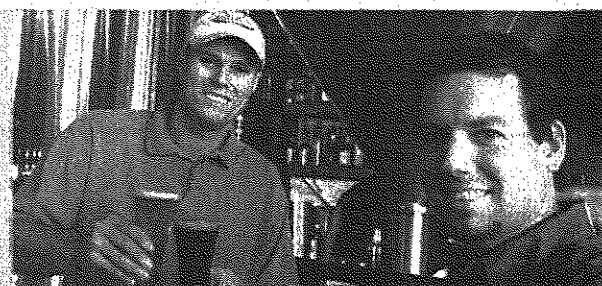


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## Memo

### ■ Eat for a cause

If you're hungry and want to help out the community, stop by and have breakfast 8-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Masonic Temple, next to the Farmer's Market in Plymouth. The all-you-can-eat breakfast will be served by the Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Plymouth/Canton. Proceeds from the event go to the club, which in turn use the money in the community. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 for kids, 6-10 years old. Kids 5 and younger eat free. The menu includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy, toast, bacon, hash-browns, coffee, juice and milk.

### ■ Dog Days

The event that will feature animal rescue groups as well as give visitors a chance to adopt a pet has been rescheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 42690 Cherry Hill Road. The event will take place in the parking lot. Vendors displaying and selling pet-related products will be on hand. The event was cancelled in August due to the blackout. For more information, call Kim Marquette, (734) 522-1226.

### ■ Historic day

The Canton Dairy Queen, 45271 Cherry Hill, will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the ice cream cone Sept. 22. The Dairy Queen will celebrate by giving away five-ounce cones. Employees also will collect donations for the Children's Miracle Network, a nonprofit organization that raises money for 170 children's hospitals.

### ■ Woman volunteers

Ann Marie Cardenas, who works for the state Bureau of Workers' and Unemployment Compensation, is among 120 state employees who is working on the "Governor's State of Michigan House" for the Habitat for Humanity Detroit Blitz Build 2003 this week. Cardenas works in the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services. During this Blitz Build week, the volunteers are building the "Governor's State of Michigan House" for Winifred Jones and his three children. He was chosen as the first single father to be a recipient of a Habitat for Humanity Detroit house.

During the week, families, sponsors and volunteers will help build 16 houses on one city block. Families who qualify for houses work with volunteers to witness and participate in the building of their homes. The families then purchase the homes through zero percent interest mortgages.



BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

"He was the nicest man anyone could ever meet. I never heard anyone say anything bad about Trevor." That was the way Plymouth Salem teacher Byron Richardson

remembered Sgt. Trevor Blumberg, who was killed in Iraq on Sunday when a roadside bomb hit a convoy and destroyed the Humvee occupied by Blumberg and three other soldiers. The 1999 Salem graduate was a member of the 1st Battalion of the 504th

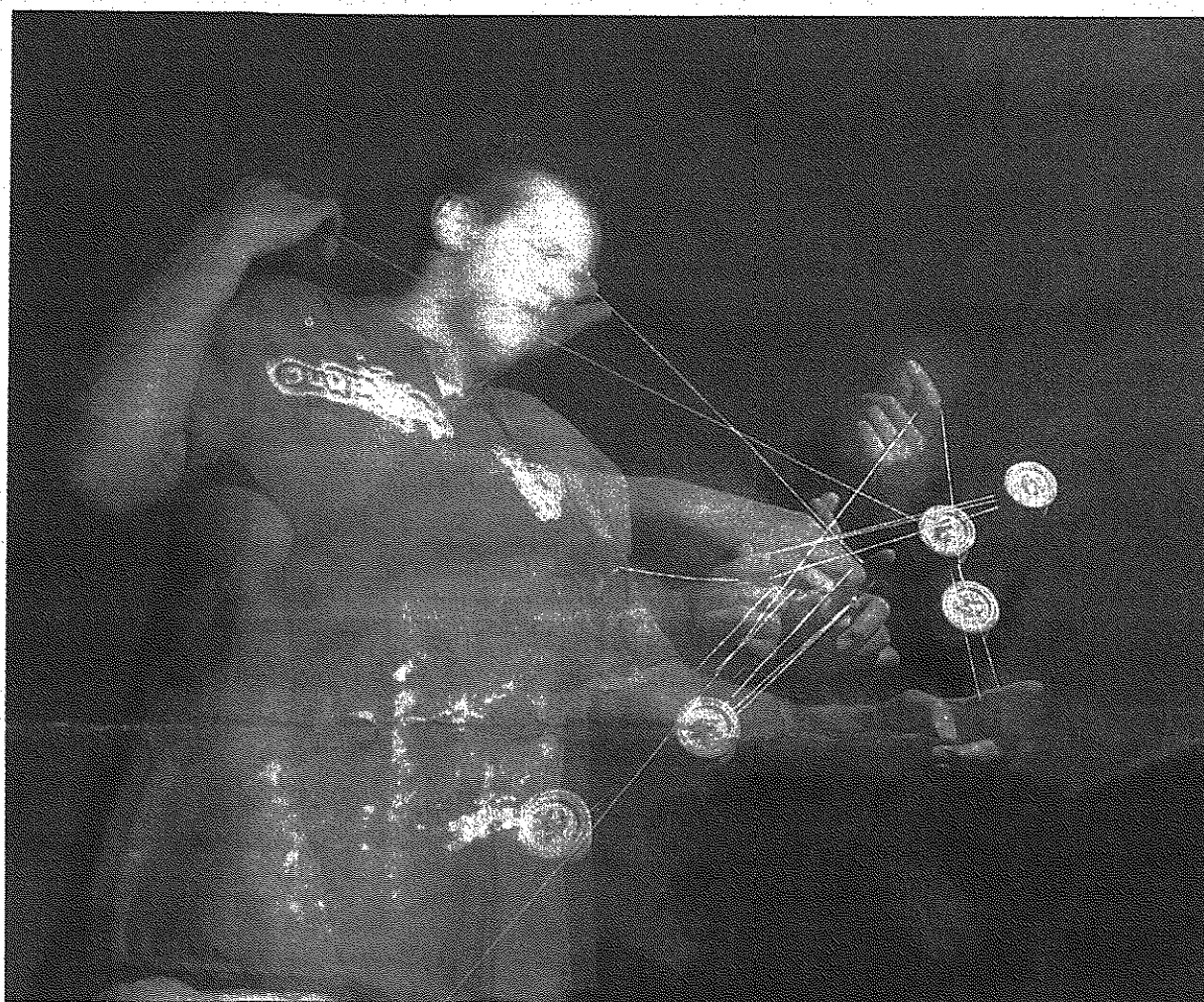
Parachute Infantry Regiment. They had been deployed to Iraq just three days earlier. Blumberg, 22, was the son of Terry and Janet Blumberg of Canton. "He was the kind of student that made me enjoy coming to work,"

Richardson said. "Trevor and I would talk a lot. He'd talk about his dad. He always respected what his dad did." Richardson recalled that Blumberg worked with his father in the sprinkling business. "One time I was having

trouble with the pressure in my system," he said. "Trevor said I'll come out to your house and check it. He was just like that." As a student of Richardson's marketing classes, Blumberg ended up

PLEASE SEE **SOLDIER, A6**

# Canton soldier dies in Iraq



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Yo-yo champ Jake Maloney of Canton is headed for national competition in California. This multiple exposure photograph captures some of the maneuvers Jake uses in competition.

## Canton resident is a yo-yo champ

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Jake Maloney makes it look so easy you almost think you could yo-yo with the same grace and expertise.

Practice, practice and more practice is what it takes to stand next to Jake and compete with him in any of the competitions in

which he has scored big. "You come up with different tricks that match the music and that are neat and new," the Catholic Central freshman said. At 14, the Canton resident already holds five world records for various tricks with yo-yos. In a couple of weeks, he is headed to California, where he will compete in the national championship.

Last year, he tied for 11th place — for the second time. Jake recently set a new American Yo-Yo Association world record in Florida. He broke the record for what are called "Regenerated Trapezes" in the 14-and-under division. He also is the current record holder of 33

PLEASE SEE **CHAMP, A7**

## Not all want a Lowe's

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

Another big box store for Canton? Canton planning commissioners said yes Monday night, despite protests from some neighboring residents who said, "Enough already."

PLEASE SEE **STORE, A5**

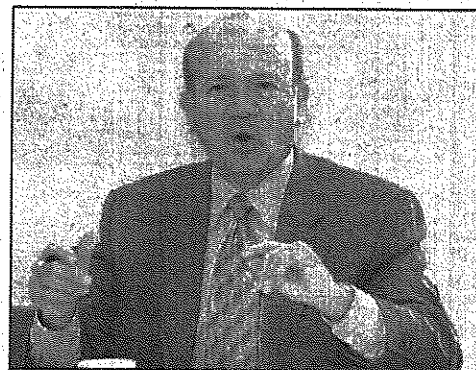
## You know the problem: lots of congestion, I-275, Ford

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

If you've ever tried to get off I-275 onto Ford Road between 4-6 p.m. on a weekday, you know the problem. Bumper to bumper traffic getting off the freeway and more bumper to bumper on westbound Ford, often

all the way to Lilley. That congestion problem was the focus of a meeting on Tuesday put together by State Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton) and including more than 25 people representing the Michigan Department of Transportation, Canton Township, the

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State Rep. Phil LaJoy explains the current situation on I-275 and Ford Road to a large group taking part in the Ford Road Task Force.

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■ You can join Michigan's highest-rated chess player in a new library program, "Learn To...Play Chess With Friends" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2? Register this week in person or by calling (734) 397-0999.

■ The autumnal equinox on Sept. 23 heralds the official beginning of fall? If you like watching the leaves turn, visit [www.travel.michigan.org](http://www.travel.michigan.org) for the most up-to-date information on Fall Color Tours across the state.

■ The children's library is now offering a variety of LeapPad Books and Cartridges for hours of kid-friendly entertainment? To utilize this new collection, children need to have their own LeapPad system at home.

■ The library's International Newsstand, online at [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org), offers full text access to hundreds of newspapers and magazines from more than 20 countries around the world?

## Web Watch: Check out these new web sites

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## New Adult Books

■ "Dead Soul" - James D. Doss (mystery)  
■ "Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them" - Al Franken (non-fiction)  
■ "A Conversational History of Modern America" - Richard Heffner (non-fiction)  
■ "The Namesake" - Jhumpa Lahiri (fiction)  
■ "Love by Design" - Nora Roberts (romance)

## New Children's Books

■ "Goldfish and Chrysanthemums" - Andrea Cheng (picture book)  
■ "Stray Voltage" - Eugenie Doyle (fiction)  
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## New Audio Books

■ "Acts of God" - James Beauseigneur (fiction, CD)  
■ "Bangkok 8" - John Burdett (fiction, CD)  
■ "The Covenant" - Beverly Lewis (fiction, CD)  
■ "The Tattooed Girl" - Joyce Carol Oates (fiction, cassette)  
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## New CD-ROMs

■ "The Sims Deluxe"  
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■ "Streets of Sin" - Joe Ely  
■ "Rooney" - by Rooney

## New Videos and DVDs

■ "Bowling for Columbine" (video and DVD)  
■ "Daredevil" (video and DVD)  
■ "On the Beach" (DVD)  
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## Hot Topic of the Week

The Federal Reserve has announced that distribution of new, peach-colored \$20 bills will begin in less than a month across the U.S. This will be the first in a series of currency redesigns over the next few years that will include the \$50 and \$100 bills, and possibly \$5 and \$10 notes as well. The new \$20 bill is intended to thwart counterfeiters with several high-tech security features, most notably including "color-shifting ink" that will vary in appearance from copper to green. This is the first time since the early 1900s that U.S. currency has prominently featured a color other than green.

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## Lebanese restaurant is a dream come true

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

When Safa Safa left Lebanon for the United States 15 years ago, the 27-year-old electrician had no idea he'd end up running a restaurant in Canton.

Although he was a licensed electrician in Lebanon, he did not have a license in the U.S. He opened a cellular phone, tobacco and cigar store in New Haven, which he ran for the next 15 years.

Four years ago he and his wife, Randa, moved to Canton. Randa, who also immigrated from Lebanon when she was 15, was working as a pharmacy technician in Northville.

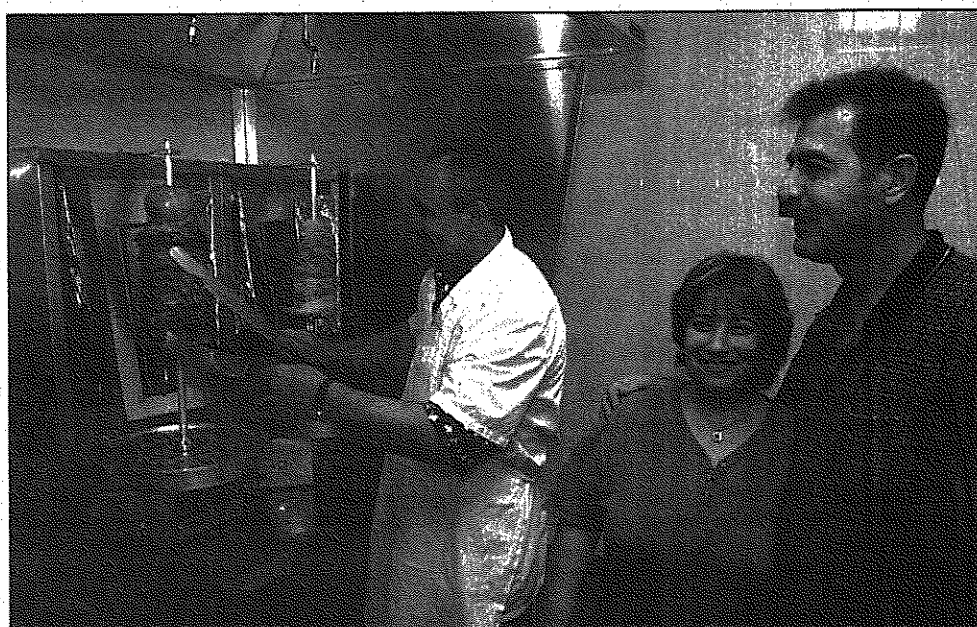
After years of working 15-17 hours a day in the store, Safa got tired of the hours and the commute and decided to give it up. He remained unemployed for about a year, Randa said, and with the economy things were not looking good.

And the couple had three children to support, Moe, 14, Samy, 12, and Ali, 9. A few months ago they decided to open a restaurant, something Safa had thought about for years.

And two months ago the dream came true with the opening of Kabob King restaurant at 6463 Canton Center Road on the northwest corner of Hanford.

Although they do offer hamburgers and grilled cheese sandwiches for the kids or the non-adventurous, the menu is basically Lebanese and Safa says they serve the best falafel in town.

In addition to himself (Randa has gone back to work at the Northville pharmacy after helping in the restaurant for the first six weeks) Safa has three full-time



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Chef Ali Nehme carves shwarma for sandwiches. Owners Safa and Randa Safa's Kabob King restaurant has been open for about six weeks on Canton Center at Hanford.

employees, including his chef, Ali Nehme, who's been cooking for more than 20 years in the area.

The restaurant is not large — it has seven booths and two tables and seats 50-55 patrons — but recent customers say the food is excellent.

Raji Yaish, who runs a tobacco shop just down the street on Canton Center Road, keeps copies of their menu in his store and encourages customers to try it.

"The food is wonderful," he said.

And Randa says Yaish has been eating there twice a day since they opened.

All the food on the menu is available for takeout and Randa also does catering. She's already hosted a private party for 17 people and a graduation party for 100.

She says tawook — seasoned grilled chicken — is the house specialty and also the most popular.

All meat served is halal.

The restaurant is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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## Fall classes still open at the Summit

There's still plenty of room in classes at the Summit this fall. The following is a list of times and classes for which you may still register. For more information, contact the Summit at (734) 394-5460.

## Health and Wellness

12:30 - 2 p.m. - Visit our Recipe Room, spin the Wheel of Wellness, and check out the Workout Video Cinema. Browse exhibitor booths, which will include the following and more:

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  - Skin Health
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- 2:00 - 2:45 p.m. - Enjoy a wonderful musical performance by the Smudge Fundaees! A fun Health Body/Healthy Mind show will cover eating right, exercising, and taking care of your body.

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1. Start Smart Programs (Basketball, Soccer, Baseball, Golf, General) - All classes start the week of 9/29
2. Youth Flag Football League - Mon/Wed at the Canton Softball Center starting 9/22
3. Youth Roller Hockey League - Tues/Thurs at Freedom Park starting 9/23
4. Drive, Pitch, Putt - 9/20 at Pheasant Run Golf Course
5. Punt, Pass, Kick - 9/27 at the Canton Softball Center
6. Disc Golf Clinic - Youth and Adult, 9/20 at Freedom Park
7. Mixed Doubles Tennis League - Wednesday's beginning 9/24 at Griffin

## Park

8. Sports and Wellness Series 1 - "10 Action Steps to Make Your Sports and Wellness Community Safer" - Facilitated by Dr. Dave Janda - Institute of Preventative Sports Medicine - Tuesday, 9/23, 6 - 7 p.m. at Summit on the Park.

## Pre-school

Spaces are still available in many pre-school (3-6 years), youth (6-10 years), and adult (16 and up), enrichment classes and programs offered through Canton Leisure Service. Session I (one) classes begin the week of Monday, Sept. 22. Session II (two) classes begin the week of November 3. Check out the Fall 2003 Discover for upcoming classes and programs. Space is limited so advance registration is highly recommended.

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# Marchers marvelous at Novi opener

BY DIANE HANSON  
CORRESPONDENT

It was a picture-perfect ending to a picture-perfect day.

On a day that could only be described as spectacular, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band made a grand sweep of Flight I trophies, capturing the top trophy for first place along with all three caption awards for Best Marching, Best Music and Best General Effect at the Novi Fanfare band competition at Novi High School on Sept. 13.

"They did a fantastic job," said P-CEP Band Director Marc Whitlock.

"My number-one challenge for them was to come off that field knowing they did the best job possible as individuals. They lived up to that challenge, they worked very hard out there, they had a lot of fun, and they did exactly what I

asked them to do. That is a huge test because now I know when they have to put it on the line, they have the ability to do so."

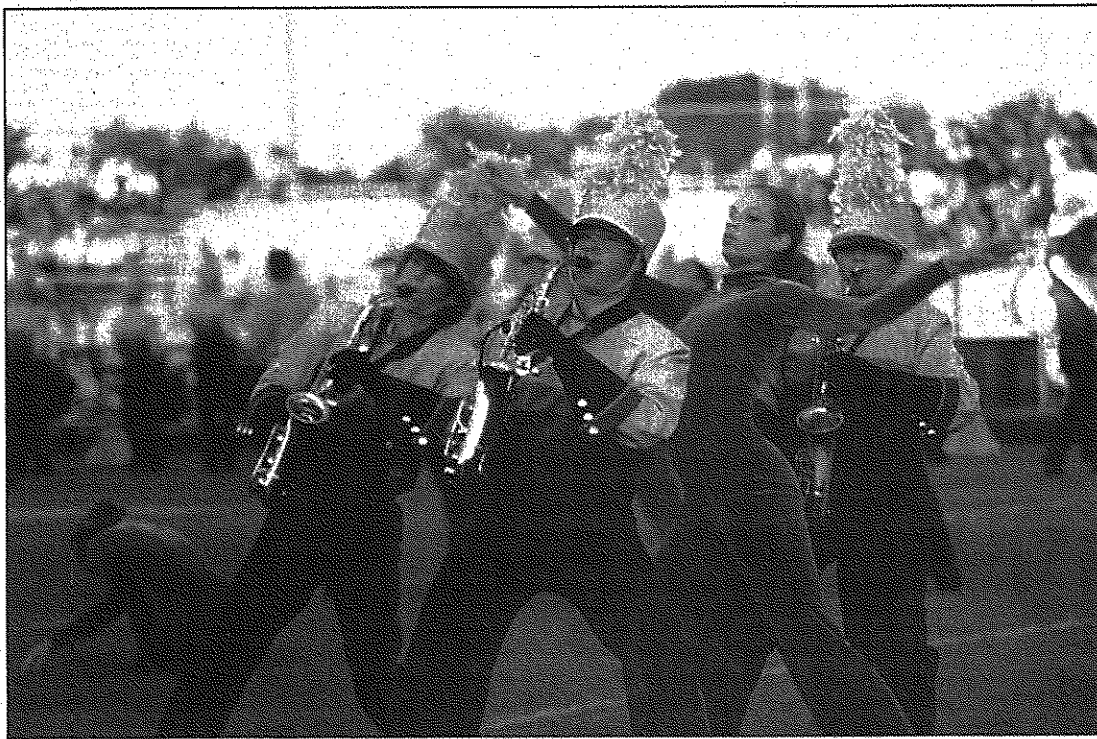
And that ability paid off with the highest score among the 10 competing bands.

With only two-thirds of their show completed, the home-town marchers netted a 70.85 for their dynamic performance of "Souls of the Gypsy Caravan."

The fluid movements of P-CEP color guard and band members along with the haunting and lively sounds of Middle Eastern, Hungarian and Romanian strains captivated the audience as well as the judges.

"I like this show a lot," said Canton junior color guard member Lauren Berryman.

"I think this year is a lot more about the emotion behind it. In the past years I think it has been more



PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

Color guardist Kristen Benages weaves her way through saxophonists (from left) Any Vink, Joe Girard and Amy Reissenweber during the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's performance at the season opener in Novi.

mechanical and now it is freer and you can have a lot more fun with it."

That emotion is exactly what Whitlock wants to see — and hear.

"Every band in the United States will come off the field being physically tired," he said. "My challenge to them was to be emotionally drained and they surely did that. You have to take ownership of your music and your marching. That embodies the definition of performance. If you are just playing notes on a piece of paper or doing choreography based on beats, it is only two-dimensional. To make it three-dimensional, you must have emotional content; you have to be confident in what you are doing; and you have to have a good time."

That was no problem for flutist Jennie Jansen, a Canton junior.

"This is probably one of the more energetic and fun programs we have done," she said. "It's really cool."

The next step is beginning practice on the extremely fast-paced closer, a Turkish piece called Turceasca, which deals with parties, festivals and revelry.

While it's not likely to be ready for the Michigan Invitational at EMU Sept. 20,

## Alumni association forming

A P-CMB alumni association is in the process of formation for band members as well as band boosters. There will be an alumni hospitality tent at the Great Lakes Invitational held at the P-CEP home field on Oct. 4. For more information call Lorraine at 734.455.8213 or log on to the Web site [www.pcmb.net](http://www.pcmb.net) and click the link to the alumni Web site.

plans are to have a good portion prepared by the Bands of America Regional competition Sept. 27.

"We could have the whole show on the field right now," said Whitlock, "but we would be the Jack of all trades and the master of nothing at all. We're just trying to

give them a chance to be successful. That's part of the P-CEP band's philosophy of gradually putting things together."

Certainly no one can question that philosophy with the kind of track record the P-CEP band has accumulated over the years, including 14 Flight I state championships and placing in the top nine bands in the nation at the Bands of America Grand National Championships since 1988, taking the top spot in 1990, '91 and '99.

"It was excellent," said Salem senior Ashley Spohn of Saturday's performance.

"And it can only get better from here. We've got a band of hard workers."

She should know. This is her third year as drum major.

"I'm looking forward to throwing down really good performances every week because that's the best," she said, "just throwing down every Saturday night, going home and feeling good on Sunday, then coming back ready to work hard on Monday."

## Schools use meetings to query stakeholders

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school board members will conduct community meetings Monday night in an effort to acquire information from stakeholders about the future of the district.

According to board vice president Mark Slavens, there are several issues Board of Education trustees want to discuss with those who live in the school district. "I want to find out what they think is important to them in measuring success for our school district," said Slavens. "Do they measure success by MEAP scores, graduation rates, dropout rates, athletics, band? What does this community value, and how do we measure success."

"Once we establish how we measure success, then the board needs to establish goals and improve on those," he said.

Slavens said the Monday town hall-style sessions will also help the Board of Education determine budget cuts, which appear inevitable for the 2004-05 school year.

"We're looking at another round of \$6-\$7 million in budget cuts next year, and I want to know what people are willing to cut; what they can live without," Slavens said. "This is going to be a pivotal year. We also want suggestions on ideas to help raise additional funding for our schools and programs," he said. "My intent is to listen to the community on what they want to do in these two arenas." All four sessions will begin at 7 p.m. They include:

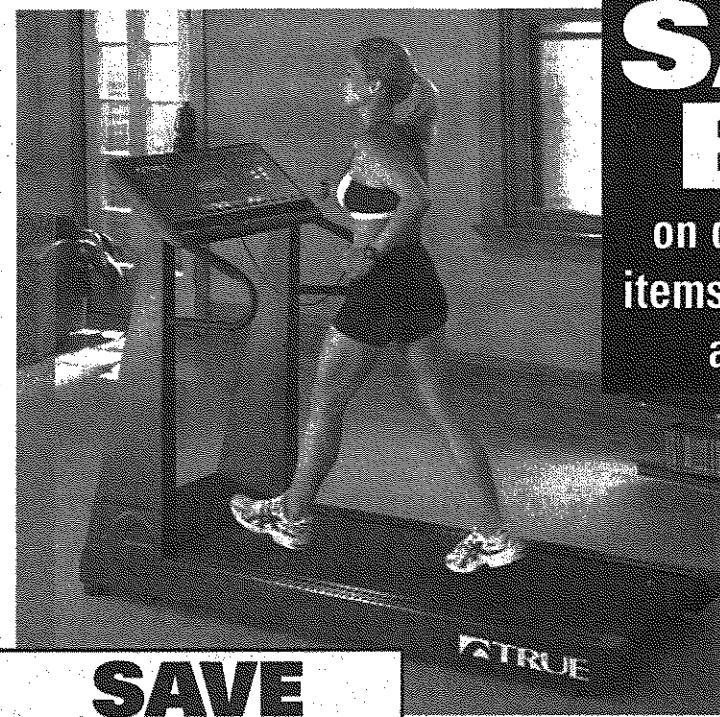
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Joe Girard plays a masterful saxophone solo at the end of the first movement during the marching band's performance in Novi.

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WRONG PLACE

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A "big, burly guy," the nickname "Hondo," was perfect. "He looked like a biker. He was a tough guy. But he was so very gentle," the co-worker said.

For Littlefield's friends, the killing appears all the more unjust because "Hondo" was cancer survivor, who was out of work for nine months two years ago in treatment. He then survived open heart surgery.

"This is so senseless," the company spokeswoman said. "He was well-respected and well-liked. He will be missed."

Littlefield's nephew, Gaddis, had just moved to Canton about four months ago from Detroit. He was a self-employed painter who had just turned 44 Aug. 29.

Services for Littlefield, a former Livonia resident and tool-maker who would have turned 64 next Tuesday, will be at 11 a.m. Friday at R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Livonia.

Survivors include five sisters, Shirley Gaddis, Blanche Littlefield, Barbara Custard, Beverly Alexander and Marlene Reynolds; two brothers, Gordon Littlefield and Wayne Littlefield; nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services for Gaddis will be at the same time as Littlefield's and at the same funeral home. Survivors for Gaddis, who had moved from Detroit to Canton just four months ago, include his mother, Shirley Gaddis of Florida; a brother, Philip Palankas; three sisters, Shirley Frantz, Paula Fitch and Becky Palankas; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Family members and friends planned to remember Kuebler during a memorial service Wednesday night at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton. He had celebrated his 35th birthday Aug. 30.

Survivors include his wife, Susan; parents, John and Linda Cantrell; two brothers, Michael (Penny) Kuebler and Ronald (Darlene) Kuebler; and a grandmother, Lucille Johnson.

Kuebler worked as a service technician in the heating-and-cooling business. His next-door neighbor, Lida Hartman, said the James Kuebler Memorial Fund has been started at TCF Bank, 37151 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185, to help his family.

"He was extremely friendly as a neighbor," Hartman said. "He was very helpful and always had a 'hello' for anyone and everyone. He was just really well-known for being friendly."

Yousif, who would have turned 30 Sunday, was remembered Monday during a funeral at Southfield's Mother of God Chaldean Catholic Church. Raised and educated in Iraq, Yousif, as a young adult, had moved with his family to Oak Park, where he lived with parents Faransi and Azhar Yousif and six siblings.

Yousif worked at Neil's Party Store, which was owned by his uncle, Nick Bakko.

More than 1,000 people filtered through the Southfield funeral home during visitation last Saturday and Sunday.

Meanwhile, two shooting victims who survived the Sept. 11 killings continued to improve this week. Party store customer Fuad Abuali, 29, of Westland, had returned home after a hospital stay, and employee Conrad Allen Hasper, 24, also of Westland, was released Tuesday from the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Following a weekend candle-light vigil outside of Neil's Party Store, Westland residents and city leaders continued to mourn the victims.

During a Westland City Council meeting Monday, President Charles Pickering called for a moment of silence for Kuebler, Yousif, Littlefield, Gaddis, Hasper and Abuali.

Addressing the council, resident Bob Johnson said, "My heart goes out to the victims — not just the victims, but their families. The whole neighborhood has been devastated."

Mayor Sandra Cicirelli said she had talked with residents who had been in the party store not long before the killings occurred.

"It could have been any one of us in there at that time," she said.

City leaders praised witnesses and Westland police for quickly alerting other police departments to the getaway vehicle that was spotted by Plymouth Township authorities near Haggerty and Ann Arbor Road.

Westland resident Connie Hierta, referring to the swift response, said, "I, for one, feel safer for it."

Councilman James Godbout also commended Westland Police Chief Daniel Pfannes for the way he handled a media onslaught that followed the killings. Godbout praised Pfannes for "an outstanding job representing this community."

Meanwhile, Heater said the only criminal history that authorities have uncovered for Gordon includes allegations that she wrote bad checks.

Schofield, however, had served time in a juvenile facility for a 1987 incident in which he shot and killed a classmate at Murray-Wright High School in Detroit. Schofield also had an adult conviction for carrying a concealed weapon.

In Southfield, police told how they twice bumped the suspects' Corvette as it sped more than 100 mph on that city's freeways after the Thursday killings.

"We didn't stop them, but we certainly slowed them down," Southfield Chief Joseph Thomas said.

"Our officers are trained to stop a chase as soon as reasonably possible without causing injury," he said. "They are trained to initiate contact with a vehicle in pursuit if the traffic and weather conditions are favorable."

Reduced early-evening traffic and dry pavement made it conducive for Southfield officers to ram the suspects' car, Thomas said. Plymouth Township and Michigan State Police officers also were involved in the chase.

"This was a good example of how the existing communication system between the various metro Detroit police agencies works," Thomas said.

"Every police agency involved was notified quickly, and that's what allowed us to catch these suspects," he said.

During the robbery attempt, Pfannes said, Schofield and Gordon were well-dressed.

He said suspects planning robberies will sometimes dress well to avoid any suspicion when they walk into a targeted business.

A makeshift memorial started appearing outside Neil's Party Store early Friday morning where four people were killed, including Canton residents, Kenneth Sherman Littlefield and his nephew, Keith Gaddis, and two others were injured in an armed robbery gone bad.

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## STORE

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Commissioners approved a planned development district and construction of a Lowe's building supply store on Ford Road between Target and the Harvard Square Shopping Center.

The sometimes controversial project — originally known as the Grand Sakwa development — has been in the works since December 2000.

Attorney Bryan Amann, representing the developers, said many changes have been made to the project, which was first conditionally approved by the board of trustees and sent back to the planners, who also tabled it in March 2001.

Amann said the back (east) portion of Harvard Square will now be included for improvement and interior access will be available through the development from Morton Taylor to Sheldon. Buffering will be provided for residents of Carriage Hills Subdivision to the north, the garden center of Lowe's has been relocated to the western portion of the site and an additional six acres has been added to the project.

An existing dental office on that portion will be removed.

The property east of the Lowe's site, owned by Norm Newman, will also be developed, Amann said.

Although Lowe's is the only committed tenant at the moment, Amann said other retailers such as book stores, coffee shops and bed and bath suppliers are "sniffing around" for locations in Canton.

Resident Scot Knous, who lives on Westminister Way in Carriage Hills, said he was concerned about the impact the project would have on traffic on his street.

"It's already difficult to turn left off Westminister onto Sheldon," he said.

"With this development, it

will be almost impossible."

Knous was also concerned the number of big box stores in the township.

"We already have issues with big boxes being opened before developing new land," he said. "We already have two big box stores. I'm not sure Canton can support a third one."

Amann said there is a limited amount of big box land space available.

"There is a demand for it," he said.

Resident Sam Hassanien, who also lives on Westminister, also opposed the development.

"I don't see any benefit to construct Lowe's in what is considered downtown Canton," he said.

Amann countered that the development could lead to other projects.

"The simple economic realities are that the improvement of this site will open up the possibility for coffee shops and other retail outlets," he said.

But resident Mike Gresack disagreed.

"Every Lowe's I have ever seen has been standalone," he said.

"I don't think that's going to attract Bed, Bath & Beyond and other such things."

But after a lengthy public hearing, commissioners agreed to recommend approval of the project, with a variety of contingencies. The plan now goes to the Board of Trustees for final approval.

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# Former Canton High teacher remembered

Betty DuBois, a 25-year teacher at Plymouth-Canton High School, died Aug. 21.

Mrs. DuBois attended and graduated cum laude from Eastern Michigan University with her Bachelor of Sciences degree. She continued there and



DuBois

received her Masters Degree in education in 1982. Betty started her teaching career at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park in 1978. She went on to direct the Plymouth-Canton Kiddie Kampus pre-school as the class objective of her Life Management Skills class for the junior and senior students. She mentored students with compassion, concern and pride in their achievements with many students going on to become friends after entering the workplace.

Mrs. DuBois was nominated by her students and recognized three times by the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park as Staff Member of the Year for "creating a warm, caring and challenging environment

where students can learn and grow." Under her direction, the pre-school program was recognized by the State of Michigan for its unique partnership of Vocational Education with a Community Education Program. She was very active in Delta Kappa Gamma, a professional sorority dedicated to funding college scholarships to students in the Plymouth-Canton schools who major in education.

She was born in Battle Creek in 1945.

She met her husband, Allen DuBois, Jr. in high school. She and Al were attending Kellogg Community College when they were married in 1963.

They moved to Ann Arbor in 1964 where their son, Geoffrey Allen was born.

While Al attended college, Betty worked in Detroit at Michigan Bell Telephone as a line supervisor prior to her teaching career.

As a wife and mother, she loved to cook and sew.

She was always finding and mastering new dishes, often being able to develop her own recipes. She made many Halloween costumes and holiday dresses for her granddaughters. She sewed many

Teddy Bears from loved ones' clothes, several quilts. She also mastered crocheting. She was a group member of "Stitch and Bitch," "Yeps" and "BBB."

Mrs. DuBois loved raising and caring for her airedales. In the last two years, she was constantly comforted and left laughing by her sweet English rotweiler, Sammi. She had a wonderful sense of humor and relied on it in difficult times. When she was first diagnosed with cancer, she and her Yep friends referred to her chemotherapy treatments as "Kimo" from the Kimo Sabe/Lone Ranger stories.

She was certain the hero on the white horse would save her from the disease.

The real heroes in white were the doctors and nurses who showed great compassion and care in her progress and treatments.

As more testimony of her determination and humor, she wore temporary tattoos around her former hairline during her treatments.

She followed that by getting a permanent red tulip tattoo before her hair grew back.

She built a home in Mason to be closer to her son and his

family. She loved to help care for her granddaughters and pass on family and personal traditions to them as her legacy.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Allen DuBois, Jr. In addition to numerous friends, she is survived by her son, Geoffrey, daughter-in-law, Penny; granddaughters, Leslie Ann and Steffanie Allyn, all of Mason; sister, Patricia Denny of Kalamazoo; and many cousins, nieces and nephews; and Sammi, her dog. According to her wishes, cremation has taken place and ashes will be scattered in private.

For those wishing to honor her, donations may be made in her memory to: Hospice of Lansing, 6035 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911; Southwest Michigan Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer foundation, P.O. Box 2031, Kalamazoo, MI 49003-2031; Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority, c/o Liz Van Westenburg, 43670 Ryegate, Canton, MI 48187-2233; or, Excellence for Education, Plymouth-Canton Community School District, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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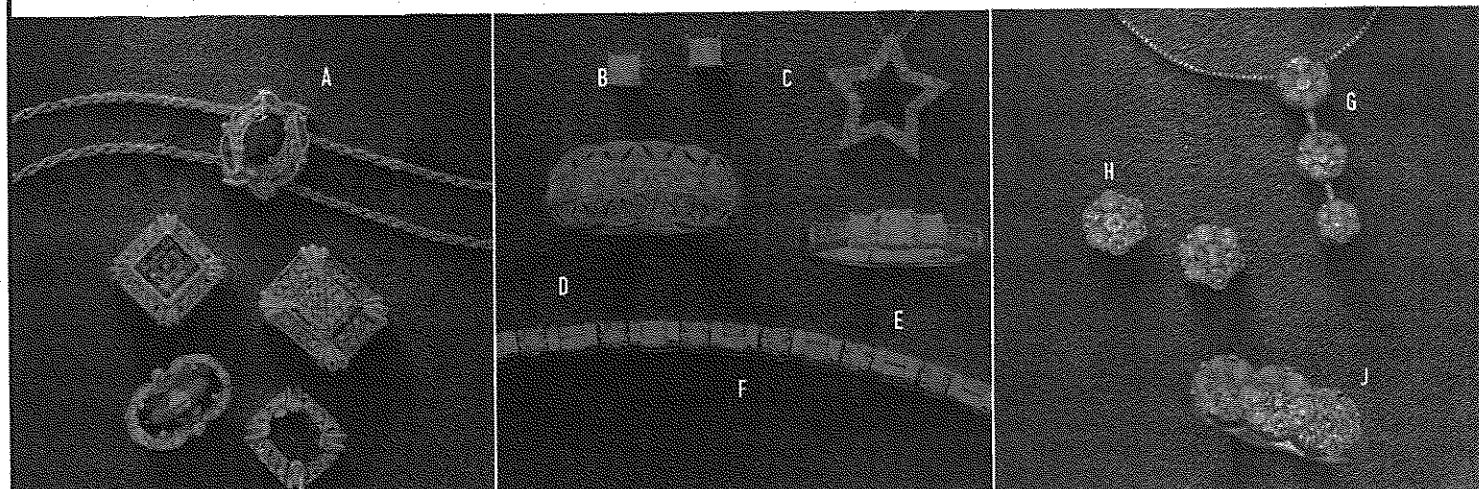
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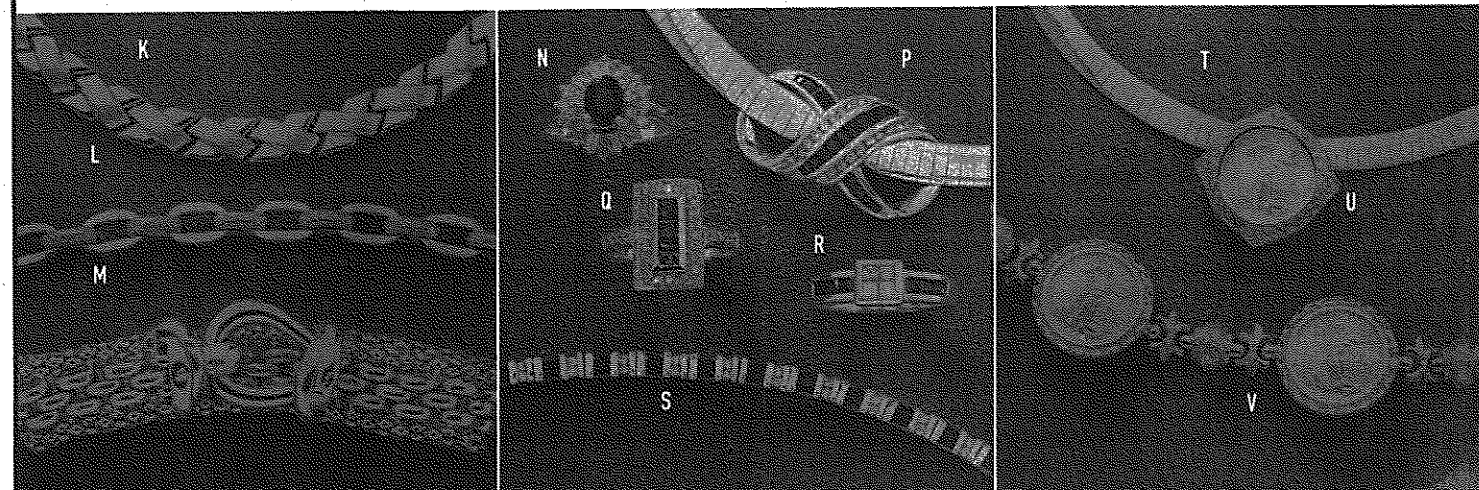
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## SOLDIER

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managing the Salem school store.

"He was a hard working kid," Richardson said. "He worked hard for what he had. He helped us get the account for Carhartt, which is a line of work clothes. He went to their world headquarters in Dearborn and got the contract for us to sell them in the school store. We're the only high school that sells their product in the U.S."

In addition to his work in the store, Blumberg was an offensive and defensive lineman for the varsity football team.

Blumberg had been in the Army for about three or four years, Richardson said.

"He just got his sergeant's stripes on the way over (to Iraq)," he said. "His dad was real proud of him."

Richardson said he heard about Blumberg's death on the six o'clock news.

"I just had to stop in my tracks and sit down

for awhile," he said.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack also learned about the incident on a Sunday evening news broadcast.

Both Yack and the Blumbergs attend St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton.

"In church on Sunday, we prayed for his safety," Yack said. "Then my wife heard on the news that night that he had been killed."

Yack said he knew the family casually from church. But on Saturday before Blumberg was killed, Yack said he was talking with some staff from the church and for some reason Trevor's name came up.

"He had told his parents just before he shipped out 'You know, not everyone's coming back.'"

Yack ordered township flags lowered to half-staff in Blumberg's honor.

And township accountant John Spencer, a Vietnam veteran, said a brick with Blumberg's name on it will be added to the Veterans Memorial in Heritage Park.

"He's the first Canton soldier killed in action since Vietnam," Spencer said.

The Rev. Jerry Yarnell of St. Michael Lutheran said the Blumbergs are longtime members of the church.

"Trevor was raised in the church and confirmed with us," he said. "We were all proud of his willingness to serve. Many people loved him and knew him. It's a great loss."

Yarnell said Terry Blumberg was an Army veteran who had served in Vietnam.

The family referred all calls to an Army spokeswoman.

"The Army has a liaison officer who's been extremely helpful," Yarnell said.

"The family's faith in the Lord and trusting their son to God's care is helping them get through this."

In addition to his parents, Blumberg is survived by a sister, Amanda, of Dearborn Heights.

Yarnell said Amanda and Brian Marshall were married in the church in August.

As of Wednesday afternoon arrangements for Blumberg were still pending.

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## Learn more about Islam at open house

BY PAUL R. PACE  
STAFF WRITER

The Muslim communities of Farmington, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield, Southfield, Redford, Livonia, Novi and Northville will be holding their third annual open house from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Tawheed Center in Farmington Hills.

The theme for this year's open house is "Learn about Islam — Islam, a path of peace and harmony."

Tawheed Center member Sohail Khan said the religion is a culmination and fulfillment of the same basic truths God revealed through His prophets to every person.

In other words, he said, it is a way of life symbolized by peace — peace with God, peace within oneself and peace with the creations of God through daily submission to God and a dedication to His guidance.

Khan said previous open houses have proven successful.

"In the past few years we have gotten positive feedback," Khan said. "Attendees always say keep doing it. It channels communication."

Khan said visitors will have the opportunity to walk through the mosque and be presented with certain teachings of Islam. "We will have a question and answer session and snacks of various ethnic backgrounds," Khan said. "Our goal is to let our neighbors know who we are and what we have to offer."

The Tawheed Center is at 29707 10 Mile Road, one block west of Middlebelt.

## Bottle of wine

"Twice the Fun," a painting by Thomas Arvid, will be offered for auction at the Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza on Sunday, Sept. 21 at the new VistaTech Center at the college, 18600 Haggerty (between Six and Seven Mile roads). Ray Friedrich and Chris Peppo (seated) co-owners of Sterling Services in Canton Township, donated the painting to the college fund-raiser. Arvid has achieved national acclaim with his still life compositions of wine and the rituals surrounding its consumption. The painting, valued at more than \$3,500, will be featured at the live auction which is scheduled to start at approximately 3:30 p.m. Organizers say the painting is the perfect complement to the event which features food and wine from nearly 60 eateries and beverage vendors throughout southeast Michigan. Tickets are \$50 per person. To purchase tickets, call the Schoolcraft Development Office at (734) 462-4670.

## Company celebrates its first anniversary

Morton Marketing Inc. of Canton has announced that they are celebrating their first anniversary of providing marketing services to the local high-tech community.

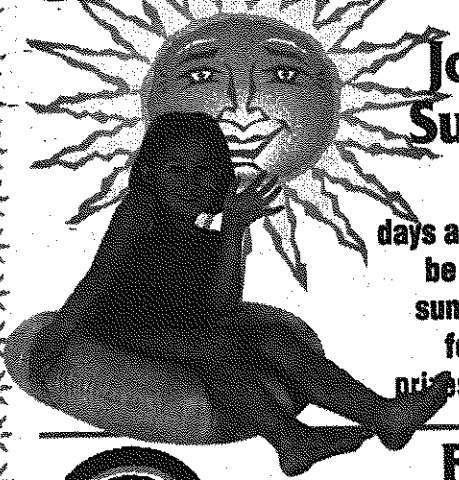
The company, which has grown its client roster to 12 in the first year, recently introduced a new corporate Web site at [www.mortonmarketing.com](http://www.mortonmarketing.com). The company expects

to add 10-15 new clients in the coming year.

Morton Marketing has also expanded its service offerings to include Flash development and creation of multimedia demos for software companies. The new services complement the direct marketing, communications and Internet search marketing services the company has been offering.

"Our first year exceeded expectations. We have a terrific group of clients who are experiencing great results so things are going quite well. In the year to come we will continue to grow our client base, add services to further help our clients meet their objectives and add appropriate staff as needed," said Mark Morton, president.

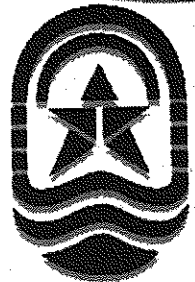
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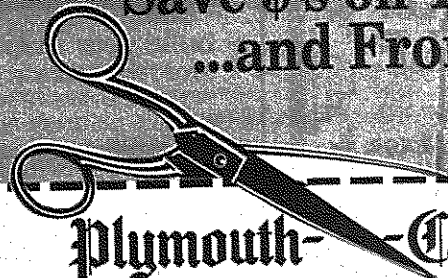
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## CHAMP

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consecutive "Eli-Hops" in the junior and open (any age) divisions. He is the junior division record holder for another trick, called "Iron Whips." He is also the A Division winner of the Midwet Regional Yo-Yo Contest.

This is a young man with 500 yo-yos. He actually only uses about 20 of them.

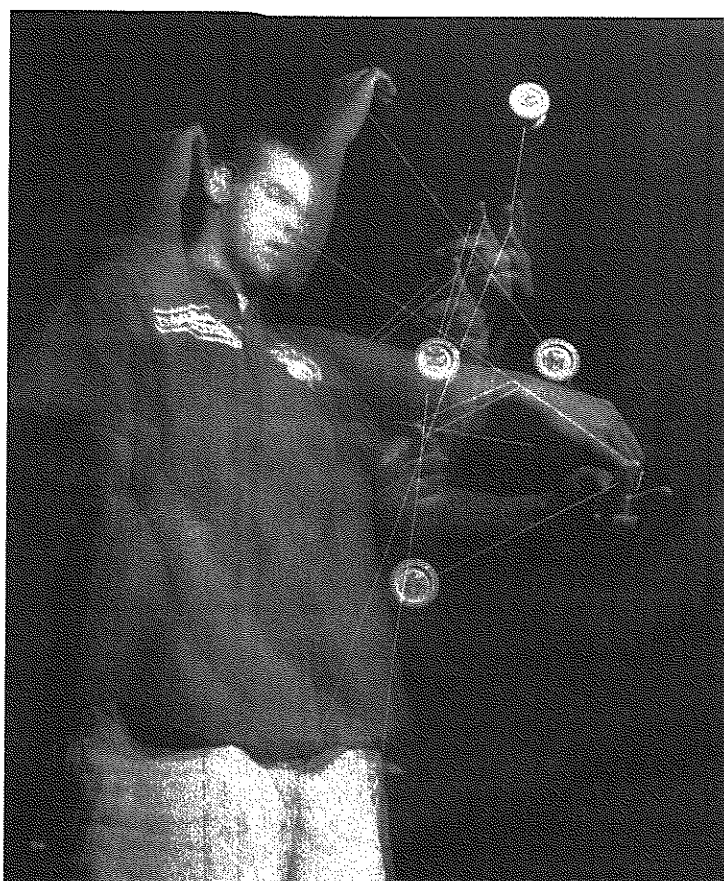
"It's the perfect toy," he said. "It fits in your pocket. It's inexpensive."

How inexpensive? Perhaps \$10 to \$15. And if you want a primo yo-yo, plan on paying a high price of \$20. But there is something important to keep in mind: "If it isn't a Duncan, it's not a yo-yo."

Jake has practiced over and over again for five years. He has had plenty of pretty deep string cuts, bruises and a few bumps here and there when a yo-yo has gotten out of control. To the football and basketball player, the pain is worth the joy.

Five years ago, as a third-grader, Jake noticed some older kids playing with yo-yos. He was fascinated. "I asked the older kids to help me out with some of the tricks." But his mom, Gail, a teacher at Allen Elementary in Plymouth, reminds him that he had made a deal with her to cut back on his television watching. Not only did he develop a new hobby and amazing skills, but the doubled allowance for avoiding TV wasn't bad, either. "Yo-yos were really popular at the time," Jake said, adding he then joined a number of yo-yo clubs in the area to work on his skills, and learn and share new tricks. Jake also learns new tricks from Web sites, videos and books. "Kids do videos of their latest tricks." He has communicated with kids in Japan, France, South America, Germany and England.

In the five years he has perfected his yo-yoing skills, Jake, as well as his parents, believe



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Jake Maloney of Canton shows his skill with the yo-yo, which he calls a perfect toy.

his hobby has done nothing but good things for him. He has learned discipline, poise, how to compete fairly and of course, patience. "If you want to learn stuff, you have to be disciplined," Jake said.

His dad, Mike, agrees: "He knows that if he practices hard enough, he can succeed."

His mom, who has used yo-yos in her classroom because it gives kids a chance to have fun and learn discipline, has learned to be a world-class knot remover for Jake. Consider in any given month, he goes through about 100 cotton-polyester strings for the yo-yos.

At competitions, Jake has to show judges — much like in figure skating — various compulsory skills. The rest is freestyle, meaning he can show his stuff with skills and tricks he alone has developed and perfected. He has signature moves and it is really those

that have made him a world champ.

A number of styles of yo-yos are available. The imperial is the traditional yo-yo. With the freehand style, the string is not attached. "It just creates a whole new thing," Jake said. And there is his favorite, the butterfly, which actually looks sort of like the bug. It looks like a traditional yo-yo flipped inside out.

"If you pull out a yo-yo, it is instant conversation," Jake said, adding his hobby has helped him meet new people.

Besides that, Jake says he has found something he is utterly good at. He encourages others to try a yo-yo. You'll find some relaxation, confidence and just plain fun.

"You can start learning whenever you want," he said.

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## ROAD

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city of Westland and Wayne County.

The result of the meeting was the formation of a six-member work group whose challenge is to study the congestion problem and report back to the larger group in three months with recommendations of what can be done to resolve the matter.

What LaJoy and township officials would like is another I-275 exit at either Warren Road or Cherry Hill. What they are likely to get is problematic at this point.

But LaJoy said he thought the meeting went well.

"It's a start," he said. "We got people talking. We got a good representation of people from MDOT and Wayne County. It's a great representation."

And township Supervisor Tom Yack said the meeting ended up about where he thought it would.

"It was a positive conclusion," he said. "Anytime you can engage an organization like MDOT on an intimate basis and create relationships,

a lot of things can be done that probably couldn't have been done before."

LaJoy said at least now the agencies involved can begin to look at the options and try to ease the congestion problem.

"We've got to come up with a creative way to do it," he said. "We don't care what the solution is so long as it works. They need to do something about more interchanges. I don't know any other way to get people off the freeway."

The work group will consist of Tom Casari, township engineer, and Jeff Goulet, community planner, from Canton; Kim Avery and Greg Johnson, engineers, from MDOT; and Mike Darga and Kevin Maillard, engineers from Wayne County.

Cameron Priebe, Wayne County director of public services who attended Tuesday's session, will also take part in the group's discussions.

State Rep. Glenn Anderson (D-Westland) said at Tuesday's session that it isn't just Canton that is affected.

"Certainly our community as well as Canton is affected," he said.

"Ford Road splits our city right down the middle."

And Bob Morris of Wayne County told the MDOT representatives he's all too familiar with the problem.

"Between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. I will not be on that road," he said, referring to Ford Road "unless I have to make a stop somewhere, and then I ask myself, 'What was I thinking?'"

While MDOT officials have consistently been reluctant to even consider an additional access/egress ramp at Warren or Cherry Hill, Priebe told them Tuesday he thought they needed to look at more than just additional lanes on Ford Road.

"A road can only get so wide," he said.

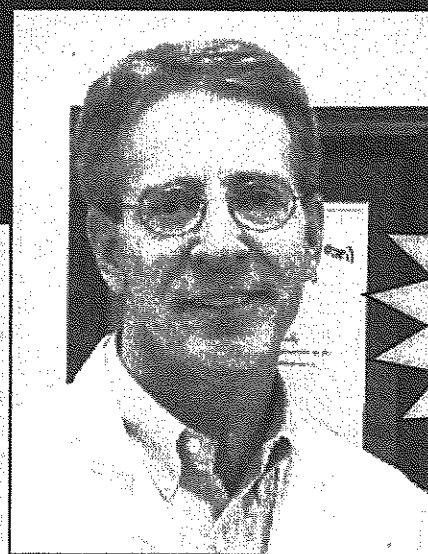
"We need to improve Cherry Hill or Warren with access to the freeway."

"I would advocate all of the stuff being discussed today, but you have to look at adding another interchange."

Even if an additional interchange were approved, Yack said considering the cost and magnitude of the project, it would probably be eight to 10 years before it became a reality.

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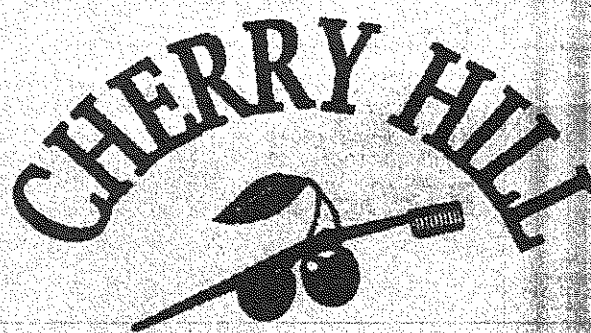
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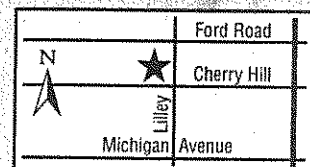
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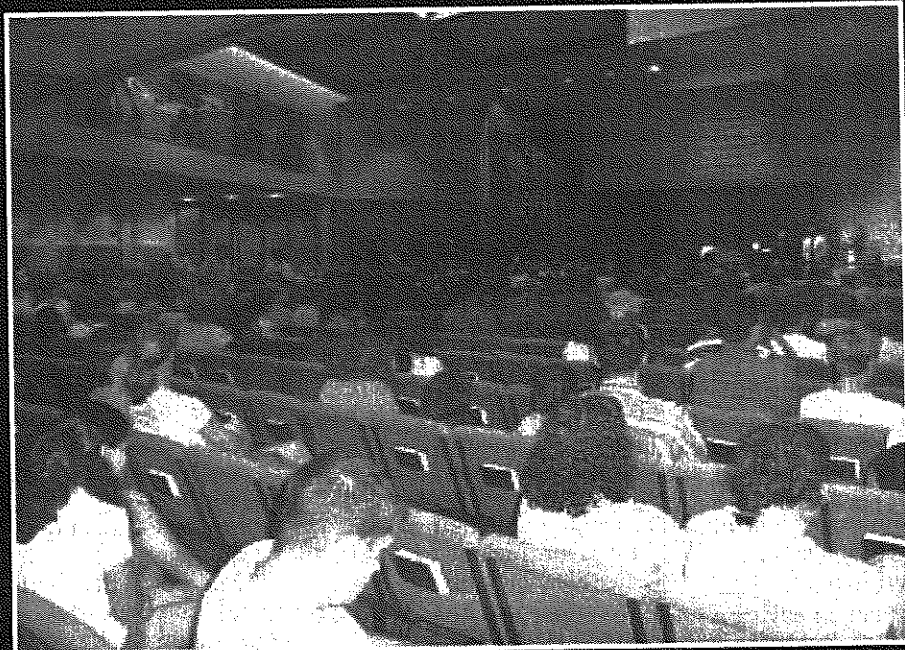
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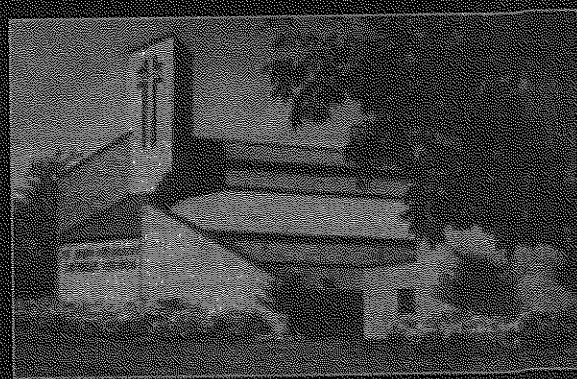
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**Miriam Margaret Prosygniuk**

Services for Miriam Prosygniuk, 82, of Canton Township, were held Sept. 16 at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating.

Mrs. Prosygniuk was born July 11, 1921 in Rochester, N.Y. and died Sept. 12 at Huron Woods Nursing Home. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Prosygniuk was preceded in death by husband, Frank Prosygniuk.

Survivors include daughters, Patricia (Truman) McLaughlin, Kathryn (Roy) Muir, Maryann Prosygniuk, and Margaret H. (Ronald) Roosevelt; son, John F. (Colleen) Prosygniuk; and nine grandchildren.

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

**James Kuebler**

Services for Jimmy Kuebler, 35, of Westland were held Sept. 17 at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell of St. Michael Lutheran Church officiating. Mr. Kuebler was born Aug. 30, 1968 in Farmington and died Sept. 11. He worked as a service technician in the heating and cooling business.

Survivors include wife, Susan Kuebler; parents, John and Linda Cantrell; and brothers, Michael (Penny) Kuebler and Ronald (Darlene) Kuebler.

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

**Joseph McNeil**

Services for Joseph McNeil, 74, of Canton were held Sept. 17 at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with the Rev. Drexel Morton of St. Michael Lutheran Church officiating.

Mr. McNeil was born May 29, 1929 in Akron, Ohio and died Sept. 13. He worked as a superintendent in the automotive business.

Survivors include wife, Dolores; brothers, David and William; and many nieces and nephews.

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

**LaVerne Melvin Jones**

Services for LaVerne Jones, 73, of Plymouth were held Sept. 16 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph Mallia officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. Jones was born May 11,

1930 in Flint and died Sept. 13 at home surrounded by his family. He is remembered for his ongoing persistence in difficult times, integrity, wonderful dry sense of humor, loved by all, and his unwavering support of his family.

He proudly served in the U.S. Marines during the Korean conflict. He worked for Michigan Bell Telephone as an organizational development specialist for 30 years before his retirement in 1988. He had a great love of nature, flowers, his garden, classical music, steam trains and visits from his eight grandchildren.

Survivors include wife of 47 years, Eleanor Jones of Plymouth; sons, Eric (Mairi) Jones of Highland and Douglas (Gail) Jones of Livonia; daughters, Suzanne and Nancy Jones of Ann Arbor; eight grandchildren; sister, Neva Lathan; brother, Neil Jones; and his mother's sister, Edna Perkin.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, the American Cancer Society, or the Maybury State Park Living Farm.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

**Marie Meadows**

A memorial service for Marie Meadows, 71, of South Lyon will be held at noon Sunday, Sept. 21 at Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon. Family will begin receiving friends at 11:15 a.m.

Mrs. Meadows was born Oct. 31, 1931 in Bell County, Ky., and died Sept. 12 at home. She was a resident of South Lyon for many years and a member of VFW Post 2502. She enjoyed gardening, canning, sewing and crocheting. Marie will be dearly missed.

Mrs. Meadows was preceded in death by her husband, Johnny Meadows in 1985.

Survivors include children, Joyce (Russ) Lave of Westland, Chet (Anna) Caudill of White Lake, Judy (Wayne) Roberts of Ala., Dottie (David) Deska of Canton, Darlene (Richard) Thurston of Waterford, Scott (Crystal) Lave of South Lyon; one brother; one sister; 14 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements made by Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon.

**Clyde Warren**

Clyde Warren, 77, died September 12, 2003. He was

the loving husband of the late Irene. Dear father of Steven (Christina), Linda Merriam (Michael), Denise Lundy (the late John), Joseph (Sharon), Todd (Leslie), Scott. Dearest grandfather and great-grandfather of many. Loving brother of Lucille Schmidt of Worthington, Ohio and brother-in-law of Bud (Mill), Jean and Kathleen. Clyde was a long-time resident of Wayne/Canton area, 1951 graduate of the University of Michigan Pharmacy School. Former owner of Sentry Drug Store in Wayne.

Former president of the Wayne Jaycees.

Clyde would like to invite friends and family to a Celebration of Life visitation at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 34567 Michigan Avenue, Wayne Friday 5-9 p.m. Celebration of Life will continue with services at the funeral home on Saturday at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, family appreciates memorial contributions to the American Lung Association.

**David W. Goward**

Services for David Goward, 71, of Canton were held Sept. 16 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Anthony Richter officiating.

Mr. Goward was born March 27, 1932 in Detroit and died Sept. 12 at Henry Ford Hospital. He was a supervisor of the bus fleet at Livonia Public Schools until retirement. After retirement, he worked for AE Standard Station. He was a member of St. John Neuman Catholic Church for 16 years. He was a boy Scout leader. He enjoyed woodworking and vintage cars. He worked, played and loved fully all his life.

He always told it like it was, no sugar coating. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict, receiving a Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal and a Navy Occupation Service Medal European Clasp. He was a model husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, good neighbor, friend and he was loved by all.

Mr. Goward was preceded in death by parents, David (Mae) Goward and sister, Lillian "Sue".

Survivors include wife, Mary Goward of Canton; children, David (Barbara) Goward of Calif., Jean (Kevin) Williams of Wixom, Diane (Robert)

Lesniak of Dearborn Heights, Dennis (Sheryl) Goward of Howell, Jeffrey (Linda) Goward of Ariz., Eric (Kim) Goward of Tenn., Paula (Mike) Brylinski of Wixom, and Philip (Amy) Goward of Wixom; 24 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and sisters, Myrtle, Betty, Barbara, and Christine; and brothers, Walter "Butch" Goward and Edward Goward.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

**Ann Marie Burke**

Vermeulen Funeral Home of Plymouth has made arrangements for Ann Marie Burke, 72, of Farmington.

Mrs. Burke was born July 23, 1931 in Ontario, MI and died Aug. 27 at Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills. She worked in customer relations.

She is survived by sons, John McCarter of Southfield and Jeffrey (Leigh Ann) of Canton; and four grandchildren.

**Gerry Champe**

Services for Geraldine Ferguson Champe, 89, of Plymouth, will be Friday, Sept. 12 at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, Plymouth. Visitation will be 4-9 p.m. Sept. 11. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

Mrs. Champe was born Nov. 23, 1913 in Detroit and died Sept. 1. A lifelong resident of Plymouth and Northville, she graduated as valedictorian from Northville High School in 1932.

She was winner of the Detroit Free Press spelling bee and went on to compete nationally in Washington D.C. She attended Detroit Business College and was a graduate of Schoolcraft College. She retired in 1978 from Unisys after more than 30 years, beginning with Burroughs in Plymouth and later in the executive offices in Detroit.

Mrs. Champe was an accomplished pianist and organist. She played the organ for the First Presbyterian Church in Northville, of which she was a member. She was also an avid golfer and enjoyed traveling.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Brick "Doc" Champe, a member of the first dental class to graduate from the University of Michigan. He was a founding member of the Plymouth

Rotary, as well as the Elks and Masonic lodges. He started the Wayne County Conservation Club.

Mrs. Champe is survived by sister, Donna Ferguson Wynings of Texas; nephew, Russell Wynings Jr. of Texas and California; and cousin, Janet Huthwaite of Grosse Pointe. She was the aunt of Dru Wynings of California, and friends, especially June Ash of Plymouth.

Memorial tributes may be made to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation.

**Robert D. Gotro**

Services for Robert Gotro, 87, of Plymouth, were Sept. 9 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Visitation is at 2-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8.

Mr. Gotro was born April 16, 1916 in Northville, and died Sept. 3. He was a retired carpenter who worked with several local contracting firms.

He served in the United States Army during World War II. He was a member of the Moose Lodge in Northville.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia. He is survived by his son, Robert of Plymouth; and stepsons, Grant Reed and David "Kip" Reed.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

**John W. Davis**

Services for John Davis, 98, of South Lyon and formerly Plymouth, were Sept. 9 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, with Chaplain Kent Aughe officiating. Visitation is 4-9 p.m. today and 4-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8 at the funeral home.

Mr. Davis was born Jan. 23, 1905 in West Virginia and died Sept. 4. He was a resident of the Plymouth-Canton area since 1935. He then moved to the South Lyon Home of Compassionate Care for the past two years.

Mr. Davis worked as a tool and die maker, and worked for the Plymouth mail newspaper. He loved to garden and took pride in the gardening he did

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Mr. Davis was preceded in death by his wife of 55, Blanche Virginia, and his second wife, Louise. He is survived by his children, Mary Jane (Ed) Good of Brighton, and William Edward (Trudy) Davis of Livonia; 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial may be made to the Plymouth Housing Commission, Tonquish Creek Manor.

