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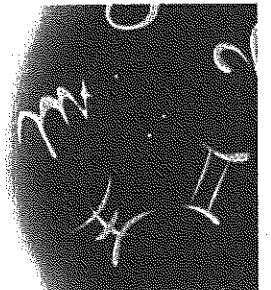
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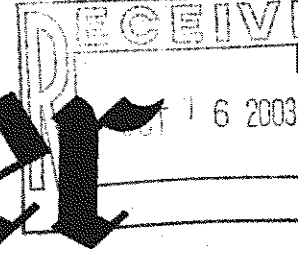
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School deficit smaller than thought

Preliminary figures indicate the projected deficit in the 2004-05 Plymouth-Canton Schools budget could be half as much as earlier predicted.

Superintendent Jim Ryan, who had been projecting a budget deficit reaching \$7 million, now says he envisions a deficit in the \$3.5 million range. "Some good things have hap-

pened," Ryan said. "The higher enrollment (nearly 300 students) and the blended count (from which state funding is calculated) has produced \$700,000. And, in two weeks we're going to put money in the fund balance.

"A lot of it came from awfully good management by the district," Ryan added. "The central

office folks and our principals really tightened their belts, and we really halted some spending last year. We just need the economy to break out and help us out here."

What may put a crimp in the optimistic outlook by Ryan is the \$900 million budget deficit facing the State of Michigan. Gov. Jennifer Granholm is con-

sidering cuts in all areas, including K-12 education.

"I think we're coming to expect it," said Ryan. "We've been watching the (state) revenue consensus very carefully, and it concerns us. But it's not like it's unexpected.

"One of our budget watch points is to watch for an executive order cut, and I can't see

how she's going to get around it after holding us harmless the first time, without cutting us this time," he said. "It just depends on how much."

Last year, Granholm stayed away from cutting the foundation grant, but instituted a 3.8-percent across-the-board K-12

PLEASE SEE SCHOOL, A8

Memo

A great job

Diane Baker, host of Canton Community Television's Canton This Month cable show, was honored by the board of trustees Tuesday night for her three years of volunteer service to the community.

"We have a great cable operation in Canton," Supervisor Tom Yack said in presenting the award. "Canton This Month has been around for about 11 years. We've had two hosts in the past. Diane Baker is the most recent. She's done a great job."

In addition to Baker, the entire staff of the Canton Community Television operation was recognized for "outstanding accomplishments." Over the past year and a half, the staff has received three Aegis awards, two Videographer awards, two Aurora awards and one NATOA award. The staff includes Dave Harris, Rick Gau, Allyson Wainstock, Jason Rizer, Matt Streicher and Paul Kosbe.

Lunch with poet

Dr. Patricia J. Wesley, a Liberian native, poet and author will read and discuss her works at noon Monday, Oct. 20, in the Community Room of the Canton Public Library. The "Friends, Authors & Others" program is sponsored by the Friends of the Canton Public Library. To register, call the library at (734) 397-0999.

Around the pond

You're invited to the annual Pumpkins Around the Pond 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, around the big pond in Heritage Park. All you have to do is carve and illuminate pumpkins and assemble them around the big pond starting at 5 p.m. At 6 p.m., there will be a walk around the park - to Halloween music.

Come one, come all

Start your evening at the Pumpkins Around the Pond and move to The Arts are Alive Showcase, which will debut 8-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at the Summit on the Park Banquet Center. At this first-ever arts expo, visitors will be treated to a literal showcase of local talent.



ent, from singers to artists to dancers. A tenor and soprano will perform opera, while a flamenco dancer brings the Latin world to Canton. Sculptors, painters, potters and all other types of artists will be on hand to exhibit, demonstrate and sell their works. Admission is \$30, which includes hot and cold heavy hors d'oeuvres by the Summit Gourmet. Casual seating will be available.



Veteran Joe Jagodzinski, 86, of Canton received his Purple Heart medal 58 years after he was wounded in World War II.

A purple heart comes at last

Hurry up and wait. It's a saying that every soldier knows all too well. But 58 years?

That's how long Canton resident Joe Jagodzinski, 86, a World War II veteran,

had to wait to get his Purple Heart medal.

It arrived last week, Oct. 2, 2003, 58 years after Jagodzinski was wounded in Germany in 1945 - just three days before the war in

Europe ended.

"The government is like that," he said philosophically. "But at last I got my Purple Heart."

Jagodzinski was a corporal in Gen. George Patton's

Army - specifically the 94th Infantry Division of the 8th Army, the "Thundering Herd" - when he was wounded.

PLEASE SEE HEART, A5

Complainers are a no-show at Lowe's board approval

Although a controversial development along Ford Road has been delayed for three years, over complaints of residents who were concerned about traffic problems, landscape buffering and having a "big box" store in their back yards, none of them showed up for Tuesday's board of trustees meeting when the project got final approval.

Lowe's building supply store got the go-ahead from trustees to build their project north of Ford between Morton Taylor and Sheldon.

"We're coming up on the third anniversary of this project," Supervisor Tom Yack told the board. "It was first presented

PLEASE SEE LOWE'S, A8

Paws and claws tug at foster mother's heart

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Handsome Samson has no idea how endearing he will become to his new owner.

"He's much more mature now. His attention span is much better," said Jan Conner, who welcomed the handsome black Labrador into her home when he was just 10 weeks old.

Now at more than 16 months old, Samson is already in training at Paws With a Cause. One day he will serve as helper and companion for someone who is

disabled. "I will get photos and reports on him on a regular basis," said Conner, who knew it would be tough to give up the newest love of her life.

But Conner said she is comforted by the fact that should Samson make it successfully through Paws training, he will be a great help to someone else. "He will give dignity and freedom to another human," said Conner, who also owns Pet-Nanny, which provides in-home pet care.

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Jan Conner plays with Samson, an almost 17-month-old dog she raised for Paws With a Cause.

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Indian community heralds a New Year with celebration

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Anand Kumar is putting his money and time where his beliefs are.

"The Indian community has a lot to offer," said the Canton resident.

Kumar, a director of finance at AAA, is behind an Asian Indian event designed to bring several thousand people together to showcase and learn about the culture. Festivities are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Ford Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave. in Dearborn.

Based on the U.S. Census, the Asian Indian community includes some 75,000 people in southeast Michigan. Canton alone is home to approximately 3,400 Asian Indians. Other communities where the population is concentrated include Farmington Hills, Southfield, Troy, Novi, Sterling Heights and Ann Arbor.

The showcase Saturday will highlight traditional and contemporary dance and music competitions, food, a fashion show, as well as businesses that sell Indian ethnic fashions and jewelry. Clothing will include flowing silhouettes and chiffons studded with sequins and crystals from Zardozi, a popular brand from New Delhi, India. Zardozi is an exclusive designer store featuring ethnic wear. The clothes will be modeled by local Michigan Indian models.

Kids won't be neglected at

the festival. They will be treated to clowns and face painting. Organizers have invited local Indian restaurants to serve snacks and sweets. More than a dozen new Indian restaurants have opened in the past year in the Detroit metro area.

The event dovetails into the Asian Indian festival of Diwali, the festival of lights, which in India is celebrated on Oct. 25. "It is the start of the New Year and a festival celebrating good over evil," Kumar said.

India Fest 2003 is promoted by Kumar's miindia.com, the Michigan Indian community Web site that serves as a communication device for the Indian community. The organization was founded in 1999 and offers complete information on all Michigan Indian-related events and businesses in the area. It also provides a number of free interactive services. More than 130 businesses use the site to target the Indian community.

The decision to host Saturday's festival comes from a celebration a year ago in August that was held at the Novi Expo Center. It celebrated Indian independence from Britain on Aug. 15, 1947.

"A lot of people were looking for some kind of get together," Kumar said. "This event will bring the community together. It will also help the non-Indian not familiar with the culture and allow them to take a look for themselves."

For more information, click on to www.miindia.com.

Police check on car break-ins at gas station

Canton Police are investigating a series of break-ins of cars that were parked at the Mobil Station on Warren over the weekend awaiting repairs.

A Canton resident reported that his car was left at the station for repairs about 6 p.m. on Sunday and the next morning he learned that someone had stolen a stereo system and three CDs valued at more than \$1,800.

The car was unlocked. A Romulus resident reported that the rear window was

POLICE BEAT

broken out on his car while it was parked at the station. Nothing was reported stolen.

Another Canton resident said someone broke into her car at the same location and took a cassette player and a 12-inch television.

Police have no suspects.

MORE CAR DAMAGE

A Brownstown resident

reported to Canton police that someone broke into his pickup while it was parked at the Kmart Distribution Center on Joy Road where he worked.

He said he parked in the parking lot about 5:45 a.m. on Monday and when he returned to the truck about 2:30 p.m., the rear window of the cab was smashed.

Police said an unknown metal object was used to break the window, which also damaged a leather headrest, the leather steering

wheel and chipped the windshield.

Damage was estimated at \$900.

TOOLS TAKEN

A carpenter working at a construction site on Tradition reported that someone stole tools and two electric generators sometime between 3 p.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. Monday.

The tools were valued at about \$2,500 and the generators at \$600.

Seniors can refresh their driving skills

Seniors, age 55 and over, will get a chance to refresh and evaluate their driving skills at a Mature Driver Retraining Workshop Oct. 27-28.

The workshop, co-sponsored by the Department of Public Safety and Advanced Driving Academy, is designed to help mature drivers

improve driving strategies and self-evaluate their driving skills.

The workshop will be held at the Advanced Driving Academy, 44932 Ford Road, in the Murray's Auto/Secretary of State plaza. Sessions will meet from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. both days.

A separately scheduled pri-

vate evaluation will be held Oct. 29.

Participants will be evaluated in several areas, including brake reaction time, peripheral vision, depth perception, visual acuity, field of view and glare recovery for night driving.

Instructors will not keep records of scores and the workshop results will

not affect the driver's license of participants.

Advance registration is required. Space is limited and only 20 participants can be accommodated.

A continental breakfast and lunch will be served.

For more information call the Summit Senior Center at 734-394-5485.

LaJoy introduces human resources bill

State Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton Township) has introduced a bill he claims will save the state at least \$7.5 million.

LaJoy said his bill will consolidate the human resource operations in the State of Michigan, which currently has 20 department heads, 19 of which are funded by the

state.

"Each department has a human resource director, with an average salary of \$91,000," said LaJoy.

"By consolidating all operations, we could conservatively save \$7.5 million, and I think we may be able to double that."

"There are also 50,000

human resource department employees, with an average salary of \$50,000," added LaJoy.

The state is facing a \$900 million budget deficit in the next fiscal year, and LaJoy said it's time for everyone to come up with ideas on how to save money.

"We need to do things better,

and I think this move makes a lot of sense," said LaJoy. "We still need human resources, but we need to be effective. I think we could save a lot of money, and the people deserve that effort."

"If all of us (legislators) could come up with ways to save this kind of money, we'd put a big dent in the budget deficit," he said.

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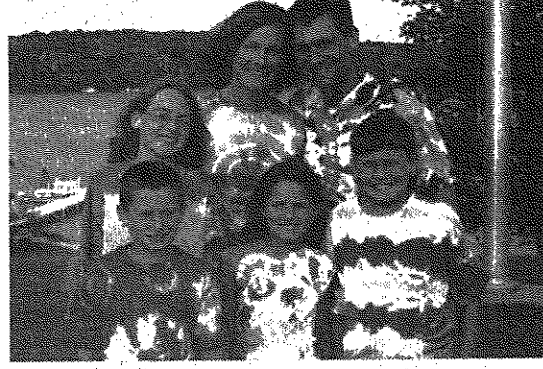
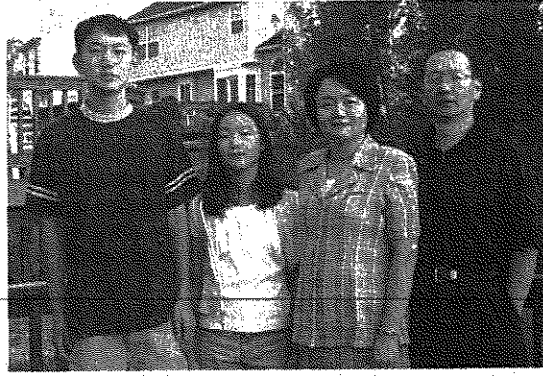
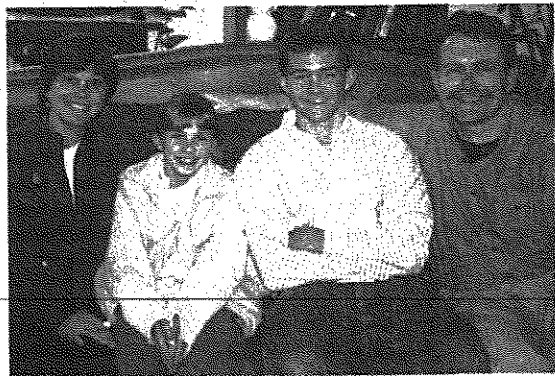
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Shin splints are the enemy of marathon runners, fitness junkies, and anyone who tries to do too much exercise too soon. They occur most commonly when either the tendons or the lining of the shin bone become inflamed after absorbing too much impact during strenuous exercise. Exercises that are most likely to produce shin splints include running on hard surfaces and those sports that involve a deal with shin splints is to avoid them altogether by gradually building up an exercise regimen to avoid over stress. It also helps to strengthen muscles to they can better absorb the stresses that might otherwise injure the tendons or bones. Whether you get your exercise running marathons or chasing after an energetic toddler, when you are in pain, your best bet is to see a physical therapist. AT HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY, our clinic's goal is functional improvement of motoric and neurological release, trigger point release, muscle energy, strain counter strain, cranial release, and joint mobilizations. Located at 650 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth, we offer easy access and easy parking. If you would like to personally discuss your health, please call 455-8370 for an appointment.

P.S. Sixty percent of a running shoe's shock absorption is lost after 250-500 miles of use, which may be a factor in developing shin splints.

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Bet your seat for best in the house

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

The doors of the Village Theater at Cherry Hill aren't open yet. But it's not too early to pick your seats.



"We will let you personalize where you sit," said Jennifer Tobin, Canton performing arts coordinator. Of course, that comes at a price. An auction, combined with a party, will give anyone and everyone a chance to bid on a seat or seats in the new theater 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26.

The "Best Seat in the House" party will be the home of Rob and Sally Welch, 8400 N. Ridge in Canton. The purpose is to raise money for the new performing arts center.

"We are hoping to sell all 400 chairs," Sally Welch said. "The party and auction is an interesting idea."

The Welchses were at the groundbreaking for the theater

earlier this year and decided they wanted to help raise money for the facility and its programming.

"We kind of courted each other going to live presentations and performances," said Sally, adding that husband and wife have long appreciated the theater. "This is our first time for public involvement."

Party-goers will get to select and name one of 400 seats at the theater at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads, which is under construction. A silent auction format will be followed. It will allow seat sponsors to mark the seat or seats of their choice. That, however, does not stop someone else from outbidding you for the same seat. Bidding on each seat starts at \$600. You can outbid someone for \$5.

"You have to stay alert or you could lose your seat," Tobin said.

To attend the party, you have to pay \$100. But that admission will be applied toward a seat purchase. The donation is tax-deductible.

For \$600 you get the first dibbs on the seat of your

choice. You get it personalized with a nameplate that says it's yours and yours alone. You also will get theater event and ticket information before the general public.

"There is talk of a special seat-holders series," Tobin said. "They can kind of build an association."

To make the purchase of a seat a bit easier on the pocketbook, the 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, Inc., which is raising money for the facility, will let you pay over three years.

Sally and Rob will open their house and grounds for the event. Inside will be a chart showing every seat in the new theater.

You will be given a packet of information and stickers to affix to the seat of your choice.

To attend the party or to reserve a seat without attending, call Tobin at (734) 394-5484. You may also email Sally Welch at sally70775@aol.com.

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Walk raises \$665,000 for research

More than 7,400 survivors, families, friends and co-workers from the Detroit area helped the American Cancer Society take a step toward finding a cure for breast cancer during the sixth-annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk.

The community raised more than \$665,000 for breast cancer research and local education and support programs.

"Each year the community embraces this cause with an unprecedented amount of enthusiasm. Now it is our turn and we look forward to putting the money to work to benefit the community," said Megan White, regional executive director, American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division.

"Because of the community's generous support over the past five years, we are steps closer to finding a cure for breast cancer."

According to the ACS, more than 40,000 men and women nationwide will die of breast cancer this year.

Statewide, 7500 Michigan women will be diagnosed with the disease this year and 1400 will die.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer has been the American Cancer Society's rallying cry to raise awareness and dollars to fight breast cancer since 1993.

The noncompetitive walk has quickly become the largest community event in support of breast cancer research in the United States with 400,000 people in 90 cities participating in 2003.

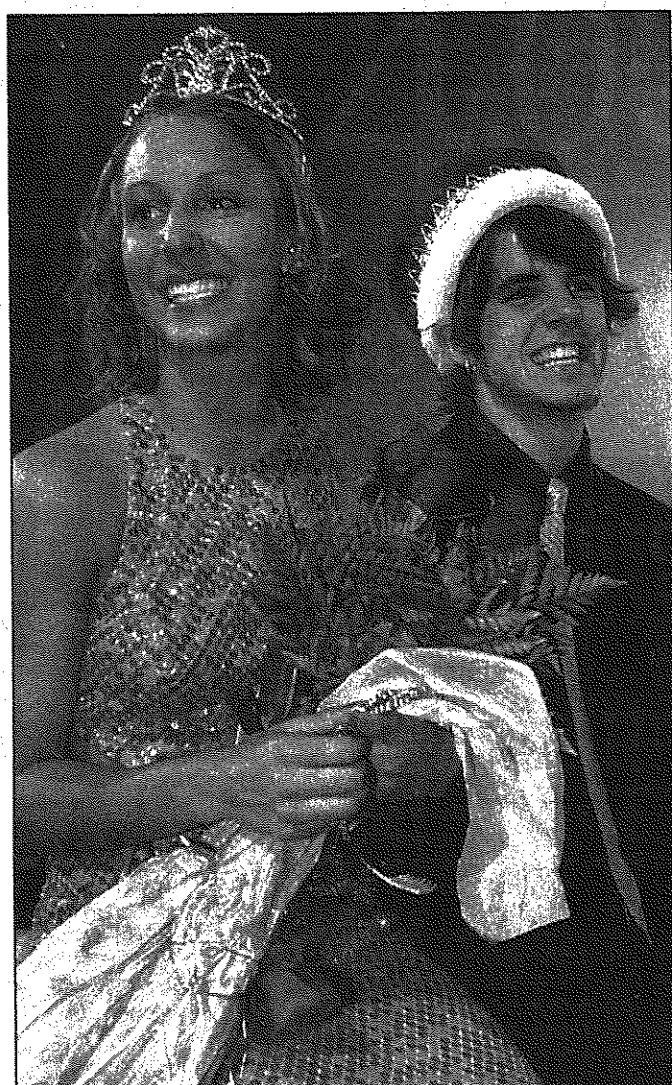
To date, the event has raised more than \$104 million, helping to make the American Cancer Society the largest private source of funding for breast cancer research in the world.

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Society is joined by Comerica, The Kroger company, Mervyn's, The Nailco Group, Fox 2 Detroit, WMGC 105.1 and The Discovery Health Channel. Karmanos Cancer Institute, Oakwood Health Care System and St. John Health served as Community Champions and brought a united effort to the event.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. Founded in 1913 and with national headquarters in Atlanta, the Society has 17 regional Divisions and local offices in 3400 communities, involving millions of volunteers across the United States.

For more information anytime, call toll free (800) ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.



Chief Royalty

Homecoming Queen Jenny Horton and King Ross Maltby take their ceremonial ride around the football field after halftime crowning ceremonies at Canton High School.

Local leaders will make appearances in dinner play

Some community leaders will make cameo appearances in The Spotlight Players' production of Neil Simon's The Odd Couple at a dinner theater Nov. 7 to 9 and 14 to 16 at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Admission is \$30 for an Italian feast and performance, \$35 at door. Call (734) 394-5460 for tickets or log on to the Web site at www.spotlightplayers.net

Cameo appearances will be made by Tom Yack, Canton supervisor on Nov. 7; state Rep. Phil LaJoy on Nov. 8; Mike Gerou, 35th District judge on Nov. 9; Dr. Jim Gillig, Canton Library board member, Nov. 14; Karl Zarbo, Canton Township trustee, on Nov. 15' and Jim Ryan, Plymouth-Canton Schools superintendent on Nov. 16.

The cast and crew include Barbara Bloom, director (Canton); Rob Bovitz (Canton); Tim Bruch (Canton); Jerry Carney (Canton); Sean Paraventi (Dearborn Heights); Larry Rajda (Livonia); Marian Fedewa (Northville); Karen Southworth (Plymouth); Jeff Trudeau (Southfield).

Credit union continues school partnerships

Expanding its commitment to education and financial literacy, Community Federal is partnering with 17 Michigan schools to operate student credit unions during the 2003-2004 school year.

Each program is designed to teach young members the value of saving and setting financial goals. Students also learn career-building skills by interviewing and filling positions in the student-run credit unions under the guidance of school volunteers and Community Federal's education partnership coordinators.

Entering its 15th year, Community Federal's student credit union program has received national and

statewide recognition.

"In the last couple of years, our program has expanded from the lower grades to middle and high schools. Our board of directors recognized that student financial needs are increasing, and we can help them build a solid foundation," said Natalie McLaughlin, a Community Federal education partnership coordinator.

Participating schools include elementary, middle school and high schools in communities where Community Federal's members live and work, including Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi and the northern Michigan town of Hillman. In addition to supervising

the operation of student credit unions, Community Federal staff makes numerous classroom presentations throughout the year.

Topics include how to develop good credit and how checking accounts work.

"If we can help students develop good financial habits now, our contribution to these communities will have a long lasting impact," added Community Federal's CEO Roger Ballard.

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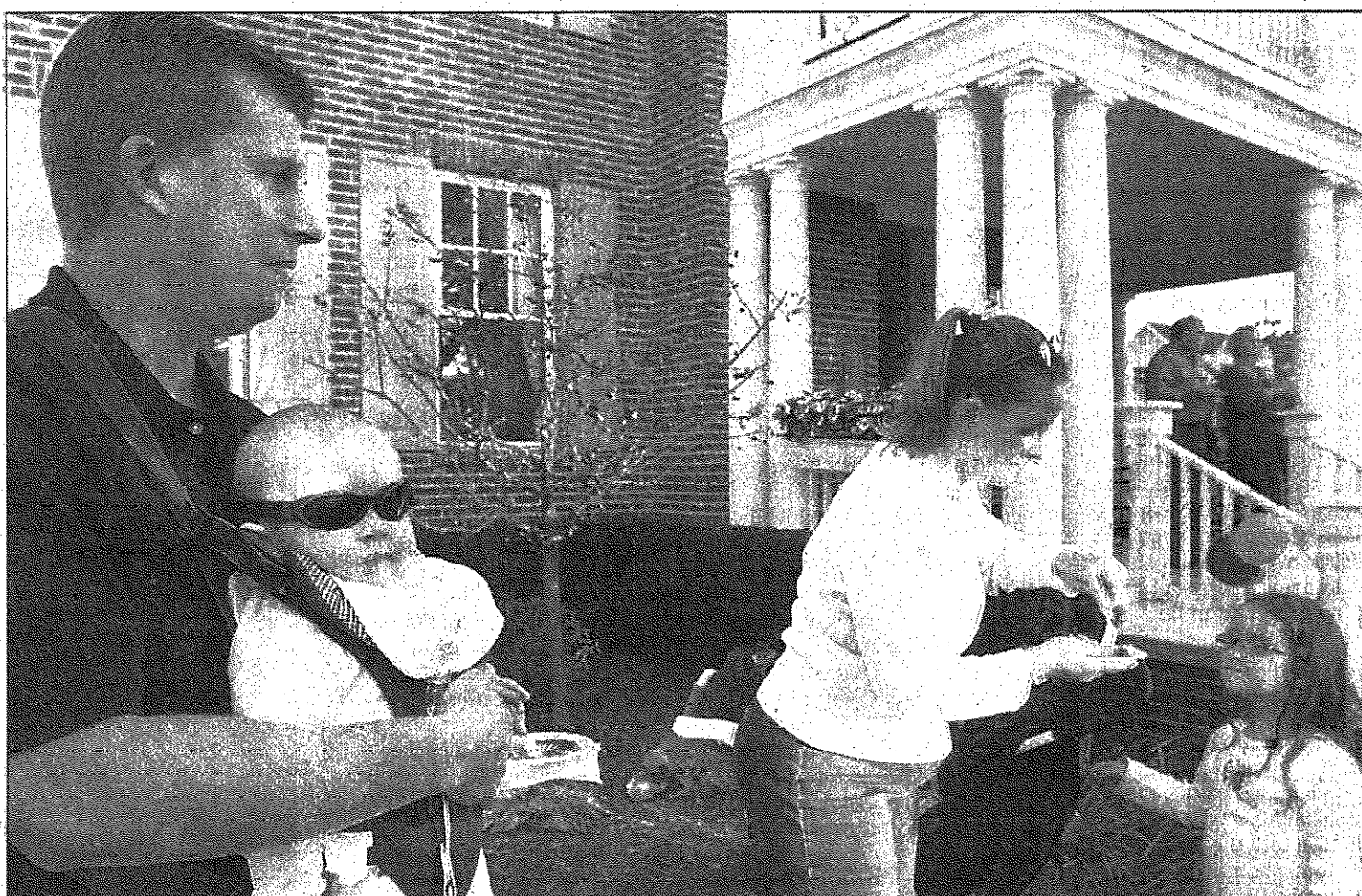
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Above, the Parafidy Brothers, a saxophone quartet of Nick Rowe (from left), Brian Wilson, Chris Aten and Joe Girard with the Plymouth Canton Marching Band entertain guests at the Tastefest For Education at Cherry Hill Village. At right, David Wayne (left) of Canton and his family, Ethan, four months, his wife Beverly, and daughter, Brenna, 5, enjoy the Tastefest.



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The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Educational Excellence Foundation raised more than \$7,000 at its second annual Tastefest for Education, held Monday at Cherry Hill Village in Canton Township.

Patrons strolled through model homes where restaurants from Plymouth and

Canton offered tastes of their cuisine.

The money raised will be used to support the EEF Summer Academy, a nine-year program designed to help elementary school age children achieve grade-level skills in reading and math.

"This past summer more than 300 children attended at Field Elementary,"

said Carole Kody, EEF executive director.

"One hundred percent of the children who participated in the program showed improvement."

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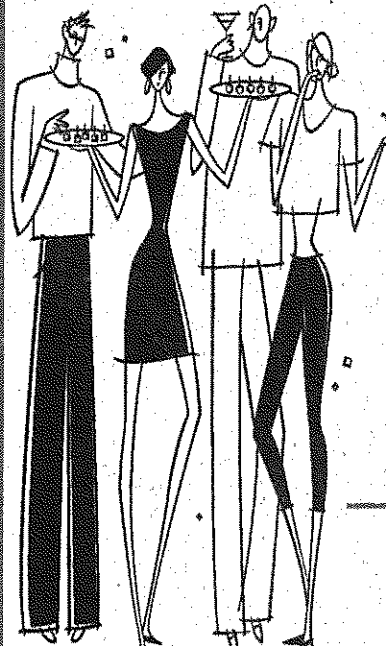


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HEART

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He doesn't know exactly what happened.

"There was a big blast," he recalled.

"It threw me right over. My sternum was cracked. They first sent me to a field hospital run by German POWs. Then they sent me to a regular hospital in Belgium."

It took him weeks to recover. In August 1945, the United States dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and in September Japan officially surrendered.

Jagodzinski was sent back to the states in November. Just before he left he had his first and only encounter with Patton in person.

"He came out wearing a silver helmet with four stars on it," he said.

"He had two ivory handled pistols on his belt."

Patton told the troops to fear the atomic bomb.

"He said, 'We've got it now but before long some other s--- of a b--- will get it,'" Jagodzinski said. "He swore like hell."

Jagodzinski's return to the states was less comfortable than his trip to Europe.

"When we went over we sailed on the Queen Elizabeth in August of 1944," he said.

"What a ship that was. It took us four days to get there."

He saw a lot of Europe while he was there, including Scotland, England, France and, of course, Germany.

"When I was in Germany I never thought I'd get back," he said.

"I saw piles and piles of bodies over there."

They came back on a victory ship, the SS Antioch, in November 1945. That trip took four weeks.

When he returned to the states he went to work for GM Hydramatic's Willow Run plant, where he was a foreman. He retired from there after 35 years, then worked at DrumTec in Plymouth for 8 1/2 years making drum heaters.

Finally, after working for more than 42 years, he decided a few years ago to retire permanently. Well, sort of.

A widower - his wife, Florence, died three years ago of cancer - Jagodzinski lives alone in the house he purchased in Canton in 1966.

"I work around this damned house during the day," he said. "I like to cut trees and I can walk on the roof, but the kids tell me to get the hell off there."

He also repairs lawn mowers and snow blowers on the side, something to make a little extra money and to keep busy.

For recreation, he goes to casinos with his kids and three days a week plays senior volleyball for two hours at the Salvation Army gymnasium in Plymouth.

On a table in his living room he has a picture of a "lady friend" from his volleyball group.

"But she's too smart for me," he said.

Does he still drive his car?

"Hell, yes," he said. "I have to renew my license in January."

Jagodzinski has one son and four daughters, 17 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

"I had girls," he said. "That's why I have so many grandchildren."

As for his 58-year quest for his Purple Heart, he's just happy that he finally got it.

"The sad thing is," said his son, Jerry Jagodzinski, "that it took him 58 years to get it. How many of those guys even lived that long?"

PAWS

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The Pet-Nanny and her work with Paws is a far cry from what Conner used to do. She is a former 20-year insurance and financial saleswoman for Prudential Finance who retired early. But the love of her pets has always been with her.

The real prompt to open her own pet sitting business came when she was to vacation in Chicago with friends. All of a sudden she realized she had a problem - her pets. Who would look after them?

"I thought there is a big void," she said. "And I thought, what an idea."

She opened Pet-Nanny, now has 10 nannies working for her and has never looked back.

"Dogs are like children. They need a routine," Conner said.

"They are much happier at home."

Her business serves Dearborn to Ann Arbor and Dexter, Ypsilanti to Northville, Farmington, Farmington Hills and Northville. By Thanksgiving, she should will be nannying in South Lyon, Wixom and Brighton.

She also has been with Paws for more than four years. "They interviewed me as though I was going to adopt a human child," Conner said of her entrance into the world of fostering dogs for a good cause.

Samson is her third foster dog. The other two she helped raise have already been placed in homes with handicapped people. "I do basic obedience training," she said. "The dogs are trained on love and treats."

Conner gets a new puppy to foster each year. Her fostering includes taking the dog into social settings - something it will have to learn to do when it

goes to work for Paws. "I don't think anyone would recognize me without my dogs," said the former Canton Rotary president. It was actually at the Rotary that she became familiar with the Paws organization.

"Without a foster family, these dogs would never go to the handicapped," Conner said.

Apart from her Paws work, Conner has her own pets that include two dogs, Rosie, a black labrador, and Emily, a golden retriever, both of which are rescued dogs, as well as four cats and six ferrets.

If Samson, for example, doesn't end up working directly for Paws, there are plenty of careers available to him. He can be Leader Dog for the Blind, a border patrol or rescue dog. If all else fails, Conner will have the first chance to adopt Samson.

There's no doubt having the Paws dogs - as with any oth-

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ers - can be an expensive proposition. But as Conner says, the vet bills, food and toys are tax-deductible as a contribution to a nonprofit organization. Animals have always been a part of Conner's life. She raised two sons who had pet rats, iguanas, you name it: "We had the whole nine yards."

She is just plain happy. "I have told my kids, I would never be home sitting at the phone waiting for them," she said.

For more information, contact Conner at (866) 738-6575.

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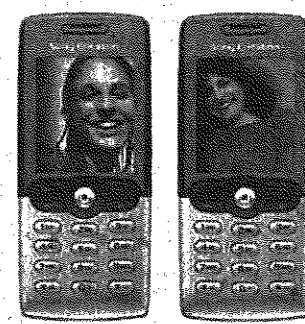
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A tour of the fire department's Fire Safety House was a popular part of the fire safety demonstrations. Day care students learned what to do in case of a fire at their own house.

Kids: Fire trucks are 'cool'

Students at Real Life Nursery School got a chance to learn about fire safety last week – and also get a tour of some real life fire trucks.

It was the second year Canton fire fighters have brought the program to the school, which celebrated its first-year anniversary as a nursery school on July 15.

Run by Don and Mary Ann Fraser the nursery school was added as an addition to Real Life Day Camp and Farm, which still conducts tours for groups of kids and offers hay rides. The school is on Geddes Road east of Beck.

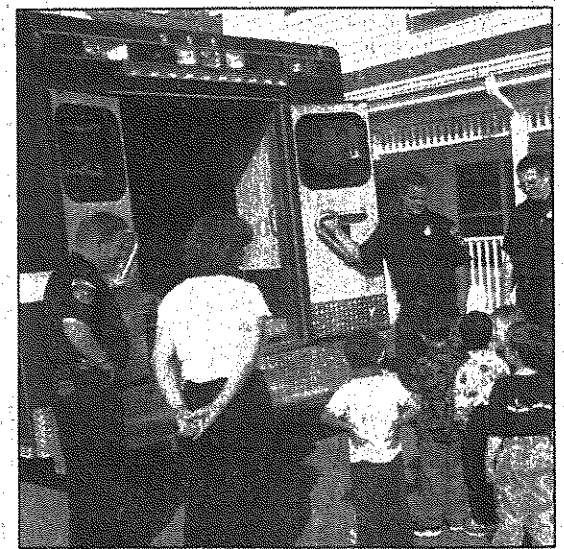
Mary Ann Fraser said about 200 students are enrolled in the school, which offers day care for children age 2 1/2 through kindergarten. The school also has a kindergarten program.

Students got a chance to go through an EMS unit, a fire truck and the fire department's fire safety house. They also got to meet fire fighters in their regular uniforms and watch as they transformed themselves into their "Darth Vader" gear – the boots, coats, helmets and air masks.

"Firemen in full gear can be frightening to small children," said Fraser. "This gives them a chance to see the firemen in the regular clothes and then watch as they put on the full gear."

Jackie Victor of Canton brought her two sons, Brian, 4 1/2, and Brandon, 18 months, out for the presentation.

"Brian wanted to see the fire trucks," she said. "He learned a little bit about fire safety but it's



Nursery students got a look inside a Canton Fire Department EMS unit, during a fire safety presentation at Real Life Nursery School last week.

good to reinforce what they know."

And it was a good experience, she said afterward.

"Brian thought the fire trucks were really cool. And they got to go inside them."

Sharon Pas of Superior Township brought her nephews, Hannah, 2, and Ryan, 4, DeMere of Canton out to the tour.

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Doyle's tops chili contest

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Doyle's Tavern walked away with the top honors in the Restaurant Challenge during Sunday's eighth annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff in downtown Plymouth.

But it was much more than a one-day effort for the tavern's chief cook, Brian Doyle. The brother of the owners, John and Peggy Doyle, spent three days perfecting the winning formula.

"I did it in stages," Brian Doyle said. "The longest part was Saturday afternoon and Saturday night. By that time I had it all together, it was just a matter of letting it cook to let the flavors mesh."

Doyle's was one of 11 restaurants that took place, including last year's winner, Plymouth Pub. The challenge is part of the chili cookoff, which has become a fall staple in Plymouth.

Some 60 chili and salsa chefs took part in the competition.

But for Doyle's it was a matter of besting the local competition, which, as always, was fierce. Doyle's entered the con-



Leo Buk stirs the 'Nuclear Chili' he entered in the annual Chili Cookoff in Kellogg Park Sunday. For more on the cookoff, see the Taste section, Page D1.

test for the first time last year, just months after opening their doors.

Doyle said the notoriety gained since then helped win on Sunday.

"It's a good feeling," he said.

"I think our products our good, and now people around us know that, too."

Despite the success, Doyle wasn't ready to divulge the secret to his chili.

"It's all in the procedure, in how I cook it and how long it takes for the flavors to mesh," he said. "And there is the secret ingredient. Mostly, it takes a little tender loving care."

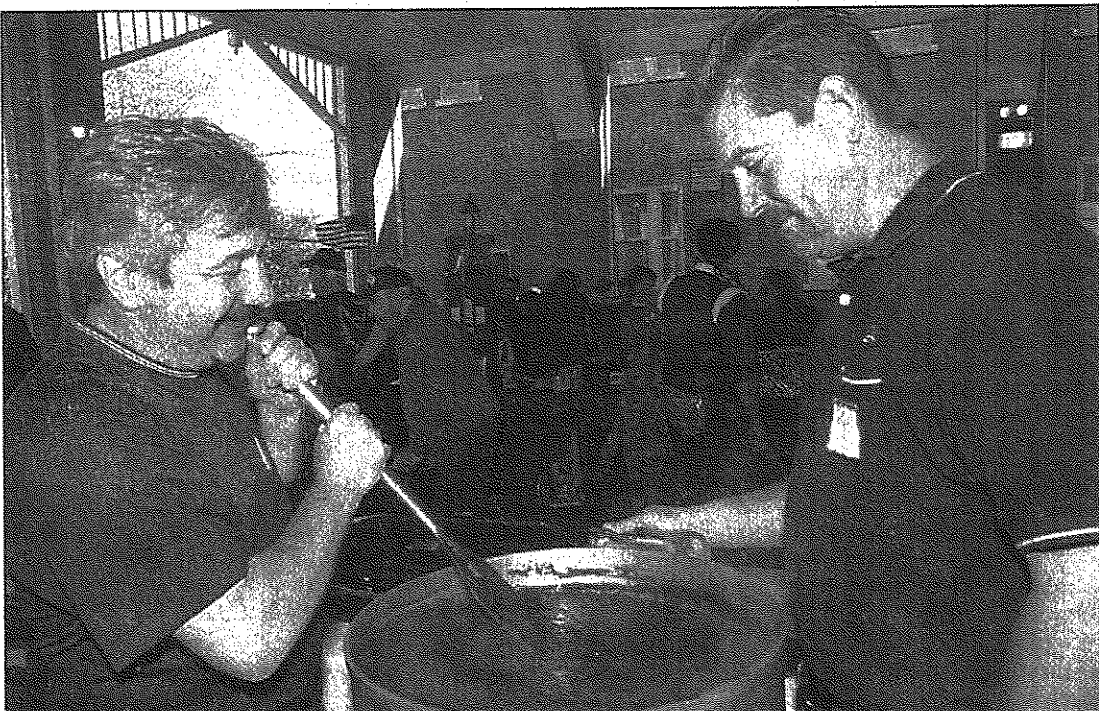
The weather was nice and combined with the music of Bobby Lewis and the Cracker Jack Band and Plymouth's own Sarah Lenore to draw scores of visitors. There were also hundreds of motorcycles on display as part of the event, and visitors got to vote for their favorite.

Annette Horn, who owns Native West and is the principal-organizer of the chili cookoff, believes word-of-mouth advertising helps publicize the event.

"One thing I learned from my business, you have one satisfied customer, and they might tell 250 people," Horn said. "Word-of-mouth business is very important for this event. We've also gotten a lot of wonderful press."

"People love this event. We have the bikers there, and it really is a great event."

Visitors paid \$1 for samples



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Tim Paris (right) and Keith Becker stir their 'Big Pot-O-Chili' at Sunday's annual Chili Cookoff in downtown Plymouth.

of the regional chili competitors, and \$3 for a bowl in the restaurant challenge. All the money raised goes to charity.

This year's recipients will be the disabled children of the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association and the Western Wayne County Chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

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New York poet stirs P-CEP students through readings

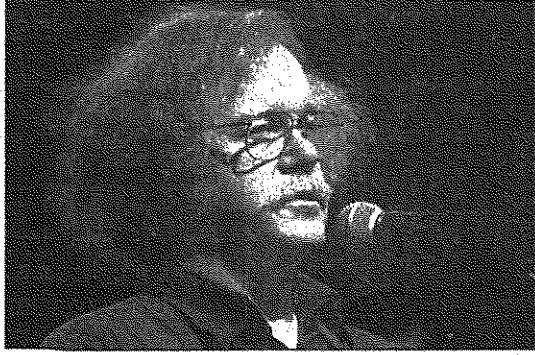
Thanks to funding from The Barbara Masters Art Grant, students from all three P-CEP campuses recently heard the poetry readings of nationally acclaimed New York poet Ed Sanders.

Sanders performed on stage at the Dubois Little Theatre in honor to the late Barbara Masters, a former P-CEP English teacher who welcomed him as a guest speaker in 1989 and 1992.

"We have found a direct correlation between student motivation, interest, creativity and scholarly achievement when they are able to witness a live event and interact with nationally recognized living writers, poets and artists," said Kathryn Thompson, Salem High School English teacher.

Sanders was in town to perform for the Detroit Festival of Arts but made a special trip to the Plymouth-Canton high school as a tribute to Masters.

Sanders, regarded as outspoken and radical, is the author of countless poems, several books and to fans of underground rock from the 1960s — is founder of The Fugs. Having led a colorful and creative life full of experiences like owning a bookstore in Greenwich Village that served as a



JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Poet Ed Sanders speaks to a crowd in Canton's high school auditorium.

significant hippie hangout to befriending such well-known artists as Allen Ginsberg and beat author Jack Kerouac — Sanders captivated the P-CEP audience.

In addition to reading poetry, many of his selections were accompanied by music he performed with instruments he created and designed himself including a Strum Stick that looks similar to a Dulcimer.

MEAP

FROM PAGE A1

little significant change, according to Anible. Fourth-grade math scores were basically flat; fifth-grade science remained consistent; fifth-grade social studies showed slight improvement; and eighth-grade math, science and social studies show little fluctuation.

"Anything less than 10 points isn't too significant," said Anible. "We just keep working on the curriculum, delivery of instruction and the work we do for instructional development."

"We rely on our teachers to deliver quality instruction, and we think that's paying off for us very well," she added.

Fourth-grade reading showed a 20-point gain. However, Anible isn't ready to jump for joy.

"They've changed the test, so it's hard to know the reason for the increase," she said.

Plymouth-Canton Schools curriculum administrators spent time in August correcting errors in preliminary MEAP test results issued by the state Department of Education.

