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Pets rescheduled

The weekend power outage caused the cancellation of the much-anticipated Dog Days of Summer at Christ Good Shepherd Church, but don't worry. The event has been rescheduled for Sept. 20 at the church, 42690



Cherry Hill

More than 100 animals will be on hand at the pet awareness event. Individuals, rescue organizations and shelters have been invited to bring their dogs - mixed and pure breeds - for adoption opportunities.

Animals won't be adopted that Saturday. Checks will be made when an application is received to adopt a particular animal to be sure the animal is heading to a good home. All animals are required by the event organizers to be updated on their shots and leashed when they are out of their cages.

Demonstrations will be offered by the Michigan Technical Rescue Organization.

Also on tap are "Ask the Vet" discussions with Dr. Michael Petty of Arbor Pointe Veterinary Hospital of Canton.

Families will have plenty of fun with face painting, temporary tattoos, food and raffles.

More than a dozen shelters plan to participate, including Critters with Paws & Claws, Mutts and Mutts, Humane Education Project, Animal Rescue Connection, Michigan Animals Rescue, Mid-Michigan Boxer Rescue, Home Fur-Ever, Dearborn Animal Shelter and the Greyhounds of Eastern Michigan.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans of Western Wayne County Chapter 30021 will match dollar for dollar the first \$800 raised Aug. 16.

All proceeds from the event will be divided among all the shelters in attendance to support animal care.

For more information, call Nancy Haskins at (734) 414-0452 or Kim Marquette at (734) 522-1226.

HQ site to be redeveloped

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

After years of sitting empty, the old HQ building on Ford Road between Lilley and Haggerty is being scheduled for a rebirth. And Canton Township officials couldn't be happier.

Planning commissioners Monday approved a preliminary plan for a Planned

Development District around the site which, when finished, will include a Marshall's store, Michael's Crafts and Panera Bread.

Three or four other tenants will also be brought into the development that will merge the existing HQ building with a 46,000-square-foot addition occupying what is now N.A. Mans Lumber. Mans is moving its facilities

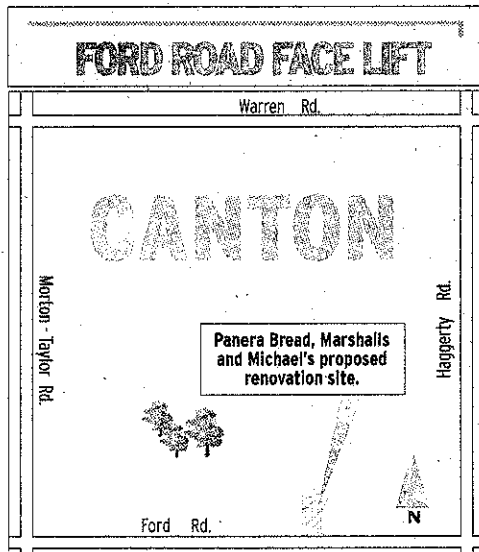
to a new site on Michigan Avenue.

"This is very positive for the community," township Supervisor Tom Yack said. "For one thing, a big box (store) will get reused, it will bring retailers into the community that shoppers are anxious to have here, it will bring changes to the HQ building and the linkage between Haggerty Road and

Lilley will be improved."

Under the preliminary plans approved by the commission, the HQ building will be renovated and expanded to the east. An interior second floor of about 24,400 square feet will be added to part of the building to house a U.S. Storage facility.

PLEASE SEE BUILDING, A8



Julie Rowe of Canton (left) receives instruction from Lindsay Riemer at the Plymouth Symphony Summer Strings Camp at the Summit in Canton. Riemer is the new conductor of the Celebration Youth Orchestra.



Patrick Lind of Canton pays close attention to the conductor as he practices his violin.

Strings Camp is a prelude to youth orchestra

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

The challenge of playing the violin brought Julie Rowe to the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's Strings Camp. For Christina Long, the camp gave her something to do, while recent high school graduate John Madonna lent his

PLEASE SEE CAMP, A2

Woman killed on I-275

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

A Trenton woman was killed shortly before 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, when she was struck by a van on I-275 under the Cherry Hill overpass.

Jan Roberts, whom State Police said was about 51 years old, was taken to Oakwood Hospital Annapolis where she was pronounced dead. Two other male victims were taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. One was in critical and one in stable condition.

State Police Sgt. Angela Fleming described the incident this way:

PLEASE SEE FATAL, A8

They rose to the occasion during blackout

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Most people won't recall the Blackout of 2003 with any particularly pleasant memories. But some good may have come out of it, according to John Pardington, owner of Holiday

Market on Lilley south of Cherry Hill.

Even though the power went out before 5 p.m. Thursday, Pardington kept his store open until 9 p.m., operating with flashlights and portable calculators.

"There was a lot of chaos," he

said. "People were lined up at both doors, 50 to 100 deep. The store was completely dark. We'd let them in a few at a time. A lot of them were scared. There was talk of terrorists. They didn't know how long it would be down. They were very thankful we were open."

At Bennett's Ice Cream Parlor, a couple of doors down from the market, Melissa McLaughlin, a township trustee who also works at the shop, had brought her son down to cool off and get some ice cream. She

PLEASE SEE BLACKOUT, A4

Teachers ready for return

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When students walk into their classrooms Monday — the first day of classes for Plymouth-Canton Schools — carpets will have been cleaned, floors waxed, walls painted and desks neatly positioned in rows, with posters and pictures methodically placed on bulletin boards.

However, if you were to walk into classrooms at any of the school buildings this week, you might find a different story. Teachers this week began clean-

ing out their rooms in preparation for students who will be roaming the halls in less than a week. "We have to set up the classrooms to start on the ground running," said Barb Toth, who teaches fourth grade at Fiegel Elementary.

Teachers officially begin work today. But it's not as simple as walking in and opening books.

"I was here at 7:30 (Tuesday) morning," Toth said. "I actually started in my room last week because teachers have meetings

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First-year teacher and Madonna University graduate Lisa Sarkesian works on bulletin board items for her kindergarten room at Fiegel Elementary School, where teachers were getting ready for the start of school.

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CAMP

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experience to help other students.

"We try to give them a firm foundation for an audition," said Lindsay Riemer, Youth Orchestra conductor, who led the two-day camp Aug. 11-12 at Summit on the Park in Canton. "An audition can be frightening."

Not as many kids signed up as hoped, but Riemer and other Plymouth Symphony Orchestra leaders are not dismayed. Bringing the younger generation into the symphonic and strings world is the ultimate goal.

"Ann Arbor, Plymouth and Livonia have strings programs," said Linda Alvarado, symphony programs coordinator and former president. "This is where kids receive instruction and experience."

Riemer, who officially started Aug. 11, is dedicated and determined to build the new Celebration Youth Orchestra. She is entering her second season as assistant conductor of the Lafayette Symphony Orchestra in Indiana, and recently accepted a post as assistant conductor of the Battle Creek Symphony Orchestra. The creation of the youth orchestra, led by Riemer, will be accomplished in phases, starting with auditions Sept. 20 for Celebration Strings. The suggested age group for participation in the strings group is 9-14 and students who have experience playing a string instrument and reading music. The young players will perform two concerts, one each in December 2003 and May 2004. To audition, students must be registered by calling the Plymouth Symphony office at (734) 451-2112.

"With this first tier we will build the program," Riemer said.

The second phase will target youths who play wind and brass instruments and, of course, strings. And finally, in



Plymouth Symphony Orchestra Conductor and Music Director Nan Washburn gives a few pointers on conducting to Kim Ervin of Plymouth.

the third year, percussion will be added and the Celebration Youth Orchestra will be fully formed.

Between the first and third years, however, participating students will not be slacking off. On the contrary, they will practice, practice and practice again. And of course, there will be concerts as they go along.

"The strings group is the feeder group," Riemer said.

The creation of a youth orchestra doesn't mean kids have not been involved previously. The symphony's Side-by-Side Concert is an example. Symphony musicians coach students who perform with the adults. "Every year we find a piece and simplify it," Alvarado said. "The kids go to two adult orchestra practices. It has already brought a bridge to the middle school level."

In addition to involving students in the symphony, the youth orchestra is also designed to serve as a bridge to the music programs in the

schools. "Hopefully, by starting this youth orchestra, it will be evident how important the strings program is in the schools," Riemer said.

At Strings Camp students learned the need to prepare, to practice and develop auditioning skills. The same is true for the youth orchestra. "The emphasis is on playing in an orchestra," said Nan Washburn, Plymouth Symphony conductor and music director.

Riemer told camper Patrick Lind of Canton to make a fist and tighten his muscles. When he did that, she told him to let go. "Make sure everything is relaxed," Riemer told the students as they perched their bows ready to play at Strings Camp.

The youths at the Strings Camp brought a spectrum of experience. Lind, for example, has played for five years. He recalled how he started. "I was the only one who could actually make a sound," he said, when his class was given a

chance to try playing violins.

For Rowe, the violin is yet another instrument she plays, in addition to piano and guitar. "My friends and I get together and pretend we have a band." Kim Ervin of Plymouth signed up for Strings Camp because she needed to get in more practice. Youths also will get a chance to witness and be a part of what is really a musical production. Akin to a theatrical production with a actors and a director and the like, an orchestra follows much the same pattern. An orchestra is about protocol and decorum. It is about watching and understanding the conductor and following her lead.

"The conductor is the one who has to funnel everything," said Washburn, who is also the artistic director and conductor of the symphony in West Hollywood, Calif.

Alvarado lauds Washburn and Riemer for their experience and talent, and the desire of both to bring traditional and new music to the area.

"We have a sophisticated audience in western Wayne County," Alvarado said. "We're more than a community orchestra." To that end, in addition to the symphony's own productions, Washburn

Washburn begins fifth season with symphony

Nan Washburn is beginning her fifth season as the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra conductor and music director.

The winner of a number of awards, received a bachelor of music with highest honors from the University of California and her master's degree in performance from New England Conservatory of Music. She is a professional flutist, who began studying conducting in 1984. She continued her studies with Harold Farberman at the Conductors' Institute in Bard and the Aspen Music Festival.

Just this past summer, Washburn served on the faculty at the Conductors' Institute at Bard College in New York. Washburn is the winner of 15 awards from the American

Symphony Orchestra League for adventuresome programming and the 1992 Distinguished Service Award from the New York Women Composers and the 1998 Sonoma County Independent Indy Award. She has distinguished herself as one of the imaginative and dynamic conductors in California.

She is also the artistic director and conductor of the symphony in West Hollywood, CA. Washburn has served as principal conductor for the Channel Islands Symphony Orchestra and recently completed her four-year tenure with Orchestra Sonoma.

She also has formerly directed the Acalanes Chamber Orchestra, the American Jazz Theater, the San Francisco State University Symphony Orchestra and was for six years the music director of the Camelia Orchestra in Sacramento.



Washburn

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

New conductor, violist joins local symphony

Lindsay Riemer officially came on board the Plymouth Symphony Aug. 11 as conductor of the Celebration Youth Orchestra. She is also in her

second season as assistant conductor of the Lafayette Symphony Orchestra in Indiana. She recently accepted the position of assistant conductor of the Battle Creek

Symphony Orchestra.

A violist, Riemer began her study at 9 in New York and continued at the Cleveland Institute of Music, the Aspen Music Festival, and the Peabody Conservatory with Robert Vernon, Victoria Chiang and Heidi Castleman.

As an undergraduate, Riemer studied conducting with Harlan Parker at the Peabody Conservatory. Deciding to make conducting her focus, Riemer studied with Harold Farberman at the Conductors' Institute in Bulgaria.



Riemer

invites other guest artists to the community, such as Michele Johns, professor of music at the University of Michigan, and Emma Lou Diemer, composer in residence of the Santa Barbara Symphony. Also on tap this

season is the Plymouth-Canton Middle School Strings Orchestra under the direction of Catherine DePentu and Erin Zurbuchen.

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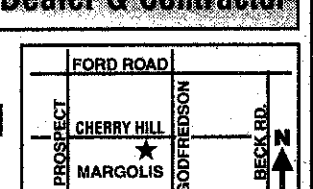
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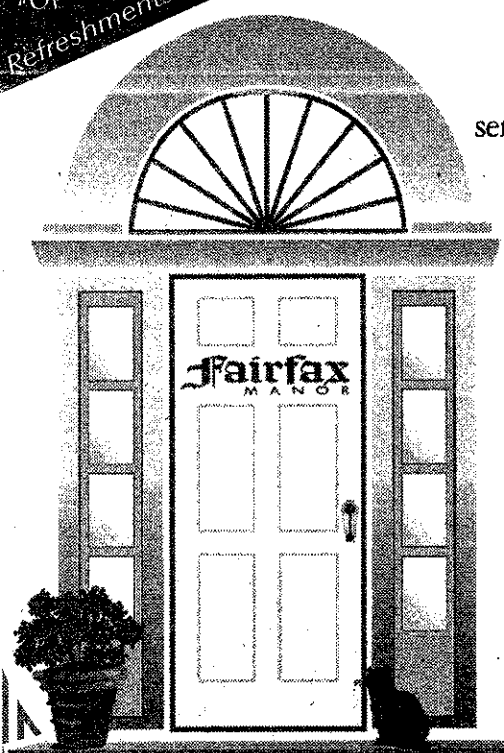
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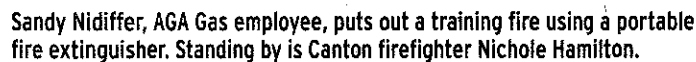
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AGA Gas Inc. debuts first Fire Safety Day

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The day-long session also featured a tour of the company's plant and hot dogs and pop throughout the day.

By Jack Gladden

Frank Kenny, Observer & Eccentric marketing expert is remembered

Mr. Kenny was a World War II Eighth Army Air Corps veteran, and had been a prisoner of war for 18 months in Stalag 1, Barth, Germany, after his B-17 was shot down



"He was a gentleman through and through," said Dick Brady, vice president of

Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, an organization "that was very dear to him because of their work with the poor," Tim Kenny said.

Energy hearing eyes need for action

"It's the first in a series of hearings ... to see if there is some legislative action that needs to be taken on an emergency basis," said Patterson. "This won't go away because we'll continue to advance as a society, only to the extent that we're able to keep up with

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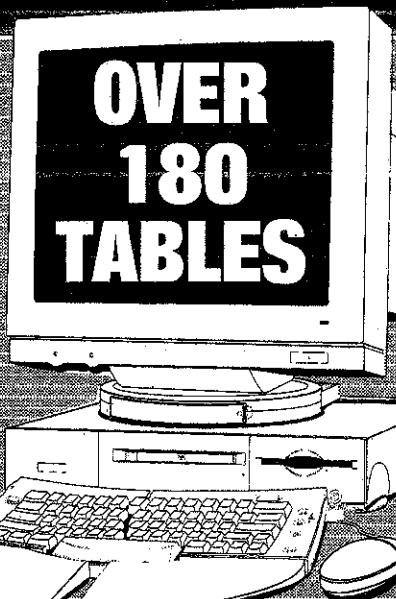
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Crash kills Plymouth driver, 19

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Michigan State Police are still investigating a one-car crash that killed a 19-year-old Plymouth man Sunday morning. Police received a 9-1-1 call shortly after 6:30 a.m. about

the accident. The driver, Michael Bryant of Plymouth, lost control of his car, which went airborne and landed on its roof at M-14 and Sheldon, according to Trooper Kevin Lucidi of the Michigan State Police crash reconstruction unit. The car then slid into a tree,

passenger side first. Lucidi couldn't say what caused the accident. "That would be pure speculation at this point," Lucidi said. "Toxicology results aren't back yet, and speed workups haven't been done yet." The accident remains under investigation.

OBITUARIES

Ruth M. Rozmiarek

Services for Ruth Rozmiarek, 79, of Overbrook, Kan. (formerly of Canton) will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating. Burial will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Mrs. Rozmiarek was born Oct. 8, 1923 in Louisville, Ky., and died Aug. 18 in Kansas. She was a homemaker. Survivors include daughters Joyce (John) Hill and Rose

Mary (Gary) Rozmiarek; sons David (Terry) Rozmiarek, Donald (Cathy) Rozmiarek and Joseph (Sharon) Rozmiarek; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Arrangements made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home.

Hazel Marie Paterson

Services for Hazel Paterson, 85, of Canton, will be held Aug. 22 at the chapel of L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell of St. Michael Church officiating. Mrs. Paterson was born Aug.

8, 1918 in Chicago and died Aug. 19 at Arbor Hospice in Pittsfield Township. She worked as a homemaker.

Mrs. Paterson was preceded in death by her son, Randal; and brother, Ted Walters.

Survivors include daughter, Judith Alan; son, Jeff (Karen); brother, Roy (Marleen) Walters; sisters, June (George) Putnick, Fay (Leroy) Sandberg, and Fern Elliott; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

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had no power at home either. "Holiday Market was a mob scene," she said. "Clerks were moving around with flashlights helping people find things." She went to the market and offered to help.

"Melissa put down her ice cream scoop, grabbed a calculator and flashlight and helped with the customers," Pardington said. "It was like the community coming together and filling the sandbags to keep the water out. Technology is a great thing, but when it goes out it's back to torches and an abacus."

He said customers were looking for bottled water, staples and canned goods. Water was in huge demand.

"We probably sold 50 pallet loads of water in two days," he said. But Pardington didn't take advantage of the situation to gouge his customers. Instead, he sold the water at a discount.

"The guys in the back looked at me like I was crazy," he said. "They said, 'This stuff regularly sells for \$3.99.' I said, 'Price it at \$2.99 and forget about it.'"

Pardington even used the market's own truck to bring more water back to the store.

"You have to take care of your customers who have needs," he said. "I couldn't give the water away, but I didn't

have to make a profit on it."

Pardington also got many calls from people looking for dry ice. His is one of the few stores in the area that sells it. He said he literally got thousands of phone calls Friday for people looking for dry ice.

"I got calls from various cities and townships asking if I could get them dry ice," he said. "Some people needed it to keep their insulin frozen."

While he couldn't supply enough dry ice to satisfy the demand, he told the callers that if they'd bring their extra insulin to the store, he'd keep it frozen for them.

By late Friday, after the power was back on (in Canton, at least), Pardington said a well-dressed woman came into the store looking sad.

"My daughter got married today," she said. "And we had a reception scheduled. But the caterers are all down. We have no food. Could you make some pizzas for us?"

Pardington obliged. "We whipped out 30 pizzas for her guests," he said. "She bought some beer and went to the reception. I told her, 'Someday you'll laugh about this.'"

But people weren't laughing at area gas stations Friday. When the power did come back on, the lines began to form. Since Canton got power restored before many other communities, people were coming from all over the metro area to fill up.

The Mobil station at Lilley and Cherry Hill had continuous lines from the time it opened at 6:30 a.m. Friday, according to cashier Abe Guard.

"There was no letup until 12:30 p.m., when we ran out of gas," he said.

Calls to the station were being answered, "We have no

gas. Mobil."

On Saturday morning, the station got a supply of 87 octane, no super, and by Saturday night, it ran out again. The same thing was true of the On the Go station at Sheldon and Ford.

"We ran out about 8 p.m. Friday," day manager Rabie Elzein said. "We got another load on Saturday, but it was late in the afternoon. They just couldn't deliver on time."

The Meijer station on Ford and Canton Center managed to stay open Thursday night, using power from a generator, but limited sales to Canton Township vehicles. Police cruisers and fire equipment filled up at the station so they could stay operational.

And it was a good thing. While police said they experienced nothing extraordinary during the outage, Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher said his department made 101 runs from Thursday through Sunday - about 40 more runs than normal.

"A lot of the runs were alarm malfunctions," he said. "And some were assist calls to let people into their houses. People who have door codes and don't carry keys with them couldn't get in. We probably got about 10 of those calls."

Township Supervisor Tom Yack said township employees did an outstanding job during the outage.

"Meijer was terrific in providing gasoline for the township vehicles," he said. "And Sysco provided us with a lot of stuff."

A boil water requirement issued by the Detroit Department of Water and Sewerage was lifted Monday afternoon. And Canton lifted a ban on outdoor watering that it had imposed after the blackout.

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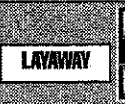


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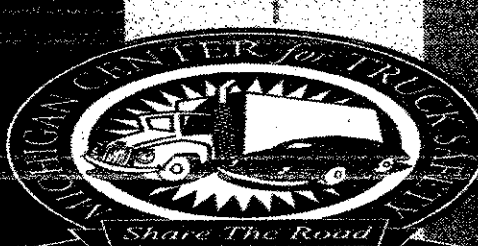
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SCHOOL

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today and tomorrow. I want to have the classroom set so when the students come in they feel settled." For most teachers, beginning school in August is as exciting for them as it is for students.

"You get new kids ... it's a fresh start," said Jon Anderson, who teaches fifth grade at Fiegel. "And one of the really fun parts when you stay at a school long enough, you get the brothers and sisters of some of the students you've taught ... and you get to know the family."

Dona Siero, Kaley Cannon and Carla Borsos team-teach third grade at Fiegel. And, believe it or not, they began preparing for opening day two months ago. "We started in June getting ready for this (school) year," Borsos said. "With 24 teachers and two copy machines, you have to plan ahead."

"It usually takes two or three days to put books back on the shelves, posters up and things on the bulletin board," Siero said. "If you've taught the same grade, then you have all the materials. But if you change grades, then you have to buy new things."

Which was the case for Cannon, who began the summer ready to teach first grade, but this week was busy moving her "stuff" to another room after receiving notice she'll be teaching third, instead.

"This year I'm lucky because I'm getting some materials from a former third-grade teacher," Cannon said. "When I switched from kindergarten to first, I spent about \$400."

It's not unusual, according to teachers, to spend hundreds of dollars in out-of-pocket money.

"I spent almost \$600 one year," Borsos said. "It's stuff you just want and makes it more fun for the kids."

"A lot of the stuff is for us to be organized ... file baskets, crayon baskets, book bins ... little things that all add up,"

Siero added. "The kids do better when you're organized and have a schedule and routine."

"So we start the year with a routine, have snacks, and play getting-to-know-you games," she said. "And we do it so they can learn about us, too."

Tim Gordinier, 11, of Plymouth Township, is headed to Central Middle School as a sixth-grader this year. But he came back to help Toth organize her classroom.

"What I like most are the kids," she said. "They come in scared and excited. I want to make them feel like they're at home."

Parents and students can work in concert to make learning positive

The beginning of a new school year, and school itself, can be trying for kids, not to mention parents. But three teachers - Carla Borsos, Kelley Browning and Dona Siero - at Fiegel Elementary are providing new third-graders and their parents with some useful hints. The tips actually can apply to any students, of any age, and their parents. Some of the teachers' tips are as follows:

Homework:

Show that you think education and homework is important.

- Do you set a regular time everyday for homework?
- Does your child have a fairly quiet place to study, with lots of light?
- Do you set a good example by reading and writing yourself?
- Do you stay in touch with your child's teacher?

Monitor assignments.

- Do you know what your child's homework assignments are? How long they should take? How the teacher wants you to be involved?
- Do you see that assignments are started and completed?
- Do you read the teacher's comments on assignments that are returned?
- Does TV viewing cut into your child's homework time?

Provide guidance.

- Do you help your child to get organized? Does your child need a calendar or assignment book? Does your child have a bag for books and

Local private schools announce 2003 opening dates

Like their public counterparts, the private schools in Plymouth and Canton are gearing up for the first day of school.

Plymouth Christian Academy, 43065 Joy Road, Canton, will start with a half day for grades one through 12 on Monday, Aug. 25. Kindergarteners will begin on Wednesday, Aug. 27.

Parents with students in grades kindergarten through six are asked to attend an orientation at 7 p.m. today.

Parents of students in grades over six are asked to attend at 6:30 p.m. today. All parents will gather together following both orientations at 7:30 p.m.

New students are invited to visit the school and teachers 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 22. For more information, call the school at (734) 459-3505.

Agape Christian Academy, 45087 Geddes Road, Canton, will begin the school year with an orientation for students and parents on Thursday, Aug. 26. Classes will begin with a full

day on Friday, Aug. 27.

For more information, call the school at (734) 394-0357.

All Saints Catholic School, 48735 Warren Road, Canton, will begin its classes for kindergarteners through eighth graders with half days on Monday, Aug. 25 and Tuesday, Aug. 26. Space is still available for new students in some grades. For more information, call the school at (734) 459-2490.

Crescent Academy, 40440 Palmer Road, will begin with a

half day Monday, Aug. 25.

Parent conferences will be Nov. 21-24.

St. Michael Christian School, 43065 Joy Road, Canton, will begin with a half day Tuesday, Aug. 26 and a full day Wednesday, Aug. 27. Preschool classes begin Sept. 2. Parent orientation is at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26. For information, call the school at (734) 459-9720.

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- folder for papers?
- Do you encourage your child to develop good study habits (i.e.: scheduling enough time for big projects)
- Do you talk with your child about homework assignments? Does he or she understand them?

Talk with someone at school when problems come up.

- Do you meet the teacher early in the year, before any problems arise?
- If a problem comes up, do you meet with the teacher?
- Do you cooperate with the teacher and your child to work out a plan and a schedule to fix homework problems?
- Do you follow up with the teacher and with your child to make sure the plan is working?

Suggested Reading Activities

- limit your child's television watching
- read and discuss your child's schoolwork
- give your child a calendar so they can write down special events and mark off days

- get a library card
- give your child their own place to keep books
- subscribe to a children's magazine
- bring books in the car for your child to read while they wait for you to run errands
- parent reads to the child
- child reads to the parent "Be sure to interact. Discuss the stories, retell the stories, predict what will happen next, identify words, letters, and discuss meanings
- read aloud favorite riddles, jokes, comics, cartoons, poems
- talk to your child about subjects that are interesting to them
- write notes to your child
- read the TV Guide
- read the restaurant menu
- play board games that involve reading
- put a craft/model together by reading the directions
- read a recipe and make something delicious
- read the labels on food in the refrigerator, cupboard, and counters
- read the aisle signs in the grocery

- store
- read parts of the newspaper (weather, movies, horoscope, index, headlines)
- read road signs while traveling
- find things to read in your house in each room (kitchen, family room, bathroom, bedroom, hall)
- find your name in the telephone directory

Suggested Writing Activities

- write your thoughts down in a diary
- keep a log while on a vacation
- make your own search puzzles using color words, animal names, sports, states, clothing names, etc.
- rewrite your favorite song after listening to it
- rewrite your favorite nursery rhyme, fairy tale
- write your own thank you notes
- make a wish list for your next birthday or Christmas
- write your own birthday invitations
- write your own Valentines

- write a letter to your friends or relatives instead of calling them
- pick a letter in the alphabet then go on a "house hunt" in your own house
- list everything you find that begins with that letter or sound
- make a grocery list of all the foods you like to eat
- write your own story
- write how you make your favorite sandwich

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OUR VIEWS

Plymouth Symphony creates magic for kids

Anyone who thinks symphonic music is all about old and stuffy, think again. You need to be introduced or re-introduced to the Plymouth Symphony.

Good things are happening with the symphony. For starters, Nan Washburn, who is beginning her fourth season as music director and conductor of the Plymouth Symphony, will continue to bring energy, inquisitiveness and an astuteness for knowing what will musically delight her audiences. As she acknowledges, orchestral music isn't just "a museum of dead, white European composers." Washburn is on par with her desire and heartfelt efforts to bring works of new composers, including those from Michigan, to the symphony and its audiences.

A new bonus for symphony-goers this year is the addition of Lindsay Riemer, who will be the conductor of the Celebration Youth Orchestra. Riemer, a Chicago resident, who is also assistant conductor of the Lafayette Symphony in Indiana, brings youthfulness and an interest in attracting the younger generation to music and the orchestra.

A week ago, Riemer led the symphony's Strings Camp at the Summit in Canton. While fewer students than had been hoped attended, Riemer's gentle style was a boon to the kids as they stood attentively and watched a pro at work.

Riemer, a violist, is here to create and make successful a youth orchestra, which will be phased in over three years. A great idea. Symphony officials are wise to begin at square one by slowly introducing the concept, getting kids on board and building the orchestra step-by-step. Kids get involved when they see their friends involved and enjoying themselves.

What makes Riemer such a prize for the Plymouth Symphony organization is her desire to get kids involved, to show them a magical world of music. She has been out of school for two years and who, if anyone, can know the younger generation better? She will serve as a coach, mentor and an inspiration to young people who want experiences in music, in learning how to audition, in having pride for their work, and for performing as members of a team.

Riemer also will serve as a significant bridge to the schools, where music appreciation and interest in playing an instrument often begins. Riemer and other symphony officials are encouraged to work hand-in-hand with the school district to continue to keep alive all music programs.

If you have not attended a symphony program, do it this season. You will be delighted. And take the kids with you.

Proposed law would improve accountability

Legislation has been introduced that would bring more accountability to intermediate school boards statewide by having the public elect those who serve on the boards.

We support the legislation, and we urge lawmakers to do so as well.

Currently, intermediate school board members are appointed by members of local school boards.

The proposed legislation, a revision of the school code of 1976, would allow voters to elect intermediate school board members. It would also increase from five to seven the number of people on an intermediate school board and limit their terms to four years instead of six.

State Rep. Ruth Johnson, R-Holly, introduced the legislation, which has bipartisan support, after an audit raised questions about possible mismanagement and conflict of interest at Oakland Intermediate School District — including the possible illegal use of some tax dollars designated for educational purposes for building a new headquarters.

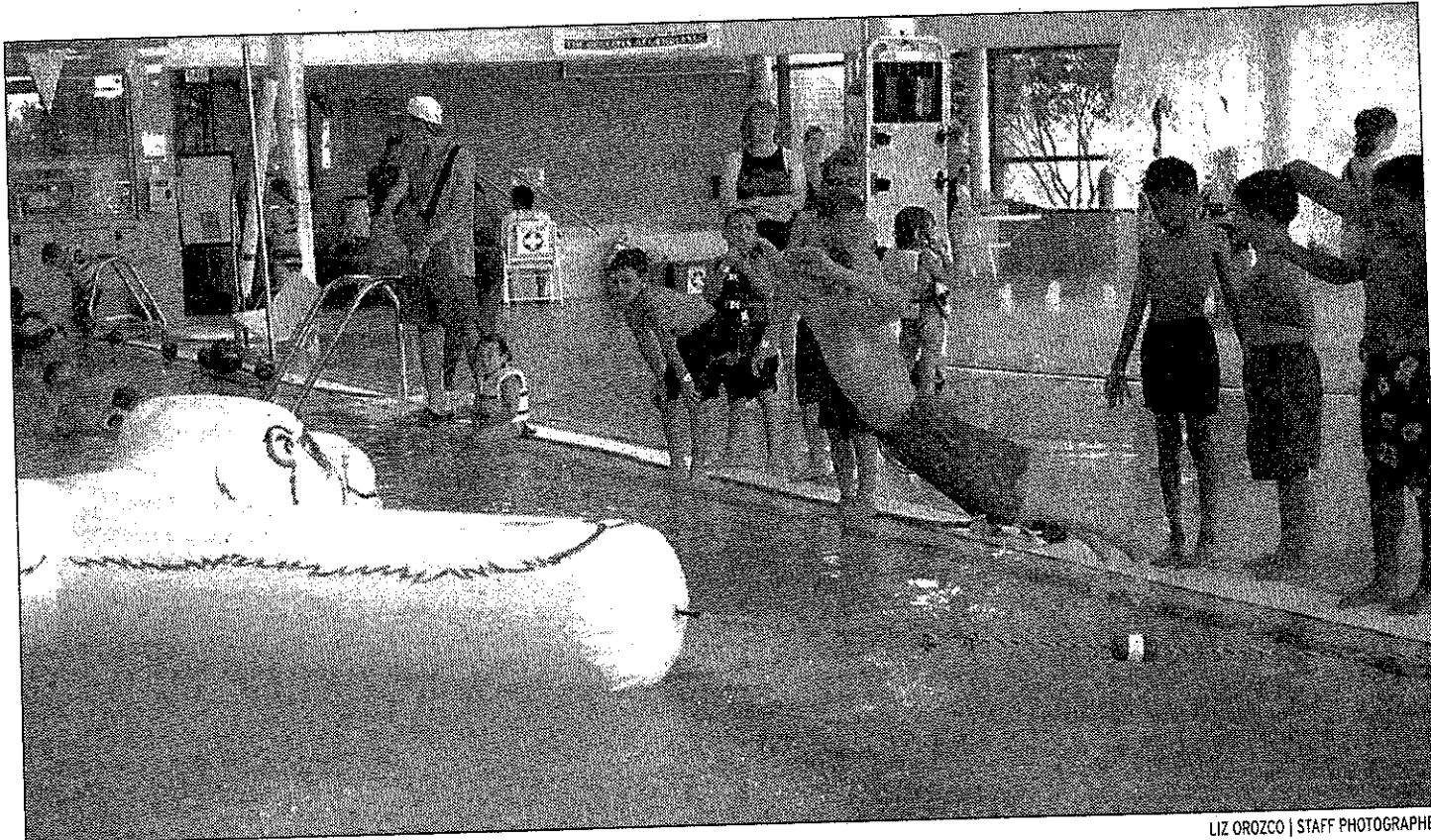
The five-member school board subsequently fired the superintendent, James Redmond. But he sued, saying the board did not have the authority to terminate him. At the time, he was the highest-paid superintendent in the state.

While the intermediate school board initiated the audit, many taxpayers wondered how it could have negotiated such a lucrative contract with a superintendent and not have been more aware of the dealings in his office.

At least seven other intermediate school districts have been or are under federal investigation, according to Johnson's legislative aide, Erika DellaSantina.

The problem is, under the current law, members of intermediate school districts are not directly accountable to taxpayers. They're only accountable to the school board designates who cast ballots on their behalf.

The proposed amendment is now under review by the education committee. We urge lawmakers to give it their full support once they return to session this fall.



LIZ OROZCO | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

James Hartinger, 11, of Canton is the first to jump in the pool to play with the inflatable polar bear at Arctic Expedition recently at the Aquatics Center at Summit on the Park.

LETTERS

Misplaced values

The recent blackout brought out a lot of badness in the local area. Besides the fire at the Marathon plant and the scattered looting, there was the rush on the gasoline stations, which was apparent in Canton.

I have to say that the police did a wonderful job and my hat is off to the city of Westland Police Department which sent cars into our area to patrol. Thank goodness that Westland is a good neighbor to Canton, even though the township does not return the favors.

I passed by Wal-Mart the day of the blackout and saw some heavily armed police officers watching as bottled water was loaded into an unmarked truck. I was told that Wal-Mart "donated" bottled water to Canton for distribution. I also noted that even though many of the traffic lights in Canton were not operating on Friday and people were still without power, the golf course was packed with golfers. I wonder who got the water, and what happened to any left over.

It is apparent to me where the values of the township board are placed and it is not with the citizens of Canton.

Let us all recall that the charter township is performing a nearly \$22 million renovation on the town hall that will leave it only about 30 percent larger and more than 80 percent uglier. The loans that were arranged to fund this renovation and other work are far in excess of the need of the township and will take nearly 20 years to repay. It appears from new construction to disaster that we are merely a meal ticket for our Mr. Yack and the board and township bureaucrats.

They are doing quite well for themselves, thank you very much. We have to deal with poisoned water, imported garbage and illegal immigrants.

Alfred Brock
Canton

Thank you

We would like to thank the *Observer Newspapers* for the well-written articles about youth mentoring which appeared in the Aug. 3, 2003, edition.

Doug Funke, who was a mentor with the Westland Youth Assistance Program for three years, was very excited about his column on mentoring because he was a firm believer in mentoring and he wanted to share with other prospective mentors what a rewarding experience mentoring could be.

He knew we had a new mentor training scheduled for September and he was anxious for the article to run in time for prospective mentors to take advantage of the training.

Doug's untimely death leaves a hole in our hearts, and it leaves a hole in our mentoring program that will be difficult to fill. Doug's dedication, concern for others and his willingness to give back to the community made him an excellent mentor.

It is interesting that on his application to be a mentor, he stated what he hoped to derive from the mentoring experience was "some satisfaction that this world was a little better because I passed through and made a difference," and we would like everyone to know he DID make a difference to the youth he mentored.

We thank the *Observer* for the thoughtful memories of Doug, and we thank all who have generously made donations in Doug's memory to the Westland Youth Assistance Program.

Ronaele Bowman
program director
Paul Motz
deputy director
Westland Youth Assistance

Bad reputation

Regarding your article on how Plymouth-Canton Schools and Schoolcraft College are attempting to find out how they can best serve their students ("P-C schools, college partner for survey," *Observer*, Aug. 14), I have a suggestion.

I am a former Plymouth Salem graduate (1974) and a graduate of Schoolcraft College (1997) and have a daughter who is currently attending Salem High School. Last year my daughter mentioned that more than one teacher at the Park down-rated Schoolcraft College in conversations with students in the classroom. One teacher went so far as to say that if the students didn't try harder their only option would be to go to "Haggerty High."

That brought back sad memories for me because when I was a student at Salem, the kids around me referred to Schoolcraft as "Haggerty High" because it was not a four-year college, didn't have dorms and was "too close to home" so they felt it was just another high school.

When I graduated from high school I had to go to work to support myself and save up my own money to go to college. I didn't want to go to the school referred to as "Haggerty High" so I went so far as to commute to Eastern Michigan.

After a semester, I found the commute wasn't practical and dropped out. It took me a few years before I enrolled at Schoolcraft, while trying to forget the stigma it held. Over the course of 15-20 years I took classes at night while I worked full time at Michigan National Bank.

I was impressed with my instructors throughout the years and I learned so much I could use in banking, and I was proud when I finally graduated in 1997. I was so upset when my daughter told me the comments made by her high school teachers recently because:

■ Most likely the teachers who made these comments never had to pay for their own college education and have never attended Schoolcraft and have no documented evidence to support dissuading students from attending this college.

■ Her teachers were not supporting our own community's college, which is highly accredited and an excellent and economical resource for graduating seniors.

■ Her teachers' comments will be remembered by their students, making any student who ends up attending Schoolcraft feel like a second-class citizen.

■ These comments by teachers have embarrassed my daughter because her own mother attended the college they are putting down.

■ These teachers are perpetuating this false rumor and it's continued for over 30 years!

One of the most important areas Schoolcraft and Plymouth-Canton Schools can do is to work on the teachers' attitude toward Schoolcraft College to change the bad reputation they have been falsely promoting for years. If the high school teachers were taken on a guided tour of Schoolcraft, highlighting Schoolcraft's accomplishments and facilities the teachers would be better ambassadors for the high school students they teach.

The community is just starting to recognize Schoolcraft has a renowned cooking program and a good soccer program. What else should you be telling the community about?

Reciprocally, I think the teachers at Schoolcraft should tour the three high schools to see what their future students are learning, to understand where they are coming from. Schoolcraft educators should

talk to these high school students in small groups to find out what their needs are and what Schoolcraft would need to offer to make the student want to enroll.

Elisabeth DeWitt
Plymouth

Parental involvement

There is a message about parent involvement in a child's education as reflected in grades, MEAP tests and in the No Child Left Behind legislation. It might read like this, "It takes a school-family partnership to educate a child."

As a state representative, I have said that, "It is a sin for parents in Plymouth-Canton and Northville NOT to attend a parent-teacher conference."

But it takes time and work on the part of good parents. I want to support every child and parent with the following suggestions:

■ Get involved in your child's education. Remember, parents are teachers, too. Often, all it takes for a child to learn a difficult concept is for another adult to explain it from a different perspective.

■ Check daily to be sure your child is completing his/her homework. I will forever be thankful for the unlimited hours my wife spent at the kitchen table doing homework with our daughters.

■ Instill a love of "learning for learning's sake" in your child. Children have an innate curiosity, and parents should continually stimulate intellectual honesty. Parents should nurture an unquenchable thirst for knowledge and always encourage their children to strive for the closest approximation of truth.

■ Get involved in your child's school. Volunteer to assist a teacher. Consider tutoring or reading with a child at school.

■ Assist with fund-raising events at your child's school. Most teachers spend a large amount of their own money on school materials. Fund-raising can ensure each classroom has adequate instructional supplies.

■ Take time to review materials sent home from schools and state legislation that is related to schools. Help your child prepare for tests — including the MEAP test. Find out how many teachers in the school are properly licensed and how your child's school compares to the state as a whole on achievement tests.

Finally, become an advocate for your child's school. Attend and support school activities. Attend and participate in school board meetings. All of us know that one of the most important things we can do is to develop the mind of a child.

John C. Stewart
state representative

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"We need facilities. Canton residents have been more than patient, more than willing to acknowledge you can't get this stuff done overnight."

— Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, talking about the need for more schools, in response to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' announcement of an upcoming public survey in conjunction with Schoolcraft College

Mayor, state council put sprawl back on agenda

It's one of those subjects that's hard to get a crisp handle on, but sprawl is insidious, serious and perverse all at the same time.

It's insidious because it's all over the place, from mushrooming Livingston County to arguments over "big foot" houses in Birmingham to the eventual fate of farms and fields and forests throughout Michigan. It's serious because it strikes directly to the question of just what kind of state do we want our children and grandchildren to inhabit. And it's oddly perverse because there is growing evidence that the deterioration of urban areas like Detroit and Pontiac and even inner suburbs like Redford Township is directly related to sprawl.

Which is why two recent news events deserve greater media attention than they got.

First, Ann Arbor's mayor, John Hieftje, proposed a couple of weeks ago that the city partner with surrounding communities to buy land or development rights so as to create a greenbelt against overdevelopment. "There are a

lot of open spaces around us and if they're all gobbled up, we've lost something big. Once it's paved over, it's gone forever," Hieftje said.

Hieftje's plan is to ask local voters to redirect an existing 0.5-mill property tax now aimed at parkland acquisition to buy outright or purchase the development rights for something like 10,000 acres in and around the city. A 0.5-mill property tax on a \$300,000 house amounts to about \$60 in taxes per year. If the proposal is approved on the November ballot, Hieftje estimates that it would generate up to \$30 million, which could be bulked up by another \$50 million in matching funds.

Now the "People's Republic of Ann Arbor" is not generally known for common sense foresight. But Mayor Hieftje is a smart guy with a practical background in commercial real estate. His proposal deserves a lot of attention, if only because it offers a specific way to establish greenbelts around cities that do a lot to make them more livable.

The second event was the release this week of the long-awaited report of the Michigan Land Use Leadership Council, the product of a 26-member bipartisan group chaired by former Attorney General Frank Kelley and former Gov. William Milliken. The council was created by Gov. Jennifer Granholm to study and identify trends, causes and consequences of urban sprawl and provide recommendations to minimize the negative effects of current and projected land-use patterns on Michigan's environment and economy.

The final report runs more than 100 pages,

which possibly helps explain why it received such little coverage (even reporters' lips got tired?). But it does provide a comprehensive framing for some disturbing facts. At the present rate of development, for example, Michigan is losing something like 10 acres of farmland per hour. And developed areas in our state will increase by 178 percent, if current land-use patterns are maintained until 2040.

The report calls for "one coordinated set of statewide land-use goals" and cooperation in land-use planning between local government units. It points out that one poorly understood consequence of Michigan's Home Rule Act is that it gives virtually unlimited power to local governments to adopt whatever zoning and land-use planning policies they want, irrespective of what's going on next door. The report calls for offering subsidies to farmers to stay on their land and for targeting state funding for roads, sewers and utilities on existing centers of commerce and development. There are literally scores of recommendations.

Of course, not everybody is happy with all this. The Homebuilders Association of Washtenaw County says the Ann Arbor plan would drive up housing costs between \$3,000 and \$4,000 because it would limit the supply of land to be developed. And Tom Bray, a very smart but very conservative columnist for *The Detroit News*, points out that "built or developed areas take up a mere 9 percent of Michigan land" and that fully 28 percent of Michigan land is government-owned. Bray adds that 18 million acres of Michigan's 36 million is forest land and that the amount of forest land actually expanded by 2 million acres in the past 20 years, in part because uneconomic farmland has been abandoned.

The problem with this line of thinking, of course, is that the adverse consequences of sprawl are concentrated in the rapidly-developing pockets of Michigan, not on the forests in the U.P. Mayor Hieftje has a point that when a field is paved over, it's likely to be paved over forever. And Gov. Granholm is far-seeing enough to connect the decline of urban areas with the flight of people and development to suburbs and exurbs farther and farther away from population centers.

Debate over land-use policies has been virtually non-existent in Michigan for decades. It's been in that policy vacuum that a fair number of bad things have taken place. Both Mayor Hieftje and the Land Use Leadership Council deserve a lot of credit for putting the subject squarely on the agenda.

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



Phil Power

Let the good times (and the buses) roll as the new school year starts

It's that time of the year when soon you will see our big, yellow school buses back on the road, lots of great looking students in their new school clothes, and many of our fall activities underway.

Yes, the 2003-04 school year is just around the corner and I bring you greetings from our Plymouth-Canton Board of Education and all of the staff who work for the Plymouth-Canton Community School District.

The 2003-04 school year holds much promise for our students and staff, and as the superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, I write to tell you that we

are ready to roll. Our mechanics have prepared the fleet and our drivers are ready to again give your students a safe ride to and from school. Our custodians and maintenance staff have worked hard to get the buildings ready for your students' return. Our secretaries have done their usual fine job of readying the buildings for everyone's return.

On opening day you will find our teachers, paraprofessionals, food service staff and our principals ready to go. Everything is in place for a great opening day.

The first day for students will be a half-day of school on Monday, Aug. 25. This means the night before, our students will have trouble sleeping due to anticipation and excitement, but they will sleep soundly on the 25th.

Personally, I love the first day of school because I love to see the excitement on the students' faces as they gather to begin their "best year ever." This is my 33rd opening day and 13th as a superintendent and I still look forward to it as much as my first year.

The title of my 2003-04 State of the District Address is "Meeting the Challenges." In today's world of a tight economy, everyone has challenges facing them. Our board will continue to monitor the budget closely.

With no new funding from the State of Michigan, other than what we get from our increased enrollment, the board and staff have worked hard to address the 2003-04 budget challenges. We face further challenges for next

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year and will watch a series of 10 Budget Watch Points and make budget adjustments as these Watch Points unfold.

We continue to receive the highest marks possible from the school district's auditors and we will continue our efforts to maintain this standing in our financial area.

During this school year we will face many hard decisions. Our district's Bond Steering Committee, comprised of community members and staff, will continue to work on a recommendation to address the district's continued growth and the need to protect the taxpayers' investments in our buildings.

We will work hard to arrive at a decision for measuring student achievement so we can document the many successes our students have at national, state and local levels. Finally, district staff will continue their efforts to update the curriculum so our students have the best chance for achieving their personal academic best.

We're ready to go and we look forward to seeing our parents and community members at our many co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Whether it's a Friday night football game, a wonderful band, orchestra or choral concert, a visit to a school open house, a PTO/Booster Club meeting or any other district event, I hope you enjoy the results of everyone's efforts.

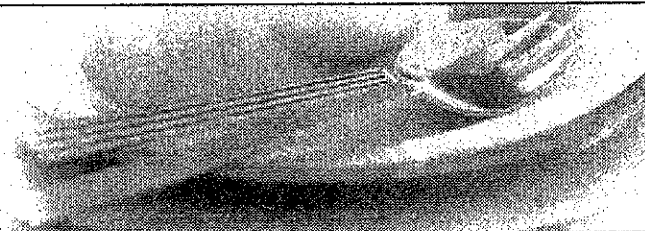
I thank you for your continued support. I'm proud to be the superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Jim Ryan is beginning his first full year as superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Schools.



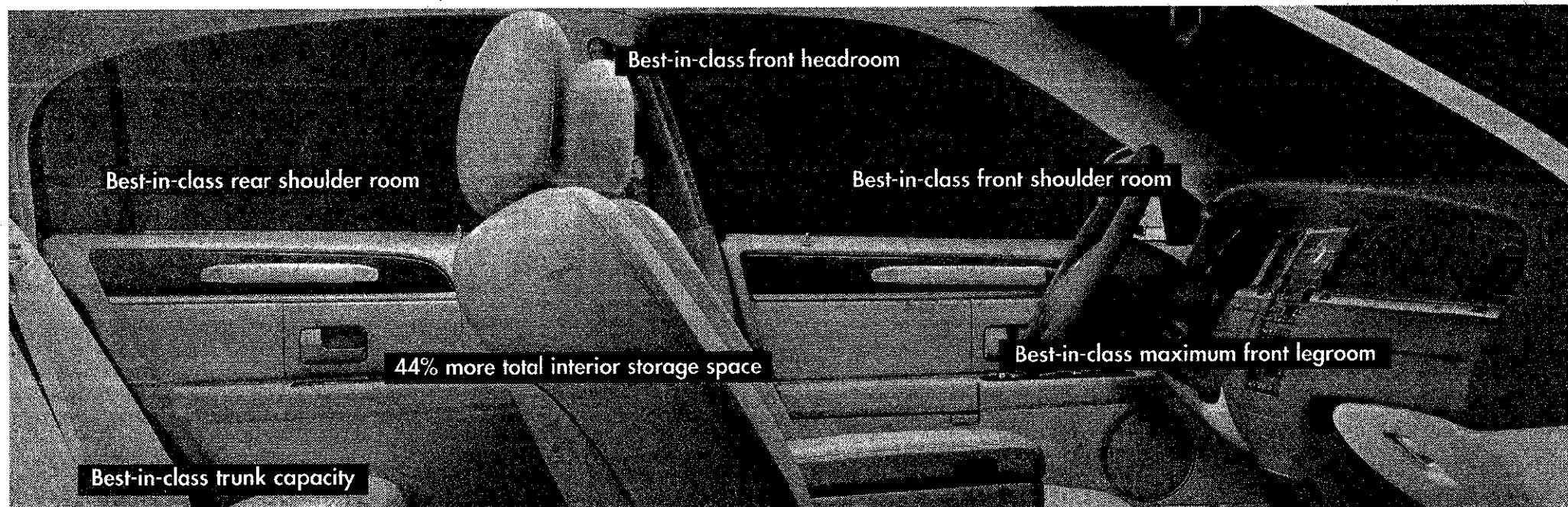
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Village Faire debuts Sunday, Aug. 24, in Cherry Hill district

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

A little bit country and a little bit of a walk back in time will greet you at the "Village Faire" in and around Cherry Hill Village noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24.

