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Baby dies in bathtub, mom held

An 11-month-baby boy drowned Wednesday afternoon in an apartment off Palmer, and his 20-year-old mother is in police custody today. Possible charges against the mother will be presented to the Wayne County Prosecutor's office today.

"We received an emergency call from the mother at about 5:30 p.m.," and responded to the scene, said Canton Police Sgt. Todd Mutchler. The baby apparently drowned in the family's bathtub.

The mother and the baby were home alone at the time of the drowning, according to Mutchler, but the baby's 21-year-old father lives with the family.

"There was evidence at the scene as well as statements made by the mother that were inconsistent," Mutchler said of the decision to pursue charges against the baby's mother.

Jones: 'Happy to be alive'

"He's probably the sanest crazy man you'll ever meet."

That was the way Canton resident Keith Jones, 45, summed up his brother, who Monday survived a plunge over Niagara Falls with nothing but street clothes, the only person to survive such a drop without benefit of a lifejacket or some other device.

Kirk Jones, 40, apparently had been planning the jump for at least a month although, according to Keith, "nobody believed him."

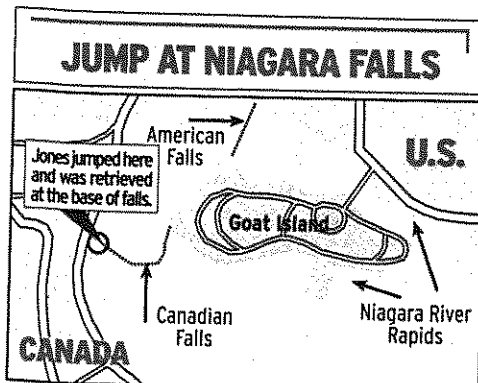
"He got obsessed with it about a month ago," Keith said. "He knew the history of the falls. He knew the story of the 7-year-old boy who had a lifejacket and survived. He said, 'I'm going to go him one better.'"

He did.

Miraculously, according to friends and

relatives, Kirk survived the 170-foot drop over the Canadian side of the Horseshoe Falls with nothing more than a possible broken rib.

Many others have tempted fate by going over Niagara Falls in the past century. News, page A9.



FOCUS ON CANTON

Whether Kirk pulled the stunt to make the *Guinness Book of Records*, as his brother suggested, or not, he certainly put Canton on the international map.

Winkelmann, who was watching Keith and Kirk's two large dogs and answering the family telephone Wednesday while

"One of the Canadian doctors said there's no way this guy couldn't have broken bones," said Kathy Winkelmann of Canton, a family friend who was house-sitting and dog-sitting Wednesday for the Joneses. "But he didn't. It's a miracle."

Keith was in New York for an appearance on *The Today Show*, said people were calling from all over the United States and Canada.

During an interview with an *Observer* reporter, she placed him on hold to take a call on a second line.

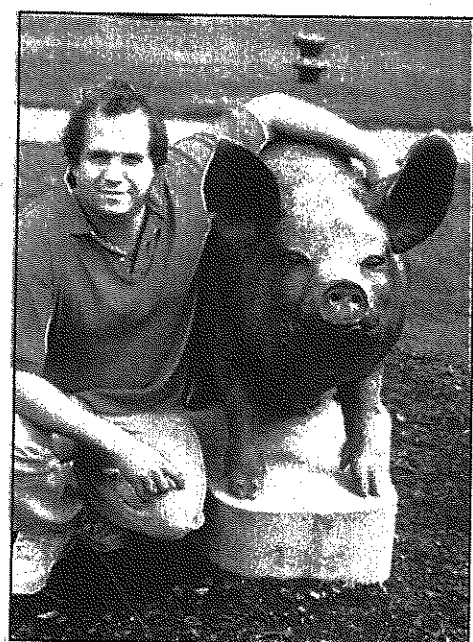
"That was someone calling from London, England," she said after coming back on the line. "The phone keeps ringing all the time."

However intrigued the world seems to be with Kirk's stunt, Canadian officials were not impressed.

Kirk was transferred from Niagara General Hospital Wednesday night and was taken to the Niagara Falls Regional Police station.

He told reporters outside the station that he had been suicidal, according to published reports.

"It's an embarrassing thing to say now," he was quoted as saying, "but



Kirk Jones, 40, of Canton, got the world's attention Monday when he made a successful fall over Niagara Falls in Canada.

depression caused me to do what I think untold numbers have done in Niagara Falls. I can't ask you why God saw fit to let me live at this time, but I'm happy to be alive."

Calls to the hospital on Wednesday were transferred to a recorded message

PLEASE SEE FALLS, A9

Memo

Pick your seat

The Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, Inc. invites the public to select the best seat in the house at the new Canton Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, at the home of Rob and Sally Welch, 8400 N. Ridge Road, just south of Joy in Canton.

The cost to attend is \$100 per person and can be applied to your donation of \$600 per seat. For the donation, you will get to pick the seat you want and have it designated with a nameplate.

For more information, call Jennifer Tobin, Canton performing arts coordinator, at (734) 394-5484.

Dig in

The Canton Goodfellows will kick off their 2003 Christmas Program by hosting "Your Change Can Make a Difference" Day in Canton, Saturday, Oct. 25.

The Goodfellows are asking the public to dig into its pockets, purses and sofa cushions and bring all of the spare change to Heritage Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and fill out change jars.

The Goodfellows also will accept good old folding money, new toys and non-perishable food items.

For more information call Nancy Spencer, Goodfellows president, at (734) 397-8975.



On pumpkin pond

Sarah Stanz gazes at her pumpkin which had a aquarium theme, complete with little fish, all ready to go for the Pumpkins Around the Pond in Heritage Park. The event was an early kick off to Canton's Octoberfest last Saturday.

Dad lauds bus driver who averts tragedy

Plymouth-Canton school bus driver Kim Whiteside is the mother of a 6-year-old. So, when she saw a Plymouth toddler dart into the path of the 40-foot chrome yellow and black transit bus she was piloting along Hines Drive last Friday, the Westland woman's motherly instincts took over.

"I just wanted to get out of the bus and get him out of the way," said Whiteside.

Whiteside's quick reaction averted what could have been a tragedy and earned her a hero's label from a grateful father.

Whiteside was traveling westbound on Hines Drive near Wilcox Lake, part of her daily special education school bus route. She was just coming out of a curve into a straightaway at about 37 mph - "I always go

slow around there," she said - when she caught something out of the corner of her eye.

"I was driving down the road and I saw a man running toward the street," remembers Whiteside, who at the time didn't see 27-month-old Casey McCord because of a guardrail. "I then saw a child step out in the middle of the road and stop. All I know is the child froze, and there were cars coming from the other side."

"So, I did everything in my power to make the bus stop," she said. "I put both feet on the brakes and tried to make the bus come to a complete stop before hitting him."

By the time Whiteside could react, there was only about 20 feet between

PLEASE SEE DRIVER, A5

WETLAND MITIGATION: A FAILED PROGRAM

Artificial wetlands fall short of state goals

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Wetland mitigation projects dot the metro Detroit landscape like tiny oases in a rapidly growing urban desert. They're tucked underneath expressways and behind industrial parks. They can be found next to new subdivisions, while some even sit in the shadows of skyscrapers.

The mitigation projects are artificial wetlands developers must create when they fill and destroy natural wetlands, whether it be for a subdivision, strip mall or parking lot. Since 1984, when Michigan began administering its

State agency does poor job protecting our wetlands. Editorial, page A10.

own wetland mitigation program, roughly 2,000 mitigation projects have been constructed in Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties alone.

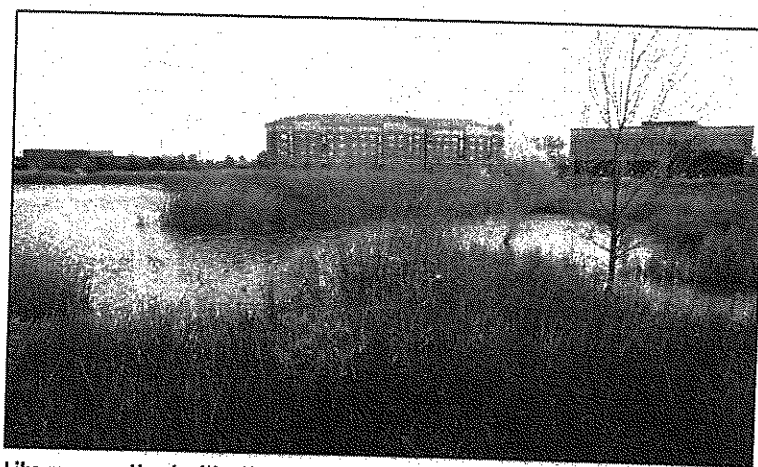
In an area that was historically replete with water and wetlands, the mitigation projects are some of the last remaining wetlands, as development continues to outpace the population growth.

Although some of these constructed wetlands have succeeded, the program has largely

proven to be a failure. Most of the mitigated wetlands are either of poor quality or of insufficient size. Some developers have never even bothered to build the required wetlands.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the agency that issues permits and administers the mitigation program, has admitted the problems. In 1997, the department initiated a five-year survey of 159 mitigation sites constructed between 1987 and 1998, and found only 22 percent of the projects to be successful wetlands.

PLEASE SEE WETLANDS, A4



Like many wetland mitigation projects in the area, the American Tower site in Southfield is tucked between office buildings. This site is considered a successful wetland, although most artificial wetlands have proven to be failures.

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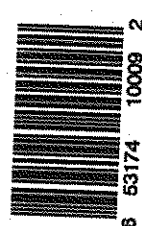
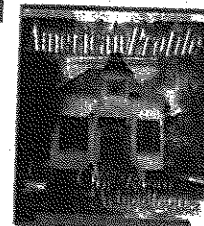
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Volunteering is this retiree's passion in life

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

If Charles Mott is retired, someone needs to tell him. "When you get ready to retire, you think you'll have a lot of free time," the Canton resident said.

After two years in retirement, Mott, a former industrial electrician and project manager, is finding out otherwise. Not that he wasn't busy when he worked.

But the volunteer career he started while working has only blossomed. His resume is a patchwork of giving to the community.

Start with the Canton Lions Club, followed by the Canton Historical Society, the Retirees Association for Local No. 58, the Electrical Workers Credit Union, the Canton Homeowners Advisory Council and the Woodlands of Canton subdivision association. In each he plays a vital role, whether serving as a vice president or member who has the enormous task of producing the group's newsletter.

"I come from a humble background. We never had anything. We weren't poor, but sometimes it felt like it. People helped us," Mott said. "So, I believe I should help people."

And he does. And he believes in lives in a community in which volunteerism is encouraged. "If you don't have volunteers, you don't have a viable community," he said.

Despite the offices he holds in some of the volunteer organizations, Mott prefers to work behind the scenes. He

doesn't need accolades, titles, awards and the like. "I just want to help people," he said.

No group should be offended, but his favorite is the Lions Club, simply because it does so much in the community. He credits Bob Boyer, yet another committed Canton volunteer, with bringing the club "out of the doldrums."

Mott tells the story of a phone call from someone who needed glasses in Belleville. That city's Lions Club went kaput. Other clubs the person called turned down the request for the help. After all, their clubs didn't operate in Belleville. Mott credit Boyer with helping to fulfill the request. Efforts are afoot to restart a Lions Club in Belleville.

Meanwhile, as a member of the Canton Historical Society — Mott is a former board member and treasurer — he acquired responsibilities for the newsletter. "I said I would try to do it," he said. "At that time I was working 12 hours a day."

Do it he did. And he took over the Lions' newsletter, as well as one for his retirees group. "I had never thought about doing a newsletter." His almost lifelong interest and skill in photography came in handy. He also took a class at Schoolcraft College to learn a photography software program, and learned how to use a design software program. Today, his newsletters arrive in hundreds of homes and offices.

"Once you start doing it, it's your job and no one else's. No one else wants it," said the



Canton resident Charles Mott is a volunteer extraordinaire.

father of three grown children with his wife, Virginia. They are grandparents to eight children.

Through the newsletters, he's had no choice but learn to write and rewrite.

His wife takes a look at his work and then it gets passed to one of his five sisters, who is a teacher.

A vice president of the Electrical Workers Credit Union, Mott admits he is about to become the president — again. Not an easy task. "We're small. But we're very fiscally responsible," he said.

When he first retired, Mott volunteered to work at Holiday Market in Canton one day a week. That's right. He volunteered to work. His wages were donated to charity each week.

Holding a newsletter — which he did — from his union local No. 58, Mott points to a photograph on the front page of his colleagues in Tunica, Miss. He had run into a pipe-fitter friend who mentioned that that particular local takes trips. "So I started it. Now we have a group effort," Mott said, adding he arranged for 40 retired union members to make the trip.

Mott is certain volunteerism brings people together. It's an easy way to make friends. "People today are more isolated," he said.

They don't know their neighbors. If you're just working all the time, it's not fun."

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Patients with chronic neck pain may use up to twice as many health care services, on average, as the general population. It should come as good news, then, to those who suffer from this problem that a recent Finnish study indicates that neck-muscle exercises may help bring relief. Researchers had women with chronic neck pain perform either endurance-training exercises (such as lifting the head while lying on the back or stomach) or high-intensity neck-strengthening muscles in their shoulders, backs, and arms, and they were encouraged to perform aerobic exercise. After one year, both groups experienced a considerable reduction in average neck pain and disability.

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Night music

Arts take center stage at Canton's first showcase

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

It's not often you can just stand there and take in the music.

"The way the world is today, it's kind of comforting to come to a community event like this. It's safe," Sue Carney of Canton said.

Carney was among a small but earnest crowd Friday night which attended the first-ever Arts Are Alive Showcase at the Summit on the Park.

Fashioned after a business expo, the showcase gave vocalists, musicians and artists a chance to bring their work to the people. They demonstrated, sang and played as visitors moved around the banquet room taking in the arts.

"I am just thrilled. Look at this place. Isn't it vibrant?" asked Jennifer Tobin, Canton performing arts coordinator.

As performers took one of two stages — set up at either end of the room — Tobin introduced them and explained what they do, followed up by questions following the performance.

"This is the fun, uplifting part of our personalities," said Janine Grady, who performed contemporary vocals with help from her piano accompanist, Karen Nysek. Grady is a music teacher at Central Middle School, Nysek a nurse with the Detroit Public Schools and a music minister at St. Thomas 'A Becket Catholic Church in Canton.

Heather Popoff, 11, sang *The Prayer and Journey to the Past* for guests, while her



Bethany Stawasz, a member of the Plymouth Symphony, plays the harp at Canton's first Arts Are Alive Showcase.

mom displayed her own creations — memory quilts. Christine Popoff displayed a quilt she made for her daughter, highlighting her young career and the productions in which she performed.

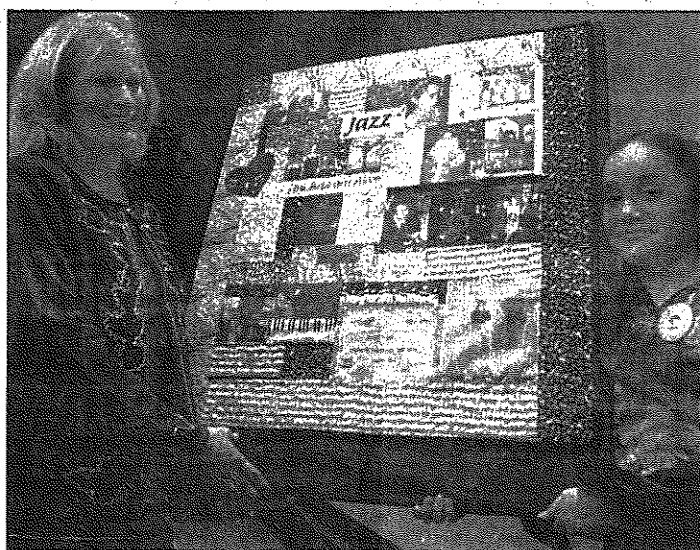
When asked what she wants to be when she grows up, Heather said: "An actress or a singer. A movie actress. I'm singing all the time, the shower, everywhere."

Bridget Carney and Rivka Gates were the two vocalists of Gallowglass, a five-member band waiting its turn on stage.

"We perform mostly Irish with a twist," Carney said. "We are trying to do folk music with a rock-and-roll goofiness."

Both women also perform for the Michigan Renaissance Festival.

Children with Village Music also performed and wowed the crowd. "He could



Mother and daughter Christine and Heather Popoff have the market cornered. Heather sings, dances and acts, while Christine creates memory quilts.

melt ice cream," said one onlooker as a child sang.

Linda Alvarado, Plymouth Symphony president, summed up the primary

feeling of the evening: "Just let that sound wash over you."

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Leisure Services follows a zero tolerance code

Throwing a bat in anger during a softball game in a township park or being verbally abusive to someone during a hockey game at the Arctic Edge is generally not considered "appropriate behavior."

In the past, such actions might have been ignored or shrugged off, but now they could get you suspended from the facility.

That's the result of a Leisure Services Code of Conduct adopted last week by the Canton Board of Trustees.

While a similar code has always been in effect at Summit on the Park, Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin said it is now being extended to all venues covered by her department.

"Accreditation has forced us to be consistent throughout Leisure Services," she told the board. "The new policy also includes an appeal process which was not spelled out in the old one."

Debbie Honsowetz, manager of recreation and facilities for the township, said when the code was initially developed, Summit on the Park was its own division.

"In 2000 we created Leisure Services," she said. "Now we have golf, parks and the softball center. It made sense to modify the code of conduct to include all of Leisure Services."

The code itself is fairly simple. Item one reads: "A zero tolerance stance will be taken as it relates to criminal behavior."

Beyond that, the code simply

says that individuals will be advised of "inappropriate behavior or action" and if the behavior continues, the individual may be asked to leave the premises and is subject to suspension.

If the individual is a minor (under 18), a parent or guardian will be notified.

The code also spells out an appeals process for people who feel they've been unfairly accused.

Honsowetz said that over the last eight years, probably about a dozen people had been suspended.

"It could have been anything from theft to fighting," she said. "Our department is striving to achieve national accreditation. They look for strong policies and procedures that make you a more efficient and well-run agency."

The code will be posted in all facilities where it is in place, including areas used by youth athletic leagues. "We're still dealing with youth leagues and youth sports associations," Honsowetz said. "What we're hoping is that with youth sports groups this can be implemented into their league rules."

In time, users of all facilities will be given copies of the code and asked to sign that they have read it and understand it.

"It really is in place to ensure that any guests coming into a Leisure Services facility or program can feel safe," she said.

"The message is if you act inappropriately, there will be repercussions."

Public invited to tour mosque

The Canton Mosque will hold an open house noon to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25.

The open house will give the local community an opportunity to tour a mosque and learn about Muslim beliefs and practices.

The event is one of several activities planned to increase awareness and education about the Muslim community.

Visitors will be able to tour the mosque, explore an Islamic Art exhibit, taste foods of the Muslim world, as well as experience Muslim entertainment.

Several scholars and guests will speak about a variety of topics.

There are several hundred Muslim families in the Canton area and more than 300,000 Muslims in the greater Detroit area.

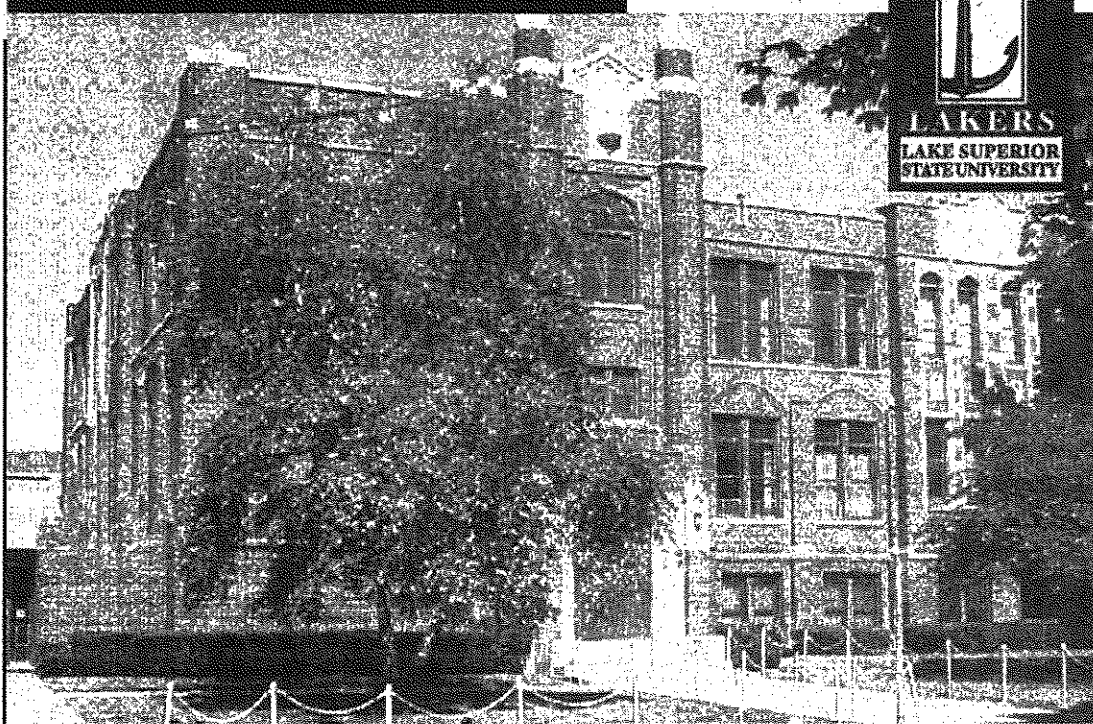
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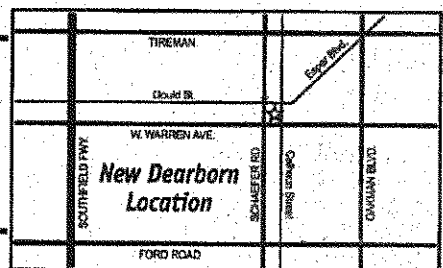
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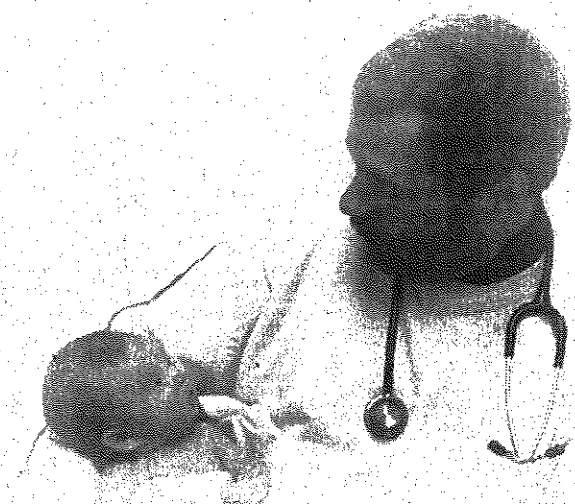
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Constructing functional wetlands can be achieved

BY KURT KUBAN
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Based on the relative failure of Michigan's wetland mitigation program, the question must be asked: Is it possible to construct an artificial wetland that performs the same functions of a natural wetland?