As a result of problems with a contractor, the proficiency scores were released five

MEAP RESULTS

Middle School Math

School	2002	2003
Central	65.9	59.0
Discovery	70.2	72.0
East	66.3	69.0
Pioneer	66.1	58.0
West	70.5	64.0
District	67.9	64.0
Statewide	53.8	52.0

Middle School Science

School	2002	2003
Central	18.1	83.7
Discovery	24.4	88.6
East	30.4	81.3
Pioneer	30.3	77.9
West	17.5	81.1
District	24.3	82.6
Statewide	19.7	66.6

Middle School Social Studies

School	2002	2003
Central	48.5	43.0
Discovery	48.4	52.0
East	53.7	60.0
Pioneer	42.3	45.0
West	52.4	50.0
District	49.2	50.0
Statewide	32.0	33.0

months behind schedule, making it tough for educators to make improvements in curriculum.

"It puts us behind the eight-ball," said Lon Rutkofske, director of secondary

education for Plymouth-Canton Schools. "The scores from the year before help build a plan to improve on the areas of weakness. If you don't know the areas of weakness, it makes it hard to improve."

SCHOOL

FROM PAGE A1

cut, which resulted in about a million-dollar loss for Plymouth-Canton.

"We just tightened our belts and went to emergency spending plans," said Ryan. "We have some plans. We just have to see what the outcome is from her action."

"I'm hoping we don't have as big a challenge as last year, but we'll have a big enough challenge that we'll have to make some cuts," he said.

State Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township), whose district covers Plymouth and parts of Canton, said it appears after meetings on Wednesday that funding for categoricals will be cut, but not the foundation grant.

"It's a very unfortunate day when we have to cut funding for at-risk programs and preschool," said Stewart.

"I'm most concerned about the school aid fund. We've made a promise to Michigan school districts, and they depend on this money. "But, the big question is

where are we going to find other revenue?" he said. "We're going to have to sharpen our knives and see where cuts can come."

School board President Judy Mardigian said she's hoping Granholm's cuts will be minimal.

"We've been hearing rumblings all year, and we're bracing ourselves," Mardigian said.

"We hope it doesn't come to pass, but I wouldn't be surprised if it did. More cuts from the state will make it really difficult."

LOWE'S

FROM PAGE A1

in December of 2000. In March 2001, the Planning Commission tabled it. It resurfaced on Sept. 15, 2003, for a planned development district. Tonight, we have the actual site plan before us."

The original project, known as the Grand Sakwa Planned Development District, was tabled over residents' concerns about the traffic impact along Ford Road.

The current plan, which includes six additional acres, provides for an internal access road between Morton Taylor and Sheldon and three points of access to Ford Road. An existing dental office on Ford would be removed.

The project also includes the eastern portion of Harvard Square Shopping Center, the rear portion, which will be improved and upgraded. Buffering will be provided for residents of Carriage Hills Subdivision to the north.

While several residents were present to question or protest the project at the Planning Commission meeting last month, none showed up at Tuesday's board meeting.

Several at that time questioned whether Canton needed another "big box" store.

Attorney Bryan Amann, representing the developer,

said that although Lowe's is the only committed tenant at this time, other portions of the property will also be developed and that other retailers such as bookstores and coffee shops are looking to locate in the township.

Since the project is being developed as a planned development district, the entire site will be under "unified control" and a single group will be responsible for completing the project in compliance with PDD and zoning ordinance regulations.

Trustee Karl Zarbo asked Amann who the signatories would be to the agreement.

Amann said the agreement would be signed by Ford Sheldon (representing the Lowe's parcel), Lowe's itself, Norm Newman (who owns the property east of the Lowe's site) and the township itself.

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OBITUARIES

Helen Marie Connolly

Services for Helen Connolly, 87, of Livonia, were held Oct. 16 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington with the Rev. Ronald Browne officiating. Mrs. Connolly was born Nov. 24, 1915 in Harrow, Ontario, Canada and died Oct. 13 in Livonia. She was a donut shop waitress and also was a homemaker.

Mrs. Connolly was preceded in death by her husband, Peter Connolly, in 1988.

Survivors include children, Barbara (Harry) Linderman, Michael (Marie) Connolly, Dennis (Sony) Connolly, Patricia (Rick) Downarowicz, Colleen (John) Potts, Timothy (Denise) Connolly, Sheila (Michael) Kelly, and Daniel (Kerry) Connolly; 21 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and sisters, Vera Botting, Delores Goyeau and Lucille Craig. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48152. Arrangements made by Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home.

Kevin John Duff

Services for Kevin Duff, 40, of Canton were held Oct. 14 at Uht Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Bob McDonald officiating. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Mr. Duff was born Nov. 25, 1962 and died Oct. 9 in Wayne.

He was an assistant in county schools. Survivors include wife, Cindy Duff; son, Joshua Duff; brothers, Thomas, Steven and Michael Duff; and sisters, Jerwell Clair and Trudy Wido. Arrangements made by Uht Funeral Home.

William B. Smith

Private family services for William Smith, 85, of Livonia, were held at Casterline Funeral Home in Northville with the Rev. Sondra Willobee of Farmington First Methodist Church officiating. Burial was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.

Mr. Smith was born April 2, 1918 in Highland Park and died Oct. 8 in Plymouth. He has lived his life in the area with homes in Plymouth, Northville and Livonia. He was a graduate of Plymouth High School. He also attended Henry Ford Trade School for eight years. He was a draftsman with an automotive company, and was a life member of the Northville Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, and one brother.

Survivors include wife, Gladys of Livonia; children, Marlene (Donald) Gray of Leslie and Pamela (James) Lodge of Livonia; brother, Earl (Bonnie) Smith of Plymouth; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and spe-

cial friend, Robert McCallum.

Arrangements made by Casterline Funeral Home.

Mary Joan Rothfuss

Mary Joan Rothfuss, 76, of Plymouth died Oct. 11 in Plymouth. She was born Nov. 17, 1926 in Blissfield, Mich.

Ms. Rothfuss retired from the Michigan Department of Social Services after 35 years of service. She last managed the Inkster district office. She loved bowling but bridge was her greatest pleasure. She had an infectious laugh said friend Dorothy Jezak.

Ms. Rothfuss was preceded in death by brother, Max Allen Rothfuss.

Survivors include brother, James (Elizabeth) Rothfuss of Sarasota, Fla.; and nieces and nephews, David (Susan) Rothfuss of Wilmington, Del., and Linda Genevick of Atlanta, Ga.

Memorial contributions may be given to Angela Hospice in Livonia.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Ana Caruso

Services for Ana Caruso, 100, of Canton Township were held Oct. 16 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

Mrs. Caruso was born Aug. 29, 1903 in Italy and died Oct. 13 in Plymouth. She worked as a homemaker.

Mrs. Caruso was preceded in death by husband, Vita Auito; husband, Vito Caruso; and sons, Joseph, Salvatore, William, and Vincent.

Survivors include daughters, Nina (Michael) Confliti and Anna Caruso-Brown; son, Andrew (Lois) Caruso; one sister; 17 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Ruby P. Wright

Services for Ruby Wright, 73, of Canton, were held Oct. 11 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wright was born June 21, 1930 in China and died Oct. 6. She came to the United States in 1948, from China, in order to study at Nazareth College in Kalamazoo. In 1951 she was married to Christopher Sieh. She was remarried in 1989 to Frank E. Wright. A longtime resident of Livonia, she then lived in Plymouth for seven years, and lived most recently in Canton.

She was a retired registered dietician in local nursing homes, and was office manager for Ob-Gyn Dr. Joy Wong and Dr. Eduardo Phillips. She was an active parent supporter for the Garden City Swim Club and the Livonia Spartans Aquatic Club. She taught Chinese cooking classes in Garden City and Northville.

She was an avid amateur artist in stained glass, needlepoint, and sewing.

Survivors include children, Christina (Roland) Hwang of Northville, Gerald (Colleen) Sieh of Rochester Hills, Theresa (Tom) Zeug of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Jacqueline (Richard) Gordon of San Francisco, Calif.; and six grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Society for Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, Inc., Woodholme Medical Building, Ste. 515, 1838 Greene Tree Road, Baltimore, Md. 21208.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Mildred Elizabeth Parker

Services for Mildred Parker, 92, of Westland were Friday, Oct. 3 at St. Andrews Catholic Church with the Rev. William Stevenson officiating.

Mrs. Parker was born Sept. 25, 1911 in Jackson and died Sept. 29 in Westland. She was a registered nurse.

Survivors include daughters, Carol (John) Cadwell, Betty (Charles) M. Elliott of Saline, and Barbara (Chris) McCormick; nine grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren. Arrangements made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home.

MILESTONES

CATHOLIC CENTRAL HONOREE

Dan Moore of Canton Township, a member of Catholic Central's Class of 2003, recently won the school's James H. Whelan Award, an honor given yearly to a senior who has excelled in academics and athletics and is judged by peers to be a Christian gentleman.

Moore graduated with a 3.1 grade-point average and plans to attend the University of Michigan.

He lettered in football, basketball and track and last fall was captain of CC's state championship football team.

NEW ASSOCIATE

Dykema Gossett has announced the appointment of Canton resident Jennifer Gonzalez as a new associate joining the firm's Detroit office.

Jennifer Gonzalez joined the firm's Employment Practice Group.

Her practice will focus on general employment law matters.

Gonzalez received her law degree from Santa Clara University, summa cum laude, bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan.

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OUR VIEWS

Internet Branch is a true gem

It may not sound like a big deal. But recognizing the third anniversary of the Canton Public Library's Internet Branch is significant. With just a few clicks on the Internet, you can bring the library's resources into your home or office.

The anniversary serves as more than an appropriate marketing tool. It stands as recognition of an underlying attitude at the library: the more patrons who seek information the better and in whatever form is most convenient for the user.

The people who run the library, namely the elected library board, and in turn, the staff, have been determined to capture the interest of those patrons who do not necessarily enter the building. Library officials appropriately stepped up to that challenge and got to work on a brand new Web page.

Anyone who enters the library's Web page at www.cpl.org will soon find out this is not an ordinary Internet search engine. The Internet Branch literally provides one-stop shopping.

That means that all resources to which you may access have been reviewed by the library staff. They, through hours of tedious work, have determined which are useful sites in the worldwide Web, and which are not. What could be better? Half your work is done. As a patron, you certainly can save time and effort – instead of wandering through one site after another searching for what you need.

Unlike most Web sites, the library sends you in, finds out what you need, and promptly sends you to the site that will best serve your needs. Never mind if the site directs you away from the library. That's just fine. The point here is getting information, and getting the best information available.

It's not just for adults, either. Kids and teens have the same options, and are invited into a world of knowledge and fun. Again, resources have been reviewed by trained staff, and those resources are age-appropriate.

Give the site a try. You do need a library card in some cases because you will need the code number. What you get in return is endless. How about *The New York Times* – without paying for it – or foreign-language magazines? Want to reserve books, investigate a subject, check Michigan connections to people and events?

All you have to do is log on. This gem of a Web site puts the world and its resources literally at your fingertips.

Finger-pointing won't solve water problems

No one could argue with the intent behind the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's tougher standards for sewer systems.

The topic of debate over the last few days has been two-fold: who's at fault, and who's going to pay. Unfortunately, nobody's talking much about how to solve this overwhelming problem.

Over the next decade, cities must improve sewers to handle a greater volume of storm water without discharging sanitary sewer lines into waterways or basements.

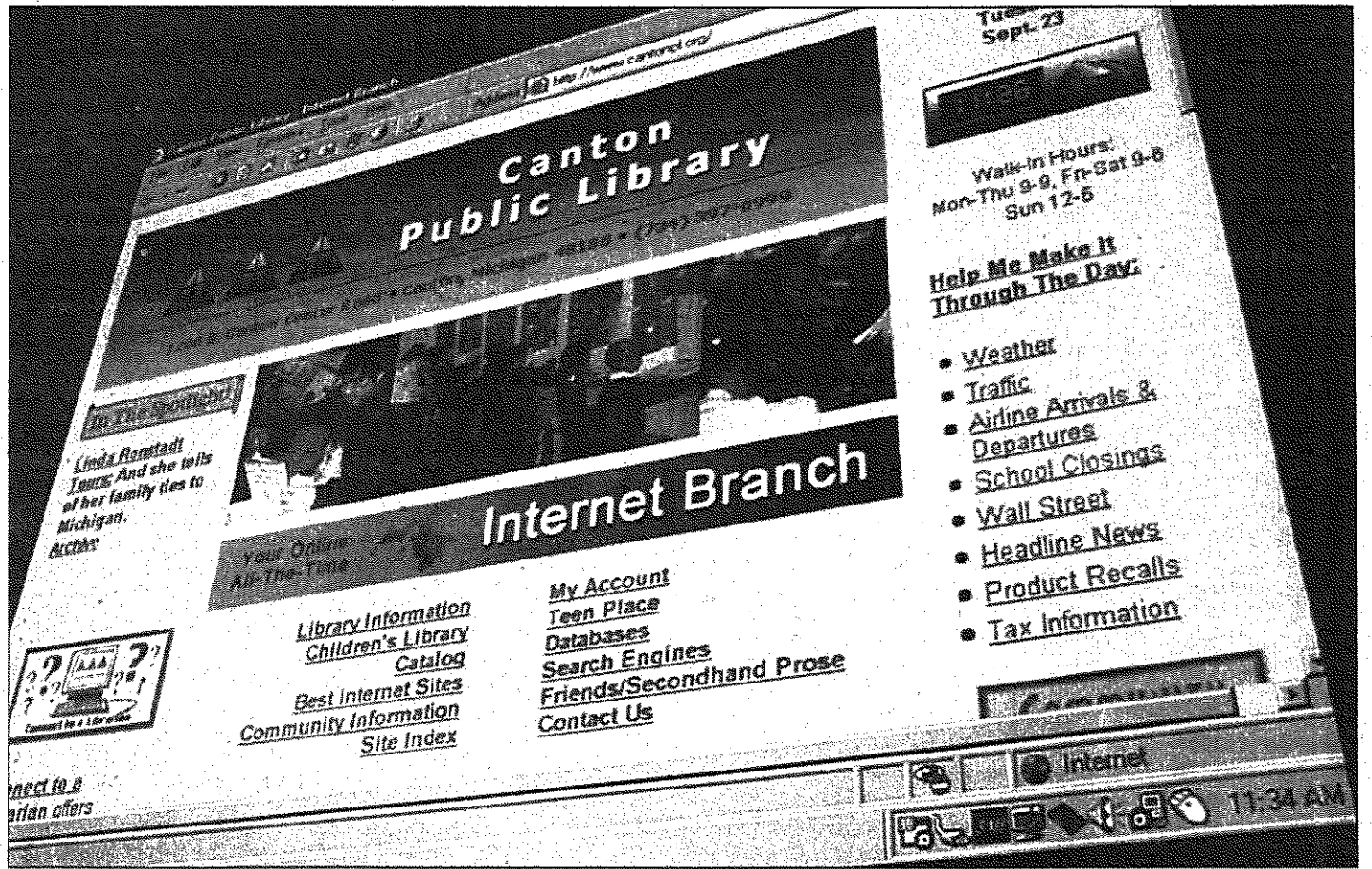
Residents in communities like Farmington Hills, where basement backups have long been a bone of contention, understand this concept. So will anyone who values clean drinking water and a pristine natural environment.

Officials in many communities are already at odds with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department over double-digit rate increases, not to mention frequent main breaks and the loss of water supply during the 2003 blackout.

DWSD has explained its rate hikes by saying it has aging infrastructure to repair and maintain, and we don't doubt that. The final bill will no doubt mount into billions of dollars.

We believe everyone who wants the same high-quality drinking water Detroit now enjoys will have to help with the cost to maintain and improve it. This is a regional problem, a regional responsibility.

However, we hope local government and DWSD officials can stop pointing fingers long enough to maximize federal and state resources, secure as much outside assistance as possible, and look within for ways to reduce costs and better serve Detroit water customers.



Here's a look at the Canton library's Internet branch Web site.

LETTERS

Not acceptable!

This statement is in response to the question of "what's acceptable." At our recent Canton Chiefette Variety Show one of the guest acts replaced their original music with a sound track that had not been OK'd by the Chiefette coaching staff. The music was given to the sound people moments before performing and their was no knowledge of the change in music. The Chiefettes pride themselves on providing family entertainment to the community. This change in music was not acceptable and it will not happen again! We apologize to all who were offended and thank you for your support.

Cecilia Hinske
Canton Chiefette program director

change in traffic flow policy. Let's hope the powers that be don't just opt for more of the same.

Rachel McCormack
Canton

No blame game

I found the article written by Hugh Gallagher, managing editor of the *Observer Newspapers*, another attempt at laying blame ("Politicians dither away needed charter school gift," *Observer*, Sunday, Oct. 5).

We are getting pretty good at this game as a society. Mr. Thompson, a local philanthropist who wanted to open 15 charter high schools in the City of Detroit, came to the school dance, but nobody wanted to dance with him. He said he is "saddened by the anger and hostility that has greeted our proposal." He goes on to say, "This proposal was meant to be for kids and not against anyone or any institution."

Mr. Gallagher was sad, too. He wrote, "Thompson's proposal was just that kind of adrenaline that could have made a difference for parents and students hungering for something better."

Something better? In his article, Mr. Gallagher describes "better" this way: "But the charter school idea, of having schools that experiment with smaller class sizes, more intense curricula, more individual attention and higher standards of discipline, could help many urban systems out of the morass that has drowned several generations of students."

Hmmm? That charter school idea looks familiar. Oh, that's right. It's been a public school idea for quite some time. Perhaps Mr. Thompson could share his well-deserved and hard-earned good fortune with 15 existing public high schools in the City of Detroit. There are some kids in those schools who just might welcome and benefit from his kindness and generosity.

If not, there is always another dance to attend. And there are always plenty of people looking for a good partner.

George Belvitch
Plymouth

Forgetfulness a crime

Recently my 72-year-old mother, who resides in Canton, received a handicapped parking violation. She is handicapped but had forgotten to hang her permit from her inside mirror. She had her young grandson with her and her attention had been on him.

A Canton officer observed her vehicle in the handicapped spot and issued a citation. She has never gotten a parking ticket or a moving violation.

I appeared with her at the 35th District Court for an informal hearing before Magistrate Eric Colthurst. The courtroom was filled with violators and we observed about six other hearings before my mother's. Being a retired police officer from Michigan, what transpired was most unusual.

First, there were no police officers present who had issued these citations. Don't the violators have the right to ask questions of these officers and shouldn't the officers be present to hear possible false statements given by the violators? How can a fair hearing be conducted without all parties to the alleged offense present? This then was answered when Mr.

Colthurst began asking questions of the motorists that only the police officers could have answered.

We witnessed a moving violation for passing on the shoulder that was dismissed. Then heard an admitted rear-end accident case where the fine was reduced and the Secretary of State points were dismissed.

When my mother was called up, she produced her handicapped permit and explained her distraction. Mr. Colthurst didn't even inspect the permit to confirm that it was hers and then fined her \$15. Everyone in the courtroom gasped at his decision.

Since she had the legal right to park where she did, please warn handicapped motorists that forgetfulness is a punishable offense in the 35th District Court.

Lisa Hale
Punta Gorda, Fla.

Character attacks unneeded

I take exception to the reference in the article on the Opinion page, "Newspapers help nation talk to itself," stating that "we foster the kinds of discussions Ashcroft would have us ignore – the free exchange of ideas, even those critical of our leaders."

I hope your newspaper will remember this above quote when they receive letters from the people (us) that don't "think" the way you newspapers do. Mr. Ashcroft is trying to do his job. I'm sure that we all have opinions on how to handle things regarding the threat of terrorism, but we have to remember, we don't know "all" the facts, so therefore we need to have faith in our officials that they are attempting to keep us safe here in our country.

The American way is not slanderous or libelous personal attacks but informed voting based on individual's public service record. The biggest problem this country faces is the media's focus on "political correctness," not personal responsibility. We cannot legislate morality. It is up to every individual to be accountable for their own actions and parents to teach the future generations the same.

While informed criticism, based on facts, is a tenet of our government, character assassination based on emotions is irresponsible behavior which accomplishes nothing.

Maureen Wilkie
Livonia

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Early childhood education key to later school success

They held the ninth annual Governor's Education Summit conference a couple of weeks ago in Lansing. It was the biggest one ever, with 1,000 people attending and 400 more turned away for lack of space. But, not surprisingly, the summit didn't get much attention, and disappeared almost without a trace in the maw of the big-time media machine.

It was important, though, because it marked a significant change in direction for Michigan's policies on early childhood and education, a change driven by what brain scientists and doctors have come to understand about early child development. It turns out that children learn most rapidly from a very, very early age — probably starting literally at birth. Much of infants' brain and personality development takes place by the time they get to age 5 or so, after which learning is slower and emotional health is more problematic.

What's very interesting about these findings is that they highlight an enormous disconnect in our society between what we know and what we do. What we know is that kids are best able to learn when they are very, very young. What we do is to start children in kindergarten at age 5, exactly the point at which their capacity to learn starts to slow down.

Consider, furthermore, the enormous misallocation of billions of dollars arising from this disconnect. For some years now, a group of heavyweights from the business, education, human services and foundation communities has been meeting to chew on this issue. Called "Ready to Succeed," this group has sponsored some interesting advertising campaigns on radio and TV, all around the theme of "Be a hero from age zero" and urging parents of newborns to "hold, talk, read, play," and so forth with their children. The idea is to get the practical consequences of scientific findings into the heads of ordinary parents.

The Ready to Succeed folks had a willing audience in Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who immediately latched on to the idea, now repackaged as "Project Great Start." At the education summit, she announced a sweeping plan to use donations instead of tax dollars to promote the idea that "education begins at age zero." The slogan will be on grocery bags from Meijer, on public service announcements on TV, in church bulletins and in videos in doctors' waiting rooms. "We need to hit this from all directions if we are to create a movement, if we are to change people's minds about when edu-

cation begins," Granholm said in her keynote speech.

All this promotion is well and good. But it doesn't cut to the concrete core of what needs to be done if we are to bring our child care and education system kicking and screaming into the 21st century.

Turns out the best in the world at all this are the (gasp!) French, who operate a system of maternal and child care centers for every family with children as part of the national health system. The centers start with prenatal care for mothers and babies, continue with home visits after the baby is born and provide very early childhood education. The whole system is linked in a continuum of care from birth to grade school, and most experts say it's the very best part of the French education system. The English have a similar system, called "Sure Start."

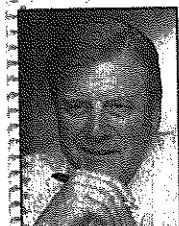
Of course, we probably can't get to the French or English systems overnight, even assuming we would want to. They are very expensive and fit perfectly into the French/English culture of cradle-to-grave social services that cost taxpayers a ton. But it does represent a model that might usefully be adapted to American conditions.

Granholm offered a start in her speech at the summit when she said that 17 Michigan elementary schools on a federal list of 213 underperforming schools this fall will open Family Resource Centers with state social services workers on hand to help solve family problems.

The idea of co-locating social services, public health and early childhood care in elementary school buildings has been kicking around for years, especially in communities with deeply rooted social and economic problems. So suppose you add a child care specialist and a teacher to the Family Resource Centers. And suppose you expanded the program to all 213 underperforming schools. And suppose further ... you get the point.

The big problem with all summit conferences is to figure out "what's next" after the conference is over. Edging toward a serious early child care and education system is the obvious "next step." It will take a lot of tugging and hauling on a whole lot of constituencies that are invested in the system as it now is, but it's well worth the effort. And it could be a defining objective for a very smart governor with three school-age children and a demonstrated interest in policy innovations in the field.

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



Phil Power

Gov. Granholm charms the Grumpies in Lansing

I was privileged to document the Grumpies' recent journey to Gov. Jennifer Granholm's office, in the visit otherwise known as "The Grumpies Hit Lansing."

I hope you remember the Grumpies - the group of generally conservative, mostly older and mainly male folks - who are regular writers of letters to the editor to the Observer & Eccentric and other newspapers.

Once a month they get together to discuss hot topics and, often, host a speaker. Among them is Paul Seibold, a Birmingham resident, whose wife, Pat, accompanied him to Lansing.

Over the years they have convened in Southfield and Bloomfield Township. Now they meet "high atop the third floor of the Livonia Public Library," according to Ray Dubin of Farmington Hills, who organized the trip.

Back when she was attorney general, Granholm was one of those speakers. And that's when this unlikely love affair between a centrist Democrat and the Grumpies began.

She charmed them then, as she charmed them this day, because even political conservatives recognize a caring, charismatic, compelling politician when they meet one.

And Granholm responded, answering their e-mails and attending the funerals of three who have died.

"She's the boss," murmured Zeldia Rose of Farmington Hills, as Granholm greeted each one warmly, escorting them into her spacious office overlooking the Capitol. Rose's late husband, Milton, was a Grumpy regular.

After a group photo, it was off to her conference room where Granholm pointed out, "There are cookies on the table and the coffee's over here."

Granholm had just been vilified at the Republican State Convention. She was in the midst of the tangles of the charter school bill. She was looking at the dire projections for next year's state budget deficit. The latest abortion bill, which she has since vetoed, was looming.

"It's a good time to be governor," she countered. "It's a challenge. They need me. I need them," she said, of the Republicans. Those who attack her personally, she says, "put politics before public policy."

The Grumpies, including Livonia resident Neil Goodbred, the group's most prolific letter writer, had their usual challenging questions.

To one on homeland security, Granholm said the recent power outage tested the state's emer-

gency preparations and they proved "nimble and responsive. You can never predict what form terrorism will take, but we feel very good" about what we have in place.

"Peace happens through partnerships," she responded to questions on possible outcomes of the recent Arab-American conference she keynoted in Detroit. "I was approached about a trade mission," she acknowledged. But, "I'm so impatient. Someone has to show me that it will translate into immediate jobs. I've only got 7 1/2 years."

"We have a highly educated, highly skilled workforce," Granholm answered to a query about the difficulties a union stronghold like Michigan has in luring manufacturing jobs. Partnerships, tax incentives, cooperation from local communities and lower health care costs are key. "We are the third fattest state and we have high rates of smoking," she worried. (Maybe she should serve fruit instead of cookies for visiting groups.)

"You did ally yourself with other attorney generals over Microsoft," Goodbred pointed out. Granholm displayed her considerable political skills. "I am an avid reader of your letters," she said, disarmingly. Then, "If you're a good conservative, you like competition."

Afterward, I heard Goodbred say: "She's not nearly as far to the left as I thought."

And Barry Wolk, a Farmington Hills resident whose wife Gynette is a Grumpy, said admiringly: "That woman has fire in her eyes."

Dubin's 15-year-old daughter, Carrie, a Walled Lake Western sophomore, made the trip with us. She was impressed that Granholm read letters to the editor. "I was 9 years old when my first letter was published..." Carrie e-mailed me. "The opportunity to meet and speak with Gov. Granholm has enhanced my appreciation for how important and influential published letters truly are."

For my part, I liked the easiness and obvious dedication of her staff. One of her security men told us that on occasion, "I carry her purse with pride." Her personal assistant confided that, "She never sneaks out early. We wish she would sometimes." And her appointments secretary said that she and Granholm often joke with one another about not wanting each other's jobs. Granholm receives about 150 invitations a day that must be whittled down to two or three appearances per week.

Three days after visiting Lansing, I was in Los Angeles as California prepared to recall its governor and elect a film star. It made me even happier to live in Michigan and have Jennifer Granholm as my governor.

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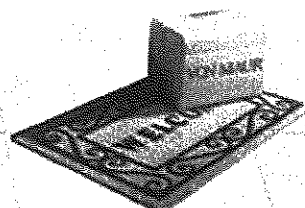
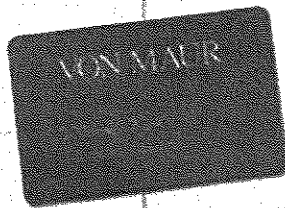
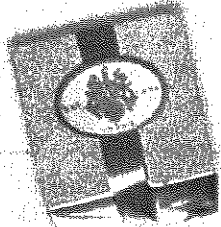
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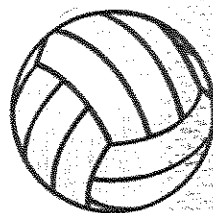


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Sidelines

Honorees

A pair of Madonna University athletes were selected as Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference players of the week in their respective sports.

T.J. Djokic, a Livonia Stevenson graduate, was the WHAC player of the week in men's soccer, and Ashley Frost was named the conference's volleyball player and setter of the week.

Djokic, a sophomore, collected four goals and three assists in two Madonna wins. The Crusaders, 10-1 overall and 8-0 in the WHAC, are ranked 17th in the NAIA.

Frost totaled 248 set assists in five matches, four of them wins for Madonna. She also had 52 digs as the Crusaders improved to 26-1 overall.

Lions roar

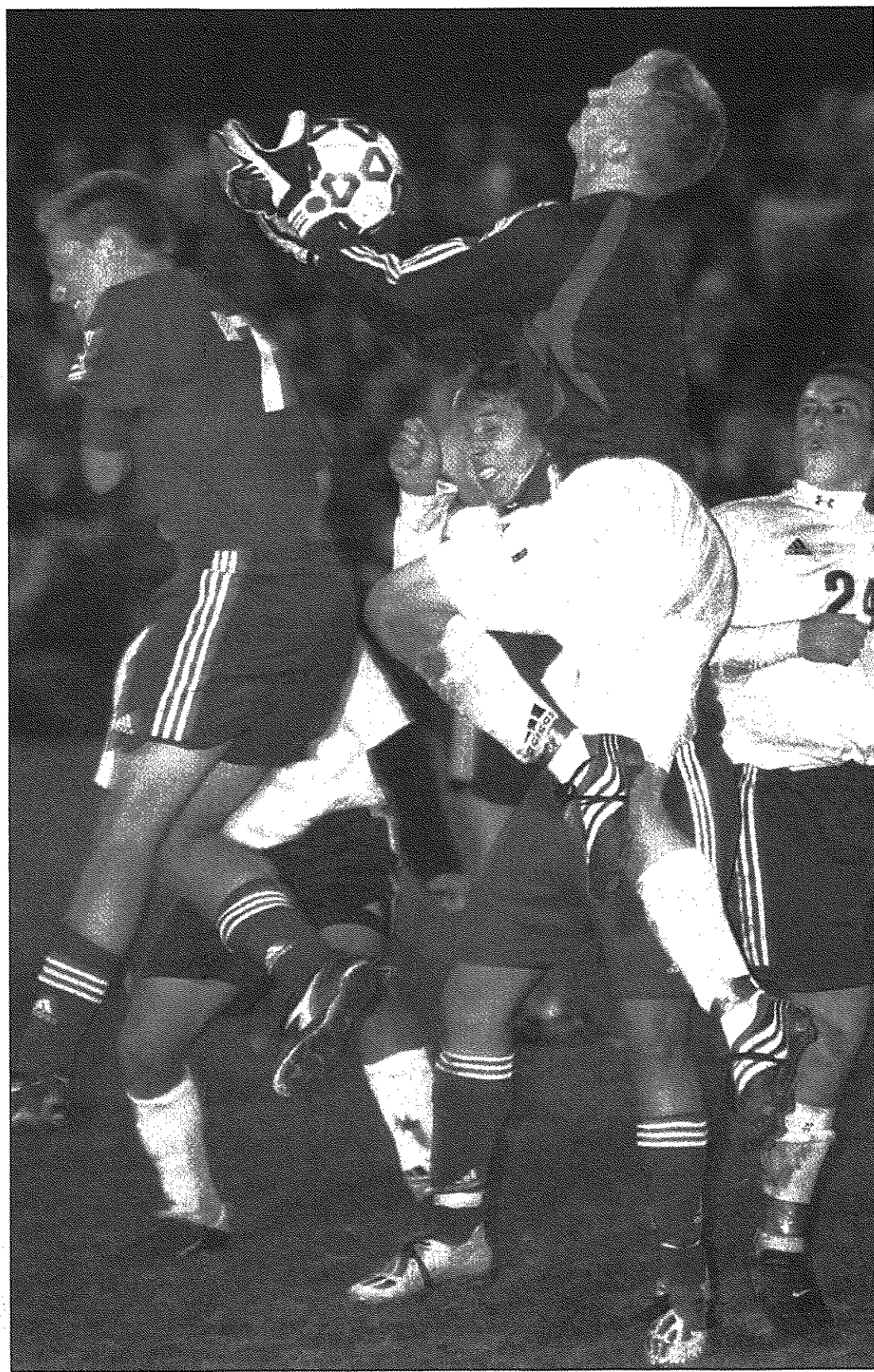
The Canton Lions varsity defeated Garden City, 29-0, Sunday to improve its Junior Football League record to 2-4. Chris Fischer scored two touchdowns for the Lions, while Brandt Thomas and Joe Boctor had one each. Fischer also kicked two two-point conversions and Trent Shelton ran in a one-point conversion. Erik Wright and Navraj Sandhu had interceptions for the Lions' defensive unit.

The Lions' junior varsity squad lost, 8-6, to the first-place Chargers, dropping its record to 3-3. Quarterback Chris Stewart hooked up with Myron Puryear for the lone Lions' touchdown. Caleb Rankins, Nick Wright and Anthony Seling provided strong running for Canton. Defensively, the Lions were paced by Stewart (interception).

The freshmen Lions crushed Garden City, 32-13, to improve to 6-0. Braden Price scored three TDs for the Lions while Brad Trublowksi and Kyle Dexter had one each. Kamal Mheisen, Eric Thuma and Miles Clifton sparked the defense.

Standouts

Scott Duhi, a senior at Western Michigan University and a Salem HS graduate, has started all 13 games for the Broncos' soccer squad and ranks second on the team in goals scored.



Salem keeper Tom Huls outbattles Canton's Jason Houdek for the ball, making a save late in the second half. It was one of many for Huls.

Rocks tip Chiefs for WLAA crown

Late goal the difference in 2-1 win

Big players make big plays in big games.

Not always true, of course. Decent players often rise to the occasion to make the key play. Which then, in the fickle world of sports, elevates them to the level of the "big player."

Big plays came from both sides Wednesday night when Salem and Canton battled for the Western Lakes Activities Association soccer championship on the field the two teams share as their home site. The difference was that Salem made a couple more.

And the result was a 2-1 win for the Rocks, allowing them to claim their second-straight league title.

Salem ends the regular season at 11-3-5. Canton enters the state district tournament with a 12-3-3 mark.

The game's turning point came with the score tied at 1-1 and less than 17 minutes remaining. The Rocks' Chris Conlisk took possession on Canton's side of midfield, carried the ball into the right corner and sent the ball into the box.

A few deflections later it ended on the foot of Sean Williams. His shot was stopped, a superb save by Chiefs' keeper Steve Mischung, but the rebound went to Dave Hall and he put it in to give the Rocks a 2-1 lead.

Which stood up, thanks in great part to Salem keeper Tom Huls. Constantly tested by the Canton offense, Huls proved equal to the challenge.

"Tommy Huls was fantastic," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "That and the fact that we were able to finish on our opportunities — that was the difference."

"But player for player, I thought our keeper was the difference in the game."

As one might have expected, it was a match of surges. Salem came first, the Rocks dominating play early and making it pay dividends when a free ball into the Chiefs' end reached Thiago Harris. His laser-like shot from 18 yards out went over Mischung and into the net with 17:37 left in the half to make it 1-0. Steve Cox was credited with the assist.

Momentum, however, is nothing to take for granted — which it seemed the Rocks did after Harris' goal. Because they didn't seem to gain anything from it; Canton did.

"Salem sparked us with that first goal," said Chiefs' coach George Tomasso.

Indeed, his team finished the half with a pair of great scoring chances in the last eight minutes, both of them requiring Huls to make diving saves. And for the first 25 minutes of the second half, it was Canton that continued to apply the pressure.

And it was that pressure that led to a major miscue by the Salem defense. The Chiefs' Adam Pitt pushed forward as the ball bounced toward the Rocks' goal. Huls called for it, but before defender Joe Halewicz could veer away the two collided — leaving Pitt with the ball and no one between him and the net. His easy goal tied it at 1-1 4:51 into the second half.

But even though Canton continued to press, it was Salem that got the decisive goal.

"It happens," said Tomasso. "In a game like this, you never know what might happen, what guy steps up and makes a difference."

After the opening 25 minutes, Tomasso thought everyone who played for him did well.

PLEASE SEE CROWN, B6

Victory keeps Canton perfect in WLAA

Junior Katie Cezat racked up yet another double-double for Canton's girls basketball team, scoring 25 points and grabbing 14 rebounds to lead the Chiefs to a 52-27 win over Westland John Glenn Tuesday at Canton.

Canton remained perfect in the Western Lakes Activities Association at 7-0; the Chiefs are 11-2 overall. John Glenn is 4-8 overall.

In addition to Cezat, who also had five blocked shots to her credit, senior guard Rachele Guastella was a strong defensive presence. She scored nine points to go along with five rebounds and four steals.

Amy Bailey and Jennifer Thauvette were the only bright spots for the Rockets with 16 and nine points, respectively.

BASKETBALL

"We rebounded and defended well," said Canton coach Bob Blohm, whose team led 35-10 at halftime. "We ran the ball at them, but struggled with our scoring in the second half."

Canton hit 10-of-14 free throws, while Glenn did not have an attempt from the stripe.

Plymouth Christian 54, Whitmore Lake 32: It all came together for Plymouth Christian Academy in the second half of its non-league game at Whitmore Lake Tuesday.

Finally, The Eagles ended a seven-game losing

streak by outscoring the Trojans 29-7 after halftime. PCA improves to 3-8 overall.

"I was happy for the girls," said Eagles' coach Kevin Nast. "They've worked so hard and it's starting to pay off."

What PCA's been lacking has been offense for much of the season, but that was no problem against Whitmore Lake. Seven of the eight Eagles scored in the game, led by Amanda Saagman with 19 points; she also had seven rebounds and three assists. Lauren Soblesky contributed 10 points and Shannon Murray scored eight. Kelsie Tietjen finished with seven points and seven boards.

PLEASE SEE WLAA, B7

Ocelots still undefeated, title in sight

An argument could be made that Bill Tolsted's comment after his Schoolcraft College women's soccer team decimated Albion College's junior varsity by a 5-0 margin — "We're about where I want us to be," he said — was one of the best understatement of this fall season.

The reason, of course, is that the Ocelots improved to 12-0 with the lopsided win Tuesday on a rain-soaked Albion field. They are ranked fifth in the NJCAA's Division I.

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Certainly they couldn't be in a much better position.

"They did play very well," the SC coach said. "The only thing I could tell them about Albion was that their varsity team had won the MIAA three years in a row, so it must be a good program."

The JV Britons didn't look like champions against SC, which dominated play from the start. Andrea Wright, the Ocelots' leading goal-scorer, gave them the lead just :20 into the match with her 13th score of the season.

Michelle Kitta and Tiffany Tuzzolino also had first-half goals, with Casey Hoover scoring in the second half. Nicole Dalicandro was in goal for the first half; Andrea Dunn took over for the second.

Last Saturday, SC recorded a 1-0 forfeit win over Washtenaw CC when the team never showed up for the scheduled match.

Perhaps that was just as well, considering the way the Ocelots have been rolling over the opposition. In their 12 matches, they've scored 65 goals while surrendering just 10. The victory over Albion's JV was their seventh shutout of the season.

Still, imposing challenges remain. SC must travel to Cincinnati State

PLEASE SEE OCELOTS, B6

Catholic Central falls in league semis

Redford Catholic Central had its chance to stop Pontiac Notre Dame Prep in the Catholic League soccer semifinals on Monday night.

But the Fighting Irish were the ones to get on the scoreboard first as they stopped CC, 2-0, and advanced to Wednesday night's A-B Division finals.

"It was a tough game for us," said CC coach Joe Nora. "We came out playing strong for the first 10 minutes, then played flatter and flatter as the game went on. We had four or five really good opportunities when the game was 0-0, but we couldn't find the net and they did."

ND Prep (13-2-2) didn't get on the board until 12 minutes were left in the game as Matt Kalson scored. Drew Espenshade added an insurance goal with two minutes left for the Irish.

"The first goal kinda took the wind out of our sails," said Nora, whose team dropped to 8-6-2 heading into next Tuesday's dis-

trict semifinal against the Livonia Stevenson-Livonia Churchill winner at Novi Meadows Stadium.

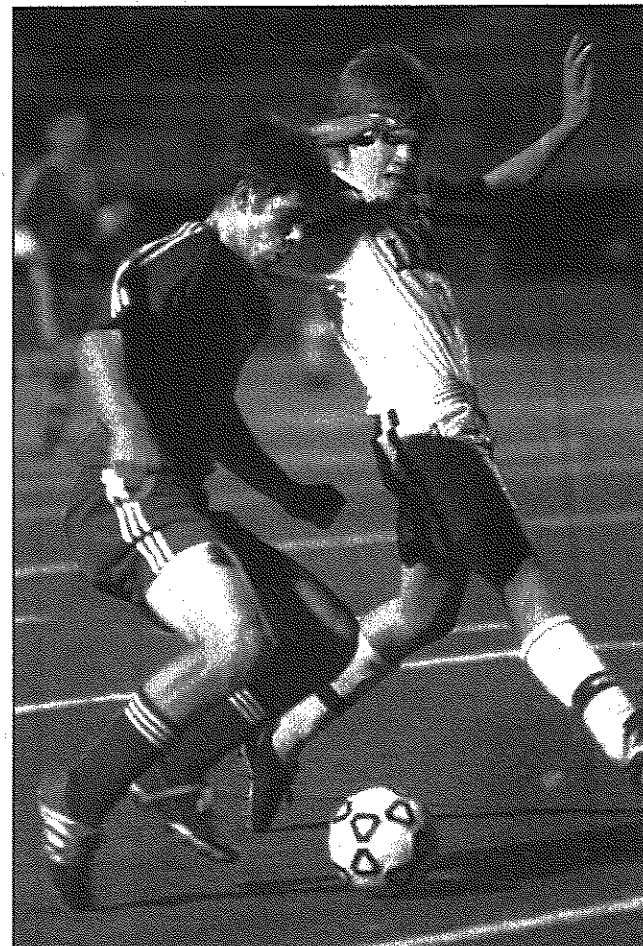
"I tried to tell the kids that we didn't play well, but we have time to fix it. We'll just have to keep working hard and get ready for next Tuesday."

CC outshot the Irish, 17-5, with Brett Mollen making all 17 stops for ND Prep. Brett Petkus made three saves in goal for CC.