"All summer long we've had programming at Cherry Hill Village. We're beginning to program that area because it will develop into a big location. We hope it will be a destination spot with the theater and other things," said Bob Dates, Canton recreation supervisor.

Canton Leisure Services hopped on a bandwagon that was already in place with the Canton Lions and the Canton Historical Society in the Cherry Hill Village Historic District Aug. 24. The Lions Club will have their annual and famous corn roast noon to 5 p.m. at the Bartlett-Travis House. The society will have its

ice cream social at the same time and place.

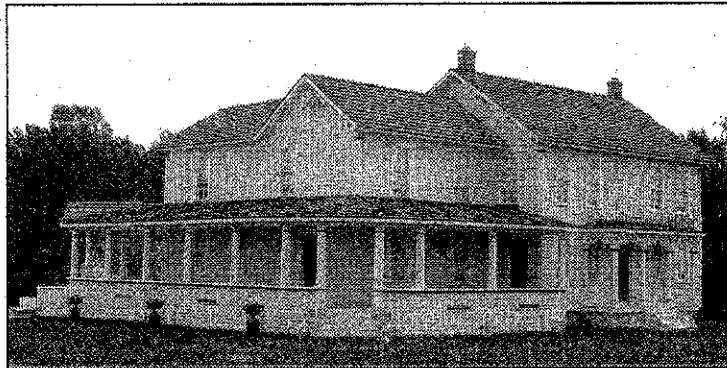
"We've added on to those two existing events with two new locations and a whole host of activities and events," Dates said.

Cherry Hill School - across the street from Bartlett-Travis - and the Cherry Hill Village subdivision are the additional locations where activities, designed to showcase the area, and provide family entertainment are located.

In addition to the corn roast and ice cream social at Bartlett-Travis, the historic home will be open for tours, as well as face painting for the kids, a woodworking craftsman demonstrating his talents and music. The Saline Fiddlers will perform at 2 p.m.

"They are outstanding. They are 35 fiddlers who provide music and dancing," Dates said.

Tillers International, which



Look for this familiar historic house, the Bartlett-Travis House, on Ridge, just north of Cherry Hill, Sunday, Aug. 24 for the Village Faire event. The house will host one portion of the noon-5 p.m. event that features a little bit country and a little bit history in Cherry Hill Historic District.

offers demonstrations of blacksmithing, rope making and woodworking - old-fashioned trades - also will be at Bartlett-Travis throughout the afternoon. Contra dancing demonstrations will be offered noon to 1 p.m.

At the Cherry Hill school, a Bake Walk will run 3 to 4:30 p.m. It's sort of like a cake walk, but offers more than than cake. At 2-3 p.m. visitors will get another treat with a cherry recipe tasting.

On the grounds of the historic schoolhouse will be a display of the new Cherry Hill Theater, which is under construction across the street. Dovetailing into the new performing arts center, Jennifer Tobin, performing arts coordinator, has invited artists and artists' groups to gather to sell or display their works. "We'll provide them the opportunity," Tobin said.

The third venue of the day will be at Cherry Hill Village subdivision, which has been a site for plenty of summertime entertainment. Specifically in Model Park, visitors will be treated to a petting farm 1 to 3 p.m., face painting, Tillers International, a dixie land band, old-fashioned lemonade stand and strolling entertainers.

The best place to park for the afternoon is on the grounds of Bartlett-Travis. "We'll have good signs showing people where to go," Dates said.

The Bartlett-Travis House, Cherry Hill School and Cherry Hill Village subdivision are all within easy walking distance.

BUILDING

FROM PAGE A1

The northern 40 feet of the Fountain Square buildings on the east end of the site will be removed. Two outlots will be built facing Ford Road. One of them will house Panera Bread, just west of the former Cookers building. The other occupant has yet to be named.

Developer Ian Schonsheck said he hopes to complete construction of the project sometime between the first of February and the end of March. He said occupancy of the buildings should begin in the spring or summer.

While planning commissioners did a little nitpicking about various aspects of the project, they generally reacted favorably.

"I think this is a wonderful addition to shopping and entertainment venues along Ford Road," Commissioner Melissa McLaughlin said.

Downtown Development Coordinator Kathleen Salla said she's happy with the project.

"That HQ building has been empty for years," she said. "This is one project we've been waiting and hoping for. We're delighted. Everyone is really excited to have that property

redeveloped."

Sally said the No. 1 question she gets asked is when something is going to be done about the site.

"I think some good things are happening," she said. "The redevelopment of that site might be a catalyst for some other things to start happening along Ford Road."

The project must come back to the planning commission for final approval and then to the board of trustees.

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12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:15
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S.W.A.T. (PG-13)
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FATAL

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Three people on motorcycles, two on one bike and one on another, pulled over to the shoulder of I-275 under the Cherry Hill overpass to avoid the rain.

A blue Astro van driven by a 17-year-old male left the roadway and plowed into the motorcyclists.

Fleming said the female victim was on a motorcycle with

her husband.

On Thursday, Aug. 19, Carlos Sanchez, 17, of Canton was arraigned in 35th District Court before Magistrate Eric Colthurst.

He was charged with one count of homicide - manslaughter with a motor vehicle. A not guilty plea was entered for him and he was remanded to the Wayne County Jail without bond.

A preliminary exam has been scheduled for Aug. 29.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 4th, 2003 for the following:

MOBILE COMMAND VEHICLE PURCHASE

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA

AUGUST 28, 2003

Notice is given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, August 28, 2003 AT 7:30 P.M.** The meeting will be held 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

- Ned Fawaz of Energy International Corporation, 7242 Haggerty Road, Canton, MI 48187 representing Energy International Corporation, 7242 Haggerty Road, Canton, MI 48187. Property located at 6850 Haggerty Road, Canton, MI 48187, north side of Warren Road between I-275 Freeway and Haggerty Road. The ordinance being appealed is Zoning Ordinance Schedule of Regulations Article 26.00, Section 26.04 and Zoning Ordinance General Provisions Article 2.00, Section 2.09. Variance setback in the LI-1 district and to allow a deck extension.
Parcel #046-99-0002-012
(Planning)
- Abraham Elsayghir of Ford & Sheldon Inc. (Clark), 6619 Orchard, Dearborn, MI 48126 representing Ford & Sheldon Inc., 44404 Ford Road, Canton, MI 48187. Property located at 44404 Ford Road, north side of Ford Road between Cherry Hill and Warren Road. The ordinance being appealed is Zoning Ordinance Schedule of Regulations Article 26.00, Section 26.03. Variance setback in zoning district C2.
Parcel #039-99-0031-003
(Planning)
- Canton I LLC, 24333 Southfield Road, Suite 207, Southfield, MI 48075. Property located at 45520 Cherry Hill, Canton, MI 48187, north side of Cherry Hill between Canton Center Road and Savannah Road. The ordinances being appealed is Zoning Ordinance Schedule of Regulations Article 26.00, Section 26.03, side yard setback requirements for the C-2 district. Zoning Ordinance General Provisions Article 2.00, Section 2.14 A, locational standards for dumpster enclosures. Zoning Ordinance Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements, Article 4.00, Section 4.02 B, location of loading space.
Parcel #064-99-0018-000
(Planning)
- Steven A. Sorensen of Professional Engineering Associates, Inc., 2430 Rochester Court, Suite 100, Troy, MI 48063 representing J. Bennett Donaldson of J.B. Donaldson Company, 39300 West Twelve Mile, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48331. Property located east of Haggerty Road between Michigan Avenue and Palmer Road. Currently zoned RP have applied for change to O-1. The ordinance being appealed is Zoning Ordinance General Provisions Article 2.00, Section 2.14 A, subsection 1A, relative to location of dumpster.
Parcel #098-99-0028-001
Parcel #098-99-0028-004
(Planning)

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PUBLIC HEARING

CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

A public hearing on the proposed 2004 budget for the Canton Public Library will be held on Wednesday, August 27, 2003, at 7:30 p.m. in the library conference room. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188-1600. Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the library.

JEAN TABOR
Library Director

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
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NOTICE OF HEARING FOR THE

LOTZ ROAD PAVING AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

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SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT 2003-2

BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

TO THE OWNERS OF ALL LOTS AND PARCELS OF PROPERTY ABUTTING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: Lotz Road from Michigan Avenue, South approximately 1,660 lineal feet:

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71-142-01-0076-000	71-141-99-0027-708
71-142-01-0073-000	71-141-99-0027-705
71-142-01-0063-000	71-141-99-0027-706
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WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Act 188 of the Public Acts of 1954, this Board has initiated proceedings relating to the Lotz Road Paving and Drainage Improvements as described in herein, and to accomplish this improvement and secure funds therefore by creating said premises into a special assessment district against which there shall be levied special assessments; and

WHEREAS, this Board having tentatively declared its intention to make such improvements and tentatively designated the above described premises as a special assessment district against which the cost of said improvement is to be assessed; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the public improvements, the location thereof, and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Canton Township, Michigan, for public examination.

Take further notice that the property owner's included in the special assessment district have the right to appeal the special assessment levy to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. In order to protest the levy an appearance by the property owner, by mail, or by an agent of the property owner must be made at the public hearing where the roll is confirmed.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board will meet on Tuesday, the 26th day of August, 2003, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, Chestnut Room, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the public improvements, and to the special assessment district thereof.

ACT 188, PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN, 1954, AS AMENDED, PROVIDES THAT SAID PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS SHALL NOT BE MADE WITHOUT PETITION IF THE RECORD OWNERS OF LAND CONSTITUTING MORE THAN TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OF THE TOTAL LAND AREA IN THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FILE THEIR WRITTEN OBJECTIONS THERETO WITH THE TOWNSHIP BOARD AT OR BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON Tuesday, THE 26th DAY OF August, 2003.

Terry Bennett, Township Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

REPEAL OF SECTIONS ONE (1) THROUGH THIRTY-FOUR (34) [PART ONE (1)] OF THE PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP CHARTER

ORDINANCE NO. C-2003-02

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL SECTIONS ONE (1) THROUGH THIRTY-FOUR (34) [PART ONE (1)] OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE BEING THE PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP CHARTER PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECTION 1. REPEAL.

SECTIONS ONE (1) THROUGH THIRTY-FOUR (34) OF THE PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP CODE, BEING THE PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP CHARTER PROVISIONS (PART ONE (1) OF THE CODE) ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

SECTION 3. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended.

SECTION 4. PUBLICATION.

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at its regular meeting called and held on the 12th day of August, 2003, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk

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Adopted: August 12, 2003

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Sidelines

■ Roberts promoted

The Plymouth Whalers have restructured.

Mike Vellucci, the team's general manager and head coach, has promoted Alex Roberts to the position of associate head coach. Roberts, who had been an assistant coach, will retain his position as assistant general manager. Vellucci also announced the addition of Todd Watson to the Whalers coaching staff. Watson had been the head coach of the Detroit Compuware's Junior A Tier II program.

"Alex has played a vital role in this organization the past two years and with my responsibilities continuing to grow, it was a perfect chance to expand his role with the team," Vellucci said. "We are also excited to add Todd to our coaching staff."

Roberts first joined the Whalers' staff for the 2001-2002 season when Vellucci took over as coach. Before joining the Whalers, he was the assistant head coach in the USA Hockey National Team's Development Program. He was also assistant coach for the Chicago Wolves in the International Hockey League.

Watson has been with the Whalers' organization since the team began playing in Plymouth in 1996. During that time he has been the head coach for the Compuware Ambassadors Midget Major team, assistant coach to Vellucci of the Compuware Ambassadors and head coach of the Ambassadors. His most prestigious accomplishment was coaching the 2001-2002 Ambassadors to a national title.

■ Track recruit

Guy Murray, the University of Detroit Mercy's women's track, has announced the signing of eight new recruits, among them Maura Mulcahy of Canton, a Livonia Ladywood HS graduate.

Mulcahy was a Division 2 state qualifier in the 800-meter run last spring, finishing fifth in the 800 at the regional in a season-best time of 2:24.9. She also placed second in that event at the Catholic League finals.

"This is a good group with potential to make some solid contributions," said Murray. "We have a bit of everything and this will give us the depth we need to compete for the Horizon League title."

■ Baseball tryouts

The Michigan Indians 12-and-under baseball team will have tryouts at 4 p.m. Saturday at Massey Field, located on Plymouth Road just west of Haggerty. The Indians placed fifth at the AAYBA Tournament in St. Louis, Mo., this year. For more information, call Jim Gendron at (734) 454-3708, or email him at Gend5@aol.com.

The Motor City Cobras will have tryouts for both their U-11 and U-12 teams at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday (Aug. 27) at Cobra Field, located at 48055 Michigan Ave., located behind UAW Local 735. For more information on the U-11 team, call Don Haase at (734) 326-8904; for more on the U-12 team, call Tom Byrne at (734) 981-3191 or Don Staley at (734) 416-8375.

Chiefs approach season with new coach

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Eight seniors from last season's Canton soccer team are gone, but the biggest change will be on the sideline, where George Tomasso, a former all-state keeper at Canton, takes over for longtime coach Don Smith.

So far, the transformation has been a smooth one. "The kids are working really hard and they're listening to me really

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well," Tomasso said. "There's a lot of senior maturity. They're responding well."

They'll need to. There's no denying last year's squad fell well short of what it was capable of achieving. The Chiefs were a mere 7-8-5, not close to the standards established by their predecessors. They lost in the opening round of the state tour-

namment to Ann Arbor Pioneer.

"Everyone's changed their attitude," said Tomasso. "They all want to do the best they can."

There will be an experienced nucleus to build with. Despite the loss of eight seniors, there are 15 others who were on the varsity last season.

One of the biggest of Canton's strengths also makes it difficult to categorize: its versatility. "One of the great positives of this team is its versatility," said Tomasso.

A top example is his younger brother, Matt, who will be a senior this season. Unlike George, who also was a keeper for the Eastern Michigan University soccer squad, Matt's talent as a field player may be his greatest strength. Matt played in the midfield and at forward last year; George said he could play anywhere this season, perhaps even in goal.

Steve Mischung, a junior who was on

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A challenge: Wildcats will play varsity

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Perhaps the best question Jeff Neschich has heard regarding the Plymouth HS soccer team he coaches is this:

Who are your returning players?

A year ago, no such question could be asked since the Plymouth team consisted of all freshmen. Now there are sophomores and freshmen to build his squad with.

Neschich will need them. A year ago, the Wildcats played a schedule consisting of almost all freshmen teams until they got to the state district tournament. Competing in Division 3, Plymouth shocked everyone — including themselves — by winning their district opener 1-0 against Riverview Gabriel Richard.

The Wildcats lost their next district match 2-0 to Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central, but that was hardly a blemish on their 11-5-1 season, a season that convinced both Neschich and Plymouth athletic director Terry Sawchuk it was time to move on up.

Which they did. Plymouth, although not yet a member of the Western Lakes Activities Association — that won't happen until next year — will play a varsity schedule that includes matches against Plymouth Christian Academy (home and away), Redford Catholic Central (Sept. 19), Monroe (which took Salem to overtime in the state tournament last year), Redford Union and the Taylor schools.

In all, they have 15 games scheduled. "That's the right number for us," said Neschich. "I

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Tom Huls (in back) was nearly unbeatable as a junior keeper for Salem, collecting eight shutouts while guiding the Rocks to the Division 1 state final.

A new season Despite losses, Salem is tough

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Tough act to follow. And Ed McCarthy knows it.

Gone from a Salem team he coached to the Division 1 state soccer finals are seven starters and 11 seniors, including all-stars Brian Popeney and Kevin Sawitske, who will attend and play at the University of Michigan this fall (Sawitske will be a walk-on). Also gone are midfielder Matt Wielechowski and defender Andy Brown, both attending and playing at Schoolcraft College.

Which means changes are forthcoming. Main parts of the defense that proved instrumental in taking the Rocks to the state championship game against Rochester — they lost 1-0, but allowed just nine goals in the last 18 matches, 17 of which were wins — return, but to bolster other parts of the team, McCarthy plans some changes.

One move that won't be made is in goal, where Tom Huls, now a senior, is back. An all-division selection in the Western Lakes Activities Association last year, Huls shared time in goal during the regular season last year with Jeremy Boothroyd, but by tournament time Huls had won the job. Three shutouts in seven tournament games proved he earned it. He had eight for the season.

"He should be one of the top players in the conference," said McCarthy, adding all-state honors could follow.

A player who helped solidify the defense last season won't be in that position this year, or at

PLEASE SEE SALEM, B3

Salem grad wins 4th Michigan PGA crown

Motivation — that may be the only obstacle keeping Jeff Roth from reaching his goal of winning 15 major golf titles in Michigan.

Not much else seems to provide much of an obstruction. On Wednesday at Shanty Creek's Tom Weiskopf-designed Cedar River course in Bellaire, the Plymouth Salem HS graduate turned in a controlled round of 71 to easily win his fourth Michigan PGA championship in six years.

His one-under par score followed rounds of 67 Monday at The Legend and 68 Tuesday at Cedar River. His 10-under par score of 206 was five shots better than runner-ups Robert Pillard and John Traub.

Roth, who graduated from Salem in 1976, collected \$9,200 for the victory. It was his 10th major Michigan title.

"I played better than I scored," Roth said of his final round. "But Buddy (Whitten) and Bryan (Snyder) just weren't playing that well and I kind of put it on cruise control. The birdie on two put me at ease and so did a solid par on the first hole."

Roth won the Michigan PGA title in 2001 — he was sixth last year — with an 18-under par 198 at Shanty Creek. He also won the title in 1998 and '99 at Boyne Highlands.

His abilities led Ken Devine, CEO of the Michigan PGA, to comment at Wednesday's awards ceremony: "If he's not the best player ever in Michigan, he's in the top three."

Quite a proclamation, but Roth is certainly playing like it. And those who were chasing him in the second and third rounds knew it would not

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It's been a spectacular year for Jeff Roth, including a victory in the Michigan PGA on Wednesday.

Can Crusaders make another NAIA title run?

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Every so often, if a coach is fortunate enough, a player or two will come along that makes the reason to be doing what he's doing worthwhile. That's what happened to Jerry Abraham last season.

The Madonna University volleyball coach convinced Shelley Stanton, a former NCAA Division I player, to finish her college eligibility by playing for him. He already had the makings of a very good team;

Stanton put the Crusaders over the top.

The end result: a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference title, a trip to the NAIA Final Four and a 48-4 record.

"It was the best season we've ever had," Abraham recalled fondly.

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But there's no time to dwell on the past. Stanton is gone; so are setter Natalie Sayre and middle blocker Hayley Myers. Stanton and Sayre were All-Americans; Myers earned all-WHAC mention.

That's a lot to replace. And the early news coming out of Madonna's pre-season camp isn't good: Alison Nykamp, a sophomore outside hitter with lots of potential, and Stefanie DeNardin, a junior defensive specialist recruited from St. Clair County Community College that had been counted on to contribute this season, are out with injuries. Nykamp injured her back and is out for the season; DeNardin has a torn ligament in her wrist that could require surgery, which would put her out for the season, too.

A tough situation has now become that much more difficult.

But not impossible. Yes, there's a lot to replace, but Abraham believes he has a strong group of returnees to construct another nationally ranked team around. Indeed, in pre-season polls the Crusaders are ranked sixth.

"We have some very talented players," he said. "They have an excellent work ethic and they're hungry to win. We have a good

combination of talent at every starting position."

The players Abraham believes will lead this team are senior Amanda Suder, a Salem graduate, and juniors Tera Morrill (from Westland/Livonia Franklin) and Laura Lesko. Suder and Morrill are team captains; Suder fills the libero, or defensive specialist, position and Morrill is a 5-foot-11 left-handed outside hitter. The 5-10 Lesko, who will play middle and outside hitter, was all-region and all-conference last season, as were Morrill and Suder.

"She's one of the top in the country at her position," Abraham said of Suder, calling her an All-American candidate. As for Lesko, "She's hitting the ball extremely well, a go-to player in the middle. Very fast, very explosive."

For Morrill, this season means a return to the right side (where Stanton played last season) to better use her left-handed hitting. She's also back at full strength after rotator cuff surgery.

"They're the nucleus of our team," said Abraham. "They'll be called upon to provide leadership roles and experience."

Certainly they're a good place to begin. And, fortunately, there's more.

Also back is Natalja Tinina, a 6-foot sophomore outside/middle hitter from Riga, Latvia, who started last season. "She's

very sound defensively and a tenacious hitter," Abraham said. "She'll be hard to stop. She'll be a dominant player."

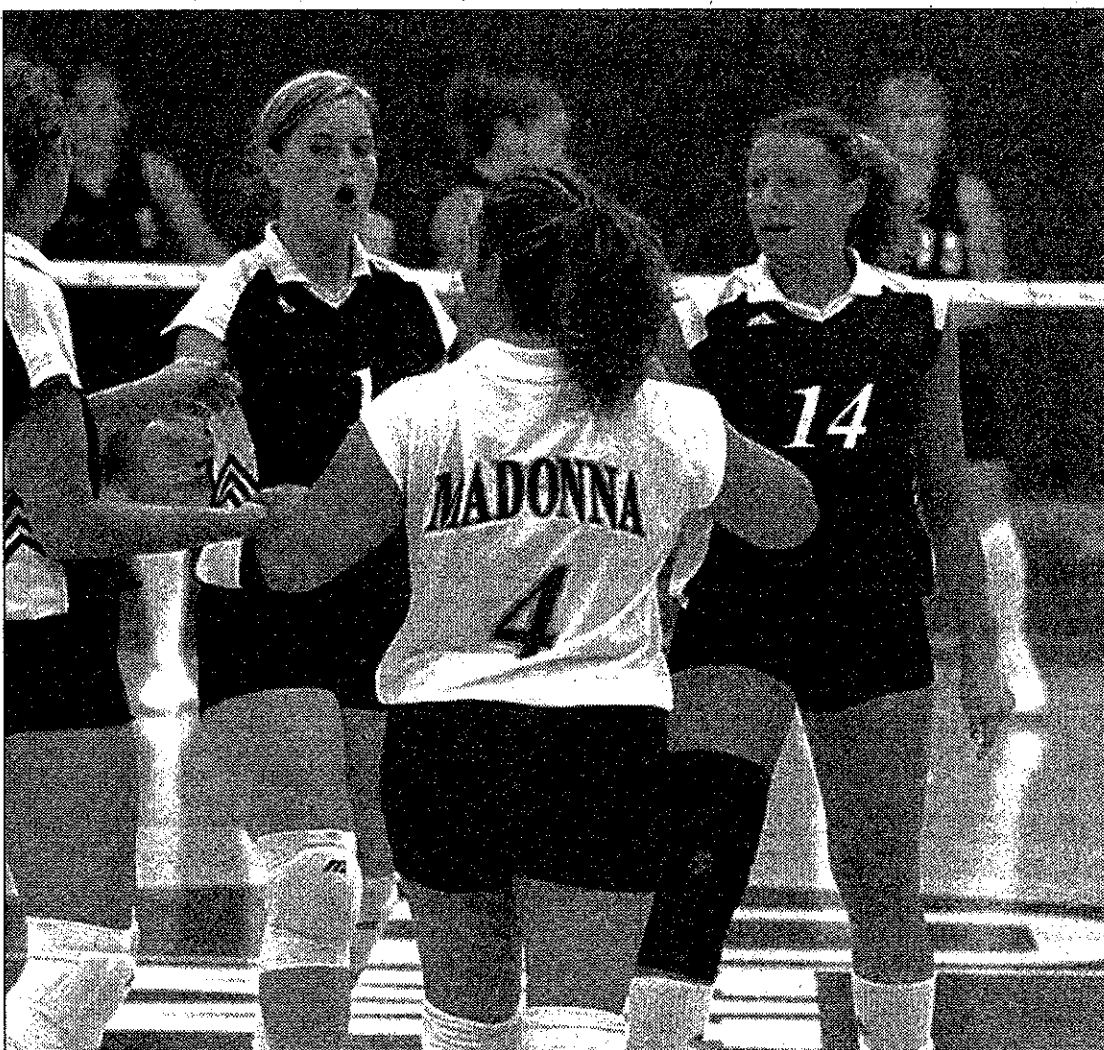
Two players expected to fill key roles in the lineup are 5-10 sophomore Ashley Frost, who will take over for Sayre at setter, and 5-11 junior Sharyse Bush, a transfer from Flint Mott CC who will take over for Stanton on the outside.

As much as anyone, Bush — an NJCAA All-American at Mott — gives Abraham hope his team can regain its past form. "She's a powerful outside hitter, a big jumper who terminates the attack," he said. "She can dominate the net — she hits extremely hard. She'll be a definite All-American candidate."

Frost showed promise as Sayre's back-up last season, and she hasn't disappointed. "She's picked up right where Natalie left off," Abraham said. "She makes good, quick decisions on the floor and has a good knowledge of the game."

The loss of Nykamp and DeNardin leaves Madonna with a 10-player roster, which means there isn't a lot of depth. Four freshmen — Caryn Inman, a 6-1 middle hitter; Heather Spooner, a 6-foot middle hitter; Becci Crane, a 5-7 setter/defensive specialist; and Kelly Kosek, a 5-9 outside hitter — will be counted on to contribute.

The Crusaders have several strengths, from their defense, which starts with Suder but is solid throughout the lineup, to their serve receive, setting and



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Leading the Madonna volleyball team this season will be returnees Natalja Tinina (1, at left), Laura Lesko (14, at right) and Amanda Suder (4).

hitting. "Five of our six starting positions have experienced players," said Abraham. "This is a very

intense, very focused group. It seems like an extension of last year." If the success last season's

squad enjoyed can be extended, it will be a season to remember.

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Twisters power to victory, 33-23

FOOTBALL

There was no power outage as far as the Michigan Twisters were concerned.

Playing the Louisville (Ky.) Bulls in Louisville on Saturday, the Twisters dual ground attack of Jason Gibson and Jaquan Wright combined for 213 rushing yards and two touchdowns to catapult the Twisters to a 33-23 victory.

The win gave the Twisters a 4-0 record, tying them with the Detroit Seminoles and Cleveland Lions for first in the Mid-Continental Football League. Michigan hosts Cleveland at 7 p.m. Saturday at

Willow Run's Devlin Stadium, then takes on the Seminoles at 7 p.m. Sept. 13 at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium.

Both Gibson and Wright scored touchdowns in the win over the Bulls, carrying the ball 29 times between them; Gibson also ran for a two-point conversion. Quarterback Orlando Wright also threw a pair of touchdown passes covering 24 and 17 yards to tight

end Anthony Leighton.

The Twisters succeeded despite lacking several key players who were forced to miss the game due to the power blackout. Still, the defense managed to contribute something for the scoreboard, linebacker Aaron Brothers causing a Bulls' fumble, which defensive back DeVaughn Smith grabbed and raced 67 yards for the score.

Defensive tackle Roy Williams was named the Twisters' defensive player of the game after collecting three solo tackles, three assists and

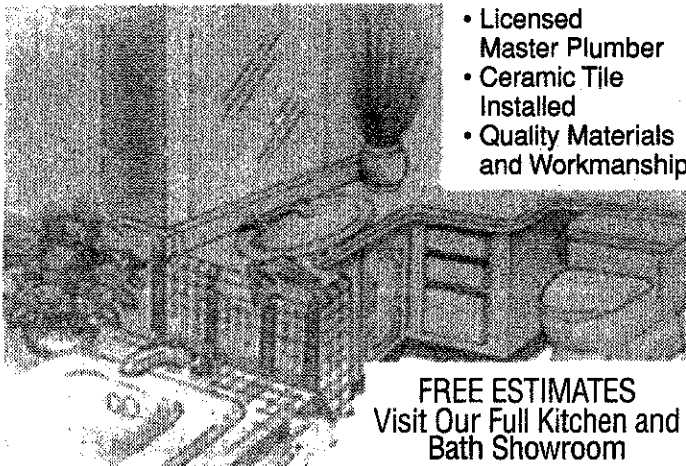
two quarterback sacks.

"Overall, the defense was adequate, but it was far from being the norm as expected," said Twisters' general manager Glenn Brothers (from Canton). "We did not apply the normal pressure of which we are capable, and this letdown allowed the Bulls to move the ball through the air on critical plays."

Ticket prices for upcoming Twisters' games are \$5 for adults and \$2 for those 7-to-18 years old or over 60. Children six years and under are admitted free.

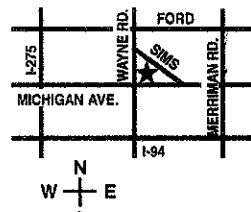
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least that's the plan to start the season. Chris Conlisk, now a senior, will return to his natural position at forward to help fill the void caused by the graduations of Savitskie and Popeney. Last year Conlisk was used at defender, often as a sweeper. "By trade, he's a forward," said McCarthy of Conlisk. "By need, he played in back. He didn't want to but he had to. "Now he'll get his chance (at forward)."

He won't have easy shoes to fill. Popeney and Savitskie combined to score more than 40 goals last season. Still, for someone who played defense nearly all season, Conlisk did well, scoring three goals and assisting on three others. His biggest goal of the season came in the state regional against Livonia Stevenson; he tied the match with just seven minutes left, forcing overtime in a game the Rocks won in a shootout.

Another senior who was a standout defender last season, but will relocate this year, is Eric Vanston. A team captain, Vanston is the team's top returning scorer; he had four goals and three assists last season when he played in the back. He'll be a defensive midfielder this year.

The midfield is McCarthy's biggest concern. "That's where we lost most of our

players," he said. "It's going to be a challenge for us.

"(Vanston) will be our anchor back there."

A group of two seniors, five juniors and a sophomore will join Vanston in the midfield, starting with Steve Gizicki and Nick Blackford, both seniors and returning varsity players.

Ross Heidenreich is a junior with "tremendous speed. Hopefully he'll help with the attack." Then there's Brad Zonca, Cody Newcomb, Manny Palazzolo and Sean Williams, all juniors, and Jake Bennett, a sophomore. "They're going to have to learn as they go," said McCarthy.

In the back, McCarthy plans to use a flatback four formation, something he toyed with at the start of last season but after a 1-3 start he moved Conlisk back. A bit more speed may make this group handle it better.

The two middle defenders figure to be Mike Newton, a senior, and Joe Halewicz, a sophomore. Neither got much varsity time last season. Matt Adsit, a senior who played a lot of midfield last year, will be one outside defender; the other will be the only starting defender returning to his former position, senior Steve Cox. Cox had three goals and two assists last year.

"He's the experienced one back there," said McCarthy. "And he's gotten a lot better.

He'll be given a bigger role. They're all going to be strong back there."

At forward, Conlisk will be joined by Thiago Harris, a junior who played on the junior varsity last season after coming to this country from Brazil three years ago, and Dave Hall, another junior who transferred in last January.

"If we're able to score, we'll do OK," said McCarthy. "We'll have the potential to have a good year. We could play for the conference title.

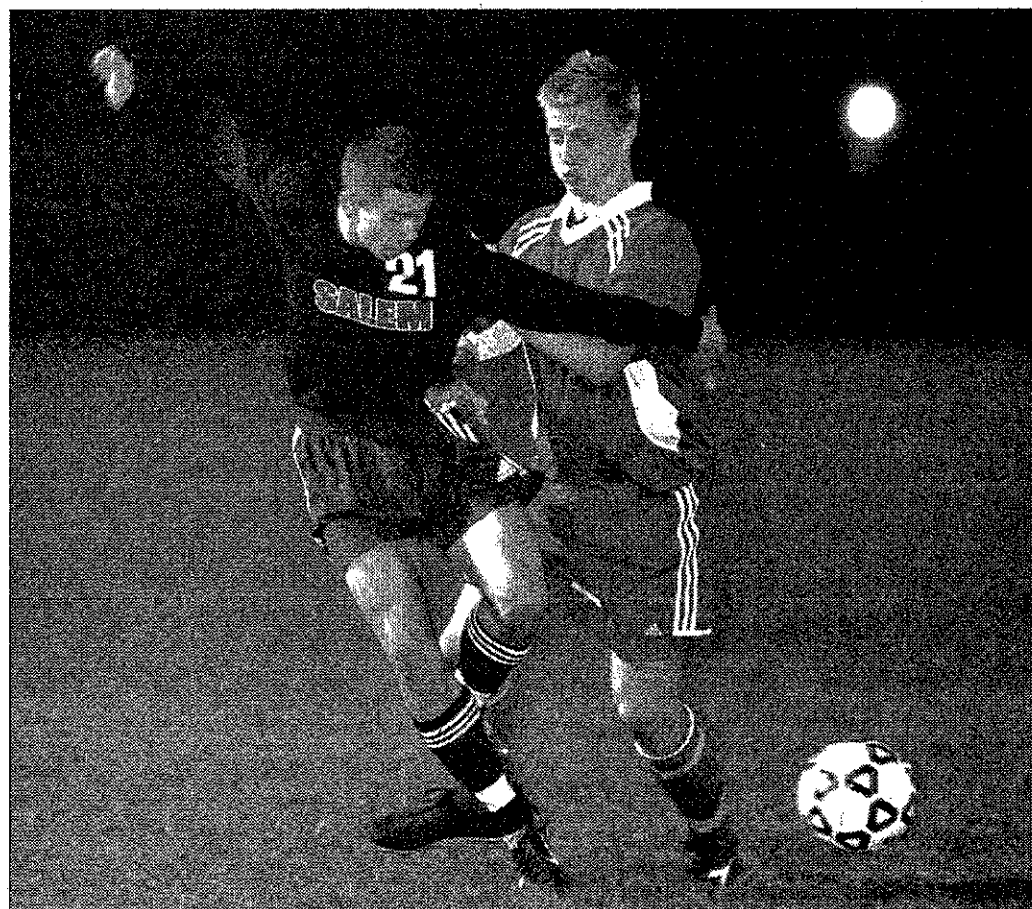
"We have a great forward in Conlisk and we have a great keeper in Huls. The key in our midfield is Vanston."

McCarthy sees a lot of losses at Stevenson, but Northville — which Salem beat in the WLAA championship match in 2002 — returns all-conference forward James Hannah. Canton, with new coach George Tomasso, will be formidable, too.

"I do like the group we have," he added. "The players we have, we have in key areas."

Then he added, in summary, "We'll have our work cut out for us. We will defend well . . . if we can get goals from Conlisk, great. If that doesn't work out, we may have to move him to the back and then we'll rely on the greatest defense around."

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Dutch Morrell (right) is one reason Canton is looking to rebound with a solid season under first-year coach George Tomasso.

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the varsity last season, will be in goal. So will Vimal Patel, a junior who played junior varsity in 2002.

But as the first-year varsity coach was quick to point out, few spots are assured as the Chiefs prepare for the season-opening eight-team Gary Balconi Tournament, which Canton and Salem co-host Saturday.

"Everyone's still competing for a starting position," said Tomasso. "Realistically, it won't be the same lineup at the beginning of the season as it is at the end."

Three players Tomasso will count on are co-captains Dutch Morrell, Jeremy Romer and Joe Hess. All are seniors. Morrell figures to be in the midfield/forward position; Romer will anchor the defense, and Hess will play either midfield or defense.

There are several others who have impressed Tomasso, among them Andy Cortellini, a junior forward/midfielder; Ross Maltby, a senior forward; Brian Baker, a senior defender; Brad Marsh, a junior midfielder/forward; and Jason Houdack, a junior midfielder/forward.

Depth should not be a problem, to be sure. One thing Tomasso's predecessor always had was a roster bigger than any other team's. And

Smith used most of them.

Tomasso hasn't changed things drastically in his first pre-season camp, in part due to his admiration of his former coach.

"Coach Smith did a great job," Tomasso said. "I want to achieve just what he did."

He won't do it the same way, however. One thing Tomasso has is an impressive background in coaching, from Brian Tinnion at Eastern Michigan to Don Gemmell with the Mid-Michigan Bucks and Nick O'Shea, the Oakland University women's coach.

"Every game presents a different situation," he said. "Whatever the game dictates. If you need a sweeper, you use a sweeper."

"They'll learn a lot of different formations, that's for sure."

Which will make the Chiefs' overall versatility very useful. But, according to Tomasso, that may not be its greatest asset.

"Our strength will come through team unity," he predicted.

They may need it just to survive this weekend. zSix of the eight teams in the Balconi Tournament figure to be state-ranked — and Canton's not one of them, at least not yet.

The Chiefs open against Midland Dow (all first-round matches begin at 10 a.m.), while at the main soccer field last year's Division 1 state finalists, Salem and Rochester, will meet.

The Canton-Dow winner will face the winner of the Troy Athens-Ann Arbor Pioneer winner, with the losers of those opening-round games also tangling. The fourth first-round game pits Bloomfield Hills Lahser against East Lansing, state finalists in Division 2 in 2002. The Salem-Rochester winner and Lahser-East Lansing winner meet in the second round, with the losers of those opening-round matches also meeting in the second round.

All games will feature 30-minute halves, with ties broken by an immediate shootout (no overtime).

It's the kind of tournament Tomasso craves.

He's a firm believer in scheduling the toughest opponents possible, which is why in addition to his Western Lakes Activities agenda (Salem, Northville and Livonia Stevenson will provide the toughest battles) his Canton team will take on Warren DeLaSalle, Troy, Novi, Pioneer and Troy Athens.

"We've just got to hope for the best," Tomasso said. "Rochester didn't have the best record last year but ended up winning the state tournament. That's because they played such a high level of competition throughout the season."

The ingredients for success are there for the Chiefs. But questions linger, too.

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don't know if we could handle a full varsity schedule."

A schedule like this was even considered a year ago. "At the start of last season, no," said Neschich. "But by the end of last season, Terry and I both thought they could handle it, that it would be better for them competition-wise."

Among the returning players Neschich, who previously served as an assistant to Don Smith at Canton for 10 years before coaching at Redford Thurston for five, will be looking to contribute are sophomores Sean Dillon, a center defender; Jim Wilbur and David Lewendowski, both forwards; Ali Youssef and Jordan Payne, midfielders; and Robert Lovelace, a keeper.

Keeper is one position Neschich believes his team will be well represented. Joining Lovelace in the competition for a starting role is Nick Siekirk, a sophomore who didn't play in 2002.

'We'll have to be a finesse club. I don't think we'll be physically able to outmuscle these teams.'

Jeff Neschich
Plymouth HS soccer coach

"It's up in the air who will be starting," he said. "I'm sure they'll be sharing time."

As for the incoming freshmen, Neschich believes several will contribute — they'll have to — but who and how much is too early to tell. Plymouth's season-opener is Wednesday at Carleton Airport.

Playing an entirely non-league schedule offers problems of its own, from scheduling to scouting. "I don't know a lot of what we're going up against," said Neschich. "It'll be a challenge."

As far as team strengths, Neschich vowed, "We'll be the hardest working club. We're not going to be outworked."

But, having said that, he

added, "We'll have to be a finesse club. I don't think we'll be physically able to outmuscle these teams."

So what does it all mean? Is a break-even record possible?

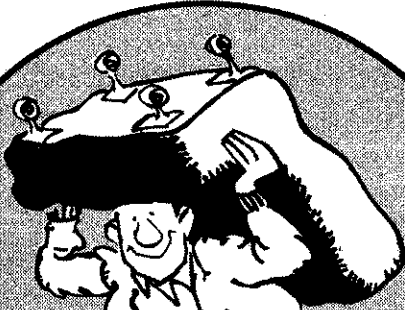
"Hopefully, we'll do better than that," Neschich said. "I think we have to look at it as a learning and growth year, something to prepare us for next year."

Helping him with that challenge will be his new assistant coach, Ryan Smith, who until last year was assisting his father, Don, at Canton. "He's really good," said Neschich. "He's making a difference."

How much a difference the step up makes in the Plymouth program will become evident when the state tournament begins. The Wildcats are moving up there, too, to Division 2. They'll be in the Chelsea District, going against Adrian, Dexter, Tecumseh, Chelsea, Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Lincoln.

There hasn't been much that's gone wrong thus far for the Wildcats in soccer. Let's see if that streak continues.

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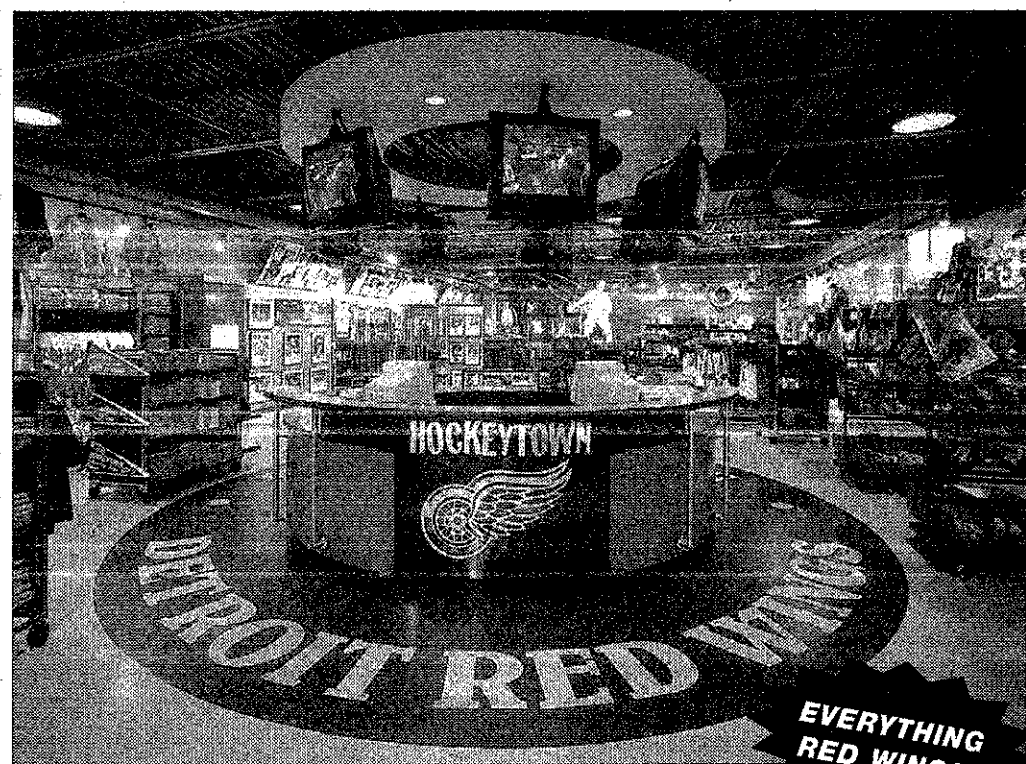
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Vancouver signs Churchill grad, Kesler

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The time is now for Livonia's Ryan Kesler to take his shot at the National Hockey League. The 18-year-old Kesler, who turns 19 on Aug. 31, will forego his final three years of eligibility at Ohio State as the Vancouver Canucks signed the Churchill High graduate to a three-year entry level professional contract. Vancouver's first-round pick (23rd overall) will report for training camp on Sept. 5.

"Ryan Kesler may not be the best player drafted this year, but we think he's the player most ready to play in the NHL," said Dave Nonis, the Canucks' Vice President of Hockey Operations. "Part of that is because of how hard he works. He fits in very well with our style of play. He has some things to work on, but work ethic isn't one of them."

In 40 games with Ohio State, the 6-foot-2-inch, 195-pound center scored 11 goals and had 20 assists for 31 points. He also spent time playing on a line with another Vancouver prospect, 2001 first-round choice R.J. Umberger.

With the current collective bargaining agreement set to expire after next season between the NHL and the NHL Players Association, the financial structure of the game could be changed dramatically. Down the road, the NHL owners will most likely try and establish a rookie salary cap, similar to one already used in both the NBA and NFL.

"I kind of knew I was going to sign," Kesler said. "We were dis-

cussing terms and agreed upon it a week ago.

"It was kind of important to sign this year because of that (the collective bargaining agreement). And I think it will further my development as a hockey player."

Terms of the Kesler deal were not disclosed, but first-round picks can make upward of \$1.75 million in salary and bonus per year. Also looming is a potential lockout by the owners. By signing now, Kesler will have guaranteed money over the next three years.

"It played a factor, college players are the most vulnerable," said his father Mike, a former Colorado College player and Little Caesars amateur coach. "But Ryan talked it over with everybody and said the time was right. And if the money was right, he was going to go regardless of school. He wanted to do it and his agent Kurt (Overhardt) came up with money that was more than acceptable. He received a very lucrative contract."

Overhardt, a lawyer of 14 years for the Denver, Colo.-based KO Sports, Inc., said Kesler will be given every opportunity to make the team. But if he doesn't earn a spot on the NHL club right away, he'll report to the Canucks' affiliate, the Manitoba Moose of the American Hockey League.

"Vancouver is a perfect fit hockey-wise and development-wise for Ryan," said Overhardt, a Birmingham Seaholm High graduate who also represents former University of Michigan

players Marty Turco (Dallas), Brendan Morrison (Vancouver) and Mike Knuble (Boston) of the NHL. "He's on a club where he'll develop quicker if he turns pro."

"Each individual player is different, but Ryan is big and he's strong. He can skate, he has skill and grit. He's probably more suited for the pros than maybe college. He has a chance. He's in a unique situation."

Before going to Ohio State, Kesler spent two years with the USA National Team Development Program and was a member of the 2002 squad that claimed the IIHF World Under-18 Championship where he received the Best Player Award at the conclusion of the tourney.

"We're sorry to see Ryan turn professional after his freshman season," Ohio State head coach John Markell said. "We wish him good luck in his career."

Kesler also competed for the U.S. in the 2003 World IIHF World Junior Championships, earning player of the game honors against both Czechoslovakia and Finland. He ranked second on the U.S. squad with seven tournament points.

"Coach Markell gave me his blessings," Kesler said. "He's happy for me and wishes he could have me back. I'll miss my teammates. They're a great bunch of guys, but we'll keep in touch and we'll talk over the years."

Kesler is currently working out at the Canucks' Eight Rinks practice facility. "It's a good feeling to sign," Kesler said.

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OBSERVER SOCCER TEAMS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: Reid Friedrichs, fifth season.
League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Western Division).
Last year's overall record: 6-8-4.
Notable losses to graduation: Brian Enrick (first-team All-Observer defender), Kevin Mireles, Andrew Travis.
Leading returnees: Billy Sanders, Jr. F (tri-captain); Devin Stenrose, Sr. C-MF (tri-captain); Andrew Klebba, Sr. Def. (tri-captain); Anthony Carozza, Sr. Def; Nathan Regan, Sr. MF; Greg Ostrosky, Jr. GK; Bradley Jackson, Jr. MF; Aaron Bedell, Soph. Def; Ryan Mack, Sr. Def; Christopher Attard, Sr. F.
Promising newcomers: Ryan Raickovich, Jr. MF; David Kroll, Jr. MF; Chris Lantto, Jr. GK; Mark Schubert, Jr. F.
Friedrichs' 2003 outlook: "Last year was the only team I've had that didn't improve from first part of season until end. This is the most fit and in shape group since I've been there, which is nice to see. We're going to focus on improving from beginning to end and working hard. That didn't happen last year. We had some ups and downs, drastic highs and lows, but this year we want a consistent effort from team. Last year had to make field player into goalie. Hopefully (Greg) Ostrosky will learn from last year. Lantto is hockey guy. Both are juniors and we trained them this summer. The position pretty equal right now. Nobody has stepped up and won it yet."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Victor Rodopoulos, second season.
League affiliation: WLAA (Western Division).
Last year's overall record: 6-12-2.
Notable losses to graduation: Chris Austin (first-team All-Observer goalkeeper); Phil Calleja, Jeremy Horgan, Kevin Bohler, Jeff Henaughan, Christopher Muldoon.
Leading returnees: Bobby Geisinger, Sr. MF; Sandro Pelle, Sr. sweeper; Matt Coston, Jr. F; Taylor Bobowski, Jr. MF; Alan Culbertson, Soph. MF; Jake Korpus, Jr. F; Bobby David, Sr. Def.
Promising newcomers: Brandon Fillipiak, Jr. F; Tony Calleja, Jr. F-Def; Jon Whaley, Jr. Def; Diego Fernandez, Jr. F-MF; Bobby Miller, Jr. GK; Dave Jentz, Jr. Def; William Day, Sr. Def; Harry Tasi, Jr. F; Jeff Turney, Soph. F; Eric Ure, Soph. Def-MF.
Rodopoulos' 2003 outlook: "We got slammed by graduation, eight were sure starters out of the nine. We're definitely young. Our biggest loss is Chris Austin at goalkeeper, but I'm confident about Bobby Miller. He's not afraid to come out at you. He's real enthusiastic and wants to learn. What I like about this team is the attitude. They've been going all summer. There's a passion on the field to play. Practices are like games. We're definitely in a rebuilding mode with only four seniors. As a coach I'm going to have some patience."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Lars Richters, sixth season.
League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division).
Last year's overall record: 19-2-1.
Titles won last year: Division I district champions.
Notable losses to graduation: Nik Djokic (first-team All-Observer); Brady Crosby (first-team All-Observer); Paul Johnson (first-team All-Observer); Jeff Wilson; Connor Good, Greg

Lechowicz, Wesley Fan, Jon Spray.
Leading returnees: Pat Kolodziejczak, Sr. Def; Mike Maciolek, Sr. GK; Jordan Fylenenok, Jr. F; Nick Bordeski, Jr. MF; Keith Sied, Jr. MF.
Promising newcomers: Bobby Merritt, Soph. MF; Mitch Hildebrandt, Fr. GK; Brent Lewis, Jr. Def; Dan Poulos, Sr. Def.
Richters' 2003 outlook: "We had a pretty big graduating class back in the Tom Eller, Mike White, Joe Zawacki era, but in terms of numbers, it's biggest class of seniors we've lost. We're definitely in need of some younger guys to step up immediately. I find each team I've had presented different challenges in terms having to groom the highest number players at the varsity level. This will be my biggest challenge. Instead of team that looks best on paper and team gunning for us, it's nice to be on the other side of a challenge. It's a great bunch of guys. I'm really looking forward to working with them. I think we have more spots up for grabs than we've had in the past. We're still in the process of competing. Think there will be some healthy competition for spots. The talent is quite good, but they're young."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Ron Ruppel, second season.
League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division).
Last year's overall record: 5-7-4.
Notable losses to graduation: Codwell Williams, Marco Vergara, K.C. Dahn.
Leading returnees: Kyle Gismond, Sr. MF (second-team All-Observer); Jeremy Morris, Sr. GK; Ryan Cabildo, Sr. F; Keith Derwich, Sr. Def; Jon Zerebiny, Sr. Def; Chad Clenney, Sr. MF-F; David Wood, Soph. MF; Xhensil Korcori, Jr. sweeper; Christian Ospina, Sr. F.
Promising newcomers: Kyle Dahn, Jr. Def; Josh Rogers, Soph. MF.
Ruppel's 2003 outlook: "We'll carry a big squad this year - 22 kids. We've got a lot of good players in just about every spot. The defense is set, but we've got to replace a stopper. We lost Codwell (Williams) and Marco (Vergara), our two leading scorers, so we have to replace some of the goal scoring. We've got some good young guys coming up. (Ryan) Cabildo played midfield last year, but now he's going up top and looking forward to the challenge. Rogers is fast. He can flat-out fly. I won't make any bold predictions this year, but this should be a fun year. It's kind of exciting right now for soccer at Glenn."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Larry Brenner, ninth season.
League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division).
Last year's overall record: 5-9-3.
Notable losses to graduation: Joel Doyen, Paul Giordano, Justin Jackson.
Leading returnees: Greg Ekmeian, Sr. F; Josh Shirley, Sr. F; Chad Phipps, Soph. F; Rex Fugaban, Sr. MF; Brian Zylka, Jr. MF; Tyler Pyne, Sr. Def; Nic Girouard, Sr. Def; Justin Girouard, Soph. Def; Josh Fyfe, Sr. GK.
Promising newcomers: Marty Stano, Sr. F; Kurtis Gregory, Jr. F; Ryan Desiniewicz, Jr. F; James Sikora, Soph. F; Tim Hammer, Sr. MF; Jacob Rizkallah, Sr. MF; Kyle Lehman, Jr. MF; Ryan Nielson, Jr. MF; Andrew Selvia, Jr. Def; Mike Remington, Jr. Def; John Cipolletto, Soph. Def; Mason Green, Soph. Def.
Brenner's 2003 outlook: "This is our first year for a freshman team, which will hopefully help us down the road. A few could get

some playing time on varsity before the season is over. We moved some players around to try and get some offense. We are working on stamina this season. We had 10-to-15 minute letdowns in almost every game last season. That can't happen this year. Last season's record was 5-0-2 out of the league (WLAA) and 0-9-1 in the league. Hopefully we can improve on that this year. I'm expecting a lot out of our seniors this season."

