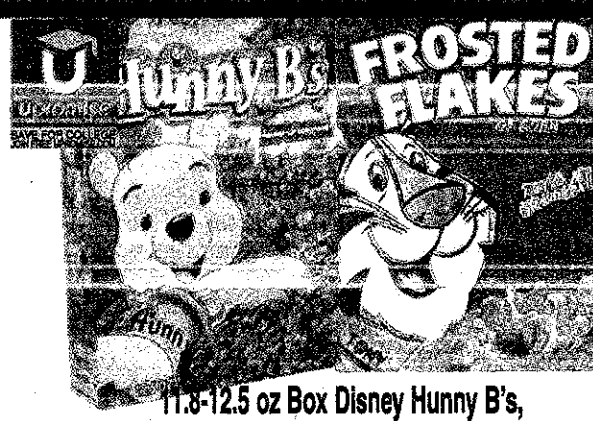


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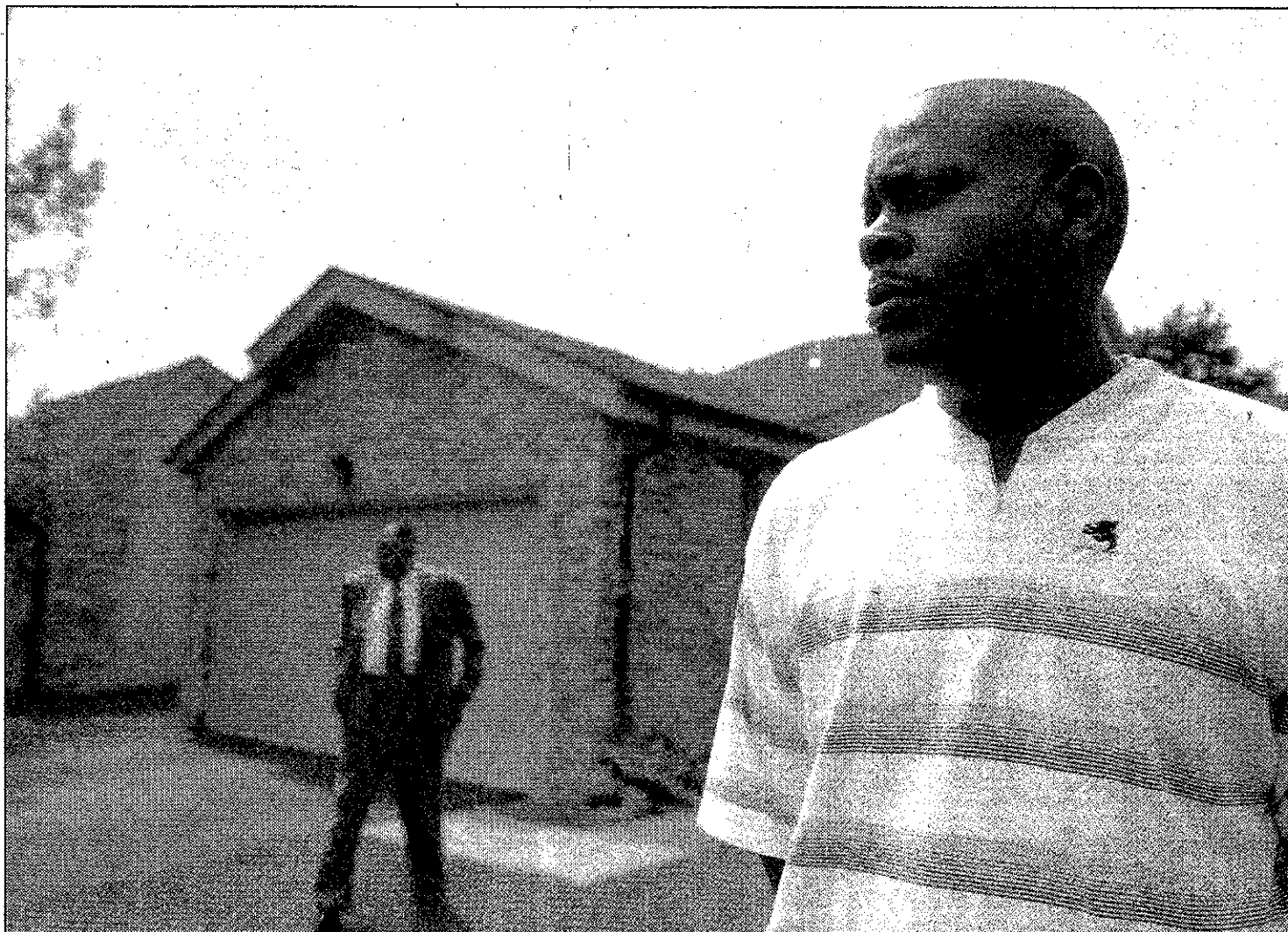
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Leonard McNab, vice president of Ambassador Realtors, surveys a recently listed condo as President William H. Vaughn (background) inspects the grounds.

Is condo life right for you?

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

Is the grass really greener on the other side of the fence? And who's going to cut it?

Or ask yourself this: If you live in a house, are you ready for a condo? If you live in a condo, are you ready for a house? And is it possible you might change your mind after you get what you think you want?

"I've found a lot of people who move to a condo thinking they'll have less maintenance and more free time," said Peggy Finnigan, sales associate with Real Estate One, Westland.

Finnigan, who's been selling homes for 13 years, said she's "seen it end up differently."

"They have more restrictions and more rules to follow and they're not as happy as if they'd stayed in the house and just hired someone to take care of the outside.

"And they end up going back to what they had."

Finnigan said she knew of some people who were attracted to a certain condo development because it looked so beautiful.

"But it was hard to live with because of its multi-floor design. They got tired of carry-

ing groceries and babies up the stairs."

She knows, she said, of other salespersons who have had customers go from condo to house and even has heard of some going back again to condo.

"Airline pilots for example, who are away a lot and want someone to take care of the place."

Or, as Leonard McNab put it: "You know, people change their mind with the drop of a dime."

McNab, sales manager, Prudential Ambassador Realtors, Southfield, also said the greener-grass syndrome is a major factor in home-style choice.

"Most people who go for the condo," he said, "are looking at not doing any outside work. That's their main thing."

Abraham Ayoub also has a view about the color of grass. Moving, he said, "is a big change and the grass isn't always greener."

A broker with Mayfair Realty, Livonia, Ayoub said, "I knew a case where the people had moved but hung onto their previous home. They weren't happy in the new area and wanted to go back.

"You could have great neigh-

bors at the old place and at the new place be next door to monsters."

"My in-laws went from a house to a retirement place. Just couldn't make the transition. Sharing walls was new to them and they didn't like hearing the dog and the people next door."

Positives and negatives of house vs. condo were laid out by Janice Marshall, sales associate, Remerica Hometown III, Canton.

"I can understand someone living in a single family home doesn't have just a wall separating from the people next door. Privacy. Go into a condo and feel confined and a loss of personal space.

"But some people who go to a condo are busy and don't want to do the upkeep and will say, 'Hey, I'm willing to pay \$200 month to have the exterior taken care of.'"

However, Marshall said, as the family grows a condo might not be as appropriate.

"Space is missing. Not enough play space for children. Not enough children around to play with in other yards.

"Older generations might go from house to condo, but new-laws might start out in condo and go to house."

A woman Linda McDonnell knew "ended up staying in the condo over a year before selling and going back to a house."

The reason was rules, said McDonnell, a sales associate with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer, Birmingham.

"The people next door to her were telling her what she could do and couldn't do.

"Turns out they were on the board of the condo association and if she put a plant on her front porch that wasn't legal they'd report it. She said, 'I have to get out of here. Condo life isn't for me.'"

"It was really a neighbor problem," McDonnell said, that could happen anywhere.

Sometimes, she said, condo owners think they want a house because "they're sick of paying the maintenance fee. People don't know what they want. You're going to pay for it one way or another."

And those who don't switch back - condo to house, house to condo?

"People," McDonnell said, "notoriously don't want to admit they've made a wrong decision. You've already moved, you sold the dog, and you get there and you think, 'I really don't like it here, but...'"

HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of March 24 - 28 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

Honesty is essential

When your father said, "Honesty is the best policy", and your mother added, "When you lie you are mostly hurting yourself", they really meant it.

Though most borrowers are truthful most of the time, you should know what can happen if you decide to quibble on your mortgage application.

Granted, completing a four-page mortgage application with total accuracy is not easy. In fact, I have honestly never seen one that did not require some minor adjustments.

However, I am not talking about writing a wrong credit card balance. That's an error. I am talking about lying.

At the Air Force Academy, we lived by a sworn Honor Code: "We will not lie, cheat, steal, or tolerate any of these acts". During our ethics training we learned that lying actually consists of two parts. If a person wrote or said something false, and he intended to deceive somebody, he lied.

If you are very lucky, telling lies during your mortgage application process will simply result in a loan denial. Beyond that, the penalties for falsifying mortgage documents can result in thousands of dollars in fines, imprisonment or both.

Even if you are successful in getting your home financed, a lender can still call your loan due immediately if a post-closing audit reveals foul play.

Failing to state relevant facts or withholding information can slow down the approval process and may get you in trouble, too.

Lenders now use a variety of high-tech methods to verify the information contained in loan application packages.

As a minimum, you can count on them verifying employment, rental or mortgage history, and the source of funds used to purchase the property.

If you have just recently retired, you should say so. If you are not going to live in the subject property, do not say that you will be. If you defaulted on a federal loan that does not appear on your credit report, tell your loan officer.

With the wide variety of niche mortgage products in today's market, you can usually get your mortgage approved even after fully disclosing the truth.

Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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.

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30-year mortgage rates continue to climb

BY JEANNINE AVERSA
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Rates on benchmark 30-year mortgages this week broke through the 6 percent mark for the first time this year, rising to the highest level since early December.

Climbing mortgage rates are slowing refinancing activity and could turn off some prospective home buyers, economists say.

The average rate on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages for the week ending Aug. 1 was 6.14 percent, up sharply from last week's rate of 5.94 percent, mortgage giant Freddie Mac reported Thursday in its weekly nationwide survey.

This week's rate marked the highest since the week ending Dec. 6, 2002, when rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 6.19 percent.

The recent upward swing in mortgage rates marks a turnaround from the middle of June, when rates on 30-year mortgages slid to 5.21 percent, the lowest level seen in more than four decades.

Several factors have contributed to rising mortgage rates, economists said.

They include signs that the economy is gaining traction; concern about swelling federal budget deficits; and disappointment on Wall Street that the Federal Reserve didn't make a bolder cut to short-term rates on June 25.

Those factors have pushed bond rates up, causing long-term mortgage rates to rise. Although economists believe the economy

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Wells Fargo chief economist

will pick up momentum in the second half of this year, there is concern that a dramatic and continued rise in long-term rates could threaten that.

For 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates jumped to 5.44 percent this week, up from 5.27 percent last week. This week's rate was the highest since the week ending Dec. 13, 2002, when 15-year mortgages averaged 5.46 percent.

Rates for one-year adjustable mortgages rose this week to 3.68 percent, up slightly from 3.67 percent last week.

"With the recent uptick in fixed-rate mortgage rates, we are starting to see short-term mortgage rate products like the one-year ARM gain in popularity," said Freddie Mac's chief economist, Frank Nothaft.

This week's mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. Each

loan type carried an average fee of 0.5 point.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 6.43 percent, 15-year mortgages were 5.84 percent and one-year adjustable mortgages stood at 4.45 percent.

The recent rise in mortgage rates is taking some steam out of a refinancing frenzy.

Applications for new financing deals dropped by nearly 33 percent last week from the previous week, the Mortgage Bankers Association of America reported.

"Refinance applications have fallen to the lowest level seen this year and are down more than 50 percent from where they were just four weeks ago — not surprising given the sharp increase in (mortgage) rates since mid-June," said Jay Brinkmann, the association's vice president of research and economics.

Refinancing has been an important factor underpinning consumer spending, a main force keeping the economy going. Extra cash or savings coming from refinancing deals, along with rising home values, have helped offset the negative force of a sluggish job market.

Economists said rising mortgage rates probably will cool the red-hot housing market a bit, but they still expect sales to remain healthy.

"A lot of potential home buyers on the side will jump in before the rates go up higher," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo.

Downtown Detroit luring more residents

DETROIT (AP) — The city is making progress toward its goal of adding 2,000 new units of housing to its downtown before the 2006 Super Bowl comes to Ford Field.

This year, 460 residences are planned or have started, up from 71 one year earlier.

Darrell A. Rodgers recently returned to his hometown of Detroit and bought a loft downtown.

"I never anticipated returning, but as I made trips back to Detroit, I noticed things were improving," said Rodgers, 41, who bought a two-story condominium at The Lofts at Rivertown on East Jefferson. He said he moved 17 years ago, in part, to escape Detroit's decay.

Developers and analysts say that the city must draw more stores to the area to make its goal a reality. But it is hard to get retailers without having the people first.

"Big-time retailers won't come downtown unless you

have more residents, but it can be difficult to attract residents without stores and restaurants," said Bernie Glibberman, president of Crosswinds Communities Inc. in Novi.

Crosswinds has completed 100 of 700 condominiums in Brush Park, just north of downtown.

Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's downtown housing goal, announced last year, got a major boost last week when Slavik Murray Investment Co. LLC in Detroit announced plans to buy the Harbortown housing complex on East Jefferson.

The developer will build two apartment towers on the Detroit River with a total of 300 homes at an estimated cost of \$300 million.

That project and others announced so far could add 650 more apartments and condominiums to the downtown and riverfront in the next few years.

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TERM	RATE	PTS.	LOCK	FEE*	APR*	TERM	RATE	PTS.	LOCK	FEE*	APR*	TERM	RATE	PTS.	LOCK	FEE*	APR*
EXECUTIVE MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC.						MAINSTREET MORTGAGE, INC.						NORTHLAWN FINANCIAL					
30yr Fix	6.125	0.00	30day	\$280	6.25apr	30yr Fix	6.25	0.00	30day	\$300	6.25apr	30yr Fix	6.25	0.00	30day	\$300	6.28apr
5/1 Arm	4.125	0.00	30day	\$280	4.25apr	15yr Fix	5.375	0.00	30day	\$300	5.44apr	3/1 Arm	3.375	0.00	30day	\$300	3.99apr
Open Sundays No Cost Refinances / Purchase Special www.executivemortgageservices.com						Open Sunday 10am - 4pm 248-649-6304 www.mainstreetmtginc.net						5/1 Arm 4.125 0.00 30day \$300 4.16apr					
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PRIME FINANCIAL GROUP						RYDER MORTGAGE, INC.						STERLING BANK AND TRUST					
FHA Arm	4.00	0.00	30day	Low	4.07apr	30yr Fix	6.125	0.00	30day	\$275	6.25apr	3/1 Arm	3.875	0.00	45day	Call	3.94apr
1/1 Jmb	4.75	0.00	30day	Low	4.82apr	15yr Fix	5.50	0.00	30day	\$275	5.62apr	5/1 Arm	4.25	0.00	45day	Call	4.32apr
7/28 Bal	5.125	0.00	30day	Low	5.19apr	0 Down, No Income Verification up to \$650,000 (Brighton)						3/1 Jmb	4.00	0.00	45day	Call	4.04apr
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5/1 Arm	4.875	0.00	30day	Call	4.99apr	YES						5.75% NO POINTS (5.11 APR)					
3/1 Arm	3.75	0.00	30day	Call	3.86apr	when other lenders say no						JIM 586-925-3938					
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10yr Fix	5.375	0.00	30day	\$375	5.50apr	Foreclosure - Self Employed						No Application Fee					
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7/28 Bal	4.875	0.00	Call	Call	5.10apr	5yr Jmb 4.50 0.00 30day 4.63apr						3/1 Arm 3.75 0.00 30day 3.87apr					
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HOME BUYING

SEMINAR

Standard Federal Bank presents a free home buying seminar on how to select and finance a home, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 9, Lewis College of Business, 17370 Meyers, Detroit.

For more information, call (800) 643-9600, Ext. 22532.

CAREER CLASS II
Keller Williams Realty-Livonia offers a free class on how to get into real estate sales and what you can expect at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8; 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13; and 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27; at its offices, 31500 Schoolcraft, just west of Merriman. To register, call (734) 266-9000.

BALLOON RALLY

RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan presents its sixth annual Balloon Rally 4-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 8-9,

at Groveland Oaks County Park, 14555 Dixie Highway at Grange Hall Road, near Holly.

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.

MAINTENANCE

COURSE

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 Hills. Registration \$85, includes lunch, call (248) 862-1004.

GOLF OUTING

The Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors hosts a charity golf outing beginning 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, at Pine Knob Golf Club in Clarkston.

Cost, which includes use of the driving range, luncheon buffet, golf and dinner, is \$130. Dinner only is \$40. For details,

call (248) 879-5730.

MECHANICAL

CONFERENCE

The Mechanical Inspectors Association of Michigan holds its annual fall conference Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 18-20, at the Doherty Hotel, Clare.

Conference costs vary. For information, call (248) 649-5443 or visit the Web site at

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CAREER DAYS

Real Estate One presents a free informational class on how to get into residential real estate sales noon to 1 p.m. Fridays at its Farmington Hills office, 32961 Middlebelt at 14 Mile.

To register, call Sharon Spindler (Ext. 404) or Steve Leibhan (Ext. 405) at (248) 851-4100.

FAIR HOUSING

CENTER

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit, a non-profit monitoring, testing and information-providing organization, offers annual individual memberships for \$15, family memberships for \$25 and organization/group memberships for \$50.

For information, call (313) 963-1274.

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NOVI. Spacious & well-kept ranch w/mstr see roomy country kit w/cozy wood burning stove & island. Unique open floor plan w/large private MSTR bdrm, walk-in closet & bath, plus 3 more bdrms (one w/library shelving) & much more! \$254,900 (L61 QUL)

REDFORD. Move in condition on beautiful 3 bdrm ranch w/many updates. Newer rugs, hot water tank, new kit stove, full part fin. bsmt. w/bat & lots of storage. Stove, 2 fridges, washer & dryer all stay! \$144,900 (L15DX)

REDFORD. Just reduced for quick sale! Great starter home in nice area. 3 bdrms, huge master is 23x18! Part fin. bsmt. recently waterproofed, newer furnace, windows, roof, carpet, kit & DR floors. C/A 2000, steel drs., newer gar door & opener. \$122,900 (L22 GAR)

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WOODED LOT - If you have a need for storage, this 4 bedroom, 2 full home has a 40x60 pole barn for all of your toys! 1.8 wooded acres on a paved road across from Fellows Creek golf course. Wonderful brick Colonial. \$329,900 (145HA)



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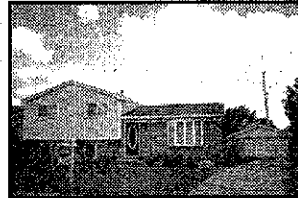
WESTLAND RANCH - Wow! Check out the list of updates in this fabulous 3 BD ranch! Newer furnace, air, electrical, copper plumbing, roof, vinyl windows and siding, entry doors, and carpet. A French doors, patio overlooking a nice yard w/sprinkler system. Master w/try ceiling, WIC's & private bath w/jetted tub & separate shower. \$229,900 (724SC)



2001 CUSTOM BUILT RANCH - 3 BD, 2 BA Taylor home. Features include a lg. kit w/maple cabinetry, Corian countertops, and ceramic floors. Formal dining w/vaulted ceiling & French doors, patio overlooking a nice yard w/sprinkler system. Master w/try ceiling, WIC's & private bath w/jetted tub & separate shower. \$229,900 (724SC)



GREAT PRIDE ON PARADE - Superbly maintained Colonial w/3 BR's and 2.5 baths offering a FR w/cathedral ceiling & FP, formal living/dining, large bedrooms w/WIC's, master w/soaking tub & separate shower, 1st floor laundry, island kitchen w/Pergo floor, bay windows, master with jetted tub, fireplace and more. Start packing and move right in! \$302,000 (350SH)