Andy Hartz, an environmental quality analyst with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), thinks so. Hartz has issued permits for hundreds of mitigation projects. And although he has seen many projects he considers failures, he says some developers have gone the extra mile and created admirable, functioning wetlands.

There are many variables that separate failures from successes, including the amount of water a site holds, the variety of plants it supports and how it is maintained by the property owner. Hartz, who handles permitting and monitoring for all of Wayne County and northern Macomb County, says he looks for several factors when determining a site's success rate.

One of the most important factors is vegetative cover, such as the variety of plants. A good site will support native wetland plants, such as cattails, arrowhead, pickerelweed, wild celery, white water lilies and shrubs like dogwoods. Hartz also looks for the presence of non-native, invasive species such as purple loosestrife and phragmites.

"Oftentimes, the value of a wetland is associated with its vegetation. A healthy wetland will have a variety of plants. However, a lot of these mitigation sites are just overrun with invasives such as purple loosestrife, which offer very little to wildlife," Hartz said.

Perhaps the trickiest aspect of creating an artificial wetland, however, is its hydrology, or its water base. After examining 159 mitigation sites, the DEQ determined most sites failed because of mistakes with hydrology. Of the mitigation sites the DEQ evaluated, 42 percent contained excessive water, while 32 percent didn't have enough water. The quality of water is also a factor.

Because much of Oakland



Andy Hartz, an environmental quality analyst with the Department of Environmental Quality, explains how a wetland mitigation project in Canton Township isn't what the developer promised. The site, behind Lifetime Fitness, is an open pond, although plans called for very little open water.

and Wayne counties have heavy clay soils, Hartz said most developers rely on stormwater to create wetlands. One example is a nearly 20-acre site in Southfield on 11 Mile near the American Tower, which Hartz said is one of the most successful mitigation sites in Oakland County. Constructed by the Jonna Co., the site uses treated stormwater to replenish the site.

"Trying to recreate a wetland of this size without using stormwater is nearly impossible," Hartz said. "But stormwater is full of oils and grease. Untreated stormwater is what is killing our streams and everything else. They've done a good job treating the stormwater at

this site, but other sites often fail because of the amount of stormwater that is sent to the wetland."

In addition to a diversity of vegetation at the American Tower site, Hartz said an indication of its success is the amount of wildlife that uses the site, including a number of rare migrating birds which have been spotted there. Another reason he sees it as a success is its accessibility to the public. There is a boardwalk that spans much of the wetland, which many people walk during lunch.

"We really love this site because it is open to the public. Most sites are on private property. While many sites are functional, they don't have the

tangible benefit — the public benefit. These sites can really be educational," Hartz said.

But for every American Tower site, there are several mitigation sites that are considered failures by the DEQ. One such site is in Canton Township, behind Lifetime Fitness on Haggerty Road. Approximately five acres, the site, also constructed by the Jonna Co., is essentially an open pond that supports very little plant diversity. To make matters worse, the site is being mowed right to the water's edge, so there is little or no vegetative cover for wildlife. According to Hartz, the developer's plans called for a variety of native plants and very little open water.

"There is a great pond on the site, but as a wetland, it leaves

something to be desired. It is not a wetland," Hartz said. "And what they do have there, they are mowing and weed whipping. If we knew we were going to get a pond, we would've never given them the permit to fill wetlands."

As part of the mitigation permit, developers are supposed to monitor a site for five years. Hartz said his division will work with the owner of the Lifetime Fitness site to rectify some of the problems.

Livonia resident Bill Craig, who is the vice-chair of the Rouge River Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council (RRAC) and an environmental activist, is a big critic of filling the few wetlands that remain in the Rouge River watershed. He

said natural wetlands play a critical role in filtering stormwater before it can pollute local streams. Although he admits he has been impressed by a few of the mitigation sites, Craig feels the state needs to get tougher on developers that don't comply with state and federal laws protecting wetlands.

"As much as I hate to say it, a wetland can be created," Craig said. "But it's difficult to create exactly what you design, because there are so many variables. Just because you have a duck there, doesn't mean you have functional wetland. It ends up being the amount of will to create what you want. Oftentimes, there just isn't the will."

WETLANDS

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According to the results of this internal survey, which looked at both developer compliance and the biological conditions of the projects, only 18 percent of the developers complied with all permit conditions, and only half the projects contained the required acreage of wetlands. More than 40 percent of the sites had excessive water, while another 32 percent lacked sufficient water. One out of seven of the required projects were never even built.

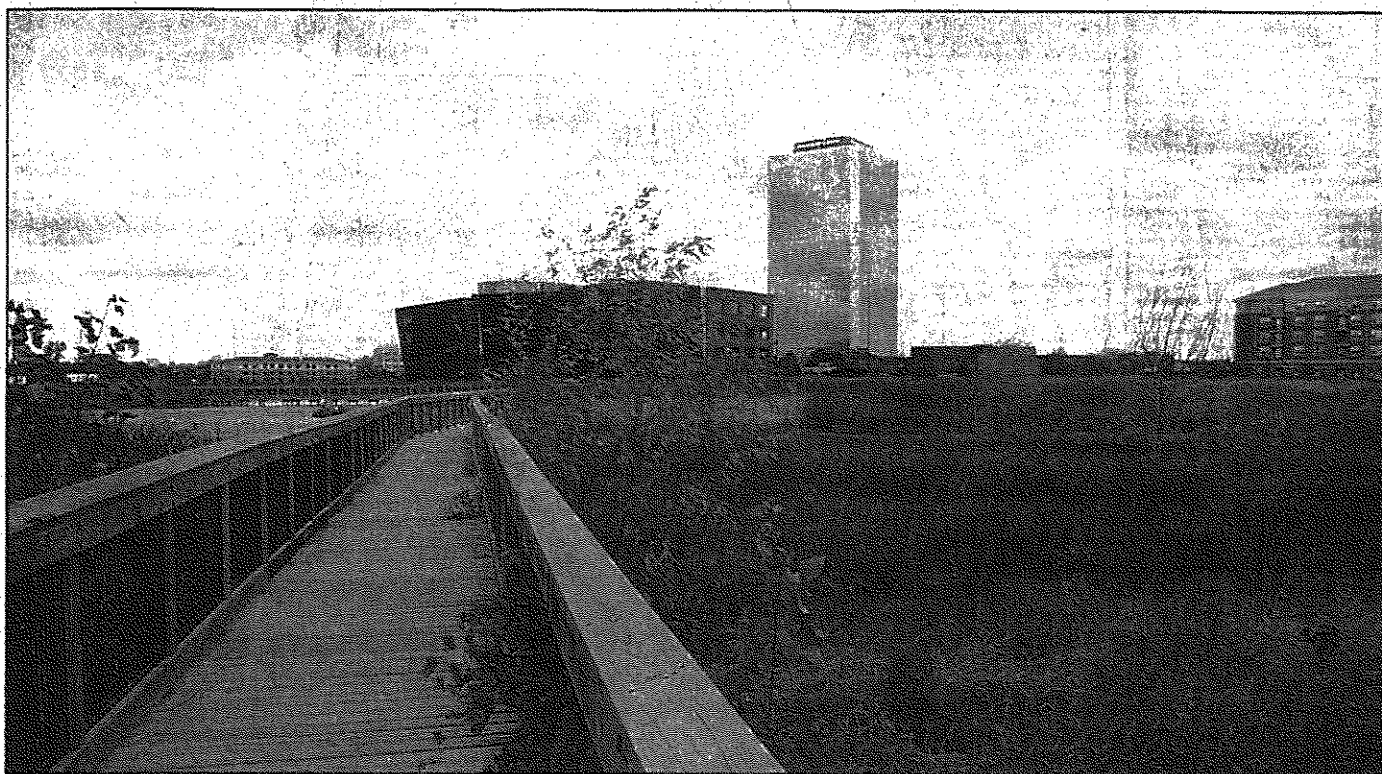
Even the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has expressed concern about Michigan's program. Because wetlands are protected by federal law, the EPA actually administers wetland mitigation programs in every state except Michigan and New Jersey. Based on complaints from environmentalists, the EPA undertook its own review of the state's program. The agency concluded the state wasn't doing nearly enough to protect wetlands.

LACK OF OVERSIGHT

While a finger can be pointed at developers for not complying with state and federal laws in regards to mitigating destroyed wetlands, there is much blame to go around, including the DEQ itself for its inability to enforce the law.

The DEQ's Mary Vanderlaan, who supervises the land and water management division in the district that covers Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair counties, said the main problem the agency has in making developers comply with the rules is a lack of staffing. She said her division is by far the busiest division in the DEQ's Livonia office, but it has only nine staff members to review and issue permits, then go out to monitor a site to see if it meets compliance or if it has even been built. In fact, one person administers all of Wayne County and northern Macomb County, where development is occurring at a breakneck pace.

"One of the big problems is there hasn't been much follow-up on whether the mitigation was built or if they worked," Vanderlaan said. "Early on in the program, the developers knew we didn't have the personnel to go out and check for compliance, and they took advantage of it."



At nearly 20 acres, the wetland mitigation project near the American Tower in Southfield is considered a successful wetland by the Department of Environmental Quality. The site contains an abundance of vegetation and a boardwalk that is open to the public.

Still, Vanderlaan admits she was surprised by the findings of the DEQ's report, which was issued in 2001. "The failure rate really surprised me. I thought there were going to be more mitigations not built, rather than built and then failed," she said.

Like many state agencies, the DEQ experienced staffing cuts in the last few years because of budget problems. Vanderlaan is hoping that changes as the economy improves. However, according to John Pastor, a state representative from Livonia, she better not hold her breath.

A builder and former councilman, Pastor decided to run for state office during a particularly ugly battle with the DEQ over him being able to fill several acres of wetlands near the intersection of Eight Mile and Haggerty in Northville Township. The DEQ tried to stop him, but after a two-year public fight, he has begun construction on the site. In return Pastor is creating a 19-acre wetland in Salem Township.

After getting elected, Pastor became chairman of appropriations for both the DEQ and the Department of Natural Resources, which means he controls their budgets. He said he won't support any staff increases until the

agency begins to treat developers and property owners with more respect.

"The DEQ makes it so difficult for people. From experience, I know all they care about is telling people what they can do with their property. But they don't own the property. They are land stewards, not landowners," Pastor said. "The people in the DEQ say they don't have enough staff. I say there's not enough accountability. There's only so much money to go around. Everyone else in state government is making do with less. It's time they do more with less."

NEW RULES

Even without new staff, Vanderlaan says a number of new rules are beginning to make a difference in the fight to save wetlands. The biggest is the DEQ's ability to get developers to post performance bonds on the mitigation projects.

If developers don't comply with wetland permits, the DEQ can draw on the bonds to pay for improvements to the mitigated wetlands. She says it's all part of making developers understand the cost and complexity of wetland mitigation.

"It's not just going out there, dig some holes, and go away. There's a huge cost. When they figure out just how

complex mitigation is, they come back to us and say they can't afford it. So we tell them, 'Don't fill so much wetland,'" Vanderlaan said. "You learn tricks in negotiation, and learn how to speak their language, which is dollars and cents."

Noting the program's failures, many communities, including Troy, are beginning to get involved with the fight to force developers to do a better job with the mitigation projects. According to Jennifer Lawson, Troy's environmental specialist, the city has hired a wetland specialist to survey all of the mitigated wetlands in the community. She said failed wetlands not only affect local streams and wildlife, they also impact communities.

"We're in the process of contacting developers and asking them to revisit some of these sites. Hopefully we can work with the developers so they will replant dead plants and do some of the other things they should've done five and 10 years ago," Lawson said.

"Nobody wants to live next to a failing wetland," she added. "They can be a real eyesore. But a successful wetland can be a real asset to a neighborhood. You have wonderful plants and beautiful colors. They can be quite nice."

A FAILED POLICY

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality recently concluded a five-year study of its wetland mitigation program. Wetland mitigation projects are the artificial wetlands developers must construct when they fill and destroy natural wetlands. For the study, the DEQ looked at 159 mitigated wetlands constructed between 1987 and 1998. Most of the projects are located in the southern Lower Peninsula. The DEQ looked at both developer compliance and the biological conditions of each project.

These are some of the findings:

- Only 22 percent of the mitigation projects were determined to be overall successful.
- One in seven projects were never even constructed.
- Only half of the sites contained the required wetland acreage.
- 42 percent had excessive water.
- 32 percent of the sites had insufficient water.
- 41 percent of the sites didn't contain sufficient top soil to facilitate plant growth.
- Only 18 percent of the developers complied with all permit conditions.
- Only 26 percent of the projects received any type of follow-up inspection from DEQ staff after the permit was issued.

DRIVER

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the bus and little Casey. The boy's father, Bill McCord, could do nothing more than watch — and hope.

"Usually Casey observes the rules of staying within a certain boundary," said McCord, "but the time I was caring for his sister (1-year-old Maria), who fell down, was just what Casey needed to get out of range."

"I looked up and saw him shooting toward the road," recalled McCord. "He usually stops at the sidewalk, but I think he saw the ducks on the other side of the road and made a beeline."

"When I yelled, he didn't stop, and then I saw him go into the road and the bus was coming. It was horrifying."

As Whiteside slammed on the brakes, the bus screeched toward Casey.

"I came on the child and

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OBITUARY

James E. Williams Sr.

Services were held for James Williams, 90, of Rogers, Ark. Mr. Williams was born March 31, 1913, in Detroit and died Oct. 10, 2003, in Arkansas.

He attended Plymouth High School and graduated in 1933, where he lettered in baseball, football, basketball, golf and track. His love of sports continued throughout his life. He was an avid golfer and bowler until well into his 80s. He was employed for 45 years at Daisy Air Rifle in Plymouth and was subsequently transferred by Daisy to Arkansas in 1958.

Mr. Williams was preceded in death by wife, Gertrude; parents, Homer and Gratta Williams; daughter, Jacqueline K. Williams; brothers, Harold, Roy and Elton; and three sisters, Marion, Dorothy and Sally.

Survivors include brothers, Robert William Willett of Detroit; son, James E. Williams of Plymouth; stepson, Ralph (Barbara) Talik of Missouri; grandchildren, Janet (Douglas) Haddock of Arkansas and David Talik of Missouri; great-grandchildren, Jacob, Elizabeth, Kate, Matthew Hadik and Kyler Talik; and several nieces and nephews also survive.

touched him, knocking him over," she said. "I asked the father not to move the child, and the paramedics showed up soon afterwards."

McCord said it was a miracle Casey received only a few bruises.

"The bus did bump him, and he went sideways and fell to the pavement," said McCord. "But, he got right up. He has a bruise on his cheek, but other than that it's amazing he has no other soreness or mark on his body."

"I'm tremendously grateful and impressed by the action and reflexes of that driver," he said. "My feeling is that a couple of guardian angels latched onto that bus, or stepped in

front of it to slow it down unbelievably quickly."

"I was so upset, but the father brought the child to me a couple of times and I touched him and said I was sorry," said Whiteside. "The father told me he was deeply sorry, and told me I was a hero."

Whiteside is one of 48 Plymouth-Canton bus drivers who, for the first time this year, participated in an advance driving course at the Eaton Proving Grounds in Marshall, Mich. Drivers are taught to perform evasive maneuvers, control skids and how to stop a bus on or off the road during an emergency.

Whiteside said she's not sure

if it was her road training or instincts that led to her actions in saving Casey's life.

"We know that our bus doesn't stop on a dime because there are 30,000 pounds behind you," she said. "That's why I applied both feet on the brakes. If I could, I would have jumped out and let the bus hit me first."

McCord said he's grateful Whiteside was driving that bus.

"I feel terrible that my problem became her problem, but I'm glad she was the one," said McCord. "I don't know how many people could do what she did ... probably one in a million."

Melvin Latnie, director of



School officials and one frightened father are credited Plymouth-Canton Schools bus driver Kim Whiteside's actions for saving the life of a 27-month-old boy.

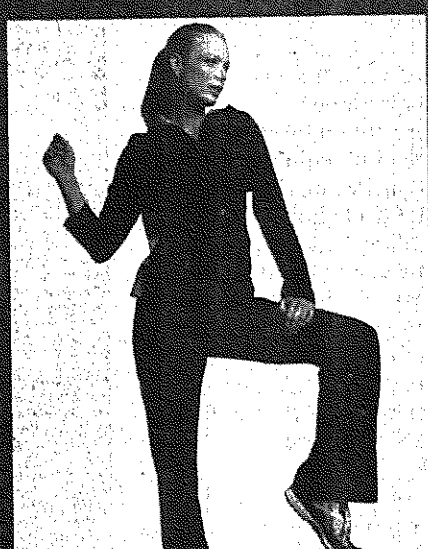
transportation for Plymouth-Canton Schools, said he plans on recognizing Whiteside for her actions.

"I'm extremely proud of her ... she did a fine job," said Latnie. "I plan on writing a letter of commendation."

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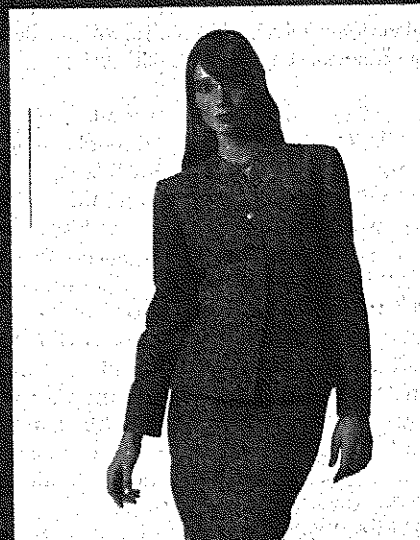
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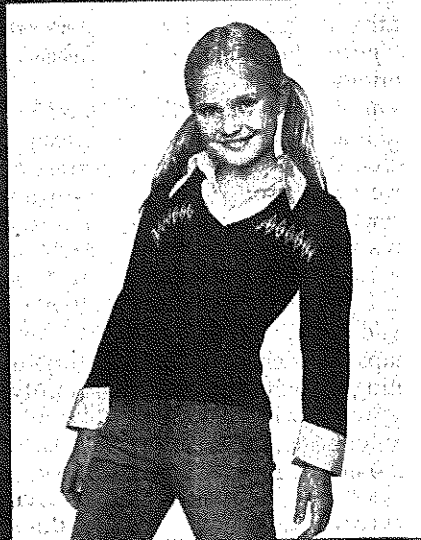
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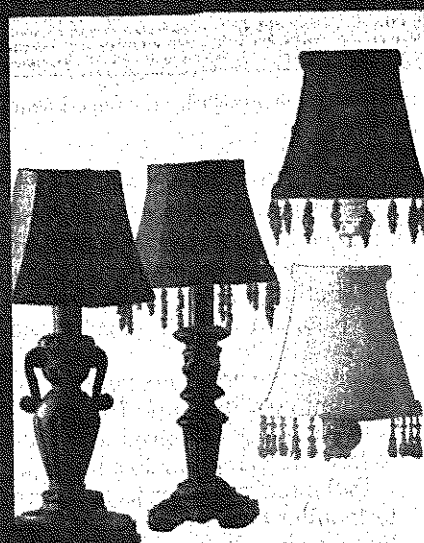
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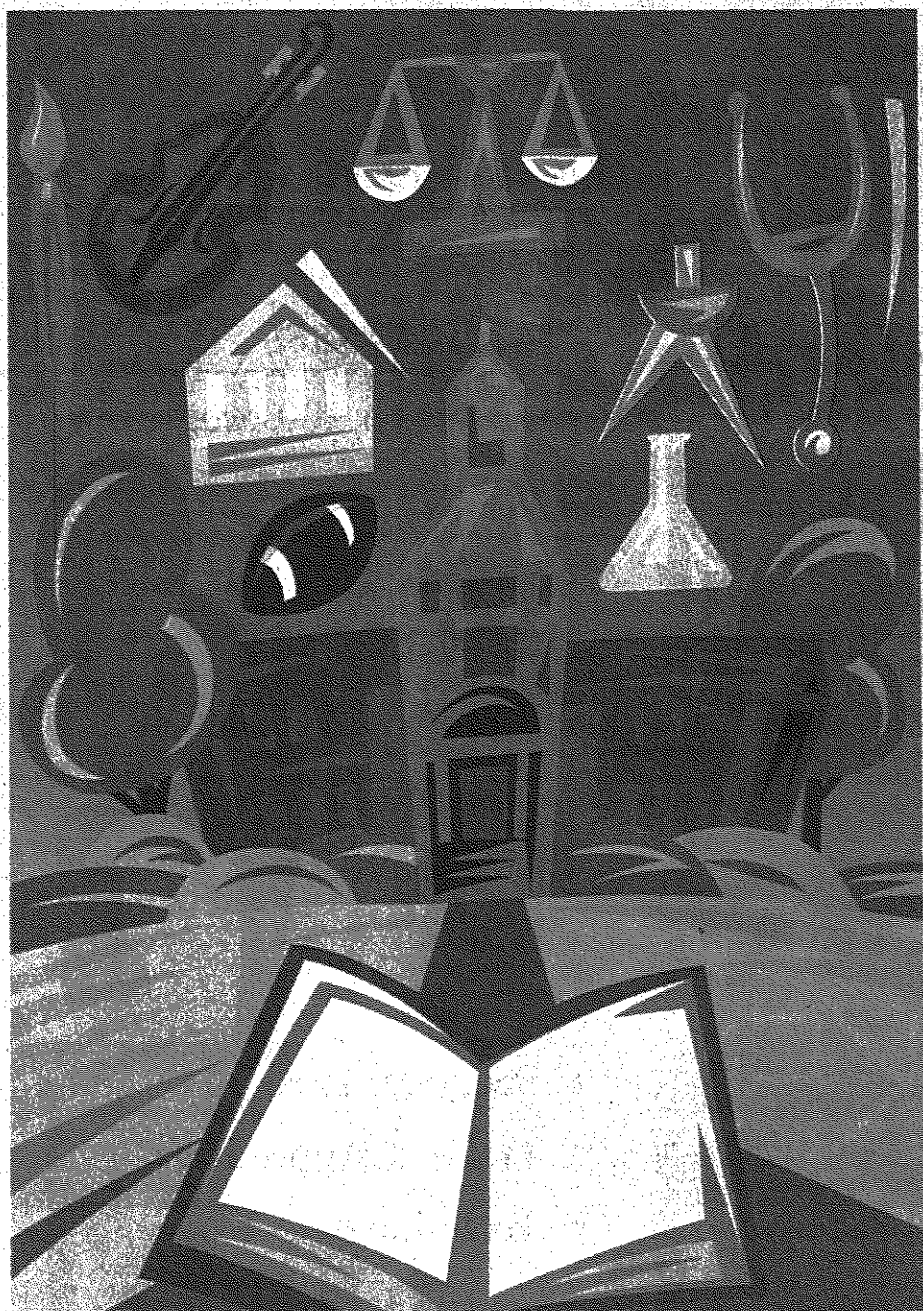
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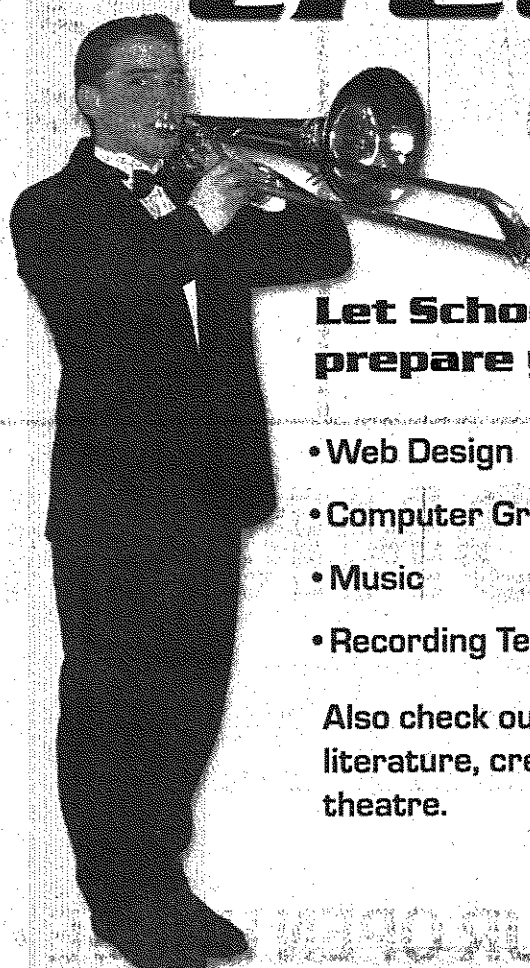
A Closer Look at Web-Based Learning