LUTHERAN WESTLAND
Head coach: Rich Block, 13th year.
League affiliation: Metro Conference.
Last year's overall record: 11-8.
Notable losses to graduation: Dave Sadler (first-team All-Observer goalkeeper); Ryan West, Matt Nollari, Sang Lee, Pete Daniels, Shawn LeBeau.
Leading returnees: Brandon Noble, Sr. stopper (first-team All-Observer, All-State, 14 goals, five assists, co-captain); Jake DeVries, Sr. sweeper (third-team All-State, co-captain); Jae Ha, Jr. F; Adam Fisher, Sr. FB; Jake Silva, Sr. C-MF; Eric Kehoe, Jr. F; Kris Buczek, Sr. FB; Jimmy DeVries, Soph. MF; Kevin Frusti, Soph. MF; Kyle Neumann, Soph. MF; John Hilden, Sr. GK.
Promising newcomers: Scott Buczek, Soph. FB; Kyle Ramthun, Fr. MF-F; Sean Vanden Brink, Fr. MF-F; Josh Palka, Fr. F-MF; Aaron Yankee, Fr. F-MF; Joseph Girolamo, Fr. Def.; Alex Pierpoint, Fr. GK; Jon Lefalve, Jr. Def.-MF; Kevin Greening, Soph. FB-GK; Paul Rosin, Soph. Def.
Block's 2003 outlook: "We were ranked No. 7 in state (Division IV) last year and lost to the state runner-up Allen Park Inter-City Baptist in the district final. The last two years our district champion has gone on to the state final. We've been ranked in the top 10 in Division IV since 1995. John (Hilden) backed up an All-State first-team goalkeeper (Sadler). He's looking good. He's looking strong early. He's been to a couple of camps. We have a strong senior defense in front of him. We moved (Brandon) Noble back to a stopper position to mark the opposing team's most dangerous player, but also he can move up and be an offensive threat. I like the seniors on this team, they're the strongest I've had physically and mentally. They're very motivated and they're hungry to win a district title. I look for the conference (Metro) to go as it did last year with Cranbrook, Lutheran North and us, along with Liggett and Hamtramck being up there."

HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN
Head coach: Jim Ott, first season.
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Red Division).
Last year's overall record: 8-7-1.
Notable losses to graduation: Dave Anderson (20 goals), Dan Schultz, Dan Block.
Leading returnees: Nick Husby, Sr. GK; Glenn Metzger, Sr. FB; Matt Kubik, Sr. F; Chris Porter, Sr. C-F.
Promising newcomers: Kirk Metzger, Fr. F; Ethan Wessel, Fr. F.
Ott's 2003 outlook: "I've coached soccer for two years. I enjoy coaching the kids. Any time you lose a 20-goal starter, you wonder who is going to fill the spot. We'll start out the year a little more defensive-minded. We'll see if somebody can pick up the scoring slack as the season goes along. We'll see what our freshmen can do."

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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 for returning teams begins July 28; new teams may start registering Aug. 4 until the league is full. The season will tentatively begin the week of Aug. 25.

Call the Plymouth Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, ext. 302, or go to the Web site at

www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

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 further information, visit the Web site at

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BASEBALL 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. 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 further information, please contact Marc Madias at 207-5424.

■ The Canton Cobras 13-and-under travel baseball team will have a second tryout at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23 at the UAW Hall No. 735, located at 48055 Michigan Avenue in Canton.

The coaching staff has over 30 years of

youth baseball experience and specializes training skills and drills. Call Jim Patterson at (734) 207-7793.

■ The Canton Reds U-13 travel baseball team will hold tryouts for the 2004 season Monday, Aug. 25 at Heritage Park's Field No. 1. Registration will be at 5:15 p.m., with tryouts starting at 5:30 p.m. and lasting until 8 p.m. Players must be 13 or younger as of July 31, 2004. The team will play between 32 and 40 games, from May through July.

Doug Bricker and Ron Goble are the coaches. Call (248) 885-2306.

Charter Township of Canton
Board Proceedings - August 12, 2003

The Board of Trustees convened at 6:00 p.m. in closed session to discuss pending litigation and employee negotiations. Motion by Zarbo, supported by McLaughlin to move from closed session to open session at 7:08 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, August 12, 2003, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, McLaughlin, Zarbo, Kirchgatter, Yack, Shefferly Members Absent: None Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin

Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the Regular Board Minutes of July 22, 2003. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Study Session Board Minutes of August 5, 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen's Non Agenda Item Comments: Robert McEachern of 46593 Larchmont Drive, appeared before the Board once again stating his concerns regarding the storm water management of the Mahen Woods development. Mr. McEachern understood the Board's position to be that the Board did not have jurisdiction or authority to review the storm water management program. Mr. McEachern asked the Board if they received the correspondence he sent and has the Board made any change in their position? Supervisor Yack acknowledged receipt of the information from Mr. McEachern and stated the Board has not changed their position. The Board is in disagreement with Mr. McEachern on this issue based on the Board's understanding of the law.

Payment of Bills: Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Recap for August 12, 2003	
General Fund	101 \$ 898,353.58
Fire Fund	206 89,468.03
Police Fund	207 241,041.83
Summit Operating	208 44,900.32
Cable TV Fund	230 3,058.68
Twp Improvement	246 118,799.99
E-911 Utility	261 2,857.07
Auto Forfeiture(wwa)	267 3,370.42
Federal Grants Fund	274 60.30
Auto Theft Grant	289 16,481.35
Cap Proj-Summit Const	402 2,386.27
Golf Fund	584 58,508.15
Water & Sewer Fund	592 859,424.34
Post Employ. Benefits	736 29,986.33
Total - All Funds	2,493,437.97

RECOGNITION: Item 1. **Recognition of Kyle Siarto and Sean Bowers Special Olympics World Games Participant.** Clerk Bennett introduced and presented resolution of recognition to two athletes who were two of ten Michigan athletes invited to attend the Special Olympics World Games in Ireland. To qualify for the World Games, these two athletes were required to receive a Gold Metal at the Michigan State Summer Special Olympic Games. At the Special Olympic World Games, Kyle Siarto earned four Bronze Medals in Power Lifting and Sean Bowers brought home three Gold Medals and one Silver in Power Lifting.

Item 2. **Recognition of Retirement of Officer Daniel Antieu.** Supervisor Yack presented certificate of recognition to Officer Daniel Antieu. Officer Antieu has been a part of Canton's Public Safety since 1978. Over the years he has fulfilled responsibilities beyond being a patrol officer. He has been a member of the accident investigation team, a range officer since 1978 and has been a member of Canton's Rapid Response Unit. After 25 years of service Officer Antieu will be greatly missed.

Item 3. **Recognition of Police Reserve Officer Brian Galesewicz.** Supervisor Yack presented certificate of recognitions to reserve police officer Brian Galesewicz. Reserve Police Officers are required to serve roughly 190 hours per year and perform many of the same duties and responsibilities that Canton's sworn personnel perform. Many of the Reserve come to Canton with prior experience in some area of public safety. Reserve officers are called on all hours of day and night to assist our police department in special operations and special events throughout the community. Brian Galesewicz was recognized for his five years of dedicated and committed service to Canton Township.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. **Budget Amendment - Police Fund - Drug Enforcement.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment in the Police Fund to appropriate funds for the purchase of two canines and veterinarian fees. **Increase Revenues:** Forfeitures - Drug enforcement #207-000-655-0000 \$ 6,800 **Increase Appropriations:** Drug Enforcement Program #207-301-744-0000 \$6,800. This budget amendment increases the Police Fund budget from \$12,097,088 to \$12,103,888. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 2. **General Fund Budget Amendment - Emergency Preparedness Grant.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following General Fund budget amendment for the purchase of laptop computers for Emergency Preparedness: **Increase Revenues:** Federal Grants-Emergency Preparedness #101-000-545-0000 \$19,485 **Increase Appropriations:** Capital Outlay-Emergency Preparedness #101-426-970-0000 \$19,485. This budget amendment increases the Emergency Preparedness Division budget from \$150,000 to \$169,485 and the General Fund budget from \$24,126,826 to \$24,146,311. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3. **Consider Request For The Vacation of a Portion of Goodell County Drain Through The Future Development of the Hamlet.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the request that Wayne County vacate a portion of the Goodell County Drain that traverses the future development of The Hamlet, as shown in the Hamlet Site Plan that received Final PDD approval on July 9, 2002. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4. **Consider Authorizing The Township Supervisor to Sign The Attached Quit Claim Deeds For a Section of Wayne County Right-of-way.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the Canton Township Supervisor to sign the quit claim deeds for a section of right-of-way located on Canton Center Road, north of Warren Road (formerly part of property ID no. 71-016-99-0009-000). Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5. **Budget Amendment - Fleet Services Division.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment in the Water & Sewer Fund to increase Overtime: **Increase Appropriations:** Interdepartmental Vehicle Maintenance #592-000-678-0000 \$10,000 Fleet Maintenance Overtime #592-550-708-0000 \$10,000. This budget amendment will increase the Fleet Services Division budget from \$656,535 to \$666,535 and the Water and Sewer Fund Budget from \$23,608,369 to \$23,618,369. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. **Consider Increasing Fleet Services' Blanket Purchase Order #38167, B & F Auto Supply.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize an increase for blanket purchase order #38167, B&F Auto Supply, Inc. up to \$20,000.00 as necessary. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7. **Consider Request For The Vacation of a Portion of the Green County Drain Through The Future Development of Rustic Ridge Site Condominiums.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to request that Wayne County vacate a portion of the Green County Drain that traverses the future development of Rustic Ridge Site Condominiums, as shown in the Rustic Ridge Site Condominium plan that received preliminary site plan approval on May 13, 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 8. **Approval to Sell the 1978 Ford Fire Truck.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the sale of the 1978 Ford Tanker to Deep South Truck & Equipment for a cost of \$12,519.79. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. **Consider Final Site Plan For Forestview Site Condominiums.** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Aldo Stenta, to approve the final site plan for the proposed Forestview Site Condominiums subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 2. **Consider Final Site Plan For Grandover Park Site Condominiums.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Danny Veri, to approve the final site plan for the proposed Grandover Park Site Condominium, subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3. **Consider Canton Township/J.B. Donaldson Rezoning.** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the request of the petitioner to rezone a portion of property identified by property tax EDP No. 098-99-0028-001 from RP, Research Park to LI-1, Light Industrial and all of tax property EDP No. 098-99-0028-004 from O-1, Office to LI-1, Light Industrial District. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4. **Consider Site Plan for RDK Office Building.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the request of the petitioner Mr. Gary Kackstatter, to approve the site plan for the proposed RDK Homes Office Building subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5. **Consider Site Plan for Mystic Forest Court Private Drive.** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the request of the Petitioner, Mr. Kevin Chen, to approve the site plan for the proposed Mystic Forest Court Private Drive, subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. **Consider Purchase of BTI Mosquito Treatment Dunks to Treat Detention Ponds.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to authorize issuance of a Purchase Order for \$15,000.00 to Summit Chemical Corporation to supply and ship two pallets of BTI dunks for treatment of detention ponds and to execute the Release & Waiver of Claims from Wayne County for reimbursement of funds. Motion carried unanimously.

There was public comment by Mr. McEachern of 46593 Larchmont, who did not understand why the Township was treating detention ponds only and not other areas of water. Director Minghine explained that at the request of a homeowner's association, where they have a pond that exists that was required by site plan for detention of storm water and they obtain the permit, then the township will treat the pond. The Township will not be going out and uniformly treat every pond.

Item 7. **Consider Approval of the Traffic Signal Agreement Between Wayne County and Canton Township for the Maintenance and Energy Costs of the New Mast Arms on Beck Road and the New High School Entrance.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve and authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the Traffic Signal Agreement with Wayne County for the proposed Mast Arms on Beck Road at the entrance to Plymouth High School. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 8. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 158 - Repeal of Ordinance 66 (Uniform Traffic Code) and Repeal of Ordinance 47 (Motor Driven Vehicles, Snowmobiles, Etc.)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to introduce, table and publish for first reading Ordinance No. 158 - Repeal of Ordinance No. 66 and Ordinance N. 47. Motion carried unanimously.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE - CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ORDINANCE NO. 158 -
ORDINANCE REPEALING THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE, ORDINANCE NO. 66 AND ALL AMENDMENTS, AND REPEALING THE OFF-ROAD VEHICLE AND SNOWMOBILE ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 47 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 66 AND ALL AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 47 AND ALL AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. REPEAL OF UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE, ORDINANCE NO. 66 AND ALL AMENDMENTS. The Charter Township of Canton Uniform Traffic Code being Ordinance No. 66 and all amendments be and are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to implement the intent of this Ordinance but all pending actions written thereunder be and are hereby preserved.

SECTION 2. REPEAL OF OFF-ROAD VEHICLE AND SNOWMOBILE ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 47 AND ALL AMENDMENTS. The Charter Township of Canton Off-Road Vehicle and Snowmobile Ordinance being Ordinance No. 47 and all amendments be and are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to implement the intent of this Ordinance but all pending actions written thereunder be and are hereby preserved.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE. All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. PUBLICATION. The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take full force and effect on September 30, 2003, provided it shall have been published as required by law.

Item 9. **First Reading of Ordinance No. 159 - Adoption by Reference (UTC/MVC) of the Uniform Traffic Code for Michigan Cities, Townships and Villages and Adoption by Reference Provisions of the Michigan Vehicle Code and the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act.** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to introduce, table and publish for first reading Ordinance No. 159 - Adoption by Reference the UTC/MVC of the Uniform Traffic Code for Michigan Cities, Townships and Villages and Adoption by Reference Provisions of the Michigan Vehicle Code and the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. Motion carried unanimously.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE - CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ORDINANCE NO. 159 -
ADOPTION BY REFERENCE OF THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE FOR MICHIGAN CITIES, TOWNSHIPS AND VILLAGES AND ADOPTION BY REFERENCE OF PROVISIONS OF THE MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE AND THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION BY

REFERENCE OF THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE FOR MICHIGAN CITIES, TOWNSHIPS AND VILLAGES AS PROMULGATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE PURSUANT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT OF 1969, 1969 PUBLIC ACT 306, AS AMENDED (MCL 24.201, et seq.) AND MADE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 30, 2002, AS PROVIDED IN AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 23 OF PUBLIC ACT 359 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1947, AS AMENDED (MCL 42.23) AND TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE PROVISIONS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE CODE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, PUBLIC ACT 300 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1949, AS AMENDED, ALSO AS PROVIDED BY AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 23 OF PUBLIC ACT 359 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1947, AS AMENDED (MCL 42.23) AND TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE PROVISIONS OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT DEALING WITH SNOWMOBILES AND OFF-ROAD VEHICLES, BEING PARTS OF 1994 PUBLIC ACT 451; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF TRAFFIC, MOTOR VEHICLES AND RELATED ITEMS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. ADOPTION BY REFERENCE OF THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE FOR MICHIGAN CITIES, TOWNSHIPS AND VILLAGES. The Uniform Traffic Code for Michigan Cities, Townships and Villages as promulgated by the Director of the Michigan Department of State Police pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, 1969 Public Act 306, as amended (MCL 24.201, et seq.) and made effective October 30, 2002, is hereby adopted by reference. All references in said Uniform Traffic Code to a "governmental unit" shall mean the Charter Township of Canton.

SECTION 2. ADOPTION OF PROVISIONS OF THE MICHIGAN MOTOR VEHICLE CODE BY REFERENCE AND THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT BY REFERENCE. The following provisions of the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code, 1949 Public Act 300, as amended (MCL 257.1 et seq.) and the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 Public Act 451, as amended (MCL 324.81101-324.81147 and MCL 324.82101 - 324.82158) are hereby adopted by reference: (A) Chapter I (Words and Phrases Defined): MCL 257.1 - 257.82. (B) Chapter II (Administration, Registration): MCL 257.223, 257.225, 257.226b, 257.228, 257.243, 257.244, 257.252a-g, 257.255, 257.256. (C) Chapter III (Operator's and Chauffeur's License): MCL 257.310e, 257.311, 257.312, 257.312a, 257.315, 257.319d, 257.324, 257.325, 257.326, 257.328. (D) Chapter VI (Obedience to and Effect of Traffic Laws): MCL 257.601-257.601b, 257.602-257.606, 257.610, 257.611-257.616, 257.617a-257.622, 257.624a-257.624b, 257.625 (except felony provisions), 257.625a, 257.625c, 257.625m, 257.626-257.626b, 257.627-257.627b, 257.628, 257.629b, 257.631-257.632, 257.634-257.645, 257.647-257.655, 257.656, 257.656-257.662, 257.667-257.675d, 257.676-257.682b, 257.683-257.710e, 257.716-257.724, 257.726, 257.726a. (E) Chapter VII (License Offenses): MCL 257.904-257.904a, 257.904e, 257.905. (F) Chapter VIII (Snowmobiles and Off-Road Vehicles): Subchapter 6 of Part 811 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 Public Act 451, as amended, pertaining to off-road vehicles (MCL 324.81101-324.81147) and Part 821 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 Public Act 451, as amended, pertaining to snowmobiles (MCL 324.82101-324.82158).

SECTION 3. PENALTIES. The penalties provided by the Uniform Traffic Code, the pertinent provisions of the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code and the pertinent provisions of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act herein above adopted by reference are hereby adopted as the penalties for violations of the corresponding provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. REPEAL. All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE. All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. PUBLICATION. The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall publish this Ordinance in the manner required by law and shall at the same time publish a supplementary notice setting forth the purpose of the said Uniform Traffic Code and of the fact that a complete copy of the code is available at the office of the Clerk for inspection by the public at all times.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take full force and effect on September 30, 2003, provided it shall have been published as required by law.

Item 10. **Approval of State Police Pre-Disaster Planning Grant.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Agreement with the Michigan State Police for the writing of a pre-disaster mitigation plan; and further to authorize a local match of \$14,640. And further move to approve the following General Fund Budget Amendment to support grant activities: **Increase Revenues:** Federal Grants-Emergency Preparedness #101-000-545-0000 \$35,000. **Appropriation from Fund Balance** #101-000-699-0000 \$14,640= **Total** \$49,640. **Increase Appropriations:** Contracted Svc-Emergency Preparedness #101-426-818-0000 \$49,640. This budget amendment increases the Emergency Preparedness Division budget from \$169,485 to \$219,125, and the General Fund budget from \$24,146,311 to \$24,195,951. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 11. **Purchase of Replacement Mailing System.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the purchase of the NEOPOST LJ105 Digital Inkjet Mailing System at a cost of \$13,874 including the rate change chip and annual postage meter rental, and to approve future yearly maintenance costs of \$1,400/yr. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 12. **Award the Bid for Painting Summit on the Park to Pond's Painting.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the bid for painting Summit on the Park to Pond's Painting in the amount of \$12,100. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 13. **Consider Award of Bid Package #5 for the Administration Building Expansion and Renovation.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve award of bid package #5 to the subcontractors recommended by George W. Auch Company. Bid package A (metal lockers) is awarded to Gamalski Building Specialties for \$12,500.00 and Bid package B (window shades) is awarded to Designer Workroom for \$25,986.43. Motion carried unanimously. **OTHER:** There is no study session scheduled for next week as of yet. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, Supported by Kirchgatter to adjourn at 8:19 pm.

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

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board approval.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

PCJBA REGISTRATION

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association will conduct registration for third-through-eighth grade boys and girls from 6:30-8 p.m. on Aug. 28 and again on Sept. 8 at East Middle School. This will be first-come, first-served based on school gym space available.

Registration fees are: 3-6 grades, \$110; 5-6 grades, \$120; and 7-8 grades, \$125. All students in the Plymouth-Canton school district and in

Canton Township are eligible. All players will play in each game, but no player will play an entire game. Tryouts will be conducted prior to team selection in order to equalize teams. Players will play approximately 10 games and a tournament, and can keep their jersey.

Parents interested in coaching should register on the same dates.

ROCKETTES GOLF BENEFIT

A golf outing to benefit the Salem HS Rockettes is sched-

uled for 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30 at Fox Hills Golf Course in Canton.

There will be a shotgun start followed by dinner and door prizes. The playing format is a four-person scramble.

Prizes will be awarded for first place, men's/women's longest drive, closest to the pin, and lots of door prizes.

Also, on all par-threes, there will be a prize of \$15,000 awarded.

Single registration is \$100 (\$400 per team). For more information, call Bill Friske at

(734) 578-5115.

LEARN TO SKATE

Starting Sept. 20, the Arctic Edge Ice Arena will offer a fall learn-to-skate program for various levels of instruction. Classes will be from 10-11:45 a.m. on Saturdays through Nov. 13.

There will also be Tot classes from 10-10:45 a.m. on Tuesdays and from 12:15-1 p.m. on Thursdays.

Registration begins Aug. 14. Call (734) 487-7777 for more information.

PGA CHAMP

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be easy catching him.

"Roth hits it straight and he will be awfully hard to catch," said Whitten after the second round, when he was in second place four strokes off the lead.

Added Pillard after Round Three: "Jeff Roth is tough with the lead. I just wanted to play

my best golf because Jeff was unreachable."

He knows how to win, to be sure. "I don't play real aggressive golf," he said after the second round.

"My game is to hit it in the fairway, knock it onto the greens and try to give myself an opportunity for birdies. I don't play any differently when I have the lead or when I am trailing. I want to turn a four-stroke lead into a seven-shot victory."

SHURGARD OF CANTON

Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of open auction on September 5, 2003 at approximately 9:00 a.m. at the following locations:

Shurgard of Ann Arbor, 2500 Industrial Hwy.

Ann Arbor, MI 48104 (734) 978-3212

Unit 1056 - Household goods. Unit 2033 - Household goods. Unit 3055 - Household goods. Unit 4030 - Household goods. Unit 4120 - Household goods. Unit 5065 - Household goods. Unit 5012 - Household goods.

Shurgard of Plymouth, 41889 Joy Rd.

Canton, MI 48187 (734) 459-2200

Unit 1009 - Household goods. Unit 2054 - Household goods. Unit 3033 - Office equipment.

Shurgard of Taylor, 9300 Pelham Rd.

Taylor, MI 48180 (313) 292-2950

Unit 2057 - Household goods. Unit 3044 - Household goods. Unit 3056 - Household goods. Unit 4030 - Household goods. Unit 5012 - Household goods. Unit 5065 - Household goods.

Shurgard of Canton, 2101 Haggerty Rd.

Canton, MI 48187 (734) 981-8300

Unit 3058 - Household goods. Unit 4215 - Household goods. Unit 4228 - Household goods. Unit 4242 - Household goods. Unit 4257 - Household goods. Unit 5051 - Restaurant supplies. Unit 6045 - Restaurant supplies. Unit 6049 - Restaurant supplies. Unit 6050 - Restaurant supplies. Unit 6056 - Restaurant supplies. Unit 6250 - Household goods.

Shurgard of Livonia, 30300 Plymouth Rd.

Livonia, MI 48150 (734) 828-7611

Unit 3027 - Household goods. Unit 3077 - Household goods. Unit 4038 - Household goods. Unit 4090 - Household goods. Unit 4078 - Household goods. Unit 4130 - Household goods.

Shurgard of Southfield, 19350 W. 8 Mile Rd.

Southfield, MI 48078 (248) 287-1137

Unit 1050 - Household goods. Unit 1069 - Household goods. Unit 1101 - Household goods. Unit 1179 - Household goods. Unit 1194 - Household goods. Unit 1209 - Household goods. Unit 1314 - Household goods. Unit 1816 - Household goods. Unit 2025 - Household goods. Unit 2038 - Household goods. Unit 2078 - Household goods. Unit 2295 - Household goods. Unit 2109 - Household goods. Unit 3007 - Household goods. Unit 4006 - Household goods.

Shurgard of Canton South, 45299 Michigan Ave.

Canton, MI 48188 (734) 395-5416

Unit 4110 - Household goods. Unit 4139 - Household goods. Unit 4221 - Household goods. Unit 4223 - Household goods. Unit 4228 - Household goods. Unit 5032 - Household goods.

Shurgard of Walled Lake, 1901 East West Maple Rd.

Walled Lake, MI 48390 (248) 666-4020

Unit 29 - Boat. Unit 2039 - Household goods. Unit 4006 - Household goods. Unit 5015 - Household goods. Unit 7005 - Household goods. Unit 8032 - Car/Household goods. Unit 9047 - Household goods.

Shurgard of Southfield, at Telegraph, 24200 Telegraph Rd.

Southfield, MI 48034 (248) 208-0000

Unit 1102 - Household goods. Unit 1123 - Household goods. Unit 1131 - Household goods. Unit 1041 - Household goods. Unit 1136 - Household goods. Unit 2056 - Household goods. Unit 2091 - Household goods. Unit 2095 - Bicycles. Unit 2161 - Household goods. Unit 2142 - Household goods. Unit 2187 - Medical supplies. Unit 2166 - Household goods. Unit 3039 - Household goods. Unit 3154 - Household goods. Unit 3183 - Household goods. Unit 3221 - Household goods. Unit 3178 - Household goods.

Shurgard of Westland, 36001 Warren Rd.

Westland, MI 48185 (734) 326-6000

Unit 1064 - Household goods.

Publish: August 21 & 24, 2003

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT sealed bids, enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words "Denton Road Improvements" along with the name, address, phone number of the Contractor, the date and time of bid opening, will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 4, 2003 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project:

Project consists of paving a new bituminous road with and without curb and gutter for the future extension of Denton Road that is approximately 3,500 feet in length along with a 1,000 lineal feet of bituminous paving for the realignment of Ridge Road to Saltz Road which includes proposed intersection improvements, installation of storm sewers and structures, excavation, ditching, concrete curb and gutter, permanent lane striping and signage, restoration and all associated work.

Bid documents are available to pick up at Warner, Cantrell & Padmos, Inc., 27300 Haggerty Road, Suite F2, Farmington Hills, MI 48331. A non-refundable fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) will be charged for the bid packet. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check, money order, or a bid bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the proposal.

Bid Documents are on file for review at Canton Township DPW Bldg., Construction Association of Michigan, McGraw Hill Construction Dodge, and Reed Construction Data.

The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and accept only the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: August 21, 2003

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

Publish: 8/21/03 & 8/24/03

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP
CHARTER ORDINANCE
SUMMARY
ORDINANCE NO. C-2003-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, PROVIDING FOR THE POWERS OF INCORPORATION; PROVIDING FOR THE DUTIES OF TOWNSHIP CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE TERM OF INCUMBENT OFFICERS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR THE PROCEDURES FOR CANDIDATE NOMINATION; PROVIDING FOR ELECTION PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION; PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURES OF BOARD MEETINGS; PROVIDING FOR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS; PROVIDING FOR THE PROCEDURES FOR APPOINTMENT OF A TOWNSHIP SUPERINTENDENT; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ASSESSORS; PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURES CONCERNING POLICE FORCE MEMBERS AND DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE PROCEDURES CONCERNING POWERS TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, THE PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE RIGHT TO JOIN WITH OTHER AGENCIES; PROVIDING FOR TOWNSHIP BUDGETARY PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP TO A CITY OR VILLAGE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION A. PURPOSE.

Section 1. This section provides for a short title; charter townships, incorporation; powers, privileges, immunities and liabilities; petition; special census, and expenses.

Section 1a. This section provides for an emergency financial manager; authority and responsibilities.

Section 2. This section provides for incorporation; referendum; ballot, form and content; filing of petition or resolution by township clerk; finality of proceedings; term of incumbent officers; and reincorporation.

Section 2a. This section provides for violations of §§168.1 to 168.992 applicable to petitions; and penalties.

Section 3. This section provides for incorporation procedures; submission of proposition to electors; time; petitions; and verification of signatures.

Section 3a. This section provides for notice to clerk of township not incorporated as charter township; and procedures relative to resolution of township board; notice of right to referendum; petition; signatures; submitting question of incorporation at general or special election; and wording of ballot.

Section 4. This section provides for procedure relative to nomination of candidates for township office; conducting primary election; duties of township clerk; and duties and composition of board of township election commissioners.

Section 5. This section provides for procedures relative to the make-up of township board; election of members; powers and duties; supervisor as presiding and executive officer; authentication of instruments; president pro tem; clerk; record of proceedings; and temporary clerk.

Section 6. This section provides for authorized payment of trustee by charter township board and compensation for expenses of members.

Section 6a. This section provides for an ordinance establishing procedure for determining salary of elected official; contents; conducting business at public meeting; public notice; resolution implementing ordinance; petition for referendum; change of procedures; and

decreasing salary of elected township official.

Section 7. This section provides for procedures relative to township board; meetings; conducting business at public meeting; notice of meeting; transacting business at special meeting; quorum; adjournment; rules and order of business; journal; voting; availability of certain writings to public; attendance and conduct at meetings; misconduct in office; and duties of sergeant-at-arms.

Section 8. This section provides for procedures relative to the charter township board and monthly publication of proceedings, notices and ordinances.

Section 9. This section provides for the powers and duties of Township officers, including additional officers and limitations.

Section 10. This section provides for appointment of the Township superintendent and the delegation of powers and duties of township supervisor.

Section 11. This section provides for the tenure and qualifications of the Township superintendent, and waiver of residency requirements.

Section 11a. This section provides for the appointment, powers, duties and compensation of Township assessors.

Section 12. This section provides for the establishment of a Township police force, a township marshal, the appointment of the same and the township board's authority to make rules concerning the governance, powers and duties of the police force.

Section 13. This section provides for the establishment of the township fire department, the township fire chief, the rules, and the township board's authority to make regulations and regulations for the governance of the same and the regulations and penalties of refusal to aid at fire.

Section 14. This section provides for the charter township's power to acquire property and approval of electors.

Section 14a. This section provides for bonds for public improvements, the issuance of bonds, approval required; exceptions; limitation of net indebtedness; computation of net indebtedness; bonds subject to provisions.

Section 15. This section provides for authority to enact ordinances to provide for peace, health and safety; licenses, granting, fees, bonds.

Section 16. This section provides for streets, alleys, bridges, and public places; regulation of use; record of ordinances, filing.

Section 17. This section provides for the construction of buildings; powers and liabilities of charter townships as to public health and safety.

Section 18. This section provides for the authority of the charter township to join with other governmental unit or agency.

Section 19. This section provides for ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations of former township; and continuation.

Section 20. This section provides for legislation to be by ordinance or resolution; form, passage, amendment, recording, authentication, and compilation of ordinance.

Section 21. This section provides for violation of ordinances; sanctions; designation as civil infraction; act or omission constituting crime; penalties and distribution of fines.

Section 21a. This section provides for police officers; right to pursue, arrest, and right to detain person outside of charter township limits.

Section 21b. This section provides for police officer or constable and authority to execute bench warrant.

Section 21c. This section provides for regulation of recreational trailways; posting of ordinance; violation as municipal civil infraction; and penalty.

Section 22. This section provides for regulations concerning ordinance publication; effective date; publication of summary or true copy; catch lines required; and drafting of summary.

Section 23. This section provides for a relationship to and

adoption of state law or standard code; adoption as township ordinance by citation; publication, distribution, charge.

Section 24. This section provides for the submission of itemized estimates of anticipated expenditures; preparation and submission of budget proposal; and time.

Section 25. This section provides for procedures relative to a budget proposal; contents; and commencement of fiscal year.

Section 26. This section provides for a public hearing on the budget; notice, prior public inspection.

Section 27. This section provides for the adoption of a budget by township board; resolution; appropriation; tax levy; limitation; separate appropriation for fire and police departments; tax collection; interim budget.

Section 28. This section provides for restrictions concerning expenditures outside of the budget or supplemental appropriations; expenditure, restrictions; unencumbered balances; transfer, reappropriation.

Section 29. This section provides for procedure relative to quarterly statement of estimated and actual income and expenses; submission by supervisor to township board; reduction of appropriations; and exceptions.

Section 30. This section provides for annual audit of accounts, results, filing, public inspection; and annual report of township business.

Section 31. This section provides for local or public improvements; determination of necessity; special assessments; duties of officers; and bonds.

Section 32. This section provides for succession to properties of former township; suites or prosecutions; debts and liabilities; uncollected taxes and assessments.

Section 33. This section provides for the liberal construction of this ordinance.

Section 34. This section provides for the exemption of the charter township from annexation to contiguous city or village; exceptions.

SECTION B. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

This section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION C. REPEAL.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION D. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION E. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION F. PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION G. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at its regular meeting called and held on the 12th day of August, 2003, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk

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■ New 'roo'

Bushel baskets and garbage cans are handy for cleaning up autumn leaves and harvesting vegetables, but when they're not in use, they take up a lot of storage space. That was until FISKARS® Kangaroo™ Container came along.

Now a new HardShell version is taking that product's innovation to the next level. It has the same distinctive pop-up design of the original Kangaroo™, which holds itself open to free both hands for gathering and loading.

It has an unusual coiled internal skeleton that creates a sturdy 30-gallon container capable of holding armloads of lawn clippings and weeds.

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For more information on FISKARS HardShell Kangaroo or to find a retailer near you, call customer services at (800) 500-4849 or visit www.fiskars.com.

■ Fire safety

There are ways to reduce the likelihood that fire will strike your home.

"There are easy steps that everyone can take to prevent, and survive, a home fire," said Dan Liparini, vice president of underwriting for MetLife Auto & Home. "Just by asking three simple questions, homeowners can prevent a loss of life or property."

These questions are:

- Do I have working smoke detectors installed in my home?

- Have I developed and practiced a home escape plan?

- Have I checked the house for any "accidents waiting to happen"?

"If you answered no to any of these questions, or you don't know the answer, it's time to take action to make your home safer from fire," said Liparini.

"Smoke alarms and an escape plan are critical, but don't forget to put fresh batteries in the smoke detectors and to practice the escape plan with your family.

"It's also important to eliminate hazards in your household: easy things like checking that the cords on your electrical devices aren't frayed, that no more than two appliances are plugged into one outlet, that space heaters aren't too near flammable materials, that the hood above the stove is cleaned of buildup, and that flammable liquids are stored outside the home in a properly ventilated shed."

MetLife Auto & Home is offering a free, 16-page brochure that provides a comprehensive look at fire safety protection.

Entitled *About: Fire Safety*, the brochure is part of the award-winning Life Advice series, and provides useful information on a number of fire-related subjects, including how to plan an escape route, seasonal safety tips, and safety information related to heating your home.

The brochure is available by calling (800) MET-LIFE (638-6433).



Even the garage can be organized. Carrie Vance and her family store almost everything in the garage in a labeled container.

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Taming Clutter

STORY BY MIKE MURPHY | CORRESPONDENT

If the garage is a space in your home where lawn and power tools hang neatly from the walls, where lawn furniture, bicycles and grill fit nicely over to the side so two vehicles can fit comfortably in between walls lined with shelves containing everything from A to Z, read no further.

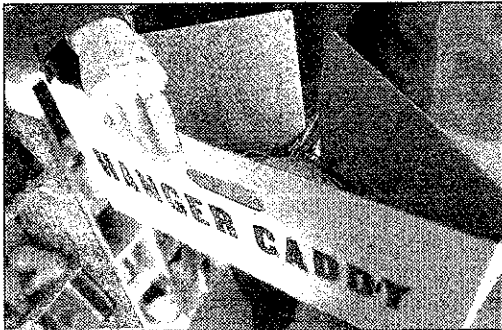
This article is not for you. This article is for those among us for whom the very idea of organizing the garage sends chills up the spine. While organizing experts would have you believe it doesn't have to be that way, it can be a jungle out there.

The garage is oftentimes the home's burial ground for household items that no longer have any use in the house: furniture, children's discarded toys, unworn clothing and a myriad of broken things you've been meaning to fix.

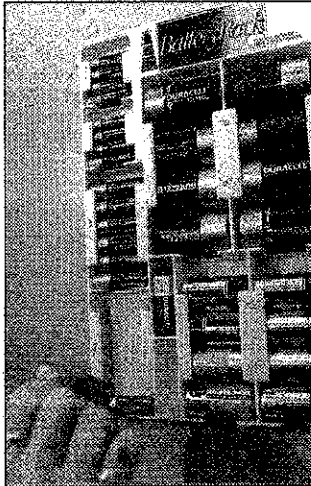
And if you've long given up the idea of using your garage for what it was intended for instead of your own personal landfill, read on.

There's hope on the horizon for all of us clutterbugs and mess makers who use the garage as their home's own archeological site.

It can be a jungle for sure, but you can tame the jungle and reclaim the utilitarian space that it once was. It may not turn out to be



Above, wire clothes hangers a tangled mess? Many dry cleaners can give you a storage box that will keep them straight and easy to use. At right, dry cell batteries are stored in the garage in a rack that keeps them organized and lets you know when you're out of power.



the feng shui space of your dreams, but at least you'll have a place to park your car.

SOLUTIONS

Like many home improvements,

solutions to garage clutter range from costing next to nothing to thousands of dollars.

Garage Tek, a national firm based in New York with a local franchise

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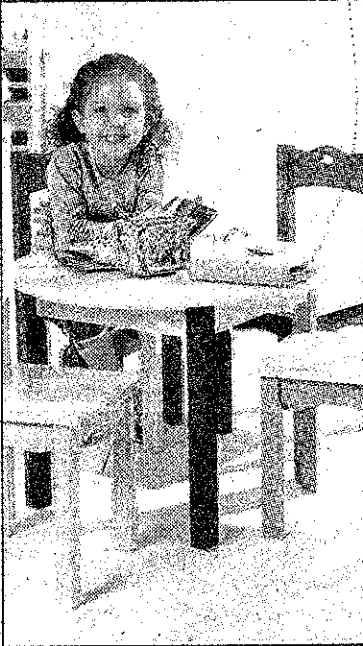
Do you have a special item you'd like to showcase in Marketplace on the front of At Home? We'd like to feature it! Send a photo or slide of the piece, along with information, to: Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

Get packing

L.L. Bean has a full range of book packs and accessories - and clothes, footwear and outerwear as well - for youngsters heading to school. Among the styles of packs and bags are Critter Tracks, which come in a variety of bright colors and critter patches. Built to stand up to constant use, the pack has a top-loading design for easy access to a spacious main compartment and outside mesh pockets so small things are easy to find. Cost is \$35. Matching duffels (\$22) and lunch boxes (\$15)



are also available. The clothing styles include the Comfort Corduroy collection, featuring skorts (\$18), pull-on pants (\$19.50) and jumpers (\$22). These back-to-school essentials come in sky blue, sea lavender, butter and warm pink. Irresistibly soft and substantial, the material is plush cotton corduroy. It's pre-washed so it shrinks less and feels cozy and comfortable right from the start. Call (800) 809-7057 for a free catalog, or visit lbean.com.



A children's table from www.lillianvernon.com is an ideal work surface for a home arts and crafts center.

Create a children's arts and craft area

BY LILLIAN VERNON
FROM METRO CREATIVE GRAPHICS

Arts and crafts are an ideal alternative to television and computer games. Children need an organized arts and crafts area to encourage play and creativity.

Keeping arts and crafts supplies in one central place in your home can seem like an impossible task. After all, how many times have you tripped over uncapped markers, or found glue or paintbrushes on your dining room table or under a pile of toys?

There are several places in your home that you can transform into a comfortable, child-friendly craft area.

Consider a large closet or a spacious corner of the playroom or family room. Choose a quiet place - this will lead to fewer distractions.

If space allows, a small section of your kitchen may be convenient for easy cleanup but also so you can keep an eye on your child's activities.

Here are some tips to help you turn any part of your home into a perfect artist's retreat:

To start, you'll need a children's table or easel and a drop cloth to protect the floor against spills. Add a bookshelf, dresser or stack of drawers and a large bulletin board where children can hang their "masterpieces."

Shoeboxes, jewelry chests with several storage compartments and baskets with lids are perfect for the key task of storing supplies. Clear plastic containers make it easy for children to find what they need.

Stack the containers on a bookshelf, or store them inside dresser drawers.

Separate each category of supplies into a different container, and label each one. Glue a sample of the stored items (ribbons, buttons, etc.) on the outside as a visual cue for children who are too young to read.

Keep the center well stocked with plenty of art supplies so children will feel free to be creative whenever they wish.

Include glue and crayons, a hole puncher, tape, rubber stamps, stickers, washable markers, colored pencils, sequins, ribbons, pipe cleaners and pieces of cloth. Keep smaller items like beads or buttons in a clear plastic container, jewelry chest or tray with dividers.

Have plenty of paper on hand. Rolled paper dispensers with childproof, non-serrated cutters are ideal because they keep paper organized and easy for children to reach. Generally, only white and brown paper are available in rolls, so you may want to add a slotted desk organizer to store a variety of colored paper.

Make sure there is ample light-

PLEASE SEE **CRAFTS, C5**

Go steady: Use tripods in photography

I've written on the use of tripods in the past and because they are so important to make good photographs, I'm going to do an update.

Tripods, after all, are a valuable piece of equipment that every photographer should own. Without one, many photographic opportunities would be missed.

What to look for in buying a tripod? First and foremost: quality.

You've got a good camera - get a good tripod to match. Buy one a little "beefier" than what you may have originally intended. An extra strong tripod will lessen the chance of a blurred shot.

Most tripods are constructed of light metals such as aluminum or other alloys. These are fine because they are lightweight and easily collapsed for storage.

When extending the legs, always use the thicker sections first for greater stability. Also, to increase sturdiness, always place one of the legs pointed forward under the lens.

There are different kinds of tripod heads available.

The most common has separate handles for panning and tilting. A second kind contains a single screw



Focus on Photography

Monte Nagler

that unlocks a ball joint to permit turns and tilts in any direction. There are also "pistol" heads and "gear" heads. Which is best for you is a matter of personal preference.

When should you use your tripod? While a tripod will always produce a sharper picture, there is a general rule to follow. Use a tripod when the shutter speed is slower than the reciprocal of the focal length of the lens.

For example, you have a 50mm lens on your camera. The nearest shutter speed is 1/60th of a second. This means you can hand hold at 1/60th of a second or faster. But if lighting conditions demand a slower shutter speed, better get out that tripod.

When using a 200mm lens, it's OK to hand hold at 1/250th of a second. But with any slower speed, get out that tripod.

When else will a tripod come in handy? Night shots. Beautiful photographs are obtained after dark not only of street scenes but also of flood-lit buildings and monuments.

Another use of tripods is in making photographs that intentionally show motion. It's common to "freeze" flowing water in a waterfall with a fast shutter speed, but what if that same waterfall was shot with a 1/2 or one-second exposure by using a tripod? You'll get a totally different result with the water appearing as a soft blur that gives a feeling of movement and mood to your photograph. Try it sometime.

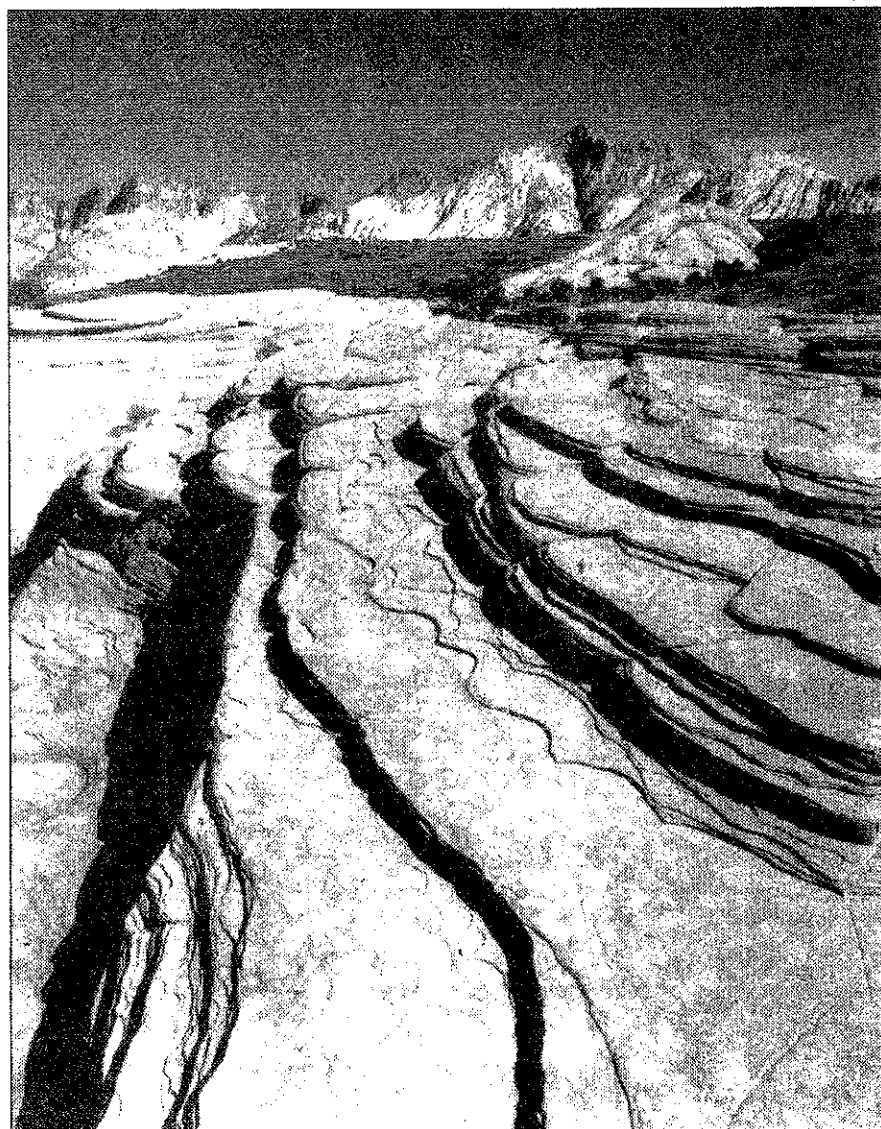
One other reminder. A cable release goes hand-in-hand with a tripod. Use one every time you take a shot on your tripod.

What if you're out photographing and the situation arises when you need a tripod but you've left it at home?

Try to improvise by tucking your elbows in, spreading your feet apart, and bracing yourself against a wall or a tree. Or set your camera on a fence-post or car hood and use the self-timer.

Better yet, keep your tripod handy at all times. Keep it ready to get steady!

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.



Monte Nagler almost always uses a tripod, and his photographs are sharp and crisp because of this. The picture shown here was taken in Snow Canyon, Utah.

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CLUTTER

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in Walled Lake, installs an organization and storage system that ranges in price from \$5,500 to \$7,500 for an entire two-car garage.