**Robert Allan Shrimpton**

Services for Robert Shrimpton, 43, of Canton, were Sept. 8 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Canton, with the Rev. Joe Mallia officiating. Burial will be in Acacia Park Cemetery. Visitation will be at the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

Mr. Shrimpton was born Jan. 3, 1960, in Dearborn, and died Sept. 1 in Ontario. He was a designer for Ford Motor Co.

He is survived by his wife, Josephine; sons, Robert and Ryan; daughter Melissa; mother, Dolores Gatt; and sister Sheryl Shrimpton.

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## OUR VIEWS

## Numbers sell need for school

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To build a new Canton school should be an easy and reasonable decision. Canton kids make up 73 percent or 12,605 of the district's 17,500-student population. Compare that to 21 percent or 3,722 in Plymouth Township or 5 percent or 788 in the city of Plymouth. Add to the equation that of the 720 students who attend Central in Plymouth, 428 are from Canton, while only 281 are from the Plymouths. And only 76 of the Central kids walk to school.

Nothing is ever that simple, especially emotion. Some parents like their Canton children attending Central. They like its location and, more importantly, the staff. On the other hand, Canton Supervisor Tom Yack has made it clear he would not support a bond proposal without a Canton school. He says Canton parents have long been patient with the school district and their children being bused out of the community.

The need for a new Canton middle school is obvious. Equally so, the district says that for some \$17 million Central can be refurbished to house adult and special education, plus offices. A bond issue certainly should include both plans, regardless of any politics that may build up on either side of each issue.

With a majority of voters in Canton, a bone naturally has to be thrown south of the Plymouths for a multi-million dollar bond proposal to pass. But let's not forget the kids. That's what this bond issue should be about. A new middle school looks good for Canton and is needed. Equally, a refurbished stately middle school is good for Plymouth and the school district. The problem with the suburbs is that few buildings have any type of majestic presence about them. Central Middle School does. And it should be preserved.

Let's let the voters decide what they want for their kids and for the district. Voters know what they are willing to pay for.

## Quality education should be top factor

Gov. Jennifer Granholm earlier this year signed a bill amending the State Aid Act, eliminating the requirement for a specific number of days of instruction for K-12 students in Michigan, and replacing it with a requirement for 1,098 hours of instruction.

We have no real objection to the requirement and neither does anyone else, as far as we can tell. We do think, however, that far too much non-educational pressure is brought to bear on how those hours of instruction are accomplished.

Then-Gov. John Engler a few years ago made it law that no school can be held on the Friday before Labor Day, mandating a long holiday weekend during what tourism industry officials acknowledge is a key spending time for Michigan families.

Such economic factors have long been factored into the equation when school calendars are being filled out. School districts used to start several weeks early, because they knew students were going to miss two weeks in October to help with crops. That was a valid economic reason.

Tourism dollars are a huge piston in the state's economic engine, especially up north, where tourism is the economy.

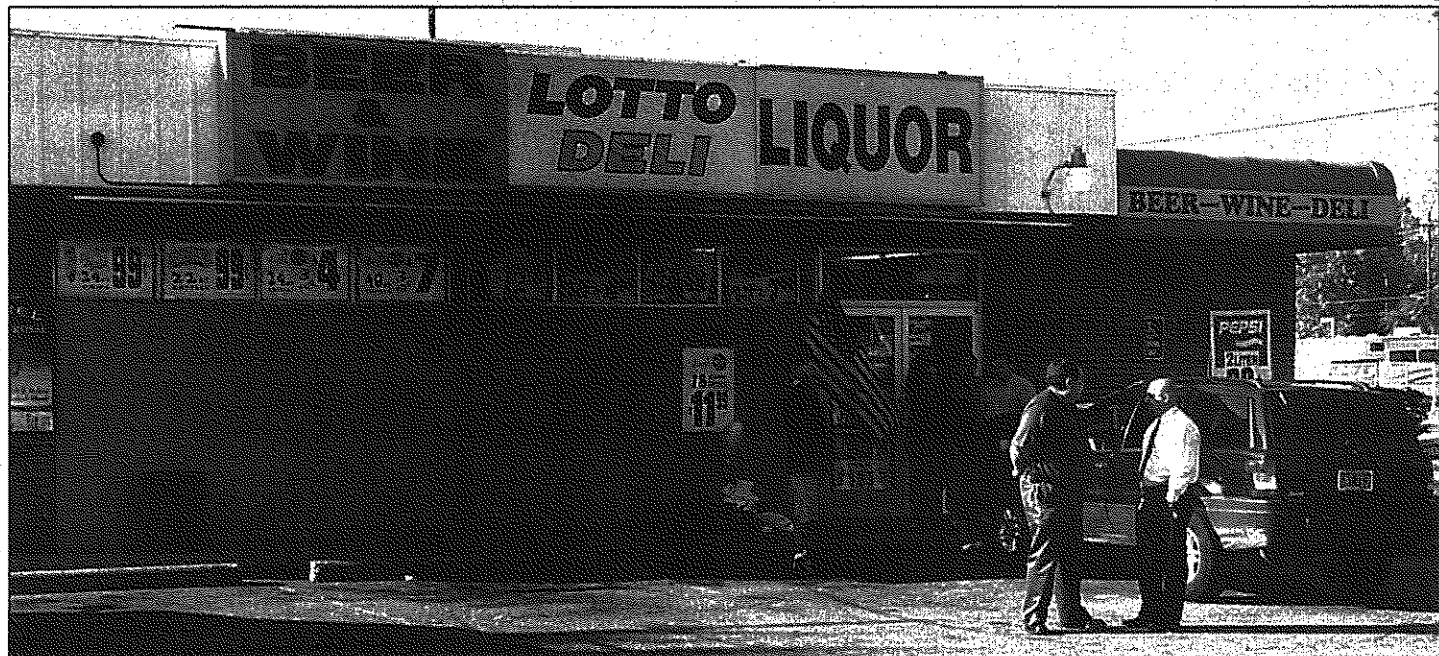
Teacher contracts have become yet another factor in determining the length of the school calendar. Contractually obligated snow days, in-service days and professional training time have all combined to extend school years around the state. It's gotten to the point where the kind of education our children receive is settled around a bargaining table — not in the classroom, where it belongs.

There are solutions to these problems. Instead of negotiating a specific number of "snow days," thereby obligating a district to use them whether the weather calls for them or not, why not simply say teachers will be compensated for snow days, and for any days worked to complete the school year?

Instead of forcing districts to start before Labor Day, and then appeasing the tourism industry by mandating a long Labor Day weekend, why not let local school boards decide what's best for their particular districts?

Putting so much emphasis on tourism dollars and contractual obligations sends the wrong message to our children, who should have no question that the state's priority is a quality education.

The bottom line in the discussion shouldn't be how best to fit all these outside influences into the school year; it should be maximizing the instructional days to provide the greatest possible opportunity for children to learn what we're trying to teach them.



JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A makeshift memorial appeared outside Neil's party store in Westland early Friday morning where four people were killed, including Canton residents Kenneth Sherman Littlefield, 62, and his nephew, Keith Gaddis, 44, two injured in an armed robbery gone bad.

## LETTERS

## Preserve the peace

My name is Erin Hemming. I am 13 years old and well aware of the drilling plan on the Mason Tract on the Au Sable River. You might be wondering why I care about this. I have property with my parents, Joseph and Betsy and my sister, on the Au Sable River near the Mason Tract. If someone asked me about my description of that area, I would have to say it is quiet and peaceful. Unlike downstate, a noisy, loud area, the Au Sable River is a completely different world. I fly-fish there and I enjoy hearing the sounds of the birds, and the soft rippling water. Most people where I live don't get to hear any of that.

I have also been to the Mason Tract and the Fisherman's Chapel, and standing there thinking that soon there will be a huge drilling expedition occurring, I start to fill with anger. How could anyone want to disturb the peace in such a peaceful area? Once in a while there will be some loud canoeists, but that is nothing compared to a drill rumbling through the ground. The noise will echo down the river, no matter what anyone says and the smell from this will make visitors stay away. Animals will start to leave, and the fish will go somewhere else. All this will be ruined because of poor thinking by some people.

All I ask is that people remember that George Mason donated the Mason Tract and that should be respected. Even though the drill isn't going right into this piece of water, it will still ruin the peace of this area. I hope you take this all into account. I might be young, but I do know what is right and wrong.

Erin Hemming  
Beverly Hills

## Consider others' rights

It was with true sadness that I read of Jim England's experience when attempting to take his young son to see a football game at the Plymouth Educational Park. As parents we try to set an example for our children about how to conduct themselves at home, church, school, etc. When the minimal standards of courtesy are not demonstrated by the public, it adds to the difficulty of training little ones in the ways civilized people interact socially.

My husband and I abandoned the practice of taking our children to see the Tigers and Pistons play years ago due to the acting out both verbally and physically of the crowd at the stadium. I could not condone the vulgarity or the drunken displays of temper to which my children were exposed when all we wanted to do was watch a baseball game, cheer for our team, and maybe eat a hot dog.

Why would it not be expected that the use of foul language would result in expulsion from a high school football game stadium? Children, even if they are teenagers, need to learn that there are boundaries within a society that should not be crossed. These boundaries include respect for the sensitivities of others. Especially if these others are impressionable little children. Sadly, I must suggest that the teens and adults who loudly proclaim their freedom to speak the foulest of words whenever they feel so inclined, refuse to consider the rights of others not to have to listen to the filth.

Sharon Spears Dean  
Canton

## Not going to tell her

My wife exclaimed, your letter of appreciation concerning the column and pictures concerning our grandson and daughter-in-law was not published. I replied that each of the two *Observer* editors did publish a letter I had written,

though not the thank you effort. But my wife, Rachelle, is not a political animal and pays relatively little attention to my efforts about our country's problems, its economics, politics, and the like.

She did make contributions to the thank you letter although she did not write it. Her interest in my letters peaked when I penned our appreciation and she thought it would be great if my letter about our grandson would be published. I explained writing my caveat was not intended to deny publication, but to inform the editors that the thank you was of primary importance, that I didn't really ask that publication be eschewed. Rachelle thought I had precluded publication with the suggestion that the letter need not be printed.

So, you have one more chance. This is it. My pen is now without ink, and so if publication due to my wife's wishes is not accomplished, I promise to let the matter die. Her name could accompany mine if the letter is printed. But feel no responsibility. I believe I can accomplish peace and tranquility even though the letter does not reach print.

Rachelle doesn't know I am writing to the two editors of the Plymouth and Canton *Observers*. I don't believe I'll tell her.

Well, I tried.

Neil Goodbred  
Livonia

## Welcome back, Mr. President

Let's get a few things straight here. He wants to cut down the trees to prevent forest fires. He wants to have whiter colleges and universities. He will decide what should be done in the bedroom of two consenting adults. He and his good friend Mr. Ashcroft will protect the 1st, 4th, 6th, 8th and 14th Amendments so long as you are Christian. He will spend almost \$30 billion less dollars to leave "No Child Left Behind" then he'll spend in the next year rebuilding Iraq and lastly, while the soldiers he sent to the Middle East heard him boasting "Bring 'em on."

President Bush sat quietly in Crawford, TX, for the month of August leaving only to raise the \$170 million for an uncontested primary.

We welcome you back from your vacation Mr. President. Our 2.6 million people who have lost jobs since you took office welcome your next compassionate move. I hear Halliburton has a good contract in Iraq maybe Vice President Cheney can write them a letter of recommendation. Compassionately yours.

Darrin Silvester  
Plymouth

## Hockey thanks

On behalf of the players, parents and coaches of the boys Canton, Salem and Plymouth high school hockey teams, we would like to thank those that made our recent golf outing a huge success. The high schools' hockey program is 100 percent pay-to-play. The players pay about half and the other half is raised by various fund raisers, the golf outing being the largest.

We had great support from the community businesses in sponsoring holes with cash donations and offering gifts and gift certificates for our silent auction. Only with the support of the community can the high schools continue to have varsity hockey.

Again, thank you to all who supported us and everyone who worked so hard to make the golf outing a success.

Chris Wolf  
Plymouth

## Bush is beatable

George W. Bush has not been a strong president. He surrendered school choice to Teddy Kennedy, campaign finance reform to John McCain, free trade to steel tariffs, judicial nominees to threats of Democratic filibuster, and airport security to federalized agents who search grandmothers for box cutters.

Tax cuts would create more jobs if paying off non-taxpayers were not included in the bill. Health welfare may destroy healthcare and bankrupt the treasury. Afghanistan and Iraq are less fearful, but caving in to State Department and United Nations policies only encourages terrorists. The "road map" demanding Israeli concessions for Mideast peace was a fiasco. Israel has lived with terrorism for 55 years and has much better maps.

Bush is certainly beatable for re-election. However, all of the current candidates are worse.

Hank Borgman  
Farmington

## Supports circus animals

I'm writing to you to support the Ringling show and their use of live animals. I know there are those that disagree with the use of performing animals, I just do not agree with them.

The Ringling show and many others for that matter go above the letter of the many animal rights laws to ensure the health and well being of their animal partners.

Are you aware that Ringling has their own vets and that medical care is available around the clock to the animals?

I would also like your readers to know it is through the efforts of Ringling and other showmen that our animal friends are protected from extinction. In many parts of the world today, the animals are losing their habitat.

Were it not for the actions of the Ringling Show and others, it would not be long before our animal friends would go extinct, and extinct is forever!

I have a special advantage in that I have been privileged to know many show folk and their animal companions up close and personal, and I can testify that they are well cared for and loved.

I can tell you about how mischievous an elephant can be. I can tell you about what a thrill it is to get a kiss from a lion, and how wonderful it is to be able to have these experiences.

Have you ever seen a baby lion cub? They play with bowling balls and ask for attention like a house pet. These magnificent creatures deserve our protection, and it is the world of the circus that has the biggest influence on their well being and on our future ability to love and appreciate them.

James F. Frobe  
Westland

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# 'Flexible manufacturing' key to state's economy

In last week's column, I pointed out it was time the politicians realized just how much pain and agony is being caused by the evaporation of American manufacturing. And I said I'd suggest some remedies for this serious economic disease.

One cure is simple: protectionism, plain and simple. Undo NAFTA and muffle the "giant sucking sound" of American jobs exported abroad. Set up tariff and trade barriers against foreign manufactured goods. Argue that all American manufacturing needs is a breathing spell while labor costs in countries like China and India catch up with our own domestic wages, thereby setting up a level playing field.

All this has a certain naïve, nationalistic appeal. And there is some economic rationale behind it. Look, for example, at what has happened in just a few years to wages in Mexico and Korea, formerly ultra low-wage competitors. The jobs that once moved there are now migrating to China and India,

where wages are even lower. And sooner or later even the big global companies are going to run out of places where wages are lower than anywhere else, at which point they might discover the merit of moving manufacturing back to America.

Sounds good? Maybe. But consider the consequences: Likely zero growth for the world economy, increased costs of goods for the American consumer, certainly a trade war and legal attacks from the World Trade Organization, outrage from "economically literate" elites and big companies. Won't ever happen, I'd guess.

Another possibility is to face the fact that as much as 75 percent of the job loss in manufacturing is the result of astounding increases in factory productivity and only 25 percent because jobs are being exported to low-wage countries. Manufacturing jobs represented 40 percent of all U.S. jobs in 1950, but only 15 percent in 2000 and, I suspect, will be something like 10 percent in 2025. But the amount, variety and quality of goods manufactured in the U.S. keeps going up because steadily rising productivity enables fewer workers to produce more and more.

The analogy here, of course, is farming. In 1900, something like 40 percent of U.S. jobs were on the farm, less than 15 percent in 1950 and barely 2 percent in 2000. But the U.S. agricultural sector produces far, far more farm products than it did in 1900, again because of

enormous productivity increases.

So the policy consequence of this chain of reasoning seems something like, "Kick back, relax. All this is inevitable. People who used to work in manufacturing jobs will find something else to do (at, quite possibly, much lower wages and benefits). And U.S. consumers will continue to enjoy a vast range of high-quality, cheap goods as a result." No wonder economics is called "the dismal science."

Another approach is suggested by what happened right here in Michigan when then Lansing Mayor David Hollister (now state economic czar for the Granholm administration) cut a deal with General Motors and the UAW to build the new Grand River auto plant in Lansing. The idea was to negotiate relaxed work rules with the union, design a highly automated manufacturing plant and get some tax breaks from the city.

It worked. According to David Cole, president of the Center for Automotive Research, the Grand River plant can produce up to five separate car models based on one vehicle platform, which keeps the plant running at high capacity with low labor and capital costs per unit of output. And GM plans to take the next step at the plant now being built in Delta Township, near Lansing, where three different platforms can generate a multitude of models. Such manufacturing facilities that are lean, economical and agile. They may not employ as many workers as the old assembly lines used to, but they get terrific productivity that justifies paying big salaries for the workers that are left.

The catch phrase here is "flexible manufacturing," which means a system that can respond quickly to changes in consumer demand and even make automobiles in response to orders from individual customers. The folks who make Levi jeans, for example, take individually sized and customized orders from people over the Internet and custom-manufacture jeans to fit even the oddest shapes.

This is not easy. It takes a highly-trained work force, great flexibility in work rules, good relations between labor and management. But it might just be one route to a good future for our slimmed-down but prosperous manufacturing base in Michigan.

This column is based on conversations Phil Power has had with experts George Kuper, CEO of the Council of Great Lakes Industries; David Cole; and Paul Dimond, a partner at the Miller, Canfield law firm. 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](mailto:ppower@homecomm.net).



Phil Power

## Plymouth yet to get park concept

So Plymouth High School has been open for a full year and what has it learned? Apparently nothing, as it still marches to the beat of its own drum.

When I was a freshman at the Park in 1999, teachers and counselors preached one thing about the Park more than anything else, that they were one. It wasn't Canton High School and Salem High School, but P-CEP — the educational park. There was one set of rules, the Park rules, that applied to both Salem and Canton. If it wasn't allowed in one building, then it wasn't allowed anywhere. So as my senior year started with the opening of a third high school, we had no reason to believe that this unity would change.

Enter Dr. Michael Bee and Plymouth High School, along with a whole new set of rules specific to one building. No longer did we have the Park rules. Oh, they still remained, but apparently they only applied to Salem and Canton in keeping with the Park atmosphere. Plymouth had some of the same rules, but many of its own.

The first rule, the locking of doors, was quite noticeable even before students were able to enter the schools. With only 10 minutes to pass between buildings, students take every shortcut available to them.

Walking to the door nearest to your class is one of them. I cannot tell you how much time and headaches I would have saved if I could have walked through the doors of A Pod to my sixth-hour class. Instead I had to brave the logjam of students both trying to enter and exit Plymouth through one set of doors.

When asked why they leave only two sets of doors open for students, Plymouth replied with, "It's for the students' safety." Now using this logic one can conclude that Plymouth is not as safe as its cross-creek friends Canton and Salem, as both schools leave all doors unlocked to students.

Another rule specific to Plymouth is the "no eating or drinking" rule. But you cannot walk around a corner in that school without passing both pop and vending machines. One privilege P-CEP students had was the ability to eat or drink in class. It was nice to actually be able to consume the products we had just purchased from the vending machines during the previous passing time. However, in a move to keep Plymouth's floor just as white as the day it was installed, this privilege was revoked, apparently forever.

One last major rule change was the inability to move freely between schools during the lunch periods. This was another special quality about P-CEP. Where you could eat at Salem, then move on over to Canton to visit with friends, then come on back. However with Plymouth, you were basically held up in the lunchroom until the end of the lunch period, frustrating students trying to visit with friends.

These were just a few of the special rules creat-

ed just for Plymouth. You may ask which ones of these apply to Salem or Canton? Well, that's a simple answer to give. It's none. I give credit to both Salem and Canton for sticking with the "old" Park rules. No longer can a student know just the Park rules, but now, must also know Plymouth's set of rules. Which leads to the question, is it still P-CEP? Or has it become the Park plus Plymouth?

The best quality about P-CEP is that it prepares students for college and let me tell you, it does this adamantly. During my orientation at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, I heard many freshmen commenting on how big the campus is. While I found myself thinking, "This is it? This isn't much bigger than my high school."

Yes, my high school, singular. For I don't think of the schools at P-CEP as individuals, but as one. I just didn't graduate from Salem High School, as my diploma says, but from Canton and yes, even Plymouth as well. I don't consider them as separate schools, but as different buildings on my campus. And with Plymouth off doing its own thing, I fear that P-CEP may be losing this.

I can almost see it now in the not too distant future that students would no longer pass between schools, but stay in their home school. No longer would they have the opportunity to have classes with friends from other schools, or even have the ability to meet new people who just happen to attend the school across the creek. I can see it now. No longer will it be a student body of 5,000 kids, but three separate student bodies attending three separate schools, and even with three separate proms!

So who is to blame for the almost certain separation of P-CEP? Well, it's easy to make a case for Bee himself; but I don't consider him a bad principal, more like a fish out of water. I'm sure he would be a great principal of a high school if he were just that, the head of one school. But what I feel he has yet to realize is that he isn't. He is only the principal of one-third of P-CEP. So, if it's not totally Bee's fault, who is to blame? Well, I place blame on the committee who hired him. They obviously hired a person who was not familiar with the park concept what so ever; and who is, so far, unwilling to grasp its concept and purpose.

P-CEP is the best high school in the state, possibly the country, at preparing students for the transition to the bigger college campus. I have talked to many of my friends who are attending schools this fall, which are bigger than Dearborn's, and every one of them has said they don't feel overwhelmed by the size of their new campus. We need to keep P-CEP the way it was: one Park, with one set of rules throughout the campus. This is what it means to be a campus. Instead, in the minds of many P-CEP students, both old and present, you now have two separate schools, the Park and Plymouth. I just hope Plymouth catches on before it's too late.

Tony Bolton is a Canton resident and recent P-CEP graduate.



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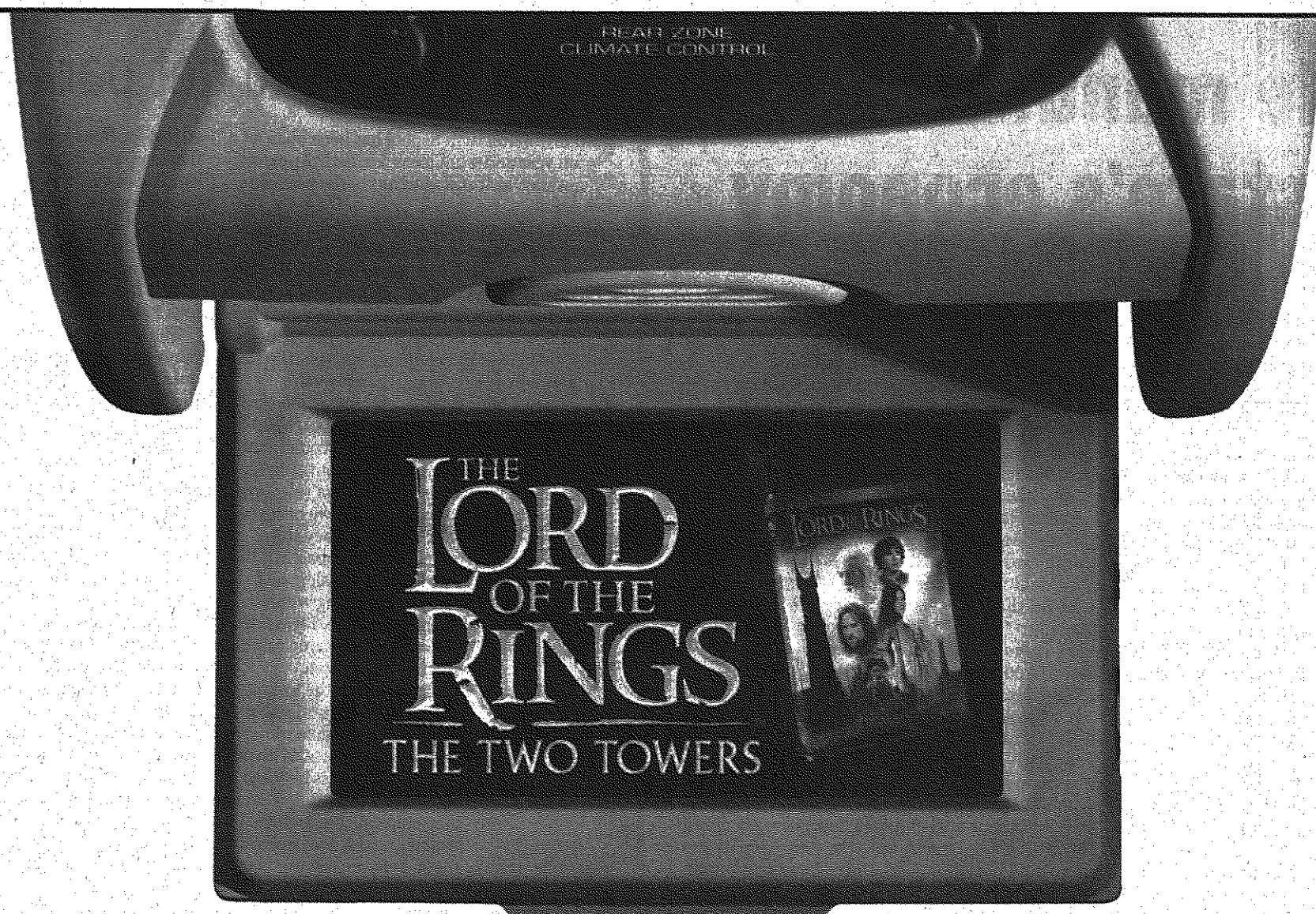


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## Sidelines

### ■ Captain honored

John Moylan, a senior at Salem HS and co-captain of the Canton Warriors lacrosse team, was named the weekly winner of the Southeast Michigan McDonald's and WXYZ-Channel 7 High School Scholar-Athlete Award on Sept. 6.

An honor roll student, Moylan was chosen for his dedication and commitment to school and athletics, as well as any outside activities he's involved in, including the recently organized Meals on Wheels program he produced for a school project.

Every scholar-athlete award-winner is introduced during Channel 7's 11 p.m. Action News on Saturday, then interviewed on Sunday during Sports Update. Winners also receive a \$250 donation from McDonald's for their school's athletic program, two tickets to a sports/entertainment event and a certificate.

Anyone can nominate a student-athlete on the WXYZ-Channel website ([www.detroitnow.com](http://www.detroitnow.com)).

### ■ Nationals next

The AttackHers, a Canton-based soccer team, placed third in the U11 division at the local round of the 3v3 Got Milk Soccer Shootout. They will now travel to Orlando, Fla., in January for the National Tournament.

Team members are Andrea Jenkins, Lindsey Newton, Tracy Rymph, Megan Staub and Leslie Weisz. They are coached by Rob Newton and Scott Weisz.

### ■ Lions stopped

The Canton Lions varsity football team fell to 1-1 following a 20-14 loss to the defending Super Bowl champion Redford Rangers Sunday. The Rangers scored the decisive touchdown late in the third quarter on a punt return.

Canton scored on a 75-yard punt return by Chris Fischer and a 65-yard fourth-down run by Brandt Thomas. Defensively, the Lions were paced by Fischer (interception), Dustin Esper, Justin Scott (fumble recovery) and Joe Boctor (fumble recovery).

Spurred by the hard running of Nick Wright, the Lions junior varsity squad improved to 2-0 with a 34-26 victory over the Rangers. Wright, Myron Puryear and Chris Stewart scored TDs for the winners.

The freshmen Lions thumped the Rangers, 52-32. After the Rangers grabbed a brief lead in the third quarter, the Lions roared back with a 26-0 run to clinch the win. Miles Clifton had a strong game, scoring on a kickoff return and an interception return. Adam Payne ran for a TD and threw a TD pass.

### ■ Swim coaches

Attention all high school girls swim coaches: Greg Phill, coach at Livonia Stevenson, will be compiling the Observer's Best Girls Swim Times for this season, with the first publication date slated for Sept. 25.

All Observer-area coaches are asked to contact Phill with their best times via email at: [gphill5269@aol.com](mailto:gphill5269@aol.com).



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's David Hall just pushes the ball past Stevenson keeper Michael Maciolek in the second half, resulting in the game-winning goal.

## Salem stuns Stevenson

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

The year changes, the players are different, but the result is almost always the same.

When Salem and Livonia Stevenson tangle in soccer, it's guaranteed to be an exceptionally played match, with an outcome that is rarely decided until the clock registers all zeroes.

Wednesday night's game, played at Salem, fit neatly into that description. The Spartans scored first, less than 12 minutes into the match, but the Rocks responded with the tying goal 10 minutes later and the game-winner just over four minutes into the second half to gain a 2-1 triumph.

It was, for all intents and purposes, a replay of last year's game. Salem won that match 2-1 as well, then edged

Stevenson in a shootout in the state regional final.

And as it has since the beginning of the Western Lakes Activities Association, this match most certainly will determine the WLAA's Lakes Division winner.

The Rocks are 5-3-3 overall, 1-0 in the division; Stevenson is 6-1 overall, 0-1 in the division.

Like last year, the Spartans came into Wednesday's match ranked in the state's top five, while Salem was unranked. And like last year, the Rocks handed Stevenson its first loss of the season.

"Overall, we really came to play tonight," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "We played hard and we played smart. I was really proud of our effort tonight."

While McCarthy lauded his team's performance, calling it the best of the season, Stevenson coach Lars Richters wasn't particularly pleased with his team's

execution. "In terms of 80 minutes of play, you can't beat a team the caliber of Salem unless you play your best stuff," Richters said. "Late in the game we did what a desperate team does, we played with that urgency."

"But we needed everyone to step up and have their best game."

The game-winning goal came off the foot, or rather shin, of Salem's David Hall. Trying to pressure the Stevenson defense just outside the net, Hall deflected a pass intended for Spartan keeper Michael Maciolek. The altered direction left Maciolek frantically diving for the ball, getting a hand on it but unable to prevent it from going in the goal.

Eric Vanston received an assist on the goal, scored with 35:40 left in the match.

Twice after that, the Spartans put the

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## Rocks have top-level talent, but Stevenson still the best

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

The goal remains the same for Salem's girls swim team and their coach, Chuck Olson: beat Livonia Stevenson.

"That's always the goal," Olson said after the Spartans collected their 13th straight Western Lakes Activities Association Relays championship last Saturday. They'll be chasing their 13th consecutive WLAA title in a couple of months.

Are the Rocks capable of derailing the Stevenson express? It would be difficult, considering their losses from a year ago: Jenny Crabill, Rachel Underhill, Cammi Carnes, Nicole Genrich and Jillian Haydon, to name a few.

But there is much to look forward to for

### SALEM OUTLOOK

Salem. At the top of the list is the return of Kelsey Lincoln for her sophomore season and Amy Mertens, an extremely talented senior who swam for Salem as a freshman before moving to Ohio for her sophomore year. Her family moved back here when she became a junior, but Mertens chose to continue to swim for her club team in Ohio.

"Mertens and Lincoln are good quality swimmers, as good as anyone in the league," Olson said. "And (Heather) Michaelsen is just a bit behind them."

Mertens showed just how good she can be by easily surpassing the state qualifying

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## Chiefs keep positive attitude despite some notable losses

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

A year ago, Canton finished fourth at the Western Lakes Activities Association swim finals, behind perennial champ Livonia Stevenson, Salem and Northville.

Catching any of those three may prove to be a difficult task, especially considering the losses endured by the Chiefs. Gone are Alex Derian-Toth, Jamie Bielak, Katie Bielak and Natalie McBain, who have graduated.

Also missing from the lineup are two girls who would have been sophomores, Alyssa Vermulen and Emma King. King's absence was expected; raised in England, her family moved back there before last season's state finals, for which she had qualified.

Vermulen's loss, on the other hand, was not expected. A promising talent, she struggled last year with injuries. Then a month

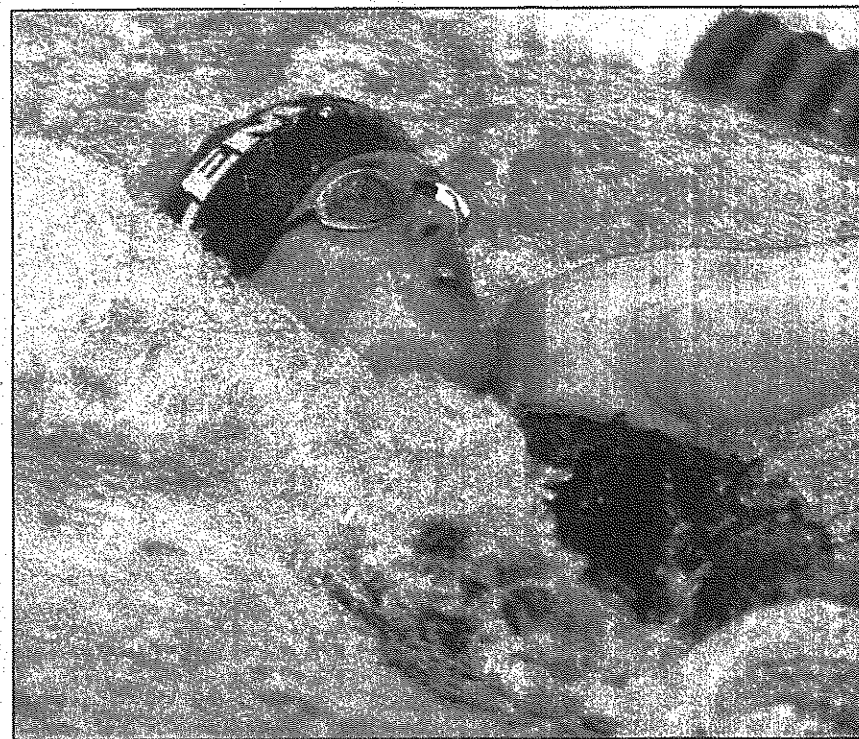
before school started this year, she suffered a fractured neck in a jet ski accident. Her return to the lineup this season is doubtful.

Another swimmer coach Yvonne Lynn is counting on is Ashley McClellan, who was expected to have an impact in the distance freestyle events. However, McClellan is recovering from a rotator cuff injury that will sideline her for three weeks.

Still, don't tell any of the Chiefs what they can't do. Their outlook, according to Lynn, remains positive.

Last Saturday's WLAA Relays at Salem is a case in point. Canton finished fourth, as it did the previous year, but Lynn was impressed. "Our finish was the same, but our

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Salem's Katie Truesdell swims her leg of Salem's 200-yard backstroke relay, which placed fourth at Saturday's WLAA Relays meet.

## Spartans reign in Relays

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

What a surprise.

The official opener to the Western Lakes Activities Association swim season, the WLAA Relays, was Saturday at Salem HS and the winner was Livonia Stevenson, once again.

In fact, the standings from 2002 didn't change at all, except for the addition of the three Walled Lake schools this year. Stevenson led with 282 points, with Northville second (243), Salem third (201), Canton fourth (182) and Livonia Churchill fifth (178). *See results.*

The Spartans have won 13 straight WLAA Relays, even though their coach, Greg Phill, insists the event really means nothing to him.

"We swam about the same as last

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year," Phill said. "We won six relays last year and we won seven this year."

But could anything be gained, about your own team or the league competition, from this meet?

"I don't think you do," Phill said. "In my opinion, you don't. This meet takes a little depth, and obviously we have more than the rest of the league."

"But it doesn't mean anything. Nothing means anything to me until the conference meet."

If Salem coach Chuck Olson's assessment is accurate, then the Spartans should be in good shape. "This (relays meet) is usually a pretty good indicator" of how the league

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ball in the net behind Salem keeper Tom Huls, only to have both goals waved off. On the first, the official called a foul on the Stevenson player; on the second, he ruled the ball did not cross the goal line.

The Spartans were further handicapped when first Richters received a yellow card for arguing a ruling. Then Keith Sied got a red card for unsportsmanlike conduct with 7:26 to play. Sied was carded for disagreeing with the official's call on the second wave-off of a Stevenson goal and Richters — with one caution already (a second is an automatic red card) — could not argue.

The match started with a Salem burst. The Rocks dominated the first 10 minutes of the game, with the Spartans unable to even get a good shot on goal. But when a foul was called on Salem just outside its penalty area, Stevenson had its chance.

Nikolas Dordeski took the direct kick from about 22 yards out, and it was near-perfect. Huls dove and managed to deflect the ball off the crossbar, but Robert Merritt was there for the Spartans to knock it into the net, giving them a 1-0 lead 11:27 into the match.

"We had a great start to the game, but Dordeski got a great strike on the ball," said McCarthy.

The Rocks continued to pressure and, with 17:53 to play, Chris Conlisk sent a through ball between Spartan defenders to Sean Williams, who ran onto it and outran the pursuit, firing a shot that Maciolek got a hand on but could not stop. The game was tied at 1-1.

"Getting that goal rewarded us for all the good plays we had to that point," McCarthy said. "If we'd gone into the half down a goal, I don't know what might have happened."

What might have happened... that's a statement that can be applied to this matchup, year in and year out.

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As far as the prediction race, yours truly has regained the lead, back in his familiar spot after going 9-3 last week for a 26-10 overall mark. Redford-Garden City sports editor Paul Beaudry went 7-5, while Plymouth-Canton sports editor C.J. Risak was 6-6. Beaudry is one game off the pace at 25-11, while Risak stands at 24-12.

Here is a look at this week-end's games:

### FRIDAY'S GAMES

(all at 7 p.m. unless noted)

Redford Union (2-1, 2-1) at Highland Park (2-1, 2-1): The Polar Bears, picked to win the Mega Conference's Gold Division and a play-off qualifier last year, are coming off a 14-6 loss to Taylor Kennedy. RU rushed for 215 yards in a 33-18 triumph over Inkster. The winner stays in the Mega Gold hunt, the loser is out. PICKS: Highland Park — Emons, Beaudry, Risak.

Romulus (0-3, 0-1) at Garden City (1-2, 1-0): The Cougars posted their first win of the year, 32-20 over Lincoln Park, by gaining 289 yards on the ground. Romulus is coming off a 20-14 loss to Southgate. The Eagles started

out the season by losing to two tough teams, Dearborn Fordson and Allen Park. A win by GC could put the Cougars in good position in the Mega-White. PICKS: Garden City — Risak; Romulus: Emons, Beaudry.

W.L. Western (2-1, 1-1) at Canton (3-0, 2-0): Western is coming off a 21-20 overtime win over Livonia Stevenson, hitting a fourth-and-9 pass for the victory. Canton, a 34-21 over Wayne, appears to be the class of the Western Lakes. But the Chiefs' defense has yielded some yardage on the ground. PICKS: Canton — Emons, Beaudry, Risak.

John Glenn (2-1, 1-1) at Churchill (2-1, 1-1): The loser is probably out of the WLAA race. Glenn continues to rely on the legs of senior tailback Dan Smitherman, but quarterback Jon McCahill hit 11-of-14 passes in a 21-10 win over Franklin. Churchill's threat on the ground is Jon Bunzeluk. This could be the Chargers' best chance in many years to beat Glenn. PICKS: John Glenn — Emons, Beaudry, Risak.

Wayne (2-1, 2-1) at Franklin (1-2, 1-2): Franklin got its only win last year against Wayne, 7-0. The much-improved Zebras will rely on T.J. Dillard for offense, while the Patriots will try and eliminate mistakes after losing to Glenn. PICKS: Wayne — Emons, Beaudry, Risak.

Salem (1-2, 0-2) at Stevenson (1-2, 1-2): The Spartans went toe-to-toe with Walled Lake Western before losing 21-20 in OT. Salem, giving up 242 yards in the air, is coming off a 27-20 loss to Northville. PICKS: Stevenson — Emons, Beaudry, Risak.

Trenton (2-1, 2-0) at Red. Thurston (3-0, 2-0): For all intents and purposes, this is for the Mega Conference Blue Division title. Thurston was a 41-19 winner last week over River Rouge as halfback Darran Matthews and fullback Chase Waterstradt each rushed for over 100 yards. Trenton, which knocked Thurston out of the playoffs last year, is led by quarterback Casey Chamberlain, who threw for 231 yards in a 41-14 win last week over Dearborn Heights Crestwood. PICKS: Thurston — Emons; Trenton — Beaudry, Risak.

Lutheran North (3-0, 3-0) at Clarenceville (3-0, 3-0): This is THE GAME in the Metro Conference with the winner more than likely going on to win it. Clarenceville is coming off a hard-fought 26-20 win over Harper Woods, while North waltzed past lowly Hamtramck,

37-0. Senior tailback Lance Weber is the Mustangs' top offensive threat, while Clarenceville counters with the backfield duo of Jeff Fioretti and Bruno Shkreli. PICKS: Clarenceville — Emons, Beaudry, Risak.

### SATURDAY GAMES

Hamtramck (0-3, 0-3) at Luth. Westland (1-2, 1-1), 1 p.m.: Back to smashmouth, three yards and cloud of dust football last week for Lutheran High Westland, which picked up its first victory of the year against Harper Woods Lutheran East, 14-13. Hamtramck was picked last in the Metro and has done little to dispel that notion. The Cosmos have not won since the final game of the 1999 season. PICKS: Lutheran Westland — Emons, Risak, Beaudry.

A.A. Gabriel Richard (2-1, 1-0) vs. St. Katharine Drexel/Bishop Borgess (2-1, 1-0), 7 p.m. (at Hilbert Jr. High): Kenny Smith had a Jamal Lewis-type night with 301 yards on 31 carries as the Aggies upended previously unbeaten Detroit Urban Lutheran, 36-24. Richard, winless last season, is coming off a 20-0 win over Allen Park Cabrini as both Mike Fleming and Paul Joseph combined for over 200 yards rushing. The winner should emerge victorious in the Catholic League's D Bracket. PICKS: St. Kate — Risak; Richard — Emons, Beaudry.

### SUNDAY GAME

Redford CC (2-1, 0-0) vs. Birm. Brother Rice (2-1, 0-0), 1 p.m. (at Pontiac Wisner Stadium): The old Boys Bowl matchup is back. Believe it or not, despite CC's shocking 33-27 loss to Detroit DePorres, the sky is not falling. The Shamrocks seem to bounce back and go on to make a strong state playoff run even after losing a regular season game. Rice, a 42-0 winner last week over Madison Heights Bishop Foley, needs a career performance from quarterback Doug Pickens and establish a running game to beat the Shamrocks. CC's defense was befuddled last week by DePorres quarterback Carlos Simpson, who had 259 yards total offense. PICKS: CC — Emons, Beaudry, Rice — Risak.

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Forget the ranking, forget the hype, forget the mystique, forget the size.

Detroit DePorres did just that Saturday afternoon, going toe-to-toe with Catholic Central and coming away with a 33-27 win.

"We hit a very good football team," CC coach Tom Mach said. "They did a good job of execution and have good athletes who are hard to catch. We didn't play

## 4th-quarter rally lifts DePorres past CC

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terribly poor, but not our best.

"They were a good football team that had a great day."

The Eagles, the top-ranked team in Division 8, stayed right with its Division 1 counterpart as it gained 350 yards (190 rushing, 160 passing) to CC's 357 (223-134).

But DePorres (3-0) came through with three fourth-quarter touchdowns, which spelled the difference in the final score.

With CC (2-1) up 21-13 heading into the fourth, the Eagles drove 80 yards in six plays as Carlos Simpson hit Carl Grimes on an 18-yard TD pass to cut the lead to 21-19. After holding CC on the next series, the Eagles took the lead with Daryl Graham capping a 58-yard, seven-play drive on a 6-yard run. He also made the conversion to give DePorres a 27-21 lead with 7:31 left.

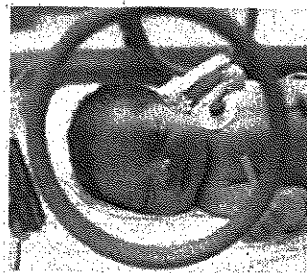
The Shamrocks came right back, though, on a 75-yard drive to retake the lead. Eric Vojtkofsky went the final 3

yards on a run, but that play was set up by a 36-yard half-back pass from Derek Brooks to Dave Herberholz. Jason Gingell missed the extra point and the score stayed tied at 27-27 with 3:12 left to play.

DePorres came right back though and marched neatly down the field on a nine-play, 65-yard drive with Simpson hitting Grimes on a 32-yard, third-down pass to keep the drive alive. With 16 seconds left, Simpson ran the final 4 yards for the score and the win.

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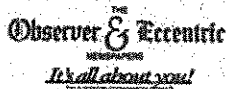
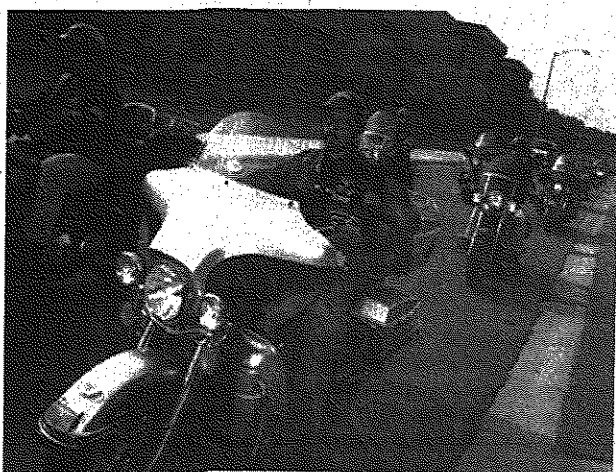


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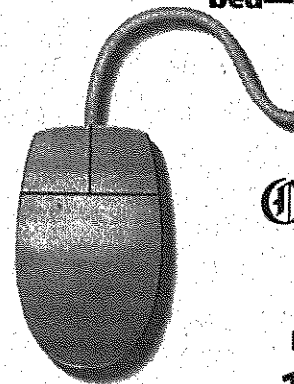
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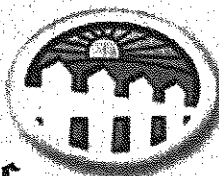
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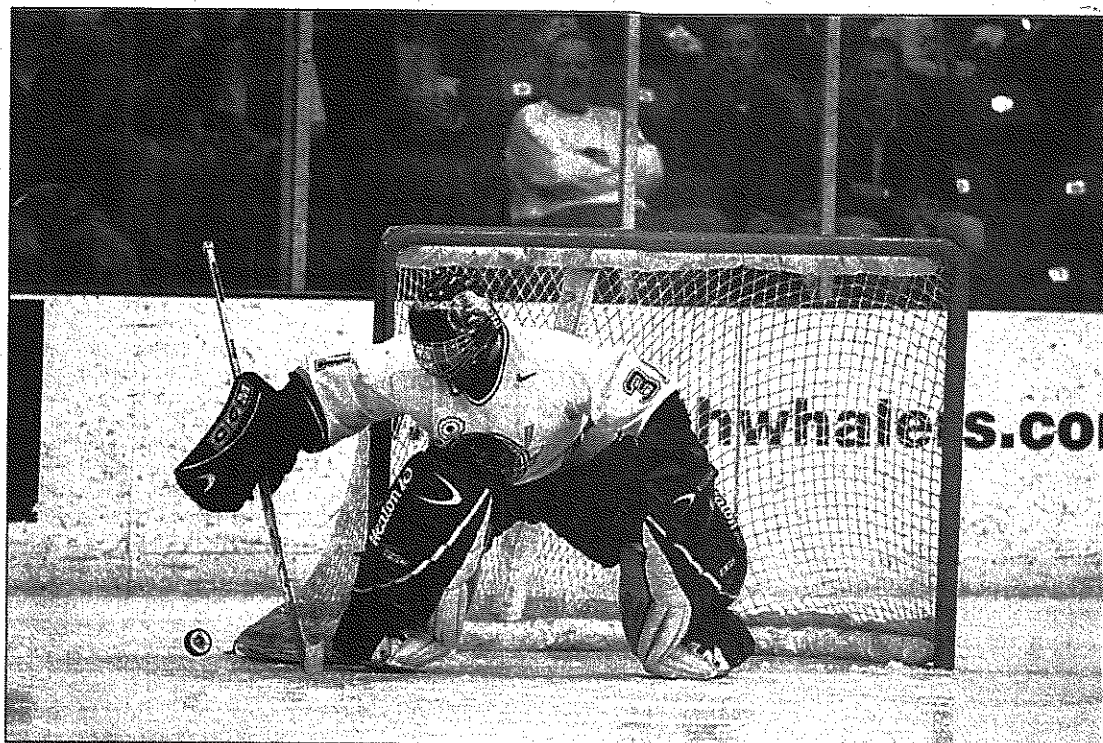
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Goalie Paul Drew was instrumental in the Whalers, who allowed fewer goals than any other OHL team, reaching the Western Conference finals.

## WHALERS

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"Every year you have a high turnover rate," Vellucci said. "You just hope your younger guys can come in and pick up the slack."

There are players to build around, to be sure. For one, all the goalies return from a team that led the OHL in goals allowed in 2002-03. Paul Drew was the leader with a 29-12-7 record, a .907 save percentage and a 2.59 goals-against average, with three shutouts.

Drew will be challenged this season by last year's backup, Jeff Weber, who was 13-2-2 with a 2.32 goals-against average and a .925 save percentage. Wisniewski is expected to be the leader on defense. After having knee surgery prior to last season, Wisniewski found himself trying to get into playing shape game by game.

"Before last season, I was not in the best condition," he said. "I couldn't work out before the season, and all I did was just get into game shape."

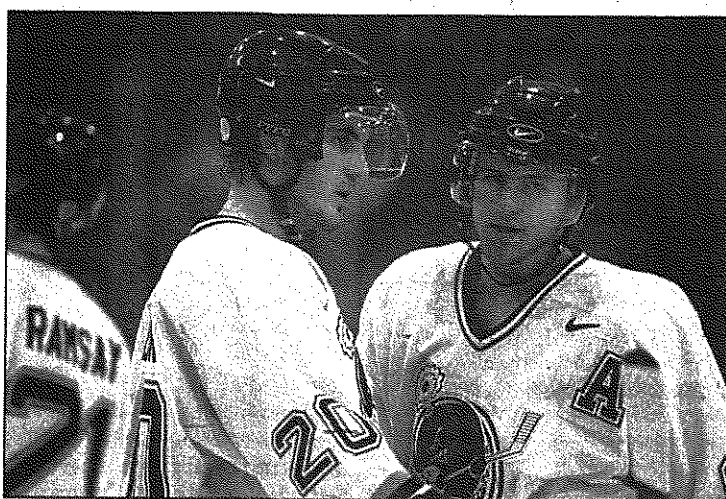
"This year I've worked hard. I've got my weight down to 200 and I feel more explosive."

Despite coming off knee surgery, Wisniewski still managed to post high numbers for a defenseman: 18 goals, 34 assists, 52 points in 52 games played.

Other defensemen Vellucci will be counting on are returnees David Liffiton (five goals, 11 assists in 64 games), Mike Letizia (two goals, seven assists, 60 games), Erik Lundmark (two goals, 41 games) and Sean Pennock, and new additions Richard Power, Ryan McGinnis and Craig Cescon.

Power was picked up in a trade with Kingston for a fifth-round draft choice. He had two goals and 13 assists in 68 games last season. "He's definitely a seasoned veteran," Vellucci said. "His knowledge of the game and experience are his biggest assets."

Cescon and McGinnis were both drafted this season and will have to work their way into the lineup.



While replacing Karl Stewart (right) won't be easy, Canton defenseman James Wisniewski (center) had 18 goals and 34 assists last season.

Now, about that offense ...

The top returning scorer is Ryan Ramsay, a 5-foot-11, 193-pound center who was second on the team in points last season with 33 goals and 55 assists (88 points).

"Ramsay should do well," said Vellucci, saying much the same about John Vigilante (15 goals, 24 assists, 39 points), John Mitchell (18 goals, 37 assists, 55 points), Jonas Fiedler (seven goals, 21 assists, 28 points), Tim Sestito (11 goals, seven assists, 18 points) and Sean Thompson (six goals, five assists, 11 points).

Of course, as their top returning scorer, Ramsay will receive more attention this season than last, and he knows it. "It means I have to produce every night," he said. "If I can do that, hopefully everything will fall into place."

"It does add a lot of pressure, knowing those guys (former linemates LaRose and Stewart) aren't here."

Replacing those 186 goals will fall mainly to that group of veterans — and that's just how Vellucci plans to approach it. "I think we'll have depth in scoring," he said. "These guys will see more ice time and get more power-play chances."

But are any of them capable of matching LaRose's 61 goals? "That would be very difficult to replace," Vellucci said. "The way I look at it is we will have to have two guys (combine) to do it."

One of the newcomers to watch on offense is Vaclav Meidl, a 6-4, 195-pound center

from Havirov, Czechoslovakia. The Whalers traded up to the ninth position in the European Draft last June to get Meidl, and so far he hasn't disappointed. Meidl is already drawing a lot of attention from NHL scouts.

He's expected to have an immediate impact for the Whalers.

Others who should help are top North American draft picks Mike Lombardi and Dan Collins, although it could take them a while to work their way into the lineup. "Both should contribute this year," Vellucci said. "They're skilled, but it takes time to adjust to the strength and size (in the OHL)."

If anyone on the team needs to see what's at stake in this league, they'll get a first-hand look at it in Friday's season opener at Kitchener. They'll watch the Ranger team, now coached by former Whalers coach Pete DeBoer, raise to the rafters the banners proclaiming them OHL and Memorial Cup champions for last season.

Vellucci believes the Whalers' mixture of solid veterans and talented newcomers could keep them atop the division. Whether they develop as well as last season's squad and are good enough to make a run at the OHL crown will take longer to determine.

But as the rest of the OHL should know by now — never count out the Whalers.

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# Canton just can't get a win over Marian

This is one major obstacle for Canton's basketball team to clear.

It's been several years since the Chiefs have been able to do it — this year included. On Tuesday, they traveled to Birmingham Marian, where they fell behind from the start and never really caught up in absorbing a 53-37 defeat.

"It's another lesson learned," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "We struggled with completing passes and we didn't play well on defense. And our rebounding was inconsistent."

The Chiefs trailed 13-8 after one quarter and 27-19 at half. They got to within six early in the third quarter before the Mustangs pulled away to a 39-25 lead by the end of the period.

"I just wish we'd handled the ball better under pressure," said Blohm. "But they make you do that. They make you play faster than you want to. (On offense) they push the ball hard at you, and if you don't get the ball stopped early it's really tough."

Canton's free-throw shooting certainly didn't help matters. The Chiefs made just 3-of-15 at the line (20 percent). "That's just not acceptable," Blohm said.

Both Canton and Marian are now 4-2 on the season.

Katie Cezat led the Chiefs with 19 points and eight rebounds. Next highest scorer was Lisa Ealy with five points.

Terese Demres topped Marian with 13 points.

Kathryn Johnson added nine. Canton opens Western Lakes Activities Association play at 7

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

p.m. tonight by hosting Northville.

**Plymouth 49, A.A. Greenhills 43:** All the Wildcats needed to do was remember how they started Tuesday's game against visiting Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Plymouth led early in the game and was still ahead 11-9 after one quarter. But the Gryphons went ahead 18-17 by halftime, leaving Plymouth coach Rachelle Reilly with a job to do at halftime.

"We came out playing really hard, then we got careless in our offense (in the first half) and it led to easy baskets for them," she said. "At halftime we said we needed to execute our offense and get a shot on every possession, and not have any turnovers."

It worked. The Wildcats outscored Greenhills 32-25 after the break to win by six.

Jeanine Moise led Plymouth with 22 points and 12 rebounds. Colleen Flaherty had 12 points and eight boards, Chelsey Quinlan contributed six points and five rebounds, and Janet Hanchett got six points.

The Gryphons' Carman Dorris led all scorers with 29 points.

The Wildcats were 17-of-31 at the free-throw line, converting 12 free throws in the fourth quarter. Quinlan and Hanchett were a combined 8-for-10 at the stripe in the period.

Plymouth improved to 2-2. Greenhills is 1-6.

**Franklin Road 47, PCA 34:** The first quarter was a disaster for Plymouth Christian Academy

in its game at Novi Franklin Road Christian Tuesday, one the Eagles could not overcome.

The Warriors jumped on top 16-4 by the end of the first and glided after that, outscoring PCA by just one point (31-30) the rest of the way.

PCA is now 2-2. Franklin Road is 3-1.

"It was (a bad start)," said Eagles' coach Kevin Nast. "We didn't get back on defense and they got 10 quick points to our nothing to start the game."

"We just couldn't get the ball to go in the hole."

Shannon Murray's 11 points was best for PCA. Amanda Saagman and Carissa Elenbaas had eight apiece.

The Warriors got 15 points from Karen Metcalf and 13 from Alyssa Zantello.

On Friday, PCA opens play in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with a game against crosstown rival Canton Agape Christian at 7 p.m. at Discovery Middle School.

**Inter-City 39, Agape 36:** Canton Agape Christian managed to trim Allen Park Inter-City Christian's six-point lead after three quarters to three late in the fourth, but the Wolverines couldn't get any closer Tuesday.

The loss left Agape at 3-3 overall, 0-2 in the MIAC. Inter-City is 5-0 overall, 1-0 in the conference.

The loss overshadowed an outstanding performance by Agape junior forward A.J. Creps, who totaled 22 points, 13 rebounds and four steals. The Warriors got 19 points from Anita Stamps.

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Breastroker Katie Caillie helped Canton drop nearly three seconds off its seed time in the 200-yard medley relay at the WLAA Relays.

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will finish.

Stevenson is gunning for its 13th consecutive WLAA title, too.

The Spartans won the first five events, starting with the 400-yard medley team of Andrea Giczewski, Stephanie Turlo, Julie Ward and Megan Gray.

After that came the 400 free relay (Anna Polkowski, Meredith Bajor, Kelly Perko, Marissa Gordon); the 200 breaststroke relay (Lisa Coach, Kristin Cruce, Kylie Slaten, Stephanie Turlo); the 200 backstroke relay (Katie Kress,

Monica Pauza, Perko, Gray); and the 200 butterfly relay (Polkowski, Ward, Bajor, Addie Turlo).

Their other wins came in the 400 individual medley relay (Gordon, Kieran Dolin, Cruce, Coach) and the 500 crescendo relay (Laura Hurn, Giczewski, Becky Hurn, Pauza).

Northville won two of the other three events — the 200 medley relay and the 200 free relay — and Western finished first in the diving relay.

Salem had three second-place finishes and was disqualified in one event. The best Canton could do was a third. Not that any of this means a thing.

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## SALEM

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standards in both the 200-yard individual medley and 100 breaststroke at Tuesday's dual meet at Canton. Her IM time would have been first at last season's WLAA finals; her breast time would have placed her second.

Lincoln, who as a freshman was second in the 100 breast and seventh in the 200 IM at last season's WLAA meet, has the same kind of ability and — just as important to Olson — versatility as Mertens.

Indeed, those two will probably swim every event sometime during the season, and very likely could make state qualifying cuts in most of them. As Olson noted, it leaves the rest of the league pondering "Where will we swim them this week?" as they try to formulate their respective dual-meet line-ups.

"They're probably the two best breaststrokers in the conference and among the best IMers," he said. "I think anyone would have a hard time trying to figure out our lineup. We'll move them around a lot.

"And they don't have a problem with that. They're very receptive to swimming anything."

Which should create opportunities for others in the Salem lineup. Michaelson, a junior, is

another all-around swimmer who was eighth in both the 200 IM and 500 free at last season's WLAA meet. Danielle Powers, a senior, was sixth in the 100 free and eighth in the 50 free at the WLAA's. Katie Truesdell, a senior, scored in the 100 and 200 free at last year's league meet. Ashley Aquinto, a junior, was sixth in diving and 12th in the 100 back at the league finals.

Other seniors who will have an impact are Lauren Burgett, who scored in diving last season at the WLAA's, and Emily Brockschmitt, a freestyler.

"This team has a lot of potential," Olson said. "They're working real hard, doing more yards than they have in many years.

"I think they have a lot of confidence. We have a lot returning from last year, when we were supposed to finish behind both Stevenson and Northville and (at league) we closed on Stevenson and passed Northville."

Salem doesn't have any real weak points. "The breast, IM, fly could be good events for us," Olson said. "The back could be good for us, too.

"To be honest, we won't be too ugly in any event."

To be sure, the Rocks will be powerful. Whether or not they're good enough to threaten Stevenson's string of WLAA titles is questionable, but not improbable.

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# Rocks sink Chiefs

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In a dual meet that always carries a lot of weight in the Plymouth/Canton school district, Salem came away with the 116-70 win over Canton in a Western Lakes Activities Association swim meet Tuesday at Canton.

The most impressive performance was turned in by Salem senior Amy Mertens, who had state-qualifying wins in the 200-yard individual medley (2:13.03) and the 100 breaststroke (1:08.62). Mertens' IM time shattered both Salem's team and Canton's pool records.

Indeed, such a time would have won that event at the WLAA Finals last year by two seconds.

"All in all, it was a pretty good night," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "We swam better than Saturday (at the WLAA Relays)."

As for Mertens' performance, he added, "It's a good sign. She's working hard. It's nice to be in the mix (with the other top swimmers in the state)."

Although Canton won just

three events — Allison Goldsmith in the 50 freestyle (26.08) and the 100 butterfly (1:02.71), and Lucy Liu in the 500 free (5:37.29) — coach Yvonne Lynn could not be displeased.

"I was happy," she said. "It was pretty much a personal best time for everyone in the meet."

"They were happy, pretty much everyone was happy."

Salem's Mertens and Canton's Goldsmith were the meet's only double winners in individual events. The Rocks' Heather Michaelson won the 200 free (2:09.19), Ashley Aquinto was first in diving (187.55 points), Danielle Powers captured the 100 free (59.48) and Kelsey Lincoln took top honors in the 100 backstroke (1:04.29).

Canton is 1-1 in WLAA dual meets; Salem is 1-0.

"We should be able to move some people around and get some other state qualifiers," said Olson, "and get those state cuts out of the way."

And pick up a few dual wins along the way.

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times were all faster," she said.

Whatever negatives the Chiefs have had to deal with, they certainly still have several positives, starting with junior Allison Goldsmith. A state qualifier in the 100-yard butterfly last season, she finished third in that event and sixth in the 50 freestyle at the WLAA Finals.

Also returning is junior Susan Patrick, who placed in the top 12 at last year's conference meet in both the 200 individual medley and the 100 backstroke; junior Allison McDuff, who was 11th in the 100 backstroke and also scored in the 200 IM at the WLAA meet; sophomore Molly Dowd, another WLAA scorer in the 100 back who will swim the IM and perhaps the butterfly; and sophomore Izabela Paskowska, whose drops in time thus far this season have impressed her coach.

Now for the newcomers. Lucy Liu and Alyssa Johnson, both freshmen, are expected to have an immediate impact for the

Chiefs. Liu, according to Lynn, "swims everything. Distance (free) is what she's doing this year, but she can do anything."

Johnson will help in both the back and free events.

There were some big losses from a year ago, certainly, but the Chiefs refuse to look back. As Lynn noted when examining this year's Relays meet, "We would have liked to be a bit more competitive with that group (at the top). It was Stevenson, Salem, Northville and then everyone else."

"I think we can (close the gap). I like our attitudes. This is a hard-working team, really motivated. They keep pushing, pushing, pushing themselves, and in the end that will help."

The Chiefs seem to have one good swimmer in each event, except the 50 free — they're loaded in talent there.

Goldsmith will be a force in the fly, and the back looks good, too.

"I think it will be a really successful year as long as they keep working hard and getting their personal best (times)," Lynn said. "You can't ask for more than that."

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## WLAA RELAYS RESULTS

### WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS SWIM RELAYS Sept. 13 at Salem

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Livonia Stevenson, 282 points; 2. Northville, 243; 3. Salem, 201; 4. Canton, 182; 5. Livonia Churchill, 178; 6. Westland John Glenn, 154; 7. Wayne Memorial, 100; 8. Walled Lake Central, 99; 9. Walled Lake Western, 96; 10. Livonia Franklin, 79; 11. Plymouth, 77; 12. Walled Lake Northern, 68.

### FINAL RELAY RESULTS

**400 medley:** 1. Stevenson (Andrea Giczewski, Stephanie Turlo, Julie Ward, Megan Gray), 4:18.23; 2. Salem, 4:20.58; 3. Canton, 4:33.79; 4. Plymouth, 4:43.85; 5. Northville, 4:44.18; 6. Wayne, 4:58.35.

**400 freestyle:** 1. Stevenson (Anna Polkowski, Meredith Bajor, Kelly Perko, Gordon), 3:56.72; 2. Northville, 3:56.96; 3. Salem, 3:58.36; 4. W.L. Western, 4:01.53; 5. Canton, 4:13.38; 6. John Glenn, 4:18.50.

**200 breaststroke:** 1. Stevenson (Lisa Koch, Kristen Cruce, Kyle Flaten, Turlo), 2:18.18; 2. Northville, 2:23.08; 3. John Glenn, 2:27.21; 4. Churchill, 2:29.24; 5. Salem, 2:32.92; 6. W.L. Central, 2:34.02.

**200 backstroke:** 1. Stevenson (Katie Kress, Monica Pauza, Perko, Gray), 2:04.03; 2. Churchill, 2:08.44; 3. Northville, 2:09.27; 4. Salem, 2:10.14; 5. Canton, 2:10.38; 6. Wayne, 2:20.71.

**200 butterfly:** 1. Stevenson (Anna Polkowski, Ward, Bajor, Addie Turlo), 2:00.3; 2. Churchill, 2:05.7; 3. Northville, 2:07.47; 4. Salem, 2:10.54; 5. Canton, 2:11.42; 6. John Glenn, 2:14.4.

**Diving:** 1. W.L. Western (Charlotte Martin, Ashley Belrose), 386.05 points; 2. W.L. Central, 363.15; 3. Stevenson, 339.0; 4. Salem, 306.8; 5. Canton, 269.05; 6. Franklin, 243.5.

**400 individual medley:** 1. Stevenson (Gordon, Kieran Dolin, Cruce, Koch), 4:35.22; 2. Northville, 4:46.77; 3. Churchill, 4:53.36; 4. Wayne, 4:55.7; 5. Canton, 4:56.42; 6. John Glenn, 5:01.86.