Distance education has certainly evolved over the span of just a few years into an attractive alternative for busy adults balancing hectic work and family schedules. Online programs allow students to take courses when and where they can. Courses, certificates and even full degree programs are now available online, and as more and more students enroll, the number of traditional "brick and mortar" institutions offering online programs also continues to rise. According to recent statistics from the United States Department of Education, more than 90 percent of colleges and universities provide a plan to provide some kind of program through distance learning.

Overall, online education is a great option for students returning to school. As technology continues to advance, and demand continues to grow, distance learning will further develop its potential. The most important thing to remember before enrolling in any program is to carefully research your options. Just because an online university appears on "legitimate" sites like Google or Yahoo doesn't mean that the school itself is on the up and up. There are plenty of "diploma mills" out there, handing out degrees worth little more than the paper they're printed on.

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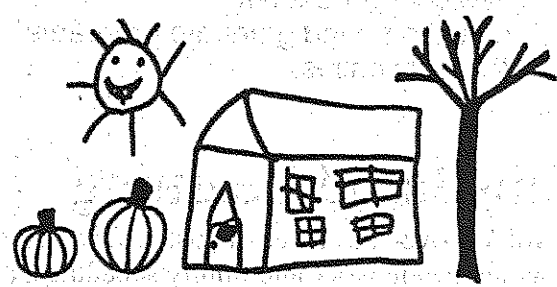
Adult students (ages 25 to 80) are the fastest growing educational demographic, according to recent statistics from the census bureau and the United States Department of Education. So many adults are returning to college (and enrolling for the first time) they won't be known as "non-traditional" students much longer.

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You've got a big project due at work, no shortage of responsibilities at home and now, you've got classes of your own to contend with. You ask yourself, how do people do this? Here are five tips, courtesy of DePaul University.

1. Pace yourself. You can't do it all at once, so don't even try. Dedicate blocks of time throughout the week to studying. Mark these times in your calendar so they become a habit and less likely to cause stress around exam time.
2. Create a study area. Having a permanent place to study is important for both psychological and practical reasons. When you are in your study area, you can devote your full attention to schoolwork. Make sure your family understands this.
3. Maintain balance and harmony. Make sure you schedule some time for you to relax and renew. Exercise, meditate, whatever it takes to stay focused and healthy.
4. Celebrate your achievements. Reward yourself when you finish a chapter, turn in a paper, or complete an exam. Include your spouse or kids in the celebration.
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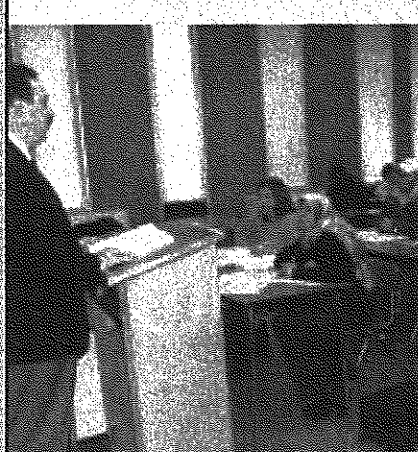
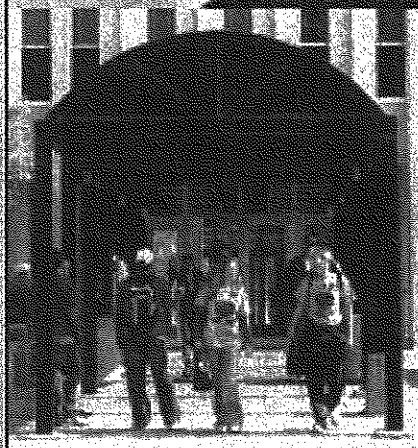


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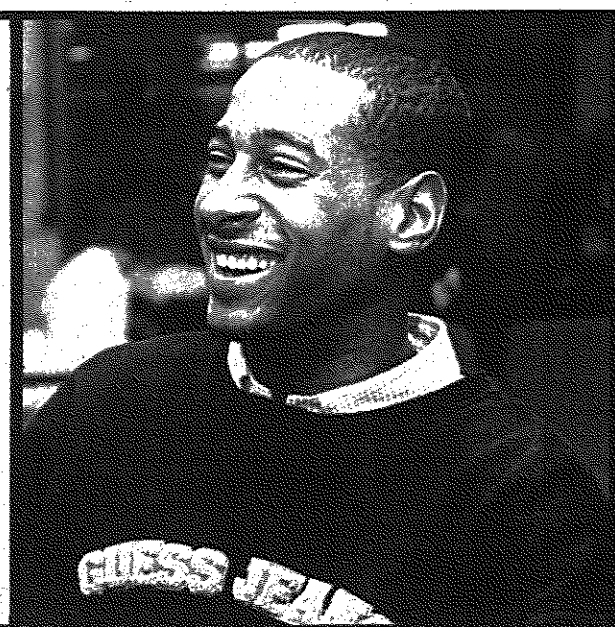
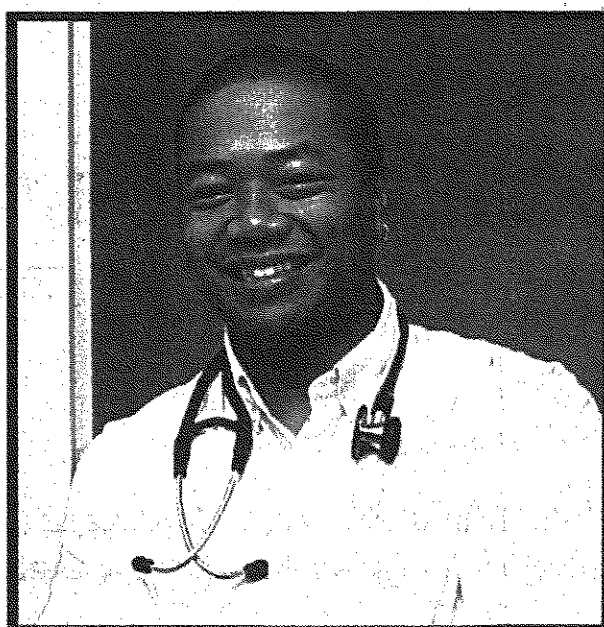


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Canton man follows long list of those who defied the Falls

Canton's Kirk Jones follows a hearty group of men and women who have tried to beat Mother Nature by going over Niagara Falls in the past century. Some, like Jones, were successful, others met their fate. Many have sought fame. Others simply wanted to defy the seeming unbeatable odds. What follows is a glimpse of those who gave it a try.

■ 1901 – Annie Taylor – Survived. The Bay City, Mich., teacher holds the distinction of being the first person to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel.

■ 1911 – Bobby Leach – Survived. A native of Cornwall, England, Leach survived a plunge over the Horseshoe Falls in a cylindrical steel barrel. He spent six months in the hospital for injuries.

■ 1920 – Charles Stephens – Died. The barber from Bristol, England, died when he went over the Falls in a barrel. All that was left was his right arm. The rest of his body and an anvil tied to the barrel sank to the bottom of the river.

■ 1928 – Jean Lussier – Survived. A Niagara Falls, N.Y., resident, Lussier made the successful trip in a six-foot rubber ball.

■ 1930 – George Stathakis – Died.

The Buffalo, N.Y., chef went over in a large, wooden barrel. He was trapped for almost 18 hours when his barrel was caught behind one of the falls. When the barrel broke loose, Stathakis was found dead of suffocation. His pet turtle, that was along for the ride, survived.

■ 1951 – William "Red" Hill Jr. – Died. He rode over the falls in a contraption of inner tubes held together with fish net and canvas straps.

Police made no attempt to stop him.

He was towed out into Niagara River, only to be lost in the swift current and down to the boiling water at the base of the Falls. His body was

recovered the next day.

■ Nathan Boya – 1961 – Survived. He floated down Niagara River in a dark, rubber ball and over the falls to be later retrieved by Maid of the Mist employees. He was the first person charged and convicted under the Niagara Parks Act.

■ 1984 – Karel Soucek – Survived. He went over in a barrel with fiberglass moldings at either end and insulated with liquid foam. He also had a snorkel and eye holes to look out during his 3.2-second trip. He was trapped in his barrel and after 45 minutes was rescued and fined.

■ 1985 – Steve Trotter – Survived. This Rhode Island 22-year-old first went over in a contraption of barrels and inner tubes. He is the youngest man to survive the fall. In 1995, he teamed up with Lori Martin, then 29, for the first co-ed ride over the Falls. Their barrel got stuck in a rock crevice and both were rescued.

■ 1985 – John David Munday – Survived. His first attempt was stopped by police. Two months later he tried again and succeeded in a steel barrel.

Again he tried in 1990 and his barrel was stranded on low water.

In 1993, he went over the Falls in a steel barrel, making his the first person to go over the Falls twice.

■ 1989 – Peter Debernardi and Geoffrey Petkovich – Survived. Went over the Falls in the same barrel. Both were charged under the Niagara Parks Act.

■ 1990 – Jesse W. Sharp – Died. A Tennessee bachelor went over in a kayak. His body was never recovered.

■ 1995 – Robert Overacker – Died. A California man who went over on a single jet ski. His rocket-propelled parachute failed to open. His body was recovered by Maid of the Mist staff.

FALLS

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that said, "If you're looking for information about Kirk Jones we can say that he is in good condition. No other information is available."

Callers were referred to the Niagara Parks Commission Police, who had no comment other than a press release.

"As a result of a joint investigation between the Niagara Parks Police Service and the Niagara Regional Police Service, charges will be laid to include Mischief under the Criminal Code of Canada and Unlawfully Performing Stunt Within the Parks under the Niagara Parks Act," it read. "Unlawfully performing a stunt contrary to the Niagara Parks Act carries a fine to a maximum of \$10,000."

The charges were filed Wednesday. A bail hearing will be held with a court date yet to be determined.

BEATING THE FALLS

"About a month ago, he got it into his head that he could defeat the falls," Keith said this week. "I think it is not the wisest thing he ever tried to do."

He said his brother went to the falls about a month ago and found a spot that he thought would be the safest to go over.

"He bought a used video camera and the whole bit," Keith said. "He planned to live. He didn't intend to die. He said, 'I'm gonna give you a percentage of this.' He knew if he made it he'd be the only one."

A friend of Kirk's, Bob Krueger, accompanied him on the trip and videotaped the action. That tape has been confiscated by Canadian authorities.

While television crews set up shop Tuesday afternoon at the Canton home occupied by the two brothers, friends and neighbors dropped by to see what was going on.

Kate Erwin of Canton, a friend of both Kirk and Keith, stopped by while the cameras were rolling.

"What's going on?" she asked Keith.

When he told her, she shrieked.

"I don't believe he did it," she said. "I heard on the news about the guy going over Niagara Falls,

but I didn't know it was his brother. I've known these guys for years. I just saw the TV trucks and stopped to see what was happening."

Keith, meanwhile, was fielding telephone calls from the Fox National Network, CBS and *Inside Edition*, all wanting interviews. On Wednesday morning, he was in New York for *The Today Show*.

Winkelmann, whom Keith asked to house-sit for him while he was away, said he called her Tuesday evening to tell her about the incident.

"I didn't believe him," she said. "Then I heard it on the news and I called him back and said, 'You're for real.'"

She said Kirk was just a non-chalant, jovial "good guy."

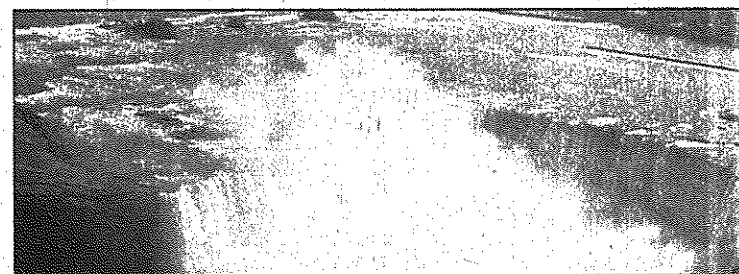
"He'd had some rough times," she said. "No job. No wife."

Is he a good swimmer?

"Not particularly," Winkelmann said. "But he's a good eater. Both of them are."

'CALM AS HECK'

Winkelmann said she had known the family for about six



The Horseshoe Falls at Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada where Canton resident Kirk Jones survived a ride over the 170-foot waterfall Monday.

years. Kirk graduated from Plymouth Canton High School. He and Keith, neither of whom is married, had lived with their parents, Raymond, 80, and Doris, 79, until Raymond retired and the parents moved to Oregon about a month ago.

Raymond owned GCS, Greater Car Services, which he started in Wixom but had been operating out of his home recently. The company made electronic measuring instruments, according to Keith. Kirk worked as a salesman for the company before his father closed it and moved out of state.

Kirk had been out of work since then, Keith said.

He said Kirk left the house

Sunday and he didn't know where he was.

"I wondered if he was dead," he said. "Then he called me and said he did it. He said he lost a shoe and bruised a rib, but that was it. He should have been more worried about dying."

"He was calm as heck. He said the water wasn't as cold as he thought it would be. But he said it was a long way down. The last thing he told me was, 'Call Channel 7.'"

Winkelmann said she was mystified by the stunt.

"The dumb people are the smartest," she said. "You've got to be dumb to jump off that thing, but smart to survive."

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OUR VIEWS

Speak out, it's your duty, right

Residents who voice their opinion to township officials don't like to be called complainers. A resident in the past week following the Canton Township Board of Trustees' approval of a new Lowe's made that perfectly – and rightly – clear to the *Canton Observer* staff. In response, our staff urged residents to continue voicing their opinions, even when it seems no one is listening.

For three years, the proposed development of a Lowe's was delayed due to concerns from nearby residents who were worried about traffic problems, landscape buffering and having a huge store in their back yards.

Over the three years, the project has grown by six acres with an internal road between Morton Taylor and Sheldon and three points of access to Ford Road. It also now includes a portion of Harvard Square Shopping Center, as well as buffering for Carriage Hills subdivision residents north of the project.

Residents were at the board meeting a week ago when the project was considered for final approval. None spoke. Perhaps they felt there was little to add or what they had to add would not move mountains.

What is significant is that complaints and concerns from residents halted the project for three years. Residents likely still don't want a "big box" store in their back yard. Yet residents obviously had an impact with this development. And that's the key. The planning commission did listen. You can be certain that information was transmitted back to the elected body.

In the end, however, it is the elected body, the township board of trustees, that makes the final decision. The planning commission is only an advisory board of members appointed by the township board. Unfortunately, by the time an issue reaches the elected officials, it appears most residents feel they have had their say and there's no need to let the elected members hear it in person.

Simply not true. That's what these elected officials are there for. Maybe you can change their mind. Maybe you can't. Residents have every right and should be encouraged to speak their minds and take their continuing concerns to the township board.

Don't let appointed or elected officials off the hook. Ask them questions, demand answers and by all means, offer your opinion. Time and again, if necessary.

State agency does poor job of protecting our wetlands

The state of Michigan has allowed the destruction of thousands of acres of natural wetlands under a 20-year program which has proven to be a failure.

Not only hasn't the so-called Wetland Mitigation program worked, but the state department charged with overseeing it has known about the problems for years.

Yet developers continue to be allowed to fill in natural wetlands under the flawed theory that they can be "mitigated," or replaced, in another area with man-made wetlands.

Why has this been allowed to happen? According to officials with the state Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), they simply don't have the manpower or resources to monitor the artificial wetlands or even ensure the developers follow through with their end of the bargain.

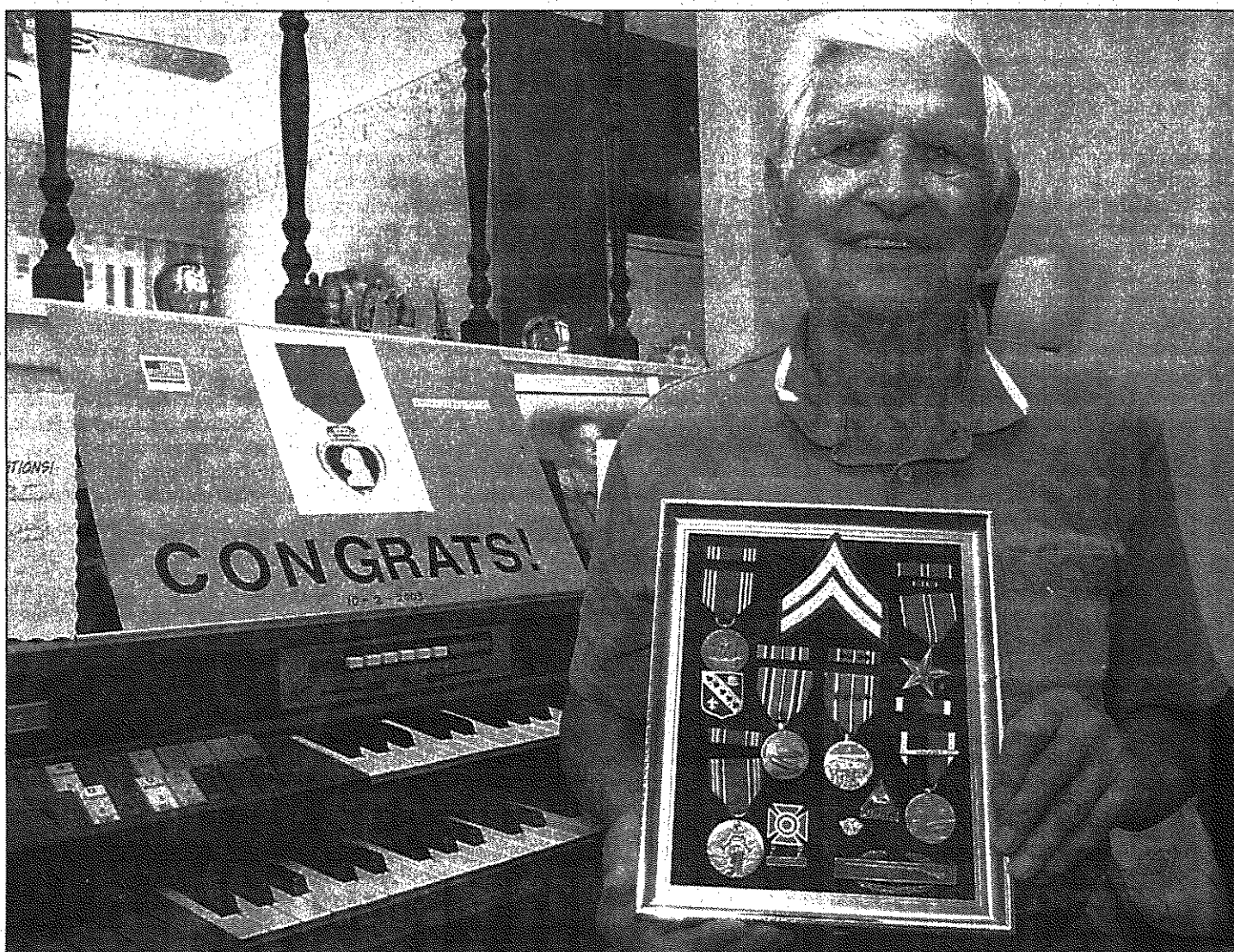
As a result, communities throughout the state continue to lose their natural wetlands, which serve as a break from our concrete jungles, provide habitat for a variety of wildlife and act as natural filters for storm water.