Local Garage Tek president Don Eizen said Garage Tek products – which start with a tongue-and-groove style paneling on which preassembled plastic cabinets and moveable shelving can be placed – aren't for those solely interested in organizing their garage.

"It's about finishing off your garage and making it a clean, usable space," Eizen said.

"More than organizing your garage it brings a level of finish on your garage. We compare it to spending \$2,000 finishing a closet that no one ever sees."

Garage Tek founder Marc Shuman concurs with Eizen.

"The do-it-yourselfer on a budget is not our market," said Shuman. "Our customers don't want to spend Saturday afternoon drilling holes for wire shelves they can't rearrange later on."

"Our market is the upscale homeowner who understands the value and wants the convenience and style of a Garage Tek system, which will create new space for their home."

Recently, Eizen and two of his employees were busy installing the paneling that is the backbone of the Garage Tek system at a Farmington Hills home owned by Barbara Burke and Martha Montgomery.

For Burke and Montgomery, who live in a one-story home with no basement, the Garage Tek system made a lot of sense for storage purposes.

They both have busy work

schedules and said they didn't have the time to organize a system on their own.

"We are class-A workaholics, so it should be a time-saver," Burke said. "We'll know where stuff is."

Eizen said his franchise has completed 55 Garage Tek installation in the past 12 months, mostly in the Oakland County area.

Installations typically are completed in two days, and the tongue-and-groove paneling makes it possible to rearrange cabinets and shelving within the garage without tools.

Garage Tek can also install the system on just one wall of a garage for about \$1,800, Eizen said.

OPTIONS

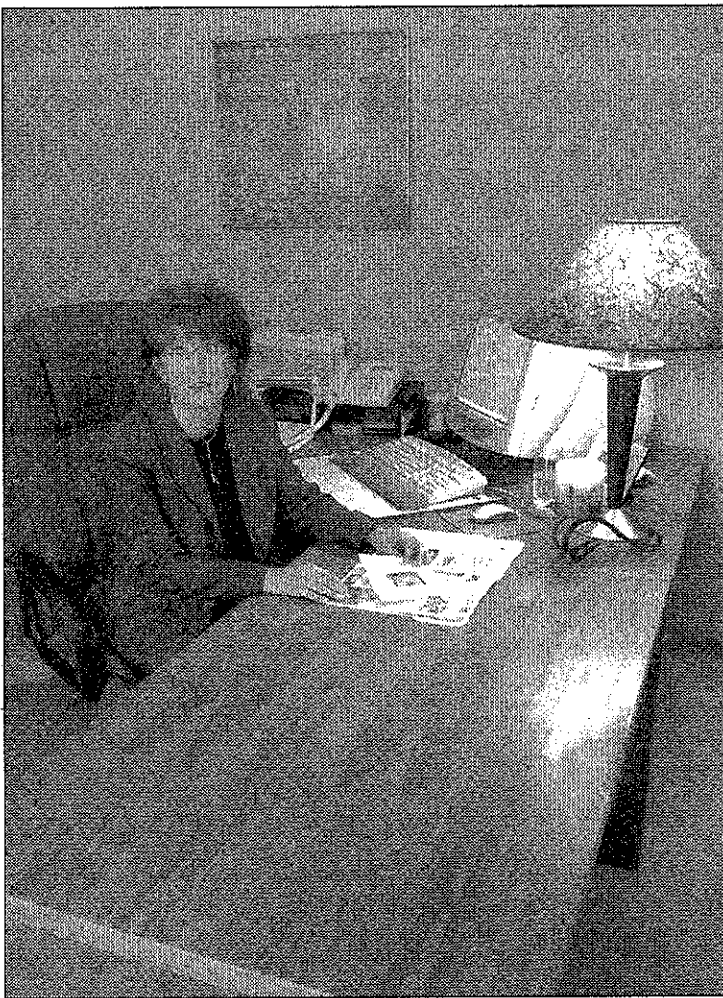
Cary Vance, who operates Organized Business Solutions from her Farmington Hills home, is usually called upon to organize business space. But she said clients have asked her to come to their homes to organize living space.

She said requests to organize a garage were rare, but she offered to reorganize her garage for the purposes of this article and laid out a few useful ground rules. (See related article.)

For those in the market for garage-organizing tools beyond the thrifty solutions used by Vance, there are a variety of products on the market that fit the bill.

The Whirlpool Corp. manufactures a line of products called Gladiator Garage Works that includes everything from steel-fronted cabinets and tool boxes to garage refrigerators.

There are also off-the-floor storage racks for bicycles, inline skate organizers, racquet organizers and other related



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Carrie Vance is so organized that her desk only holds whatever she is working on at that time.

organizing tools for sports equipment.

Outta Sight, LLC, in Union Lake sells furniture grade, wood cabinets that are mounted on steel rails and hang off the floor. Cabinets can be added or easily moved with the system.

More locally, Organized Living in West Bloomfield offers a broad range of help for would-be garage organizers.

"We have ton of things you can use to organize your garage," a store representative said.

Try these tips to organize a garage

BY MIKE MURPHY
CORRESPONDENT

Cary Vance, who operates Organized Business Solutions from her Farmington Hills home, offers a few suggestions for organizing a garage.

"Take it all off the walls or down from shelves and lay everything out on the floor," Vance said. "Sort it into groups and figure out what are your areas."

She lined the walls of her garage with shelving from Costco that held plastic laundry baskets and cardboard boxes to be used for containers.

"Take items you want to organize and try to find a container that will help you organize," Vance said.

The only expensive item used by the organizer was a cabinet built for shoes that she bought from Bed, Bath and Beyond. She and her husband, Ron, used plenty of metal hooks for hanging items.

"Hang anything you can but make everything at a height suited for the person who uses

the item," Vance said.

Vance suggests keeping all things children use on lower shelving units, and keeping the dangerous items found in a garage – such as fertilizers and chemicals – up high.

Vance also used old dressers for storage and plenty of labels and color coding for categories ranging from vacuum cleaner parts to weed killer to engine oils.

Many of Vance's tips just make sense.

"If you don't use it, put it in a box, but if you use it have it hanging so it can be easily accessible," she said.

Vance said she was aware of some of the more expensive organizing methods used for garages, but that she and her husband decided to do it on the cheap.

Vance, who wasn't aware of Garage Tek, was referring to several local companies that supply customers with modular cabinets for the garage.

"We decided it wasn't worth it for us," Vance said. "What we had was fine."

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Well, maybe not. The Lions' future might finally be in capable hands.

They have a new coach, and young players who can really play. Hope springs eternal! We should all feel optimistic!

Much like we did last spring with the Tigers, but I digress.

Optimism abounds for sports teams. All off season we remember what our favorite players CAN do, forgetting their weaknesses. Thus, every year we believe it will be our year.

We should harness and infuse this enthusiasm when talk turns to getting pets to lose weight.



Dr. Brad Davis

Obesity is one of the two greatest pet problems I see at my clinic, and no one seems to believe their dog or cat is heavy.

A lady calling the radio show informed me her dog isn't fat, but merely very chubby. Yes. And you're not in denial, but merely creating a mental acceptance of your dog's weight.

Many reasons lead to the rampant obesity problem we see with our pets.

Most people love their pets

like their children, and food is love. Sometimes we love them to death, because we overdo table scraps, treats or heavy foods.

EXERCISE

Exercise also enters in. Most any bookstore has an entire section dedicated to diet books. These all say pretty much the same thing: Take in less calories, and burn off more calories.

Of course, they say that in 198 pages for \$21.95, but again, I digress.

The same goes for pets. Get an exercise routine. Work up to it. You don't just jump out of your car at a track after not exercising for a few years and suddenly run 25 miles. Probably you wouldn't run 25 feet! You work your way up to it gradually. That's what you do with your pet.

Dogs love walkies. Start up with a trip around the block - then longer. Make it a regular part of your day, every day. Once a nice walk gets to be routine, your critter should start getting into better shape. Cats often get good workouts

with laser pointers. Running your cat around the house chasing the little red dot can be tremendously amusing, and easy.

It also gives them an opportunity to hunt, which makes them feel better about life. The dot just a short way up the wall, moving back and forth, can look like an arrest scene and aerobics class all rolled into one.

Use a Frisbee for your dog, a fishing rod with a fake bird at the end for the cat, whatever - just get activity going. Don't forget to deal with the diet.

DIET

One of my college roommates could never get in shape. He ran 1 to 3 miles every morning, returning dripping wet to the apartment in his Rocky Balboa gray sweats, joining us for breakfast.

One morning, he was eating the routine breakfast he would buy at the end of his run every day, and discussing his frustration.

"I don't get it," he said. "I run every day, but I never lose any weight at all!"

He said this with his lips covered in chocolate and custard from one of his two Bismarck donuts.

Exercise and diet have to be working together.

Simple things can do it. Talk to your vet about what they recommend, but usually diet comes down to three things.

One, change from what you are feeding to the light equivalent. (Example: Purina Dog Chow? Change to Purina Fit and Trim.) The same amount of food goes in, but carries less calories.

Two, eliminate table scraps/human food. Manufacturers spend millions to balance the diets for these animals. The diets don't require a side of pepperoni pizza for full nutritional benefit.

Three, keep the pet snacks to a bare minimum. Break cookies in half before giving them. Give a green bean, a piece of carrot or even ice cubes instead of cookies. Cheaper, and better for them.

By the by, if you've considered a diet for yourself, make your pet your workout partner, especially your dog. They

always want to work out when it means spending time with you. They certainly love keeping schedules. They never tattle if you cheat on your diet.

Most importantly, they rarely will ever lose more weight than you if you're being serious, and even if they do, they'll never gloat about it!

The message would be to really look at your animal, and ask your vet about what the best weight for your pet would be. Then start your pet on the road to being fit, through what you feed and what you burn off. It won't be easy, it won't be quick, and likely will sometimes be frustrating.

You just have to stay optimistic.

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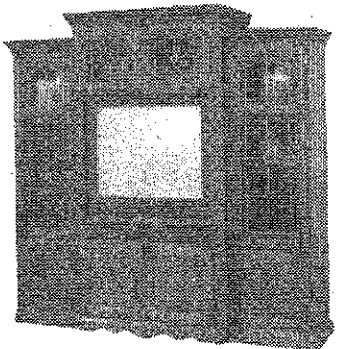
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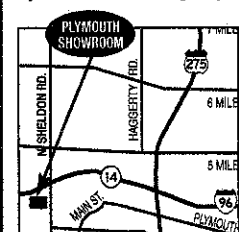
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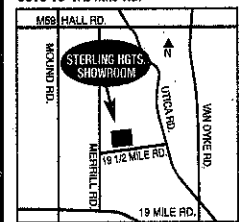
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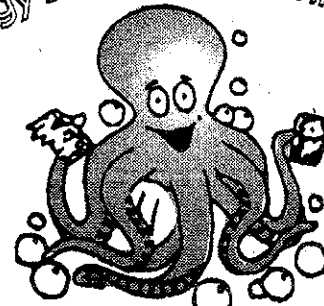
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It is a struggle to find time for extra projects whether you are a full-time homemaker or balancing a career with home responsibilities. The laundry pile grows, dust gathers, and clutter collects. We struggle with the issue of time and finding ways to become more efficient.

If you are determined to maintain a clean, organized home and also complete extra projects, you will need a system. Extra projects are time luxu-



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ries that we seem seldom able to afford.

An example of an extra project is sewing the ties back onto the cushions of the dining room chair pads. We can still use the pads but it is annoying to have them slide around when we sit on them or dust them.

Another extra project on your list might be to organize the tape or CD storage area, matching loose items to the proper cases.

The laundry, cooking, doing dishes and cleaning consume a large chunk of time, pushing other projects aside.

A workable solution is to make a written plan so there is time to complete extra projects.

Write several lists and then schedule specific times to complete tasks on the list. Assign a name to each task or project. Schedule time each week to work on projects from your list. Set a goal to complete a minimum of two extra projects per week.

Schedule periodical times to work together as a family. You can pay your children to help with tasks that aren't their normal chores or responsibilities.

Tasks to be Completed (below are examples of what might be on your list):

■ **Outside:** Repair the fence, mulch the back yard, prepare rose bushes for winter, and paint the dog house.

■ **Garage:** Organize shelves, and hang hooks on walls.

■ **Basement:** Take clothes to a resale

shop, organize tool shelves, and build extra shelves.

■ **Kitchen:** Organize recipe files and reorganize food storage container cabinet.

■ **Sewing:** Mend and darn, finish making new things, and separate ribbons by color.

■ **Phone Calls:** Schedule piano tuner and yearly exterminator visits.

■ **Written Notes:** Send thank you notes, send a friendship card, and plan parents' anniversary party. As you finish a task, mark it off your list with satisfaction.

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CRAFTS

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ing. Even if your child's craft area is situated in a sunny area of your home, a good lamp or overhead light is needed to prevent eyestrain.

Keep a wastepaper basket nearby for easy cleanup. Encourage children to tidy up when they are finished playing for the day. This way, they won't have to waste time looking for supplies the next time they want to play.

A centralized arts and crafts area is exactly what children need to nurture their creative skills. It can also be a special place where you can spend time together. Best of all, children have somewhere fun to go when the spirit moves them. Vernon is founder of the Lillian Vernon catalogs and www.lillianvernon.com.

HOME AND GARDEN CALENDAR

Fall landscaping

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Fall planting

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Fall Rose Planting, a popular demonstration by the Lindleys in the large display garden, will take place 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 29. The program will be repeated 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31, and 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 1 (Labor Day). The programs are free. Reservations aren't needed. Each presentation will last about an hour. Dress for the weather.

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Dahlia show

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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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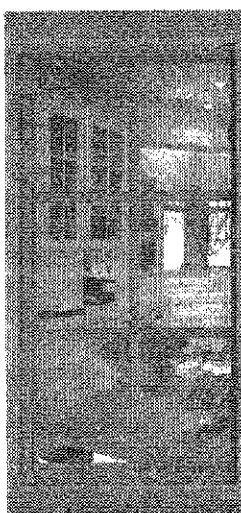
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Despite all of the timesaving technologies at our disposal, from fast-food to fax machines, most of us feel more hurried and harried than ever before. Recently, I had the experience of walking across a beautiful college campus and noticing a newly erected sculpture. My first impulse was to say to myself, "Don't stop to look at it now, you don't have the time." Then I realized that I honestly didn't need to be in such a hurry, and that an extra minute or two to look at this work of art wasn't going to negatively impact my day. On the contrary, slowing down to enjoy this artwork impacted my day in a very positive way. A wise man has said that the secret of life is enjoying the passage of time. But, we can't enjoy the passage of time if we are forever trying to beat the clock. Today's lifestyle is fast paced; however, slowing down and enjoying God's beauty, such as watching a sunset, or just sitting outside and watching the birds, can be relaxing, and is beneficial to our well-being. There are countless things that we can see or do to make our lives more enjoyable and peaceful. The Bible tells us that God generously gives everything to us for our enjoyment. We should be aware and thankful to God for all the wondrous things in our lives.

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

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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

AUGUST

Natural Family Planning Classes
Taught by the Couple to Couple League throughout the Archdiocese. The schedule is available at www.cclil.org. Engaged and married couples of all ages may attend. Babies are welcome at meetings. A complete set of materials is provided with the \$75 course fee. Call the teaching couple to register.
Upcoming classes include St. Thomas a'Becket (Canton) beginning 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22, John and Claire Mueller (734) 729-5407; and Our Lady of Refuge (Orchard Lake) beginning 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 13, John and Jennifer Rabaey (586) 264-6819.

Be an Angel Day
On Friday, Aug. 22, Unity of Livonia will host the 12th annual Be an Angel Day with Be a Healer Day. The agenda includes free hands-on healing 6-7 p.m., group hands-on healing experience 7-8 p.m., Cosmic Dance 8-9 p.m. and an Emissaries of Light Meditation Wheel 9 p.m. Love offerings accepted.
Be an Angel Day is a nonprofit, non-denominational event with participants encouraged to celebrate anonymously by performing small acts of service or through group activity by holding an angel party where angels are invited to inspire ideas on ways to be of service to the community.
Unity of Livonia is at 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster Road and Middlebelt. For information, call (734) 421-1760 or visit the Web site at www.unityoflivonia.org.

Picnic celebration
Our Lady of Loretto parish in Redford is planning a 50th anniversary celebration picnic Sunday, Aug. 24. Former parishioners and school alumni are invited. Call (313) 534-9000.

Weight Loss Program
First Place Weight Loss Program, a Christ-Centered health program that speaks to the whole person - mind, body, emotions and spirit - conducts a no-obligation orientation meeting 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, Canton. For more information, call (734) 455-0022.

UPCOMING

Labor Day picnic
Ward Church's Crossing Jordan Labor Day picnic, with games, food, concert, fun, and guest artist Nashville's Todd Agnew, will take place at

Six Mile and Haggerty, Northville. Call (248) 374-5934 for information, or send e-mail to lisa.cashero@wardchurch.org.

Fall service schedule
Starting Sept. 7, Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit goes back to its regular schedule - 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, 9:30 a.m. Bible study, 10:30 a.m. Sunday school and family Eucharist, nursery provided at 10:30 a.m. service. For more information, call (734) 591-0211 or visit the Web site at www.holyspirit-livonia.org.

Birmingham Bible Institute
Birmingham Bible Institute and Marantha Tours Inc. present a visual presentation of walking through the Holy Land of Israel by a licensed guide Sept. 4-7.
The 15-hour program includes interactive lectures, biblical application by institute staff, Communion service at the Garden Tomb, and authentic Israeli breakfast and Middle Eastern dinner.
Cost is \$99 per person, \$175 for husband and wife. Call (248) 646-2000.

Contemporary worship service
Beginning 11 a.m. Sept. 7, the Sunday Worship Service will have a contemporary format at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, 1550 Walton, Rochester Hills.
After much prayer and discussion, plus a year of Sunday evening Praise and Prayer services, a new version of Lutheran worship will be observed.
The Prayer and Praise Team, along with Pastor Scott McKinney, will lead the services in song, the Word and communion.
Members of the Rochester area community are invited to lend their support to those involved with the planning and leading of the service by attending and worshipping using this new version of the Lutheran liturgy.
For more information, call (248) 651-6550.

Women of the Word
Bible studies begin Tuesday, Sept. 9. Bible study, friendship and part are all part of classes including Precept Ministries, Beth Moore and Newcomers Study. Call (734) 455-0022.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Married couples can improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy, and renew their love for each other during weekend Worldwide Marriage Encounters Sept. 12-14, and Oct. 24-26, at St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth.
Registration fee is \$50. For information or to register, call (248) 528-2512 or (810) 286-5524 or visit the Web site www.rc.net/detroit/wwme.
Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a Roman Catholic, nonprofit organization dedicated to marriage enrichment.

ICEA Convention
International Christian Education Association presents its 57th annual Sunday School & Church Ministries' Convention 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 24-25, at First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville. Includes inspiring speakers, informative seminars and workshop, exhibits, children's activities, make and take puppet workshops, music. Cost is \$40 if registered before Oct. 1, \$60 at door, \$30 for one day. Call (248) 557-5526. ICEA is a non-denominational organization serving churches in the United States and Canada.

Holiday Bazaar
Crafters needed for Holiday Bazaar 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, 26431 W. Chicago, Redford. Tables are \$30. Call (313) 937-2880.

Women's Event
Calvary Baptist Church of Canton (43065 Joy Road) will host popular Christian women's speaker Becky Tirabassi through their women's ministries program. The event, titled One Thing, will take place Saturday, 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. 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.

ONGOING

Ablaze Young Adult Ministries
Presented by Detroit World Outreach 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Using cutting edge music, high-tech video and lighting, drama, multi-media, and a relevant message that can change lives, Ablaze is giving young adults ages 18 to 28 the opportunity to meet friends and hang out with people their age. Evening includes a live band, pool tables, ping pong, basketball, and the Motown Cafe in the Freedom Center on the Detroit World Outreach campus, 23800 W. Chicago near Telegraph, Redford.
For more information, call (313) 794-0684 or visit the Web site at www.motownministries.org.

Redford Church
Detroit World Outreach, a non-denominational church for all colors at 23800 W. Chicago in Redford, has Sunday services 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
It also offers Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. for all ages. Wednesday night is family night at 7 p.m. Tuesday night it offers a young adult services for ages 18-28 at 7:30 p.m.
Bishop Jack C. Wallace is the senior pastor. Call (313) 255-2222 or visit www.dwo.org.

Consumers can complain about products on a Web site

In all these years of writing this column, I don't believe that I have ever been excited as I am today.

You've heard me on the radio show and read it here, how I moan and groan about the lack of communication between manufacturers and consumers who own their products. I've written about the Web site in Japan where homeowners can communicate to each other about their experiences with different products and how that communication helped to better the quality of major home appliances and other things.

Now if we could visit a special Web site to voice our opinions about a new appliance, the manufacturer may listen to our gripes and, if they were smart business people, make corrections. We'd have products with better quality and the manufacturers would get a wake-up call on what American consumers really want in appliances.

I am thrilled to tell you what I found recently in one of the appliance industry magazines. It's a Web site (<http://ths.gardenweb.com/forums/appl/nph-ind.cgi?n=30>) where Americans can visit to read the comments from consumers about their laundry rooms, kitchens, home repair, electronics and other things. I've spent hours reading comments about appliances, such as what doesn't work right, what features are liked and disliked, service experiences and much more. This site is unbelievable and not shy about saying it the way it is.

Here are some of the subtitles: Need 'Fridge Help?, Advantium/Ultima/Speed Ovens, Bosch Dishwasher Owners, Do You Love your Wolf Gas Range?, Gas cooking and Asthma, and Coffeemakers that Grind.

There are links that tie into appliance service and parts. I must confess that everything you are going to read is something I wanted to write



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

years ago and wish I had. I have always been careful in making sure that the negatives I report that are directed toward the manufacturers are factual. I recently had a lawsuit against me dismissed. (When you have a firm headed by a guy named Feiger coming after you, it's no picnic.) I think this Web site has the attitude of full steam ahead no matter what.

Now, here's the future plan on how I can use this Web site to further help the consumer. I will take the homeowner's comment or complaint and call the head of customer relations and ask for a direct quote by the company.

In Japan, the companies know full well that a negative comment made is a sale not being made. If we can get this attitude established here by more companies in this country, then just maybe we can get what we are spending money for - quality. We are all tired of listening to others complain about the lack of response from manufacturers to consumers when a problem rears its head. If this is the method that can prove beneficial for consumers, so be it.

For too long, products have been built with a problem already in them before they even left the factory. Some people would call it built-in obsolescence and I have written that I think they do it on purpose. It's called: making money after the sale.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ-950 and WXYT-1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281.

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'Paradise' garden has heavenly designs

When I drove into the driveway and saw Sue Anglin's garden, my first thought was WOW! This talented lady has transformed her landscape into exquisite beauty.

Beginning in June, hundreds of dark pink 'William Baffin' roses grow in profusion along the front fence. In fact, many people drive in and roam the grounds, thinking it's a public garden.

"Roses are my passion," Sue said.

It's quite evident that pink is Sue's favorite color, and it blends beautifully with the other flowers.

She uses lots of impatiens (150 to 175 flats each year) "because they keep their color throughout the season and do well in the shade." Blue, yellow and red are accent colors.

"I feel like I'm living in paradise," Sue said.

Anglin Nursery and Landscape Supply, 42750 Grand River in Novi, is next door to the home, and the fence of roses continues along the front of the business.

Annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees, including 150 varieties of roses and 85 varieties of hostas, are offered. A gift/supply store is well stocked with all things necessary for gardening. Many do-it-yourselfers are regular customers.

A path from this commercial area leads to the extensive gardens that surround the home so customers can visit them in order to see how a plant will look at maturity. A stroll through the garden also gives customers ideas for their own gardens.

DESIGNS

Twenty-five years ago, Sue began planting flowers for this personal landscape and as she envisioned what she wanted, the gardens grew.

"We try to educate the public about the plants, give them care information and are careful to sell disease-resistant and maintenance-free plants; those that are indigenous to this area," Sue said.

This lovely garden has a formal structure. For instance, large swatches of one plant such as hostas form a background with pink and white impatiens in front. The blue tones of hostas blend well with the impatiens, as do the blooms of the hostas. Because much of the garden is shady, Sue grows 30 varieties of hostas.

Hundreds of landscape roses, 'Carefree Delight' and 'Flower Carpet' add beauty to the gardens. Sue prefers these varieties "because they bloom constantly and are easy-care."

Boxwood and arborvitae are included to add structure to the gardens and in some cases provide privacy. The structures of these plants can be seen especially when the shrubs are covered with snow.

Large mature trees are focal points in many of the individual gardens and are surround-



Garden Spot

Marty Figley

ed by the plants already mentioned, plus hundreds of the landscape roses.

Grasses, shrubs, ornamental trees, arbors, fountains, statues, accessories and a large fountain are strategically placed.

In anticipation of her daughter's wedding, Sue trained weeping beech trees into tall arches. The bridegroom built the attractive gazebo where the couple repeated their vows.

The beds that receive sunlight are often edged with roses. The 'William Baffin' roses also cover the fence

around the vegetable garden where the soil was improved with a mixture of topsoil, peat and sand, before the first vegetables were planted.

Sue grows a great number of herbs in large containers on the back deck. There are purple basil, mint, oregano, sage, thyme and many others.

When Sue begins to add another bed of flowers, she imagines what the finished product will be and just starts planting. She doesn't follow a design; sometimes she includes a secret place in a bed.

Sue's latest project was to design and have two very large white trellises built. Soon they will be festooned with pink roses and will hide cars in a nearby parking lot.

A large floral heart can be seen from the master bedroom window.

CARE

The roses are kept on a regular spray program with pesticides and foliar fertilizer. Some products, including Monty's Joy Juice, are mixed to produce their own fertilizer concoction.

Grub products are applied "pretty regularly" so the plants aren't bothered by Japanese beetles.

It is a pleasure to walk through this well-maintained garden. All are welcome.

The nursery is open April 2 through Oct. 30. Call (248) 349-8500.

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.



Sue Anglin, here surrounded by her pink roses, says she feels as though she's living in paradise.

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WHAT WE FOUND

Palmolive bar soap can be bought at the Dollar Castle on M-59 and Mound in Sterling Heights.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

A cotton, quilted, two-slice toaster cover for Marlene.

A store that sells Ecco (Echo) Bay women's clothes for Delores. Sears used to sell them.

A store that sells a half-gallon plastic milk handle (holder) for a milk carton for Arlene. The carton slides into the holder for easier pouring of the milk.

A store that sells alcohol-free Listermint liquid mouthwash for Marilyn.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

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Side dish

Good fight

Participants in the eighth annual Troy Food Fight on Big Beaver, which took place last month, raised more than 220,000 pounds of food for the Food Bank of Oakland County, exceeding last year's total.

The Food Fight encouraged Troy businesses to collect nonperishable food items and cash donations to aid in the fight against hunger and poverty in Oakland County.

Each dollar raised is equivalent to 8.5 pounds of food.

In 2000, the fund-raiser received the prestigious National Award from America's Second Harvest in recognition of its creativity and success.

Thanks to the 53 businesses and buildings that participated this year, 225,584 meals will be served to people in need throughout Oakland County.

Each company was categorized by the number of employees and competed within that group to collect the most donations. The top contributors from this year are:

With 1,000-plus employees - Standard Federal Bank (first place), 315 pounds of food and \$6,819, for 58,272 total meals; Columbia Center (second place), 644 pounds and \$6,396, for 55,006 total meals; OnStar (third place), 420 pounds and \$1,849, for 16,135 total meals.

With 501 to 1,000 employees - Delphi (first), 11 pounds and \$130, for 1,216 meals; Liberty Center (second), 80 pounds and \$100, for 930 meals.

With 101 to 500 employees - Handelman Co. (first), 407 pounds and \$1,000, for 8,907 meals; UnaSource Health (second), 790 pounds and \$460, for 4,700 meals; Sachs Automotive (third), 162 pounds and \$438, for 3,885 meals.

With one to 100 employees - Lease Corp. of America (first), 302 pounds and \$3,667, for 31,472 meals; Ross Controls (second), 86 pounds and \$679, for 5,855 meals; EPCOM Corp. (third), 174 pounds and \$600, for 5,274 meals.

Seasons' greetings

Gear up for the holiday season as Four Seasons Hotel Chicago opens its kitchen to novice cooks and gourmands alike with a "Women's Only" Cooking Class 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 20.

Executive Chef Robert Sulatycky will demonstrate how to create a special four-course gourmet meal right in the heart of the bustling kitchen of Seasons restaurant.

Participants in the hands-on lesson of how to prepare his award-winning cuisine will sample each course along the way, and take home detailed recipes and a monogrammed apron.

The class is \$75 per person. Prepayment is required. Reservations are limited; call (312) 649-2352.

The menu includes organic green salad with caramelized young beets, goat cheese and aged balsamic vinaigrette; pan-seared diver scallops with chanterelle mushrooms in a truffle sauce; roasted rack of lamb with late summer vegetable rissole; and crisp apple tart with vanilla bean ice cream.



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Different kinds of squash abound at Westborn Market in Livonia. Squash can be made in many ways for any meal.

A garden of variety

From A (as in acorn squash) to Z (as in zucchini), the squash family offers something for every meal. The prolific — and seemingly ubiquitous — squash comes in a variety of types. Just as zucchini does not live for bread alone, other varieties of squash can be featured in many different foods.

Made into pancakes, soups or stews; skewered on kabobs; stuffed with meat; or with only vegetarian ingredients — these vegetables don't squash the possibilities when it comes to how they can be prepared.

"Zucchini and yellow squash are wonderful roasted and grilled. Acorn is good baked," said Renee Gerbs, chef at Amaryllis Catering of Birmingham, who prepared a dish that included zucchini, tofu and pasta sauce, for a vegan meal recently. (See recipe.)

"Some of the blossoms we spread with goat cheese and herbs, lightly batter and fry," said Jim Barnett, executive corporate chef for Unique Restaurant

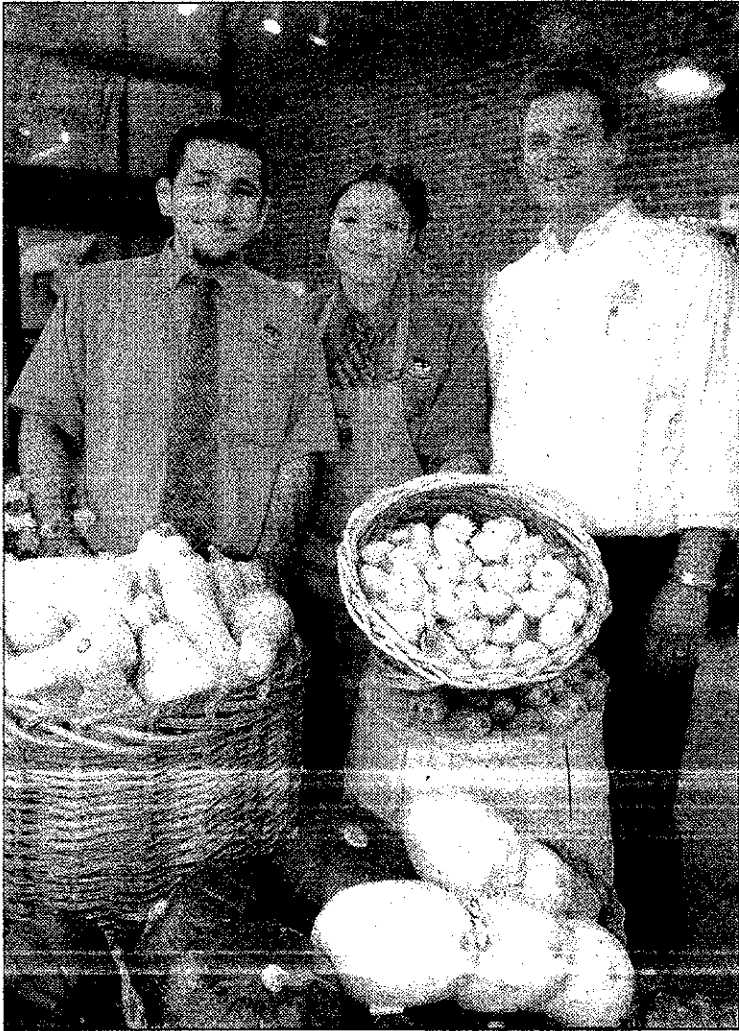
Corporation. Zucchini, the top pick in terms of popularity, is at its peak now.

"It's our No. 1 seller," said David Tag, manager at Joe Randazzo's in Westland.

"It can be grilled, baked ... or slice it up," said Eric McMurray, assistant store manager at Westborn Market in Livonia.

McMurray advises that when it comes to selecting a zucchini, "The darker the better. It means it received more sun, more vitamins."

Zucchini is a summer squash.



Employees of Westborn Market in Livonia, showing some of the squash in the store, are (from left) Danny Sawalha, produce manager; Edith Ochoa; and Eric McMurray, assistant store manager.

STORY BY MARY KLEMIC | STAFF WRITER

PLEASE SEE SQUASH, D3

Enjoy this wonderful Italian bread

One of my favorite places on earth is Tuscany. Just about everything there is wonderful – the culture, the countryside, the food, the wine, the architecture, the weather and the people! The only thing I am not enthusiastic about is the bread they make there – without salt.

It's hard to fathom why this saltless tradition developed. I can only imagine that they didn't want flavor to compete with the delicate olive oils produced in that area. (Bread in Tuscany is dipped in fragrant oil and eaten as a delicious appetizer.)

Or perhaps a bland bread was seen as a perfect match for the prosciutto that comes from Tuscany – saltier than the prosciutto produced in other parts of Italy.

In any event, saltless bread has done little to advance the reputation of Italian bread in general. French and German breads have enjoyed much loftier reputations.

But like all generalizations, there is another side to the picture. Italy lays claim to several breads that deserve to be in a Baking Hall of Fame. Not least is the hearty country bread from Altamura (located in the South-near the heel of the



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Italian boot.)

BAKE IT YOURSELF

It's a bread that can quite easily be made at home and you might like to try it. The dough is made from natural wheat flour and semolina. (The latter is usually used to make pasta, but for this bread, it provides wonderful flavor.)

Here are the ten steps for you to take to successfully create two loaves of *Pane Altamura*.

1. Take a packet of active dry yeast or measure out 2 1/2 teaspoons. Dissolve the yeast in a bowl with a measured cup of warm water (about 105°F) and give it 12-15 minutes to gently foam.

2. In a separate large mixing bowl measure 3 cups of organic white flour (if it is not organic, be sure it is unbleached and unbromated). Add 2 cups of semolina flour, 2

tablespoons of wheat germ (raw or toasted) and 2 1/2 teaspoons of salt, then stir.

3. Make a well in the center of these dry ingredients. Add the yeast mixture, 1 cup of cool water, 2 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil and 1/2 cup of whole wheat Biga (see side bar on how to make this natural starter.) Stir all the ingredients until the dough is too stiff to be stirred in the bowl.

4. Turn out the dough onto a lightly floured work surface and begin kneading. At first, it will be sticky and a little hard to handle, but persevere, and soon it will become smooth. Knead for 17 to 20 minutes (you can rest for a minute or so during this time, if you wish.) The dough should eventually be silky and elastic as you form it into a ball.

5. Lightly coat the inner surface of another bowl with olive oil. Place the ball of dough into this bowl and rotate it, so that the olive oil completely coats the ball. Then cover the bowl with plastic film wrap (or a clean cotton towel if you prefer). Let the dough rise over the course of about an hour. It should roughly double in size.

6. At this stage, punch down the dough in the bowl. Just

fold the edges over toward the center and turn it upside down so the top is smooth. This will partially deflate the dough (avoid deflating it completely.) Then, cover the bowl again and let the rising process re-occur, at room temperature. This time the dough will double faster – in probably about 40 minutes.

7. Then, turn the dough out into a lightly floured work surface. Divide the dough into two equal portions. With each one, gently fold the edges toward the center – doing so in a circular motion. Repeat several times until you have formed two round balls of dough that are smooth on top and rough on the bottom.

8. Place each ball of dough (rough side down) on a well-floured work surface. Cover with plastic film that is coated lightly with olive oil so that it won't stick. Again wait till the dough has approximately doubled. This process will take 50-65 minutes, at room temperature. You will know when the dough is ready when it springs back a little, when you gently press the surface with your finger tips.

9. Meanwhile, place a baking stone in your oven and preheat

it to 450°F. (If you don't have a baking stone, you can use a cookie sheet but the result will not be as good.) Then heavily mist the preheated oven with a spray bottle.

10. Place the two loaves on a baker's peel, which has been dusted with yellow cornmeal. Using a one-sided razor blade or a sharp knife, score the top of each loaf with 3 slashes about 1/2" deep and 3 inches long. Mist each loaf with the spray bottle and then slide them onto the baking stone. Mist the oven one more time and bake the loaves for about 35-40 minutes. They should be a deep golden brown.

You can test the loaves for doneness by tapping the bottom of each loaf. There should be a hollow sound (if not, put them back in the oven for another 5 minutes and re-test.) Then remove the loaves and place them on a wire rack. Resist eating them until they are cool! Well, that's it. Ten steps and you should have two beautiful loaves—one to impress your neighbor and one for you to enjoy. (A couple of tips: Look for the organic white flour and the semolina flour in your local health food store. And if you don't want to spend the time

HOW TO MAKE BIGA

For step three in the accompanying recipe for *Pane Altamura*, you will need 1/2 cup of whole wheat Biga. It's easy to pre-make this natural starter the day before.

Just take 4 1/2 ounces of whole wheat flour and 3 1/2 ounces of bottled water. Mix in a small bowl with a pinch of dry yeast. Mix thoroughly and then cover the bowl with plastic film. Leave the bowl on your kitchen counter overnight for 15 hours. During this time, the starter will ferment and gather wonderful flavors.

You will have 8 ounces of Biga – a little more than needed for the recipe.

making the Biga starter the day before, The Give Thanks Bakery in downtown Rochester has some available. As the Italians say, "That's an offer too good to refuse!"

Gerald Matthes is the owner of Give Thanks Bakery in Rochester. Visit www.givethanksbakery.com or call (248) 601-1542.

Burgers made of blueberries could be next lunch fad

BY EMILY GERSEMA
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

(AP) – It seems as weird as green and purple ketchup, and sounds like a culinary invention by a college student who mixed leftovers from the refrigerator. But scientists who developed the blueberry burger hope that it will one day be a common sight in school cafeterias, supermarkets and restaurants.

The unlikely marriage of blueberries with the hamburger is the latest fruit-and-meat combination created by food researchers. Cherries and prunes also have been blended into hamburger, ground turkey and chicken to help soften dry meat.

Al Bushway, a food scientist at the University of Maine, said

his laboratory has two purposes in stirring blueberry puree or blueberry powder into beef, chicken and turkey patties: boosting the nutritional value of the classic burger and helping farmers improve their berry sales.

Blueberries add cancer-fighting antioxidants to the patties and may slightly reduce the fat content of burgers. They also help make burgers that are made from drier, leaner ground beef, chicken or turkey into a juicier product.

One would think the berries would turn meat an odd, purplish blue.

"With the beef, it's very difficult to really tell by looking at it," said Bushway. "When you put it in ground turkey, you do get a different color. One certainly would notice."

The project is backed by \$30,000 from the Wild Blueberry Association in Maine.

Bushway makes the burgers with green, red and blue blueberries that were rejected for processing because they were not ripe enough or were too ripe. Bushway hopes the blueberry burgers will be a big hit with children who participate in taste tests for the federal school lunch program, and may even become the latest food fad. The Agriculture Department has encouraged researchers to blend fruit with ground meat to make juicier, more healthful burgers to serve to the 27 million children in the lunch program. "The USDA buys lean meat, but that meat tends to be not as juicy or flavorful as a hamburger that

has a higher fat content," said George Chartier, a spokesman for the department's Agriculture Marketing Service. "If we can improve that with fruit, then all the better."

COMPETITION

Increasing interest in making fruit-filled burgers has various grower and industry groups competing for a share of the market.

The dried plum industry hopes prune burgers will become the burger of choice rather than blueberry and cherry burgers.

"One of the benefits of dried plums is it tends to have a non-characterizing flavor to it, whereas blueberries and cherries would have a definite flavor that you'd pick up," said Jim Degen, a consultant for the California Dried Plum Board.

"The products that use dried plums as an ingredient – it tends to round out flavors that are already in the product."

Like blueberries, prunes offer their own health benefits. They can cut the fat in burgers by 40 percent if the burger is made of 4 percent prune puree with a bit of soy. Prunes also contain antioxidants.

Because prunes are such a small part of burgers made with them, there is little of the laxative effect for which prunes are known.

More than 5 million pounds (2.25 million kilograms) of prune burgers are produced each year. Degen said some are served to students in the schools in Denver, Montgomery County, Md., and Hillsborough County, Fla.

The prune burger manufacturers and would-be blueberry burger makers could see tough competition from cherry burgers. They are served in 17 schools and are growing in popularity. The manufacturer and inventor, Ray Pleva's Products Inc., said cherry-meat products will be served in 20 schools this year.

The company is producing 2

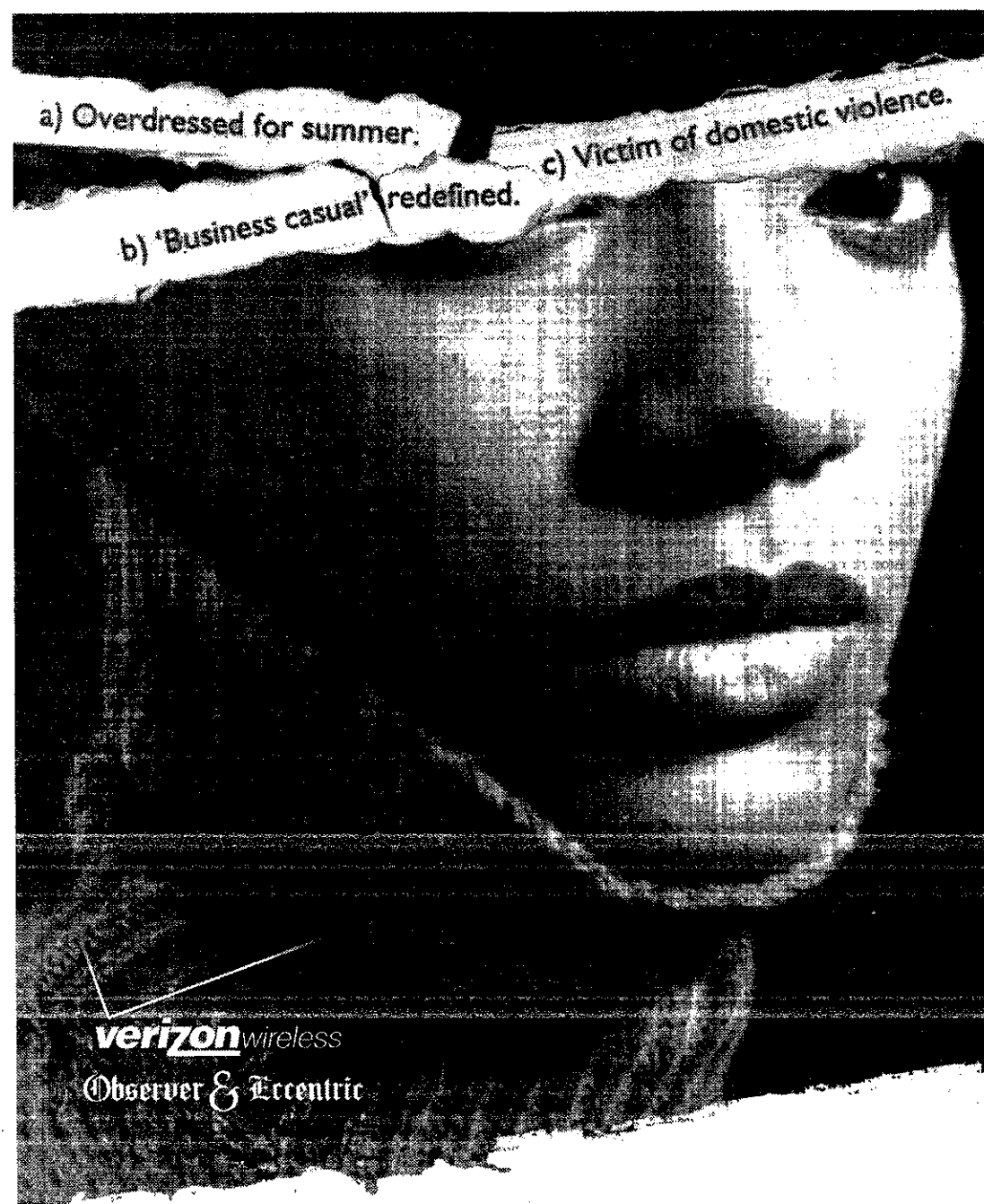
million pounds (90,000 kilograms) annually.

"You don't see the cherry and you don't taste the cherry," said owner Ray Pleva, of Cedar, Mich.

"We've had guys that say, 'I don't want no burger with cherry in it,' but then they buy it, they grill it, and they say, 'Wow that was great.'"

Among the other meat products that Pleva's makes with cherries are pecan pork sausage, Italian brats, meatballs, lamb chops, and the Plevalean – a lean cherry burger. The appeal of fruit-meat burgers is debatable. While 8-year-old Amanda Hunter of Macomb, Ill., said she would love to taste a blueberry burger, her 11-year-old sister, Jessica, wrinkled her nose in distaste. "I don't think meat and blueberries would taste very good," said Jessica. "I like my hamburger with ketchup."

Both girls turned up their noses at the idea of a prune burger. But one with cherries? Yeah, they would try that.



The signs aren't always obvious. But the devastating impact on employees is clear. Domestic violence also affects every employer – costing Michigan businesses more than \$309 million annually in absenteeism alone. To learn why this is a workplace issue and how to address it, VERIZON WIRELESS and the OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC NEWSPAPERS present the second annual "Domestic Violence in the Workplace" breakfast.

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SQUASH

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These squashes are harvested while tender and immature. Acorn squash is a winter squash. Winter squashes are harvested when fully mature; they have hard shells and can be stored for months in a cool place. Both types can be found in stores now.

"There are so many different types of squash out there," Tag said.

Besides zucchini, yellow squash and acorn squash, they

include butternut, sweet potato squash, buttercup, crookneck, Hubbard and the scalloped-edged patty-pan. Mirlopon is like an apple.

Shapes and sizes vary. Buttercup is shaped like a drum or a top. Turk's turban resembles the headwear. Butternut is long and cylindrical. The large calabasa is roughly shaped like a football. Among smaller squashes are kusa and bite-sized patty-pan.

Carlo Shamoun of Vic's Quality Fruit Market in Beverly Hills presented a softball-sized type called "8 ball." Another type at Vic's, kabocha,

is a squash from Mexico that — according to directions on its label — can be microwaved and seasoned with butter, dark corn syrup, brown sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg.

The flesh of a squash can be stringy or smooth; white, yellow, golden or orange. Acorn squash, which resembles the nut, is sweet. Burgess buttercup has fiberless, sweet orange flesh. McMurray has eaten spaghetti squash with pasta sauce. "Spaghetti squash is stringy. That's how it got its name," Tag said.

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SQUASH RECIPES

ZUCCHINI PANCAKES

Serves 12.
2 cups zucchini, shredded (about 2 to 3 small zucchini)
2 eggs
1/2 cup flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 cup parmesan cheese
1/2 small or medium onion, grated
Lots of black pepper, freshly grated
1 teaspoon dill
1/2 teaspoon salt
Sour cream

In a heated skillet filmed with oil, drop mixture by spoonful, 3 at a time. You may need to spread them out a little with your spoon. When they are golden, turn and flatten down a bit, if they rise. Serve with sour cream, if desired.

SQUASH CROQUETTES

2 pounds yellow squash, sliced
2 to 2-1/2 cups fine, dry bread crumbs, divided
1/2 cup green onion, minced
2 eggs
2 tablespoons grated parmesan cheese
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 cup cornmeal
Vegetable oil

Cook squash in a small amount of water until tender; drain and mash. Add 2 cups bread crumbs and next five ingredients. Add more bread crumbs if mixture is too soft. Shape mixture into 18 logs; roll in cornmeal. Deep-fry in hot oil (375 degrees) until golden.

Serves 8

VEGAN ZUCCHINI, EGGPLANT AND TOFU LASAGNA

From Renee Gerbs, Amariyllis Catering
2 medium eggplants, cut in 1/2-inch strips lengthwise
4 large zucchini, cut in 1/2-inch strips lengthwise
1 large jar pasta sauce
2 8-oz. packages extra firm tofu (1 package sliced thin, 1 package diced small)
1 onion
3 cloves garlic, minced
Olive oil
Garlic powder
Onion powder
Black pepper

Dice onion, sauté in olive oil until golden brown. Add minced garlic and diced tofu. Set aside. In 9-by-11 baking dish, put 1 layer of pasta sauce on bottom of pan. Add 1 layer shingled eggplant. Add more pasta sauce, then 1 layer of sliced tofu. Season all layers. Add more sauce, then 1 layer of zucchini. Repeat until pan is full. Sprinkle onion and tofu mixture over top of lasagna and bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for 30-40 minutes covered. Remove cover and continue baking for 10-15 minutes more.

GRILLED CHAYOTE SQUASH (OR PEAR FRUIT)

1 chayote squash, per serving needed
Cracked pepper, to taste
Olive oil, as needed
Mozzarella cheese, to taste

Wash and dice chayote squash. Season with fresh cracked pepper to taste. Add splash of olive oil and 2 pinches of mozzarella cheese. Bake in aluminum foil pan on a covered charcoal grill (bake away from the coals).