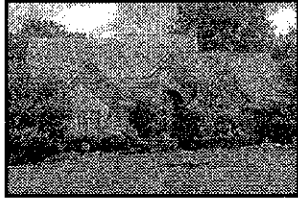
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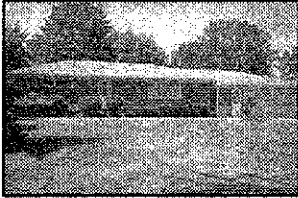
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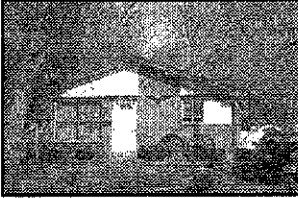
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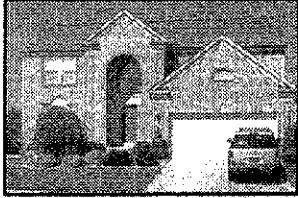
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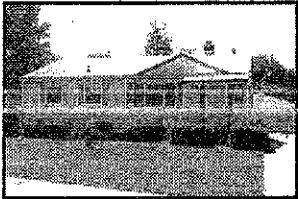
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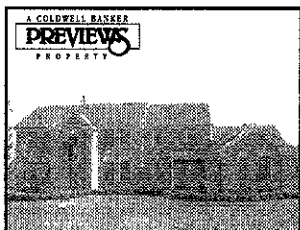
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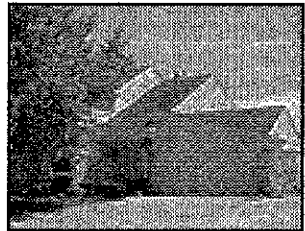
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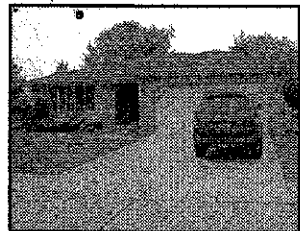
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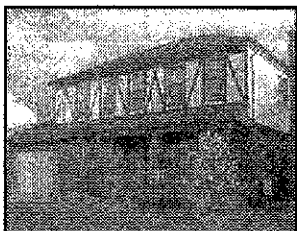
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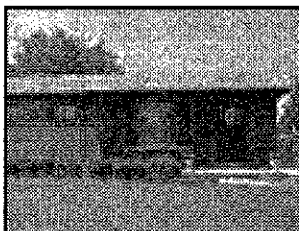
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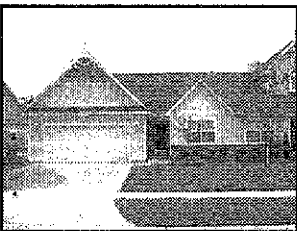
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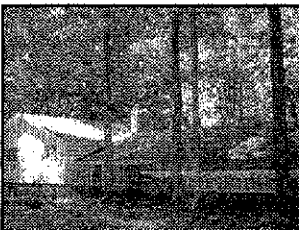
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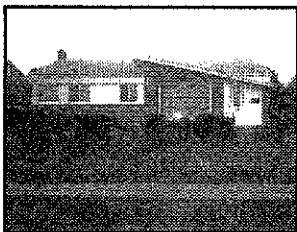
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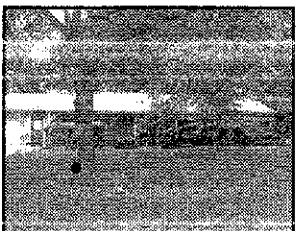
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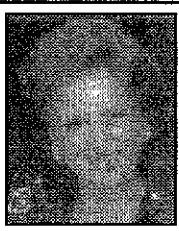
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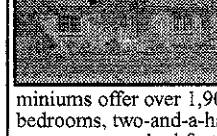
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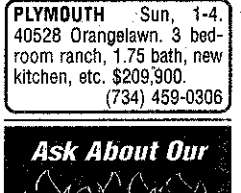
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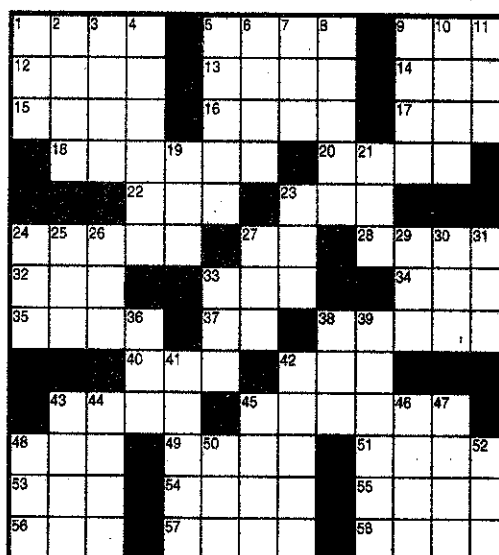
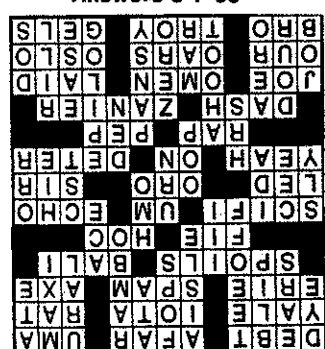
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NORTHVILLE - Novi schools. Spacious 2 bedroom, dining area, laundry rm, att. garage, pool, tennis ct. \$1100/mo. 734-395-8551, 734-395-9157

NORTHVILLE CONDO Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath, quiet setting, heat & water included. \$700/mo. (734) 981-3857

NOVI - 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath with 1 car garage, washer/dryer included, available immtd. No pets. \$990/mo. (248) 477-3584

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WALLED LAKE Shoreline Condo's. 1 bedroom direct lake front, all appliances, immediate occupancy. 1 car garage. \$750/mo. Meadow Management Inc. 248-348-5400

WALLED LAKE: 2 bedroom, 1 bath, c/a, 1 car garage. \$850/mo. + security. No pets. (248) 486-1631

Duplexes 4030

BIRMINGHAM 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 story, full basement, \$900/mo. 1776 Haynes. Call Robert: 248-647-0631

CLAWSON Luxury Townhouse 447 N. Rochester Rd. 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath luxury townhouse with air, fireplace, basement with hookups. Pets welcome. \$820. (248) 354-9119, Ext. 206

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PLYMOUTH - 2 bedroom brick, in-town, appliances. Flexible lease. 734-658-3066

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BIRMINGHAM - CHARMING 2 bedroom upper C/A, hardwood floors, 14/20 sq. ft. area, \$775+ security. 248-643-0427

BIRMINGHAM Charming, 1st floor flat, 3 bedroom, all appliances. Prime neighborhood, security deposit. \$1200/mo. (248) 540-4744

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FERNDAL - Beautiful 2 bedroom lower with wood floors, sunroom, fireplace, new kitchen & bath, air & laundry. Too much to mention. A MUST SEE! \$895 plus utilities. (248) 548-5946

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PLYMOUTH: Walk to Downtown. Large 2 bedroom, all appliances, new carpet, large yard. References. \$650/mo. (734) 455-5566

REDFORD TWP. - 1 bedroom upper, all appliances, washer/dryer, \$495/mo. Includes partial utilities. 313-255-5678

WAYNE UPPER 1 bedroom, heat, water, washer & dryer included. New kitchen, bath. \$525/mo. (734) 397-2873

WESTLAND - 2 bedroom flat, new carpet, appliances. No pets. Sec. deposit. (734) 459-8268

Homes For Rent 4050

BINGHAM FARMS 4 Bedroom ranch, 2.5 bath, 2100 sq. ft., Birmingham Schools. Inground pool. \$2500/mo. 2 fireplaces. (248) 909-4147

Birmingham 3 bedroom, stove & refrigerator included. \$850/mo. Leave message at (248) 318-2666

BIRMINGHAM - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, basement, garage, pets neg. \$1000/mo. Small charge. RENTAL PROS 248-373-RENT

BIRMINGHAM - In-town 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, fireplace, garage, 98 renovation, 1 1/2 sec. 851 Oakland. 248-644-3147

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BIRMINGHAM -3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, vaulted ceilings, skylights, wood floors, 2 car garage. \$2800/mo. ShareNet (248)642-1620

BIRMINGHAM 1500 sq ft. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, basement, garage, A/C, non-smoking. \$2150/mo. 248-895-0509

BIRMINGHAM - Bungalow, beautiful house, finished garage, fenced yard, a/c, garage, ready to move in. \$1850/mo. 248-867-1683

Birmingham: 423 Bird Ave. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, basement, garage, fenced yard. \$1200. (248) 593-5930

BIRMINGHAM: 748 Bird. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Available Sept. 1. Open Sat., Aug. 9, 11-3pm. (248) 933-5436

BIRMINGHAM: Walk to town. Charming 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, updated colonial. \$1800/mo. 248-613-3002

BIRMINGHAM - Large 3 bedroom, 1500 sq. ft. 1.5 bath, 2 car attach garage, hardwood floors in bedroom, open layout. \$2000/mo. 248-867-1683

Bloomfield 4 bedroom, 2.55 baths. All appliances including washer/dryer. 2 car garage. Non-smoking. 1 year lease. \$2500 per month. Vicki, Max Brook Realtors. (248) 625-9300 (81QUA)

BLOOMFIELD Coach House. Romantic 1200 sqft, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, fireplace, pool. 1555 Oxford. 248-644-3147

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BRIGHTON - 3 bedroom lakefront, 2 baths, pets neg. \$975/mo. Small charge. RENTAL PROS 248-356-RENT

CANTON 2 homes to choose from. 1 is new construction, \$1795/mo. 1 home older at \$1695/mo. 734-516-2492

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CANTON 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, basement, 2 car attached garage, c/a, fireplace, Washer, dryer. \$1575. (248) 219-9310

CANTON 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, fin.basement, living room, dining/family room w/fireplace, deck. No smoker/pets. \$2000. 517-467-7383

CANTON AREA: just built, beautiful 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, finished walkout, 3000+ sq.ft., attached, all appliances. Hurry! \$1945 734-516-1107

CANTON: 42319 Addison. 3 bedroom, basement, 2.5 car garage, fenced. \$1195/mo. Available Aug. 15th. Shown Wed., Sat. & Sun. @ 6pm. Office: 248-593-0064 Mobile: 313-920-5966

CLARKSTON 3 bedroom, new windows & carpet, pets neg! \$900/mo. Small charge. RENTAL PROS 248-373-RENT

COMMERCE Remodeled 3 bedroom ranch w/garage. Min. off M-5 connector. \$950. 248-476-7334 or 248-231-8843

COMMERCE/LK-Sherwood Spacious ranch 3/2, wooded lot, fin. basement, new carpet, paint. \$1700. 248-535-3500

Homes For Rent 4050

DEARBORN - 3 bedroom brick ranch, appliances, fenced yard, \$700/mo. Small charge. RENTAL PROS 734-513-RENT

DEARBORN HTGS - Ranch, near school, large fenced yard, \$650/mo. Small charge. RENTAL PROS 734-513-RENT

Dearborn Hts. North - 3 bedroom brick ranch, dead-end st., fenced yard, 2 car garage, \$990/mo. 734-674-5739

DEARBORN HTS. Option to buy. Section 8 ok. 3 bedroom, garage, updated, \$1100/mo + dep. No pets. 734-729-7702

FARMINGTON HILLS 2 bedroom, den, beautiful home, good location, quiet neighborhood, excellent schools. \$1250/mo. (248) 310-1913

FARMINGTON HILLS 3 bedroom, carpet, available now, only \$795/mo. Small charge. RENTAL PROS 248-356-RENT

FARMINGTON HILLS - Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath, basement. In quiet neighborhood. \$995/mo. 248-499-5905

FARMINGTON/REDFORD 1-2 bedrooms. \$500 to \$800/mo. 1 1/2 + first mo. rent. (313) 534-1652

FERNDAL - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage, fenced yard, \$725/mo. Call (248) 549-3748

GARDEN CITY 2 bedrooms, dishwasher, stove, utility room. \$845 weekly pay incentives. 734-502-3494

GARDEN CITY 3 bedroom brick ranch, basement, garage, fenced. No pets. \$900+ security. 248-661-9062

GARDEN CITY - 577 Brandt. 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 car garage, appliances. Avail. immediately. \$895/mo. Shown Wed., Sat. & Sun. @ 7:30pm. Office: 248-593-0064 Mobile: 313-920-5966

INKSTER 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2.5 car garage, screened porch. \$725/mo. John Daly & Avondale area. 734-716-0267

JEWELL & ASSOCIATES ESTATE SALE 7610 Powers Ct., Utica Aug. 7, 8, 9 am-4pm. Call for info: 248-398-1331

KEEBO HARBOR - Lftrfront 3 bedroom, deck & dock, buy option. \$975/mo. Small charge. RENTAL PROS 248-373-RENT

KEEBO-HARBOR - Large 4 bedroom, a/c, 9 houses from lake. \$1150/mo. 248-212-1440

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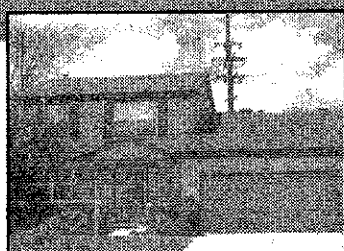
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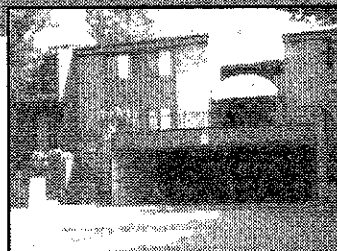
WESTLAND - Home built in 1994. Located on quiet cul-de-sac, offers 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 car attached garage, finished basement w/office, doorwall leads to custom paver patio, family room w/fireplace & cathedral ceiling. \$186,900 (62DAW) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - Park-like setting in private backyard. 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch! Open floor plan w/oath ceiling, refinished hwd flrs. Newer kit w/ceramic, pull up bar seating. Kraftmaid cabs, appls included, sunny dining area w/ceramic floor, case-ment wndws w/view of yard. Bsmt & gar. \$217,500 (31LAK) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - Custom contemporary home. Exquisite thru-out! 3 story atrium foyer, spiral oak staircase, great room w/frp opens to sunroom, kit w/newer granite counters, formal dining room w/hwd flr. Library or music room, master suite has frplc, jetted tub, finished LL walk-out to inground pool. \$675,000 (77WES)



SOUTHFIELD - First Class. 2 bedroom luxury condo. Huge rooms, 2 car heated garage w/car wash, dining room, balcony & master bath. Community pool, clubhouse, elevator & in-unit laundry. Most square footage for the money. \$148,900 (33ARB) 248-349-5600



CANTON - Exquisitely presented inside & out. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath cape cod features all amenities you wish including: new lush crptg '03, custom designed window treatments, high-end plumbing & elec fixtures. True gour island kit. All surrounded by artfully styled gardens. Brick patio, private. \$439,000 (11VAL) 248-349-5600



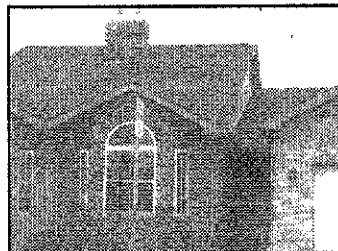
YPSILANTI - Nature surroundings. This beautiful 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial is done in style. Premium cabinets, bay windows, professional inside & out. Landscaping is stunning. Sprinkler system and so much more to see. Peaceful living at its best. \$255,000 (68SUM) 248-349-5600



DEARBORN - Beautifully updated home. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch w/open flowing floor plan. Rec room w/lav, doorwall to spacious deck in fenced yard w/garage. Shows like model. \$149,900 (11PEL) 734-455-5600



GARDEN CITY - Unique colonial. Rare to own a unique home with open layout w/spiral staircase to upper level. Many updates, neutral decor. Large deck overlooking beautiful yard. \$134,950 (08CAM) 734-455-5600



CANTON - New construction condo. 2 bedroom, 2 bath ranch w/2 car attached garage w/garden windows, CA, cathedral ceiling w/2 skylights, 1st floor laundry & deck overlooking pond. \$217,000 (08AVI) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - Beautiful colonial. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home totally updated. Natural fireplace in FR. Beautiful hardwood floors in kitchen & hallway. Newer kitchen cabs & countertops. Florida room screened/stormed w/doorwall from family room. 2 car attached garage. \$249,500 (80ASP) 248-349-5600



DEARBORN HGTS - Immaculate 3 bedroom ranch. This beautiful home offers everything you need for relaxed comfortable living. A/C, natural fireplace, vinyl windows, extra insulation to save on heat. Newer driveway, hardwood under the carpet & the home warranty included. \$245,000 (16KIN) 248-349-5600



SOUTH LYON - One of a kind - approximately 10 acres. See it for yourself. Quality built t/o. 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath colonial w/open floor plan with views from every window. Nicely finished walk-out with French doors. \$568,000 (89DIX) 248-349-5600



REDFORD - Charming brick cape cod. Maintenance free, beautifully kept, easy access to the freeway. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, fin basement, natural fireplace, hwd flrs, woodwork & built-ins throughout. Updates & fresh paint. Big deck & fenced yard. A home with a character. \$189,900 (02FAR) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - Classic style townhouse. Berkshire model w/open layout w/cathedral & vaulted ceilings, great room w/gas frplc, trimmed w/wood & ceramic tile, French door to 2nd bedroom/study. Skylights in kitchen & baths. Kitchen w/Merillat cabs, fin LL, 2 car att garage, FFL. \$189,500 (12DRA) 734-455-5600



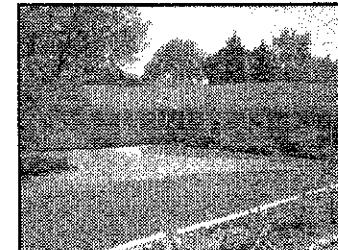
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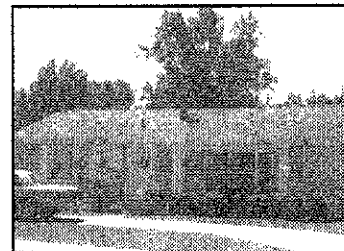
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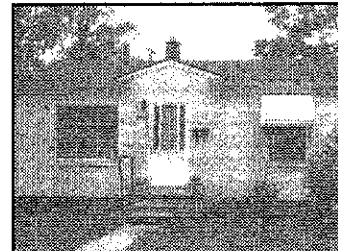
FARMINGTON HILLS - Exceptional Colonial. Well maintained 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home with fireplace in family room, newer carpet w/hardwood floors under. Newer insulated garage door, newer patio door out to brick paver patio. Spectacular yard. Close to freeways. \$279,900 (17LAN) 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Here's your new home. Outstanding 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick ranch on almost a 1 acre lot w/pool. Offers a newer Grabill cherry kitchen with Sub-Zero refrigerator, Corian tops & sink. Updated baths & excellent floor plan. Beautiful gardens & much more. \$399,500 (51WEL) 248-349-5600



GARDEN CITY - Custom built ranch. Unique floor plan surrounds inground pool, offers large living area + 2 kitchens, 2 laundry areas, separate heating & cooling. Newer furnace & CA units, vinyl siding, newer roof, attached garage, all sitting on approximately 1/2 acre lot. \$193,500 (11DAW) 734-455-5600



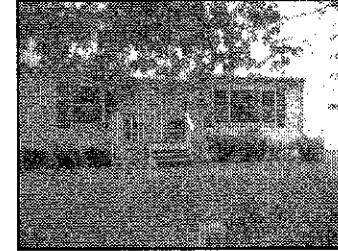
INKSTER - Don't miss this one! Fantastic starter home offers garage, 2 bedrooms, newer roof on house & garage, newer steel effc. Doors & much more. \$45,500 (43LEH) 734-455-5600



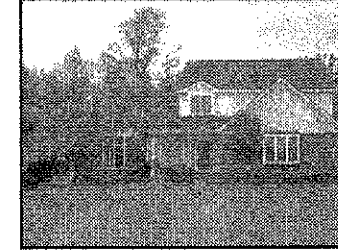
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LIVONIA - Charming ranch. Great 3 bedroom starter or for retirees. Freshly painted this past year. Carpet & hardwood floors, furnace & air replaced 7/03. Large double lot, 2 car garage. All appliances stay plus one year home warranty. \$189,900 (59BUT) 248-349-5600



SOUTH LYON - Welcome Home. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath Amish brick colonial offers spacious master bedroom w/awesome bath. Great room has nat frplc, cath ceilings & 9' doorwall to deck. Open kitchen w/oak cabs. Walk-out LL. Profess landscaped. Incredible wooded private lot. \$309,900 (32PLU) 248-349-5600



WESTLAND - Large home on large lot. Room to room. Hardwood floors & beautiful oak trim throughout. Updated kitchen, upstairs has bedroom & computer room. Breezeway to attached garage. \$159,900 (09PAL) 734-455-5600



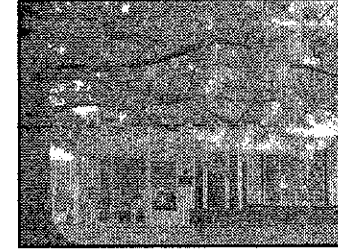
REDFORD - Motivated Sellers! Large updated w/light oak cabinets, large master bedroom has walk-in closet w/built-ins. Updated bath. Wood floors in the other 2 bedrooms, 2.5 car garage. All appliances included. \$112,900 (24MID) 734-455-5600



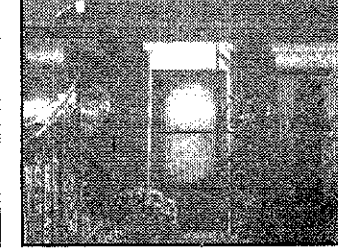
NORTHVILLE - Maybury State Park. 4 bedroom ranch that backs to state park. Walk-out basement, 2 car attached garage, large country kitchen, beautifully landscaped w/mature trees all sitting on a very serene 3 acre lot. \$599,000 (25WES) 734-455-5600



ROYAL OAK - Charm & Character. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home on double lot w/2 backyards. Large master suite w/WIC. French doors lead to all year sunroom, decking & privacy surround. Amenities include: HW floors, frplc, fantastic finished LL w/separate office space. A pleasure to see. \$214,900 (10ALE) 248-349-5600



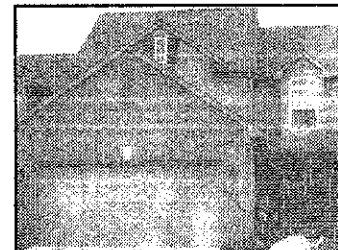
DEARBORN HGTS - Location, location, roof! This is a sure bet - end of quiet street. Overlook Edward Hines - brand new roof (house & garage) 7/03. Several more updates including vinyl windows make this 3 bedroom ranch most desirable. \$149,900 (67MCM) 248-349-5600



CANTON - Beautiful Townhouse. Tastefully decorated & wise upgrade choices in fireplace, skylighting & cathedral ceilings. Kitchen w/oak cabs. Bay windows, built-in appliances & finished basement. Master bedroom w/WIC & cathedral ceiling. Private patio & walk to pool & clubhouse. \$133,900 (17SOU) 248-349-5600



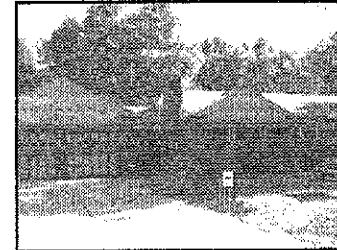
REDFORD - Pride of ownership. Loaded with updates in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch offering finished basement, 2 car garage & great landscaping w/a large fenced back yard. \$149,900 (79MAR) 734-455-5600



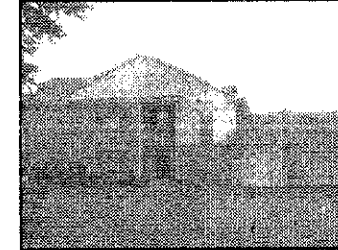
CANTON - The condo of your dreams. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath cape cod, presents 2 car garage, basement, great room w/fireplace & wood mantel, loft w/recessed lighting, formal dining room, library & much more in this 3 year old beauty. \$289,900 (61CHE) 734-455-5600



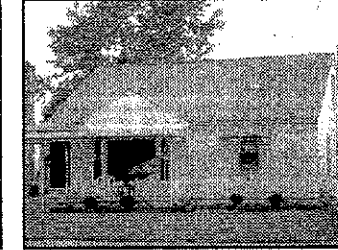
PLYMOUTH - Ready for you to move into! Spacious 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhouse w/finished basement, 2 car attached garage, ceramic tile foyer, master bedroom w/walk-in closet, dressing area & bath, 2nd bedroom has full bath, living room w/fireplace. \$169,000 (15POI) 734-455-5600



SOUTHFIELD - Ranch plus bonus bldg. Outstanding 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home on large private yard. FR w/bay window. Newer roof. Wood deck & pool. 2 car attached garage has pull down storage plus huge bonus building that has numerous possibilities. \$179,900 (21WES) 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Best condo value in town. This beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath unit features a great floor plan, spacious rooms, a huge in-unit laundry + storage area. Master bedroom suite w/WIC & glamour bath. Neutral decor throughout. Garage and carport. Near complex pool. \$179,000 (52BRE) 248-349-5600