In 1997, the DEQ initiated a study of 159 mitigation sites. The findings, which took about five years to complete, found that of the sites only 22 percent were considered "successful" wetlands. In addition, the report found that only 18 percent of those sites complied with all permit conditions, and only half contained the required acreage of wetlands called for in the mitigation agreements.

Mary Vanderlaan, who supervises the land and water management division in the district that covers Oakland and western Wayne counties, said even she was "surprised" at the failure rate.

"One of the big problems is there hasn't been much follow-up on whether the mitigation was built or not," Vanderlaan told a reporter studying the issue. "Early on in the program, the developers knew we didn't have the personnel to go out and check for compliance, and they took advantage of it."

Vanderlaan said her department is now trying a variety of ways to shore up the program, including requiring developers to post performance bonds to ensure wetlands are mitigated. But with further state budget cuts looming, it is questionable whether the DEQ will be able to enforce whatever stronger measures are put in place.



Congratulations go to Joe Jagodzinski who recently received his Purple Heart medal, after waiting for it for more than 50 years. His grandson made the 'congrats' sign for him.

LETTERS

Shame on Observer

I live north of the proposed Lowe's site and take exception to your front page headline, "Complainers are a no-show at Lowe's board approval." My neighbors and I came forward and voiced our concerns about the project at the planning commission meetings. Why would your paper show its reporting bias by referring to us as "complainers"? Aren't you supposed to be a bastion of free speech? Yet your reporter sought to depreciate and trivialize our concerns and the right to voice them by the use of the word "complainers." Are you seeking to discourage opposing points of view by ridiculing them on your front page? Shame on you.

Mike Gresock
Canton

Wonderful people

During the 2002 Canton Goodfellow Christmas Program, we identified a Canton family with some major needs. A young mother of four boys has a terminal disease and is on a transplant waiting list at the University of Michigan Hospital. She and her children are cared for by her mother who has heart and lung problems. Money is in very short supply and hospitalizations have been frequent to deal with the complications of her disease. Last month, the family received an eviction notice from their park management because of wind damage to their home last spring. Roof repairs, skirting and shed replacement were beyond the minimal budget this family lives on.

But we are blessed to have some wonderful, generous, caring people in Canton who jumped in to help without question. Tom Adamusik of Regal Construction repaired the roof for free. The Canton Firefighters Charity paid for the home skirting replacement. The Canton Lions Club donated the money for a new shed that my husband, John, assembled on their old shed slab.

Thanks to all of these wonderful people, this family is now safe and secure in their home. There are so many people in Canton who are always ready to help those in need when we ask. I can't thank you all enough for your generosity and support.

May God bless you in all you do.

Nancy Spencer
president, Canton Goodfellows

Less hometown

It seems from many years of being a reader of the *Observer*, that the Canton edition is less about "hometown" and more about Wayne County and achieving economies of scale in newspaper production. I encourage the *Canton Observer* to consider looking at sports within our own Canton community in a broader context.

Repeatedly when I get the *Observer*, I find the sports section includes filler on sports in other western Wayne cities and townships, and at times Oakland County athletics. This choice in coverage is at the expense of local athletes. A key example

is the *Observer & Eccentric's* failure to cover high school athletics at the freshman and junior varsity levels, with the exception of recent Plymouth High School junior varsity coverage.

While I may read for weeks in a row about community league baseball tryouts, I have never read a single article about Canton's youth once they reach their freshman and sophomore years and are playing high school sports, with the noted exception above. I simply don't understand the glaring oversight. There are some pretty awesome happenings in this athletic arena that celebrate the love of sports, commitment to team and education.

This oversight has bothered me for some time but even more so now that my son has moved away from community athletics and into high school. There is still much to celebrate but by reading our "hometown" newspaper, one would never know it.

The Canton High School freshman football squad is undefeated in eight games, most recently beating the Plymouth High freshman squad who were 6-1 going into last night's game. This was an emotionally charged game for both teams. The Canton freshmen have given up an average of only six points per game and have scored an average of 30 points per game. I am sure there are many other freshman and junior varsity successes among Canton, Salem and Plymouth to be written about in our "hometown" newspaper that would entice readers to purchase the *Observer* if only *Observer* writers would reach out to the high schools to learn about these events.

As the immediate past president of the Canton Lions Junior Football Club, I and Club parents appreciated the weekly coverage of each of our squad games. Parents volunteered weekly to provide game information to a parent who in turn submitted the game information to the *Canton Observer* for publication. May I propose that the *Canton Observer* reach out to the high school athletic directors to develop an arrangement between the newspaper and the high schools that would improve the scope and coverage of the *Observer's* "hometown" sports. Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Mary Ellen Gies
Canton

Thought-provoking

I wish to thank Neil Goodbred for sharing his many letters of opinion through the *Observer & Eccentric*. Of those I have read, I have found them to be thought-provoking, intelligent observations borne of lifelong education, experience and plain old-fashioned common sense.

His opinions do, indeed, reflect the views and concerns of a major portion of our community, and it is beneath human dignity for one (Ed McCarthy) to contemptuously dismiss an opposing view as "tripe" from a "wolf in sheep's clothing." In regard to the economics of social-

ized programs, I am reminded of a Scots historian, Professor Alexander Tyler, who in 1797 wrote:

"A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves largesse (generous gifts) from the public treasury.

"From that moment on the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy, (which is) always followed by a dictatorship.

"The average age of the world's greatest civilizations has been 200 years. These nations have progressed through this sequence: From bondage to spiritual faith; from spiritual faith to great courage; from courage to liberty; from liberty to abundance; from abundance to complacency; from complacency to apathy; from apathy to dependence; from dependence back into bondage."

Gives one pause to ponder, doesn't it!

Betty Klein
Westland

No better with Bush

It appears the "good ol' boy" persona that Bush has perfected is slipping. His anger was displayed on the way to his campaign helicopter when he vented against the no weapons of mass destruction report. It didn't help that Prime Minister Blair repeated this same statement.

He should take the time to address our troops being killed and maimed everyday. The poverty rate is going up for the second year, job losses, CIA leaks, the Middle East crisis, and the tax and spend policies that have turned our states into whimpering beggars for the funds they need to keep running.

Instead we get the talking heads on TV to tell us what we are not seeing through their rose-colored glasses. All we have to do is wait for him to be elected again. Are we better off now than we were before the 2000 election? Hello, is anybody out there?

Hilma Towell
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"Fortunately or unfortunately the growth is helping us to look at another building program. We get most of our money from the state and kids are money now. That's a very crass statement, but every student is worth a foundation grant to each of our school districts."

— Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan

State's budget woes need more than just a quick fix

Like far-off thunder before a storm, rumors of big-time state budget troubles have been rumbling through Lansing for some months now. Some said the revenue shortfall could be up to \$500 million, others feared it would be more. Most agreed the economic recovery that underpinned hopes for a balanced budget just wasn't happening.

But almost nobody expected such a bleak outcome from last week's emergency revenue estimating meeting between the state treasurer and the heads of the House and Senate fiscal agencies. The consensus revenue estimate came out \$898 million below the projections made only five months ago. As a result, the state expects to take in only \$7.88 billion in general fund revenues for the fiscal year that began Oct. 1. That's \$200 million less than was collected 10 years ago, during which period inflation has increased the cost of goods and services by more than 25 percent.

The result? Enormous budget deficits for this fiscal year. Best estimate is that the shortfall in the general fund will be \$570 million. The School Aid Fund, which pays for K-12 education, will be around \$350 million short.

Politics and politicians being what they are, cries of "Woe is us" were closely followed by lists of possible cuts. The \$6,700 per-pupil base funding grant for K-12 schools — preserved unchanged over the past three years — is now firmly on the table. Higher education, having been cut by \$109 million in last year's budget balancing exercise, will probably take another hit, if only because the \$1.6 billion the state spends on colleges and universities is such a large part of the discretionary general fund. Revenue sharing for cities, counties and townships is obviously "low-hanging fruit," as Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson often says.

The list goes on and on. Unfortunately, much of the low-hanging fruit has already been plucked. Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the Legislature found \$350 million or so to balance last year's budget deficit by a combination of better property tax enforcement, license fee increases and bad-driving penalties, not even counting the (as yet unresolved) cuts in state employee pay and benefits. According to Tom Clay, the respected state budget analyst for the nonpartisan Citizens Research Council, it will be hard to squeeze much more money out of similar nips and tucks.

There will be plenty of time to discuss the details. Granholm is going back on the road to listen to what citizens say needs to be done, and

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Marc Shulman (R-West Bloomfield) plans to take his committee on a similar tour.

Before arguing over specifics, I'd suggest our state's leaders consider a few more general points:

1) This crisis is not confined to this year's budget. It is yet another instance of a state budgetary situation that has been in chronic structural imbalance for years. Citizens Research Council expert Clay says it's the result of "Michigan trying to operate a set of programs that increase in cost faster than growth in the revenue base." Medicaid payments, for example, are at \$2.3 billion per year and are growing at double-digit rates, despite frenzied efforts to cut state payments to doctors and hospitals. Any attempt to fix the current deficit that ignores our chronic structural budget imbalance is simply shortsighted.

2) At the same time, there are serious defects in the overall architecture of the state tax system. The 6-percent state sales tax, for example, is levied on goods, but not services. When you consider that you pay sales tax on a winter coat, but not on greens fees for your last golf game of the fall, you've got to wonder whether that distinction makes much sense. Moreover, the state's largest tax on business activities — the Single Business Tax that nets around \$2 billion in revenue — is just strange. Essentially a tax on payroll (we tax payroll when we're trying to increase employment?), the tax is complex, difficult to compute and administer, and stands out like a sore thumb when Michigan's business tax structure is compared with other competing states.

3) In a crisis, it's wise to get the fundamentals right. Michigan is in competition with not only other states in the Midwest, but those throughout the country and, indeed, all over the world. That means that we need to make sure to sustain our core competitive advantages: Our education system (which means early childhood and K-12 schools), our university system and the research and technology transfer potential it sustains, and the high quality of life here in Michigan.

Left to its own devices, I'd guess the political system would probably try to solve the crisis by budget cuts alone, piecemeal and without much strategic logic. This may be possible, but if Michigan folks really wanted to live in Mississippi at a Mississippi level of state services, they probably would have moved there by now.

Worse, ignoring the underlying problems calls to mind former General Motors CEO Roger Smith's adage that, "If we keep doing what we've always done, we're going to keep getting what we've always got."

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



Phil Power

Spelling bee hats are off to Salem student Kavan Desai

My team, Init2winit, sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce, was making its way through the second round. We had done fine with hopes of entering the third and final round of the Community Literacy Council's annual Spelling Bee last week.

The next word thrown at my three-member team that also included chamber members Dr. Tom Cassidy and Colin Campbell, was e-f-f-l-o-o-r-e-s-c-e-n-c-e. Following the Spelling Bee rules, I said the word first. Then I started on the road to spelling it completely, and I had hoped, correctly.

With each word we were asked to spell, I tried to picture it in my mind. As a writer, I guess I do that. Even when someone is talking I can see their words spelled across the computer screen in my head.

E-f-f-l-o-o-r-e-s-c-e-n-c-e got me. I couldn't picture it. That didn't stop me. I started spelling it. Wrong! And out of the competition we went.

Two teams were left, Spellbinders from the Community Federal Credit Union, which finally won the annual bee, and Library Links from the Friends of the Canton Public Library. I was totally impressed with both teams. What great spellers!

I have decided that prior to next year's Spelling Bee, I have to read the entire dictionary or learn patience. No doubt either or both efforts would serve me well.

With all deserved kudos going to the Spellbinders, there is yet another team who must be mentioned from that evening of competition. A young man, a Salem High School student named Kavan Desai, actually took the

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evening away with his strength of character, perseverance and tenacity.

His two teammates didn't show up at the competition. It appeared he had expected their arrival and as the competition began, must have been disappointed to realize he had been left in the lurch.

He nonetheless carried on, making his way — all alone — through much of the second round. Kavan did such a good job and clearly all in attendance admired the young man that he got just as many cheers as the teams who brought their own cheering squads.

In the end, it wasn't a misspelled word that got Kavan. He, like me, wanted to get the word spelled, and move on, and neglected to follow one of the rules of the game which was not repeating what you had already started to spell.

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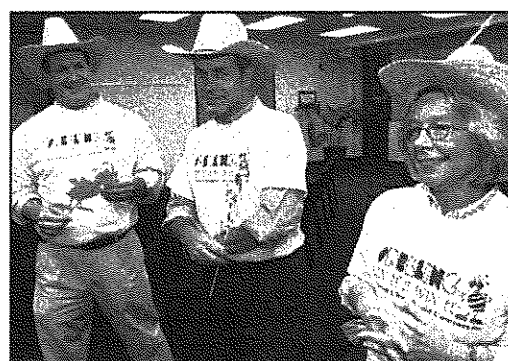
Knowing those feelings, I have to admire Kavan. Undoubtedly, he must have felt the same pressures and there he was, incredibly younger and all alone in his effort to win the spelling bee. His loss was disappointing to all. You just had to root for this kid.

He is well on his way to becoming a man of great character. Not once did he show any signs of anger or resentment that his teammates had left him alone. Just think how many adults in that same position would have quit the moment they realized they were the sole member of a team who is being put in the spotlight and asked to spell words in a very public way.

Our hats are off to Kavan. He proved what kind of a young man he really is. His strength of character and determination will only serve him well in his future.



Joanne Maliszewski



Colin Campbell (from left) Dr. Tom Cassidy and Joanne Maliszewski of the Init2winit team from the Canton Chamber of Commerce get ready to start the community Spelling Bee.

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Deer-vehicle accidents common on county roads

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

CRASH FACTORS

Wayne County only had 273 accidents involving deer compared to 1,606 car/deer crashes in Oakland County, which ranked fourth in the state in the number of car-deer collisions last year.

Only Kent (2,331), Calhoun (2,120) and Jackson (1,985) counties ranked higher. Macomb County had 606.

Overall, there were 63,136 collisions with deer throughout the state last year, which was down about 4 percent from the previous year.

Only five people died, also a decrease from 2001. Roughly 2,200 people were injured in the accidents, including 85 in Oakland County.

More than 16 percent of all vehicle crashes in the state last year involved deer.

According to Bill Semion, a spokesman for AAA Michigan, which is a member of the MDCC, Oakland County has the right mix of elements for a high number of deer collisions.

"Oakland usually does rank at the top of the list. The area is unique because you still have a lot of woodlots and parks, but also a population living in high density. People have also begun moving to the country, where there are a lot of two-lane roads. They want that outdoors-y feel and to see the wildlife. Sometimes those things don't mix very well," he said.

Most accidents occur on rural, two-lane roads, according to Semion.

While car/deer crashes occur throughout the year, the vast majority take place during the

County had 273 deer crashes

Wayne County had 273 deer-car collisions in 2002. The following lists shows how the county ranked with other counties around the region and state in the number of collisions, injuries and fatalities.

■ **Kent County:** 2,331 collisions, 85 injuries, 1 fatality

■ **Calhoun County:** 2,120 collisions, 50 injuries, 0 fatalities

■ **Jackson County:** 1,985 collisions, 50 injuries, 0 fatalities

■ **Oakland County:** 1,606 collisions, 85 injuries, 0 fatalities

■ **Lapeer County:** 1,309 collisions, 42 injuries, 0 fatalities

■ **Livingston County:** 1,263 collisions, 48 injuries, 0 fatalities

■ **Washtenaw County:** 1,196 collisions, 53 injuries, 0 fatalities

■ **St. Clair County:** 857 collisions, 35 injuries, 0 fatalities

■ **Wayne County:** 273 collisions, 19 injuries, 0 fatalities

fall months of October and November, with most of those occurring between 6-8 a.m. and 6-10 p.m.

"Deer start to move very differently this time of year. October and early November is the peak of their breeding season, so they're trying to secure territory. The bucks move around quite a bit trying to find females, which means they are

much less wary of roads," said Brent Rudolph, a wildlife biologist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

"Plus, because of the shorter days, people are commuting at dawn and dusk, which are the primary times the deer are moving."

The state's deer population decreased from 2 million to 1.75

million since last year, because of more liberal hunting policies. However, Semion said the number of deer in Oakland County probably increased, because there is limited hunting in the county.

"Obviously you're not going to be hunting out your back door. There are some game areas in the county, but for the most part, these deer aren't being hunted, so they have a chance to increase in numbers. That's just one of the factors in this mix. The deer have also been pushed into smaller and smaller areas," Semion said.

SAFETY ADVICE

According to the MDCC, people who drive in areas inhabited by deer should stay aware, wear safety belts, heed deer crossing signs and speed limit signs, and be especially alert at dawn and dusk.

Rudolph said motorists shouldn't rely on deer warning devices that can be attached to vehicles, such as deer whistles, because they aren't proven to work. If a deer does appear in

front of you, hit your brakes, hold onto the steering wheel with both hands, and don't try to swerve around the animal.

"Most of the warning devices are fairly ineffective. You shouldn't rely on those types of things. Deer have hearing very similar to ours, and can't hear the higher decibels any more than we can," he said. "Most times you have these accidents, the worst injuries occur when people try to swerve around the deer and end up hitting a tree or another vehicle. In most cases, hitting the deer is the best alternative."

After an accident occurs, the MDCC advises motorists not to attempt to move the deer from the road unless they are convinced the animal is dead. Motorists should report the accident to the nearest police agency and insurance company.

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■ Yankees reign

A five-run eighth inning propelled the Canton Yankees to a 5-0 extra-inning win over the Canton Cubs, giving the Yanks the fall BB League World Series title.

The game was scoreless after the six regulation innings. In the top of the eighth, Daniel Roach's two-run double scored Nicholas McGovern and Austin Ebeling. Chris White singled in two more runs and David Mayers tripled in White.

Roach was the winning pitcher after working the seventh and eighth innings. Teddy Gnida and Chris Perkovich also pitched for the Yanks, who won the American League title with a 7-2-1 record. Other team members are Nicholas Baumgartner, Alec Gordon, Matthew Janke, Ian Lefebvre and Adam Slavick, all of Canton, and Chris Bohrer and Shane Vorva of Plymouth. Kevin McGovern is the Yankees' coach; he is assisted by Dale Ebeling and Bob Mayers.

■ Steelers win 2

While the Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior league varsity football team was edged 16-15 by Belleville, the Steelers' junior varsity recorded a 28-14 victory and the Steelers' freshmen won 28-7.

The varsity Steelers got great efforts from Brandon Roberts, Alex Hays, Nathan Bachert and Kyle Wallath as they fell to 4-2-1 for the season. The Steeler JV was paced by Ray Coram, Jordan Anquetil, Justin Gohl, Zach Faust, Tyler Rusin and Tyler Hult, improving to 2-5 for the season.

The freshmen Steelers' offensive explosion was paced by Brennen Beyer with two touchdowns. Other TDs were scored by Tyler Goble on a 1-yard blast and Jacob Lower with a 14-yard run. The Steeler defense, paced by Jacob Bolz, Ben Poirer, Mark Walath and Bill Adams, held the Cougars to no 1st downs.

On Saturday, the Steelers' varsity will challenge the Canton Lions at 5 p.m. at Central Middle School.

■ Lions roll

The Canton Lions varsity improved to 3-4 Sunday with a 36-6 win over the Farmington Rockets. The Lions opened the scoring when D.J. Rotondo hit Tyler Seling with a 10-yard touchdown pass. Canton also scored in the first half on TD runs from Brandt Thomas (55 yards) and Justin Scott (5 yards), and a 6-yard TD pass from Erik Wright to Rotondo.

The final touchdown came in the third quarter when Wright hooked up with William Tidwell on a 58-yard pass. Cory Needham (fumble recovery) and Wright (interception) forced turnovers for the Lions' defense.

The Lions junior varsity dropped a 43-25 decision to the Rockets, its record falling to 3-4. Myron Puryear and Chris Koetting had rushing touchdowns for the Lions while Chris Stewart hit Chris Watkins with a scoring pass. Stewart (interception) and Jim Patterson (forced fumble) accounted for the defensive unit's two turnovers.

The Lions freshmen unit remained undefeated (7-0) with a 28-6 triumph over the Rockets. The Lions got two TDs from Miles Clifton and one each from Jack Slater and Malcolm Hollingsworth. Mohammed Saneh, C.J. Schaefer and Omar Kandah had strong defensive games for the Lions.

PLEASE SEE WLAA, B3



Saline's goalkeeper Mark Dishnow leaps to take another chance away from Salem's David Hall in district action Wednesday night. Saline won the contest 2-1.

Salem succumbs to Saline's rally

Can't fault Salem's soccer team for a lack of effort. The effort was there. It's just that, well, it was misdirected. What the Rocks aimed for missed.

Saline put forth the effort in Wednesday's Division I state district soccer semifinal. And theirs was better aimed.

Which is why it will be the Hornets who will go against Ann Arbor Pioneer in the district final Friday at South Lyon HS. Because Saline withstood everything Salem could dish out, then retaliated with two second-half goals to post a 2-1 victory Wednesday at South Lyon.

The Rocks, who reached the Division I state final last year and have won the last two Western Lakes Activities Association championships, end their season at 12-4-5. Saline is 10-5-4 overall.

"We knew Saline would be strong," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "We had a few opportunities we didn't finish.

"I would say we had four very high-quality opportunities that we didn't capitalize on, and that let them take the momentum away from us. We capitalize on those early ones and we would be out of this."

PLEASE SEE SALEM, B7

Comeback lifts PCA

In a Division IV state playoff soccer match in which big plays came in abundance, Plymouth Christian Academy got the last couple, and that that was just enough to carry the Eagles past Royal Oak Shrine 4-3 in a district semifinal played at PCA Wednesday.

The Eagles improved to 16-2-3 with the victory. They meet Bloomfield Hills Roeper, a team they split with during the regular season, at 3:30 p.m. Friday at PCA for the state district title.