**500 crescendo freestyle:** 1. Stevenson (Laura Hurn, Giczewski, Becky Ward, Pauza), 4:59.95; 2. Northville, 5:06.85; 3. Salem, 5:10.77; 4. John Glenn, 5:13.32; 5. Canton, 5:19.11; 6. Plymouth, 5:24.88.

**200 medley:** Northville (Kathryn Kusuplos, Sarah Carr, Alyssa Schwirring, Elizabeth Underwood), 2:00.37; 3. Salem, 2:00.69; 3. Churchill, 2:02.4; 4. Stevenson, 2:09.16; 5. Canton, 2:13.46; 6. John Glenn, 2:20.78.

**200-yard freestyle:** 1. Northville (Kathryn Fitz, Sara Anker, Ashley Miller, Jessica Smith), 1:51.37; 2. Salem, 1:55.15; 3. Stevenson, 1:56.39; 4. Churchill, 1:58.0; 5. W.L. Central, 1:58.16; 6. W.L. Northern, 2:01.24.

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Tuesday at Canton

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Salem (Lisa Gullikson, Amy

Mertens, Kelsey Lincoln, Danielle Powers), 2:00.09; 2. Canton, 2:03.72.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Heather Michaelson (S), 2:09.19; 2. Susan Patrick (C), 2:10.52.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Mertens (S), 2:13.03 (state qualifying time; Salem varsity record, Canton pool record); 2. Allisa Johnson (C), 2:29.78.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Allison Goldsmith (C), 26.08; 2. Powers (S), 27.12.

**Diving:** 1. Ashley Aquinto (S), 187.55 points; 2. Chelsea Sheldon (C), 158.45.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Goldsmith (C), 1:02.71; 2. Aquinto (S), 1:08.08.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Powers (S), 59.48; 2. Patrick (C), 59.71.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Lucy Liu (C), 5:37.29; 2. Michaelson (S), 5:55.80.

**200 free relay:** 1. Salem (Amanda Newman, Katie Musson, Katie Truesdell, Powers), 1:49.95; 2. Canton, 1:51.50.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Lincoln (S), 1:04.29; 2. Gullikson (S), 1:08.59.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Mertens (S), 1:08.62 (state qualifying); 2. Liu (C), 1:16.69.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Salem (Newman, Michaelson, Lincoln, Mertens), 3:59.72; 2. Canton, 4:09.91.

**Dual-meet records:** Salem, 1-0; Canton, 1-1.

**Next meets:** Salem at W.L. Western, Sept. 25; W.L. Central at Canton, Sept. 25.

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# Madonna shuts down Spring Arbor, 2-0 SC rolls over Loyola

Matt Placek and John McIntyre each scored their first collegiate career goals Tuesday at Livonia's Greenmead Field as the Madonna men's soccer team stopped Spring Arbor, 2-0, in its second Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game.

The Crusaders (4-1, 2-0 WHAC) connected in each half with McIntyre scoring first, getting the assist from James Miller. Placek's goal was unassisted.

MU goalie Doog Koontz recorded the shutout with two saves, one in each half.

The Crusaders are at the top of the conference and have jumped five spots in the

## MEN'S SOCCER

National Intercollegiate Athletic Association rankings this week, climbing to No. 17. The Cougars fell to 2-4 overall, 0-2 WHAC.

### Ocelots even record

Paul Johnson scored twice in the second half to allow Schoolcraft College to pull away from Delta CC for a 3-0 win last Wednesday (Sept. 10) at Delta.

The Ocelots' record moved to 2-2-1 overall.

Both of Johnson's goals were assisted by Will Friend. Rod Assalini got the Ocelots' first goal.

Delta's goal was scored by Craig Lill. Liam Curran was in goal for SC.

"(Delta) were tackling like crazy and we were still able to play some pretty nice soccer," said SC coach Dominic Scicluna. "We did outplay them the entire game."

"It's starting to come together for us but we still have a lot of work to do."

### MU routs Concordia

It took just 46 seconds for Madonna University's men's soccer team to find the goal Saturday against Concordia University in its first Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference match of the sea-

son, played at Greenmead Field in Livonia.

The Crusaders added two more before halftime and put three more on the board in the second half in posting a 6-0 victory.

Madonna improved to 3-1 overall, while the Cardinals remained winless at 0-3.

Zach Wilkes and Dan Kurtinaitis each scored twice for the victorious Crusaders. Justin Fishaw (Canton) contributed a goal and an assist.

Doug Koontz was in goal for the shutout, but the Madonna keeper did not have to make a save.

It was a different story for Concordia keeper Kirk Mulligan, who had 19 saves.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

Arielle Bryant (Canton) and keeper Nicole Dalicandro, who collected her third straight shutout.

### Madonna wins WHAC opener

There's no place like home. Madonna University's women's soccer squad certainly believes that after pummeling Concordia 11-0 in its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference opener Monday at Greenmead in Livonia.

Three players scored two goals each for the eighth-ranked Crusaders, who led 7-0 at the half. The game's first goal was netted by Diane Foley. Becky Guibord, Lacey Cattarino and Sarah Pack (Westland John Glenn) got two goals apiece for Madonna, and Guibord, Emily Jackson (Farmington Harrison) and Kelly Japowicz each had two assists.

# Salem places second at DeLaSalle Invitational

Salem's girls cross country team put six runners in the top 15 finishers, leading to a second-place finish at the DeLaSalle Invitational Saturday at Stoney Creek Metropark.

The Rocks scored 51 points in placing second. Grosse Pointe South took top honors with 20, capturing six of the top seven positions. Romeo was third (124), Sterling Heights took fourth (127) and Birmingham Groves placed fifth (134).

Danielle Malone paced Salem, finishing eighth overall in 22:04. Hannah Cavicchio was ninth (22:17), Amanda Kassem placed 10th (22:21), Lauren Kane took 11th (22:26), Laura Friedman was 13th (22:35), Lauren Medley

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finished 14th (22:36) and Lianne Griffiths was 21st (23:11). All seven Rock runners received medals.

Salem will send its A team to the Jackson Invitational and it B team to the Monroe Jefferson Invitational this Saturday.

### Salem, Canton boys trail

Officially, no score was kept at last Thursday's Western Lakes Activities Association Jamboree at Cass Benton. Unofficially, neither Salem nor Canton did too well.

The Jamboree was divided the league into two races. Walled Lake Western, with its

first four runners placing in the top seven, was the best, led by Neil Naughton's first-place finish (16:21). Northville was second, Livonia Stevenson took third, Walled Lake Central placed fourth, Salem finished fifth and Canton was sixth.

Salem's scorers were Dan Kapadia, 17th (18:42); Adam Kosteva, 20th (18:53); Brian Kutnick, 23rd (19:03); D.J. Russell, 24th (19:04); and Brian Barnes, 30th (19:30).

Canton's top scorer was Scott George in 12th (18:18), followed by Eric Zech, 25th (19:04.8); Dave Galea, 36th (19:38); Phaltiel Whitlock, 37th (19:43); and Troy Wolfe, 44th (20:14).

Last Saturday, the Chiefs competed in the Ludington CC

Invitational and placed 10th out of 11 teams.

Petoskey was first with 45 points, followed by Muskegon Mona Shores with 73 and Fremont with 74. Canton scored 249.

George was the Chiefs' top finisher again, placing 31st in 18:49.60. Canton's other runners were Wolfe, 46th (19:36.50); Whitlock, 51st (20:20.74); Ken Clawson, 60th (21:29.92); Evan Shepard, 61st (21:48.36); Brian Zielinski, 66th (22:17.51); and Scott Reidsma, 67th (22:41.41).

On Saturday, Canton will travel to the Monroe Jefferson Invitational, while Salem splits its team between the Jackson Invitational and Catholic Central Invitational.

# Catholic Central drops two games to fall out of first place

BY PAUL BEAUDRY  
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Catholic Central fell out of its tie for the Catholic League A-B Division lead with a pair of losses to league opponents. Birmingham Brother Rice

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scored the first four goals of the game Tuesday and wound up with a 4-2 win over the Shamrocks.

"It was disappointing because we came out flat," CC

coach Joe Nora said as his team dropped to 4-4 overall and 2-2 in the league.

Jon Show put CC on the board with 18 minutes left in the game as he got the ball from Pete Bierzynski to cut the lead to 4-1. Bierzynski got an

assist on the next goal as Dade Dimaggio added another with eight minutes left.

On Saturday, CC stayed close with De La Salle for a while, but two goals by Josh Mahoney in the second half gave the Pilots a 3-1 win.

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## Salem can't match Churchill

A phone call Salem golf coach Rick Wilson received Sunday night started the Rocks on a bit of a slide early this week.

Pat Shaw, who had been scoring very well for Salem, called to tell his coach he had slipped and fallen while playing and jammed his thumb. He didn't think he could play Monday at the Adrian Invitational.

The Rocks finished 11th out of 19 teams at that tournament, then on Tuesday against Western Lakes Activities Association rival Livonia Churchill they were beaten 147-157 at Whispering Willows in Livonia.

Salem's record fell to 2-2 overall, 1-2 in the WLAA. The Chargers are 4-0 overall and in the conference.

"He told me that was their best score of the year," said Wilson, referring to the Churchill coach.

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Indeed, all four of the Chargers' scorers shot 38 or better, led by Kyle Hardey's 35. Bryce Tomas and Tommy Lucko each had 37s, and Mike Fierk had a 38.

The Rocks were paced by Andy Thackaberry with a 38. Chris French shot 39, and Aaron Cheesman and Mike Cassidy had 40s. Shaw did play, but shot a 41.

"He can go lower than that," said Wilson.

As for Churchill, Wilson predicted they'll be in the WLAA race all season. "Without a doubt," he said. "They keep on doing that and I don't see them losing."

At the Adrian Invitational Monday, played at the par-71 Lenawee Country Club, the Rocks shot 329, led by Thackaberry and Cassidy with 80s. Cheesman was next best

with an 82 and Chris French shot an 87.

Grand Ledge was first overall with a 302, followed by Ann Arbor Pioneer (303) and Saline (305).

Salem plays WLAA foe Northville at Tanglewood Friday.

### PCA beats Steiner

Behind Jesse Predhomme's 39, Plymouth Christian Academy topped Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner 171-183 Tuesday in a match played at Huron Hills in Ann Arbor.

Jordan Brown was next best for the Eagles, who improved to 3-2, with a 42. Derek Elenbaas had a 44, and Kyle Gross and Jordan Johnston each carded 46s.

Rudolf Steiner was led by Zac Evans-Golden with a 40.

On Friday, PCA plays Pontiac Oakland Christian at Hickory Creek.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m.  
Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
Redford Union at Annapolis, 4 p.m.  
Garden City at Woodhaven, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 20**  
Salem at Saline Invitational, 8 a.m.  
Monroe Invitational, 9 a.m.

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**Thursday, Sept. 18**  
Redford CC vs. U-D Jesuit (Detroit GC), 4 p.m.  
**Friday, Sept. 19**  
Stevenson vs. W.L. Western at Fox Creek, 2:45 p.m.  
Salem vs. Northville at Tanglewood, 3 p.m.  
Churchill vs. John Glenn at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m.  
Franklin vs. W.L. Northern at Idyl Wyld, 3 p.m.  
Wayne vs. Canton at Hilltop, 3 p.m.  
Redford Union at Annapolis, 3:30 p.m.

Oakland Christian vs. Ply. Christian at Hickory Creek, 4 p.m.  
Redford CC at Divine Child (Dearborn CC), 4 p.m.  
**GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY**  
**Friday, Sept. 19**  
Edsel Ford at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 20**  
CHSL Championship at Ladywood, 9 a.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**  
**Friday, Sept. 19**  
U-M Dearborn at Madonna, 7 p.m.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
**Thursday, Sept. 18**  
Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 20**  
Madonna vs. Aquinas (Greenmead), 2 p.m.  
Cuyahoga (Ohio) at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
**Saturday, Sept. 20**  
Madonna vs. Aquinas (Greenmead), noon.  
Cincinnati St. at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.  
TBA - time to be announced.

## Madonna manages to top Cornerstone

Opening the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference volleyball season Tuesday at Cornerstone University was, as expected, no picnic for Madonna University.

The Fighting Crusaders benefitted from a fairly easy win in the opening game, but they had to fight for every point thereafter in games two and three before registering a three-game sweep of the Golden Eagles.

Madonna's season-opening win streak remained intact, reaching 14-straight.

Cornerstone fell to 13-5 overall. Tera Morrill, a junior from Livonia Franklin, had been nursing an injury since August, but she looked good against Cornerstone — particularly in the first game, when she served nine-straight points to turn a three-point Crusader lead to a 25-13 advantage.

That was the key to Madonna's 30-20 win in the opening game. There was nothing of the sort in the next two; in Game Two, neither

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team had a bigger lead than three points, but mistakes doomed the Eagles in Madonna's 30-28 win.

The third game was even more competitive, if that's possible. The score was tied at 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 before the Crusaders went up 29-28.

Cornerstone tried to lob a serve high over the net, but the ball hit the out-of-bounds game cube above the arena, resulting in the game-winning, and match-winning, point in Madonna's 30-28 triumph.

The Crusaders host University of Michigan-Dearborn at 7 p.m. Friday in a non-conference match.

### SC stops Owens

After losing six of seven matches, Schoolcraft College is starting to make some progress.

On Saturday at Schoolcraft, the Ocelots dominated Owens Tech in sweeping to a 30-18,

31-29, 30-26 victory. It was their third-straight win over Owens at SC.

"We were on, they were not," said SC coach Tom Teeters. "Owens, Kellogg and St. Clair have been the early-season leaders in Region 12."

"SC made some progress toward the top three teams."

Indeed, in beating Owens it would appear the Ocelots have already caught up, although they lost to both Kellogg CC and St. Clair County CC earlier this season.

The win evened SC's record at 6-6 overall.

Stephanie Koslowski led the attack for the Ocelots with 12 kills (.462 kill percentage); she also had eight digs. Katrina Napier (.294) and Meghan McAuliffe (.200) had eight kills apiece, Napier getting five blocks and McAuliffe adding two serving aces and eight digs.

Setter Kelly Sines had 20 set assists, two aces and three blocks.

SC plays at University of Michigan-Dearborn at 7 p.m. Monday.

**PREP FOOTBALL**  
**Friday, Sept. 19**  
Redford Union at Highland Park, 4 p.m.  
Romulus at Garden City, 7 p.m.  
W.L. Western at Canton, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Trenton at Thurston, 7:30 p.m.  
Luth. North at Clarencville, 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 20**  
Hamtramck at Luth. Westland, 1 p.m.  
A.A. Gabriel Richard at St. Katharine/Borgess (Hilbert), 7 p.m.  
**Sunday, Sept. 21**  
Redford CC vs. Brother Rice at Pontiac Wisner Stadium, 1 p.m.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
**Thursday, Sept. 18**  
Wyandotte Mt. Carmel at Bishop Borgess, 5 p.m.  
Det. Urban at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.  
Northville at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Bishop Foley at Ladywood, 7 p.m.  
W.L. Western at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Wayne at Salem, 7 p.m.  
Garden City at Redford Union, 7 p.m.  
Taylor Truman at Thurston, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 19**  
Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 6 p.m.  
**BOYS SOCCER**  
**Thursday, Sept. 18**  
Ply. Christian at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.  
Clarencville at Luth. East, 4:30 p.m.  
Luth. North at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.  
**Friday, Sept. 19**  
Taylor Truman at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
Thurston at Fordson, 4 p.m.  
Crestwood at Garden City, 4 p.m.  
Ply. Christian at Roeper, 4:30 p.m.  
Macomb Christian at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.

Redford CC vs. Plymouth (Greenmead), 5:30 p.m.  
Churchill at W.L. Northern, 5:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 20**  
Country Day at Stevenson, noon.  
Saline at Canton, 12:30 p.m.


**BOYS CROSS COUNTRY**  
**Thursday, Sept. 18**  
Thurston at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
**Friday, Sept. 19**  
MSU Invitational, 5 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 20**  
Canton at Monroe/Jefferson Invitational, 10 a.m.  
Salem at CC Invitational at Cass Benton, 10 a.m.  
Univ. of Toledo Invitational, TBA.

**GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**  
**Thursday, Sept. 18**  
Thurston at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
Garden City at Mega White jamboree (Woodhaven), 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 20**  
Salem, Canton at Jefferson Invite, 10 a.m.  
Salem at CC Invite at Cass Benton, 10 a.m.  
Univ. of Toledo Invitational, TBA.

**GIRLS SWIMMING**  
**Thursday, Sept. 18**  
Southgate at Redford Union, 4 p.m.  
Ladywood at John Glenn, 7 p.m.


**GIRLS TENNIS**  
**Friday, Sept. 19**  
Canton at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.  
Ladywood vs. Andover (S'craft), 4 p.m.  
Churchill at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m.  
Franklin at Wayne, 4 p.m.

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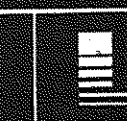


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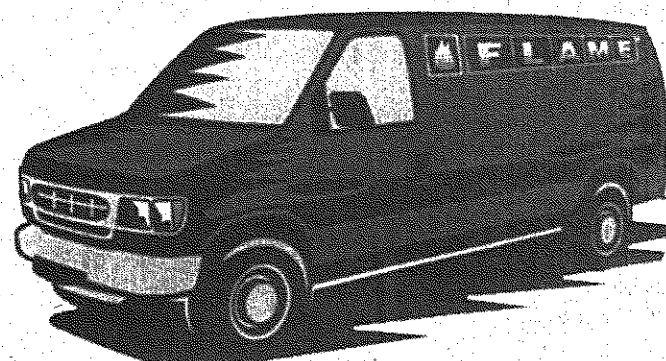


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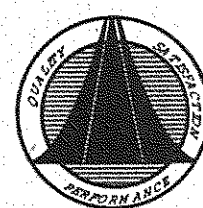
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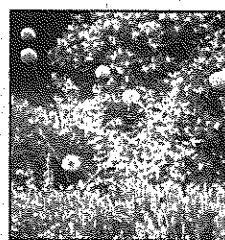




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### ■ 'Ruffing' the passer

This fall canines can participate in gridiron fun, thanks to the Play-N-Speak talking dog football from the OurPet's Co.

From the outside, the Play-N-Speak football looks like an ordinary plush toy. But inside is a pre-recorded message system that allows pet owners to record messages that are played back to their pets when the football is tossed.

Since the ball is made of a soft material, it's safe for indoor use, so couch potatoes can play with their pets even while they watch the big game on TV. Of course, since dogs like this toy so much, they might engage in "ruffing" the passer, if their human companions stop playing with them.

The Play-N-Speak football has a removable high-tech voice module in its center. Owners can record 10-second messages on this egg-shaped device, just as they would on a telephone voice mail system.

The module is motion-sensitive, so dogs trigger their owners' voice messages every time they play with the toy.

Dog owners will find it easy to operate the recording module inside the toy. The battery-operated module located in a secure recorder pocket.

A Velcro enclosure and snap on the pocket ensures that the recorder is not easily removed.

When recording the actual message, the owner simply has to press and hold the record button.

After the personalized message is recorded, the owner shakes the recorder to set the message.

New messages can easily be recorded over old ones, so owners are encouraged to let their imaginations be their guide when customizing the toy for special occasions.

In addition to the fun factor for Fido, the Play-N-Speak can be used as an extra entertainment gadget for guests.

Because this "pigskin" is a plush toy, it is softer and easier to catch than a traditional football, and can provide hours of fun for pets and people.

The Play-N-Speak Football is available at leading pet stores and has a suggested retail price of \$12.99 for the small size to \$15.99 for the large size.

For more information call (800) 565-2695, or visit [www.ourpets.com](http://www.ourpets.com).

### ■ Keep remodeling

Home renovation expenditures continue to increase, despite a sluggish economy.

Americans spent more than \$163 billion on home improvements, maintenance and repairs in 2002, compared with \$157.7 billion in 2001 and \$150 billion in 2000, according to the National Association of the Remodeling Industry.

The most popular areas to remodel are the kitchen and bathroom, reports NARI. Homeowners traditionally favor spring and fall to tackle renovation projects, utilizing the fall to spruce up the house for the holidays, the NARI said.



Larry Kaufman, DTE program manager and Observer & Eccentric energy columnist, places plastic sheeting over a door. Since the door does not have double pane glass, the plastic will help cut the heat loss.

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## Simple maintenance can cut energy bills

Winter is slowly creeping on us, and according to the Farmers Almanac, this winter could be a real humdinger. With energy costs rising, it's time to start thinking about how to keep our homes comfortable efficiently.

You'll hear about window replacements, insulation, and other energy saving items. There are other simple and inexpensive things you can do to help reduce energy use.

A tremendous amount of heat is lost through air infiltration, which is cold air sneaking into a warm house. A solution to stop at least some infiltration is to replace deteriorated and missing caulk.

Caulk is relatively inexpensive (as little as \$2 a tube). Pay particular attention to where door and window frames meet siding, any place two dissimilar materials (such as siding and brick) touch and locations where services (gas electric, water) enter the house.

Though a little tricky to apply, if you only open the caulk tip as much as necessary, work slowly and use a moistened finger, spoon, or other "tool" to smooth the caulk bead, you will find you can get acceptable results.

Another place air infiltration is very common is around the weather-stripping of doors and windows.

Like any moving part, the weather-stripping and gaskets are subject to wear. In some cases, the weather-stripping is proprietary, meaning you must get the replacement from the manufacturer. Most of the time, however, you can find a generic replacement at a home improvement store.

A good way to determine if you need weather-stripping is by using incense, or some other smoldering material, and hold it near the doors and windows on a windy day. Air infiltration will make the smoke flutter.

Storm windows will give a tremendous boost to the energy efficiency of a window but can be costly. Self-stick, heat shrinkable films are a good temporary substitute.

Change the furnace filter. Dirty filters make the furnace fan motor work harder, which equates to more energy use. The new filter will also improve your interior air quality and you'll see less dust and cobwebs around the house.

Lower the thermostats on both the furnace and water heater. As much as 3 to 5 percent more energy is used for each degree over 68° F. By setting your water heater at 130° F rather than the standard 140° F, you can save as

# Seal of approval

## Checking insulation, windows can help prevent heat loss in your home

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Blame it on last winter. Some energy experts say you'll pay more for heat this winter. The reason: Last winter was colder than expected.

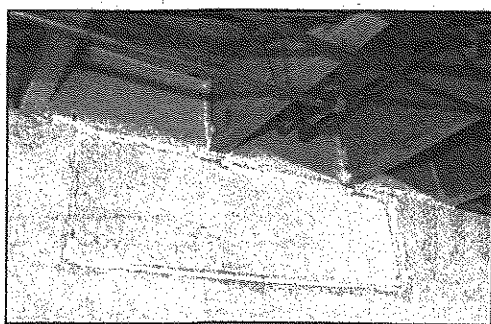
"That drew down gas reserves to record low levels and now we're all on the open market buying gas that's available to fill storage fields," said

Terry DeDoe, Consumer Energy spokesman.

The Michigan Public Services Commission which regulates power companies has told the public to expect monthly bills to rise an average of \$30 this winter, DeDoe said.

But energy customers don't have to sit back and take it.

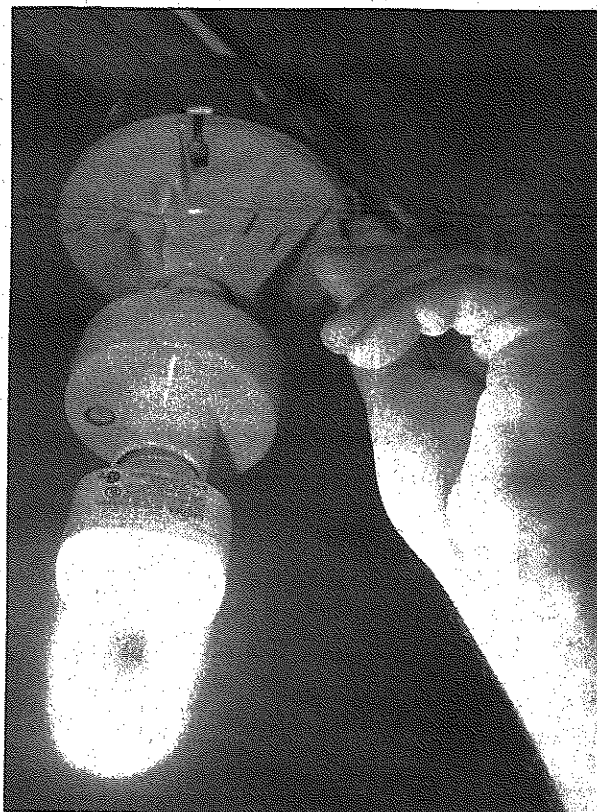
Heating experts suggest that homeowners go on the offensive to save heating costs by upgrading windows, adding insulation, and rooting out spots where outside air leaks in.



Above, adding two inches of Styrofoam insulation between joists and in the area of an old basement window can prevent heat from escaping. Below, this fireplace could use a glass door on it to prevent heat loss.

DTE Energy spokesman Len Singer said the situation with depleted natural gas reserves will have less impact on electric power customers, even though a growing number of new electric power plants around the country are fueled by natural gas.

"In our southeast Michigan territory 85 percent of our power plants are fired by coal," he said. DTE Energy has seven power plants in the region. Eleven percent of the energy they generate comes from



Kaufman switches on a fluorescent bulb in his basement. Consumers should look at efficient light bulbs as a way to cut energy use.

nuclear power; 4 percent comes from a combination of natural gas and oil.

### FIGHTING BACK

While many experts say that rolling fiberglass insulation in the attic is a prime way to reduce energy costs, some stress that blown-in cellulose insulation is even better.

"The rolled insulation is never installed properly; it doesn't get into nooks and crannies," said Larry Kaufman, DTE program manager.

Like the rolled kind, blown-in insulation keeps heat from escaping through the ceiling. But the U. S. Department of Energy rates blown-in insulation as 40 percent more efficient, Kaufman said. Experts recommend installing up to 18 inches of insulation, blown-in or rolled, for maximum effect.

For the typical attic, a 3-6 inch layer of blown-in cellulose insulation, on top of existing rolled fiberglass, will cost

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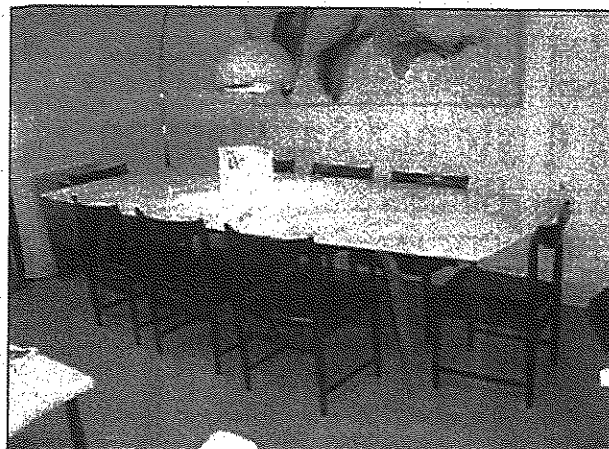
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### Modern times

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around \$200, Kaufman said. Blown-in insulation is particularly effective in preventing ice dams, caused when melting roof snow drips to the roof edge and turns to ice, then melts again.

This water can drip behind walls onto electrical wires, risking fire.

"Blown cellulose eliminates it - I've never had ice dams," Kaufman said. Firms that sell blown-in cellulose insulation include Nu Wool and Applegate, and are listed on the Internet and in phone books under insulation.

## AIR LEAKS

Plugging air leaks can be even more important than proper insulation, Kaufman

**'Windows and doors are good areas to caulk. You really can't make a house too airtight.'**

Larry Kaufman  
DTE program manager

said. He offers the analogy of an airplane flying through frigid skies.

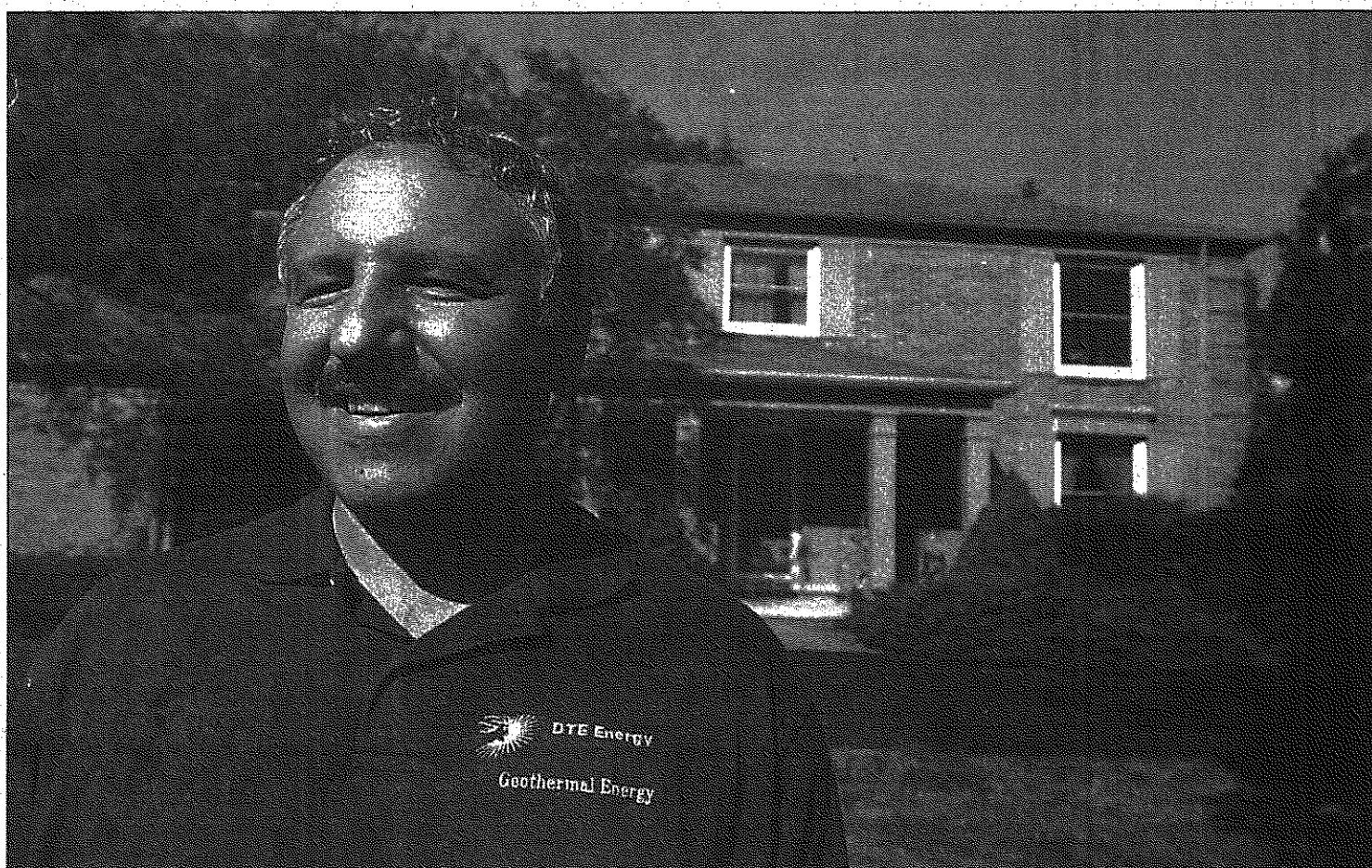
Passengers stay warm and comfortable, even though the walls are thin.

"That's because there's no air leakage," he said.

In the home, the most air leakage is between the basement ceiling and first floor. "Those joist areas you should caulk," Kaufman said. "You can buy a 2-inch foam board and push that into joist areas - you can make a significant difference. Windows and doors are good areas to caulk. You really can't make a house too airtight."

Singer said Michigan Energy Services (1-888-339-7700) offers a home test for air leakage at around \$400.

Some other tips to reduce winter heating costs include making sure fireplace flues are



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Larry Kaufman stands in front of his West Bloomfield home.

closed, programming thermostats to 60 degrees when no one's home, adding 2-inch foam board along cement basement walls as insulation, and shutting off room vents at the furnace, rather than at the room.

Kaufman recommends making sure your furnace is running properly by checking with a licensed contractor and replacing air filters each month. Both DTE Energy and Consumer's Energy offer payment plans for people having trouble meeting higher winter energy costs. For more information, call DTE at 1-800-477-4747, or Consumer's Energy at 1-800-477-5050.

## MORE TIPS

Here's more tips to cut your home's heat loss:

■ Drapes can cut heat loss in half if they have an insulating liner. Let drapes hang loose. Be sure the liner doesn't block heat registers and air-return ducts.

■ Let the sun in by opening curtains, drapes, shades, shutters and blinds on the southern and eastern windows.

Close them on cloudy days and at night to keep heat from escaping.

■ Repair open spaces in broken or cracked windows and door glass.

■ Use clear plastic or vinyl sheeting on the inside of your windows to make a temporary double-pane window.

Use weatherproof tape, duct tape, or tacking strips to hold in place.

■ Add extra insulation to floors by covering with a pad and rug. Prevent heat loss as warm air travels through heat ducts from your furnace by wrapping heat ducts with insulation. Use duct foil tape where rectangular heat ducts join, and water-base acrylic latex caulk where round and rectangular duct fittings meet.

■ Seal cracks where pipes, electrical wires, vents and ducts enter your home.

Source: DTE Energy and Consumer's Energy.

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# Add dynamic quality to your photographs

What separates a good photograph from a ho-hum snapshot? What makes your friends and family ask to see more instead of thinking



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"I've seen enough!"

The answer lies in getting impact or "stopping power" in your pictures. One of the best ways to accomplish this is by good, effective and careful composition.

Composition can be thought of as meaningful placement of the main subject and supporting elements in the picture including the elimination of unnecessary and unwanted detail.

The next time you look through your camera and are about to press the shutter, stop! Yes, stop and take a really good, second look. Examine the subject. If it's a person, is there a tree or telephone pole "growing" out of his or her head? Is your subject placed in a dynamically strong part of the frame? Check all four corners of the viewfinder. Is there something there, perhaps distracting, that doesn't belong?

Good and careful composition begins with a solid look through the camera and a calculated determination of what you, the photographer, want to record on film in the most effective way.

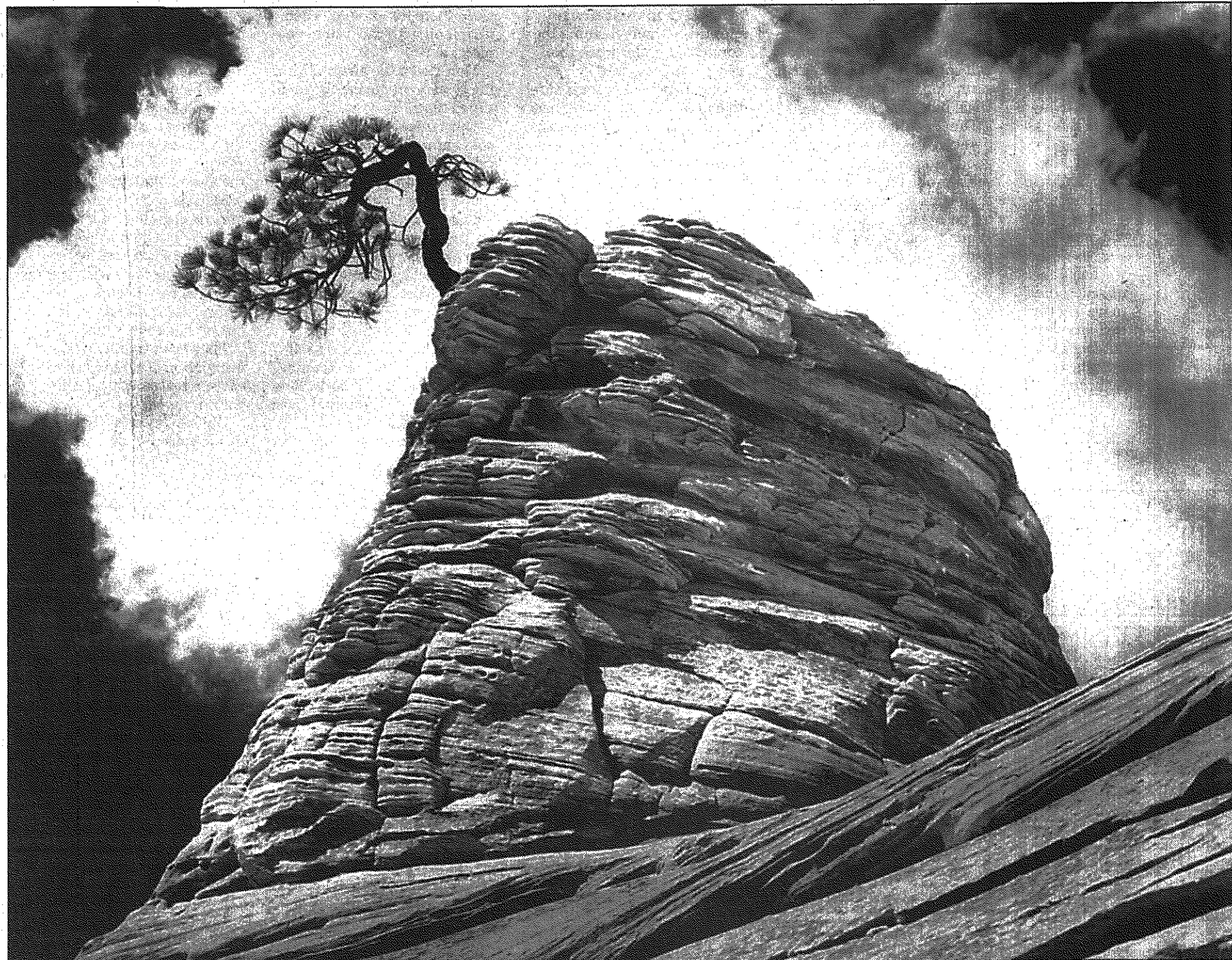
Here are some basic guidelines to help you plan and obtain good composition:

■ Consider vertical vs. horizontal.

Most cameras produce a rectangular picture so try fitting this format to your subject. People and trees, for example, go up and down, so most often a vertical composition should be used.

Horizons go sideways, so a horizontal format is appropriate.

■ Move in close! Filling the



Monte Nagler carefully "placed" this solitary tree off center for a much more interesting composition. This picture was taken at Zion National Park in Utah.

frame with your subject is perhaps the best way to add stopping power to your shot. This way, your picture is simplified and the viewer's attention isn't distracted. When photographing a person or animal, filling the frame is easily done with a telephoto lens.

■ Check subject placement.

Avoid placing the main subject smack in the middle of the picture. Photographs appear static and less interesting this way. Rather, by placing the subject off-center, a dynamic quality will be given to your shot that will make it much more exciting.

■ Use lead-in lines.

Elements in a photograph should help lead attention towards the subject.

Lead-in lines can be roads, fences, streams, pathways, etc.

■ Watch your horizons. Above all, make sure that they are level in your picture, not running up or downhill.

Remember that a low horizon line will accentuate spaciousness, especially when you have a dramatic sky.

A high horizon line will de-emphasize the sky and instead suggest closeness.

Above all, to add more impact and stopping power to your pictures, get in the

frame of mind as you look through the viewfinder that you are now "making photographs," not merely taking a snapshot.

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



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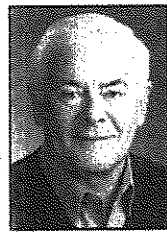
# Don't do these things to your appliances

In all these years of writing this column, I don't know how many times I've mentioned things you should do on the subject of major home appliances.

This week I'd like to highlight things you shouldn't do and why you should not do them.

Don't put too many clothes in the washer! It is only designed to wash a certain amount.

Too big a load will not allow the clothes to circulate properly through the water, which affects the effectiveness of the washer's cleansing ability.



**Appliance Doctor**  
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Too much of a strain will cause the belts to wear prematurely. Some components will fail completely, requiring expensive repairs. The motor will consume extra energy consumption and up goes the electrical bill.

Don't assume that the temperature in your refrigerator is good and cold. Purchase yourself a probe type thermometer, then stick it into a peanut butter jar or similar substance. When you discover that the food products are 40 to 44° F, then you should realize that it doesn't get as cold as your old refrigerator did.

"More people today suffer food poisoning from their own refrigerators than ever before," according to the U.S. Department of Health. Now you can understand why. Start using a three- to four-day

period as to how long you keep leftovers.

Don't go more than six months without cleaning the condenser underneath the refrigerator.

The dirty condenser is sure to increase the operating cost and can result in some serious damage to the compressor. The vacuum cleaner crevice tool is not sufficient to do the job properly.

You need a long-handled brush sold at hardware stores to do the job right. If you haven't cleaned the back of the refrigerator in the past few years, do it as well.

Don't put potato peelings, corn husks or raw chicken in your garbage disposer. These items are prone to cause your drain line to plug up, especially if you have a cheap disposer. Make a habit of clean-

ing your disposer by filling it with ice cubes and letting them sit in there for an hour. Then, turn it on with the water running.

Don't keep the air conditioning system on during the night time hours.

Our temperatures are now cold enough in the evenings to cause a "frosted up" condition on the coil and cause damage to the system.

Don't wait any longer before putting the self-cleaning range into a clean mode.

The kitchen is now cool enough where the extra heat from the range will not put you in misery. Remember to remove the racks during self-clean and the plastic containers in the side cupboards. Pots and pans in the bottom drawer should be removed as well. (Think of fire prevention every

time you put the range into self-clean.)

Clean inside the vent line behind the clothes dryer. Detach the line, take it outside and hose out the inside or use a leaf blower and blow it out. Dirty plugged up vent lines are the biggest reason why more than 15,000 house fires per year are ignited each year in the United States.

Make sure the vent flapper outside completely closes. Use a Q-tip to clean off the hinges. It's time for little critters to start looking for a winter home and they have been looking all summer at the heat coming out of that hole.

They want that heat. Their occupation of that hole can cause a real smelly mess in your dryer.

Don't boil water or anything inside your microwave oven.

Sometimes the water can "explode" inside the cup. Sometimes people have been seriously injured. I know the practice has been done for years, but it is much safer to just boil the cup of tea on the kitchen range.

Don't wait any longer to have your furnace receive its annual checkup.

Homeowners have the habit of waiting until the coldest fall day before calling and then everyone seems to call at the same time. The heating industry can not handle the flood of calls, so don't wait any longer. Do it now.

Stay tuned.

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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The evening will benefit Fighting Hunger Together, which aids local food banks.

Guests will have the

opportunity to preview the upcoming holiday season's most exclusive gift selections from the Somerset Collection.

Designer Annie Kleene will create inviting displays in various rooms throughout the hotel.

Guests will weave through the rooms and get a glimpse of luxurious items, elegant home decor and sophisticated business items.

The evening will feature a silent auction where guests can bid on the holiday season's "must haves."

A scavenger hunt will give guests the chance to have fun and begin their holiday wish list.

In addition, partygoers will dine on an array of food and

beverages catered by the Unique Restaurant Corporation.

Tickets for All That Glitters are \$125 per person and available by calling (248) 332-1473, Ext. 10, or visiting [www.gcfb.com](http://www.gcfb.com).

Support for this year's event is provided by Radisson Kingsley Hotel, The Somerset Collection, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and the Unique Restaurant Corporation.

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# Susan Ford's Sharp Focus gives a tour of the White House

**"SHARP FOCUS,"** by Susan Ford, with Lauren Hayden (Thomas Dunne Books, \$24.95).

On its cover, *Sharp Focus* is dubbed *A First Daughter Mystery*.

What is *A First Daughter Mystery*?

In this case, it's a mystery novel, written by a real-life former First Daughter, focusing on a fictional First Daughter who is something of a self-styled detective.

Victoria Diaz

Let's hope no actual First Daughter ever finds herself as beleaguered as this fictional character is.

The tale gets off to a flying start as Eve Cooper takes her first ride aboard a glider, high above the U.S. Air Force

Academy on a cloudless Graduation Day. Her father, President Elliot Cooper, is scheduled to speak at commencement later in the afternoon.

Right now, Eve is the star of the show, although she's fighting hard to swallow her terror as the engineless plane soars above the Rockies.

A short time later, as horrified spectators look on, the same glider (sans First Daughter) crashes, killing one passenger, and injuring the pilot seriously.

Still later, it looks as if the plane may have been sabotaged, and someone may have been intending to kill Eve Cooper.

Several days after this, concern about Eve's safety increases considerably when the limo in which she is riding is shot at by a mysterious sniper during a trip to San Antonio.

Nobody seems able to figure

**'What's most fun about Sharp Focus is ... the chance to go into the nooks and crannies of the White House.'**

exactly what is going on, so Eve, exhibiting a kind of Nancy Drew savvy and determination, begins poking about in the puzzle herself.

Charlie, her techno-whiz of a brother, lends a hand with some dazzling (illegal) computer snooping.

The stuffy Peter Seybold, head of the presidential protection detail, puts some valuable information into Eve's hands as well.

And her spirited Aunt Patsy's spirited old flame, retired Brigadier Gen. Armond "Buck"

Buckley, a colorful Texan, plays a helpful role, too, as does Eve's photographer "buddy" Michael Cauffman.

(The President himself here doesn't seem able to do much more than wring his hands in worry about his beloved daughter's safety.)

Though they don't do a whole lot to help solve the mystery, a few in the rather large cast of characters do their part to add some zip and zing to the slightly confusing story.

Aunt Patsy, who knows her way around a memorable pot of chili or plate of fried chicken, has been asked by the President to take on the job as First Lady, after the death of Eve's mother years earlier.

Eve's teen brother, the root beer-swilling Drew, seems a little like Archie Andrews, if Archie attended a "ritzy" private high school and had the president of the United States

for a father. His headmaster, Rob Lendon, is movie-star attractive - so much so that the unusually chaste Eve initiates a romantic clinch in a shadowy hallway at the White House at one point.

A woman from Texas named Betty-Jean Travis acts as an escort on the First Daughter's visit to San Antonio. Betty-Jean, with her "electric blue designer suit and pumps, her slightly too big and too red hair, her...layers of "flawless makeup" and her lizard skin briefcase dyed to match the suit, refers to herself (of course) as "little ol' me." (As a native Texan, I have never heard one Texas woman refer to herself in this way. But perhaps I digress.)

What's most fun about *Sharp Focus* is not the unlikely story (although that's intriguing enough) or the characters, but the chance to go into the nooks and crannies of the

White House, and to glimpse other backstage aspects of First Family life that Susan Ford, daughter of former President Gerald Ford, brings us.

You'll get to visit not only the Oval Office, but the bowling alley (a nifty, high-tech spot that rewards players "with triumphant cartoons for making spares and splits"), Air Force One, the family kitchen, the rooftop balcony, and the gala East Room - as it might look if decorated for a high school dance.

Those side trips to Colorado, San Antonio, and the Texas Hill Country (as they might be experienced by members of the First Family) add still another dimension to *Sharp Focus*.

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

## Balancing career, home and family

How do I balance career, managing a home, and still spend time with my children?

Motherhood is a precious gift that is wrapped in joys and sorrows. The stages of childhood pass quickly so it is important to take time to enjoy each phase of our children's lives. It seems like one day we are changing diapers and in the twinkling of an eye, we are buckling our

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seatbelts tightly because our child is driving.

By organizing time efficiently you can accomplish what you need to do and give your children the time they need. I am the mother of four busy children. I remember when they were younger I used to contemplate how much easier it would be to get things done when they were older. I had visions of cleaning the house without my little helpers who usually helped in reverse.

My sons were less than two years apart and needed to be carefully watched. Their attempts to help me scrub the kitchen floor usually resulted in a flood of water sweeping across the linoleum because one of them would decide to tip the bucket of soapy water. Now that they are older, I worry about their safety as I scrub the floor, knowing they are driving around the town in their car.

We tend to think the grass is greener until we cross to the

**'I have learned a valuable lesson from the Cleaver family; they spent quality and a significant quantity of time together.'**

other side of the fence. We need to be content and make the best of each stage in our child's life.

GOODBYE, JUNE CLEAVER

The 'Leave It to Beaver' days are history and most women must adapt to the demands of home and career. We live in a fast-paced society that requires us to spend hours in the car. We simply can't stay at home any more.

For some reason, I can't imagine June Cleaver trying to balance home and career on the same full plate. Almost as ridiculous is an image of me casually vacuuming my carpets in pearls and dinner dress, waiting for my husband to return to his castle. Usually when I vacuum, I hope an unexpected guest does not pay me a visit because my attire would be less than presentable.

But I have learned a valuable lesson from the Cleaver family; they spent quality and a significant quantity of time together.

The time you spend with each child and how you spend it will vary according to his age. Each stage of a child's life demands another level of creativity as you strive to spend

time with him and still finish your tasks.

If you are one of those rare people who can do two things at once and do both with excellence, then proceed with that course of action. Include your children in work projects that are home or career oriented. For example: When children are small they can help with cleaning. Fill the window cleaning bottle with water when the solution is gone. They will love cleaning the bathroom with their spray bottle.

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Make a game out of every cleanup project you do together.

When they are older, the same principle can apply but the projects will be different. For example: Set aside one Saturday a month to work in the yard cutting grass, pulling weeds, planting, building flower boxes, and trimming.

Not everyone in your household may have a 'green thumb' but each can still contribute even if simply to serve drinks and food to the yard workers.

Another example: My husband and I both run our own businesses that require mass mailings. We usually rent a family movie and work together to prepare for the mailings. There are six of us so we set up an assembly line that involves folding letters, stuffing, stamping and sealing. We take a popcorn and soda break and usually pay the children a small fee as incentive for their help.

Not only are we spending time with our children but we

are also training them in the area of organization skills. We are very busy, as most households are, so it is important to plan every window of time without compromising the most important thing; our relationships with our children.

Quality time with our children is important but it is still no substitute for the quantity of time we spend with them. Be creative, including them when you can and looking for ways to spend time with them. Even a catastrophe can have a silver lining.

One such catastrophe happened to our oldest daughter. She had purchased a car the summer before she began college. She was attending college locally so she needed a car for her transportation. Three weeks before the semester began, she was in an accident that totaled her car and left her with minor injuries.

The car could not immediately be replaced and she had some fear about driving so the school semester began with her Grandma, dad and I taking turns driving her across town.

Adding this driving to my already full schedule created stress until I realized I had an hour a day of uninterrupted time to spend with my daughter.

Today's Refrigerator Bulletin: "Take time from your busy schedule to enjoy every age of your child!"

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## Prepare your lawn for winter

Cooler weather is on its way, but the gardening season isn't over. There are many things you can do to prepare your lawn and garden for winter.



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**■ Lawn Maintenance:** If your lawn is looking a little tired from the summer heat, rejuvenate it with fertilizer.

One application now will help produce a healthy lawn next spring.

Be sure to monitor moisture levels in your garden until the ground freezes. Water when soil is dry 1 inch below the surface. Finally, consider re-seeding to thicken your lawn or fill in bare spots. Remember when seeding, don't use fertilizers with weed killer.

**■ Preparing Spring Flowers:** For beautiful spring flowers, fall is the only time of year to plant bulbs.

Tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and crocus bulbs are great to plant in perennial borders, rock gardens or even in annual beds to extend the color season. Bulbs grow best when planted deep in a sunny, well-drained area. And if you have a perennial garden, now is the time to divide and transplant, or even consider adding a new one.

**■ Planting Trees/Shrubs:** Fall is a great time to plant trees and shrubs while the soil is warmer and moist. This provides a healthy environment for roots to establish themselves before winter sets in.

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

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Yes the topiary horses are still at the Grand Hotel, "The World's Largest Summer Hotel," on Mackinac Island. They stand very



Garden Spot

Marty Figley

patiently and can be seen from your carriage or bicycle, or as you move toward the hotel.

Nine hundred 'Rocky Mountain Red' geraniums grace the long front porch of the hotel and are quite a sight against

the pristine white building. Stephen S. Bernard, director of grounds and golf, took us on a tour so we could get an up-close look at the fabulous gardens he and his crew keep in perfect condition.

Both old varieties of flowers and the newest on the market are incorporated into the beautifully designed beds.

The entrance gardens are situated below the porch where carriages disembark passengers.

Parsley, white Marguerite daisies and gold marigolds (Orange Jubilee) form a tapestry of color.

The casual feel of Wildflower Hill is evident in the hundreds of hardy roses and many, many perennial wildflowers such as blue ragged robin, dame's rocket, and golden daffodils.

As the season progresses, ox-eye daisies, poppies and tall pink malva precede the fall

colors of goldenrod, purple coneflower and asters.

In the spring, tulips, grape hyacinths and lilacs start the long display on the Rose Walk that features Carefree Beauty roses. Color is provided with annuals such as snapdragons, zinnias and dahlias when the roses take a breather before their next display.

The Tea Garden is composed of many annuals and perennials. It's interesting to learn that tuteurs made of willow provide vertical emphasis and structure on which vines climb. The shape of these gardens that surround an impressive fountain is referred to as the Ribbon.

The open lawn allows room for guests to play bocci ball and croquet, while at other times concerts and other activities take place here.

Annabelle hydrangeas form a perfect backdrop for weddings in the Wedding Garden that contains many of the same flowers above, and old-fashioned shrub roses include Paul's Early Blush that was bred in 1893.

The roses give a romantic feel to the garden and Miss Lingard, the traditional wedding phlox, is growing among the bright colors of annuals and perennials.

## OTHER SIGHTS

The swimming pool has a backdrop of white pines, lilacs and 20 different varieties of garden peonies that include "Big Best Red."

About 250 years ago, a number of the lilacs in this area



PHOTO BY MARTY FIGLEY

Blue salvia, 'Blue Hill Sage,' allium, roses and lady's mantle are featured in one of the Grand Hotel gardens; many plants are repeated in other gardens.

were planted by French explorers.

It's well worth a visit to enjoy the 13 varieties of lilacs that put on quite a show around the middle of June.

The Labyrinth is not to be missed. Based on sacred geometry, it's a pool of meditation and prayer that is constructed of flat stones that lay in a concentric form.

It is a replica of one at the 12th century cathedral at Chartres, France. It's raked three times each week to keep it in perfect condition.

The gardens at the tennis house feature a fabulous yellow and orange daylily collection, which was introduced to the

hotel 25 plus years ago by Al Goldner of Bloomfield Hills, a recognized hybridizer. Annuals and canna lilies add interest to this garden.

Another garden features twin ginkgo trees in this cottage style area.

Many annuals and perennials, hanging baskets and herbs make up this little gem.

Nearby, the Horseshoe Garden in front of the Jockey Club contains evergreen yews trimmed in the shape of oversized horseshoes.

## CARE

A lot of time and effort goes

into maintaining these gardens.

When the containers are planted, Osmocote 14-14-14 fertilizer is included in the soil and a balanced fertilizer is used as top dressing about July 4.

Soon the hotel will close and then all the plants, except the geraniums, will be pulled from the gardens and composted. The soil they make will be used in the gardens next year. Because the geraniums may have a disease or fungus, they are destroyed.

There is a lot to do when visiting Mackinac Island and Mackinac City.

Take time to take a tour of

Fort Mackinac on the Island and Fort Michilimackinac in Mackinac City. There are herb and vegetable gardens so one can learn what plants were used years ago.

You won't want to miss the Wings of Mackinac, the butterfly conservatory, to experience the loveliness of the plants and the butterflies.

The Grand Hotel opens for guests May 6, and closes Oct. 26.

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

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# Architects to host house tour in area

From beautiful, historically preserved homes to some of the most cutting-edge contemporary residential architecture in the nation, the Detroit Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Detroit) will host its Dual Dichotomies of Age and Style House Tour 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, in the Birmingham/Bloomfield area.

This year's tour contrasts the combinations of old and new, traditional and innovative design.

The tour will be hosted by AIA-member architects and other professionals involved in each of the residential developments.

The tour will begin at Seaholm High School, 2436 W. Lincoln in Birmingham. Tour buses will run continuously 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with each tour lasting approximately three hours.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 the day of the event.

For more information, including where to buy tickets, call (313) 965-4103 or visit [www.aiami.com](http://www.aiami.com).

The 2003 AIA Detroit House Tour will feature these six residential developments:

■ **Stanley Street, Birmingham**, by John Gardner and Associates Architects – This innovative home of structural steel and glass surfaces is subdued with Douglas fir wood

floors and trim for a tranquil effect.

■ **Ann Street, Birmingham**, by McIntosh Poris Associates – This contemporary urban townhouse features a subterranean terrace and three levels anchored by a steel staircase.

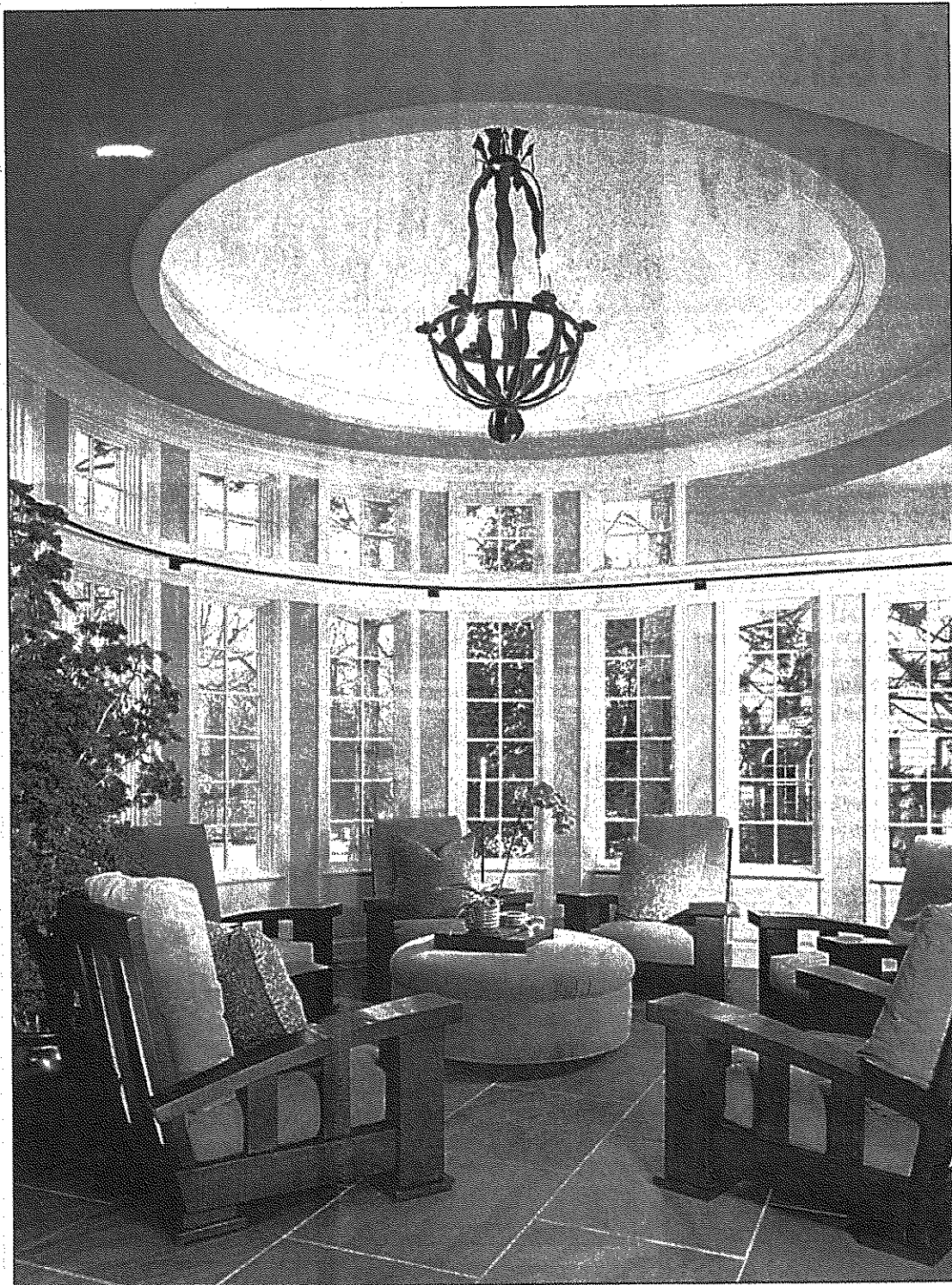
■ **Bates Road, Birmingham (Historic Peck House)**, by Finnicum Brownlie Architects Inc. – This restored Victorian duplex is a historic landmark featuring rich architectural details.

■ **Manor Road, Bloomfield Hills**, by Lubin Schulz Skocelas – This comfortable home combines traditional Birmingham bungalow theme with mountain vernacular of Aspen, Colorado, homes.

■ **Greenwood Street, Birmingham**, by Michael Willoughby and Associates Architects – This historic home was renovated to accommodate a 21st century lifestyle, while preserving the character of the original structure.

■ **Baldwin Street, Birmingham**, by Victor Saroki and Associates Architects – This traditional home was designed by the architect for his family and features a flowing, open floor plan and cozy fireplace.

For more information on The American Institute of Architects Michigan and AIA Detroit, visit [www.aiami.com](http://www.aiami.com).



The owners of this Bloomfield Hills residence, one of six on this year's house tour hosted by the Detroit Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, chose to create a comfortable home inspired by their love of the traditional bungalows of Birmingham and the mountain vernacular found in the homes of Aspen, Colorado.

## ENERGY

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much as 10 percent of the water heating portion of your energy bill.

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**'Though (compact fluorescent lamps) are initially somewhat expensive, the energy savings and long life will more than pay for them in the long run.'**

bulbs, they cost about 75 percent less than a conventional incandescent bulb to operate. The greatest drawback to CFL lighting is that they will not properly operate with a dimmer. To prolong our limited resources, and to save a few bucks, we need to use energy wisely. I found a good source of information at [http://www.eere.energy.gov/energy\\_savers/](http://www.eere.energy.gov/energy_savers/).

Harry Jachym writes about home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to Jachym at [askdad@comcast.net](mailto:askdad@comcast.net) or in care of Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150.

## WHERE CAN I FIND?

Through reader feedback, this interactive column is dedicated to helping readers locate retail merchandise that's difficult to find. If you know where a product is sold or service is available, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number.

Please be patient about your requests and feedback; we receive an overwhelming number of phone calls. Also, please spell any uncommon items. If you don't see information about your request, we couldn't find it. Requests are published twice.

### WHAT WE FOUND

The following stores and catalogs sell a two-way zipper: Haberman Fabric Inc., on Main Street in Royal Oak; or Custom Zips (call for an order form) (203) 866-1540;

For Mop & Glo, try Target or Meijer stores.

For the game of Mahjong try the following stores: Warren Prescriptions, 32910 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills; or Spitzer's Hebrew Gift & Center, 21790 W. 11 Mile Road. Spitzer's number is (248) 358-5959

The following sells sweater shavers; Remington outlet store at Great Lakes Crossing; the Miles Kimball catalog (800) 546-2255, or Bed, Bath & Beyond stores.

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Bulgar by sold by the pound can be purchased at Good Foods store on Ford Road, west of I-275 on south side of the street.

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Bulk poppy seed can be purchased at the American Bulk store, 6698 Orchard Lake, West Bloomfield ((248) 737-1610);

For Hue opaque stocking, try the Sock Shop, 32930 Middlebelt, in Farmington Hills.

To have rhinestone jewelry repaired, try Tappers Diamonds & Fine Jewelry, 6337 Orchard Lake ((248) 932-7700).

To have china repaired, try House of Renew in Birmingham ((248) 642-0363).

### FIND AND SEARCH

A reader has Big Band 78 records to donate to a charitable organization.

### WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

A store that sells red denim for Jenny of Westland.

A store that sells Surpass antacid chewing gum (formerly sold at Rite Aid) manufactured by Wrigley chewing gum.

A store that sells styptic powder for cuts when shaving for Ollie of Garden City.

Someone to refinish an old wooden trunk.

A store that sells a girls necklace with the name Erin spelled out on it for Lil.

A book from the 1920s or 1930s called Nip & Tuck. (The book was used in schools back then for a reader, who is now 79 years old.

For the Northwest blue jeans, Sears sells a similar jean called Classica Elements.

A store that sells Baby Morgan blankets (18-by-20-inches) for Annette.

A person who makes teddy bears from old fur coats for Sue of Livonia.

A store that sells chrome tips to put on the ends of an umbrella to fix the umbrella for Ed of Westland.

A company that would sell something to test lead on very old china dishes from China for Frances of Farmington Hills.

A store that sells Glade lasting mist refill spray by Johnson's Wax for Mary.

A store that sells plastic covers for recipe index cards for Mrs. M. A bakery that makes small miniature hamburger buns for Jan of Livonia.

A store that sells the T-shirt that bears the phrase "So many books, so little time" for Bev.

A store that sells opaque tights by Hue for Judy.

A store that sells Ann Klein perfume for Linda.

A store that sells the game Five Crowns.

A store that sells dry shampoo for Kate.

A store that sells walnut oil

for walnut furniture for Mrs. O.

A store that sells Twinkle Copper cleaner for Dale.

A store that sells the game of Skittles for Nick.

A store that sells a No More-Lumps sifter for Kelli.

A store that sells a pattern to make clothes for a 14-inch Madame Alexander baby doll for Velma.

Someone who repairs

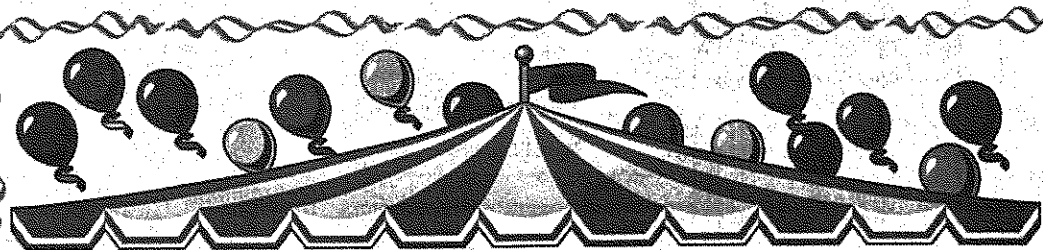
rhinestone jewelry for Peggy.

A store that sells Johnson's liquid Simonize floor wax or Glo-coat floor wax by Johnson's for Peggy.