Serves 12

BUTTERNUT BISQUE

1 tablespoon oil
1 large Spanish onion, sliced
3 large carrots, sliced
1 large butternut squash, peeled, cut into 1-inch chunks
6 cups chicken stock or broth
Salt
Freshly ground nutmeg
Freshly ground pepper
Snipped fresh chives, for garnish

Heat oil in a 4-quart pot. Add onions and carrots. Cook until onions are softened, about 5 minutes, stirring often. Add squash and 4 cups stock. Bring to boil. Simmer, covered, until vegetables are soft, about 20 minutes. Strain solids from liquid, reserving both. Puree solids in processor or in batches in blender until completely smooth. Return to pot. Stir in liquid, remaining stock and water to thin soup. Soup should be thick. Season to taste with salt, nutmeg and pepper. Refrigerate up to 4 days or freeze up to 3 months. Serve hot, garnished with chives. Makes 12 cups.

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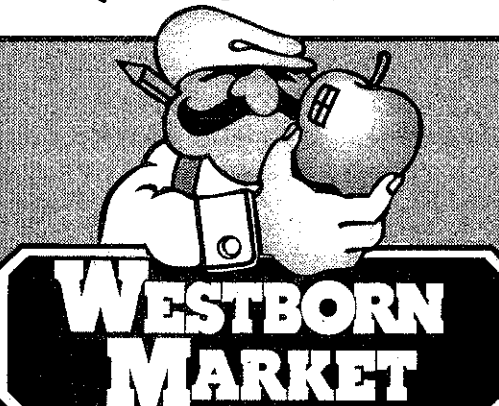
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Barcelona beckons with amazing architecture and food

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE
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Barcelona, Spain slam dunks you. And it isn't just the flashy Gaudi architecture.

Other art deco gems, which the Spanish call modernista, along with more recent structures, hit you head-on in this sophisticated port city along the Mediterranean Sea. So do its public art, museums, highly-styled shops, fresh fish and seafood-dominated restaurants, history-laden streets and miles of beach front.

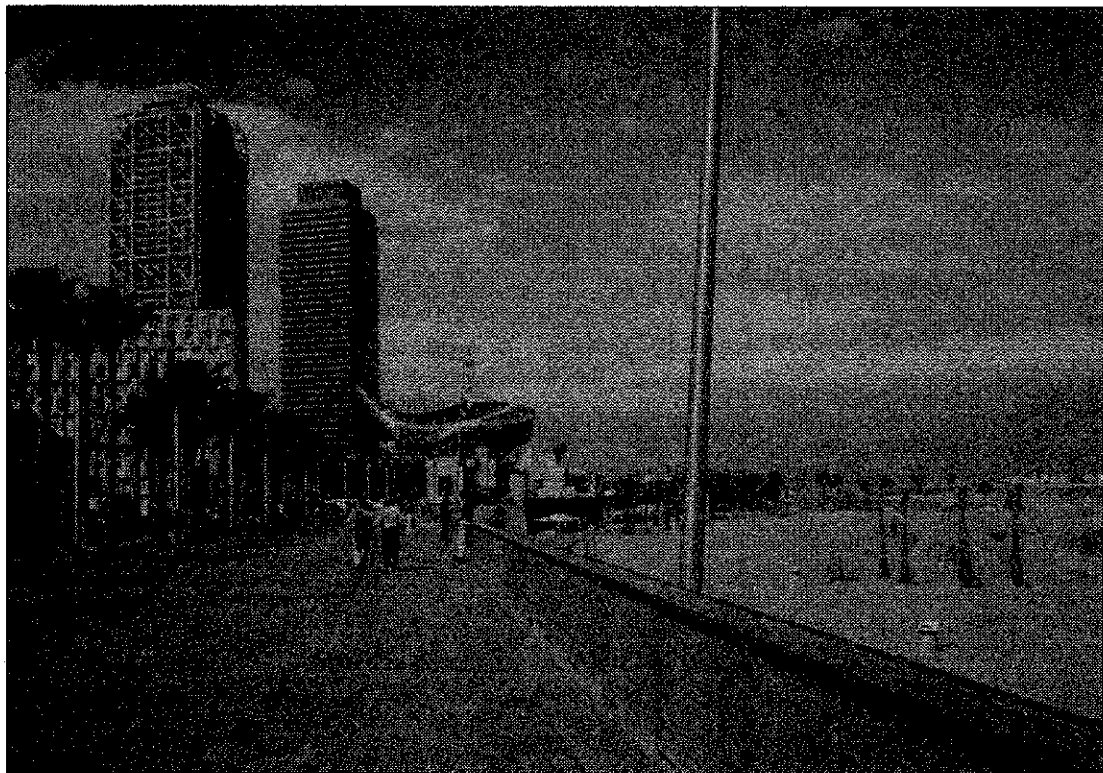
A POPULAR DESTINATION

For Americans, Barcelona is currently one of the hottest foreign travel destinations, in part because of the Spanish government's support of the United States' invasion of Iraq. It is also a Mecca for ocean liners, with many cruise ships now rerouted to the Mediterranean Sea and offering huge discounts in this era of timid travel. We saw a couple of anti-war signs, still on display even though the official war was over, but we experienced no anti-Americanism.

Each day we woke up in our corner room of the Arts Hotel with Frank Gehry's shimmering copper fish reigning over the Mediterranean just outside our window. At 44 stories, it is one of the tallest buildings in Spain. This posh hotel, with residential condominiums reserved for its top floors, was part of the city's spruce-up for the 1992 Olympics. It lies between the sea and the former Olympic Village, now turned into condominium apartments. The stadiums built or refurbished for the Olympics are high above Barcelona in another part of town.

Barcelona's new skyline stands in stark contrast to the city's Gothic Quarter, a maze of shadowy streets that beg you to get lost within them. It is considered among the best preserved medieval quarters in Europe. Amazing architecture and sophisticated shops made a walk down the boulevarded Passeig de Gracia even more interesting than the highly-touted, colorful, pedestrian street known as the Ramblas.

On one side of the street, buildings by three modernist architects, including Gaudi, urge you to compare and contrast. On the other side, you can explore both the exterior



PHOTOS BY JUDITH BERNE

Frank Gehry's dazzling copper "Fish" sculpture holds sway over Barcelona's Port Olympic neighborhood.

and interior of Gaudi's Casa Mila huge, curved apartment building, completed in 1910.

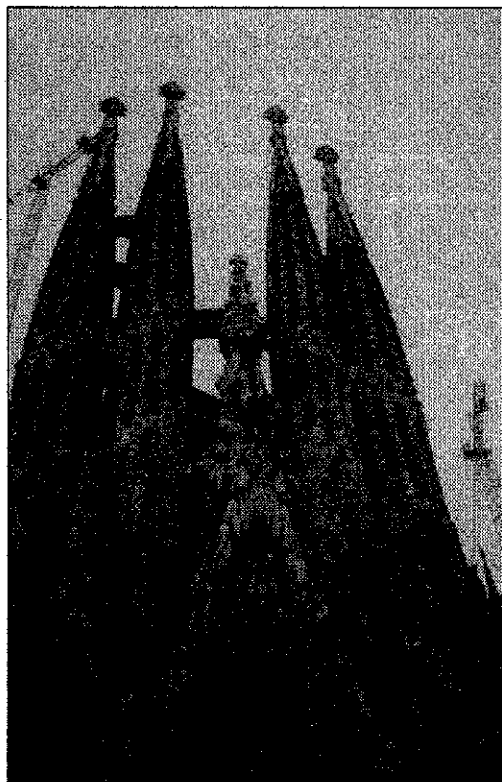
You are challenged to find a straight line anywhere. The large number of architectural renderings and models are more for the architectural student than for the public. The highlight is the incredibly playful rooftop guarded by fairy-tale chimneys in shimmering tile. It offers a panorama of this not very tall city, especially the steeples of Gaudi's still unfinished masterpiece, La Sagrada Familia. Begun in 1882 and incomplete when he died in 1926, it is still in the process of completion.

Shopwise, the creative window displays of Vincon, in particular, will draw you into a huge store featuring the best designs in housewares. It is a good place to find made-in-Spain gifts to take back with you. At Tous, one of a chain of eclectic Spanish boutiques, I purchased a pair of gold and enameled earrings that I like a lot.

MUSEUMS IMPRESS

Three stand-out museums are not to be missed, although we sadly bypassed one in favor of another stand-out a couple of hours north of Barcelona.

The Picasso Museum, which Pablo himself helped create in order "to leave the fingerprint of his art" on Barcelona, is particularly interesting for its



chronological view of his paintings. Although I took a college course devoted to Picasso, I had never viewed what he had done as a teenager. Indeed, the museum has the largest and most important set of works done by the artist as a very young man. On the other hand, his masterpieces are generally in other museums, including Guernica in Madrid's Reina Sofia National Center of Art.

Barcelona's Museum of Contemporary Art is worth

Gaudi's landmark La Sagrada Familia Church, begun in 1882 by another architect, will also be completed by other architects.

seeing - if only from the outside. It's steel and glass facade, designed by American architect Richard Meier, reminded me of the Pompidou Center in Paris. The square around it, full of roller bladers, has a similar atmosphere.

What we missed, but what West Bloomfield residents Akram and Judy Yunas didn't, was the Fundacio Juan Miro which houses the largest collection of Miro's work in the world. They saw his tapestries and sculpture as well as his paintings. "It's wonderful," Judy described.

The Yunas recently returned from a week in Barcelona with high marks for the Princess Sophia Hotel, located in a gracious neighborhood. With more time than we had to spend on the city's streets, they found "people were so nice.



Spanish surrealist Salvador Dali's portrait of Abraham Lincoln, prominently displayed in his theater-museum in nearby Figueras, can also be viewed as his estranged wife contemplating the Mediterranean Sea.

When we couldn't find the Picasso Museum, someone walked us all the way there."

Within our four days in Barcelona, we opted to take a day-long trip to the Salvador Dali Museum in Figueras and to the Gala Dali Castle, the amazing residence he bought for his estranged wife, Gala.

The museum is truly a surreal experience. Built on the site of the old Figueras Theater, Dali made certain that it retained its theatrical ambience.

His masterpieces, portraits of Gala, bizarre sculptures and innovative jewelry make it a museum your children won't consider boring. The museum, as a whole, is a Dali masterpiece.

CATALAN CUISINE

Within Barcelona, we never had to worry about where to go for dinner. Tiers of seaside restaurants lined the beach-front adjacent to our hotel, serving the variations of fresh fish that may have been caught in the Mediterranean that day.

Yes, you can get the typical foods of Spain - tapas, paella, sangria, gazpacho. But Barcelona is the heart of Catalonia - the semi-autonomous region of Spain with its own cuisine and language.

Catalan cuisine centers on fresh seafood and fish prepared with amazing sauces, fresh vegetables, po am tomoquet - a flat bread rubbed with tomatoes, garlic and olive oil, and flans that are variations of what we know as creme brulee.

The only meal that we made advance reservations for was in Figueras at the Emporda restaurant.

It has, according to our Frommer's guide book, the best Catalan food in Spain. We were the only Americans there for lunch.

Nearly every other table was occupied by the French who had been lured across their nearby border.

Judith Doner Berne, a West Bloomfield resident, is a former managing editor of The Eccentric Newspapers.

Oasis Golf Center and the Observer & Eccentric's INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY 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.

NEWS STORY: Write a special news story about the world losing all of its written documents except for that day's newspaper. Include the who, what, where, when, and why and of course, what the results would be of such a catastrophe. Please limit this to 250 words or less.

EDITORIAL CARTOON: Draw an editorial cartoon featuring no words but which conveys the message of what it means not to know how to read or write. Please use black ink only.

How does the contest work?

- The contest will have one first place winner per category and one honorable mention per newspaper in each of our 4 categories:
 - Grades 2-3
 - Grades 4-6
 - Grades 7-9
 - Grades 10-12
- Judging will be based on, but not limited to the following criteria where applicable:
 - Originality
 - Creativity
 - Design
 - Grammar
 - Spelling Accuracy
- All entries must be mailed to The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and received no later than Tuesday, September 2nd to:

Oasis Golf Center/O & E International Literacy Day Contest
P.O. Box 51908
Livonia, MI 48153-5908

Winners' names and contest entries will appear in the Thursday, September 11th issues of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

- There will be 4 movie tickets and Oasis Golf Center Mini-golf admission for 4 given to each of the winners in each of the 3 categories-in each of grade groups for a total of 12 prizes. First Place and Honorable Mention winners will each be given a certificate of award. The best overall composition or cartoon will be awarded a \$100 Savings Bond in addition to their regular prize.

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY!

Attached is my entry for the Oasis Golf Center/O&E International Literacy Day Student Contest. I am submitting:

☐ Essay ☐ News Story ☐ Editorial Cartoon

Grade Category: ☐ Grades 2-3 ☐ Grades 4-6 ☐ Grades 7-9 ☐ Grades 10-12

Student's Name _____ Phone # _____

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City _____ Zip Code _____ E-mail _____

Was this part of a class project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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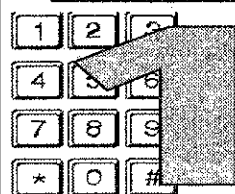
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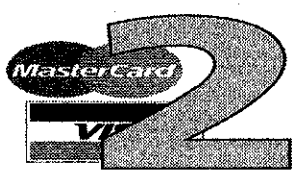
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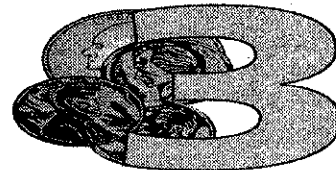
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HOLD MY HAND
SWF, 43-45, with a wonderful
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bowling, horse, sports and sun-
sets. I would like to meet an hon-
est, caring SWM, 35-55.
Ad#:481848

GOOD-NATURED
SWF, 55-61, medium build, col-
lege graduate, non-smoker.
Enjoys working out, theater,
movies, walking and more.
Seeking a SWM, 6'3" plus, 53-62,
who is well-groomed and profes-
sional, for friendship first.
Ad#:470261

DEVOTED
SWF, 33, mother of three, 5'6",
auburn hair, brown eyes, easygo-
ing and funny. Enjoys fishing,
camping, boating, gardening,
cooking and more. Seeking a
SWM, 45-55, for a possible long-
term relationship. Ad#:472299

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, 55-73, who is ambitious,
spiritual, successful and fun.
Ad#:473611

FAITHFUL
Outgoing, compatible SWF, 18,
5'6", who currently is a stay at
home mom, enjoys movies, dining
and spending special times with
an honest, sweet SM, under 30,
who is more of a "thug".
Ad#:483265

MARRIAGE-MINDED
Professional SWF, 50, who enjoys
socializing, the outdoors, cooking
and more. Seeking a compatibil-
ity, caring SWM, 43-52.
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TREAT ME RIGHT!
Charming, outspoken SWM, 37,
5'3", medium build, blonde
with blue eyes. Loves camping,
fishing, biking, roller blading, trav-
el, gardening & dancing. Seeking
a romantically & financially secure
SWM, 37-50, who is a little old-
fashioned. Ad#:482787

INTERESTED?
SBF, 44, enjoys church, plays,
good conversation, singing and
more. Looking for a SBM, 40-46,
with similar interests. Sincere
replies only! Ad#:482616

ALL MY LOVE
SWM, 37, who is hoping to meet a
SWM around the same age. If this
is you, call me! Ad#:482471

SOMETHING REAL
SWF, 35, blonde hair, blue eyes,
bubbly friendly and easy to get
along with. Enjoys computers,
movies, good conversation with
friends and more. Seeking a SM,
who is honest, trustworthy,
humorous and open. Ad#:482193

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 5'5, 105 lbs., 58, romantic,
secure SF, seeking a nice-looking
male, 5'7" to 6", slim to medium
build, enjoys dancing, golf, live
theater and good conversation.
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Ad#:403582

LOOKING FOR...
Fun-loving relationship, 59, 5'2",
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 ver-
satile with going out. Ad#:442425

SHARE LIFE
SWF, 25, 5'2", medium build, kind,
loving and communicative. Enjoys
reading, picnics, nature, boating,
time with friends and family. Good
conversation and much more.
Seeking a SBM, 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 love-
able and honest SWM, 60-70, who
is outgoing for companionship and
possible relationship. Ad#:477392

GRACE AND ELEGANCE
SWF, 50, caring mother, loves life
in search of SWM, 45-55, for
friendship possibly leading to
long-term relationship.
Ad#:476066

WHERE ARE YOU?
SBF, 30, 5'5", 110 lbs., blue
eyes, brown hair. Enjoys
music, concerts, outdoors,
hobbies, 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
SBF, 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 chef for possible relation-
ship. Ad#:473032

OLDER LOVE IS SWEETER
Are you interested in meeting a
true, classy gal, early 60's, beau-
tiful brown hair and eyes, who is
looking for a tall, mild mannered,
50-70 year old, gentleman, emo-
tionally and financially secure.
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IN GOD I TRUST
SWF, 45, 5'5", brown
hair/eyes. Interests are Church,
afternoon strolls and good conver-
sation. Seeking SWM, 30-65,
Christian, enjoys children, who is
honest and caring, for companionship
and possible relationship.
Ad#:476986

ROAD TO HAPPINESS
This family-oriented, outgoing
SWF, 32, enjoys scary movies, car-
nivals and long walks. She is seek-
ing SWM, 28-40, who is caring,
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, cuddling
and more. Seeking a SWM, 57-70,
who is loving, humorous, N/S,
N/D, fun and affectionate.
Ad#:405309

A COMPANION
SBF, 48, professional, full-figured.
Enjoys concerts, time with family,
travel, walking and more. Seeking
a SWM, who is open, honest, loving
and reliable. Ad#:473235

COMPANIONSHIP
Classy, blonde, WWWF, 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#:471866

ENJOY LIFE
SWF, 37, 5'7", with 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#:446655

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#:458434

WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU?
SWF, 56, 5'6", average build, with
brown hair and blue eyes. Interests
are gardening, dancing, 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",
brown hair and green eyes, loves
to laugh. My hobbies include trav-
el, swimming, boating and shop-
ping. I'm searching for an honest,
loving, caring SWM, 34-52,
5'11"-6'2", with a husky build.
Ad#:459027

READ THIS!
SWF, 32, 5'7", enjoys long walks,
roller blading, biking, good conver-
sation and motorcycles. She is
searching for a sincere, attractive,
financially secure SBM, 26-37, no
drugs and no games. Ad#:469008

ONE DAY AT A TIME
SWF, 43, 5'2", 145 lbs., with brown
eyes and blonde hair. Interests
are NASCAR, computers, singing,
music, playing the guitar and much
more. In search of a SWM, 45-52,
who wants to enjoy life.
Ad#:468132

CALL ME!
Single female, 43, I am a
nurse and I love to have fun.
Looking for a single male, 18-39,
who is mature. Ad#:466602

AN OPEN BOOK
Funny, caring, outgoing SWF, 24,
5'5", 190 lbs. Enjoys drawing, writ-
ing memoirs, sports and long walks.
Looking for a loving SWM, 23-24,
6'4", brown/black hair preferred.
Ad#:466472

A TRUE ROMANTIC
SWF, 48, 5'3", auburn hair, brown
eyes, vivacious, outgoing and bub-
bly. Enjoys playing bridge, travel,
dining, movies, quiet times and
more. Seeking a SWM, 40-60, who
is tall, well-educated, sincere, and
has a great sense of humor.
Ad#:468399

LOOKING FOR RESPECT
Trustworthy SWF, 35, 5'1", red
hair, hazel eyes, one daughter.
Enjoys biking, swimming, boating
and long walks. Looking for a sin-
cere, fun-loving SWM, 30-45.
Ad#:468064

CONVERSATIONALISTS
SWF, 48, 5'7", with a slim build and
light brown hair. Interests are
walking, hiking, dining out,
movies, the water and much more.
Looking for a tall SWM, 42-57,
who is easygoing, with similar
interests. Ad#:465565

LEAVE ME A MESSAGE!
SWF, 34, 5'5", brown hair and
eyes, 120 lbs., N/S, down-to-earth,
humorous and honest. Seeking a
SWM, over 34, for a possible rela-
tionship. Ad#:421180

ROMANTIC WALKS
SBF, 30, 5'8", sexy and attractive.
Interests are basketball, football,
playing pool, the beach and more.
Looking for a SBM, 28-40, who is
honest, romantic, funny and open-
minded. Ad#:459756

HONEST & SINCERE
SWF, 49, 5'5", brown hair and blue
eyes. Outgoing and shy. My hob-
bies are outdoors, antiques and
cooking. Looking for a SWM, 49-
57, honest and enjoys outdoor
activities. Ad#:458615

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.
Ad#:451146

PRETTY & PLAYFUL
SWF, 42, 5'4", with short auburn
hair and blue eyes. Enjoys time
with her children, biking, walking
and much more. Looking for a N/S
SWM, 40-46, who is fun-loving,
good-natured and enjoys kids.
Ad#:450339

EASYGOING & HUMOROUS
SWF, 55, semi-retired, enjoys the
outdoors, family, concerts, walk-
ing, reading, etc. In search of a
SWM, under 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 talks, boating, motorcycles,
dancing, love kids. I'm very family-
oriented and get along with all
types of people. Looking for a
SWM, 45-68, to go out to dinner
with and see where it goes from
there. Ad#:450091

CONTACT ME A.S.A.P.!
Attractive divorced white female,
50, professional, college degree,
petite, 5'11", weight proportionate,
optimistic. Enjoys exercise, good
conversation, movies, concerts,
sports. Seeking a professional,
divorced white male, 45 to 55, no
beard or mustache. Ad#:403954

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?
Divorced professional female,
petite, 50, 5'11", active, sense of
humor. Enjoys exercise, good con-
versation, movies, concerts, ani-
mals. Seeking a male counterpart,
physically active, easygoing, sense
of humor, non-smoker, profes-
sional, no beard or mustache.
Ad#:403597

PRETTY GOOBY
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
children. Ad#:449703

DINNER FOR TWO
SWF, 68, 5'5", with blonde hair.
Interests are painting, traveling,
quiet evenings at home, the out-
doors, dancing and much more.
Looking for a SWM, 60-72, who is
fun-loving and outgoing.
Ad#:449628

FUN & ENERGETIC
SWF, 38, 5'5", blonde, with blue
eyes and wears glasses. Enjoys
walking, reading, boating, swim-
ming, NASCAR & playing with
her cat. Seeking a SWM, 35-45,
who is humorous, honest, sincere,
energetic, likes to have fun, but has
a serious side. Ad#:449267

FIND OUT MORE TODAY!!
SWF, 59, 5'8", slender brunette,
with short brown hair and
hazel/green eyes. Enjoys sailing,
power-boating, golfing, fine dining,
tennis and much more. In search
of a honest, loyal, trustworthy, N/S
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 doesn't play
games, is honest, truthful, com-
municative, loving and warm.
Ad#:449182

HAPPY & CHEERFUL
SBF, 37, 5'11", with brown eyes
and blonde hair. Enjoys swim-
ming, dining out, shopping and
much more. In search of a SBM,
under 60, who is honest, trustwor-
thy, funny, caring and loving.
Ad#:449074

50/50
SWF, 48, attractive, intelligent, lov-
ing and dedicated. Seeking a SWM,
44-50, who is sincere, intelligent,
humorous, N/S and honest for a
long-term, devoted relationship.
Ad#:448774

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?
SBF, 32, mother of 2, working part-
time and going to school part-time.
Enjoys reading, writing poetry and
more. Seeking a SBM, 40-60, who
is kind and compassionate. If you
are that special guy, leave a mes-
sage! Ad#:446905

2 IS BETTER
SWF, 49, 5'6", blonde hair, brown
eyes, organized, intelligent and
pleasant. Enjoys theater, travel,
music and more. Seeking a SWM,
over 46, who is loyal, down-to-
earth and not into games.
Ad#:446995

SUNNY DAYS
Pretty, brown brown hair, 37,
divorced white woman, employed
with two children. Enjoys camp-
ing, outdoors and bowling. Looking
for white man, 32-45, with similar
interests. Ad#:429358

I MAY BE THE ONE
SWF, 52, enjoys gardening, the
outdoors, camping, hiking,
movies, theater, concerts, cooking
and entertaining. Looking for
SWM, 42-65, who wants to invest
time in building a relationship with
me. Ad#:443461

SEEKING A TRUE GENTLEMAN
SBF, 28, 5'10", 150 lbs., dark com-
plexion. Seeking a SM, 22-35, who
is humorous, kind, considerate and
goal oriented. Ad#:446975

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RECIPE FOR LOVE

Christian WWWF, 68, 5'5", blonde
hair, N/S, N/D. Enjoys my grandchil-
dren, boating, church, flea mar-
kets, cooking. Looking for a
special SWM, 68 or older, who has
similar interests. Ad#:446467

OLD-FASHIONED LADY

SWF, 55, enjoys children, but has
none of her own, yard sales,
movies, dining out and more. In
search of an attractive, nicely
dressed SWM, 49-70, who has a
good sense of humor. Ad#:426634

A GOOD FRIEND

SBF, 25, 6'11", 167 lbs., attractive,
outgoing and enjoys life. Seeking a
SWM, who is fun, independent and
friendly, for a friendship first.
Ad#:446021

GOOD INNER SOUL

Honest, sincere, 32, SWF, dark
hair, brown eyes, 5'2", outgoing,
strong willed, caring. Enjoy spend-
ing time with my son, gardening,
festivals, walking. Looking for an
employed, SM, who is honest, sin-
cere, humorous, looking to settle
down and likes children
Ad#:445709

LOVES TO LAUGH

SWF, 35, 5'7", full-figured, enjoys
sports, time with her children,
casinos, reading, movies and
more. In search of a SM, 30-50,
who is friendly, open-minded and
nice to be around. Ad#:437516

SOMEONE AWAITS YOUR CALL

SBF, 43 yrs. old, loves to have fun,
looking for a long term relationship
with SBM, 40-55. If this is what
you're looking for, give me a call.
Ad#:438294

KIND & SWEET

SBF, 31, with black hair and brown
eyes. Enjoys bowling, movies, din-
ing out, time at home and being
with her children. Looking for a
sweet and honest, SBF, over 18,
who has a good head on his shoul-
ders, for friendship. Ad#:435774

LOOKING FOR MY SOULMATE

SWF, 36, tall, professional.
Looking for a N/S, N/D, well read,
well educated, SWM, 27-55, for
movies, activities, working out,
dining out and other summer fun.
Ad#:433014

UNDERSTANDING

SBF, 30, 5'5", shoulder length hair,
fun, outgoing and pleasant. Enjoys
dining, movies, walking, good con-
versation and more. Seeking a
SBM, 25-40, who is fun-loving,
humorous, loving and sincere.
Ad#:428186

SINCERE

SBF, 38, employed, fun, energetic
and plus sized. In search of a SBM,
over 41, who is kind and a Born
Again Christian. Ad#:427615

COMMUNICATIVE

SBF, 25, dedicated mother, is seek-
ing a SBM, over 35, for good con-
versation and a possible relation-
ship. Ad#:427509

SMILE WITH ME

Fun-loving, SWF, 49, brown hair
and blue eyes, who enjoys life,
sewing, my grandchildren and
reading. I would like to meet a gen-
tle, humorous, family-oriented,
SWM, 47-53, who enjoys people
and being around them.
Ad#:426998

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LIFE'S BETTER SHARED

White male, dentist, 6', 173 lbs.,
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SPECIAL TIMES AHEAD

This quiet and easygoing, SWM,
40, is seeking an outgoing and
humorous, SWF, 32-40, who
shares similar interests with me,
such as sports, traveling and riding
motorcycles. Ad#:481989

LOOKING FOR ME?

I am a SWM, 28, 5'9", with dark
hair/eyes, outgoing and fun to be
around. I like playing guitar, fishing
and outdoor sports, and am look-
ing to meet an attractive SF, 18-33,
Ad#:481886

WHO ARE YOU INSIDE?

WWW, 54, 5'10", 200 lbs., with
brown hair/eyes, and a mustache.
I'm fun to be with and enjoy biking,
live concerts and nature walks. I
am in search of a SWF, under 65,
who is happy with herself and
wants to share time together.
Ad#:481479

EMPTY HOUSE

SWM, 54, 6", 200 lbs. Loves keep-
ing fit and eating healthy. Seeking
SF with similar values and loves
life for a relationship. Ad#:483753

FIND OUT MORE

SWM, 55, social-drinker. Enjoys
theater, fine dining, music, festi-
vals, camping and more. Seeking a
SF, under 63, who is gentle, loving,
kind-hearted, compassionate and
pleasant. Ad#:480488

A NEW START

SWM, 22, 5'10", dark hair, green
eyes, 175 lbs., outgoing and
humorous. Enjoys sports, music,
movies, going out with friends and
more. Seeking a SWF, under 26,
who is honest, outgoing, kind
hearted and fun loving.
Ad#:480407

A YE CAPTAIN

SWM, 45, who enjoys golfing, the
outdoors and fishing. Seeking a
weekend on his boat fishing and
enjoying nature. Seeking SWF, 40-
50, with similar interests, for com-
panionship. Ad#:479893

CHARISMATIC

SBM, 18, enjoys college, basket-
ball/football and spending time
with her special someone. Seeking
SF, 18-21, with a great personality
for possible relationship.
Ad#:479848

COMMITMENT-MINDED

Secure, hardworking SWM, 34,
6'1", 240 lbs., brown hair, hazel
eyes, nice-looking. Looking for a
SWF, 22-34, who is looking for a
long-term relationship.
Ad#:479705

BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

70 year old white widower, divides
time between Michigan and Florida
when not travelling. Seeking an
attractive, slender, SWF, age not
important, to share quality time.
Residing in NW Oakland County.
Ad#:479415

SOFT-SPOKEN

SBM, 18, 5'11", 230 lbs., light-
skinned, green eyes, seeking a SBF
18-25, for companionship and a
possible relationship. Ad#:479378

I CAN ENHANCE YOUR LIFE

Upbeat, fun SWM, 48, 6'2", medi-
um build, brown hair, blue eyes.
Enjoys biking, sailing, gardening
and more. Seeking a SF, under

A pasta sauce that cooks itself

Labor Day doesn't have to be celebrated with the grill.

Hot weather and an abundant supply of ripe tomatoes create the perfect time for an easy, uncooked Italian pasta sauce called salsa cruda, or raw sauce. The heat from the cooked pasta mixed with it brings out the rich flavors of the ingredients.

If the holiday just doesn't seem right without grilled meats, offer pasta with salsa cruda as a side dish.

Salsa cruda can be varied like any pasta sauce by adding chopped olives, capers, anchovy, sun-dried tomatoes or any other favorite ingredient.

Whatever else goes into it, lush, ripe tomatoes are essential.

Tomatoes without flavor means a sauce without flavor. If they are juicy and flavorful, any type of fresh tomato - regular or plum - works well.

Like other light sauces, salsa cruda goes well with more than pasta. Try it with grilled, broiled or baked fish like salmon, swordfish or halibut. Or use it on slices of grilled or toasted garlic bread to make bruschetta. Add crumbled feta cheese or diced mozzarella to the sauce and sprinkle it over a salad, or add cooked bulgur to make tabouleh.

Summer is the best time to take advantage of fresh

tomatoes, not only for their perfect flavor but for their health benefits as well.

Lycopene, the substance that gives tomatoes, watermelon and guava, as well as red and pink grapefruit, their characteristic color, seems to be a powerful antioxidant that neutralizes molecules that would otherwise react with and damage cells. Lycopene seems to reduce growth of prostate cancer cells, for example.

In a large Harvard University study, the risk of prostate cancer was one-third lower in men who ate the most tomato products compared to

men who ate the least, and many researchers believe lycopene was the reason.

Later studies also linked greater consumption of foods high in lycopene to a lower risk of prostate and other cancers.

A summer salsa cruda is a good way to get great nutrition as well as the great taste of tomatoes at their flavor peak. The hearty flavor of whole-grain pasta goes particularly well with this sauce.

Although sprinkling grated cheese on pasta seems almost instinctive, salsa cruda is usually served without it.

SPAGHETTI WITH SALSA CRUDA

- 1-1/2 lb. plum tomatoes, seeded and diced, about 4 cups
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup finely chopped red onion
- 3 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil, divided
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped flat parsley
- 2 Tbsp. coarsely chopped fresh basil
- 3/4 lb. whole-grain spaghetti
- Freshly ground pepper

In a glass, ceramic or plastic bowl, combine the tomatoes with the salt, the onion and 2 tablespoons of the oil. Set aside for 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, boil a large pot of water and cook the spaghetti al dente according to package directions.

Drain the spaghetti and turn it into a large, warm serving bowl. Toss the pasta with the remaining tablespoon of oil to keep it from sticking together.

Mix the parsley and basil into the tomatoes.

Season generously with pepper.

Pour the salsa cruda over the warm pasta. Toss the entire mixture to blend well. Serve immediately.

Makes 5 servings.

Per serving: 330 calories, 10 g. total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 55 g. carbohydrate, 11 g. protein, 10 g. dietary fiber, 483 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Salmon, edamame pasta salad is low-fat, good

The Associated Press — Edamame is a versatile choice for cooks looking for ways to boost the soy content of dishes.

Edamame, the Japanese name for green soybeans, can be salted and eaten right out of the pod for a low-fat, high-protein snack.

This pasta salad recipe uses shelled edamame, which can be found in most supermarkets along with frozen and cooked whole pods.

Paired with salmon and spinach, the edamame adds a slightly sweet contrast to the pasta salad, and the mustard and dill accents give the light summer dish added zip.

SALMON AND EDAMAME PASTA SALAD

- 1 1/2 cups uncooked farfalle (about 4 ounces bow tie pasta)
- 2/3 cup shelled edamame
- Cooking spray
- 4-ounce salmon fillet, skinned
- 2 tsp. olive oil
- 1 cup finely chopped red onion
- 4 ounces baby spinach (about 6 cups)
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh dill
- 4 tsp. whole-grain Dijon mustard
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. freshly ground black pepper

Cook pasta in boiling water 5 minutes. Add edamame, cook 6 minutes or until tender. Drain and rinse with cold water. Drain and place in a large bowl.

Heat a nonstick skillet coated with cooking spray over medium-

high heat. Add salmon; cook 7 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork, turning once. Coarsely chop salmon. Add to pasta mixture; toss gently to combine. Heat oil in pan over medium-high heat. Add onion; saute 4 minutes or until tender. Add spinach; cook 2 minutes or just until wilted, stirring frequently. Add spinach mixture and dill to pasta mixture; toss gently to combine. Add mustard, salt and pepper; toss gently to coat. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 262 cal., 17.1 g. pro., 8 g. fat (1.3 grams saturated fat), 31.5 g. carbo., 4.8 g. fiber.

(Recipe from August issue of Cooking Light magazine.)

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Real Estate Inquires

Robert M. Meisner

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We are having difficulties with a recalcitrant co-owner at a meeting of the members and I am wondering what we can do about anger management.

In serious cases, the presence of security personnel may help, and the making of a videotape recording to try to curb bad behavior may also help. Formalities that are reasonable and stated in the meeting notice and agenda help, too, such as putting limits on the number of questions by an individual and having members appear at a microphone to present questions and comments. You may need to educate the masses ahead of time, even routinely, about the nature of the business meeting and expected behavior.

We have a dispute as to the scope of an easement for access and use of riparian rights on a lake and we are wondering what the Court will look into if the person claiming this right to use the lake by way of constructing or maintaining a dock prevails.

In a recent Michigan Supreme Court decision, it was determined that if a trial court concludes that the easement granted to certain individuals gives them the right to construct or maintain a dock, the Court must then determine (1) whether the dock is necessary for the claimants' effective use of their easement and (2) whether the dock unreasonably burdens the person's land over which the easement is granted. These are, of course, factual decisions which a trier of fact will have to make. You are best advised to consult with an attorney regarding your individual particular real estate problem.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer. This column should not be construed as legal advice.

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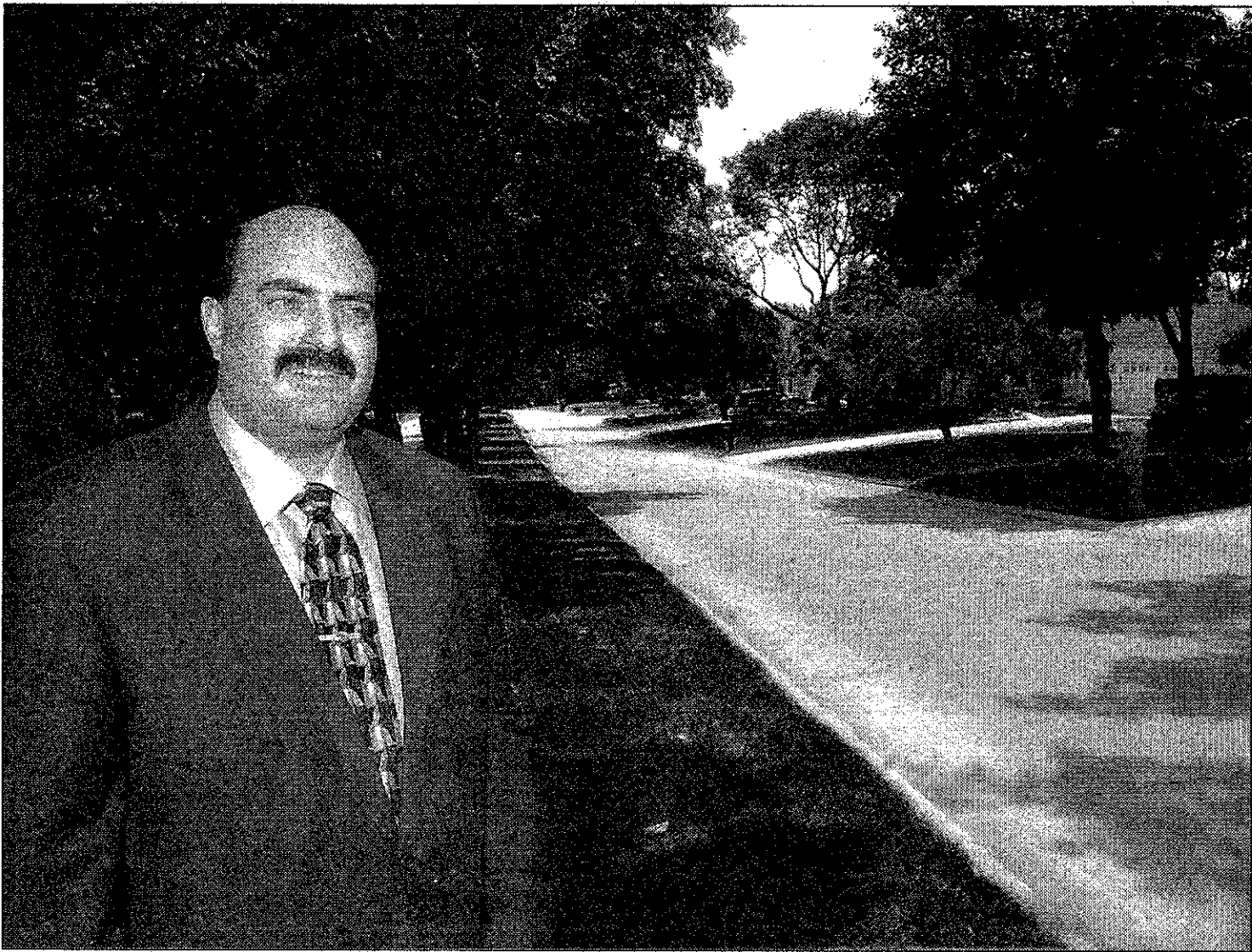
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For the Best Home Buys in your Hometown check the Sunday and Thursday Real Estate Section



JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tony Camilleri, sales manager for Real Estate One in Westland, encourages buyers to ask, 'What are the taxes going to be when I purchase the home?'

Taxes, insurance add to monthly house payment

There's more to the affordability of a home than the purchase price and mortgage rate.

Buyers, especially first-timers, need to know about annual big-ticket operating expenses - property taxes and homeowners insurance premiums.

Whether included with the monthly loan payment of interest and principal or paid separately, those costs will add considerably to the cost of ownership.

Homeowners insurance - required by mortgage companies to protect property against damages from fires, storm disasters, criminal activity or personal injury lawsuits - has skyrocketed in price the past couple of years.

Reasons have ranged from more weather-related claims to stock-market losses for insurers.

Property taxes - based on sales price of the home - probably will skyrocket, too, if the purchaser is buying from a seller who has lived there since 1994 or longer.

That's when state voters approved a new way of determining property taxes, limiting increases for current owners and new buyers taking a hit.

Then there's utility bills due on a monthly basis.

Prices for natural gas - used to heat most homes here - have risen steadily during the last couple of years and are expected to do so again in the months ahead.

The Michigan Public Service Commission estimates that residential customers could pay \$53-\$172 more during this winter season, November through April, than last to heat their homes.

Water, too, has steady increased in price in recent years. Even small families which conserve every drop and don't saturate their lawns dur-

ing drought periods pay a couple of hundred dollars a year.

TRUE COST

The bottom line - know what you're getting into. Get the true cost of home ownership.

■ Ask your Realtor to calculate what your property tax will be based on a specific purchase offer, not what's currently listed on the home's sales feature sheet. Not all agents are eager to bring this up, said Tony Camilleri, sales manager for Real Estate One in Westland. Substantial escrow shortages - and higher monthly payments - often show up a year after the sale when record-keepers catch up with a transaction.

"It can be a significantly higher number," Camilleri said. "It's our responsibility as a buyer's agent to discuss it and identify it. Buyers should ask, 'What are the taxes going to be when I purchase the home?'"

■ Ask the seller to see monthly statements from the gas company for the last year, especially during winter months. Granted, bills will depend on size of the home, thermostat setting, efficiency of heating equipment/insulation and severity of weather.

But best to know what your predecessor has paid plus cost projections so you don't go into a purchase blindly. During the home inspection, look for what's there and what can be improved upon.

"Not all things are cheap," said Scott Simons, spokesman for DTE Energy. "The MPSC has been pretty aggressive in urging people to insulate homes ... new windows."

But other practices are less costly.

"When the weather is still

nice is an excellent time to have the furnace checked out by a licensed contractor," said Jeff Holyfield, spokesman for Consumers Energy. "They're looking for efficient operations."

"One of the things that can pay a lot of dividends, savings, is a programmable thermostat. Those aren't real expensive - \$50 to \$75," Holyfield added.

"Clean ducts, vents and heat registers," Simons said.

"Replace air filters. A dirty one causes the furnace to work harder, less economically."

Holyfield, one more time: "Check windows and doors for caulking or repair work that can be done. In summer, draw curtains to keep the heat out. In winter, leave them open to let the sun shine in."

Consumers save 3 percent for every degree they dial down, Simons said.

Ask to see water bills, too. Higher numbers might indicate a lot of showers or extensive lawn watering. They also might indicate a balky toilet or drippy faucets that should be replaced and repaired.

■ Ask the sellers for information on their homeowners insurance policy. Who are they with, what do they pay? Use that as a base to shop around. Again, price will specifically depend on coverages, deductibles and protective measures taken by the owners.

INSURANCE MATTERS

Check with independent agents who represent several companies as well as with agents with some of the larger, better-known insurers.

"The higher the deductible, the lower the premium," said Roger Moore, co-owner of the Metro Agency in Livonia. "Look for premiums that discount for safety devices - dead-bolt locks, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, alarm systems."

Mortgage Bits

Tim 'Timbo' Phillips



Salves soothe sting of rising interest rates

Recent mortgage interest rate increases hit so quickly and aggressively that many were caught off guard. However, the borrowers who missed the boat and are gnashing their teeth and pulling out their hair are doing so without cause. There are still things to cheer about.

First, some perspective. For most of the past decade, borrowers would have gleefully embraced fixed-rate mortgages with interest rates as low as 6 or 7 percent. We only feel ill about today's mortgage rates when we view them next to their recent historic lows, but today's fixed rates are still fantastic ... so cheer up.

Today's good news is that if you must still have a rate below 6 percent, you can get it. In fact, following are two ways to improve your mortgage interest rate in any market. However, to make the right choice between the two, you must first be able to give your loan officer an idea of how long you intend to keep your new mortgage.

If you will be in your new mortgage for less than seven years, look at adjustable-rate mortgages, or ARMs. Some borrowers avoid ARMs because they fear the unknown or they simply do not understand how they can benefit from these loan products. Have faith, they are very useful products.

An ARM's interest rate varies over time, but it comes with a significantly reduced interest rate during its early years. A 5-year ARM is fixed rate for five years, then adjusts annually for its remaining 25 years. It is typically priced about 1 percent below the going 30-year fixed rate mortgage. You could be in a 5-year ARM about seven years and still come out ahead of a 30-year fixed-rate loan.

If you will remain in your new mortgage more than seven years, you can generally reduce your 30-year mortgage's interest rate in 1/4 percent increments by paying discount points. If you have a bunch of home equity and need to catch the rates you just missed, you will "break even" with your discount point investment in about five years, and will enjoy a greatly reduced interest rate for the decades to follow.

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. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

This story was written by Doug Funke who passed away on Sunday, July 20.

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HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of April 7-11 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office.

Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	4652 Timberline \$279,000	1112 Middlebelt \$72,000	17441 Olympia \$60,000
5501 Barr \$120,000	1801 Vine Way \$139,000	30457 Munger \$420,000	17441 Olympia \$113,000
314 Charterhouse \$200,000	43186 Washington Way \$235,000	19006 Myron \$179,000	19991 Poinciana \$97,000
43679 Christopher \$149,000	41398 Westfield \$230,000	30140 Orangelawn \$148,000	25307 Ross \$169,000
700 Concord \$232,000	Garden City	19468 Osmus \$182,000	9215 Seminole \$146,000
39810 Coronation \$201,000	6141 Arcola \$144,000	19623 Osmus \$164,000	26941 W Davison \$130,000
1770 Dunston \$315,000	31075 Beechwood \$170,000	39026 Richland \$203,000	9010 Winston \$124,000
7657 E Claymore \$209,000	1722 Belton \$122,000	17136 Rougemay \$156,000	19470 Woodworth \$78,000
46949 Fieldview \$293,000	28810 Birchlawn \$157,000	19241 Shadyside \$145,000	20173 Woodworth \$110,000
45068 Fox Pointe \$283,000	29910 Bock \$149,000	30294 Vassar \$195,000	Westland
6756 Foxcreek \$265,000	31765 Florence \$118,000	28023 W Stanmoor \$233,000	2501 Barns \$263,000
46085 Gainsborough \$220,000	32536 Hennepin \$228,000	11051 Wayne \$170,000	33512 Berville \$83,000
44660 Lowell \$199,000	28612 Pardo \$245,000	19391 Whitby \$253,000	32209 Birchwood \$90,000
44465 Penny \$232,000	30905 Pierce \$164,000	Plymouth	30556 Bradford \$125,000
4552 Pond Run \$275,000	901 Radcliff \$111,000	13624 Eaton \$394,000	29039 Brody \$170,000
43855 Pactor \$173,000	Livonia	40552 Greenbrook \$178,000	37746 Colonial \$118,000
2010 S Cavalier \$173,000	19633 Auburndale \$160,000	12855 Hidden Creek \$343,000	1695 Daisey \$185,000
44435 Savery \$102,000	28647 Bayberry Park \$183,000	1238 Junction \$97,000	8348 Donna \$157,000
4112 Timberline \$290,000	12225 Cardwell \$123,000	49105 Plum Tree \$322,000	32109 Fairchild \$127,000
	33977 Carl \$285,000	10230 Terry \$183,000	35730 Glen \$109,000
	35321 Curtis \$174,000	Redford	29759 Joy \$136,000
	9083 Deborah \$210,000	13407 Farley \$192,000	32603 Joy \$164,000
	17687 Dolores \$128,000	15389 Fenton \$78,000	29862 Lonnie \$155,000
	30543 Elmira \$169,000	9062 Hazelton \$177,000	34143 Marquette \$130,000
	34601 Fairfax \$379,000	11769 Hazelton \$105,000	29082 McDonald \$85,000
	14353 Garden \$161,000	26790 Joy \$72,000	5940 N Newburgh \$109,000
	15135 Garden \$153,000	9724 Lenore \$126,000	795 N Parent \$36,000
	14461 Harrison \$169,000	20010 Lexington \$81,000	1293 S Sutton \$156,000
	10121 Hix \$89,000	18371 Negaunee \$107,000	38350 Shelby \$237,000
	30552 Jeanine \$215,000	19383 Norborne \$110,000	31064 Stephen \$110,000
	11317 Merriman \$133,000	17441 Olympia \$60,000	1862 Stieber \$76,000

HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 12-16 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Beverly Hills	17500 Buckingham \$263,000	111 Predmore Road \$232,000	Southfield	1872 Colonial Village Way \$70,000
20100 Elwood \$230,000	17109 Kirkshire \$255,000	2590 Spyglass \$150,000	28166 Brentwood \$125,000	5693 Crescent \$140,000
499 N Eton St #3 \$148,000	514 Park \$625,000	951 Hilberg \$120,000	27324 Byron \$100,000	2643 Driftwood \$186,000
1628 Penistone \$249,000	1001 Willow \$351,000	194 Howland Pines \$337,000	30543 Everett \$210,000	4030 Edmore \$172,000
Bloomfield Hills/Township	1731 Carrington Way \$810,000	85 Island Lake \$51,000	29757 Fairfax \$110,000	3287 Goffhill \$180,000
1827 Golf Ridge \$250,000	1628 Penistone \$249,000	88 N Baldwin \$150,000	17349 Gateway \$179,000	3033 Harbor \$155,000
1980 Hillwood \$750,000	7270 Kingswood \$370,000	1824 Prestwick \$395,000	23302 Grayson \$154,000	3580 Hatfield \$103,000
7270 Kingswood \$370,000	3825 Lincoln \$979,000	520 Sandhurst \$248,000	22022 Indian \$125,000	790 Hillcliff \$137,000
2433 Mulberry \$157,000	1061 Oak Tree \$383,000	2237 Somerville \$222,000	25305 Kildare \$96,000	2821 Huntington Park \$167,000
5207 Provincial \$400,000	399 S Gengary \$313,000	17700 Woodleigh Way \$206,000	22350 Lucerne \$151,000	732 Joycecliff \$165,000
1585 Sodon Lake \$640,000	3884 Top View \$460,000	30745 Cedar Creek \$315,000	15620 Meadowood \$173,000	1100 Kirkwood \$240,000
Clarkston	6855 Aspen \$290,000	385Q Coronet \$156,000	19813 Melrose \$116,000	3938 Lake Oakland Shores \$202,000
10142 Cedar Knoll \$286,000	4991 Clintonville \$175,000	23196 Elm Grove \$199,000	19781 Northbrook \$192,000	7704 Lake Ridge \$120,000
6506 Deer Ridge \$300,000	6211 Englewood \$296,000	29273 Glen Oaks \$202,000	19697 Raleigh \$109,000	1273 Lilac \$150,000
		28878 Lake Park \$256,000	3141 Bridlewood \$250,000	1275 Lilac \$144,000
		1980 Hillwood \$750,000	5323 Carlisle \$809,000	1313 Lilac \$165,000
		7270 Kingswood \$370,000	5325 Creekmonte \$154,000	5730 Lockwood \$215,000
		3825 Lincoln \$979,000	543 E Gunn \$227,000	4117 Lotus \$162,000
		2433 Mulberry \$157,000	1301 Ross \$362,000	1047 Meadowlark \$183,000
		5207 Provincial \$400,000	3842 S Creek \$440,000	1134 Meadowood \$170,000
		1585 Sodon Lake \$640,000	3557 Tremonte \$195,000	1176 Meadowview \$179,000
		3884 Top View \$460,000	3559 Tremonte \$156,000	2606 Nottingham \$212,000
		Clarkston	3599 Tremonte \$156,000	1067 Oak Pointe \$192,000
		6855 Aspen \$290,000	3601 Tremonte \$200,000	1525 Oak \$154,000
		10142 Cedar Knoll \$286,000	3611 Tremonte \$190,000	3103 Pine Tree \$355,000
		4991 Clintonville \$175,000	3070 Baypoint \$301,000	1046 Princeton \$197,000
		6211 Englewood \$296,000	309 Cross Creek \$438,000	6359 Rowley \$150,000
			1402 E Fairview \$263,000	5755 S Aylesbury \$165,000
			300 Essex \$328,000	829 S Winding \$170,000
			3217 Goldenrod \$296,000	31 Scott Lake \$128,000
			2755 Hickory Lawn \$200,000	2354 Silver Lake \$190,000
			440 Lake Forest \$249,000	3604 Terrill \$147,000
			2322 London Bridge \$159,000	7040 Villa \$75,000
			3169 Martell \$143,000	3555 Watkins Lake \$168,000
			282 Meadow Bridge \$165,000	6174 Wilson \$125,000
			1720 Morningside \$228,000	7612 Woodview \$75,000
			1071 S Adams \$244,000	West Bloomfield
			2785 Saint Clair \$73,000	2591 Aiden \$469,000
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			734 Shelley \$284,000	621 Bellows \$174,000
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Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) is hosting a Detroit River cruise on Thursday, Aug. 21.