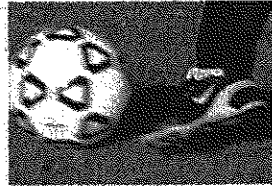
Lutheran Westland 3, University-Liggett 1: Brandon Noble notched his school-record 27th and 28th goals of the season Tuesday as host Lutheran High Westland (11-2-4) took the Metro Conference consolation game final against Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (7-9-2).

It was 0-0 at halftime before the Division IV state-ranked Warriors struck for three goals.

PLEASE SEE CENTRAL, B6



CC's Pete Bierzynski (left) battles with Notre Dame Prep's Brendan Pawlik during Monday night's Catholic League semifinals.



Duhi has netted five goals through WMU's first 13 matches, and three of those were game-winners. The Broncos were 9-4-0 overall, 2-1 in the Mid-American Conference after last Sunday's 2-0 victory over Akron.

Albion College was 1-1 in Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association play last week after losing 6-2 at Hope College Oct. 7 and winning 3-0 over Alma on Oct. 11.

Sophomore midfielder Ashley Rosaen, a Canton HS graduate, scored both of the Britons' goals against Hope. They were her first two goals of the season. Albion was 4-3-1 in league play, 5-6-1 overall entering this week.

Chiefs are aiming for home-field advantage

Some things we've been kicking around the office for a while... Looks like the Division I football playoffs are shaping up as the Observerland Invitational once again, but this time there will be a new twist in the home field advantage.

It's not scientific, but it's as good as you'll get for right now. Barring some adjustments, the four area teams will be Canton, Westland John Glenn, Redford Catholic Central and Wayne - with the Zebras taking the place of Livonia Stevenson from last year.

If Canton wins out, the Chiefs should have homefield advantage for the district and would play next week's John Glenn-Wayne loser at home. CC would host the Glenn-Wayne winner in the first round.

But circle your calendar for Nov. 7, when the Shamrocks would play the district final at Canton in a rematch that Chiefs fans, players and coaches have been waiting a year for.

Of course, if the MHSAA does some-

thing stupid like put CC in with Detroit Cody and Cass Tech or move Canton north with South Lyon and the Walled Lake schools, all bets are off. But the Observerland tourney should be three solid games with four solid teams.

It's also separation day for three teams if they want to make the playoffs this season. Redford Union, Garden City and St. Katharine/Bishop Borgess all have 4-3 records so its win or thanks for playing time. There's no maybe for the rest of the area teams - Canton, CC, Clarenceville, Thurston, Wayne and John Glenn are all in the playoffs; it's just a matter of where they will be.

As for the picks records, Paul Beaudry, the scourge of Redford-Garden City and friend to all (especially Thurston athletics) went a dismal 6-5 last week for an overall mark of 63-19. Brad Emons, the new Mr. Soccer and sports fella for Livonia and Westland was 8-3 and our leader at 66-16, while C.J. Risak - the best thing to happen to Plymouth High football in school history - was 7-4 and 60-22.

GRID PICKS

As for this week? It's showtime. FRIDAY'S GAMES (7 p.m., unless indicated)

Canton (7-0, 3-0) at Northville (2-5, 1-2): OK, this game is the equivalent of a baseball team that has clinched the division title: Go out, get the win and make sure no one gets hurt. Style points shouldn't matter; at least you'd think so. PICKS: Canton - Beaudry, Emons, Risak.

W.L. Western (4-3, 1-3) at Salem (1-6, 0-4): Western still has an outside shot at the playoffs. Outside is the key. Western still has to play Walled Lake Central next week and that won't be easy. PICKS: Western - Beaudry, Emons, Risak.

Redford CC (6-1, 3-0) vs. Warren DeLaSalle (5-2, 1-2) at Warren Community Center: Funny how things can change. A week ago, the Pilots needed one win in their last three games for a playoff spot. This week, they need one win in their last two games for a playoff spot. Next week, they'll need to beat Country Day for a playoff spot. CC? Just gearing up for the Observerland Invitational. PICKS: CC - Beaudry, Emons, Risak.

Garden City (4-3, 4-0) at Southgate (5-2, 4-0): Here's Garden City's chance to prove which part of its season is the real one - the 0-2 start or the 4-1 mark since. Not only is the battle for the Mega White title, with both schools at least two games up on the rest of the pack, but a loss

drops the Cougars from the post season. It's Garden City's defense against Southgate's offense and the winner is... PICKS: Garden City - Beaudry; Southgate - Emons, Risak.

Redford Union (4-3, 4-3) at Melvindale (3-4, 3-4): Another must-win game for an area team could be an iffy one. True, the Cardinals have lost their last three games. But the Panthers have struggled in shootouts, although if they win, it makes next week's game with Thurston even more interesting. PICKS: RU - Beaudry, Emons; Melvindale - Risak.

Franklin (2-5, 1-3) at Churchill (2-5, 1-3): Franklin did a fine job of surprising Stevenson last week and a win would give the Patriots the Livonia Division title of the Western Lakes. Churchill is playing for one thing - avoiding a six-game losing streak for the second-straight year after managing that string in 11 of the past 13 seasons. PICKS: Franklin - Beaudry; Churchill - Risak, Emons.

John Glenn (6-1, 3-0) at Stevenson (2-5, 1-1): The easy pick is to take John Glenn. The gutsy pick is to take Stevenson, with an upset soothing the wound of a disappointing season. Can the Spartans catch John Glenn looking ahead to Wayne? Maybe, but not. PICKS: John Glenn - Beaudry, Emons, Risak.

Wayne (6-1, 3-1) at W.L. Central (6-1, 3-1): OK, Bubba, show us your team is for real. Show us that there's a difference between a team with a winning record and a team that can win when it counts. Between Central this week and the annual showdown with John Glenn next week, it could be the difference between a playoff appearance and a playoff statement. PICKS: Wayne - Beaudry; Central - Emons, Risak.

Wyandotte (3-4) at Redford Thurston (6-1), 7:30 p.m.: The Eagles take a big step up in playing a team from the Mega Red. OK, it's not exactly Monroe or Belleville, but the Bears are still in the Mega Red. And it's Homecoming. And its playing for playoff position, not a playoff spot. And Redford Union comes in next week. And it won't matter. PICKS: Wyandotte - Emons; Thurston - Beaudry, Risak.

G.P. Liggett (3-4, 3-3) at Clarenceville (6-1, 6-0), 7:30 p.m.: The beat goes on. The Metro Conference streak grows to 41 wins. PICKS: C'ville - Beaudry, Emons, Risak.

Luth. Westland (2-5, 2-4) at Lutheran N'west (1-5, 1-4), 1 p.m.: Ordinarily, it would be easy to stay away from the obvious sucker bet of taking the Warriors. But, geez, Northwest has been outscored, 199-36, in just six games. LW has been outscored, 185-111, but at least it can put points on the board. PICKS: LW - Beaudry, Emons, Risak.

Allen Park Cabrini (1-6, 1-5) at St. Katharine/Borgess (4-3, 4-2), 1 p.m.: It's make or break time for the Baggies. A win will put them into the drivers seat for the playoff spot heading into next Thursday's game at Shrine against either Detroit East Catholic (if Det. Loyola beats Ann Arbor Richard) or Clinton (if Richard beats Loyola; aren't playoffs wonderful?). The guess is they ride Kenny Smith again; the fact is that they have come a long way from a 1-7 season last year. PICKS: Baggies - Beaudry, Emons, Risak.

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Rocks' rally falls short against Wayne

Information reported last Friday night concerning the Salem-at-Wayne Memorial football game was incomplete, with several rather glaring omissions. The following is meant as a clarification of that story.

Wayne Memorial, under first-year coach Craig Hnatuk, locked up its first state football playoff berth since 1992 with a wild 48-41 victory over Salem last Friday at Wayne.

The Zebras, 6-1 overall and 5-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, stopped the Rocks inside the Wayne 5-yard line with under a minute left when Chris Wells recovered a fumble caused by teammate Justin Bowie.

A week earlier, Wayne stopped Northville four times from the 4-yard line as time expired in a 20-14 win.

For the Rocks, 1-6 overall and 0-6 in the WLAA, it was more of the same. They have lost four games by one touchdown or less this season.

For the fourth-time this season, Wayne senior tailback T.J. Dillard

cracked the 200-yard barrier with 230 yards on 17 carries. He scored four touchdowns on runs of 62, 47, 67 and 1 yard. His 11-yard run for a first down on third-and-7 in the final seconds clinched the win.

Salem had a scoring machine of its own in running back Mike Kerul. The senior scored four touchdowns and finished with 70 rushing yards on 17 attempts.

The big gun for the Rocks, however, was senior quarterback Chris Drabicki. He completed 25-of-42 passes for 355 yards and two touchdowns, with one interception. Drabicki set new school records for completions and passing yardage, the latter a record he set earlier this season.

Drabicki also gained 65 yards rushing on 12 tries.

Three receivers combined for 23 of Drabicki's 25 completions. Brian Bradley caught nine passes for 80 yards and a touchdown, Kevin Bradley hauled in seven passes for 124 yards and a TD, and Jeff Lake had seven catches for 123 yards.

Wayne senior quarterback Brad Wilson completed 10-of-13 passes for 167 yards and one TD (a 55-yard pass to Justin Venegoni). Wilson also scored on a 13-yard run.

J.R. Fells was Wayne's leading receiver with six catches for 55 yards. He also had an interception. Defensively, neither team excelled.

"We can't stop a soul," Wayne coach Craig Hnatuk said. "We played man and zone and they saw something in our defense that they thought they could expose. They killed us with their short passing game."

Salem's defense wasn't good, either. "We're pretty young there," said Salem coach Bob Cummings. "We had a lot of seniors there last year, so we knew it would be a problem."

The Rocks lost a total of three fumbles as Wayne's Rondell White recovered one caused by John Lloyd. Venegoni also caused and recovered another fumble.



Salem's Brian Bradley escapes a tackle attempt by Wayne Memorial's Jason Snell during Friday's game. Bradley finished with nine receptions and a touchdown.

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CC clubs Cubs, clinches playoff berth

Redford Catholic Central punched its own ticket for a return trip to the state playoffs on Saturday night with a 42-10 victory over University of Detroit-Jesuit at Keyworth Stadium in Hamtramck.

The win gave the two-time defending champs a 6-1 record, icing a playoff spot, and moved them to 3-0 in the Catholic League's Central Division, while the Cubs dropped to 3-4 overall and 0-3 in the Central.

CC rolled up 339 yards in total offense on the night and held U-D to 217. Derek Brooks led the way by rushing for 118 yards on 11 carries and had

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touchdown runs of 15 and 11 yards.

His opening touchdown made the score 7-0 after the first of Jason Gingell's six extra-point kicks. U-D came back and cut it to 7-3 after a 22-yard Justin Porwoll field goal.

CC upped its lead to 14-3 with 1:32 left in the second quarter as Nick Barrett's 1-yard run was set up by Drew Amble recovering a U-D fumble on its own 17.

But the Cubs came back and drove 66 yards in seven plays as Chris Kalich hit Porwoll on a 15-yard TD pass.

The second half belonged to CC as Brooks opened the scoring on his 18-yard run, then Eric Vojtkofsky had a 3-yard score, set up by his 43 yard run on the play before, making it 28-10.

CC got the ball right back as Gingell hit a squib kick into a U-D up-back and recovered it. Ten plays later, quarterback Dave Thomas drove in for a 9-yard score.

The Shamrocks ended the scoring on the next play from

scrimmage as Jason Horton stripped the ball from a U-D running back and ran 25 yards for the touchdown.

Thomas was 5-for-6 passing for 66 yards, with Kyle Smith catching three passes for 45 yards.

Vojtkofsky had 64 yards rushing on eight carries, Thomas had 39 yards on six carries and Barrett had 29 on seven. Kalich led U-D with 70 yards on nine carries and was 4-of-7 passing.

Darnell Tyson led CC on defense with seven tackles, while Blake Kavanaugh and Andy Christenson had six each.

Whalers stall in 3rd, fall to Greyhounds

Three third-period goals allowed the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds to end the Plymouth Whalers' six-game Ontario Hockey League unbeaten streak with a 4-1 win Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

A power-play goal by Jeff Carter 2:13 into the final period gave the Greyhounds a 2-1 lead. Jeff Larsh made it 3-1:16 later, and Jacob King pushed Sault Ste. Marie's lead to three goals at the 8:05 mark.

Tyler Kennedy, whose second-period goal tied the game for the Greyhounds, finished with a goal and three assists. Larsh and King each had a goal and an assist, and

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Brad Staubitz had two assists.

The Whalers' only goal came on the power play from James Wisniewski (from Canton), with assists from Vaclav Meidl and John Mitchell, late in the first period. The goal was Wisniewski's fifth of the season.

Paul Drew made 31 saves in goal for Plymouth, which fell to 5-3-1 (11 points) but remained atop the OHL's West Division. Kevin Druce also had 31 stops for the Greyhounds, who are 3-4-1 (seven points) in the division.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Oct. 17
Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Salem, 7 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Warren DeLaSalle at Warren Community Center, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Wayne at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
G.P. Liggelt at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 18
Luth. Westland at Lutheran N'west, 1 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Oct. 16
Luth. Westland at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.
Canton Agape at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.
Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.
Ladywood at Divine Child, 7 p.m.
Churchill at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Salem at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 17
Ladywood at H.W. Regina, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Macomb Christian, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 18
Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Thursday, Oct. 16
Huron Valley at Immac. Conception, 4:30 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Macomb Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Hamtramck at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 17
Edsel Ford at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Agape at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
R.O. Shrine at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Belleville at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 18
Plymouth at Ply. Christian, 1 p.m.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Friday, Oct. 17
WLAA meet at Willow Metropark, 4:10 p.m.
Metro Meet at Lutheran N'west, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 18
CHSL meet at Stoney Creek, noon.
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Friday, Oct. 17
Metro Meet at Lutheran N'west, 4:30 p.m.
WLAA meet at Willow Metropark, 4:40 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 18
CHSL meet at Stoney Creek, 10 a.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Thursday, Oct. 16
W.L. Western at Canton, 7 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Salem, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Wayne at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 18
MISCA meet at EMU, 8 a.m.

GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY

Thursday, Oct. 16
Country Day at Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Oct. 16
Schoolcraft at Delta CC, 7 p.m.
Madonna at Spring Arbor, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 17
Alpena at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 18
Alpena at Schoolcraft, noon.
Cornerstone at Madonna, 1 p.m.
Owens Tech at Schoolcraft, 2 p.m.
Wayne Co. at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Saturday, Oct. 18
Schoolcraft at Monroe (N.Y.), 2 p.m.
Madonna vs. Cornerstone at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 2 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 19
Schoolcraft at Bryant Station (N.Y.), 1 p.m.
Madonna vs. Saginaw Valley St. at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 2 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Oct. 17
Whalers vs. Guelph (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 18
Whalers vs. Sarnia (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 19
Whalers at Brampton, 2 p.m.

Wildcats place 7th at regional tourney

It was a promising end to a pretty good season for the Plymouth HS golf team.

The Wildcats, in their second season of existence, played an all-varsity schedule despite having no one older than a sophomore on their own team. They were 2-10 in dual meets, placed 11th out of 12 teams at the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament and, at last Friday's Division 3 State Regional held at Riverview Highlands, Plymouth finished seventh out of 13 teams.

Grosse Ile won the regional tournament with an incredible one-over par 289 team total. Plymouth posted a respectable score of 332, with all four of its scorers breaking 90.

"It was a very successful year," said Wildcats' coach Jerry Majetic. "We improved by 30 strokes from last year."

The team's top scorer proved to be freshman Matt Talbot, who just missed qualifying individually for state, shooting a 76 (74 qualified). It was a redemption of sorts for Talbot, who shot 86 at the WLAA Tournament.

"Matt was always our No. 1," said Majetic. "He medalled three times for us. I thought he

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did a little better than perhaps what I anticipated, but in a way it was what I expected."

Majetic offered an explanation for what seemed a contradiction — that Talbot often rose to the occasion.

"The bigger the matches, the better he plays," the Plymouth coach said. "He was very competitive."

As for not qualifying: "He was very disappointed. We were all hoping he would. That would have been so cool, to qualify for state as a freshman."

The Wildcats other scorers at regional were Jimmy Vleck, 83; Jeff Selasky, 84; and Brian Hoeman, 89. Nick Taggie shot a 99.

As for dual-meet victories, Plymouth had wins over WLAA rival Livonia Stevenson and non-conference foe Plymouth Christian.

"I think we'll be very strong next year," predicted Majetic. The 'Cats should be; Talbot, Vleck and Selasky are freshmen, and Hoeman and Taggie are sophomores.



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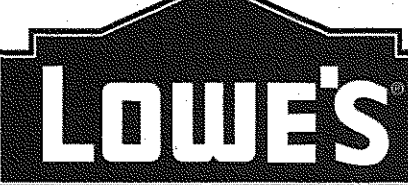
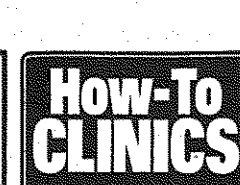
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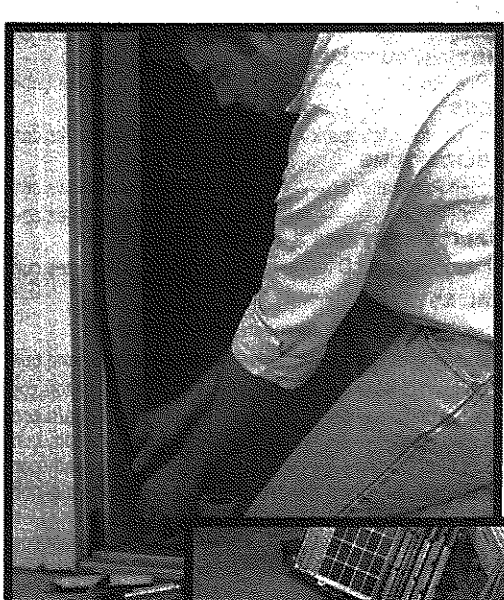

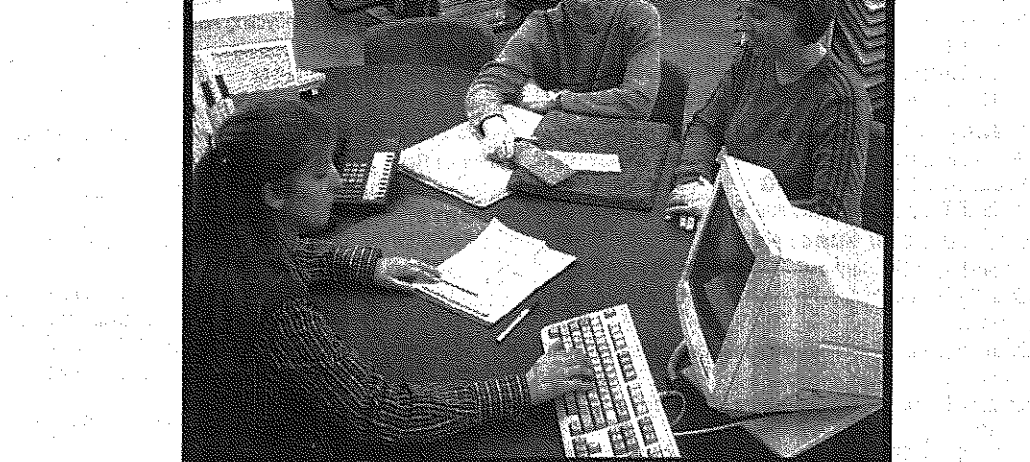
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Archery season opens with a chill statewide

My toes cracked as I wiggled them around in the bottom of my boots in an effort to keep them warm as a stiff, chilly breeze barreled in from the southwest. I zipped up my polar fleece jacket as far as it would go and cuddled in a little closer to the downwind side of a big beech tree. Wednesday's archery deer season opener dawned cloudy and cold here in southern Michigan. In fact, for the first time I can remember, I dug out my longjohns for the opener - and was glad I had them on. The first day of



Outdoor Insights
Bill Parker

October usually arrives with warm, balmy temperatures, but not this year. Wednesday morning temperatures hovered in the upper 30s at my stand in Lapeer County. It was even colder on Thursday. As I contemplated from which direction my opening-day buck would arrive I noticed a big, fat gray squirrel frittering away on the ground below me. He'd gnaw up a beechnut, then move over to a big white oak and start in on the acorns. As I watched in earnest and wondered why his big, bushy tail was so much bigger than his body, I caught a slight motion in front of me. Upon closer scrutiny I recognized the legs of a whitetail descending upon my area. My blood pressure immediately soared and my heart began pounding. As I turned to position myself for a shot, I caught a

couple more glimpses of fur through the leaves, confirming my initial assumption that a deer was moving my way. He stopped at about 50 yards out and began nibbling on some acorns. I could just barely make out a couple of his legs as he stood chewing up his forage. "Kinda skinny legs," I thought. A moment later he started moving again and I caught sight of his short-nosed, bald head. As the deer broke into an opening about 30 yards in front of me I realized it was a little button buck. I prefer to let button bucks walk, allowing them to mature to an older age. But that didn't diminish the thrill of having a whitetail within range on opening day. He was naturally cautious, and a little curious, as he moved closer and continued to graze on the

abundant natural foods in the area. For practice, I slowly raised and drew my bow, just to make sure I could do it with a deer within range and not attract his attention. When he dropped his head to pick up another acorn, I lowered my draw and continued to study the little buck. He mullied around for a few minutes and I drew down on him once again. He never knew I was there. After about 10 minutes he decided it was time to head for greener pastures, turned and moved off in the direction he had come in from. When he got out about 60 yards or so I decided to play with him a little and let out a grunt from my grunt tube. He stopped in his tracks, turned back toward my direction and searched for the source of the grunt with his radar-like ears. Not seeing

another deer, he flicked his tail and pranced back towards my tree to further investigate the source of the grunt. Finding nothing, he started away again. A second grunt brought similar results as the little guy trotted right back into the area looking for another deer. I chuckled as he left the area for the third time, but this time I let him continue on his way. Although I didn't put any venison in the freezer, I was a little more confident in my ability to grunt up a buck and make a clean draw when the moment of truth does arrive. It was a very successful opening day.

Hunting in Lapeer County, Kammerer arrowed a beautiful buck at 7:30 a.m. on Oct. 2. The 165-pound buck sported an 11-point rack with an 18-inch spread. Green scored, it grosses 151, and netted 145 after deductions. Kammerer said he spotted the buck three times while preseason scouting, twice while in velvet and once about a week before the season. Successful hunters are urged to report their success. Send a photo and a short explanation of the deer and the hunt to the address listed below.

MORE SUCCESS

One hunter who enjoyed tremendous early-season success is Oxford native Larry Kammerer, Jr.

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The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Meetings are open to boaters and non-boaters and the club is open to new members. Visitors are welcome to the family club. For more information, call Mark Boggs at (734) 464-6155 or e-mail fourseasonsfishingclub@yahoo.com.
- HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS**
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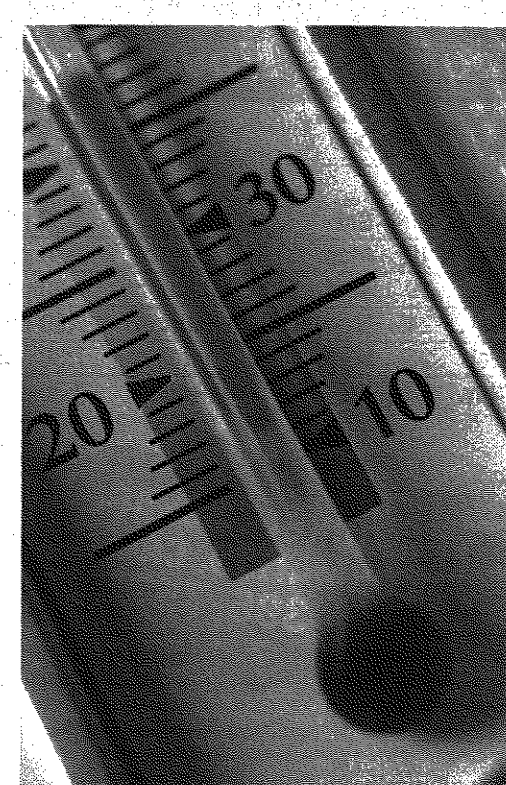
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Westland alley is undergoing a new Vision

Vision Lanes was originally Fiesta Bowl on Ford Road in Westland right across from the Paradise Motel.

The Walbys were the original owners, then it was taken over in recent years by Greg Sicilia and Mike Paglia. It has recently



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

been bought out again by a new group with some fresh ideas and some changes for the better in place or at least in progress.

If you have bowled there during the last few years, the basic redo features a new All-Star Grill and eating area area, bigger and better than before, a whole new control desk set-up, a new fully equipped pro shop with Gary Archer adding his expertise and experience to the place. They have nicely up-dated the rest rooms, a very important concern to the customers.

The new owners are Steve Klein, Patrick Kline, Tom Parks and Rob Schepis, all of whom bowl in the All-Star traveling league. Among the various leagues that have been established, there is the Wednesday Ladies Classic with many of the top level women bowlers in the area, including Karen Martin who bowled her fifth 300 game on Sept. 10.

Likewise, they have the Tuesday Miller Classic league sponsored by this popular brewery and mucho dollars are to be won in this highly competitive league. Jaime Sewruk recently bowled his very first 300 game in the Friday Nite Out league.

A new Adult/Youth league is starting up 5 today with the league meeting at 4:30. Other plans include a parent-youth Halloween bowling party and a Thanksgiving Day "Turkey-Shoot," another fun-filled family affair.

One of their best ideas for the new enterprise is to conduct free lessons for anyone who wants to bowl better, especially novices.

The classes will be conducted by all of the new owners by appointment. And the most crucial element at Vision Lanes is that when you walk in you will be greeted by the smiling face of Pat Tarjeft, the daytime counter lady. For more information on Vision Lanes, call (734) 641-8181.

Don't forget the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame Celebrity Super Bowl from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12 at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights.

It will be packed with sports celebrities from the Lions, Tigers, Red Wings and Pistons. They will have autographing and photo-shoot sessions. You won't want to miss out on this one, call: (248) 473-0656 for more information.

This has been a "smoking-hot" topic for quite a while. There are some bowlers who smoke and some smokers who bowl. Either way you look at it, it is a real problem.

On the side of those smokers who bowl, America is still a free country and if you wish to smoke except where prohibited, you have a right to do that. It is your right to light your fire regardless of the effect on your health and the others around you.

No lecture today, if you are a smoker, you've heard it a thousand times already.

As for the non-smokers, many have had to quit the sport because of all the smelly smoke in the air from the others who must still have their cigarette, or worse, cigars.

It is a very real problem for the proprietors as they have lost many customers who cannot tolerate the smoke or the threat of losing more customers who would stay away if they were prohibited from smoking. Al Winkel of Woodland Lanes came up with

a partial solution a few years ago by having a "no smoking" rule for Mondays evenings. This has worked well, and the place is packed on that night. Smokers can light up in the cocktail lounge if they must.

California had resolved the issue a few years ago by banning any smoking altogether in any publicly occupied buildings including bars, restaurants and bowling centers.

There was an immediate drop in business, but that didn't last long and the customers returned to a better environment.

Smokers have long been able to stay clean while in a movie theater, airline flight, etc. So they can miss out a few hours or step outside (except on an airliner).

We may not need a new law in Michigan, just let the people be courteous to one another when asked not to smoke. If you are the average smoker, you are spending about \$2,000 per year on cigarettes, you could spend that same money for six new balls, bag and shoes plus loads of open bowling lines, entry fees for tournaments and extra practice time on the lanes.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.

BEST GIRLS SWIM PERFORMANCES

BEST GIRLS SWIM TIMES		Kelsey Lincoln (Salem)	
200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY		1:08.09	
Stevenson	1:53.96	100 FREESTYLE	
Plymouth Salem	1:56.95	Andrea Giczewski (Stevenson)	54.96
John Glenn	2:01.97	Jill Peterson (John Glenn)	55.48
Churchill	2:02.04	Anna Polkowski (Stevenson)	56.43
Canton	2:02.77	Mary Shereda (Churchill) 57.89	
		Allison Goldsmith (Canton)	58.18
		Danielle Powers (Salem)	58.97
		Rachel Rowe (Redford Union)	59.13
		Amanda Newman (Salem)	59.14
		Monica Pauza (Salem)	59.21
		Heather Michalsen (Salem)	59.54
		500 FREESTYLE	
		Marisa Gordon (Stevenson)	5:21.38
		Monica Pauza (Stevenson)	5:24.86
		Mary Shereda (Churchill) 5:26.51	
		Jill Peterson (John Glenn)	5:27.58
		Amy Mertens (Salem)	5:28.77
		Anna Polkowski (Stevenson)	5:28.89
		Andrea Giczewski (Stevenson)	5:32.40
		Becky Hurn (Stevenson)	5:32.84
		Kristyn Peterson (John Glenn)	5:33.60
		Lucy Liu (Canton)	5:36.02
		200 FREE RELAY	
		Stevenson	1:44.40
		Salem	1:46.75
		Canton	1:48.29
		John Glenn	1:50.82
		Ladywood	1:51.72
		100 BACKSTROKE	
		Andrea Giczewski (Stevenson)	1:01.88
		Marisa Gordon (Stevenson)	1:02.77
		Kelsey Lincoln (Salem)	1:04.29
		Monica Pauza (Stevenson)	1:04.75
		Alyssa Johnson (Canton)	1:05.37
		Kristyn Peterson (John Glenn)	1:05.41
		Sarah Timson (Churchill)	1:06.73
		Elaine Lafayette (Plymouth)	1:06.84
		Lisa Gullikson (Salem)	1:06.87
		Amanda Newman (Salem)	1:07.64
		100 BREASTSTROKE	
		Amy Mertens (Salem)	1:08.62
		Jill Peterson (John Glenn)	1:10.93
		Julie Ward (Stevenson)	1:10.96
		Lisa Koch (Stevenson)	1:11.56
		Kelsey Lincoln (Salem)	1:11.94
		Stephanie Turlo (Stevenson)	1:14.27
		Kristin Cruce (Stevenson) 1:15.75	
		Kim Heaney (Salem)	1:15.79
		Lucy Liu (Canton)	1:16.69
		Andrea Lang (Salem)	1:18.75
		400 FREESTYLE RELAY	
		Stevenson	3:43.00
		Salem	3:53.32
		Churchill	3:58.26
		John Glenn	3:58.26
		Canton	4:01.05
		50 FREESTYLE	
		Jill Peterson (John Glenn)	25.33
		Andrea Giczewski (Stevenson)	25.49
		Marisa Gordon (Stevenson)	25.65
		Anna Polkowski (Stevenson)	25.95
		Allison Goldsmith (Canton)	26.08
		Rachel Rowe (Redford Union)	26.65
		Danielle Powers (Salem)	26.81
		Lisa Gullikson (Salem)	26.93
		Susan Patrick (Canton)	27.12
		Sarah Timson (Churchill) 27.35	
		DIVING	
		Lisa Thompson (Stevenson)	229.75
		Ashley Aquino (Salem)	215.25
		Paige Albers (Stevenson) 203.45	
		Nicole Dunn (Stevenson)	184.63
		Chelsea Sheldon (Canton)	168.05
		Patti Ahern (Canton)	151.20
		Lauren Burgett (Salem)	149.50
		Shannon Simandi (Redford Union)	146.45
		Bryn Glotfiety (John Glenn)	146.05
		Mikayla Armbruster (Ladywood)	141.40
		Jackie Demers (Churchill)	137.35
		100 BUTTERFLY	
		Julie Ward (Stevenson)	1:01.23
		Amy Mertens (Salem)	1:01.27
		Anna Polkowski (Stevenson)	1:01.55
		Allison Goldsmith (Canton)	1:02.20
		Magda Stawikowska (Churchill)	1:04.44
		Rachel Rowe (Redford Union)	1:05.06
		Ashley Aquino (Salem)	1:06.87
		Meredith Bajor (Stevenson)	1:07.42
		Heather Michalsen (Salem)	1:07.59
		Katie Kress (Stevenson)	1:07.65

Salem girls place 6th at Invitational

With several of its top runners not in the lineup, Salem's girls cross country team still managed to post a sixth-place finish at the Gabriel Richard Invitational Saturday at Hudson Mills MetroPark.

Salem totaled 170 points. Saline was first with 42, followed by Livonia Churchill (108), Milford (114), Clarkston (123) and Flushing (153).

Top finishers for the Rocks were Katy White, 21st (20:37); Alyssa Mastic, 31st (21:09); Allison Janda, 36th (21:15); Marisa Carpenelli, 39th (21:20); Lianne Griffiths, 43rd (21:23); Chelsea Baldwin, 59th (22:07); and Katie Dondizilla, 69th (22:30). Salem's Allie Vraniak won the junior varsity race in 21:40.

Next up for the Rocks is the WLAA Conference Finals, Friday at Willow MetroPark.

CC wins Sturgis Invite

Redford Catholic Central has this tradition.

Once a year, the cross country team goes down to Notre Dame and spends the night. The next morning, the members get up, drive to Sturgis and win the Sturgis Invitational.

Saturday was no exception as the Shamrocks took the title for the sixth straight year, edging Coldwater for

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first in the six-team tourney, 41-47.

"It was a little closer than I thought," CC coach Tony Magni said. "We left May Working out to keep him ready for the Catholic Leagues and the regional, so without him it gets closer. We have more problems in a smaller meet like this because no one else breaks up anyone else's third or fourth or fifth man."

Dave Lucas was the overall winner for the third straight year, finishing in 16:01. Dan Horgan was third in 16:55. Dominic Piro was ninth (17:41), Mike Rossiter was 12th (17:52) and Mike Nienhaus was 16th (18:05).

"Dave ran a nice race, but Dominic ran well," Magni said. "I hope he gets stronger and that this was his breakthrough race."

At Saturday's Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard meet, CC's "B" team finished 20th in Division I with 589 points. Dexter won the meet with 59 points.

Robert Ford led CC in 19:14 and 111th place, Dave Champine was 115th (19:22), Troy Duprey was 117th (19:31), Matt Bielak was 121st (19:38) and Garrett Lucas was 125th (19:57). Dexter's Dustin Voss was the overall winner in 15:31.

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Crusaders top Cougars

Two second-half goals by Becky Guibord propelled Madonna University's to a 4-2 triumph over Spring Arbor in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's soccer match Saturday in Spring Arbor.

Madonna improved to 8-3-1 overall, 6-2 in the WHAC. The Cougars are 6-6-1 overall, 2-6 in the conference.

Sarah Pack (from Westland John Glenn) put the Crusaders ahead 1-0 at the 12:08 mark off a corner kick by Guibord. Spring Arbor struck twice after that, getting goals from Jenn

Moore at the 20:32 mark and from Megan Bauhof at 31:39.

Madonna tied it with a goal credited to Emily Jackson (Farmington Harrison), a goal which the Cougars put into their own net as the first half expired.

Guibord's first goal, the game-winner, came with 14:29 remaining in the match on an assist from Pack. Her clincher was an unassisted breakaway netted with 10:44 to play.

Diana Kaip had eight saves in goal for Madonna. Staci Miracle had eight stops for the Crusaders.

Sampson's late goal boosts Madonna

Worth Sampson's unassisted goal in the 85th minute held up Tuesday as the No. 13-ranked Madonna University men's soccer team edged host Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, 1-0.

MU is 9-0 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and 11-1 overall. Aquinas drops to 3-5 in the WHAC and 6-8-1 overall.

MU outshot the Saints, 21-10. Madonna goalkeeper Doug Koontz made four saves en route to the shutout. Brent Gavin made eight for Aquinas.

Meanwhile, T.J. Djokic, a Livonia Stevenson graduate, was named WHAC Player of the Week in men's soccer.

Djokic, a sophomore, collected four goals and three assists in

two Madonna wins.

Schoolcraft 3, Lakeland 1: Will Friend scored the game's first two goals and that was enough to propel Schoolcraft College to its eighth-straight victory Saturday at SC.

The Ocelots improved to 8-2-1 overall.

"The first half was the best half of soccer we've played all year," said SC coach Dominic Scicluna, then added, "But we must've missed eight breakaways (in the game)."

"You can imagine what we worked on (Monday)."

Friend's first goal was assisted by Dan Curmi (Redford/Catholic Central HS); his second was assisted by Rod

Aslani. Paul Johnson (Livonia Stevenson) got SC's third goal, with Aslani assisting once again.

Liam Curran was in goal for the Ocelots; he made six saves.

Madonna 4, Spring Arbor 2: Worth Sampson scored two goals, including the game-winner, and assisted on another to lead Madonna University to a WHAC win Saturday over host Spring Arbor.

Spring Arbor is 4-9-1 overall, 1-7 in the conference.

Madonna scored first, getting a goal from John McIntyre six minutes into the match. T.J. Djokic (from Livonia Stevenson) earned the first of his three assists in the match on

the score.

The Cougars knotted it at 1-all on a goal by Ryan Trevithick at the 32-minute mark, but James Miller (Stevenson) recaptured the lead for Madonna with a goal 10 minutes later, Sampson assisting.

Spring Arbor's Peter Boyse tied it again at the 60-minute mark before Sampson, from Schoolcraft College, took command.

He scored his first goal of the match at the 69-minute mark, with assists from Djokic and Justin Fishaw (Canton), and his second at the 83-minute (from Djokic).

Doug Koontz (Canton), who made three saves, was in goal for Madonna.

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Jae Ha also had a goal for Lutheran Westland, while Noble and Jake DeVries contributed assists.

Churchill 2, W.L. Central 0: Livonia Churchill (7-9-2) has some momentum heading into Division I district tournament Monday after beating host Walled Lake Central in a Western Lakes Activities Association third-place crossover battle of divisional foes.

Churchill took a 1-0 lead with just 14 seconds left in the opening half on Mark Schubert's gorgeous diving header to the bottom right-hand corner on a ball served up by Ryan Raickovich.

Billy Sander then put it away by knocking home a rebound off a shot by teammate Joe Gauci.

Goalkeeper Chris Lantto posted the shutout as the Chargers

captured their third straight victory.

Stevenson 2, Northville 2: Senior James Hannah's penalty kick with just under four minutes remaining gave the Mustangs (11-6-3) the WLLA crossover deadlock with Livonia Stevenson (12-3-1) Monday at Stevenson.

Stevenson took a 2-1 lead only a minute earlier on Nick Dordeski's header from Jordan Fylonenko.

It was 1-1 at intermission as Dordeski tallied his first goal for Stevenson on a penalty kick after Pat Kolodziejczak was taken down in the box.

Sophomore Mike Cornelius scored from Hannah assisted on Northville's first goal.

Stevenson beat Northville in an earlier meeting, 2-0.

"We expected them to be much better tonight, it was a good, hard battle," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said.

Mike Maciolek went all the way in goal for the Spartans.

John Glenn 3, W.L. Western 0: In a WLLA crossover Monday, host Westland John Glenn (7-10) snapped a four-game losing skid against Walled Lake Western on goals by Kyle Gismondi, David Wood and Chad Clenney.

Assists went to Wood, Adam Hein and Tim Ottewell.

Goalkeeper Jeremy Morris posted the shutout.

On Friday, Glenn fell to host Dearborn Divine Child, 4-1, as Ermir Turka scored the lone goal for the Rockets.

Junior Kyle Blakely had two goals and an assist for the Falcons (5-10).

Wayne 3, Franklin 3: Greg Ekmeial sparked Wayne Memorial (5-9-2) by scoring a goal in the first half, and Dave Wells tallied one for Livonia Franklin (1-17-1) as the first half expired with a 1-1 tie.

Two goals in the second half by Wayne's Kurtis Gregory were not enough to put Franklin away as Bobby Geisinger and

Brandon Filipiak countered with goals of their own with The Patriots knotting the game up at 3-all with 13 minutes to go in the contest.

"Both teams played hard and it deserved to come out a tie," Wayne coach Larry Brenner said.

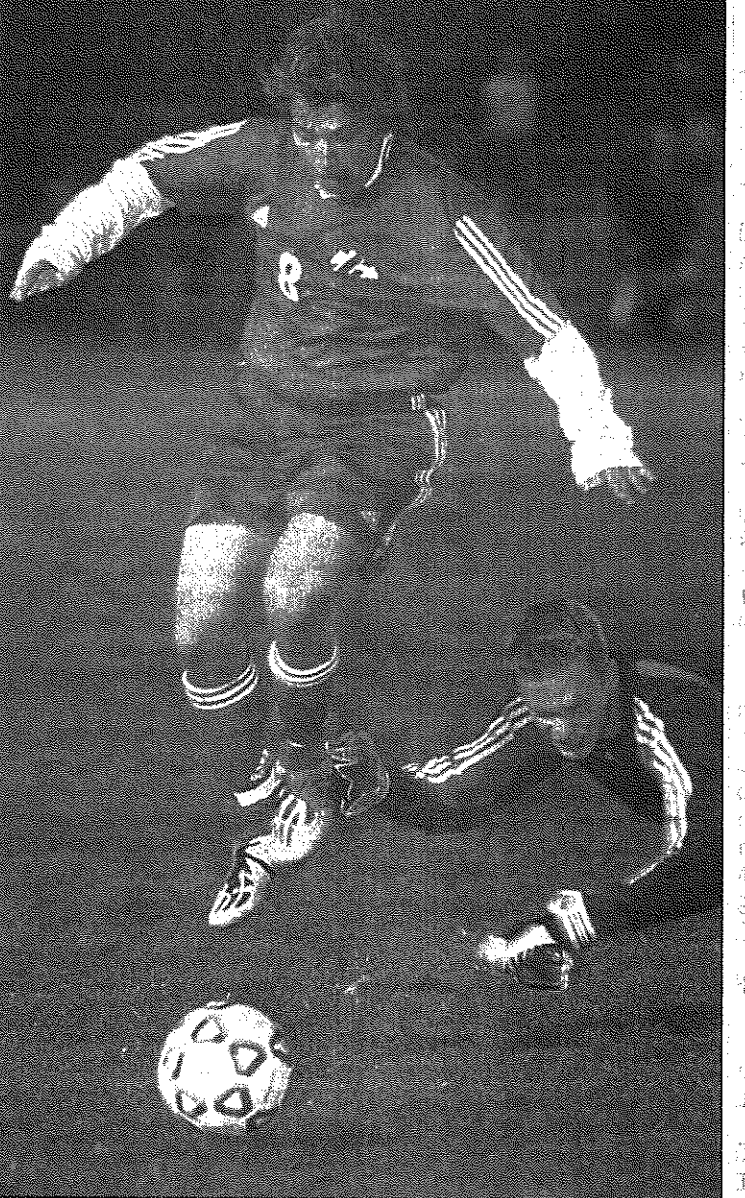
Stevenson 3, W.L. Central 2: Livonia Stevenson jumped out to a 3-0 second-half lead Saturday before holding off Walled Lake Central in a WLLA-Lakes Division makeup match.