"We expected a real tough game," said PCA coach Terry Bixler. "They're ranked No. 10 in the state (in Division IV) and we're No. 4.

"This is how it is in our conference. There are a lot of goal-scorers."

The player that made the difference for the Eagles was Tim Oswalt. A senior forward who leads PCA in both goals scored and assists, and a first-team all-Michigan Independent Athletic Conference selection, Oswalt scored the Eagles' first three goals. He also scored three times in PCA's win over Canton Agape Christian in Monday's district opener.

However, the match with Shrine was no runaway. Neither team had more than a one-goal lead, and both had to battle back from behind.

Oswalt's first goal, with an assist from Nate Bixler, was offset by Rob Dobrzeniecki's first-half goal that pulled the Knights even at 1-1. Before halftime, however, Oswalt had struck again, carrying the ball down the right wing and knocking it in to make it 2-1 with 16:45 left in the half. Dan Carty got the assist.

The score stayed that way until, nine minutes into the second half, Scott Wloszek reached a ball after a Shrine corner kick in front of PCA

PLEASE SEE EAGLES, B7

Canton outbattles Spartans

Livonia Stevenson gave Canton all it could handle and then some Tuesday before falling 39-37 in a Western Lakes Activities Association girls basketball game at Stevenson.

The Spartans, who fell to 9-6 overall, trailed 22-11 at halftime before rallying with a 20-10 third-quarter run against the 13-2 Chiefs.

Stevenson had opportunities down the stretch, but couldn't score the equalizer.

BASKETBALL

Katie Cezat, a sophomore center, had 16 of her game-high 17 points in the first half, including 12 in the opening quarter. She also had 13 rebounds and seven blocked shots.

"Cezat is so good, we went with a 2-1-2 (zone defense) and packed it in to limit her touches," Stevenson coach Tim Newman said. "We went small and ran today."

Rachele Guastella contributed nine points, five steals and four assists for the Chiefs.

Lauren Trosell, a junior guard, had 11 points for the Spartans. Rachel Desentz added nine.

"We had four or five chances at the end, we had a couple of turnovers," Newman said. "But I'm so tickled for the kids. I'm proud of the effort. After our loss (47-36 to Westland John Glenn), we're thrilled to bounce back and play this hard."

Canton coach Bob Blohm didn't have quite the same emotion in victory that Newman had in defeat.

"We hung on but it wasn't a pretty sight," said Blohm. "We didn't distribute the ball well, and I don't know that we adjusted as well as we should have.

"The key thing was we didn't

Chiefs derailed by River Rats, 1-0

STATE SOCCER

Too much went wrong for Canton's soccer team Monday in its Division I state district opener at Ann Arbor Huron.

And the River Rats took advantage, handing the Chiefs a disappointing 1-0 defeat. Canton finished its season at 12-4-5 overall.

"I really felt bad for the guys," said Chiefs' first-year coach George Tomasso. "It's a big let-down for them. It seemed all the odds were stacked against us going in."

Certainly Canton had the most difficult of the draws, taking on Huron in the opening round, with the winner advancing to face a very tough Ann

Arbor Pioneer squad in the semifinals. Get past those two matches and next on the list would probably be Salem in the district final, the two-time Western Lakes Activities Association champion and a state finalist last season.

It was something the Chiefs would have relished, a rematch with their cross-campus rivals. But, as Tomasso noted, "It was one of our goals, but we never looked beyond Huron."

After putting a shot off the crossbar and missing on a cou-

ple of other chances, Canton saw its luck fade even further in the second half. Huron scored two minutes in on a ball that deflected off of a player, changed direction and got past keeper Steve Mischung.

Making matters worse for the Chiefs, the team's two co-captains, Dutch Morrell and Joe Hess, were both given yellow cards and were forced to sit out for 10 minutes of the second half, calls that Tomasso didn't feel were necessary and that hurt his team's comeback hopes.

"All the preparation they put into this," he said. "They learned so much this season ...

except the intangibles. You can't control the refs or the district draws."

Ply. Christian 8, Canton Agape 1: Ask coach Terry Bixler the reason for the success of Plymouth Christian Academy's soccer squad and one of the first things he'll tell credit to is the "senior leadership."

In Monday's Division IV state district opener against Canton Agape Christian at PCA, that notion was reinforced further when seniors Tim Oswalt, Lew Tripp and Dan Carty combined

PLEASE SEE CHIEFS, B6

Crusaders stay perfect in WHAC play

Might as well do it against the best. Or in this case, second best.

That's just what Madonna College's men's soccer team did Saturday at Livonia's Greenmead Park, clinching the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference title with a 3-0 shutout of Cornerstone University. The win gave Madonna a perfect mark in the WHAC; Cornerstone, which had been in second place, was 6-3-0 in the conference (Siena Heights was 6-3-1).

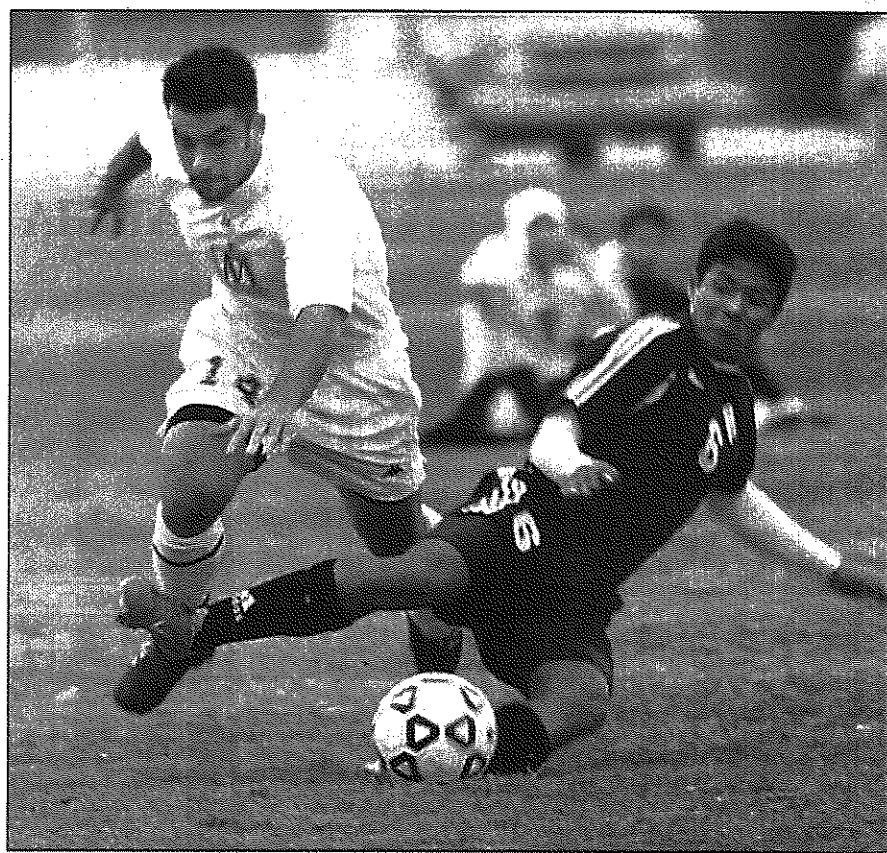
T.J. Djokic (from Livonia Stevenson) got the only goal the Crusaders would need, scoring unassisted at 10:57 of the opening period. It remained that way until just over 10 minutes remained; that's when Evan Baker (Canton) scored after a set-up from Wotreh Sampson (Schoolcraft College) and Justin Fishaw (Canton).

Sampson's penalty-kick goal with 3:39 remaining sealed the Golden Eagles' fate. They fell to 8-7-0 overall with the loss.

Doug Koontz (Canton) was in goal for Madonna; he made two saves as the Crusaders outshot Cornerstone 9-4.

On Sunday, Madonna met Saginaw Valley State in a non-conference battle and emerged with a 3-1 victory at Greenmead.

The Crusaders struck first with a goal by Sampson at 4:41, assisted by Zach Wilkes. Saginaw Valley tied it at 20:23, Robert



Madonna's Zach Wilkes (left) attempts to take the ball from Indiana Tech's Carlos Ramirez in a WHAC match won by Madonna.

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Whalers get a victory on Vigilante's late goal

Madonna close to WHAC championship

SC hosts Oakland CC at 7 p.m. Tuesday, then has a key conference match against St. Clair County CC at 7 p.m. next Thursday (Oct. 30) at SC. St. Clair is the only conference team to beat the Ocelots this season.

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On Sunday, October 26th, **Ramadan** begins the Islamic month of fasting. Watch for stories on the Internet and the news about this religious observance and do some research. In an essay, explain what Ramadan means to Muslim people.

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Last pre-playoffs game has arrived with 9 teams left

Nine. That's the magic number in Observerland. That's how many football teams are still alive for the state playoffs.

Okay, so some of them are barely breathing. But they could make it. Maybe.

First, the ones that are in for sure: Canton, Westland John Glenn, Redford Catholic Central, Wayne Memorial, Redford Thurston, Livonia Clarenceville. Each one of these teams has at least six wins, the magic number for qualifying.

Now the bubble teams: Redford Union and Redford St. Katherine's are both 5-3. If they win this weekend, they'll make it. If they lose, they probably won't.

Garden City is 4-4. A handful of 5-4 teams usually qualify. Those selections are based on such things as quality of schedule. The Cougars finish with

Dearborn Heights Crestwood, which is 1-7. That won't help them.

Now for the playoff format. The qualifying schools are divided by enrollment into eight divisions of 32; teams that make the state final will extend their season by five games.

Since geography plays a role in the drawing up of the opening-round districts, four Observer teams — Canton, John Glenn, CC and Wayne — could conceivably battle it out over the first two weeks. The way it now stands, Canton will almost certainly maintain home-field advantage; of the four, only the Chiefs are unbeaten, and their final regular-season game is against 1-7 Salem.

The most intriguing game of the weekend could be John Glenn vs. Wayne. Prior to the season, there were genuine doubts either would even quali-

GRID PICKS

fy for the playoffs. Now they're playing for what could be home-field advantage.

And how's this for incentive. The winner just might get the chance to take on defending state champ CC in the opening round.

As for the standings: Livonia-Westland sports editor Brad Emons has this one wrapped up. He's 77-17 going into the final weekend.

The real battle is for second place, between Redford-Garden City's Paul Beaudry at 72-22 and Plymouth Canton's C.J. Risak at 71-23.

Last week, Risak and Emons were 11-1, Beaudry was 9-3.

THURSDAY'S GAME

St. Katharine/Borgess (5-3) vs. East Catholic

(4-4) at R.O. Shrine, 4 p.m.: It's make or break time for the St. Kate's/Borgess Baggies. A loss puts them out of the playoffs; a win and they're in. The Baggies are coming off a 13-6 win over Allen Park Cabrini; East Catholic, part of the Catholic League's C-D Division, got thumped by Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, 51-14. PICKS: St. Kate's/Borgess — Risak, Beaudry; East Catholic — Emons.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

(7 p.m. unless indicated)

John Glenn (7-1) at Wayne Memorial (6-2): Finishing the season with a crosstown rival is always great fun, but when so much is at stake! The Zebras must recover from last week's disappointing 39-7 loss to Walled Lake Central and find a way to stop Glenn tailback Matt Smithman. PICKS: John Glenn — Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

Livonia Stevenson (2-6) at Livonia Churchill (3-5): Stevenson started a bit slow, it's true, going 2-2 in its first four games. But now the Spartans have stopped completely, having lost four-straight in what has become a very disappointing season. As for Churchill, a five-game losing skid was halted with last Friday's 19-14 win over Livonia Franklin. A victory and the Chargers would be the best in the Livonia Public School League. PICKS: Stevenson — Risak, Beaudry, Churchill — Emons.

Canton (8-0) at Salem (1-7): There's more at

stake here than one might think. The Chiefs can complete their first-ever unbeaten regular season with a victory, and the first in the Plymouth/Canton school district in nearly three decades. They also need that home-field advantage through the opening rounds of the playoffs. As for Salem, a win ends a seven-game losing streak — five of them by a touchdown or less. PICKS: Canton — Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

D.H. Crestwood (1-7) at Garden City (4-4): Garden City may have had the strangest season in the state. The Cougars are still playoff-eligible; a win over Crestwood, which was destroyed by unbeaten Allen Park 60-0 last week, is certainly probable. Here's what's weird: Garden City has been outscored this season 103-216 and is still in the playoff picture. PICKS: Garden City — Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

Lakeland (2-6) at Livonia Franklin (2-6): Both teams are coming off of close losses, Lakeland losing 27-21 to Harland and Franklin falling 19-14 to Churchill. The Eagles have lost three in a row; Franklin is trying to finish the season with two wins in its last three games. PICKS: Franklin — Risak, Emons; Lakeland — Beaudry.

Redford Union (5-3) at Redford Thurston (7-1), 7:30 p.m.: The record alone indicates who this game means more to. The Panthers must win to get a playoff spot. Last week, they blanked Melvindale 21-0 while Thurston

outscored Wyandotte Roosevelt 42-31. But it'll take more than incentive for RU to pull this one out. PICKS: Thurston — Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

Clarenceville (7-1) at Roch. Lutheran Northwest (1-7), 7:30 p.m.: Livonia Clarenceville has been readying for the playoffs since mid-season. A game at Rochester Lutheran Northwest, which lost to Lutheran Westland 24-6 last week, is just another step in that direction. PICKS: Clarenceville — Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Harper Woods (4-4) at Lutheran Westland (3-5), 1 p.m.: Two teams that are relatively evenly matched, or so it would seem. However, Harper Woods lost by three points to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook and by a touchdown to Clarenceville; the Warriors were blown out by both teams. PICKS: Harper Woods — Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

Redford CC (7-1) vs. Divine Child (6-2), Catholic League Prep Bowl, 7 p.m. at Detroit's Ford Field: The Shamrocks didn't get to be No. 1 in the state by losing big games. Since this qualifies as a big game, they'll win. PICKS: CC — Risak, Beaudry, Emons.

The Prep Grid Picks were chosen by the Observer Sports Staff. Any questions or comments regarding this column can be sent to cjrisk@oe.homecomm.net.

WLAA

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attack their zone on the dribble well enough."

Salem 51, Livonia Franklin 19: The Rocks posted their eighth-straight win in WLAA play, and they did it by nearly scoring as many points in the first quarter as Franklin managed in all four.

Salem improved to 10-4 with their ninth-consecutive win overall, 8-0 in the conference. The Patriots fell to 2-12 overall, 0-8 in the WLAA.

Not only did the win come easily, but it allowed Salem to further demonstrate that scoring against it would be a difficult task. Including Franklin, it's been more than two weeks since an opponent has reached double figures in scoring in a quarter against the Rocks. Livonia Churchill was the last team to do it, and that was on Oct. 7.

"It's been a while, it really has been," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "We did have a lot of scoring balance (tonight)."

"You have to play the game and try and maintain the same level of intensity."

Carly Schwan led the Rocks with 12 points. Alyssa Guerin had 11, and both Katharine Wheatley and Kathy Hammerschmidt scored eight apiece. Ellen Canale contributed seven, all in the first quarter.

Which carried Salem to a 17-3 lead after one period. The Rocks led 23-9 by halftime and were up 38-11 after three quarters.

Franklin got five points from Ashley Bonsall and four from Jenny Schniers.

Salem hosts Livonia Stevenson in a tough WLAA Lakes Division game tonight. On Thursday, the Rocks play at Canton in a match-up between the conference's best teams.

In fact, the junior varsity game should be nearly as

entertaining. Canton's JV is 14-1; Salem's, which beat Stevenson 53-19 Tuesday, is 13-1. That game will precede the varsity match.

Plymouth 38, A. P. Cabrini 19 (JV): Half a game.

That's about what Plymouth's freshmen/sophomore team is playing. The Wildcats, playing a Catholic League C-D Division junior varsity schedule, have found few challenges.

On Tuesday at Allen Park Cabrini, they ran out to a 16-4 lead by the end of the first quarter and increased that to 25-5 by halftime.

"The first half is one of the best we had all season," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "The offensive execution and rebounding was excellent."

Plymouth was paced by Jeanine Moise with 16 points and nine rebounds. Colleen Flaherty added nine points and eight boards, as the Wildcats improved to 12-3.

Kristine Doburt topped

Cabrini (6-9 for the season) with six points.

Marian 66, Ladywood 38: Catholic League Central Division leader Birmingham Marian (13-2 overall, 7-0 in the division) roared out to a 22-2 first-quarter lead Tuesday before cruising past host Livonia Ladywood (6-9 overall, 2-5 in the division).

Katherine Johnson led the victorious Mustangs with 16 points. Therese Demres and Flynn Pykkonen added 13 and 11, respectively.

Bethany Jury, Ladywood's 6-foot-3 senior center, scored a game-high 24 points. The Oakland University-bound Jury added 11 rebounds. Erin Gajeski chipped in with seven points.

"Bethany played a great game, she played physical," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "But we let them dictate our offensive. They (Marian) were more physical and they pushed us out 30 feet from the basket."



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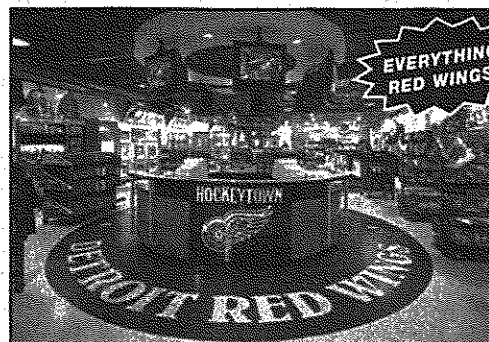
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SWIM RESULTS

SALEM 95 NORTHVILLE 91
Tuesday at Salem

200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem, (Lisa Gullikson, Kim Heaney, Ashley Aquinto, Danielle Powers), 1:58.50.

200 freestyle: 1. Arielle Greenlee (N), 2:01.16 (state qualifying); 2. Amy Mertens (S), 2:02.02 (state qualifying).

200 individual medley: 1. Kelsey Lincoln (S), 2:17.56.

50 freestyle: 1. Alex Tereszczenko (N), 26.17; 2. Gullikson (S), 26.79.

Diving: 1. Aquinto (S), 210.10 points.

100 butterfly: 1. Greenlee (N), 1:04.78; 2. Aquinto (S), 1:06.71.

100 freestyle: 1. Tereszczenko (N), 55.85 (state qualifying); 2. Powers (S), 58.85.

500 freestyle: 1. Mertens (S), 5:25.93 (state qualifying).

200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville, 1:45.99; 2. Salem (Lincoln, Amanda Newman, Powers, Mertens), 1:46.92.

100 backstroke: 1. Lincoln (S), 1:04.81; 2. Gullikson (S), 1:06.24.

100 breaststroke: 1. Sarah Carr (N), 1:15.80; 2. Heaney (S), 1:16.94.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Newman, Heather Michaelson, Lincoln, Mertens), 3:51.51; 2. Northville, 3:52.73; 3. Salem (Katy Truesdell, Megan Clarke, Stacy Yee, Gullikson), 4:00.01.

Dual-meet record: Salem, 6-1 overall, 5-1 in the WLAA. Next meet: Thursday at Walled Lake Central.

Oct. 18 at Eastern Michigan Univ.

200-yard medley relay (state qualifying): 1:57.79; 1. Monroe, 1:50.31; 2. Birmingham Groves, 1:51.93; 3. Dexter, 1:52.25.

Local qualifiers: 7. Farmington Mercy, 1:54.98; 16. Livonia Stevenson, 1:56.84.

Other Observer teams: 22. Salem, 1:58.79; 30. Canton, 2:01.40; 36. Livonia Churchill, 2:02.72.

200 freestyle (state qualifying): 2:02.19; 1. Justine Mueller (Monroe), 1:52.83; 2. Mara Loniewski (Mercy), 1:55.50; 3. Ally Wyatt (A.A. Pioneer), 1:56.20.

Local qualifiers: 6. Katie Naglick (Mercy), 1:57.23; 7. Kara Small (Mercy), 1:57.29; 15. Ashley Bronkema (Zeeland), 1:59.99; 16. Marissa Gordon (Stevenson), 2:00.01.

Other Observerland individual: 30. Mary Shereda (Churchill), 2:03.43.

200-yard individual medley (state qualifying): 2:18.69; 1. Margaret Kelly (A.A. Pioneer), 2:06.11; 2. Dana Christ (Groves), 2:07.79; 3. Carlye Ellis (A.A. Pioneer), 2:11.18.

Local qualifiers: 4. Amy Mertens (Salem), 2:11.49; 11. Kelsey Lincoln (Salem), 2:16.32.

Observerland individuals: 34. Magda Stawikowska (Churchill), 2:22.06; 38. Lisa Koch (Stevenson), 2:24.67; 40. Stephanie Turlo (Stevenson), 2:25.21.

50-yard freestyle (state qualifying): 25.69; 1. Mari McLeod (Kalamazoo Central), 24.09; 2. Julie Kahn (Saline), 24.37; 3. Betsy Dejonge (Zeeland), 24.45.

Observerland individuals: 30. Meg Noble

MISCA SWIM RESULTS

(Mercy), 26.27; 31. (tie) Anna Polkowski (Stevenson), Allison Goldsmith (Canton), Danielle Powers (Salem), 26.28; 35. Andrea Giczewski (Stevenson), 26.41; 38. Carrie Morie (Mercy), 26.66.

One-meter diving (no qualifying standard): 1. Elyse Lee (Albion), 461.30 points; 2. Jamie Strating (Hudsonville), 409.60; 3. Becky Renkola (R.O. Shrine), 377.30.

100-yard butterfly (state qualifying): 1:02.69; 1. Dana Christ (Groves), 58.13; 2. Margaret Kelly (A.A. Pioneer), 58.38; 3. Katie Naglick (Mercy), 59.06.

Local qualifiers: 13. Anna Polkowski (Stevenson), 1:01.71; 19. Elena Crowley (Mercy), 1:02.69.

Other Observerland individuals: 23. Julie Ward (Stevenson), 1:03.19; 26. Allison Goldsmith (Canton), 1:03.47; 29. Magda Stawikowska (Churchill), 1:04.12.