The event is from 6:15-9 p.m. at Stroh's River Place Dock, 100 River Place Drive, Detroit. Registration fees, including appetizers are \$35 for AAM and PMC members and \$40 for non-members and guests. Call (248) 862-1004.

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CONFERENCE

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Mortgage rates fall after weeks of climbing

BY JEANNINE AVERSA
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Rates on benchmark 30-year mortgages, which have been rising steadily since late June, dropped this week, offering a bit of a break to potential home buyers. Refinancing activity, however, continued to slow.

The average rate on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages for the week ending Friday, Aug. 15 was 6.24 percent, down sharply from last week's rate of 6.34 percent, which marked the highest rate seen in a year, Freddie Mac, the mortgage giant, reported Thursday in its weekly nationwide survey.

Rates on 30-year mortgages slid to a record low of 5.21 percent the week ending Friday, June 13 and stayed at that level the following week. After that, 30-year mortgage rates began a steady upward swing.

Several factors have contributed to the recent

rise in 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.

"The bond market got a little ahead of themselves, causing yields to rise too quickly over the past few weeks," said Amy Crews Cutts, Freddie Mac's deputy chief economist. "This week saw a bit of a correction and mortgage rates fell for the first time in eight weeks. Continued volatility in financial markets, however, will keep rates teetering up and down for some time to come," she added.

Rates on other mortgages also fell this week. For 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular

option for refinancing, rates fell to 5.58 percent this week, down from 5.66 percent last week.

Rates for one-year adjustable mortgages dipped to 3.75 percent, down from 3.80 last week. The recent rise in mortgage rates has cooled home-mortgage refinancing activity, which had been on a red-hot roll before the upward swing in rates.

Applications for new financing deals declined by 20 percent last week from the previous week, the Mortgage Bankers Association of America reported.

"The contraction in mortgage activity continued last week with the level of refinancing applications falling to about a third of what they were when they peaked in late May and early June," said Jay Brinkmann, the association's vice president of research and economics.

REFINANCING SLOWS

Refinancing has been an important factor underpinning consumer spending, a main force keeping the economy going. Economists are hopeful that fatter paychecks and other incentives coming from President Bush's third tax cut will move in to support spending as refinancing slows.

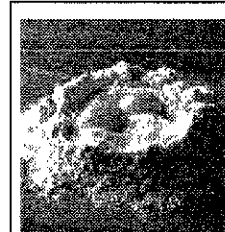
Home sales, however, are still on track to set record highs this year.

This week's mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. Each loan type carried an average fee of 0.7 point.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 6.22 percent, 15-year mortgages were 5.63 percent and one-year adjustable mortgages stood at 4.39 percent.

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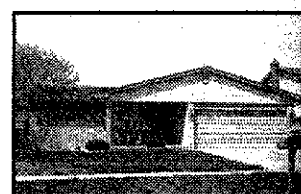
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COZY HOME IN GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD - 3 bedroom brick ranch with rich hardwood floors and a finished basement with possible 4th bedroom. Enjoy the convenience of a large fenced back yard with an attached 2-car garage. A must see! \$149,000 (612CA)



INSPIRING - Wonderful brick home in quiet neighborhood. Take a look at this 3 bedroom ranch with an oversized 2-car garage. Wonderful updates like vinyl windows, front entry doors, roof on home and garage. Full basement is partly finished w/drywall & knotty pine. All appliances stay. 1 year home warranty. \$164,900 (572EL)



PRICED TO SELL - Affordable and spacious 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial. Large remodeled kitchen and family room with fireplace, new carpet, roof, porch and more updates. Short walk to schools and neighborhood parks. Quick occupancy. 1-year home warranty. Appliances negotiable. \$214,900 (772MO)



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SHARP RANCH - Very well maintained 2 bedroom ranch. Updated kitchen and bath, central air, copper plumbing, 1.5 garage with 2 extra rooms. New Pergo floors in kitchen & laundry room. This ranch is a must see. \$119,900 (502RO)



EASY UPKEEP - Ready for new owner this classic ranch offers buyer rebates, newer kitchen, brand new carpet & kitchen tile floor, newer roof, Wallside windows, 2 baths, home warranty, eat-in kitchen & huge garage. \$155,000 (577HI)



LARGE CORNER LOT W/3-CAR GARAGE - Newer built 1,551 sq. ft. ranch w/3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, full basement, central air, skylight, beautiful oak kitchen/bay window, cathedral ceilings, great room/gas fireplace, 1st floor laundry, newer carpeting and more. \$203,900 (048RO)



MOVE IN CONDITION - Bright, open 2-bedroom, 1.5 bath condo with a full basement. Large dining, living room and kitchen. Master with walk-in closet and a private bath. 15x12 deck. Freshly painted throughout. Many custom features. All appliances included. \$158,900 (675CH)



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1+ ACRES - Outstanding opportunity in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch sitting pretty on 1+ acres in Huron Township. Full basement, attached 2-car garage, central air, all appliances stay, and a one-year home warranty is included! Quick occupancy. \$224,900 (995WE)



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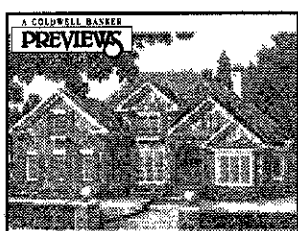
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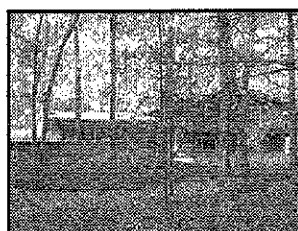
ALLEN PARK \$167,900
Great 3 Bdrm Brick Bungalow! With breakfast nook & formal dining room, hardwood floors, updated kitchen, finished basement w/half bath also wet bar & natural frpl. (BGN17CAR) 888-870-9123



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CANTON \$995,000
Love nature-9+ acres. 5BR/3.5BA home. Finished FR w/wet bar & lg stone FP. Brick FP w/cooking hearth in beamed LR & waxed oak plank flrs in LR & kit. Possible splits available. Value in land. (BGP-55RID) 888-870-9127



CANTON \$334,900
Phenomenal Brick Ranch... inter. lot, backs to trees. Gour kit, nook w/Corian cntrtops, hwdw flrs, extra cbnts & top of the line appls. Lux mstr w/cath clg, fash bath, WIC. GR w/soaring clg. Pool. (BGP-81Riv) 888-870-9127



CANTON \$299,900
Your Lucky Day! Brand new, immed occupancy on golf course. 2bdrm, 2 bath condo. 2 car attached garage, full basement & many upgrades. (BGN73LEX) 888-870-9123



CANTON \$244,900
Two Year Old Style Ranch Condominium! With 1st floor laundry, 2 car attached garage, formal dining area, full basement, & lavish master suite. Better than new! (OEL66CHE) 888-870-9123



CANTON \$225,795
Beautiful 2 bdrm, 2bths, 1lav Condo! Ceramic tile foyer, great rm w/cathedral ceiling, gas frpl, Oak cabs. gourmet kitchen, 2nd flr has loft, built-in entertainment center. All appl. stay. Sec. System. (BGN86HER) 888-870-9123



CANTON \$209,900
Move In Condition. Beautiful quad backing to park. 3BR, 2 full BA. Many updates incl: kitchen, windows & doorwall. Natural brick FP in lg FR. Finished basement, 2 car att gar, deck. (BGP-10Ham) 888-870-9127



CANTON \$209,900
End Unit 3BR, 2.1BA Cape. Spacious kit-nook w/plenty of cbnt-rtop space. Great rm w/vaulted clg & gas fp. Lux 1st flr master ste w/fash bath. Full bsmt-part fin w/2 BR's. Deck off DR & nook. (BGP-56Sar) 888-870-9127



CANTON \$129,000
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3 Bedroom, 2.5 bath in a great neighborhood. Den could be a fourth bedroom. Florida Room w/heter. Finished basement w/half bath. 2 car Det. garage. Sold "As is"! (OEL66GRE) 888-870-9105



DETROIT \$97,500
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DETROIT \$69,872
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FARMINGTON HILLS \$210,000
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HIGHLAND \$279,500
Fantastic Family Home on 1.79 Acres in Highland. Includes hot tub and above ground pool. All appliances and ADT alarm system. Newer home has hardwood floors and island kitchen. (BGSly45HID) 888-870-9131



HOWELL \$299,000
Beautiful 8.2 Acre Country Estate. Just 5 miles from town includes 2200 square foot tudor home, woods, fenced property and pond. Home warranty included. Don't drive by this one (BGSly71FIS) 888-870-9131



LIVONIA \$424,800
Backing to Park! Great room, dining room, kitchen & all bdrms have great view of the woods. 3br, 2.5 bath w/1st floor mstr, den, formal dining room, 1st floor laundry, & huge kitchen. (BGN23PEM) 888-870-9123



LIVONIA \$409,000
Great Location! 4bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial w/great rm, 2 story foyer, 1st flr laundry, library, jacuzzi, frpl, spacious deck & private yard. Home warranty provided. (BGN94KIN) 888-870-9123



LIVONIA \$299,888
Beautifully update NW Livonia Home. Gorgeous ravine lot. Newer kitchen w/lots of oak cabinets and ceramic floor; family room w/fireplace and lots more!! A real pleasure. (BGSly35RIV) 888-870-9131



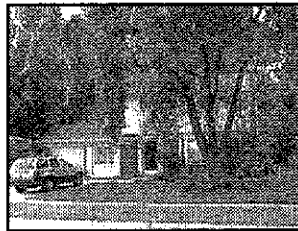
LIVONIA \$274,900
Absolutely Gorgeous! White bay Merlat cbnts in kit. GR w/nat FP w/mantel. Lux. master ste w/cath clg, fashion BA & WIC. Beautiful maple flring in kit, nook, hall, powder rm & lg W/I pantry. (BGP-84Sun) 888-870-9127



LIVONIA \$234,900
Excellent 3 bdrm, 2 full bath pretty living rm w/fr. Fantastic country kit w/ceramic tiled floor. Large Family Rm. overlooking beautiful .5 acres w/basketball court & pool. (OEL21GRA) 888-870-9105



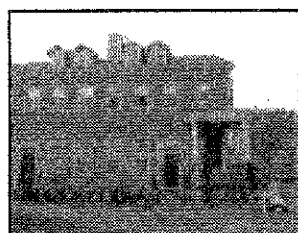
LIVONIA \$259,900
Lovely hardwood floor in foyer & under most caretting. Newer cabinets in the kitchen. Family room has an awesome large master bedroom with it's own bath and large closets. (OEL01CUR) 888-870-9105



LIVONIA \$209,900
Very tasteful remodeled 3BR, 1.5 bath colonial! Backs to woods! Merlat oak kitchen w/newer Kenmore appliances. Deep sinks, wine rack, newer windows, furnace, hwh, roof, siding, baths, etc. Beautiful area. (BGN66LIN) 888-870-9123



LIVONIA \$189,500
Excellent, clean & neat 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath brick ranch. Features Living Rm w/natural FP & Bay window. Kit w/eating space & stove. Formal dining rm. Lg Deck and landscaping (OEL28ARD) 888-870-9105



LIVONIA \$189,500
Fantastic 2 BR, 1.5 bath condo in Livonia. Living rm. w/fr & wood mantel. Kitchen w/oak cabinets & hw floor. Formal dining area. Finished bsmt w/possible office and/or 3rd bedroom. (OEL82FAR) 888-870-9105



LIVONIA \$144,900
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PLYMOUTH \$798,000
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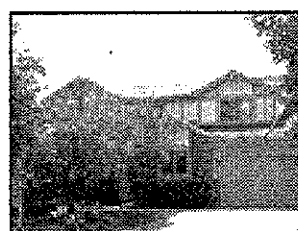
PLYMOUTH \$499,900
Prestigious Woodlore South.. 4BR, 3.1BA colonial. Lrg master BR w/walk-in closet & vanity. Ceiling fans in bedrooms, powder rm on 1st floor. Island in kit. Dual staircases. Finished basement. (BGP-83Tan) 888-870-9127



PLYMOUTH \$339,900
Location Means So Much! Unique home in a priceless setting. Raised ranch/all rms on main flr & 4 steps up. BR/BA, laundry rm well cared for w/many updates. The rear yard is incredible w/lg trees. (BGP-22Iva) 888-870-9127



PLYMOUTH \$334,900
Walk to Town. Charming bungalow on tree lined street. Gourmet eat-in kit, DR, LR w/wood burning FP. Lg foyer w/open staircase to Master bedroom/bath. Prof i/s paver patio, sprinklers. (BGP-14She) 888-870-9127



PLYMOUTH \$319,900
Quiet Cul-De-Sac Setting! 4 BR, 2.5 BA 2850 sq.ft Colonial. FR w/raised hearth FP & wet bar, library, formal LR & DR. Sunroom w/cath ceiling leads to a paved patio. Newer carpeting & kit floor. (BGP-01Bar) 888-870-9127



PLYMOUTH \$315,000
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PLYMOUTH \$129,900
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REDFORD \$167,000
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REDFORD \$139,900
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SALEM \$184,900
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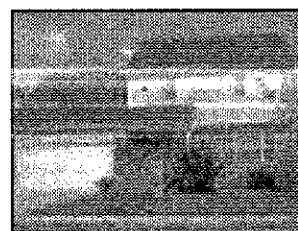
REDFORD \$124,900
Brick ranch, many updates, new kit. w/light oak cab. w/pull out shelves. Totally updated bath w/ceramic surround, c/a, all new carpet (2003), paver patio, garage door opener. Steel entry doors & storms. Nicely landscaped. (OEL31ROY) 888-870-9105



SOUTH LYON \$222,900
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SOUTH LYON \$189,900
Location Stays it All. 3 BR ranch on 1/2 of mature trees. Close to Novi and Metro area. Golf facilities are very near. New homes and schools around. (BGSly90TEN) 888-870-9131



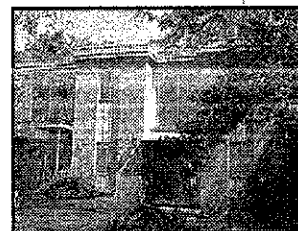
TROY \$274,900
4 Bdrm built in 1999. This newer home is spacious w/gas fireplace in a large FR w/cathedral ceilings, open kitchen w/light oak cab. & top quality appliances, lg. master bath. (OEL22ENT) 888-870-9105



VAN BUREN TWP. \$250,000
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WHITMORE LAKE \$181,400
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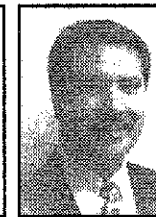


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Canton-42244 Trotwood Court
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Canton-8100 Sandpiper
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Inkster-30185 Hazelwood
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Ypsilanti-7921 Creekbend
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OPEN SUN 1-4 Wayne-4805 Williams
3 bedroom, 1 bath ranch with fresh paint and new flooring. 1.5 car garage, basement. \$119,900

Wayne-33976 Currier
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Wayne-34880 Winslow
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OPEN SUN 1-5 Wayne-4660 Howe
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Wayne-5232 Williams
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Redford-17215 Delaware
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Dearborn-4746 Westland
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Westland-32479 Birchwood
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Westland-33704 Palmer
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OPEN SUN 1-5 Westland-34231 Hazelwood
3 bedroom 2.5 bath Colonial backs to mature preserve. 2 car garage & basement. \$224,900

Westland-1290 Shoemaker
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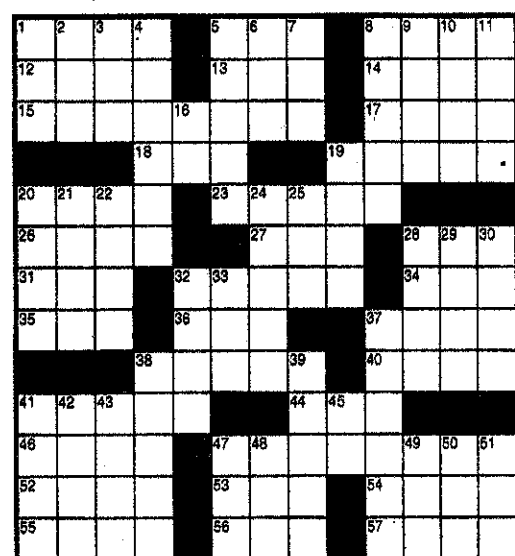
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Entry-level position for small professional office with pleasant work environment. Friendly personality and computer skills essential. Previous database work helpful. Answer phones, welcome visitors, light administrative work. Please send your resume and salary history to: National Truck Equipment Association 37400 Hills Tech Dr. Farmington Hills, MI 48331 Fax 248-499-8590 jim@ntea.com

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Engineering firm looking for a self starter, multi tasking individual with some accounting background. Must possess excellent phone etiquette and writing skills, along with working knowledge of Word, Excel and Quickbook applications. This position will be part time to start, with the possibility of full time with benefits. Please submit resume and salary requirements to: 2183 Pless Drive, Brighton, MI 48114

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Permanent position in local CPA firm. Bright, detail oriented, energetic individual with data entry, word processing and multi-tasking skills needed. Experience in a CPA firm helpful. Resume to: Dawn Reeves, 30230 Orchard Lake Rd., #200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 or fax 248-855-3121

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Part time bookkeeper through trial balance for CPA office. QuickBooks experience required. Send resume to: E. A. Swad, Sr., CPA 38701 Seven Mile, Suite 245 Livonia, MI 48152

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Strong MS Office skills. Well organized with ability to multi-task. Friendly, POSITIVE highly motivated individual. Degree preferred. Fax resume w/cover letter & salary requirements. Westland. 734-326-3845

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Novi, MI 48377
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Full time for downriver builder. Computer knowledge (Excel) a must. Casual setting, good pay. Fax resume to 734-782-6333

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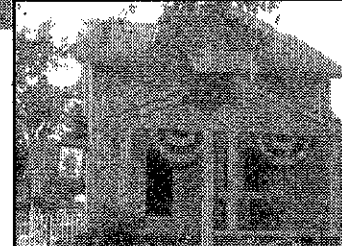
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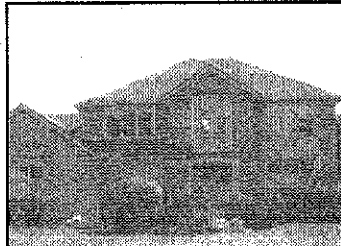
LIVONIA – Desirable Burton Hollow. 3BR, 2BA ranch that offers beautiful landscaping. Updates include: Newer windows & doorwalls, glass block in bsmt, complete tear-off roof-02, side entry & main door, all newer driveway & walkways/patio-02. Remodeled full bath in MBR & the list goes on. \$234,500 (45GRO) 248-349-5600



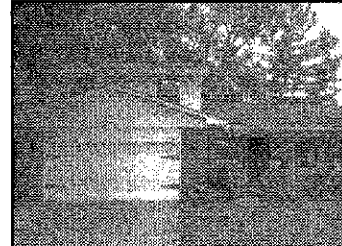
LIVONIA – Awesome Livonia charmer. Large 3 bedroom ranch sitting on a double lot offers 3 large bedrooms, huge dining room w/built-in china cabinet, kitchen w/attached breakfast nook, newer windows & roof shingles, large garage w/electric + 1 year home warranty. \$157,900 (25HUG) 734-455-5600



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FARMINGTON HILLS – Curb appeal plus. Freshly painted neutral decor T/O! Wonderful layout, formal DR, LIB w/judges paneling, FR w/vaulted ceiling & gas FP. KIT w/French dr to deck & lg private lot. Newer carpet 8/03 in LR, DR, LIB, 3 BRs. Newer CA 7/03, roof 2002 & fin bsmt. \$349,900 (49PLU) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA – Savvy Shopper knows a good buy. A 1980 built brick colonial with a first floor laundry. Nice finished basement and 2 car attached garage. Central air, sprinklers, wood windows, deck & patio. Family Room with fireplace & formal dining room. Leisure living. \$246,900 (27WGO) 248-349-5600



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REDFORD – A regal Redford Ranch. Beautiful brick 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath ranch with large lot plenty of room for kids to romp, + 2 car attached garage, family room and much more. \$199,900 (91RYL) 734-455-5600



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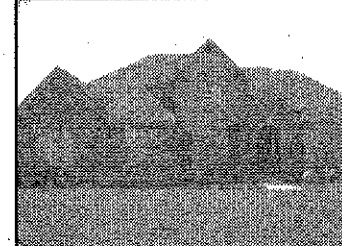
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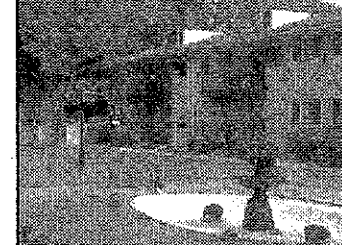
LIVONIA – Clean & neat. Huge lot, fenced yard, big kitchen, beautiful hardwood flooring, basement with dry bar, extra parking space. Home warranty. \$159,900 (20SAI) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH – No expense spared! Magnificent cape cod on premium lot w/4BR & 3.5 BA. 3 car garage. Every upgrade imaginable including: doors, floors, Trim, windows, electrical & plumbing too. 2 tier Trax deck & brick paver patio. 12 zone sprinkler system & custom landscaping. \$519,900 (75HIL) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE – A Perfect "10". Gorgeous 3BR, 1.5BA condo. Beautiful white kitchen & appliances. Finished basement & private fenced, sauna. Loads of updates. Patio, pool, clubhouse, tennis, 3 lakes and a lovely sand beach. \$164,999 (57SAV) 248-349-5600



REDFORD – Desirable 1st floor condo. Spacious LR, w/doorwall + a covered deck that overlooks peaceful fountain & courtyard. Neutral decor, private basement w/1/2 bath, hardwood floors T/O. Newer kitchen floor, newer windows. A definite must see. \$78,900 (15GAR) 248-349-5600



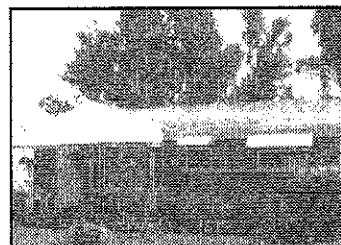
NOVI – Take life easy. Enjoy the pool, tennis court & nature end unit ranch. 2BR, 2 full BA, LR w/frplc, vaulted ceilings in LR, DR & Kit, basement, 1 car garage. A relaxing retreat where you can play & live. \$169,900 (06PON) 248-349-5600



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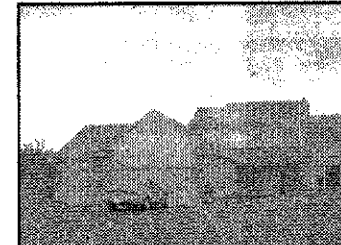
INKSTER – Stunning brick Ranch offers partially finished basement with fireplace and glass block windows, newer furnace, CA, roof, HWH, and all appliances. All this in this great 3 bedroom home. \$106,900 (93OAK) 734-455-5600



WALLED LAKE – Location! This one has it. Come see this great 4 BR, 3 BA home in beautiful Tri-A sub w/nature, trees & large fenced yard. 2 car attached garage & nice deck with above-ground pool. The list goes on & on. \$214,900 (81DEL) 248-349-5600



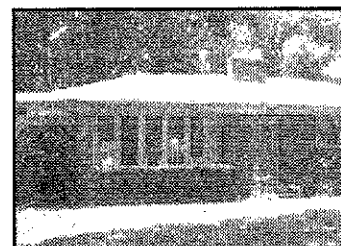
FARMINGTON HILLS – Private paradise. Your own private drive & private setting. Over 2 acres with trees. 4 BR brick ranch w/2.5 baths, formal LR & DR + sunroom, finished basement w/family room, 1/2 bath & tons of storage. Heated garage. Kitchen appliances updated & roof. Heavenly. \$419,900 (45WES) 248-349-5600



WHITE LAKE – 2 story 1996 built contemporary, 3BR, 2.5BA home on over an acre of land. Many updated amenities. Hardwood floors, ceramic foyer entry huge newer deck w/stairway, white bay island kitchen, panoramic windows, formal DR and the list goes on. \$284,900 (29WEB) 248-349-5600



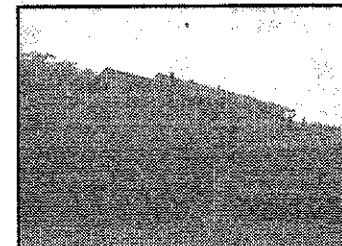
DEARBORN – Brick Bungalow. 3 bedroom, 2 full bath home in the heart of Levegood Park with partially finished basement and desired schools, garage, deck, fenced yard, all with great terms. \$157,500 (28ROB) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH – 1/2 acre broadfront Ranch. Curb appeal + finished walk-out, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, dining room, family room, living room, fireplace, deck, 2 car attached garage, all appliances, mature trees, private updated T/O. \$263,300 (15BRD) 734-455-5600



CANTON – Beautifully maintained Cape Cod backing to woods and golf course offers 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. 3+ car attached garage, basement, private patio, 1st floor master suite with his & her W/C, great room with gas fireplace and cathedral ceiling. \$417,300 (36GLE) 734-455-5600



NORTHVILLE – Beautiful condo, 3 BR, 2.5BA end unit with a W/O basement that overlooks a stream w/clubhouse & pool. 1st flr laundry, gas fireplace, wet bar, custom storm windows, newer furnace-98 & AC-00. All this & more. Come see for yourself. \$204,900 (62WAS) 248-349-5600



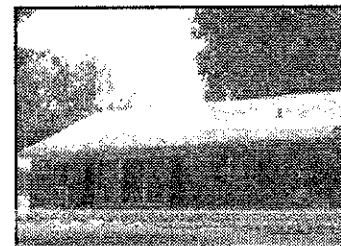
NOVI – Carefree lakeside living. Bring your boat to this adult 50+ community. 2BR, 2BA condo with all appliances included. Deck, private beach w/gazebo & picnic area. Amenities galore for delightful relaxing living. \$151,000 (27SOU) 248-349-5600



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NOVI – Very sharp Condo. Updated 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath townhouse with attached garage, finished basement, doorwall to private patio and much more. \$154,900 (85STO) 734-455-5600



REDFORD – Contemporary brick Ranch. 2 bedroom, 1st floor laundry, enclosed heated porch, large fenced yard, 2 car garage, gas fireplace in living room, home warranty. \$124,900 (84LEN) 734-455-5600



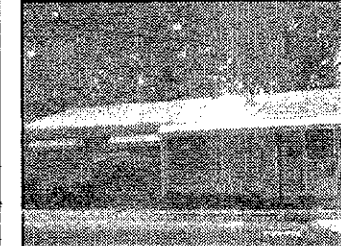
CANTON – Great location. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath townhouse w/upgraded baths, remodeled kitchen, newer carpet, fireplace, numerous updates, finished basement, attached garage, 2 doorwalls leading to private deck & all appliances stay. \$151,900 (74BUD) 734-455-5600



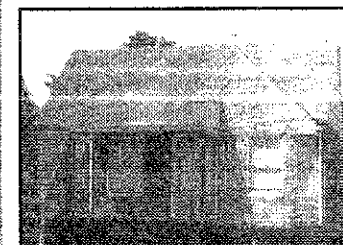
BEVERLY HILLS – Location, location, location. Adorable 2 BR, 1BA bungalow w/hardwood floors, LR w/frplc, DR w/cozy window seat, bsmt, 1+ car garage, newer tear-off roof, room to expand, neutral throughout + Birmingham schools. \$171,900 (45KIR) 248-349-5600



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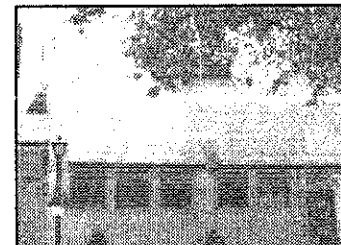
REDFORD – Look, move, enjoy. It's time to stop paying rent. Look at this 3 BR ranch-move right in. Features include: HW floor, family room, finished basement w/2 bath & shaded rear yard/patio. \$142,000 (91MAC) 248-349-5600



DETROIT – Move in condition. Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick Ranch offers finished basement with full bath and cedar closet, garage and a ton of updates. \$87,500 (19HEY) 734-455-5600



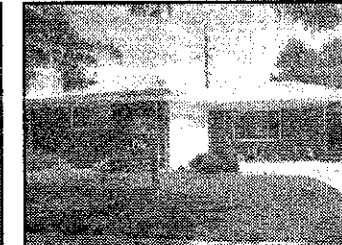
MILFORD – Prestigious home on 3/4 acres. Wooded lot with views of Moore Lake. Walk to town, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, over 2400 sq. ft. Granite fireplace 21x14 master suite w/Jacuzzi. Immaculate in & out 2 story tiled foyer. Backs to Highland State Rec area. Home warranty. \$315,900 (80RIV) 734-455-5600



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LIVONIA – Sprawling home. Completely redone in 1997. Ceramic bath, huge kit, w/eat-in area, 3 or 4 bdrms & mstr w/his/her closets. Lav FR, GR, formal LR, DR, nat. frplc, long covered porch, brick & aluminum, in-ground pool. New (02) deck, att. 2 car gar, C/A & lge shed. \$194,500 (30LOU) 248-349-5600

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PLYMOUTH **\$374,900**
COLONIAL ON 1/2 ACRE! 5 bedrooms, 4 baths, 2nd attached 2 car garage. Finished walk-out basement. Updated roof ('02), carpet ('03), Jenn-Aire kitchen, 1/2 acre. (23S47023)

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LIVONIA **\$359,900**
IMPECCABLY MAINTAINED! Translucence perfect! Move right in, 4 BR, 3.5 BA Colonial. Beautiful kit w/accnt tile & isl. Lg FR w/FP & cathedral ceil, mstr BR w/his/her closets/spacious BA. (10MAN2)

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LIVONIA **\$342,900**
BEAUTIFUL LIVONIA COLONIAL! Home sweet home is this 4 BR, 2.5 Bath home. Many updates include Oak Kit, Roof, Vinyl trim, Oak flooring, HWH, Windows, C/A & more. Livonia Stevenson area. (30FON2)

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CANTON **\$299,900**
GORGEOUS CUSTOM 1994 BUILT 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial loaded w/upgrades in Plymouth Canton school dist. 2 stry foyer w/recess lts, mstr ste w/skylgt, WIC, sep shower & jetted tub, gourmet kit. (S576)

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MILFORD **\$297,000**
ELEGANT MASTER SUITE WITH JACUZZI! Gourmet kitchen, hdwd flrs, 2nd flr laundry, library/study, 2-car garage w/loft & extensive renovation! (12FIR8)

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CANTON **\$286,900**
COUNTRY FEELING ranch in Canton, 1.38 fenced acres, borders golf course, 3 bdrm, 2 full baths, newly crptd. Heated Florida rm, minutes from 275, 3.5 car gar. Imme occupancy. (23H2344)

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NEW HUDSON **\$269,900**
THIS RANCH HAS IT ALL! Lg lot, cul-de-sac, 3 BR, 2.5 baths, FR/LR/DR & eat-in kitchen. Landscaped, lg deck w/spa, full bsmt w/extra BR. Great neighborhood! 5 min to x-way/shopping. (18SUN2)

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FARMINGTON HILLS **\$269,900**
UPDATES GALORE! Newer furnace, a/c, WH, copper plumb, elect, roof, kit, baths, just to name a few. Come check out the pride of ownership and professional craftsmanship. (G29011)

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LIVONIA **\$269,900**
SECLUDED AREA OF COVENTRY. Hard to find 4 BR raised ranch w/newer kit w/merlatat cupboards, newer wndws, newer carpet in fin bsmt w/glass blk, 3 full baths, lg utility rm, lg lot, & more! (S16184)

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CANTON **\$259,900**
2370 SF, UPDATES GALORE! furn, a/c, wndws, addition to FR, gar dr w/beveled glass, entry drs, plumb, elect, hwh. Basement, huge shed, lg deck, 2 car garage. (W6118)

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CANTON **\$254,900**
HARD TO FIND RANCH! Plymouth-Canton schools, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, eat-in kitchen. Huge family room & enclosed sun porch. Beautifully landscaped. (23C7627)

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS **\$244,900**
1950 SQUARE FEET! 4 bedrooms, 2 bath brick colonial in sought after Kingswood Estates. Tough to get in at this price, equipped with nice amenities! (T26740)

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WIXOM **\$239,900**
PRIVATE SETTING FOR THIS END-UNIT RANCH Lovely, new 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath ranch tucked in a wooded setting. Large Great Room, Formal Dining, plus Eat-In Kitchen. All Appliances included- Lots of upgrades. (18SHA2)

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS **\$219,900**
CLEAN, COZY KINGSWOOD ESTATE RANCH! 3 BR, new cement drive, carpeting w/wood flrs under, LR windows, furn, AC & paint. Part fin bsmt w/wet bar & great bkdyd w/patio. Home warranty! (52KIN2)

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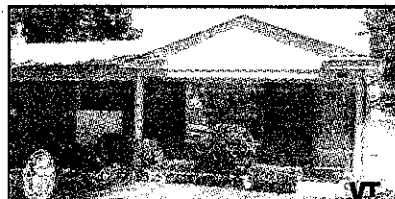
CANTON **\$209,900**
CANTON BRICK RANCH! Lovely 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick ranch on a private cul-de-sac with a beautiful wooded view from deck. Spacious bright kitchen opens to family room. (23R6556)

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LIVONIA **\$204,900**
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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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 **\$199,999**
LARGE 5 BEDROOM 2 STORY HOME 2 1/2 baths, 2 1/2 car garage, carport and large all season room with hot tub. Many updates. Bathroom in basement, 2 bedrooms upstairs with full bathroom. (M384)

734-326-2000



NORTHVILLE **\$199,900**
SOUGHT AFTER HIGHLAND LAKES CONDO! Spacious 2 story unit w/Att Gar! Updated Kit w/ walkin pantry, 3 BR, 2.5 BA, Full Fin Bsmt. Huge Patio w/built-in gas grill and beautiful gardens. Great Buy! (72QUE2)

248-348-6430



LIVONIA **\$197,500**
HIGHLY DESIRED COVENTRY GARDENS! 1753 SF tri-level with large lot. A great opportunity at this price! (C34037)

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LIVONIA **\$194,600**
OVER AN ACRE! Beautiful grounds, brick ranch with fireplace in living room, garage, & basement. Lot is 165x299. Call to see! (P19127)

734-591-9200



CANTON **\$190,000**
LIGHT, BRIGHT, 2 bedroom, 2.5 baths, loft, fireplace, upgraded kit cabinets, hardwood foyer, 1st flr laundry, master ste, patio, dining room, appli stay, bsmt, 2 car att'd gar. (C44933)

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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, furnair 13 yrs, part fin bsmt, all appliances. (M17394)

734-591-9200



LIVONIA **\$174,900**
A DOLL HOUSE. A PLEASURE TO SEE. Totally updated inside and out. 3 BR, 1.5 BA, basement & garage. Private deck. Beautiful perennial gardens. (S30545)

734-591-9200



GARDEN CITY **\$169,900**
COMPLETELY REMODELED AND UPDATED New shingles, vinyl siding and windows, updated electrical panel & new forced air furnace, two brand new baths and new kitchen w/ceramic floor. Vintage charm. (B266)

734-326-2000



CANTON **\$164,900**
PERFECT STARTER HOME Pergo flooring throughout living room & hallway. Ceramic tile in kitchen, 1st floor laundry, freshly painted interior, ceiling fans in every room, and more! (A414)

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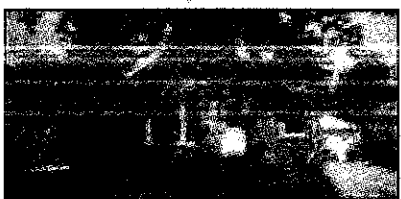
WESTLAND **\$163,900**
ABSOLUTELY ADORABLE! Well loved 3 bdrm, 1 bath ranch in Westland. Updates include large deck, bathroom beautifully renovated, refurbished hrwd flrs. Bsmt living space w/storage. (23S38304)

734-455-7000



LIVONIA **\$149,900**
GREAT LOWER LEVEL CONDO IN LAUREL PARK 2 BR, 2 baths w/beautiful screened porch overlooking commons area. Close to everything you need. Assoc Dues incl heat & water. Immed Occupancy. (75UN12)

248-348-6430



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)

734-591-9200



REDFORD **\$139,900**
A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH! True 5 BR home in South Redford. Family Rm/Entertainment Rm in Basement. 2 Full Baths. Needs TLC & priced accordingly. 2 car GAR w/electric & gas hook-up. (38RIV2)

248-348-6430



GARDEN CITY **\$137,000**
WHAT A NEIGHBORHOOD! This 3 bdrm ranch makes a great start for some lucky buyer. Hrdwd flrs in bdrm & under carpet in LR. Newer furnace & c/a. Deck off back. 2.5 car gar w/opener. (23R30955)

734-455-7000



LIVONIA **\$135,000**
WE ARE TALKING ABOUT OUT HOUSE and now our house is talking too! Come and see our house today on Beatrice. North of Joy Rd and West of Middlebelt. 1400 Sq. Feet. (B902)

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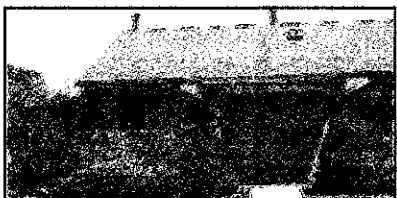
CANTON **\$124,900**
WELL CARED FOR GROUND FLOOR UNIT! All appliances stay. Neutral decor. Absolutely ready to move into. 2 full baths, C/A, Euro Kitchen cabinets and doorwall w/nice view. Living room/dining combo. (L426)

734-326-2000



GARDEN CITY **\$123,900**
AREN'T I PRETTY? Three bedroom bungalow w/updated bath, partially fin bsmt, new furn & CA, storm & glass blk windows, landscaping, HWH & more. Great curb appeal. (L582)

734-326-2000



SOUTH LYON **\$112,900**
SOUTH LYON RANCH CO-OP! 55+ adult co-op. 2 bdrm, 2 bath end unit w/extra wndws & part fin bsmt. Open floor plan w/vaulted ceilings. Private courtyard entry, Florida rm. Move in ready! (23P25389)

734-455-7000



INKSTER **\$103,500**
A GREAT DEAL AWAITS THE SMART BUYER In this four bedroom split-level, 1 1/2 baths, fireplace, 2 1/2 car garage. (B120)

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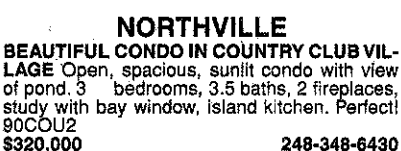
WESTLAND **\$79,900**
AN AMAZING VALUE is this vinyl sided Westland ranch, 2 or 3 bedrooms, possible formal dining room, newer roof shingles, furnace, carpeting & windows. Doorwall to deck. C/A. (C261)

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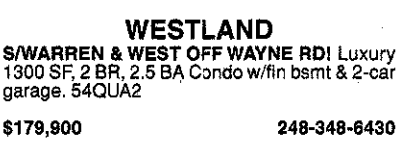
RIVER ROUGE **\$76,700**
ALL MAJOR UPDATES ARE DONE Copper plumbing, new roof & windows. Home has deck off back and a large backyard. Seller providing a one year home warranty. (R240)

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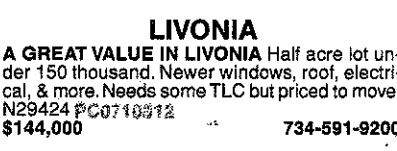
NORTHVILLE
BEAUTIFUL CONDO IN COUNTRY CLUB VILLAGE Open, spacious, sunlit condo with view of pond, 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 fireplaces, study with bay window, island kitchen. Perfect! 90C0U2

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WESTLAND
S/WARREN & WEST OFF WAYNE RD! Luxury 1300 SF, 2 BR, 2.5 BA Condo w/fin bsmt & 2-car garage. 54QUA2

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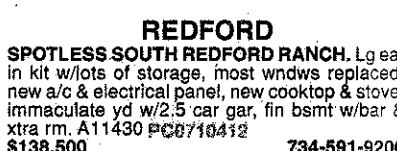
LIVONIA
A GREAT VALUE IN LIVONIA Half acre lot under 150 thousand. Newer windows, roof, electrical, & more. Needs some TLC but priced to move. N29424 #C0719312

734-591-9200



CANTON
GREAT LOCATION! Backs to commons area & only a 2 unit! All appl stay! 3 bdrms, newer kit & flooring, C/A, furnace, carpet. Located in the heart of Canton. Very neutral decor. 23F1935

734-455-7000



REDFORD
SPOTLESS SOUTH REDFORD RANCH. Lg eat in kit w/lots of storage, most wndws replaced, new a/c & electrical panel, new cooktop & stove, immaculate yd w/2.5 car gar, fin bsmt w/bar & xtra rm. A11430 PC0710412

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Call Info Line at 888-REO-LIST, punch in the PC code #, get information!



Market Place

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6000's Announcements

6000.....Personals
6020.....Happy Ads
6040.....Graduations
6060.....Mother's Day
6080.....Father's Day
6100.....Holiday Polpouri
6120.....Sweetest Day
6140.....Valentine's Day
6160.....Special Announcements, Meetings/Seminars
6220.....Legal Notices
6230.....Adoption
6240.....Misc. Notices

6260.....Political Notices
6280.....Car Pools
6300.....Cards Of Thanks
6320.....In Memoriam
6340.....Death Notices
6360.....Lost & Found
6380.....Tickets
6400.....Transportation/Travel
6420.....Health, Nutrition, Weight Loss
6440.....Insurance
6460.....Bingo
6480.....Wedding Chapel

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7000's Merchandise

7000.....Absolutely Free (1 day)
7020.....Antiques/Collectibles
7040.....Arts & Crafts
7060.....Auction Sales
7080.....Rummage Sale/Flea Market
7100.....Estate Sales
7110.....Garage Sales-Oakland
7120.....Garage Sales-Wayne
7130.....Moving Sales
7140.....Clothing
7160.....Household Goods
7180.....Appliances
7200.....Pools, Spas, Hot Tubs
7220.....Bargain Buys
7240.....Bicycles
7260.....Building Materials
7280.....Business & Office Equipment
7300.....Office Supplies
7320.....Cameras & Supplies

7300.....Commercial/Industrial Restaurant Equipment
7320.....Computers
7340.....Electronics/Audio/Video
7360.....Video Games, Tapes, Movies
7380.....Farm Equipment
7400.....Farm Produce-Flowers, Plants
7410.....U-Pick
7430.....Hobbies-Coins, Stamps
7450.....Hospital Equipment
7470.....Jewelry
7490.....Lawn, Garden & Snow Equipment
7500.....Miscellaneous For Sale
7510.....Musical Instruments
7520.....Sporting Goods
7530.....Trade Or Sell
7540.....Wanted To Buy

7800-7930 Animals/Pets

7800.....Animal Services/Supplies
7810.....Breeder Directory
7820.....Birds
7830.....Cats
7840.....Dogs
7850.....Farm Animals/Livestock
7860.....Horses & Livestock

7870.....Horse Boarding
7880.....Household Pets
7890.....Pet Grooming/Boarding
7900.....Pet Services
7910.....Pet Supplies
7920.....Pet Wanted
7930.....Lost & Found

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Classifieds Work!

This Classification continues from Section F

6000-6990 Announcements

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Personals 6000

St. Mary Of Redford
Class of 1973
30 year reunion
Sat., Sept. 6, 6pm
Knight's of Columbus-
Manonghan Hall, Livonia, MI
For Details -
Contact John 248-669-9139
or Chris 248-616-8107

Death Notices 6340

HERBERT L. RING
82, of Sarasota, FL, formerly
of Birmingham, MI died
Thursday, Aug. 7, 2003 at
Sarasota Memorial
Hospital. He owned Herb
Ring Distinctive Jewelry in
Birmingham where he also
served as a city commis-
sioner and on the zoning
board. During WWII he
served with the U.S. Army
Air Force. Herb is survived
by a son, Karl L. (Diane)
Ring of Farmington Hills,
daughters, Elizabeth A.
(Mark) Rivers, of Battle
Creek and Wendy L. Ring
of Lansingburg, grandchildren,
Brian and Kristin Rivers,
Ben Koche, Sarah and Katie
Ring, and a special friend
and longtime companion
Ann Huhn, of Sarasota. He
was preceded in death by
his wife Ruth A. Ring and a
daughter Susan Ring.
Cremation has taken place.
A memorial service and
burial of ashes will take
place 1 pm Saturday, Aug.
30, 2003 at Acacia Park
Cemetery, Beverly Hills, MI.
Memorial contributions
may be given to Cystic
Fibrosis Foundation or
American Cancer Society.
Arrangements by the
Richard A. Henry Funeral
Home, Battle Creek, MI.

7000-7780 Merchandise

Absolutely Free 7000

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Lost & Found-Merchandise 6360

LOST & FOUND PETS
See Classification 7930

Health Nutrition & Weight Loss 6420

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(take US-23 to N.
Territorial exit, then W. to
Whitmore Lake Rd. S. to
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Grand Opening Sale. 10%-
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Auction Sales 7060

**PUBLIC BULK AUCTION
TO BE SOLD IN TWO LOTS
MONDAY, AUGUST 25,
10:30 A.M.
By order of The United States
Bankruptcy Court**

**SALLY ANN
COLLECTIBLES
(Case No. 02-57493-PJS)
By order of the Secured
Creditors
GOLD & DIAMOND
DESIGNERS**

**To be held at the offices of
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165 West Liberty Street
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**INSPECTION:
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**NEW
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**Rummage Sales &
Flea Market 7080**

**Rummage Sale
Aug 22 & 23, 9-7. Lighthouse
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**A BIG ESTATE SALE
FARMINGTON**
Fri. Aug. 22, 10-5
Sat. Aug. 23, 10-5

Living Room: Steinway
vertical piano. Marble top
antique Victorian table &
lamp. Occasional chairs.
Mahogany tables, lamps.
Dining Room: Jacobian
circa 1920 table, 6 chairs,
buffet & china closet.
Kitchen: Oak pedestal
table, 4 chairs, corner
curio cabinet.

Family room: Sleep sofa.
25" TV - VCR.

Bedroom: R-way
bedroom set, 2 complete
twin beds, 2 dressers &
mirror.

Bedroom: Complete
queen size 4 poster bed.
Antique hope chest.

Bedroom: Complete
single bed & desk.

Accesories include:
Estate Jewelry
Small antique marble top
Victorian table
Old hurricane lamps
String bass
Silver, crystal & china
Bookcases & books
LP's-pictures
Lots & lots of misc.