Stevenson, which finished 3-1 in the Lakes, led 1-0 at halftime on Steve Abernethy's goal from Nick Ahwal.

Jordan Fylonenko made it 2-0 from Abernethy and Nick Dordeski scored on a penalty kick to give the Spartans a three-goal cushion.

Mitch Hildebrandt started in goal for Stevenson before giving way to Mike Maciolek.

One of Central's two goals came on a penalty kick.



Canton's Adam Pitt gets past Salem keeper Tom Huls to score the Chiefs early in the second half.

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next Wednesday for what will be a showdown for supremacy in the NJCAA's Region 12. In their first match, played at SC on Sept. 20, the Ocelots dominated the action but struggled to get a 2-1 win.

"I thought it was a case of nerves," said Tolsted of their first go-around. "We're a young team - 15 freshmen and just five sophomores. We played well but we didn't have that finish. I think we were more concerned with not losing than winning."

The Ocelots have grown as a

team since then, Tolsted feels.

"It looks well for next year, but I don't want to look that far ahead," he said. "I think we have a really good team."

If there was a game that has defined SC's fate thus far this season, Tolsted believes it was against eighth-ranked Catonsville (Md.). The Ocelots were unrated when the two teams met, but they dominated the action in a 4-0 triumph.

"I got a lot of satisfaction out of that just watching, we played so well," said Tolsted. "It was pleasantly surprising to me."

That, and the string of victories posted by SC since, has boosted Tolsted's usually-lofty confidence to even greater levels. "I feel really good about us," he said.

But Cincinnati State still looms on the not-too-distant horizon, and on the Surge's home turf. Should the Ocelots stumble, a third match between the two teams would be played at a neutral site, with an inter-regional match at stake.

SC hasn't been beaten thus far. Now it's a matter of how far can they continue.

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:

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, October 28, 2003, at 7:00 P.M. in the Chestnut Room at the Summit on the Park Community Center, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan, as a part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Powertrain Production Systems for an Industrial Facilities Exemption certificate for personal property for their facility located at 40500 Van Born Road within the Draw-Tite Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

Parcel Number 143-99-0019-000 36JJ1 PT OF SW 1/4 SEC 36 T2S R8E BEG N0DEG 12M E 60FT FROM S 1/4 COR SEC 36 TH N89DEG 46M 30S W 1061.07FT TH N2DEG 58M 06S E 1294.85FT TH N79DEG 28M 04S E 1016.31FT TH S0DEG 12M W 1483.06 FT POB 32.75 AC

Terry G. Bennett
Clerk

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Which brought the discussion back to Huls, who was named the all-WLAA keeper. In this match Mischung had been good, but Huls was magnificent.

"He makes very few mistakes in every game," said Tomasso of Huls. "We just have to take advantage of them."

"But he is good. I have to give him credit."

Of course, this may not be

the last time the two sides meet this season. They could face each other again in the state district final at South Lyon Oct. 24.

"This year we don't have a dream team forward like we have in past years," said McCarthy, who has guided the Rocks to three state championship games. "We have to rely on our defense. But if we can stay with this defensive trend, we'll be in great shape."

Seems both these teams are in great shape.

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The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Powertrain Production Systems to transfer the existing Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #90-715 for real property located at 40500 Van Born Road from Draw-Tite, the legal description of which is as follows:

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TERRY G. BENNETT
Clerk

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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 30TH, 2003 for the following:

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION FOR METALDYNE CORPORATION TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2003

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2003, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Metaldyne Corporation for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. The company has leased an existing facility and their request is to cover the cost of building improvements and new machinery and equipment, which they will purchase and own. The facility is located at 14328 Genoa Court, lots 2 & 3, Metro West Technology Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, October 28, 2003, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - October 7, 2003

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, October 7, 2003 at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 8:30 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Members of the Board met at 6:00 p.m. for a tour of the Administration Building expansion. The issue of screening the roof top units was discussed. Next the Board members toured the Performing Arts Center at Cherry Hill & Ridge and also the Human Service Center. At 8:30 p.m. board members convened and Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order.

Item 1. Request Approval for Fireworks Displays at the Canton and Salem High School Football Homecoming Games. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the signing of permits for Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. to possess, transport and display fireworks at the Canton Football Homecoming game on October 10, 2003 and the Salem Football Homecoming game on October 17, 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 2. Set Public Hearing Date for Powertrain Production Systems Request for Transfer of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #90-517. Motion by Bennett, supported by Bennett to McLaughlin to set the public hearing date for October 28, 2003, to consider the Powertrain Production System application to transfer the Draw-Tite Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #90-517 for 40500 Van Born Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3. Set Public Hearing Date for Powertrain Production Systems Request for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to set the public hearing for October 28, 2003 to consider the Industrial Facilities Exemption application of Powertrain Production Systems for new personal property in their facility located at 40500 Van Born Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adjourn the study session at 8:45 p.m.

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

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

GIRLS HOCKEY

The Plymouth/Canton girls hockey team is having conditioning skates, from 7-8 p.m. on Oct. 18, and from 4-5 p.m. on Oct. 20, Oct. 22 and Oct. 24. All sessions will be at the Arctic Edge Arena in Canton; full gear is required and the cost is \$10 per player, per session.

Team tryouts will be from 4-5 p.m. Oct. 27-29 at the Arctic Edge. Full equipment is required and a current sports physical must be turned in to the school athletic department prior to the tryout dates. Tryouts are open to any girl who attends Plymouth, Canton or Salem HS. For more information email head coach Sue McDowell at gocoach@umich.edu or booster club president Beth Rowley at rowleysb@comcast.net.

CONDITIONING SKATES

The Plymouth/Canton Community Schools Hockey Booster Club will host conditioning skates for all those interested in playing hockey at Salem, Canton or Plymouth HS.

Salem's conditioning will be from 5-6 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday through Oct. 23 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Canton will have conditioning skates from 3-4 p.m. on Oct. 20 and 22 at the Arctic Edge.

The cost of the Salem and Canton conditioning skates is \$15 each.

Plymouth, which will have a junior varsity program this season, will have conditioning skates from 4:30-6 p.m. on Oct. 16, 21 and 23 at Compuware Arena. The cost is \$25 per skate.

A parent's or guardian's signature is mandatory prior to skating; permission forms and schedules are available at all three high schools' athletic offices. Registration is on-site or call Deborah Tollison (Canton) at (734) 981-2802; Mary Maurer (Salem) at (734) 254-9234; or Noreen Desilets (Plymouth) at (734) 397-5691.

HOCKEY TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the Canton, Salem and Plymouth (JV) hockey teams will be Oct. 27-29.

The Canton tryouts will be from 3-4 p.m. at the Arctic Edge. Cost of the tryout is \$45, with three guaranteed skates.

The Salem tryouts will be from 7-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27; 5-6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28; and 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, all at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Cost for the tryouts is \$45 with three guaranteed skates.

Plymouth JV tryouts will be from 4:30-6 p.m. at Compuware Arena. Cost is \$75 for three guaranteed skates.

A sports physical must be on file with the school's athletic department before the tryout dates. Teams will be chosen Oct. 29 for the 2003-04 season, and there will be a mandatory Parent's Meeting for all team members' parents on Oct. 30.

FOUR SEASONS FISHING CLUB

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. (Boats not needed).

Call Mark Boggs at (734) 464-6155 or e-mail fourseasons-fishingclub@yahoo.com.

COACHES WANTED

■ Livonia Stevenson High School has openings for the following coaching positions: freshman girls track, boys varsity tennis and assistant boys track coach.

Letters of application should be sent to: Stephen Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI. 48154-5474.

■ Catholic Central is seeking an assistant varsity swim coach.

For more information, please call athletic director Bob Santello at (313) 534-2798.

■ Livonia Ladywood High School is seeking a girls equestrian coach for the fall sports season.

Those interested should fax at resume to Ladywood High School athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.

COACHING POSITIONS

There are several positions for coaches for the 2003-04 seasons currently available at Plymouth HS.

First: The Wildcats need a hockey coach for the 2003-04 school season. The head coach is responsible for the entire organization of the sport, including supervision of all varsity assistants and junior varsity and freshmen coaches.

Also needed: a varsity baseball coach for the 2004 season, who will be responsible for the organization of the sport, varsity assistants and junior varsity and freshmen coaches.

Other coaching positions that are open are girls basketball assistant, football assistant, vol-

leyball assistant and boys basketball assistant.

Contact Plymouth athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5702.

BASEBALL-SOFTBALL CAMPS

Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom road, and will be running its annual line-drive hitting camp for baseball players, 9-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19 (ages 7-12) and from noon-2 p.m. (ages 13-19).

The camp will feature techniques on the proper baseball swing, improving bat speed and batting averages.

The cost is \$75 per player (\$10 discount for each additional child). Spaces will be limited, so sign up early.

For more information, call (248) 668-0166 or visit www.total-baseball.com.

Total Softball will also be offering a camp, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 18 (ages 7-12) and noon-3 p.m. (ages 13-19). Spaces will be limited, so sign up early.

The cost is \$75 per player (\$10 discount for each additional child).

Call Total Softball at (248) 668-0166 or visit www.total-softball.com.

HITTING LEAGUES

Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road, will offer boys baseball hitting leagues 9-11 a.m. Saturdays (13-and-under) and 6-9 p.m. Sundays (high school ages for games), Nov. 8-Dec. 19.

The cost is \$45 per individual, \$150 per team (four players).

Players will hit off batting machines in a point-awarded, one-hour game. Awards will go to the champion and best hitter.

To register, call (248) 668-0166, or visit www.total-baseball.com.

VELOCITY IMPROVEMENT

A velocity improvement seven-week training program for baseball pitchers (ages 13 and older), will be offered 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Nov. 4-Dec. 18, at Total Baseball, located on 30990 Wixom Road.

The cost is \$325 per player. Space is limited.

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SOFTBALL/BASEBALL LESSONS

Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road, will offer pitching, hitting, and fielding lessons for ages 6-18.

Lessons are by appointment only. The cost is \$35 per half-hour or \$165 for five private lessons.

Call 248-668-0166 or email at: totalbaseball@aol.com or visit www.total-baseball.com.

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The Bernie Carbo Premier Pro Baseball School will offer individual and small group skill sessions in velocity improvement, power hitting and fielding. Video analysis and scouting reports are available.

Call Gordie Rutherford at (734) 421-4928 or (734) 525-3730.

UPDATE MHSAA RECORDS

The Michigan High School Athletics Association is trying to update its all-time records for all of its sanctioned sports. The MHSAA is calling on reporters, newspapers, coaches, athletic directors or anyone affiliated with high school sports to pass on this information the MHSAA.

Send the MHSAA press clippings, or any other published information about all-area, all-conference, season and career statistics. You can send this information by mail (preferred option) to 1661 Ramblewood, East Lansing, MI. 48823-7392. You can also reach them by fax at (517) 332-4071.

ARCHERY RANGE OPENS

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation archery range, located on Glendale Avenue off Farmington Road (between I-96 and Plymouth Road), will be open 4-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through November.

No registration is necessary. Residents can use the range for free. Non-resident fees are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Children 17-and-under must be accompanied by an adult.

The range offers several target lanes with one lane specifically for shooting broad heads to tune in hunting bows. Boy and Girl scout troops interested in earning merit badges should call (734) 466-2410 for more information and arrange a time.

Items for the Sports Roundup may be faxed to (734) 591-7279 or mailed to The Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150.

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FROM PAGE B1

Kelly Amber topped the Trojans with 11 points.

The game was tight for a half. PCA built a 15-6 lead in the opening quarter, but Whitmore Lake eliminated that and tied it at 25-all by halftime.

Another key test awaits the Eagles tonight when they host crosstown rival Canton Agape Christian at 7 p.m.

Divine Child 36,

Ladywood 34: Livonia Ladywood's Catholic League A-B Division playoff hopes were severely damaged as host Dearborn Divine Child pulled out a tight Central Division victory Tuesday.

Ladywood, which committed 27 turnovers, falls to 5-8 overall and 1-4 in the division. The Falcons improve to 9-4 overall, 4-2 in the division.

Ladywood led 27-25 after three quarters, but the Falcons rallied to outscore the Blazers 11-7 in the final eight minutes.

Sophomore Erica Yost paced Divine Child with 20

'I'm happy with our defensive effort, but offensively we're not taking care of the ball, and a lot of our experienced players are turning the ball over.'

Andrea Gorski
Ladywood coach

points. Senior Aubrey Brewis added 10.

Senior center Bethany Jury scored 13 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for the Blazers, who shot 12-of-32 from the field and 8-of-16 from the foul line.

Divine Child was 12-of-47 from the field and 9-of-15 from the foul stripe.

"I'm happy with our defensive effort," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said, "but offensively we're not taking care of the ball, and a lot of our experienced players are turning the ball over."

"We just didn't execute and we should have won."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
REQUEST FOR AN
INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION
FOR ABSOPURE WATER COMPANY
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2003

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2003, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Absopure Water Company for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. The company has leased an existing facility and their request is to cover the cost of building improvements and new machinery and equipment which they will purchase and own. The facility is located at 41680 Joy Road, Gould Industrial Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, October 28, 2003, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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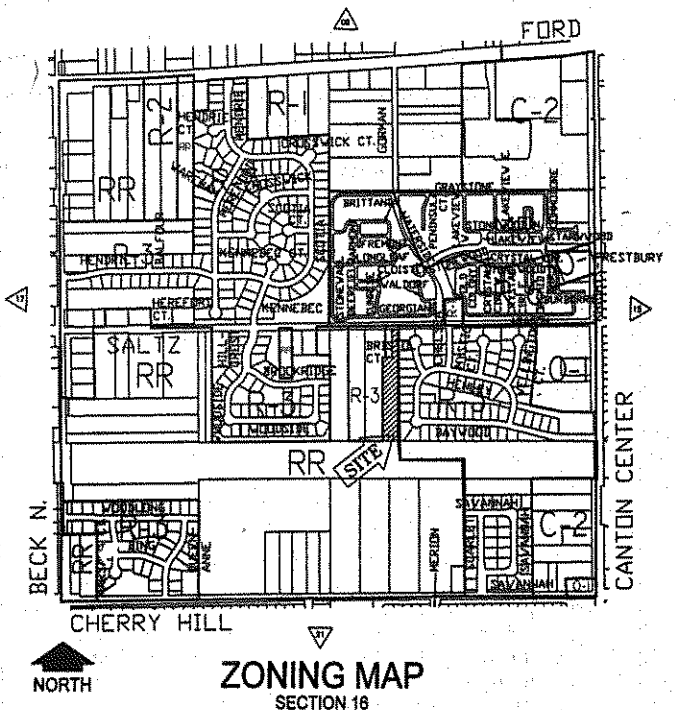
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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 20, 2003 in the **Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

IBRAHIM REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 064 99 0006 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL (1 DWELLING UNIT/5 ACRES) TO R-3, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (3 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE). Property is located south of Saltz between Canton Center and Beck Roads.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, October 16, 2003 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Lady Ocelot spikers stay in contention 26-1 MU ties for crown

Fifteen minutes after his Schoolcraft College volleyball team had remained in the hunt for the top spot in the Eastern Conference, coach Tom Teeters was still debating whether or not it would be best to just forget this win over Macomb CC and move ahead.

He knew the answer. He knew he'd end up watching the videotape, however ugly the results, analyzing it and then making certain his team knew just where their weaknesses were.

It wasn't like the Ocelots struggled Tuesday at home with the Monarchs. They beat them in three-straight sets, 30-22, 30-22, 30-28. But Teeters saw things he didn't like, and the scores were one of them. When SC swept Macomb on its homecourt, the Ocelots gave up 17, 18 and 15 points.

For the season, SC is 14-11 overall, 6-1 in conference play. "We struggled," Teeters said. "We have to keep teams like that under 20 (points)."

"We have to recognize we have major weaknesses. We just have to have someone step up."

There were good points in the match. Like the 14 service aces; the passing was good, too. Problem was, the finishing

was poor — as a team, SC had a .144 kill percentage.

Not that it's a new problem. For the season, the Ocelots are hitting at a .199 percentage; at last weekend's Jefferson College (Mo.) Invitational, they weren't even that good, hitting .180.

"We had a couple of games that we hit really well in," said Teeters of the Jefferson tournament. "But in the last match against Jefferson, we struggled."

That might not quite describe the futility the Ocelots endured against the host Vikings. Their hitting percentage was a woeful .017, one reason they lost 30-16, 30-15.

"If we get out of rhythm, we're stuck," Teeters said of the hitting problems. "We're trying to find ways to have more choices, alternatives for our attack."

Case in point: Against Macomb, Meghan McAuliffe was the team leader with nine kills. However, she also had nine kill errors, leaving her with a .000 kill percentage.

Angie Wangler, moved into a starting role at the Jefferson tournament, was the Ocelots best hitting option against Macomb with eight kills and no errors — a .533 kill percent-

age. She also had four service aces. Next best hitter was Holly Soldenski with six kills (.364).

Setter Kelly Sines had a solid match against the Monarchs with four aces, 14 set assists and 11 digs. Co-setter Liz Fredlund was also very effective with five kills, 13 set assists, eight digs and three blocks.

Caitlin O'Hara led SC with 12 digs; Stephanie Koslowski had 10. Katrina Napier finished with three aces and three blocks.

At the Jefferson tournament — annually one of the toughest SC plays in — the Ocelots were 2-4 in the six matches they played. They lost their first two matches, to South Missouri State 30-27, 30-18, and to Illinois Central 30-24, 30-28.

After that they got a win over Panola (Tex.) 30-13, 30-22, lost to Yavapai (Ariz.) 19-30, 30-19, 15-13, and beat Iowa Western 30-18, 30-23 before falling to Jefferson in their finale.

Best on the attack for SC was Fredlund with 155 kills in the tournament, which tied for the team lead; she had a .296 kill percentage, 19 service aces, a team-high 300 set assists, 21 digs and 36 blocks.

Napier also had 155 kills,

with 32 aces, 43 digs and 56 blocks. Koslowski added 144 kills, 23 aces, 167 digs and 18 blocks; McAuliffe had 134 kills, a team-best 34 aces, 138 digs and 19 blocks; O'Hara had a team-high 202 digs; and Sines finished with 272 set assists, 30 aces, 98 digs and 21 blocks.

There's a busy week ahead for the Ocelots, but the match that should determine who rules in the conference will be Oct. 30, when St. Clair County CC visits SC.

In their first meeting, St. Clair won 27-30, 30-21, 30-18, 30-18.

"We have to beat St. Clair at our place," said Teeters, "and right now they're much more dominant on the outside than we are."

But first things first. SC must play eight other conference matches before that showdown.

After a bad start — Madonna University lost its first volleyball match of the season in the opening round of the Houston Baptist Orange and Blue Classic Friday — the Crusaders bounced right back to win three-straight matches and tie for the tournament title Saturday.

Madonna, ranked third in the NAIA, is now 26-1 for the season.

Amanda Suder (Salem High), Natalja Tinina and Laura Lesko were each named to the all-tournament team. Suder had 85 digs in the four matches, Tinina collected 105 kills and Lesko got 68 kills.

Madonna followed its opening setback against Lubbock (Tex.) Christian with a four-set victory Friday over ninth-ranked host Houston Baptist, the team that had eliminated Madonna in the NAIA Tournament Semifinals last year.

On Saturday, the Crusaders kept the momentum going with a 30-18, 30-21, 30-15 sweep of Spring Hill College (Mobile, Ala.) and a 30-22, 30-26, 30-

26 win over the University of St. Francis (Joliet, Ill.).

Lubbock Christian, Houston Baptist and Madonna each finished the tournament with 3-1 records.

In the sweep of Spring Hill, Tinina and Lesko paced the attack, Tinina getting 21 kills and Lesko adding 17. Lesko also had seven blocks, while Tinina collected a team-best four service aces.

Other team leaders included WHAC Player of the Week Ashley Frost with 49 set assists; Tera Morrill (Livonia Franklin) with 14 digs and Suder with 13; and Caryn Inman with 11 blocks.

Carley Whitfield was best for the Badgers with 21 set assists, 14 digs and two blocks.

In the win over St. Francis, Tinina again led Madonna with 22 kills; she also had three blocks and two aces. Lesko finished with 12 kills and 12 digs, Frost had 42 set assists, Suder totaled 24 digs and Morrill had 13, and Inman got six blocks.



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Elegant French doors speak to style-conscious homeowners

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

French doors have a subtle way of saying, in the language of elegant decor, that style lies within for whomever enters this passageway.

Today, they often replace patio exterior doors or they can divide the kitchen and dining room. French doors swing forward and backward instead of sliding open and shut on a track.

"It's a more classy door," explained Paula Hardy, administrative assistant with Delet Door in Farmington.

She adds, however, that French doors can seem out of place in some homes, especially if the houses are extremely small, or the decorating style is too modern, or in some other inappropriate in the room.

At Home Depot in Livonia, a millwork employee says he is seeing an increased demand in French doors for entryways throughout the house. He says pine and oak are the woods of choice.

"I've been here three years and they're just starting to get more popular," the Home Depot employee explains.

Aside from looking good, he adds, French doors serve to divide living spaces that would otherwise blend together.

"It gives a sense of a separate room — versus having a dining room slash kitchen area," he says.

VERSATILE

Besides separating a kitchen and dining room, French doors can work to partition off a room making different activities more private, too, explains Robert Thomas, owner of Accent Building Construction in West Bloomfield.

For instance, he says, they can offer a quiet place if someone wants to play pool or watch television away from everything else in the basement.

The size of the door opening really influences whether French doors can be used more than anything else.

"If you have a door opening size that will fit, most people go with it," Thomas said. The minimum door opening must be four feet for the interior and usually five to six feet for an exterior entrance.

If you can't go with the real

thing, some manufacturers, like Pella Windows, offer sliding exterior doors that appear to be traditional French doors, but are actually sliding doors. There's a lot of options in French door designs, too with various types of panes and blinds offered, explains Patty Andresen, Pella Windows inside sales representative.

Pella has corporate offices in West Bloomfield and 11 stores in southeast Michigan.

"The other option is to get an inactive left or right side and the other one is active," Thomas says.

Mosts customers who visit a Pella Window showroom hope to get French doors, Andresen said.

"It has that open space feel," she adds.

Aside from just looking good, French doors are practical in a lot of ways, too. For instance, if you have a piano, hot tub or other large piece of furniture, the French doors provide an opening wide enough to move them in and out.

"Everybody always loves the French doors and it's what everyone is thinking about when they come here,"

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Andresen says. "It has that open space feel."

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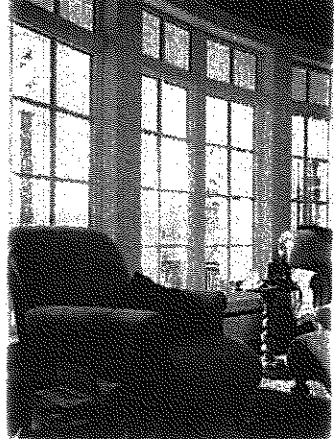

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Countertops vary widely depending on budget, style

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Cost has the biggest influence on what people choose for their kitchen countertops and other fixtures.

Laminates, for instance, are the biggest sellers at N.A. Mans and Sons Kitchen and Bath in Canton and Trenton. Recently improved decorative edges on the Formica and Wilsonart laminates make the surfaces much more appealing, explains Linda Welch, Mans certified

kitchen and bath designer. "They're the most economical," Welch explains.

After cost, maintenance is the next biggest concern, explains Diane Zald, president of Allied Cabinet and Design, Inc. in Lathrup Village.

Keep in mind, too, she says, that marble is one of the highest maintenance countertops, because it's very porous and stains easily. Granite will also

stain, especially with fats. But, with regular care, it should hold up well, experts say. Silestone, however, is nearly maintenance free.

An average laminate countertop, without a decorative edge, will usually run between \$800 to \$1,200, Welch says. The price doubles when decorative edges are added.

Granite and Corian countertops are growing in popularity and usually cost between \$4,500 to \$6,500, Welch says. Products, like Zodiac,

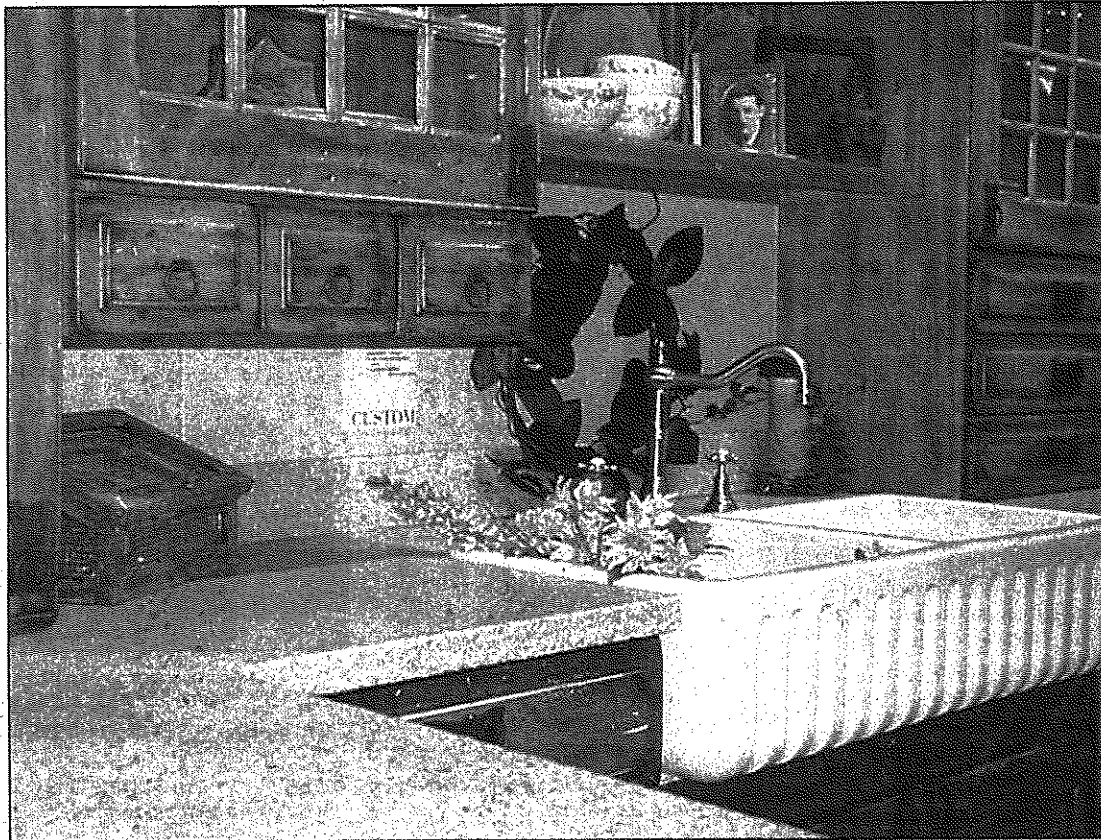
are man made from quartz and resins, and are nudging their way into the market, too.

"It has all the properties granite has, but it's not porous," Welch says. "We're all concerned about salmonella, but Zodiac and Corian are the two products where bacteria can't live, because they have nonporous surfaces."

Corian countertops run between \$4,500 and \$6,500

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Install a laminate countertop for a nice touch to your kitchen.

and Zodiac countertops usually cost between \$5,000 to \$7,000. "The advantages to Corian are that it's non-porous, it won't stain and you have a seamless type countertop," Welch says. "With granite and Zodiac products your seams are much more noticeable."

Countertop colors are varied according to the owner's tastes, Zald says.

"It's all over the board from very light to very dark," she says.

When people ask her about trends, she says, it's more important to choose what you love.

"What's in today will not be in tomorrow," Zald says. "Frankly, I like doing things that people aren't doing. If I'm going to spend that much on a kitchen, I don't want it to be cookie cutter."

SINK TRENDS

The most common sink used with granite countertops are under mounted, explains Rik Kowall, owner of Accurate Woodworking, Co. in Waterford.

"You don't have the lip around the sink and it has a much more elegant look to it," Kowall says. "It makes cleaning the kitchen much more easy."

There's a misconception, he says, that it's permissible to cut or chop on granite. Homeowners should never cut on any countertop, he emphasizes. "That's why you use a cutting stone," Kowall adds.

Considering that granite has been around 65 million years, it "will probably last another 65 million years," he says.

The granite might last, but kitchen styles and amenities change making it necessary to make updates every 20 years minimally.

Corian countertops have the

sink molded into the countertop as one piece to provide a continuously flowing effect.

Homeowners also are returning to the single bowl and a bowl and a half sinks, instead of the double bowl sinks. "When I grew up about five percent of the population had dishwashers and you needed the two sinks - one to wash and one to rinse," Welch explains. "Now about five percent don't have a dishwasher."

Big pots and pans that need to be washed in sinks don't fit in the smaller double bowls. As far as faucets go, the triple-handled designs (one for hot, another for cold and a third for filtered water) have dominated the market.

Homeowners are opting most often for the pearl nickel finish, Welch says. "Years ago when we had polished brass faucets they would corrode and now there's a lifetime warranty for these types of finishes," she adds.

Transform your countertop

Is your kitchen or bathroom countertop ugly or just difficult to keep clean? Do you want to install a new countertop, but hate the thought of demolition?

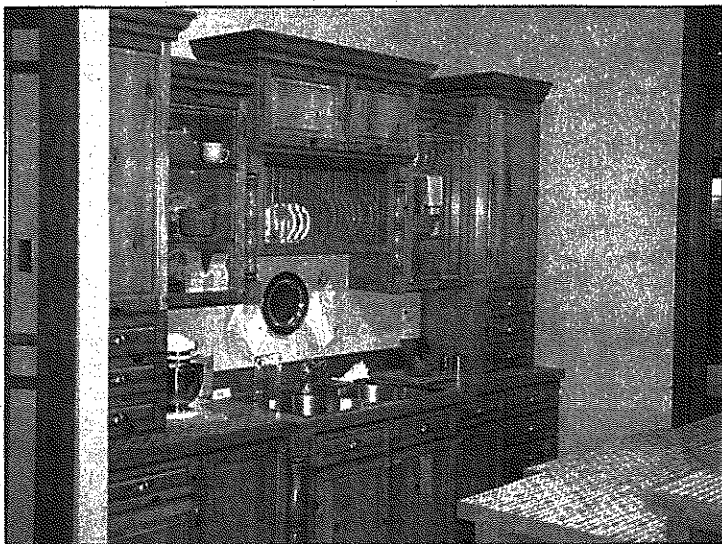
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Maybe it's time for new kitchen appliances

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE
STAFF WRITER

Your son Billy brought his three best friends over for dinner. All you have to serve them is a can of spaghetti. And you must leave for a meeting by 6 p.m. No problem. Those gooey dishes — the pan, too — can be plopped right in a new Maytag or Jenn-Air dishwasher. The new model, known as a "tall tub," features three racks for dishes, silverware and big items like pots and pans.

Best of all, there's no need to rinse or scrape. "It means longer wear for dishes and, really, it saves you time because you're not double-washing," said Linda Legato. Legato and her husband Kim owns Bill & Rod's Appliance in Livonia. "It has a built-in soft-food disposal. It's incredible. If you put a lasagna pan in there, it would be clean."

The store is celebrating its

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40th anniversary this year and carries appliances by Maytag and its companies Amana, Jenn-Air and Magic Chef.

Homeowners always look for new appliances with modern conveniences or something that will provide more space.

The newest refrigerators come without condenser coils on the back, so they're space-savers for your kitchen. Some are equipped with water filters,

good for six months to a year. No more buying those eight packs of bottled water.

"What's nice about this Amana is it has a big enough opening so you can fill up the sports bottles," Legato said.

Many of the new range models are time-savers and feature a warming surface in lieu of racks and burners. "No messy drip pans to deal with. No burner elements," said Legato.

"They've increased the burner size to 12 inches so that can accommodate canning or large pots and fry pans."

The hot look in today's kitchens is stainless steel. The metal finish emits "a classicness, a cleanliness, a professional look," Legato said, although white and black appliances are popular as well.

The big thing today is energy efficiency, said Lee Herod, manager for Sargent Appliance in Rochester and Clinton Township, which carries all



Maytag gas ranges are equipped to handle large family dinners and parties with its 5.22 cubic feet oven capacity. The range also has a fifth burner and 16,000 BTU Power Boost burner.

major brands of appliances except Kenmore. Dishwashers are more energy efficient. "They're using less water than they used to and they're very

quiet today," Herod said. As for ranges, Herod said today's gas stoves produce a higher flame output so items can be cooked faster. A new refrigerator

manufactured by General Electric features a "quick thaw" feature in the freezer which is also good for chilling wine and other beverages, he said.

To save energy and money, switch to fluorescent lights

BY DAVID BRADLEY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Energy conservation doesn't seem like such a big deal until the lights go out.

Ask residents in the Northeast what they would

have given for a few watts of electricity when the regional power grid went on the fritz.

The blackout touched off another skirmish in the battle against conspicuous consumption, but homeowners are waging their own war on watts at

the household level. And their surprising ally: the lowly light bulb.

"People tend to overlook light bulbs, yet bulbs consume up to 10 percent of household power," says Scott Plemmons, vice president of home lighting for Lowe's. "If you change out even a few bulbs to energy-efficient versions, that's a huge difference."

The hands-down champion of residential energy misers is the compact fluorescent light. The U.S. Department of Energy estimates CFL bulbs use one-third the energy of incandescent lights. However, fewer than 20 percent of U.S. households use CFL bulbs in

their most heavily used light fixtures.

Homeowners can see the disparity in energy use when they compare bulbs. The CFL equivalent to a 75-watt incandescent bulb is a 25-watt fluorescent. Consumers may see the Energy Star symbol on bulb packages. The designation denotes products that are particularly energy efficient.

Incandescent bulbs are little changed since the days of Thomas Edison. The bulbs produce more heat than light with a relatively short service life. A typical incandescent might last 750 hours, where a comparable fluorescent bulb could last eight to 12 times

longer, up to 10,000 hours.

The knock against fluorescent bulbs was cold, greenish tint light. Plemmons says new generation CFL bulbs deliver the warm glow homeowners favored in incandescent lights. The familiar hum associated with fluorescent tubes is gone, too.

Although fluorescent bulbs cost more than incandescent ones, consumers can expect payback within a few years. Homeowners should expect to save \$10 to \$15 over the life of each fluorescent bulb. These cost savings are driving the growth of CFL sales in retail markets.

Plemmons says fluorescent lights make the most economic

sense in fixtures used most frequently. Rooms where lights are left on for more than three hours a day, such as kitchens, bathrooms and family rooms — as well as reading lamps — are the best candidates for CFLs. Hard-to-reach locations, notably hallways and vaulted ceilings, are ideal for fluorescent bulbs.

Plemmons says fluorescent bulbs are making the leap to specialty uses as flood lamps and accent lights. Low-energy-use halogen lamps are also emerging on the decor lighting scene.

Homeowners should safely dispose of spent or damaged fluorescent bulbs. CFLs contain low amounts of mercury.

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Tile art colors your kitchen

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

There are no limits, except maybe those imposed by your budget, when it comes to decorating with tile.

"You can do just about anything you want," said Vic Cassis, owner of Floors in Style in Livonia.

Homeowners are tiling everything from bathrooms to kitchens, sunrooms, walkouts, walls, ceilings and even garage floors, said Phyllis Schoenherr, vice-president of Beaver Tile & Stone in Farmington Hills, Rochester Hills and Troy at the Michigan Design Center.

Tiles aren't just placed on floors to be walked across, either.

They are finding their way into intricate pieces of wall art, murals and collages, transforming a room from the mundane to the exquisite.

In addition to the hundreds of tile patterns and designs that are available in stock, customers also have the option of ordering exclusive specialty hand-designed tiles, Schoenherr says.

That option gives the homeowner a chance to coordinate a design already in the home, or design something totally new and unique.

DIFFERENT MEDIUMS

The wall artwork can include a host of art mediums that include tile along with stones, metal and glass.

"There's all the beautiful glazes with tremendous variations and patterns taken out of the arts and crafts area," she

says.

Glass mosaics are also cropping up in rooms throughout houses of the truly creative. An enclave in Schoenherr's own kitchen is designated for entertaining where wine is often served. A nearby counter and backsplash is done in a design made of glass pieces that immediately gives the area a playful, yet rich, tone.

"It's stunning," she adds. "You can have simple little patterns with beautiful colors and brilliant glazes. Everyone likes wine and cheese and to have a bottle of wine painted on a backsplash with grapes and cheese is nice."

Fruit baskets are another common motif used for kitchen wall murals.

"They're just so outstanding and beautiful," Schoenherr says.

"It can be all the color in your house coming together or all the colors in nature to create such a beautiful impact in your kitchen."

The wall mural becomes the obvious focal point and is a good jumping pad for using bits and pieces of the same pattern throughout the room and into adjoining rooms to add continuity. Take the work a step further by having the mural done in tile and adding a chunky rope pattern around it as its frame.

"That really does look like a piece of art," Schoenherr says.

FROM A TO Z

Your choices in tile art can span anything from an elaborate replica of something by Michelangelo to a simple border.

Imagine the work involved

in tile mosaics, Cassis says, considering the picture has to be drawn, a pattern made, tiny pieces of tile cut in specific sizes and finally the painstaking finishing touch of putting it all together on the wall.

"It's something that's hard to do," he says.

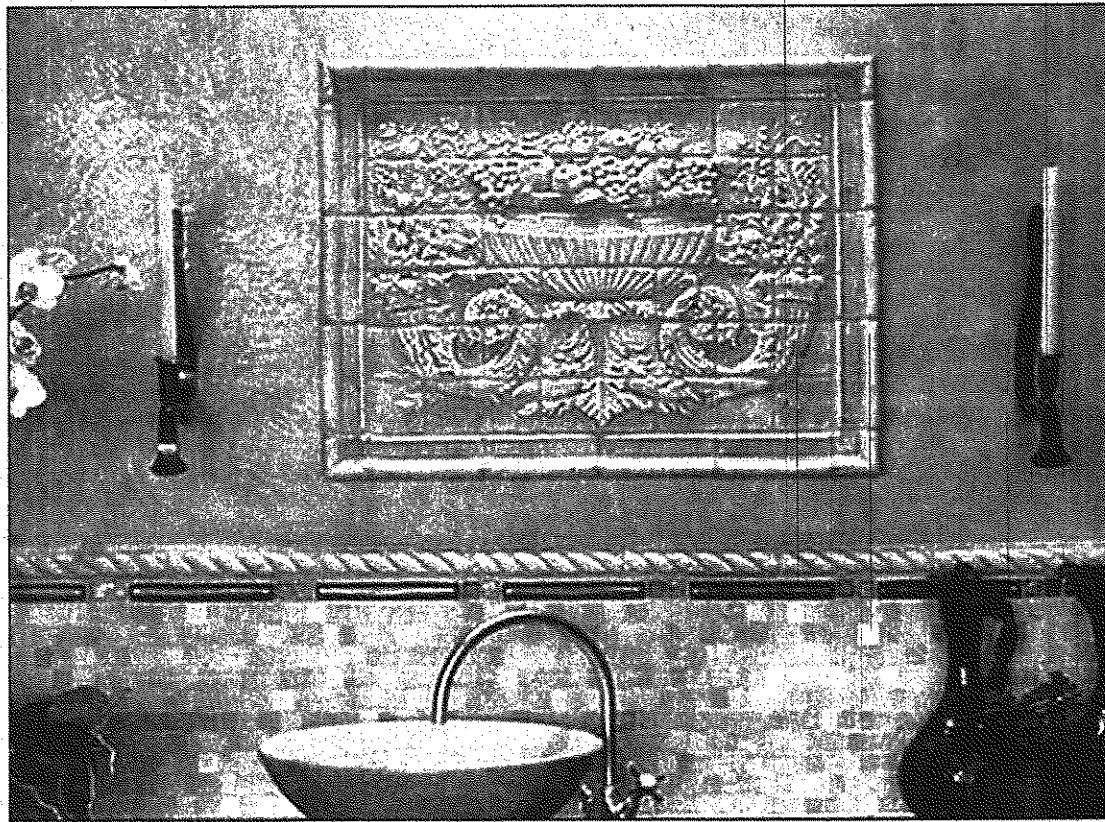
That he finds answers to all his customer's questions no matter how complicated the idea.

"I'll help with any design they have in mind."

If you want something more common, but still different, Cassis recommends using stock tiles but putting them together in an unusual pattern.

Murals made with hand-painted stone are popular, too. Schoenherr says she is also seeing many more customers opt for wall designs made from tumbled stone with a lot of glass, metal accents and hand made tiles.

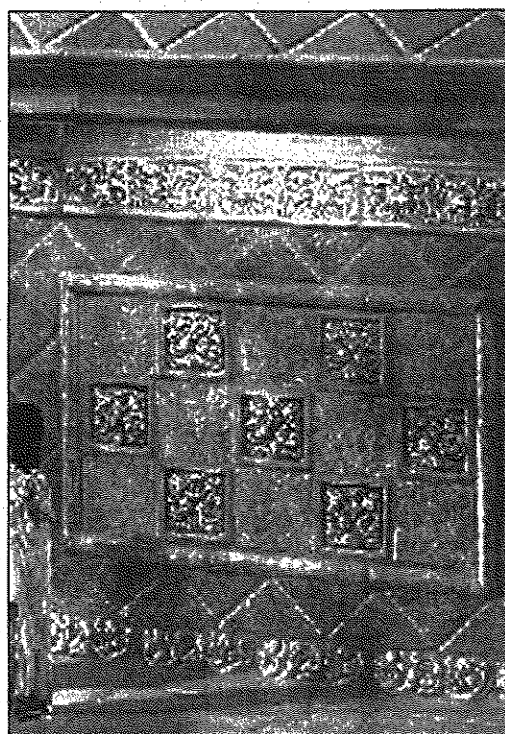
Large carved pieces of stone create a dramatic effect on a wall. The extreme textures give the room depth.



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Tile art adds dramatic impact to this wall.

"There's a lot of slate going on, too," Schoenherr says. "Even tumbled slate with glass is spectacular. A four-by-four tumble slate on a back splash with glass is shiny and dull and has all these beautiful looks."