100-yard freestyle (state qualifying): 56.19; 1. Mari McLeod (Kalamazoo Central), 52.19; 2. Justine Mueller (Monroe), 52.47; 3. Hannah Smith (Dexter), 52.94.

Local qualifiers: 7. Mara Loniewski (Mercy), 53.71; 13. Caryn Switaj (Mercy), 54.74.

Other Observerland individuals: 36. Meg Noble (Mercy), 58.13; 38. Katy Truesdell (Salem), 59.48; 40. Heather Michalsen (Salem), 59.49.

500-yard freestyle (state qualifying): 5:27.89; 1. Brienne Powers (Kalamazoo Central), 5:06.24; 2. Kara Small (Mercy),

5:10.09; 3. Adrienne Woods (Dexter), 5:12.87.

Local qualifier: 13. Mary Shereda (Churchill), 5:25.47.

Other Observerland individuals: 24. Sarah Timson (Churchill), 5:31.49; 28. Laura Axiak (Mercy), 5:31.99; 32. Becky Hurn (Stevenson), 5:33.49; 35. Lucy Liu (Canton), 5:38.57.

200-yard freestyle relay (state qualifying): 1:44.99; 1. Zeeland, 1:38.15; 2. A.A. Pioneer, 1:38.37; 3. Mercy, 1:41.25.

Observerland relays: 20. Canton, 1:46.25; 23. Salem, 1:46.64; 37. Stevenson, 1:52.65.

100-yard backstroke (state qualifying): 1:03.39; 1. Hannah Smith (Dexter), 57.98; 2. Afton Pickett (Monroe), 1:00.89; 3. Katie Harrigan (Portage Northern), 1:01.45.

Observerland individuals: 12. Kelsey Lincoln (Salem), 1:03.90; 32. Alyssa Johnson (Canton), 1:06.15.

100-yard breaststroke (state qualifying): 1:11.79; 1. Ashley McLaughlin (Monroe), 1:06.70; 2. Megan Evo (Groves), 1:06.78; 3. Amy Mertens (Salem), 1:06.98.

Observerland individuals: 22. Elcana Milewski (Mercy), 1:11.82; 31. Carrie Morie (Mercy), 1:13.28; 33. Lauren Siedlik (Churchill), 1:13.75.

400-yard freestyle relay (state qualifying): 3:51.59; 1. Mercy, 3:35.90; 2. A.A. Pioneer, 3:36.01; 3. Monroe, 3:39.85.

Local qualifier: 16. Salem, 3:51.13.

Other Observerland relays: 27. Canton, 3:57.68; 37. Churchill, 4:06.54.

WHAC PLAYERS

Nataja Tinina, a native of Latvia and a sophomore at Madonna University, was named the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference volleyball player of the week after collecting 46 kills and 27 digs in three matches last week.

Tinina, who leads Madonna in kills, had 21 in a win over Concordia; she finished the week with an 18-kill, 13-dig performance in a victory over 16th-ranked Cornerstone.

Also honored last week was Madonna setter Ashley Frost. The sophomore had 127 set assists and 38 digs in the three Crusader wins, including 57 set assists and 16 digs against Cornerstone. She also had 12 blocks during the

week.

VOLLEYBALL LEAGUES

Registration is currently being taken for a co-ed volleyball league that will play in Canton beginning Friday, November 14 at the Summit. Cost is \$160 per team, which guarantees 14 games. The league runs from mid-November to mid-March.

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BEST GIRLS SWIM PERFORMANCES

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY	
Stevenson	1:53.96
Plymouth Salem	1:56.95
Canton	2:01.40
John Glenn	2:01.97
Churchill	2:02.04
200 FREESTYLE	
Marisa Gordon (Stevenson)	1:59.11
Jill Peterson (John Glenn)	2:00.87
Monica Pauza (Stevenson)	2:01.20
Mary Shereda (Churchill)	2:01.23
Kelsey Lincoln (Salem)	2:04.11
Amy Mertens (Salem)	2:04.28
Magda Stawikowska (Churchill)	2:07.59
Katharine Johnston (Ladywood)	2:07.77
Becky Hurn (Stevenson)	2:07.46
Elaine Lafayette (Plymouth)	2:08.17
200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY	
Amy Mertens (Salem)	2:11.49
Marisa Gordon (Stevenson)	2:14.60
Kelsey Lincoln (Salem)	2:15.49
Jill Peterson (John Glenn)	2:16.52
Kristyn Peterson (John Glenn)	2:18.13
Monica Pauza (Stevenson)	2:18.20
Julie Ward (Stevenson)	2:19.39
Magda Stawikowska (Churchill)	2:20.97
Lisa Koch (Stevenson)	2:21.90
Stephanie Turlo (Stevenson)	2:22.32
50 FREESTYLE	
Jill Peterson (John Glenn)	25.33
Andrea Giczewski (Stevenson)	25.49
Marisa Gordon (Stevenson)	25.65
Anna Polkowski (Stevenson)	25.89
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 Aquinto (Salem)	215.25
Paige Albers (Stevenson)	203.45
Nicole Dunn (Stevenson)	184.63
Chelsea Shelden (Canton)	168.80
Audra Ahern (Canton)	166.35
Patti Ahern (Canton)	163.95
Shanon Simandl (Redford Union)	155.80
Lauren Burgett (Salem)	149.50
Bryn Giotfletty (John Glenn)	146.05
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Ashley Aquinto (Salem)	1:06.87
Meredith Bajor (Stevenson)	1:07.42
Heather Michalsen (Salem)	1:07.59
Katie Kress (Stevenson)	1:07.65
Kelsey Lincoln (Salem)	1:08.09
100 FREESTYLE	
Andrea Giczewski (Stevenson)	54.96
Jill Peterson (John Glenn)	55.44
Anna Polkowski (Stevenson)	56.43
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
Katy Truesdell (Salem)	59.48
500 FREESTYLE	
Marisa Gordon (Stevenson)	5:21.38
Mary Shereda (Churchill)	5:24.03
Jill Peterson (John Glenn)	5:24.44
Monica Pauza (Stevenson)	5:24.86
Amy Mertens (Salem)	5:28.77
Anna Polkowski (Stevenson)	5:28.89
Kristyn Peterson (John Glenn)	5:31.24
Sarah Timson (Churchill)	5:31.49
Becky Hurn (Stevenson)	5:32.22
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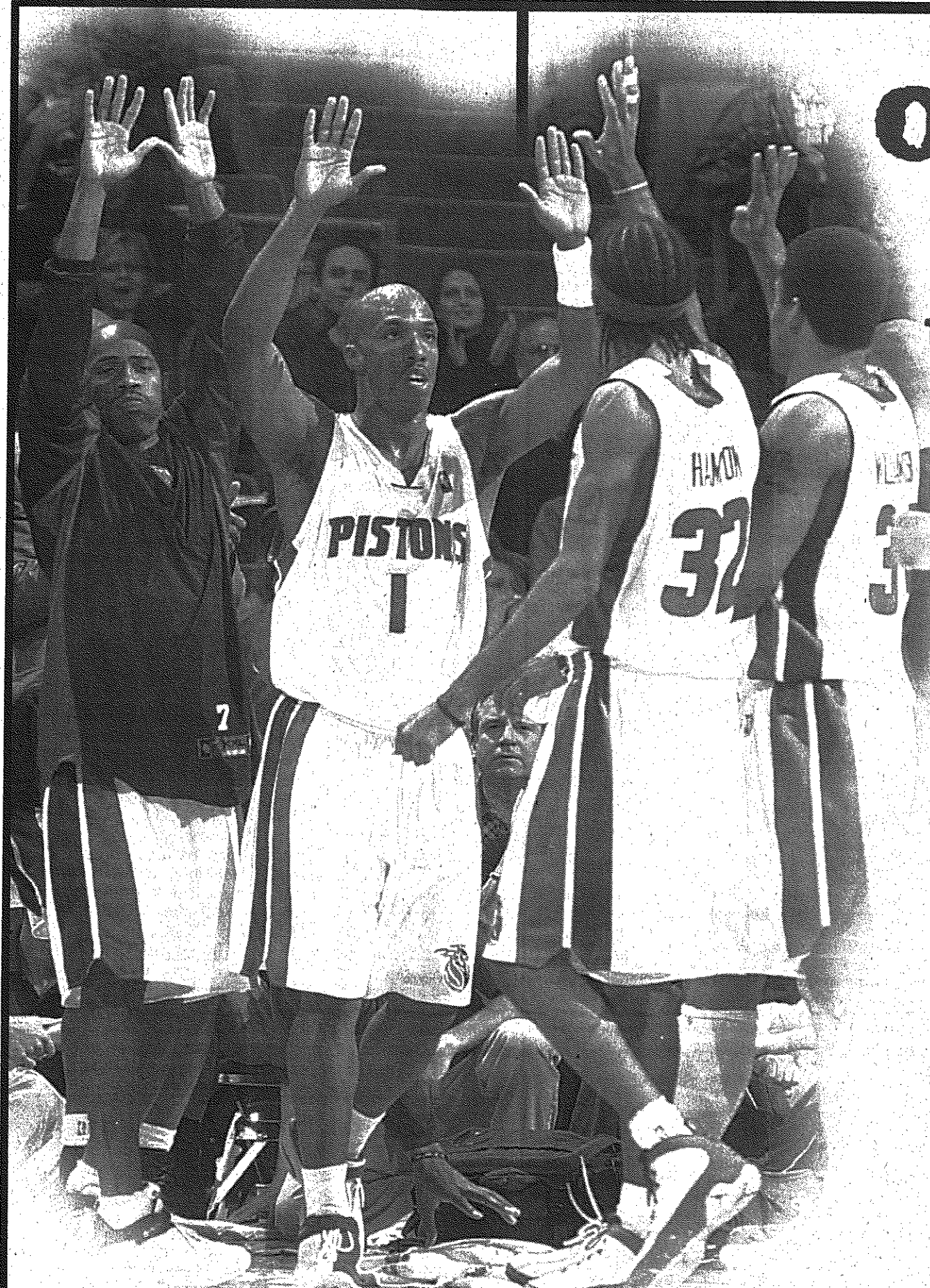
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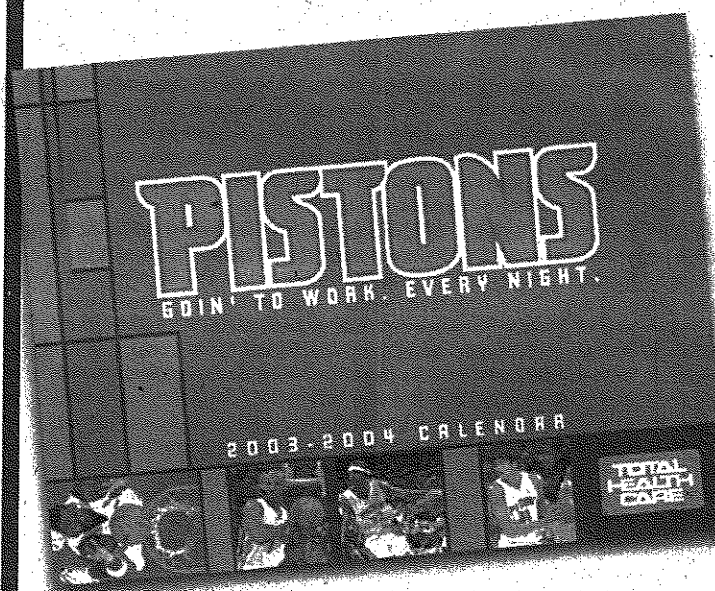
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SALEM

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But the Rocks didn't. The match was scoreless at half-time; still, it was Salem that struck first, five minutes into the second half. After a free kick into the Saline end, Chris Conlisk played the ball into the box, creating a scramble. Steve Gizicki finally found it, coaxing the ball into the net behind Hornet keeper Mark Dishnow to give Salem a 1-0 lead.

That could have been a turning point in the game – and it was. Only it favored Saline.

"I knew we matched up well with them," said Saline coach Brian Lampman. "We could have folded when we gave up that first goal."

"But this team dug deep."

That the Hornets did, answering the Salem goal with one of their own four minutes later. Swarming instead of sitting back and just letting scoring chances develop, Saline

forced a turnover in the Rocks' end and the Hornets' Cam Cameron ended up with the ball, the Salem net in front of him. He finished the chance, and the game was tied at 1-1.

If there had been any doubt before about Saline's talent, it had now disappeared.

"Even when it was 1-1 I really thought we'd get the next goal," said McCarthy. "We hadn't lost all year (the three previous losses on Salem's record were due to forfeits for using an ineligible player). We haven't experienced that."

The Rocks' comeback hopes, however, were diminished when first Conlisk and then Matt Adsit were given yellow cards, putting them on the sidelines for 10 minutes. Salem was also without its best defender, Steve Cox, out of the lineup for a violation of team rules.

"We were missing a number of horses," McCarthy admitted. "But (Saline) put two in the back of the net cleanly."

EAGLES

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keeper Matt Saagman. Wloszek bounced it in and the match was knotted at 2-all with 30:34 remaining.

That was bad news for the Eagles. And it got even worse.

Just four minutes later, a Knight free kick reached Paul Wloszek in front of the PCA goal and, with no Eagle challenging him defensively, he was able to finish his shot and score the go-ahead goal with 26:35 left, giving Shrine a 3-2 lead.

Over the next 13 minutes, PCA had plenty of opportunities to get the equalizer. Lew Tripp had several of them, putting one shot over the net and, a minute later, another one wide.

On it went until, with 13 minutes left, Oswalt got loose down the left wing. His shot to

the corner went in and PCA had drawn even at 3-3. Bixler got his second assist of the match.

The game-winner provided some vindication for Tripp. A counterattack left he and teammate Drew Gallagher on a break, with just one defender and the keeper back. Tripp carried it down the left wing toward the corner, then centered the ball to Gallagher for the finish. With 10:39 left, PCA had a 4-3 lead.

Which the Eagles managed to hang on to. At stake in Friday's district final with Roeper is a trip to the Division IV Regional hosted by Sterling Heights Bethesda next week. They likely will face yet another MIAC team; among small schools, the conference is pre-eminent.

The game-winner came with 15:41 left in the match. A Hornet free kick bounced into the Salem box, where keeper Tom Huls was able to deflect it – but not clear it. Saline's Cole Boerema pounced on it and knocked it in to make it 2-1.

"We knew that team was loaded with speed, especially on the flanks," said Lampman of Salem. "That was evident on the field."

But his Hornets, particularly Dishnow, his senior co-captain keeper, rose to the challenge.

CRUSADERS

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Alexander scoring the goal with an assist from Cale Wassermann.

Madonna took the lead for good at the 36:32 mark on a score by Derrick Mudri, with an assist from Djokic. Djokic's unassisted goal at 83:22 provided a two-goal cushion.

Koontz started in goal for the Crusaders and played the

first 66 minutes, allowing one goal and making three saves. Darrel Quinn played the final 23 minutes.

Madonna holds off Tech

Two early goals were enough to take Madonna to an 11-0 record in the WHAC with a 2-1 victory over Indiana Tech in a match played at Greenmead Park in Livonia Tuesday.

The Crusaders improved to 14-1 overall. Tech fell to 9-7-2 overall, 4-4-2 in the confer-

ence. Matt Placek got the scoring started for Madonna with a goal at the 12:45 mark. Evan Baker (Canton) made it 2-0 10:37 later, with an assist going to Zach Wilkes.

The Warriors responded with a goal from Jerome Schroeder at the 27:20 mark, trimming Madonna's lead to 2-1. However, Darrel Quinn (four saves) did not let another shot get past.

Jake Billingsley was in goal for Tech; he had five saves.


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The Charter Township Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for the fiscal year 2004 at the Charter Township of Plymouth's offices located at 42350 Ann Arbor Rd., on Tuesday, October 28, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the public hearing. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Clerk's Office located at 42350 Ann Arbor Rd. during normal business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

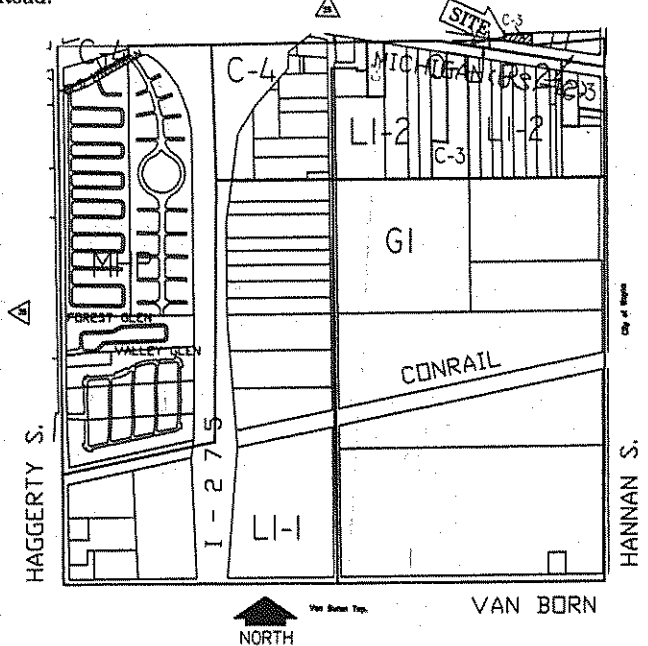
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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, November 3, 2003 in the *Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m.*, on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

CANTON AUTO SALES SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ADD AUTOMOBILE RENTAL TO THE SPECIAL LAND USE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED FOR AUTOMOBILE SALES AND REPAIR AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 17.02B.4. FOR PARCEL NO. 141 99 0001 000 and 141 99 0002 000. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue between Hannan and Lotz Road.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, October 30, 2003 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

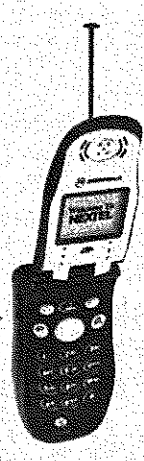
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Shamrocks savor state golf title

A 36-stroke difference between the first day of the Division 1 boys golf championship and the second didn't matter that much for Catholic Central.

The Shamrocks overcame the wind and the cold and still wound up shooting 636 on the weekend at the Meadows Golf Course at Grand Valley State University – to claim the school's first state golf championship with a six-stroke win over Saline.

"What a way to cap four years of playing on this team," said senior Chris Eliason, who tied for seventh overall. "We always thought we could do it, but to actually do it is great. It's something that we worked for all summer, staying out some times until 8 p.m. practicing chipping and putting. We put the time and effort in and it paid off."

The scores weren't pretty on Saturday – for any team.

Of the 13 school that made the final round, seven had team scores at least 20 strokes greater than Friday and three – including CC – were at least 30 strokes higher.

"It was windy and cold – just a real rough day," said CC golf coach Bill Hayes, who celebrated his birthday on the same day as his team's title. "But I kept telling the kids that it's this way for everyone and that par is a good score. Boggles are even fine, but just don't take the doubles and triples."

CC held a 300-307 lead over Saline on Friday, but still led after Saturday's round despite shooting 336, because the Hornets carded a 335. Muskegon Mona Shores ended up third at 649, while Ann Arbor Pioneer shot 654 and Holland had 656.

The Shamrocks had all five players shoot in the 80s on Saturday, but the Hornets had two players in the 90s and couldn't catch CC.

"Jimmy Burns got a two-stroke penalty because he took his gloves off on the green and

one blew into his ball," said Hayes.

"It was that kind of day on Saturday. It was a matter of knowing and understanding that everyone was going through it. I think the kids are just tough-minded. They're used to shooting 74, 75, 76 and when the wind was going to make a difference, they listened, thought of the team and didn't worry about their individual score."

Chris Eliason was CC's top finisher, as his 72-84-156 put him in a tie for seventh with Justin Hull of Royal Oak Kimball and Andrew Slade of Saline.

"The wind was just huge on Saturday," said Eliason. "It was gusting to 40 mph. I usually hit my 5-iron 200 yards and there were times I used it from 150 yards out."

"There was a point when I started thinking about winning and lost my concentration. I bogied No. 12, doubled No. 13 and tripled 14. But I think we were mentally tough as a team."

"And I was able to straighten it out and follow it with two pars and get back on track. To play as in team two days in a row in those conditions was tough. I think this is one of the hardest championships to win because you have to play as an individual and as a team."

Adam Hogue shot 77-82-159, while Burns was 75-85-160, Mike King was 76-85-161 and Dave Denyer was 80-86-166.

Holland's Charlie Sterken was the overall medalist at 72-76-148.

"We lose the three seniors – Eliason, Burns and King – but Hogue and Denyer are sophomores and that gives us a decent foundation to build around," said Hayes. "I can't say we'll repeat or be as good but it's something to build on."

STATE GOLF

Brother Rice ends CC's title streak

Some things were always a given.

The sun will rise in the East, moss grows on the north side of a tree, Catholic Central will win the Catholic League's A-B cross country championship.

But Birmingham Brother Rice ended that sure thing Saturday afternoon by the barest of margins, going to a sixth-man to break a 49-49 tie with the Shamrocks to win the league title.

"We went 1-3-4 and got beat," said CC coach Tony Magni, whose team had won the last nine titles and 13 of the last 15. "We needed help from other teams and we didn't get it. We had about a minute gap between our third and fourth runners and that was too much. But overall, Rice ran a good race and that was the difference."

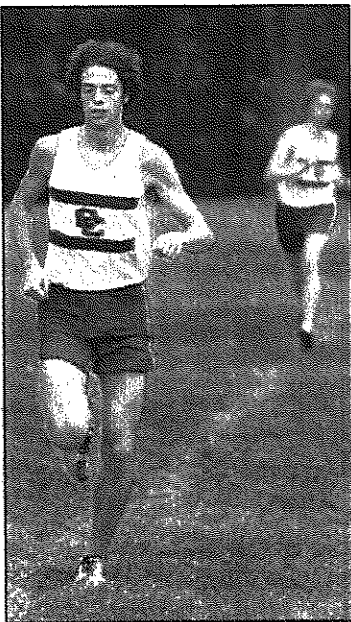
University of Detroit-Jesuit was third with 91 points,

Warren De La Salle was fourth with 117 and Orchard Lake St. Mary's was fifth.