WAYNE - A growing family's dream. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on a large lot. Newer furnace, C/A, tear off, carpet, updated kitchen & family room addition. Large basement. Spacious master bedroom. Mechanics will enjoy this 2.5 car dream garage. Large fenced back yard w/deck. \$124,900 (50NIA) 248-349-5600



REDFORD - Looking for a dream house? Spacious & bright 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch, fireplace in living room & family room, partially finished basement, 2 car garage & sunroom with skylights & carpet. \$189,900 (58LOU) 734-455-5600



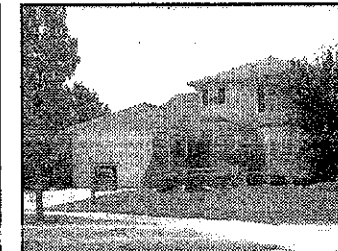
REDFORD - Cute & Cozy. 3 bedroom bungalow w/updated oak kitchen, roof, some windows, vinyl siding & much more, +2 car garage w/newer door & basement. \$136,900 (95DEN) 734-455-5600



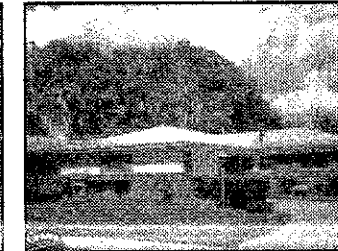
DETROIT - Lovely starter home. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, updated vinyl sided ranch w/full basement, fireplace in living room, CA, Florida room w/door to patio & large treed lot - garage. \$112,000 (10RIV) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - Walk to downtown. Desirable 2 bedroom condo for under 140K. Balcony, carport, oak kitchen cabinets are some of the highlights. Andersen windows throughout plus bay window in 2nd bedroom. All appliances included. Move in condition. \$137,900 (54PIN) 248-349-5600



CANTON - Private park-like yard. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial. Family room w/fireplace, FF laundry. Cathedral ceiling in kit/breakfast room. Bay window in living room. Some cust window treatments. Neut decor. Large deck for outdoor entertaining. Lovely lot on cul-de-sac. 1 year home warranty. \$224,900 (31JAM) 248-349-5600



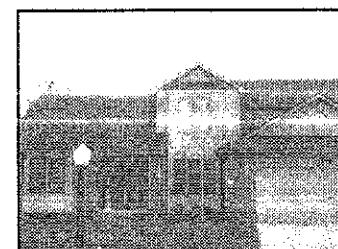
FARMINGTON HILLS - Updated 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch bright w/open floor plan & numerous updates. Total kit redo including cabs, flooring, sink & dishwasher. Full & 1/2 bath updated. Lighting updated t/o. Complete front yard recently resodded & landscaped. \$159,500 (36GLE) 248-349-5600



REDFORD - Gorgeous from top to bottom. Charming 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch with finished basement, 2 car garage, updated kitchen & baths, newer windows, doors, electricity, plumbing, hot water heater. Maintenance free exterior, sprinklers & more. \$184,900 (10MAR) 734-455-5600



SOUTHGATE - Cute, clean & updated. Perfect starter home, newer windows, roof, siding, furnace, CA, carpet & Pergo flooring, updated bath, 2 car garage. Move in condition. All appliances stay. \$94,900 (78IRE) 734-455-5600



NEW BOSTON - Better Homes and Garden Home. Absolute beauty! 4 bedroom cape cod sitting on 3/4 acre lot w/1st fr master suite w/WIC & Jacuzzi tub, 2.5 baths, LR w/gas frplc, DR to country kit w/oak cabs, oak fir in foyer, lrg oak trim t/o, 2.5 car att gar, 90% eff furn & CA. Home Warr. \$318,900 (09BRY) 734-455-5600



WIXOM - Totally updated and awesome. All new kitchen counters, cabinets, island and floor in '00, roof, furnace/CA, siding & carpeting in '02, windows in '99 & a 2 car garage in '01. Master bath & WIC in master bedroom. Beautiful landscaping and access to Loom Lake. \$159,900 (92EVO) 248-349-5600



WHITMORE LAKE - A home for all seasons. Pristine inside & out. Surround yourself with trees, water, beach & lake privileges. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, family room w/cathedral and fireplace. Relax on your decks. Furnace & AC '01. Security system. Pergo floor in kitchen. \$235,000 (15MAR) 248-349-5600



LYON TOWNSHIP - Lyon Township Cape Cod. Charming 1990 cape cod on approximately 1/2 acre fenced lot. 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, great room w/fieldstone frplc, formal dining area, beautiful oak kit, 1st floor master bedroom, FF laundry, partially finished rec room, 2 car garage & neutral decor. Very sharp. \$229,900 (51MAR) 248-349-5600



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NORTHVILLE **\$1,890,000**
BOUNDLESS AMENITIES, EXQUISITE ESTATE! Located in SW Oakland county on private wooded 10 plus acres w/6000+ SF 6 BR, 6 baths, 2-lvs, w/o LL w/au pair ste, exercise/spa room & indoor heated pool! (71HUN2)

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NORTHVILLE **\$1,650,000**
MAGNIFICENT NEW CONSTRUCTION! Country French home nestled on private 1 acre site. 5 BRS, 5.5 ba. Marble & hwdw flrs. Granite & marble cnts. Full fin au-pair res w/private entrance. Quality T/O! (70VAL2)

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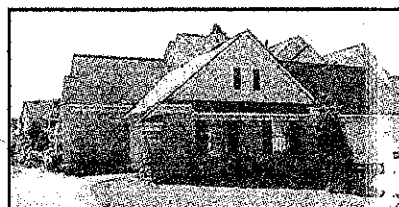
NORTHVILLE **\$1,350,000**
MAGNIFICENT EXECUTIVE RETREAT! Luxurious living! Dramatic entry! Gourmet kitchen! Indoor pool, fantastic fin bsmt w/sauna, bar & exercise rm. Gorgeous lot, Northville schools! A show place! (950AK2)

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PLYMOUTH **\$469,900**
THIS IS THE ONE! Immaculate Rossi built home. Attention to detail, beautiful oak kit, neutral decor. Professional landscaping on a 3/4 acre lot, awesome Jacuzzi room off deck. (23W49851)

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NORTHVILLE **\$467,500**
STUNNING NEUTRAL CONDO on the best dressed list! 2 BRS, 2.5 baths. Numerous upgrades incl: granite, lighting, carpet & cabinets. Extra Crown mldg. Luxury mstr bath. (80LYO2)

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CANTON **\$438,900**
4.3 ACRES! Great family home. 6 bdrms, 3 baths, 50x300 stocked pond. Pole barn & pool. New roof, furnace & A/C. New hrdwd flrs in kit & fam rm. Kit appliances & home warranty. (23N3632)

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FARMINGTON HILLS **\$429,900**
FABULOUS IMMACULATE HOME ON WOODED LOT Elegance surrounds you! 3 BR, 2.5 Bath Cape Cod. Neut T/O with every amenity. Gourmet kit w/granite, mstr ste w/luxury bath, lib w/french drs & bit-in bkcs. (36WES2)

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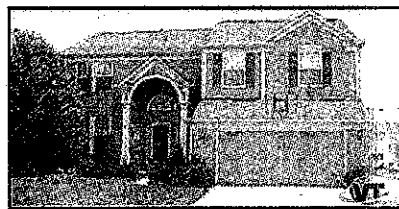
LIVONIA **\$369,900**
IMPECCABLY MAINTAINED! Transferee perfect! Move right in, 4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial. Beautiful kit w/accnt tile & isl. Lg FR w/FP & cathedral cell, mstr BR w/his/her closets/spacious BA. (10MAN2)

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LIVONIA **\$319,900**
IMMACULATE! 4 BR, 2.5 bath Coventry Garden Cape Cod! Updtd kitchen, fin'd bsmt on .41 acre lot! (43COV2)

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WESTLAND **\$314,900**
PULTE BUILT IN 1997 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, volume ceiling in great room, hard to find dual staircase, master bedroom with full bath and walk in closet, professionally fin basement. (S8146)

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CANTON **\$309,900**
BEAUTIFUL! Large 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath col. Very spacious LR w/gas frplc, 9' ceilings 1st flr. Open kit w/white cnts. 2nd flr laundry. Mstr ste w/dual WIC & whirlpool tub. (23P41825)

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DEARBORN **\$299,900**
4 BR, 3.5 BA, 2100+ SF HOME! All natural birch & oak woodwork, bright kit, lg pantry, some hrdwd flrs, immediate occupancy. Finished basement, 2 car garage. Neat, clean, & well cared for. (C321)

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CANTON **\$259,900**
PRIME N. CANTON LOCATION! Beautifully maintained & updated 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial on a quiet treed corner lot. Family room, updated kitchen, deck & much more! (23W6156)

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BELLEVILLE **\$244,900**
LARGE BRICK COLONIAL Two story, 4 bdrm, 2.5 ba, mstr bdrm w/wic, 2.5 car garage, full bsmt, gas fp in LR. Over 2200 sq.ft. of great living. (B14917)

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CANTON **\$239,900**
HURRY! BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL WILL NOT LAST! New updates thru-out including fl, aluminum siding, garage door, & front & back decks. Neutral carpet replaced in 2000. This house shows pride of ownership. (C6562)

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NORTHVILLE **\$239,000**
CUTE AS A BUTTON Lots of possibilities in exclusive cabbage town. Beautiful stone fireplace in family room. Unique wood flooring in entrance. Nice size yard. Home warranty. (25nov8)

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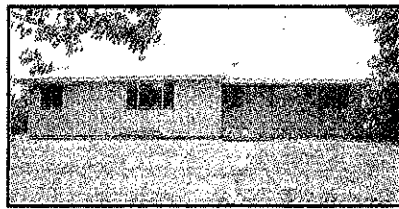
CANTON **\$225,000**
SPACIOUS END-UNIT CONDO! Small, private complex, GR w/cathedral ceiling, mstr w/g bath & WIC. Full, partially fin'd bsmt w/full bath, pantry & extra storage. 2-car attached garage. (91MEA2)

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BELLEVILLE **\$224,900**
BETTER THAN NEW CONSTRUCTION! 1998 bit Cape Cod, located deep in sub on a cul-de-sac, is so well maintained you'll think you're walking thru a spec home! 3BR, 2.5BA, over 1600 SF, and more! (M42646)

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SOUTH LYON **\$219,900**
RANCH ON 1 ACRE JUST MINUTES TO THE CITY Beautiful home in peaceful country setting. 3 BR, 2 BA, 1368 SF w/numerous updates. 32x24 Polebarn could be used as gar. Full bsmt. New kit w/appl. (99EIG2)

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WESTLAND **\$214,999**
CUSTOM DESIGNED KITCHEN WALL THE PERKS! 3 bdrm, walk-out, finished LL included in sq. ft. You won't believe how awesome this home is unless you see it for yourself! 2 tier custom deck and more! (L221)

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PLYMOUTH **\$204,900**
UPDATED PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP HOME! Walk to local elem. school or walk to Hines Park, either way this charming ranch has location all over it. Full base, 2 car det, FR w/a FP & tons of updates. (H11520)

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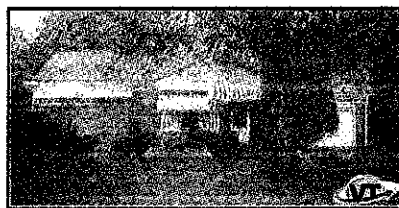
WESTLAND **\$194,900**
YOU WON'T WANT TO LEAVE lovely 3 Bdr, 2 bath ranch, w/newer carpet & paint, roof shingles, privacy fence, landscaping, gorgeous sun rm, sprinklers, plant box window, 2 car gar & more! (R368)

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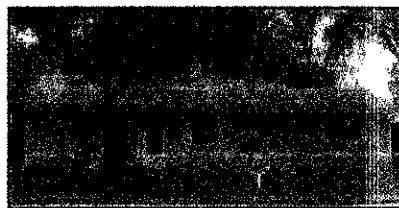
WESTLAND **\$177,500**
DESIRABLE DEERHURST RANCH UNIT Sharp finished basement, neutral decor, six panel doors, window treatments, cathedral ceiling, pantry, main floor laundry, 2 1/2 baths and much more. (D365)

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REDFORD **\$174,900**
COUNTRY IN THE CITY! This brk ranch sits on a half acre lot. New windows in family rm w/FP and separate heat and air. Roof 3 yrs, turn/air 13 yrs, part fin bsmt, all appliances. (M17394)

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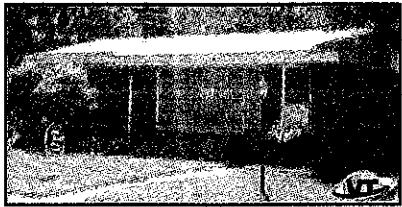
PLYMOUTH **\$173,900**
CHARMING RANCH! 3 bedroom, 1 bath nestled in heart of Plymouth! This home has updates galore! You will not be disappointed! Not a drive by. (23P420)

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WESTLAND **\$169,900**
BRICK RANCH ON A NICE ROAD! New tear off roof, HWH, newer eat-in kit. With some work & TLC, this can become a great home. 3 bdrm, partly fin'd bsmt w/bar. 2.5 car att gar, Livonia schools. (23G8466)

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LIVONIA **\$168,900**
JUST LISTED! 1,026 Sq Ft, 3 BR, 1 1/2 bath brick ranch with hard to find cathedral ceilings. Offers...open floor plan, neutral colors, knotty pine fin bsmt & much more! (D17518)

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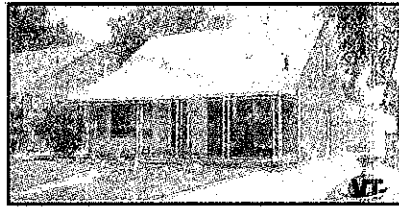
REDFORD **\$165,000**
TONS OF CHARM & CURB APPEAL Over 1,500 square feet. Formal dining room, updated kitchen, fireplace, walk-out basement, 2 car garage & more. (S143)

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REDFORD **\$154,900**
GOOD AS NEW This 3 BR, 2 bath ranch is all updated & move-in condition! White formica kit, new baths, hrdwd flrs, new carpet, FLA rm, fin bsmt and 2 car garage. (96MAC2)

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REDFORD **\$144,900**
1200 PLUS SQUARE FEET! 3 bedroom, 1 bath brick bungalow, 15k kitchen w/maple cabinetry, updated bath, plush carpets in neutral colors and more! (D9360)

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REDFORD **\$142,900**
WILL YOU BE THE LUCKY NEW OWNERS? Full brick ranch loaded w/expensive updates, 3 BR, 2 car garage, full bsmt, beautifully landscaped, walk to schools and parks. Hurry, this one is nice. (G15553)

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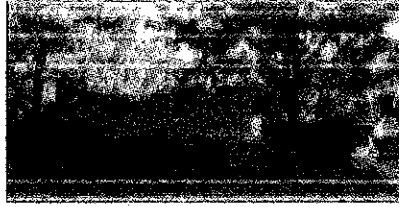
REDFORD **\$139,900**
3 BEDROOM BRICK BUNGALOW New kitchen cabinets - counter tops - flooring - updated electric - plumbing - glass block - vinyl windows - hardwood floors - South Redford Schools. (R11426)

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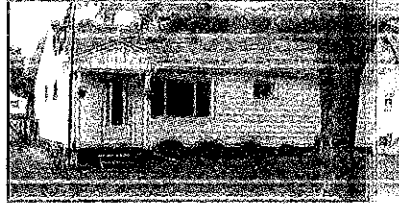
WAYNE **\$138,900**
2200+ SQ FT! 4-5 BEDROOMS! Ranch, family rm w/fireplace, 1st floor laundry, 1.5 bathrooms, enclosed heated Florida rm, maintenance free exterior, lots of room for possible home business. (G345)

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WESTLAND **\$134,500**
UPDATES GALORE IN THIS 3 BR brk & vinyl, 1978 built Westland ranch. Full basement, newer furnace, central air, vinyl windows, steel entry doors & roof shingles. (H171)

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WESTLAND **\$133,900**
CHARMING RANCH! Great 3 BR home located on low traffic, dead-end street. Enjoy relaxing on a large deck with extra large fenced yard. Nice curb appeal! (26FAR2)

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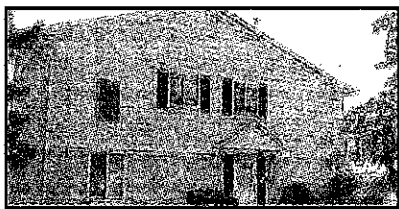
CANTON **\$123,900**
HOME SWEET HOME! Cozy raised ranch in great location of complex! Open floor plan, cathedral ceilings, balcony overlooks courtyard. (23L42775)

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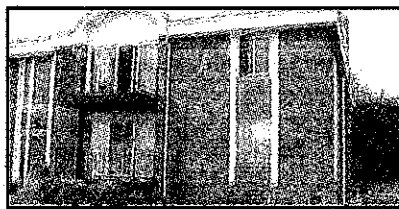
REDFORD **\$121,900**
SWEET SWEET SWEET 3 BR bungalow loaded w/updates. A pleasure to see. Very clean and well maintained. Maintenance free exterior. Lovely landscaping. Call to see. (K20470)

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WESTLAND **\$105,900**
DESIRABLE 2 BEDROOM WILLOW CREEK CONDO Immaculate w/newer windows, carpet, kit cabinets. Freshly painted throughout, walk-in closet MSTR BDRM. Direct access to garage. Pool & clubhouse. Super sharp. (S381)

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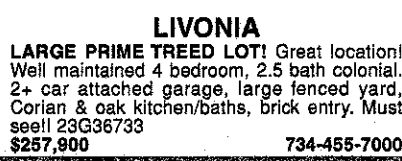
LIVONIA **\$82,500**
DESIRABLE GROUND FLOOR END UNIT w/ the added bonus of an in-unit stacked washer/dryer. Newer c/a. New Berber carpet 1/0. Custom mirrors in dining area. Master has walk-in closet. (B294)

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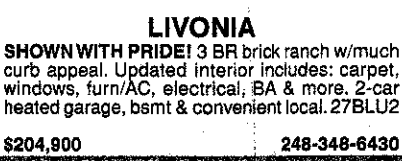
WESTLAND **\$77,900**
WHY RENT? Very affordable, 2 BR, brick condo with full basement, door wall, new furnace & central air. Lots of updates! Call for specifics. (S262)

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LIVONIA
LARGE PRIME TREED LOT! Great location! Well maintained 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial. 2+ car attached garage, large fenced yard, Corian & oak kitchen/baths, brick entry. Must see!! 23G36733

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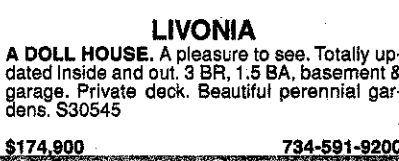
LIVONIA
SHOWN WITH PRIDE! 3 BR brick ranch w/much curb appeal. Updated interior includes: carpet, windows, furn/AC, electrical, BA & more. 2-car heated garage, bsmt & convenient local. 27BLU2

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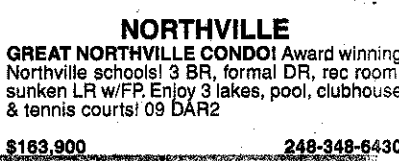
WESTLAND
3 BR, 2 BA RANCH. Lots of room, new roof, furnace, carpet, appliances. All family home negotiable. Great family home close to schools, shopping, recreation. S34736

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#2) 4044 Foxpointe Dr., Foxpointe Condos, W. Bloomfield, W. off Orchard Lk. Rd., just S. of Lone Pine Rd. (Take 2nd right)
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#4) 12755 Haverrill, Walnut Creek Sub., Plymouth, S. off N. Territorial, between Sheldon & Beck Rds. (Take 275 S. to M14 W. to Sheldon, left 2 lights, N. Territorial right 1/2 mile on left)
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Aug. 7-9 8-4. Antiques, Maple hutch & dining room table, Gone With The Wind Lamp & antique foot pedal organ, etc. 10049 Pierson, Detroit, E. of Telegraph, S. side of Plymouth W. of Evergreen.

Birmingham Furniture, glassware, decorative, etc. Aug. 9-10, 10-5. 1245 Derby, Condo #7, 2 lights N. of Maple, off Adams. 248-594-7494

Bloomfield Hills Antiques, tools, electronics, etc. 904 N. Reading, at Squirrel Rd. Aug. 7, 8, 9-9pm.

Bloomfield Hills Furniture, Fri. 9-5, Mon. 9-12 noon. Wabek South Sub. 4056 E. Golf Ridge, S. of Long Lake, W. of Franklin.

Bloomfield Hills Thurs Fri Sat 9-4. Furniture, decorative items, antiques. 4661 Mc Erwin, off Lone Pine, betw Telegraph & Franklin enter on Sodon Lake.

Bloomfield Hills The Heathers Sterling, fine china, crystal, collectibles. Elegant: dining room set & furniture. Office, records, kitchen, grandmother clock, Hammond Spinnet organ, much more! Fri., 9-4:30; Sat., 9-7. On Square Lake Rd. just east of Opdyke, go north into Heathers follow signs to 571 Cambridge Way.

canton. Aug. 9-10, 10-4. 41021 Old Michigan, Lot 40. Westpoint Manor. Queen size Bedroom Set, assortment of exercise equip., Queen sofa-bed, & other household items. 734-397-1476.

ESTATE SALE W. BLOOMFIELD: 6740 KNOLLWOOD CIRCLE WEST. S. of Maple, W. of Inkster. Aug. 8 & 9, 10-4. 40 yr. collection. China, crystal, household, clothes, signed Red Wing Jersey. Something for everyone.

ESTATE SALE - Birmingham. One day only. Sat., Aug. 9th, 9-5. 604 Hanna, corner of Watkins (Lincoln & Southfield), 1/2 sec. furniture, queen size bedroom set w/new mattress.

ESTATE SALE- Aug. 8 & 9, Fri. & Sat. 9-3. 9420 Mapletree Dr. Plymouth. Nice collection of modern contemporary furniture; cherry dining set, sofas, wing chairs, lamps, tables, more. Also, Kitchenware, glassware, books, clothing & linens, power and hand tools, gardening equipment & more! From Plymouth AA read, S. on Beck to first left, Stonecrest, first left onto Mapletree, presented by Mr. Bill's Estate Auction & Appraisal Services (formerly Mail of Ann Arbor). 734-769-1461.