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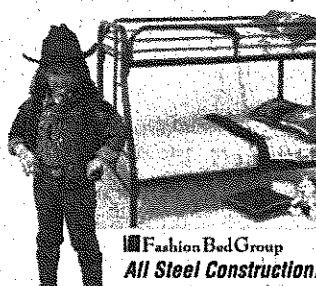
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Get that Old World, French look with a new dining room table

Holiday dinners give homeowners an opportunity to show off their homes.

Often they scramble to clean up the house, prepare dishes and invite family members or friends, but it is also a time to give that dining room a sorely needed new look.

And they often buy a new dining room table.

Suzy Frazier, sales and design consultant at Walker Buzenberg in Plymouth, expects more traffic for the holidays as consumers look for new furniture. "They usually buy a new (dining room) table for Thanksgiving, but if not then, they buy it by Christmas," Frazier said. They like something that conveys a "casual elegance," she said.

"We still sell formal dining tables, but the casual set is beautiful with the legs and the

'They like the choices of leather, fabric or upholstery on the chairs. And that's all available with the more casual look. They like the paints, stains, distressed and nondistressed.'

Suzy Frazier
Walker Buzenberg

upholstery that is offered," she said. "They like the choices of leather, fabric or upholstery on the chairs. And that's all available with the more casual look. They like the paints, stains, distressed and nondistressed."

Stains transcend the pieces, but customers generally like the cherry wood look, Frazier said. "People lean toward the cherry, it is a nice medium stain that mixes with other stains," Frazier said.

For a formal look, Bernhardt provides "high end drama" in tables with a mansion or plantation style table or Arts and Crafts style. Joan Whitman, designer and owner of Joan Whitman Interior Design in Grosse Pointe Farms and at the Michigan Design Center in Troy, said families and young couples are looking at larger tables that seat 10 or 12.

"They're returning to entertaining large gatherings, particularly with young people in their 30s, 40s and 50s. They're all moving in the same direction with the Grange (which is a French style) and the Henry

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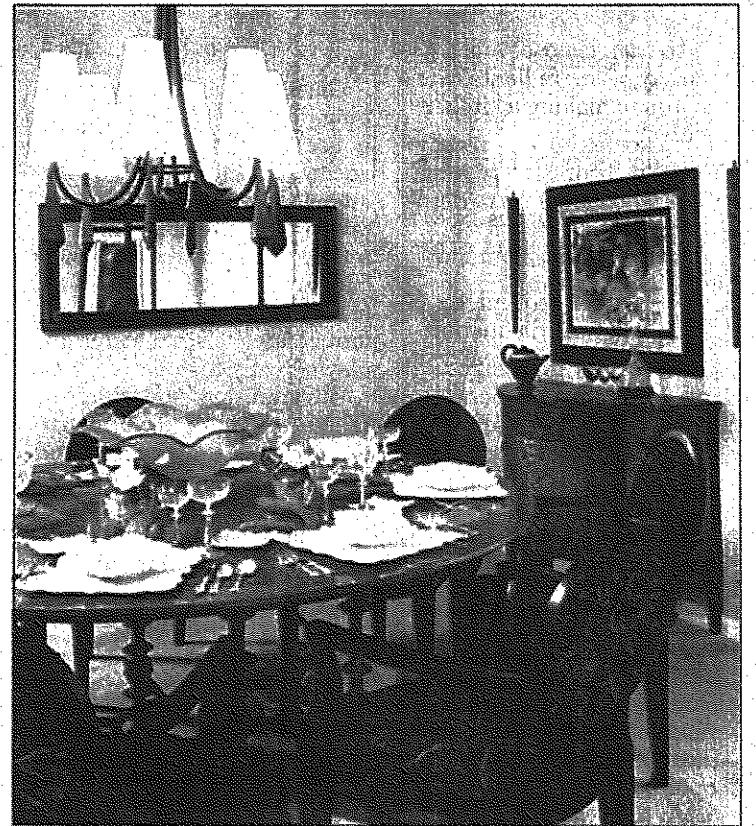
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Dunn acquisitions, which is an Old World look. They also like Tuscan and French with a warmer feel in a medium to dark wood."

The Grange style has a "clean directoire look," Whitman said. "It can be mixed with contemporary as well as traditional," Whitman said.

For those with small rooms, tables with drop leaves can be used for entertaining, even moved to an unusual area, such as a foyer, for the dinner. Fears that the holiday setup last year at a home would look too much like a casual restaurant subsided when the attractiveness of the setup turned into a dinner discussion, Whitman said. "Everybody enjoyed it," she said. "It was like the Whitney."

Dining rooms are now larger



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and rooms that owners of new homes expect to use, Whitman said.

"The dining rooms are there, they want them to be used, and they do use them," Whitman said. "A lot of people are into cooking, and they love to entertain."

Homeowners like the French look with its clean lines, and maybe a "little rustic" look with iron bases and wood tops or a clean French leg.

"The woods also are medium

distressed and give the feel of an Old World collection. It might feel like an antique, but the care (for the table) is not needed like you need it for an antique. It is beautiful and well built."

But she loves the eclectic look when it comes to design. "With most homes, it is a little bit of collecting and travel, so by using different pieces, in the Henry Dunn or Grange, you're mixing contemporary with traditional.

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Nooks, bar areas can be big on style

You can choose from a wide variety of "ingredients" when it comes to making a kitchen with style.

Many different furnishings and accessories are available, adding the art of design to the room called the heart of the home.

No space is too small to be furnished with distinction. This includes the breakfast nook, which isn't just for breakfast or lunch any more, and bar areas.

"(The nook) seems to be rising in popularity," said Kimberly Scott, sales associate, Walker/Buzenberg Fine Furniture in Plymouth. "It's something that people come in and ask for quite frequently."

"Everyone has different ideas

as to what to do with that space."

Formerly just part of the kitchen table overflow, now the nook can be furnished to make it part of the flow or continuity of the open floor plans of today.

"There are a lot of options," Scott said.

"One thing I ask is, 'How much time do you spend there? Will you be eating a quick bowl of cereal or... reading the paper? Is there a beautiful view (outside) you want to take advantage of?'"

"How do you plan on using that space?"

SELECTIONS

Some kitchen furnishings

look as though they would fit in the living room as well.

Among the examples at Walker/Buzenberg are a contemporary round, glass-topped table with iron base; chairs with upholstered backs and seats; and furnishings with a country cottage look, such as buffets and serving hutches.

"A lot of people think that with a small space you have to use small furniture. That's not true," Scott said.

Table sets with a mixture of stained and painted features are popular, Scott said.

Baker's racks or other shelf arrangements can make use of corner space, or stand along a wall. Bar stools and counter stools, 30 inches and 26 inches respectively, are popular choices, whether for placement at a pub table or along a counter next to a kitchen island.

With such furniture companies as Dinec, you can have the type of furnishings you want for the kitchen, nook or bar.

Options include wood, fabric and leather, in many different colors and finishes (such as stained, distressed, antique and metallic).

Legs can be capped in brass, chrome or other material.

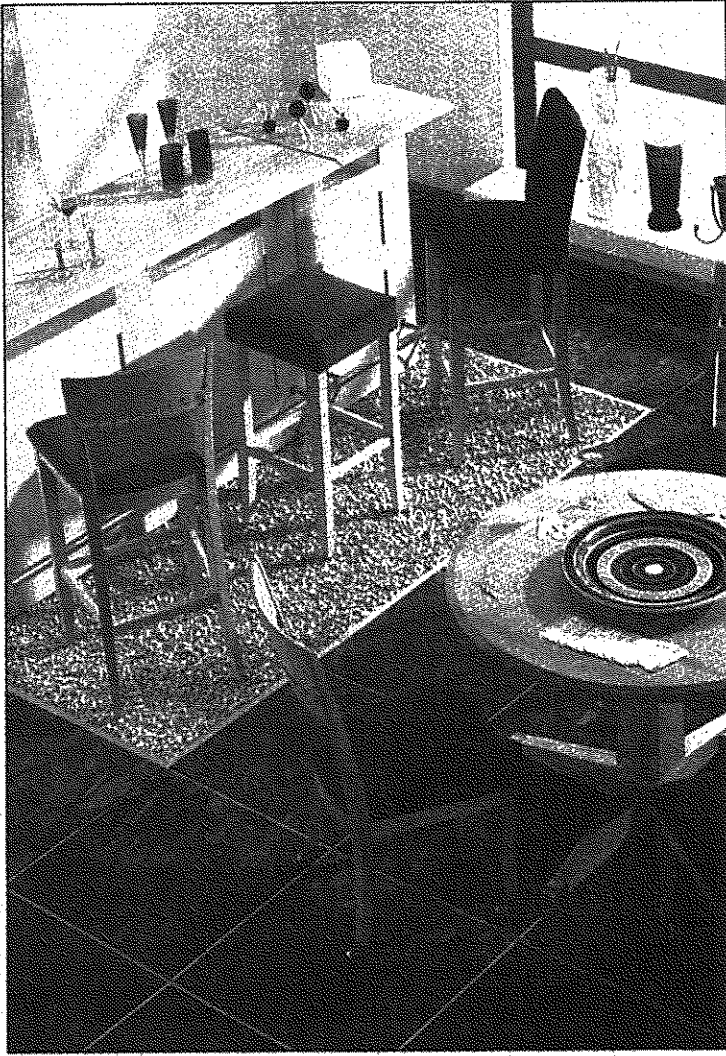
Chairs can tilt and swivel (some with memory return), come with or without backs, or have casters for easy rolling; a seat can even be a cylinder instead of a standard chair.

Many fabrics come Teflon-treated from the manufacturer, or you can have them treated yourself to guard against stains.

BARS

Bar areas and hutches come in different styles as well. A contemporary, sophisticated example is the San Remo bar, which is carried exclusively by Sherwood Studios in West Bloomfield.

The San Remo, made of



DINEC

Kitchens, nooks and bar areas can be furnished in a variety of ways, including counter seating. Tables, chairs and other pieces come in many different sizes and styles.

stainless steel and lacquered wood, resembles a large cylinder when closed. It opens into two half circles, with shelves on the inside. A shelf runs along the front as well.

"People want to have a large entertainment center. This can be rolled around. It's very versatile," said Beverly Stewart, Sherwood Studios interior designer.

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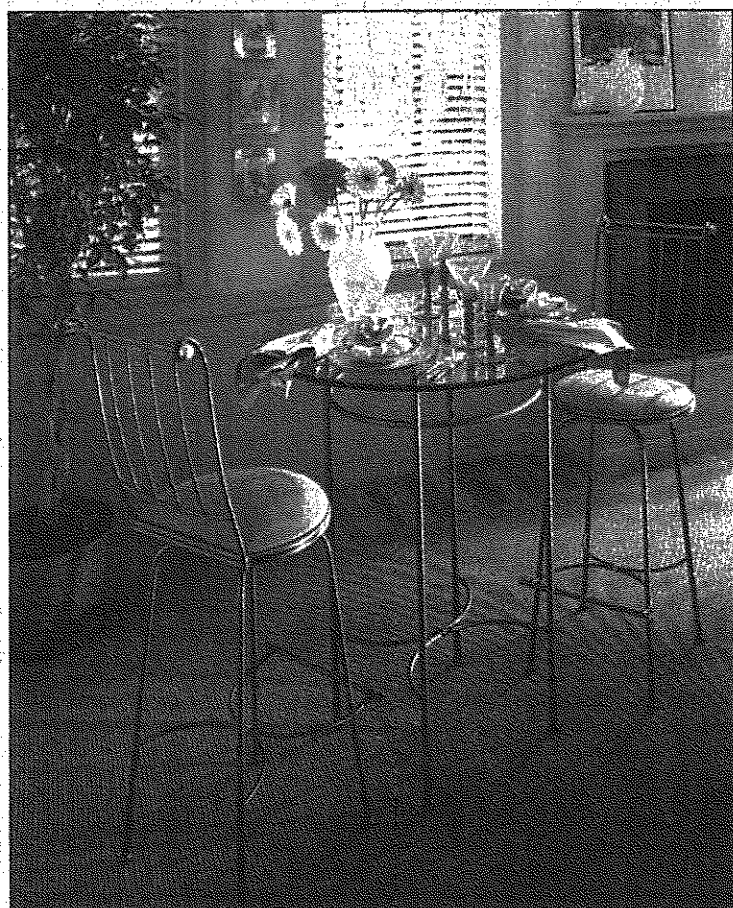
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The bar can stand in the foyer during a party, for example, she said.

Other styles at Sherwood Studios include arrangements of bar stools in primary colors along a chrome and glass table; of light wood; and of pewter and glass.

The Toscana bar, made of dark wood and translucent material, can easily fit in a small area - it features a storage area on the top and a narrow cabinet along the side. Customers can find, or custom order, almost any kind of cabinet or bar hutch they want, says Ken Grant, owner, Grant's Cabinets Inc. in Redford. "They can pretty much make anything you can think of," Grant said.

"There are endless ideas." Features - such as doors which fold out to reveal the TV set or other objects they hold - that used to be available only with custom orders are now regularly produced by companies, he said.



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The Providence tall pub table, shown in pewter finish and glass top, and swivel bar stools, shown in pewter finish, make an attractive arrangement.

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Bright ideas illuminate kitchens, dining rooms

BY LISA LUCKOW-HEALY
CORRESPONDENT

The way you light your kitchen and dining areas largely depend on the way you use your home.

One room is very utilitarian while the other is generally set aside for one purpose. Although each room's purposes may seem clear to you, the lighting required to achieve the proper functionality and mood can leave you feeling confused.

Lighting is all about control, says Faye Nicholas, lighting consultant at Pine Tree Lighting in Lake Orion.

"Task lighting - a term used to help describe the type of lighting you use for everyday tasks - is mostly about control," Nicholas said. "Softer lighting is used for entertaining. Brighter lighting is ideal for daily utility. You want to control it."

Consider different types of lighting for function and ambiance - overhead task lighting (for cooking), under cabinet lighting, light over a table and/or island/peninsula, ambient lighting above the cabinets, lamps on countertops for mood and wall-mounted

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sconce lighting.

"When you install overhead recessed can lighting, you want to make sure you have enough to adequately cover your kitchen or dining room," Nicholas said. "The kitchen will usually require more because you want brighter lighting for cooking. You don't want shadows."

NECESSARY LIGHTING

"The kitchen is the heart of the home," Nicholas said. "You have to put a lot of thought into how you want to use the area. I ask my customers that question before we get started in the selection process. I also ask if they have children. Will the kitchen be a place where homework and bill paying are

done? You have to make sure there is ample lighting for family functions."

When you want to soften kitchen lighting when entertaining, Nicholas suggests putting overhead lights on a dimmer and adding wall sconces.

Mood is also achieved with mini pendant lights, smaller recessed cans or a small, inverted bowl or chandelier. All of these forms can be incorporated into either the kitchen or dining room.

In the dining room, it's logical to have lighting on dimmers. When your guests arrive, you want mood over your table. You expect to see a room adorned with a charming chandelier or inverted bowl hanging from the ceiling that might showcase decorative molding or a medallion. You're soothed by the warmth of low-lit wall sconces and strategically placed recess lighting.

"No longer is a chandelier Grandma's fixture no one touched," says Richard Yanity, manager of Master Lighting in Canton. "Don't let the word 'chandelier' fool you. It is simply a fixture hanging down from the ceiling." You may prefer to select

Bright ideas in chandeliers

Although your personal style or needs may vary, the following rules of thumb generally apply to chandelier selection:

- Allow approximately 30 inches to 32 inches between the top of the table and the bottom of the fixture.
- Selection should be based on the size of the room and the table.
- Consider the height of the ceiling. A large chandelier may overpower a room with a low ceiling.
- The chandelier is about one-third to one-half the size of the average dining table.
- Generally, anything hanging from a chain or cord is a chandelier, whether it is a pendant light, traditional chandelier, or inverted dome (bowl).
- Often you can find more diverse styles with smaller manufacturers.
- Popular brands such as Kichler, Murray Feiss, Quoizel, Schonbeck (crystal), and Tech Lighting offer a wide selection of chandelier-type styles.



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more informal styles for the kitchen and dress up the lighting in your dining room. Lighting is really a matter of style and personal preference.

"You're no longer limited to one finish," says Yanity. "Many customers don't want all their fixtures to match. There are no 'lighting police' to give you a ticket for not using all the same style fixtures in a room."

WHAT'S TRENDY

"We're seeing trends in wrought iron and painted finishes that create a designer

look," adds Yanity.

"The old world look is also quite dominant. With that you'll see marbled glass and alabaster surfaces."

For a more contemporary look, the Tech Lighting brand is popular, Yanity said. "It showcases sleeker, refined

styles that use small halogen bulbs to create a wide variety of moods," Yanity said.

According to Yanity, stained glass and Tiffany lighting patterns are always mainstays. Brass is popular for more traditional tastes.

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Set to dazzle

Table settings can serve visual feast before meal

Before the meal is served, the table setting can serve a feast for the eyes.

Whether they make an elegant, formal display, or add special touches, china and linens can enhance the menu.

"Although our lives are more casual, people still want formal (settings)," said Sophia Papatheodore, sales assistant, Graziella LTD in Birmingham.

Examples of elements of formal table settings at Graziella include Limoges fine china, which is made from special white sand in Limoges, France, said Kevin Krue, Graziella manager.

Haviland presents a Limoges setting rimmed in gold and featuring a classic 1898 pattern from the Ritz Hotel. Herend china is handpainted and from Hungary; one of the Herend offerings at Graziella has a brightly colored design of flowers and butterflies that can be used all year.

Among the more casual china pieces is a set by Laure Japy, featuring a pattern of a basket and leaves, and dishes made of pottery.

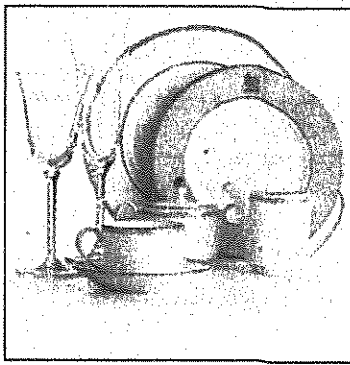
Moustiers pottery is lighter; Tuscan or Italian pottery is heavier.

Krue suggests using stemware with colors that pick up the colors in the china.

The basic five-piece place setting consists of a cup, saucer, bread and butter plate, soup or salad plate and dinner plate.

A rimmed soup plate that isn't too deep can also be used for salad or pasta.

The utensils are turned up in the "traditional" or "American" way of setting the table, Krue said. He said they are turned down in the European way, to



WEDGWOOD

Fashion designer Vera Wang helps make the best dressed table with her new line of fine bone china and crystal.

show the pattern on the backs of the handles.

When a charger is used, the place is set with the plate for the first course (soup or salad) on top of the charger.

The server removes the charger and this plate when the course is over, and replaces them with the plate for the second course.

Because they are larger than dinner plates, chargers make good plates for buffets, Krue said.

Lenox has introduced fine china pieces with a square shape, said Jenny Hargreaves, manager, Heslop's China and Gifts in Livonia. Other Heslop's stores are in Rochester Hills, Troy, West Bloomfield and Novi.

The square pieces include accent plates, to be added to the basic setting.

A setting by Lenox for the holidays features a square saucer and a cup with a square base, dressed in a holly and berry motif.

Fashion designer Vera Wang has branched into fine bone china and crystal.

Among her pieces for Wedgwood - also available at Heslop's - are plates with pat-

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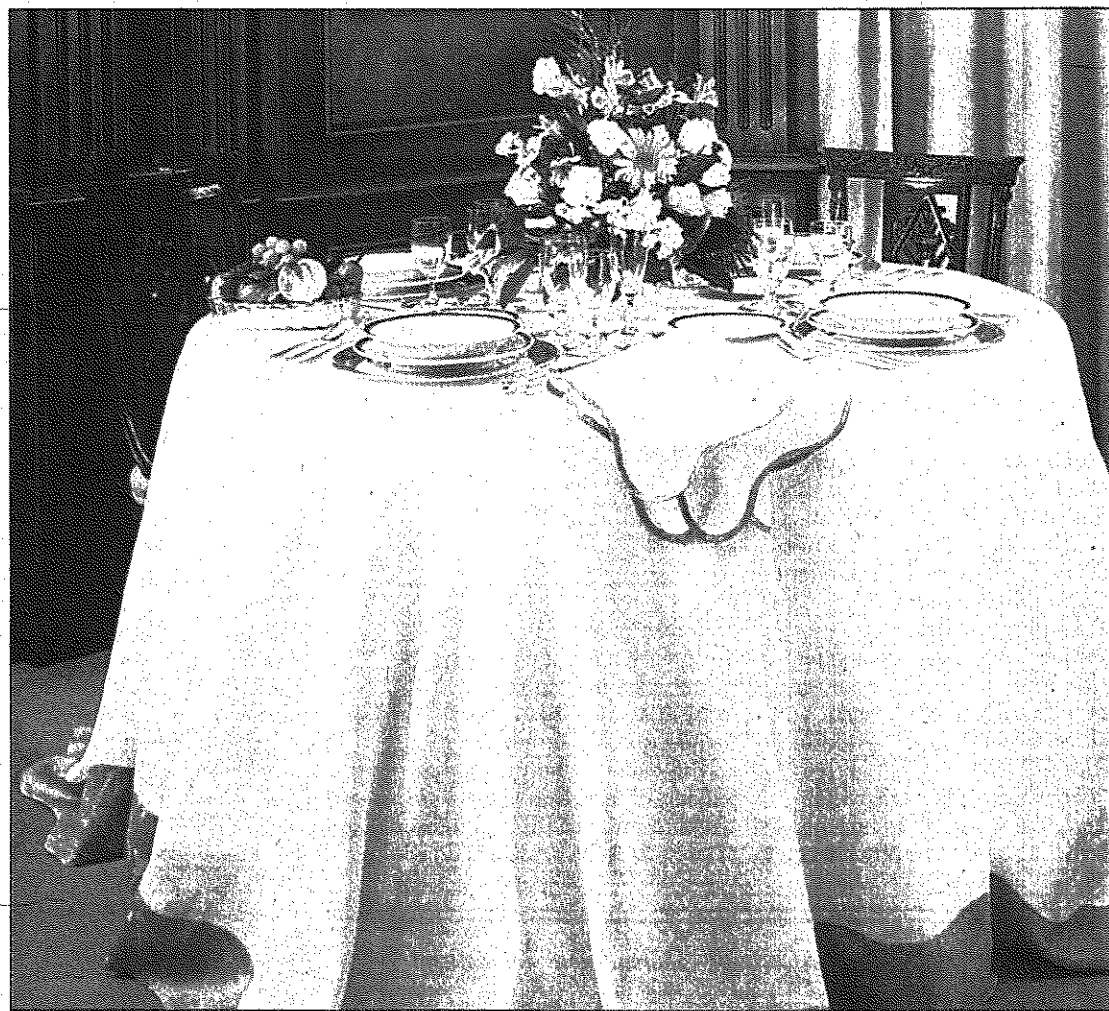
terned or colored borders, accent plates with a single image (pineapple, unicorn, Oriental characters, bee, pagoda or sheaf of wheat) at the top, decanters, bowls, ice buckets, vases, glasses and candlesticks.

Tureens are popular, both as serving items to be used and as elements of decor.

Among the tureen shapes at Heslop's are a pumpkin and a pig. For the Christmas season, Fitz and Floyd has introduced the Renaissance Collection of handpainted ceramic settings, including a tureen shaped like a sleigh in burgundy, plum, rose and green colors.

TABLE LINENS

The tablecloth, place mats and napkins can be custom made by such shops as A Touch of Lace in Bloomfield



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Linens make a distinctive table setting. Tablecloths, place mats and napkins can be custom made.

Hills. Usually, the tablecloth hangs 12 inches over the table. The size of the tablecloth isn't the only option, as manager Sheri Casper explained.

The tablecloth, napkins and place mats can be made in any color and trim.


Customers can pick two coordinating fabrics to create their own pattern; or duplicates can be ordered of linens that have been handed down in the family. Place mats can be laminated.

Irish linens, damasks, jacquards and prints are some of the materials available; embroidery, cutwork and quilting are some of the accent options.

"All linens are cotton so they are washable," Casper said.

She said they will require ironing.

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Fabulous FURNITURE 2003

Floor coverings range from laminates to carpet

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

The first things to consider before choosing floor coverings is who is going to use it and how they live, according to the people who daily see customers make good and bad picks.

"Everyone has a different lifestyle and everyone has different needs," explains Fran Francavilla, who with her husband, Carl, owns Independent Carpet in Westland.

You have to listen, Francavilla says. "If you educate them to some degree, and help them make the right choices, you have a customer for life."

For example, Francavilla says, she wouldn't recommend putting a velvet or plush carpet

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■ Beckwith Floors, 31878 Northwestern Hwy., Farmington Hills (248) 737-5080

in a family room in a household with a lot of children who use the room on a regular basis, because that carpet would quickly show dirt.

Francavilla also recalled an elderly couple that visited her showroom with their daughter. They wanted a sculptured car-

pet, but their daughter talked them out of it saying the style was too old fashioned. The couple bought a trendy plush carpet instead. And a few weeks later they were disgruntled, because they noticed a traffic pattern.

"I got a call from the man who said, 'My wife and I have been married 50 years and if we don't get this out we're going to get divorced.' So, of course, I went out there and took care of it," Francavilla says.

Secondly, consider whether or not it makes sense for your purposes. Practical homeowners, who know they give their flooring a lot of wear, should consider laminates, like Pergo and Wilsonart, that are easily mopped.

California Berbers are one of

the most popular floor coverings today and they're good in high traffic areas, explains Richard Beckwith, owner of Beckwith Floors in Farmington Hills and Clinton Township.

These Berbers provide a casual look with a tightly twisted yarn that are tremendously soft to the touch. The style is a variation to the traditional loop Berbers that have been popular for years and reminds a lot of shoppers, he says, of the shag carpets popular in the 1970s.

"But, the construction is far superior than the old shags," Beckwith says. "They hold-up well and have a performance warranty from five to 10 years."

California Berbers don't show tracks, "hide a multitude of sins" and are extremely easy to clean, Francavilla adds.

"With today's casual lifestyle most people go with either a nylon Berber, the cut and uncut piles and the California Berbers, which are really popular with the younger generation," she adds. "Today, people live casually right down to their cars, their homes and their dress. That's where they find their comfort zone."

Younger couples are also buying a lot of the porcelain and granite floors, because they look stylish, she says adding that tile is also durable and often used in foyers, kitchens and hallways.

Most of her customers, she says, want maintenance-free flooring. "There's so many different styles out there that it depends on the individual," says Beckwith. Beckwith has noticed a growing number of

homeowner buying wood floors for their kitchens.

He also notices an overwhelming change in innovation, durability and texture in carpets. They are softer and have better construction than 10 or 20 years ago, he said.

Another big change in the market, is that there are many more styles than were available years ago and homeowners aren't feeling a need to follow styles. Customers are buying their own preferences, Beckwith adds.

Beckwith says many of his customers are choosing neutral tones in taupes, beiges and soft greens.

"They keep it very basic for the most part," Beckwith says. "There are people who take the leap, but there aren't that many."

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Fabulous FURNITURE 2003

A few touches can mean everything



Accessorize your dining room with flowers to adorn your buffet.

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
CORRESPONDENT

Accessories are the answer to giving a new or finished look to the dining room, according to Dana Demski, owner of Recherché of Waterford and Farmington.

"And you can use just about anything. It all depends on your taste and personal choices."

Demski's shop sells items on consignment, including antique furniture and accessories, as well as new merchandise.

Demski said that many homeowners go for traditional accessories in this room of the house, such as candlesticks or candelabras on the table with a flower arrangement. "More interest can be created by adding or changing a table runner," said Demski. "Table linens in a variety of designs and colors are the easiest way to give the dining room a fresh look."

A current trend, according to the merchant, is adding a wine rack, many of which are self-standing pieces of furniture, both new and old, to accommodate the growing popularity of establishing a personal wine collection. "But you don't have to bring in any-

thing new to change the dining room's look," Demski said.

RENEWED SPACES

"Moving good crystal and china, such as Waterford or Wedgewood, as well as favorite pieces, such as vases, to the forefront in a lighted china cabinet can provide a new focus to the room," Demski said.

He added that over time, many of us forget about items that have been stored away in buffets and china cabinets. "Rediscover what you have and you may have just what you need to accessorize the room."

Georgia Hewitt, assistant manager, Nature's Touch Flowers and Gifts in Bloomfield Hills, said that when you're searching for stored special pieces, think flowers. "Flowers are still the most affordable luxury and arrangements can be designed to fit into any container that holds water," Hewitt said.

"If you have a favorite bowl or a larger piece of fine crystal, such as a pitcher, use it for an arrangement of flowers. This makes an excellent centerpiece for the table or the buffet and adds a warmer, more personal feel to the room."

Flowers always make people feel good, no matter if they are common daisies or exotic orchids, Hewitt said. "You can have fresh flowers, which will turn a house into a home, no matter what the budget dictates. They are one of the best ways to accessorize any room."

Fresh flowers versus a silk flower centerpiece also are more versatile.

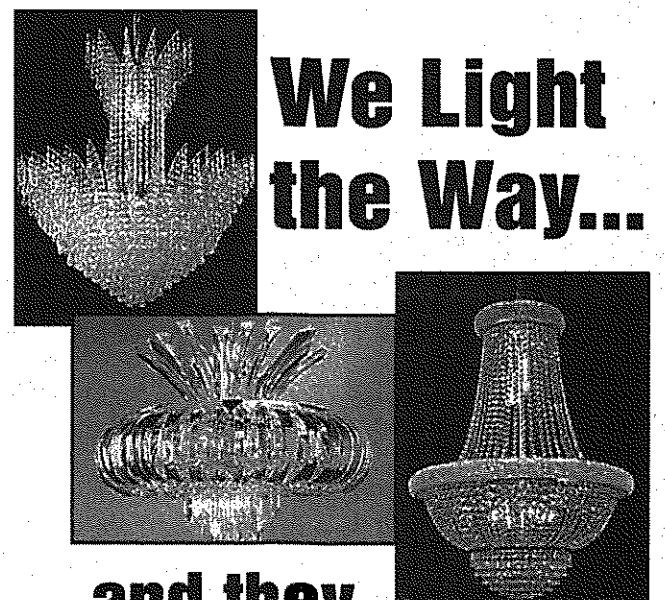
They give the dining room a new look each time a different bunch of colorful flowers is used and the size of the arrangement and the container are changed.

Demski agrees with the beauty of fresh flowers, but

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adds that whatever accessory you choose to use, whether it's a painting or paintings or sconces for the wall, a topiary for the sideboard, or a small statue placed on top of the buffet or china cabinet, you can create a feast for the eyes. "Just use what you like and what looks good to you," Demski said.



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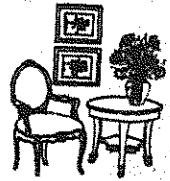
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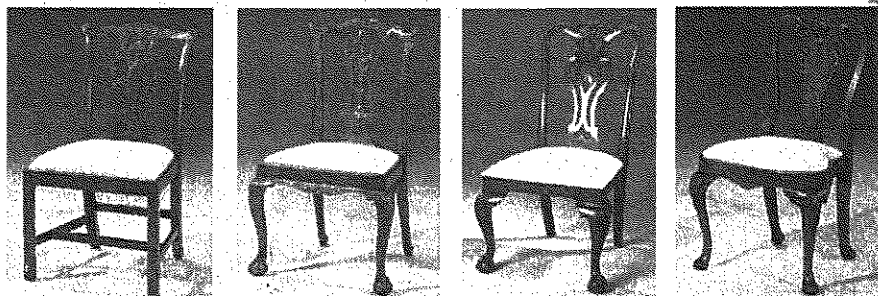
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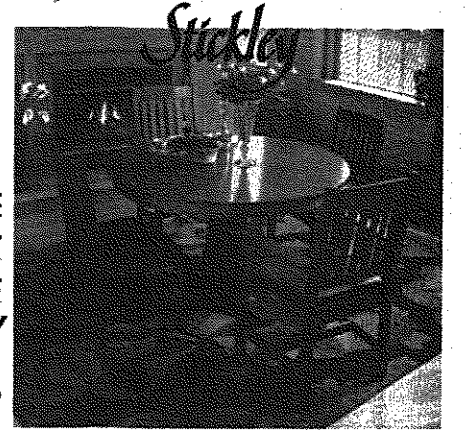
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Fabulous FURNITURE 2003

Cabinets are both functional, fashionable

BY LISA LUCKOW-HEALY
CORRESPONDENT

Cabinets have gone from traditional kitchen fare to fashion statements throughout the home. Today's cabinetry looks more like a piece of furniture even down to the end panels that resemble faux doors. You can have the look of high-end cabinets on a mainstream budget.

"Cabinetry is gravitating to a more custom look, even with stock lines, through the use of molding and toe bases so it looks more like separate furniture pieces," says Dee Samborski, kitchen designer with N. A. Mans Kitchen and Bath in Canton.

Many cabinet lines highlight intricate details with an architectural emphasis. "Pediments atop entertainment centers and stack moldings are just two ways to make the cabinetry look like anything but a cabinet," adds Luane Faucher, certified kitchen and bath

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designer at the Expo Design Center in West Bloomfield. "Even raising cabinets off the floor gives a room an illusion of more space." Closets are more than small areas where you hang your clothes today. "Cabinets turn closets into more functional rooms of their own by adding them from floor to ceiling and sometimes including a folding island," Faucher said. "This type of closet is a nice complement to the bedroom. Cabinetry is also

putting 'wow' into living room walls and entertainment units."

Manufacturers are adding more glazes for more finish choices typically only once found in custom lines, Samborski said. "They are combining the glazes with mixed colored woods so you might see the primary kitchen cabinets in one color with a particular glaze while the island is featured in another color," Samborski said. "It has everything to do with the frills and customer preference."

Cabinetry is about trends. "People want that warm, nurturing feeling in their homes," Faucher said. "It goes with the concept of family time, of home theaters, and entertaining. Cabinetry that is distressed, worn at the edges, glazed or antiqued is extremely popular with the at home customer mindset."

When selecting your cabinetry, Faucher suggests you ask yourself whether you want a warm, cozy family gathering space or a dynamic area where a lot of entertaining and com-

mercial-style cooking goes on.

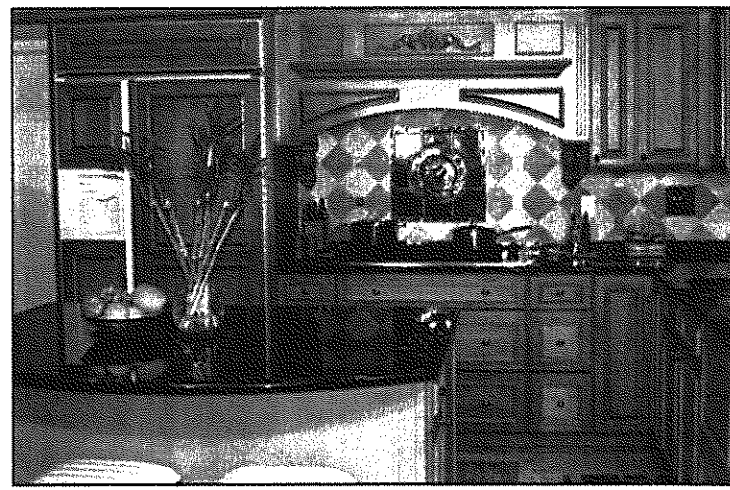
MAKE A STATEMENT

Cabinetry is also making a statement with the more open bookcase look with a valance to emphasize the hutch look. Glass door cabinets with matching wood interiors enable you to show off the pieces you're proud of without having to find space for a large, free-standing cabinet.

"Some stock lines are also featuring pots and pans drawers with peg pieces to hold dishes, pots and pans in place," says Samborski.

"And with full extended glides on the drawers, these are nice features to have - items you could only once find with semi-custom and custom lines."

"You've got to weigh design to essential cabinet requirements to cubic usage," says Ken Grant, owner, Grant's Cabinets in Redford. "You need to understand how important the essential amount of cabinets is to good



A recently remodeled kitchen shows a custom hood design with applique, fluted columns and arched valance.

design before you start adding more than will fit. This affects the design flow."

"We're seeing more designs with columns, turned posts, and cabinetry that customers want to look like a piece of furniture," adds Grant.

"Some customers want vanity cabinets on legs instead of toe kicks to feel like they have a piece of furniture in their bathroom instead of a cabinet."

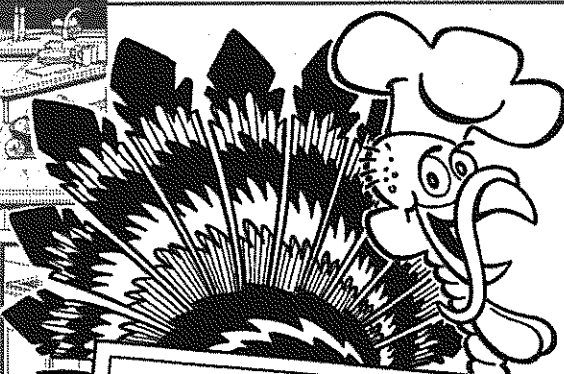
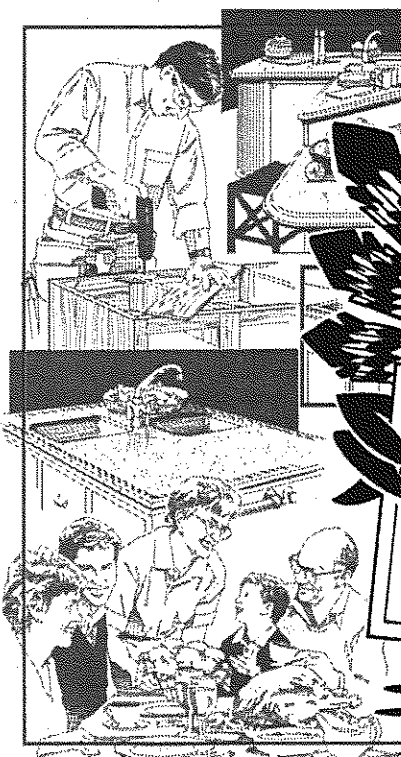
Before you get started, or frustrated because you don't know where to start looking

for the right cabinetry, gather some photos of the looks that appeal to you. Do your homework. Talk to cabinetry professionals about how you think your lifestyle will work with the function of the cabinets. Convey your personal style. Talk about your sample photographs or magazine tear sheets.

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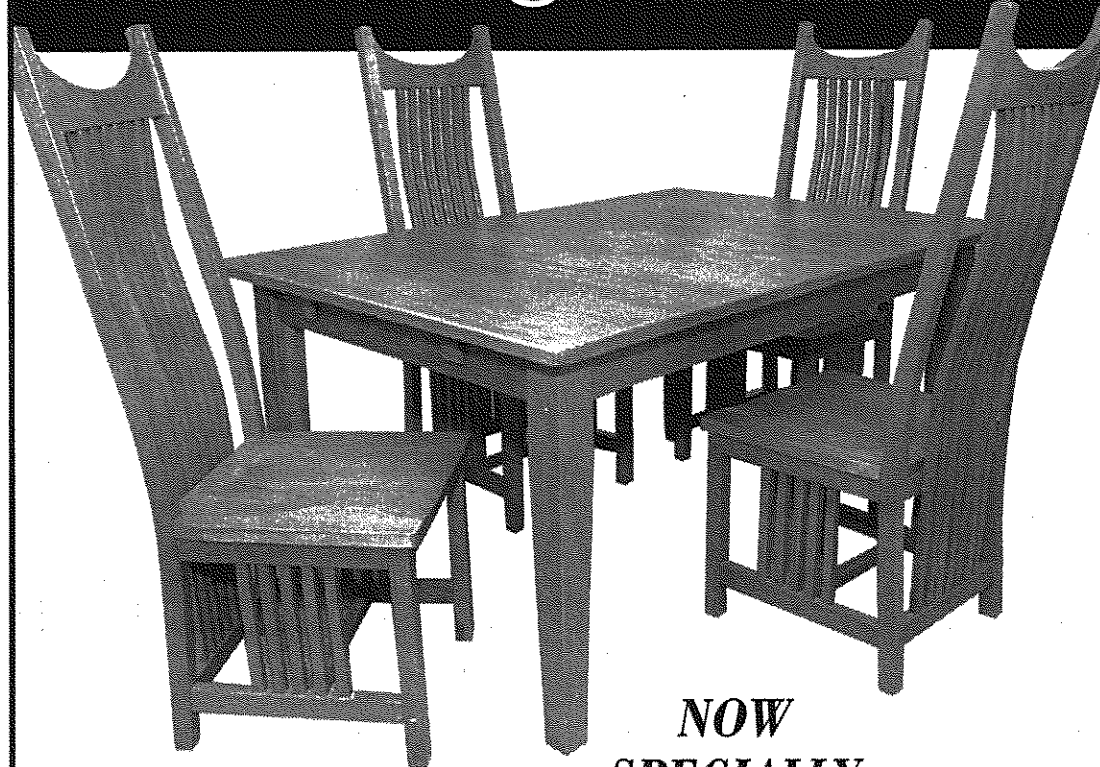
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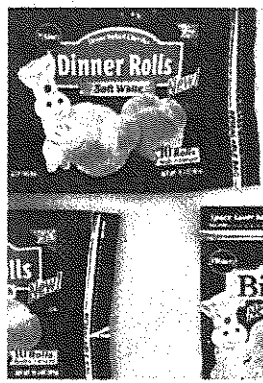
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■ New line of goods

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The Extra Large Easy Split Biscuits are in 31.8-ounce packages of 10 biscuits and also have a suggested retail price of \$3.09. The Value Pack of Southern Style Biscuits contains 20 biscuits in a 41.6-ounce package for \$3.99.

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■ Fall's here

That early chill of last week presents the harbinger of fall. Changing colors of leaves, trips to the cider mills and tailgate parties all remind us that the cool crispness of autumn has arrived.

Before you know it, the holidays will be here.

We'd like to hear about your holidays and your family. What do you enjoy about Thanksgiving? Does your mother or father, sister or brother, prepare special dishes or desserts? Who bakes an out-of-this-world pumpkin pie? How about any variations on cranberries? Of course, do you have any tips on turkey preparation you'd like to share with our readers for an upcoming story?

If you have any thoughts about the holidays (Thanksgiving, Hanukkah or Christmas) and recipes you'd like to share, please contact Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or email kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net



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Cook Renae Doulette stirs Annie Rae's Hot-n-Sassy Chili while Bob Vargo, who cooked in an adjacent booth, checks on the chili.

BURN

Chili heats up Plymouth at cookoff baby

The skies were blue and the chili stewed.