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To Tall Oaks,
East 2 bks
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7100 Estate Sales

DUMAR MOVING SALE
Fri & Sat, Aug 22 & 23, 10-4
NUMBERS Fri at 9:30am.
Old Detroit family moved to the 'burbs & are moving again! Bedroom, kitchen, living room & dining room furniture, Signed & numbered print of the Edmund Fitzgerald by J. Clary, Saginaw boat motor, repeater watch, misc. Antiques/collectibles: Limoges/Lanox china, Mantle clocks, Royal Doulton figurines, Hummels, 100+ old Detroit postcards, furniture, wind-up toys, Scrimshaw, books, misc.

31299 Barrington, Novi
Take 275 to M5 North, to 15 Mile West, to Wacker Rd, left to Tanglewood, right to Barrington, right.

SYLVIA 734-981-1625.

Estate Sale - Aug 22-23, 9-5pm. 32386 Woodbrook Drive, N. of Michigan Ave, E. of Venoy, Wayne. 734-260-8364

ESTATE SALE BY FINDERS KEEPERS

Fri, Sat, Aug 22 & 23, 9-4:2960 East Bradford, Bloomfield Twp. between 14 & 15 Mile, E. of Lahser at Lincoln. Maple furniture, dining room, sideboard, bar, Drexel bedroom set, sofas, chairs, tables, lamps, antiques, old toys, Christmas giftware, records, books, sporting equip., fridge, full basement, garage, much misc. For info 248-861-4089

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GREENTREES ESTATE SALES

Fri-Sat, Aug 22-23
10am-4pm

1516 Vinsetta Blvd., Royal Oak.
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BIRMINGHAM Moving Sale - Furniture, antiques, 995 Hazel St., btwn Woodward & Adams, S. of Maple. Sat. only 9 a.m.

BIRMINGHAM -household, sample jewelry, clothing, baby gear. Fri., 8-22, Sat., 8-23, 9:30-3:30. 562 Linden, W. of Southfield, S. of Maple.

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BIRMINGHAM 475 Park St. btwn Woodward & Old Woodward. Toys, furniture, clothes, child room rubber flooring, knick-knacks and art. Come for coffee, Fri., 8-4 Sat. 8-3.

BIRMINGHAM -Sale Offering Art, antiques, carpeting, gym, household & jewelry. Fri-Sat, 8-6pm. 1133 Latham. Corner of Lincoln & Latham.

BLOOMFIELD - BIG! S.W. corner Adams & Greentree, N. of Long Lk., Aug. 21-24, 9-6. Furniture, art, access, more.

BLOOMFIELD ANNUAL SALE Educational supplies: candles, potpourri, racoon coat, Baby Pram, antiques, misc. Aug. 21-23. 3725 W. Pemberton, 1 block N. Long Lake, 1 block W. Telegraph.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Moving Sale. Fri. & Sat., 10-4pm. 900 Bloomfield Club Ct., E. off Lahser, N. of Maple.

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS Sat., 8am-12pm. Baby & kids toys and clothing, jogging strollers & household. 3908 Shelmar Lane, off Quanton between Lahser and Telegraph.

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BLOOMFIELD TWP Garage sale at 5163 North Kellen Ct. Between 16 & 17 Mile, W. of Telegraph. Sat & Sun 10-4

BLOOMFIELD - 5 families at 1 location. Lots of everything. Fri. 9-5 & Sat. 9-1. 1833 Argosy Ct./N. Quanton, btwn Franklin/Inkster.

CANTON - Madison Rd. S. of Cherry Hill off Beck. Teen girls clothing, housewares, new stainless steel silverware in case. Precious Moments, misc. Thurs-Sat, 9-4.

CANTON Aug 21-22, 9-4pm. 41773 Cornerwood Ct., N/Ford, W/Haggerty. Clothes, furniture, household items, tools, Apple laptop/software scanner, misc. items.

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS Garage/estate sale 6952 Silver Lane, W. of Telegraph, S. of Warren. Aug 22nd, 23rd & 24th. 9-5.

DETROIT 54 yrs. of nifty old stuff. 16014 Hackett. N/Grand River at Mansfield. Aug. 22 & 23, 9-3. Side Door.

FARMINGTON Fri. & Sat. 9-5. 23885 Pickett, SW of Grand River. Farmington. Furniture, clothes, rally wheels, misc.

FARMINGTON Hills Aug. 22 & 23, 9-5pm. 22005 Cass, W. of Farmington Rd., S. of 9 Mile. Misc.

FARMINGTON HILLS - Multi-Family Garage Sale. Household merchandise and more. 30126 DeOrr Street (North of 13 & Drake Intersection). Thursday - Saturday (8/21-8/23) 9:00 - 4:00.

FARMINGTON HILLS Moving/garage sale. 29694 Colony Circle, Canterbury Commons Sub (off 13 Mile & Farmington). Aug 23 Sat 9-2.

FARMINGTON HILLS Aug 21st-23rd, 9-5. 32201 Alameda, W. off Orchard Lake S. of 11 Mile. Toys, furniture, clothes, bikes, household, books, kids stuff and more!

FARMINGTON HILLS Garage/Moving Sale. Thurs, Fri & Sat 8am. 29127 Augusta Dr. W. of Halstead & btwn 12 & 13 Mi (Copperwood East) Many household items, some furniture, appliances & more.

FARMINGTON HILLS Huge Sale. Baby items, Christmas, clothing, furniture. Fri-Sun, 10-3. 32685 Briarcrest Knolls, S/14 Mi, W/Middlebelt.

FARMINGTON HILLS Pictures, furniture, small electronics, books, linen, clothing, shoes, accessories, and more! 29701 Minglewood (between 12 & 13 Mi. off Middlebelt). Fri. 8-4, Sat. 8-12.

FARMINGTON HILLS Thurs-Sat, 10-6. 35395 Northmont Dr., off Drake between 12 & 13. Lots of household accessories.

FARMINGTON HILLS - Multi-Family. Aug. 21-23, 9-5. Corner of Lamar & Stockton, off Orchard Lk/Middlebelt, S/10 Mile. Electronics, antiques, books, 100's of misc.

FARMINGTON HILLS Multi-Family Garage Sale. Thurs-Sat, 9-5. 29134 Oak Point, S. of 13 Mile, W. off Farmington Rd. 9am-5pm, Aug. 21 & 22.

Garage Sale: Household goods, exercise equipment, electronics, appliances, clothes, bedding etc. Sat-9:00 to 4:00 Sun. 11:00 to 4:00. Brookview Dr. N. of 6 Mile/W. of Middlebelt, Livonia.

GARDEN CITY - Huge Garage Sale, Fri-Sun, 10-6pm. 2044 Arcola, Ford Rd. & Inkster Rd. Vending machines, & misc.

GARDEN CITY Huge! Fri. Sat. Sun. 9-5. 32316 Windsor, off Ford Rd./Hubbard/ Merriman. Toys, clothes, etc.

Huntington Woods - Huge boys clothes (2-10) & toys sale. Antique dining room furniture, chairs, household. Fri. Sat., 9-5. 12924 Victoria, 1 blk. N. 1-96, E. off Coolidge.

LAKE ORION/OXFORD Thurs-Sun, 10-3. 1000 Deer Path Trail, in Lake of Indian Wood Sub. W. of Leaper, S. of Drahrer. Cherry bedroom set, tables and much more

LIVONIA Combined 4 family sale Fri & Sat Aug 21 & 22. 9-4. 17295 Woodside, between 6 Mile & Bennett, 1 block E. of Levan. Furniture, glassware, stained glass, holiday decorations, household etc.

LIVONIA - 13979 Hubbard. Children's clothes & toys, household items, small appliances & much more in this two-family sale. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 21-22, 9am-4pm.

LIVONIA - 30909 Roycroft. August 21-24, 9-6pm. Childrens clothes, household items, furniture. Huge garage sale, 4 families. 1 block north of 5 Mile Rd., 1 block east of Merriman.

LIVONIA - Aug 21-23, 8am. 17142 Westbrook, corner of 6 Mile & Westbrook, E. of Levan.

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LIVONIA - Lot's of nice toys & books. Fri., Sat., 9-5, 18804 Ronnie, just S of 6 Mile and W of Wayne.

LIVONIA - After the Move Sale Aug 23, 9-3pm. Household misc --- incl the kitchen sink! 11778 Roselinda, S. of Plymouth, W. of Newburgh.

LIVONIA - Fri & Sat, 10-5. 31543 Summers St. Jeffries & Merriman. Furniture, appliances, household, misc.

LIVONIA - Garage Sale. 8-22/23 8-4. 8-5 - 29742 Richland, S. Plymouth/ W. Middlebelt. Longaberger Baskets, Hummel Figurines, Tools and household misc.

LIVONIA - Just married! Two households combined. Household items, furniture, clothes, toys, sports equip., etc. Lots of stuff! 34463 Richland Ct., Sat Aug 23, 9-4.

LIVONIA 3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE! Children toys, clothes, aluminum shed, hot tub, and much more! Sat 9am-2pm. 14243 Newburgh Rd. between 96 & Linden.

LIVONIA 5 families with good stuff. Antique book-cases, leather sofa, primitive cabinet, DVD's, VHS, books, collectibles, kid's clothes, men's suits, jewelry, new items daily. Aug 21-23, 10am-4pm. 19020 Woodring, S/7 Mile, 3 blocks E/Farmington.

Livonia Aug 22-23 9-4pm. 16700 Park, S/6 Mile, E/Levan. Multi-Family Sale, toys, children's clothes, misc.

LIVONIA Aug 22nd, 23rd & 24th, 9-4. Furniture, linens, computer, printer, fax, etc. 9324 Eastwind, Whispering Winds Condo, Off Newburgh, S. of Ann Arbor Trail. N. of Joy.

LIVONIA Aug 21-23, 9-5pm. 34647 St. Martins, 7 Mile, S. of G. Rd. Antiques, household, some furniture & clothing.

LIVONIA Aug 22-24, 9-2pm. 9881 Garrett, E. of Middlebelt, N. of West Chicago. Some furniture, baby/toddler clothes.

LIVONIA Fri-Sun, 10-5. 14125 Westmore, N/96, E/Farmington. Antiques, furniture, household, misc.

LIVONIA Friday, Saturday & Sunday 9-5. 32139 Barkley, S. of 5 Mile E. of Hubbard. Clothes, lots of tools, lawn equipment, edgers etc., Kitchen items, & much more

LIVONIA Garage & Moving Sale. Thurs-Sat, 9-4pm. 15740 Ellen Dr. N. off 5 Mile between Farmington & Levan.

LIVONIA Huge Sale - Brand new toys, bikes, games & infant clothes. Best seller hard cover books, recent movies VHS & DVD, adult & toddler clothes like new, many brand new items, too much to list. 28700 Greenfield, off Middlebelt between 5 & 6 Mile. Thurs & Fri. only 9-5. No early birds.

LIVONIA Sat-Mon, 9am-5pm. 35573 Parkdale, S. of Plymouth, between Wayne & Levan. Some furniture, small appliances, misc.

LIVONIA Thurs/Fri, Aug 21 & 22, 9-4pm. 16883 Parklane, S/7 Mile, E/Levan. Children's toys, household items, misc.

LIVONIA Aug 22-23rd, 9-4. 29520 Greenland, Furniture, glassware, household items, some antiques, large variety.

LIVONIA - 19921 Dearborn, South of 8 Mile/ West of Inkster Rd. Teen boy & girl fab fashions, waterbed, household & too many items to list. August 22 & 23 from 9 to 5

LIVONIA - Aug 21-22-23rd, very low prices, kitchen and patio set, bed, and much more. 11350 W. Clements Circle, E. of Middlebelt, off 13 Mile, off Harrison. 734-427-4865 ??

LIVONIA: Garage/Baby Sale. 39217 Dwyer Joy/Hix. Aug. 22-24, 9-5pm. Lots of baby stuff!

LIVONIA: Sat. only, 9-5. Furniture, toys, die cast cars, household & Longaberger. 39256 Ross, 5 & Haggerty.

MULTI-FAMILY - Fri. & Sat. 8/23-8/24, 9-5. N. of Warren, W. of Venoy, Chief Lane and Iroquois, follow signs. Art supplies, jewelry, books, etc.

NORTHVILLE - Furniture & lots of misc. household. 46141 Sunset, N. of 7 Mi., W. of Clement. Thurs. & Fri., 8-5.

NOVI - Yorkshire Place at 10 & Taft. Drums, playhouse, slide, furniture & more. 24906 White Plains. Fri-Sat, 9-4.

NOVI Old Orchard condominium yard sale! Aug 22-8-4. Rain day Aug 24th. 10 Mile & Haggerty area.

OAKLAND TWP. HUGO, HUGO Multi-Family Garage Sale. Thurs-Sat, 9-5. 34000 W. Low Low Pkway, 1785 Braemar, Off of Orion Rd. North of Clarkson Rd. - Take MacDougall.

OAKLAND TWP. Orion Rd. to Ridgewood to Abby Wood. Desk/ work center, household items, toys, clothes Rain or Shine. Thurs., Fri., Sat. 9-2pm.

PLEASANT RIDGE Antiques & collectibles only! Years of collecting! Too much to list! No baby items, no clothes. Thurs & Fri. Aug 21st & 22nd, 9-4:30. 21 Fairwood, 4 blocks S. of 696, Eastside of Woodward.

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Plymouth Aug 23-24 9-3 11390 Southworth 1 blk W of haggerty S/Ann Arbor Trail. Baby clothes & toys, Tools, Misc.

Plymouth Fri. & Sat., 9-5. 42490 Lakeland, S. of 5 Mile & E. of Northville Rd. Lots of good misc. stuff.

REDFORD 11379 Arnold, 4 blocks E. of Beach, Sat Aug 23, 8-3:30. Clothes, house decor & more. Great cond.

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REDFORD - August 21-23, 9827 Tecumseh, N. of West Chicago between Inkster & Beech Daly.

Redford - 3 family, 9087 Tecumseh, SE.W. Chicago & Inkster area. Fri., Sat., Aug. 22, 23, 9-5.

REDFORD - Huge Sale! Collectibles, antiques, computer, books, clothes, kids stuff, etc. Sat, 9-6 & Sun, 10-4. 10031 Marion, S/Plymouth, E/Beech.

REDFORD - NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALES. 18 families holding separate sales. Thurs. Aug 21 - Sun. Aug. 24. Nathaniel & Columbia Sts., N. of Plymouth Rd., E. of Inkster Rd. (TCF Bank on corner).

REDFORD 18614 Denby, 7 Mile & Inkster. Aug. 22 & 23, 9am-4pm. Furniture, clothes, and misc.

REDFORD Fri & Sat, Aug. 22 & 23, 8am-5pm. 9576 Arnold, S/Plymouth, E/Beech Daly. Clothes, books, kitchen items, oak dresser w/mirror.

REDFORD garage & moving sale Thurs-Sun, 8/21-8/24, 9am-7pm. Furniture, glassware, toys, boys clothes, queen/full size bedroom outfit \$900 or best offer. 17421 9000 Bay, btwn 6 & 7 Mile.

REDFORD TWP. Sat Aug 23, 9-4; 16657 Denby S. of 7 Mile & E. of Inkster. Household, furniture, antiques.

REDFORD SAT/SUN 9-5; 19904 Centralia (N Grand River, W/Beech). Furniture, clothes, collectibles, stereo & more.

REDFORD - Big Sale! Glassware, paintings, a/c, glass/stop table & chairs, end tables, 3 tier table, some tools, clothes & toys, etc. 18671 Norborne, 2 bks. W. of Beech Rd., 1 1/2 bks. S. of 7 Mile. Sat. & Sun. 10-6.

REDFORD Multi-family sale 25397 Ivanhoe, S. of 5 Mile, E. of Beech. Thurs-Fri. 9-4. Furniture, kids clothes, misc.

ROCHESTER - American Girl collection, Cherished Toddlers, teaching supplies, Adams & Dutton, Hills of Oakland Sub. Aug. 21st-23rd, 9-3.

ROCHESTER HILLS - 167 Parsons Lane. Tons of great stuff! Books, CDs, clothes, tools, toys, more. Sat. 10-3

ROCHESTER HILLS - Thur. Fri. & Sat., 9-4. Furniture, Beanie babies, lots of misc items. 2556 Gerald, 3 bks W. of Dequindre, N. of Auburn. Don't miss, something for everyone!

ROCHESTER HILLS GARAGE SALE 8AM-PM. Fri. Sat. Aug 22 & 23, 2385 Pleasant View. E. of Brewster, S. of Dutton. Household items, books, some toys & games, large dog loo, computer desk with hutch, formalica top table, record albums, stereo equipment, and much more. Please no early birds.

ROCHESTER HILLS HUGE MOVING SALE! Aug 21-25, 9am-6 pm. 3235 Edmundton, off Adams between Tienken & Dutton, Adams West Sub.

ROCHESTER HILLS Huge Multi-family Moving Sale. Rider mower, tools, lawn equip. Thurs-Sat, 8/21-23, 9-5. 176 E. Tienken Rd.

Rochester Hills Thurs. - Sat., 9-4. 1521 Newton Circle, E. of Adams, N. of Tienken. Misc. household, weight equipment.

ROCHESTER HILLS Treasider Dr. Street Sale, 8-22-23, 9-4pm. W/Rochester, W/Hamlin. Kids clothes, infant items, toys, furniture, 50 pairs new golf shoes.

ROCHESTER Thurs-Sat., 9-3pm. 623 First St. off Wilcox. Toys, games, books, household, table & table & chairs.

ROYAL OAK - lots of stuff also pottery seconds & glass outp. Thurs. - Sat. 10-4. 643 S. Blair Ave., 1/2 mi. E. of Woodward, off Lincoln. Credit cards accepted.

ROYAL OAK - 2 couches, household items, toys, clothes (women size 2), BBQ, furniture & much more. Aug. 23-24, 9-4 only. 1102 Edgewood Dr. E. of Woodward, N. of Catalpa.

ROYAL OAK Tools, antiques, furniture, VHS videos, kiln, women's clothing, much more. 1025 Iroquois, 1 block E. of Woodward, off Catalpa, Fri., Sat., 8-4.

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Anne Fracassa

BY ANNE FRACASSA
AVANTI NEWS FEATURES

Just before school let out in June, as both my children were watching a DVD in the back seat with the headsets on, my 11-year-old took off her headset and asked me what I thought then as an "out-of-this-decade" question: "Mom," Francesca asked, "Why can't we view cable networks on the cars that have televisions?" My answer? "You realize you need a cable for cable TV, right?"

"Yes."

"Well, it would be a really long cable to get just about anywhere, wouldn't it?" I answered.

Proud of myself for being so witty, we went home, did homework and nothing more was said.

In walks a press release on my desk a mere month later from KVH Industries in Middletown, R.I., to make me choke on my previous words.

It was only a matter of time, I said to myself, shaking my head.

They've invented the TracVision A5, a revolutionary ultra-low profile antenna that will bring live satellite television to in-vehicle video screens no matter where you are in the country. It's been successfully tested on vehicles that include the Ford Expedition and Windstar and Nissan Quest.

With more and more vehicles being outfitted with mobile video systems - it's one of the hottest-selling electronic accessory on the market today - this company promises premium, static-free, digital satellite TV programming.

Can you imagine traveling from coast-to-coast without hundreds of DVDs on board? Fascinating, as Mr. Spock would say.

"People love to watch TV and not just at home," said Jim Dodez, KVH's vice president of marketing. "The exploding popularity of rear-seat video entertainment systems confirms that. Satellite radio, for all its variety, is still just audio entertainment."

Dodez estimates more than 600,000 people have subscribed to various satellite radio services, quoting industry data that estimates more than 1 million systems were sold in 2002. That number is certain to grow as more listeners want continuous music commercial-free.

"Those passengers in these vehicles are going to want something to watch," he said. "Satellite TV, with more than 300 channels of video, up to 50 channels of commercial-free music and nationwide coverage, is the perfect solution. (Our product) makes that possible."



TracVision A5 is available in vehicles such as the Ford Expedition.

Any vehicle equipped with KVH's system will be able to receive the same premium cable service that most of us receive in our homes.

It's a fully automatic antenna that mounts to the roof rack of any vehicle and tracks TV satellites in space offering the latest movies, breaking news, sports and every type of entertainment you can get at home. It can also support multiple video screens and receivers.

With that capability, every passenger can have their own video screen and watch their own favorite programming - from a CD, the satellite, DVD, Digital Video Recorder or a game console.

It took two years for KVH's engineers to research and develop the 5-inch system. There's been a lot of interest in the system throughout the industry, which sees endless possibilities with the advent of the TracVision A5. Everyone from consumers to industry professional see it revolutionizing the way we operate our vehicles.

"We're seeing a tremendous amount of interest in TracVision A5 and live satellite TV in the car," Dodez said. "Families with small children, emergency and law enforcement agencies and business travelers all recognize that live TV can offer a level of information and entertainment that radio can't match."

KVH began sales of the TracVision A5 in June. More information can be obtained by going to www.TracVision.com.

Here is a question-and-answer sampling from the Web site. Hope this gives you a nice taste of high technology that's available right now.

Q. What is the TracVision A5 in-motion satellite TV antenna?

A. The TracVision A5 is an in-motion satellite TV antenna. The 4 1/2 inch high TracVision A5 makes satellite TV a reality for SUVs, minivans and luxury automobiles equipped

with passenger video entertainment systems. Now, travelers on open roads throughout the continental United States will be able to leave the DVDs and videos at home and instead enjoy 300 or more channels of DIRECTV satellite TV entertainment, news, sports, movies and business updates as well as more than 50 channels of commercial-free music. TracVision will also be expandable in the future to provide access to mobile, high-speed Internet access via satellite.

Q. I have two or more video screens/TVs on my vehicle or boat. Using a TracVision antenna, can we watch different channels on each one?

A. Yes. Like your home satellite TV antenna, a single TracVision antenna can support multiple video screens/TVs. If each screen has its own receiver, you can watch different channels on each screen. However, if you have a single receiver, all of the TV screens will show the same programming.

Q. Are there any driving limitations when I have TracVision A5 installed on my vehicle?

A. Not from a technical perspective. TracVision was designed specifically for automotive installation and the rigors of driving. However, KVH recommends people use TracVision and all onboard entertainment systems safely and responsibly. It is unsafe for a video screen to be mounted in such a position that the driver can watch TV. Be sure that the driver pays attention to the road and gets you to and from your destination safely.

Q. Can I get Internet-via-satellite using TracVision A5?

A. The first TracVision A5 systems will be satellite TV only. However, they will be expandable to support mobile, high-speed Internet access when KVH makes this service available in the future.

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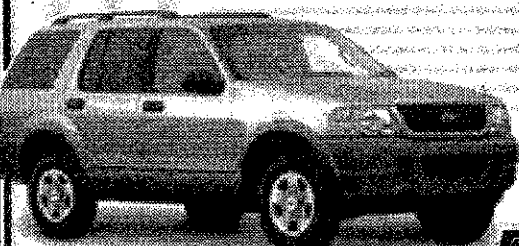
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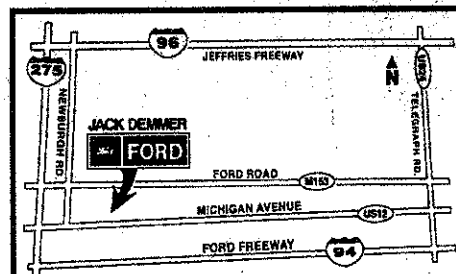
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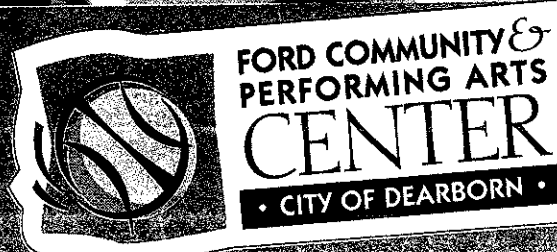
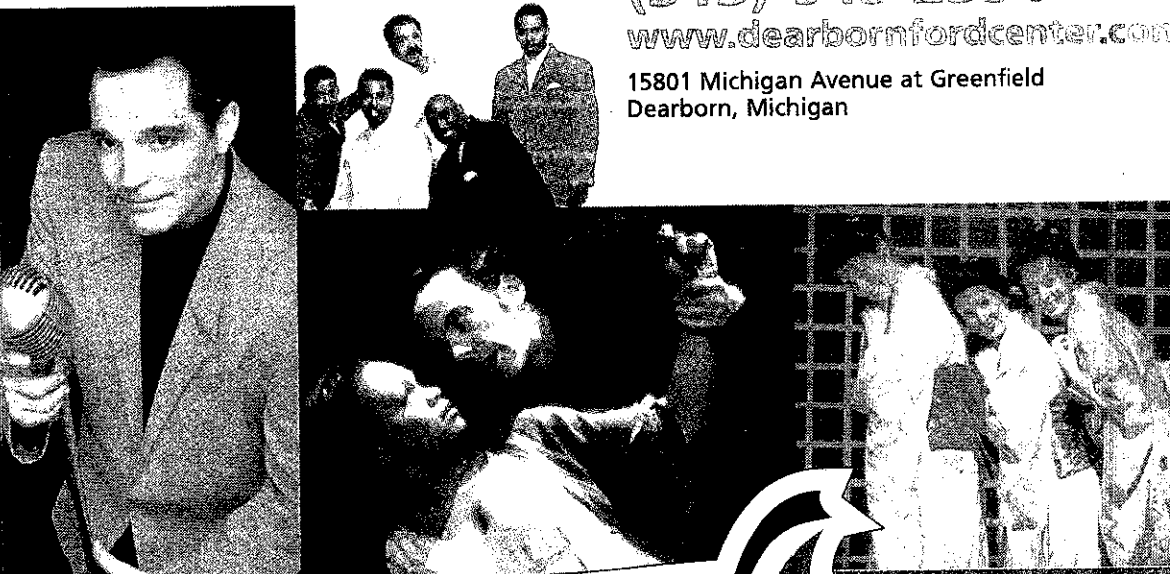
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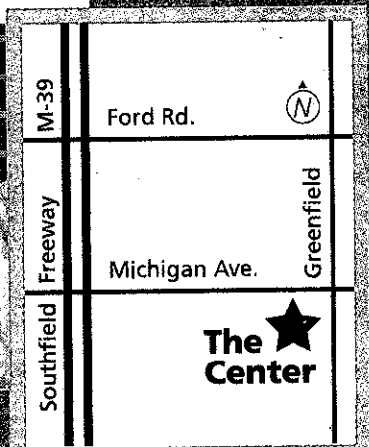
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Hot Ticket

'Art So Hot, It's Cool' at fair

The Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans introduces the Village Art Fair in Rochester Hills, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 23-24, at the Village of Rochester Hills.

"Fairgoers will find a multitude of work; featured work will include jewelry, ceramics, painting, glass, photography, fiber and more," said Max Clayton,

executive director of the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans, the artists' organization that produces the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair. "All work is created by the artists themselves, it is unique, distinctive and exclusive. Fairgoers will have the wonderful opportunity to talk directly to the artists, to ask questions and learn about how their designs are created."

The Village of Rochester Hills, on the northeast corner of Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, is a shopping center composed of 50 stores and restaurants nestled into tree-lined streets. Admission and parking are free.

Clayton said the planning process took six months and the community of Rochester Hills was selected for a variety of reasons, including aesthetics and convenience, with the shopper and artist in mind.

"Rochester Hills is an inspiring community," Clayton said. "Its growth is phenom-



Paintings by Susanne Lawrence of Waterford will be featured at the Village Art Fair in Rochester Hills.

nal. It is a city interested in culture and the arts. It seemed like the perfect place and once we visited the Village of Rochester Hills — well, it was love at first sight. The location is beautiful.

It is an interesting collection of outstanding shops and restaurants arranged in just the right way — unique and convenient."

"Art So Hot, It's Cool" is the Guild's summer slogan. Shoppers will be able to combine their annual back-to-school shopping with a stroll through the booths of more than 100 juried fine artists and artisans featuring works in many media including jewelry, ceramics and painting.

Fairgoers will find the same excellence and variety as

at the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair. Family entertainment will be included at the Guild's "Imagination Station" art area for children.

The Michigan Guild is introducing the new fair as a means of promoting the artwork of artists and guild members from throughout the world.

For the first time in three years, the guild is also accepting applications for new members in an attempt to expand its representation to an even larger portion of the fine art community.

The guild was organized in May 1973 to provide structure and organization for the successful Free Fairs that had begun a few years earlier. It began as the University of Michigan Artists and Craftsmen's Guild.

In the years since, The Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans has become a non-profit, visual artists membership organization.

More than 1,000 member

VILLAGE ART FAIR

What: The Village Art Fair
When: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24

Where: The Village of Rochester Hills (northeast corner of Walton and Adams roads)

Who: Produced by the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans, presenter of the award-winning Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair.

What: Shoppers will be able to combine their annual back-to-school shopping with a stroll through more than 100 booths of fine artists and artisans.

For information: Visit www.michianguild.org

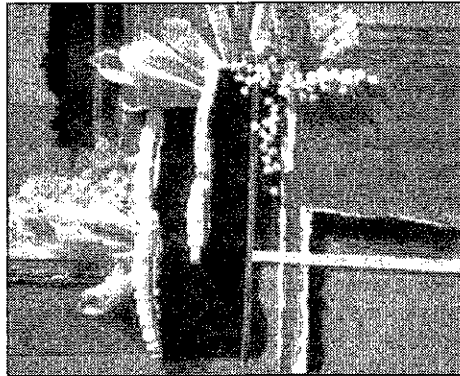
artists and artisans create the finest contemporary arts and crafts available to the collector of fine hand-made objects for use and enjoyment.

Clayton said as a membership organization, the guild has unique access to some of the most skilled and talented professional artists in the United States.

"Following the application process, we conduct a jury which ensures that a wide range of media is represented at the fair by the highest-rated artists. Competition is intense."

In addition to producing The Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair, the guild also produces another smaller, highly-respected fair, The Holiday Art Fair at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills (to be held this year Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 1-2).

For more information, call the Michigan Guild at (734) 662-3382, or visit www.michianguild.org



Two- and three-dimensional handmade paper art as well as collages are the specialties of Donna Beaubien, an artist from Troy. She uses a variety of materials in her work, as illustrated above.

'Open Range' a labor of love for director Costner

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

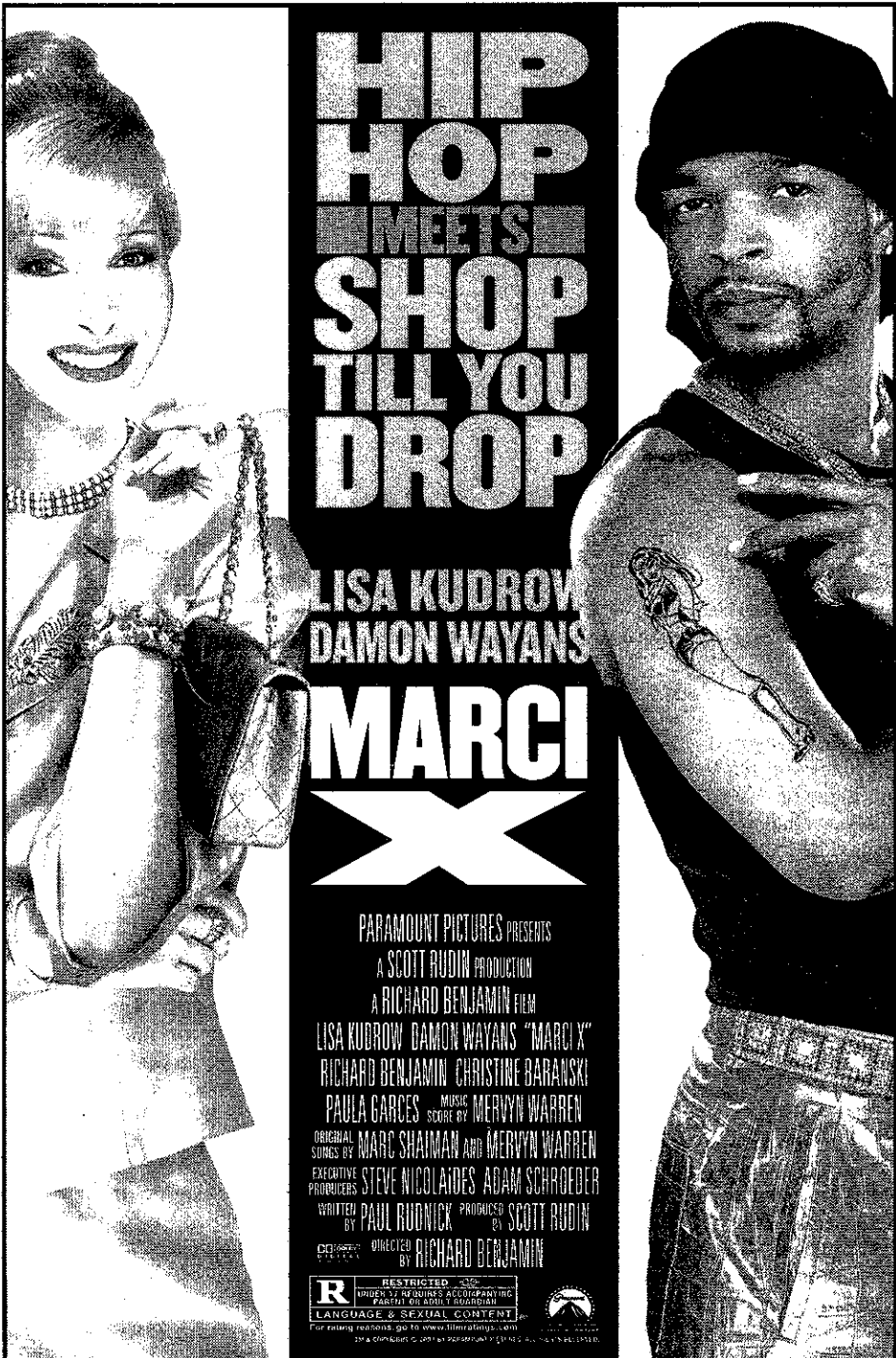
It's obvious from the opening shot, *Open Range* was a labor of love for its director and lead actor Kevin Costner. It begins appropriately on the range with images of big sky and gently sloping hills that go on for miles. The picturesque landscape is undoubtedly the West, and

already there is a nod to the most American of film genres, the Western. There are many more expansive and breathtaking vistas to come. Costner, whose last directorial hit was the 1990 Academy Award-winning *Dances With Wolves*, also takes great care in composing more mundane shots, from the guys around the campfire to the turning wheels of a wagon.

Unfortunately, the plot of *Open Range* is not as engaging as the cinematography. Also, skeptical movie-goers are likely to chalk the movie up as a cliché rather than a work that alludes to old Westerns. The story revolves around a four-man team which roams the West, driving their cattle and living off the land as they go. Costner plays Charley Waite, while Robert Duvall portrays the team's leader, Boss Spearman. Playing the younger members of the group are Abraham

Benrubi, best known as Jerry Markovic on the television series *E.R.*, and Diego Luna, star of the critically acclaimed *Y Tu Mama Tambien*. An unfortunate turn of events forces the men to remain near the city of Harmonville, a typical Old West town run by a corrupt sheriff who doesn't take kindly to those he considers free-grazers.

PLEASE SEE WESTERN, E5





Kevin Costner (left) stars in and directs 'Open Range.' Robert Duvall also stars.

What's going on with 'Uptown Girls?'

UPTOWN GIRLS
** (out of four)

It seems like every time I review a Brittany Murphy film, all I do is write about Brittany Murphy — her charming gooey eyes, gurgly voice and the jerky marionette way she moves. I can't help it — I cannot think of any other headlining actress whose style is so haphazardly carefree. And, oh yeah, usually her movies are stinky. Case in point: January's *Just Married*, a horrid little romance that paired Murphy and Ashton Kutcher as newlyweds on the "Honeymoon from hell." Murphy was very appealing. She was charming and loose and it was easy to see how Kutcher fell for her. It was just as easy to lash out at the rest of the film, because it was, as I said, stinky.

I realize now, not six months later, that Murphy might be partly to blame. Part of being an actor is serving the film even if it means giving up the part of you that is

"charming" and "appealing." Murphy stuck out like a sore thumb in *Just Married* because she couldn't or wouldn't accept the kind of straight-faced comedy of errors the film tried so desperately to be. Instead, she kept on playing "Brittany Murphy," which was akin to Laurence Olivier appearing in a Three Stooges skit and refusing to take a pie in the face. The same thing happens in *Uptown Girls*, a perplexing new comedy-drama that has no idea what kind of film it is or what kind of characters it is about. Aside from one character called "Brittany Murphy," that is.

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Small Screen

Snap up one of America's best films

BY DAVID MACGREGOR
CORRESPONDENT

Let me cut right to the chase here. *The Maltese Falcon* came out in 1941, the same year that *Citizen Kane* was released and the same year the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. So what form of madness would compel you to watch a film that came out 62 years ago?

Humphrey Bogart won't be on Dave or Jay's couch anytime soon, the private life of Peter Lorre won't be a feature on *Access Hollywood* later this week, there's no lite beer or soda tie-in, there's no action figures that your kids will be clamoring for and, perhaps most daunting of all, the film is in black and white.

So why watch it? Because it's good. Because it's one of the best American films ever made.

Based on the novel by hard-boiled writer Dashiell Hammett, *The Maltese Falcon* is arguably the first film noir ever made. It's also the first film ever directed by legendary director John Huston and it's the film that moved Bogart from being merely an actor to becoming an icon.

Bogart had begun his career as a romantic leading man, then moved into bad guy roles in which he was inevitably gunned down at the end of the film by someone like James Cagney or Edward G. Robinson, but it was in the role of Sam Spade, private detective, that he laid down the framework for the Bogart persona that he would subsequently embellish in *Casablanca* (1942).

Taking place in San Francisco, the film centers around Sam Spade's search for a black statuette of a bird, while at the same time he's hunting for the killer of his partner.

Almost every scene in the film takes place at night, and the brooding urban landscape is filled with shadows and characters that reveal the city's dark underbelly.

After a long and successful theatrical career, Sidney Greenstreet made his film debut here as the urbane yet amoral Kasper Gutman, ably assisted in his scheme to get the mysterious Maltese Falcon by Peter Lorre (as Joel Cairo) and Elisha Cook Jr. as Wilmer, a psychopathic killer who Sam Spade takes pleasure in ridiculing at every opportunity.

The role of the femme fatale is given a definitive spin by Mary Astor, and you can



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see this character's descendants in countless modern films, from Kathleen Turner in *Body Heat* to Linda Fiorentino in *The Last Seduction*.

Prior to *The Maltese Falcon*, most women's roles had revolved around the ideals of mother and wife, but here the idea of a beautiful, scheming and powerful woman willing to go to any lengths to get what she wants was explored to the hilt.

Finally, if you need one more reason to watch this film, consider this: One of the more interesting aspects of watching older films is that they had to be somewhat more delicate and nuanced in the way they sketched out certain character traits and activities.

Today, filmmakers can bring out the 2-by-4 to indicate to viewers that this character is a serial killer and that character is a drug addict.

In the case of *The Maltese Falcon*, one of the aspects of the film that would escape most modern viewers is that all of the bad guys in the film are, in fact, homosexuals.

This is not something that could be said out loud, so it is only in details of dress, props and subtle dialogue hints that it is expressed at all.

The clues are all there but, like Sam Spade, you'll have to be a detective to put together the full picture that this truly great film has to offer.

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WESTERN

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Harmonville is where Waite meets and falls in love with Sue Barlow, a spirited woman played by Anne Bening.

As Waite's romance unfolds, so does the battle between the town's corrupt figures and the free-grazers. All the while, a shootout is looming.

To Costner's credit, the showdown does the Western genre proud in a way that seems to pay tribute to *High Noon*. The gunfight is engaging and drawn out in a way that makes the audience feel as if it's caught in the gunfire.

It also uses modern special effects to convey the severity of the violence in a way older films did not.

Costner also deserves praise for how he frames the film thematically. Ultimately, *Open Range* is a quest for freedom that howls about the necessity of violence and inevitability of corruption.

If you love Westerns, *Open Range* is a must-see. If you dislike the genre, beware, you will probably find the film cliché. If you're on the fence, *Open Range* is beautiful enough to make it worth a shot.

A Buena Vista Pictures release, *Open Range* is rated R.

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UPTOWN

FROM PAGE E4

Murphy plays Molly Gunn, the wealthy child of a deceased rock-and-roll legend. Molly lives in the Manhattan version of a castle — a gorgeous apartment overlooking the city. But the joint is filthy in the way that only the rich can be filthy, and filled with incongruities — she keeps her petty cash in the refrigerator and her pet pig unleashed to rut as he so pleases.

At her birthday party, Molly meets an up-and-coming singer/songwriter named Neil, and they begin an extremely confusing affair. I mean “confusing” from the audience point of view: It is entirely unclear what is happening between them. It appears that they spend one night together, yet we are led to believe that they have spent days on end. Even if this is true, why does Molly loathe Neil by the end of it, only to explode in paroxysms of grief when he departs? Did we skip a few scenes? What’s going on?

Well, no matter — things get really simple really fast. After losing her fortune, Molly gets a job as nanny to Ray (Dakota Fanning), a militant, germ-obsessed 8-year-old neat-freak. Their relationship is backward — Molly, learning the ways of the world for the first time, is the child, while Ray, having lived basically alone for five years, is the adult.

However, they soon realize that they have more in common than they ever would have ... zzzzzzz.

Oops, the soothing clichés lulled me off to dreamland! Fortunately, there are a few things about *Uptown Girls* that will wake you up, including a funny, deadpan performance by Fanning as the humorless robo-child. Although *Uptown Girls* is a cutesy film, Ray is not a cutesy role, and the film allows her to mutter some wonderful phrases as “You just got your germy drool all over my plastic scone, you freako.” Ah, from the mouths of babes.

While her potty mouth supplies most of the film’s humor, it’s also part of the bigger problem. Is *Uptown Girls* a kids’ movie? Maybe — the last 30 minutes are so saccharine they could bring on a root canal. But remember those confusing first 30 minutes? They’re relatively explicit.

Uptown Girls is constructed of contradictory information and made up of character relationships that are utter mysteries — even the actors look confused.

Consequently, the film has some novelty appeal. After all, shouting “What is going on?” at the screen is kind of fun in a David Lynch sort of way. Unfortunately, adolescent girls — the film’s target audience — aren’t real big fans of “ambiguity.”

Daniel Kraus is a syndicated columnist and filmmaker.

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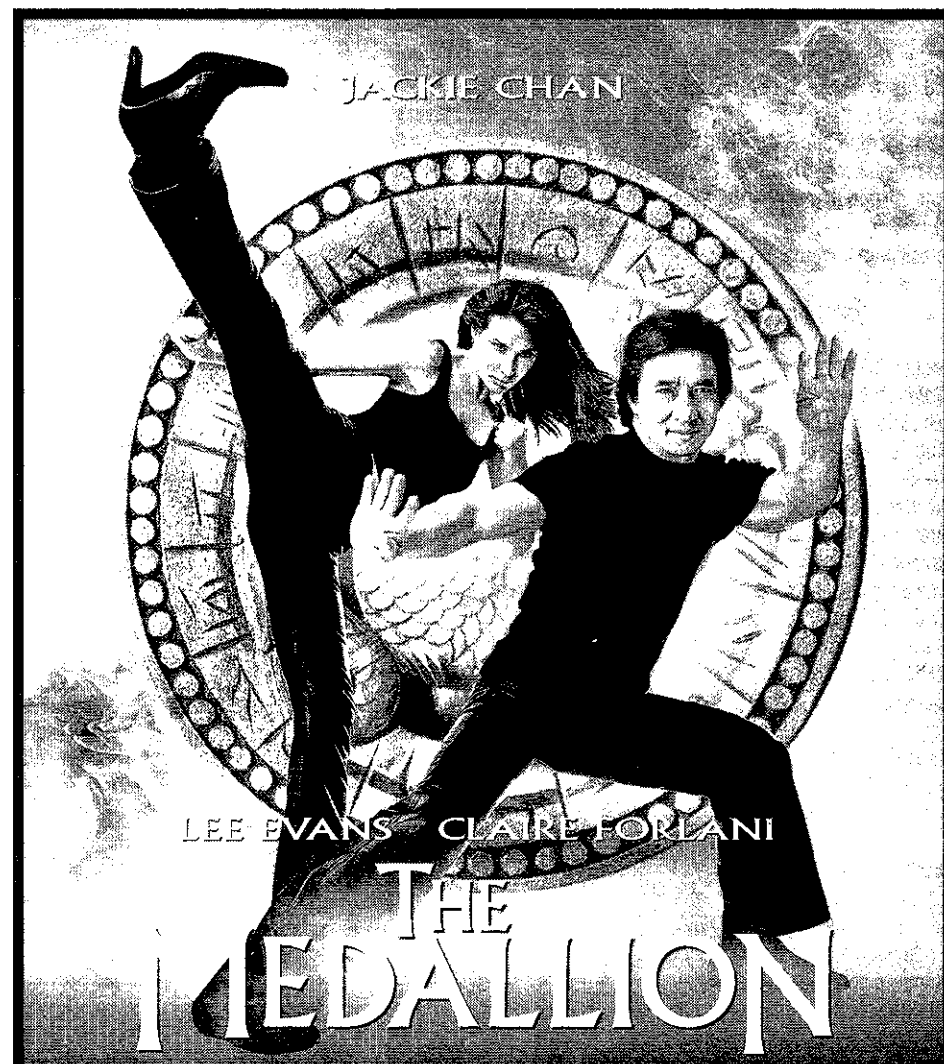
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GALLERY RECEPTIONS

Dual Celebration

'The First 100 Years,' Detroit Society of Women Painters & Sculptors and Pewabic Pottery, opening reception 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, behind the scenes tour of Pewabic Pottery, 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. Show runs Aug. 22-30, gallery hours 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, (313) 822-0954.

Art of Labor

Creative Arts Center, exhibit of paintings, photos, posters and memorabilia with a labor theme, opens 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23 with a reception and continues through Saturday, Sept. 20, 47 Williams St., Pontiac, two blocks west of Woodward and one block south of Huron (M-59), (248) 333-7849, www.cacpontiac.com

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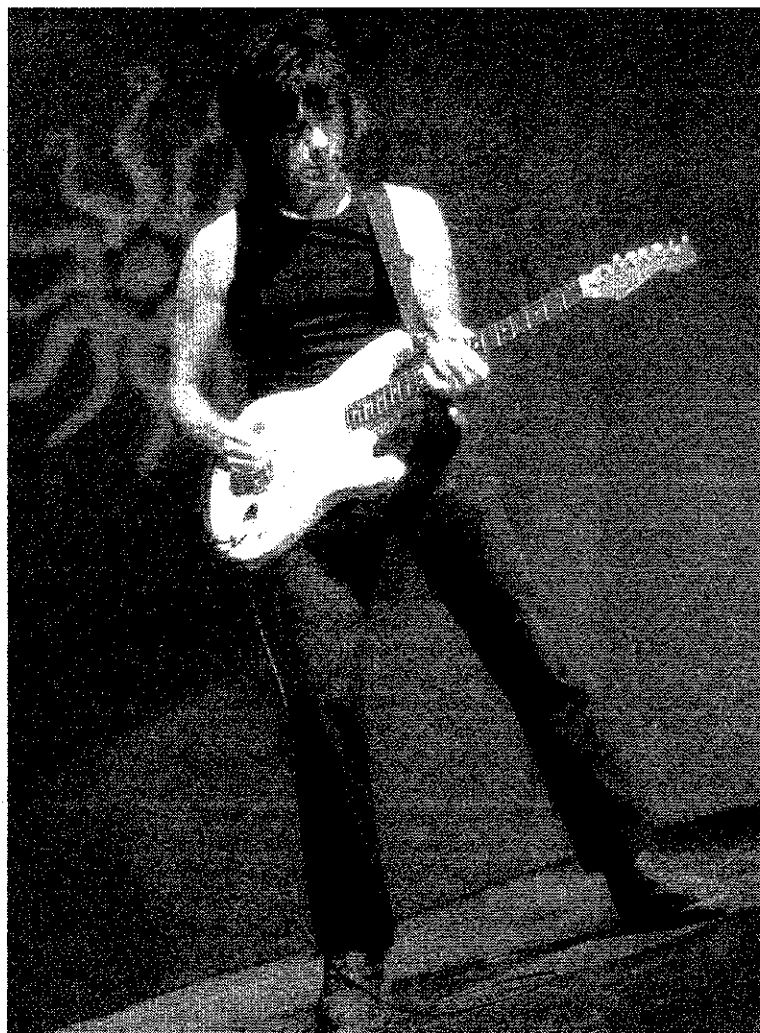
Hosted by Blackberry Creek Dancers 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, Italian Cultural Center, 28111 Imperial Dr., south of 12 Mile east of Hoover, Warren. Dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Open dancing 8-11:30 p.m. (313) 526-9432, bberryprod@aol.com, singles/couples welcome

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.

Social dancing

Classes for Motown style ballroom start



Jeff Beck will play Bluesfest with B.B. King, Galactic and Mofro 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22 at DTE. Call Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.

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.

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New dance program at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, starts in September, classes in jazz, tap, ballet, modern and ballroom for students of all ages, preschool classes on Thursday afternoons, (248) 852-5850.

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CLUBS/BARS

Mephisto's

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dance floor. The place looks hot with deep red and purple jewel tones. Music is techno, hip hop, old school and top 40. And when you aren't dancing, check out the very worthwhile 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. 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.

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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 club wear. 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.

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GALLERY SHOWS

Cpop Gallery

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Emerging Artists 2003, through Sept. 30, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, (248) 432-5448.