FARMINGTON HILLS- 50's-70's Designer Danish modern, H. Miller, Rosenthal, Mikasa, Lenox, Lalique, Lladro, piano, rattan, rocks/shells, & metal sculptures. Fri.-Sat., 11-4 plus 25865 Castleridge. 248-478-2929, www.apapp.com

POP CULTURE! 60's-80's Furniture, LP's, books, etc. Fri-Sun, 10-5. 5069 Talbot, Detroit. N./Caniff, E./Conant.

PRESTIGE ESTATE SALES Fri. & Sat., Aug. 8 & 9, 10-4 384 Puritan, Birmingham, N. off Maple, between Southfield & Chesterfield

Contemporary art & pottery, chairs, spool cabinets, 4 poster bed, Lennox set, linens, books, records, more. 586-662-7373

THURS. - SUN. By Appt. Only Chippendale dining set/ Mahogany bar/ Fine furniture. Exquisite! new. 248-535-0089

W. BLOOMFIELD - Fri-Sun, 10-5. Moving & must sell everything that won't fit in our new condo. Over 32 yrs. of collecting. Herman Miller, Knoll, Lane, Heywood Wakefield, Hoffman, Deco, Modern, Memphis & other furniture. Large amount of Tramp & Prizon art. Large quantity of vintage bags (beaded, leather, designer, compacts), oak secretary, iron bed, rugs, designer clothes, mens & women's shoes, Prada, Mugler, Gucci & others. Wedgewood dishes, crystal, silver, serving pcs., art glass, candle sticks, pottery & much more. Quilts, (Crazy Log Cabin, Postage Stamp), 6780 Post Oak Dr., 1 blk. S. of Maple, W. off Middlebelt.

WESTLAND: ESTATE SALE. 8571 Terri Dr. W. of Merriman, S. of Joy. Lots of furniture, kitchen & garage. Thur-Sat. 9-7

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BEVERLY HILLS - Aug 7-9, 9-4. Collectibles & household goods. 22190 Camlet Ct. W. off Lahser, betw 13 & 14 Mile.

BEVERLY HILLS - 6 family! Thurs-Sat. 9-5. 31985 Alden, Beverly Rd., betw. Southfield & Evergreen.

BEVERLY HILLS - Thurs-Fri. 9-4. 31448 Sunset, N/13 Mile. E. of Evergreen, S. of Beverly. Household items, books, toys.

BINGHAM FARMS - Friday Only. 9-5. 23703 Old Orchard Trail, 1 blk E. of Telegraph, N. of 13 Mile, off Bingham Rd.

BINGHAM FARMS: Misc. household items including children's toys & clothes. Fri. & Sat. 9-4. 23736 Old Orchard Tr. Off Bingham Rd. 1/2 way betw. 13 & 14 Mile.

BIRMINGHAM 2585 Windemere, N./Maple, W./Coolidge. (Multi-family) Aug. 8 & 9, 9-6pm. Camping equipment, antiques, household items, baby clothes/toys & furniture.

BIRMINGHAM Blowout Garage Sale, Aug. 8th, 9-4. 1569 Emmons, E. off Woodward. Great prices, collectibles, etc.

BIRMINGHAM Fri-Sun, 9-4. Furniture, toys, clothes & much more. 815 Ridgedale, E. of Woodward, N. of Maple.

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BIRMINGHAM- Multi-family. TV, furniture, jewelry, typewriter, appliances, stamps, coins, dog crate, crafts, dorm items & much more. Aug. 7-9, 9am-1pm. 580 W. Lincoln, (1 1/2 mile Rd. betw. Woodward & Southfield).

BLOOMFIELD HILLS - 420 W. Washington, Fri. & Sat., 9am-4pm. Toys, sporting goods, clothes, furniture, more.

BLOOMFIELD TWP Sat Aug. 9th, 10-4pm. 4130 Meadow Way, S. of Quenton, W. of Telegraph. Household, furniture, designer clothing/shoes, XXL mens, baby, etc! Great stuff! Cheap!

BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE: Thur-Fri. 8-4. Washer/dryer, couches, antique school desk, office equip., snowblower, storage cabinet & more. 819 N. Cranbrook, betw. Maple & Quanton.

CANTON Fri-Sat, Aug. 15-16, 9am-3pm. 1418 Oakview, N/Saltz, betw. Sheldon & Morton Taylor. Bargains Galore!

CANTON 728 George Town, off Cherry Hill, W. of Hix, E. of Dyer. Sat. & Sun., 8am-4pm. Dryer, lawn mower, clothing & misc.

CANTON Aug. 7-8, 9-4. Carriage Park Condo, 4517 Coachman court. E. off Canton Center, betw. Ford & Saltz. Furniture, sofa-bed, children's items, household and fishing items & more.

CANTON Aug. 8 & 9, 9-5pm. Baby clothes, housewares, stove & more. 6175 Courtland Dr., N. of Ford, W. of Hagerty.

CANTON Multi-family garage sale! August 8th & 9th, starts at 10am. 44600 Nantucket, off of Warren Road between Sheldon & Ford. Clothing, furniture, housewares, etc.

CANTON: 5 family sale. 1 day. Thu. Aug. 7, 9-4. Lyndon Village, Beck & Warren. 7393 Briargate Dr. Furniture, bears, power jeep, good stuff!

CLARKSTON garage sale August 7th-9th, 9am-4pm. Spring Lake Sub. 6455 Ancroft Dr. off of Maybee between Sasshaw & Dixie.

CLAWSON 508 Nahma, S. of 14 Mile, W. of Main. Aug. 8th, 8-6pm & Aug. 9th, 9am-3pm. Everything priced to sell!

DAVISBURG- 10725 Clark Rd., Aug. 7- 9th, 9-5. Antiques, & old stuff sale, wide variety of items, priced to sell. No early sales.

DETROIT - Antiques & collectibles & much more. Fri-Sat. Aug. 9-10-9pm. 18240 Warrington, S. off 7 Mile, between Pickford & Curtis.

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FARMINGTON HILLS - 21451

Lundy, S. of Folsom, betw. Farmington & Orchard Lake. Aug. 7-9, 9am-5pm

Farmington Hills - Fri-Sat, Aug. 8-9, 9:30-5. Canterbury Commons, 29562 Muirland, W. of Orchard Lake Rd. N. of 16 Mile Rd. Moving!! Housewares, collectibles, glassware, tools, yard & sports equipment, & more!

Farmington Hills - THE BEST IS BACK! Sat., Sun., 9-5. 30927 Perry Crossing, S/14, W/off Farmington. Lots of old, lots of new, lots of everything! Quality Queen size clothing.

FARMINGTON HILLS - huge sale. 33722 Lyncroft, W. off Farmington Rd., N. of 11 Mile. Aug. 14-16, 10-4.

FARMINGTON HILLS - HUGE SALE. Refrigerator, clothes, bikes, misc. 35372 Spring Hill off Drake betw. 13 & 14 Mile. Thurs-Sat., Aug. 7-9, 9-5pm

FARMINGTON HILLS 2 family Aug. 7-9, 9-5. New ceramics, misc. items. 36511 W. Lyman, off Drake, 1 blk. N. of 11 Mile.

FARMINGTON HILLS 3 Family Sale. 8/7 & 8, 9-4. Exc. kid/adult clothes, toys/bikes, household. 31202 & 31226 Westwood, S/14, E. off Drake.

FARMINGTON HILLS Aug. 14 & 15, 9-5pm. 30024 Woodbrook (Holly Hill Farms Sub.) W. off Middlebelt, Set. 12 & 13 Mile. Furniture, housewares, misc, follow signs.

FARMINGTON HILLS 3 Family Sale. 8/7 & 8, 9-4. Exc. kid/adult clothes, toys/bikes, household. 31202 & 31226 Westwood, S/14, E. off Drake.

FARMINGTON HILLS Aug. 7 & 8, 9am. QUALITY ONLY. 3 houses on Leestock, between Inkster & Middlebelt, S. off 11 Mile. Furniture, art, clothing, linens, jewelry, housewares, camping stuff, NO JUNK!! Don't miss it! Follow signs.

FARMINGTON HILLS Aug. 8 & 9, 10-3. Exercise equipment, toys, kitchen table & more! 30785 Huntsman, W. off Drake, N. of 13 Mile.

FARMINGTON HILLS Everything (almost) must go! Furniture, tools, books, software & more. Sat. & Sun. 10am-4pm. 21881 Layte, 9 Mile (between Middlebelt & Inkster) to Tradwell, S. to Doreen, E. to Leyte

FARMINGTON HILLS Huge Sale! 36120 Pineview, 2 bks W. of Drake, S. of 13. Old, new: records, fishing, antiques, clothes, art, much more. Fri-Sat, Aug. 8-9, 9-5.

FARMINGTON HILLS HUGE SALE! Thurs. only 9-6. 37765 Bradley Dr. 9 Mile/Halsted, Farmington Square Sub. Furniture, household, tools, small appliances, kitchen items, computer equipment. Everything priced to sell.

FARMINGTON HILLS: A Little Bit of Everything! Sat. Aug. 9, 9-5:30. 32073 Red Clover, Btwn. 12 & 13 Mile Rd. & Farmington/Orchard Lake.

FARMINGTON HILLS: Aug. 8-9. 21208 Prestwick. Applebrooke Sub. E/Halstead, S/9. Toys, clothes, furniture.

Farmington Thurs-Sat. 9:30-3:30. 32429 Cloverdale, 1 blk W/Powers & S/Grand River. Lots of everything!

FARMINGTON- Gigantic Sale, Fri-Sun, 9-7. 20937 Inger, (1 1/2 block N. of 8), golf bags & clubs, lamps, vacuum, too much to mention.

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Automotive

Household Goods (7160)

DINING TABLE oak-w/6 chairs (oak w/cream/beige fabric). \$700/best. 248-669-2824

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

Timberlake solid cherry, 24" x 38" x 66" \$500. 248-318-0823

Entertainment Center, 4 pc. traditional, 2 cabinets, 80" tall, 34" wide, 14" deep, 2 curved end, 80" tall, 14" wide, 14" deep, lighted upper shelves, drawer & doors on lower half. New \$2500. Like new, must sell \$500. (248) 646-9038

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Appliances (7180)

REFRIGERATOR/Freezer, 2 yrs., blk, Maytag, \$1000. Washer & electric dryer, white, Maytag, 3 yrs. old, \$550. (734) 451-1509

STAINLESS STEEL GE refrig, \$750. GE electric smooth top range, \$925 \$1,500/best. Like new. 734-451-1556

STOVE, REFRIGERATOR & MICROWAVE \$300/all. (734) 425-7928

Three Air Conditioners, sizes range from 4,000-23,000 BTU, 1 casement sliding window \$50 - \$150 (313) 581-7488

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HOT TUB - Brand new, 7 person, 44 jets, dual 5 hp pump, warranty, cover, retail \$7500. Sell \$4350. 313-384-3179

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Building Materials (7220)

Windows interior, vinyl sided slider (3 sizes); bathroom sink; soaker hoses, & misc. 734-598-0622

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Cameras & Supplies (7280)

D-Link 2.4 GHZ wireless Internet Camera DCS 1000W New, in box. 2 at: \$200/ea. (248) 338-3877

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ALLIANT MILL 1985 readouts and power feed. Recent updates. Very good cond. \$4,500/firm. (734) 459-2447 Ask for Mark

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U-Picks (7410)

HOME GROWN SWEET CORN U-PICK BEANS Rowe's Produce 10570 Martz, Ypsilanti (734) 492-9398 Call for picking conditions!

Hospital/Medical Equipment (7460)

HOSPITAL BED Good cond. \$300. Wheel chair like new. \$150. 313-563-6478

Jewelry (7470)

Engagement/Wedding Band ring set. 1.5 kt. Marquis diamond/platinum. New (papers). Cost \$8000+. Flance - cancer. Make offer. 734-516-3333

Lawn Garden & Snow Equipment (7480)

BILLYGOAT 2001 24" BUSH CUTTER 8 HP, B & S, like new. \$1375. (586) 752-4152

CRAFTSMAN LAWN TRACTOR 15.5 HP, automatic, 42 inch blade. Lightly used, \$80. 734-420-4031

Riding Lawn Tractor (7500)

MTD, 14.5 hp, brand new 42 in mulcher mowing deck, runs great, \$325. 248-723-8836

TRAILER, all new electric, tires, bearings, reinforced tongue, like new treated wood. \$350. (734) 421-7872

TROYBILT 36" lawn tractor, 12 hp, lawn sweeper, trailer, plow. \$780. SOLD

Misc. For Sale (7500)

LADDERS FOR SALE (2) 40 ft., (2) 4 piece sectionals, (1) 12ft. step. 313-937-0036

Oak Table w/4 chairs: \$150. Sony 5 disc CD changer: \$90. Ryan Wed. Wacker: \$80. Snowblower: \$10. Push lawn mower: \$25. 248-625-5092

Park View Memorial - 2 Plots, resurrection garden, section 672. \$1000/both, 734-454-9541

PLYMOUTH HUGE TOOL SALE

Aug. 7-9th, 9-6, 6435 Napier Rd., Power tools, hand tools, electrical, plumbing, carpentry and etc.

PORTABLE CLOSETS (2) for moving or storage. Used 1x, \$6 each. (248) 473-9803

UMBRELLA TABLE & 6 chairs. Ornate aluminum, verd. \$950. 248-647-6546

Utility Trailer 4'x8', tilt bed, good tires, good condition, \$450. 248-625-7640

WOOD SWING SET

First \$200 takes. 248-762-3572

Musical Instruments (7510)

BALDWIN PIANO Spinnett, walnut, exc. cond, great tone. \$1200. 248-879-6812

Grand Piano, 5 7" hand made Schorer, walnut, exc. con. \$5000/best. 734-953-0874

PEARL DRUM SET cymbals, stands, & cases included. Like new. \$650 or best offer. (734) 459-4579

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PIANO BLACK BABY GRAND See Everything Goes ad section 710 today's paper.

PIANO Story & Clark console w/bench. 25 yrs. old, exc. cond. \$1500/best. 313-565-8468

STEINWAY GRAND piano model L ebony finish, excellent cond., \$24,000. (313) 835-2540

VIOLA PACKAGE includes 15 1/2 inch Meisel Viola, Bow and Case. \$2400. 734-420-4031

Sporting Goods (7520)

OLYMPIC WEIGHT SET Includes adjustable Olympic bench with leg extension & rack \$150. 734-844-1874

POOL TABLES - All Slate, antique, ultra modern, bar size. Buy direct from factory. 248-399-7255/248-547-3980

RECOMBUNT - Lightning, P-38, low miles, loaded. Must Sell! \$2400. 734-591-9218

Tools (7525)

SHOP CLOSING - Must sell! 16 in. jointer, \$400. 18 in. planer, Powermatic w/sharpening system & dust collector, \$4500. 8 hp, 60 gal. stand up air compressor, \$350. Whole shop cyclone dust collector, \$400. Hazardous location exhaust fan, 16 in. diameter blade, \$250. 248-891-4824

Cats (7530)

KITTENS Sweet, short haired, black tabbys, 11 wks. old, first shots. \$20. 734-762-5099

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Michigan Humane Society ADOPT-A-PET

This Week's Featured Pet

Lady

Lady is a two-year-old Siberian Husky/Shepherd mix female with a brown and tan coat weighing in at 68lbs, who recently had a litter of nine pups.

This mother's pups all have homes and now she is hoping to find a place to call her own! This pooch is very friendly but will need a little time to relax and become comfortable in her new home. She is well-suited for a home with children over 12 since little ones startle her. She will make an ideal playmate for the children at her new home as well as a loyal friend and walking partner for her new adult owner. Already she knows how to "sit", "shake paws" (with both paws), and will even lie down when told to.

To welcome Lady to her new home, visit the Michigan Humane Society Westland Shelter (734) 721-7300

Dogs (7640)

ABANDONED - Healthy young female dog, Mixed American Staffordshire Terrier & Shar Pei. Loves people & dogs. No cats. Had shots & heart worm medicine. 734-421-5895

BEAGLE PUPS - AKC, 3 males, 8 wks, shots, wormed, \$500. (734) 422-4031

BORDER COLLIE PUPS - Red & White, smooth and rough coated, AKC & ABC reg. \$400. 734-697-7382

CHIHUAHUAS PUPS CKC registered, 1st shots & worming, Carla 734-587-7201

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GERMAN SHEPHERD PUPS AKC. Black/silver. Adrian, M. Guaranteed (517) 265-2453

JACK RUSSELL PUPS \$225-\$300. Adults \$100-200. Shots, wormed, tails. (517)423-3151

MALTESE PUPPIES 10 weeks old. (248) 437-8805

MIXED BREED 1 1/2 Years old female. Great family dog. Crate trained and loves children. Housebroken. To a good home. (734) 920-2132

SHELTIE PUPS - Beautiful sable/white, 4 males, 2 females. Vet checked. AKC. Ready for new homes. 734-644-9356

SIBERIAN HUSKY, beautiful, petite, friendly, 7 yr. old female (spayed). Needs fenced yard. Outside dog. 248-888-0604

WHEATON TERRIER 5 yrs. old. Does not shed, great family dog. Crate trained and housebroken. To a good home. (734) 920-2132

CATALINA 27, Sailboat, roller, inboard gas engine, perfect, \$10,000. 734-681-8743

DAYLINER 1987 16 Ft., Bowdler, 2.3 Capri engine, with 4 cyl eng, trailer included. \$3000 or best 734 591-6292

CRYSLE 1975 14 ft., Tri-Haul, 55 hp w/trailer, \$1400/best. Ask for Dan T. (734) 422-7540

DONZI 1977 Ski-Sporter 350 Chevy, E-Z loader trailer, garaged, \$8000. 248-553-4597

FOUR WINNS 1997, Horizon RX, 18', 10', 16', 190 hp, like new, low hrs. Trailer & extras \$10,900. 248-363-2915

FOUR WINNS 325, EXP 1992, T350, V-drives, full electronics, \$52,900. 734-397-5060

FOURWINNS 1990 HORIZON 180 bow rider w/trailer, 5.0L/8V, OMC Cobra, new am/fm, cover, tires. Good cond. \$5400. 248-443-9990

OAK ROLLTOP DESK - Oak file cabinet, bookcases, chair, misc. 248-478-9301

PONTON 1997 Premier Grand Majestic, aluminum deck, Honda 40, 50 hrs. mint. \$18,800. 248-608-0718

SAILBOAT 3 YRO Laser Pico, great cond, 11 ft, 1-3 person, w/main, jib, no trailer. \$1250/best. 248-594-7557

SEA DOO 1997 GTX 52 hrs., with trailer, 3 seater, mint. \$4500. 248-608-0718

SEA RAY 1986 Sundancer Exec. cond. Must sell. \$15,000. /offer. 734-374-0218

Household Pets-Other (7650)

FERRETS (1 male, 1 female). Had shots. \$100 w/cage & accessories. (734) 462-6030

Lost & Found-Pets (7630)

FOUND DOG, German Shepherd Mix, neutered male, gray/black/tan. Approx. 100 lbs, height approx. 30" at shoulder. Very friendly & obedient. Near Island Lake State Park. Off Silver Lake Rd., btwn. Dixboro & Kent Lake Rds. in Lyon Twp. 248-446-5020

FOUND IN FARMINGTON Black/white neutered male cat, extremely friendly, if owner not found, needs home. 248-473-5400

Boats & Motors (8020)

STARCRAFT-1997 18 FT. bass boat, 60 hp, mariner, 2 wells, front troller, cover, clean. \$5500. 734-721-0381

SUPRA COMP 1998, SKI BOAT, 19' low hrs. exc. cond. heater, radio & 8 CD changer, 4 blade prop. \$19,000/best. (248) 684-9750

THOMPSON 1995 20 ft., cuddy, many extras, low hrs., w/trailer. (734) 416-3955

WANTED Pontoon-looking paddle boat, clean, top & rack, reasonable. 734-684-8224

WELLCRAFT 1988, 17 ft. 170 hp Merc, low hrs. Eage trailer, \$4500/best. 248-557-6079

Motorcycles/Motobikes & Go Karts (8070)

HARLEY DAVIDSON DYNA Superglide FXD 1995. Maroon, 7,700 miles, extra chrome, support guard, saddlebags, luggage rack, garage stored, immaculate, \$1,500 ocr best offer. 734-699-3000.

Harley Davidson Heritage Springer 1997. Red & white, 7054 miles, asking \$14,500./best offer Days 313-255-3100 extension 288/John or eves. 248-377-0312

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HARLEY SUPERGLIDE 1979 Original, exc. cond., 19,000 miles, fresh motor & transmission. \$7800 or best offer. Carl (313) 702-7054

HARLEY 2003, Ultra Classic. Shiner bike. Ext. warranty. \$24,000/best. 313-531-8785

HENDERSON 1999, Initial Production #747. Excellent! \$10,000/best. (313) 565-4170

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HONDA SHADOW SPIRIT- 1988, 1100cc, 5500, miles, w/windshield, new battery. \$4700. 734-542-0156

SUZUKI- INTRUDER VS. 2000, 1400CC, Windshield, 1,500cc. \$5200. 248-219-9885

SUZUKI 1987 1400 intruder, 13K miles, exc. cond., \$2,500 or best offer. 313 561-5261

SUZUKI 2001 Intruder LC - 1500cc, black/chrome, 9K, \$6500/best. 734-368-5573

YAMAHA- VIRAGO, 750, pristin cond., 1994 with 1700 miles \$3000/best. 248-408-0625

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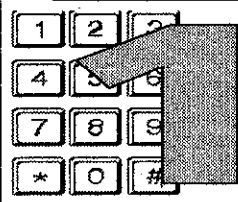
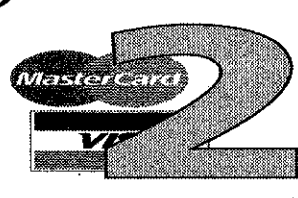
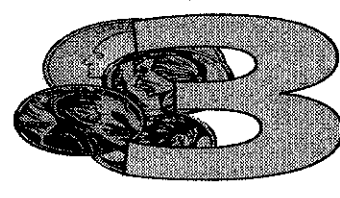
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 SWM, 34-45, for a possible long-term
 relationship. Ad#472299

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 Professional, N/S, D/W, 45,
 with no children, enjoys dining
 in, movies, concerts, walking,
 biking, etc. Searching for an affectionate,
 communicative SM, 35-55,
 who is honest, with a great sense
 of humor and similar interests.
 Ad#494937

LIFE IS TOO SHORT

 SWF, 61, medium height, with
 blue eyes and blonde hair. Enjoys
 staying active and having fun.
 Looking for a N/S, SWM, 58-66,
 who doesn't play head games.
 Ad#420010

CUTE BLONDE WIDOW

 I'm 50, 105 lbs., 58, romantic,
 secure SF, seeking a nice-looking
 male, 5'7" to 6', slim to medium
 build, who enjoys dancing, golf,
 live theater and good conversation.
 Ad#403562

LOOKING FOR...