A store that sells a Bee-safe can topper (cover cans so bugs don't fly in them) for Kim.

A store that sells vinyl protectors for chairs for Eleanore.

By Sandi Jarackas



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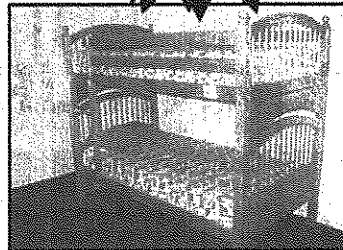
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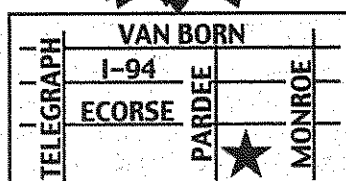
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Despite all of the timesaving technologies at our disposal, from fast-food to fax machines, most of us feel more hurried and harried than ever before. Recently, I had the experience of walking across a beautiful college campus and noticing a newly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

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

**Slow Down and Enjoy Life!**





## 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.

## SEPTEMBER

## Women's Spiritual Retreats

"Recognizing Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread" Sept. 19-21, and "Unfinished Understanding of Vatican II" Sept. 26-28, at St. Mary's Retreat House, 775 W. Drahn Road, Oxford. Cost is \$100 per retreat. Call (586) 977-8993.

## Monday Morning Bible Study

Began Sept. 15, and runs through Nov. 10. Bring a coffee cup, Bible, and a friend to journey through some of the most important parts of the Bible at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster, Livonia. No charge.

Child care available for \$1 per child by calling (734) 422-1470.

## Jillybean returns

Jill Bryan (Jillybean) communicates God's truths with fun and laughter. There are 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. services, at the picnic following the 10 a.m. service Sunday, Sept. 21, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster, Livonia. Call (734) 422-1470.

## Fall Flea Market

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20. St. Matthew's United Methodist Church parking lot, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Sellers welcome. \$15 per table to go to church missions. For more information, call (248) 476-0908.

## Aerobic Class

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church is offering a light Aerobic Class 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, Sept. 25 to Oct. 30, and Nov. 6 to Dec. 15, at 14175 Farmington Road, south of Ford Field, Livonia. Cost is \$18 per 6-week session. To register, call (734) 522-6830. The public is welcome.

## Rummage Sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, until 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 23300 W. Chicago, east of Telegraph, Redford. For information, call (313) 538-1142.

## Mom to Mom Sale

Maternity through infant-preteen clothes, toys and furniture 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149. Table renters get free lunch and child care. Also, bake sale.

## Marian Rally

A public prayer and pilgrimage honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, on the grounds of the Felician Sisters, 36800 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Eucharistic Liturgy celebrated at noon.

Ample parking at the Felician Sisters Provincial House lot off Newburgh Road. For more information, call (734) 591-1730.

## Revival

Grace Baptist Church of Livonia holds special revival and evangelistic meeting Sunday-Friday, Sept. 28, at 28440 Lyndon, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Guest evangelist is Steve Pettit and his ministry team. Sunday services are 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday-Friday meetings begin at 7 p.m. Special teen and children program held throughout the week. Public welcome. Call (734) 425-6215 or visit the Web site at www.GBCofLivonia.org.

## UPCOMING

## Fall Speaker Series

Begins 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, with William Ross, president and CEO of the Booker T. Washington Business Association, on the topic of Making Your Vision a Reality, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt, Livonia. Series continues each Wednesday through Nov. 19. Love offerings accepted. For more information, call (734) 421-1760 or visit the Web site at www.unity-oflivonia.org.

## Fall Rummage Sale

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, until noon Saturday, Oct. 4, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149.

## From Grief to New Hope

Grief workshop presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. No charge. For registration information, call (734) 422-0149. Open to the community.

## CLARIFICATION

The correct number for ordering *Design - The Heart of a Garden* by Helen Talvacchio is (248) 643-8664.

## HOME CALENDAR

## Canadian roses

Fall is a wonderful time to plant roses and work outdoors. Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, are celebrating fall with a series of fun and educational programs at their nursery. Hardy Canadian Explorer and Morden Roses will take place 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 19. The program will be repeated 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, and 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 22. Learn about the rugged roses developed by Agriculture Canada and tour the extensive collection in the display garden of Great Lakes Roses. The programs are free. Reservations aren't needed. Each presentation will last about an hour. Dress for the weather. Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road, between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) Roads in Sumpter Township, 7 miles south of Belleville. For information about the roses and nursery, visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230 to request a flier.

## Spring bulbs

English Gardens experts conduct free gardening seminars for the public 1 p.m. Saturdays at all five metro Detroit English Gardens stores. The Sept. 20 program will be Planting Spring-flowering Bulbs. To achieve spring color from tulips, hyacinths, daffodils or crocus, you must plant the bulbs now. An overview of different bulbs, tips on proper planting techniques and care throughout the winter and during the next growing season, and the basics of designing a bulb garden will be featured. For more information, call the store in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; Clinton Township, (586) 286-6100; or Eastpointe, (586) 771-4200. Call (800) 335-GROW for the nearest English Gardens location, or visit www.englishgardens.com.

## Tollgate fair

The Tollgate Gardeners at the Michigan State University Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will have their seventh annual Fall Fair 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 20 (rain or shine). Admission is free. Free refreshments will be available. Call (248) 347-3860, Ext. 212, for more information. Among the activities will be hayrides, line dancing, the MSU Bug House (a live bug display), and presentations on birds of prey and bat conservation. Children's activities will include kite making, face painting, pumpkin painting, and catch and release fishing. A garden marketplace; tables provided by the MSU Extension presenting master gardener, food preparation and 4-H information; tables with recycling and composting information; and information tables by the Novi police and fire departments will also be featured.

## Chrysanthemum show

The Greater Detroit Chrysanthemum Society will have its 42nd annual show Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 11-12, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 W. Five Mile at Farmington Road. Hours are 1-5 p.m. Oct. 11, 1-4 p.m. Oct. 12. Call (734) 522-0067.

## Matthaei Botanical Gardens

Classes currently offered in the

University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens Adult Education Program include Wednesday A.M. Hiker (fee is \$150, \$135 for members), five Wednesdays beginning Sept. 24; the two-session Spiders and Their Kin (\$50, \$45 for members), beginning Wednesday, Sept. 24; and the four-session Asters and Goldenrods (\$125, \$112.50 for members), beginning Saturday, Sept. 27. Call (734) 998-7061 for information.

## Rose show

The Detroit Rose Society's Fall Rose Show will take place Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 20-21, at English Gardens in Royal Oak, on Coolidge between 14 and 15 Mile (Maple). Show times are 2-9 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday. Society members and consulting rosarians will be available to provide information on growing roses.

## Hosta society

The Metro Detroit Hosta Society will meet 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, Cranbrook Road at Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. Guest

fee \$3.

Ran Lydell, owner of Cook's Nursery (also known as Eagle Bay Gardens) on the southern shore of Lake Erie near the New York-Ohio border, will speak on The Beauty of Hosta Flowers and will have some of his plants to sell. Lydell has been working on a specialized program of hybridizing to produce improve hosta blooms for 15 years, and has introduced many hostas.

## How-to clinics

The Home Depot offers free weekly how-to clinics for do-it-yourselfers. Experienced associates provide step-by-step instructions during the hands-on clinics, which last about 30 to 45 minutes. For more information, contact your local Home Depot. The September schedule features: You Can Assemble and Install Ready-to-assemble Cabinets, 7 p.m. Tuesdays; You Can Select and Install an All-season Door, 7 p.m. Thursdays; You Can Lay Ceramic Tile, 10 a.m. Saturdays; You Can Build a Fence, 2 p.m. Saturdays; and You Can Apply Faux Paint Techniques, 2 p.m. Sundays.

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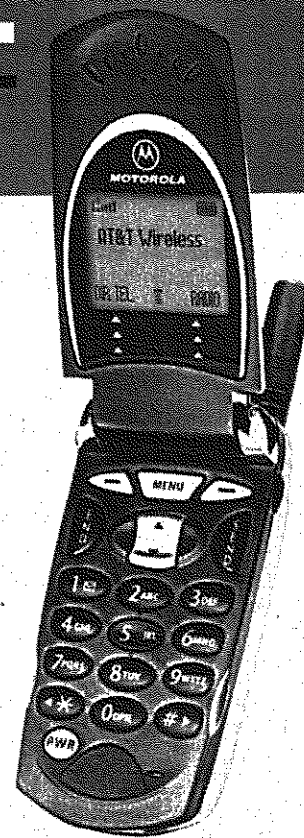
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# Take proper care of your trees

# Crime prevention kit offered

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

By instituting a program of routine pruning, you can help prevent damage due to falling limbs. Regular pruning removes dead, decaying or broken branches, as well as reducing wind resistance. Pruning out dead branches discourages secondary damage from pests and diseases. Cabling is the

installation of flexible steel strands between branches. It protects trees by transferring the weight of a weak branch to a stronger one, which prevents limbs from breaking during rough weather. Bracing helps prevent the splitting of large limbs from the main trunk. The technique uses screw rods, washers and nuts to secure limbs and allow bark to grow and reinforce the area.

Fight drought. Signs of drought stress include yellowing, wilting of foliage, under-

sized leaves, leaf scorch and premature fall coloration. Trees should be watered within the perimeters of any local water restriction during periods of drought. Young trees in particular should be mulched with organic products such as weed chips, shredded bark or pine needles under the canopy of the tree to prevent water loss. Water under the dripline of the tree, where most of the feeder roots occur, until the soil is moist 10-12 inches from the soil surface.

Lay a hose under the canopy and let hose run slowly until soil moisture is achieved in that area.

Move hose until all areas are well-watered. Letting a lawn sprinkler run under the dripline is also a good way to get moisture to the root zone.

Check for moisture with a soil probe or use a shovel or trowel within the root zone. Avoid fertilizing during periods of drought as root burn can occur. In early fall or spring, fertilize with a slow-release fertilizer to encourage growth of root which were lost during the drought.

Crime prevention officers, police and community/neighborhood leaders can now request a free copy of the home safety and property crime prevention kit, The Key to Home Security.

This safety kit features a home security VHS video with security expert Bob Stuber, who explains how families can improve home safety by more than 50 percent.

In addition to the video, the kit includes a Grade-1 deadbolt for use in neighborhood crime prevention meetings, and printed safety literature that can be reproduced and distributed.

Send written requests to: The Key to Home Security, 19701 DaVinci, Lake Forest, CA 92610, or visit [www.kwikset.com/safeandsound/](http://www.kwikset.com/safeandsound/).

Here is a tip sheet on The Keys to Home Security.

■ Lock all of your home's entryways during the day and night. One in three burglaries are through unlocked doors and windows.

■ Use ANSI Grade-1 dead-

bolt locks on all exterior entrances.

Use solid core doors and secure them with top-quality door hardware.

■ Use motion-activated lighting for yards and porches. The animation of the light creates a psychological barrier for criminals.

■ Use glass brick around entryways and secure grates onto door sidelights.

Where building codes allow, install double-cylinder deadbolts that are opened with a key from inside and outside.

■ Maintain the appearance of occupancy when away by using timers on lights, televisions and radios.

Have a neighbor pick up newspapers and mail rather than submitting stop-service orders.

■ Start a Neighborhood Watch Program and get to know your neighbors' names and faces.

■ Never hide keys under a doormat, in planters or taped above a doorjamb. Only leave

keys with trusted neighbors or family.

■ Be proactive about informing police and neighbors about strangers in private yards or people near windows or scouting parked cars. Call 911 if an emergency threatens human life or property.

■ Empty TV, computer and stereo boxes in the trash tempt criminals.

■ New homeowners should re-key or replace all exterior door locks so former owners and their guests don't have access to the home.

Only 23 percent of new homeowners change the locks to their new home.

The Key to Home Security tips are provided by Kwikset, a Black & Decker company and a leading door hardware manufacturer of deadbolts, handlesets, knobs and levers.

For more home security tips and information about high-quality home security door hardware, visit [www.kwikset.com](http://www.kwikset.com) or call (800) 327-LOCK.

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

Sealed bids, enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words "2003 Water Main Improvements Contract No. 2 - Sussex and Heritage Park", 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, October 2, 2003 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project:

**Water main replacement on Sussex and a portion of Hillsboro along with a new installation on Heritage Park Drive. The project involves the construction of 3,310 lineal feet of an 8-inch HDPE water main, by method of directional bore, reconnection of 47 water service leads, removal and replacement of 6,100 square feet of concrete driveways and sidewalks, installing fire hydrants and gate valves in wells, restoration, and other miscellaneous work.**

Bid documents are available to pick at Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc., 3959 Research Park Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 starting Thursday, September 18, 2003. A non-refundable fee of forty-five dollars (\$45.00) 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 Public Works Building, 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

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

Sealed bids, enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words "2003 Water Main Improvements Contract No. 1 - Ridge Road and Saltz Road", 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, October 2, 2003 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project:

**Water main construction on Ridge Road, north of Cherry Hill and along Saltz, west of Centennial Drive. The project involves the construction of 2,906 lineal feet of 12-inch and 1,402 lineal of 8-inch ductile iron water main, removal and replacement of 6,945 square feet of concrete driveways and sidewalks, installing fire hydrants and gate valves in wells, restoration, and other miscellaneous work.**

Bid documents are available to pick up at Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc., 3959 Research Park Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 starting Thursday, September 18, 2003. A non-refundable fee of forty dollars (\$40.00) 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.

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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA SEPTEMBER 25, 2003

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, September 25, 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

- Tom Eiden of Richardson's Super Drugs, 42433 Ford Road, Canton, MI 48187 representing Richardson's Super Drugs, 42433 Ford Road, Canton, MI 48187. Property located at 42433 Ford Road, south side of Ford Road between Lilley and Morton Taylor Roads. The ordinance being appealed is Sign Ordinance 120, Section 9, 9.1, changing one word on sign. Zone C-2. Parcel # 054-99-0001-013 (Building)
- Donald Oesterwind Jr. of Machintie M, 1542 Marlowe, Canton, MI 48187. Property located at 1542 Marlowe, north side of Saltz Road between Sheldon and Morton Taylor Roads. The ordinance being appealed is Zoning Ordinance Article 2.00, Section 2.03, A4 and D1, requesting change on square footage. Zone R-5. Parcel # 057-01-0129-002 (Building)
- Patrick Clark of Beacon Sign Company, 19460 Mt. Elliott Avenue, Detroit, MI 48234 representing Republic Bank, 2425 East Grand River Avenue, Suite A, Lansing, MI 48912. Property located at 6549 Canton Center Rd N., west side of Canton Center Road between Hanford Road and Warren Road. The ordinance being appealed is Sign Ordinance 120, Section 2, 2.6 and 2.7, Section 5, 5.19, Section 9, 9.1, regulates setbacks for signs. Zone C-2. Parcel # 033-99-0009-711 (Building)
- Dennis Robare of Dennis P. Robare Architects P.C., 45000 Joy Road, Plymouth Twp, MI 48170 representing Jeffrey and Barbara Felts, 6845 Woonsocet Drive, Canton, MI 48187. Property located at 6845 Woonsocet Drive, s side of Warren Road between Morton-Taylor and Canton Center Roads. The ordinance being appealed is Zoning Ordinance Schedule of Regulations Article 26.00, Section 26.02, minimum rear setback. Zone R-5. Parcel 037-03-0059-000 (Building)

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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., Friday, October 3rd, 2003 for the following:

### CANTON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING EXPANSION FURNITURE - PURCHASE

Specifications are available for pick up at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton MI 48188 on the third floor of the administration building at the Finance & Budget counter. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid 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 BOARD PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER 9, 2003

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, September 9, 2003, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the amended agenda adding items G-7 and G-8 and deleting item G-4. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Regular Board Minutes of August 26, 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

**Citizen's Non Agenda Item Comments:** Ms. Lynn McFarland of 47650 Saltz Road, Canton, Michigan appeared before the Board with concerns regarding a detention pond being constructed 41 feet from her house. Kevin Chin owns the property where the pond is being constructed. Ms. McFarland is concerned about flooding on her property and the upkeep of the pond. She asked the Board to help by requiring some type of maintenance be performed on the pond to keep trash, bugs and animals down. Ms. McFarland submitted a formal letter with her concerns to the Board.

On behalf of the Board, Supervisor Yack offered to meet with the Planner to inquire about any possible modifications and then get back with Ms. McFarland with the results.

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Bennett to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

General Fund	101	\$524,223.72	
Fire Fund	206	38,670.15	
Police Fund	207	120,962.12	
Summit Operating	208	89,437.47	
Street Lighting	219	15,729.93	
Cable TV Fund	230	1,896.24	
E-911 Utility	261	1,623.64	
Auto Forfeiture(wwatee)	267	16,781.75	
Federal Grants Fund	274	140.00	
Cap Proj-Summit Const	402	691.00	
Cap Proj-Road Paving	403	102,036.56	
Bldg Auth Construction	469	1,330.96	
Golf Fund	584	46,783.75	
Water & Sewer Fund	592	130,696.45	
Trust & Agency Fund	701	6,525.00	
Post Employ. Benefits	736	1,323.11	
<b>Total - All Funds</b>		<b>1,098,831.86</b>	

**Citizen Recognition** - Supervisor Yack presented a citizen citation to Carl Douglas Church for coming to the aid of a police officer. Supervisor Yack presented citizen citations to Jaimie Warren and David Pierce for their efforts in saving the life of a young person.

**PRESENTATION: Item 1. Growth Works Presentation.** Dale Yugala, Tom Fielder, Mayor of Belleville and April Wincott gave a presentation on behalf of Growth Works.

**PUBLIC HEARING: Item 1. Hold the Public Hearing on the Roll and Consider Adopting Resolution #5 for the Paving of Lotz Road, South of Michigan Avenue SAD.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo at 7:52 pm to open the public hearing for comments regarding Resolution #5-Paving of Lotz Road, South of Michigan Avenue SAD. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Lisa Walker of 4190 Lotz Road, Canton, Michigan, speaking on behalf of the group of homeowners that live on Lotz Road. The main concerns of the homeowners are that the bids did not come in low enough. At this time Ms. Walker indicated the homeowners are not interested in the SAD given the current fact statement.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo at 8:12 pm to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Bennett to table the request to adopt Resolution #5. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT CALENDAR: Item C1. Special Community Event Status and the Installation of Signs for Delta Kappa Gamma's Annual Craft Fair.** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve special event status for Delta Kappa Gamma's annual craft fair and grant permission to install signs advertising the event. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item C2. Budget Amendment - Federal Grants Fund 2003 Community Development Block Grant.** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following budget amendment in the Federal Grants Fund for the FY 2003 Community

Development Block Grant program: Increase Revenues: \$436,000 / Increase Appropriations: \$436,000. This budget amendment increases the Federal Grants Fund budget from \$386,298 to \$822,298. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item C3. Resolution Defining a Day of Work for MERS Retirement Purposes - Firefighter Union.** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Resolution for Defining a Day of Work or Hours Per Month for MERS Retirement Purposes for the Firefighters Union employees. Motion carried unanimously.

**GENERAL CALENDAR: Item G1. Consider Award of Construction for the Paving of Lotz Road, South of Michigan Avenue to Six-S.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to table the request to consider award of Construction for the Paving of Lotz Road. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item G2. Consider Authorizing the Township Clerk to Sign the Contract with Smith Group JJR to Provide Professional Services on the Fellows Creek Naturalization Project.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to authorize the Township Clerk to sign the contract for professional services with Smith Group JJR for the design and construction management of the Fellows Creek Naturalization Project in the amount of \$239,920.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item G3. Approve Purchase of Editing Recorder Players for Cable Studio.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery to cancel the award of the bid for the purchase of the SONY DVCAM STUDIO EDITING RECORDER-PLAYERS to B&H Photo Studio and further move to award the bid for the purpose of the equipment to Roscor, in the amount of \$46,900. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item G4. Approve Resolution Adopting MERS Pension Plan.** [Removed from the agenda]

**Item G5. Award Bid for Purchase of 100 Poll-master Voting Booths with Light.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery to approve the purchase of 100 Pollmaster I Voting Units and award the bid to Miller Consultations & Elections, Inc., 6318 Iroquois Road, Pentwater, MI 49449, for \$17,995.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item G6. Purchase of Educational Training Coupons from New Horizons.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the purchase of training coupons from New Horizons not to exceed \$16,000. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item G7. Consider Agreement Between Canton Township, Cherry Hill Investors, LLC and Uptown Investors, LLC.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk to execute the agreement with Cherry Hill Investors, LLC and Uptown Investors, LLC, outlining the financing arrangements for the Cherry Hill Road Paving and Street Scape Improvements. Motion carried 6-1 Roll Call: Ayes: Bennett, Burdziak, McLaughlin, Zarbo, Kirchgatter, Yack. Nays: Sheffery.

**Item G8. Consider Reimbursement Resolution and Award of Construction Contract for the Paving of Cherry Hill Road and Ridge Road West of Denton Road.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the Reimbursement Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award the construction of Cherry Hill Road and Ridge Road to Cadillac Asphalt LLC in the amount of \$1,645,056.90 to authorize the Clerk to execute the contract documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to reimburse Wade-Trim for inspector days performed as provided in the contract and that a separate purchase order be opened in the amount of \$37,500 for 75 inspector days. This amount shall be subtracted from the original contract and a separate purchase order be opened. In addition, authorize finance and budget to subtract any additional costs based on the per day rate of \$500.00 for an inspector day if the contractor exceeds the number of specified inspector days in the contract or transfer the unused inspector days remaining money to the contractor as a bonus if the project is completed under the number of inspector days specified in the contract. Motion carried unanimously.

**OTHER:** There will be no study session next week.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, Supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 9:15 pm

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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# Take gloves off to clean allergens

(NAPS) - For many homeowners, the "white glove" has become the ultimate test of whether their home is clean.

However, the glove only scratches the surface and may not always be a good indicator of a home's true cleanliness. One thing missed by the white glove test: allergens. Allergens are present in every home and aren't easily detectable.

Whether they come from dust mites that live throughout the house, pet dander that can be spread from room to room even if you don't own a pet, or other sources in your home, managing these allergens can be a real challenge.

And, they can be especially hard to reduce in upholstered furniture, bedding, curtains, window treatments, area or throw rugs and other soft surfaces, which can make up to 75 percent of the surfaces found throughout the house.

**'Many people associate allergens only with being outside during the spring and summer months, but allergens are actually present indoors all year long. It is important to take steps to reduce allergens in your home, including those released from fabrics and other soft surfaces.'**

Bill McLin  
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America

"Many people associate allergens only with being outside during the spring and summer months, but allergens are actually present indoors all year long," said Bill McLin, executive director of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA).

"It is important to take steps to reduce allergens in your home, including those released from fabrics and other soft surfaces."

There are a number of measures people can take to reduce allergens in their homes, many

of which can be incorporated easily into an existing home cleaning routine.

According to the AAFA, homeowners can:

- Regularly replace filters on forced-air furnaces or central air conditioners.
- Frequently dust hard surfaces - including ceiling fans, blinds, floors and furniture - with an electrostatic cloth that attracts and traps allergens.
- Wash all bedding - pillowcases, sheets, comforters, mattress pads, and blankets - in hot water (130 degrees)

every week.

■ Use an allergen-reducing spray, like Febreze Allergen Reducer, on soft surfaces and upholstered items - like couches, throw pillows, curtains, carpeting and pet beds - to reduce the amount of allergens from cats, dogs and dust mites that become airborne from those surfaces.

■ Regularly clean rooms in the home that have high humidity, including bathrooms, the kitchen and the basement.

For more cleaning tips on how to reduce allergens in your home, the experts at the AAFA and Febreze have developed a brochure with a variety of cleaning ideas and suggestions.

For a free copy, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: AAFA/Febreze Brochure Offer, P.O. Box 8797, St. Louis, MO 63101-8797. For additional information, visit [www.aaafa.org](http://www.aaafa.org) or [www.febreze.com](http://www.febreze.com).

## PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the **District-Wide Trash Bags**. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. For technical information, please contact Gerry York in the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2955. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m., Friday, October 3, 2003. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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

Plymouth: September 28 and 25, 2003

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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, October 2nd, 2003 for the following:

### 2003 SIDEWALK GAP PROGRAM

**Placement of approximately 21,335 square feet of 4" and 2,054 square feet of 6" concrete sidewalk including ramps, restoration and other related items.**

Specifications are available for pick up starting September 18, 2003 at Ayres, Lewis, Norris, & May, Inc, 3959 Research Park Drive, Ann Arbor, MI, 48108, phone (734) 761-1010. A non-refundable plan deposit of forty dollars (\$40.00) will be required for the bid packet. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check, money order or a bid bond, payable to the Owner, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Proposal, as a bid security. Bid documents are available for review at Canton Township Public Works Building, Construction Association of Michigan, McGraw Hill Construction Dodge, and Reed Construction Data. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid 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 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  
(734) 394-5260

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## PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

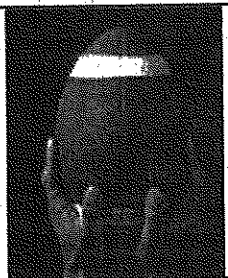
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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2003

Supervisor Mann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present except Mr. Griffith, who was excused.

Fire Chief Larry Groth and Assistant Fire Chief Mark Wendel congratulated Charles Van Vleck on his retirement and presented a plaque to him, recognizing his 32 years of full-time service. Supervisor Mann also made a presentation on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the residents of Plymouth Township and thanked Mr. Van Vleck for his years of dedication.

Supervisor Mann then presented a plaque to Fire Chief Larry Groth on behalf of the Board of Trustees and residents of the Township and congratulated him on his retirement, recognizing his 34 years of full-time dedicated service to the community and to the Fire Department.

Chief Groth introduced his family and expressed his thanks to those in the community who have supported his career.

Mrs. Massengill amended the agenda by adding under New Business, Item J.6, Approval of Resolution calling for Special Election. She then moved to approve the Agenda for the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of Tuesday, September 9, 2003, as amended. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Munfakh requested that the minutes of August 12, 2003, be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Mrs. Massengill moved to accept the Consent Agenda for the September 9, 2003, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting as submitted, with the exception of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 12, 2003. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Munfakh moved to include the verbatim comments as presented by Mrs. Sharon Chouinard in the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of August 12, 2003. Supported by Ms. Arnold. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Munfakh, Arnold, Curmi. Nays: Massengill, Edwards, Mann. Motion defeated.

Moved by Ms. Arnold, supported by Mr. Edward, to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2003, Regular Board of Trustees as submitted. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Arnold, Edwards, Massengill, Mann. Nays: Munfakh, Curmi. Motion carried.

Mr. Don Schnettler questioned the varying costs of the election reported in the various newspaper, ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000. He also felt comments regarding information being available on the proposed new Township Hall were inaccurate. In his opinion he felt there was poor planning in that no one knows what the Township Hall is going to look like or whether it will have a basement. He also questioned the availability of finances to pay for current projects and a township hall. He continued that he had yet to see the line item budget with the Human Resources intern listed.

Mr. Edwards responded that Mr. Schnettler has not at what revenue sources have been generated and the value of new construction in the community.

Mrs. Sharon Chouinard felt Mrs. Massengill had selectively edited the comments she made at the Board Meeting of August 12, by not recording the incident regarding being unable to pay taxes in cash while computers were down in February, 2003. She said Mr. Edwards approached them after the August 12 meeting and had a printout of 2002 showing processing every day the first week of February. He was told then that the incident occurred in 2003, not 2002 and she would like to see the record that transactions were processed every day though she doesn't know how they could have been since the computers were down. She thinks this is unethical, looks to her like a cover-up, and doesn't think the Board should allow it.

Mrs. Massengill stated that she had synthesized Mrs. Chouinard's letter in the minutes, and that a copy of her letter was attached to the minutes.

Mr. Charles McFarland, 40182 Ferguson, stated that Ferguson is part of the Special Assessment District (SAD) for Robinson Subdivision that the road was supposed to be 26 feet wide with curbs and have a 70 foot frontage; however, what he received was 53 foot frontage and a 22 foot wide road with no curbs and no drainage.

Mr. Anulewicz noted the engineer's construction plans were discussed and available at the Public Hearing and at no time was there a description of the paving being wider. The road actually dead ends at the expressway and there is only a 30-ft. right-of-way.

Mr. McFarland said the road was solid with ice all last winter because of the lack of drainage. It's a crowned road, which should be designed to have ditches on both sides for drainage. There are no ditches to accommodate drainage.

Mr. Anulewicz said he looked at the possibility of widening the road an additional two feet, which, technically, accomplishes nothing else than the satisfaction of the property owner. The cost of that would have been \$25,000.

Mr. Anulewicz said he would like to bring the item back to the Board with the engineers present and discuss the road design.

Mr. Mann opened the Public Hearing at 7:31 p.m. regarding the request for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption for new machinery and equipment for Visteon Corporation.

Mr. Jerry Chouinard stated his objections to the granting of tax abatements. In answer to Mr. Chouinard's question as to why he didn't see Visteon's name listed as a participant on the Rotary Club chicken barbecue box, Mr. Johnson responded with a long list of local organizations to which Visteon contributes. Among others, they included providing a soccer field for community youths, the Plymouth Arts Council, Plymouth Symphony, United Way and the Rotary Club.

There being no further comment, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:40 p.m.

Mr. Edwards moved that the Board consider the request from Visteon Corporation and approve Resolution No. 03-09-09-29, granting a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption for machinery and equipment for their facility located at 14425 Sheldon Road. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Mann opened the Public Hearing at 7:49 p.m. regarding the request to transfer Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #2002-073 from TRAM, Inc. to TGR Technical Center, LLC.

Ms. Pauline Millichamp of the Michigan Economic Development Commission expressed their support for this request.

There being no further comment, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:51 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Munfakh to approve Resolution No. 03-09-09-30, granting the request to transfer Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #2003-073 from TRAM, Inc., to TGR Technical Center, LLC. The facility is located on Lots 2, 3 and 4, Plymouth Corporate Park. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Munfakh, Arnold Curmi, Massengill, Mann. Nays: Curmi. Motion carried.

A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

On behalf of his client, Allie Fayz, Mr. David Birchler of Birchler Arroyo Associates requested withdrawal of the request for the rezoning of the property on the southeast corner of Powell and Napier Roads from R-1-E, Single Family Residential, to R-1-S, Single Family Residential.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the 'COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE OF FEES, Charter Township of Plymouth, Division of Public Services' as presented. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

A copy of the Schedule is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal.

Mr. Munfakh received permission to abstain from voting on the following item.

Mrs. Massengill moved to receive and file WTUA 2004 Annual Budget and adopt Resolution No. 03-09-09-31. Seconded by Mr. Arnold. Ayes all, with Mr. Munfakh abstaining. Motion carried.

A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2003-04 to repeal the Uniform Traffic Code, Ordinances No. 29, LXV, 65, 73-A, 73 and all amendments and Ordinances C-91-14 and C-95-06. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Arnold, Edwards, Massengill, Munfakh, Mann. Nays: Curmi. Motion carried.

A copy of the Ordinance is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. C-2003-05, adopting by reference of the revised Uniform Traffic Code for Michigan Cities, Townships and Villages, provisions of the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code and provisions of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Massengill, Arnold, Edwards, Munfakh, Mann. Nays: Curmi. Motion carried.

A copy of the Ordinance is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve Change Order No. 1 on the Contract with Dumas Concepts in Building for the Sprayscape and Skating Rink Projects, increasing the Contract by \$53.34 for a new total of \$254,274.30, and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute same. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Mr. Arnold moved to approve the 2004 Board of Trustee Meeting dates as outlined in Option 1, as follows:

January 13	July 13
February 10 & 24	August 10
March 09 & 23	September 14 & 28
April 13 & 27	October 12 & 26
May 11 & 25	November 09
June 08 & 22	December 14

Work sessions and/or special meetings will be held on the first and/or third Tuesday of the month, unless otherwise posted.

All meetings commence at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the Meeting Room located in the east wing of Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, unless otherwise posted. Seconded by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved that Resolution No. 03-09-09-32 be approved, establishing Thursday, November 6, 2003, for Special Election to determine if the Township should sell General Obligation Capital

Improvement Board for the purpose of paying part of the cost of acquiring, constructing and equipping a new Township Hall and site improvements and appurtenances related thereto. Seconded by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

A copy of Resolution No. 03-09-09-32 is attached to the official copy of the minutes on file in the Clerk's office.

Mr. Mann once again thanked Charles Van Vleck and Fire Chief Groth for their many years of dedicated service to the Fire Department.

He noted Board Members have received the 2003 Amended Budget and the 2004 Recommended Budget. These items will be discussed at study sessions in October.

Ms. Arnold commented that Emergency Management did a wonderful job during the recent blackout. She thanked Mr. Edwards for getting Ann Arbor Road back on-line.

Mrs. Sharon Chouinard said that Mrs. Massengill stated that her letter dated August 12, 2003, is attached to the selectively edited minutes where it will remain unless someone removes it. She didn't know how Mrs. Massengill would be able to keep that from happening. She doesn't understand how attaching it to the back of the minutes makes it part of the official record. She also wanted to know what gives Mrs. Massengill the right to edit in her favor a submitted letter from a citizen. She doesn't understand how Mrs. Massengill can ethically edit those minutes.

Mrs. Massengill stated once again that she has not done anything unethical. She made the letter a part of the permanent record as Mrs. Chouinard had asked. The only way it would be removed is if someone comes into the office and removes it.

Attorney Cronin noted that under State Law the Township Board approved, in effect, a summary or outline of what occurred at the meeting. It's always a synopsis - never a complete recitation. Verbatim minutes are seldom used, though they can be. A Clerk has a tremendous amount of discretion in terms of including anything other than a basic outline of items that were discussed and the votes that were taken. That is the permanent record.

Mr. Munfakh requested officially that Mr. Cronin consult with the Attorney General's office and give the Board an opinion as far as whether minutes have to be approved by the Township Board or not.

Mr. Cronin said he would provide for him the legal opinion from the Michigan Townships Association.

Mr. Munfakh said he would write to the Attorney General personally and ask, as a Township Trustee, to give him an opinion on it.

Mr. Cronin said characteristically it would be a State Legislator who would request an opinion from the Attorney General.

Mr. Munfakh said his recollection is that when somebody requests that a statement be included in the minutes, it is usually done.

Mrs. Massengill defended her ethics, and Mr. Munfakh agreed that he has always known her to be an ethical and honest person.

Ms. Arnold said she did not have a problem with one of the Board members wanting something in the minutes, but she agreed that everything can not be recorded in the minutes.

Mr. Mann agreed that the minutes should be kept as brief as possible. The Michigan Townships Association, which represents 1243 townships in the state, recommends that you have the date of the meeting and the business that transpired, not verbatim minutes. He believes verbatim minutes create extra work and extra expense for publication.

Mr. Chouinard asked why Mrs. Massengill couldn't have just utilized the paper the way it was and published it in the newspaper and on the web site.

Mrs. Massengill stated she summarized the two-page letter as is done with public comments, and a copy of the letter is attached to the minutes.

Mr. Edwards said he has a problem with this whole process. He said at the next Board meeting he would like the videotapes from the July and August meetings to be played to confirm exactly what the Chouinard's said. He would request it as an agenda item so this issue could be resolved.

Mrs. Massengill moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Mann adjourned the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC STEVEN MANN, Secretary  
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting held on September 9, 2003. The full text is available in the Clerk's office for public perusal. The minutes will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting held on September 23, 2003.

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# Unique and antique

## 23rd Southfield Pavilion Antiques Exposition highlights collectibles

BY KEVIN BROWN  
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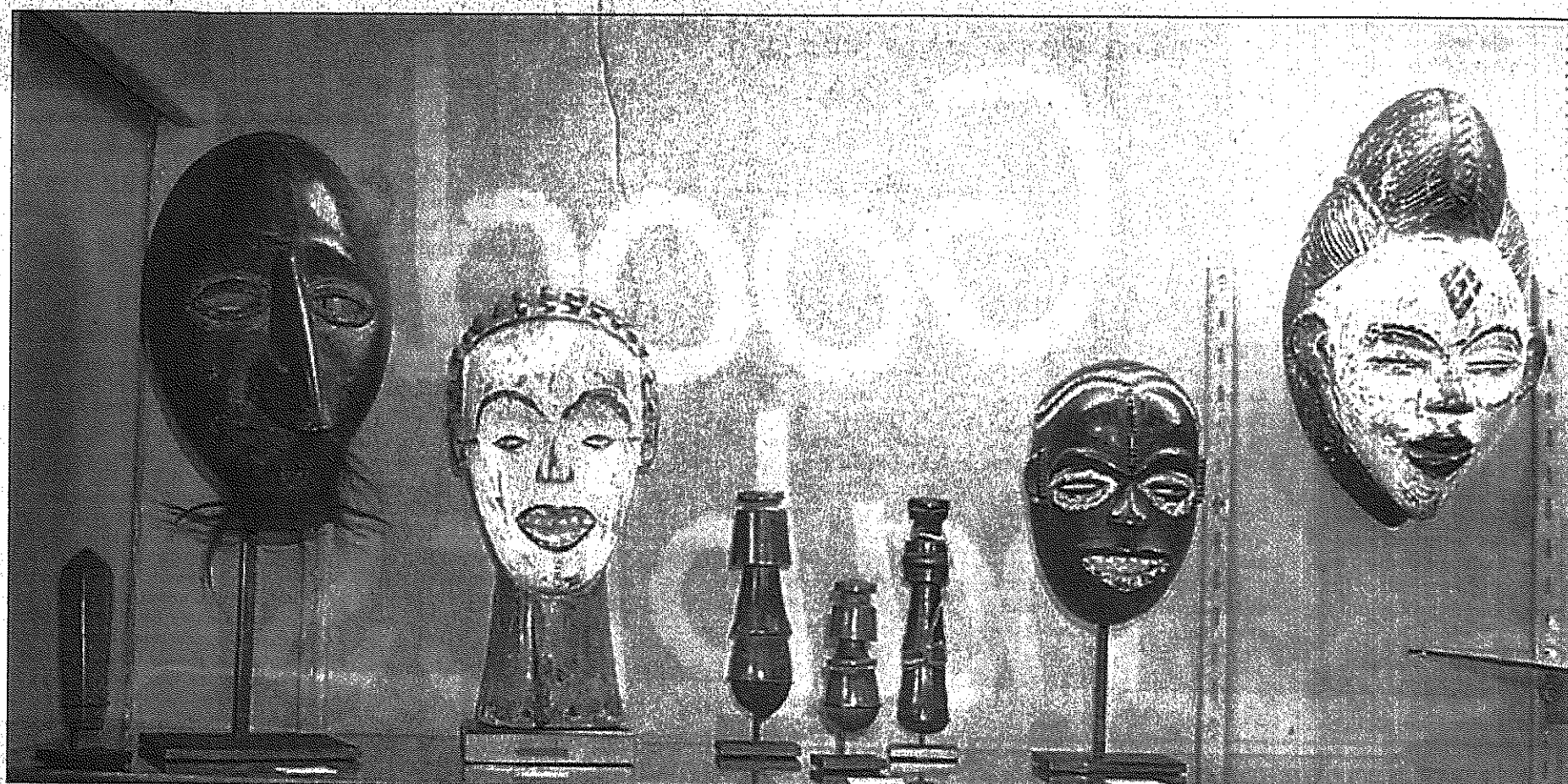
Blame it on TV's *Antiques Roadshow*.

"Now everybody thinks they have that million-dollar treasure in their basement," said Royal Oak antique dealer Joseph Del Giudice.

Those with a new passion for

**'They'll see everything from ancient Chinese art to expensive European furniture to very affordable American furnishings to 19th century African objects - tribal masks, baskets, musical instruments and weaponry.'**

Michael Butler  
show organizer



African masks are among the more exotic items available at the 23rd Southfield Pavilion Antiques Exposition.

antiques and long time antique lovers will be on hand Sept. 19-21 for the 23rd Southfield Pavilion Antiques Exposition, one of the biggest shows in Metro Detroit.

The show offers predictable antique show fare, including old campaign buttons and fine antique jewelry, and unique items including African antiques.

"They'll see everything from ancient Chinese art to expensive European furniture to very affordable American furnishings to 19th century African

objects - tribal masks, baskets, musical instruments and weaponry," said show organizer Michael Butler.

Five appraisers will be on hand to rate antiques brought in by the public.

Some charge for the service, but some do it for free.

We know West Nile Virus is carried by mosquitos.

But how does one catch the fever to covet antiques?

"I think it's the treasure-hunting aspect, the chase and hunt thing," Del Giudice said.

"There's a compulsion

to collect a certain thing. Some people are looking for one piece to be the star of their collection."

"There is a growth in appraisals, and a growth in attendance," said Butler.

"People are a lot more curious."

Del Giudice notes there has been a surge of interest in trading antiques on the Web site eBay.

"It has got its place, but going to a show you can feel and touch; it's a lot more hands on."

Many who love antiques

appreciate craftsmanship not as evident in today's new furniture or other furnishings. "I do business with people who are decorating their home," Del Giudice said.

The definition of antique can vary.

The U. S. Customs Service identifies an antique as at least 100 years old.

"Some say the item has to be older than 25 years, there is no set definition," Butler said.

"Generally shows nowadays are in reality antiques and collectibles."

Dealers agree that the value of an antique is based on demand, like anything else in the marketplace.

An item from the 16th century might go for \$500, but a rare Monkees school lunch box from the 1960s can go for much more.

Del Giudice said that while such nostalgia items bring big bucks today, traditional blue-chip antiques - fine silver, paintings and more - are likely to hold value longer.

"There is broad interest in jewelry, china, glass and furniture," Butler said.

Del Giudice notes a trend toward interest in "shabby chic" furniture and accessories.

"It could be older painted furniture where the paint has some age to it. Textiles are now in that category depending on the look; metal furniture and lots of floral design items are in that category."

Another popular trend is antique garden items.

"They're now used both in the home and outdoors - gargoyles, and decorative pieces."

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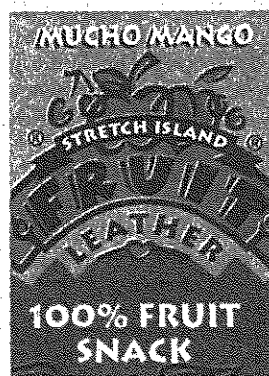
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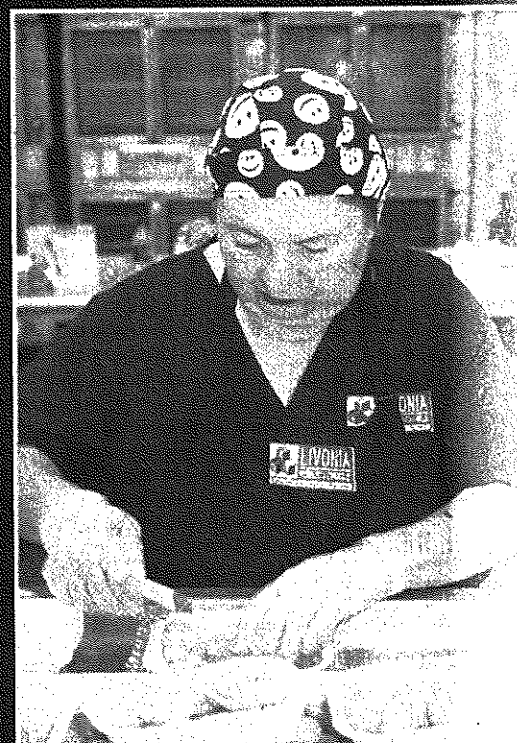
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# Good habits



## Schools aim at offering healthy choices for lunch

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
SPECIAL WRITER

Meal planning is tough enough for families, but imagine the difficulty of trying to cater to the likes of an entire school district of children, trying to keep in mind federal health standards, escalating statewide obesity rates and other health issues.

"We have to work on ways to make fruits and vegetables more attractive, and we have to remove some of the a la carte items," explains T.J. Bucholz, Michigan Department of Education public information officer.

"Kids will only make healthy choices if only healthy choices are given them," he adds.

Birmingham school district sees proof of that logic.

"We've cut back in the elementaries on the a la carte menu items," explains David Andrejko, general manager of the food service for Sodexo, a company that provides lunches for Birmingham, Plymouth-Canton, Romulus, Berkley and other Michigan school districts.

Elementary schools in the Birmingham School District offer 15 some snack items including Pepperidge Farms goldfish, cheddar popcorn, sun chips, low-fat Cheetos, crackers, Nutri-grain bars, as well as Hi-C fruit roll-ups and chews with 10 percent juice.

But the most popular snacks students choose are the three most unhealthy items: doughnuts, brownies and Ho-Hos.

Still, it isn't hopeless, Andrejko says. Kids are finding healthy things to eat at school, too. In fact, a few years ago, high school students in the Birmingham school district asked for a salad bar, which has become popular.

"We fill the bar twice a day," Andrejko says, adding that homemade soups are also offered.

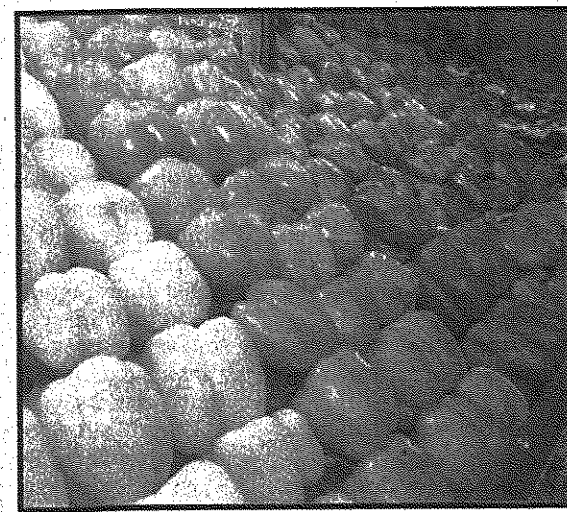
"We're not only doing hamburgers and fries," he adds. "We have a daily fiesta with a Mexican theme, and on any given day you can get tacos,

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Ann Pedersen (left) and Helen Kaneris count out chicken nuggets into trays for packing - seven nuggets for adults, five nuggets for students. Top, Nadia Lebedeff opens chicken nugget packages in preparing lunches for Livonia students at the Food Service at Wilson building on West Chicago.



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Peppers can be sliced up for lunch. See recipe inside for stuffed peppers.

## Fill lunches with freshly harvested fruit

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Parents struggling for ideas of what to feed their children need look no further than a local produce market.

And what better time than the fall harvest, for them not only to enjoy fruits for a snack or part of a lunch, but vegetables for those meals in the evenings?

Joe Maiorana, owner of Joe's Produce in

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## Get creative, and they'll eat

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI

SPECIAL WRITER

Creativity is the key to getting your kids to eat right, according to Sherri Isaak, a dietitian at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Consider pita sandwiches, raw vegetables — like baby carrots and celery sticks — your child's favorite fruits, like frozen grapes or boxed raisins, yogurt and fruit juices, she says. Other popular ideas are low-fat mozzarella cheese sticks, whole grain crackers and muffins.

Parents should try to include at least three of the five food groups in their children's lunches.

"Four is even better," she says.

You can bet your \$2 lunch money that smoothies and reindeer sandwiches won't get traded or end up in the garbage heap piled with bologna and liverwurst sandwiches.

Smoothies made from fruit, yogurt and milk will stay cold in a Thermos or other insulated container. The milk and fruit also count for two of the five food groups, which includes grains, vegetables, fruit, dairy and protein — like meat, eggs and beans.

Many times the most eaten, nutritional items can rise on the excitability scale if they're given the right names and have a neat presentation, Isaak says.

Instead of the same old peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, try mixing things up a bit with rein-

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Maryanne Reiman (left) and cook Pat Siedlaczek dump mashed potatoes into a pan.





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nachos and taco salad. Oddly enough, once you add lettuce and tomato and cheese, it's a healthy choice.

"It's an extreme challenge, because we look at the food program in two ways. We want to provide a healthy nutritional lunch and provide choices and quality that the kids are not leaving."

## GOOD FOOD, GOOD GRADES

Providing healthy meals at school is a concern throughout the state.

"We take this very seriously, because it's very important to the learning process that kids have nutritious meals available and it's proven to help their academic achievement," says Gary Martin, Wayne-Westland Community Schools assistant superintendent for business and finance.

Concern about school lunches stems from alarming statistics released earlier this year by the University of Michigan showing that Michigan children are heavier than children from the rest of the country.

Thirty-three percent of Michigan girls and 34 percent of Michigan boys are overweight. The numbers get worse: 18 percent of Michigan girls between the ages of 12 and 18 and 19 percent of boys in the same age group are considered obese. Nationwide, 15 percent of children in the country are overweight.

Beside the self-esteem issues that sometimes burden overweight kids, there are other serious maladies linked to excessive weight, like heart disease and diabetes.

A lot of issues play a role in making children in Michigan the heaviest in the country, like the physical education programs, diet at home and school, exercise outside school and instruction about healthy lifestyles, Bucholz says.

Meanwhile, pizza is the biggest seller among all the schools in Livonia, but it's made with low-fat mozzarella cheese and really isn't unhealthy, explains Martha Terry, Livonia Public Schools food service supervisor, which also serves all of Garden City schools. In the elementary schools, chicken nuggets and French toast sticks are also popular. Anything that has a Mexican theme is a hit in the high schools.

"Kids are eating healthier nowadays, too," Terry says. "They're taking fresh fruit and purchasing salads. They love roll-up sandwiches in the high schools."

Districts are forced to provide healthy meals to receive federal reimbursements through the National School

Lunch and School Breakfast programs, which give schools money when they meet Department of Agriculture nutritional standards. Schools receive cash subsidies for each meal they sell meeting federal regulations, which recommend no more than 30 percent of an individual's calories should come from fat and less than 10 percent from saturated fat. The lunches also must provide one-third of the recommended daily allowances of protein, vitamins and calories.

## FAST COMPETITION

The biggest competition for students' taste buds is the fast food restaurants, says Toni Makino, food service director for Wayne-Westland Community Schools, which is provided by Aramark.

To make meals more attractive, "We market to students," Makino says. For instance, One World Café was created in the cafeterias to make the area more inviting to students.

Meals there mirror the popular fast food chains and offer pizza, chicken nuggets, nachos and other Mexican foods, mozzarella sticks and chicken fingers. A lot of the menus developed are what teens might see when they're at the mall.

In an effort to win students back, Aramark also brings in cartoon characters to explain nutrition to elementary school children. Children and teenagers at the middle and high school levels are offered health classes where they discuss food health and nutrition.

"We're shifting our menu to meet the kids' needs and, quite frankly, they are becoming more health conscious," Martin explains.

An offerings bar, for instance, gives kids a chance to pick salads and fruits.

The district also works with focus groups in which students identify what they like and dislike. Students in the district have affected change by requesting more bottled water, juices and certain vegetables.

"Aramark does a lot of marketing and research to see what students prefer," Martin says. "There's a nutrition review done on a yearly basis."

You can give students options, but you can't force them to always make the right choices.

"There's just so many things you can legislate," Bucholz says. "You can't legislate empathy, caring and love. For the kids to develop healthy eating habits, they have to learn it at home."

You can't blame record levels of obesity among Michigan children on school lunches alone, he says, adding that in some districts, the school lunches are the only decent meal students get in a day.

A couple of years ago, the Michigan Board of Education

adopted a plan to become a national model that promotes helping young people make healthy lunch choices and offering an increased emphasis on physical education. A problem, Bucholz says, is that schools are shaving off minutes from the lunch hour and physical education to meet educational demands.

"If you work 8 (a.m.) to 5 (p.m.), chances are good you get at least a half-hour lunch," Bucholz says. A 30-minute lunch is a long lunch in some Michigan schools, where children are expected to finish their midday meal in 10 to 12 minutes.

"And that's too short a time," Bucholz emphasizes. "We continually redo guidelines for what is appropriate for school lunches and physical education. Some kids only get physical education once a week."

What's the sense of trying to produce kids who are smart if they're unhealthy? wonders Bucholz.

"You can't learn math, language arts and science if you're dead," he says. "We have a high percentage of students that have other diseases that come with obesity, like Type 2 diabetes. This is a major issue and something that we have to address in the next five years."

"Districts are going to reduce the a la carte items and reduce carbonated beverages. The only focus we have is the health of the children and teaching them how to make healthy choices. Somewhere we get disconnected about what kids need to eat. It's not real popular in some districts."

Students always are encouraged to take some of everything that is being offered in the lunch line, Andrejko says. But ensuring that they're actually eating it is another issue.

This year, Andrejko says, there will be four side dishes offered daily, which is up from two choices in the past.

"We felt that with everyone worried about healthy eating habits that if they saw more selections they may be more apt to make healthy selections," he adds. "We need to educate kids about what's good and what's not good."

Referring to his six children, Andrejko says, it's a challenge to get teenagers to eat well. Even if the schools didn't offer unhealthy snacks, that wouldn't keep students from packing those items in their lunches from home, he adds.

"It's a two-way street," Andrejko says. "It also has to be done by parents at home and the kids have to make healthy choices."

If you teach them healthy habits when they're young, it will work, he says.

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## Children know what they should eat

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
CORRESPONDENT

Even the youngest children among us seem to know exactly what a healthy lunch looks like.

Many times that's not what they're seeing kids bring to school.

In fact, they talked about a lot of healthy ingredients. Getting your kids involved in deciding what goes in their lunches is a key ingredient to packing foods they will eat, according to dietitians. We asked students what their ideal lunch would be. Surprisingly, most didn't want a sack full of junk.

Take, for instance, Alex Marks, a 16-year-old Plymouth resident who is a junior at University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy.

Often he has peanut butter

and jelly sandwiches, nuts for protein, a large drink and yogurt. The most important thing to remember is that no matter what is in his lunch, he's definitely going to be hungry at that time.

"I've been getting up so early that a bigger lunch is important," Marks says.

Logan Wilt, 6, of Westland recently entered first grade at Hayes Elementary School in Livonia. He is eating some of his first lunches at school. He loves spending time during the midday meal with his pals at school.

"It's just fun," Logan says. "The best lunch I could ever get would be pizza," he says.

Three of the four Morasso children, of Livonia, would choose pizza as their favorite main entree for lunches at school.

Theresa, a 10th-grade student at Ladywood High School, says her dream lunch would be pizza, pop and a muffin. If she packed lunch for children, however, she would "probably give them carrots, a fruit, sandwich, a 100 percent

juice box and a snack."

"That's what my mom gives me," she adds.

Her sister, Katie, 11, is a seventh-grade student at Riley Middle School. She chooses pizza with juice and fruit for her favorite lunch.

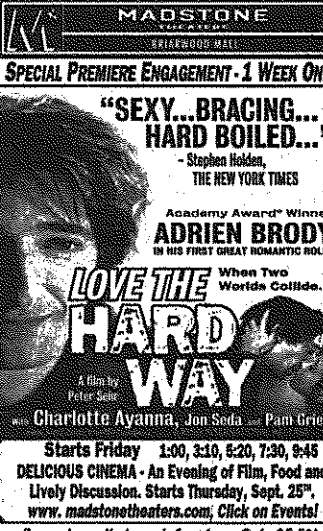
The worst lunch she ever saw someone bring to school was a sandwich and juice "without anything else."

Jimmy, 13, would love to get to the lunch room table and open a bag full of pizza, a chocolate malt and watermelon pieces.

He usually gets a sandwich, cookies, a juice box, carrots, fruit (sometimes watermelon) "and lots of stuff like that."

The worst lunch he's ever seen a student bring to school was pop and candy.

His brother, John Morasso, 16, is a junior at Catholic Central High School in Redford. The muscular football player says he's content with what he gets: a sandwich with any kind of lunch meat, Gatorade, fruit, a vegetable, a cracker snack and something sweet.



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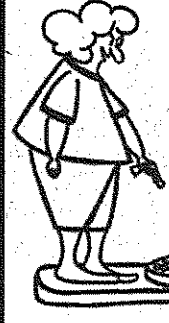
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deer sandwiches: Slice a piece of bread diagonally and in half again to create triangles, spread peanut butter to cover one side, add celery sticks for antlers, raisins for eyes and a strawberry or cherry for the nose, according to a recipe provided by the Association for Child Development.

Keep the lunch bag cool by freezing the juice box the night before and adding it before your child leaves for school, Isaak suggests. It keeps the things inside cool and they will have an icy treat at lunch.

Another way to get them to eat their lunches is to have them go to the grocery store and pick out the things they like. Children tend to eat healthier if they have a say in preparing the meal, according to an article prepared by www.KidsHealth.org. It also gives mom and dad a break.

You can also institute a weekly lunch menu. This will make the ritual of making lunches go more smoothly because you've already ensured all the necessary ingredients.

A menu should also prevent you and your child from making last-minute, unhealthy lunch choices.

"Make sure you don't pack an enormous amount of food, because it's overwhelming for a child and they'll trade away all their healthy foods and end up with the cookies," explains Isaak. "Try to make sure you pack healthy foods and let them be involved in what they want in their lunch. Ask them, 'Do you want blueberries or strawberries in your lunch?'"

She also advises against packing pop for lunch; instead, send along 100 percent juices. Be aware, she warns, of juice boxes with labels that say 100 percent vitamin C, because that doesn't mean it's 100 percent juice.

"You're missing out on the phytochemicals in the fruit and there's added sugar."

Try to sneak in as much nutrition into the snacks as possible by adding raisins to the chocolate chip cookies, for instance.

"We tend to make a really big deal about dessert, and that's why we all crave those so much," Isaak adds. "It's better to just treat that like every other food."

Don't give up if your kids tend to put their noses up to certain foods that you want them to have.

"Kids need to be offered things many, many times over before they will eat it," Isaak says. "Just because they don't eat it the first time doesn't mean they don't like it. Exposure is a

big thing. Keep serving it."

Seasoning can change the taste immensely, she says. Add some lemon juice, garlic and other favorite herbs to spice things up.

Kids often like tuna pitas or tortilla roll-ups that are cut in pinwheels. Other kids like hummus, banana bread, macaroni and cheese in a thermos, or bagels with their favorite spread. Melon balls stored in a freezer container can be a big hit; baby carrots with a vegetable dip and dip for your fruit can make the apple more appealing, too.

Eating right will also affect how your child performs at school, according to the American Food Service Association. Foods with carbohydrates, like pasta, rice, bread, cereal, fruits and vegetables, provide glucose, which is the brain's preferred energy source. Since the brain cannot store glucose, it needs a continuous source of fuel from foods.

Protein helps to transmit information from the brain to all parts of the body, and fat is important for brain structure and function, according to AFSA.

A nutrition-packed lunch might make the difference between getting an A or B on a test and even how fast your child runs the mile in gym class.

## Schoolcraft offers post-graduate degree program

Professional chefs now have the opportunity to significantly advance their knowledge and skills in a new post-graduate Culinary Arts degree at Schoolcraft College, initiated in the fall 2003 semester.

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Discover braised escarole with garlic

Here's other uses of fresh produce

BY DANA JACOBI  
CORRESPONDENT

The chicory family ranges from the aristocratic endive and trendy, burgundy-red radicchio to the plebeian dandelion greens.

It also includes the shaggy escarole, a frizzy version the French call frisée and that U.S. markets often label curly endive. Of all these bitter greens, escarole is my favorite.

As a child, I didn't like it when my mother tossed chopped escarole into a green salad because it was too bitter for my young palate.

After college, traveling in Europe, I discovered braised escarole, then soup made with escarole and white beans, and I developed a taste for this assertive green.

Flat, flaring heads of escarole, also called 'scarole, or chicory, are a favorite because of their crisp texture, balance between sweet and bitter flavors, and versatility.

Cooking tenderizes escarole nicely. Around the Mediterranean, this usually means sautéing it in a generous amount of olive oil, then adding water and simmering until the escarole melts.

I use a leaner method, one that also mutes its sharpness to a comfortable level for most

Americans.

Start by selecting escarole with unblemished leaves, white stems shading up to rich green tops and a generous, pale yellow heart. Cut away or tear off most of the fibrous white portion of the leaves.

Be sure to wash escarole very well, as it grows in sandy soil that leaves unpleasant grit.

Boil the leaves for 5 minutes, less if you like strong-flavored greens, and drain well. This step also lets you then braise the escarole with less oil than otherwise needed.

Try combining braised escarole with a can of white cannellini beans. Use a sharp vinaigrette dressing made with red wine and balsamic vinegar, or try a combination of rice vinegar and grapefruit juice.

BRAISED ESCAROLE WITH GARLIC

2 heads escarole (2-1/4 to 2-1/2 lbs.)  
2 Tbs. extra virgin olive oil  
4 large garlic cloves, cut lengthwise in thick slices  
1-1/2 cups fat-free, low-sodium chicken broth, divided  
1/2 tsp. red pepper flakes (optional)  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Cut leaves off heads of escarole about 3 inches above the base to remove thick, white stems. Discard bruised leaves.

Fill sink with cold water. Add escarole, swishing leaves vigor-

ously to rinse off sand and grit. Drain and rinse sand from sink. Repeat this procedure. (This can be done up to 4 hours ahead. Shake most of the moisture off greens and store them in a plastic bag in refrigerator.)

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. When water boils, add the escarole. Cook greens 2 minutes.

Transfer greens to a strainer. Run cold water over greens to cool. Drain well. Press greens to extract excess water, then use hands to squeeze greens, in several batches, to remove as much water as possible. Slice each batch of squeezed greens into roughly 1/2- to 1-inch strips.

Heat oil in medium skillet over medium heat. Sauté garlic until golden, about 3 minutes. Turn slices and cook until lightly colored. Remove garlic to a small bowl and set aside. Add escarole to pan, stirring to coat it with oil. Pour in broth and add pepper flakes. Bring liquid to a boil, then immediately reduce heat to a simmer. Cook until escarole is tender, according to taste.

Remove from heat and season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve hot, warm or room temperature, garnished with reserved garlic slices.

Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 109 calories, 7 g. total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 10 g. carbohydrate, 4 g. protein, 8 g. dietary fiber, 273 mg. sodium.

AUTUMN APPLE PIE

2 cups all-purpose flour  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 cup shortening  
6 to 7 tablespoons cold water  
1/2 to 3/4 cup sugar  
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
dash ground nutmeg  
6 to 8 medium apples peeled and sliced (7-1/2 cups)  
1/4 cup dried cranberries or cherries, or snipped dried apricots or figs, or raisins (optional)  
2 tablespoons margarine or butter  
milk  
sugar

For pastry, stir together 2 cups all-purpose flour and salt in a medium bowl. Using a pastry blender, cut in shortening until pieces are the size of small peas. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon cold water over part of mixture, then gentle toss with a fork. Push to side of the bowl. Repeat, using more water, 1 tablespoon at a time, until all is moistened. Divide dough in half. Form each half into a ball.

On a lightly floured surface, flatten one ball of dough with your hands. Using a rolling pin, roll dough from the center to the edge, forming a circle about 12 inches in diameter. Transfer pastry to a 9-inch pie plate. Carefully ease pastry into pie plate, being careful not to stretch it. Roll out remaining ball of dough to a 12-inch circle.

SUMMER SQUASH

When young and tender, summer squash need only be washed and quartered, put into a steamer or a strainer over a kettle of boiling water, and cooked for about 30 minutes, or until tender. Mash, and season with a little salt, and rich cream or butter. If very watery, press out part of the juice between two colanders before mashing.

STUFFED GREEN PEPPERS

1 large green pepper  
1/2 cup cooked lentils, seasoned and drained  
garlic powder to taste  
1/2 cup tomatoes  
1/2 cup fresh mushrooms  
1/3 cup cooked brown rice  
fresh ground pepper to taste

Cut green pepper in half lengthwise; parboil for 5 minutes. Mix all other ingredients together. Place mixture in green pepper. Bake 30 to 45 minutes in 350° F oven. Makes one serving.

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Livonia, enjoys several varieties of apples, whether they are Northern Spy, Grahm Spy, both grown locally, or Washington Fujis or Red Delicious, Golden Delicious, Braeburn or Gala.

"You really can give a consumer a wide range and a great deal of variety," Maiorana said. He might give his son a larger apple, whereas his daughter might prefer a smaller one.

Maiorana said you should look for shiny, unbruised apples.

Red delicious apples should be refrigerated.

Pears also are filling the shelves, as the bartletts and boscs are harvested. The bartletts arrive in the store

while still green, but then turn slightly yellow as they ripen, Maiorana said. "They're creamy and sweet. Those are a great item."

"I really like to give them whatever is in season," he said, whether it is nectarines, plums, grapes, strawberries or blueberries.

This fall it will be apples, oranges, tangerines and grapes.


Washington peaches are excellent and raspberries make a great simple snack, Maiorana said.

Parents can extend that healthy eating to dinner, too. Fall harvest vegetables include squash, cauliflower, broccoli, peppers and green beans. Then there's spinach, romaine, kale and escarole.

"The darker the color, the more nutrition it has," Maiorana said.

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BAKER'S CYST

Baker's cyst refers to a swelling behind the knee. The cause of the swelling is as follows: You make a fluid, called synovial fluid, from cells of the knee joint capsule lining the knee joint. The joint capsule extends to the back of the knee to provide protection for the tendons that come close together in the back and inner side of the knee.

Normally, just a little fluid enters this back area of the knee joint. However, for reasons not clear, cells lining the back of the knee cap enlarge. This increase in size, coupled with the position of the cells creates a one way valve. Fluid can enter but does not leave. The area in back of the knee enlarges, forming the fluid filled compartment known as a Baker's cyst.

The cyst itself is of little importance. It does not cause any problem for the knee tendons, and will not slow your walking or cause you pain. The one troublesome aspect of a Baker's cyst is that it can rupture. When that happens, you have synovial fluid rushing down your lower leg, crowding and pressuring the calf muscles. Then you feel pain and cannot walk normally.

Doctors can control a Baker's cyst. They do so not by taking fluid from the cyst itself. That would only cause the fluid to reoccur. Furthermore, the track of the needle used to remove the fluid would provide a pathway for excess fluid to squirt out with every step you took. Rather, the treatment of choice is to remove fluid from the front of the knee. Afterwards, the fluid cannot accumulate in the back of the joint.

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# Bake apple bread to celebrate autumn

One of the most enjoyable experiences in Michigan becomes possible in the next few weeks – apple-picking! To me, the orchards north of Romeo, on a crisp autumn day, are magical.