CC started well with Dave Lucas as the overall winner in 16:11.81, while Dan Horgan was third (16:46.43) and Max Working was fourth (16:48.41). Rice's John Black was second overall (16:17.46), Mike Blair was fifth (16:50.78) and Peter Nicolay was eighth (17:16.18).

But the next group was where Rice caught CC. The Warriors' Ryan Gregory was 15th (17:35.99) and Jason Hannawa was 22nd (17:41.02), while CC's Mike Nienhaus (17:43.71) and Mike Rossiter (17:44.81) were 20th and 21st. The sixth man belonged to Rice and Chris Wurster, who was 22nd (17:46.14), while CC's Jason Morad was 26th (17:50.05).

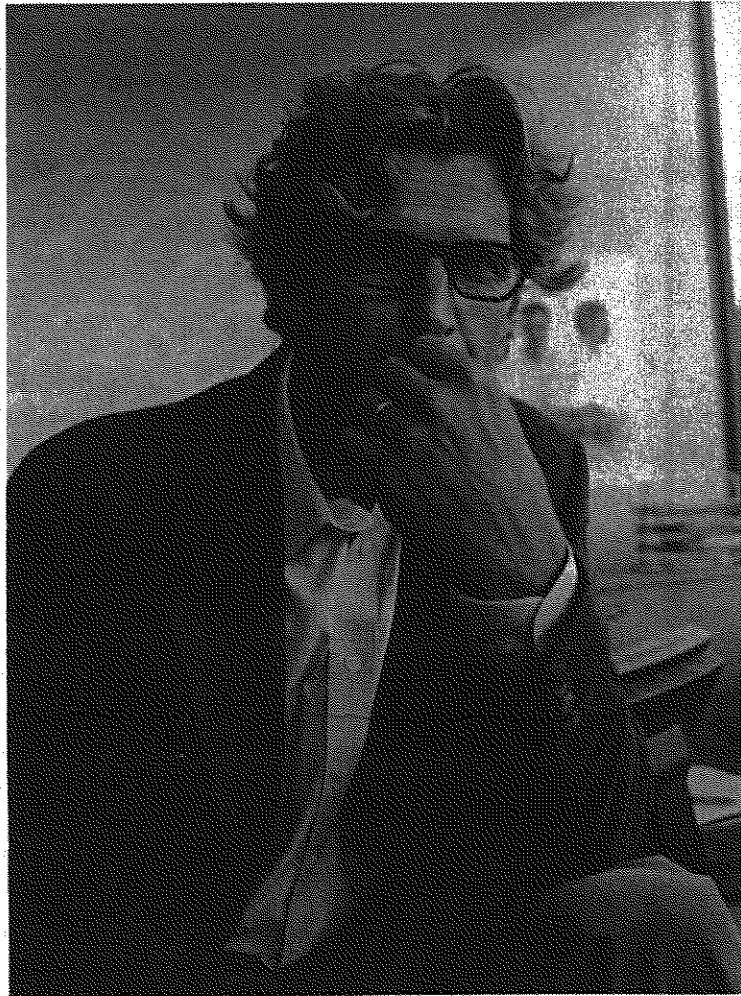
"I told our other four runners that two of them had to run a good race for us to win," Magni



Catholic Central's Dave Lucas (foreground) finished third at Operation Friendship on Tuesday and first at the Catholic League championships on Saturday. Dan Horgan (background) was third at the CHSL meet and fourth on Tuesday.

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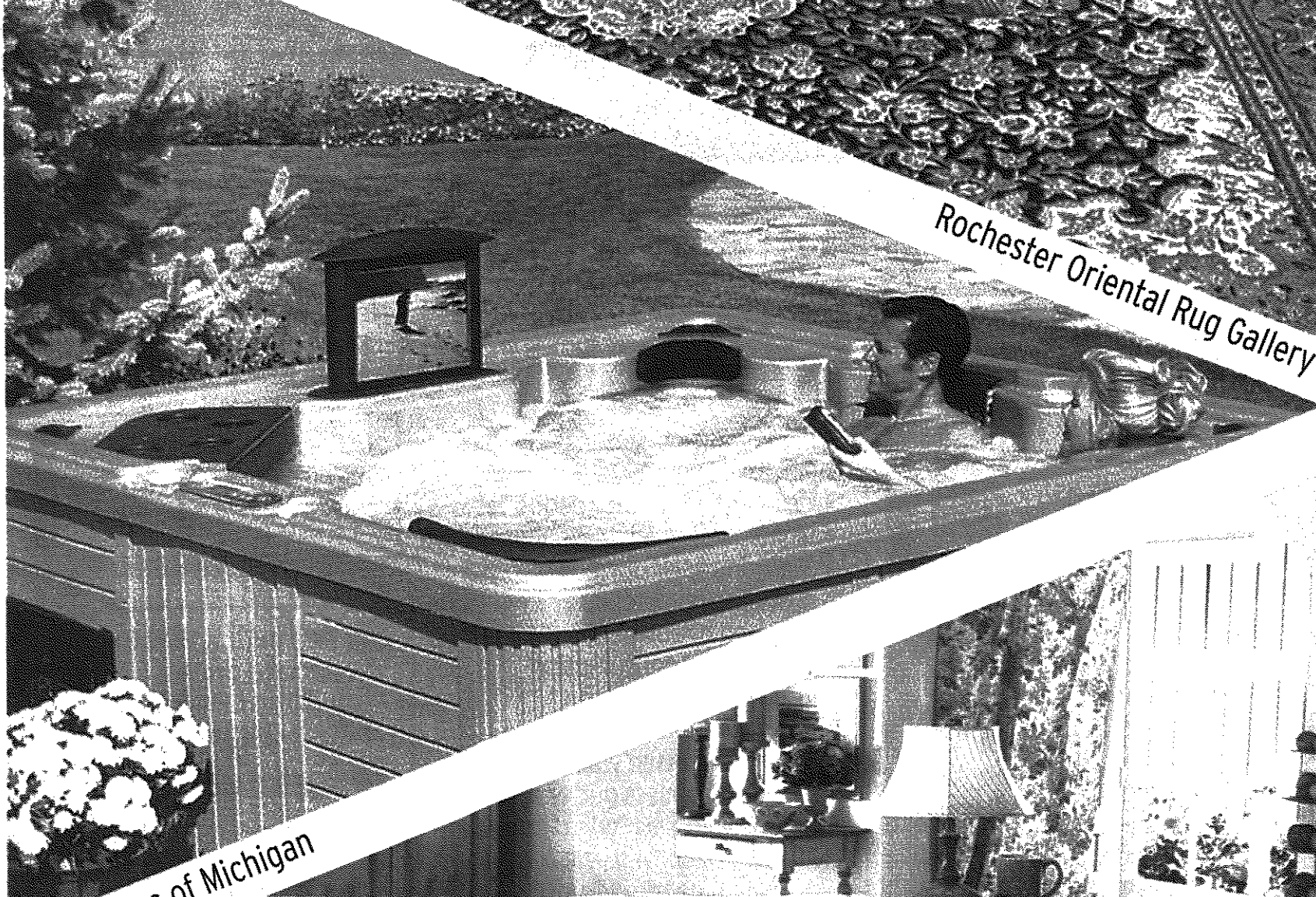
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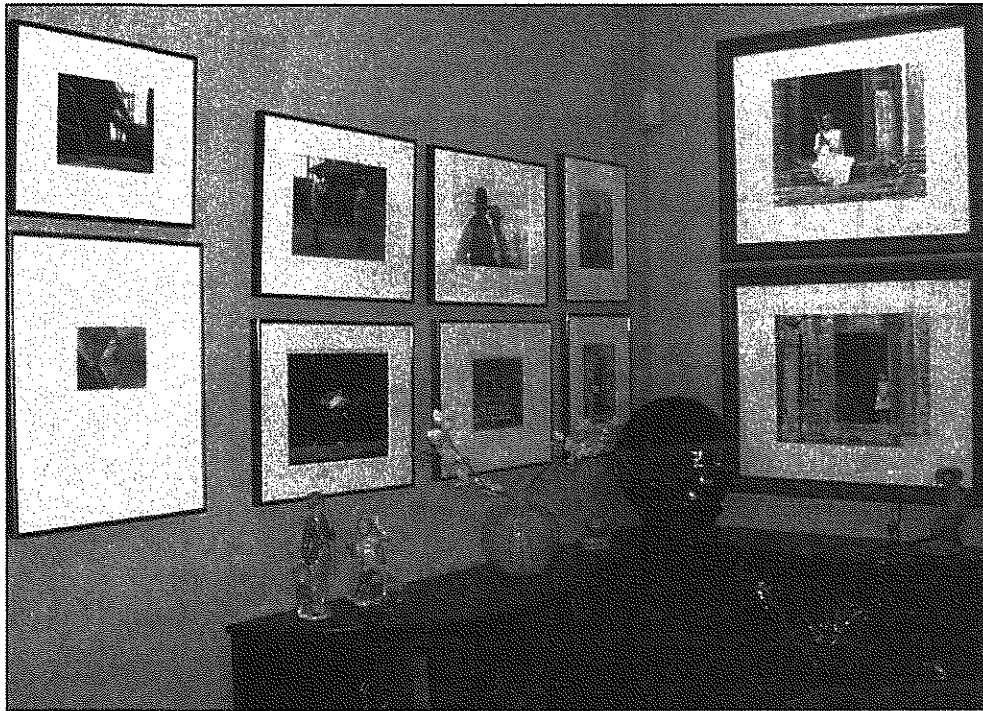
Of course, attractive matting and framing enhances the presentation of a photograph. Pre-cut mats in standard sizes can be purchased from most art supply or camera shops. You can also buy inexpensive mat cutters, and with a little practice, you'll be cutting your own professional looking mats.

Simply measure equal borders around your already mounted photograph and carefully cut your mat. Make sure the blades are sharp and use fine sandpaper or an emery board to eliminate any rough spots on the edges.

To produce a collage of pictures, perhaps of the entire family, just cut as many "windows" out of the mat board as you'll need. Then tape each picture to the board from behind and back them with another piece of mat board. You're now ready to add a frame.

Frames come in many styles, colors and prices. For photography, simplicity is the best guideline.

Plain metal frames don't draw attention away from the impact of the photograph,



Monte Nagler has many types of photographs on his walls. Here's an example of how they appear.

yet at the same time they lend a complementary finishing touch to your picture. Metal frame kits are available in all photo, art supply and frame shops. Purchase sections in the lengths you need and your frame can be assembled easily in a matter of minutes.

Be sure to use glass, too. Glass not only protects your photograph, but also adds to the appearance of your finished work. Regular, single strength glass works best. Non-glare glass reduces the "snap" of your photo and makes the colors look dull.

Other types of frames are available. Plain wood frames will enhance many photographs, while more modern lucite frames will add a contemporary touch.

Most pictures look best when hung at eye level. Try a grouping over a large piece of furniture such as a sofa or buffet, or over a fireplace. Place a larger picture in the center, surrounded by a few smaller ones. Hanging photographs in your home will not only smartly decorate your rooms, but living with them daily will encourage your photographic growth.

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ABOUT THE COVER

Furniture on the cover of this section was provided by the following:

Top: Find a wide variety of furniture styles, colors and designs at Recherche-Fine Consignment Furnishings with locations in Waterford and Farmington Hills.

Second: Handmade Persian and Oriental rugs are available at Rochester Oriental Rug Gallery. The Gallery carries a wide variety of sizes in both standard and odd shapes.

Third: Master Spas is celebrating 25 years in business. The featured spa has a television and surround sound stereo system. It won Consumer Digest's "Best Buy" award for luxury spas. Master Spas has locations in Novi, Rochester Hills and Utica.

Fourth: Relaxed tailoring and soft, inviting cushion and back pillows highlight the popular design of Copley Square sofa available at Newton Furniture where dreams become a reality with a vast collection of over 500 styles available in more than 2000 fabrics and leathers with custom orders delivered in 35 days or less with a lifetime guarantee on quality construction. Newton has stores in Bloomfield Township, Livonia and Novi.

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Entering is easy. Each participating merchant has official Fabulous Furniture entry forms available until Thursday, Oct. 30.

You may enter one time at each store. You'll want to

visit each store (several merchants have multiple locations) and increase your chances of winning.

Deadline to enter is 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30.

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Fabulous FURNITURE 2003

Add style inside, out with unique doors

BY JOAN BORAM
CORRESPONDENT

The entry door to your home is the first thing visitors see — their initial impression of you and your home is formed before they see you or your home's interior. Obviously, it's important that your home's entry should reflect the style that follows.

Luckily, it's relatively easy to acquire a door that complements your taste and style; that welcomes friends and guests while also discouraging forced entry. And, having acquired the perfect door, it's fun to select the hardware and other "door jewelry" that will further reflect your interior design scheme.

A distinctive door adds drama, warmth, and greater curb appeal. Recent studies show that the more attractive the entryway, the higher the perception of the home's value.

"Most doors now are either wood or fiberglass," said Bud Helgomo, general manager of Tarnow Doors in Farmington Hills.

Today's fiberglass doors, such as those made by Thermatru, closely resemble traditional wood doors in appearance, but require less maintenance.

Fiberglass is more resistant to scratches and dents, and are low maintenance, requiring only one coat of urethane annually. They are excellent choices for high traffic entrances.

■ Wood doors, which may be painted or stained, offer a traditional warm and inviting look, and add a sense of security and sturdiness to your home.

■ Glass can personalize your entryway. When considering glass, ask yourself: Do I prefer glass that's ornate or simple? How much light do I want coming into my home? How important is an unobstructed view?

"Most manufacturers will ship a sample of the glass under consideration so clients

DOOR GLOSSARY

Inswing: A door that opens inward.

Outswing: A door that opens outward

Lite: A pane of glass in a door

Grids: Decorative horizontal or vertical bars installed between the glass panes to create the appearance of smaller panes of glass.

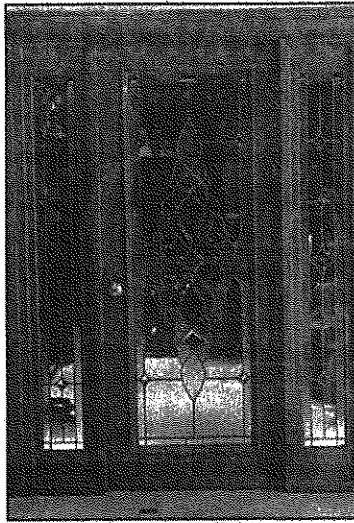
Casing: The molding around interior and exterior door openings.

Drip cap: A horizontal molding placed above doors to divert water

Jamb: The side and head trim of a door frame

Pre-hung door: A door already hung on the jambs.

Stile: The vertical members of a panel door.



TIFFANY ART GLASS

A new door can bring a new look of either classic or contemporary.

Northville.

"Home owners want the custom look that pewter gives.

"Generally, owners of older homes will select a pattern that matches the home's period style, while the owners of ranch homes prefer a more contemporary or arts and crafts look."

There are any number of options available to stained glass aficionados. Some homeowners have stained glass installed over an existing clear glass insert.

Others have the clear glass removed and the stained glass inserted. Some people have a space cut in an existing door, while others opt for a new mahogany or oak door from a supplier suggested by Zawadski.

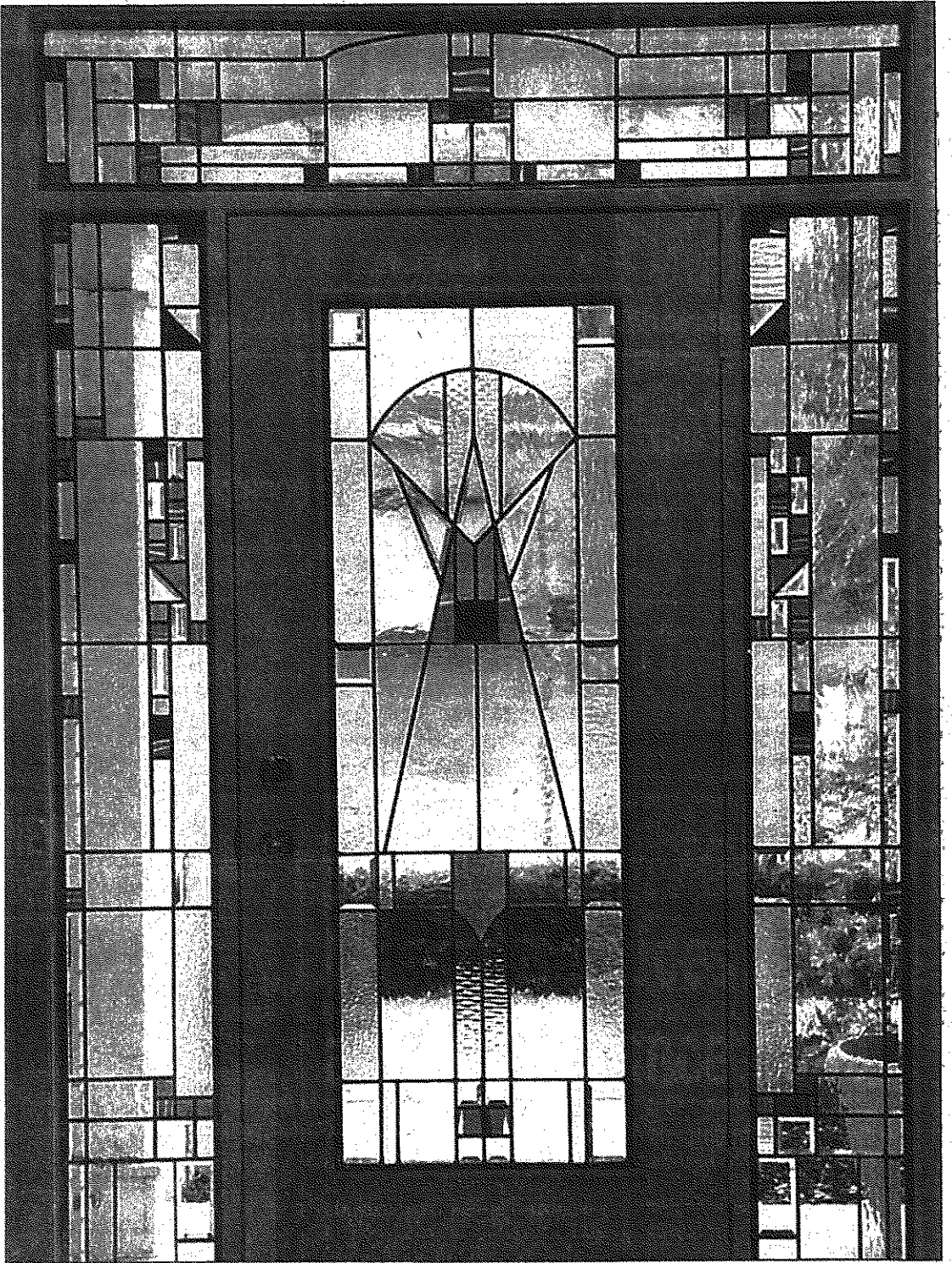
"Openings for stained glass may be round, square, oval, arched top, or rectangular, the most popular," added Zawadski.

DOOR TO DOOR

A door is a door is a door. Gertrude Stein didn't say that, but she might have.

Once you've found the perfect door, it's up to you to personalize it.

"An entry door, no matter how expensive, is like a plain



TIFFANY ART GLASS

Homeowners want more colorful glass with a gray pewter skeletal structure today as compared to 20 years ago, when they wanted clear glass with bevels and a brass skeletal structure, said John Zawadski, owner of Tiffany Art Glass in Northville.

black dress, it needs to be accessorized to make an impression," opined Jim Cowells, sales manager of Russell Hardware in Bloomfield Township.

"Door hardware is like jewelry: an exciting and different door knocker, mailbox,

doorknob, or twist doorbell welcomes guests to your home with style. You wouldn't wear dime store jewelry with a designer dress, so why try to economize on door hardware?"

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Fabulous FURNITURE 2003

You can choose between paint or faux finish

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
CORRESPONDENT

It used to be that all you had to do was decide the color, buy the paint, brushes and rollers, then set about painting the rooms in your house.

But not anymore.

Interior painting now requires more thought and effort due to the numerous techniques now popular.

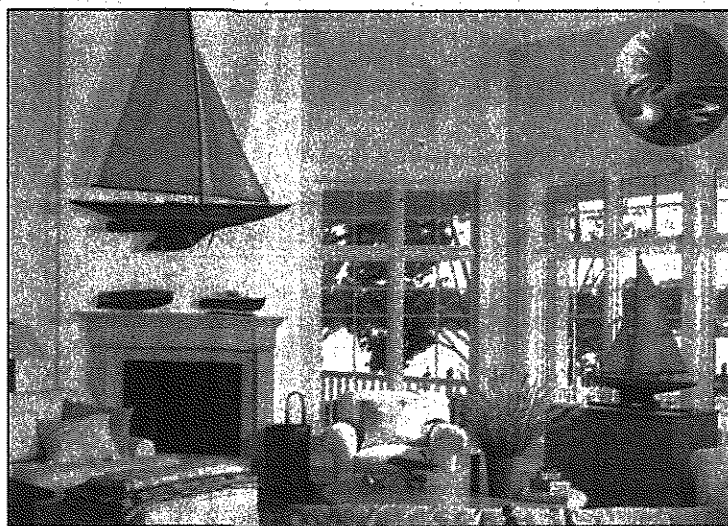
Faux finishes are chosen by many homeowners for living and great rooms, according to Jo Ann Thorman, a 14-year employee of Man's Lumber and Millwork in Canton.

By using applicators other than brushes and rollers, such as sponges and rags, wall and ceiling treatments can be made to look like suede, leather, brick or stone.

Also, surfaces can be given a metallic look and ceilings can be transformed into a blue sky filled with clouds.

"The choices are endless with today's various techniques," she said.

"I have found that customers are attempting to bring the outdoors inside, especially in the great rooms in new houses.



LOWE'S HOME IMPROVEMENT

These soft pastels emphasize the casual carefree atmosphere in this room. The muted green of the summer prairie grass against the clear blue sky is imitated in this charming lakeside home.

These rooms are so big, some even gigantic, and have so many windows that it works well to use the colors of nature.

"In addition, bringing the outdoors inside through paint and/or faux finishes helps to create warmer rooms that makes those who live in or visit them feel happy and content. That's how we often feel when we go outside."