 Fun-loving relationship, 59, 52",
 SWF, brown hair, medium build,
 good personality. Friendly, com-
 passionate, like to meet a man, 55-
 72, with the same. No games.
 Someone that I can be fun-loving
 with and also serious, pretty ves-
 tigate with going out. Ad#442445

SHARE LIFE

 SBF, 38, 5'2", medium build, kind,
 loving and communicative. Enjoys
 reading, movies, nature, boating,
 time with friends and family, good
 conversation and much more.
 Seeking a SM, 35-50, who is
 handsome, religious, pleasant and
 has similar interests. Ad#478614

LET'S SEE WHAT BLOOMS

 SWF, 64, 5'2", 118 lbs. Blonde
 who is happy and outgoing.
 Interests are the outdoors, movies
 and gardening. Seeking a lovable
 honest SM, 60-70, who is
 outgoing for companionship and
 possible relationship. Ad#477392

GRACE AND ELEGANCE

 I'm 50, caring mother, loves life,
 in search of SWM, 45-55, for
 friendship possibly leading to
 long-term relationship.
 Ad#476066

WHERE ARE YOU?

 50 yrs. old, DW, 5'2", 110 lbs.,
 blue eyes, brown hair. Enjoys
 music, concerts, outdoors.
 Harley's, the Red Wings, dancing,
 etc. Searching for an honest, loyal,
 SM to enjoy life, someone who
 wants to casually date and has a
 sense of humor. Ad#403942

RECIPE FOR LOVE

 SWF, 30, 5'5", dark brown
 hair/eyes. Interests are fun times,
 watching basketball and wrestling
 and cooking. In search of SWM,
 30-35, tall, dark hair, enjoys a
 good chat for possible relationship.
 Ad#478002

OLDER LOVE IS SWEETER

 Are you interested in meeting a
 sweet, classy gal, early 60's, beau-
 tiful brown hair and eyes, who is
 looking for a tall, mild mannered,
 58-70 year old gentleman, emo-
 tionally and financially secure.
 Ad#403803

IN GOD I TRUST

 SWF, 45, 5'5", brown
 hair/eyes. Interests are Church,
 afternoon strolls and good conver-
 sation. Seeking SWM, 30-45,
 Christian, enjoys children, who is
 honest and caring, for compani-
 onship and possible relationship.
 Ad#475985

ROAD TO HAPPINESS

 This family-oriented, outgoing
 SWF, 32, enjoys scary movies,
 carnivals and long walks. She is
 seeking SWM, 28-40, who is car-
 ing, likes children, down-to-earth
 and is sincere for a relationship.
 Ad#475521

PATIENTLY WAITING 4 U

 SWF, 60, auburn hair, green eyes,
 professional. Enjoys travel, week-
 end get-a-ways, camping, cudi-
 ng and more. Seeking a SWM,
 57-70, who is loving, humorous,
 N/S, N/D, fun and affectionate.
 Ad#405309

BEAUTIFUL INSIDE & OUT

 SWF, 57, 5'4", red curly hair,
 brown eyes, enjoys movies, the-
 ater, boating, swimming, cooking
 and time with family. Seeking a
 SWM, 55-79, who is ambitious,
 spiritual, successful and fun.
 Ad#473611

A COMPANION

 SBF, 48, professional, full-figured.
 Enjoys concerts, time with family,
 travel, walking and more. Seeking
 a SM, who is open, honest, loving
 and reliable. Ad#473235

COMPANIONSHIP

 Classy, blonde, WWF, 65, 5'3",
 120 lbs., who enjoys dining out,
 golf and travel. Searching for a
 SW, gentleman, 65-72.
 Ad#473072

GOAL-ORIENTED

 SWF, 29, 5'9", with bluish green
 eyes and a full figure. Interests are
 fishing, camping, swimming and
 much more. In search of a SWM,
 26-37, for friendship to start, that
 can lead into a long term relation-
 ship. Ad#471960

SHY, BUT OUTGOING

 SWF, 42, petite, with blonde hair
 and blue eyes. Interests are the
 outdoors, working out, gardening,
 etc. Searching for an attractive, fit
 SWM, 35-47, who has similar
 interests, with good morals.
 Ad#481848

NEW TO THE ADS

 Loving, reliable SBF, 21, 5'2", 150
 lbs., caramel complexion. Enjoys
 basketball, football and more.
 Looking for a confident SM who
 knows what he wants out of life.
 Ad#471865

GOOD-NATURED

 SWF, 55, 6'1", medium build, col-
 lege graduate, non-smoker. Enjoys
 working out, theater, movies, walk-
 ing and more. Seeking a SWM, 5'3"
 plus, 53-62, who is well-groomed
 and professional, for friendship
 first. Ad#470281

ENJOY LIFE

 SWF, 37, 5'7", blue eyes and
 brown hair. Interests are time with
 her children, camping, basketball,
 golfing, music and concerts.
 Looking for a SWM, 30-45, who is
 fun to be around. Ad#444655

ALWAYS SMILING

 SWF, 44, 5'7", with brown hair and
 hazel eyes. Interests are swim-
 ming, shopping, NASCAR, fishing
 and much more. In search of a
 SWM, 5'11"-6'3", 34-50, who is
 honest and trustworthy.
 Ad#468434

WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU?

 SWF, 56, 5'6", average build with
 brown hair & eyes. Interested in
 gardening, canning, swimming,
 cooking & romantic evenings.
 Looking for an honest, faithful
 SWM, 51-60, with great eyes, who
 loves children and intelligent con-
 versation. Ad#469108

AWESOME COOK!

 Fun loving, outgoing SWF, 44, 5'7",
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 SWF, 34, 5'5", brown hair and
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 tionship. Ad#421180

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 minded. Ad#459756

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 SWF, 49, 5'5", brown hair and blue
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 bies are outdoors, antiques and
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 honest and enjoys outdoor
 activities. Ad#468815

CONVERSATIONALIST

 SWF, 53, 5'4", 114 lbs., with
 blonde hair. Interests are theater,
 antiques, shopping, reading, plays
 and much more. In search of a
 SWM, over 43, who is honest and
 sincere, for friendship first.
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PRETTY & PLAYFUL

 SWF, 42, 5'4", with short auburn
 hair and blue eyes. Enjoys time
 with her children, hiking, walking
 and much more. Looking for a N/S
 SWM, 40-45, who is fun-loving,
 good-natured and enjoys kids.
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EASYGOING & HUMOROUS

 SWF, 55, semi-retired, enjoys the
 outdoors, Florida, concerts, walk-
 ing, reading, etc. In search of a
 SWM, over 68, who has time for
 a relationship, with a great sense of
 humor. Ad#450241

DO YOU LOOK LIKE KEN?

 Fun, full-figured, SWF, 57, enjoy
 long walks, boating, motorcycles,
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 oriented and get along with all
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 with and see where it goes from
 there. Ad#450091

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 Attractive divorced white female,
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 optimistic. Enjoys exercise, good
 conversation, movies, concerts,
 sports. Seeks professional
 divorced white male, 45 to 55, no
 beard or mustache. Ad#408954

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?

 Divorced professional female,
 petite, 50, 5'1", active, sense of
 humor. Enjoys exercise, good con-
 versation, movies, concerts, ani-
 mals. Seeks male counterpart,
 physically active, easygoing, sense
 of humor, non-smoker, profes-
 sional, no beard or mustache.
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PRETTY GOODY

 SWF, 19, with a good sense of
 humor, enjoys life, loves to laugh,
 camping, the beach and is easy to
 get along with. Looking for a SWM,
 31-37, who is fun to be with, hon-
 est, respectable, caring and enjoys
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DINNER FOR TWO

 SWF, 56, 5'5", blonde hair, blue
 eyes, outgoing, traveling, quiet
 evenings at home, the out-
 doors, dancing and much more.
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FUN & ENERGETIC

 SWF, 38, 5'5", blonde, with blue
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 her cat. Seeking a SWM, 35-45,
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FIND OUT MORE TODAY!!!

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 SWM, 59-75. Ad#449205

COMPANIONSHIP

 SWF, 47, 5'8", 200 lbs., with
 blonde hair and blue eyes.
 Interests are music, cooking, yard
 work and traveling. Searching for a
 SWM, 40-50, who is doesn't play
 games, is honest, truthful, com-
 munitative, loving and warm.
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HAPPY & CHEERFUL

 SBF, 37, 5'11", with brown eyes
 and a beautiful set of lips. Enjoys
 cooking, dining out, shopping and
 much more. In search of a SM,
 under 50, who is honest, trustwor-
 thy, funny, caring and loving.
 Ad#449074

GOOD NATURED

 SBF, 47, 5'3", dark brown hair, out-
 going, sincere and fun-loving.
 Enjoys shopping, travel, dining
 out, the outdoors, picnics and
 more. Seeking a SM, 40-60, who
 is sincere, outgoing, fun-loving,
 family-oriented and is a kid at
 heart. Ad#442147

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?

 SBF, 32, mother of 2, working part-
 time and going to school part-time.
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 more. Seeking a SM, 40-60, who
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 are that special guy, leave a mes-
 sage! Ad#446605

IS IT BETTER

 SWF, 49, 5'8", blonde hair, brown
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 pleasant. Enjoys theater, travel,
 music and more. Seeking a SWM,
 over 46, who is loyal, down-to-
 earth and not into games.
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 me. Ad#443461

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 SBF, 26, 5'10", 150 lbs., dark com-
 plexion. Seeking a SM, 22-35, who
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RECIPE FOR LOVE

 Christian WWF, 68, 5'5", blonde
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OUTGOING & FUNNY

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LOOKING FOR YOU

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 to laugh with me. SWF, 56.
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EASYGOING & HONEST

 SWF, 53, 5'7", slim, auburn hair.
 Seeking a SM, 45-60, who is hand-
 some, slim, secure, affectionate
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COFFEE?

 SWF, 47, 5'8", blonde hair, blue
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WANT TO HAVE FUN

 Petite very honest. SBF, 42 yrs. old,
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 Looking for giving, open, SM, 39-
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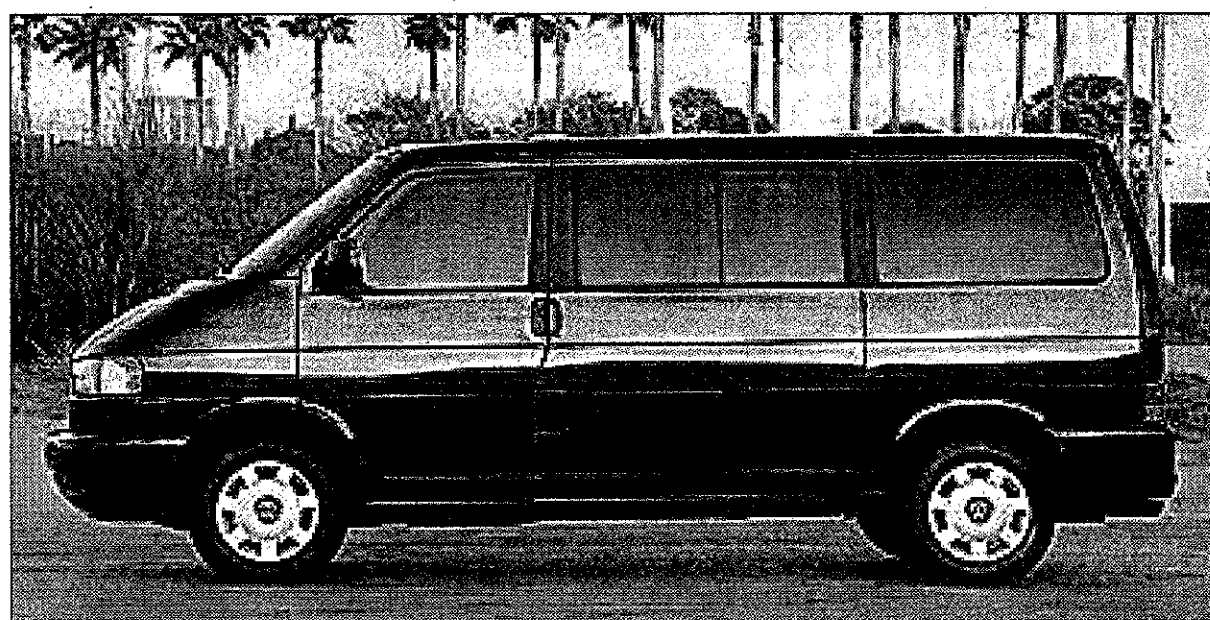
BY DALE BUSS

The Volkswagen EuroVan MV is tall and spacious, offers tremendous views out the front window and - with features such as a fold-down table, a sliding side window and a truck-like configuration - seems refreshingly quirky to North American consumers who have grown used to the cookie-cutter formula that first was popularized two decades ago by Chrysler's minivans.

But there's a reason that formula is so wide-spread, and by violating it, the 2003 EuroVan simply goes too far afield from what a minivan needs to be. Many aspects of this vehicle, especially interior features, run so counter to the segment mainstream that you wonder how Volkswagen could have believed it was competing in the same market. And in some other ways, the EuroVan's basic functionality simply misses the mark. It's a vehicle that you really want to love but doesn't offer enough in return for the affection.

Let's start with the good stuff. With 200 cubic feet of passenger space, in large part because of its unusually tall roof, EuroVan excels in providing interior room for cargo-hauling or passenger transportation. Moreover, its resolute boxiness enhances the utility of all of that interior space. In fact, everything about this vehicle seems maximized for regarding it as a small bus or delivery van (the purpose for which it was originally designed for the European market). That includes the fact that the non-adjustable steering wheel is positioned very vertically, as it might be in a bus, and that with a transversely mounted engine, the driver and front passenger have almost no consciousness of there being a front end on the EuroVan.

Functionally, a number of things work very well on the EuroVan. There is adequate power for mid-



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range needs, such as changing lanes, in the 201-horsepower, V6 engine, and the vehicle is reasonably quiet. At 17 mpg in the city and 20 mpg on the highway, EuroVan's gas mileage is competitive with other minivans. Some aspects of the design illustrate the deftness of German engineering, such as the easily sliding side passenger door, the sliding windows that easily open wide on each side of the vehicle, and the pop-out keys that VW has designed into its fobs.

EuroVan also sports a number of unique features that make it stand out in any crowd. In the MV version that I drove, for example, the second row of two bucket seats faces backward, essentially creating a conversation pit as with the third-row bench seat across from them. This can be very handy, especially when rear passengers want to utilize the handy table that folds down from the driver's-side wall. MV also offers a sturdy luggage shelf in the far rear. After tinkering with some of these amenities, I found myself thinking that the best way to fully enjoy EuroVan would be to turn it into more of a camper by adding the extra equipment that is optional for the MV version: a fold-down bed for two and a pup-up roof. Or, you actually can order an extended-length camper conversion that brings in a stove, sink, furnace and refrigerator.

For as an everyday vehicle, it's hard to ignore the

many frustrating aspects of EuroVan. It doesn't offer great acceleration, and you feel wary of cornering too fast because of the vehicle's high profile and body lean. It handles tiny bumps well, but larger ones bounce you around. There's only one sliding side door. And while the truck-like step-ups into the passenger compartment can be helpful, it's awkward to use them efficiently and still avoid bumping your head on the tops of the doors.

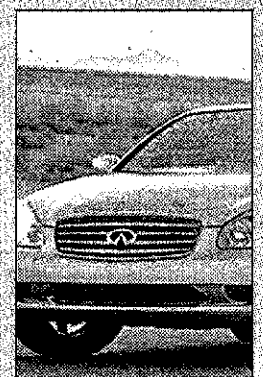
The steering wheel is fixed, making it seem too far to reach. The radio and climate controls are too far to reach, confusingly designed and labeled with tiny print. There's no intermittent-wiper setting that I could find. The low-mounted shift lever is awkward to use and inadequately labeled easily enough. Even the nifty idea of rear-facing the second row of seats has its down side: When all of the second- and third-row seats are in actual use, there can be an unseemly battle for leg room in the center space.

All of this may be reasons enough that Volkswagen has decided to stop offering the EuroVan after this model year. The company is taking a break from the van market in North America and reportedly coming back with a brand-new van offering in 2005. May it far exceed the legacy of the EuroVan.

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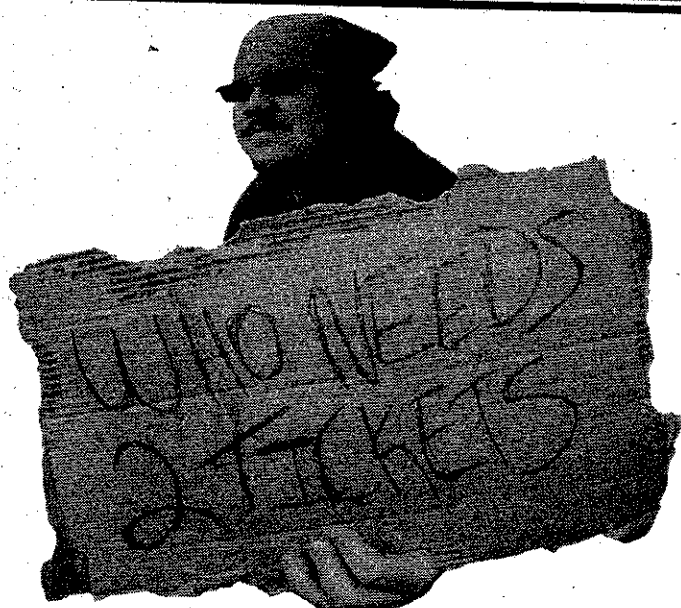
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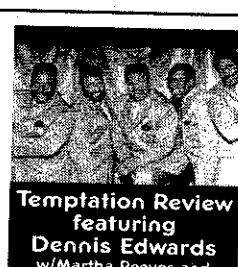
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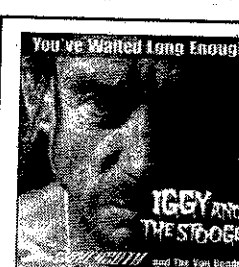
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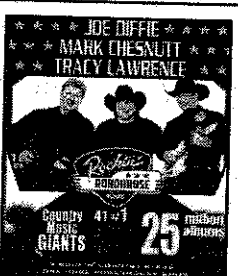
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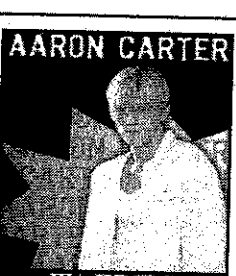
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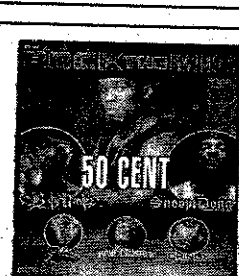
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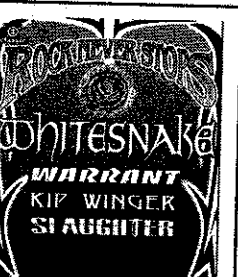
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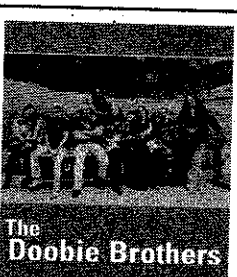
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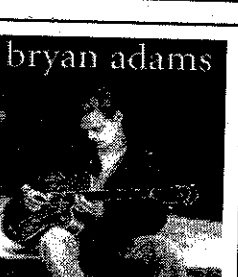
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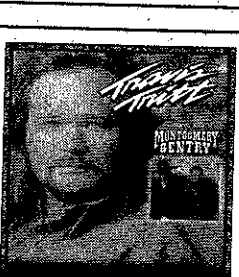
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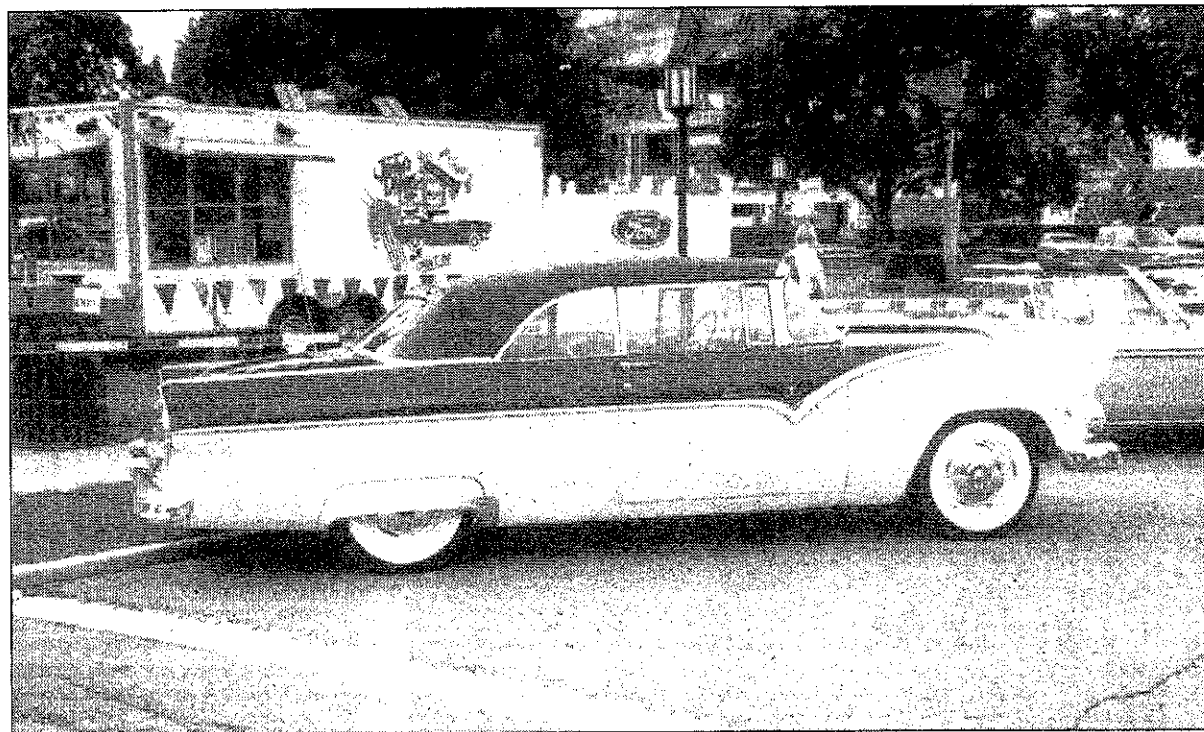


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A 1955 Ford Sunliner will be among the classic automobiles on display at Revvin' with Ford in downtown Birmingham.