It seems fitting that, in this week's column, I try and inspire you to make apple bread. Not the soft spongy kind which is related to banana bread, but a spectacular Artisan loaf, full of flavor, beautifully textured and with a good hearty crust.

It will take you about 18 hours. But before you get worried, let me hasten to tell you that there will be only about 30 minutes of active work. That's pretty good when you consider that you will finish up with two 1 pound loaves—each a masterpiece.

## THE EVENING BEFORE:

This is when two easy steps need to be taken:

**Step One:** Take 1 tablespoon of cracked wheat or cracked rye (both can be found in your neighborhood health food store) and add 2 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon purified water. Combine them in a bowl. Stir well and cover the bowl with plastic wrap. Then, let the cracked grain soak overnight for 12 hours.

**Step Two:** This step involves making a pre-ferment. It's not difficult to do. Just sprinkle ½ teaspoon of instant yeast over one cup of warm water (between 110-115 degrees F) and let it stand for about 10 minutes.

Next, measure 1 cup plus 3 tablespoons of organic flour into a bowl and mix in ¾ of a cup of lukewarm water (about 75 degrees F) and add just 2 tablespoons of the yeast water (dispose of the rest.) Combine fairly well and cover this mixture with plastic wrap.

Say goodnight to that mixture, and in 12 hours time it



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Gerald Matthes

will have fermented, leaving the surface wrinkled and foamy. The aroma will be enticing and this will be the source of much of the bread's wonderful flavor.

## THE MORNING AFTER:

Now you need a large mixing bowl. Into it goes 2 cups of organic flour, a ¼ cup of whole-wheat flour and ¼ teaspoon of instant yeast. Add the pre-ferment you made the night before, along with the soaked cracked wheat (or rye, whichever you prefer), ½ cup of lukewarm water and ½ cup of apple sauce. Mix until the dough is smooth. Then, cover it with plastic wrap and let it rest for 30 minutes. This step allows the dough to relax.

Next, turn out the dough onto a lightly floured work surface. Add 2 teaspoons of salt, ½ teaspoon of cinnamon, and ½ teaspoon of allspice. Knead until the dough is smooth and soft but no longer sticky. Now, knead 2 ounces of hazelnuts (which you previously toasted in a 350° F oven until lightly brown) as well as 2 ounces of dried Calimyrna figs, which should be stemmed and cut into ½-inch pieces.

Finally, knead in 4 ounces of your favorite hard, crisp apple, which should be peeled, cored, and cut into ½ inch cubes.

At this stage, most of your active work is done. Just place the dough in a bowl at least three times its size and cover it with plastic wrap.

In about three hours, the dough will have fermented, expanded and nearly doubled in size.

Lightly flour the dough and your work surface and turn the dough out. Cut it into two equal sized pieces. Loosely round each one and drape plastic wrap over them while they rest and relax for 20 minutes.

After this resting period, shape the two pieces into tight round loaves. Seal the bottom seams and place the loaves, seal side down, onto 2 sheets of parchment paper on a cookie sheet. Cover them again with plastic wrap and proof the loaves until they have expanded. This takes about 1½ to 2 hours.

An hour before the loaves have fully proofed, preheat the oven to 375° F. On the second to the top shelf, place a baking stone and take out the shelf above. Just before baking, spray the oven with a mister. Then slide the loaves (still on the parchment paper) onto the hot stone and spray them with the mister again, and close the door quickly.

Bake the loaves for 20 minutes and rotate them on the stone (few ovens bake evenly.) Close the door and bake them for 20 minutes more. The loaves should be dark, evenly colored all around.

The temptation will be to eat one right away, but try and resist. The flavor will be even better if you allow them to cool on a rack for 30 minutes or more.

Remember, you can make adjustments to this recipe if you wish—as long as you keep quantities the same. For example, you can use raisins instead of figs, toasted almonds instead of hazelnuts and cubed pears (Hard Bosc or Anjou) instead of apples.

Whichever you choose, you will be in for a treat.

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# Herbs, bulgur update chicken dinner

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You may remember a time in the past when a formal family dinner took place on Sunday, with two parents plus offspring sitting down at a carefully set table to share roast chicken, mashed potatoes and all the trimmings – dishes we now nostalgically call comfort food.

When roast chicken is served at home today, I will wager that significantly more whole birds are bought that are already cooked and ready to serve, rather than cooked from scratch.

According to U.S. Department of Census 2001 figures, almost 60 percent of American households consist of 26.7 million single households (26 percent) and 34.6 million two-person households (33 percent). And, according to health experts, almost two-thirds of all Americans are either overweight or obese, and need to rethink their eating habits.

This dish is lean, made with

skinless breasts cooked on the rib, which helps keep the meat moist. It needs little salt or added fat to taste irresistible, thanks to an abundance of fresh herbs. And roasting the chicken means it requires little tending as it cooks.

## HERBED CHICKEN WITH BULGUR

1 Spanish onion, thinly sliced  
2 Tbs. finely chopped fresh tarragon  
1 Tbs. finely chopped fresh rosemary  
1 Tbs. finely chopped fresh thyme  
½ tsp. salt  
Freshly ground pepper  
1 tsp. extra virgin olive oil  
Canola oil cooking spray  
1 medium skinless and boneless chicken breast, about 1 lb.  
1½ cup fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth, divided  
1 cup bulgur

Place oven rack in the center of oven. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Arrange onion slices to make a bed in the middle of a small roasting pan. Set aside.

In a small bowl, combine tarragon, rosemary, thyme, salt and

pepper. Mix in oil until herbs are coated. Remove 1 tablespoon of mixture and set aside. Lightly coat chicken with cooking spray, then with remaining herbs. Set chicken on the onion in roasting pan. Pour in ½ cup broth. Cover pan loosely with foil.

Bake chicken until tender and juices run clear when thickest part of chicken is pierced with a knife, about 20 to 25 minutes. Remove chicken from pan and keep warm, covered with foil. Using a slotted spoon, remove onion and set aside. Pour liquid from pan into a large measuring cup. Add enough of remaining broth to make 2 cups. Place bulgur in a mixing bowl. In a small saucepan, heat broth to a boil. Pour broth over bulgur. Mix in reserved onion and chopped herbs. Let sit, uncovered, until bulgur absorbs liquid and is tender, about 30 minutes. Meanwhile, cut chicken into bite-size pieces.

Make a bed of bulgur on serving plate. Top with chicken and serve. Makes 4 servings.

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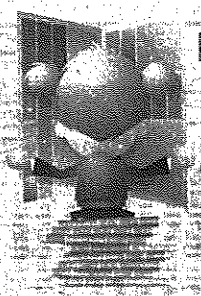
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Look through your newspaper to see if there are any stories on local servicemen or servicewomen serving overseas. Write about how their lives may have changes since going overseas to serve our country—even though they're not a POW or Missing in Action. What are they craving from home that they can't get overseas? (I.E. My nephew is an MP in Iraq and he really wants some Mountain Dew made with U.S. water. It doesn't taste the same when it's bottled over there. With the 120 degree weather over there it would be nice to have something cool.)

On another note, Victoria Woodhull, the first female candidate for president was born on September 23, 1838. Select a prominent female newsmaker whom you think would make a good president. Assemble stories from the Internet with background information to support your opinion. Write a press release about her candidacy and list her qualifications. Create a campaign slogan, button, and brochure. Plan your candidate's schedule between now and the election, including whom to debate and areas of the country to visit.

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## Breakfast and Brunch

Take a fresh new approach to entertaining and learn from a demonstration on preparing and serving breakfast and brunch to your friends at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24 at Pronto's commissary kitchen, 4343 Normandy Court (one block east of Coolidge, just north of 13 1/2 Mile Road (Normandy), in Royal Oak. Class fee is \$25. You must pre-register by calling (248) 549-1519 ext. 0. Other classes offered are: Salmon (Oct. 1), A Taste of Europe (Oct. 8), Autumn Soup (Oct. 15), Comfort Foods (Oct. 22) and Pasta and Wine (Oct. 29).

## MFit classes

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will be highlighted in creating meusli, apple snack cake, a baked pancake with raspberries, country pear cake, blueberry flapjacks and cherry berry crumble in this class 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, at the University of Michigan Health System's East Ann Arbor Health Center Demonstration Kitchen, 4260 Plymouth Road, in Ann Arbor. Class fee is \$30. Other classes include: Super Snacks and Appetizers with Rebecca Miller of Busch's Market on Wednesday, Oct. 1, and Knife Skills on Oct. 22 (\$35 class fee). For more information, call Nicole Goyarts at (734) 975-4387, ext. 236 or sign-up on line [www.mfitnutrition.com](http://www.mfitnutrition.com)

## Cuisine du Jour

Chef Randy Emert, executive chef at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester Hills, will demonstrate fall cooking with fish, fowl and fresh fruits and vegetables 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26 at Trevarrow, 1295 Opdyke Road in Auburn Hills. Class fee is \$30 per person. Chef Mario Etemad, senior vice president of Food Service and Hospitality for Palace Sports and Entertainment, will discuss stews and cassoulets 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 23. For information, call (248) 377-2300.

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with cocktails and island-themed hors d'oeuvres. The cost is \$125 per person. Reservations can be made by calling McCormick & Schmick's at (248) 637-6400. Famie's latest book, *You Really Haven't Been There Until You've Eaten the Food*, will also be on sale with apportion of the proceeds to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

## Learn Asian

Thai and Chinese appetizers, a soup and main dishes will be created in this class 7:15 - 9:15 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15. Bring a 9-by-13-inch pan with lid and a heatproof soup container. Class will be taught at Smith Elementary School in Troy. Class fee is \$21, food fee is \$5. Call (248) 823-5100 for information.

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## Parent and child workshop

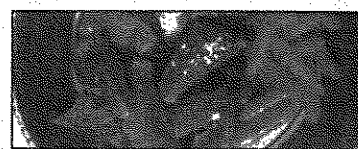
Together a parent and child will assemble and decorate an extra-large gingerbread house, approximately 4 pounds (or about 10-by-12 inches) made of sweet, fragrant gingerbread with lots of icing and candy. Please bring a cardboard box to carry it home. This class will be presented by Ginger Works, 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20 at Derby Middle School, Room 115. The class fee is \$30. For registration and information, please call 248-203-3800.

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Please submit items at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009 or email [kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net)

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2 cloves minced garlic  
2 cups veal stock or chicken broth  
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1/2 cup sake (rice wine)  
Wasabi Sauce:  
1-1/2 to 2 tablespoons Wasabi paste  
2 tablespoons peanut oil  
1 tablespoon mirin  
1 teaspoon dark sesame oil  
1 teaspoon minced fresh ginger  
1 teaspoon minced garlic  
1 teaspoon sugar

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in Dutch oven over medium-high heat until hot. Add veal shanks and brown evenly, turning occasionally. Add remaining 1 tablespoon oil as needed. Remove shanks; set aside.

Add onion, carrots, ginger and garlic; cook and stir 1-2 minutes or until tender. Add veal stock, soy sauce and sake. Return shanks to Dutch oven; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low; cover tightly and simmer 1-1/2 hours or until veal is fork tender.

Meanwhile combine sauce ingredients in a small bowl; set aside. Remove shanks to warm platter. Remove vegetables from cooking liquid; skim fat. Cook liquid over high heat until reduced by half, stirring occasionally. Stir in sauce ingredients. Serve with veal. Makes 4 servings.

Cook's Tip: Wasabi paste and mirin can be found in the Asian section of the supermarket or in specialty food stores.

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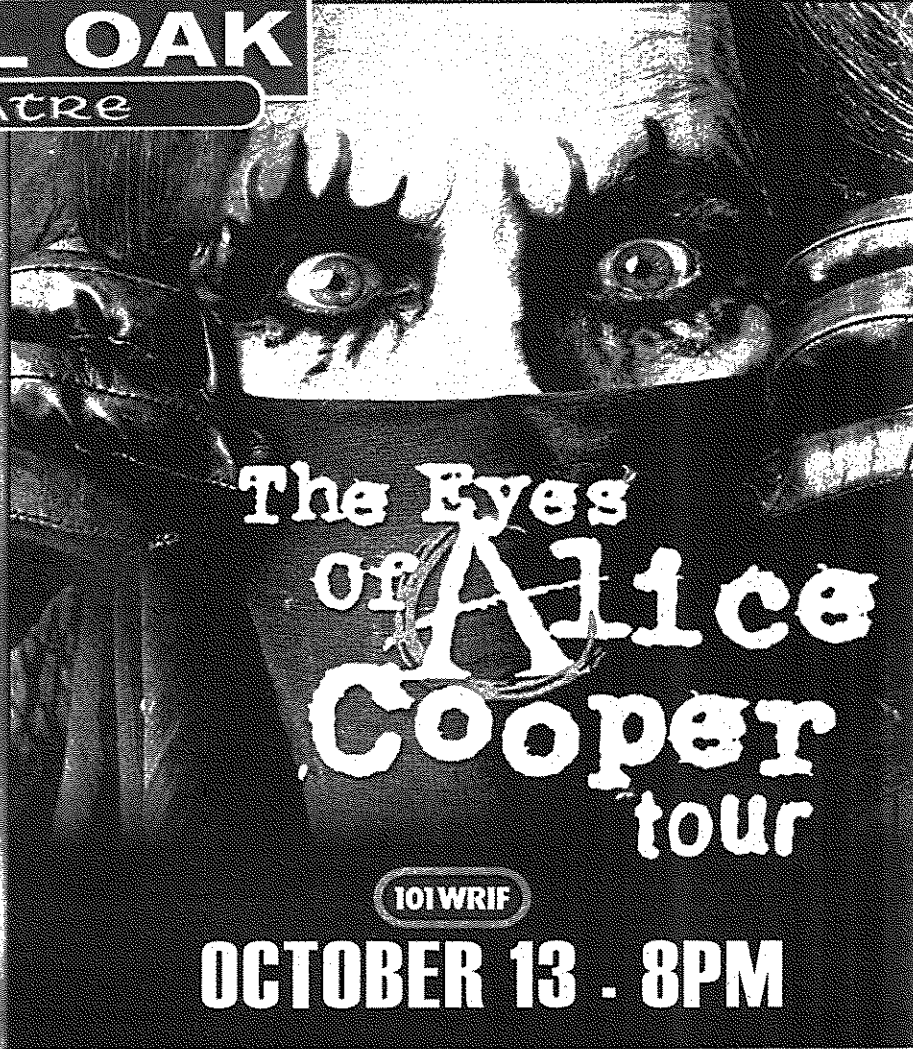
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## Hot Ticket

# Czar-gazing

## Russian empire's treasures make first North American appearance

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
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The remains of one of the world's great czarist dynasties - Russia's Romanov family - is making its North American debut in Ann Arbor.

*The Romanovs Collect: European Art from the Hermitage*, opens Sunday, Sept. 21, at the University of Michigan Museum of Art in Ann Arbor.

The Romanovs, who reigned from 1689 to 1917, avidly collected European art in large part to demonstrate their wealth and power to other nations.

Though the family's possessions make for a vast collection, most of the pieces have never been seen by Americans because the works have never left Russia.

"This is, in many ways, an opportunity to see hidden treasures," said James Steward, the museum's director and curator of *The Romanovs Collect*.

The landmark exhibition not only anchors the University of Michigan's campus-wide "Celebrating St. Petersburg Festival," but also marks a new direction for UMMA.

"We are really making a commitment to being a resource for the entire state of Michigan," said Steward. "This is an ambitious project, but we have been doing much more in terms of international loans and serving as a catalyst for wider university programs."

### ART LECTURES

Several visiting curators are slated to speak in conjunction with 'The Romanovs Collect.'

#### ■ 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28:

'Becoming Russian: The Evolution of Russian Style in the Imperial Court,' with Alexey Leporc, assistant professor, Department of Art History, European University, St. Petersburg.

■ 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7: 'The Anglomania of the Russian Tsars,' with Elizaveta Renne, senior researcher and keeper of British and Scandinavian painting, Western European Art Department, State Hermitage Museum.



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'Portrait of Catherine II,' British, 1782, by Richard Brompton, comes from the State Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg.

The exhibit's 140 works, all of which are European art or decorative objects, come from the distinguished State Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg.

The exhibit, organized chronologically by czar, begins with pieces amassed by Peter the Great, who became czar in 1689 and founded St. Petersburg in 1703. It closes with pieces collected by Nicholas II, who took power in 1895, when the family's personal tastes were less definitively European.

### TELLING STORIES

Along the way, the exhibit tells many stories, among them the role art played in forging Russia's national identity.

"It's not art in a vacuum," said Steward. The Romanovs used "these art collections as a way to suggest they had arrived as a family and a country."

Likewise, each collection provides insight into its collector.

Peter the Great, for example, loved Dutch painting, particularly landscapes and seascapes. He also started the Romanov tradition of collecting Italian sculpture.

"Catherine the Great comes across most strongly," said Steward. "She was a great shopper. She had vast resources and bought in volume beyond what any other member of her family did."

Catherine's taste for the Old Masters, the art of her own time, and the neoclassical comes across in such works as Hans Bol's panoramic *Allegory of Spring*, Jean Baptiste Greuze's *Portrait of a Young Man*

### CELEBRATING ST. PETERSBURG

What: 'The Romanovs Collect: European Art from the Hermitage.'

When: Sunday, Sept. 21, through Sunday, Nov. 23; museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Where: University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 South State, University of Michigan campus, Ann Arbor.

Tickets: Admission is free; suggested donation is \$5, call (734) 763-UMMA or visit [www.umma.umich.edu](http://www.umma.umich.edu).

*in a Hat* and Anton Raphael Meng's *Annunciation*.

Some of Catherine the Great's interests will likely surprise many Americans, said Steward. For instance, Catherine, who ruled between 1762 and 1796, had an interest in the progressive philosophy of the time and read many of the same books as Thomas Jefferson.

"The exhibition can help to bring out these common threads. We share as cultures many of the same values and ideas," Steward said, adding, "In part we're seeking to complicate our understanding of the history of Russia and to help make Russia less remote."

### RELATED PERFORMANCES

*The Romanovs Collect* exhibit anchors the 'Celebrating St. Petersburg Festival,' which features numerous performances and programs. For a full schedule of events, visit [www.umich.edu/stpetersburg](http://www.umich.edu/stpetersburg).

#### ■ St. Petersburg String Quartet

with pianist Maxim Mogilevsky, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, Rackham Auditorium, Ann Arbor, tickets, \$18-34.

#### ■ Kirov Orchestra of the Mariinsky

Theatre, 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, Pease Auditorium, Ypsilanti, tickets, \$18-65.



Big screen

# Cabin Fever is brilliant, but boy, is it dark

'CABIN FEVER'  
\*\*\* (out of four)

The bad news: *Cabin Fever* does not contain many new ideas. Instead, it steals them.

The good news: Director Eli Roth cares to steal from the very best. As any horror fanatic will tell you — in

fact, just try shutting him up — *Cabin Fever* is primarily an amalgam of two films, Tobe Hooper's *The Texas Chain Saw Massacre* and Sam Raimi's *The Evil Dead*, easily two of the most influential horror flicks in history. There's a million other references if you care to catch them — the banjo boy from *Deliverance*, the radio music from *Last House on the Left* — but you probably didn't

show up for Horror Theory 101. You just want to get seriously freaked out, right?

Is a fast-acting, flesh-eating virus freaky enough for you? That's what awaits college buddies Jeff, Karen, Paul, Marcy and Bert as they head for an isolated forest cabin for a weekend of heavy drinking, pot smoking and other illicit activities.

Things take a turn for the icky when a blood-soaked man covered with festering sores bangs on their door, pleading for help. Soon, one of the friends has caught the gruesome disease, but with their vehicle broken down the remaining group is forced to wait for help. Nobody wants to be next. Boyfriends turn on girlfriends. Best pals turn on best pals. Some barricade themselves in. Others try to flee. But can you really ever outrun a virus?

For decades, much of the secret pleasure of viewing horror films has been witnessing the attractive, nubile young bodies of decadent teenagers get hacked to teeny weeny

pieces. Freddy, Jason and Michael were no less than self-mocking representations of parental warnings: "Be good or else." The concept of "or else" is far less ominous when revealed to be a royally pissed-off Cabbage Patch Kids doll named Chucky.

## INSPIRATION

Roth clearly grew up on these films and aspires to match their dubious pedigree. His characters are young, sexy and oftentimes boneheaded. We get to see a couple of them naked, too, which makes it all the more horrifying when they're reduced to pus-covered monstrosities. Sound yucky? Trust me, it is.

But Roth has little use for Freddy Krueger's brand of wisecracking irony, instead choosing to aim for the bar set by the unrelenting "feel-bad" movies of the 1970s. *Cabin Fever* does have a sense of humor, but it's dark. Very dark. So dark that many people are probably going to miss it entirely and accuse *Cabin Fever* of being senselessly gory and nihilistic.

Something tells me Roth would consider that reaction a personal victory. As horror mavericks George Romero, Wes Craven and

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Consider the spider. It has eight legs, spins webs and occasionally eats people in the most ghastly manner. Now, don't go grabbing your broom to defend yourself. Those little guys living under the porch pose no threat. It's the fellows in the movies that are out to get you. In the past few years, there has

been a positive explosion of spider movies. We've had *Arachnia*, *Arachnid*, *Spiders*, *Spiders II*, *Creepy Crawlers*, and a few years ago, John Goodman used his prodigious form to battle the beasts in *Arachnophobia*. There's something eminently filmable about spiders. This was recognized years ago in such 1950s classics as *The Spider* and

*Tarantula*, which featured Clint Eastwood in one of his earliest and least memorable roles. Most of the early spider movies relied on tarantulas, which are pretty easygoing sorts that work well on film. But with the advent of computer-generated effects, spiders have taken on much more creepy forms. You know, the big-bloated body guys

with the shiny skin (or what passes for skin on a spider), and nasty fangs. But as far as I'm concerned the best spider movie ever made relied not on a computer, but a Volkswagen. *The Giant Spider Invasion* is a delightful mess of incompetence and goofiness presided over by no less

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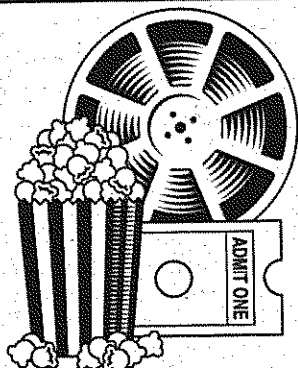
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1140, 30, 510, 725, 955  
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## SPIDERS

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than Alan Hale, Jr. — you know, the skipper on *Gilligan's Island*. He even greets a character in the movie as "Little Buddy." Those of us who appreciate the artistry of *Gilligan's Island* will find this both heartwarming and nostalgic. Hale plays the sheriff of a small Wisconsin town that is pelted by a meteor bearing murderous spiders inside it.

The first spiders are no more than tarantulas, but soon one grows into

the mother of all spiders, as big as a small Wisconsin house.

Enter the Volkswagen.

As this movie had a budget apparently in the single-digit range, there was not a lot to expend on special effects. The producers came upon an ingenious method of mobilizing the giant spider: They built a big spider on top of a Volkswagen, which they drove through the fields of Wisconsin in pursuit of screaming, fleeing townspeople. The effect is chilling in a cheesy sort of way.

In fact, *The Giant Spider Invasion* is so, well, remarkable, that it got the *Mystery Science Theater 3000* treat-

ment. But even Mike, Tom Servo and Crow couldn't add too much to the hilarity already at hand.

There are moments of jaw-dropping ineptitude in *The Giant Spider Invasion* that make it must viewing. I even have my own copy. It can be difficult to find in its original form at the average video store, but it may be out in the MST3K (Mystery Science) version. Or catch a rerun of MST3K on the Sci-Fi channel Saturday mornings.

Greg Kowalski is at peace with the spiders. They know not to come into the kitchen and he does not stomp on them. Contact him at (248) 901-2570 or at gkowalski@oe.homecomm.net.

## CABIN FEVER

FROM PAGE E4

John Carpenter would probably tell you, if you make a horror film and half of the people aren't outraged, well, you're doing something wrong.

*Cabin Fever* is mean-spirited. It consistently punishes the good characters, seeming to favor the jerks over the innocents. What may frustrate people more than anything is that there is no Freddy Krueger in *Cabin Fever* — Roth refuses audiences even a villain upon which to focus their anger. Exactly how do you get mad at a disease?

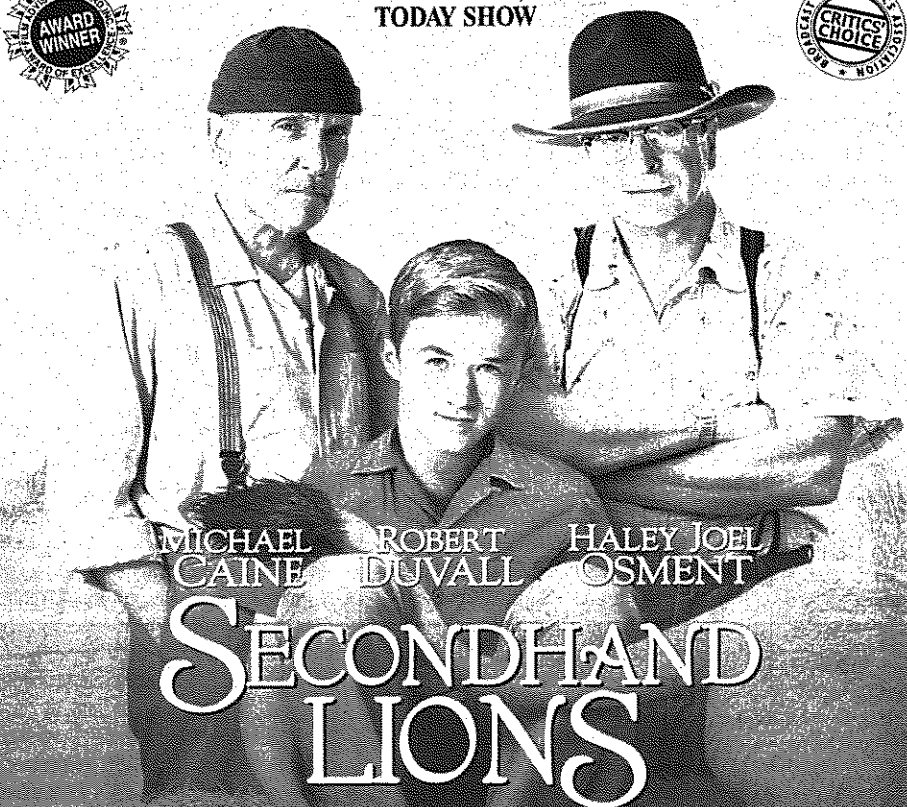
Daniel Kraus is a syndicated columnist and filmmaker. Info on his latest film, *Ball of Wax* can be found at [www.ballfowaxmovie.com](http://www.ballfowaxmovie.com).

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### Youth Orchestra auditions

Celebration Strings Youth Orchestra will hold auditions for the 2003-04 season from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 20 at Evola Music (7170 Haggerty, Canton). Placement in the first phase of this three-tiered program is open to young musicians, ages 9-14 in middle school and early high school. Students should prepare a one or two octave scale in any key and a piece of their choice. Call (734) 451-2112 to schedule an appointment.

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The Performance Network of Ann Arbor (120 E. Huron) offers their 2003-04 line-up including The Sins of Sor Juana (Sept. 4-Oct. 5); Tongue of a Bird (Oct. 16-Nov. 9); The Home Team (Nov. 20-Dec. 28); Fireside Festival (Jan. 15-18) Kimberly Akimbo (Jan. 29-Feb. 29); 2004 Angel of the Arts Awards (Feb. 27); Spike Heels (March 11-April 11); and The Threepenny

Opera (April 22-May 30). For ticket pricing and information call (734) 663-0681 or visit [performancenetwork.org](http://performancenetwork.org) online.

### Mosaic Youth Theatre

On Oct. 24 the Mosaic Youth Theatre will perform on the Plymouth Community Arts Council stage (774 N. Sheldon Road) at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Call (734) 416-4278.

### Mark Twain

Actor Hal Holbrook will bring his 'Mark Twain Tonight' show to Dearborn's Ford Community & Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20. Tickets cost \$43, \$39 and \$33. Call the center at (313) 943-2354. Proceeds will help support a Westland-based community foundation called SPARK (Sports, Parks and Recreation for Kids).

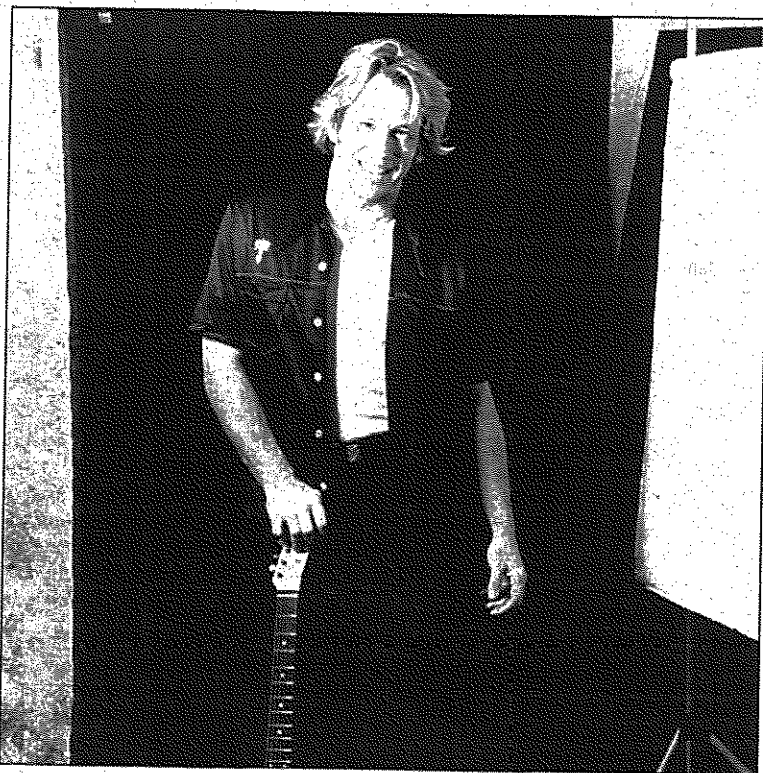
### Players Guild of Dearborn

The PGD announces its 76th season. *Heaven Can Wait* runs Sept. 19-21, 26-28. Sept. 21 and 28 are Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. All other performances begin at 8 p.m. *Chicago* run Nov. 7-8, 14-16, 21-

23, 29-30. Nov. 16, 23 and 20 begin at 2 p.m. Others at 8 p.m. *Funny Money* runs Jan. 9-10, 16-18, 23-25. Jan. 18 and 25 2:30 p.m. others 8 p.m. *Marvin's Room* runs March 5-6, 12-14, 20-21. March 14 and 21 2:30 p.m. others 8 p.m. *On The Town* runs April 30, May 1, 7-9, 14-16, 21-23. May 9, 16 and 23 at 2:30 p.m. others at 8 p.m. Call (313) 581-TKTS for tickets or visit [www.playersguildofdearborn.org](http://www.playersguildofdearborn.org)

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Stewart Francke will perform 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Comedian Bill Thomas opens the show. Tickets \$10, call (734) 464-6302.



The Paul Keller Orchestra performs 8-11p.m. Monday, Sept. 22 and 29, with Susan Chastain at the Firefly Club, 207 S. Ashley, (1 block west of Main St. between Liberty and Washington), Ann Arbor. Cover \$5, (734) 665-9090, [www.fireflyclub.com](http://www.fireflyclub.com)

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### Fisher Theatre

*Kiss Me Kate*, through Sept. 21, curtain 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, \$32-\$59.50, (248) 645-6666, (313) 872-1000 or [www.nederlanderdetroit.com](http://www.nederlanderdetroit.com)

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EMPATHEATRE begins its 10th season, performing in Ann Arbor at Kerrytown Concert House. This month's topic: Celebration! Join us Sept. 19 at 8 p.m. at the Kerrytown Concert House (415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor.) Tickets: \$12 (first 4 rows, \$15; seniors & students, \$10) Information and reservations: (734) 913-9733 or visit Web site: [www.empatheatre.org](http://www.empatheatre.org)

## THEATER AUDITIONS

### Music Man

Auditions will be held for Music Man at Henry Ford Community College (Fine Arts and Fitness) Sept. 30 and Oct. 2 from 3-6 p.m. and will include acting, vocal music and dance. The two semester project holds dance and music rehearsals fall semester on T/Th from 3:40-6:15 p.m. Winter semester show rehearsals are T/TH 7-10 p.m. Performances are Friday's through Sundays, April 16-May 2. Call (313) 845-9817.

### Village Players

Stage Door, comedy. 7 p.m. register, 7:30 p.m. audition, Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 29-30, 21 women, 7 men (some roles doubled), 34660 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Performances weekends Nov. 14-23, (248) 244-2666

### Youth Theatre, Farmington Hills

*Annie*, open auditions, grades 1-12, 6-10 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, Costick Center, Sharon Hall, 28600 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, show dates: Friday-Sunday, Nov. 21-23, \$115 registration fee. (248) 473-1800.

### Annie

Try out in the junior version of the musi-

cal *Annie*. Open auditions 6-10 p.m. Sept. 29 at the Costick Center, Shannon Hall in Farmington Hills. Show dates are Fri.-Sun. Nov. 21-23. Children cast in the performance will need to pay a registration fee of \$115 (includes costumes).

## ART CLASSES

### PCCA Art classes

Let your creative spirit flourish with classes offered at Paint Creek Center for the Arts including Drawing, Painting, Clay Wheel and Hand Building, Black/White Photography, Watercolor and Life Drawing. Classes run Sept. 15-Nov. 22. Call (248) 651-4110 or visit [www.pccart.org](http://www.pccart.org)

## DANCE

### Ballroom Dancing

Moondusters will host ballroom dancing to live bands, featuring popular swing, fox trot, waltz, cha-cha and other Latin every Saturday from 8:30-11:30 p.m. \$6. Dressy attire. Singles and married. Meet at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road and Five Mile, Livonia. Call Joe (248) 968-5197.

### Scottish Country

Scottish Country Dancing lessons begin their season Thursdays in Sept. at 7 p.m. at Madison Heights United Methodist Church. \$4. First night free. No partner required. Call (248) 637-2824 from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

### Michigan Classic Ballet Company

Scholarship Auditions 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22. No previous dance experience is necessary and the winner(s) will get a chance to perform on stage in The Nutcracker Ballet Dec. 13-14 at Mercy Auditorium in Farmington Hills. Dancers must be 12 years and older, two letters of recommendation are required, must bring their last report card. The Geiger Classic Ballet Academy is in Bloomfield Hills at 782 Denison Court, (248) 334-1300 or [www.geigerballet.com](http://www.geigerballet.com)

### Beginners Square Dance Class

Learn to square dance! No experience or partner necessary. Every Monday from 7-



9 p.m. at the VFW Hall on 9 Mile Rd., just west of Telegraph Road in Southfield. Classes begin Sept. 22, 29, or October 6. Come to one of these classes to sign up. Classes run Sept.-May. Your first class will be free, \$3 per session thereafter. Call for more information (313) 531-3027 or (248) 476-7253 or visit <http://squaredancemichigan.tripod.com/>

#### Eisenhower Dance Ensemble

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.

#### Dance concerts

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble announces its four concert 2003-04 metro Detroit subscription season. The first concert On the Move, will begin at 8 p.m. Nov. 1 at Varner Recital Hall on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. A concert prelude including a conversation with the artistic directors and performance by the dancers from the EDE Center for Dance will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$12 for seniors and \$8 for students. Call (248) 370-3013 for information about the remainder of the subscription season concerts

## SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Second City Celebration

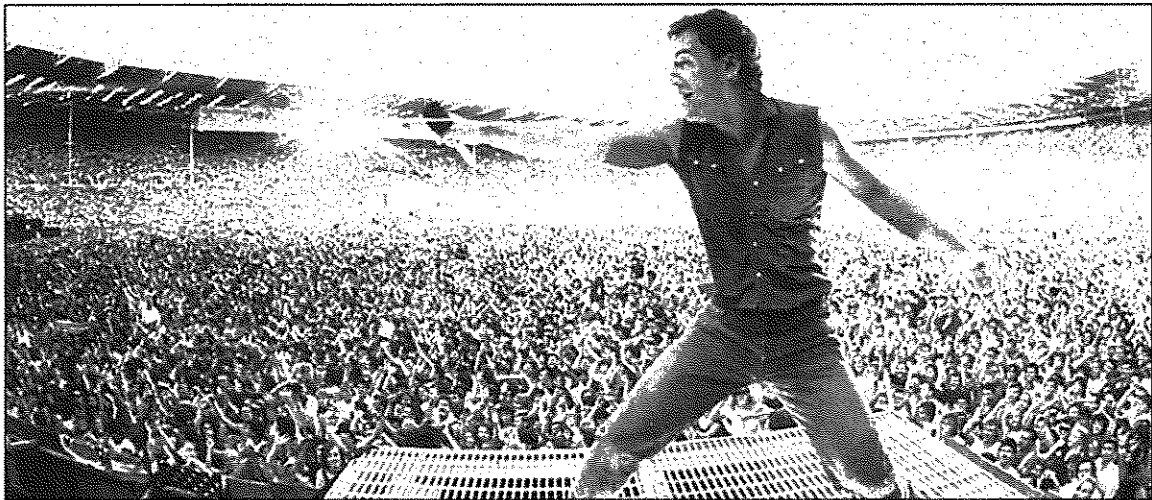
After 10 successful years The Second City - Detroit will celebrate a decade of entertaining with a weekend of events and activities starting with an 8 p.m. Sept. 18 official opening night of Detroit's 25th revue "Ten" - a retrospective collection of some of the best and funniest political, social and cultural material of the last decade. The celebration continues at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19 with a special performance of "Ten" at Gilda's Club to benefit the charity. Festivities come to a culmination Sept. 20 with an evening of commemorative events. An alumni panel discussion 5:30 p.m. (free and open to the public); a performance of "Ten" at 7:30 p.m. and a special Alumni Improv Set at 10 p.m. For ticket pricing and information for each event call (248) 645-6666 or online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) For other information call (313) 965-2222.

#### Scarab Club

New Friday, Sept. 19 from 7-9 p.m. Professor Michael Farrell lecturing on architecture by Gary Nelchers. In the Lounge Gallery, \$15 per person. Sept. 26 from 9-11 p.m. Post DIA Friday Film Wrap. Film discussion, \$5 per person includes light refreshments, coffee. Oct. 1-26, in the Main Gallery, Pewabic Pottery Invitational Exhibit. Alice Allholff Exhibit opening reception is 7-9 p.m. Oct. 3. Call (313) 831-1250 or visit [www.scarabclub.org](http://www.scarabclub.org). Located directly behind the Detroit Institute of Arts, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit.

#### Hungarian band

Detroit's own Csipke Hungarian Dance Ensemble is proud to host Duvo, a folk



Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band are performing at Comerica Park 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21. There are still a few tickets, priced at \$58 and \$78, left. Call Ticketmaster, (248) 645-6666.

music band from Hungary, performing at The Hungarian American Cultural Center in Taylor, 7 p.m. Sept. 19. Tickets are \$18 per person and are available at the door or through reservations. Call (734) 675-0863 or visit the Hungarian Center at 26257 Goddard Road, Taylor.

#### Cosmic Origins

Five distinguished astronomers will lead a series of lectures sponsored by the UM Department and Astronomy, the University of Michigan Exhibit Museum of Natural History and the UM Student Astronomical Society. The series will cover the origins of the universe, galaxies, stars, planets, etc. at 7:30 p.m. in Auditorium D, Angell Hall, 435 South State Street, Ann Arbor. Sept. 19, Professor Rocky Kolb, "The Quantum and the Cosmos;" Oct. 3, physics professor August "Gus" Evrard, "The Birth of Galaxies;" Oct. 17, Professor Alyssa Goodman, "A Recipe for Making Stars and Planets;" Oct. 24, Professor Geoffrey Marcy, "Extrasolar Planets and Prospects for Life;" and Nov. 7, professor Fred Adams, "Future of Life, Universe and Everything." Call (734) 764-0478 or visit [www.exhibits.lsa.umich.edu](http://www.exhibits.lsa.umich.edu)

#### Wayne State events

Wayne State University's Dept. of Music will host an Invitation Chorale Festival with Joseph Jennings, director of Chanticleer (10:30 a.m. Oct. 11); Organ master class with Notre Dame's Olivier Latry at 4 p.m. Oct. 30; and the 37th Annual Salute Concert to Downtown Detroit noon Nov. 25. Call (313) 577-1795 for details.

#### St. Raymond's Festival

For the first time at Freedom Hill, St. Raymond Catholic Church in Detroit invites you to join them at their \$25 annual festival. Enjoy food and refreshments, bingo, Vegas games, rides for small children and entertainment. 6-11 p.m. Sept. 19; noon to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20-21. Free admission. Parking, \$6.

#### WSU opening

Community Interactions will debut with an opening reception 5-8 p.m. Sept. 26 at Wayne State University. The exhibit will run from Sept. 26-Nov. 21 featuring artists: Dawoud Bey, Brett Cook-Dizney,

Wendy Ewald, Tyree Guyton and Franco Mondini-Ruiz. The Elaine L. Jacob Gallery is located at 480 W. Hancock, Detroit (Wayne State University). Call (313) 577-2423 or visit [www.art.wayne.edu](http://www.art.wayne.edu)

#### Troy Museum events

The Troy museum will feature two unique lecture opportunities in November. First, anyone is eligible to sign up for a trip to see the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade Studio on Nov. 8. The fee for this trip (not included in the general fee) is \$17 for adults; \$13 for students. On Nov. 15, as part of the regular lecture series, author Mike Davis will talk about the excursion boats that plied the Detroit River. The museum is located at 60 West Wattle Road, Troy. Call (248) 524-3570.

#### AIA House Tours

This year's American Institute of Architects - Detroit house tour gives participants a guided tour of some of the area's most spectacular residential architecture as the chapter hosts the 2003 AIA Detroit Birmingham/Bloomfield House Tour on Sunday, Sept. 28 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. From historically-preserved gems to state-of-the-art contemporary, homes featured on this year's tour include one designed by an architect for his own family; a renovated early 20th century home combining both traditional and modern elements; an award-winning, contemporary "urban townhouse" set in a traditional neighborhood; and a 102 year-old home restored to its original architectural splendor.

#### Greenmead fall events

Greenmead Historical Park has a schedule of 2003 fall events starting with a Fall Harvest Festival, noon to 4 p.m. Sept. 20 (nominal fee for activities). Greenmead's Country Market, Thursdays through Oct. 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mother Goose at Greenmead Halloween Walk, 10 a.m. to noon Oct. 25 (\$6 per child). Sunday Tours at Historic Greenmead now through Oct. 26 and Dec. 7, 14 and 21. No tours on holiday weekends. For more information call (248) 477-7375. Greenmead is located at 20501 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

## MUSIC

#### Pavarotti In Concert

Tickets are now on sale for a Sunday Sept. 21 concert of Luciano Pavarotti at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$177.50; \$92.50 and \$47.50 reserved. Special packages including MOT Opera Ball and premier seating available at the Palace. Call (313) 237-3425.

#### Dearborn Symphony

The Dearborn Symphony Orchestra begins their 42nd season with Shostakovich, Tchaikovsky and more 8 p.m. Oct. 3; Musical Friendships, Nov. 2 at 7 p.m.; Eastern European Connection, 8 p.m. Jan. 30, 2004; From Vienna to Paris to Broadway, Classic Pops 8 p.m. Feb. 28, 2004; Romantic Excursions and a Little Jazz, March 26 at 8 p.m.; and 8 p.m. May 7, Majestic Mahler. To buy tickets call (313) 565-2424 or visit [www.dearbornsymphony.org](http://www.dearbornsymphony.org).

#### Nightnotes season opener

Works of Gershwin, Copland, Rowe and Coltrane will open Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings' Nightnotes series in a performance entitled "Jazz on the Fringe." The 8:30 p.m. Oct. 3 concert will feature DSO trumpeter William Lucas with pianist Ellen Rowe, bassist Paul Keller and percussionist Pete Siers. The 8:30 p.m. performance is preceded by an hors d'oeuvres reception at 8 p.m. in the cozy, intimate ambiance of Hagopian World Rugs of Birmingham (850 W. Old Woodward). Tickets are \$19 (\$10 for children 12 and under). The is the first in the services of five Nightnotes concerts held at the Birmingham store. Call (248) 558-2095.

#### Chamber music

There are a limited number of single concert tickets for the 2003-04 Chamber Music Society of Detroit season available. Concerts include: Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio with Jennifer Koh, 7 p.m. Sept. 20; Oct. 11 Richard Goode on piano; Nov. 15, Juilliard String Quartet; Dec. 13, Emanuel Ax on piano; Jan. 10, 2004, Bergen Woodwin Quintet with Orli Shaham on piano. Tickets may be purchased by calling the CMS of Detroit (248) 855-6070.

#### Upcoming at Kerrytown

The Kerrytown Concert House presents

"The Museum of Life and Death" an Andy Kirshner project Sept. 25-26. 8 p.m. Assigned rows 1-2; \$15 assigned rows 3-5; \$10 general. EdgeFest will be held Oct. 2-4 sponsored by Pfizer. See Web site for the schedule and ticket information [www.kerrytown.com/concerthouse](http://www.kerrytown.com/concerthouse). KCH is located at 415 North Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 769-2999.

#### Ann Arbor Symphony

Hear Katherine Larson with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra at 8 p.m. Sept. 20 in the Michigan Theatre for the Symphony's opener to it's 75th anniversary season. Join Maestro Arie Lipsky for a pre-concert lecture at 7 p.m. "Beethoven 7" begins at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$19 to \$36 and are available by calling (734) 994-4801.

## POPULAR MUSIC

#### Trinity House

Claire Holley will perform a concert on the intimate Trinity House Stage 8 p.m. Sept. 24. Tickets are \$10, \$7 for theatre members. Sept. 26, Matt Watroba; Sept. 27, Hoe Toe Mitty w/Dell and the Roughcuts; Oct. 3, John Austin w/Scott Greenberg; Oct. 4, Clive Gregson w/Ralston Bowles; Oct. 11, Alastair Mook w/The Children's Hour; Nov. 22, Monk; Tangerie Trousers Nov. 28; and Miranda Stone, Nov. 29. (Please note: Stewart Francke has cancelled his Sept. 20 appearance. Tickets can be reserved by calling (734) 464-6302 or 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia.

#### In Concert

REM wsg. Sparklehorse (rock) at 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28 at the Palace. Tickets are \$59.50 and \$39.50.

#### Dixieland Band

The new season at Shield's Pizza will feature Chuck Moss' Paint Creek Dixieland Band 1st and 3rd Saturday from 2-5 p.m. monthly beginning in Sept. Cover \$8. Full menu. Call (248) 476-2674. Shield's Pizza, 25101 Telegraph, northwest corner of 10 Mile.

#### Music Revisited

Sight/Sonic - the art of music revisited at Detroit contemporary's 5 year anniversary to be celebrated with an opening reception Sept. 13 from 6-10 p.m. Show runs Sept. 13 to Oct. 26. 5141 Rosa Parks Blvd. Detroit. Visit [www.detroitcontemporary.com](http://www.detroitcontemporary.com) or call (313) 89804ART.

#### Firefly Club

The Firefly Club will host the Paul Keller Ensemble, a three-horn jazz sextet from 8 p.m. to midnight, Sept. 24; Latin night with Los Gatos, 8-11:30 p.m. with mexican buffet; Easy Street with Dixieland and Jazz favorites 5:30-8 p.m. Call (734) 665-9090. The Firefly Club is located at 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor or visit [www.firefly-club.com](http://www.firefly-club.com)

## JAZZ/BLUES

#### Ron's Fireside Inn

Barbara Ware, vocals, Sept. 24; 28937 Warren, Garden City, \$5 cover with dinner, \$10 cover without dinner and two-drink minimum, reservations recommended. (734) 762-7756.





It cost \$12 million to build The Fox Theatre in 1928. It was renovated in 1987 and ironically cost an additional \$12 million.

## On stage The Fox Theatre celebrates 70 years

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

It's a diamond anniversary for one of Detroit's most brilliant jewels: The Fox Theatre turns 75 on Sept. 21.

With age brings success and this year, the Fox beat out New York's Radio City Music Hall as the best theater in North America by Pollstar magazine.

Not bad for a theatre that in the 1980s was literally falling apart. The theatre also sold more tickets in 2002 than any in the U.S. with 642,162 tickets sold.

"We are so proud to have earned this wonderful distinction which comes at a perfect time," said Denise Illitch, president of Illitch Holdings. "Detroiters have been so supportive since the theatre's glorious restoration."

The Fox is at 2211 Woodward Avenue in downtown Detroit.

To celebrate its birthday, Olympia Entertainment is seeking interesting Fox Theatre Stories. Winners get free tickets to The Radio City Christmas Spectacular.

There's many stories to be told about the Fox.

"The theatre was the prime example of the possibilities of the North Woodward area," said Fox Theatre General Manager Greg Bellamy. "We learned it was possible to turn a dusty jewel into one of the most dazzling in the city ... and since then so much has followed ... Comerica Park, the restaurants."

The schedule at the Fox is always exciting and diverse; autumn's lineup is proof.

On Sept. 20 is Eddie Griffin with special guest David Tyree. Rewind back in time with Chuck Berry and Jerry Lee Lewis Sept. 27; and on Sept. 30, the *Sound of the Music* begins its run there.

Since it was remodeled in 1987, lauding comments from celebrities who've performed there have been universal.

"Bob Hope performed before and after the renovation," Bellamy said. "And when he returned he told me it was even better than he remembered."

The Fox is the nation's largest surviving motion picture palace from the grand '20s era. The elaborate Asian motif with hints of Persian, Hindu and Chinese architecture was a way to attract the public to the movies when it was built in the 1920s.

"Movies were a new sort of entertainment, they weren't mainstream yet," Bellamy said. "And the Fox was built as a grand showcase for Fox movies."

The first film there was a silent one called *Street Angel* featuring Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell. Since then big names have performed in the theatre that originated as a

### Share your tales about the Fox Theatre

Perhaps you're a patron who saw some of the first "talkies" or classic films that ever played at the Fox. Maybe you proposed to your sweetheart during the Golden era of the Glenn Miller Orchestra Band.

Did you celebrate an anniversary while Frank Sinatra or Elvis crooned from the stage? The best stories will be posted on Olympia Entertainment's Web site. Winners get two tickets to a sneak performance of The Radio City Christmas Spectacular Nov. 25 or 26.

Send only items that you do not need returned. To share your stories, as well as photos, documents — any unreturnable Fox memorabilia — write: Fox Theatre 75, Olympia Entertainment 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48201 or e-mail: fox75@olyent.com. For details visit [www.olympiaentertainment.com](http://www.olympiaentertainment.com)

movie palace.

A few events over the years:

Movies like *Days of Thunder* and *Jungle 2 Jungle* premiered there.

Frank Sinatra, Liza Minelli and Sammy Davis Jr. filmed a television special there.

Some of the entertainment has included: *Phantom of the Opera*; *Cats*; Cher; Stevie Wonder; Bruce Springsteen; Enrique Iglesias; Dora the Explorer; Gene Autry; Mikhail Baryshnikov; George Burns; Chuck Berry; John Denver; Whoopi Goldberg; Lenny Kravitz; Jerry Lee Lewis; Robert Plant; Elvis; Lou Reed; Sade; Glen Miller and his orchestra; Duke Ellington; Louis Prima and his orchestra; Abbott and Costello; Alice Cooper; Love and Rockets; Run DMC; Wayne Newton; and the *Rocky Horror Picture Show*.

Some fun Fox facts:

■ 550 gallons of paint were used during its restoration

■ More than one million gallons of soap and water were used to clean every inch

■ 20 tons of dirt and debris were removed from the decorative walls and ceiling and heating and cooling ducts

■ 7,000 yards of colorful elephant-patterned carpeting were woven to match the original

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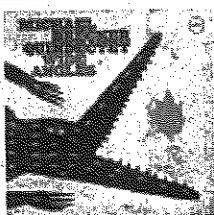
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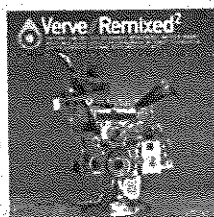
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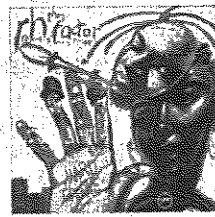
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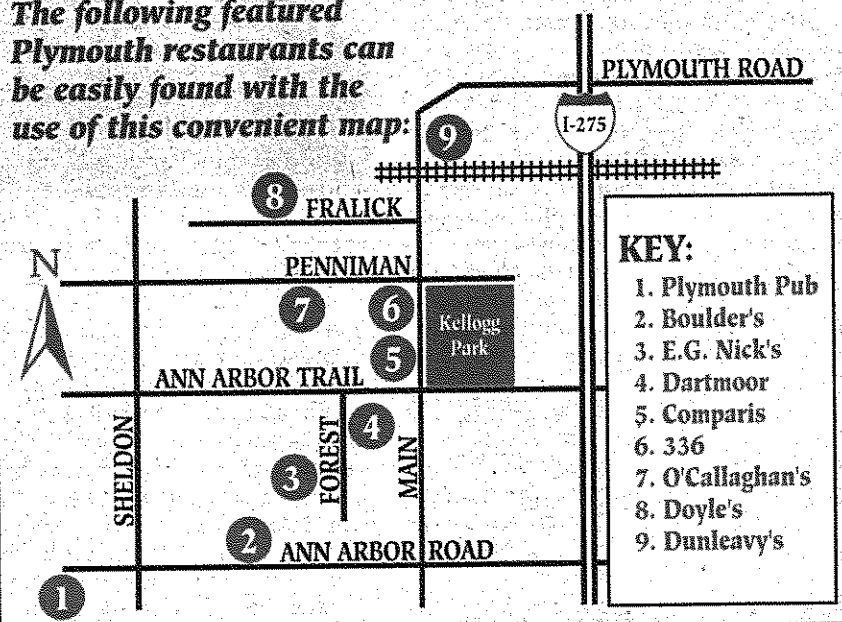


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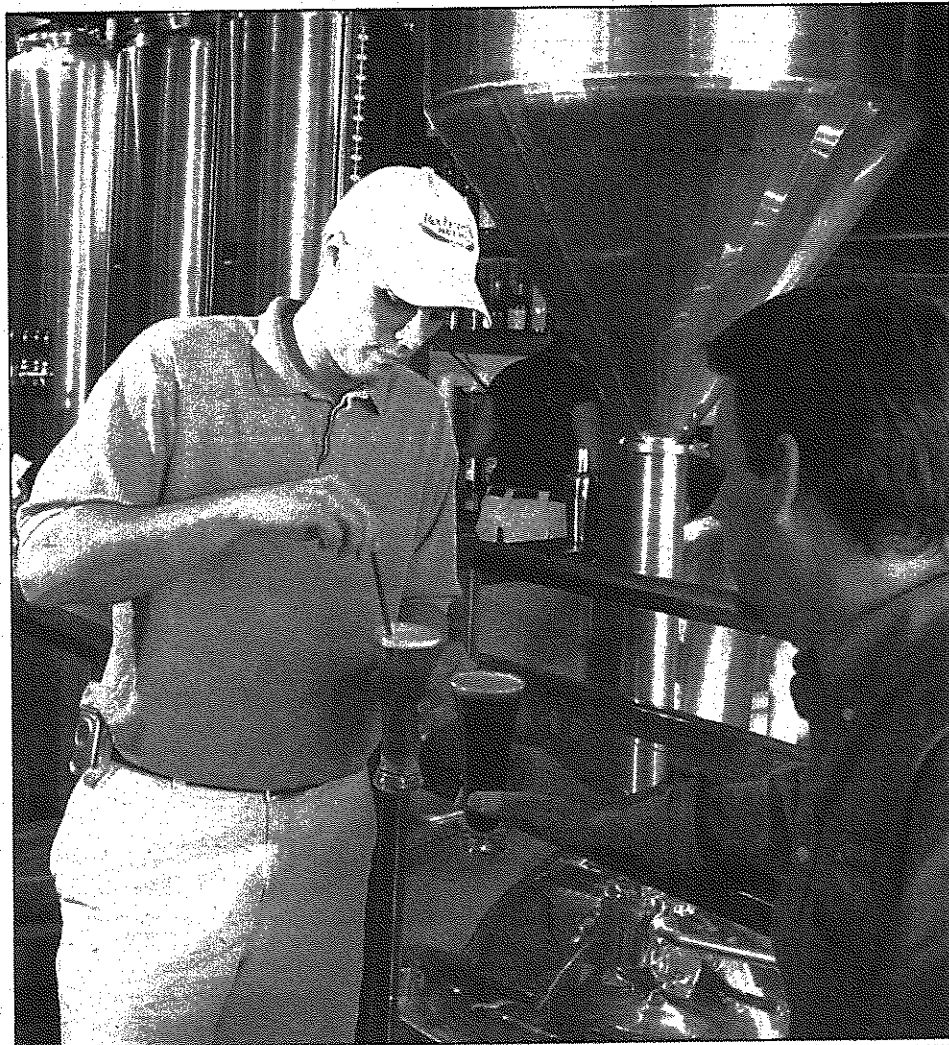
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## Cover story



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Mike Plesz (left) and Drew Ciora test some freshly brewed beer at The Brewery On Broadway in Detroit.

# Brewmasters

## Restaurateurs make move to Motor City

BY CHRISTINE WALDEN HUGHES  
CORRESPONDENT

Don't let their boyish charm and youthful good looks fool you. These guys are very good businessmen and they know exactly what they're doing. They've known it since they began eight years ago, one shedding a suit and tie for a more relaxed career, the other vowing never to get into one.

Together, Mike Plesz of Oakland Township and Drew Ciora of Lake Orion have found a formula for success. It lies in the sacks of hops and body of knowledge gathered from years of working, first for others and finally for themselves, to

understand the beer business and make it their own. In three signature establishments, they court customers of all ages by delivering good food and fresh-brewed beer in a casual setting.

They were not that far beyond their teens when Plesz, then 23, and Ciora, then 25, went before Royal Oak City Council to get a permit to open the first brewpub in Royal Oak. That was in 1995 and the Royal Oak Brewery has been rocking ever since. They took a giant step three years later when they opened the Rochester Mills Beer Co. in the restored Western Knitting Mill in the heart of that downtown.

On Sept. 6, they opened their third (and because of Michigan law, their last) brewpub in what some might consider a risky new location — downtown Detroit.

PLEASE SEE **BREWERY, E19**



## Table hopping

# Making good food, beer is key to breweries

BY CHRISTINE WALDEN HUGHES  
CORRESPONDENT

Though each restaurant is different, each is oddly similar with an ambience derived from rich green color playing along gleaming stainless steel beer vats all against a background of warm wood and red brick.

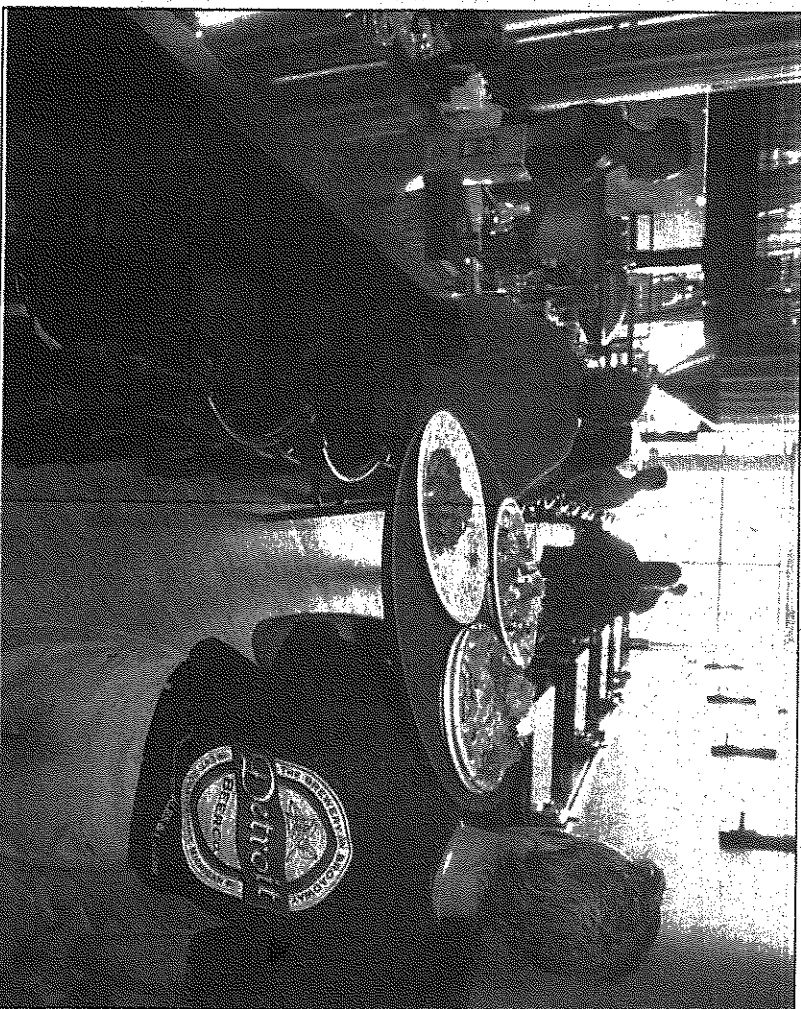
The Royal Oak Brewery, the Rochester Mills Beer Co. and the brand new Detroit Beer Co. not only share similar décor, they share many menu items that are good old standbys and crowd-pleasing favorites.

Tops on that list is the unusual offering of Louisiana jambalaya, a well-spiced mix of andouille sausage, ham, chicken and shrimp, served in a tomato base over a bed of rice. According to Mike Plesz, co-owner, jambalaya's been the No. 1 selling item from the day it was introduced nearly eight years ago when Royal Oak first opened.

Back then, the Royal Oak Brewery also led the way in introducing what has become standard fare in most restaurants.

"We were the first to use mixed baby greens," said Plesz. "Now everybody uses them, so now we offer six or seven different salads to choose from."

The list includes the chopped salad that lives up to its name with a bowlful of finely diced cucumbers, tomatoes, mushrooms and bell peppers, to that oldie but goodie Michigan Cherry Salad — a delicious blend of dried cherries, bleu cheese, walnuts and of course, mixed baby greens all drenched in



JEFF ZAKS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
The Detroit Beer Co. in Detroit is the newest venture from the owners of the Royal Oak Brewery and Rochester Mills Beer Co.

a balsamic vinegar dressing. Plesz said the three restaurants make a concerted effort to do more than make a great burger ("which we do have"), but which is not the mainstay of the menu as it is in most beer and burger establishments. The point is to offer good quality, eclectic food. Szechuan Pasta — fettuccini in a sharp Szechuan sauce — shares the menu with ricotta and spinach ravioli featuring fresh ravioli served in a creamy, mildly hot red pepper sauce; and that shares a menu with a

knockout sandwich that must have an avocado and a quarter pound of turkey between the two slices of bread.

Desserts are even more deadly, and if the Chocolate Seduction cake doesn't satisfy the sweet tooth at the very least, the deep-fried Twinkles will make you smile. Never has "junk" food been so well-presented with a tempura batter, a minute in the fryer and then drizzled with chocolate and berry sauces.

Entrees range from \$6.95 for a burger to

## Celebrate Oktoberfest in Rochester

It will be a little bit of Germany in downtown Rochester Friday-Saturday, Sept. 26-27, when the Rochester Mills Beer Co. taps into tradition and brings its own form of Oktoberfest to its back lot on Water Street.

Two huge tents filled with the aroma of freshly poured "pier" sauerkraut and brats, and the music of The Rhinelanders by day and Enzian at night are all part of the fourth-annual event.

According to Kristi Trevarrow, marketing manager for the Beer Co., more than 3,000 people are expected to visit over

the two days of festivities that not only include the kind of entertainment adults like but provides something for kids as well.

Carnival-type games and pony rides are some of what youngsters will like; those 16 and younger and accompanied by an adult get in for free.

Adults pay \$5 admission to participate in this very Bavarian experience and the show by the Frankennuth Schnuplaters, a crowd-pleasing favorite. For more info, check out Oktoberfest at [www.rochestermillbeero.com](http://www.rochestermillbeero.com).



Jambalaya with a stout and a pilsner is one of the offerings at the Detroit Beer Co.

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## Table hopping

# Migrate from ordinary with Canadian Mist

BY ELEANOR AND RAY HEALD  
CORRESPONDENTS

What do wonderful golf, spectacular camping, great skiing on Blue Mountain and Canadian Mist have in common? Answer: Collingwood, Ontario, on Georgian Bay.

The folks in Collingwood who make Canadian Mist \$9.50/750mL cite several factors why the best-selling Canadian whisky in the U.S. comes across more mature, lighter and smoother in taste.

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smooth, vanilla flavor.

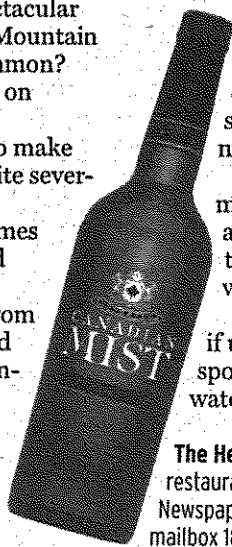
On the first Autumn evening, migrate from the ordinary and get warmed up by the fireside with a Mist Toddy.

You'll need: 1½ ounces Canadian Mist, three cloves, a dash of honey, maple syrup or sugar and a lemon wheel for garnish.

Pour Canadian Mist into a cup or mug. Add honey, syrup or sugar and a lemon wheel studded with the three cloves. Fill cup with hot water and stir.

Note: To avoid potential cracking if using a glass mug, keep a metal spoon in the mug as you pour in hot water.

The Healds write about wine, spirits, food, and restaurants for Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them at (734) 953-2047, mailbox 1864#.



## City bites

Send items for consideration in City Bites to Keely Kaleski, kkaleski@oe.homecomm.net, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, fax (248) 644-1314.