Livonia Arts Commission

At the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road, Linda Sterns, watercolor, mixed media, collage, through Aug. 28, Fine Arts Gallery, second floor, Livonia City Hall Lobby, 33000 Civic Center Dr., east of Farmington Road, Livonia Artist Club, mixed media, through Aug. 28.

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Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

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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).

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Tours 1:30 p.m. Monday-Sunday, and 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, cost is \$12.50, \$8.50 seniors over age 62, \$6 children under 12, children under 2 free; Tea on Tuesday \$35, at Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. For information, visit the Web site at www.meadowbrookhall.org



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Michael Blakemore's Tony Award-winning revival of 'Kiss Me Kate' is a play within a play. Two of the characters portrayed in the musical are Petruchio and Kate from William Shakespeare's 'Taming of the Shrew.'

Season opens with a classic, closes with a little skin

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

What do you get when you combine classic musical theater, pop rock, contemporary dance and a dose of onstage nudity?

The start and finish of the Fisher Theatre's 2003-04 season, plus everything in between.

Opening the season Sept. 2 is the Tony Award-winning revival of the musical *Kiss Me Kate*.

Closing it in 2004 is actress Kelly McGillis showing some skin in the play *The Graduate*.

"From soup to nuts, we have the whole menu of theatrical experience," said Alan Lichtenstein, executive director of Nederlander Theater, which operates the Fisher. "There's a little bit of everything."

THE SEASON

After *Kiss Me Kate*, which runs through Sept. 21, is the ever popular, dance-in-the-aisles musical *Mamma Mia*. It's all about love, but set to the Swedish band ABBA's greatest hits.

Following *Mamma Mia* is one of the most popular musicals ever produced, *Les Miserables*, which has had eight runs in Detroit and sold out every time.

"*Les Mis* is endeared to Detroit," Lichtenstein said.

"So we try to bring it back every three or four years."

Next is the tour premier of *Movin' Out*, which opened last year in New York and garnered two Tony Awards.

The musical features dance by legendary choreographer Twyla Tharp set

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What: Michael Blakemore's Tony Award-winning Broadway revival of *Kiss Me Kate* with songs by Cole Porter.

When: Sept. 2-21; 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

Where: Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit.

Tickets: \$32-59.50, call Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666 or the box office at (313) 872-1000 or visit www.nederlanderdetroit.com.

to 26 classic Billy Joel songs.

Then the tone shifts at the Fisher with *The Exonerated*, a drama about six wrongly convicted death row inmates who live to tell about it.

The Graduate, with McGillis playing Mrs. Robinson, runs Feb. 24-March 14, 2004.

THE OPENER

Kiss Me Kate, a battle-of-the-sexes comedy set in 1948 Baltimore, is a play within a play.

Its characters are involved in a production of *Taming of The Shrew* by William Shakespeare.

Like in *Shrew*, there's a tempestuous but loving relationship between the lead male and female characters.

"The audience always responds to *Kiss Me Kate* because it's light and fun," said Dexter Brigham, who plays the lead male role in the touring show.

Music comes from the legendary Cole Porter and includes such songs as *Another Op'nin', Another Show*, *Too Darn Hot* and *So In Love*.

"You're hard-pressed to find a better American Broadway songwriter," Brigham said.

"He knows how to capture the spirit of the time for which he was writing."

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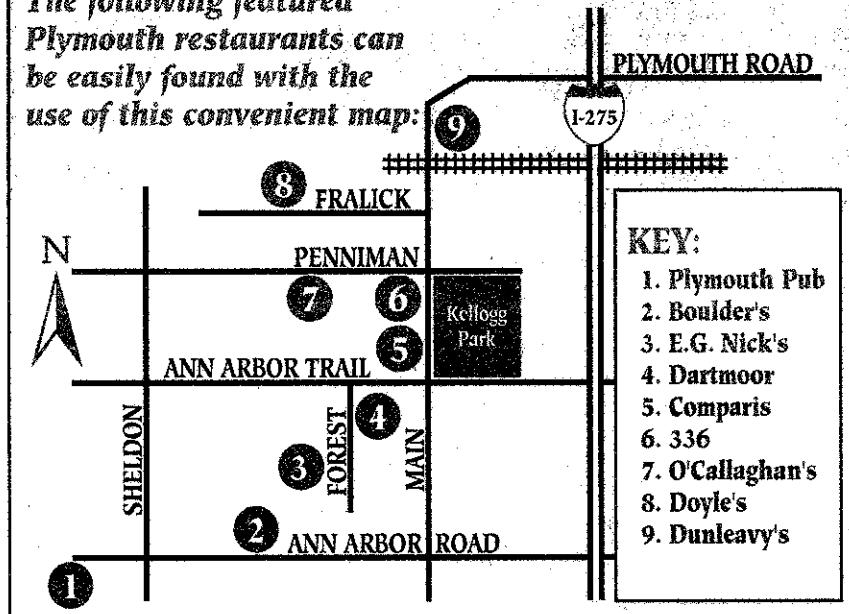
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Cover Story

Sex Pistols

Original band members ready to show
new generation what real punk is

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Let's get something straight: The Sex Pistols make and break the so-called rules of punk.

Ever see green or orange spiked hair before them?

More important, the Sex Pistols sang their hard working-class English opinions before the rest — and they did it in the mid-1970s world of pop and disco.

Green Day and Rancid might *play* punk rock, but the Sex Pistols *are* punk.

There's a big bloody difference, said Sex Pistols notorious frontman John Lydon, *aka* Johnny Rotten. But he's not sentimental about it; he just wants accurate history.

It's been 27 years since the Sex Pistols shocked England and America with their "pretty vacant" lyrics. Now the original members are playing again in a handful of shows that will include a stop at Detroit's Cobo Hall Aug. 28.

It's the Sex Pistols, for crying out loud, what summer ticket could be as intriguing?

Don't dare repeat the cliché that guys who played in a 1970s band should hide at home and be remembered for their youth. Rotten is middle-aged and happy about it.

"We decide when and where we will play and when not to play," a mirthful Rotten said from his home in L.A. last week. "We started this whole thing and we'll finish it. This is one granddaddy who ain't rolling over."

Why expect anything less from a band



John Lydon, aka Johnny Rotten, charges into town with the Sex Pistols Aug. 28.

that shaped and broke every musical model?

Quitting is an attitude for teenagers who don't get it yet, Rotten said.

UNHAPPINESS IS DULL

In the 1970s, Rotten and the boys were angry young musicians. They came from working-class backgrounds and suffered through a dreadful English economy.

Today, brooding musicians are nothing new, so Rotten is punk just by being admittedly happy.

"In music and in life, I cannot function with the regulations that self-depreciation is interesting. ... I will explode from that," he said. "There's nothing cool or hard about a poor-pity-me attitude. That's for soft, sweet candies like Billy Idol, Marilyn Manson or Limp Bizkit. And there's nothing tough about these

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Table Hopping

Fine art of planning keeps eats on beat

BY ALICE RHEIN
CORRESPONDENT

With 74 applicants for participation in the food corridor and only 45 spaces, the art isn't the only thing juried at the sixth annual Arts, Beats & Eats festival Labor Day weekend in Pontiac.

Producer Jonathan Witz says that what he strives for is to find a wide range of high-quality participants to give guests a variety of different tastes.

"We don't want too many of one theme," he said. "We have five to six new ones each year, and there are ones that we work with every year."

Once the restaurants are chosen, specific coordination involves teaching safety, sales and operations as well as health department regulations.

For Michael Hennes, owner of Howe's Bayou in Ferndale, participating in Pontiac's Jambalaya festival earlier this year helped to prepare him and his staff for their introduction to Arts, Beats & Eats.

"This is our first year, so for us, it's a lot of guesswork," he said. "They say to expect a million people, but how much product, what size bowls and how much staff does that mean?"

But with the success of Jambalaya, Hennes knows that po' boys, or pulled pork sandwiches, and the huge stir-fry pan of Jambalaya cooked onsite are quite popular, and an accurate representation of what his Cajun-themed restaurant has to offer.

He's also taken full advantage of the training programs offered to the food participants.

"We use all the advice we can," said Hennes, noting that all aspects of sanitation, cook and hold procedures, storage, staffing and backup supplies are reviewed.

Getting Howe's Bayou in the public eye

is an obvious reason for being there, but Hennes also said that he and his staff of six to eight enjoy the break in the routine: "They are hard at work, but it's so much fun."

For Jane Linder of the Heathers Club, attracting restaurant customers isn't the primary goal, since the Bloomfield Hills locale is a private club.

"For us, we're letting people know we're out there, but it's also a nice thing to do for Arts, Beats & Eats," she said.

Eric Horlacher, the executive chef at the Heathers Club, says he's been with the festival since its inception, and has won best dessert twice.

Those hungry for sweets would do well to check out the creme puffs topped with crumbled nuts, cheese-cake and mousse-stuffed crepes offered at his booth.

"Our biggest challenge is that we are at the mercy of weather," he said.

But barring bad weather, Horlacher can come pretty close to predicting how many desserts will be needed to satisfy the hungry crowd.

For BO's Brewery Bistro, participation in Arts, Beats & Eats is unavoidable.

Located on Saginaw, BO's is in the heart of the festival.

And though in years past, it has sponsored a booth along with the restaurant, partner Dough Young says it just got to be too much to staff inside and outside.

Labor Day is usually a slow weekend for most restaurants, but with the advent of Arts, Beats & Eats, Young said, "It's our busiest week of the year. We're glad it's here and hope it stays."

Witz says that another aspect of the food participants is that a portion of the sales go to charity.

Last year, more than \$262,000 of the food and beverage sales went to charity, and over six years, more than \$1.2 million has been given to charity.



Barbecued ribs is one of the featured foods at Arts, Beats & Eats.

"It's a nice community piece to be involved in," said Witz, adding, "There is no better way to make a few thousand dollars and expose your restaurant to thou-

sands of people."

And for visitors to this year's festival, coming away hungry will, once again, be quite a challenge.

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Observer & Eccentric

Drinkology

A perfect ten

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
CORRESPONDENTS

This year, the "Hall of Fame" award went to Tanqueray No. Ten Gin from the U.K. for the first time in the history of the San Francisco World Spirits Competition for winning "Best Gin" for the third year in a row.

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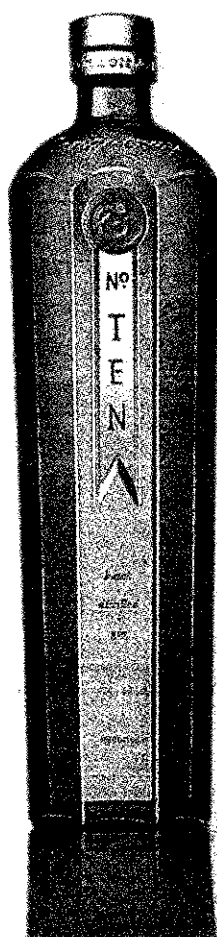
seems almost heretical to mix tonic water, citrus juice or simple syrup with Tanqueray No. Ten, so we suggest the Perfect Ten Martini.

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Night Spot

Say 'Cheers'

The Living Room is oh-so-hip

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Looking for a place where everybody knows your name, but the martinis are fabulous, there's no smoking and the ambiance is oh-so-hip?

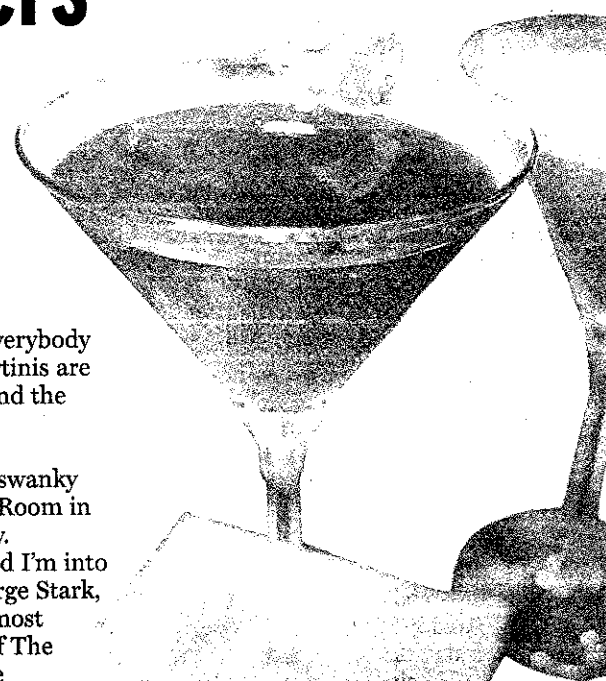
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No, not your own. There's a swanky cocktail bar called The Living Room in the heart of downtown Berkley.

"I like ultra lounge music and I'm into 1950s motifs," said owner George Stark, who doubles as bartender on most nights and is as much a part of The Living Room experience as the marvelous martinis.

"I've learned a lot about martinis," Stark said, adding he shakes up about

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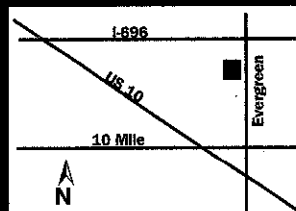
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LIVING ROOM

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the cocktails on a typical Wednesday night. At The Living Room, Wednesday is "Hump Day," which means Cosmopolitans are \$3 and draft beers are \$2.50. Otherwise, cocktails are \$7.50.

The beer menu is extensive and intriguing with brews coming from across Europe. Nonetheless, a popular choice is a "G.P.A.," which stands for "George's Pale Ale." Stark's custom brew is made in Pontiac and a big hit with regular customers.

Stark's multi-page booklet of martini offerings, however, begs experimentation.

There are 22 vodka and 10 gin martinis, plus those made from rum (13), tequila (5), whiskey (4) and brandy (6). And that's just what's on the menu.

"You always should ask about new cocktails," Stark said. "We come up with them so quick, we can't keep track."

Popular off-menu choices include Girl Scout Thin Mint, a vodka martini that tastes like the cookie; Almond Joy, a coconut rum version of the candy bar; and Dirty Martini, a simple concoction of gin and olive brine.

With nine tables and a bar that seats 10, The Living Room is small and intimate. It physically adjoins Stark's other business, Amici's Pizza, which offers additional seating, outdoor tables and eats.

The atmosphere is laid-back lounge with a color scheme of yellow, mint green

and burgundy, retro fixtures and changing wall art.

The best thing about The Living Room is the people. Customers are friendly, but not looking to do a pick-up. And the crowd is diverse in age, from 20-something to 60-something. Many regulars are Berkley natives, but a good portion drive in from surrounding communities.

"We always used to go to Royal Oak," said Mike Foltyn, a regular Wednesday night customer. "Now we come here and all our friends from Birmingham and Bloomfield come here on Wednesday nights."

Stark said he caters to the same customer who frequents Starbucks.

"Our clientele is a more educated consumer," he said. "The Living Room is not like a place where guys are standing by the bathroom looking at girls. It's a place where couples, groups and individuals can come in and be comfortable and talk."

Indeed, customers feel right at home finishing paperwork from the office or typing on a laptop over a martini.

"It's kind of a cool crowd," Stark said. "I introduce people at the bar a lot, too."



George Stark, owner of The Living Room, is also the bartender.

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Are you game?

Harley-Davidson celebrates 100th birthday

BY MARY QUINLEY
CORRESPONDENT

When the band of bikers shows up on the fringes of Milwaukee, Wisc., to pay tribute to an American icon, Joe Trubak will be there.

"Ten years ago, I told my brother that we were going to go," said Trubak of Livonia, referring to the mother of all birthday bashes, the 100th anniversary celebration of Harley-Davidson.

"The plan is that I'll go on the bike with one of the kids, and (my wife) Nancy will drive the van," said Harley-owner Trubak. He and his family will be camping with relatives on a site near the shores of Lake Michigan, about 15 miles south of the main festivities in Milwaukee.

Trubak and his wife have enjoyed motorcycle rallies for more than two decades. In recent years, their children, Dan, 17, Jeff, 15, and 14-year-old Renae, have accompanied them to the rallies.

"I'm a little excited and looking forward to being with family," said Renae, who has had "a lot of fun" at rallies.

Cyclist Joel Layne of Livonia also plans to attend the gala celebration.

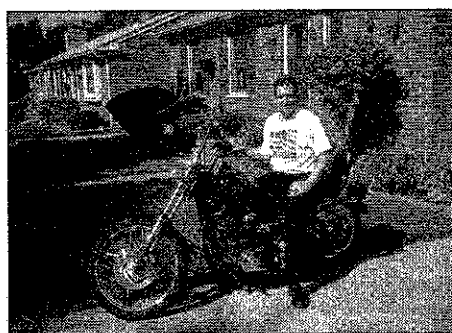


PHOTO BY MARY QUINLEY

Joe Trubak sits on his newly purchased Harley. The Livonia resident plans to attend the Harley-Davidson 100th Anniversary celebration in Milwaukee with his family.

"When you have a bike, you want to go places," said the 56-year-old Layne, who, with a buddy, has opted to join other Harley riders on a 150-mile Rolling Hills, Farm Fields and Cool Caves tour in Wisconsin.

"This is the 100th. You gotta go!" Layne said.

According to John Schaller, president of House of Harley, a Harley-Davidson dealership in Milwaukee, the celebration

will attract people from all over the world and all walks of life. "It's an opportunity to participate in a historic event and have a lot of fun," said Schaller.

A slew of activities are planned in and around Milwaukee prior to and after the official celebration that takes place Aug. 28-30. If you go, be sure to inquire before making final plans, as some events are sold out.

Let's take a peek at a sampling of festivities:

■ At 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, a rolling, rumbling endless sea of 10,000 bikes will depart from the Milwaukee County Zoo and venture east to the Summerfest grounds hugging the shore of Lake Michigan. "It's an incredible number of cycles!" said Schaller. Everyone is invited to watch the parade; however, he said, only cyclists with an official parade credential will be allowed to participate.

■ The Reunion Bash 2003, located on the grounds of the State Fair Park and the House of Harley, features European custom bikes and antique bikes, NASCAR and Craftsmen two-seater thrill rides, four parades, helicopter rides, and more than 250 vendors with food, beverages and merchandise. This free event, Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 23-31, features a lineup of musical entertainment that includes Ted Nugent, Molly Hatchet, Wynonna Judd and Sawyer Brown.

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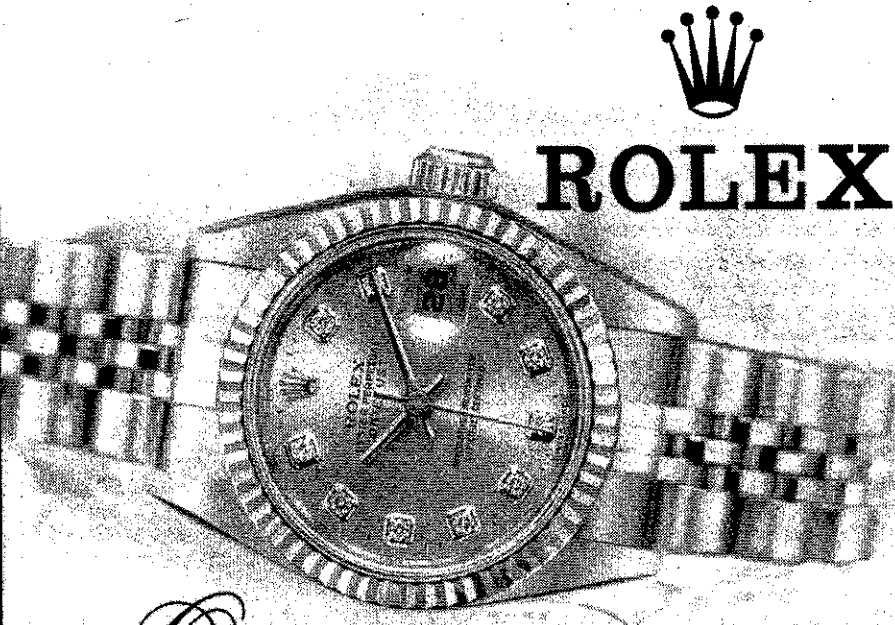
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■ Have your picture taken in front of a replica of the original factory, witness weddings or see a display of the first Harley motorcycle, Serial Number 1, at the Harley-Davidson Motor Company - Headquarters on Juneau Avenue. Need more info? Call (414) 342-4680.

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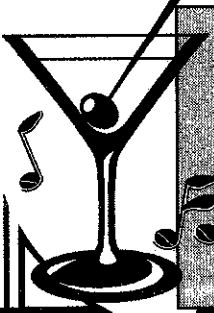
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Arts, Beats & Eats adds health expo and fashion

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

The Chrysler Arts, Beats & Eats has been a popular part of Labor Day festivities for four years, and this year they've added fashion and health.

More than 125 painters, photographers, jewelers and other artists will exhibit their work at this year's festival in Pontiac. Dozens of musicians will play on three stages. The free festival features bands like 1980s southern rockers .38 special; rocker Michael Penn, brother of actor Sean Penn; Caribbean steel drummers Uprizin'; World beat jazz band Blackman/Arnold; alternative rockers Live, and the Isley Brothers.

Sean Blackman, of the world jazz band Blackman & Arnold, is playing the festival for the second consecutive year. The festival has been a good thing for Blackman & Arnold.

Last year, Blackman met Stuart Yankell, who later painted the cover to the band's latest album, *Live*. The exotic band is influenced by the sounds of Brazil, Spain, Armenia and West Africa, and blends it into an American jazz context.

"At festivals, you have a lot of people milling about and the only ones in front of you are those who really enjoy what they're doing," Blackman said. "You're guaranteed a crowd that loves you which is really hip, the rest just keeps moving."

The purpose of Arts, Beats & Eats is to raise money for Lighthouse of Oakland County, Haven; FanClub Foundation for the Arts and other local charities.

"(The festival) continues to pride itself on providing a unique way to allow the community to enjoy themselves while helping those in need," said event coordinator Jon Witz. "It's important - this festival continues to give back to the community that has supported it for the past five years."

New this year is Fashion Fair, a traveling outdoor fashion show that rotates between stages and bands. The Health Expo, with a 5,000-square-foot interactive wellness center, is the largest of the two new additions.

If you want more information about nutrition, genetics and how to find solid medical information via the Internet, you'll want to visit the Health Expo.

ARTS, BEATS & EATS

What: Festival featuring art, music, food and more

When: Friday, Aug. 29, though Monday, Sept. 1; 4-11 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday.

Where: Downtown Pontiac, near Woodward and Saginaw streets.

Admission: Free. For more information, visit www.artsbeatseats.com

Here are some more highlights

■ **Pistons/Fury Fan Interactive Area** - Interactive games and appearances by Automotion, the Pistons dance team; Hooper, the Pistons mascot; *Frenzy*, the Fury mascot, and more.

■ **Jeep Climbing Wall** - *Get a Grip*, a 25-foot rock climbing tower with three climbing walls, challenges kids and adults to stretch, grip and climb. Climbers wear safety harnesses. The cost is \$2.

■ **The Bridge Church Filmfest** - For the first time, independent film is one of the arts on display. It's called *The Bridge Church*, www.thebridgechurch.com. Stop by the tent to watch a film during the festival.

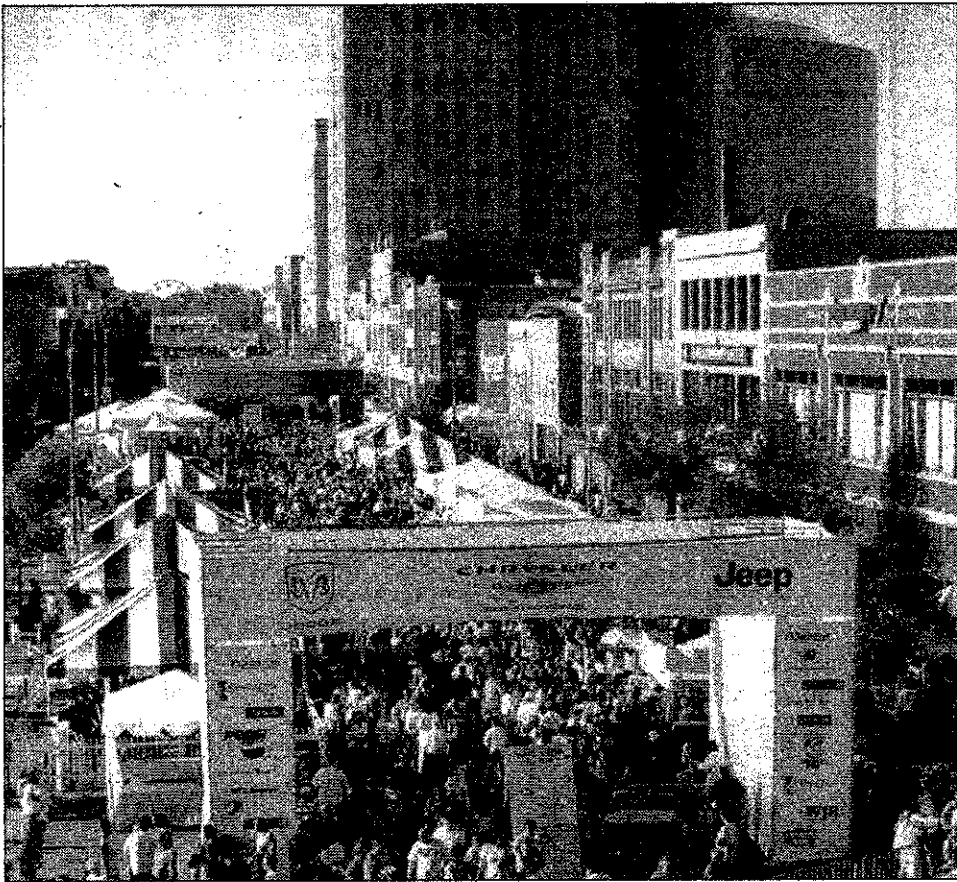
■ **Dodge Stage** - Live music all weekend long including country, Latin and rock.

■ **Bill Elliott's Dodge Nascar Intrepid R/T** - A look into the future of racing. The new Dodge Intrepid R/T, driven by Bill Elliott, former Winston Cup champion and Daytona 500 winner, will be displayed. It's the car that debuted when Dodge returned to NASCAR Winston Cup racing at the 2001 Daytona 500.

■ **Detroit Discovery Museum** - The Detroit Discovery Museum is a nonprofit museum without walls. It brings hands-on, traveling exhibits metro Detroit kids.

■ **Nickelodeon's Game Lab** - Hosted by a Nickelodeon stunt person, participants compete in messy games and silly physical stunts such as Pin the Pie on the Parent and Banana Split.

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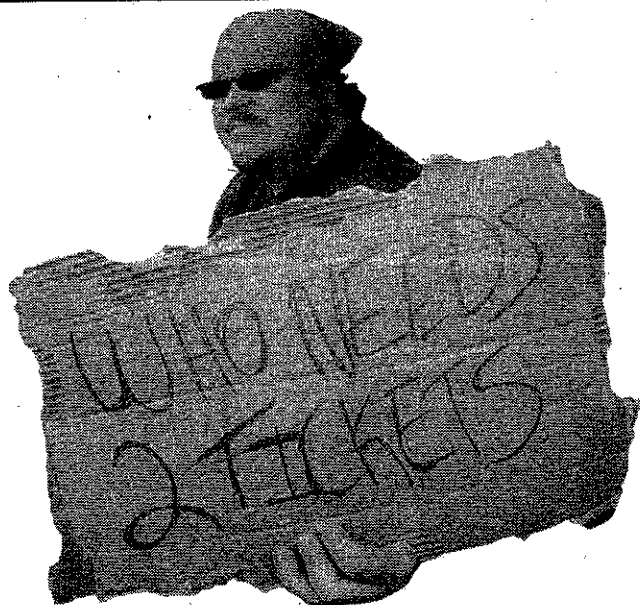
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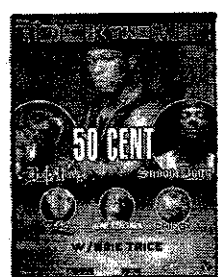


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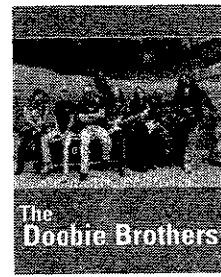
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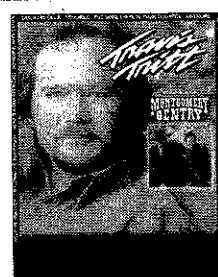
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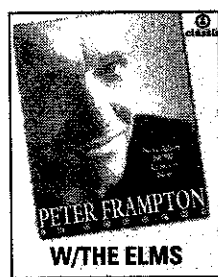
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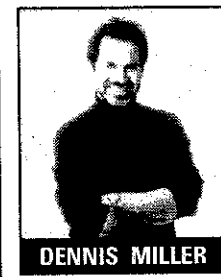
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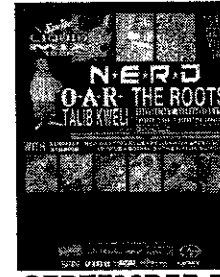
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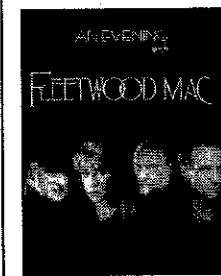
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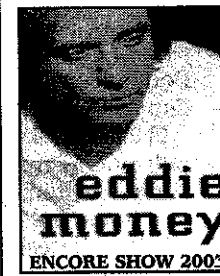
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SEX PISTOLS

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pop tarts who get up and drink a Budweiser first thing in the morning. Is it cool to be an idiot?"

Rotten's "I survived and I'm happy" attitude is deserved. This is a guy whose band left faster than it came.

A band considered so nasty, ugly, rebellious and hard that the English government wanted it ousted from the country. The Sex Pistols were slammed by nearly every 1970s critic. They were a band assaulted by its audience, whose confusion about the new music sent them into rampages.

Lyrics like, "God Save the Queen; She ain't no human being ... There is no future, and England's dreaming" were so controversial no one label kept them. Rotten's talented bandmate, bass player Glen Matlock, walked out and was replaced by Sid Vicious — a soon-to-be junkie, but still a friend who couldn't really play.

Just don't ask Rotten if he misses Vicious, who died of a heroin overdose nearly 25 years ago.

"No I don't, it's long gone and I'm over it. And now I'm playing with the original band," he said. "We're not one of those silly sausages with the 'Hope I die before I get old' attitude."

'Our audience is dangerously different because it's so different. It's kids who want to know who we are and the older ones who didn't get to see us in the '70s.'

Johnny Rotten
of the Sex Pistols

NO COMPARISONS

Rotten and fellow Pistols Matlock, Steve Jones and Paul Cook are ready to bring the music to young and older generations.

"Our audience is dangerously different because it's so different," Rotten said. "It's kids who want to know who we are and the older ones who didn't get to see us in the '70s."

The band isn't playing new music on the tour. Expect groundbreaking songs like *God Save the Queen*, *Anarchy in the U.K.*, *Problems*, *Holiday in the Sun* and others from the band's only one true album, *Never Mind the Bollocks*.

Rotten doesn't feel justified that today's critics love the *Bollocks* album

that was so despised upon its release.

"It's irrelevant because it was good in the first place and it's good in the second place," he said. "And it's still new enough for the teeny-tots on MTV to still rattle about."

The Pistols still deal with an establishment that doesn't want them.

Despite Rotten's success in his subsequent band, PiL, continued commercial success of *Bollocks* and success of his four-episode VH1 show *RottenTV*, the Sex Pistols tour has no sponsor and no record label to promote it.

And they don't care.

Outside of the tour, Rotten is a busy man. He's working on a documentary based on his best-selling life story *Rotten: No Irish, No Blacks, No Dogs: The Authorized Autobiography of Johnny Rotten*. He's also a DJ for BBC Radio Two in the UK.

He's also working on new solo projects, but don't ask him how they sound.

"I'll make the music and then in a few years the herd will follow and copy it and then the moo-moos will put it into a category," Rotten said, laughing.

And musical imitation, he said, is not a form of flattery: "It's boredom and I'm not interested in it. I'm interested in progress."

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What they've said about the Sex Pistols

If you're under 20 and think punk is Avril Lavigne, then you need to check out the Sex Pistols, the true punks. Hey ... even if Avril doesn't know her musical roots, you should know yours! Check out what people have said about the Pistols:

■ "People are like, 'Well, she doesn't know the Sex Pistols.' Why would I know that stuff? Look how young I am. That stuff's old, right? ... I created punk for this day and age. Do you see Britney walking around wearing ties and singing punk? Hell no. That's what I do. I'm like a Sid Vicious for a new generation."

- Avril Lavigne in 'Seventeen' magazine and 'Entertainment Weekly,' 2002

■ "The Pistols were the boys really. You could put together a 'best of' from the Clash's five albums and it wouldn't be worth a wank next to *Never Mind the Bollocks* (Sex Pistols album)."

- Noel Gallagher, Oasis, in 'Hot Press,' April 1996

■ "The king is gone, but he's not forgotten. This is the story of a Johnny Rotten."

- Neil Young, from the song 'My My, Hey Hey (Out of the Blue)'

■ "All the hype the Sex Pistols had was totally deserved. Johnny Rotten was the one I identified with — he was the sensitive one. *Never Mind the Bollocks* has the best production of any rock record I have ever heard. It's totally in-your-face and compressed."

- Kurt Cobain, Nirvana, 'Vox' magazine, 1992

■ "The Sex Pistols would be vastly improved by sudden death, they are the antithesis of human kind. I would like to see someone dig a huge hole and bury the lot of them in it."

- Bernard Brook Partridge, London councillor, English TV, 1977

■ "The first time I saw the Sex Pistols was on a poster in my local record store in 1978. I didn't know who they were, but they scared me and intrigued me at the same time. They looked raw, brash, dirty and inexplicably cool all at once. It wasn't until a year later that I heard *God Save the Queen* blasting out of the speakers of my local skatepark, and I got the same feeling. Except instead of being scared, I was energized to skate even harder.

I still get the same feeling over 20 years later anytime *Never Mind the Bollocks* is on. What other band could claim that kind of power? I'm glad they are back on tour because I never got to see them live in those intimidating days."

- Tony Hawk, legendary skater, June 2003

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE SEX PISTOLS

■ Some bands play punk rock, but the Sex Pistols themselves are punk. Proof: The band made musical history, and controversial Western world headlines, even though they have just one real album, "Never Mind the Bollocks," and four singles including "God Save The Queen." How's that for staying power?

■ Sid Vicious wasn't an original Pistol, rather a fan. He replaced original member Glen Matlock who played on *Bollocks*. Vicious could hardly play bass, but his look was the right one.

■ The Pistols started in 1972 by Steve Jones and Paul Cook. Matlock joined in 1974. Johnny Lydon, aka John Rotten because of his "rotten" teeth, joined in 1975 after the boys found him hanging around soon-to-be Pistols manager Malcolm McLaren's alternative clothing boutique. Rotten was dressed in a rebellious homemade "I hate Pink Floyd" T-shirt, something unthinkable at the time.

■ The Pistols toured the U.S. 25 years ago. It ripped the band apart as they played rodeos and honky-tonk bars. After most shows, they would have to run out of the bar to escape angry, punch-throwing audience members.

■ EMI signed the Sex Pistols to its label in October 1976. Two months later in December 1976 music history was forever changed. The Pistols were on England's Today show hosted by Bill Grundy, who was not a fan. Jones launched into a

stream of expletives while being broadcast live throughout London. It sent shock waves through the country. EMI dropped the band a month later, but paid them first. The Pistols wrote a song called "EMI," slamming the company. ■ They were then signed to A&M records. The Sex Pistols performed an impromptu show outside Buckingham Palace and sang "God Save the Queen," a political, anti-Queen of England song. It caused outrage in England, and in the states, and the Pistols became entertainment's public enemy No. 1. The label dropped them 10 days later. Then the Pistols were picked up by Virgin records. Soon afterward, "Never Mind the Bollocks" was released and critics called it "garbage," saying they couldn't play. Today, the album is consistently listed by both critics and musicians as one of the Top 10 greatest albums in rock's history.

■ Sid Vicious' girlfriend Nancy Spungen was stabbed to death in 1978. Sid was arrested, but was never convicted nor acquitted. He died four months later from a drug overdose. He was 21.

■ In 1996, the original Pistols reunited and played more than 30 sold-out shows.

■ The Sex Pistols want to play in Baghdad. The band wants Iraqis to hear the sounds of true freedom from a band that government officials, journalists and parents tried to make disappear.

Pure Picks

Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda, we present our top picks for the week, "Filtered" just for you.

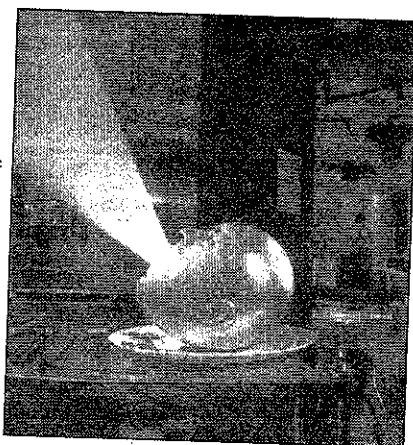
Album

Rising from the ashes of At the Drive-In, **Mars Volta** has hit media success with its first full-length album

"De-loused in the Comatorium."

Though the media has latched on to the fact the album tells the story of a friend who dies during the early days of At the Drive-In, how they gleamed that from the album without the help of a press release is beyond me. The lyrics here are muttered and unintelligible – but figuring them out is half the fun.

The rest of the album sounds like expanding and breaking down in an expansive and spazzy music landscape – using everything from synths to keyboards and heavy guitars (Red Hot Chili Peppers John Frusciante and Flea both provide backing support on the album), this is a record full of rapid tempo changes, long winding songs and pre-tentiousness. If you're thinking that sounds like prog rock, you'd be very close to right. Don't expect to get it right away – this is the sort of concept album that demands your full attention and patience for quite awhile before it grows on you, eventually invading your CD player full time. Available at local record stores.



Art

Graffiti artist **BASK** is showing works at Primary Space is located at 2750 Yemans St. Hamtramck. The show runs until Sept. 27. For more information, call (313) 870-9470 or check out www.primaryspace.com.

Book

Technically, "**You Shall Know Our Velocity!**" by **Dave Eggers** ("A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius") has been out for a while. But released first only in hardcover through the literary magazine McSweeney's Web site and independent bookstores, the paperback edition was released everywhere in June.

The novel follows two friends on a mission to fly around the world, dumping their money, and the guilt that goes along with it along the way. Sharp wit, an unbelievable sense of internal dialogue and wind-ing sentences makes this a page turner.

It's worth mentioning that the hardcover edition is for those who love books, not just the writing, as objects of art – the cover is the first page of the novel, there are pictures throughout and it is beautifully bound.

Available at local bookstores or through <http://www.mcsweeney.net/>

EVERYTHING WITHIN TAKES PLACE AFTER JACK DIED AND BEFORE MY MOM AND I DROWNED IN A BURNING FERRY IN THE COOL, YANKEE-TINTED GUAYABARE RIVER, IN EAST-CENTRAL, COLOMBIA, WITH FORTY-TWO LOCALS WE HADN'T YET MET IT WAS A CLEAR AND BREEZY DAY THAT DAY, AS WAS THE FIRST DAY OF THIS STORY, A NEW YEARS AGO IN JANUARY ON CHICAGO'S NORTH SIDE, IN THE OBULENT SHADOW OF WRECKED AND WITH THE WIND COMING LOW AND SEARCHING OFF THE JAGGED HALF-FROZEN LAKE. I WAS INSIDE, VERY WARM, WALKING PROCEEDING TO DOOR.

Local music

For five years, **Detroit Summer Smash** has been putting the "hip" back into "hipster." The pop music fest will take place Aug. 21-23 at the Detroit Art Space.

Put together by a group of local pop music fans, the festival has always featured a slew of indie pop acts, and a few outside of that label.

Some of the 18 bands scheduled to perform are New Grenada, The Trembling, Eric Weir & the Tiny Steps, The Elevations, The Recital, The Singles, Tenley, A Thousand Times Yes, Thunderbirds are Now!, Saturday Looks Good To Me and Midwest Product.

Tickets are \$7 each night or \$15 for a weekend pass. Doors open at 8 p.m. each night, with shows beginning at 9 p.m. All Ages. Profits from this year's show will benefit the Michigan Lupus Foundation. The Detroit Art Space is located at 101 E. Baltimore.

For a complete schedule and more info, check out <http://www.summersmash.org/>

Film

By now, many music fans know the story of alt-country band Wilco's struggle to make their last album, "Yankee Hotel Foxtrot."

The documentary film, "I Am Trying to Break Your Heart," follows the band through being asked to change the album and subsequently dropped by their label and the removal of guitarist Jay Bennett to finally releasing the album on another label – all the while concentrating on what makes a band great: the music.

This is an important film on the state of the music industry today – where hit singles and record sales are often picked over artistic pursuits.

The DVD features commentary by both director Sam Jones and the band, over 70 minutes of extra footage that includes live concert performances and unreleased songs, and a 40-page booklet with the filmmaker's diary. The DVD is available at local record stores and video retailers.

I AM TRYING TO BREAK YOUR HEART
A FILM ABOUT WILCO BY SAM JONES



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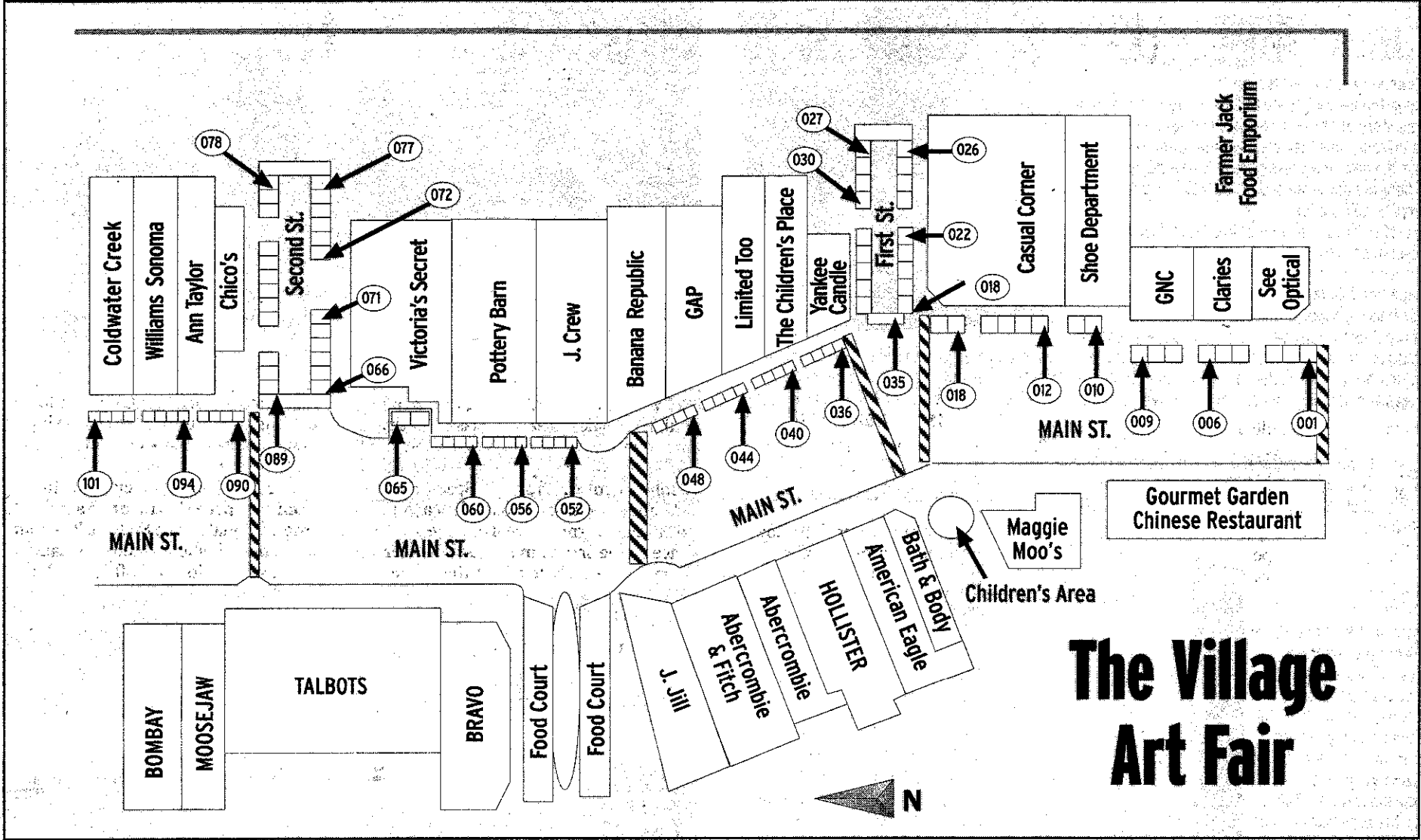
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Neil Armstrong museum is one small trip for man

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There's nothing like a trip to a space museum to spark a child's sense of wonder. I know this because a few weeks ago, I took both my 2- and 5-year-old to the Neil Armstrong Air & Space Museum in Wapakoneta, Ohio (near Dayton), and ever since then, it's been "to the moon."

Lego rocket ships, astronaut dress-up, moon movies (Wallace & Gromit's *A Grand Day Out* is a particular favorite) and whispered discussions about bathrooms in space.

"Children and adults have questions about going to the bathroom in space," said John Zwez, manager of the museum. "The display answers a lot of questions."

Indeed, a full glassed-in display is devoted to "gravity-free go," as we call it, but Zwez said the most popular display is the moon rock that Armstrong brought back from the Apollo 11 mission to the moon in 1969.

Born in Wapakoneta in 1930, Armstrong was the first man to set foot on the moon and coined the famous phrase, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

IF YOU GO

The Neil Armstrong Air & Space Museum is located just west of I-75 at Exit 111 in Ohio. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$2 for students and free to children ages 5 and under.

Open: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday and holidays. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

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Zwez said that Armstrong, who now lives Cincinnati, was still on the moon when plans for a museum to be built in his honor were made. And on July 20, 1972, three years after the moon walk, the museum, operated by the Ohio Historical Society, was finished and open for visitors.

The white-domed building, which is built low into a hill, resembles a moon rising to travelers along the I-75 corridor.

Outside is the F-5D Skylancer ("one of only four in existence") that Armstrong flew as a pilot and there are also mock-ups of the Gemini and Apollo command module.

Inside, visitors are greeted by numerous displays that capture space flight from its origin. And while there is memorabilia from Armstrong's childhood like his bicycle and his Navy whites, there is also a model of Sputnik, the very symbol of Cold War rivalry, that looms overhead and takes the focus off the man and onto the broader mission of space travel.

"We are constantly trying to find new exhibits," said Zwez, who has been the museum's manager for 25 years. Ironically, one piece of hardware he acquired was a replacement tire from the Space Shuttle Columbia, which obviously has a great deal more significance now. The space race movie shown in the Astrotheater will also change soon to reflect the Columbia tragedy.

Also included in the museum is Armstrong's Gemini spacesuit, which he wore for the first successful space docking mission in 1966. Displays also show how astronauts ate, slept and worked while aboard various spacecraft.

IMPRESSIVE

One of the most awe-inspiring areas is the Infinity Room, which is a 16-cubic-foot room entirely lined with mirrors and shimmering lights to simulate the vastness of space. And throughout the museum, visitors can watch and listen to actual footage from the various Gemini and Apollo missions.

According to Zwez, an average of 45,000 people visit the museum annually, and at last count, they came from more than 100 different countries. In addition to the moon rock, the hands-on lunar landing simulator and the glove box that demonstrates how astronauts used tools on the moon are other popular attractions.

The museum also includes artifacts from the space shuttle program and the International Space Station. The tour ends up at the gift shop, where you can purchase spacesuits and inflatable aliens.

Exhibits at the Neil Armstrong Air & Space Museum are made possible by the loan of original space hardware from the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the U.S. Air Force Museum.

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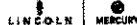
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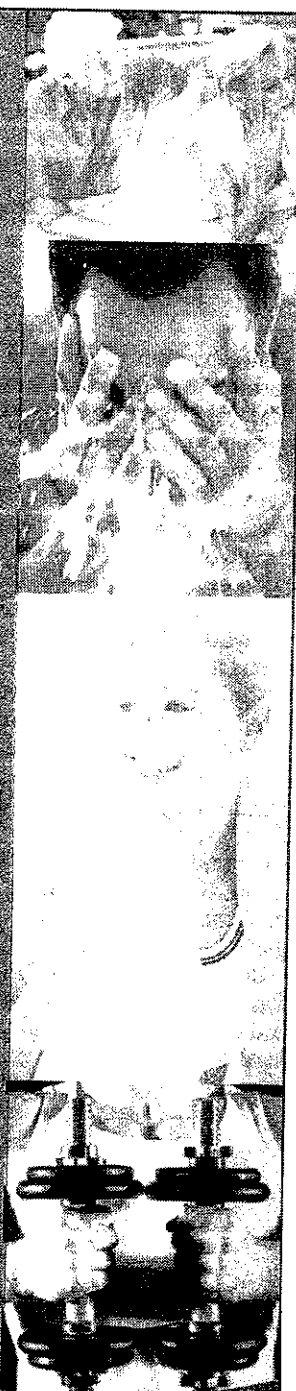
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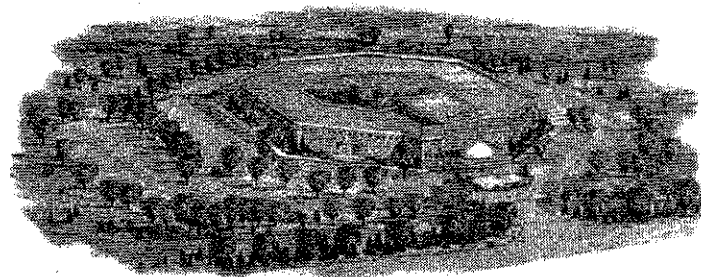
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