Revvin' with Ford takes you back in history

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Don't just spin your wheels at the Woodward Dream Cruise, take a longer journey back into automotive history.

That's what Ford Motor Company, which is currently celebrating its 100th anniversary, wants Cruise visitors to do this year.

Their annual Revvin' with Ford event - an extravaganza of live entertainment, activities and car displays set up in a six-block area of downtown Birmingham - is taking automotive nostalgia back to the '20s.

"Our theme is generations of sensations," said Theresa Junkunc, Revvin' event manager.

Revvin' begins with a ticketed preview party and dinner to raise money for charity at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15.

On Saturday, the day of the Dream Cruise, all Revvin' venues are open to the public and are free of charge.

The day begins in the morning with a pancake breakfast and culminates with an evening musical performance by Davy Jones of the Monkees. Similar performances, displays and activities for children run throughout the day.

"There will be constant entertainment," said Junkunc. "It's really just a fun street festival that's very family-oriented."

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ing with the 1920s line the streets, while Ford concept cars await visitors in Shain Park.

■ Classic Lincolns take over The Townsend Hotel's ballroom.

■ Display of classic Harley Davidson motorcycles and trucks in front of Birmingham City Hall.

■ NASCAR racing simulator in front of Baldwin Public Library.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT:

■ Radio stages set up throughout Revvin' with live music and newscasts in the style of different eras, plus a Ford radio advertisement from the time period.

■ Horizon Motown plays hourly 11:10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Shain Park.

■ Ellie Epstein Band and Vanessa Johnson, from Ford's Mercury commercials, perform inside the Townsend ballroom.

■ Simone Vitale Orchestra plays hourly, 12:30-5 p.m. on the main stage, Ford Pavilion (in parking lot #7) with Davy Jones taking the stage at 6:45 p.m.

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Big screen

'American Wedding' is silly but surprising

AMERICAN WEDDING

**1/2 (out of four)

It's difficult to make a case for a film like *American Wedding*. You either enjoy gags where the main character is caught apparently having sex with his in-laws' dog, or you don't.

Until this week, I sided with the latter

camp. Therefore, no one was more surprised than I when I discovered that, in fact, I DO like sex-with-dogs jokes. I DO like gags in which a character is forced to eat poop. I like them, damn it, I like them!

This revelation is not pleasant but here goes anyway: *American Wedding* made me laugh. This is particularly surprising, for I found the first installment, 1999's surprise

smash *American Pie*, underwhelming, dull and not nearly offensive enough to earn my begrudging respect.

It featured a gang of stupid characters doing stupid things like making sweet love to apple pies. Funny? No, just stupid.

American Wedding details the marriage of neurotic Jim (Jason Biggs) to girlfriend Michelle (Alyson Hannigan), also known to fans as "The Band Camp Girl." I didn't see *American Pie* 2, so I missed the part when Michelle leaped from bit player to major character, but that's okay.

In fact, it's kind of refreshing. In the film's only poignant scene, the somewhat geeky Michelle explains her desire for a big wedding: "I've never walked in a room before and had everyone say 'ooh' and 'ahh'."

Her dreams of a Martha Stewart nirvana are obliterated when borderline psycho Stifler (Seann William Scott) demands to be invited so he can hit on Michelle's sister.

As I mentioned earlier, somebody eats poop in this movie, and I don't think I'm ruining anything by telling you that. *American Pie* movies are always disgusting. In fact, you're probably nodding your head right now saying, "But of COURSE somebody eats poop."

But here's the shocker: the poop-eating is really, really funny.

Most of the gags hinge upon gung-ho Stifler, who has developed into something resembling a comedy icon. Falling somewhere between John Belushi and Homer



Extra Butter

Daniel Kraus

Simpson, Stifler is a surprisingly complex character who manages to display (don't laugh) depth while never giving up his most essential traits — cruelty and vulgarity.

One sequence has Stifler inadvertently walking into a gay bar. Pretty predictable stuff, right? Right. But just when you think the scene's kaput, Stifler gets his feelings hurt by being rejected by a gay guy. The emotion is not clearly expressed, but you can see it in Stifler's sparkly, malicious eyes. He retaliates by engaging the man in a dance-off, from which each comes to respect the other. It's funny and unexpected.

None of this erases the fact that *American Wedding* is a disconnected series of vignettes, each one created only to arrive at a lewd, irrelevant punchline (see the sex-with-dogs bit).

The incoherent and inconsequential plot is full of unwarranted hairpin turns and several of the characters are given nothing — and I mean NOTHING — to do or say, including the lovely bride herself.

Thankfully, we are only asked to watch *American Wedding* as we might watch an actual wedding, quietly observing people we don't know doing things we don't understand.

As with a real wedding, to have fun you must simply gloss over the confusion and hang on the hilarious highlights. Remember when the groom dropped the ring? Remember when the bride stuttered her vows? Remember when the best man ate the poop?

Ah, memories.

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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4. *City of Lost Toys*, Paramount Home Entertainment.
5. *Atlantis: Milo's Return*, Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
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Small screen

Cars in movies: It's a freedom thing

BY CHRYSTAL LIEBOLD
STAFF WRITER

A genre that never seems to lose its popularity, car films are beloved for their high-speed chases and for showcasing classic beauties.

They allow us to indulge in our desire

for adventure and freedom.

Daniel Marcus, assistant professor of communications at Wayne State University, says cars add speed and a "visceral sense of excitement" to films.

"It's easy for most of us to identify with people driving cars, yet car chases take us into a whole other way of doing it that

breaks all the rules we have to live by."

Marcus says the 1998 Robert DeNiro flick *Ronin* tops his list of all-time favorite car movies for its "amazing" car chases.

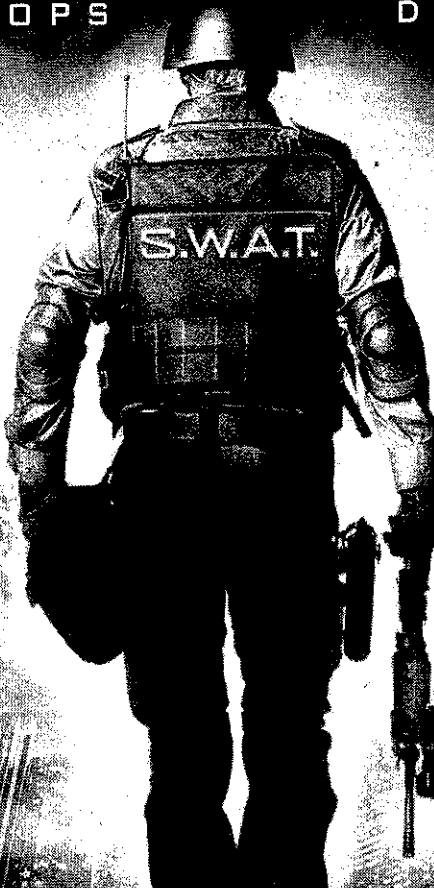
"The car chases in this movie don't rely on explosions, but rather speed and suspense," he says.

Jim Olenski, who has helped run Thomas Video at 122 South Main in Clauson for over 25 years, says cars bring a sense of excitement to a movie and provide freedom for the characters.

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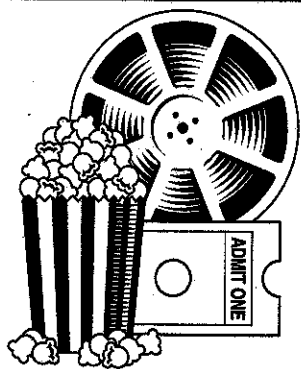
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J.Lo and Ben can't help inconsistent, awful 'Gigli'

* (One star out of four)

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

Gigli — which spawned the phenomenon the gossip pages and celebrity magazines so lovingly refer to as “Bennifer” — is every bit as unwatchable as the deafening negative chatter would suggest.

The dialogue from writer-director Martin Brest is clunky, the film has serious tonal inconsistencies and at over two hours, it drags on way longer than it should.

Even making a little game of it, and trying to pinpoint the exact moment when Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez fell in love, stops being fun after a while.

But as pop star vehicles go, *Gigli* isn't as insufferable as, say, last year's Madonna-Guy Ritchie debacle, *Swept Away*. It's more on par with Mariah Carey's *Glitter* and Britney Spears' *Crossroads*.

If this were a movie starring two B-list actors, or two complete unknowns, it probably would have gone straight to video. After curious masochists and J.Lo fans check it out the first weekend, *Gigli* probably will have a drop-off in audience that rivals *The Hulk* — 70 percent — then go to video. And with the release next spring of Kevin Smith's *Jersey Girl*, in which they also co-star, we can have this

little conversation all over again.

For now, we have Affleck starring as incompetent mob thug Larry Gigli.

(That's pronounced JEE-lee, which rhymes with really, a running joke that isn't particularly funny the first time.)

Gigli is asked to kidnap Brian (Justin Bartha), the mentally disabled younger brother of a federal prosecutor who's going after a New York mobster (Al Pacino).

His boss, however, thinks he's incapable of handling the assignment alone and sends in Ricki (Lopez), another contractor, to help him. Gigli is an anti-social lout. Ricki is beautiful, grounded, enlightened. She quotes Sun Tzu — who could blame Gigli for falling for her? (And whether you like her or not, Lopez does have an undeniable presence.)

But Ricki is also a lesbian — so it makes absolutely no sense when she falls for him, too, although they have all the obligatory banter and alleged sexual tension required of a romantic comedy.

Apparently, the only force that binds them is the fact that they both feel squeamish about cutting off Brian's thumb and mailing it to his prosecutor brother. Instead, they break into a morgue and saw the thumb off a corpse using a plastic knife, while Brian — who has an unexplained penchant for old-school rap — sings Sir Mix-a-Lot's *Baby Got Back*.

It's also incredibly misinformed to sug-

gest that Ricki can be “converted” to heterosexuality — that a man's love is all she really needed to allay any confusion about all that silly lesbian stuff.

So what you have here is *Rain Man* meets *Chasing Amy* — which is apropos, since the latter is a 1997 Kevin Smith movie in which Affleck also starred as a guy who falls for a lesbian.

Cameos from Pacino, Christopher Walken as a detective and Lainie Kazan as Gigli's mother don't help, either.

Did they owe someone a favor? What are they doing here?

Pacino won his one and only Oscar with Brest for 1992's *Scent of a Woman*, but couldn't he have just thanked the director instead?

CARS

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gives people the ability to escape and create chases,” he notes. “In movies, you get to watch someone drive a car the way you would like to but can't. No one gets hurt — you can do anything you want.”

Olenski recommends the Australian film, *The Cars That Eat Paris*, as well as *Death Race 2000* starring Sylvester Stallone.

“*Death Race 2000* isn't a great movie for kids, but it's a lot of fun,” he says. “The old and the new *Italian Job* has great chases in them. They made the Mini Cooper famous then and now.”

Gary Kfiazek, who also works at Thomas Video, says the first *Back to the Future* is a must-rent for its use of the DeLorean, the car that allowed Michael J. Fox's character to travel back in time.

Kfiazek also loves the original 1974 *Gone in 60 Seconds* for its non-stop car-nage and authentic crashes.

“This version is grittier than the new one,” he says. “It's more realistic and deals with classic cars like Corvettes and GTOs. There's also a 40-minute chase scene

where they smash up around 90 cars and for 15-20 years they had the most car crashes than any movie.”

One of his all-time favorites, he says, is *American Graffiti*.

“It's definitely one of the top ones because they have drag racing in there. Harrison Ford is the main actor in it, and at the end he almost loses to a Volkswagen Beetle that's all souped up.”

Kfiazek says every year when the Dream Cruise hits, car films begin flying off the shelves. He says people request everything from the new car movies like *Fast and the Furious* to the classics like the Mel Gibson post-apocalyptic film *Mad Max*.

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PJazz Continues Through the End of August at the Hotel Pontchartrain downtown Detroit, 5-10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7; The Bobby Murray Band; Back in the Day featuring Larry Lee, Aug. 14; Robert Lowe, Aug. 21; Thornetta Davis, Aug. 28, \$10, reserved seating \$15, (313) 965-2575.

AUDITIONS

Ars Nova

Auditions for singers for the 2003-2004 concert year. Three concerts will be presented this year, including a performance with the Macomb Symphony Orchestra and the Royal Oak Children's Choir and a cabaret concert in the spring. Rehearsals 7-9 p.m. Sunday at First United Methodist Church in Royal Oak. Call (248) 414-7242 or visit www.arsnova-mi.org

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

Downtown Plymouth

7-9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8, Bobby Lewis & The Crackerjack Band. Children's concerts noon Wednesday, Aug. 13, elmo Thumm, downtown Plymouth in Kellogg Park.

Farmington Hills

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7 Prime vocal Jazz; Farmington Community Chorus, Aug. 14, Heritage Park on Farmington

Road, between 10 and 11 Mile Roads.

Livonia 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, Brazil & Beyond, assorted oldies & the Beatles, Greenmead Historical Park, Eight Mile Road at Newburgh, (734) 466-2540.

Oakland Community College

The Fragment Band, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, OCC Auburn Hills Campus, 2900 Featherstone Road.

Southfield

Motor City Brass Band, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14; Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies Band, Aug. 20, Burgh Historical Park Gazebo, northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, (248) 796-4600.

Canton

Bonkers, classic variety 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7 Heritage Park; 7:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19, The Spoonman; 2-3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10 Chris McCall Trio, pop/folk, (734) 394-5460.

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, Landsford Men's Chorus, 29887 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 476-8860.

Redford

Blues Hammer, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, Capitol Park, Redford. (313) 387-2650.

Birmingham

Air Margaritaville & The Chamellon Caravan, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, Shain Park, downtown Birmingham

FESTIVALS/FAIRS/EVENTS

Michigan Made

Original Munchkin from the 'Wizard of Oz' appearing at Michigan Made, 830 W.



Ridgedale Players presents 'The Tempest' during its fourth-annual summer Shakespeare Festival at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 8-9, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10, 205 W. Long Lake Road, between Crooks and Livernois, Troy. Tickets \$12, seniors pay \$11 on Sunday. Call (248) 988-7049.

Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth 5-11 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 8. (734) 207-8794

57th Annual Wayne County Fair

Belleville, I-94, Exit 190. Go west on north service drive to Quirk Road. Carnival games and activities start Tuesday, Aug. 12. Fair hours are 4-11 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12; 1-11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 13-14; 1 p.m. to midnight, Friday, Aug. 15; 11 a.m. to midnight, Saturday, Aug. 16; \$3 per person before 4 p.m.; \$5 per person after 4 p.m.; \$5-per person all day Saturday. Call (734) 697-7002 or www.wayencountyfair.net.

ART

Orchard Lake Fine Art Show

Aug. 8-10, Friday preview, 6-9:30 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Orchard Lake Schools, Commerce and Orchard Lake roads. Free except preview, which is priced \$25, call (866) 468-3401 or visit www.ticketweb.com. For more information, visit www.artshowinfo.com.

Cpop Gallery

Whitney Garden Party, 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7; closing potluck, bazaar with live entertainment, 'Copy Cats' an homage to female artists; 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Aug. 9; show runs through Aug. 31, 4160 Woodward Ave., corner of Willis, Detroit, (313) 833-9901, www.cpop.com

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.

Project Photographic Gallery

Night & Day, members' show featuring photographs that reflect each artist's interpretation of Night & Day opens Aug. 15. Gallery sale Aug. 9-10, downtown Rochester 309 Main St. Suite 250 on the upper level. Access is from the alley. Open 5-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. (248) 652-0528

CLUBS/BARS

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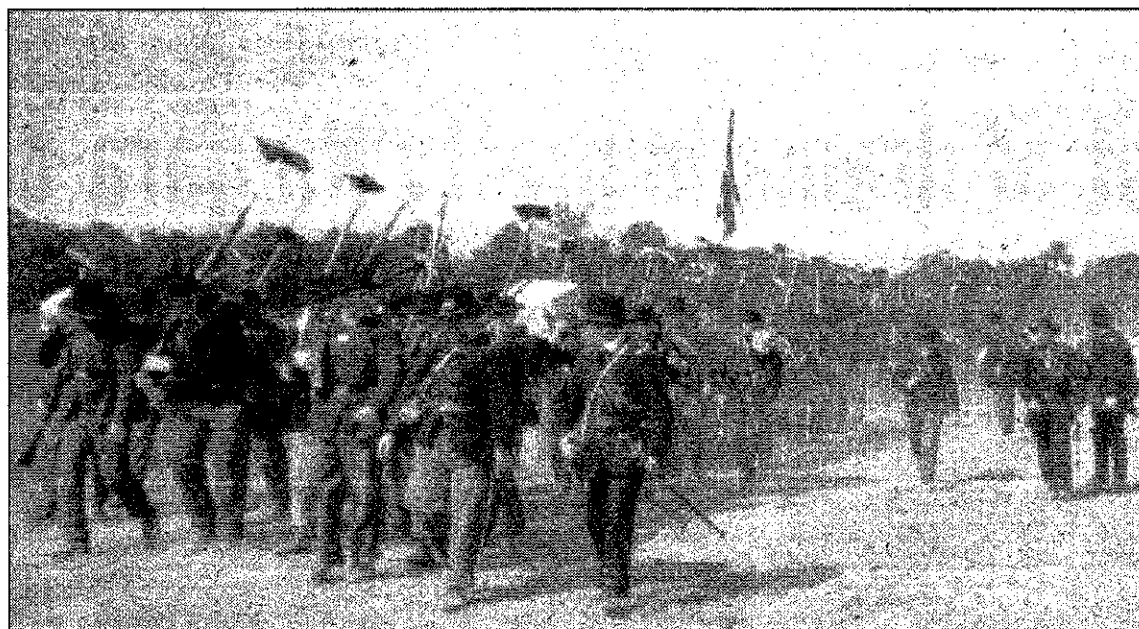
Summer Luau Party, Thursday-Friday, Aug. 7-8, live entertainment starting at 9:30 p.m., tropical food and drinks, Hula dancing, contests and giveaways, island atmosphere, outdoor deck, 43034 Woodward Ave. (north of Square Lake Road, Exit 75 off I-75), Bloomfield Hills, (248) 85-TR0UT.

BullFrog Bar & Grill

Veikro, Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 7-9; West Jefferson, Sunday, Aug. 10; Ty Stone, Monday, Aug. 11; Karaoke, Tuesday, Aug. 12, Pakistani Tambourine, Wednesday, Aug. 13, 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



Re-enactors transport Historic Fort Wayne back to the Civil War era 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 9-10. The George Henry Thomas Invincibles will re-enact the return of the 1st Michigan Regiment after the first Battle of Bull Run in August of 1861. Secured parking is \$5 per vehicle. Picnic lunches and coolers permitted on Fort grounds, which offer a nice view of the Detroit River, Ambassador Bridge and Canada. Fort Wayne is at 6325 W. Jefferson, at the foot of Livernois, in Detroit. For more information, call (313) 833-1805 or www.detroithistorical.org

"here we go." Mephisto's is close to both 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. The place looks hot with deep red and purple jewel tones. 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 glamor 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 place for real fans of island and roots music. It's one of Detroit's truly authentic Reggae/roots clubs that attracts the city's island-born residents. If you aren't dancing, you might not fit in. Tropical Hut DJs have the pulse on the freshest music from Africa, the Caribbean and West Indies. Wednesdays, Ladies Night; Thursdays, Reggae Night; Fridays, Friday Surprise; Saturdays, African Night; Sundays, Fun Sundays. Open 4-9 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday; 4 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Thursday-Saturday; 5 p.m. to midnight Sunday, (313) 861-5340.

Majestic Theatre

4140 Woodward Ave. Detroit. Parking available on street and behind building. It seems that every blues, underground, industrial, punk, reggae, world and Americana band has played here. Buju Banton and Burning Spear played here as did Social Distortion's Mike Ness. Attire is freestyle, casual and up. Before the night begins stop at the adjacent Majestic Cafe for a gourmet veggie sandwich, mussels or Mediterranean dip.

And if that isn't fun enough, stroll over to the also adjacent Garden Bowl. There the lanes and balls glow in the dark and the rock n' roll crowd enjoys a good bowl while the Ramones play off in the background. Call for hours, (313) 833-9700.

Paradox Cafe

1927 Michigan Ave., Detroit at the corner of Rosa Parks Blvd. Metro Detroit's friendly Latin residents gather here for salsa dancing to 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. Fridays are occasionally world music night and the Latin music is on Saturdays. Valet parking is available. Call for hours, (313) 313-268-2325.

Edison's

220 Merrill St. Birmingham. A classy uptown bar with band performances Thursday-Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

COMEDY

Joey's Comedy Club - Livonia

Jim Hamm, 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 8-9; 8 p.m. Tuesday, open mic; Jack Sheppard, Aug. 13-16, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. \$5 Thursday, \$12 Friday-Saturday, dinner/show package available. (734) 261-0555, www.joeyscmedy-club.com

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) 645-6666, (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 djl@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.

MUSEUMS, PARKS AND TOURS

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

The 16-acre museum complex tells the story of Oakland County's earliest pioneers. Admission includes tours of the 1840 Van Hoosen Farmhouse, 1850 Tenant Red House and 1927 Van Hoosen Dairy Barn. The museum's new permanent exhibit, A Lively Town, uses more than 200 images and 100 artifacts to show the development of the Rochester area. 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

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.

Henry Ford Museum

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$8.50-\$13.50. (313) 271-1620. For IMAX ticket prices and show times, call (800) 747-IMAX (4629).

Meadow Brook Hall

Tours 1:30 p.m. Monday-Sunday, and 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, cost is \$12.50, \$8.50 seniors over age 62, \$6 children under 12, children under 2 free; Tea on Tuesday \$35, at Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. For information, visit the Web site at www.meadowbrookhall.org

Plymouth Historical Museum

New permanent Abraham Lincoln exhibit, Images of Lincoln, acquired from Michigan collector Weldon Petz, at the museum, 155 S. Main. \$3, \$1 students ages 5-17, \$7 a family. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Saturday-Sunday. (734) 455-8940

Stage

There's a lot of drama in pretty Niagara-on-the-Lake

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Niagara-on-the-Lake was a fashionable resort town long before the Shaw Festival took up residence. But the Shaw gives an extra reason for visiting what some travel writers have proclaimed as "the prettiest town" in Canada.