### BIG BUCK BREWERY & STEAKHOUSE

Oktoberfest 3 p.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday, Sept. 19-20 in three large tents in the parking lot 2550 Takata Dr., off Opdyke Road in Auburn Hills. Beer, traditional German fare including bratwurst, sauerbraten, soft pretzels, German potato salad and pickles on a stick. Live entertainment, games and raffles. Admission \$6, includes souvenir mug of beer. Cocktails and 14-ounce beers will be sold for \$3, as will many of the food items. Partial proceeds from the event benefit the Mental Illness Research Association. For more information, call (248) 276-2337.

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### THE RATTLESNAKE

The Rattlesnake presents the Wine Maker Dinners with an hors d'oeuvres reception, dinner, wine tasting and more. Here's the schedule, Friday, Sept. 26, Chateau Ste. Michelle; Friday, Oct. 10, Beringer Estates; Wednesday, Oct. 22, Grgich Hills, and Friday, Nov. 7, Calera Wines.

The Rattlesnake is at 300 River Place, Detroit. Call (313) 567-4400 or visit www.opentable.com for reservations and information.

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## Night spot

# Howling Diablos, Sponge play Pumpstock

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Last weekend metro Detroit was packed with international music events; this weekend, it's all about Detroit.

The Fox Theatre celebrates its 75th anniversary. The Chamber Music Society of Detroit commemorates 60 years and Pumpstock is holding its fifth-annual Detroit rock festival.

The fifth-annual Pumpstock is Friday and Saturday, Sept. 19 and 20. The annual end of summer event, presented by the Town Pump Tavern, is in the parking lot at 100 West Montcalm, just behind the Fox Theatre. It's an event to showcase some of Detroit's finest music and this year includes: Sponge, the Howling Diablos, South Normal, Aphonic, The Paybacks and the Fags (hey, it's English slang for cigarettes) and others.

More interesting, the event goes burlesque on Friday with flirty entertainment that tastefully teases.

"It's always one of the best shows of the year," said Howling Diablos frontman Tino Gross. "The weather is usually great and the crowd is very energetic. Some of

### PUMPSTOCK

**When:** 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19; 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20

**Where:** The parking lot behind Town Pump, 100 Montcalm; and the Fox Theatre, Detroit

**Tickets:** \$12, call (313) 961-1929

#### Lineup

■ Friday - The Fags, The Paybacks, Ultimate Lovers, Aphonic

■ Saturday - Sponge, Howling Diablos, Supermodel-T, South Normal.

Detroit's best bands have played this event. Sponge is one of the bands to watch..."

Gross is deeply rooted in the Detroit music scene, he's guest rapped with Kid Rock on the LP *Early Morning Stoned Pimp*.

He also wrote the song *Aces & Eights*



The Howling Diablos (from left) are Johnny Evans, Garth Mosher, Mike Smith, Tino Gross and Mo Hollis.

for Uncle Kracker's platinum album *Double Wide*.

The Diablos are a funky blues rock band that has performed with Alice Cooper, Tom Petty, Creed, Megadeth and Incubus. Working as a singer, songwriter and producer is a full-time job for Gross.

"Growing up, music was the only thing that really excited me. I knew that I had to be part of it."

Later this year the Howling Diablos will release its third album in 10 years.

This one was recorded live at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit and will include Diablo hits like *Reefer Man*.

"People like us live," Gross said. "They prefer that energy."

Three years ago the band signed with Kid Rock's Top Dog label. Their music has been featured on compilation CDs with Paul McCartney, Sheryl Crow and Matchbox 20.

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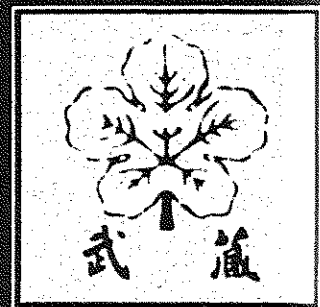
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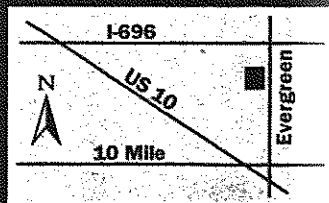
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# Shower singers get to attend Pavarotti concert

The winners of the "Singing in the Shower" contest really have something to croon about thanks to their winning entries.

The *Observer & Eccentric* Filter staff asked readers to submit the song they love to sing in the shower and the reason why.

We received many entries and appreciate the participation but we could only give away six pair. Congratulations!

The lucky victors who will see Luciano Pavarotti this Sunday at The Palace of Auburn Hills include:

■ Pete Vannini of Rochester Hills. Pete wrote: "I know I am dating myself, but for many years I've been singing *Some Enchanting Evening*... which many of the older singers like Enzo Pinza and Mario Lanza and others made into big selling records. When you are young and in love, you think the words of a song were written just for you and your love."

We celebrated our 50th golden wedding anniversary last year on Oct. 4 ... those were our golden years ... back when we were dating and did not know it at the time. The melody and the words have stuck with me and I don't sound too bad in the shower ... but only in the shower."

■ Joe Hawrylak of Canton. Joe wrote: "My favorite song to sing in the shower is *Golden Days*, from the Student Prince."

The song is very melodic, suits my voice, and the words are reminiscent of all of our youth, those golden days when we could do nothing wrong, when the world appeared to be perfect, when romance was in the air, when we loved and were loved and everything seemed perfect."

■ Stan Kovacheff of Plymouth. Stan wrote: "The song I sing most often in the shower is *Old Man River*. It has such powerful lyrics and is one of the finest songs ever written for a bass soloist."

■ Deanna and Clark Butterfield of Oxford. The Butterfield's wrote: "I have always loved to sing and my favorite shower song is *Misty*. It's a song my husband and I adopted while we were dating."

It came up so often while we were in the car that we decided it was meant to be ours. Even after 38 years of marriage it's still my husband and my favorite song."

■ Joanne Guibord wrote: "*When the Red, Red Robin Comes Bob, Bob, Bobbin' Along* is a fun song to sing in the shower. You can even do a few classy dance steps. Just be careful not to slip on the bar of soap."

■ Nancy Maxwell of Farmington. Nancy wrote: "My father loved the piano and would come home to take lessons during his lunch breaks. When he got home from work in the evening, he would sit down and play while my mother was getting dinner and we were all doing homework."

He didn't always have the music but one of his favorite was: *Those were the days, my friends, we thought they'd never end, we'd sing and dance forever and a day. We'd live the life we choose, we'd fight and never lose, those were the days ... oh yes those were the days.* It made for wonderful evenings and memories and that's why I like to sing it in the shower because it reminds me of my dad. My dad loves Pavarotti and I would love to give him tickets to see him."

# DTE gives away free Meatloaf tickets

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Say goodbye to summer with a free show by Meatloaf at DTE Energy on Saturday, Sept. 27.

Pop rock vocalist Meatloaf will perform at 7:30 p.m. It's the last show of the summer season. It's free to anyone who has attended any DTE or Meadow Brook Music Theatre event this year.

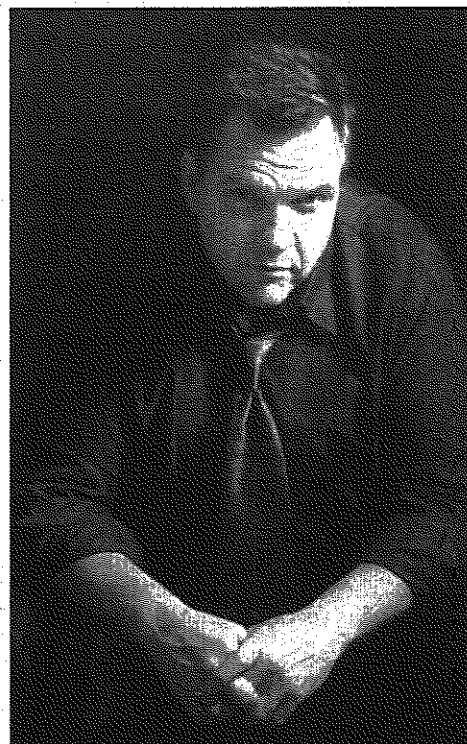
For those who haven't been to a show this year, tickets are \$35.50 pavilion and \$18.50 lawn. Bring a scanned ticket or ticket stub from any previous 2003 show in exchange for a free lawn ticket.

The exchange for the "tasty" Meatloaf deal can occur in advance at the DTE Energy Music Theatre and The Palace Box Offices or at the gate the night of the show, while supplies last. A \$3 parking fee for each ticket will be charged at the time of the redemption. It is a one ticket for one ticket exchange.

"We really wanted to end the season by saying 'thanks' to our guests for making this another banner summer in which we should remain the nation's busiest outdoor venue," said Tom Wilson, president and CEO of Palace Sports and Entertainment. "Meat Loaf's music is timeless and it can appeal to all ages, so we felt his season finale would be a good show to make the offer."

Meatloaf, of course, is known for hit songs like *Paradise By the Dashboard Lights* and *Two Out of Three Ain't Bad*. His most successful album, *Bat Out of Hell*, was released in 1977 and was one of the top selling albums of the '80s.

Meatloaf's popularity soared over the years as he's been both a pop sensation and theatrical star. In the 1970s, he land-



Meatloaf will perform Saturday, Sept. 27.

ed a role in a West Coast production of *Hair* and his audience widened. Later, he appeared the cult film, *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*.

*Fallen Angel* is his newest CD.

DTE was voted "Best Outdoor Concert Venue" in Pollstar magazine's 2000 readers' poll. It also is the nation's most attended amphitheater, according to by Amusement Business magazine.

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# Metropolis and techno blend at museum

The Detroit Historical Museum celebrates Techno and blends it with film at the next Fourth Friday event 5-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26.

The event features the screening of the science fiction classic *Metropolis* with soundtrack provided by world renowned techno artist, DJ Jeff Mills. The Electro Soul fashion show follows with music by DJ Dusty Fingers.

Guided tours will be offered of the museum's *Techno: Detroit's Gift to the World*, exhibit which showcases electron-

ic dance music that originated in Detroit.

*Metropolis*, filmed in 1926 by German expressionist Fritz Lang, is called a silent masterpiece. It depicts 21st century anti-utopian worker's hell.

DJ Mills, aka The Wizard, created the soundtrack for this event to re-introduce *Metropolis'* ideology to today's cyber culture. The Detroit Historical Museum is at 5401 Woodward Ave. at the corner of Kirby in downtown Detroit.

Admission is \$6. Call (313) 833-1405 for advance tickets.

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# For one last shot at art outdoors, check out Art in the Park

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

An apt motto for this year's Art in the Park might be: Getting bigger, staying small.

That's because organizers have significantly, but strategically, beefed up offerings at the event, slated for Saturday, Sept. 20, and Sunday, Sept. 21, in downtown Birmingham's Shain Park.

This year, there are 200 artists showing their work and nine bands performing live, including a punk-inspired group called All Rights Reserved.

Sounds like art festival-gone-Lollapalooza?

"We will still have an intimate feeling," said Heidi Rehak Lovy, special events coordinator for Common Ground Sanctuary, which sponsors Art in the Park as a fund-raising event. "We don't want to be overwhelming. We're a nice intimate show where people can expect a selection of fine art."

In its 29th year, the annual event draws about 70,000 attendees.

The art component is juried and represents 17 mediums, including ceramics, blown glass, fiber art, jewelry, sculpture, painting, photography and printmaking. Many of the artists reside in Michigan.

"We had lots of interesting pieces this year," Rehak Lovy said, adding the quality of submitted work was so outstanding that the jury decided to expand the num-

## ON COMMON GROUND

**What:** 29th Art in the Park to benefit Common Ground Sanctuary.

**When:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21.

**Where:** Shain Park, one block south of Maple and one block west of Woodward, downtown Birmingham.

**Tickets:** Free, for information call (248) 456-8150 or visit [www.artinthepark.info/pages/957937/](http://www.artinthepark.info/pages/957937/) on the Internet.

ber of booths."

Show judges include Ferdinand Hampson, co-founder of Habatat Galleries in Birmingham and Royal Oak and Kenneth R. Gross, director of the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and former executive director of the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association.

Live music at this year's Art in the Park runs the gamut from jazz to Irish folk and goes up on two stages.

Art in the Park favorites, like the wildly popular silent auction and activities area

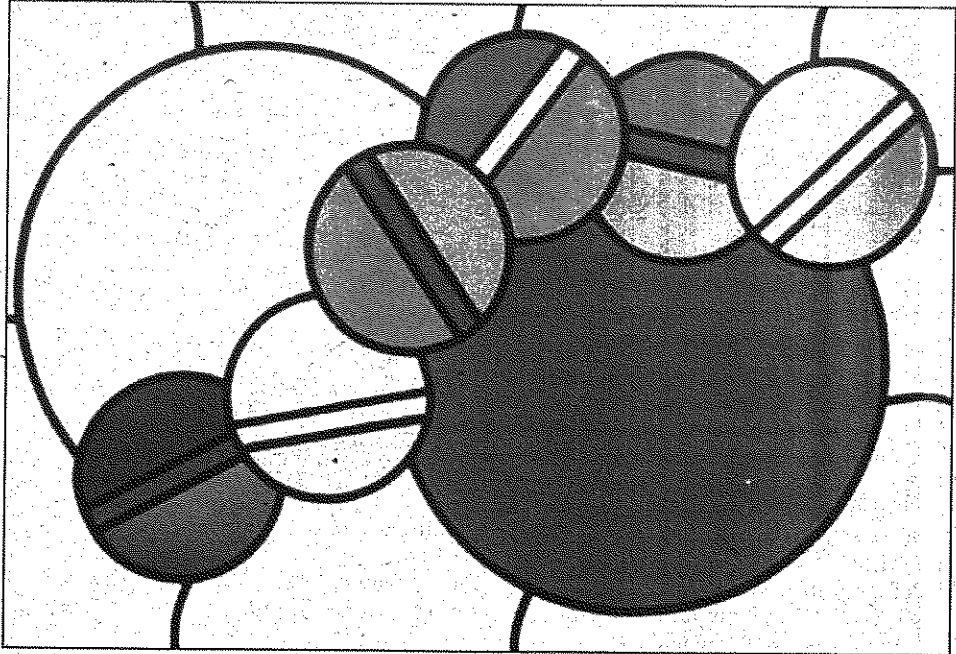


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A stained glass window by artist Ralph Parker of Colorado - just one example of the pieces available at Art in the Park - appears influenced by Roy Lichtenstein.

for kids, continue this year.

"There are several things that set us apart from other festivals," said Rehak Lovy. "I believe it's the very last outdoor arts festival of the season, but the main reason is it's the primary fund-raiser for Common Ground."

## GALLERY RECEPTIONS

**Roseann Hebel Brown**  
The Ann Arbor Art Center presents Roseann Hebel Brown Sept. through Oct. 3. Reception 6-8 p.m. Sept. 19 (117 West Liberty, Ann Arbor). Brown was a renowned local artist who passed away last year of breast cancer. Proceeds from the sale of her work will go to the Roseann Hebel Brown Fund to train and inspire children in the visual arts.

**All Media Show**  
The Orion Art Center is hosting an All Media Show Sept. 18-Oct. 16 at the Orion Art Center (115 S. Anderson) in downtown Lake Orion. Offering over \$750 in cash prizes, the show is open to all artists in all art mediums. Call (248) 693-4986.

**Cary Gallery**  
"New Paintings, Oil, and Watercolor" by Mignonette Yin Cheng, Sept. 13-Oct. 11; "Changing Arenas" by Vince Castagnacci, Nov. 1-29; Lola Sonnenschein's "Recent Work" Dec. 13-Jan. 3, 2004; and "Landforms" by Janet Reger, March 13-April 10, 2004. The Cary Gallery is located at 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester. Call (248) 651-3656.

**Jun Kaneko exhibit**  
Start Sept. 12 through Nov. 1, pewabic Pottery will be hosting an exhibition featuring ceramic artist Jun Kaneko. Opening reception Sept. 12 from 6-8 p.m.

Regular exhibit hours M-Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call (313) 822-0954. Pewabic Pottery can be found at 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., in Detroit.

**Design Exhibition**  
The Michigan Surface Design Exhibition (members emphasize fabric patterning - dyeing, printing, painting) quilting, weaving and basketry. Ave Maria Fine Art Gallery, Domino's Farms Lobby B, 24 Frank Lloyd Wright Drive, Ann Arbor. September through Oct. 3. Reception 6-8 p.m. Sept. 11 (free). Gallery hours Tue. through Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. free and open to the public.

**Revolution Gallery**  
Revolution is pleased to open its 10th anniversary season with solo exhibitions by James Chatelain and Anne Wilson Sept. through Oct. 11. The public is invited to a reception for both from 5-7 p.m. Sept. 13. Call (248) 541-3444 or visit

[www.revolutn.com](http://www.revolutn.com)

**Women Painters/Sculptors**  
The Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors continue to celebrate 100 years of creativity with an exhibit "Exploring Eclecticism" at the Art Center in Mt. Clemens. Exhibit will close Oct. 17. Call (248) 375-1931.

**Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center**  
Marilyn Spencer Retrospective (to honor and reflect her life and work in acrylic and watercolor). Show runs Sept. 8 through Oct. 3. Call (248) 644-0866 Ext.104. The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center (1516 S. Cranbrook Road, just North of 14 Mile Rd.) Free and open to the public.

**Meadow Brook Art Gallery**  
Sculptor Sharon Que, Sept. to Oct. 5 next to the Meadow Brook Theatre, 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester; artist's talk 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, (248) 370-3005, [www.oakland.edu/mbag](http://www.oakland.edu/mbag).

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# Stroll Canterbury Village – where it's 'Always Christmas'

BY ANDREA HUI  
CORRESPONDENT

There is more than year-round Christmas at Olde World Canterbury Village. Families are discovering its fine dining, historical artifacts, specialty shops and fun special events.

And it is closer than you think.

Olde World Canterbury Village covers 21 acres, and in the late 1800s, it was home to several farms and their families. Throughout the decades, the land has changed hands a number of times. In 1991, Stan Aldridge and his family purchased the land and buildings and created what is known today as Olde World Canterbury Village.

Aldridge meticulously restored the farm and village buildings. In addition, he transported numerous artifacts from around the world including France, England and Germany. The artifacts can be found throughout the complex.

### RENOVATED

The buildings are now home to numerous specialty shops. Some of the earliest structures on the property, built in 1870, are home of Canterbury Toy World, Flowers, Pots and Baskets and Canterbury Tales. The specialty items in the shops, along with the beauty of the buildings, make for an enjoyable and historical shopping trip.

There are 18 specialty shops throughout the village, each with its own charm and distinction.

Other shops include The Velvet Rose Tea Room, The Cannoli Bakery, The Leather Cottage and The Celtic Connection.

The largest store with over 90,000 square feet of Christmas galore is called Always Christmas. Children love the hundreds of feet of animated displays.

Aisles are wide to provide easy maneuvering of strollers. There are also 20 check-out registers, enabling smooth traffic flow.

And history is again found throughout the store. As you first enter Always Christmas, you are greeted by intricate antique doors imported from England.

As you stroll through the village, The Canterbury Clock Tower chimes on the half hour and adds to the ambiance of years gone by. It is decorated with Dickens Christmas characters and is a

### IF YOU GO...

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favorite for children.

Another children's favorite is an indoor reproduction of a 19th-century German carousel. The colors, details and music are magical. Children can ride the carousel for \$1.

### YUMMY

If you get hungry from all the shopping, Castello di Bologna Restaurant (a Joe Bologna Restaurant) is a must. Prices range from \$7 to \$18. The décor is ornate and truly encompasses the old-world charm. Tapestries, stained-glass windows and armor, all transported from Europe, add to the ambiance.

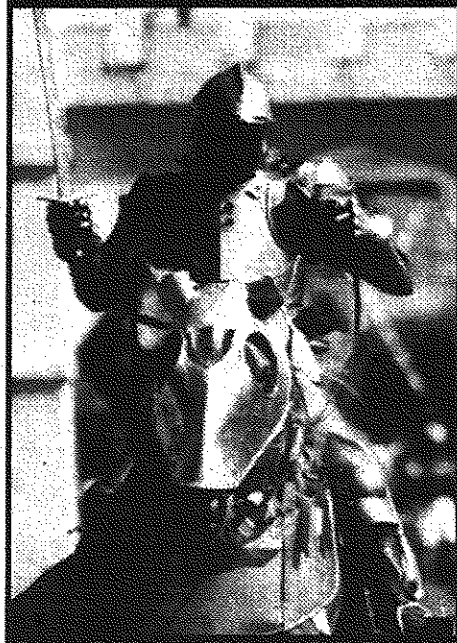
Olde World Canterbury Village is also home to many special events throughout the year. From car shows to festivals, the weekends are jam-packed with a pot-pourri of fun.

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"I think Olde World Canterbury Village is a great day escape to another world," said Margaret Swanzey, an employee at Olde World Canterbury Village. "There are lots of interesting shops and fun for everyone. It is perfect for families."

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# BREWERY

FROM PAGE E11

It doesn't matter to them, they don't think it's risky. In fact, they believe the all new Detroit Beer Co. is just ahead of a groundswell of businesses that have recognized that Mike Ilitch knew what he was doing when he renovated the Fox and brought entertainment back downtown to Motown.

## AHEAD OF THE GAME

For Plesz and Ciora, it means business — big business. They and their partner (in Detroit only) Rick Gheri, who first suggested Detroit as a location, already count the operation a success even though it involved a multimillion-dollar renovation (\$5.8 million in all) and a whole lot of nail biting to restore and make understatedly spectacular the circa 1903 Hartz Building at 1529 Broadway.

At that address, they are right across from the recently renovated Detroit Opera House, in view of Ford Field and Comerica Park, along the path of the People Mover and right in the heart of a district that is going to be the first downtown development authority project to improve the streetscape.

The Detroit Beer Co., restored by Frank Rewold and Son of Rochester, includes two floors of restaurants, three floors of rental space and a loft on top, and sits in the middle of a Detroit revival. "It's exciting," Gheri said. "It's watching something change and being a part of it. I think it will carry through."

So do Plesz and Ciora, who were ultimately sold because "Rick's belief to make the project successful is strong" and mounting evidence that Detroit was happening — "there were orange construction cones everywhere," Ciora said.

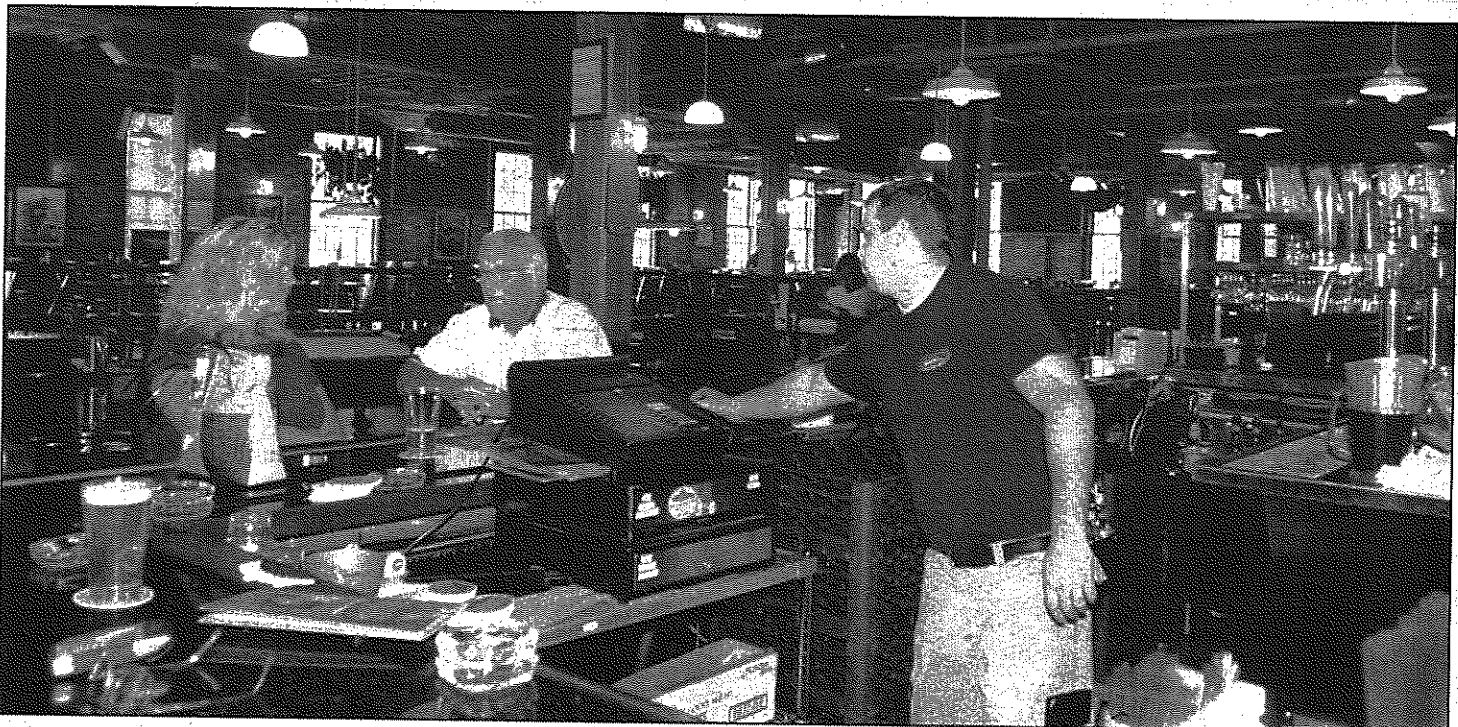
Indeed, as the Detroit Beer Co. opens for business, work is finally proceeding on the nearby Post Bar, a still-viable jewelry shop is right next door and just south is the new Small Plates, a restaurant. The YMCA is going to build a new facility a little further south, an old parking structure is scheduled to be torn down and rebuilt and the Madison Hotel is coming down, but the Milner is supposed to be restored.

Plesz excitedly points it all out from atop the roof of his newest project.

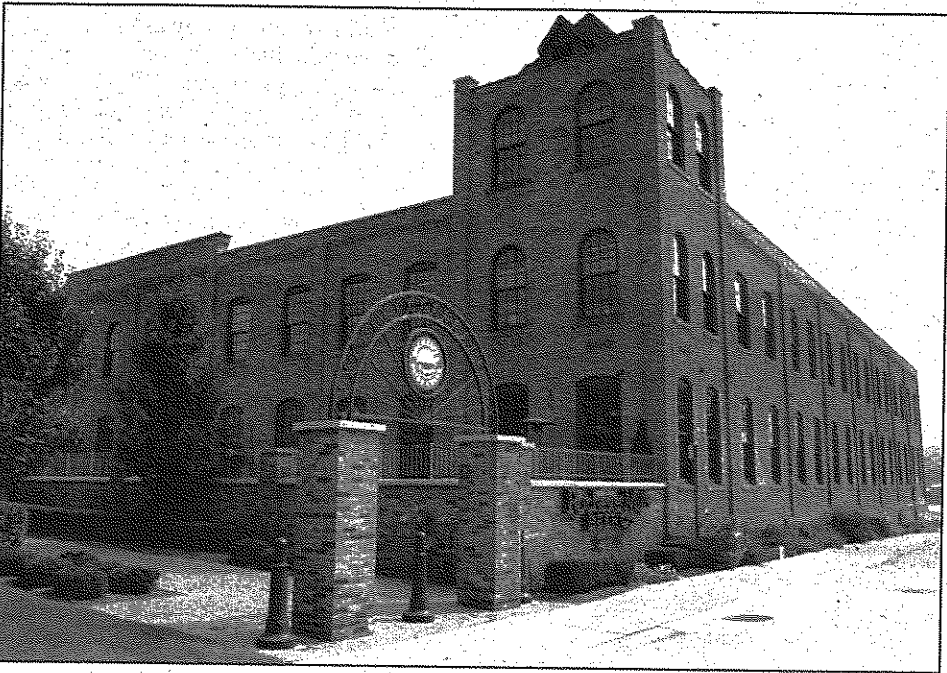
Back on the ground, his description of the facade is interrupted by three business women who enthusiastically ask, "Are you open now?" They are another part of what Detroit has — people and lots of them.

## HOT SPOT

"On Sunday we packed it in all day," said Ciora, noting that the crowd transitioned from blue Lions football T-shirts in the afternoon to black Ts for that evening's Aerosmith concert. By Tuesday, things were hopping and Wednesday, the lunch crowd had already grown. All without a single bit of advertising, remarked Plesz,



Rochester Mill Brewery, bartender, Kris Westley, serves Melonie Sokolowski and Bob May.



The Rochester Mills Beer Co. is located on Water Street in downtown Rochester.

noting that this week the company will try another new idea — a billboard on southbound I-75. "Never done that before," he said.

What the partners have done, however, is be successful at running restaurants and breweries. Ciora picked up his experience in California, where the prospect of wearing shorts and having fun began a passion for brewing beer. He brought it back to Michigan when he hooked up with Plesz, his brother-in-law, in their first venture together in Royal Oak. What began there repeated itself in 1998 in Rochester, when the duo made a quantum leap to open up a 20,000-square-foot facility. Size alone was an issue, Plesz said, noting "bigger isn't always better," but they found a niche in the area by offering

plenty of room — and good food and fresh beer — to large groups.

Along the way, the company grew from a few employees to nearly 200, many of whom have been with them from day one. Chefs are in place in each location, Brett Agan in Rochester, Basilio Vivanco in Royal Oak and Jim Munroe in Detroit. Also at each locale is a team of brewers who not only follow the guidelines, but adjust recipes according to the water — Detroit and Royal Oak are the best, Rochester's is slightly trickier because it is first softened.

Menus are similar from one location to the next, but are always enhanced by input from the owners. "We both cook and we both love to cook," said Plesz, so when ingredients or spices change, they know

## MEET THE OWNERS

**Drew Ciora**, 34, raised mostly in Texas. Bachelor's degree from University of Texas in Austin; MBA from California State University at Long Beach. Two boys, 6 and 4, and married to Michelle.

**Mike Plesz**, 32, grew up in Sterling Heights. Former member of the Rochester Downtown Development Authority and Downtown Promotions and Marketing Partners. Two daughters, 5 and 4, and married to Melissa.

what it means to a dish and to the customer.

They've also taken on and wear well the responsibility of running three businesses, caring for their employees, taking care of their own families and making a contribution to the communities they serve. They do that, they say, by remaining true to the original goal to have fun and by respecting a simple tenet.

"We stick with what we know how to do and we know how to make food and brew beer," Ciora said. Considering their track record, the question that begs to be answered is "What's next?" Five days after opening Detroit, the pair can hardly consider the future except to get to it.

"We are sort of at a point, if we get too much bigger ..." Ciora said, pausing. "Well, we like the casual and fun approach to business, so we are just grateful for whatever we have."

And yet ...





The Chamber Music Society of Detroit kicks off its 60th season with the Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio.

## Chamber Music Society celebrates 60 years

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

The Chamber Music Society kicks off its 60th anniversary season Saturday with the Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio featuring violinist Jennifer Koh. A highlight is Yo-Yo Ma's performance on April 21.

"This season's concerts are particularly interesting," said Chamber President Lois Beznos. "Yo-Yo Ma is of course the most popular ticket, but we look forward to introducing new musicians to the society."

And the chamber music crowd is indeed a society.

"We are a small, relatively informal group. Many of our subscribers have been members for years, but we are a very friendly community," Beznos said. "People learn about chamber music, often through word-of-mouth through friends, or they were raised with it. However it's discovered, we love to see interest from new generations."

The Chamber Music Society of Detroit strives to be progressive in its search to introduce new talent to its audience. It brought in Yo-Yo Ma years before his popularity surge. This year's schedule includes popular names, but also musicians who are up and coming.

The Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio and Koh will perform Mozart, piano trio in B-flat major, K 502; Ravel, piece en forme de Habenera for cello and piano; Moszkowski, suite for two violins and piano, Op. 71; and Schumann, piano quartet in E-flat major, Op. 47.

Violinist Koh has performed with leading American orchestras including Chicago, Detroit, Saint Louis and Minnesota.

She has also played with the BBC Wales, BBC Scottish, Helsinki Philharmonic, Polish Chamber Orchestra and the Moscow State Academy Symphony. Koh has earned many awards including Concert Artists Guild Competition.

Since making their debut as a trio at the White House for President Jimmy Carter's Inauguration in 1977, pianist Kalichstein, violinist Jaime Laredo and cellist Sharon Robinson have set the standard for piano trio performance for 25 seasons, Beznos said.

The trio was honored by the Chamber Music Society of Detroit with the creation of the Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson International Trio Award.

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**When:** All performances begin at 8 p.m. unless noted.

#### Season schedule

■ 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 - Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio with Jennifer Koh, violin

■ Saturday, Oct. 11 - Richard Goode, piano

■ Saturday, Nov. 15 - Juilliard String Quartet

■ Saturday, Dec. 13 - Emanuel Ax, piano

■ Saturday, Jan. 10 - Bergen Woodwind Quintet with Orli Shaham, piano

■ Saturday, Feb. 21 - Dmitri Hvorostovsky, Baritone

■ Saturday, March 13 - Pacifica Quartet, Cleveland Quartet Award Concert

■ Saturday, March 27 - Joshua Bell, Violin with Simon Mulligan, piano

■ Wednesday, April 21 - Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble

■ Saturday, May 15 - Shanghai Quartet with Arnold Steinhardt, Violin and Rieko Aizawa, piano

music in the nation.

It's the 10th-oldest chamber group nationwide; Buffalo leads the list. The chamber managed to sustain through tough economic times and currently is thriving. Subscription seats are sold out, individual tickets are not.

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## Pure Picks

Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda, we present our top entertainment picks for the week, "Filtered" just for you.

## Festival

File this under the best bet to see Detroit hipsters this week: **On the 7th Day**, a local music festival will take place on Sunday at the Lager House.

The Elevations, The Shanks, The Singles, Bill Parker and the Motherscratchers, The Drapes, The Avatars, The Gypsy Strings and a bunch of other bands with "The" in their name are slated to perform. Eric Stollsteimer, Young Soul Rebel Records, No Fun Records and others will be hawking their wares on the outdoor patio.

Doors open at 3 p.m. Cove is \$5 for the all-day event. 21 and up. The Lager House is located at 1254 Michigan Ave. in Detroit. For more information, visit <http://www.lagerhousedetroit.com>.



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### The Decemberists

## Album

The **Decemberists** are the best band you have never heard of. Hailing from Portland, Ore., the band creates an intricate, eccentric and beautiful landscape of innovative, broken music. Their second full-length album, **Her Majesty** (Kill Rock Stars), is out now.

Lead singer Colin Meloy's poetic and witty lyrics have drawn comparisons to Neutral Milk Hotel's Jeff Magnum.



On the acoustically sparse, *Red Right Ankle*, he sings "Some had crawled their way into your heart/ To rend your ventricles apart." The ability to create such immense images is carried throughout the album and heard especially on *I Was Meant for the Stage*, a song in which a plodding guitar strumming and organ slowly build

up to a breakdown that leaves

the listener uneasy. *Los Angeles, I'm Yours*, with its more straightforward melodic structure (and a harmonica and string section to boot), is a safe starting point for those that find much of "Her Majesty" a bit inaccessible.

To listen to The Decemberists is to love them.

Available at local records stores.

For more information on The Decemberists, visit <http://www.decemberists.com>.

Pure Picks is written by Stephanie Tardy and Megan Pennefather. Is there something you want considered?

To submit information on local entertainment or other ideas to be featured in this space, e-mail her at [stardy@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:stardy@oe.homecomm.net).

## Local band

Local music heroes **The Deadstring Brothers** have recently brought their steal-pedal-driven, alt-country back to the ears of Detroit.

The band will play a CD release party for their debut self-titled album Friday at the Magic Bag. Fellow Detroiters The Waxwings and Whiskey Tenor also will play. Doors open at 9 p.m. Cost is \$7. The Magic Bag is located On Woodward Avenue, just north of 9 Mile Road in Ferndale.


## Film

So Audrey Tatou did a heck of a job playing the title character in *Amelie*, a frothy bit of cotton candy wonderful. Now, she's in a decidedly non-frothy bit of mysterious intrigue in *Dirty Pretty Things*, a drama directed by Stephen Frears (*Dangerous Liaisons*). When an immigrant working in a London hotel finds a human ear in one of the suites, somebody's got some 'splainin' to do. So he teams up with a fellow immigrant (Tatou) to discover the truth. It's playing at the Landmark Main Art Theatre, located at 118 N. Main Street, in downtown Royal Oak. Call (248)263-2111 for show times.

## Gallery

**Detroit Contemporary** is busy celebrating its five-year anniversary of art, poetry and music with *Sight Sonic Revisited*, which runs until Oct. 26. *Sight Sonic: The Art of Music*, was the first exhibition at the gallery when it opened in November 1998. As part of the anniversary, the gallery also is seeking stories and memorabilia from patrons. Information for submitting writing can be found on the gallery's Web site: <http://www.detroitcontemporary.com>. The gallery is located at 5141 Rosa Parks Blvd. in Detroit.

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Susan Roush McClenaghan (above) is looking forward to the Great Race Motor City Cider Run in Livonia Sept. 25-28.

## Anything goes in Great Race Motor City Cider Run

The Great Race 2003 began in Livonia for the first time in 21 years, and with such success, a return was imminent. The revival comes in the form of a regional rally titled *The Great Race Motor City Cider Run*.

The Great Race has announced that Livonia will be the designated headquarters and start location during the three-day rally weekend Sept. 25-28.

"This is our first chance to get the Michigan regional off the ground," said Roush spokesperson and Livonia resident Susan Roush McClenaghan. "I'd really like to see us get 40 or so participants. I felt because the Great Race started here, people are more familiar with it. Hopefully that will carry over to regionals."

Beginning in Livonia, the cider run will also make stops at Wiard's Orchard and Country Fair in Washtenaw County, downtown Plymouth and then north to Frankenmuth.

Competition during the Motor City Cider Run will utilize the same rally GRID (Great Race International Instruction Design) system that is used during the national two-week Great Race that also started in Livonia in June.

Racers will start and return to Livonia (Livonia Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive) daily in a cloverleaf style event. Participants have the choice of a "Run for Fun" or "Dash for Cash."

Anything goes in this race including antique cars, street cruisers, rentals or Harley's.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said the Great Race had an "important impact on the city."

"It brought a great deal of excitement, which tends to be long-lasting," said Kirksey.

Participants who choose the division Dash for Cash will be competing for prizes while the Run for Fun racers earn

bragging rights rather than money for the top places they secure.

The entire event is based on cumulative scoring.

McClenaghan said people who are interested in participating have the opportunity to "rub elbows" with veteran Great Racers and rookie teams (driver and navigator have less than two days Great Racing experience) will receive special one-on-one instruction from Great Race CEO and five-time Grand Champion Wayne Stanfield.

Other divisions include Grand Champion, Past Grand Champions, Expert (previous top finishers), Sportsman and Rookie.

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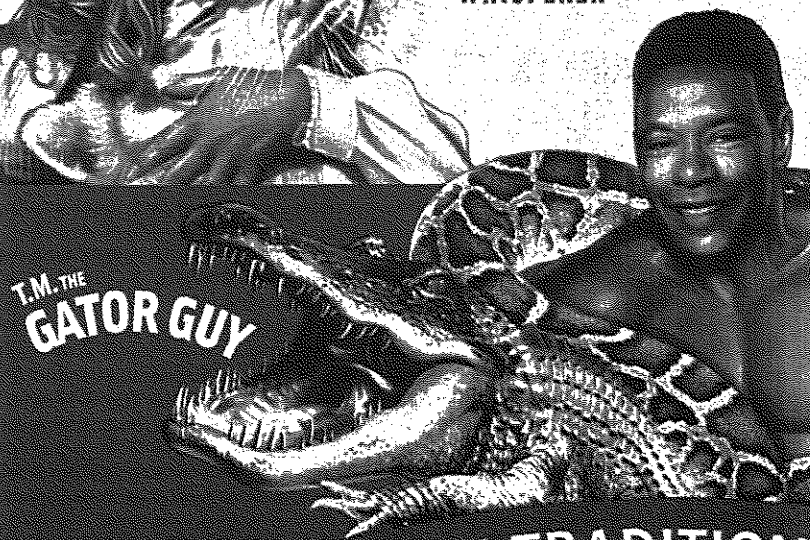
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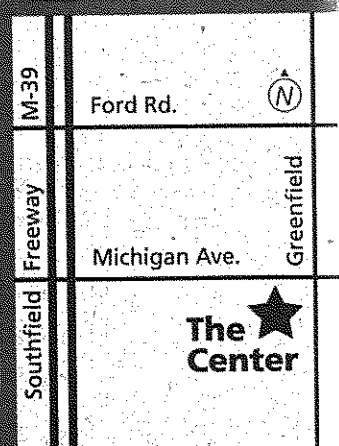
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Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit [bmeisner@mich.com](mailto:bmeisner@mich.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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## The buy versus rent battle continues

It used to be that I was not much for big crowds, but as I grow older I have become fond of people-watching. Extreme crowds — like those observing the Wolverines dissect the Irish in the "Big House" on Saturday — are especially marvelous because of the incredible spectrum of shapes and types. However, even amidst the diversity, I often find my thoughts returning to the obvious commonality that all of these people have ... homes. Whether we each rent a place or purchase our own, we all must have a place to live. Each of us is faced with the important financial question, "Should I rent a place or should I buy a home of my own?" Except for financial planners and some savvy consumers, few truly contemplate the financial implications of this major decision. Here are the three most important investment aspects of your decision to rent or to own.

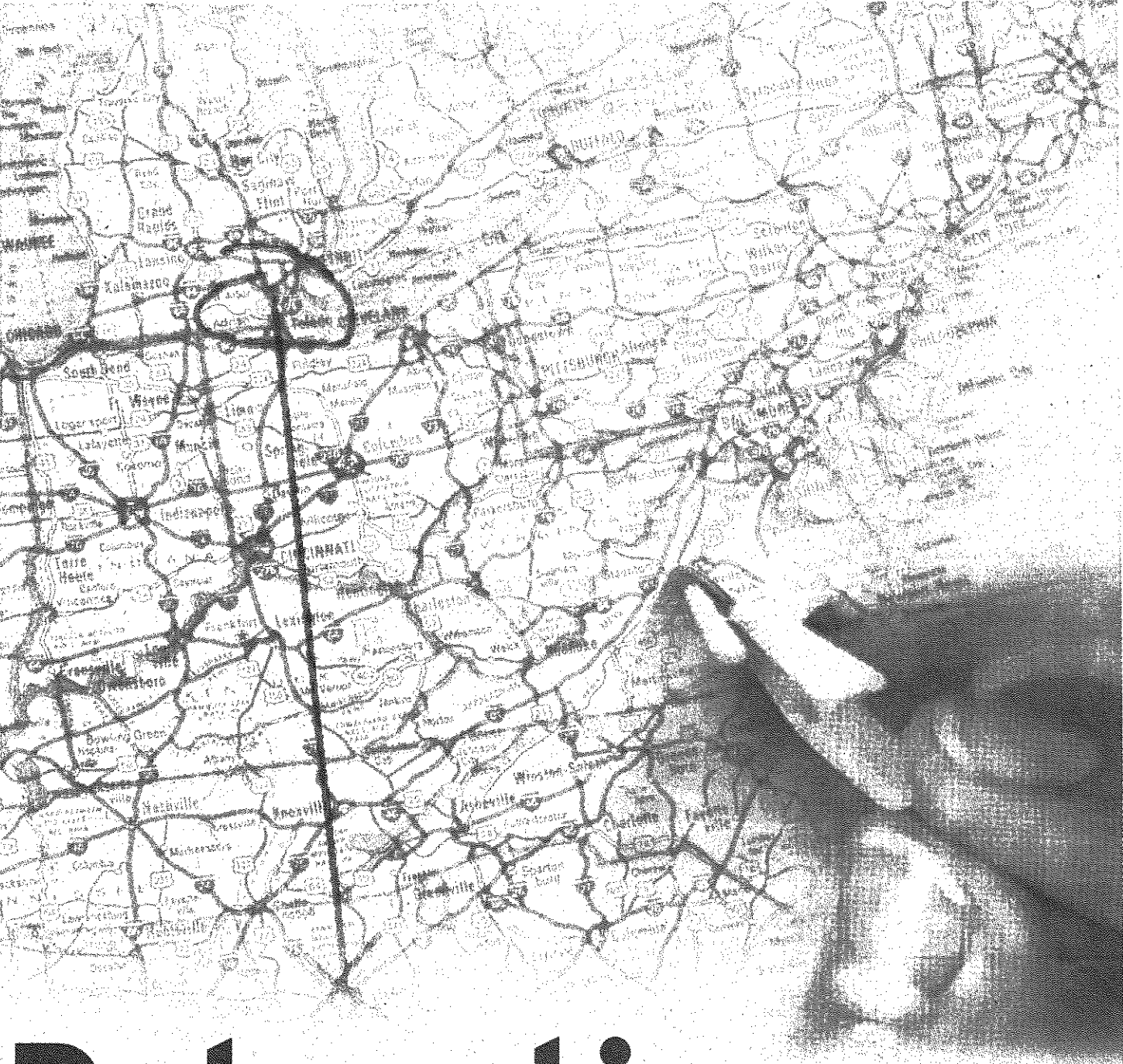
First, as with any investment, you should consider both the costs and benefits of your options. How much growth of value will you expect to realize over the years? If you rent, that number is likely zero. However, when property values are flat or in decline for a long period of time, renting may be a good choice.

Next, because there is a time value to money, a \$1,000 house payment and a \$1,000 current rent are usually profoundly different. For example, if the annual inflation rate is four percent, your current \$1000 monthly rent may be \$3,240 in 30 years. During that same period, you would just then be paying off a 30-year mortgage for which you effectively paid less every year because of inflation.

Your final \$1,000 mortgage payment would "feel" like a \$308 payment while your \$1,000 rent would still feel like a \$1,000 expense in future dollars.

Finally, with taxes continually degrading individual spending power, any financial move that reduces the tax axe's gouge is a smart one. The after-tax benefits of home ownership can make a \$1,000 rent fiscally equivalent to a \$1,400 house payment, depending on your tax bracket.

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# Relocating A moving experience

BY PAUL F. GANEM  
CORRESPONDENT

You're sitting at your desk one morning and you get called into the boss' office. It is a bittersweet conversation — you're getting a promotion, but the new job is 1,500 miles away. And you have just two short weeks until you have to report to the new job. What will you do?

If you are lucky enough to be employed by a large corporation, they will likely have a relocation department that does this sort of thing every day, leaving you with fewer worries. But what if your company isn't so large or you're making this move in order to obtain a job because you were unemployed? Then you best roll up your sleeves, get out a paper and pencil and consider this:

First, you need to sell your home, move your family and all of their belongings and acquire a place to live near your new place of employment. There are a number of things to keep in mind when faced with relocation.

According to 20-year relocation expert Judi Davis, vice president of corporate services for Real Estate One in Farmington Hills, the emotional toll of relocating can be lessened if you do your homework.

"There is a lot to be considered once the decision to relocate has been made," Davis said. "If you are not lucky enough to have employer-assisted moving benefits, you can contact a real estate broker that may offer such a service. At Real Estate One, we have a relocation department that specializes in guiding the transferee through the entire relocation process.

"We also find a reputable real estate company in the new location through our referral network of brokers. This puts a lot of the premove jitters to rest so you can concentrate on more important mat-



Davis

ters. After all, a new job is something that can cause nervousness, but relocating with the right help shouldn't."

There is one common mistake some people make that can be easily avoided.

"What I see that has changed since I have been in the relocating business are a lot of people putting their complete faith in the Internet," Davis said. "It is a good tool, but it is not the only one that should be used. This is where homework needs to be done. You should contact the local municipality in the area you are thinking of relocating to. They will be a good resource to find out what types of community resources exist in your potential new town."

"A good real estate professional can direct you to the types of homes that are right for your budget and lifestyle, as well as be sensitive to commuting time to your new job."

Linda Scope, relocation director of Century 21 Town & Country Real Estate in Rochester, agrees with the need for professional assistance when it comes to relocating.

"At Century 21 Town & Country, we offer programs that are tailored to your specific needs," Scope said. "There are two basic types: destination services, when you are entering an area, or departure services, when you are leaving the area. We can help with things like giving tours of the area to acclimate people and their families who are entering this market for the first

Top tips to keep in mind to look for a new house when relocating. Page F3.

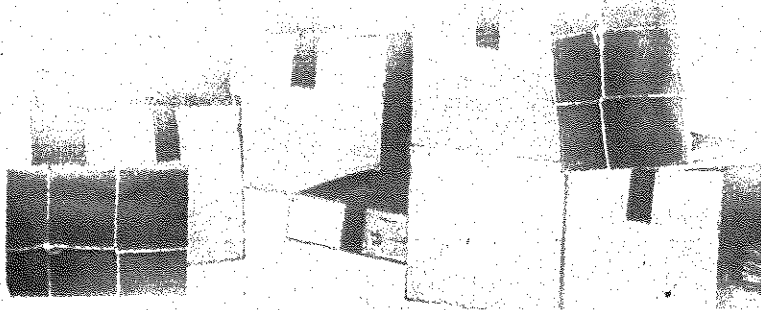
time or we can assist by supervising the move away from this market to ensure everything happens the way it was expected."

### RELOCATION SERVICES

The types of services provided by relocation specialists are just as relevant in this economy as when times are booming.

"Sometimes when a company downsizes, they need to move people from one location to another in order to fill a position that may have been vacated ... there will always be a need for professional relocation assistance," Scope said.

"While the Internet can provide much good information, it is very important to find out what your company's relocation policy is with regards to agent selection. Many real estate firms that work with corporations have specially trained agents who are familiar with corporate moves and understand the details necessary for a smooth transition."



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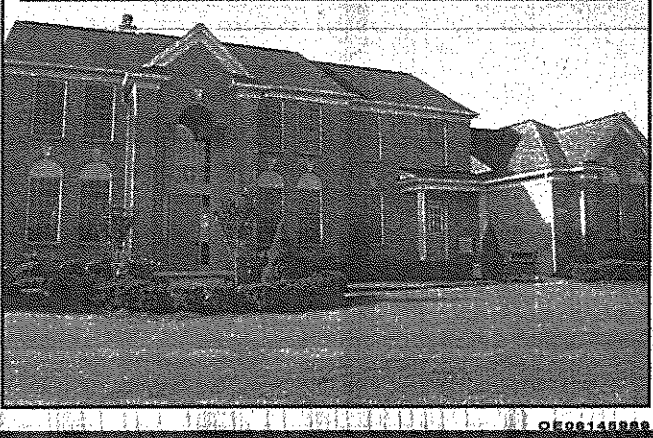
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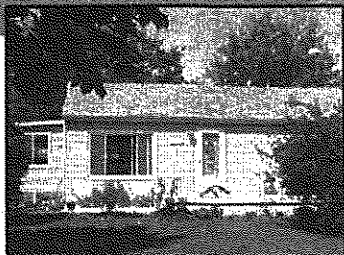




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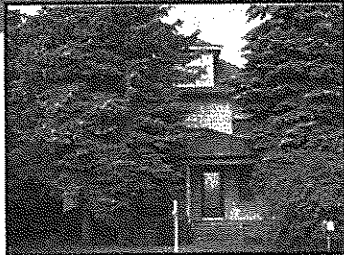
**GARDEN CITY** - Welcome to your new home. Charming 3 bedroom bungalow offers 2 car garage with newer roof & vinyl siding. Vinyl windows, Berber carpet T/O, mostly copper plumbing, wonderful deck for entertaining. A real must see. \$122,416 (59HEL) 734-455-5600



**TAYLOR** - Not a drive by, 2 bedroom ranch with 2 car garage remodeled kitchen with oak cabinets, & attached all season sun-room with double doorwall to yard. \$109,000 (36WIL) 734-455-5600



**LIVONIA** - Castle Garden ranch. Updated 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 2 car attached garage, finished basement, CA & furnace ('97), roof-tear-off ('00), vinyl windows, remodeled kitchen & baths. Hardwood flrs, Berber, Pergo flooring. Maple cabinets, solid pine 6 panel doors T/O, doorwall off FR \$223,958 (76HOU) 734-455-5600



**CANTON** - Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial with land & pole barn. Country living in the city. Hardwood T/O, air, newer roof to rafters, basement, oak trim, newer windows, kitchen cabinets & furnace. This home is gorgeous. Stove, refrig, washer, dryer & micro stay. Home warranty included. \$339,900 (08HAN) 248-349-5600



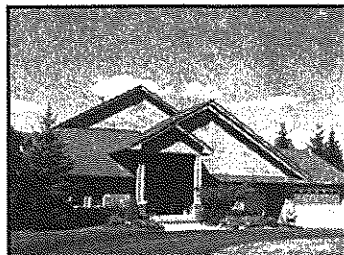
**FARMINGTON HILLS** - Welcome home. Professionally decorated 2 bedroom, 2 bath ranch end unit in desirable area. Newer appliances included. Walk to pool and tennis courts. Home offers fireplace, cathedral ceilings & full basement. 1 car garage & deck. \$194,900 (43COU) 248-349-5600



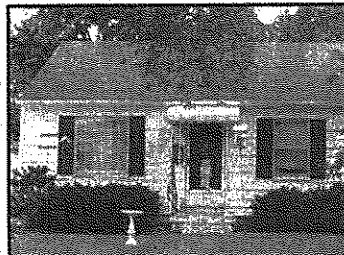
**NOVI** - Beautiful ranch condo. 2 bedroom, 3 full bath w/2 fireplace. Newer windows, hardwood flooring in foyer, kitchen & 1 bath, formal dining room, CA plus 6 ceiling fans. Garden windows in cozy family room. Large deck. Very private-like being in a tree house. Plantation shutters in dining room. \$199,500 (67CAN) 248-349-5600



**LIVONIA** - Large corner lot with view. Updated 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath ranch with finished basement, newer roof, windows, CA & all newer appliances stay. Right across from school. 2 car garage with electric. Florida room, fenced in backyard with BBQ. This one will go fast. \$174,900 (12 HAL) 734-455-5600



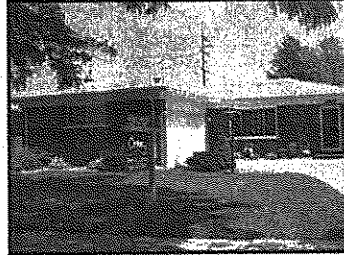
**SOUTH LYON** - Exquisite entertaining home. Custom built 3 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath home on 1 acre w/Northern Michigan atmosphere. Cathedral pine ceiling, Italian stone & granite FP, 5 doorwalls to deck, paver patio, 3 car att garage, fin lower level, grand staircase to MBR suite, formal DR. \$649,000 (25CUR) 734-455-5600



**PLYMOUTH** - Small town atmosphere. Country-like location close to downtown Plymouth. 3 bedroom ranch on treed lined street. Great starter home. \$169,900 (47MOR) 734-455-5600



**INKSTER** - Remarkable 3 bedroom, 1 bath home w/tons of updates. Newer high quality porcelain tile in kitchen. Newer furnace, air conditioning and lots of fresh paint. Partially finished basement w/lots of room, light & dry. Large 2 1/2 car garage. \$124,900 (84AVO) 248-349-5600



**LIVONIA** - Fantastic castle gardens. 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch with newer windows, central air, hardwood floors. 3 season Florida room. 2 car attached heated garage. Fenced yard. Walk to elementary school. Move in condition. \$199,900 (50RIC) 248-349-5600



**NOVI** - You'll like this one. Close to I-96, 696 & 275. This well maintained 2 bedroom condo has what you need. MBR w/walk-in closet. Spacious living room, laundry off kitchen, newly painted, carpeted & windows. Enjoy the pool, park & lake all summer long. \$117,900 (27VIL) 248-349-5600



**REDFORD** - Facing Western Hill Golf Course. 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath bungalow completely renovated, with updated kitchen, newer carpet, paint, re-surfaced hardwood floors, + basement with glass block windows, all appliances, 2 car garage with side patio. \$119,900 (50GRA) 734-455-5600



**GARDEN CITY** - Perfect starter home. Move in and enjoy! Updated top to bottom, 3 bedroom brick ranch, 2 bath, finished basement with 4th bedroom, 2 1/2 car garage. Super sharp with great curb appeal. \$149,700 (20ALV) 734-455-5600



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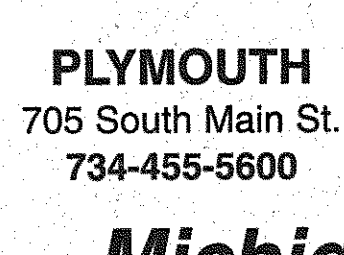
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**CANTON** - Sunflower Village home. Located in Cantons most sought after sub. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, partially fin basement, 2 car attached garage. Brick & vinyl colonial w/welcoming 2 story foyer, natural fireplace, beautiful deck in back, ceramic tile T/O. Prestigious ldsclp. Home warranty. \$329,900 (14CAR) 734-455-5600



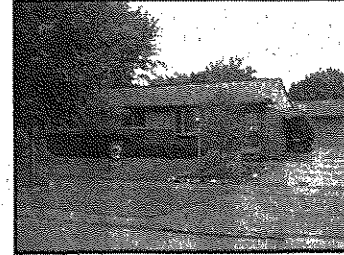
**PLYMOUTH** - Much sought after Garden level condo. Atrium like all brick entryway offers an abundance of natural lighting for the open living area. Medium oak cabinets in kitchen, in unit laundry, & carport. Short walk to shopping & nightlife in downtown Plymouth. Must see! \$134,900 (12PIN) 734-455-5600



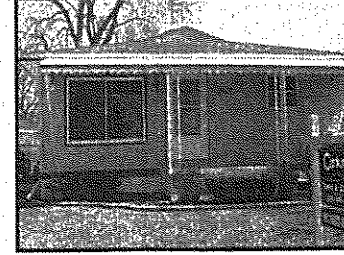
**PLYMOUTH** - A special place to live. Away from the urban crush. Master suite to match any. Foyer, library, dinette & kitchen in hardwood floors. Kitchen has a ton of oak cabinets & appliances. Double door entry to library with built-in bookcases. \$639,900 (72KAT) 734-455-5600



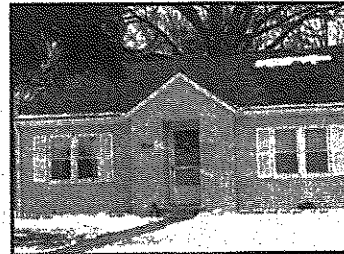
**NOVI** - Classy colonial. 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home on approximately 1/2 acre park-like setting. Newer hardwood floors in foyer, kit & FR. Newer carpet. Formal dining room, doorwalls, A/C, glass blocks, storm door, lighting & outdoor lighting. 2 car gar w/overhead storage/access from upstairs. \$309,900 (86SHE) 248-349-5600



**PLYMOUTH** - Beautiful brick 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch with newer furnace, roof & windows. Hardwood floors, large yard & deck. Finished lower level. Oversized 2 car garage. \$209,900 (19RUS) 248-349-5600



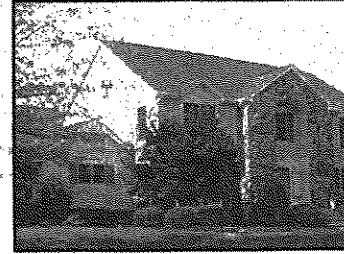
**REDFORD** - Sharp updated ranch. Clean & well maintained 3 BR, 2 BA home. Freshly painted '03, windows, siding '02, newer doors & storms, roof & gutters '98, furn & AC '97. Finished basement & newer blinds - LR. Updated kitchen, ceramic floor & counter top & ceiling fan. All hardwood floors. \$133,500 (24TEC) 248-349-5600



**LIVONIA** - Great location. Great home, great price with newer oak kitchen, newer 1st floor bath with granite counter & tile shower, newer roof, windows & siding. All this in this 4 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow. \$102,000 (60DEE) 734-455-5600



**CANTON** - Beautiful & spacious. 4 bedroom, 2 full & 2 half bath colonial offers family room with gas fireplace, large bay windows in living room & formal dining room, 1st library, laundry room & office, finished basement, most appliances & 2 car attached garage. \$289,900 (11CLA) 734-455-5600



**PLYMOUTH** - A special place to live. Away from the urban crush. Master suite to match any. Foyer, library, dinette & kitchen in hardwood floors. Kitchen has a ton of oak cabinets & appliances. Double door entry to library with built-in bookcases. \$639,900 (72KAT) 734-455-5600



**NOVI** - Premium setting. 2 Bedroom townhouse backs to park with a gorgeous view. Updates like: all flooring, kitchen & baths, HWH & central air. Nice layout with dining room and huge master bedroom. Plenty of storage. Excellent court location. Super. \$159,900 (83CRA) 248-349-5600



**NOVI** - New condo listing. Charming Crosswinds condo w/2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath. Features many updates. Home located at back of condo complex for maximum privacy. 1 car garage w/opener. Includes all appliances. Great location-close to major x-ways. \$174,500 (76 PON) 248-349-5600



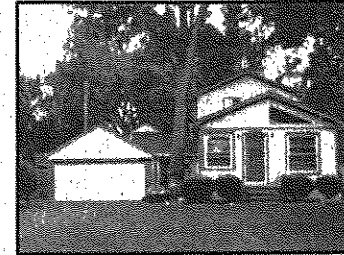
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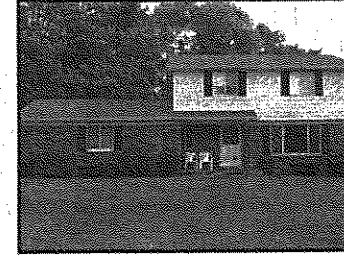
**WAYNE** - Park like setting. Large 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath brick ranch on approx 1.32 acres offers beautiful swimming pool with deck, newer roof, kitchen counter top, flooring & carpet T/O. Also 2 car attached garage & appliances. \$199,000 (01GLE) 734-455-5600



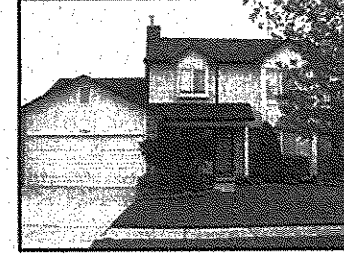
**WESTLAND** - Super clean updated condo located in the Livonia school district is ready for immediate occupancy. Freshly painted, oak kitchen cabinets, Pergo flooring in dining room with bay doorwall to deck. Large master suite. Neutral decor T/O. Home warranty. \$136,000 (78PRI) 734-455-5600



**LIVONIA** - Unique Livonia home. Gorgeous home inside & out. Updated carpet, windows, patio. Has CA, huge yard, large master bedroom with wood-burning stove. 2nd 1 bedroom home on property can be used as rental-pull in some extra income! \$225,000 (89ORA) 734-455-5600



**FARMINGTON HILLS** - Honey I'm home. Brick 3 BR colonial on approximately 3/4 acres. Updates include: huge kit, w/Corian counters, light oak cabinets, carpet & roof. Freshly painted. FR has fireplace, sun-room, patio, attached garage, full basement, appliances & home warranty. Great views. \$269,900 (51DOH) 248-349-5600



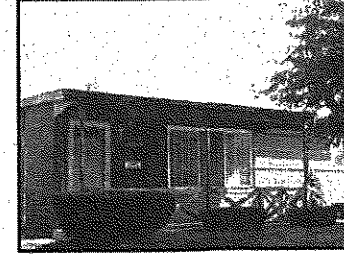
**CANTON** - Outstanding 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial with family room, living room & formal dining room. Large master suite. First floor laundry. Medium oak kitchen with center island, Corian counter tops, newer flooring & doors leading to gorgeous 3 season room. Lovely patio. \$229,900 (93WOO) 248-349-5600



**NORTHVILLE** - Location! Location! This stunning 1996 built 3 bedroom Cape Cod condo sets new meaning to prime lot. It is located on a gorgeous waterfront lot w/breathtaking view. W/O basement and large deck off great room. Sharp, clean & wow. \$428,000 (38LAK) 248-349-5600



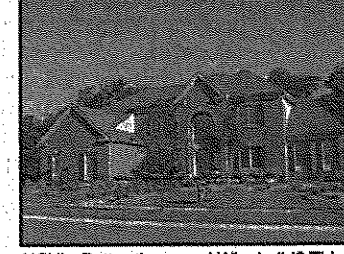
**TAYLOR** - Great home for under \$100,000. 3 bedroom, 1 bath ranch on large lot with fenced backyard. Newer Pergo floors, newer appliances, windows, interior & exterior doors, newer kitchen floor, ceramic tile in updated bath. Newer CA & furnace. Home warranty. \$99,900 (78BAI) 734-455-5600



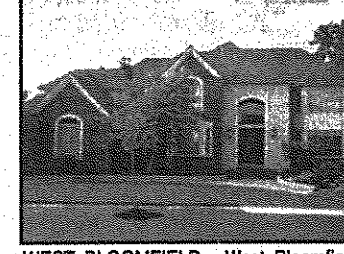
**TAYLOR** - Very nice brick ranch. 3 bedroom, 1 bath home with full basement, eat-in-kitchen, 2 car garage, all new paint and carpet, + appliances stay. \$139,900 (40CHE) 734-455-5600



**DEARBORN** - All brick beauty! 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Tudor style colonial with hardwood floors, coved ceilings, old world charm, family room and finished basement. \$209,900 (40WAR) 734-455-5600



**NOVI** - Better than new! Why build? This 2 year old 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath colonial has all the upgrades. Cherry cabinets, granite counters, Jack & Jill baths, 2 story foyer & family room, conservatory, princess suite, finished lower level with bedroom, bath & family room. Backs to woods too! \$739,000 (10CHE) 248-349-5600



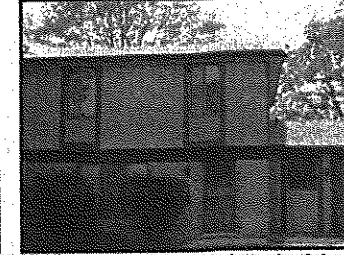
**WEST BLOOMFIELD** - West Bloomfield beauty. Built in 1998 fabulous 4 bedroom home. Built with imports from around the world. Gourmet commercial kitchen, 3 full & two half baths. Master suite with 2 way fireplace, steam shower. Marble, granite & rosewood. Great lot. \$849,900 (01DOB) 248-349-5600



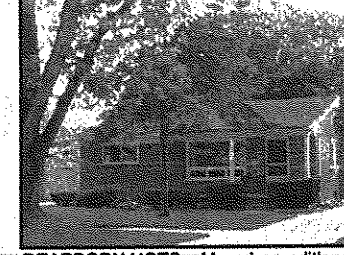
**YPSILANTI** - Enjoy view of Ford Lake. Lake view from your living room in this clean, updated 3 bedroom, brick ranch on one of the largest lots in sub. Many updates, well-maintained. Finished basement & nicely landscaped. Move in now, relax & enjoy the summer. \$157,900 (07EME) 248-349-5600



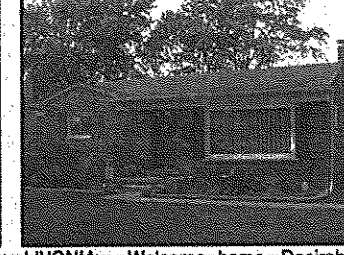
**PLYMOUTH** - A very rear find. Highly desired Beacon Hollow presents this rear 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath townhouse with formal dining room, fireplace in living room, doorwall to deck, 2 car attached garage, full basement, all appliances & home warranty. \$254,900 (13PIN) 734-455-5600



**SOUTHFIELD** - Secluded condo. 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath, 1 car attached garage, CA, doorwall, circuit breakers. Utility room, small cozy complex. All appliances stay. Home protection plan included. Easy commute. \$99,534 (90SAR) 734-455-5600



**DEARBORN HGTS.** - Move in condition. 3 bedroom brick ranch with 1 bathroom, eat-in kitchen, dining L, spacious living room, all vinyl windows, 2 car garage. \$150,000 (63SIL) 734-455-5600



**LIVONIA** - Welcome home. Desirable neighborhood offers 3 BR, 1 1/2 BA brick ranch on a tree lined street. Newer vinyl doors & AC. Freshly painted. All newer appliances included. Finished LL offers great room-office. Awesome home. A must see. \$178,000 (00HEE) 248-349-5600



**WALLED LAKE** - 2 bedroom ranch condo w/1 car attached garage. Full basement w/cedar closet. Newer hardwood floor in great room, kitchen & dining room. Vaulted ceiling in great room w/natural FP. Private patio off dining area. MBR w/walk-in closet. Super clean. \$159,900 (02DOV) 248-349-5600



**DEARBORN** - Why rent? It's older, built to last & has classic inside beauty. Kitchen makes every square inch count. Freshly painted home w/newer vinyl windows & C/A. Basement/rec room or home office. 1 car garage, fenced yard. One year home warranty. \$129,900 (05GRI) 248-349-5600

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# Top 10 relocation tips to consider

The following are some important items that Judi Davis says that needs to be considered:

1. **Find a reputable real estate agent** located in your new community to assist in your move. Relocation services are usually offered at little or no cost. A call to the local chamber of commerce is a good place to start or ask someone at your new job if they can recommend an agent. Ask for references and check them. This will help ease your mind that you are dealing with someone you can trust.