Thousands of chili lovers gathered Sunday afternoon in a sea of Harley Davidsons, leather jackets and vests for the eighth annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff and Salsa Competition and Motorcycle Show at Kellogg Park in Plymouth.

Bill Donovan, a Cincinnati firefighter, won the red chili cookoff with Donovan's Code 3 Chili. Jim Weller of Bloomfield Hills won first place in the salsa competition and took second place in the red chili category, while his wife Georgia took third place in that category.

Jeff Netser of Seymour, Ind., won the chili verde (green chili) cookoff.

First-place winners advance to the World Championships in Reno, Nev., in October 2004.

Donovan said he "appreciated the hospitality in the Wolverine State" in winning the cookoff. "That's great," he said.

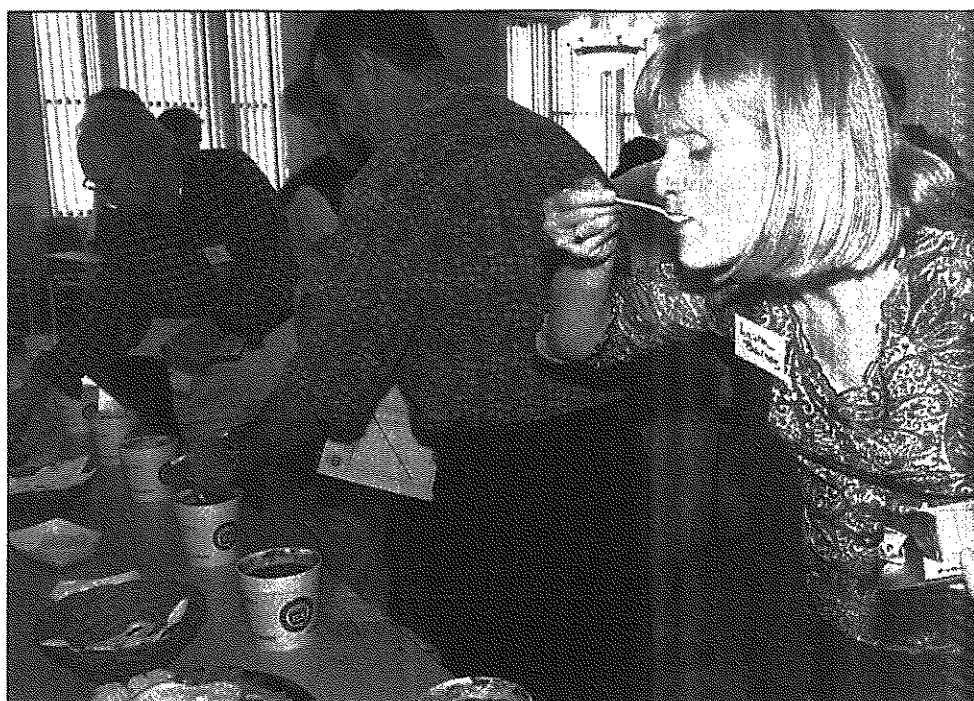
He created a special firehouse chili. "You need good quality vegetables, and it depends what part of the country you're in for your cuts of meat," Donovan said. He likes the chuck tender for competitions east of the Mississippi and the tri-tip cuts in western competitions.

Donovan advises chili cooks not to use chili powder that's older than six months, with a mix of the California and Texas-style powder. He likes Tone's.

Gary Ray of Livonia took second in an earlier cookoff in Michigan in July, and fourth place in the Ohio Regional cookoff in April. "The key is a consistent cooking of meat," Ray said. He uses a beef brisket, then adds California and New Mexico chili powders and onion powder along with other spices at the beginning of the cooking, and again 30 minutes before serving it to the judges.

"It's the people I enjoy," Ray said.

PLEASE SEE CHILI, D2



Laura Barnes (foreground) tastes a sample of red chili during the chili cookoff competition.

Winning chili

Bill Donovan, a fire lieutenant with the Cincinnati Fire Department's Engine Co. No. 3, won the red chili category at the eighth annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff and Salsa Competition and Motorcycle Show at Kellogg Park in Plymouth. Donovan said his chili is a variation of this recipe that he occasionally makes at the firehouse. In competition, he uses cubed meat, such as a tri-tip or chuck, but not ground beef. The beans are also omitted from the International Chili Society competitions. This amount serves "10 hungry firefighters."

DONOVAN'S CODE "3" CHILI

- 7 pounds ground chuck or turkey
- 1/2 cup onions, chopped
- 1/2 cup green bell pepper, chopped
- 3 tablespoons fresh garlic, diced
- 5 ounces chili powder
- 1 tablespoon garlic salt
- 1 large can (29 ounces) tomato sauce
- 1 large can (21 ounces) kidney beans
- 1 cup ketchup
- 5 tablespoons jalapeños, seeded and chopped (optional)
- 1 tablespoon crushed red pepper
- 1 teaspoon ground allspice
- 6 tablespoons ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon ground white pepper
- 5-6 cups chicken broth, added accordingly to your desired consistency

Brown meat for 15 minutes. Add onions, green pepper and fresh garlic. Cook for another 20 minutes or until vegetables are transparent. Remove and strain the grease in a colander. Put meat back into pan. Add remaining ingredients and let simmer for 1-1/2-2 hours or until chili has reduced to a thicker consistency. Add additional water, if necessary.

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JEFF NETSER'S GREEN CHILI

Spice Mix
1-1/2 teaspoons granulated garlic
1-1/2 tablespoons chicken base
1 teaspoon celery salt
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1 teaspoon oregano
1 tablespoon cumin
1/2 teaspoon minced jalapeño

pepper
1 tablespoon dried cilantro
Mix spices and seasonings, set aside

Meat Mixture
2 pounds pork, cut into small cubes
1 cup chopped onion
1 (15 ounce can) chicken broth

Brown pork and drain. Add onions and chicken broth. Simmer 1 hour.
Add spice mix, simmer 1 hour. Add 1 (28 ounce can) chopped

green chiles, simmer 30 minutes.
Add 8 ounces Salsa Verde, and 8 ounces hot green chilies, simmer 15 minutes, and add 1/2 teaspoon jalapeño pepper, 1 teaspoon cumin, 1 teaspoon salt, liberal dose green hot sauce, fresh chopped cilantro.
Jeff Netser, a resident of Seymour, Ind., was the winner of the Chili Verde (green chili) competition at the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff in Plymouth.

CHILI

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"It's fun."

Lauren Ray, Gary's wife, created a Gambler's Chili. "It's always a gamble when I cook chili at one of these competitions and create what you call a good pot of chili," Lauren said of her stew. "You want to get one the judges will like."

It's a challenge to ensure the meat isn't too mushy or chewy, she added. Lauren adds cumin, chili powder and diced green chilis to her batch.

Ray Kaczor of Farmington Hills created a Red Rak Chili. "I just add a little bit of this, a little bit of that," Kaczor said. "You want to make sure it's not too hot, or not too cold."

Kaczor competed for the second consecutive year. "You meet a lot of good people here," he said. Kaczor enjoys chili for its taste, and "it's fun to make," he said.

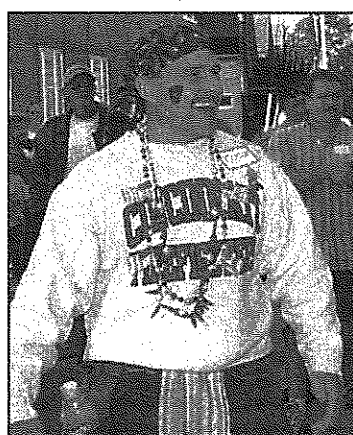
Keith Matherly of Livonia, who also runs Adventures in Dining, a personal chef service, created a competition chili, and a southwestern turkey version with corn in it for people to sample. He's competed for five years.

"I'm using more spices, chili powder and lime juice," Matherly said. "It's a little variation of what I normally do. The lime juice adds a little accent, and a little tang" to his chili, he said.

Georgia Weller of Bloomfield Hills and husband Jim compete as well.

"I don't change the recipe too much," Georgia said. "I'm happy with it now, and I pretty much leave it." She adds spices three times throughout the cooking.

"This is really a nice cookoff, Annette does such a nice job,"



HEATHER ROUSSEAU/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Bill Donovan of Cincinnati walks to the stage Sunday to accept his first place award for the best red chili in the eighth annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff and Salsa Competition.

Weller said. "We have about 60 cooks and that's a lot. It's a lot of fun."

What would a cookoff be without firefighters? Besides Donovan, the firefighters from Plymouth Township's Local 1496 entered the competition for the first time this year.

Jeff Randall, a firefighter who also has a culinary arts degree from Schoolcraft College, wanted to do something unique. "It's gumbo," Randall said. "We did it all cajun, with andouille sausage." Pork and beef were added to the mix, too. Randall used a roux, a mix of flour and butter, to start his blend.

"I did a couple of practice recipes, and (firefighters) tasted it and said, 'That was the one,' so we used that (gumbo) recipe," Randall said.

Randall was joined by his wife, Christina; Chris Mack, Local 1496 president and firefighter; Dan Phillips and Greg Westfall, Plymouth firefighters; and Deanna Roeder,

Phillips' friend. "This is a great event, because you get everybody together, they cook and they talk about it," Randall said.

Annette Horn, who organizes the regional competition along with husband Ken who oversees the judging, believes word-of-mouth advertising helps publicize the event.

"One thing I learned from my business, you have one satisfied customer, and they might tell 250 people," Horn said. "Word-of-mouth business is very important for this event. We've also gotten a lot of wonderful press."

"People love this event. We have the bikers there, and it really is a great event."

Donovan was joined by other Buckeye chiliheads. Ken Kostal of Marblehead, Ohio, located near Kelley's Island on Lake Erie, sported an Ohio State national championship sweatshirt, while Don Conte, also of Marblehead, wore an OSU cap.

Kostal oversees the Ohio State Regional Chili Cookoff Championship in April. Kostal said he keeps his chili simple and adds spices at about three different stages during the cooking. "This is really a great event," Kostal said. "We've got three world champions right here," pointing toward the Wellers' booths.

While Kostal has participated in cookoffs for about 16 years, Conte just started participating last year. "The key is getting it all right to win," he said. "Everybody here has just about the same thing, but you try to balance it better than everyone else."

And which is better ... Ohio chili or Michigan's?


"Oh, they're about the same ... we just might add a few buckeyes," Conte joked.

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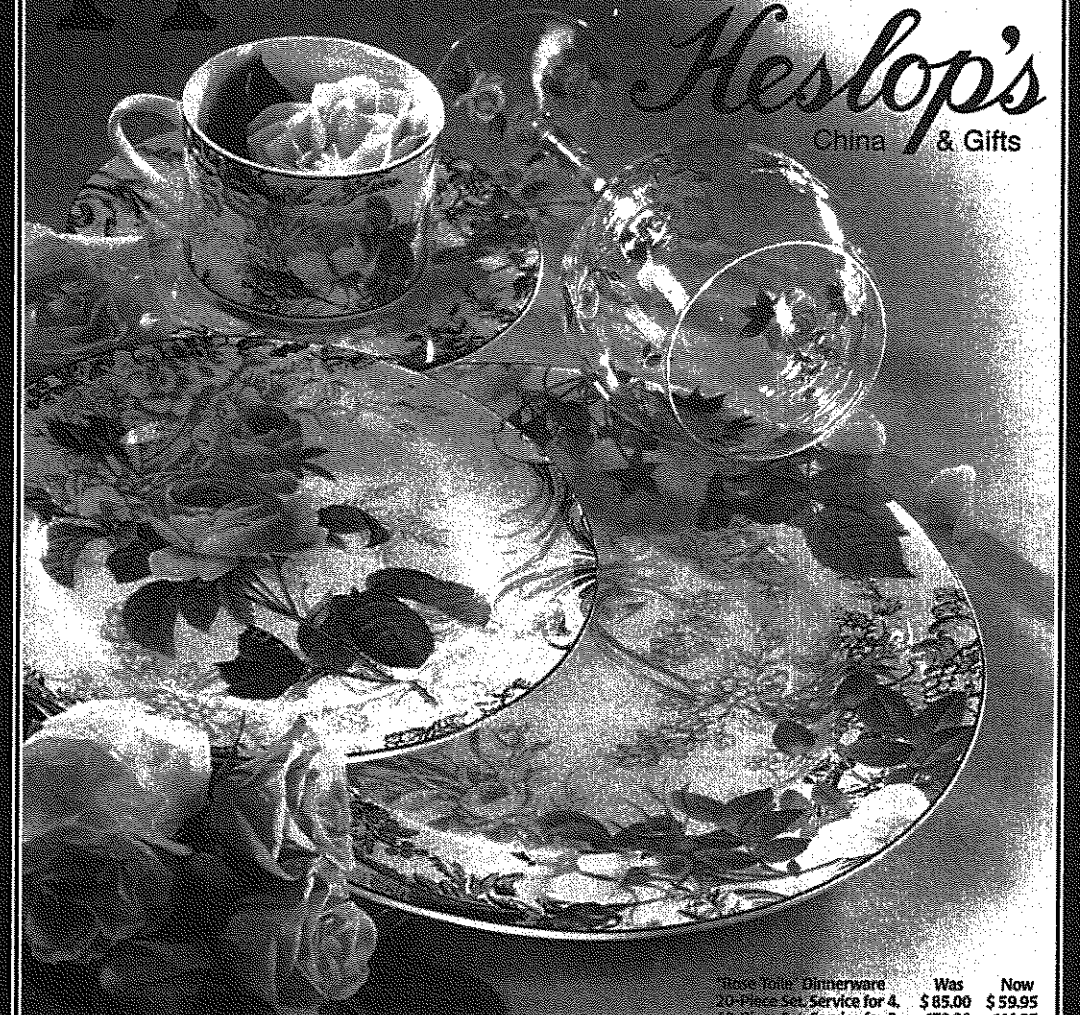
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Walnuts have captivated nut lovers for centuries

BY JOAN CIRILLO

AP - Pop quiz: What nut was beloved by the Romans, has fascinated artists through the centuries, and is produced predominantly by one state of these United States?

Answer: Walnuts. The Romans willingly paid dearly for this flavorful nut and threw them at weddings, for fertility. The convoluted shape of the walnut kernel, resembling the human brain, in its tan wrinkled shell has captivated artists. And the state of California supplies 99 percent of U.S. walnuts and the majority of the world supply.

Walnuts have a history that's even more ancient than the Romans, dating back to prehistoric times. Today they are used in cuisines around the world, particularly for baked goods and confections.

These days, with the focus on good fats and bad fats in our diet, the walnut has come into fashion with those who see it as an easy way to stock up on those good fats. This year the Walnut Marketing Board dubbed the walnut the "Mega Nut" to highlight its polyunsaturated fats, a source of heart-healthy omega-3 fatty acids.

(One ounce of walnuts, about 14 walnuts halves, contains 190 calories, 4 grams of protein, 2 grams of fiber, 0 cholesterol, 1.5 grams saturated fat, 2.5 grams monounsaturated and 13 grams polyunsaturated fat, according to the USDA.)

The marketing board sponsored a two-day gathering here with industry experts, growers and researchers to give visitors a behind-the-scenes look at walnuts.

The two major species of walnuts in the U.S. are the English or Persian walnut, which originated in Persia and was brought here from Europe, and the black walnut, native to the U.S.

English walnuts were first planted in Southern California about 1770 by the Spanish Mission fathers," explained Gail McGranahan, a pomologist at the University of California at Davis. (The "English" refers to the English merchant marines who transported the nuts for world trade).

The temperate climate and nutrient-rich soil in California's Central Valley attracted growers and helped the industry thrive. Walnut trees are now cultivated in a 370-mile region, primarily in the San Joaquin and Sacramento Valleys. Now there are more than 5,000 growers and 50 processors in the state, producing a yearly average of 300,000 tons of walnuts.

The black walnut, though edible and historically a staple of American Indians, is not used commercially for food because of its hard shell and small nutmeat yield. The

Eastern American black walnut, found east of the Rocky Mountains, is grown for its wood. Walnut wood is prized for furniture — in particular buried walnut, used as a veneer and for dashboards in luxury cars.

The Northern California black walnut is so hardy that its roots are used as rootstock, and U.C.-Davis scientists demonstrated how English nut varieties are grafted onto the roots of black walnut trees. There are some 37 varieties, hybrids of the English or Persian walnut, in the United States.

Walnut trees can produce fruit for up to a century and bear their first fruit within 5 to 7 years of planting. Because it takes so long to realize a profit, California growers are mostly multigenerational family farms (which can diversify with other crops while waiting for profits) as opposed to corporations seeking quick profits.

WALNUT USES

We often think of ripe walnuts as a favorite holiday nut, used in baking or the festive nut bowl. But walnuts can be picked and used when they are green (unripe) or half-ripe.

Jack Mariani fondly recalled his Croatian grandfather's ritual of making walnut brandy. The Mariani family has grown, processed and marketed walnuts for nearly three decades from plants in Winters, about 30 miles west of Sacramento.

The elder Mariani would grind the nuts and hulls of unripe (green) walnuts and mix them with orange and lemon leaves, vodka, sugar and vanilla.

"The mixture would stand 40 days and 40 nights in the sun," Mariani recounted as he shared with guests some of his reserves of the inky, mellow liquid, of 1987 vintage. "Everyday, twice a day, he'd have a glass." He lived to 94.

Aside from brandy, the sour, green unripe walnut can be made into jams, marmalade, ketchup and pickles. The nutmeat of half-ripe walnuts is used in syrups in the Middle East.

Ripe walnuts are mostly associated with confections, candies and baked goods, including baklava, breads, cookies and ice cream. Grower David Skinner and his wife, Tina, say they like to grind walnuts into the crusts of pies, quiches and cheesecake.

Walnuts are also popular for savory and other uses. The Marianis make a walnut pesto sauce, and toss nuts in carrot and asparagus salads. French walnut growers make a walnut wine, and nuts are pressed to extract walnut oil, frequently used in salads and cooking. (Walnuts are about 70 percent oil).

Walnut shells are ground for use in cosmetics and as an

industrial abrasive or burned to produce heat and generate fuel. Walnut juice has been used as a dark brown dye.

BUYING AND STORING

Although walnuts are available year-round, grower Jack Mariani says the best time to buy them is in October during the harvest, which runs from September through November. He recommends always asking merchants how fresh nuts are.

■ Store in-shell nuts away from sun and in a cool, dry place (under 50 degrees) for several months.

■ Packaged shelled walnuts, good for a year if stored properly, should be kept in a sealed container in the freezer or on the top shelf (for lower humidity) in the refrigerator.

■ Frozen shelled nuts can last up to two years. This cold storage prevents insect contamination and the oils from oxidizing and subsequently turning rancid. (Nuts smell like paint and have an off taste when rancid.)

Shelled nuts cost around \$3 a pound and in-shell nuts range from \$1 to \$1.29 a pound, according to walnut grower Jack Gilbert, chairman of Diamond Walnut Growers and the Walnut Commission.

TOASTING WALNUTS

Toasting walnuts brings out their crunch and flavor, which can be further enhanced by adding dried or powdered spices.

To oven-toast, spread walnuts evenly on an ungreased baking sheet and toast in a 325 F oven for 8 to 12 minutes, depending on size. Check and toss nuts frequently to allow even cooking and prevent overcooking. (Walnuts darken as they toast and when out of oven.) Store in a sealed container in the refrigerator for up to 3 weeks.

These flavorful nuts can be sprinkled onto salads, cereal, pasta, or eaten out of hand as a snack or appetizer.

CRACKING WALNUTS

Do your walnuts break into tiny pieces when you crack the nuts with a nutcracker?

The best way to keep halves intact is to use a hammer. Stand the walnut on its pointy end and gently strike the top of the flat end on one half, perpendicular to the seam. Insert a knife into the seam and carefully work it around the nut to pull apart the shell.

When halved, notice how the nutmeat forms a heart shape as it sits inside the shell. No matter how you crack nuts, be sure to discard the bitter papery membrane between the nut halves.

Walnuts on the Web at www.walnuts.org

Add elegant touch to cooked dishes

AP - These recipes made available to The Associated Press were developed by two California chefs for the Walnut Marketing Board.

There are two entrees — walnut-crusted pork tenderloin with a maple syrup sauce, and walnut-crusted halibut with a soy honey sauce. There

is also a dish prepared from Belgian endive with Roquefort, walnut and dried cranberries, that could be served as a salad or hors d'oeuvre.

WALNUT-CRUSTED PORK TENDERLOIN

1/2 cup flour
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper, freshly ground
1 pound pork tenderloin, cleaned and trimmed
2 eggs beaten with 1 tablespoon water
1 1/2 cups walnuts, chopped
3 tbsp. olive oil

Maple Syrup Sauce (recipe follows). Toss together the flour, salt and pepper. Cut the tenderloin into two equal portions. Roll the tenderloin in the flour, shaking to remove excess. Dip the tenderloin in the beaten egg wash and roll to coat thoroughly. Drain off excess. Roll the coated tenderloin in the crushed walnuts, pressing gently to secure the crust. Set aside for 5 minutes for the coating to "set."

Heat the olive oil in a heavy-bottomed pan. Add the tenderloin pieces and sear well on all sides.

Add 1 to 1 1/2 cups of the warm Maple Syrup Sauce and cook over medium heat, turning the tenderloins often to coat with sauce and keep the crust from burning. The sauce will reduce to a thick glaze; add more if necessary to keep the desired consistency. When the pork is just pink in the center, remove from the pan and reserve.

Reduce the sauce if necessary to get a thick glaze. Slice the pork on the diagonal and arrange on 4 plates. Drizzle with the thick, glazed sauce. Makes 4 servings.

(Recipe from chef Joey Kistler of The Cutting Horse Restaurant, San Juan Bautista, Calif., for the Walnut Marketing Board)

MAPLE SYRUP WALNUT SAUCE

1/2 cup walnuts, toasted
2 cups maple syrup
1/2 cup red wine vinegar
2 tsp. fresh thyme

Add all ingredients to a small pot, bring to a boil and set aside. Serve warm with Walnut Crusted Pork Tenderloin. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 562 cal., 6 g pro., 111 g carb., 1 g fiber, 0 mg chol., 17 mg sodium, 14 g total fat (1 g saturated fat).

(Recipe from chef Joey Kistler of The Cutting Horse Restaurant, San Juan Bautista, Calif., for the Walnut Marketing Board)

BELGIAN ENDIVIE WITH ROQUEFORT, WALNUTS AND CRANBERRIES

4 heads Belgian endive
1/2 cup cranberries, dried
1/2 cup walnuts, coarsely chopped
4 ounces Roquefort cheese (about 1 cup), lightly crumbled
1/2 cup Roquefort Dressing (recipe follows)

Trim the base of the endive using a diagonal cut, then separate the leaves. Toss the cranberries, nuts and Roquefort together in a bowl, being careful not to break up the Roquefort too much. Spoon the mixture into the endive leaves and garnish with the watercress.

For advance preparation: Fill the endive leaves up to 3 hours before serving, cover and chill. Garnish just before serving. Drizzle with Roquefort Dressing, as desired.

ROQUEFORT DRESSING

1/2 cup Roquefort cheese, crumbled
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup buttermilk
Juice of 2 limes
1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper
1 tbs. red wine vinegar
Pinch black pepper

Melt Roquefort cheese in the oven or in a pan on top of the stove, being very careful not to scorch. Let cool. In a bowl, combine the melted cheese, mayonnaise, buttermilk, lime juice, Worcestershire Sauce, cayenne, red wine vinegar and black pepper; mix well until all ingredients are combined. If desired, add more Roquefort cheese to taste, for an even more intense flavor. Makes 4 servings.

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History of International Credit Union Day

International Credit Union Day is a celebration of the credit union movement's significant points in history. In 1844, workers and weavers of Rochdale, England, created a democratic consumer cooperative. The work of Friedrich Wilhelm Raiffeisen (1818-1888), considered to be the founder of credit cooperatives in Germany, still influences contemporary credit union development.

Raiffeisen attempted to form a credit union in Flammersfeld, Germany in 1848, but it was not actually formed until December 1, 1849. Because the idea had taken root in 1848, Roy Bergengren and other United States credit union pioneers used 1848 as the starting date for credit unions. That tradition continues today.

We pay tribute to these founders and to the many people today who continue the commitment that maintains, sustains and builds modern cooperative financial institutions. We also honor our special heritage, unique philosophy and dedication to cooperation throughout the credit union movement and among other cooperatives.

International Credit Union Day provides an opportunity to look to the future and renew our pledge to take the credit union idea to all that wish to use it to achieve a higher quality of life.

The First Credit Union Day
On January 17, 1927, the Credit Union League of Massachusetts celebrated the

first official holiday for credit union members and staff. January 17 was chosen because it was the birthday of America's "Apostle of Thrift," Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790).

Credit union movement pioneers believed that Franklin symbolized "the life and teaching embodied in the spirit and purpose of credit unions." At that time, there was so much activity in the development of

Mutual Insurance Society set aside the third Thursday in October as the day of observance. Credit union leaders believed there was a need for an occasion that would bring people together to reflect upon their cooperative history and credit union achievements. Credit unions, leagues and chapters in each state were encouraged to celebrate the new holiday. It was to be a time for raising funds for

al movements joined the credit union family and more and more people were interested in celebrating their unity and uniqueness.

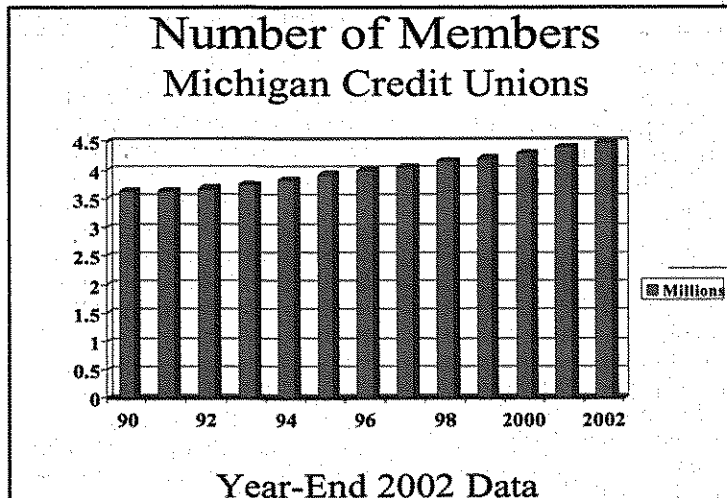
So many countries had credit union movements by 1965 that CUNA International was formed and International Credit Union Day became formalized. Publications, banners, kits and slogans were distributed and the day of honor and recognition was acknowledged globally.

Where the Day is Celebrated

By 1971, worldwide credit union progress was so substantial that a fourth tier of service institutions, the World Council of Credit Unions (WOCU), was formed. WOCU exists to assist in establishing and maintaining viable credit union movements wherever the need is expressed. In Africa, Asia, Australia, Canada, the Caribbean, Fiji, Great Britain, Ireland, Latin America, New Zealand, Poland, Russia, and the Ukraine, credit union federations and confederations support and endorse credit union development. New organizations are also being formed to provide credit union services to the people in China, the Czech Republic, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Macedonia, and Romania.

How Many Celebrate Worldwide?

Within the national movements represented by the membership of the World Council of Credit Unions, there are more than 118 million members served by some 40,258 credit unions in 79 countries. (These are 2002 statistics.)



credit unions in North America that people were either too busy to celebrate or too new to the movement to recognize the significance of their actions because, after a brief trial period, the practice of celebrating Credit Union Day ceased.

The Second Chance

In 1948, the 100th anniversary of Raiffeisen's initial idea, the Credit Union National Association (CUNA) decided to try a new Credit Union Day celebration. CUNA and CUNA

movement causes and to pay homage to the men and women who dedicated their lives to credit union development. Banquets, picnics and patriotic speeches were the order of the day as credit unions celebrated the 100th anniversary of credit unions.

Sending a Message Around the World

In the 1950s, CUNA World Extension Department provided technical assistance and philosophical guidance for credit union development projects around the world. Many people liked the idea of a special holiday that could be enjoyed by everyone, regardless of religion, political beliefs, cultural differences or language. Each year, new nation-

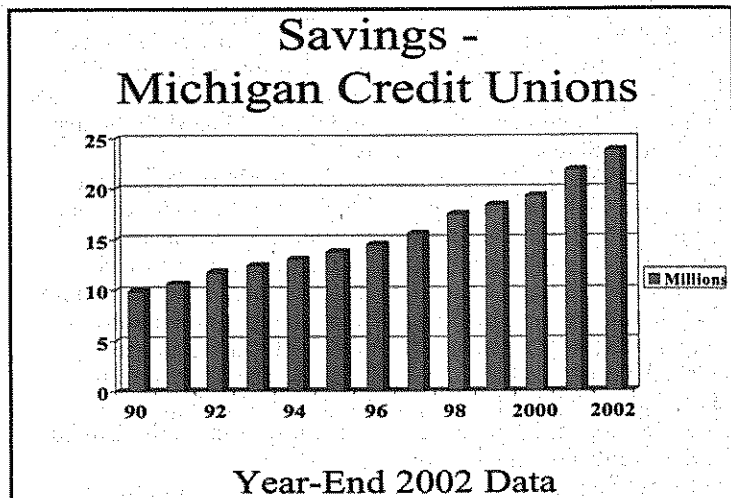
Tips for Protecting Yourself at the Cash Machine

by Mary C. Davis

Do you always observe your surroundings before you walk up to an automatic teller machine (ATM)? Do you have

money at the ATM.

Scan the ATM for anything unusual. If it looks different or appears to have any alterations or attachments to the card slot



your card in hand when you approach the machine? Is your passenger window up and door locked when you're waiting in line at a drive-through ATM? If you think these sound like "no-brainer" precautions, you're absolutely right, but dis-

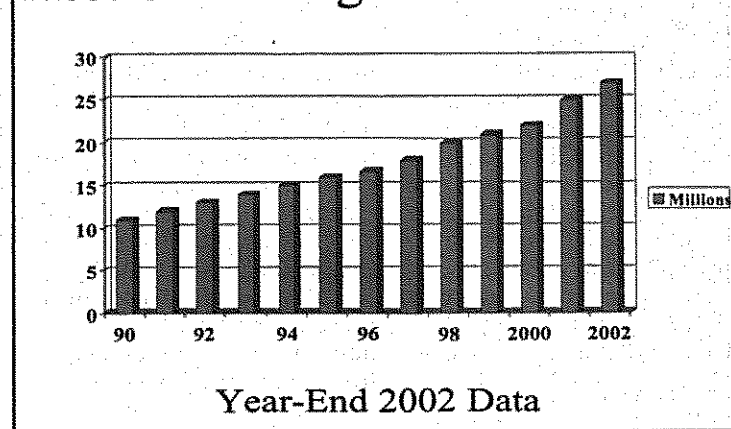
or PIN pad, use a different machine.

Drive-up ATMs

Keep doors locked, windows up and the engine running at all times when waiting in line.

Leave enough room between cars to allow for a

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tractions—a cell phone conversation, a looming deadline and or that appointment across town—can make us forget we're vulnerable to unwelcome and fraudulent activity.

Walk-up ATMs

If you observe anything suspicious at the ATM, cancel your transaction and the immediately leave the area.

If the ATM is poorly lit or obstructed from view, visit another ATM. Take a companion if you're using the ATM after dark.

Stand squarely between the ATM and anyone behind you so that others can't see your personal identification number (PIN) or observe your transaction amount. Never count your

quick exit should it become necessary.

Don't lower your window to use the ATM until you've scanned the area. If you see anything suspicious, cancel your transaction and leave.

If anyone follows you after you've completed your transaction at the ATM, proceed to a crowded, well-lit area and call the police.

Point-of-Sale (POS) Security

Never allow anyone to see you enter your PIN number into the keypad, even if they are assisting you with the transaction.

Always make sure the transaction is complete and you have a receipt before you leave the POS terminal.

If you received cash back, put it away before leaving.

If you use an outside POS terminal, at a gas station for example, approach the area with caution. Leave immediately if anything appears suspicious.

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Cooking with Style

Nell Benedict will present a series of cooking classes (demo only) "Cooking With Style" Tuesday evenings, through Oct. 28, at The Community House (380 S. Bates) in Birmingham. The series includes: Italian Meat Entrees, Oct. 21, 7:30-9:30 p.m., \$22; Italian Dishes from Nell's Cucina, Oct. 28, 7:30-9:30 p.m. That class features dishes of Chicken Cacciatore with Portobello Mushrooms, Savory Stuffed Calzone, and Crostata di Cioccolata (a creamy cheesecake studded with chocolate, nuts and orange.) Attendees will sample dishes and take home recipes. To register call (248) 644-5832, or www.communityhouse.com

New York! New York!

Students of Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute will prepare and serve a five-course gourmet dinner at the Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, in Farmington Hills at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16. The theme of the dinner is New York! New York! Signature dishes of New York's famous restaurants will be featured, and appropriate wines served against a musical background of Broadway show tunes. Cost of the dinner is \$50 per person. Call (248) 533-3700.

Healthy cooking

Since most people don't have hours and hours to cook for their families, what foods can be quickly prepared that are both nutritious and tasty? To find out, register for the Quick and Healthy Cooking Demo at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement in Novi. Call (248) 477-6100. Class begins at 6 p.m., Oct. 23. Fee, \$5.

Cuisine du Jour

Chef Mario Etamad, 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.

Sushi

Learn how to make fancy sushi with different types of rolls 2-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2 at the Community House, 380 South Bates Street in Birmingham. The rolls will be wrapped with seaweed and rice on the outside and with colorful seafood and vegetables on the inside. The types of sushi that will be taught are California Roll, Salmon Roll, Cucumber Roll, Cucumber and Avocado Roll and Veggie Tempura. Instructor is Changpang Sayanthone, co-owner and chef of Tokyo Sushi and Grill in Birmingham and Troy. Other classes include Mexican Quesadillas with Michelle Bommarito 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3. Fee is \$22. You'll learn how to make the following quesadillas - Bleu Cheese and Toasted Walnut, Cherry Coulis and Goat Cheese, Ricotta and Spinach. On Tuesday, Nov. 4 learn how to make holiday side dishes with Julie Boik. Wild Mushroom Melody, Broccoli Casserole, Twice Baked Sweet Potatoes with fun toppings, Cranberry Raspberry Relish. To register for classes contact: The

Community House at 248/644-5832 or visit online www.communityhouse.com

Cooking With Whole Foods

Learn how to cook with whole foods such as tofu, ground flax, whole wheat pastry flour, and much more. Meals such as creamy mac and cheese (the healthy version, of course), meatloaf, sloppy Joes, spinach gnocchi, banana pie, Shepard's new pie, and much more. The class will be instructed by Dawn Vassel, owner of Vassel's Catering, and is scheduled 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11 at From Scratch, 29831 Northwestern Highway. Class fee is \$40. For registration and information, please call 248-203-3800.

Make a Gingerbread House

A fun, holiday project where each student (grades K-6) creates his/her own Gingerbread House using snow icing, then decorates it with a variety of candies. It makes a wonderful holiday decoration and a great gift (use it as a surprise box and hide gifts of money inside). Each is a unique work of art. The class is presented by Ginger Works and is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 16, at Derby Middle School, Room 115. The class fee is \$13 per person. For registration and information, please call 248-203-3800.

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.

Taste Fest 2003

Don't miss the most delicious holiday event in Westland. Join us for a culinary adventure featuring the area's finest chefs. The 2003 Holiday Taste Fest begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2 at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland. Sponsored by the Westland Chamber of Commerce. Partial proceeds benefit the Joseph Benyo Scholarship Fund. Call (734) 326-7222 for details.

Gingerbread workshop

The Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe annual Parent and Child Gingerbread House Workshop is planned from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30; and 1-6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1. The parent and child team will create a completed house in one class. \$30 per team. Advanced registration a must. Seating is limited. Call (734) 261-3680. Mary Denning's is located at 8036 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Party Planning Secrets

Learn cutting edged Manhattan event planning techniques on a budget. Dazzle your guests as you explore the hottest and latest color choices, exciting themes, shortcuts, and timesavers. The class will be taught by Harold Baldwin 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, in room F108 at Seaholm High School. The class fee is \$39. For registration and information, please call 248-203-3800.

Flavor your swordfish with lemon, capers

If it's all Greek to you, it's probably a good thing.

A recent study published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* confirms what we've been hearing for years: A Mediterranean diet high in fruits, vegetables, legumes, nuts, whole grains and olive oil will help you live longer.

The four-year study of more than 22,000 Greeks offered more evidence that the Mediterranean diet can protect against heart disease and cancer.

Those who ate a Mediterranean-style diet were found to have a 33 percent lower risk of death from heart disease and a 24 percent lower risk from cancer death than volunteers who followed another diet.

People in the study with the lowest mortality rate ate a pound of vegetables and a pound of fruit a day.

Lower mortality also correlated to more exercise. The Mediterranean diet includes a moderate amount of fish and a lower

amount of dairy products like cheese or yogurt.

Fish is an excellent source of protein, vitamins and minerals, and is lower in saturated fat than red meat. Fish contain mainly unsaturated fat, better for blood cholesterol levels and possibly better for protection from cancer. Nutrition experts recommend two servings of fish each week. The FDC, however, has warned pregnant women to avoid swordfish because of possible mercury contamination.

Because swordfish is firm, dense and has an almost meat-like taste, it is one of the most popular fish for home cooking. Because it's so firm, swordfish can be prepared in many ways - grilling, broiling, baking, poaching, or sauteing.

Get the steaks cut as thin as possible and don't grill them too long or they will be dry. Capers, lemon and garlic are a perfect Mediterranean accompaniment to grilled swordfish.



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- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
 - 2 garlic cloves, minced
 - 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
 - 2 tablespoons capers
 - 4 1/2-inch thick swordfish steaks, about 4 ounces each
 - Salt and freshly ground black pepper
 - 1 lemon cut into quarters
- Using a blender or food processor, blend oil

with garlic, lemon juice and capers. Transfer to a non-metal container. Add fish and marinate 20 to 30 minutes, turning fish once in the process.

Meanwhile, preheat the broiler. Remove fish from marinade and pat dry with paper toweling. Season with salt and pepper. (If using an indoor grill, spray fish lightly with olive oil or canola oil spray.)

Grill the fish about 4 to 5 minutes per side, depending on thickness of fish, or until fish is opaque in the center. (Fish usually takes about 10 minutes per inch of thickness to cook through.) Don't overcook or fish will be dry.

Serve with wedges of fresh lemon, either hot or at room temperature. Makes 4 servings.

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Wild rice has a bold flavor that makes it versatile, as in this salad where it is mixed with vegetables and nuts

Create a delicious salad with wild rice and corn

There are transitional dishes in the kitchen as well as transitional clothes in the closet. So the last corn of summer and the hearty wild rice associated with fall and winter holidays make a transitional as well as tasteful ensemble.

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ing colon cancer.

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The bold flavor makes it easy to stretch wild rice, as in this salad where it is mixed with vegetables and nuts.

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- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

In a large bowl, combine wild rice, corn, scallions, mint, nuts and onion. In a small bowl, whisk together the vinegar and oil, then add to rice mixture. Toss to combine.

Season to taste with salt and pepper. If possible, cover and let stand 30 minutes before serving to allow flavors to develop. Keeps 24 hours if tightly covered and refrigerated.

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cornstarch mixture into cranberry mixture. Heat to boiling, boil one minute, stirring constantly. Cool to room temperature.

In a small bowl, beat cream cheese, 1/2 cup whipping cream, 1/3 cup sugar and the lemon

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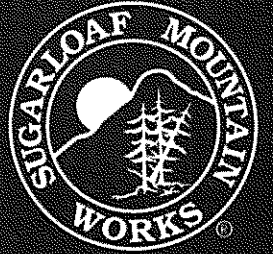
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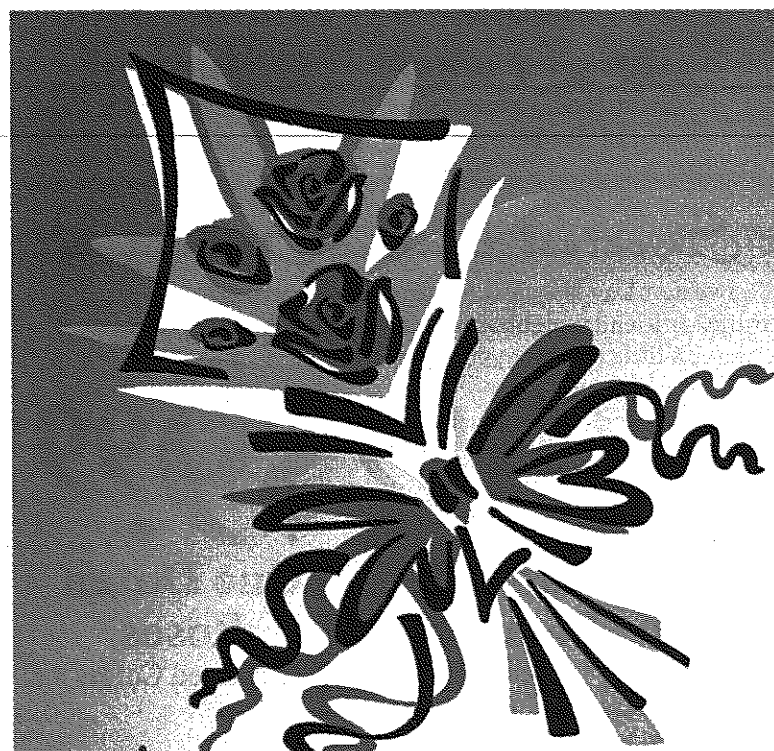
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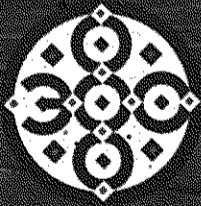
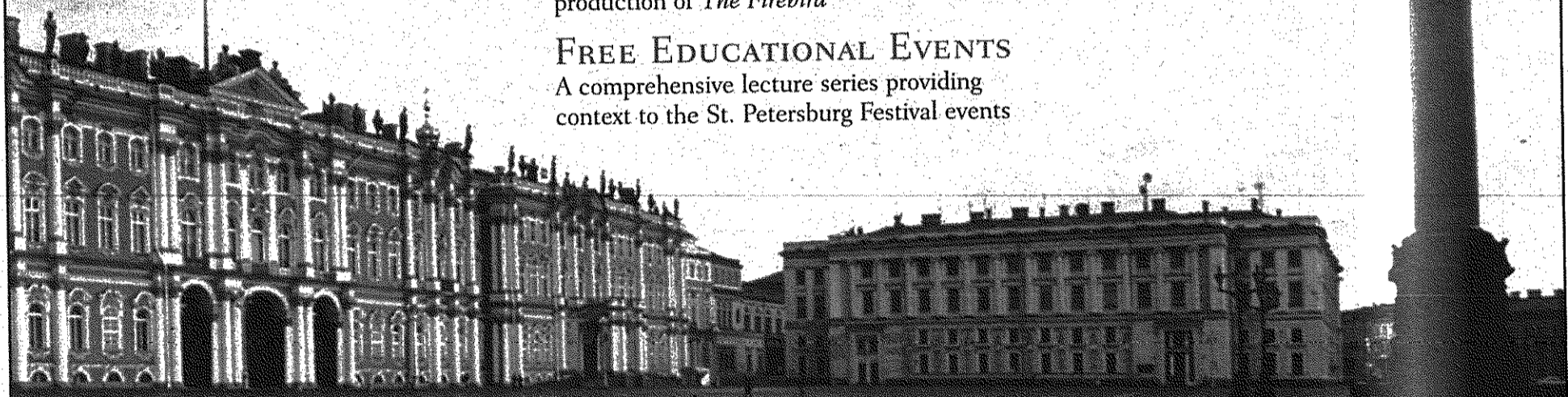
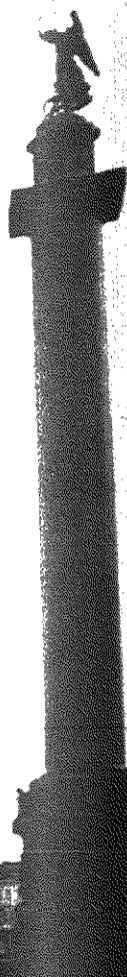
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Hot Ticket

Caffeine and Sympathy

'Triple Espresso' is just good fun - with an extra shot

Good, clean theater with a jolt. That's one way to describe *Triple Espresso*, a comedy about three not-so-stellar performers struggling to make it big.