Niagara-on-the-Lake sits at the tip of a peninsula on the south shore of Lake Ontario, where it meets with the Niagara River. The famous falls are just 20 minutes away by a winding parkway (which also has a beautiful biking/hiking path that runs from the lake to Fort Erie).

The town has a tourist-friendly downtown of restaurants, quality clothes and gift shops in a late 19th-century architecture. The homes date back to the 1700s. You can walk in beautiful neighborhoods, along the lake or along the wide and active river or visit the 18th-century Fort George, where Tories held off American forces. Fort Niagara is across the river on the American side.

This is also prime wine country. You can visit several vineyards or join a bike tour of the vineyards (sample carefully,



PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHAEL COOPER

Kelli Fox as Olga, Tara Rosling as Masha and Caroline Cave as Irina in 'Three Sisters' now playing at the Shaw Festival.

you'll be driving).

Accommodations are steep, especially at the Prince of Wales, Pillar and Post and Queen's Landing, all owned by the

same company. The centrally located Moffat's Inn is a charming place at less than half the price. The new Carriage Inn is also well-situated. Bed-and-breakfast lovers will find numerous options, some in posh mansions.

But the plays are the thing, and Shaw's mandate takes in a wide range of drama from the mid 19th century until the mid 20th century. Here's a sampling:

MISALLIANCE

George Bernard Shaw's plays were often more polemic than drama. This year, director Neil Munro has decided to dispense with the notion that *Misalliance* is a drama and instead presents it as a lively, often quite funny debate.

There is a story of sorts — about a wealthy, and eccentric, manufacturer's family with a restless daughter, a couple of pilots who crash into the greenhouse and a socialistic young gunman. But this is all an excuse for discussions about relationships — men and women, parents and children, the social classes.

The set is a library decorated with Shaw text. There are even podiums with scripts that the actors "check" every once in awhile to emphasize that this is really about words — funny, insightful words. And it works.

The cast is uniformly top notch but especially notable are Lorne Kennedy as the philosophical father, Jane Perry as his rebellious daughter, Michael Shara as the rugged son, Johnny, David Leyshon as the effete suitor, Bentley, and Pete Treadwell as the gunman.

SHAW FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Season: Continues to Sunday, Nov. 30.
For ticket information, call 1 (800) 511-SHAW or visit the Web site
www.shawfest.com

■ Festival Theatre

Misalliance

Three Sisters

The Coronation Voyage

The Royal Family

■ Court House Theatre

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THREE SISTERS

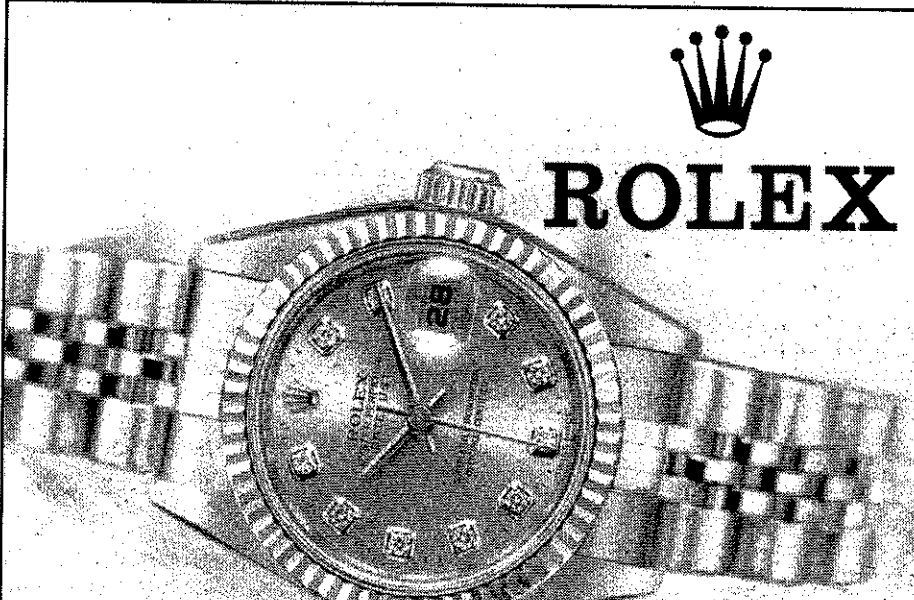
Anton Chekhov's *Three Sisters* can seem a little emotionally overwrought in our modern times. But the great Russian playwright was a sympathetic observer of complex human interactions. His plays are nuanced, his characters multidimensional and even his excess of emotion is never misplaced.

Director Jackie Maxwell gives into the emotional flow in her production of this play set in a regimental outpost far from the supposed glitter of Moscow. The sisters all long for the place their parents left when they were young and fail to fully appreciate the life around them.

The play is set across a three-year period when the sisters, regimental officers and the educated teachers of the community form their own little sub community. The talk is about the future when things will be better than they are.

Caroline Cave is a beautiful and emotionally fragile Irina, the youngest and most yearning of the sisters. Other fine performances are by Kevin Bundy as Vershinin, Jeff Meadows as the Baron, Ben Carlson as the sisters' brother, Andrei, and Fiona Byrne as his conniving wife.

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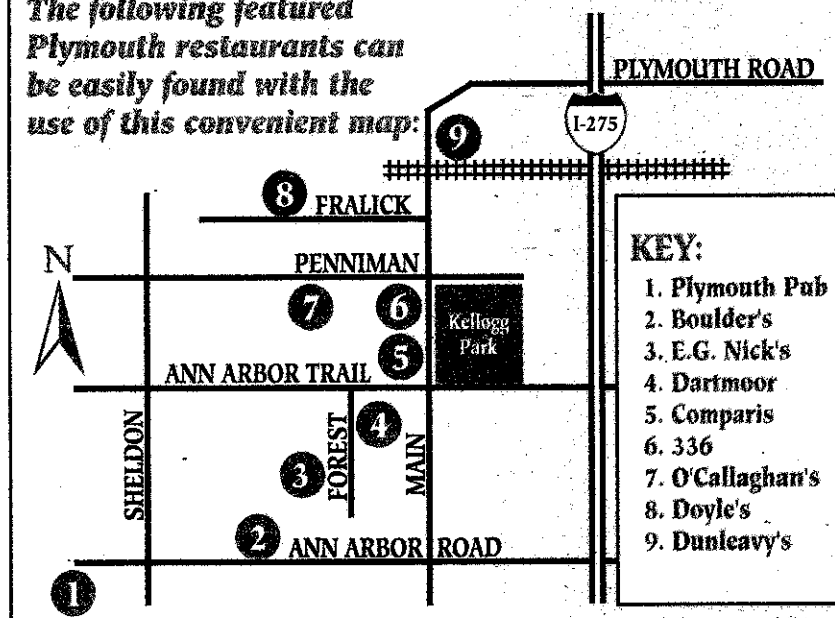
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Cover story



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Spectators take in the sights of the Woodward Dream Cruise from curbside lawn chairs.

Car crazy

Dream Cruise evolving, but still cruisin'

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

If somebody told you thousands of people would gather to watch a bunch of machines travel back and forth on a 16-mile strip of concrete, would you have believed him?

Probably not.

Then again, the Woodward Dream Cruise transcends tangible description.

The machines are something we're crazy about: automobiles. And the strip of concrete, not only runs through nine cities, but was the road cruised by thousands of young people in the '50s and '60s.

The particulars make a difference. The Dream Cruise, which is set for Saturday, Aug. 16, celebrates those particulars.

"It goes back to the legend of Woodward Avenue," said Karen Hall, executive director, Woodward Dream Cruise, Inc., which coordinates participating city services and acts as a clear-

DOING THE CRUISE

What: Ninth-annual Woodward Dream Cruise, 16-mile cruise of classic cars.
When: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16.

Where: Woodward Avenue between Pontiac and Ferndale (through nine cities).

Parking: Municipal and private lots in nine host cities, rates vary; Michigan State Fairgrounds, all day for \$5.

Transportation: Free SMART shuttle buses, 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., along Woodward between the state fairgrounds (8 Mile) and downtown Pontiac.

Information: For information, call (888) 4WDC-196 or visit www.woodwarddreamcruise.com.

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Table hopping

What is sensible restaurant wine pricing?

You've chosen a night to eat out at a local restaurant. You like wine with your meal. You scan the wine list. Sticker shock!

Two months ago we were in Spain. We ate out each evening and shared a delicious bottle of wine with a three-course meal. Even tacking on a shared dessert sometimes, the total including service was about \$70.

Try to get that locally. Nearly impossible. Especially with a bottle of very good wine.



Eleanor Heald

Wine mark-ups in area restaurants need to be lowered.

We agree with wine writer Robert Parker, who wrote: "Most restaurants treat wine as a luxury item, marking it up an exorbitant 200 to 500 percent, thereby effectively discouraging the consumption of wine. This practice of offering wines at huge mark-ups also serves to reinforce the mistaken notion that wine is only for the elite and the super rich."

And here's another issue: As a wine drinker, you may very well be subsidizing food costs of other restaurant-goers who do not drink wine. If you like to drink wine when you eat out, you probably also buy wine in a retail outlet. You know what wine costs. We wonder, don't restaurateurs know that you know this?

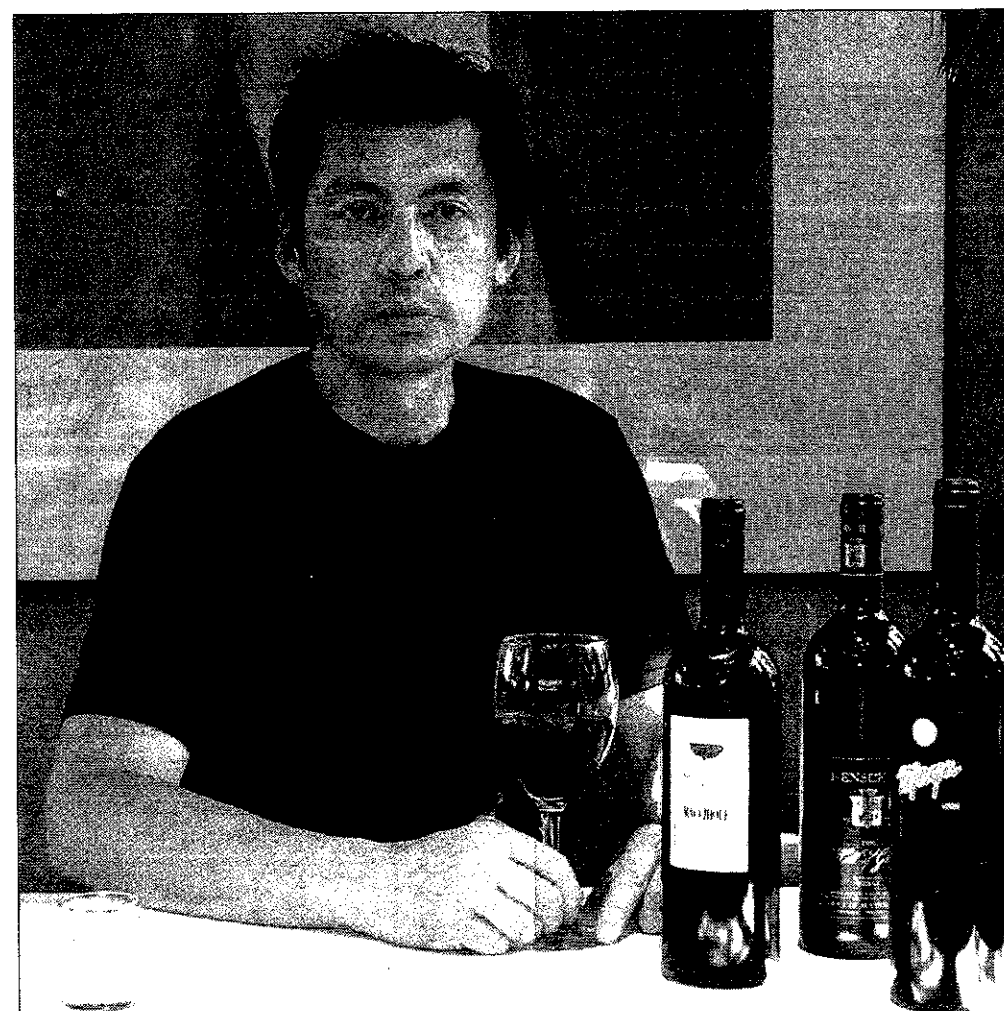
OBJECTIONABLE PRICING

Wines by the glass offer the opportunity to taste a different wine with each course. Locally and nationally, a pricing norm for a 6-ounce-by-the-glass pour is the restaurateur's bottle cost. If the restaurant pays \$8 for the bottle, that's the cost of one glass of that wine. Three more glasses can be poured from the bottle. \$24 gravy.



LAWRENCE MCKEE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mon Jin Lau, translated as 'House of 10,000 Jewels,' offers globally influenced Asian dishes in an elegant setting.



PHOTOS BY LAWRENCE MCKEE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Marshall Chin presents highly sought after bottles of wine including Henschke, shiraz (center); and Dalla Valle 'Maya,' cabernet sauvignon (right).

Outrageous and unconscionable profit.

The same bottle that the restaurant paid \$8 for would cost you \$12 max at retail. Shouldn't you object to paying \$8 for one glass? Sure, the surroundings are nice and service professional, but compare the cost of the wine to a nice frosty, cold glass of beer. Many people do that and opt for beer instead of wine.

Here's the restaurant retort. They don't know that they can sell the whole bottle once it's opened for a single glass. They need to ensure return of investment on the first pour. We say the restaurant's job is to select wine for the list, marked at prices that will sell and have informed personnel to sell it.

WHAT'S REASONABLE?

At Mon Jin Lau (translated as House of 10,000 Jewels), owners

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Where: 1515 East Maple Road, Troy (248) 689-2332.

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Food style: Globally influenced Asian dishes.

Cost: Check average not including alcoholic beverage. Lunch \$12-15 per person. Dinner \$25-30.

Reservations: Suggested.
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on the list to \$19. Our pricing concept brings the cost to \$18. How far can you drive on \$1?

But Marshall's method makes expensive wines more reasonable. A \$20 cost becomes \$37 on the Mon Jin Lau list. Under doubling plus two, it would be \$42. It gets better for a \$40 bottle. With the Mon Jin Lau aggressive pricing, that bottle is \$67, not \$82.

"Volume sales is the answer to it all," Marshall contended.

"If diners make Mon Jin Lau a destination restaurant because of reasonable wine pricing, they fill our restaurant and eat our food. I run a streamlined program and I'm not regulated by corporate mentality. I'm a frequent diner at other restaurants, and if truth be told, I've drunk beer because I won't pay for wine that's outrageously overpriced."

BEST DEALS

If a slow economy has taught us anything it's how to look for the best deal. When you choose a restaurant based on a feature you've read in Filter and are confronted with wine-list sticker shock, what should you do? Voice your objection to management.

Eleanor Heald is a nationally published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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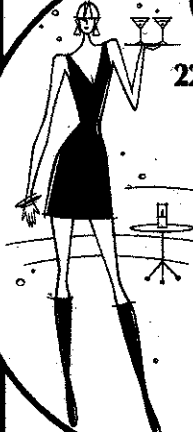
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The Press Box in Royal Oak is guy heaven

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

The Press Box, the latest addition to downtown Royal Oak's bar circuit, looks like a strong contender, at least as far as the guys are concerned.

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"There's nothing like it in Royal Oak," said Rick Fracassa, co-owner of The Press Box, which opened in mid-June at



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Walt Polleiner, Jay Collins and Chris Davis enjoy scotch and cigars while watching the game at The Press Box.

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tailgate parties on Saturdays to reel in college football revelers.

"But we don't want to scare the girls away," he added. "We don't want to be tagged as strictly a sports bar."

This is when The Press Box — where owners say they want to attract families, couples and eventually the lunch crowd — starts changing on you.

"We're labeled as a sports bar, but we're really a chameleon," said Matt Dean, general manager.

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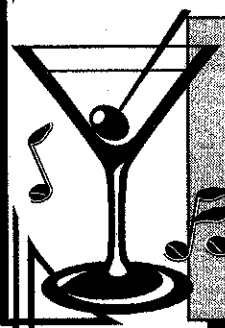
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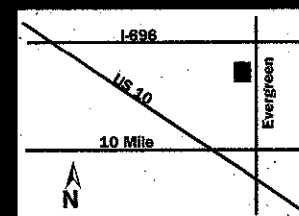


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Music

On the rise: Inohs Sivad and her soul-alternative music

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Every few years there's a rumble in Detroit's music scene about an artist who's so unusual and talented that big things are expected to happen fast.

Right now that positive energy is all around singer/songwriter guitarist Inohs Sivad.

Some compare Sivad to Tracy Chapman, a compliment indeed, but the sound is all her own. Sivad is a strong voice who sings songs of independence, inner and outer peace, love and strength to face life's challenges.

Her musical style is called SoulAlternative — a fusion of rock, pop, folk, jazz and electronica.

"Each style conveys a different mood," Sivad said. "I don't limit myself to writing or playing one style of music."

Music has helped the soulful singer heal. She picked up the guitar, almost on a whim, and playing it helped guide her through depression.

Sivad is as honest in her conversations as in her lyrics. In the song, *hmmmm*, about national tragedy, Sivad sings sadly about



Soul Alternative singer and songwriter Inohs Sivad is attracting a lot of attention recently since the release of her first CD titled 'IS.'

her sorrow for today's children inheriting a violent world. Other songs are more positive; one song is about a woman who has the courage to embrace the world. Yet another is about the cruelty of a love that cannot be.

Her angelic voice is smooth and beautiful, and her singing comes from her heart.

Recently, Sivad spent time at RKS Studios in Pontiac where she recorded music and held jam sessions along with

other Detroit artists like spoken word musician Mathias. Sivad's demeanor is proud and eloquent.

She sat quietly at the studio while her new CD, *IS*, played on a stereo. Dressed in earthy khaki tones, sporting short dreadlocks and stylish wire-rimmed glasses, Sivad said she writes because she has something to say.

"I sing a song in my heart with notes that rise and fall. And shine like the lilt of your voice in laughter. The chords and harmonies are rich and brown in depth — like your skin."

Those words are from Sivad's song titled *Inohs: Song of You*.

"I write about things in my life, whether good or bad," Sivad said.

Her jazz-meets-funk-meets-world beats is mixed with a feel of Detroit Motown, but interest in her music should span past the city borders.

"It's her vocal quality, the engineering quality and the quality of the music that attracted us," said George Case, president of the Record Exchange stores. "She's able to form a unique relationship with the listener, her audience, so that listening to her becomes a personal experience. Her music

INOHS SIVAD

When: 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8

Where: Club Tiffany's, 440 Clinton St., downtown Detroit.

Admission: \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door, call (313) 962-4894.

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is very warm and fulfilling, not sappy."

Artist Mathias opens *IS* with a strong spoken word performance and describes Sivad in a refreshing light: She is a woman who is not self-loathing, and is actually smart enough to like herself. Her spiritual beliefs and genuine love for life itself mixed with her wide-range, strong voice makes for a smart and addicting CD.

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Art

The Boss' sister steps out into the spotlight at Cranbrook

STORIES BY NICOLE STAFFORD | STAFF WRITER

Can't make the Boss' upcoming Detroit concert?

Consider making a date with the rock 'n' roll icon's sister at Cranbrook Art Museum.

Pamela Springsteen, a professional photographer, plans to visit the Bloomfield Hills museum to talk about images she shot to promote her brother's album, *The Ghost of Tom Joad*.

The lecture, a ticketed event with limited seating, is slated for Tuesday, Aug. 12.

Springsteen's photography is prominently featured in Cranbrook's *Springsteen - Troubadour of the Highway*, a multimedia exhibit about the Boss' use of road and car images. The exhibit continues through Sunday, Aug. 31.

Pamela Springsteen has taken photographs for *Creem*, *Spin* and *Musician* magazines and currently resides in Los Angeles.

PAMELA SPRINGSTEEN

What: Lecture by Bruce Springsteen's sister, Pamela Springsteen, whose photography is featured in the exhibit, 'Springsteen - Troubadour of the Highway.'

When: 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12.

Where: Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills

Tickets: Advance only, \$35, seating is limited, call (877) GO-CRANBROOK or (877) 462-7262 or visit www.cranbrookart.edu.



PHOTO BY PAMELA SPRINGSTEEN

Photographer Pam Springsteen shot this image to promote her brother Bruce Springsteen's album 'The Ghost of Tom Joad.'

Singer's songs and lyrics are the inspiration for 'Tom Joad' photos

Pamela Springsteen spoke exclusively with *Filter* about her 'Ghost of Tom Joad' work, the photo exhibit, her career and growing up with the Boss.

Filter: What was the story you wanted to tell with your photography for *The Ghost of Tom Joad*?

Springsteen: I wanted to do justice to the song and the lyrics. There wasn't a particular message that I wanted to get across. I really listened to the lyrics over and over again and allowed whatever images that came to me to come into my mind. ... I did do a lot of prep, especially in old photography books, to try to find images that I thought fit well with the music.

F: How important is imagery to music?

S: It's maybe why MTV took off.

F: Could you describe the process you and your brother went through to get *The Ghost of Tom Joad* photographs?

S: He called me up and said he had a new album out and wanted to take some pictures. So we got in the car and drove out. That was really fun because normally I have a whole bunch of people with me on a shoot. With Bruce, it's just me and him. ... We drove out into the desert. We shot about 10 rolls. We were probably out there for about an hour before we lost the light.

F: What do you think cars and roadways symbolize?

S: They symbolize freedom. We were raised — I mean my father loved to drive. He loved putting everybody in the car and driving. My father always did have a romantic thing about cars. He was a big dreamer.

F: How did you become a photographer?

S: I was in my early 20s when I became interested. I was dating a photographer and thought, 'Wow, that looks fun,' so I bought a camera and it really clicked with me. ... I looked for a job as an assistant. I got hired and I had great training. And from there, I poured everything into photography. I was just obsessed with it.

F: How did your brother respond to you becoming a photographer?

S: I think he loved it. He liked my pictures. He's also interested in photography, and he's quite excellent at it. It's really given us something that we can share, and that's nice.