2. **Research the new area.** Plan a visit to the community surrounding your new employer before you move. Locate local stores and community resources. Also, get a feel for your commute by driving from a variety of locations. Ideally, you should do this on a weekday so you can get an idea of what rush hour commuting is like, but that isn't always possible. Sometimes the commute may not even involve a car.

3. **Obtain information regarding local school districts** ahead of time — very relevant concern for parents of school-aged kids. Local school districts are required to report to the state statistics such as their graduation rates, teacher-to-student ratios, assessment scores, etc.

4. **Contact a minimum of three moving companies** for a

free estimate and references, too. You want to make sure you're receiving the best rate and a trustworthy mover. Also, find out how long it will take the moving company to travel to your new destination so you can plan your trip accordingly. If you're going to move yourself, then the same estimating rule applies for rental companies. Make sure that there is an allotment for mileage in the estimate and some room for overage in case you need to overnight somewhere on the way. Also, verify the age of the vehicle or trailer. You do not want to lose time during the move due to a breakdown on the road.

## CURRENT RESIDENCE

5. **Get your current home ready to sell.** This means breaking out the paint brush, mop and push broom to spiff it up. You don't want to overdo it on the painting, though. You want to avoid the impression that all of the new paint is hiding something.

6. **Regarding your current house, there is something to be said for "curb appeal."** Take a look at your house from across the street. Do the flowerbeds need weeding or require more mulch? Are tree branches dangling too close to your house? Does the trim need painting or replacing? You need to make sure the outside looks good to

encourage potential buyer's to take a closer look on the inside of your home.

7. **Speaking of profit,** if you're in a position to make two house payments for the foreseeable future in order to get the highest price for your current residence, then consider doing so. But if you're like most people who relocate, you need to sell your old home fairly quickly. This means pricing the home to sell by taking a little off what the average price might be for your area. Again, giving up a little now might avoid giving up more later.

8. **Obtain a preapproved mortgage** from a local lender in your new community. They generally publish their mortgage rates online or they may tell you them over the telephone. Either way, if you get the approval process out of the way first, then you can look for houses that are in your price range without having to wait for the mortgage process to begin. And, by seeking preapproval ahead of time, you might find that the lender may have requirements that preclude you from buying right away. This is important so that you can find someplace to rent in the mean time.

9. **Prearrange to have utilities at your current home turned off two weeks after you are scheduled to leave.** This way, if something happens and you move later than you anticipated,

you will not be left literally in the dark. Also, be sure to keep your homeowner's insurance up to date on your current home until the title changes to the new owner. A little extra cash spent here can help avoid a big headache later.

10. **Obtain change of address forms** to notify creditors and loved ones. These forms are readily available at your local post office for free. An important thing to remember about suggestions such as these, you need to do what is comfortable for you and be sure to read all of the fine print. If you are not sure what you're signing, there is no substitute for sound legal advice.

## BE OPTIMISTIC

The very idea of relocating to a new town can be a daunting one. It can be enough to make some not take a promotion or seek work outside of their current neighborhood.

According to the Web site rpsrelocation.com, an internet-based company that offers relocation services and advice, 60 percent of employees refuse transfers due to family concerns.

There are many resources that are available that can take most of the mystery out of relocating, but as Davis reminds us: "Do your homework." A lesson from our school days is just as relevant today.

# Study says U.S. rents up about one-third since 1999

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The cost of rent and utilities for a typical two-bedroom apartment has increased more than a third in the United States since 1999, making such housing unaffordable for anyone earning minimum wage, according to a study by an advocacy group for low-income housing.

A worker must earn at least \$15.21 an hour to afford the average cost of \$791 per month and have enough left for food and other necessities, the Washington-based National Low Income Housing Coalition said Monday. Five years ago the average cost for housing and utilities was \$576. The federal minimum wage of \$5.15 an hour, which has

not increased since 1997, is barely one-third of the housing wage of \$15.21 an hour.

States have the discretion of setting higher minimum wages, and 11 states have done so. Alaska has the highest minimum wage at \$7.15.

With the nation's economy still struggling, coalition president Sheila Crowley said she expects more people will be forced to live in substandard housing or to move in with others.

Crowley criticized the President George W. Bush's administration and Congress for not spending more on affordable housing. The Department of Housing and Urban Development had no immediate comment on the report.

## Use the Internet to get you moving

A quick check on any number of Internet search engines (Google, Altavista, Yahoo, etc.) will reveal some Web-based resources that can assist in your relocation "homework." These can be consulted along with other local resources within the community to which you are relocating. Here are a few online examples:

### RELOCATION SERVICES

- century21town-country.com
- homefair.com
- realtor.com
- realestateone.com
- rpsrelocation.com

### SELF-MOVING


- monstermoving.com

- movermax.com
- movingmyself.com
- safemove.com
- uhaul.com


### MOVING COMPANIES

- Bekins.com
  - emovingadvisors.com
  - unitedvanlines.com
- These are examples and not recommendations.

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**DEARBORN HEIGHTS.** Beautiful brick 3 bdrm bungalow w/great curb appeal & very well cared for. New circuit box '03, copper plumbing '94, windows '94, hrdwd flrs under most carpet, finished bsmt, newer exterior doors, wet plaster (1st & 2nd floor), cove ceilings in living rm & dining rm, aluminum trim, Home Warranty. \$144,900 (D66Gr)



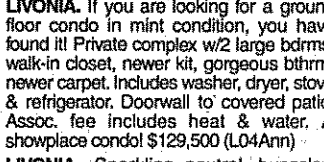
**LIVONIA.** Nice three bedroom ranch with Livonia Schools! Wet plaster and cove ceilings in living room and dining room. New furnace, air cleaner & humidifier '02, most windows replaced w/vinyl. Full master bath. Natural fireplace in bsmt. Aluminum trim. 2 1/2 car garage with replaced door and opener. \$209,900 (D54Ben)



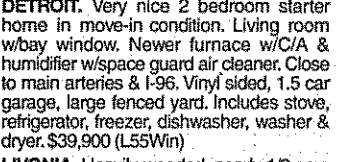
**WESTLAND.** "Bachelor's Pad!" Move in condition. Completely remodeled 2 bdrm ranch. New kit & bath, cabinets & hrdwd flrs, carpet. Attached single car garage with breezeway plus large 2 car det gar. Good starter home. Lots of room for expansion. Split available. \$135,000 (L40Fro)



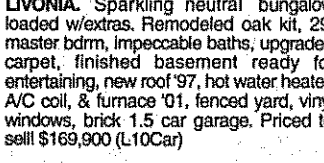
**GARDEN CITY.** Enjoy this 3 bedroom ranch in a great area! Family room w/fireplace & doorwall to deck. New carpet in living room, updated kitchen & bath. Newer windows, roof & air conditioning. Owner will look at all reasonable offers! \$149,900 (L44She)



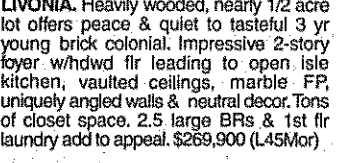
**LIVONIA.** If you are looking for a ground floor condo in mint condition, you have found it! Private complex w/2 large bdrms, walk-in closet, newer kit, gorgeous bthrm, newer carpet, includes washer, dryer, stove & refrigerator. Doorwall to covered patio. Assoc. fee includes heat & water. A showplace condo! \$129,500 (L04Ann)



**LIVONIA.** Sparkling neutral bungalow loaded w/extras. Remodeled oak kit, 29' master bdrm, impeccable baths, upgraded carpet, finished basement ready for entertaining, new roof '97, hot water heater, A/C coil, & furnace '01, fenced yard, vinyl windows, brick 1.5 car garage. Priced to sell! \$169,900 (L10Car)



**DETROIT.** Very nice 2 bedroom starter home in move-in condition. Living room w/bay window. Newer furnace w/C/A & humidifier w/space guard air cleaner. Close to main arteries & I-96. Vinyl sided, 1.5 car garage, large fenced yard. Includes stove, refrigerator, freezer, dishwasher, washer & dryer. \$39,900 (L55Win)



**LIVONIA.** Heavily wooded, nearly 1/2 acre lot offers peace & quiet to tasteful 3 yr young brick colonial. Impressive 2-story foyer w/hdwd flr leading to open isle kitchen, vaulted ceilings, marble FP, uniquely angled walls & neutral decor. Tons of closet space. 2.5 large BRs & 1st flr laundry add to appeal. \$269,900 (L45Mor)



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**4-BEDROOM CONTEMPORARY** - Situated on an outstanding lot that backs to a huge commons area. Ceramic floors 22x14 family room with vaulted ceiling, skylights and fireplace with interior painted in '03, exterior painted in '02, master with balcony, neutral decor thruout, finished basement and 1st floor laundry. \$314,900 (564BU)



**PRICED RIGHT** - 3 bedroom tri-level located in the Carillon Village Sub near Canton. Updated kitchen, central air, and newer carpet. Family room with a cozy fireplace, large front porch, patio and lot. Immediate occupancy. \$157,900 (181NO)



**SPECTACULAR BELLEVILLE LAKE VIEW** - Enjoy the lake view from your huge front porch. Cape cod with 3-bedrooms, 1.5 baths, beautiful hardwood floors, formal dining room, large living room with fireplace, basement with knotty pine rec room and a 2-car garage. \$189,900 (545HI)



**INVITING AND EXCITING** - Wonderful and pristine clean Canton 4 bedrooms, two-story in a cul-de-sac on a serene 2.5 bath cape cod on a wooded 1.77 acre lot. Great room, Florida room, large system. Large family room with family room with fireplace, cathedral ceilings, fresh interior paint, recessed lighting, main level master with jetted tub & walk-in closet. Updated kitchen. Patio, garden terrace & a satellite dish. \$399,900 (210GY)



**A DISTINCTIVE FLAIR** - Remarkable two-story in a cul-de-sac on a serene 2.5 bath cape cod on a wooded 1.77 acre lot. Great room, Florida room, large system. Large family room with family room with fireplace, cathedral ceilings, fresh interior paint, recessed lighting, main level master with jetted tub & walk-in closet. Updated kitchen. Patio, garden terrace & a satellite dish. \$399,900 (210GY)



**IT'S PERFECT!** - Priced right 3 bedroom brick ranch with updated kitchen and bath, vinyl windows, newer central air system, 2 car garage, full basement, and what a great neighborhood! \$126,900 (868CA)



**2001 CUSTOM BUILT RANCH** - 3 bedroom, 2 bath Taylor home. Large kitchen w/maple cabinetry, Corian counters, & ceramic floors. Formal dining w/vaulted ceiling & French doors, patio overlooking a nice yard & sprinkler system. Master w/try ceiling, walk-in closets & private bath w/jetted tub & separate shower. \$209,900 (724SC)



**ROSEDALE RANCH** - Great 3-bedroom ranch with 1.5 baths and 1077 sq. ft. Vaulted ceilings and beautiful hardwood floors, newer furnace and copper plumbing, full finished basement and a 2 car garage. Relax on the screened in porch with a tranquil view of the yard and lily pond. \$168,500 (311FR)



**MOVE RIGHT INTO** - This sparkling clean 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath ranch with finished basement, new kitchen (cabinets, wood floor, most appliances), updated bath, new windows, new driveway, family room with fireplace, neutral carpet throughout. Very nice. \$199,900 (302UM)



**1.1 GROOMED ACRES** - Embraces this 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath ranch. Large country kitchen, 12x20 storage shed, covered patio with gas grill and a 2-car attached garage. Room to play. \$167,000 (215MA)



**GIBRALTAR-LAKEFRONT** - 75 ft. on Lake Erie-many possibilities for this 2,400 sq. ft. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with large Florida room overlooking the lake. Two kitchen, 2 dining areas & 2 living rooms make this home very unique. All appliances stay. Large unfinished 3rd floor level, waiting for your ideas. \$475,000 (119AD)



**DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH RANCH** - Tree-lined street is home for this 3 bedroom, 2 full bath ranch boasting ceramic entry and main hall, marble fireplace flanked by built-ins, central formal dining room, oak kitchen with ample table space and 2-car attached garage. \$295,000 (356AR)



**COPPER CANYON** - Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath ranch on a fenced corner lot. Full, finished basement. Nice breezeway to 2-car garage. Newer furnace and new roof. Hardwood floors. \$124,900 (485BE)



**WESTLAND RANCH** - Wow! Check out the list of updates in this fabulous 3-bedroom ranch! Never furnace, air, electrical, copper plumbing, roof, vinyl windows & siding, entry doors, & carpet. New oak kitchen includes appliances, patio door to the new deck & fenced yard. Finished basement & a 2 1/2 car garage. \$148,900 (323GL)



**FIRST CLASS HOME!** - Brick all around in this popular ranch. New dimensional roof with tear off, Champion insulated windows & doorwall, family room with raised hearth fireplace, deluxe sectional garage door, custom 14x10 tool crib with electric and cement floor. 1 year home warranty. \$199,750 (787ME)



**IMMACULATE RANCH CONDO** - Decorated to perfection. Three of partially wooded waterfront on bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 1,410 sq. ft. South Lake (all sports, 100 acre, no finished lower level, great room with public access). Deed restrictions make this an area of newer upscale homes! \$139,900 (000CA)



**BUILD IN THE IRISH HILLS** - 210 ft. of partially wooded waterfront on bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 1,410 sq. ft. South Lake (all sports, 100 acre, no finished lower level, great room with public access). Deed restrictions make this an area of newer upscale homes! \$139,900 (000CA)



**COUNTRY CAPE COD-PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP** - Meticulously updated-restored home on 2 acres close to downtown. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, new kitchen w/all appliances, hardwood floors, original wide woodwork, most windows newer, elect., plus full basement. Two garages-35x22 & 24x24 are perfect for hobbies. Great location with room to grow. \$340,000 (640NO)



**ACREAGE IN THE CITY** - Lots of privacy on this 2.04 acre lot with plenty of mature trees. Possession at closing. This home has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and 2 fireplaces. \$235,000 (8000A)



**LIVONIA SCHOOLS** - Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick colonial with a side entry 2-car garage. Built in 1993 in the popular Overbrook sub. Neutral throughout with oak kitchen cabinets and a doorwall leading to the deck overlooking a park like setting. \$254,900 (165FO)



**CANTON RANCH** - Sharp all brick 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home is ready for immediate occupancy. This one has a family room with fireplace, central air, finished basement, 2 1/2 car garage and much more. \$182,500 (647HO)



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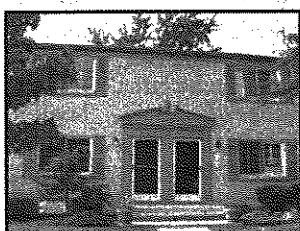
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**ANN ARBOR** \$1,200,000  
100.25 acre farm. In an area of future development. Farm home and barn included near a major university and fine schools. This is a rare opportunity for the right investor or group. (BGSly95DIX) 888-870-9131



**BELLEVILLE** \$154,990  
1 acre of land priced to sell! 1 acre home priced to sell! Updated oak kitchen, windows, doors, roof. Hardwood floors 3 out buildings with electric. A lot of room to add sq.ft. Full basement (bgn70tyl) 888-870-9123



**BIRMINGHAM** \$159,900  
Super Starter Home! Affordable & adorable condo! 2 BR w/updated bath, upgraded kitchen (02) w/new cabinets & Tuscan Cobblestone floors. Big basement, private entry. Must see! BGP-94Gra 888-870-9127



**BRIGHTON** \$394,900  
Ultimate Wooded Paradise on 1.17 Acres! 2457 sq.ft. 2000 year built. 3br, 2.5 bath, 3 car garage, walkout bsmnt, Fieldstone fireplace, jacuzzi tub in master. Leaded entry. (BGN98VAN) 888-870-9123



**CANTON** \$354,900  
Under Construction. Great Open Floor Plan, Bay Windows, Side Entry 3 Car Garage. Located On Large Private Ct Lot. Completion In Time For Holidays. Choices Still Available. OEL49WOO 888-870-9105



**CANTON** \$311,900  
"Covington Square". Park-like setting backing to a commons. 2 story brick home. 3 BR, 2.1 baths, formal DR, GR w/FP LB/Study, 1st fl laundry, CA, sprinklers, & prof landscaped. Beautiful BGP-42Oak 888-870-9127



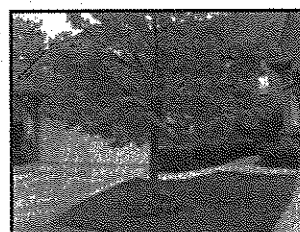
**CANTON** \$284,900  
Cherry Hill Village! 2 BR, 2 BA end unit ranch w/9 ft. cigs & 8 ft doors. Grmt kit w/extra long prem maple cbnts & granite island. Rich looking maple flrs in kit, nook, foyer, walkway. Neutral! BGP-48Han 888-870-9127



**CANTON** \$237,900  
Best Ranch Floor Plan in Canton! Lg. master suite, living room w/fireplace, formal dining, kitchen w/eating space, 1st floor laundry, 2 car gar. & bsmnt. (BGN80CHE) 888-870-9123



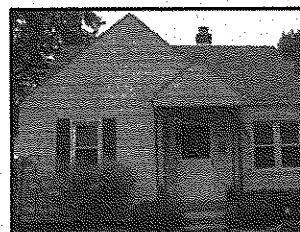
**CANTON** \$219,900  
Better Than New-Backs To Protected Area. Cathedral Ceiling With 2 Skylights. 1st Floor Laundry, Monitored Fire Alarm, Large Deck/Garden Windows. Bright And Open Floor Plan. OEL66CHE 888-870-9105



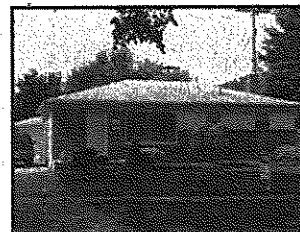
**CANTON** \$204,900  
Condo Living at it's best! Best open floor plan. Great room w/fireplace w/marble surround. Formal dining hardwood floors, oak cabinets. Master suite w/private bath finished basement. (BGN46SAR) 888-870-9123



**CANTON** \$1,200/MO  
Brand New Construction To Be Completed Late September. 2 Bdrms, 2 Full Baths, All Appliances Stay. Excellent Location. 1.5 Car Attached Garage, Quiet End Unit. Must See! OEL18ELI 888-870-9105



**DEARBORN** \$139,900  
This is not a drive-by must see inside! Attractive open floor plan. Kitchen opens to beautiful family room w/new woodburner, plus 3 season sunroom. 1st floor master bdrm. Partial finished basement. (BGSly36UNI) 888-870-9131



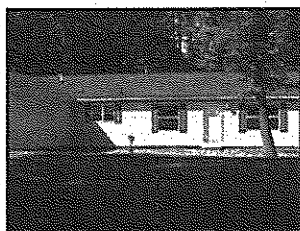
**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** \$138,500  
Opportunity Awaits! Brick ranch on great tree-lined location. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. Updated kitchen w/hdwd flrs. Finished basement, 2 car garage. Large deck, school of choice. BGP-52Car 888-870-9127



**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$369,900  
Fabulous Park-Like 1/2 Acre Lot! Complements this stunning 4br, 2.5 bath updated tudor. Cherry kitchen w/many amenities. Dimensional shingles. Generous room sizes. 14ft gazebo. (BGN46PAR) 888-870-9123



**FARMINGTON** \$219,900  
Cust. Quality Thru-out! Brick Ranch, Crwn Molding & Custom Wood Trim, 2.5 baths, 3 bed, Lge Country Kit, Fam Rm \*Patio & Landscaped Yard, \* Fin Bsmnt \*newer Windows\* 2 car att gar. OEL29TUC 888-870-9105



**FOWLERVILLE** \$192,000  
Just minutes from Howell. Spacious open floor plan ranch, on 2.7 private acres. 1998 built, open kitchen, master w/private bath, 1st floor laundry and basement. (BGSly13HOG) 888-870-9131



**LIVONIA** \$414,000  
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



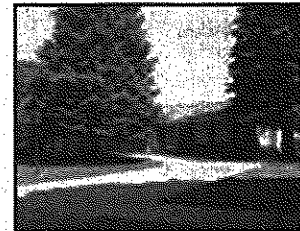
**LIVONIA** \$364,900  
Beaut 4 BR, 2 ? Bath, Colonial In "Caliburn Manor." 1st Flr Laund, Bay Wind in LR & Mstr Bdrm, White Kitchen W/built-in Oven, Mstr Bath Has Tub & Sep Shower, Paver Brick Patio, Fin Bsmnt, Alarm System. OEL37GLE 888-870-9105



**LIVONIA** \$256,900  
Fabulous End Unit! 2br, 3.5 bath townhouse w/finished basement & 2 car attached garage. Custom eat-in kitchen w/marble counters, Marble fireplace & mstr bath. Formal dining room. (BGN16LAU) 888-870-9123



**LIVONIA** \$229,700  
Fabulous Bargain! On this 2br, 2.5 bath townhouse w/finished basement & 2 car attached garage. Clean & move-in condition. Great room w/fireplace. Eat in kitchen & formal dining room. (BGN20LAU) 888-870-9123



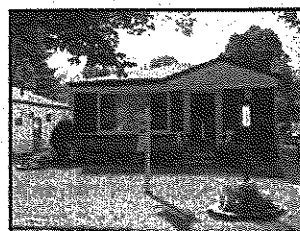
**LIVONIA** \$204,900  
Clean & Neat 3 Bdrm, 2 Full Bath Brick "renaissance" Ranch In Livonia. Enter Into Large Brick Foyer Overlooking LR Open Kitchen Pretty FR W/brick Wall FP Fin Bsmnt, 2 Car Att Garage. OEL22RAM 888-870-9105



**LIVONIA** \$164,900  
3 bedroom, 1 bath, brick ranch. Living room W/newer Carpet. Large kitchen. Family room W/2 doorways. 1st floor ldnry. Updated Furn, C/A. Vinyl windows, newer roof. 2 Car heated att garage. OEL66BRO 888-870-9105



**LIVONIA** \$142,500  
Lovely Ranch That Has Been Redesigned! 3br, 2 ba, finished basement w/fireplace, custom crown molding, updated kitchen, windows, ceramic tile, carpet, paint & roof. (BGN00GIL) 888-870-9123



**LIVONIA** \$139,900  
Everything is done! 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths! updated home w/newer windows, roof, ca, furnace! Full finished basement, landscaped. Fenced backyard, security system, appliances in kitchen! (BGSly77GIL) 888-870-9131



**MILFORD** \$220,000  
Newer 3 Bedroom Colonial on Almost an Acre. Open Floor plan, neutral and ready to move into. Great room with cathedral ceilings - fireplace, sprawling kitchen, 2 car garage. full basement. (BGSly57OLD) 888-870-9131



**NORTHVILLE** \$299,900  
Stunning 3 BR Ranch in Highlands. Fp/c in LR & FR. Master w/bath. Fin. bsmnt w/full bath & Lg storage rm. Fenced yard backs to wood. Spectacular fall view. Walking distance to 4 lakes. Lake priv. (BGSly63RIP) 888-870-9131



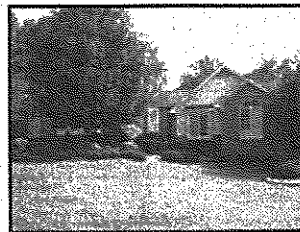
**NOVI** \$739,900  
Truly Elegant! A home you deserve! 4 BR, 3.1 bath colonial. Dual staircase. Granite cntntrs, w/pantry & cherry cbnts. 19 x 9 sun room off kitchen. HDWD flrs in kitchen, nook & DR. BGP-30Abe 888-870-9127



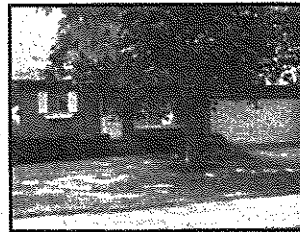
**NOVI** \$429,900  
Meticulous Colonial! Royal Crown features clean colonial surrounded by mature trees. Spacious LR & DR. GR has FP & cath ceiling. Neutral, throughout! Lg master w/jacuzzi tub. Finished bsmnt. BGP-20Fox 888-870-9127



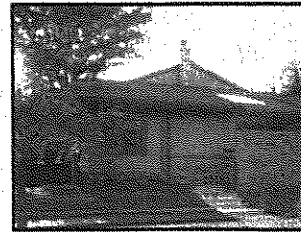
**Vacant Land**  
NOVI \$410,000  
Build your dream home in the heart of Novi. Builders take note. Land is splittable! City sewers, water and utilities - area of \$500,000 homes. Survey and split now in process. (BGSlyVLELE) 888-870-9131



**PLYMOUTH** \$473,500  
So Rare! Executive ranch boasts prestigious location on a premium wooded lot. Dramatic Grt Rm w/woodsy views, all white kitchen, 19 ft mstr ste. Oversized 2 car gar. Exquisite! BGP-98Mil 888-870-9127



**PLYMOUTH** \$225,000  
Over \$5,000 in Updates! 4br, 2 bath, formal living room w/FP, kitchen w/est-in nook, hardwood flrs on bdrms w/bath access, basement, mudroom, garage. (BGN45FIV) 888-870-9123



**PLYMOUTH** \$207,500  
Best Location in Complex! 2 BR, 2 BA end unit ranch backing to wooded setting. Prof painted t/o. New kit cnts, LR w/gas FP. Newer win. Full bsmnt w/glass blk win. Custom brick paver off dw. Clean! BGP-65Woo 888-870-9127



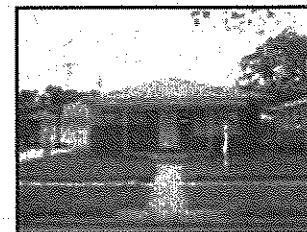
**REDFORD** \$145,000  
3 Bedroom, 2 Full Bath Brick Ranch w/ Fantastic Eat-in Kit W/Oak Cabinets, Counters. Fam rm-like Fin. Bsmnt W/Wet Bar, Full Bath And Glass Block Windows. Florida Room. BGL-55COL 888-870-9105



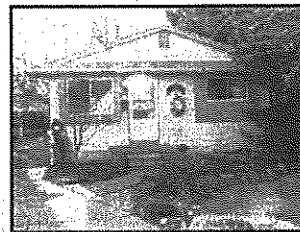
**REDFORD** \$144,900  
Nice 3 Bdrm Brick Bung On A Dble Lot! Nearly 100 Ft Wide. New Front Porch. 2 Car Gar W/ Opener. Updated Kitchen, Cer Foyer, Newer Entry Doors, Glass Block Wdows. Hrdwood Flooring. OEL58INK 888-870-9105



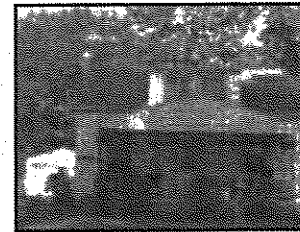
**REDFORD** \$127,500  
Priced To Sell! Brick Ranch w/Quick Occup! 3bdrm, 1 full bath & 2 half lavs. Beautiful eat-in kitchen, newer furnace, CA, hwh, most newer windows. Large enclosed porch off back. Part.fin.basement. (BGN82BEE) 888-870-9123



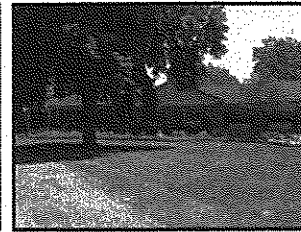
**REDFORD** \$124,900  
3 Bdrm Brick Ranch, 2.5 Car Brick Garage, W/ Insulated Door. Hardwood Floors, Large Basement. Clean And Well Maintained. Close To Schools. 1 Yr. Home Warranty. OEL29WOR 888-870-9105



**REDFORD** \$111,900  
Ameridream Home - Move in With \$0 Down! 3 BR, 1 bath built in 1970. Newer roof, air conditioning - huge 24x24 garage w/ workshop - motivated seller wants offer - will look at all offers! Show and Sell! (BGSly01KIN) 888-870-9131



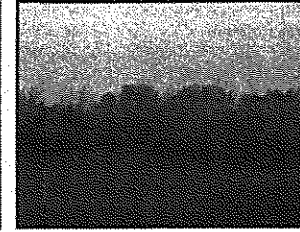
**REDFORD** \$99,900  
1,000 Sq.ft. Liv Space W/ Updates: Wallside Wind, Roof, Alum., Lg. Eat-in Kit. 2 Entry Level Bedrooms + Lg 2nd Floor Bdrm. Lg Laund Rm W/ Pantry. OEL89MAC 888-870-9105



**SOUTH LYON** \$499,000  
Great opportunity! 12 acres, 40X60 cement floor pole barn. 3100 sq. ft. ranch & 1200 sq. ft. built in '90, CA, LR, FR w/FP, DW access to rear yd, deck, hot tub. LL fin w/main flr quality. BGP-62Bar 888-870-9127



**SOUTH LYON** \$144,500  
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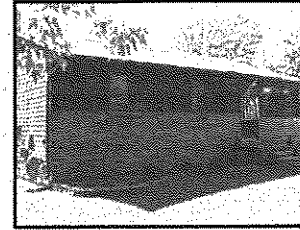
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These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the weeks of May 5-9, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>Canton</b>	
49122 Andover	\$431,000
808 Burlington	\$196,000
675 Constitution	\$334,000
341 Darthmouth	\$245,000
3221 Greenwich	\$155,000
42722 Keystone	\$225,000
426 Lenox	\$450,000
42716 Lilley Pointe	\$228,000
496 Pleasant Ridge	\$77,000
46478 Swanmere	\$305,000
43628 W Arbor	\$130,000

<b>Garden City</b>	
32261 Florence	\$151,000
30945 Marquette	\$147,000
<b>Livonia</b>	
20417 Angling	\$162,000
20225 Floral	\$125,000
18325 Glastonbury	\$340,000
18902 Loveland	\$220,000
<b>Plymouth</b>	
702 Coolidge	\$152,000
173 E Ann Arbor	\$199,000
1210 Junction	\$124,000
45545 Woodleigh	\$338,000

<b>Redford</b>	
25210 S Mile	\$80,000
20497 Beech Daly	\$114,000
25954 Cathedral	\$168,000
20018 Kinloch	\$120,000
18230 Norborne	\$105,000
19468 Poinciana	\$50,000
12880 Sioux	\$135,000
26004 Student	\$150,000
<b>Westland</b>	
36455 Avondale	\$142,000
32109 Genesee	\$91,000
28086 Hanover	\$125,000
30265 Lacy	\$189,000
30050 Lacy	\$183,000
8727 N Middlebelt	\$50,000
34811 Pardo	\$162,000
32536 Parkwood	\$85,000
34718 Sansburn	\$140,000

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<b>Auburn Hills</b>	
842 Hathaway	\$283,000
3651 Lexington	\$274,000
849 Linden	\$308,000
826 S Squirrel	\$136,000
<b>Beverly Hill</b>	
18356 Bedford	\$330,000
19126 Devonshire	\$421,000
15908 Dunblaine	\$265,000
16145 Elizabeth	\$200,000
21543 Meadow	\$320,000
<b>Birmingham</b>	
598 Abbey	\$555,000
1350 Chapin	\$235,000
1424 Dorchester	\$690,000
125 E 14 Mile	\$106,000
1653 Graefield	\$151,000
115 Hamilton	\$570,000
2229 Manchester	\$250,000
2737 Manchester	\$238,000
2083 Sheffield	\$232,000
111 Willets St #300	\$1,516,000

<b>Bloomfield Hills/Township</b>	
2762 Bloomfield	\$740,000
1862 Chipping	\$418,000
4692 Coachmaker	\$390,000
3741 Darlington	\$570,000
692 E Fox Hills	\$97,000
4130 Echo	\$178,000
657 Half Moon	\$665,000
4353 Meadowlane	\$40,000
486 Newburne Pointe	\$231,000
1880 Packer	\$180,000
3480 Sunnydale	\$475,000
1539 Tannahill	\$225,000
3878 Wabek	\$460,000

<b>Clarkston</b>	
5824 Baypointe	\$235,000
3434 Floretta	\$150,000
5916 Hummingbird	\$205,000
8900 Knox	\$420,000
9965 Maple Valley	\$130,000
5916 Mary Sue	\$169,000
138 N Holcomb	\$135,000
10215 Percy Lake	\$485,000
<b>Commerce Township</b>	
8321 Arlis St	\$201,000
1971 Portlock	\$185,000

<b>Oxford</b>	
265 Derby	\$289,000
275 Derby	\$285,000
169 Glaspie	\$45,000
567 Inverness	\$220,000
1134 Newman	\$221,000
290 Oxford Lake	\$198,000
1045 Watersedge	\$73,000
<b>Rochester Hills</b>	
1815 Alsford	\$239,000
473 Arlington	\$282,000
2801 Arrowwood	\$460,000
1178 Bluebird	\$303,000
3566 Cedar Brook	\$500,000
609 Cheshire	\$210,000
1540 Colony	\$193,000
2543 Dover	\$100,000
1345 E Fairview	\$272,000
3720 Edinborough	\$555,000
2491 Frankson	\$172,000
1575 Grandview	\$240,000
556 Harrow	\$196,000
3465 Innsbrook	\$236,000

<b>West Bloomfield</b>	
30493 Bristol Circle	\$517,000
1525 E Lake	\$240,000
22410 Eaton	\$307,000
23966 Greening	\$310,000
40798 Ladene	\$268,000
41162 Marks	\$295,000
42535 Park Ridge	\$245,000
22516 Peppermill	\$249,000
41797 Primrose	\$196,000
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23622 Stonehenge	\$123,000
22846 Talford	\$134,000
45616 White Pines	\$399,000
<b>Oakland Township</b>	
2112 Aberdeen	\$190,000
5121 Belmonte	\$425,000
5144 Belmonte	\$416,000
5189 Belmonte	\$448,000
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929 Sherbrooke	\$300,000
407 Broadway	\$112,000
7918 Crosshill	\$84,000
11996 Davisburg	\$250,000
12131 Heather	\$250,000
7620 Ormond	\$192,000

<b>Farmington</b>	
33619 Oakland	\$220,000
24156 Saint Mary	\$240,000
33900 Slocum	\$190,000
33907 State	\$229,000

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22194 Arbor	\$273,000
23985 Creekside	\$220,000
27542 E Echo	\$127,000
29029 Forest Hill	\$290,000
29383 Glen Oaks	\$225,000
28911 Green Castle	\$245,000
28862 Lincolnview	\$185,000
31284 Misty Pines	\$194,000
32490 Nottingham	\$242,000
28396 Peppermill	\$200,000
29738 Pine Ridge	\$162,000
38198 Saratoga	\$238,000
29564 Sierra Point	\$205,000
22795 Vacri	\$305,000
34915 Valley Forge	\$260,000
32234 W 12 Mile	\$190,000
22159 W Brandon	\$174,000
27316 W Skye	\$250,000
20908 Waldron	\$11,000
28836 Willow Creek	\$315,000
27170 Winchester	\$460,000

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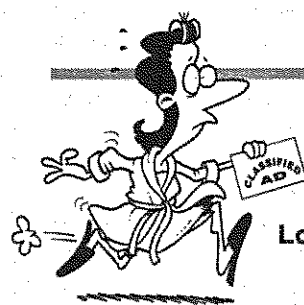
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3 bedroom, industrial area. 1/2 acre fenced, garage. \$1200/month. 734-564-6442

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**Bloomfield**

California contemporary across from Forest Lake Country Club. Open floor plan, 3 fireplaces, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. \$3800/mo (AYE280)

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condo w/wooded views. Pool, clubhouse, tennis courts. \$1700/mo. (AZA739)

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**Home Demo Display Toys**  
PT, move-in to management quickly. Linda 248-477-8092 or email ladams@wmlt.com

**HOUSEKEEPER**  
Full time for Plymouth spa. 734-455-4407

**HOUSEKEEPING/ JANITORIAL**  
Contract Management Services Co. has immediate openings for part-time cleaners for the Retreat Center in Bloomfield Hills area. Exp. a plus. Mon, Tues, Fri, 9am-2pm. Customer service oriented individuals need only to apply. Please call 248-644-4933 ext. 39

**HVAC INSTALLER**  
Experienced installer needed for residential & light commercial jobs. Competitive salary & benefits, vacation pay & retirement plan. Fax resume: 734-425-1422. Only drug free persons with acceptable driving record need apply.

**HVAC Roughers**  
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**Immediate Openings for Apartment Maintenance & Sales Positions!**  
Home Properties is the 6th largest Apartment Management Company in the U.S.I. We offer excellent benefits, competitive pay and opportunity for advancement. Apply today so that we can put you on our invitation only guest list for a job fair being held Sept. 29, 2003. Fax resume to 248-799-5497. EOE.

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Industry leader in home renovations seeks career oriented person with carpentry/renovation experience to install our unique product. Full-time, year round position. Requires clean driving record. Company provides vehicle, health benefits, uniforms & tools. Fax resume to 734-261-6190.

**INSTALLERS**  
House of Blinds & Drapery is looking for individuals to install blinds. General handyman experience is all that is needed. Earning potential of \$1000 per week PLUS!! Reliable transportation is necessary. All interested candidates apply in person at 23000 W. Eight Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48034 or email taja@everythingforwindows.com

**INSULATION INSTALLERS**  
Large insulation company needs help. Experienced installers or we will train. Our company offers top pay for experience and all full time employees enjoy benefits of medical, dental, paid vacation, and 401k. You are dependable with a strong work ethic, willing to work overtime and have reliable transportation. Apply at: FiberGlass Installation 47220 Carlier Dr., Wixom or call 248-669-0660

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**JANITORIAL** Livonia area part time office cleaning. Fri-Sun. 12 noon-3pm. \$8.50/hour. 248-449-4880

**LABORER**  
Needed for poured concrete wall construction. This is a full time, year-round position with opportunity for advancement. Must have own transportation. \$11.50 to start. Call between 8am-4pm. (248) 476-3650

**LABORERS/OPERATORS**  
Experienced in water and sewer. Great Pay! Call (734) 481-1565, 8-5 Mon-Fri.

**LANDSCAPE SUPERINTENDENT**  
For large commercial landscape installation. Must have full/comprehensive knowledge of landscape installation. Job will run Oct. through Nov. Exc. wages. Crimoli Nursery. 734-495-1700, fax: 495-1131

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Five years exp. minimum. \*Milltronics CNC exp is a plus. Retirement plan & benefits. Novi. 248-477-8040

**LAWN APPLICATOR**  
For Dearborn Lawn Care. Must be state certified in 3A & 6. Must know how to operate a truck w/a manual trans. Qualified call: 313-565-5615

**LEASING CONSULTANT**  
Full-time, for Canton apartment community. Great opportunity for right person. Please call (734) 397-1080.

**LOCAL CLASS B DRIVERS NEEDED**  
For moving company in Farmington. Experience only. Please apply at: 34200 W. Nine Mile Rd. No phone calls please.

**Luxury Apartment Community in West Bloomfield has the following positions available:**

• Maintenance Technician  
• Grounds Person  
• Grounds Supervisor  
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## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Real estate briefs features news and notes on professional associations, office activities, upcoming meetings and seminars, new services/products and consumer publications.

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## PRELICENSURE CLASS

Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination with a 16-hour comprehensive course offered by Birmingham, West Bloomfield and Bloomfield Hills Community Education with Oakland Builders Institute.

The seminar is scheduled Monday and Wednesday, Sept. 15-24, at West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road; and Tuesday and Thursday, Sept. 23 to Oct. 2 at Andover High School, 4200 Andover Road, Bloomfield Hills.

The cost of the seminar is \$180 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions.

To register for the Sept. 15-24 course, call (248) 865-6633 by Thursday, Sept. 11 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Register for the Sept. 23 to Oct. 2 seminar by calling (248) 433-0885 no later than Friday, Sept. 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Oakland Builders Institute offers building courses in 38 school districts in Michigan. For a free brochure and current schedule, call (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771. On the Web, go to [www.builder-sinstitute.com](http://www.builder-sinstitute.com)

## MECHANICAL CONFERENCE

The Mechanical Inspectors Association of Michigan holds its annual fall conference Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 18-20, at the Doherty Hotel, Clare.

Conference costs vary. For information, call (248) 649-5443 or visit the Web site at [mechinspect@bignet.net](mailto:mechinspect@bignet.net)

## CAREER DAYS

Real Estate One presents a free informational class on how to get into residential real estate sales noon to 1 p.m. Fridays at its Farmington Hills office, 32961 Middlebelt at 14 Mile. To register, call Sharon Spindler (Ext. 404) or Steve Leibhan (Ext. 405) at (248) 851-4100.

## FAIR HOUSING CENTER

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit, a non-profit monitoring, testing and information-providing organization, offers annual individual memberships for \$15, family memberships for \$25 and organization/group memberships for \$50.

For information, call (313) 963-1274.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity seeks volunteers to help with building homes, office tasks and fund-raising. No experience needed.

Training will be provided.

For details, call (734) 459-7744.

## SALES WEB SITE

Curious as to what houses are selling for in your neighborhood?

Steve Wiese of Southeastern Appraisal Corp. in Farmington Hills has updated maps on a community-by-community basis with that information on the Internet. And it's free. Visit [www.homeval-uemap.com](http://www.homeval-uemap.com)

## CAREER SEMINAR

The exciting field of Real Estate. How do I get started? How much money do I need to get started? How soon can I expect to make money? Training?

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## BOMA MEETING

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metropolitan Detroit (BOMA) is holding their monthly breakfast meeting from 8-10 a.m. Sept. 18 at the Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield. The meeting topic will be a panel discussion on the Blackout of 2003. Cost is \$25 for members and \$50 non-members. The meeting includes a hot breakfast buffet and beverages.

Call Judy Seifried of BOMA, (248) 848-3714.

## DETROIT REDEVELOPMENT

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metropolitan Detroit (BOMA) is holding their monthly Breakfast Meeting from 8-10 a.m. Oct. 16 at the Renaissance Center (downtown Detroit). The meeting topic will be Downtown Detroit Waterfront Redevelopment. Cost is \$25 for members and \$50 nonmembers. Call (248) 848-3714.

## PRE-LICENSE CLASS

Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination with a 16-hour comprehensive seminar offered by Livonia Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute. The seminar is scheduled for Monday/Wednesday Sept. 22-Oct. 1 from 6-10 p.m. at Riley Middle School (15555 Henry Ruff) in Livonia. Cost is \$207 plus \$20 for course book.

Pre-registration is required no later than Sept. 18. Call (734) 744-2602.

## HOME BUYER SEMINAR

Learn how to plan for the biggest investment of your life at this free seminar. Find out what price home you can afford and how your credit history can influence your purchase decisions. We'll talk mortgage options and help you understand the purchase process. The host site will be the Birmingham Public Library (300 W. Merrill Street one block south of Maple and west of Old Woodward) from 1-3:30 p.m. Sept. 24 sponsored by Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp.

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities.

Send a brief summary including town of residency and photo to Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Attn: Keely Kaleski, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Our fax number is (248) 644-1314.

## WINNERS

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan recently announced the winners of the ninth annual Showcase of Distinctive Homes, which runs through Sept. 21.

The winning homes are:

■ Attached condominiums priced up to \$200,000: Charleston priced at \$199,900 in Southfield built by Park Center Development.

■ Attached condominiums priced \$200,000-\$250,000: Willow priced at \$249,900 in Canton by Steuer & Canvasser Construction

■ Attached condominiums priced over \$300,000: Penthouse priced at \$319,000 in Troy built by S.R. Jacobson Cos.

■ Homes and detached condominiums priced \$225,000-\$325,000: Savannah at \$308,000 in New Boston built by Rali Building LLC.

■ Homes and detached condominiums priced \$339,000-\$425,000: Charlevoix priced at \$421,550 in north Oakland County by Daniel Smith Homes.

■ Homes and detached condominiums priced at \$440,000-\$550,000: Ellsworth priced at \$488,515 in Canton by Pulte Homes.

■ Homes and detached condominiums priced \$595,000-\$700,000: The Essex priced at \$683,100 in Canton built by Ivanhoe-Huntley Homes.

■ Homes priced over \$950,000 category: Legacy priced at \$1,086,000 in Orion Township built MacLeish Building, Inc.

This information can be found online at [www.builders.org](http://www.builders.org).

## VP OF FINANCE

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## MOVERS AND SHAKERS

Farmington Hills, a provider of premium commercial construction and design/build services, has promoted Debby Rudel to vice president of finance from controller.

Rudel, who has 19 years of experience in the construction industry, joined Sachse 10 years ago as one of its first employees. A Royal Oak resident, she earned a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University.

## VP OF ESTIMATING

Tim Thome was recently named vice president of estimating. He joined Campbell/Manix Inc. team in 1993 as an estimator and recently received the promotion to VP.

With more than 20 years experience in the construction industry, Thome is an instrumental part of the Campbell/Manix Inc. team according to his superiors. Some of his recent projects include Delphi World Headquarters, LDM Technologies, Ryder Logistics and Skylofts of Royal Oak.

## ACHIEVEMENT

Andrea Delaney, a Westland resident, recently completed the National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) exam. Delaney is an interior designer at Bloomfield Hills-based TMP Associates, Inc.

By successfully completing the exam, Delaney can obtain professional membership status in organizations such as the American Society of Designers.

A graduate of Michigan State University, Delaney received her bachelor of arts degree from the College of Human Ecology in 1989.

## SKANSKA SELECTED

Skanska USA Building Inc. announced that its Michigan Division has been selected to provide construction management services for the renovations and addition to the previous Northville Parks & Recreation Center to convert it into the Northville Senior Community Center.

The existing 12,764-square-foot parks and recreation center facili-

ty will receive architectural upgrades and a 7,910-square-foot addition that will offer users two new multipurpose rooms, a large centralized activities area with fireplace, new building entrances, reception area and staff offices. The project budget is approximately \$2.5 million and start of construction is scheduled for the fall 2003.

## NEW EMPLOYEES

Jennifer Henson, Marwan Houry and Thomas Wilczek recently joined Duce Simmons Associates (DSA) an architecture, planning and interior design firm located in Berkley.

Henson joins the first as an interior designer. She is a resident of Farmington Hills.

Houry joins the firm as a project designer. He is a resident of Dearborn Heights.

Wilczek joins the firm as a technical coordinator. He is a resident of Wixom.

## NEW HIRE

Dawn Priebe has joined Armada Real Estate and Investment Co. as an associate.

Priebe has 21 years of commercial real estate experience, mostly recently as a property manager with the Farman Group. She will be responsible for leasing and sales of office and industrial properties, along with selected retail properties.

A Milford resident, Priebe has a Michigan real estate license and an associate's degree from Oakland Community College.

## SUPERINTENDENT HIRED

Mark Keleher has joined Sachse Construction of Farmington Hills, a provider of premium commercial construction and design/build services, as a project manager.

Keleher's 20-year construction career includes 15 years with Ride Aid's construction department, where he was responsible for building Rite Aid stores in Michigan and across the east coast.

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**HARD TO FIND**  
Brick ranch with 2½ baths with full kitchen in finished basement. Located in Castle Gardens and walking distance to schools. Updated kitchen cabinets overlooking family room with gas fireplace. Some hardwood floors, 2 car attached garage and sprinklers. \$199,900 (74ELS) 734-455-6000

**021**

**TAKE A BETTER LOOK**  
Good size brick ranch with large living room, eat in kitchen with doorwall leading to private fenced yard with covered deck. Freshly painted throughout. Some hardwood floors, rec room with bar. Attached garage. \$174,900 (023/704JOY)

**023**

**CALLING ALL BUYERS**  
Seeking mint condition, neutral decor and most structural updates at an affordable price. Popular Livonia schools a plus. Updated kitchen includes all appliances. Bright living room with vaulted ceiling and family room with fireplace. \$169,900 (31/SAN) 734-455-6000

**056**

**DON'T WAIT - CALL TODAY**  
Numerous updates have created a desirable home for any family. Updates include windows, roof, heating, A/C, siding & gutters. First floor laundry, finished basement and well for sprinkler give added value. Make an appointment to preview this 3 bedroom, 1½ bath home that allows you to walk to Plymouth for downtown events. Easy access appt only. \$259,900 (41/SP1)

**057**

**MUST SEE**  
This outstanding home in South Canton. 30x14 brick paver patio with lights. 150 sq. ft. loft w/view to foyer & family room. Hardwood in foyer, kitchen, hallway & powder room. 3 car side entry garage. Outside painted in '02 & inside painted neutral colors in '03. \$349,450 (00/BRA) 734-455-6000

**058**

**JUST MOVE IN**  
To this updated and beautifully landscaped ranch. Neutral decor throughout. Inviting kitchen opens to patio area. Fully finished lower level with rec room, workshop and exercise area. Mechanics garage. \$209,000 (30/BUN) 734-455-6000

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**NORTHVILLE** \$639,900  
**EXCEPTIONAL NORTHVILLE COLONIAL!** Ravines Colonial by Robert Jones. Elegant 2 story foyer & living rm. Spacious kitchen with maple cabinetry and huge island. Two way FP between Kit and Family Rm. (18DEE2)

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**CANTON** \$439,900  
**LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION!** Rare find! Enjoy court location which backs to a pond w/ ftn. Mstr 1st flr, 3 car gar w/heat, W/O bsmt, den off foyer, hrdwd flrs in kit, foyer, nook, & hilly. (B47539)

734-591-9200



**WIXOM** \$420,000  
**NEWER COLONIAL NEAR PROUD LAKE!** Beautiful 4 BR, 2.5 BA Colonial, Chef's Kit w/ corian, cherry cab, Jennie's cooktop & dbl oven, 3000 SF, 27x10 bonus rm, W/O LL & close to downtown Milford. (B3DEL2)

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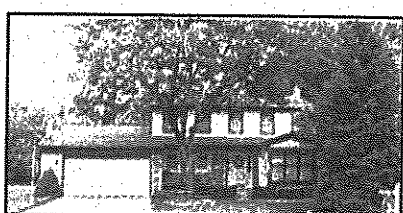
**CANTON** \$399,500  
**GOLF COURSE FRONTAGE!** Dream come true location in one of Canton's most desirable neighborhoods. Custom deck and brick pavers, Anderson doorwalls & 3 Car Garage. (33AUG2)

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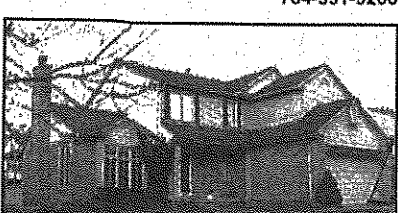
**HIGHLAND** \$384,900  
**DUCK LAKE FRONTAGE!** 3 bdrm, 2 full baths, 2.5 car gar. Beautiful hardwood flrs, island kit with oak cabinets, 1st floor laundry, Huron Valley schools- call for a private showing. (23K3690)

734-455-7000



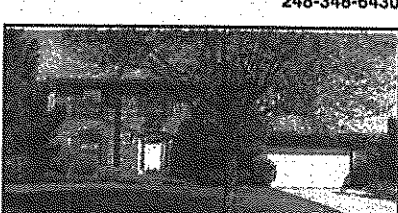
**NORTHVILLE** \$335,000  
**NORTHVILLE HOME W/UPDATES GALORE!** 4 BR, 2.5 Bath. Gorgeous KIT w/corain, HDWD flr & white cab. Main bath w/spa tub & marble. Ceramic/corain Mstr Bath. Newer furnace & AC. Lovely landscaping. (00GAL2)

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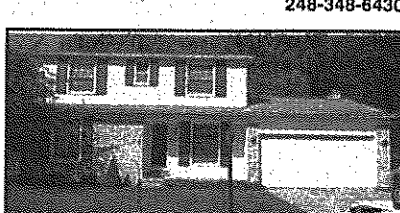
**NOVI** \$329,900  
**GREAT LOCATION IN GREAT SUB!** Dunbarton Colonial w/light & bright flr plan, GR & LR both w/ FPS, formal DR w/bay, hrdws in entry, study & 1/2 bath. Northville school! (agent owner) (32MID2)

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**NOVI** \$329,700  
**SUPER SHARP 4 BR NOVI COLONIAL** Private rear yard w/wood deck. Updates include windows, front door w/sidelites, roof & more! LG Fam Rm w/Cath ceiling & natural fireplace! Well maintained. (68HIC2)

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**LIVONIA** \$309,900  
**GREAT BRICK COLONIAL!** Nearly 2100 square feet, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, finished basement, 2 car attached garage, and more! (A15429)

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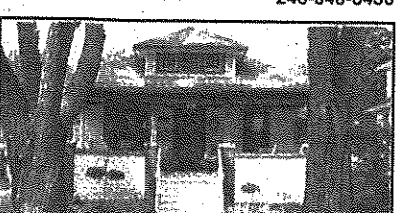
**CANTON** \$299,900  
**GORGEOUS CUSTOM 1994 BUILT** 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial loaded w/upgrades in Plymouth Canton school dist. 2 stry foyer w/recess lts, mstr ste w/skylgt, WIC, sep shower & jetted tub, gourmet kit. (S576)

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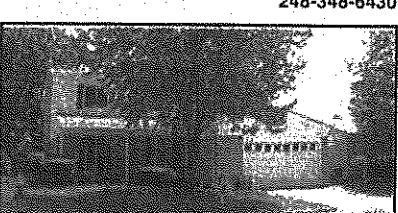
**LIVONIA** \$298,900  
**WOODED LOT, 3 BR, 2.5 BAs** fantastic 1100 SF addition, FR w/FP, pool, many updates - rf, wndws, gar, sun rm, furn, brk pavers, gutters, baths, mstr BR has cathedral ceiling, 2668 SFI (P30542)

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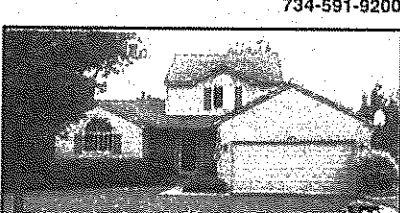
**PLYMOUTH** \$260,000  
**CLASSIC PLYMOUTH CHARMER!** Updated 3 bdrm 2 full baths, including master bath. It's gorgeous! (23A465)

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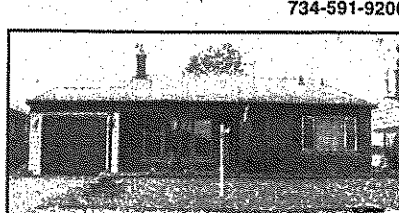
**CANTON** \$255,000  
**2370 SF, UPDATES GALORE:** furn, a/c, wndws, addition to FR, gar dr w/beveled glass, entry drs, plumb, elect, hwh. Basement, huge shed, lg deck, 2 car garage.

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**SOUTH LYON** \$239,742  
**3 BR, 2.5 BA, approx 1855 SF** 1st flr mstr w/ bath & lg closets, lg stylish kit w/bkfst bar & loads of cupboards, GR w/cath clng & FR fln daylight bsmt w/rec rm, office, 1/2 bath. Much more! (F742)

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**LIVONIA** \$214,900  
**LARGE NORTH LIVONIA RANCH!** 3 BR, 3 BA, well maintained, updated, 2 fln rms in bsmt, fin rec rm w/woodburning stove. Drwl off kit to lg deck w/covered jacuzzi w/blt on bar, & much more! (M29520)

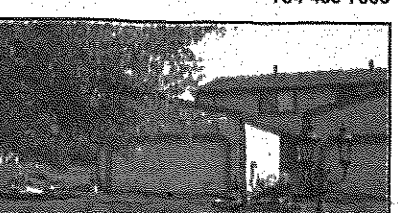
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**CANTON** \$209,900  
**CLASSY & STYLISH!** 3 BR, 1.5 BA colonial, 2 car att'd garage, basement, lots of quality ceramic tile, premium carpet, Kohler fixtures, FR w/FP & cath ceiling, lg deck, & more! (B2360)

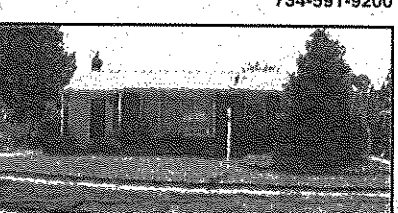
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**NORTHVILLE** \$205,000  
**CAREFREE CONDO LIVING IN NORTHVILLE** Bright and cheery end unit with newer carpeting, crown moldings, master bath, partially finished rec. room and 2 car garage. Great value at \$205,000 (94CON2)

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**LIVONIA** \$203,900  
**WOW! WHAT A HOUSE!** Maintained & updated to perfection. Beautiful FR addition off kit overlooks xtra deep park like yd. Fin bsmt w/office, dry bar, many updates, appl incl, & more! (L35853)

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**LIVONIA** \$199,800  
**SHOWN WITH PRIDE!** 3 BR brick Ranch w/much curb appeal. Updated interior includes: carpet, windows, furn/AC, electrical, BA & more. 2-car heated garage, bsmt & convenient local. (27BLU2)

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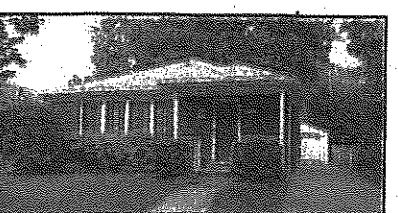
**WESTLAND** \$189,900  
**YOU WON'T WANT TO LEAVE** lovely 3 Bdr, 2 bath ranch, w/newer carpet & paint, roof shingles, privacy fence, landscaping, gorgeous sun rm, sprinklers, plant box window, 2 car gar & more! (R368)

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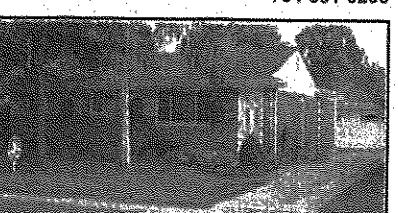
**DETROIT** \$184,900  
**OPEN DOOR & ENTER INTO ELEGANCE...** This one stands out in the crowd. You can move in without doing anything. New windows, new roof and so on. (23O8770)

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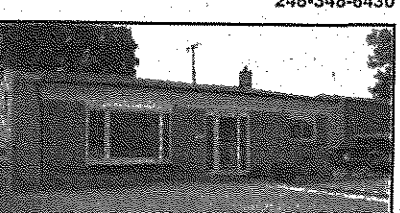
**LIVONIA** \$184,900  
**DESIRABLE RANCH IN OLD ROSEDALE** Hardwood floors throughout, kitchen has been updated. (All appliances stay) Finished basement has second bath. Fenced yard. Close to X-ways, school and park. (20BER2)

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**WESTLAND** \$172,900  
**HURRY TO THIS WELL POLISHED 3 BR RANCH.** Full brk, wide open flr plan, many expensive upgrades, impressive kit w/oak cabinetry, ceramic fling & granite counters, remodeled bath, FP in FR, & much more! (C36255)

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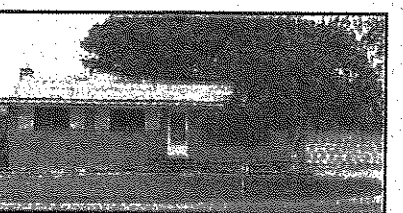
**WESTLAND** \$169,900  
**LIVONIA SCHOOLS BEAUTY** Wow! Don't miss this lovely 3BR home w/ 1 1/2 baths, freshly painted, updated oak kit, nice warm feeling, but C/A and 1600+ S.F., plus 2 car garage. (I845)

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**GARDEN CITY** \$164,900  
**GORGEOUS 4 large BR's, 2 1/2 baths,** freshly painted, completely updated w/all copper plumbing, finished basement, newer windows, doorwall to deck and Gazebo w/hot tub. (B289)

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**WESTLAND** \$164,900  
**BRICK RANCH ON A NICE ROAD!** New tear off roof, HWH, newer eat-in kit. With some work & TLC, this can become a great home. 3 bdrm, partly fnshd bsmt w/bar. 2.5 car att gar, Livonia schools. (23G8466)

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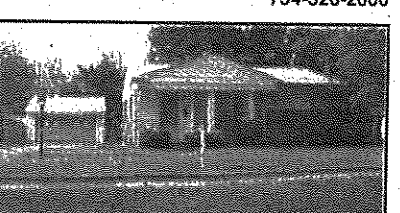
**GARDEN CITY** \$163,900  
**VACATION AT HOME!** Gorgeous updated 3 bdrm ranch w/fin bsmt & 2.5 car garage. Newer roof win, furn, CA, paint, carpet & more. Open floor plan w/cathedral ceilings, wet bar, pool! (P310)

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**WESTLAND** \$159,900  
**ABSOLUTELY ADORABLE!** Well loved 3 bdrm, 1 bath ranch in Westland. Updates include large deck, bathroom, finished basement w/2nd bath, deck, hot tub. Appliances included. Home warranty. (23S38304)

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**LIVONIA** \$158,900  
**INVESTMENT, EQUITY & VALUE!** 3 BR, 1.5 bath brick ranch. Very well cared for home, original owner, updated roof, furnace, c/a, electrical, 2 car garage, part finished bsmt & more! (D17519)

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**LIVONIA** \$153,500  
**YOU WANT IT ALL?** 3 BR, 2 bath ranch with huge garage. Basement mostly finished. It even has a jacuzzi. Home is in good condition. Come check it out. (F18208)

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**YPSILANTI** \$149,900  
**OUTSTANDING CONDO IN GREAT AREA!** Lovely 2 BR, 2.5 BA Condo nestled on dead end street. Spacious deck. MSTR BR has WIC's. Cathedral ceilings. Located near St. Joe's Medical facility Ann Arbor. (41COL2)

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**CANTON** \$149,000  
**BEAUTIFUL BEDFORD VILLAS TOWNHOUSE!** Nice 2 br unit w/beautiful remodeled kit w/oak cabinets. Some HDWD flrs. Newer windows. Fin Basmt w/Fam Rm/Computer area. End unit w/att gar & nice sideyard. (66BED2)

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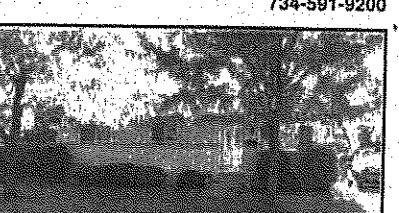
**BROWNSTOWN TWP** \$142,900  
**PICTURE PERFECT!** Exceptional home! Backs to woods. Upgrades: kitchen, roof, wallside windows, finished basement w/2nd bath, deck, hot tub. Appliances included. Home warranty. (23S20109)

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**LIVONIA** \$135,000  
**WE ARE TALKING ABOUT OUR 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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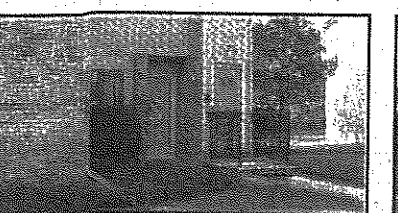
**WESTLAND** \$134,500  
**UPDATES GALORE IN THIS 3 BR BRK & vinyl,** 1978 built Westland Ranch. Full basement, newer furnace, central air, vinyl winds, steel entry doors & roof shingles. (H171)

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**NOVI** \$129,500  
**COUNTRY PLACE CONDO!** Great location, great value! Lovely 2 BR, 1.5 bath end unit in the heart of complex. LG mstr BR with WIC. A must see home! (83ONA2)

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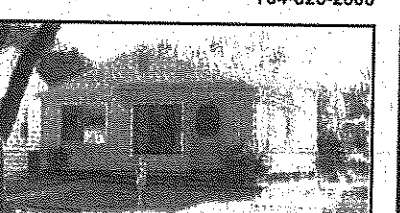
**CANTON** \$128,900  
**COZY CANTON CONDO!** Ranch end condo with view of courtyard in great location! 2 bedroom, 2 bath- a must see!! (23L42808)

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**ROMULUS** \$125,000  
**CHECK OUT THIS 3 BDRM RANCH W/ BASEMENT** Recently constructed garage. Updated kitchen, newer windows & roof. Stay cool in the central air. Family rm has doorwall leading to nice lot. Needs a little TLC. (K301)

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**REDFORD** \$124,500  
**LOW DOWN PAYMENT NEEDED** in this 1347 Sqft, three bedroom vinyl tri-level with full bath & family room. Large country kitchen w/wood ealing space. Doorwall from DR to multi-tiered deck. (C159)

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**DETROIT** \$108,900  
**IMMACULATE 3 BED BRICK HOME** North of 6 Mile, West of Telegraph. Take Lenore North off 6 Mile. (L176)

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**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
**PARADISE WITH PRIVACY!** Pride of ownership shows! 3 BR ranch w/huge family rm, all appliances, gorgeous perennial gardens abound including pond & fountains. Paver brk patio, 2+ car gar W21623 \$194,900 734-591-9200

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**CITY OF PLYMOUTH GEM** A wonderful opportunity awaits you in downtown Plymouth. Updated Gourmet Kitchen, Finished Walk Out Lower Level with built-ins, wet bar and 1/2 Bath. 08MIL2 \$161,900 248-348-6430

**DEARBORN**  
**THIS HOME IS CUTE, CUTE, CUTE!** Over 1000 SQ FT & shows extremely well. Close to park, school, tennis & swimming. Nice garden patch behind 2.5 Car Gar. Too many updates to list! 21UNI2 \$148,900 248-348-6430

**WESTLAND**  
**3 BEDROOM WESTLAND RANCH!** Hurry on this great buy! 2 car garage, unfinished basement, dining room, patio, central air, & more! F35546 \$139,900 734-591-9200

**SOUTH LYON**  
**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! 23P25399 \$112,900 734-455-7000

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**WAREHOUSE/DRIVER**  
Livonia firm needs dependable person to pull stock, load trucks, deliver goods for maintenance vehicles and other duties. Must be able to lift 60 lbs and have CDL and 2 years exp. Send resume with salary history to: hr@soundend.com or fax 734-522-1222. EOE

**WAREHOUSE/DRIVER**  
Full time. Salary, benefits, mileage. Livonia based. Must have reliable vehicle. Fax to: 734-425-2647.