The show, which runs through December at the Gem Theatre in Detroit, already has local theatergoers, shall we say, buzzing.

"A woman who came to our Friday show last week called 75 people, and they all came the following week," said Michael Pearce Donley, one of the trio of veteran performers who found a way to capitalize on the hard-knock-life of show business.

GET JOLTED

What: 'Triple Espresso,' a comedy about three not-so-successful performers.

When: Tuesday-Thursday and Saturday-Sunday through December; evening (7 or 8 p.m.) and matinee (2 or 3 p.m.) shows.

Where: Gem Theatre, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit.

Tickets: \$32.50 and 37.50; groups of 15 or more save \$4 on most performances. Call (313) 963-9800 or visit www.gemtheatre.com

Donley and his stage partners, Bill Arnold, a stand-up comic and magician, and Bob Stromberg, a mime, wrote the show based loosely on their experiences.

Triple Espresso got its start on a church stage in Minneapolis, but was so well-received, a local theater director booked it on the spot. Regional productions followed in Illinois, Wisconsin, Florida, Washington, Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

"We're really fans of old-fashioned-style comedy," said

Donley. "With classic comedy, you don't need innuendo, you don't need off-color language, you don't need to cut anybody down."

But the trio has no trouble taking shots at themselves.

Triple Espresso is vaudeville and song and magic tricks and mime and more, but it's most importantly wild and wacky self-effacing humor.

In other words, Donley, Arnold and



'Triple Espresso,' is the tale of, not one, not two, but three ill-fated performers. Here's the kick: It's based on the cast members' real lives, Bob Stromberg, (front), Bill Arnold, (left), and Michael Pearce Donley.

Stromberg don't rely on superficialities, but themselves, to provide that audience jolt.

In *Triple Espresso*, Donley is the ultimate lounge lizard, churning out many a cheeseball '70s cover, from Def Leppard to Donna Summers. His character, Hugh Butternut, is celebrating 20 years of lounge lizardom. So what could be better than a reunion with his two showbiz comrades at the Triple Espresso Cafe?

"The show is really about three guys who tried really hard to make it big. They were on their way up the mountain and made it to the foothills," joked Donley, who got his showbiz start as a piano player at a place called the Stardust Lounge.

"As I was playing, folks would come up and say, 'When are you going to stop playing, so we can turn on the jukebox?'"

"You learn from bad years like that."

Big Screen

Tarantino's 'Kill Bill' worthy of two volumes

KILL BILL: VOL. 1
*** (out of four)

It must be hard being Quentin Tarantino. Sure, some things must be easy — the women, the money and the universal adulation, just to name a few. But after changing the very face of film-

making and, more to the point, film screenwriting, with 1994's ridiculously influential *Pulp Fiction*, Tarantino must carry a lot of weight on his shoulders. Can he ever again make a film of such import? Furthermore, can he — or any filmmaker — make a \$50 million blockbuster movie that pleases both uptight financiers

in suits while remaining true to his rebel nature?

Tarantino's brief filmography includes *Reservoir Dogs*, *Pulp Fiction*, *Jackie Brown* and the final episode of *Four Rooms*. Yet he finds himself in an unenviable position: I know quite a few filmmakers, film critics and film-goers and most of them have chilly feelings toward Tarantino and his decade-long (unintentional) spawn of cinematic crap, which still continues to this day (see the recent *Confidence* or *Matchstick Men*).



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But *Kill Bill* makes the derivative "Quentin Tarantino Decade" seem like it never even existed. Of course, using the term "original" when describing a Tarantino film is always a dodgy concept. Like all of his previous work, *Kill Bill* relies heavily on influences, some tangential, some quite explicit. Most clearly, the film is a straightforward homage to the basic kung-fu film — somebody is wronged

and decides to get revenge.

That somebody is a woman known only as "The Bride" (Uma Thurman), who was almost murdered on her wedding day by her former hit man employer, Bill (David Carradine), and his evil goons, the Deadly Viper Assassination Squad: Elle Driver (Daryl Hannah), O-Ren Ishii (Lucy Liu), Vernita Green (Vivica A. Fox) and Budd (Michael Madsen).

Inexplicably, The Bride doesn't die. Four years later, she awakens from a coma with a singular mission on her mind: to kill Bill. To get to him, though, she first has to chop, kick and slice her way through the Vipers.

SMART DIVISION

Kill Bill was split into two chapters when Tarantino's cut of the film was over three hours long. Although I could easily have sat through an additional 90 minutes, the division was probably a smart choice — not only does *Volume 1* end with an absolutely beautiful cliffhanger, but the film is a tribute to the grindhouse exploitation flicks of the 1970s and, as Tarantino himself has pointed out, a three-hour exploitation film seems a tad portentous.

Not to mention that Tarantino clearly loves segmenting his films into chapters, as he did with *Dogs* and *Fiction*. In *Kill Bill*, his use of titles is bizarre but exhilarating. The film begins with a cheesy old "Welcome to Our Feature Presentation"

With 'Kill Bill,' Tarantino trades his trademark unpredictability for a story that is predictable, but in a tragic, inevitable way. But not only is the film stylish, it's haunting and carries with it an epic grandeur that Tarantino has never achieved before.

movie theater intro, segues into a funny *Star Trek* Klingon proverb, then viciously cuts to a deadly serious extreme closeup of a bloodied Thurman on the ground.

Immediately, our emotions are jarred. Tarantino juggled humor and horror in *Dogs* and *Fiction*, but never this efficiently. In one scene, The Bride, whose legs have yet to recover from her coma, uses a wheelchair in an attempt to steal a truck, while "waka-waka" music fills the soundtrack. It is a funny scene.

Then the film jump-cuts to The Bride trying to hoist herself inside the truck and the mood shifts instantly to one of pain and suffering.

This is Tarantino's greatest skill: the ability to swiftly draw characters. *Volume 1* grants us only glimpses of Elle Driver and Budd, but we already know them from their walk, their clothes, their expression and their accompanying music. This efficiency leaves plenty of time for the massive fight scenes without skimping on character — in fact, the only apparent reason that *Kill Bill* is so long is that it insists on giving each of its villains a thorough back story.

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The big question, of course, is can *Kill Bill* mix comedy, drama, action, color, black-and-white and animation and hold it all together? The answer, for the most part, is "yes."

I would have happily exchanged a few dozen spurting severed limbs for some more delicious character-building scenes, but when a film is this compulsively watchable, you shouldn't complain. So I'm not.

Daniel Kraus is a syndicated columnist and filmmaker. Info on his latest film, *Ball of Wax*, can be found at www.ballofwaxmovie.com.

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Small Screen

Smelly 'Street Trash' is worth picking up

Many moments of movie magic have occurred in garbage dumps. Who could forget Seymour taking shelter in a toilet in *The Little Shop of Horrors*, and the climactic scene of the disembodied hand being gnawed by a cat in *The Crawling Hand*?

There have been others as well, but few can approach the vileness of *Street Trash*.



Beyond Bad

Greg Kowalski

This film wallows in garbage and sets a standard for oozing gore that perhaps surpasses *The Incredible Melting Man* (which also ends in a garbage pile).

Street Trash fully lives up to its name. The film revolves around the world of winos, smelly bums, maniac killers and folks who find dinner in the garbage can.

They operate their own subculture at the edge of New York, pretty much unbothered by the rest of

society. But things take a turn toward ugly when the local liquor store owner discovers a crate of booze hidden in the basement wall of his store. It's a brand called Viper, which goes on the shelves of the shop for a whopping \$1 a bottle.

No one knows, however, that Viper is a

murderous brew that causes those who drink it to literally melt within minutes. In short order, winos are turning into puddles of ooze. And the police are at a loss to explain what's going on.

A police detective named Bill, who is not much better than his suspects, invades the dump in search of clues and runs into a society of bums lorded over by Brandon, a psycho Vietnam vet who carries a knife made out of a human bone.

Brandon skewers Bill (the Cop, as he is billed in the credits) and Brandon's minions bury him under a rock pile in the dump. Brandon narrowly avoids death himself when his sleazy girlfriend pulls a bottle of Viper out of his hand and downs it before he has a chance to take a sip. She melts into a pile of goo. But justice does await Brandon.

His end comes at the end of an oxygen tank. A guy he is chasing smashes the valve off of a tank used in welding, which sends it soaring like a rocket, straight through Brandon's head.

SUBPLOT

There's a minor subplot about a gangster and a smarmy doorman at his restaurant, which plays no real purpose except to set the stage for the incredible end title song that includes such lines as, "Shut your face, you little scum bag."

Street Trash makes full use of its seamy settings and approaches its subject with a spirit of élan. It doesn't make much sense; we never learn anything about Viper.

But who cares? The sight of the obese guy inflating like a giant balloon until he explodes in a shower of yuck makes up

for any of its shortcomings.

Street Trash can be found at various video stores. Thomas Video in Clawson is a sure bet.

The most powerful thing Greg Kowalski drinks comes from Starbucks. He can be reached at (248) 901-2570 or gkowalski@oe.homecomm.net

Comcast presents film fest

The second annual Comcast Film Festival will be presented Friday-Saturday, Oct. 17-18, at the Fox Theatre, and the Detroit Public Library. The free film festival is open to the public, and features films and activities for all ages.

A complete list of major motion pictures, celebrity appearances and family events can be found beginning at www.comcastfilmfestival.com, (313) 934-4493.

Expanding on last year's success, the 2003 Comcast Film Festival will include a combination of premiere and classic films; major motion picture releases; made for TV movies; family and children's programs; film workshops; and celebrity guest appearances.

The festival kicks off 4:30 p.m. Friday at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., with a free workshop on "How to Get Started in Film and Television," featuring Vivica Fox and Bob Brown of the Purple Rose Theater. *Pieces of April* 7-8:30 p.m. and *Runaway Jury* 9:30-11 p.m. are the featured films.

Saturday's program 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. at

the Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave., offers a day of family films and animation, headlined by one of the most anticipated releases of the holiday season, *Elf*. Special appearances by Cartoon Network, ABC Family and Nickelodeon stars and characters are also planned.

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More movies

Silverdome Drive-in opens with first-run flicks

Quentin Tarantino. What a way to kick-off the nation's newest drive-in theater.

The new Pontiac Silverdome Drive-in opened Friday, Oct. 10 with Tarantino's blockbuster flick *Kill Bill Vol. 1* and Drew Barrymore's *Duplex*.

One movie screen is open and by February there should be five, each showing a different film. Movies at the

Silverdome replaces football – since the Lions moved to Detroit.

The mammoth-size drive-in is set in the parking lot of the Silverdome.

If you come in a car, you might want to park toward the front so your view won't be hindered by an SUV.

One improvement from drive-ins of yesteryear is that the sound comes from your vehicle's FM radio — no more

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"I think we're filling a real gap in today's entertainment market by providing an inexpensive and memorable way to enjoy a movie," said Joseph Cobb, a partner of Movies at the Drive-In LLC.

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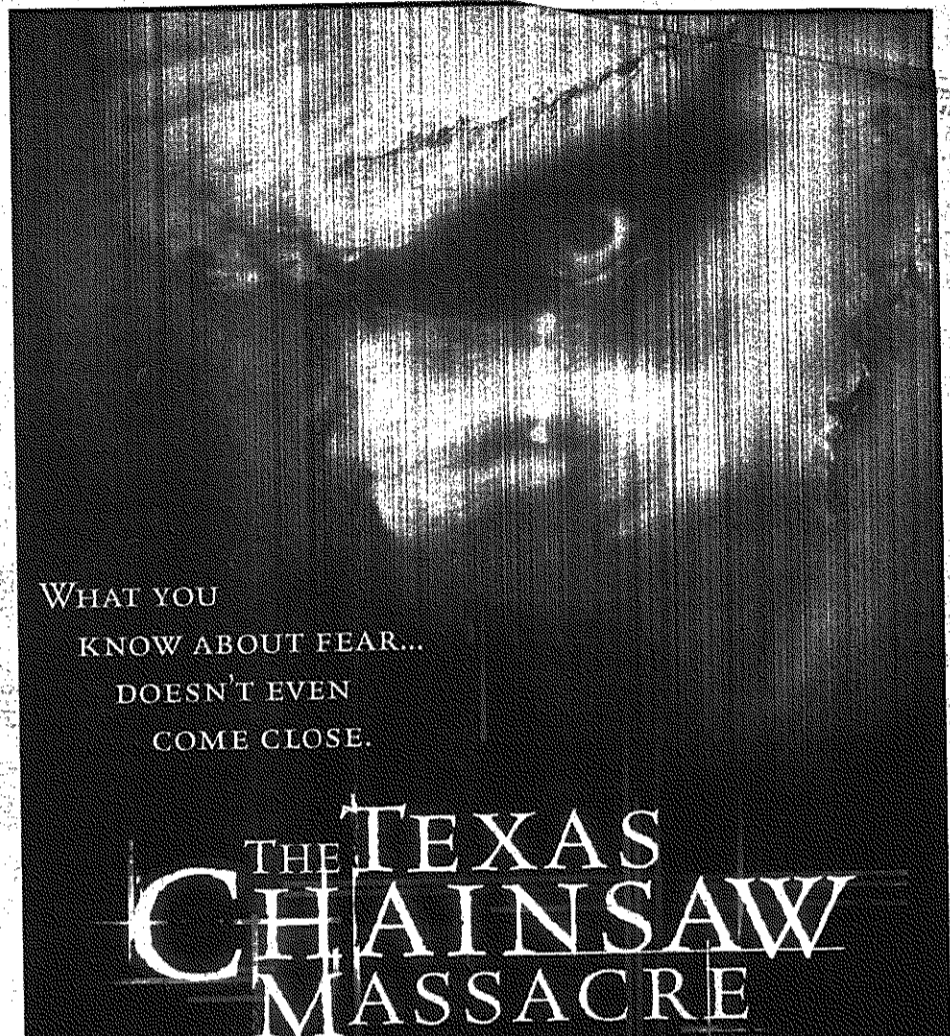
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Admission: Adults \$7.50; seniors and kids 8 to 12, \$4.50; kids 7 and younger admitted free. Cash only, no credit or debit cards accepted. Includes a double-feature, both films are first-run.

Showtime: Always at dusk

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Family fun

Dress up for an evening at some fun haunts

There's no reason to be all dressed up with no place to go. Deciding "witch" event to pick might be a little scary, but it's all part of Halloween fun. Here are some frightfully fun haunts for families.

■ **Black Widow Bash In The Dome** - The spookiest, silliest Halloween blowout ever is 5-11 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, and 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, Oct. 31, at the Oasis

Golf Dome, 39500 Five Mile Road in Plymouth.

Events include a haunted hayride, run-way costume parade, 1,000-square-foot obstacle course, Moonwalk, hay tunnel maze, face-painting, Giant Titanic Slide, DJ with dancing and karaoke, Houdini séance, pony rides, petting zoo, all kinds of food, goodies and more!

Oasis will be pre-selling 1,400 tickets at \$15 a piece or \$53 for a family four pack, call (734) 420-2900.

■ **Detroit Historical Museum** - Celebrate Halloween and go back in time as the Detroit Historical Society presents its second annual "Treats in the Streets" 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26. Taking place in the Detroit Historical Museum's Streets of Old Detroit exhibit, this event offers a safe opportunity for kids of all ages to dress up as their favorite cartoon character, super hero or historic figure.

Admission is free for children dressed in a costume and members of the Detroit Historical Society.

The Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (corner of Kirby) in Detroit's Cultural Center area, is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission \$5 adults, \$3 seniors (60+), students and youth, ages 5-18, \$3.50 for college students, no charge for children ages 4 and under, (313) 833-1405 or www.detroithistorical.org.

■ **Plymouth Orchards** - Hayride with storytelling 7:30 p.m. (arrive 7:15 p.m.) every Friday-Saturday in October, with

the exception of Oct. 31. The evening begins with a hayride to a moonlit stage set in the woods. Onstage, award-winning storyteller Debra Christian tells family-oriented stories with guest appearances by other storytellers. The cost is \$12 for ages 13 to adult, \$7 ages 5-12, \$3 children under 5. Call (734) 451-1128 for reservations. Plymouth Orchards is at 10685 Warren Road in Plymouth.

■ **Detroit Zoo** - Children ages 2 to 7 can trick-or-treat at the Detroit Zoo where costumed greeters pass out treats along a festively decorated half-mile trail, 6-8:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Oct. 17-19, Oct. 24-26, and Thursday-Friday, Oct. 30-31. Children's activity tent features crafts for kids and the popular "Zoo Boo Revue," a mini-musical that children can sing and dance along to. Show times start at 6:15 p.m. and run every half hour until the last show at 8:15 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 per person for ages 2 and up. Call Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com. For more information call (248) 541-5838 or visit www.detroitzoo.org. Call ahead for tickets. The zoo is at 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue in Royal Oak.

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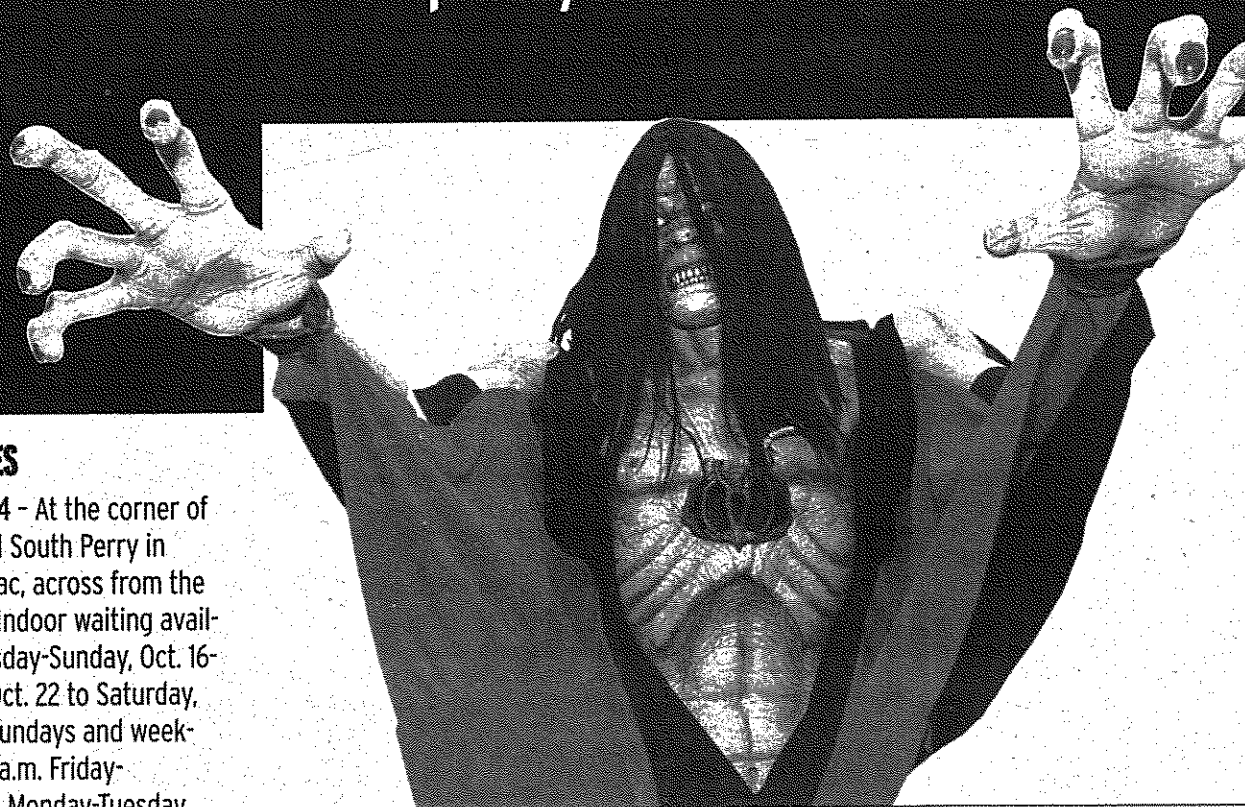
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Fear factories

Haunted houses employ scare tactics

Here's something scary to consider: There are more Halloween haunted houses in southeastern Michigan, per square mile, than anywhere in the country.



"We just love to be terrified," said Ed Terebus.

He should know. Terebus and his brother co-own *Erebus Story 4*, a frightening, lavish and creative haunted house in Pontiac.

"The hardest person to scare is a 22-year-old white male," said Terebus. "And we scare them here."

Terebus said *Erebus* is so scary that he doesn't really recommend anyone younger than a teenager to enter.

"If a child is young enough to have a nightmare, they probably shouldn't come," Terebus said.

His house is more than Frankenstein and vampires, it has a story. The tale is about a mad scientist who tries to travel back in time to eradicate the world's diseases. But instead of eradicating diseases, the scientist becomes a virus. He (who is you) travels through jungles, old Egypt, the 16th century and future while creepy things try to destroy him - it will startle the heck out of you. It starts out fun, but get ready to scream.

"It takes 30 minutes to get through *Erebus*, depending on how fast you run," Terebus said.

Erebus is more than 30,000 square feet and is in a 100,000-square-foot building. Next year another 10,000 square feet will be added.

Erebus in Greek mythology is the son of chaos and brother of night. Next year, *Erebus* will be featured in the film, *Haunting of*

HAUNTED SPACES

■ **Erebus Story 4** - At the corner of Water Street and South Perry in downtown Pontiac, across from the Phoenix Center. Indoor waiting available. Open Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 16-19; Wednesday, Oct. 22 to Saturday, Nov. 1; 7-11 p.m. Sundays and weekdays; 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday; closed Monday-Tuesday, Oct. 20-21. Admission is \$16; for information and for group rates, call (248) 332-7884 or www.hauntedpontiac.com

■ **Crypt of Carnage** - sponsored by the Westland Jaycees in the Bailey Recreation Center parking lot, 36651 Ford Road, between Central City Parkway and Newburgh. Open 7-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 7 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday to Nov. 1. Admission \$8 for ages 13 years and older, kids 12 and younger pay \$6. Call (734) 502-3914

■ **Realm of Darkness** - 79 S. Glenwood, Pontiac. Open 7-11 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 16-19; Thursday, Oct. 23, to Friday, Oct. 31, and Saturday, Nov. 1. Admission \$17 adults, \$10 children, (248) 338-0029 or www.therealmofdarkness.com

More frightfully fun haunts...

■ **Hauntfest** brings its bone-chilling special effects to Meadow Brook Music Festival on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills, 7 p.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 17-18, Oct. 24-25; Oct. 31 and Nov. 1; 7-11 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19 and Oct. 26. The show will also run 7-11 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, and 7 p.m. to midnight, Thursday, Oct. 30, for pre-Halloween frights. Tickets are \$13 and available at Palacenet.com, The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations. Tickets are also available at the door. To charge tickets, call (248) 645-6666. With six semi-truck loads hauling more than 20 tons of equipment to Meadow Brook Music Festival, Hauntfest promises lots of scares. Check out www.hauntfest.com for more frightening information.

■ **Night Terrors** - Wiard's Orchards and County Fair, 5565 Merritt Road, Ypsilanti, open weekends, through the end of October, hosts *Night Terrors* with three scary features - the Haunted Hayward Hayride, Monster Maze and Haunted Barn. Gates open 7:30 p.m. to midnight. Admission \$8.50 with group

rates available, (734) 482-7758 or www.wiards.com

■ **Spooktacular!** offers more than 30,000 square feet of scary ground at Freedom Hill County Park on Big Beaver Road, west of Van Dyke, Sterling Heights. Open 8-10:30 p.m. through Friday, Oct. 31. Admission \$14 for ages 12 and up, \$12 for kids 6-12, (586) 268-5100 or www.freedomhill.net.

■ **Slaughter House** - Presented by the Redford Jaycees, 15534 Beech Daly, Redford. Open Thursday-Sunday until Nov. 1. Hours are 7-10 p.m. Thursday; 8 p.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday; 7-11 p.m. Sunday 7-10 p.m. Admission \$10 adults, \$7 for kids under 10. Not recommended for young children, www.refordjaycees.org.

■ **Reaper's Dungeon** at Wonderland Mall, Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 16-19, and Thursday, Oct. 23, to Friday, Oct. 31. Open weekdays 7:30-10 p.m.; weekends 7:30 p.m. to midnight. Admission \$9 adults, \$6 kids. Friendly Monster Day 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19. Sponsored by the

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Art



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Kids decorate pumpkins with string and paper to great effect.

Pumpkin as art

Make your gourd special at Avant Carved

Why go the old-fashioned route and carve a pumpkin when you can do like an artist and envision, design, even evolve, your Halloween jack o' lantern?

Avant Carved, Cranbrook Academy of Art's annual non-carving pumpkin-decorating workshop, is slated from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Bloomfield Hills school.

A team of five academy graduate students will assist participants as they strive toward creating pumpkins worthy of masterpiece status.

Last year, about 60 people showed up for Avant Carved, said Felicia E. Molnar, public relations director at Cranbrook. All materials, including the pumpkins, are provided.

"It's great fun. I had my kids at Avant Carved last year," said Molnar.

"It's quite a creative endeavor that's different from most of the pumpkin decorating that you see done."

Avant Carved benefits kids and adults alike. For kids, the workshop combines hands-on activities with exposure to the way real artists approach projects.

But parents might be getting the best deal — no cleanup!

THE ART OF SPOOKY

What: Avant Carved, an annual non-carving pumpkin decorating workshop.

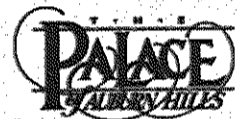
When: Saturday, Oct. 18; three sessions available, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 1-3 p.m. and 3-5 p.m.

Where: Cranbrook Academy of Art, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills.

Tickets: Participants, \$7, (\$5 for Cranbrook and educational community members); adults escorting children pay museum admission of \$6; advance registration is required to reserve a pumpkin, call (248) 645-3314.



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BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
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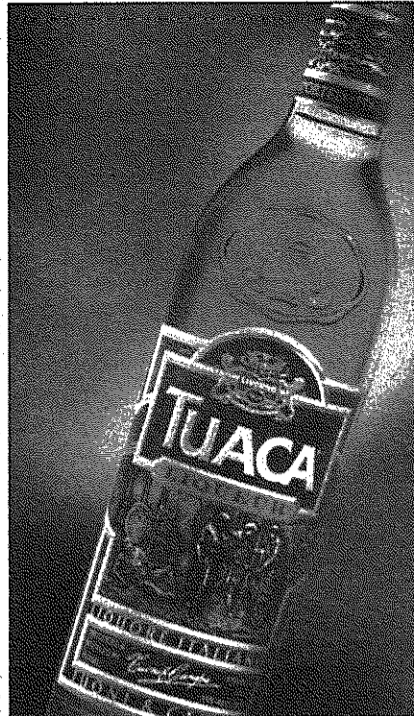
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Tuaca offers both drink and dessert possibilities.

Dinner theater

Enjoy 'Dracula,' bite of lasagna

Tickets are still available for the Schoolcraft College production of *Dracula*, based on Bram Stoker's famous novel. Patrons can choose a dinner theater setting on Friday-Saturday, Oct. 24-25; Friday, Nov. 7, and Saturday, Nov. 15, or a theater performance only on Saturday, Nov. 8, and Friday, Nov. 14.

Dracula is set in England at Dr. Seward's sanatorium. Seward, played by Jason Brooks, finds his daughter, Lucy, is stricken with a strange illness. He sends for his friend, Prof. Van Helsing, played by Joe Fournier of Canton, to help his daughter.

After some investigation, Van Helsing believes a vampire, perhaps the new neighbor Dracula, played by Brian Taylor of Plymouth, is responsible for Lucy's illness.

The dinner theatre production begins at 6:30 p.m. with a meal of lasagna, salad, vegetable and tiramisu. Tickets for the dinner theater are \$22. The theater-only performance begins at 8 p.m., with tickets priced at \$10. For tickets, call (734) 462-4596 or visit the college bookstore.

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Table Hopping

Let some budding chefs cook for you

By ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

Some of metro Detroit's top chefs graduated from Schoolcraft College with a degree in culinary arts.

Atop that list are Brian Polcyn, chef/proprietor of Five Lakes Grill in Milford; Marcus Haight, late of The Lark in West Bloomfield, now heading up the post-graduate culinary program "Advanced Culinary Techniques" at Schoolcraft; and Shawn Loving, chef/proprietor of the Loving Spoonful in Farmington Hills.

These pros did not have the advantage of high-tech, state-of-the-art cooking equipment, housed in the new \$27 million VistaTech Center. As students, their hands-on practice was a section of the student cafeteria line. Today's budding chefs go live before hungry diners in the American Harvest restaurant.

You can sample both the food and service of the new breed of culinary artists by reserving for lunch, served Tuesday through Friday. On Thursdays, second-year students offer minimum five-course international dinners.

Beginning Jan. 17, these dinners will move to Saturday night. At a price of \$33-\$35 per person, it's the best dinner deal in town.

"Consider it Marcus Haight food at Schoolcraft prices," said Bruce Konowalow, director of the culinary arts program. No doubt talented Chef Haight will impact the program, but he joins some esteemed company in Schoolcraft's culinary program. Top teaching pros include certified master chefs Jeff Gabriel, Dan Hugelger and Kevin Gawronski; certified master pastry chef Joe Decker; certified executive Chef Brian Polcyn and now Marcus Haight, certified executive chef.



Steve Debbhardt explains the day's specials to Sharon Porter, Jean Zawlocki and Ginger Krueger.



One of the day's specials was a Turkey Blanquette served with baby carrots, peas, button mushrooms, pearl onions, bread dumplings and parsnip chips.

AMERICAN HARVEST RESTAURANT

Where: Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Department in the VistaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, (734) 462-4488.

Open: Tuesday-Friday for lunch 11:45 a.m. to 1p.m. through Dec. 19 for this semester. Thursday International Dinners 6:45p.m. through Dec. 18, except Thanksgiving Day.

Cost: Lunch \$12-\$14. International dinners \$33-\$35

Reservations: Recommended for lunch. Non-refundable International Dinner tickets must be paid and reserved in advance using a Visa, MasterCard or Discover card.

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INTERNATIONAL DINNERS

Second-year culinary students enrolled in the International Cuisine class are responsible for the superb International Dinners, which spotlight such themes as regional

Mexican, northern, central and southern Italian, German, Thai, French, Chinese, Swiss and Vietnamese to name a few.

Dinners include wine and a brief oral introduction to the origin of both the food and wine.

As Americans discover the tantalizing range of dishes and unique blend of flavors, the food of Thailand ranks as a growing favorite. On Thai night, diners can

taste student chefs' interpretation of an aromatic mixture of salt, pepper, garlic, basil, Thai peppers, cilantro, ginger root, galangal, lemongrass and kafir lime, so characteristic of foods from this land.

Similarly, authentic Mexican is not simply tacos and burritos. True Mexican dishes are a complex blend of rich flavors stemming from Spanish influences and native cultures of the country.

The term haute cuisine is French, but it has many interpretations from simple country dishes to the distinctly Mediterranean-style dishes of Provence, carrying both Italian and Spanish influences.

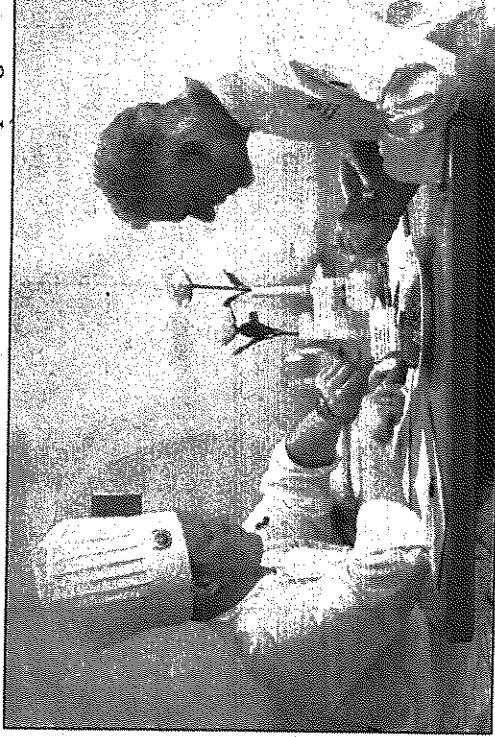
For the current semester, the popular International Dinners are sold out. In the Winter term, they will begin again on Jan. 17 and run to April 24. Reservations are taken for a maximum of about 65 per evening.

To learn the themes, call Helen Orloff at (734) 462-4488 and ask to be placed on the mailing list to receive the brochure as soon as it is available.

The mailing list already has 3,000 names, so when you receive information, decide quickly and reserve.

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It's final exam time. Student Tom Mosowski presents a dish to chef Daniel Hugelger.

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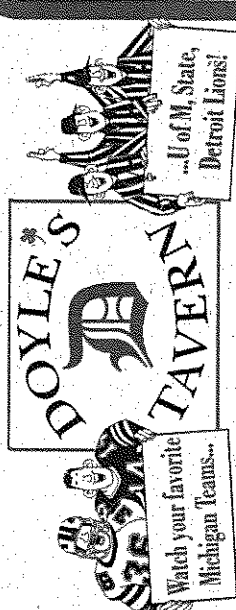
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HAUNTED HOUSES

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America II, by Daniel Roebuck and Chuck Williams, a documentary featuring America's best scary houses and most prominent celebrity monsters.

WHERE'S THE FEAR?

You'll find scary houses are in strip mall parking lots, barns and at cider mills.

The Crypt of Carnage in Westland plays on people's fears. Wendy Taylor, who's heading the event, didn't want to reveal too many secrets of the crypt, but said she wouldn't bring along children younger than 5.

"We'll have a Friendly Monster Day (for little kids) on the afternoon of Oct. 19," Taylor said. "But for the actual event, we're playing on people's phobias."

Her phobia is spiders, and she won't say how that will play out in the Crypt of Carnage.

Meanwhile, The Realm of Darkness in Pontiac is said to be so scary that it's not suitable for kids younger than 12. It's called an interactive haunted house; you choose your fate while finding your way through castle halls in order to defeat a creepy wizard.

All the scary stuff should have a sizable audience; Halloween has become the second-largest commercial holiday in the nation, next to Christmas.

LOCAL HAUNTS

FROM PAGE E10

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Festival

Boogie-Woogie fest honors blues history

When blues legend Sippy Wallace died in 1986 so did the music, at least in the eyes of Ron Harwood.

Harwood began researching and documenting the history of America's roots music. A few years later, he was pestered to continue his work by Bonnie Raitt, a friend and musician who also admired Wallace.

Harwood agreed. He's the founder of the American Music Research Foundation, and preparing for the fifth annual Motor City Boogie-Woogie Festival on Saturday at the historic Redford Theatre in Detroit.

The prestigious lineup includes headliner Henry Butler from New Orleans; Kelley Hunt and the Kelley Hunt Band from Lawrence, Kan.; David Maxwell from Boston; Martijn Schok of the Netherlands; and Caroline Dahl of San Francisco.

"This is the most diverse lineup we've ever had," Harwood said. "We're featuring so many different sounds from different areas of the country."

Detroit's Joe Hunter, a former Motown Funk Brother, is master of ceremonies. Hunter received global recognition for his role in shaping Motown music in the recent Oscar-nominated documentary

BOOGIE-WOOGIE FESTIVAL

What: Concert featuring renowned rhythm and blues artists.

When: 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18

Where: Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit

Tickets: \$25 available at Meijer stores, or via the Web at www.ticketsplus.net or call (800) 585-3737.

Standing in the Shadows of Motown.

Documenting America's roots music — boogie-woogie, rhythm and blues — is what the festival is about.

"I want to bring this music back to a formal stage," Harwood said. "Producing the shows and then interviewing the artists on film is the main goal. In the 1960s, I realized how little film existed on the founders of boogie-woogie, roots and blues.

"Boogie-woogie is considered America's industrial-strength music that has inspired many struggles for freedom and

self-expression through music. It is the roots music for much of America's blues, rock and jazz mediums today. This music is influenced by sounds of the automobile, the trains, the railroads."

INFLUENCES

The festival has become so prominent that DaimlerChrysler is the sponsor this year. It originated as a one-evening event at the Magic Bag in Ferndale and quickly sold out. This year, Harwood and friend Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick wanted to hold it in Detroit and the 1,200-seat Redford Theatre was chosen.

"This year is different because all the musicians are under 60 years old. ... We consider that young," Harwood said. "History will unfold as they tell their stories."

Harwood, who majored in music history at Wayne State University in 1966, fell in love with blues and early jazz and began to research greats like Muddy Waters, Skip James, Mississippi John Hurt and, of course, Sippy Wallace. Then and today, his goal is to preserve their stories for the entire world.

"It's all about the history," he said.

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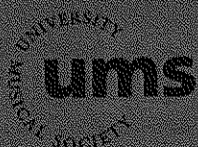
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Popular music Nothing stops singer's success

Life keeps shining brighter for Danny D. He built his own recording studio. He's a successful businessman who provides jukeboxes and video games to restaurants and pubs throughout Michigan. He's raising a family, and he's a pop singer/songwriter who's opened for headliners like David Lee Roth. This Saturday he's playing at Fifth Avenue Billiards in Royal Oak.

Danny D plays covers of pop songs by Rod Stewart, Elton John and Queen, but mostly he sings what he writes - passionate songs about dreams, love and courage. His voice is strong and raspy. On stage one would never suspect that D was diagnosed with Tourette's Syndrome at age 7, which causes him to make involuntary movements and sounds.

"It doesn't get in the way of my shows," D said. "I'm happiest when I'm in front of a crowd, trying to make them dance and feel happy. When I'm on stage, I feel alive."

"It's kind of a weird problem, it's like having someone else in your body doing these things you can't control."

When D speaks, occasionally a high-pitched sound - almost like a whistle or squeak - comes out, but it doesn't inhibit or slow his conversation. In fact, he's become an inspiration for kids nationwide who also live with Tourette's.

"They hear that I'm a singer and they call me for advice, or just to talk," he said. "I want to be a role model for them."

D decided he wanted to sing when he was about 6 years old. The first song he ever sang before an audience was *Hey Jude* when he was 7. He studied guitar and piano and knew he wanted to be involved in music.

Right now he's working to build his name locally. His goal, someday, is to win a Grammy.

"I'm gonna do it," D said. "Sometimes I get discouraged, but when that happens I get a signal that tells me to keep going with it."

"I wouldn't change my life one bit - I believe everything happens for a good reason. I know God has a purpose for me, and I have a feeling it's helping people through my music."

WHERE TO SEE DANNY D

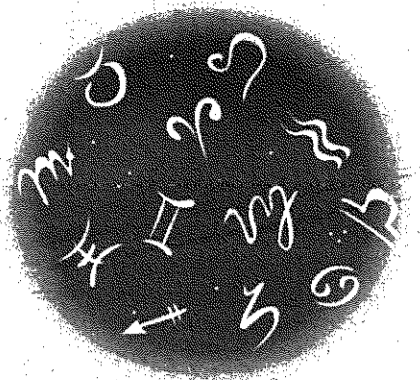
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Where: Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak
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Horoscope



Star Struck

By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Ram's astro-rumblings cut both ways: on one hand, colleagues are willing to back your ideas; on the other, you'll have to agree to a trade-off in return. Don't limit yourself to routine - if one approach doesn't work, try something different and enjoy the best of both worlds.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

A battle of wits or tug-of-war is not yet won. Summon up your courage and fight for what you know to be right and just. Unfortunately, certain individuals will not concede just how loyal and long-suffering you have been. Be willing to graze new pastures, Bull.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

If circumstances have forced you to keep certain plans under wraps, now is the time to bring them into the open. You've always wanted to prove how dynamic you can be - now's your chance! Those who have doubted you will soon sing your praises.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

What is revealed in a rather unexpected manner now should give you the final piece of a complex puzzle and enable you to make certain others regret having tried to mislead you. Don't crawl in your shell, MoonChild; grab hold of every opportunity to set the record straight.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

The world is divided into talkers and doers and it seems that you're currently a talker. A financial matter needs some kind of action so you should start performing now. There is much to be learned from the views of others. Pay attention to details and the Big Picture will emerge.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

You are perfectly equipped to excel at whatever you choose, so why do you linger in the wings with your personal-stuff when you should be center stage? The answer seems to have more to do with self-image and -esteem than with external pressures. Snap out of it!

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

You'll find it hard to keep your opinions to yourself this week, especially when dealing with authority figures. However, it would be foolish to force anyone to say more than they intend. Subtlety and civility are essential to achieve your aims at this time.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Be grateful that others are finally coming clean about their motives, even if what you hear is not entirely to your liking. There has been far too much secrecy lately (which Scorpio "invented"). Share any doubts rather than keep them to yourself. But do so with care.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Current cosmic trends suggest that your doubts and fears will soon be swept away and your optimism will return. Don't go from one extreme to the other, however. If you take silly risks now, you're asking for trouble. Pray, plot and play your hand - and be grand!