F: What's it like being Bruce Springsteen's sister?

S: He's an amazing brother, so I feel fortunate. As far as the celebrity factor goes, it's inspirational to see someone in your family live out their dream. I'm really proud of him.

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Family fun Flame-throwing shows and carnivals ... what more does a Dream Cruise kid need?

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

A child's patience won't last forever while he or she watches cars slowly pass during the Woodward Dream Cruise.

So what's a bored kid to do?

The 16-mile Dream Cruise stretch is all about fun, and the kids haven't been left out. The choices span from sock hops to soda shoppes to a mingle with The Ghoul ... OK, The Ghoul is probably more for parents, but mom and dad can share stories of his popularity with little ones.

All events are on Saturday unless noted otherwise:

BIRMINGHAM

9 a.m. to 9 p.m.: Ford fun activities under the tent next to Shain Park, just west of Woodward and south of Maple Road off Pierce Street. It begins with a children's charity pancake breakfast. Throughout the day, Ford presents classic car displays, celebrity appearances and live entertainment.

BERKLEY

6 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Kids' Inflatable Games. All-day sidewalk sales throughout the Berkley business district on 12 Mile Road, west of Woodward in downtown Berkley.

FERNDALE

Friday 7:30-9 p.m.: Tri-Community Coalition Street Dance. Kids can watch or participate.

Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to midnight: Mid-American Carnival

Saturday, 7 p.m.: K-9 demo on East Nine Mile near the police station

Saturday, 8 p.m.: Flame Throwing Contest on East Nine Mile near the police station

HUNTINGTON WOODS

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.: The city celebrates the birth of the Huntington Woods on Woodward Avenue. See the cars grandpa drove when Woodward was a dirt road.

PLEASANT RIDGE

Friday, 5-9 p.m.: A special appearance by The Ghoul

Dusk: A Really Big Shoooooee... A special night of unforgettable 1960s television featuring Batman and the Beatles. Located on Woodward Avenue.

Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Kids Park on Woodward Avenue

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Saturday: All-day family fun area with inflatable play structures at Memorial Park. East side of 13 Mile and Woodward. All-day Taste of Royal Oak food vendors at Memorial Park.

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SHAW
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ON THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

This is a musical version of the 1930s Hecht-MacArthur play and movie (that starred John Barrymore and Carole Lombard).

The story is a theatrical version of *The Front Page*. In this version, an egotistical, grandiose Broadway producer tries to lure his former stage star (and lover) from the silver screen. He has just 16 hours to do it as the great train The 20th Century rolls from Chicago to New York.

The Betty Comden/Adolph Green book and lyrics are supported by a Cy Coleman score.

The songs are serviceable, some of the melodies are beautiful, but nothing is memorable outside of the context of the play. The play is fun but thin, in an art deco setting.

The leads, Gary Krawford as Oscar Jaffee and Patty Jamison as Lily Garland, are fine, but the real treats here are in the smaller roles, especially Oscar's two henchmen, Patrick R. Brown as Owen O'Malley and William Vickers as wise guy Oliver Webb.

BLOOD RELATIONS

The story of Lizzie Borden has been told many times in many media. Though acquitted of killing her step-mother and father with an axe, she is forever immortalized in childish doggerel: "Lizzy Borden took an axe/Gave her mother 40 whacks/When the job was nicely done/She gave her father 41."

Sharon Pollock's *Blood Relations* is a disturbing, insightful exploration of the story from an odd perspective. The play begins 10 years after the acquittal. Lizzie is involved in a lesbian relationship with an actress, who prods her to tell the story and answer the questions — did she, could she?

Lizzie has the actress re-enact the events leading to the murder and play her part, while Lizzie plays the sympathetic Irish maid. We get to see the story through a prism and get a sense of the oppression many intelligent young women felt in the late 1890s.

The acting is excellent. Laurie Paton plays the actress playing Lizzie as a woman on the verge of a breakdown. Jane Perry plays Lizzie as a woman removed from her emotions — wistful, sad and keenly aware. Perry is an exceptional young actress.

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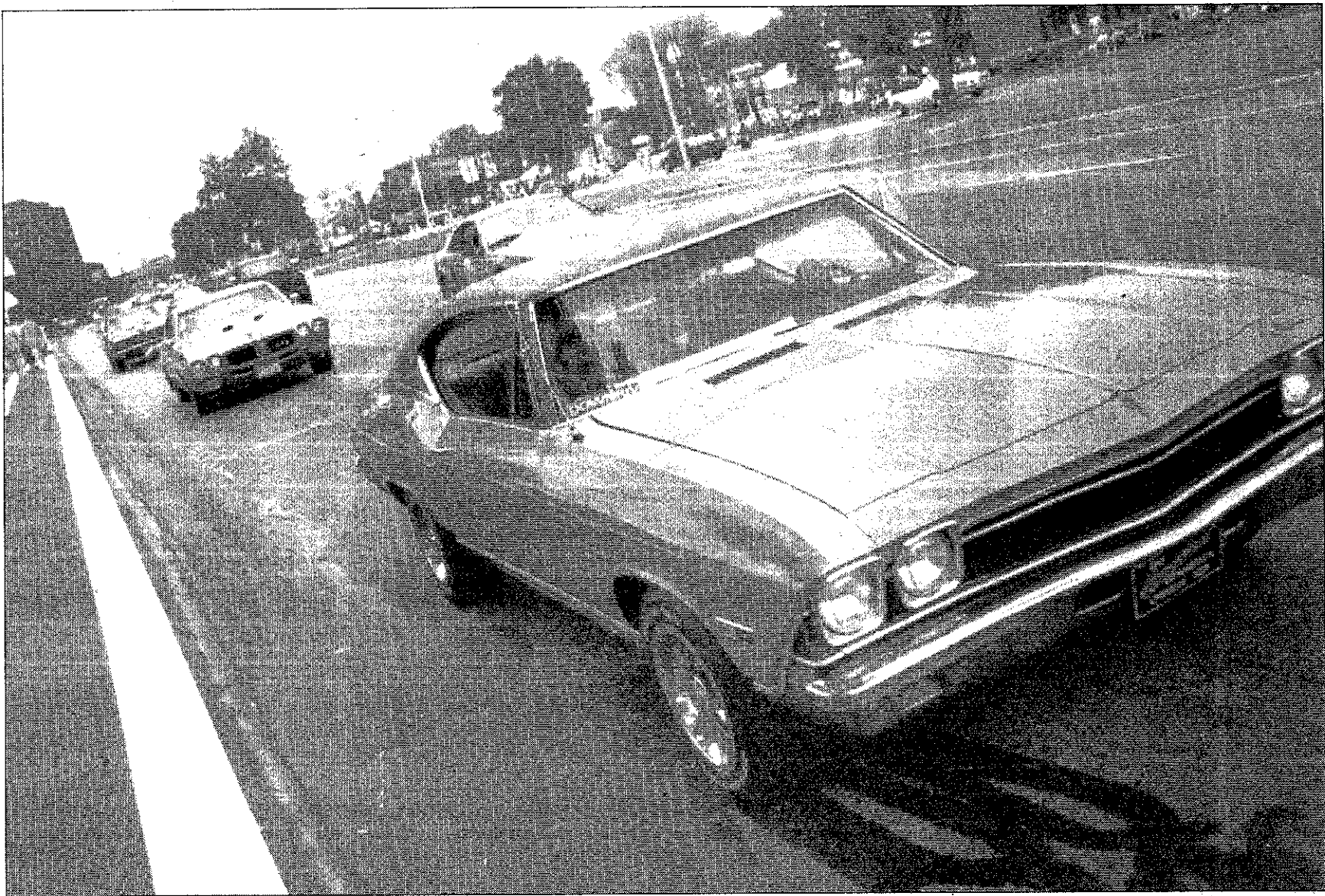
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Classic cars strut their stuff along Woodward Avenue every year in August.

DREAM CRUISE

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ing house for event information.

It's no wonder the event, now in its ninth year, has had such phenomenal attendance growth. "It grows every year and we expect it to grow again this year," added Hall.

In 1995, the Cruise's first year, an estimated 250,000 people attended. In 2002, attendance

grew from 1.5 million to 1.7 million.

The 'cruise' part of the event remains largely unregulated and contributes to the nostalgia in the air.

Participation, either from the road or

the sidelines, is free, too.

And while motorists who are not driving classic cars are strongly discouraged from traveling on the strip, the Cruise remains open to all vehicles.

Woodward Dream Cruise, Inc.'s official

theme is "These Lanes are Made for Cruisin'." In other words, the goal is to keep the show on the road.

"Please help us this one day give spectators from Detroit and around the country the opportunity to see the classics as they drive down

Woodward Avenue," said Hall.

Bear in mind the context of the Cruise has changed.

While the first Cruise emerged out of efforts to raise funds by organizers in

Ferndale, today's event involves 70 official business sponsors, including Eaton Automotive, DaimlerChrysler Corporation, Pet Supplies Plus and Battle Creek-based cereal-maker Kellogg.

This year, longtime sponsor MBNA American Bank is launching a VISA card bearing classic car designs, and representatives will be taking applications during the Cruise.

Woodward Avenue will soon undergo the branding process as well. Come Aug. 27, the Woodward Avenue Action Association plans to reveal the brand image, which is tied to the thoroughfare's designation as a National Scenic Byway in 2002.

"Woodward changed the world. Woodward put the world on wheels," said Heather Carmona, executive director, Woodward Avenue Action Association. "And, the Dream Cruise is an asset to Woodward and a story that needs to be told."

For now, let's just keep cruisin'.

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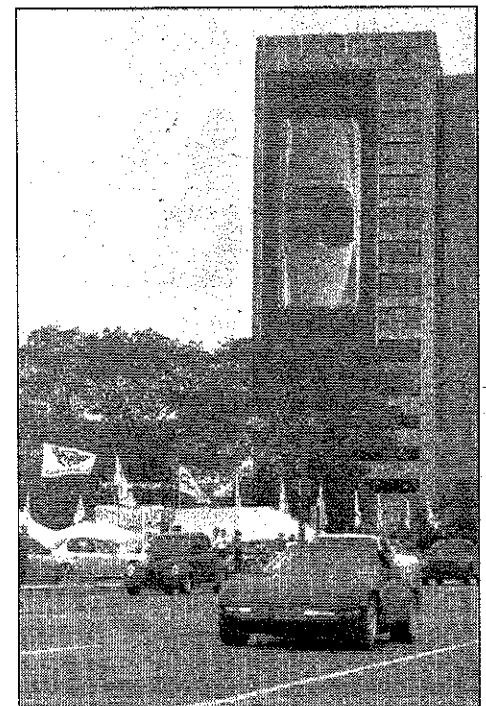
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BY LISA RUDY
CORRESPONDENT

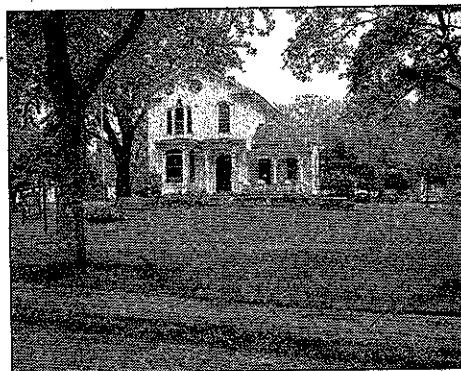
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For treasure-seekers, pick up a map from the Chamber of Commerce that will lead you to Kelleys Island's Seven Island



Redford native Lori Hayes and her husband, Pat own The Inn on Kelleys Island, a bed and breakfast that Lori's ancestors called home in 1876.

Treasures. These seven treasures are the island's most beautiful, historic sites. Preserves, hiking trails, one of the most spectacular examples of glacial grooves left in the entire world, and five other treasures keep visitors busy for days.

ISLAND CENTER

Downtown is the center of most island activity. Shops, restaurants, historic museums, golf cart and bike rentals, horse and carriage rides, and people-watching make up the mix. Docked boats

are always filled with people sunning, jet skis are taking off, and eager fishers-of-the-sea are reinforcing their lines and inquiring about the "hot spots" in this "Walleye Capital of the World."

To people who visit, Kelleys is a break from life. To people who live and own businesses on the island - Kelleys is a way of life.

The island museums reveal tales from an era long ago, but closer to the history of the island are the many bed and breakfast owners who have made Kelleys history their future.

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Inside the beautiful Victorian inn, stories of days gone by are marked by antique furniture, pictures of ancestors who roamed the halls in past times, and books that bring to light the joys and perils of the sea and the beauty of bird-watching.

Outside the Inn, a private deck on the beach is just across the road, and fossil collectors have discovered many a natural wonder of their own. A spacious yard with vegetables, beautiful blooms, and birdhouses give guests an insight to the couple's love of the welcoming and preservation of nature.

The couple are active members of the island's Audubon Society. Pat is president and Lori writes a column in the Hoot Owl newsletter, and is also events coordinator. The two subscribe to a simple life - rich in tradition, history, and the love of life's natural wonders.

B&B DELIGHTS

Down the road, Elizabeth and Tim Hermes are at work making everything fit for the scrapbook when it comes to their guests. Water's Edge Retreat, an eight-year-old sprawling bed and breakfast with a wrap-around porch, filled with lush carpets, and shiny extravagant furniture provide history in the making for travelers.

The couple along with their son, Captain Brother Reverend John, all hold captain's licenses and provide sailing excursions for guests, as well as wedding ceremonies at sea. For weary travelers, a masseuse is on call daily.

A few things guests won't find at Water's Edge are TVs, CD players and clocks. Elizabeth says that the "no clocks" keep it a little bit simple. "As far as waking up - you know that it's time to wake up when you smell breakfast."

And you don't want to miss breakfast. Milene and Antoine, who came to work

GETTING THERE IS HALF THE FUN!

By car - I-75 South to 280 West to Route 2. take 269 north and exit on Route 163 east. Kelleys Island Ferry is a 510 Marblehead.

Kelleys Island Ferry - Runs every half hour in the summer. Cost \$10 roundtrip, adults, \$5 children ages 5 and up. No charge for kids under 5; \$20 to take your car, \$3 to take your bike. Secured parking is available if you leave your car at Marblehead.

For more information: www.kelleysislandchamber.com, www.kelleysisland-nature.com,

www.kelleysislandferry.com
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at the bed and breakfast from Normandy, France, help to prepare the most delicious breakfasts which include homemade strudels, baked French toast with apples and strawberries, smoked bacon and lemon poppyseed cake. Tim whips up huevos rancheros to add to the buffet, and guests wash it all down with glasses of fresh-squeezed juice rimmed with raspberry sugar.

Elizabeth says the experience at Water's Edge is like "going to your aunt's house without the guilt."

By the way, this aunt's house happened to receive the No. 1 rating out of 50 B&Bs in *Travel and Leisure* magazine.

OTHER PLACES TO STAY

If bed and breakfast accommodations aren't your thing, Kelleys has private cottages and campsites in the Ohio State Park System to rent, as well as RVs, tepees and yurts equipped with the essentials.

Children visiting the island will take delight in the beaches, enjoy miniature golf, wear their sandals out on the hiking trails and tool around in golf carts and bicycles.

The Butterfly Farm draws children and adults alike. Enter the butterfly greenhouse and you're surrounded by some of nature's most beautiful creations. The gift store there has many unique items to take home.

The Caddyshack, in the downtown area, has some of the most entertaining karaoke you'll ever hear. The best part is the worse you sing, the more applause you receive. You'll hear everything from *My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean* to *Bohemian Rhapsody* to *I'm a Little Tea Cup*.

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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.

Album

One half of the Moldy Peaches, **Adam Green** has always favored shocking lyrics. A combination Leonard Cohen and bathroom humor, Green's solo disc, "**Friends of Mine**" (Rough Trade), is no different. In fact, the lyrics are so perverse they can hardly be repeated here (the faint of heart will want to burn their ears off if

they ever hear "No Legs").

"Friends of Mine" is the perfect album for people who find off-color jokes hilarious. It's not all disgusting, though. In a sweet ode to pop star Jessica Simpson, "Jessica," he sings "Jessica Simpson/Where has your love gone?/It's not in your music." It's this balance of cutesy folk songs that makes "Friends of Mine" sure to lift your spirits and make you pee your pants.

Available at local record stores. Visit Green online at <http://www.adamgreen.net/>



Midnight movies at Main Art Theatre presents the anime film, "**Spirited Away**," on Friday. Directed by Hayao Miyazaki ("Princess Mononoke"), the film tells the story of a young girl who discovers a world full of ghosts and strange creatures. Rated PG. For more info, call (248) 263-2111.



Art

The **Detroit Girlee Collective** presents "Copy Cats" through Aug. 10 at the C-POP Gallery in Detroit.

Each artist in the show picked five deceased female artists to re-interpret in their own style. Featured artists are Eva Hesse, Remedios Varos, Ana Mendiata, Georgia O'Keeffe, Sonia Delaunay and many more.

Catch a mid-viewing show from 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, at the Whitney Garden Party, which will feature food, a cash bar and live music. \$8.

For more information, visit the collective online at <http://gdcollective.com> and the C-Pop at <http://www.cpop.com>.

Local band

The best of the "Detroit sound" comes in white skirts. Formed in 1996, the first girls of Detroit music, the **Gore Gore Girls** balance girl group pop and garage rock that equals one danceable rock show that will remind you why rock chicks are so hot.

They play Saturday at the Magic Stick. Local glam rockers Murder City Wrecks, and punks Clone Defects, as well as Peelander-Z and The Valentinos, are also on the bill. Doors open at 9 p.m. \$8 bucks will get you in. 18 and up.

The girls also will play a free in-store at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, at Tower Records in Birmingham.

Concert

The audience will probably be full of grrls and frat boys when the cornflake girl meets the boy who rocks the suburbs. **Tori Amos** and **Ben Folds** will present their summer tour, "**Lottaplanos**," at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15, at the Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. Fans of Amos can visit her site (www.toriamos.com) and vote on songs she should play on the tour. This is your chance to make a Folds-Amos "Blood Roses" duet possible.

Tickets are \$29.50 for lawn and \$39.50 pavilion. Tickets can be purchased through Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666.

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.

DOWNTOWN Dancin' in the Street

Saturday, August 9

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Noon - 10 p.m. Taste Fest - Enjoy a sampling of downtown Rochester eateries featuring: Collage Fresh Mexican, Double Rainbow, Hungry Howie's, Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches, Kruse & Muer Restaurants, Mr. Pita, Penn Station East Coast Subs, Planet Pizza & Rochester Mills Beer Company.

7 - 10 p.m. Bring your dancin' shoes and enjoy Kevin Tee and the Firebirds as they perform classic rock favorites.

Sunday, August 10

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Rockin Rods n' Rochester Car Show - Enjoy a trip down memory lane as you take a nostalgic look at hot rods, muscle cars, Corvettes and other sports cars.

Noon - 4 p.m. Shopper's Road Rally - Shopping enthusiasts can cruise into participating stores and receive their official Road Rally stamps. After collecting the stamps, shoppers will be entered into the Winner's Circle Drawing for fabulous prizes from downtown Rochester merchants.

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Kick up your heels and enjoy Rochester's own Jello Shots perform rock-n-roll hits from the 60s, 70s and 80s.

Noon - 5:00 p.m. Taste Fest - Featuring the same great restaurants as on August 9.

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Art

Avenue Gallery hosts Simon Bull's work

British commercial artist Simon Bull will be appearing with his award-winning art, at the Avenue Gallery in Birmingham on Aug. 7 and 9.

Bull's visit is part of a weekend celebration as the Avenue Gallery sponsors In the Park Concerts at Shain Park in Birmingham 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, featuring the band, Air Margaritaville. As part of the evening's theme, the Avenue Gallery will host an open house 3-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, featuring complimentary margaritas to celebrate Bull's visit and exhibit of works.

Bull received a major national award in 2000 by becoming the Fine Art Trade Guild's UK Best Selling Original Print Artist. Bull, who became the first artist ever to be short-listed for the two top awards in the commercial art business, won outright the Artist's Print award for best-selling artist of hand-made prints and was short-listed to the top four in the Published Artist of the Year award.

This award is the art industry's equivalent of the Oscars. Bull launched his first series of highly colored etchings in 1995 and his works have since become Great Britain's best selling.

Bull first developed his unique method of printmaking after traditional etching techniques failed to give the purity of color and freedom of expression that he sought. He began experimenting with monotypes, enriching their surfaces with acrylic inks, pastels and gold leaf. His work is in many collections worldwide, including that of the British Royal Family.

For more information on the biography of Simon Bull and his award-winning art, visit www.Bullart.com. The Avenue Gallery is located at 167 N. Old Woodward Avenue, just north of Maple, across from the Palladium Theater.

Other Avenue Gallery locations include Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi and Main Street in Rochester. For more information, contact the Avenue Gallery at (248) 594-7600 or visit www.avenuegallery.com

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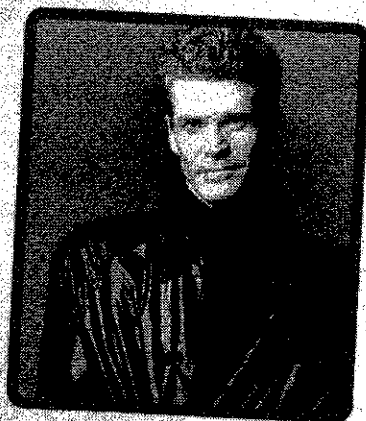
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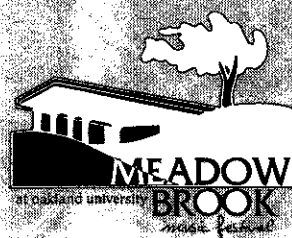
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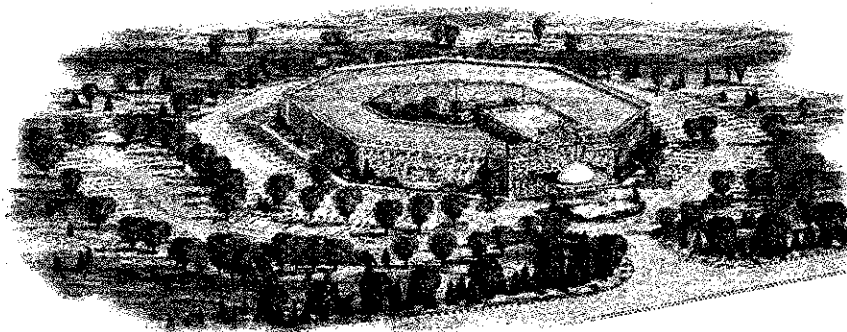
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