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Computer & Information Systems 5010

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Position in corporate office of national service company. 4 year accounting degree mandatory. Strong general ledger skills, exp. in payroll & salary/health/401K. For consideration forward resume with salary requirement to: DLS, 30555 Northwestern Highway, Ste 300, Farmington Hills, 48334.

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Individual to answer phones and input data. 40 hrs/wk., flexible. Good phone etiquette and dependable. Call (248) 535-7895 for interview, ask for Bill.

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Lots of ladies' designer clothing (small to medium), purses and shoes. <b>OAKLAND TWP</b> 3311 Calmcross, W/Adams, S/Orion Rd. Cash only! Sat-Sun, 9-3 <b>PLYMOUTH</b> - Sept 19 &amp; 20, 9-4: 53 yrs accumulation. Antiques, collectibles, old books, furniture, household, tools, misc. Must See! 46056 Ann Arbor Rd. <b>ROYAL OAK ESTATE SALE</b> Sept. 18 &amp; 19, 10-5-30's, 40's &amp; 50's furniture, glass, china, books. House is packed. Entire contents. 1012 E. 12 Mile Rd. <b>TROY SEPT. 19 &amp; 20, 10AM-4PM.</b> 4600 Lehigh Dr, W off of Crooks onto Fountain, rt onto Lehigh. Furniture galore! Contents of home. <b>W. BLOOMFIELD</b> - Thurs-Fri-Sat., 10-3, 5425 Pontiac Trail. Spode, Rattan porch furn., lawn ornaments, church pew. <b>WESTLAND ESTATE SALE</b> Saturday, Sept. 20, 9-5pm. 6801 Bison, S. off Warren, E. of Wayne. Furniture, household items, linens &amp; more.</p>	<p><b>Garage Sales 7110</b></p> <p><b>Beverly Hills:</b> Great baby &amp; household items! Sept. 18-20, 9am-2pm, 16225 Locherbie, S off 4, E. off Southfield.</p> <p><b>BIRMINGHAM</b> - 740 Henley, Thurs &amp; Fri. 10-4. Rain date Sun. Lots of great stuff and a few treasures.</p> <p><b>BIRMINGHAM</b> - Yard Sale, Sat. Sept. 20, 9-5. Antiques, collectibles, glass, clothing &amp; fun stuff. 1276 Bird Ave., W. of Woodward, 1 blk. N. of 14 Mile Rd. Look for colorful signs.</p> <p><b>BIRMINGHAM</b> 1974 Hazel corner of Eton, Thurs, Fri, Sat, 10-4. Furniture, books, clothing &amp; miscellaneous.</p> <p><b>BIRMINGHAM DESIGNER BLOWOUT GARAGE SALE!</b> Fri, Sept. 19 &amp; Sat., Sept. 20, 9-4pm. 252 George St., W. of Old Woodward, E. of Pierce, btwn Lincoln &amp; Maple. Fabulous &amp; stylish items include furniture, &amp; much more.</p> <p><b>BIRMINGHAM</b> Fri a.m. 9:30-4. Many household items, toys &amp; more. 927 South Bates, S. of Maple N. of Lincoln.</p> <p><b>BIRMINGHAM</b> - Fri., Sept. 19th, 9-4, 1011 Smith, N. of 14, W. of Woodward. Old &amp; new items, good variety.</p> <p><b>BIRMINGHAM</b> - Sept. 18-19-20th, 8-3, 5522 W. Lincoln. Moving overseas everything must go. Little Tykes, baby &amp; kids, household, furniture, plus seasonal.</p> <p><b>BIRMINGHAM</b> - Multi-family sale. Thur-Fri. 8:30-3:30. 1443 Yorkshire, Adams/Maple area. Lots of kids items.</p> <p><b>BLOOMFIELD</b> - Sept. 18-20, 9-4pm. 3559 Darcy Dr., S. of Quanton off Lashier. Toys, clothes, furniture, electronics, pool table, much more.</p> <p><b>BLOOMFIELD HILLS</b> 2 sales! corner of Adams &amp; Tennyson Downs &amp; btwn Quanton &amp; Watties. Sept 19th &amp; 20th from 9-5.</p> <p><b>Bloomfield Hills Women's National Farm &amp; Garden Assoc.</b> Thur. 9-18, Fri. 9-19, 9-4pm. 4539 Ardmore Dr (off Lahser, S of Long Lake)</p> <p><b>BLOOMFIELD MULTI-FAMILY</b> Fri., Sept. 19, 11-6. Sat. Sept. 20, 9-5. 4694 Burnley Dr., SW of Adams &amp; Watties. Furniture, collectibles, speaker boxes, music collections, riding mower, designer clothes.</p> <p><b>CANTON</b> - 121 Willard Rd. Kids clothes, toys, furniture, old 45's. Sept 18-20, 9-4 Rain or shine.</p> <p><b>CANTON</b> - Thur, 4-8pm, Fri. 9-6pm, Sat. 12-6pm. 1179 Heritage, N. of Palmer, W. of Haggerty. Women's to 4X, kids 6 &amp; up, coats, mower, bikes, dishes, toys. Much more!</p> <p><b>CANTON</b> - Moving Sale! Sat-Sun, 8-2 6957 Poppleton, Royal Point West Sub. S. of Warren, W. of Beck.</p>	<p><b>Garage Sales 7110</b></p> <p><b>CANTON - SUNFLOWER SUB.</b> Thurs., Sept. 18 - Sat., Sept. 20, 9am-7 (W. of Canton Center/N. &amp; S. of Warren). <b>LOOK FOR SIGNS AND YELLOW BALLOONS.</b></p> <p><b>CANTON</b> 43053 Avon Rd. E off of Morton Taylor betw Ford &amp; Hanford. Fr-Sat. Matching cherry cribs, mint, dresser, etc</p> <p><b>CANTON Moving Sale.</b> Sept 19 &amp; 20, 9-5. 7336 Charrington Dr., W. of Sheldon Center, btwn Joy &amp; Warren. Furniture, holiday ornaments/trees, desks, new ceramic pie plates, pool equip, loads of top quality items! (734) 451-2114</p> <p><b>CANTON Multi Subs Fall Sale.</b> Oakvale, Stone Gate, Cherry Hill Orchards. N. of Palmer, S. of Cherry Hill. E. &amp; W. of Lilley, Sept. 18-21. 9am-5pm.</p> <p><b>CANTON MULTI-FAMILY</b> Sept 19 &amp; 20, 9-5pm. Haggerty Woods Condos, 1/2 Mile S/Ford Rd.</p> <p><b>CANTON</b> Sept. 19 &amp; 20, 9am-4pm. 6785 Woonsocket, off Morton Taylor, S. of Warren. 18 years accumulation.</p> <p><b>CANTON-BIG!</b> Tons of new &amp; gently used items priced to sell. Housewares, sports, baby, jewelry, too much to list! 45495 Mulfield (Fairway Pines Sub).</p> <p><b>CANTON</b> - Cherry Grove Condominiums, S. of Cherry Hill between Sheldon &amp; Lilley. Starts on 9/18/03 through 9/21/03.</p> <p><b>CLARKSTON MULTI FAMILY</b> Fri &amp; Sat, Sept 19 &amp; 20, 10-5pm. 7821 Brookpines, Deer Valley Sub., Cranberry Lake Rd &amp; M-15.</p>	<p><b>Garage Sales 7110</b></p> <p><b>Farmington Hills</b> - Thurs-Sat. Sept 18-20, 9-4pm. 33850 Colfax, W. of Farmington Rd, N. of 8. Lots of toys, clothes.</p> <p><b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b> 1 day sale! Sat. 8am-5pm. 35046 Valley Forge, E. side of Drake, btwn 12 &amp; 13 Mile.</p> <p><b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b> Big Moving Sale-In Kimberley Sub. Washer, Dryer, kid &amp; household goods, Stair Stepper, etc. Fri 9/19 &amp; Sat 9/20 - 30341 Pipers Ln</p> <p><b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b> Multi Family. 38252 Lana Dr., N. off 9 Mile, W. of Halsted. Thurs. &amp; Fri., 9:30-5pm, Sat., 9:30-3pm.</p> <p><b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b> Sat. Sept. 20, 7am-4pm. Toys, clothes, furniture, etc. 35746 Old Homestead, N/Grand River &amp; W/Drake.</p> <p><b>Farmington Hills Sierra Pointe</b> Condominiums, N. of 13, E. of Halsted. Baby Girl Clothes &amp; Dive Gear. September 18-20.</p> <p><b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b> - Going out of business, office furniture, supplies, copiers, computers, tables, chairs, microwaves, desks, sectional sofa (like new), file cabinets, household items, ladies clothing, 34556 Bunker Hill Dr., off 12 mi. W. of Farmington. Sept. 18-20th. 9-5</p> <p><b>FARMINGTON HILLS:</b> Huge Sale! 21435 Hamilton. Baby clothes, toys, appliances. Thur-Sun, Sept 18-21.</p> <p><b>Farmington Hills:</b> Hunting Equip, antique furniture &amp; toys, misc. Fri-Sat. 8-5. 32940 Briarcrest Knoll, S. of 14, W. of Middlebelt.</p> <p><b>FARMINGTON</b> Ridge/Glens Subside Garage Sale. N. of 13 Mile, between Haggerty &amp; Halsted. Sept. 18-20, 9:30am-3pm. Something for everyone.</p> <p><b>FARMINGTON</b> Thurs.-Sat., 9-4pm. 23240 Orchard Lake Rd., S. of 10 Mile. Rolltop computer desk, trailer, antique furniture, fabric &amp; quilting notion, 1998 Villager/Windstar seats. Much more!</p>	<p><b>Garage Sales 7110</b></p> <p><b>GARAGE SALE</b> Thursday &amp; Friday: 9-4, Sat: 9-3. 9624 Mayfield, Livonia (South of Plymouth, East of Farmington). Antiques: (7) Oak Teachers Bookcase, Metal/Porcelain bath sink, Drysink, Dressers, Books, Misc. Baby Items: (Clothing, Swings, Playpens, Car Seats, Cribs, Toys, Misc). Tools: (Band saw, Scroll Saw, Misc). Avon. Clothing (adult &amp; Children, Infant Official Red Wing Snow Suits), Quality Toys, Golf Clubs, Furniture</p> <p><b>GARDEN CITY</b> -Sept. 19th-20th, 9-5. 6660 Whitby, corner of Windsor &amp; Whitby.</p> <p><b>GARDEN CITY</b> Kids stuff. Sat. 9/20, 3-7 &amp; Sun. 9/21, 1-5. 33646 Alta, N. off Cherry Hill, btwn Farmington &amp; Radcliffe.</p> <p><b>Garden City Moving Sale</b> - Fri-Sun. Sept. 19-21, 9-5pm. 29214 Rosslyn, off Middlebelt, N. of Cherry Hill</p> <p><b>HUGE 2-Family Garage Sale</b> We've been collecting items all summer. Come &amp; see! Computer equipment, stereo equipment, household items, Designer children's clothing. Just follow the signs all the way up the hill. 19318 Scenic Harbour Dr. Highland Lakes subdivision (enter off 8 Mile at Silver Springs) Thur, Fri &amp; Sat 9-5</p> <p><b>Livonia</b> <b>LARGE MOVING SALE</b> Thurs. - Sat. 10-6pm. Six Mile/ W. of Farmington.</p> <p><b>LIVONIA</b> - 3 sales same block. Thurs-Sat. 20326 Melvin, blks. W. of Middlebelt, 1 1/2 blks. S. of 8 Mile.</p> <p><b>LIVONIA</b> - 5 family sale. Household, furniture, tools, hardware, sports equip., clothes, dryer, 1921 Overland car. Sept. 19 &amp; 20, 9am-5pm. S. of 5, W. of Newburgh. 14192 Houghton.</p> <p><b>LIVONIA</b> - A/C unit, furniture, crib, discounted HOLCATW, misc. Sat-Sun., 9-4. 20010 Rensselaer, N. of 7, W. of Inkster</p> <p><b>LIVONIA</b> - Huge multi family. Childrens items, tools, antiques. Sat-Sun., 9-6. 29129 Oriole, N. of Schoolcraft, E. off Middlebelt.</p> <p><b>LIVONIA</b> - Sept 18-20, 9-5pm. 17747 Woodside, E. of Levan, N. of 6 Mile. Multi - Family. Misc items.</p> <p><b>Livonia</b> - Something for everyone! Sept. 18-20, 9-6. 18440 Floral, 2 blks. S. 7 Mi., 5 blks. W. Inkster</p> <p><b>LIVONIA</b> 30079 7 Mile, W. of Middlebelt, Sat. &amp; Sun., 10-6.</p> <p><b>LIVONIA</b> 40 yrs. of Avon at deep discount prices, jewelry, &amp; collectibles. 30715 Seven Mile, W/Middlebelt.</p> <p><b>LIVONIA</b> multi family garage sale Sept 19th &amp; 20th, 9-5. 8874 Melvin, W. of Middlebelt, N. of Joy.</p>	<p><b>Garage Sales 7110</b></p> <p><b>LIVONIA</b> Multi family. Sept 18-20, 9-5. 18869 Aspen Dr., off 7 Mile, E. of Wayne. Furniture, household, toys, bikes, tools.</p> <p><b>LIVONIA</b> Multi-households, Thurs.-Sat., 9-4, Fairlane Ct. (1/2 mi. W. of Farmington rd./off 7 mi.) Toys, bikes, household items. Kids, teen and adult clothes.</p> <p><b>LIVONIA</b> Sept 19 - 21, 8-4pm. Name brand girls clothes 0-4+, mens &amp; womens, misc. household items. 11022 Brookfield, S off Plymouth, E. of Farmington.</p> <p><b>LIVONIA</b> Sept. 18, 19, 20, 9-4. 35855 Richland, S. of Plymouth, W. of Wayne. Furniture, household items, Precious Moments, misc.</p> <p><b>LIVONIA</b> Thurs-Fri-Sat., 9:30-5pm. Baby clothes, toys, etc. 20126 Floral, btwn 7 &amp; 8 Mile.</p> <p><b>LIVONIA THURS-SAT.</b> 9-4pm. Antiques &amp; Collectibles, 14476 Ramblewood, Lyndon &amp; Levan between 5 Mile/1-96.</p> <p><b>LIVONIA</b> Thurs. &amp; Fri., 9-4. Sat. 9-12. Big sale: kids stuff, Little Tikes, household. 38572 Ross, Lyndon &amp; Newburgh.</p> <p><b>Livonia</b> Thurs. -Sun., -9-6. 30444 Nye, 5 Mi/Henry Ruff. Antiques, collectible, furniture boat, kids to + size clothes, holiday items, great buys.</p> <p><b>LIVONIA</b> - Fri. &amp; Sat., 9-5. 34283 Pembroke, btwn 7 &amp; 8 mi. off Gill, turn E. on Navin. "Oodles of stuff".</p> <p><b>LIVONIA-MULTI-FAMILY</b> Sept. 19th only. 9-4pm. 34035 Dorais, N/5 Mile, W/Farmington, follow signs.</p> <p><b>LIVONIA:</b> Multi-family! 18471 Queensbury, S. of 7, W. of Newburgh. Fri. &amp; Sat., 9-4. Furniture, kids clothes/toys.</p> <p><b>LIVONIA: Big, Big Sale!</b> Collectibles (Dept. 55, cards, Precious Moments &amp; More). Furniture, books, household items, etc. 34975 Norfolk. Sat. &amp; Sun. 9-4, 1 blk S. of 8 Mile, W. of off Gill.</p> <p><b>LIVONIA:</b> Huge Garage Sale! Thur-Sat. 10-5. 18568 Sunset. 2 blks. E. of Merriman, off 7 Mile. Lots of great stuff!</p> <p><b>LIVONIA:</b> Sept. 18-20, 9-3. 14083 Edgewood. N/96, Stark/Levan. Baby stuff, toys, kids clothes, Futon, table, bikes</p> <p><b>NORTH ROYAL OAK</b> Housewares, electronics, computer supplies, paintings, holiday decorations, children's furniture and toys; some items never used! Sat &amp; Sun. Sept 20 &amp; 21, 10-4. 4412 Buckingham, 2 blks S. of 14 Mi. W. of Woodward.</p> <p><b>Northville - TOPS 25 Family Garage &amp; Bake Sale</b> Thurs &amp; Fri, 9am-3pm. No pro-sales. 19855 Winchester Dr., 1 mi. W. of Haggerty, N. of 5.</p> <p><b>NORTHVILLE</b> - Huge Multi Family sale, Sept. 18-20, 25-27th. 45150 Mayo, SE of 9 mi. &amp; Taft. 9-7, + Schooling stuff</p>	<p><b>Garage Sales 7110</b></p> <p><b>NOVI</b> - Fri., Sept. 19, 9-4pm. 41168 Hollydale, S. of 10 Mile, E. of Meadowbrook. Jewelry, crafts, household, collectibles</p> <p><b>NOVI</b> Fri &amp; Sat 9-4. 23100 Heatherwoode, N. of 9 Mile W. of Haggerty. Furniture, household, childrens.</p> <p><b>NOVI</b> Multi-family. Lochmoor Village, S. side of 11 Mi. E. of Beck. Furniture, kid's clothing, toys, etc. 9/18 &amp; 9/19, 10-3. 9/20, 9-2.</p> <p><b>NOVI-BARN/GARAGE SALE</b> 30+ years of stuff! 9:30AM-5pm. Thurs-Fri-Sat. 28331 Haggerty, N/12 Mile. Heavy automotive, old car parts, tools, etc. Furniture, clothes. You name it, I have it!</p> <p><b>NOVI:</b> Fri. noon-7pm, Sat. 9-5. Sun. 1-5. 39509 Ruston Blvd., 1/2 mi. S of 12 Mile, 1 blk. W. of Haggerty. Clothing including petites, collectibles, &amp; many household items.</p> <p><b>PLYMOUTH</b> Baby, toys, kids clothes, brass bed. 15224 Maxwell, off 5 Mile, W/Haggerty. Sept 18-20, 9-4</p> <p><b>PLYMOUTH</b> Fri &amp; Sat, 10-6. Furniture, oven, clothes, exercise equip. 11732 Turkey Run, W/Sheldon, N/Ann Arbor Tr.</p> <p><b>PLYMOUTH</b> HUGE! Sat &amp; Sun Sept 20th-21st. 9-5. 10381 W Ann Arbor Rd. storage unit items, furniture, appliances, toys, KIDS clothes &amp; more.</p> <p><b>PLYMOUTH</b> Multi families. Fri-Sat. 8:30-6. Toy! Toys! Toys! Collectibles, dishes, furniture, computers &amp; office equip. Ann Arbor Tr. betw Beck &amp; Sheldon, take Glenview.</p> <p><b>PLYMOUTH</b> Fri &amp; Sun., 9-5pm. 130 Wilcox, corner of Holbrook. Housewares, bikes, some furniture, jewelry, misc.</p> <p><b>Plymouth- Huge condo-wide</b> 1 day only! Sat. Sept. 20, 9am-3. Plymouth Pointe Condominiums, Ridge Rd. &amp; N. Territorial Rd.</p> <p><b>REDFORD</b> - 9902 Tecumseh, 1 blk N. of W. Chicago between Beech Daly &amp; Inkster. Tools, hospital equip., bedroom sets, lots of misc. Sat. 10-8, Sun. 12-5.</p> <p><b>REDFORD</b> - Hurricane Sale. Rain or shine. Everything indoors. Tools, furniture, appliances, housewares, etc. Fri., Sat. 10-5, 9148 San Jose, S. of W. Chicago, E. of Inkster.</p> <p><b>REDFORD</b> - Sept 19 &amp; 20, 8-4 pm. 14932 Sumner, E. of Beech Daly, S. of 5 Mile. Little bit of everything.</p> <p><b>REDFORD</b> Fri 9/19 &amp; Sat 9/20, 10-6. 19654 Brady, S. of 8 Mile. N. of Grand River. Estate sale items.</p>
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## Garage Sales 7110

**REDFORD** Thurs-Sat Sept 18th-20th, 9-5. Large multi family, Antiques, lawn mower, Webber bbq, microwave cart, adult clothing, lots of misc household items, 15444 Fox, North of 5 Mile between Inkster & Beech.

**REDFORD** Sept. 19-21st, Fri. & Sat. 9-4, Sun. 10-2. 26010 Ivanhoe, S. of 5 mile, W. of Beech Daly. Women's/men's clothes, household items & misc.

**ROCHESTER** -Moving sale. Come early. Items include bunk bed, baby crib, Step 2 Play system, clothing & much more. Sat., Sept. 20; Sun., Sept. 21, 9-5. 612 Wyngate Dr.

**ROCHESTER HILLS** - 2 subs. Sept 19 & 20, 8am-3pm. Map at 938 Grovecaster, N. off Avon, E. of Rochester

**ROCHESTER HILLS** 2 families, 3248 Fulham, Kensington Forest Sub. Sept. 18-20, 9-3pm.

**ROCHESTER HILLS** - Sat. 8:30-3:30, 1233 Hickory Hill, Livernois & Tienken. Household, books, tools, kids stuff & clothes.

**ROCHESTER HILLS** Thurs, Sept 18, 9am-4pm. 899 Dakota, between Rochester Rd & John R. W/Avon. Children's clothes items & toys, maternity clothes, luggage, furniture.

**ROCHESTER SAT.** 9-20, 8am-3pm. 990 River Mist (Baby stuff & toys) & 989 River Mist (Misc.), Bloomer & John R.

**ROYAL OAK** - 4229 Berkshir, 14 & Woodward, Fri. & Sat. 9-3. Furniture, household, records, lift chair, misc.

**ROYAL OAK** - Multi-family & charity garage sale, Thurs-Sat, Sept. 18-20, 9-5. 4201 Custer, NW corner Normandy & Custer. Computers, computer equipment/games, furniture, electronics, household, clothing & more.

**SOUTHFIELD** - Thurs-Sun, 9-6pm. Books galore plus piano \$1100, Refrigerator \$35. Microwave \$35 with table \$75, 3 dressers \$40 each, 2 chairs \$15 each, 2 desks \$20 each, 5 piece kitchen table & chairs \$50. Card table & 4 matching chairs \$20. Kitchen table \$40. Many more household items. 2189 Megaune, Inkster & 8 Mile, 3 blocks E. of Inkster, 1 1/2 blocks N. of 8 Mile. 248-948-9179

**STARTING MON** Sept 22-25th. HUGES...HUGES...HUGES COLLECTIBLE GLASSWARE, ETC SALE. MORE ITEMS OUT THIS WEEKS. TO MAKE YOUR STOP WORTHWHILE (PLYMOUTH RD/STARK). ONE BLK SOUTH ON STARK TO PARKDALE. TURN ONT TO PARKDALE. TWO BLOCKS AND YOUR THERE!!!!!! 9 AM-4 PM!!!!!!

**TROY** - Golf Trails Sub Sale Sept. 20, 9am-7. Enter at Rochester & Player, N. of Long Lake E. of Rochester.

**TROY** - Garage Sale, Thurs-Sat, Sept 18-20, 9am-4pm. Misc items, 3959 Estates Drive, 1 block W. of Coolidge

**TROY** - Sept. 19th, 8:30-3pm. Bedroom set, changing table and crib bedding from Sacs, Singer treadle sewing machine wooden spool still in, girls figure skates, old wood wheel barrel, dining sets, great art, pictures & more! 2837 Strawberry, S. of Long Lake, E. of Adams.

**TROY** Thurs & Fri. 9-3pm. 1086 Nicholas, S/Square Lake, E/Rochester. Baby, clothes, dresser, household.

**TROY**: 3653 Acorn Dr. W. off Dequindre, btwn. Big Beaver & Watties. Sports equip, kids toys, bikes, much more. Sept. 19 & 20, Fri-Sat. 9-4.

**W. BLOOMFIELD** Fri-Sun, 9-4. 7061 N. Merrybrook, 14 Mile & Middlebelt area. Complete set of china, misc. furniture & household items.

**W. BLOOMFIELD** Garage-Estate sale, multi-family, Foxpotele Condos, Orchard Lk., S. of Lone Pine. Thurs., Sat., 10-4, furniture, household items, clothes, baby, adult and much more. Great buys!

**W. Bloomfield** Huge Garage Sale! Winnie the Pooh collectibles, Christmas deco books, fine jewelry, household goods. Thurs, Fri & Sat, 9-5. 3221 Parkland, N. of Maple & Middlebelt.

**W. BLOOMFIELD** Sept. 20th & 21st, 9-4pm. Off Maple (Rose Blvd) between Orchard Lake & Farmington. Maplewoods Sub.

**W. Bloomfield** Thurs-Sat, 10-4, 4220 Claire, E./Orchard Lk. off Lone Pine. 3 family. Misc. household, toys.

**W. BLOOMFIELD**: Huge Multi-Family Sept. 18, 19 & 20th, 10-4, 2223 Harvard Ct. N. off Long Lake, E. of Middlebelt.

**WATERFORD** Bonanza garage sale. Sept. 18-20, 9am-5pm. 7502 Maceday Lake Rd., N. of I-48, S. of Dixie Hwy. Antiques, furniture, kids clothes & toys, Barbies, misc.

**WAYNE-4 FAMILY YARD SALE** Fri Sept 19, 9-5pm. 4966 Biddle, S/Annapolis, E/Wayne off John St.

**West Bloomfield** - Sept 20-21, 9-5pm. Furniture & antiques. 7495 Finnegan Dr., NW corner of Orchard Vale Sub.

**WEST BLOOMFIELD** 3 Family Sale Sat. & Sun., 9-5pm. 7280 Silver Leaf Lane, 14 Mile & Farmington.

**WEST BLOOMFIELD** Friday 1pm - 5pm. All day Sat & Sun. Furniture, kids stuff. 4160 Wendell Rd.

**Westland** - 8216 Garry, N. of AA Trail, E. of Merriman, Sept. 18-20, 10-5. Household items, toys, furniture and more.

**WESTLAND** 4 Family sale. Sept. 18-20, 9am-5pm. Wayne & Palmer area, off Livinville, 35033 Manila.

**WESTLAND** Thurs-Sat, 9-5pm. 7814 Berwick, off Ann Arbor Trail & Merriman. Precious Moments figurines (misc.), furniture, wine press & misc.

## Garage Sales 7110

**WESTLAND - WOODS** 601 Dartmouth Crescent Ct. Fri. & Sat., 9-19 & 9-20. 9am-3pm. Come find your treasures! Lots to pick from. N/Cherry Hill, between Newburgh & Wayne Rds.

**WESTLAND Yard Sale**: DON'T MISS THIS ONE! Toys, collectibles, fishing lures, housewares, jewelry & much more. Thurs-Sat, 10am-7pm. 34350 Sheridan, off Wildwood, btwn Cherry Hill & Marquette.

**WESTLAND**: Wayne Rd. btwn. Glenwood & Palmer. Sat., Sept. 20, 9-6. Rain date Oct. 4. Non-profit group.

**WIXOM** - Gigantic multi-family end of year sale. New items everyday. If we don't have it you don't need it. 2980 Potter Rd. Sept. 18, 19, & 20, 9-5 pm. Between Wixom Rd. & Beck Rd.

**WIXOM** Fri-Sun., 10-4:30. 3706 Loon Lake, Hidden Creek Sub, Wixom & Charms. Children's, sports, misc.

**WOLVERINE LAKE** One Day Sale! Sat. Sept. 20, 9a-4p. Free pile!!! 2366 Woodlawn, off Glangery betw. Benstein & S. Commerce

**MOVING SALES** 7130

**BEVERLY HILLS GARAGE/MOVING SALE** Fri Sept. 19 & Sat. Sept. 20, 9-4pm. 20072 Wellesley, 1/4 mile South of 14 Mile, 3 houses W/Evergreen.

**BIRMINGHAM-MOVING SALE** - Sat., (9-20), 8am-4pm. 2457 E. Maple Rd., Apt. F202, W. of Coolidge. 248-938-3778.

**CANTON** Fri 9-4, Sat 9-12. Furniture & more! 7515 Sandalwood Ct. Phasant Run Sub off CherryHill & Beck.

**CANTON** Sat 9/20 Sun 9/21 12-4 pm oak dining table, oak desk & hutch, wicker bed room, living room, kids bed room, household & decorative items. 734 981-9469

**CANTON** Sept 19-20, 9-3pm. 675 Sandalwood Rd., Fairways of Phasant Run. Beck & Cherry Hill.

**CLARKSTON** HUGE MOVING SALE-Lots of stuff! Must see! Sat. 9/20, 9am-3pm. 6899 Dearhill, off Miller. (248) 922-9343

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS-HUGE "MOVED IN" sale** Sept 18-20, 10-4pm. 8546 Salem Ln, S off Joy, E/Beech. Leftover items that I can't use or fit in my new home! Many quality items, 25 huge boxes of NEW TUPPERWARE, at INCREDIBLE DISCOUNTS, furniture, appliances, baby & maternity items, all priced to sell. DON'T MISS THIS ONE! 313-585-2205

**FARMINGTON** - Household, porch & patio furniture, lawn equip & tools, organ, pool table, small furnance, etc. Thurs-Sat, 9/18-9/20, 9am-5pm. 34023 Moore Dr., off Gill, btwn Grand River & Freedom.

**FARMINGTON HILLS** N/9 Mile off Halstead. Sat & Sun. 11-6pm. Weekdays, 9-6pm.

**FURNITURE SALE!** Morris chair, Hoosier cupboard, computer desk w/hutch, sofa, rugs, tables, chair, love seat, bench, MORE! Priced to sell. Cash/Carry, Sat. Sept. 20, 9-3. 37569 Emerald Forest, Farmington Hills, 5/14, W/Halstead (248) 7

**HOUSE FIXTURES SALE** Radiators, doors, water heater, hardware, curtains, garage doors, etc. 29330 W. 12 mile, Farmington Hills. Sat. 9/20, 9-12. Cash & carry.

**LIVONIA** - Moving to FLA. Thur. thru Sun. 9am-4pm. Bed, living, dining & family rooms, household & garage, good quality. 17511 Mayfield, 6 & Farmington.

**LIVONIA** 9-12, 13 & 14, 9am-6pm. 20495 Melvin, S/8, W/Middlebelt. Home/Open house, classic auto, turniture, fishing/exercise equip, clothes, seasonal decor, household goods.

**MOVING SALE/GARAGE SALE!** Including home furnishings, decorative arts, clothing, designer jewelry by Sage, Cathy Waterman and others. Vintage patio table with chairs, Technics electronic piano, golf equipment and much more. Saturday, September 20, 2003 9am-6pm. 555 Lakeview, Birmingham, MI 48009.

**NORTHVILLE** Sat. Sept. 20, 8-2pm. 39442 Springwater Dr., W. of Haggerty & S. of 6 Mile. Bedroom & dining sets, misc. Call Jim, 248-766-6534

**OAK PARK**: Thurs. - Sat. 14601 Ludlow. Everything goes - Furniture, electric lounge chair, sofas, lamps, chests with hutch, desk, bridge table & chairs, china, pictures, dishes, tables. 248-968-2413

**PLYMOUTH** - Furniture, glassware, collectibles, some clothes, misc. 9299 Hackberry, off Postiff near Ann Arbor Rd. Sept. 19, 20 & 21, 10am-5pm

**PLYMOUTH** - Garage/Moving Sale. Antiques, garage items, hunting items, household & other misc. items. Sat. 9/20, 9am-3pm. 41354 Ivywood Lane, 5 Mile & Haggerty.

**REDFORD** Sat., 9/20, 9-4. 9178 Inkster Rd. btwn W. Chicago & Joy. Furniture: bedroom, dining tables w/ chairs, recliners, bookcases, tables, desks, file cabinets, lamps, cabinet sewing mach, electric hospital bed, med equip, antique radios, Lawry Organ, chess freezers & more.

**REDFORD TWP.** MOVING SALE 19957 Wakenend (Between 8 Mile & Grand River), Friday 9/19, Sat. 9/20. 9am to 5pm

**REDFORD-MULTI-FAMILY** Thurs-Sat, Sept 18-20, 10am-5pm. 9249 Marlon Crescent, Beech Daly & W. Chicago.

**ROCHESTER HILLS** Sept 19 & 20, 8am-4pm. Furniture, appliances, all household items. 1601 Deerhurst Lane, Lake Drexelgate off Livernois, S/Avon. 1st street on right

## Moving Sales 7130

**W. BLOOMFIELD**: Moving Sale. Sept. 19-21. Fri. 10-5, Sat. 3-6. Sun. 10-5. 2nd st. W. of Orchard Lake, S. of Walnut Lake. 5552 Fox Hunt Ln

**Clothing** 7140

**DARK BROWN LEATHER** - 3/4 Length, lined with 100% rabbit fur. Bought in New York, at DKNY last yr., worn once. Size small. \$1600/best. 734-542-1966

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**BAKERS SOFA** 4 cushion, like new \$900; Drexel tables, hi-fi console, Persian rug, wardrobe, & MORE. 248-788-1103

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**BEDROOM**: dresser, 2 mirrors, night stand, twin headboard \$275. 734-454-5799

**BUILDER'S-CLEARANCE-ACCESSORY & FURNITURE SALE** 23035 Whitehall, Novi. Saturday, Sept. 20, 10am-2pm. Autumn Park Sub, E/Beck, N/9 Mile.

**China Cabinet** Lighted, black lacquer/marble, Italian-made, asking \$599. 248-474-6745

**COMPLETE CUSTOM OAK KITCHEN CABINETS** corian, island, desk, \$ 950. GE side/side refrigerator, w/ice. \$175. (248) 652-6373

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**DANISH MODERN TABLE** 4 Leaves & 6 chairs. \$250. (734) 455-4276

**DINETTE** - Queen Anne. New 11 piece. Worth \$3480, sell \$1500. Can deliver. 248-470-3350.

**DINETTE** - tables, white loveseat, wallunit, taupe chair, lamps, mirror & more. (Cash only) 248-557-3425

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**DINING ROOM 1930's** Solid Oak Jacobean 9pc Set Quality \$3500.00. Chippendale Carved Mahogany 8pc Dining Room Set. Sleigh King 6pc Bedroom Set. 1940's 7pc Mahogany Bedroom Set. \$975.00. Bombay Chests. Corner Chair. Console Tables. Four Poster Bed. Settee. Armours. Tiffany Style Lamps. Windows And Lots More. Huge Sale Open 7 days. AR Interiors - Downtown Royal Oak. 248-582-9646

**DINING ROOM SET** - Table, 6 chairs, china cabinet, buffet. Exc. shape. (248) 569-8056

**DINING ROOM SET** 9 Piece 1930's, pineapple leg design. \$900/best. (248) 646-8920

**DINING ROOM SET**. Drexel. Fruitwood, double pedestal table w/2 leaves, extends to 86". 4 chairs, very good condition. \$700. 734-455-7345

**DINING ROOM SET**: table, 6 chairs, buffet, china cabinet. \$1200. 248-375-1460

**DINING SET** - Light honey oak, round table, 4 chairs, 2 leaves, lighted hutch, \$500. (734) 421-7708

**DINING SET** New, solid oak, w/4 chairs, \$600, original price \$1700; 6 swivel bar chairs, \$600, Neg. 734-254-0940

**DINING SET** Table, 4 chairs, 2 leaves, wads & china cabinet. Solid wood, excellent condition. \$350. 248-391-3114

**DINING TABLE**, 8 chairs w/pads, 2 leaves, china cabinet, \$800. (248) 770-4100

## Household Goods 7160

**DROP LEAF TABLE** Mahogany, w/3 chairs, Queen Anne Cherry dining room table, w/6 chairs, Mahogany desk, computer desk. 248-449-7303

**ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS** (2) Priced to Sell! Contemporary Oak \$250 and Custom grey laminate \$400 Oak Buffet w/light bridge, table with 6 chairs \$850 exc. cond. After 5:00. 248-656-1859

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**MOVING SALE!** 84" sofa, 2 leather chairs, armchair, ottoman, lamps, glass sofa table, end table, Sears Lawn mower, Oak kitchen set, formal dining chairs, much more! 248-682-4004 or 248-683-0080

**SECTIONAL** 4pc, navy-\$100; 19" Samsung-\$50; TV/micro stand-\$30; lamp, orange/bronze-\$10; Partyline. Leave message. 313-570-4443

**SECTIONAL SOFA** Wine color leather, seats 5, w/2 end recliner seats & center seat w/hatch & SLEIGH DESK Mahogany w/leather top. Matching chair. \$350/best. 248- 553-6711

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**Appliances** 7180

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**FREEZER**, Upright, 21 cu.ft., frost free, warning alarm, 5 shelves w/ice basket. About 5 yrs old - great cond. \$500. 248-426-8425

**GE REFRIGERATOR** 2 yrs. old. Retail \$1500. Sell for \$750. (734) 667-4334

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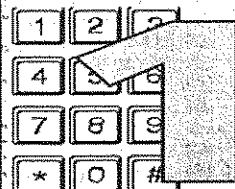


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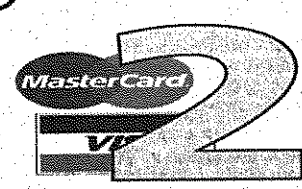
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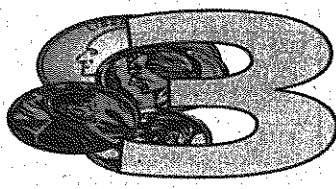
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SW Mom, 34, outgoing, cheerful,  
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Capture this SWF, 30, 5'11", with  
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I'm a petite SWF, 49 years of age,  
searching for a tall, attractive,  
financially secure SWM, 42-57,  
who enjoys travel, theater, dancing  
and working out. Ad#:530593

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28 year old East Indian SF, 5'4",  
160 lbs., blond hair, brown eyes,  
quiet-natured. Enjoys sports and  
walks. Seeking an outgoing, honest,  
caring SWM, between 21-28.  
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**FULL OF LIFE**  
SWF, 57, 41, blonde hair/blue  
eyes, proportionally fit. Loves life!  
Enjoys hiking, travel, the beach  
and more. Seeking a SWM, 49 or  
older with similar interests for  
companionship leading to a possible  
relationship. Ad#:507331

**BE YOURSELF**  
I am a SWF, 27, 5'9", with dark  
hair/eyes, who's caring, honest  
and an understanding person.  
Seeking a handsome, special,  
SWM, 29-35, family-oriented. No  
games. Ad#:498396

**GOOD-NATURED**  
SWF, 55, 6'1", medium build, college  
graduate, non-smoker.  
Enjoys working out, theater,  
movies, walking and more.  
Seeking a SWM, 6'3" plus, 33-62,  
who is well-grounded and professional,  
for friendship first. Ad#:470261

**ARE YOU EXCEPTIONAL?**  
Educated, well-traveled, energetic,  
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SWF, 50, green-eyed blonde,  
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animals, the arts, conversation  
and nature. Looking for an intelligent  
SWM, 40-60, for friendship,  
and possibly more. Ad#:529249

**BEAUTIFUL INSIDE & OUT**  
SWF, 57, 5'4", red curly hair,  
brown eyes. Enjoys movies, theater,  
boating, swimming, cooking  
and time with family. Seeking a  
SWM, 55-75, who is ambitious,  
spiritual, successful and fun.  
Ad#:473611

**HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU**  
I'm a SWF, 52, 5'5", with black hair  
& brown eyes, who enjoys walking  
& jazz. Seeking an outgoing,  
smart SWM, 48-58, with a great  
sense of humor. Ad#:528909

**MULTI-INTERESTED AD**  
SWF, 50, homeowner, has teenage  
son, enjoys gardening and tennis.  
Looking for a SWM, 40-60, race  
unimportant. Ad#:528223

**CALL ME**  
SNA Mom, 26, 5'4", 160 lbs.,  
seeks tall, thin SM, 21-29, with a  
moustache & eyebrow plucking.  
Ad#:519034

**HONORABLE**  
Bright, fun, SWF, 50, 5'8", slender,  
long blonde hair, brown eyes, new  
to the area. Enjoys skiing, running,  
daily, eating well & staying active.  
In search of an outgoing, tall, slender,  
sincere, intelligent SWM, 45-60,  
with various interests. Ad#:516494

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Brown hair/eyes, fun-loving SWF,  
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a love, someone with similar interests.  
Ad#:499946

**LIFE OF THE PARTY**  
Attractive, fun, creative SWF, 39,  
loves to laugh. Enjoys theater, parties,  
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Looking for a chivalrous SM, 35-50.  
Ad#:512335

**MAKE TIME FOR ME**  
I'm a 46 year old SWF, with blonde  
hair, who's been looking for  
romance in all the wrong places.  
Seeking a good-natured, humorous,  
talkative, gentle, kind SWCM,  
30-45, for romance and companionship.  
I prefer someone without  
children. Ad#:505052

**HAPPY GO LUCKY**  
SWF, 31, 5'6", great sense of  
humor who enjoys decorating,  
cooking and reading. Seeking honest,  
trustworthy, respectful, intelligent  
SM, 31-50, has zest for life.  
Ad#:506016

**BROWN EYED LADY**  
SWF, 5'4", 48, enjoys barbecued  
ribs, funny movies, page turning  
books. Desires SWM, N/S, 40-55,  
that I can look up to, who can  
make me laugh. Is sort of hands-  
ome and secure in finances and  
self. Ad#:473551

**DINNER?**  
Easygoing, attractive SWF, 29,  
enjoys dining out, clubs and long  
walks in the park. Looking for a  
laid-back, good-looking SWM, 29-39.  
Ad#:506117

**WALK MY PIER**  
Slim, easygoing SWF, 58, is serious-  
minded, confident, knowledgeable.  
Enjoys summers and winters,  
going places, golf, boating.  
Seeking SWM, 55-58, for  
sharing, caring and warmth.  
Ad#:506784

**NAUGHTY & NICE**  
SWF, 45, who likes movies  
and smokes. Seeking  
SWM, 45-55, with a Harley. Ready  
for riding the open roads.  
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**LOOKING FOR ME?**  
SWF, 24 years old, in search of a  
hardworking SWM, 24-35, who  
believes in the Lord, enjoys  
movies, biking and having fun.  
Ad#:505295

**DO I INTEREST YOU?**  
I'm a brown-eyed SW Mom, 28,  
5'4", 105 lbs. who likes movies  
and partying. I'd like to find an  
older SM, who is outgoing, laid-back  
and likes to have fun.  
Ad#:505101

**ENJOY LIFE**  
Friendly, caring SWF, 57, 5'3",  
medium build, dark hair/eyes.  
Enjoys bowling, dancing, camping  
and spending time with family and  
friends. Looking for a SWM,  
social-drinker, 56-60, who shares  
the same interests, for companionship  
and possible more. Ad#:504863

**MARRIAGE-MINDED**  
Professional, SWF, 50, long blonde  
hair, full-figured, 5' tall, who  
enjoys gardening, movies, socializing,  
the outdoors, cooking and more.  
Seeking a compassionate,  
caring SWM, 43-52. Ad#:482898

**HARLEY GIRL**  
SWF, 34, tall, dark, beautiful, 5'11",  
great sense of humor, loves her  
children, hunting and Harley's.  
Seeking a funny, tall, well-built  
SWM, 30-45, with similar interests.  
Kids welcome. Ad#:504545

**NO GAMES**  
SWF, 50, seeking a sincere  
mate... a fun-loving SM, 40-60,  
who is genuinely employed, and  
knows what he wants, for a long-term  
relationship. Ad#:504299

**LUCKY YOU**  
Open-minded SWF, 49, financially  
and emotionally secure. Seeking  
mature SWM, 43-57. Enjoys reading,  
good movies, all music, open to  
never interests. One who is  
looking for friendship first, and  
possibly more. Ad#:502459

**SOMEONE SPECIAL**  
WWF, 65, 5'6", with brown hair,  
hazel eyes, attractive, friendly.  
Enjoys going to movies, casual  
dining, some walking, anything  
exciting. Seeking professional  
SWM, 65-70, companion, friend,  
helper. Ad#:503130

**REAL SWEETHEART**  
SWF, 28, plump, with black hair,  
light complexion, pretty smile.  
Enjoys working out, exercise,  
magazines/books, etc. Seeking  
SWM, 26-39, for sightseeing, and  
fun times. Ad#:502027

**ARE WE ALIKE?**  
SWF, 50, with above average  
looks, good communicator, amusing,  
loving soul mate. Seeking  
SDWM, 45-60, clean-cut gentleman,  
looking for serious relationship.  
Ad#:482566

**LIFE IS TOO SHORT**  
SWF, 51, no short SWF, with blue  
eyes and blonde hair. Enjoys  
music, dancing, theatre, travel,  
golf, etc. Looking for a N/S, pleasant  
SW gentleman, 59-64, who  
doesn't play head games.  
Ad#:420010

**WHAT ARE YOUR VALUES?**  
Here is a SWF, 55 years old, 5'9",  
with brown hair/eyes, kind-hearted,  
honest and compassionate.  
She is seeking an emotionally and  
financially stable SWM, 54-61.  
Ad#:489334

**AWAITING YOUR CALL**  
She is a SWF, 55 years of age, who  
enjoys riding Harley's, camping,  
travel and family life. She would  
like to build a friendship. Possible  
relationship with a SWM, 45-65,  
no games! Ad#:501161

**BEAUTIFUL SPIRIT**  
SWF, 22, with brown hair/eyes, a  
sincere, collector of dolls.  
Seeking a drug and disease-free  
SM, 21-28, with similar interests.  
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**TALK TO ME**  
Sincere, comical SWF, 32, likes  
outdoors, church, and animals.  
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SWM, 28-40, good communicator.  
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**COUNTRY KID**  
Christian, SWF, 48, 5'3", brown  
hair and eyes, N/S, who loves  
the outdoors, church, and animals.  
Seeking SWM, 50 plus, with same  
interests. Ad#:500094

**LOOKING FOR YOU**  
I am a 56 year old, love to have fun,  
with friends, family or a partner. I  
enjoy walks, dancing, theater,  
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SWF, 65, with a nice appearance,  
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unmarried/unmarried SWM, 60-75,  
5'10" plus, one-woman man.  
See where we can go from here.  
Ad#:499976

**SOMEONE YOU WILL LOVE**  
SWF, 43, 5'4", blonde hair, brown  
eyes, medium build, attractive  
woman. Seeking all-American guy,  
35-43, who would enjoy my company.  
Ad#:498329

**LOVING & HONEST**  
SWF, 30, 5'9", 175 lbs., with dark  
skin and a full figure, in search of  
a down-to-earth SWM, under 45,  
who is easy to talk with, for companionship  
and quiet times together.  
Ad#:496909

**ARE YOU FOR ME?**  
Very attractive SWF, 34, seeking  
financially secure, generous gentleman,  
over 35. Talk first.  
Ad#:496880

**OLDER LOVE IS SWEETER**  
Are you interested in meeting a  
sweet, classy gal, early 60's, beautiful  
brown hair and eyes, who is looking  
for a tall, mild mannered,  
58-70 year old, gentleman, emotionally  
and financially secure. Ad#:403303

**TAME MY HEART**  
SWF, 65, 5'2", 130 lbs. She is  
adventurous, loves to travel, dine  
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similar interests. Ad#:495508

**WINK AT ME**  
Energetic, vivacious, sweet SWF,  
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opera, dancing, golf, conversations  
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Seeking a caring, fun-loving SWM,  
65-75, for a possible relationship.  
Ad#:496495

**PATIENTLY WAITING FOR YOU**  
SWF, 60, suburban hair, green eyes,  
professional. Enjoys travel, weekend  
get-togethers, camping, cuddling  
and more. Seeking a SWM, 57-70,  
who is loving, humorous, N/S,  
fun and affectionate. Ad#:496309

**I AM FOR YOU**  
SWF, 68, attractive blonde,  
Looking for a fun-loving relationship  
with SWM, under 70. Don't  
delay. Ad#:495981

**STARTING OVER**  
Divorced white female, 37, blonde,  
blue eyes, 5'3", medium build,  
great personality. Interests include  
camping, outdoors sports, travel,  
dining out and dancing. Looking  
for single white male, 37-47, with  
same interests. Ad#:482787

**MY IDEAL MAN**  
SWF, 50, 5'7", sexy mom, sincere,  
with some college. Like kick boxing,  
exercising, swimming, and  
much more. I can offer honesty,  
sincerity, dedication to an educated,  
family-oriented SWM, 30-43.  
Ad#:494134

**A REAL GEM**  
Green-eyed, appealing WWF, 49, 5'7",  
humorous, home-maker,  
aggressive. Loves the outdoors,  
gardening, travel and sports.  
Seeking a SM, 39-70, compassionate  
and nice-looking. Ad#:488338

**CALL ME**  
SWF, 33, smoker, occasional  
drinker. Enjoys swimming, bicycling,  
works on aquariums.  
Seeking SWM, 28-43. Sound interesting?  
Ad#:485274

**GOOD FRIEND**  
Semi-retired SWF, 59, 5'6",  
brown hair, stays busy. Likes  
home life, family gatherings,  
dances, fitness. Seeking reliable,  
good-hearted SM, any age.  
Ad#:484727

**FAITHFUL**  
Outgoing, compatible SWF, 19, 5'9",  
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#:483283

**INTERESTED?**  
SWF, 44, enjoys church, plays,  
good conversation, singing and  
more. Looking for a SWM, 40-46,  
with similar interests. Sincere  
replies only! Ad#:482616

**ALL MY LOVE**  
I'm 5', 105 lbs., 58, romantic,  
secure SF, seeking a nice-looking  
SM, 5'7" to 6', slim to medium  
build, who enjoys dining, golf,  
live theater and good conversation.  
Macomb County. Ad#:403562

**SOMETHING REAL**  
SWF, 25, 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

**NOT PERFECT**  
SWF, 38, with two teens, physically  
challenged, walks with cane.  
Seeking relationship with SWM, 38-58,  
who is understanding and special.  
Ad#:473738

**CUTE BLONDE WIDOW**  
I'm 5', 105 lbs., 58, romantic,  
secure SF, seeking a nice-looking  
SM, 5'7" to 6', slim to medium  
build, who enjoys dining, golf,  
live theater and good conversation.  
Macomb County. Ad#:403562

**SHARE LIFE**  
SWF, 38, 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 SM, 35-50, who is  
handsome, religious, pleasant and  
has similar interests. Ad#:478614

**CUTE**  
Petite, SWF, 51, loves many activities,  
bubbly, friendly and easy to get  
along with. Ad#:478478

**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 loveable and honest  
SM, 60-70, who is outgoing  
for companionship and possible  
relationship. Ad#:477392

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SWF, 50, caring mother loves life.  
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friendship possibly leading to long-term  
relationship. Ad#:476066

**WHERE ARE YOU?**  
50 yrs. old, DWF, 5'2", 110 lbs.,  
blue eyes, brown hair. Enjoys  
music, concerts, outdoors,  
Harley's, the Red Wings, dancing,  
etc. Searching for an honest, loyal,  
SM to enjoy life, someone who  
wants to casually date and has a  
sense of humor. Ad#:403942

**RECIPE FOR LOVE**  
SWF, 30, 5'5", dark brown  
hair/eyes. Interests are fun times,  
watching basketball, wrestling and  
cooking. In search of SWM, 30-35,  
tall, dark hair, enjoys a good chef  
for possible relationship.  
Ad#:478002

**IN GOD I TRUST**  
SWF, 45, 5'5", brown hair/eyes.  
Interests are Church, afternoon  
strolls and good conversation.  
Seeking SWM, 30-65, Christian,  
enjoys children, who is honest and  
caring, for companionship and  
possible relationship. Ad#:475986

**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#:444655

**ALWAYS SMILING**  
SWF, 44, 5'7", with brown hair and  
hazel eyes. Interests are swimming,  
shopping, NASCAR, fishing  
and much more. In search of a  
SWM, 5'11"-6'3", 34-50, who is  
honest and trustworthy. Ad#:468434

**WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU?**  
SWF, 55, 5'8", average build with  
brown hair & eyes. Interested in  
gardening, dancing, swimming,  
cooking & romantic evenings.  
Looking for an honest, faithful  
SWM, 51-60, with great eyes, who  
loves children and intelligent  
conversation. Ad#:469108

**AWESOME COOK!**  
Fun loving, outgoing SWF, 44, 5'7",  
brown hair and green eyes. Loves  
to laugh. My hobbies include travel,  
swimming, boating and shopping.  
I'm searching for an honest,  
loving, outgoing SWM, 34-52,  
5'11"-6'2", with a husky build.  
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**ROAD TO HAPPINESS**  
This family-oriented, outgoing  
SWF, 32, enjoys scary movies, carnivals  
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likes children, down-to-earth and  
is sincere for a relationship.  
Ad#:475521

**CHECK ME OUT**  
Loving, loyal and down-to-earth  
SWF, 37, with long blonde hair,  
6' plus, secure within himself, over 25.  
Ad#:474958

**FRIENDS TO START**  
SWF, 47, 5'5", attractive, employed,  
blonde, is seeking SWM, 42-50,  
for a fun relationship that may lead  
to more. Ad#:483429

**I'M YOUR LADY**  
Friendly, easygoing SWF, 45, 5'7",  
blonde with blue eyes. My hobbies  
include travel, nature walks, photography  
& intelligent conversation.  
I would love to meet a SWM,  
45+, who is family-oriented, intelligent  
and has a touch of class.  
Ad#:474315

**A COMPANION**  
SWF, 48, professional, full-figured,  
enjoys concerts, time with family,  
travel, walking and more. Seeking  
a SM, who is open, honest, loving  
and reliable. Ad#:473235

**COMPANIONSHIP**  
Classy, blonde, WWF, 65, 5'3",  
120 lbs., who enjoys dining out,  
golf and travel. Searching for a  
SW, gentleman, 65-72.  
Ad#:473072

**GOAL-ORIENTED**  
SWF, 28, 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 relationship.  
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#:418148

**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 relationship.  
Ad#:421180

**READ THIS!**  
SWF, 32, 5'7", enjoys long walks,  
roller blading, biking, good conversation  
and motorcycles. She is  
searching for a sincere, attractive,  
financially secure SWM, 26-37, no  
drugs and no games! Ad#:469008

**ONE DAY AT A TIME**  
SWF, 45, 5'2", 145 lbs., with brown  
hair and hazel/blue eyes. 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#:481362

**THE EYES HAVE IT**  
I'm a SWF, 35, with a great sense of  
humor. My interests include  
romantic dinners and just having  
fun. Seeking tall, dark, handsome,  
good-looking SWM, 28-45.  
Ad#:466729

**CALL ME!**  
Single black female, 43, I am a  
nurse and I love to have fun.  
Looking for a single male, under  
50, who is mature. Ad#:466802

**AN OPEN BOOK**  
Funny, caring, outgoing SWF, 24,  
5'5", 190 lbs. Enjoys drawing, writing  
poetry, sports and long walks.  
Looking for a loving SWM, 23-24,  
6'+, brown/black hair preferred.  
Ad#:466472

**A TRUE ROMANTIC**  
SWF, 48, 5'3", suburban hair, brown  
eyes, vivacious, outgoing and bubbly.  
Enjoys playing bridge, travel,  
dining, movies, quiet times and  
more. Seeking a SWM, 48-60, who  
is tall, well-educated, sincere, and  
has a great sense of humor.  
Ad#:466339

**LOOKING FOR RESPECT**  
Trustworthy SWF, 35, 5'1", red  
hair, hazel eyes, one daughter.  
Enjoys biking, swimming, boating  
and long walks. Looking for a sincere,  
fun-loving SWM, 30-45.  
Ad#:466084

**COMMIT TO ME**  
SWM, 40, known for being  
extremely honest, kind and considerate.  
Enjoys movies, dinners,  
sports, bowling and more. Seeking  
SWF, 20-45, for a long-term committed  
relationship. Ad#:531416

**CABIN FEVER**  
I'm talented, SWM, 38, 180 lbs.,  
looking for outgoing, good-looking,  
marriage-minded, special  
SWF, under 42, physically attractive,  
fit, for dinners, movie, sunset  
walks, possibly more. Children  
okay. Ad#:531210

**YOU CAN TRUST ME**  
I'm 5'9", with brown hair, green  
eyes, fun, humorous SWM, 43,  
financially secure. I enjoy camping,  
NASCAR, watching TV, etc.  
Seeking fun-loving SWF, 25-48, to  
do things together. Ad#:531143

**IN SEARCH OF LOVE**  
SWM, 52, with brown hair and a  
moustache. Enjoys dining out, the  
outdoors, etc. Looking for a SWF,  
40-53, who is looking for a long-term  
relationship. Flint area.  
Ad#:420370

**A TRAVEL MATE**  
SWM, 52, 5'5", medium weight,  
brown hair, fun, open-minded,  
with integrity. Likes boating,  
NASCAR, football, dancing, etc. In  
search of a warm-hearted, good-  
looking, medium-built SF, up to 58  
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SWM, 47, 6'1", 200 lbs., seeks  
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## 350Z REVIEW

Advertising Feature

### Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

There is more than one way to snap heads around, and Nissan's 350Z delivers at least two of them: the way people's heads swivel when they see this stylish and substantial machine whiz by; and the way their heads are pressed to the back of the seat when this thing takes off.

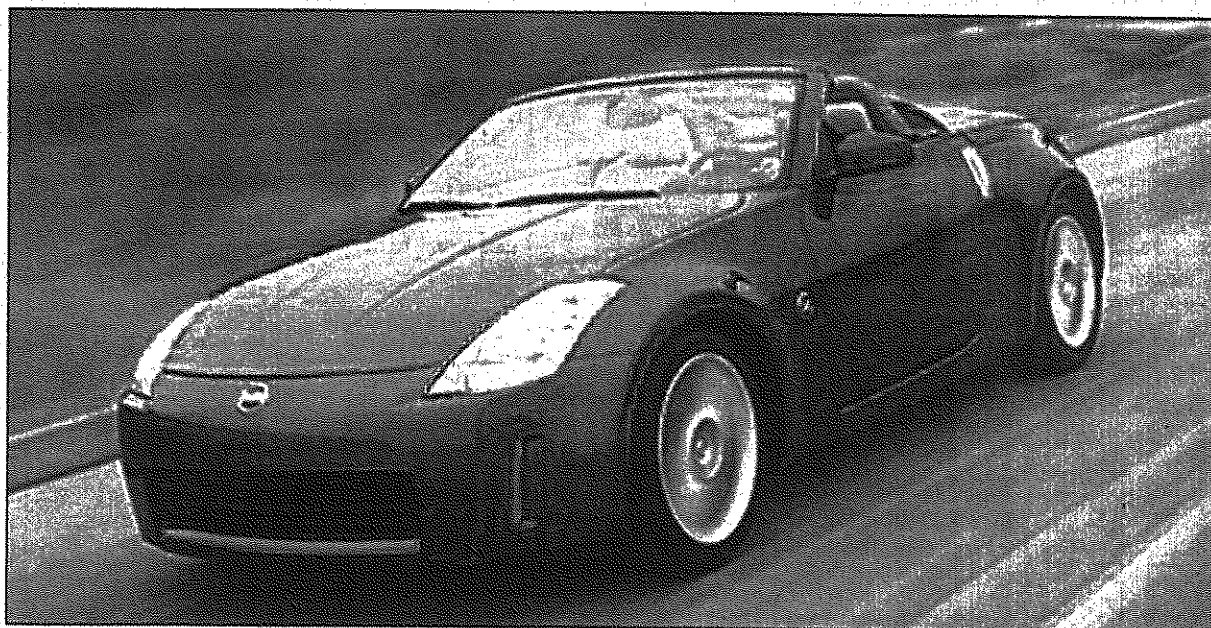
That's usually enough in the case of a sports car. But from 350Z, there is also much more, including—believe it or not—significant cargo space. For suggested retail prices of \$26,000 to \$34,000, it's among the more affordable and value-laden sporty automotive statements available.

Nissan revived its storied Z series for 2003 with this two-seater, which bowed as a two-door hatchback. Real enthusiasts will recall the Datsun 240Z of a generation ago; in the mid-Nineties, Nissan also had a 300ZX that was turbocharged and very pricey. Recently, Nissan also added a 350Z convertible that has become available as an early 2004 model. Being able to put the top down on this car will only add to the joy of a Z.

The story of a car like this, of course, begins with its power, and the 350Z doesn't disappoint. The engine is a 3.5-liter V6, turned for 287 horsepower. A six-speed manual transmission is standard, and the Touring version I drove had a five-speed automatic transmission with a manual shift gate.

While it's listed as being able to reach 60 mph in less than six seconds, I actually found the 350Z, at least with the automatic transmission, not to be as explosive out of the starting gate as I had anticipated and, certainly, a little less responsive in that regard than other vehicles I've driven recently, including the Audi TT Roadster. But 350Z quickly made up for it as the car geared up, always providing ample punch—and effortlessly so—for merging or passing or dodging or just showing off.

Steering and braking were both quite touchy, which is a positive with a car with this much raw



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power. The Z really stuck to the road through all kinds of turning and maneuvering, which also is a big plus. Similarly, the ride is very firm and feeling-it, and there's enough growling from the engine and regular road noise audible in the cockpit that cell-phone conversations can be rough. But, hey, you don't buy this car for a multitasking commute anyway.

Appreciation of the Z, though, also must include its styling. Its bulging front fenders and fast back make the 350Z reminiscent of a Porsche, and at the very least provide an indubitable sports-car stance. The Touring edition comes with sharp-looking, 18-inch performance tires and xenon headlights.

What's more, its shape allows the Z to slice through the air with a minimum co-efficient of drag (0.29 on the Track model), so mileage ends up being 19 mpg in the city and 26 on the highway—more than respectable for a vehicle that isn't meant to win fuel-economy awards per se.

Moving to the inside of the vehicle, 350Z presented some disconcerting characteristics, however. First of all, it was extremely difficult even for a person of average height to squeeze into, and guinea pigs over six feet tall had considerable trouble compacting their frames enough to feel totally comfortable in the driver's seat. And for most drivers, navigating the doorway and sliding into the seat was difficult with-

out contortions that risked tweaking a muscle.

Inside, the Z also feels a bit claustrophobic, because it's more than a little challenging to feel confident as a driver that you've got a complete picture of your outside surroundings. Because of the car's extreme fastback, for instance, the rear window is an almost-useless slot in the rear-view mirror. The convertible version will come in handy here.

A huge plus for 350Z, especially over other two-seaters, is the relatively cavernous cargo compartment under the hatch. I fit all the weekly groceries for a family of four comfortably in the space, which, among other things, tells me that the car would fairly easily hold enough luggage for a driver and a passenger to take on a weekend or even week-long trip.

The consistency of design between interior and exterior is another pleasure of the Z. Everything inside makes a tubular, aerodynamic statement, including the vent wells, the door handles and the gauges. The brushed-aluminum trim is a nice complement to the black-leather interior in the Touring version I drove.

And the crossbar of brushed aluminum emblazoned with a large "Z," which is visible through the rear window, makes for a nice statement as well: The Z is back.

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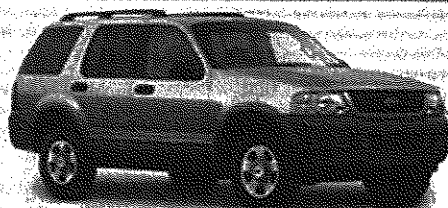
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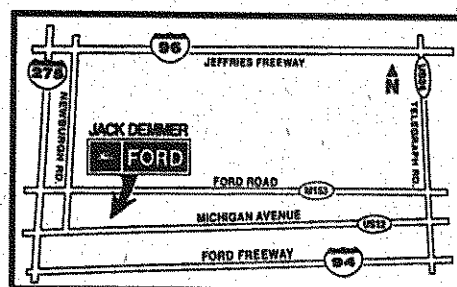
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