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

You're not one to throw in the towel or admit defeat, so give a project that isn't going too well a little while longer to work. You are now passing through uncharted territory, and only time will tell if you are heading in the right direction. Victory comes by persevering.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

Others admire you for your ability to stay calm in the most trying of circumstances and you will need every last ounce of self-control now to remain aloof from disturbing developments at the work or home front. Don't blow your chances by blowing your top!

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

There must be no more hesitating or procrastinating over intensely personal or professional issues now, Fish! Accept things you cannot change, change things you can. But do so with care, because feelings are running high. Nobody wants to feel guilty or trapped.

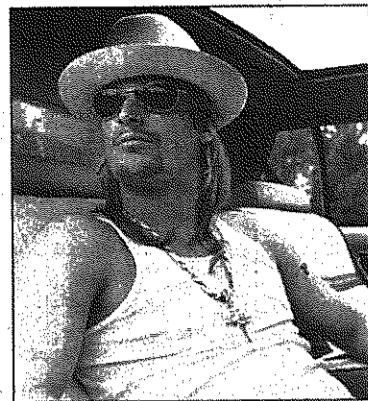
Dennis Fairchild is a Birmingham-based astrologer and author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations, phone (248) 646-3555 or e-mail at DenFairchild@aol.com.

New CD

Kid Rock remakes '70s hit

Like his buddy Uncle Kracker, who remade Dobie Gray's song *Drift Away*, Kid Rock is kicking off his new album 1970s-style. Tune in your favorite radio station to hear his version of Bad Company's *Feel Like Makin' Love*. It's one of the songs on Kid Rock's new self-titled album due to hit stores Nov. 11.

He's been nominated for two American Music Awards for his last platinum CD *Cocky*. The categories are favorite pop or rock male artist and favorite album. The 31st annual awards will air Sunday, Nov. 16, on ABC.



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HARVEST/HALLOWEEN

Marquis Theatre

Musical comedy *Miss Halloween Patch*, 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday through Nov. 2, 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, 24, 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18 and 25, 135 E. Main, downtown Northville, \$7.50, (248) 349-8110.

Harvest festival

Upland Hills Farm, (481 Lake George Road, Oxford) will host Harvest festival 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, now through Oct. 26. Farm market, tours, hayride, pick-your-own pumpkins, cider & doughnuts. Admission \$7 per person children (24 months and younger admitted free). Harvest Moon Hayrides: 7-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday in October. Thirty-minute hayride, complimentary hot chocolate or apple cider and doughnut. Cost \$7 per person. Call (248) 628-1611, www.uplandhillsfarm.com

Cherry Creek Cellars Vineyard & Winery
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Saturday Oct. 25, 11025 S. Jackson Road, 1/2 mile North of US-12 in Somerset Center, Mich. Family-oriented day at the farm includes a grape stomp, chicken and hot dog dinners, wagon and pony rides, cider, doughnuts, Michigan Wine, (517) 531-3080

Fountain Walk

Halloween at the Fountain, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, trick or treating, entertainment, visits from cartoon characters, I-96 at Novi Road, (248) 348-8762.

Halloween Party

Trick or treating, arts & crafts, costume party, Childtime, 2720 Oakley Park, Commerce, between Haggerty and Welch, (248) 669-7448.

Horns and Howls 3

Motor City Brass Band concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, VisTaTech Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, south of Seven Mile Road. Band will perform in costume, program includes tunes from *The Empire Strikes Back*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Harry Potter*, \$12 adults, \$9 students and seniors at the door, (248) 788-6618.

AUDITION

Stagecrafters

Evita, children's auditions will be held at the Baldwin Theatre in Downtown Royal

Oak on Nov. 1 with registration at 9 a.m. and auditions beginning at 10 a.m. Adult auditions will be held on Nov. 8 with registration at 9:30 a.m. for dancers who sing, auditions at 10 a.m. For singers who move, registration is at 1:30 p.m. with auditions at 2 p.m. Adult auditions will be held at the Starr Presbyterian Church, 1717 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak. Show dates are Jan. 16 - Feb. 8, 2004.

THEATER

Meadow Brook Ensemble Theatre

The Gravity of Honey through Sunday, Nov. 9, matinee and evening shows, Meadow Brook Theatre, campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills, \$23-\$33, series subscriptions begin at \$89, available through December, (248) 377-3300.

Jewish Ensemble Theatre

Midwest premiere of *Dirty Story*, by John Patrick Shanley, Oct. 22 to Nov. 23, Aaron DeRoy Theatre, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, (248) 788-2900 or www.jetttheatre.org

Performance Network

Tongue of a Bird, Oct. 16 to Nov. 9, (734) 663-0681, performancenetwork.org.

Purple Rose Theatre

The Good Doctor through Saturday, Dec. 20. For dates and times call (734) 433-7673.

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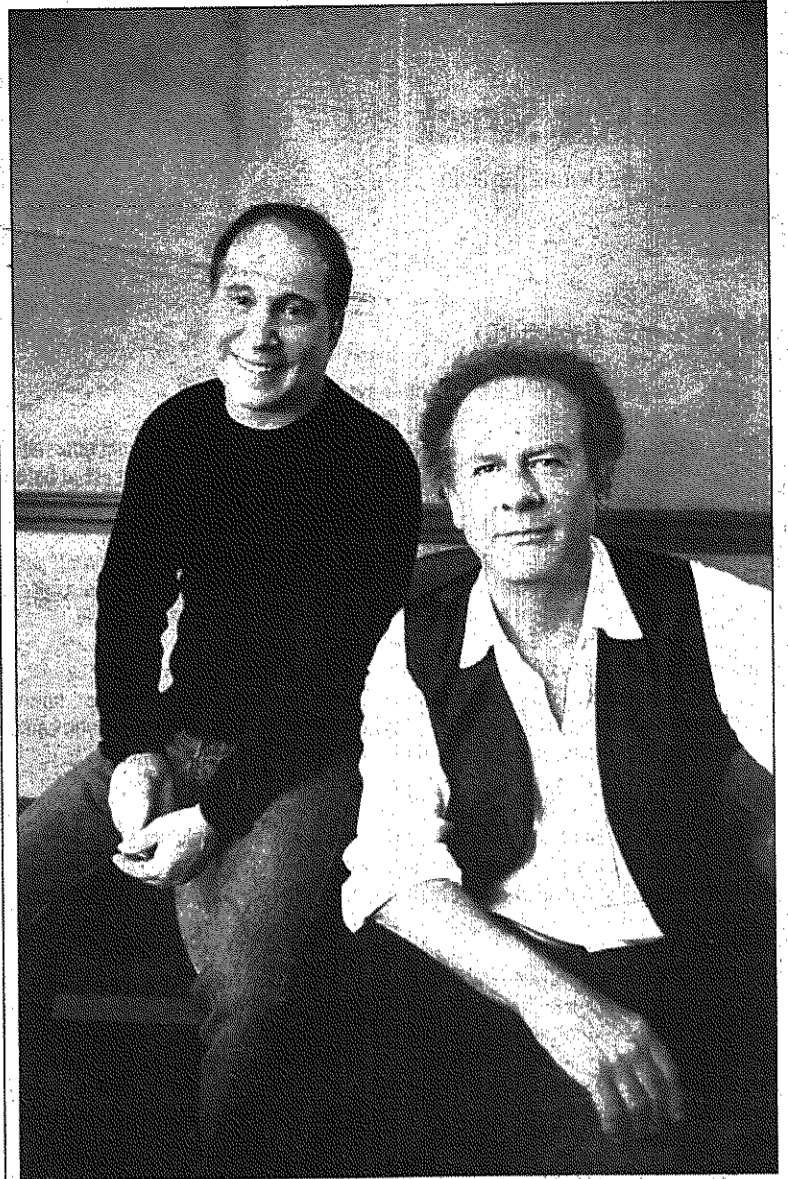
Much Ado About Nothing 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 17-18; 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, Burgh Historical Park, corner of Civic Center Dr. and Berg Road, one light east of Telegraph, north of 10 Mile Road, \$10 adults, \$8 children 12 and under and senior adults, 50 and over, (248) 796-4645.

Stagecrafters

Bat Boy: The Musical, Oct. 17 to Nov. 1, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 541-6430, www.stagecrafters.org

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild

Les Liaisons Dangereuses by Christopher Hampton 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 24-25, Oct. 31 & Nov. 1, Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 6-8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 644-0527.



Simon & Garfunkel will play *The Palace* 7:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 18-19. Tickets \$59.50-\$205, still available for Oct. 19 show. Call Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666 or www.palacenet.com.

Quirk Theatre

Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, *An Italian Straw Hat*, classic French farce, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 17-18, Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 23-25, 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, (734) 487-1221.

The Theatre Company

The Diviners, through Oct. 19, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, McAuley Theatre, University of Detroit Mercy Campus, 8200 W. Outer Dr., west of the Southfield Freeway, Detroit, \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$8 students, (313) 993-6461.

Dearborn Heights Civic

Rubies by Billy St. John 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 17-18, 24-25, Berwyn Center, 26155 Richardson, \$9 adults, \$7 students/seniors, (313) 561-1275.

Redbud Productions

Crimes of the Heart, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 16-18, 76 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti, \$16 adults, \$12 youth/senior, (734) 663-7167.

DANCE

Ballroom Dancing

Moondusters will host ballroom dancing to live bands, featuring popular swing,

fox trot, waltz, cha-cha and other Latin 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday \$6. Dressy attire. Singles and married. Meet at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road and Five Mile, Livonia. Call Joe (248) 968-5197.

Louisiana Dance Party

Cajun and Zydeco dancing to live music by Maison Bleue. Lessons at 7:30, dancing 8:30-11 p.m.. \$8, \$3/teens, 12 and younger free. Refreshments. Friday, Oct. 17, Pittsfield Union Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, about 1/2 mile south of I-94 (just south of Oak Valley Drive), (734) 213-5209.

Miami City Ballet

Program of Balanchine choreography, 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19 (\$14-\$42); family performance 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, Power Center, Ann Arbor, \$15 adults, \$7 children, (734) 764-2538, www.ums.org

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Raise the Roof, premiere by Michael Daugherty, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Oct. 16-17, 10:45 a.m. Friday, Oct. 17, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, tickets \$15-\$82;



Clem Snide plays 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28, with special guests American Mars & Okkervil River at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave. Tickets \$8 in advance, call (248) 544-1991 or visit www.themagicbag.com.

Marshall Field's Day of Music, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 18, noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, (free event open to the public), Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra presents a free concert 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, in the new Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. For tickets/information call (313) 576-5111 or www.detroitssymphony.com

Royal Oak Community Orchestra
Season opens 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, Royal Oak Kimball High School Auditorium, corner of Crooks and Normandy (13 1/2 Mile Road). Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 4, Copland's Fanfare for the Common Man, Haydn's Concerto for Trumpet and Orchestra, and Rachmaninoff's Vocalise. \$10 adults, \$7 for senior citizens, students, at the door, (248) 988-6991

Birmingham Concert Band
Golden Prelude, Showcase for Symphonic Band, 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, Birmingham Groves High School, 20500 W. 13 Mile Road, Birmingham, (248) 474-4997 or www.birminghamconcertband.org

Detroit Lutheran Singers
Sacred Choral Music concert 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19 Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church, 2905 S. Commerce Road, Walled Lake and 7:30 p.m. at Guardian Lutheran Church, 24544 Cherry Hill Dearborn, \$10 adults, \$7 seniors, students, (248) 988-0604, www.detroit-lutheransingers.com

Kirk in the Hills
St. Paul's Cathedral Choir 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, \$30 reserved, \$20 general, \$15 rear nave, (248) 626-2515, Ext. 109

Oakland Symphony
Opening concert is 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Clarkston Performing Arts Center at Clarkston High School. Music by Richard Wagner, Gustav Holst and University of Michigan alumnus, Carter Pann are on the program. Tickets \$15 general admission, \$8 students and seniors available at the door, or call (248) 370-3013.

Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony
Opens its 29th season 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, Temple Beth El, 14 Mile Road at Telegraph, works of Schubert, Saint-Saens, Tchaikovsky and Beethoven, \$25, (248) 645-2276, www.bbso.org

JAZZ/BLUES

Ron's Fireside Inn
Ursula Walker, vocals, Oct. 22, Barbara Ware, vocals, Oct. 29; 28937 Warren, Garden City, \$5 cover with dinner, \$10 cover without dinner and two-drink minimum, reservations recommended. (734) 762-7756.

Wynton Marsalis Quintet
Michigan Theatre, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, \$22 to \$44, (734) 764-2538, www.ums.org

Vivace series
Evening of Yiddish jazz with Theresa Tova and Quartet 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct.



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The Detroit Film Theatre hosts the premiere of 'MC5 - A True Testimonial,' the new documentary film about the legendary Detroit rock group that became the house band of the Grande Ballroom during the late 1960s, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30. Tickets are \$10, available only through Oct. 17 at the DIA museum box office or by phone at (313) 833-4005.

18, Temple Shir Shalom, 3999 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield, \$18, (248) 788-9338, (248) 661-1348.

Mitch Housey's
Billy Rose 7:30-11 p.m. Thursday and Saturday, Larry Nozero 4-8 p.m. Sunday, 28500 Schoolcraft, Livonia, (734) 425-5520.

Bird of Paradise
Tony Monaco 9-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 17-18, 312 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, (734) 662-8310.

FOLK

The Ark
John Gorka, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, 316 South Main Street, Ann Arbor, (734) 761-1451, www.a2ark.org

John Cowley & Sons
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COMEDY

Joey's Comedy Club
Joey's Comedy Club of Dearborn (5070 Schaefer) will host Billy Ray Bauer, Oct. 16-19; Chas Elstner, Oct. 23-26. and Ruben Ruben, Oct. 30-31, Nov. 2; Call (313) 584-8885.

Joey's of Livonia
Kenny Smith and Jon McDonnell, Oct. 16-18, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Tuesday's are Open Mike Night at 8 p.m. cover is \$3. Call (734) 261-0555 for upcoming schedule.

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase
Cathy Ladman, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 16-18; 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 17-18, tickets \$12 and \$15 at the door, discount for tickets purchased in advance, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 996-9080.

Crystal Lounge
Ruben Ruben, Oct. 19, 8701 Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights, dinner and show

options available, (313) 274-9645.

CLUBS/BARS

Silky's Martini & Musical Cafe
Jill Jack, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 16; KGB (Motown) 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Oct. 17, Desire (Motown), 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, 21931 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, \$5 cover weekends after 8:30 p.m., (313) 565-6278.

Edison's
Mark Arshak guitar & vocal, bass/drums trio 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, Stoney Mazar & the Westsiders, guitar, harmonica, vocal, guitar, bass, & drums, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 17-18, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, (248) 645-2150.

Wood-Ruff's Supper Club
Bob Mervak, 6-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 17-18; Imperial Rhythm Section 9:30

p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Oct. 17; Shahida Nurullah, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, 212 W. Sixth St., Royal Oak, (248) 586-1519, www.wood-ruffs.com

Blue Martini
Bugs Bedow Band, Thursday, Oct. 16; Persuasion (Top 4), Friday, Oct. 17; Back in the Day (Top 40), Saturday, Oct. 18; Brothers Groove, Sunday Oct. 19, Paul VornHagen, Oct. 21, 201 Hamilton, between Woodward and Old Woodward, Birmingham, live bands 8 p.m. to midnight Tuesday-Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday, (248) 258-3005.

Sevin The Nightclub
Sevin, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac, (248) 745-7461, www.sevinthenightclub.com. Hours are 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. Ranges from \$5 to \$20; no charge for ladies, excluding special events and holidays.

George & Harry's Blues Cafe
George & Harry's, 22048 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. Call (313) 359-2799. Friday and Saturday shows begin at 10:30 p.m. Weekday shows begin at 9 p.m.

Club Bart
22726 Woodward, Ferndale. All shows at 10 p.m. Ongoing Thursdays and Sundays, comedy night; and Fridays and Saturdays EvenExchange (Motown, R & B and Jazz). Call (248) 548-8746.

Mephisto's
2764 Florian Avenue. Want a taste of the music at Mephisto's? Visit its entertaining Web site www.mephistosdetroit.com. While surfing you'll dance in your seat to the heavy techno beat repeating 'here we go.' Mephisto's is close to both I-75 (off Caniff) and I-94 in Hamtramck (off Mt. Elliott). And when you aren't dancing, check out the very worthwhile art: 1940s glamor girl pinups and much, much more. Hours: Thursday, Friday and Saturday 7 p.m. to 2 a.m., (313) 875-3627.

Reggae
Tropical Hut Lounge, 14925 Livernois, Detroit near Fenkell. This is not one of those suburban nightclubs that pretend

to be an island-style bar with fake grass and palm. It's one of Detroit's truly authentic Reggae/roots clubs that attracts the city's island-born residents. If you aren't dancing, you might not fit in. Tropical Hut DJs have the pulse on the freshest music from Africa, the Caribbean and West Indies. Wednesdays, Ladies Night; Thursdays, Reggae Night; Fridays, Friday Surprise; Saturdays, African Night; Sundays, Fun Sundays. Open 4-9 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday; 4 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Thursday-Saturday; 5 p.m. to midnight Sunday, (313) 861-5340.

Majestic Theatre
4140 Woodward Ave. Detroit. Parking available on street and behind building. It seems that every blues, underground, industrial, punk, reggae, world and Americana band has played here. Buju Banton and Burning Spear played here as did Social Distortion's Mike Ness. Attire is freestyle, casual and up. Before the night begins, stop at the adjacent Majestic Cafe for a gourmet veggie sandwich, mussels or Mediterranean dip. There the lanes and balls glow in the dark and the rock n' roll crowd enjoys a good bowl while the Ramones play off in the background. Call for hours, (313) 833-9700.

Parabox Cafe
1927 Michigan Ave., Detroit at the corner of Rosa Parks Blvd. Metro Detroit's friendly Latin residents gather here for salsa dancing to DJs and live music. Women wear dresses and high heels and men wear suits or flamboyant club wear. Strict dress code, no jeans or tennis shoes. This is the place where couples dance. And if you're a woman going stag, it's no problem. You'll be asked to dance by patrons, who are skilled dancers. Expect to be politely spun around the dance floor and thanked afterward before they move on to the next partner. Fridays are occasionally world music night and the Latin music is on Saturdays. Valet parking is available. Call for hours, (313) 313-268-2325.

MUSEUMS, PARKS AND TOURS

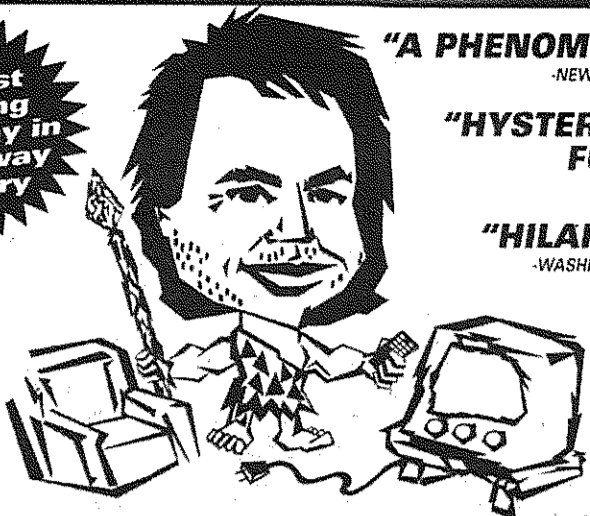
Cranbrook Institute of Science
Full Circle First Contact: Vikings and Skraelings in Newfoundland and Labrador, through Jan. 4, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, \$7 adults, \$5 children (877) 462-7262, www.cranbrook.edu

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm
The 16-acre museum complex tells the story of Oakland County's earliest pioneers. Admission includes tours of the 1840 Van Hoosen Farmhouse, 1850 Tenant Red House and 1927 Van Hoosen Dairy Barn. The museum's new permanent exhibit, A Lively Town, uses more than 200 images and 100 artifacts to show the development of the Rochester area. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, at the museum on Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off Tienken. (248) 645-4663 or visit www.rochesterhills.org/museum.htm



Blackthorn, the metro Detroit based Celtic folk quartet, will perform a musical mix of sea shanties, traditional ballads, original compositions and Irish contemporary music at O'Mara's Restaurant and Pub, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road at Coolidge Road, in Berkley, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 17-18. Call (248) 399-6750 for more information, or visit www.blackthorn1.com.

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Show

Rachel Trachtenburg will steal your heart. As the youngest member of **The Trachtenburg Family Players**, a real family indie-vaudeville art-pop group, Rachel, age 9, is the cutest thing banging on drums since Meg White. The group makes music based on anonymous strangers' old slides gathered from yard sales and thrift stores - creating a live show that is unique, funny and political. Dad Jason Trachtenburg provides vocals, plays piano and guitar, while mom Tina Trachtenburg projects the slides and has been known to make food for the audience.

The Trachtenburg Family Players will perform Thursday, Oct. 30, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave. in Ferndale. Doors open at 7 p.m. 18 and up. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Advanced tickets may be purchased through Ticketmaster. To learn more about the band, click on <http://www.slideshowplayers.com>.



Film

Critically acclaimed director Quentin Tarantino is back with the action film **Kill Bill Vol. 1**, starring Uma Thurman as a former assassin betrayed by her boss (David Carradine). Thurman emerges from a four-year coma to enact revenge on Bill and his squad of international assassins.

The film also stars Lucy Liu, Daryl Hannah and Vivica A. Fox. Run time 1 hr. 50 min. Playing at most major local movie theaters. The movie's Web site is <http://www.kill-bill.com>.

Local band

Detroit rockers **The Dirtbombs** will celebrate the release of their latest album, "Dangerous Magical Noise," at a record release party Friday at the Magic Stick, 4120 Woodward Ave in Detroit. The Sirens, The Mystery Girls and The Little Killers will also perform. Doors open at 9 p.m. Cost is \$10.18 and up. For more on the band, check out <http://www.thedirtbombs.net/>

Album

Significant other break up with you? Life seem like a long series of unanswerable questions? Seeking relief?

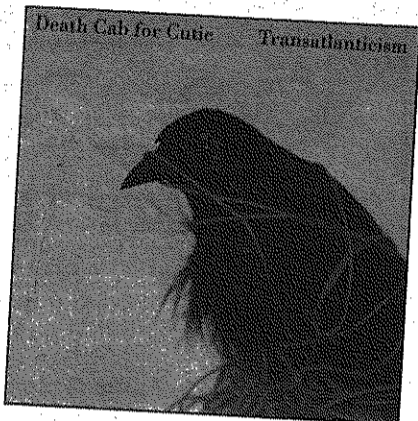
Look no further than **Death Cab for Cutie's** latest effort, **Transatlanticism** (Barsuk).

All of the standard emo-fare lyrics are here: *We Looked Like Giants* will remind you of losing your first love; *The New Year* is an isolation anthem; *The Sound of Settling* will remind you not to sell out.

But what sets this album apart from the JimmySavetheDaybyEatingaNewFoundDashboardonThursday that has infiltrated MTV, is the music - both intricate and melodic. The album's title track is slow, fuzzy and winding, a la Coldplay.

Those who liked lead singer Ben Gibbard's Postal Service project will love *Title and Registration*, a mix of samples and synths catchier than the flu.

The record is available at local record stores including Record Time in Ferndale and Tower Records in Birmingham.



Concert

The Strokes will swing their rock'n'roll hips through Detroit's State Theatre on tonight.

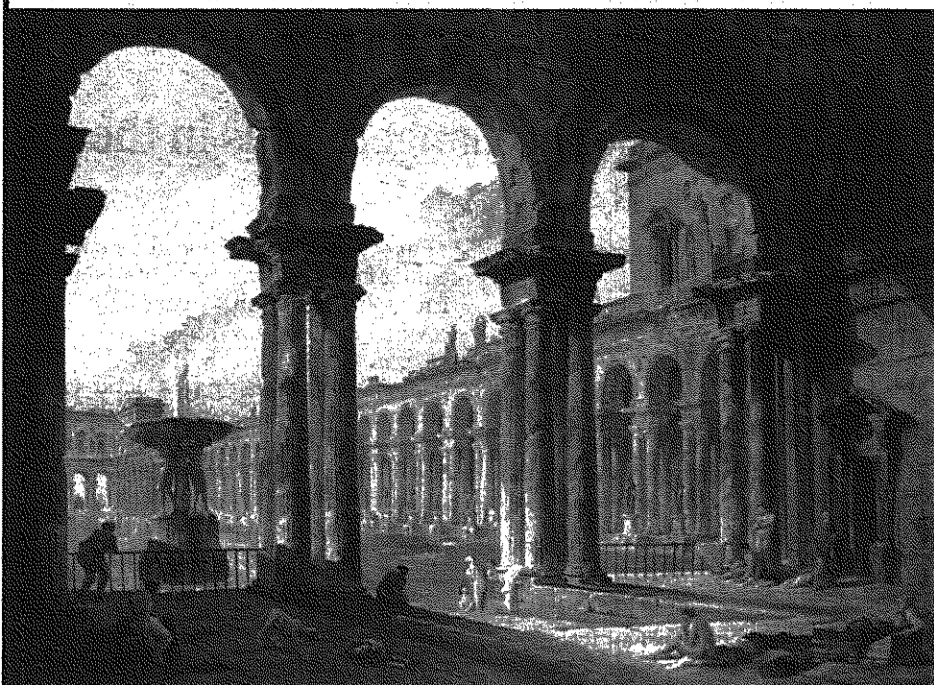
Although their highly anticipated sophomore album *Room on Fire* won't be released until Oct. 28, the first single, *12:51*, is promising. Full of longing, New Wave guitars and hand claps, the song would have fit perfectly on the group's 2001 debut, *Is This It*. Although a huge departure from the group's so-far successful formula may not be evident, The Strokes prove that doing one thing and doing it well can still be fun.

Southern rockers The Kings of Leon will open. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased through Ticketmaster online at <http://www.ticketmaster.com> or by calling (248) 645-6666. The State Theatre is located at 2115 Woodward Ave. in Detroit.

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Hubert Robert, French, 1733-1808, *Ancient Ruins Serving as a Public Bath*, 1796, oil on canvas, The State Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg, 2003

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On Stage

Sweet amour

Love, both sweet and dangerous, is in the air at Detroit Opera House

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Love is the theme of its 2003-04 operatic season, which opens Saturday, Oct. 18, with a production of Giuseppe Verdi's *A Masked Ball*.

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"Opera taps into the depth of feelings that we all have, that we express in a more controlled or superficial way," said David DiChiera, DOH's general director and founder. "Here is an art form that allows expression of these emotions at great depth."

Put it this way: In the make-believe realm of opera, love's power and ferocity reach a high pitch that's generally frowned upon, if not thought downright crazy, in the real world.

Take DOH's opening production, *A Masked Ball*, which runs through Sunday, Oct. 26. Set in 18th century Sweden and loosely based on the life of King Gustav, the three-act Verdi masterpiece tells a story of love that proves fatal.

The king has fallen in love with the wife of his best friend and loyal secretary at a time when a group of conspirators is already plotting the king's death.

Verdi composed the ever popular *La Traviata*.

Unrequited love is the subject of DOH's second production, Giacomo Puccini's *Madame Butterfly*, set for Nov. 8-16.

"It is the story of one who loves honestly

and another for sexual gratification," DiChiera said.

A less cynical version of love takes flight April 24-May 2 with Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *The Magic Flute*. Set in a fairy-tale land where prince and princess collide, *The Magic Flute* tells the story of first love and love at first sight. The opera also is a morality play, so "it's a wonderful opera for young and old alike," DiChiera said.

William Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan's opera darling, *The Pirates of Penzance*, a story of everlasting love, follows May 8-16.

Closing the season, June 5-13, is Georges Bizet's *The Pearl Fishers*, a tale of forbidden love set in exotic Sri Lanka.

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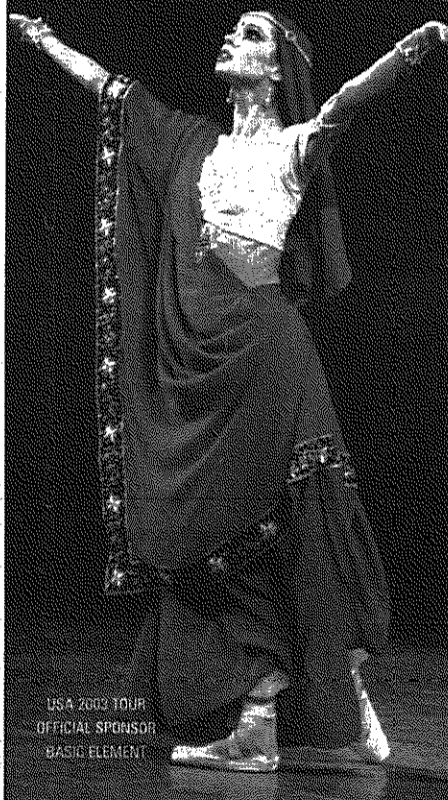
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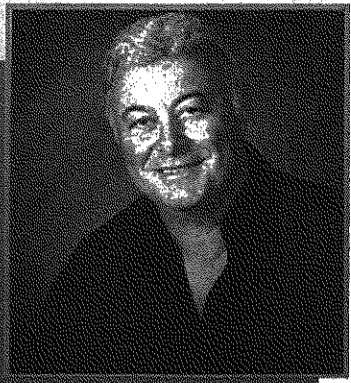
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It is best that you amend your documents to be as specific as possible in regard to the prohibition of boats within the condominium complex. In a recent case on similar facts out of Missouri, the Court determined that while a yard and driveway are both parts of a homeowner's realty, they are recognizably different. The Court in the Missouri case used the following four concepts to interpret the covenant in question: (1) terms will be given their ordinary and popular meaning; (2) if the meaning of the term is ambiguous, the term will be strictly construed; (3) the restriction will not be extended by implication; and (4) any reasonable doubt will result in favor of the free use of the land. You can look for a similar result here in Michigan.

I am advised that Portland has initiated a light rail system which has had an impact on real estate development. Do you have any knowledge of it and whether or not something like that would be successful here in Michigan?

Based upon my review of the economic development of Portland and its surrounding areas from a real estate standpoint, I believe that the light rail system which they have installed has been a marked benefit to the community as a whole. For example, they have a light rail system from downtown to the suburbs and to the airport. They are expanding the light rail system to areas where commercial and industrial warehouses are located. This has enhanced real estate growth because of the ability of residents and visitors to gain access without having the difficulty of finding parking spaces because of the light rail use which has also enhanced the tourist industry. It is indeed unfortunate that Detroit has not embarked upon any type of rapid transit system which would be a benefit not only to the Detroit city but the suburbs.

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. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

Extraordinary kitchen wows potential home buyers

BY NORMAN PRADY
 CORRESPONDENT

"They say, 'Aha! I found it!' And might not have even known they were looking for it," Mary Lou Flatter said.

Flatter, a sales agent with Cranbrook Associates, Bloomfield Hills, said she's often seen house-hunters become "so captivated" by a certain room that the rest of the house "might not matter."

Sometimes, she said, "they don't talk. You just know. Psychologically, it's already theirs. The answer to a dream. Or they picture such wonderful stuff happening there."

Consider the Ryan house in Oakland Township and the reaction of house-hunters when they enter the kitchen. "It just takes their breath away," Flatter said. And they might wonder how such a room comes to be.

"You get ideas as it starts to take on a personality of its own," Christine Ryan said, remembering how she watched her new house being roughed in four years ago. "You say 'I'm going to add this or change that.'"

The kitchen, she said, always was intended to have a vaulted ceiling. "What we wanted was a Retro Urban look — an 'old-new look.' So we said let's just leave that whole area open."

The result — a kitchen that measures 16 by 28 feet and rises two stories, surrounded by an upper-level gallery that opens off of the second-floor bedrooms.

From the gallery, the view includes marble flooring, granite countertops, a wine cooler, built-in refrigerator and freezer, commercial range, double ovens and fireplace, all of which Ryan said she's heartbroken to give up.

But move they must, as her husband, Michael, president of the Bobcat Company, continues his work, now located at the firm's headquarters in North Dakota.

Set into 3.94 wooded acres, the 6,919-square-foot house is offered for sale at \$2,699,000, according to Flatter and her co-listing sales agent, Katherine Bauman. It was designed by Heins & Kwapis Architects, Rochester, and built by Steve Morris, Woodcrafters, Romeo. Interior design by Chapman House, Rochester.

This story is part of an occasional series we call "Rooms that Sell Houses." If the house you're selling has a remarkable living room great room, bedroom, bathroom or basement, let us know. Contact Keely Kaleski, assistant managing editor, features, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, e-mail or fax (248) 644-1314.



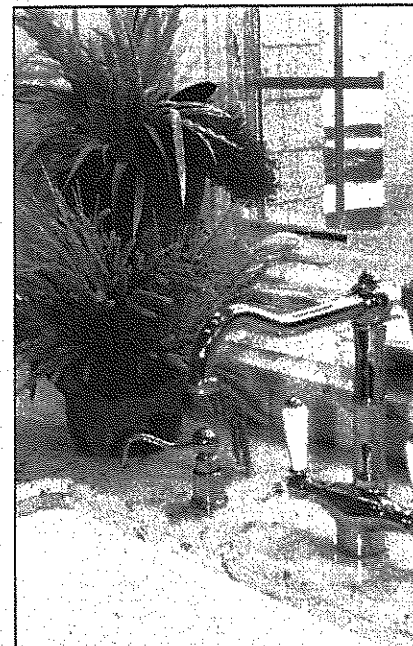
The Ryans designed their kitchen to have an 'old-new look' that's very open.



The sun-lit dining area looks out onto a beautifully landscaped yard.



Features like a built-in desk make the Ryan kitchen special.



Attention to detail is one of the highlights of the Ryan kitchen.

Mortgage Bits

Tim 'Timbo' Phillips



Building your credit profile

Few borrowers are surprised to find the importance of credit scores in determining their ability to acquire a mortgage. What surprises many, however, is their discovery that it's not just their credit scores that make them marketable as a mortgage client, but their underlying credit history.

It is not uncommon to find situations in which lenders approve borrowers with low (or no) credit scores if the borrowers' credit histories are otherwise sound. Conversely, it sometimes happens that borrowers with good credit scores are denied because they have insufficient data in their credit history to substantiate their existing credit scores.

Most borrowers and many lenders erroneously assume that credit scores and credit history are one and the same. The relationship, however, is that the scores are merely a reflection of the borrower's reported credit history.

Because creditors are not required to report information about borrowers' account activities, the resulting scores necessarily do not always wholly reflect their creditworthiness.

If you have open and active credit accounts that are in good standing, it should help your credit profile to have that information added to your credit report. The easiest (and cheapest) way to do this is to simply contact each non-reporting creditor and ask them to report your account history to the credit repositories. I have seen situations in which previously unrecorded mortgage payment histories have provided significant report improvements once reported.

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For further information on how to build your credit profile, visit the www.HomeQuarters.BIZ archives under "Credit Reporting & Repairs," and download your free copy of "How to Build Your Credit Profile."

Timothy J. Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. You may reach him toll-free at (866) 369-4516, or via <http://www.HomeQuarters.BIZ>

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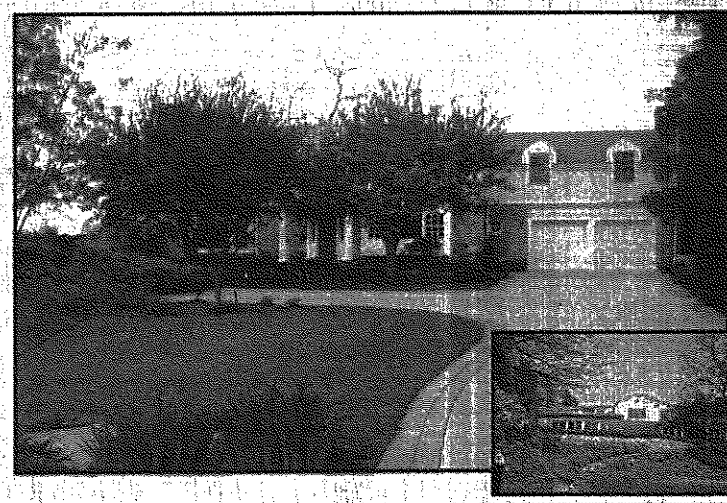
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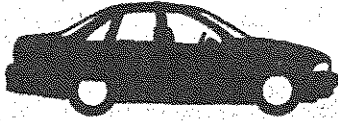
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The New 2003 VW Beetle Convertible

Advertising Feature

Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

There is not a whiff of testosterone in or around the Volkswagen Beetle convertible. So does that make it sort of a guilty pleasure for a guy to actually like this sparky little vehicle? I still haven't resolved that question, but of this much I'm sure: the 2003 Beetle ragtop is one androgynously fun driving machine.

Reckoning with the presumed gender of the vehicle is no small issue with the new Beetle that Volkswagen, ingeniously, introduced six years ago. Plenty of male boomers have memories, as I do, of the fun they had with the original Beetle decades ago. In my case, I had a dark-blue model with a sun-roof that was on its last legs when I bought it -- and which died on a rural hill about three miles out of my home town in Wisconsin.

In fact, this issue has even become a transgenerational one in my family. Every time I see one of the new Beetles, inevitably I am reminded of the repeated instances a few years ago when I simply couldn't convince my pre-teenage son that the new Bug was a "girl's car" through and through: Its look certainly was cool enough for him.

Volkswagen has made its own statement about the Beetle, that's for sure. One of the first things that you notice when you get inside the car is the little plastic flower vase up on the dash. Another anti-masculine "feature" that you may not notice until a little later on is that the space above the two drink holders under the dashboard is barely high enough to hold anything taller than a latte grande; a medium drink from McDonald's will only fit under if you bend the straw. And I advised my now-teenaged son not even to try stuffing anything in the holder as macho as a large Slurpee.

The classic profile of the Beetle, now more than a half-century old, remains highly appealing, and VW wisely didn't much diminish the roundedness even in the convertible version when the company introduced it for this model year. The car comes in an assortment of bright, fun colors; the silver version I drove was tame by comparison with some of the



The VW Beetle is one fun driving machine. The convertible is even better!

other hues, such as a soft yellow. Delightfully, the small, cheese-wedge-shaped rear windows actually operate!

Though I've read complaints about the roof-operating mechanism elsewhere, I didn't have any problem with it whatsoever -- it was not physically demanding, and it was quick. When you turn the switch to lower the roof, all four of the windows in the Beetle convertible retract somewhat, a bit of "pinch protection" when the roof is being lowered.

The GLS version I drove, which carries a suggested retail price of \$26,730, includes some extras that are appealing, including 16-inch alloy wheels, daytime running lights, front fog lights, heatable power outside mirrors and remote releases for the fuel-filler flap and trunk. But there's very little that VW engineers could do, given the necessity to make room for the folding roof, to provide a decent-sized trunk. You simply can't fit anything much bigger than a bag of groceries back there.

Perhaps designers could have just given up and stolen a wee bit of the room from that tiny trunk and re-assigned it to the rear seats, which are very tight -- and especially windblown with the top down. A \$250 optional wind blocker robs even more room

from the back of this vehicle.

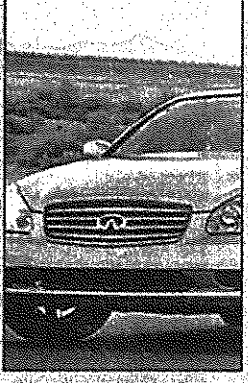
But overall, the interior is a delight, providing many amenities that you just couldn't get on the Beetle of yore -- nor on some of the new Beetle's competitors. The GLS version features heated leather seats, which have five temperature positions, and leather-wrapped steering wheel, shift knob and hand-brake handle; airbags all around; seatback map pockets; dual front-visor vanity mirrors; a lockable rear-cargo pass-through; and front and rear power outlets.

Actually, the best thing about the new Beetle might be its drivability. The GLS version has a 1.8-liter turbocharged engine, which optimizes four cylinders to generate 150 horsepower, with no evidence of the turbo "lag" that used to bedevil turbocharged power plants years ago. Even the automatic transmission doesn't keep the vehicle from providing plenty of zip from a stopped position or in traffic, even on the highway. And the stellar fuel efficiency: 24 in the city, 31 mpg on the highway -- increases the value of having the VW Beetle convertible in your garage. Just keep your teenaged boys away from it.

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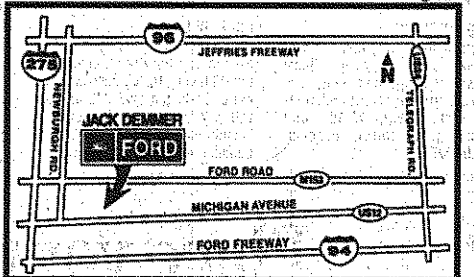
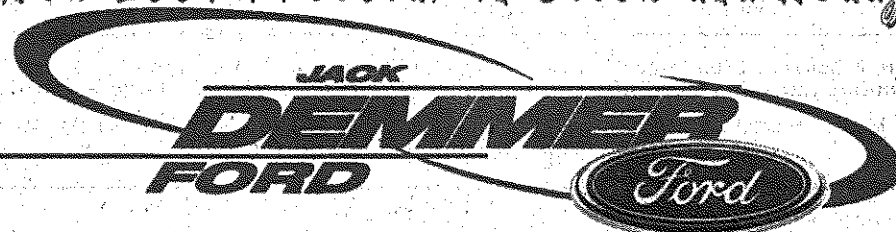
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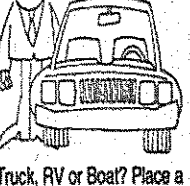
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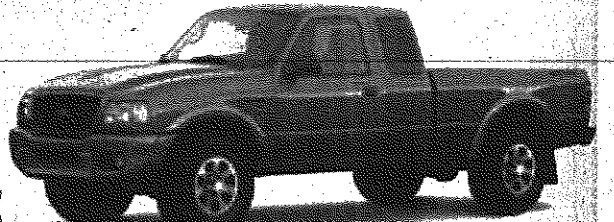
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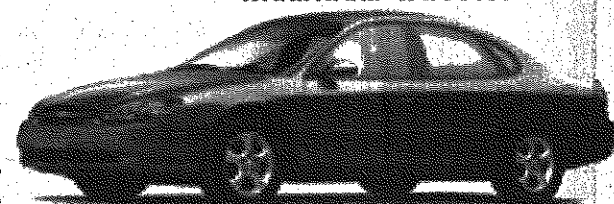
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