Thorman added that interior

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■ Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse of Bloomfield Township, 1801 S. Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills (248) 338-2566. Helpful information on interior painting techniques can be found on the Web site, www.interiordecabout.com

painting used to be a do-it-yourself project, but in many new houses, the standard eight-foot ceilings are gone. "Great rooms have ceilings that are reachable only by tall ladders and scaffolding so painting professionals are often hired to do the work," Thorman said.

Neutrals accented by terra



LOWE'S HOME IMPROVEMENT

The colors of tawny bluff on the wall and wheatgrass on the door mix nicely to embrace the simple decor.

cotta, yellows (versus golds), burgundy and teal green are the popular colors that customers use in today's living and great rooms, Thorman said.

In the northern suburbs, favorite customer colors continue to be dark reds and dark greens, said Rick Kravens, manager of paint and home decor for Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse of Bloomfield Township.

"While faux finishes and techniques are popular, many of our customers continue to like painting with neutrals in their living and great

rooms. They bring in color through paint accents, the carpet and through their furniture and accessories," Kravens said.

He added that many of his customers do the painting themselves, including faux finishes, if they are used.

"We give assistance, offer classes and there are numerous books available here and elsewhere that teach how to create a certain look with a faux painting technique. Many of the simpler techniques, such as rag rolling and adding different paint colors

using a sponge, are fairly easy to do."

Kravens, who has been in the paint and home decor field for more than 20 years, said that while new painting techniques come and go, many customers dismiss them for just a simple fresh new coat of paint on the walls in a color of their choice, whether or not it's popular.

"And a white or light color ceiling remains to be the choice of many customers, especially in the living room and the very high great rooms," Kravens said.

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Rare finds found in consignment shops

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
CORRESPONDENT

A few years ago, Dana Demski had some good furniture that he wanted to sell. His only choice for handling this was to advertise in newspapers' classified sections.

"I wished there was another way to sell furniture and other household items. I didn't want people traipsing through my home to look at the furniture," he said. The sale of the furniture - he did go the classified route - led to a new career for this then-computer sales representative. He joined with a friend, Phil Pitkin, who was also in the computer field, and in August 2002, they opened Recherche in Waterford. The consignment store handles furniture, artwork and accessories for the home.

Demski said there are only a handful of stores around the country like Recherche, which means "sought out with care; rare; choice; uncommon; having refinement or studied elegance." (Pitkin's sister came up with the name after searching the Webster's dictionary.)

"Consignment stores are, however, the fastest growing segment of the furniture business," he added.

Those wishing to sell furniture, china, rugs, artwork and just about anything else contact Demski or Pitkin to have their items displayed at Recherche - a second store was opened this past July in Farmington. They (Demski and Pitkin) put a price on the item and take a commission when it is sold.

"We do the pricing because we know the value and what customers will pay for an item," said Demski, who has always had a passion and interest in artwork and furniture, specifically mission-style pieces. He added that as the business has grown, so has his and his part-



Many customers look to consignment stores for one-of-a-kind pieces at prices cheaper than at traditional furniture retailers.

ner's expertise in identifying the quality and pricing specific items. What has also expanded at Recherche is the number of people who visit their two stores. "We have between 70 to 100 people who come to our stores each week in search of unique items that can only be found in shops like ours."

"Many of our store customers are looking for one-of-a-kind pieces at prices less expensive than at traditional furniture retailers," he said. "We offer new, old, classic, antique and unusual pieces at a fair price. And our stock changes all the time."

Under terms of their consignment agreement with the seller, the stores showcase items for 90 days. If an item doesn't sell in that amount of time, it is returned to the owner.

"We take just about anything within reason," Demski added. "There have been times, however, when we had to turn an item down. As an example, someone wanted us to sell a stool made out of an elephant's foot. We turned this down immediately. Not only did we

SOURCES

Recherche stores are at 3671 Highland Street, Waterford, and 23330 Farmington Road, Farmington.

Phone: (248) 681-6120.

To view current offerings or to obtain information concerning placing items on consignment, visit the Web site

www.rechercheinteriors.com.

not want to antagonize animal rights activists, but we are sensitive and did not consider this item to be in good taste or acceptable for Recherche."

While this particular item was turned down, the owners did place a three-foot statue of a medicine man dressed in animal furs. "Amazingly, we sold this piece for a fair price in about six weeks. You never know what's going to appeal to customers who come into our stores."

Answers to frequently asked questions about hardwood floors

Thinking about making a few improvements to your home? If so, chances are you're considering a new floor as part of your project.

When it comes to flooring, hardwood remains one of the most popular flooring options available today. However, from settling on a species to proper care and maintenance, there is much to consider.

Does sunlight lighten or darken a floor's color? Does it depend on the species, the stain or the finish?

The ultraviolet rays that can burn and age our skin will affect any organic material, including wood. That's why the finest art collections are kept in rooms without windows. Prolonged exposure to sunlight will change the color of virtually any wood floor, regardless of the stain or finish. Some woods lighten when exposed to sunlight. Others, like cherry and oak, tend to darken. The newest water-based urethane finishes seem to slow color changes more effectively than oil-based urethane finishes, which tend to turn the brownish-yellow color of amber. Some finishes even feature sunscreens to help block the penetration of ultraviolet rays, extending the time it will take the wood to change.

If you're especially concerned about your floor changing color, consider installing curtains or blinds that will limit exposure to sunlight. Windows also can be fitted with thin films of plastic that

block ultraviolet rays. This type of screen - similar to those on used on some car windows - will protect your floor, furniture, drapes, upholstery and artwork from sunlight.

Is a hardwood floor a good choice for someone with allergies or asthma?

You bet. Allergists often recommend bare floors, which reduce the chance for animal dander, dust, pollen or molds to collect. Respiratory experts say as much as one-fifth of the U.S. population suffers breathing difficulties caused by allergies and asthma, often triggered by microscopic dust mites that colonize bedding, curtains and carpets. Bedding and curtains can be laundered, but because frequent vacuuming is often ineffective against dust mites in floor coverings, many immunologists and allergists suggest bringing hardwood floors out into the open.

If I have a urethane finish on my hardwood floor, can I use oil-based paint for stencils?

You can, but it may not be the best choice.

Many professionals avoid working with oil-based paints because they are harder to clean up and take longer to dry. With water-based paints, smudges and spills can be wiped away easily with a damp cloth.

Water-based paint can be applied over oil- or water-based urethane finishes.

For best results with opaque paints, consider first applying a white primer. Let the paint dry thoroughly before applying at least two protective top coats that are the same type of urethane as the base coats. Oil-based paints that are just the slightest bit wet will smear when you apply an oil-based urethane topcoat.

If you aren't sure whether your paint and urethanes are compatible, contact the manufacturers of your materials. Also, always test for compatibility by applying a little paint and finish on an extra board or in an inconspicuous spot such as a closet corner.

Are steam cleaners an effective way to keep wood floors clean?

Several steam-cleaners available on the market are designed for use on hardwood floors.

However, it's best to check with the manufacturer to find out if your cleaner is appropriate for use on your wood floor. Remember that water is wood's No. 1 enemy. If the finish is worn or scratched, steam could seep into your wood floors, eventually causing damage. Keep in mind that experts say the best way to clean a wood floor is to wipe up any spills immediately with a soft, dry cloth.

Sweep floors regularly with a broom, dust mop or canister vacuum with special hardwood floor attachments. Do not use a vacuum with beater bars. They can dent your floor's finish.

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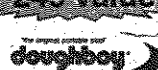
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Foyer flooring: there are many choices

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
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The first impression of your home is often made when visitors step through the front door. This is why the foyer, entrance hall or vestibule — whatever you call it — is so important. And when it comes to decor for this space, the floor is the best place to start.

Woods, laminates and ceramics are today's popular choices for the foyer, according to Tina Marie of Independent Carpet One in Westland.

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"Today's laminates are durable and have excellent water resistance," said Tina Marie. "A laminate floor is an excellent choice for the entry area because it retains its beauty while dealing with the outside elements."

Ceramics, according to this flooring expert, are popular because they are also exceptionally durable, especially in high-traffic areas of the house. "And they offer value, as well as a wide variety of choices."

"Textured ceramics can be purchased in the look of precious stones, including slate and marble. Ceramic flooring provides beautiful, tasteful and classic options for the floor," she said. "Also, they are available in styles and colors that are fashionable and timeless."

Rugs, placed on top of the flooring material, whether it is



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wood, laminate or ceramic, are an important addition to the foyer.

They offer beauty while being practical. They help in the maintenance of this area by handling the dirt that is brought in from outdoors.

According to Tina Marie, rugs made of nylon or wool fibers are good choices for the foyer.

"Nylon is the best fiber for the entry way because it has good upkeep and is easy to clean." She added that one of the best ways, however, to keep the foyer area clean is by using a mat outside the door.

"Independent Carpet One carries a large selection of mats. We like to provide for all our customers' flooring needs."

Customers' needs are also considered if they choose to install their own flooring. "We provide them with the materials, tips and, if needed, we arrange for the manufacturers' representative to provide them with additional information."

Tina Marie stressed that the best choice for customers is to have their flooring, no matter what they select, professionally installed.



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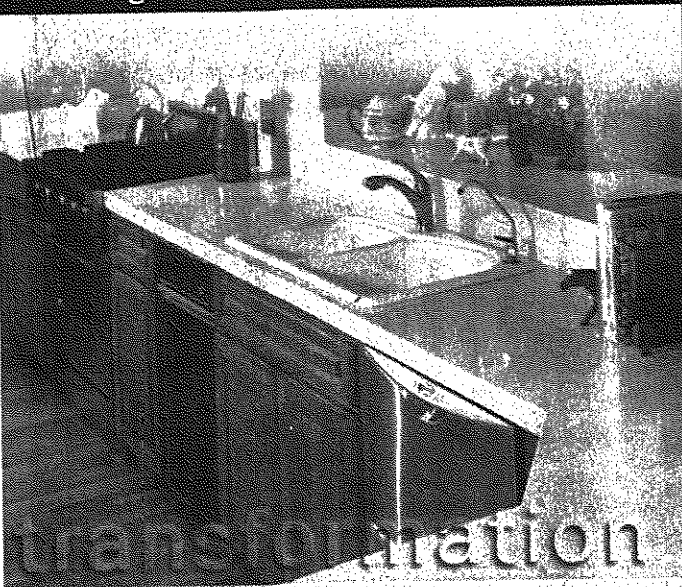
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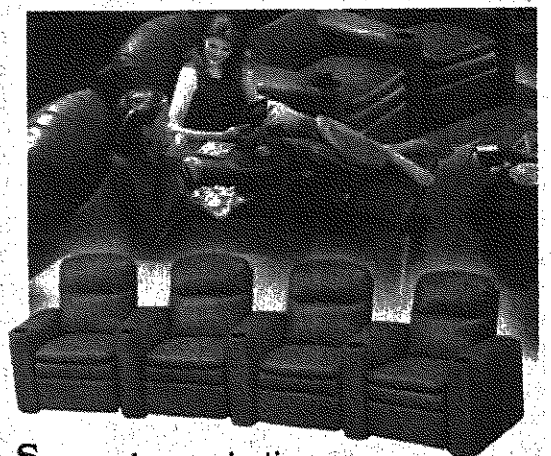
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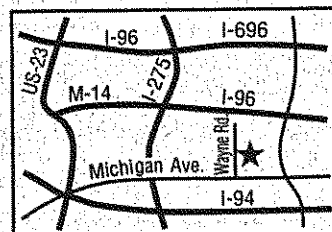
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Variety is the spice in eclectic spaces Antiques make timeless statements

BY JOAN BORAM
CORRESPONDENT

Style is an attitude. It reflects your own personal way of looking at things.

Most of us strive to make our rooms appealing and unique. That's easy to accomplish if we hone our tastes by exploring designer showcase houses, antique shows, shelter magazines, and even museums that feature authentic period rooms.

Remember, what you don't like is as educational as what you are drawn to.

Kathy Pilon, manager of Newton Furniture in Bloomfield, says that her customers favor transitional style, but it may be translated into

either a contemporary or a traditional design scheme.

"Transitional has cleaner lines than traditional," Pilon said. "For example, the sofa

won't be skirted, the arms are more tailored, and there's not the over-stuffed look that you see in traditional. The lines are cleaner and narrower. The design of a room is determined by accents. Side tables are lighter toned, perhaps cherry or maple, and there's a mixture of metal,

wood and glass accessories." The television has replaced the fireplace as the focal point in many rooms, added Pilon.

"We sell a lot of seating for entertainment rooms, with cup holders and adjustable seating positions."

In major upholstered pieces, colors tend to be neutral and visual interest is achieved with textures: a nubby look, heringbone, tweed, or other woven patterns.

Microfibers are popular because they're so durable. Strong colors are likely to appear in side chairs, and large brightly colored ottomans double as seating and/or coffee tables.

As in life, variety is the spice of the eclectic living space. The common attribute is a mix of furniture styles, regardless of

GLOSSARY OF STYLE

Art Deco - A style popular in the 1920s and 1930s. Characteristics include streamlined, geometric motifs expressed in materials such as glass, chrome and plastic.

Art Nouveau - Popular between 1890 and 1910, this style is characterized by flowing lines, sinuous curves and stylized forms derived from nature.

Arts and Craft - Also referred to as Mission, characterized by simple utilitarian design and construction.

Chippendale - Named after 18th century British cabinet maker Thomas Chippendale, the style was noted for cabriole legs, ball-and-claw foot, and broken pediment on cabinets.

Contemporary - A style characterized by simple and clean lines, and often incorporates geometric forms and futuristic appearances. Wood and fabric are often light and trendy.

Country - Also called Early American or Colonial. Based on more traditional furniture designs, but practical function and form are accented by simple carving, turnings, and trim accents. Pine, maple, birch and softer woods are often used in construction.

French Provincial - A term describing countrified versions of formal French furnishings of the 17th and 18th centuries.

Shaker - A simple and utilitarian style produced by the religious group, the United Society of Believers, characterized by functional simplicity and austere beauty.

Traditional - The classic details of traditional furniture - carvings, overlays, pilasters, columns, pediments, etc., are reflections of the influences of years gone by. Woods used will often include cherry, walnut, mahogany and oak. Rich fabrics are commonly used.

period, and a blending of disparate accessories.

Each piece, however, must be well designed and fit in the overall mood, formal or informal.

Otherwise, it can look like you raided grandma's attic. "Many of our clients are

looking for new or used pieces to add to rooms that are modern or even country, for an eclectic look," said Dana Demski, who describes his Recherche stores in Waterford and Farmington as a melting pot of styles that changes from week to week.

Especially when it comes to decor, antiques are timeless. They can be focal points in any style of home.

"There's always room for antiques . . . It's fun to really show them up," said Randie Federman, American Society of Interior Designers, Maxwell-Ross Associates at Michigan Design Center in Troy.

Jennifer Taylor, Jennifer Taylor Studio at Michigan Design Center, compares what an antique can do for a room to what jewelry can do for a dress.

Taylor says that some of her favorite antiques are lighting and mirrors.

"You can use them in so many places . . . They have such great personality," she said of mirrors.

Judy Frankel of Judy Frankel and Associates, in Antiques Centre of Troy, has customers who are "either starting a collection, adding to a collection or having an instant collection," she said.

Among the most popular antiques are pieces with silver overlay, Tiffin glass from the 1930s, majolica, and boxes, Frankel said.

Regardless of the number of antiques you have, a few suggestions can help you use them in furnishing a room.

"Treat the focal point as where the eye is going to look whenever you're in that space," Federman said.

Examples are near a fireplace or on a mantel.

The foyer or entranceway is a good place for a distinctive furnishing, such as an elegant sideboard.

"Have a grand piece and make a grand statement," Taylor said.

Update the function of an antique. For instance, convert an armoire so it can house a television and CDs.

Federman, who likes eclectic decor, suggests collecting a few

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things - such as old perfume bottles - and trying something different with them.

Instead of a Kleenex box and dish of soap, arrange the perfume bottles on a tray and put them on a bathroom vanity.

"It's the grouping of things that's nice," Federman said.

Hang plates on the wall or over a doorway. Display old gelatin molds on a wall in the kitchen. Place an old weather-vane in the garden, and antique urns in the yard.

Don't keep antiques grouped according to their era.

"The mix of the old and the new, the kind of contrast it creates, one playing off the other, it really sets it off," Federman said.

"I love mixing things from different periods," Taylor said.

Don't be afraid to put antiques to use.

"Unless they're collectors' items, you should absolutely use everything," Taylor said. "If you have antique dishes, stack them in the cabinet and put them out every day."

In her 1950s ranch house, "I like a lot of old things," Federman said.

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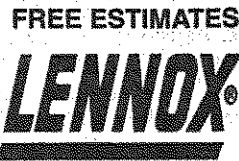
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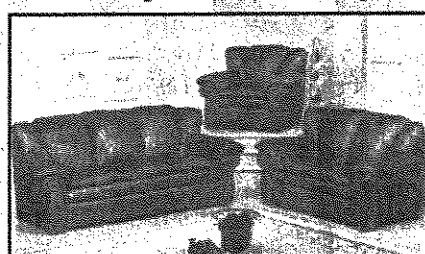
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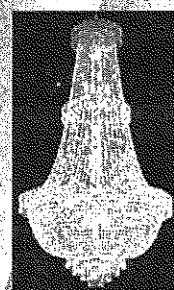
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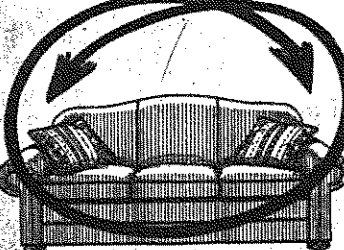
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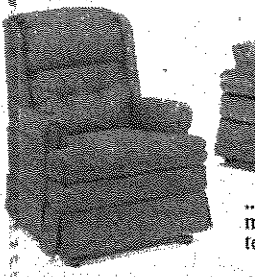
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Getting a start acquiring art

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
CORRESPONDENT

You've given the rooms in your home a fresh look with paint. There's new lighting fixtures on the ceiling and new carpet, rugs, wood or ceramic tiles on the floor.

The furniture pieces you've selected are in place. Now what?

It's time for the finishing touches, which often includes artwork for the walls and, sometimes, 3-D pieces, such as sculpture, pottery and basketry, for around the rooms.

You could go to just about any store that carries accessories for these additions. But, maybe, now is the time to consider original, one-of-a-kind pieces.

And good places to acquire original artwork at reasonable prices are community art groups and centers, such as the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center (BBAC).

WHERE TO BEGIN?

"Get your name on mailing lists announcing upcoming exhibits at all the places that sell artwork," suggested Cynthia Mills, BBAC's acting executive director. "This should be the first step for those new to the acquisition of original art."

The next step, according to her, is to attend a number of exhibits featuring the works of different artists and a variety of styles and mediums, such as realistic landscapes, multimedia works and abstracts, done with oils, watercolors or other materials. "This is the only way to get a feel for what you like."

Mills said that when you find something that hits you emotionally, look also at other works done by the artist and those done by others in a similar style. This way you will know that you really do like this style of work and you'll get an even better feeling about

the piece that attracted you.

"If you find that you still like a particular piece of art — the colors, textures or subject gives you good feelings — then you may wish to purchase it," said Mills.

You, however, shouldn't purchase artwork on impulse, especially when you're a novice in acquiring original art and still in the process of determining what you like. You need to take your time and think about it so that you pick something that you won't be tired of in a week.

Mills is herself an accomplished artist — she graduated from the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit with a bachelor's of fine arts and has been, among other creative endeavors, a textile designer for more than 20 years.

"Artwork should fit in with your personality and express your personality," she added.

"When you visit exhibits and shows, take along a notebook

and jot down what you like about certain pieces. This way you will have a pattern of what type of artwork is most appealing to you."

While being thoughtful and careful in selecting pieces is of utmost importance, so is staying within your budget.

"This way you can feel good about your acquisition."

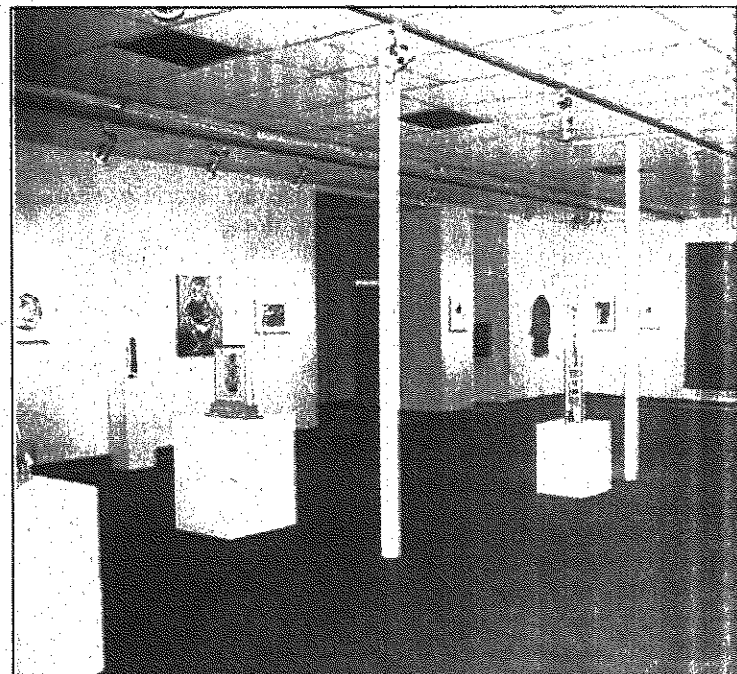
Mills said BBAC has three galleries from which to choose works from area, Michigan and regional artists, from beginner students to those who are well established in the art world. These works are in all price ranges.

"Many of our student works are very good. Pieces by these up-and-coming artists are well priced."

Buying original artwork can be just the beginning for many first-time purchasers.

Often they need to know the "right" and "best" place to display it in their homes.

Mills suggests checking



Visiting galleries, such as this one at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, is the first step for those wishing to acquire original art.

magazines, such as Architectural Digest, and home decorating books to learn at what height or where artwork should be placed to have the best affect.

BBAC and its galleries are open 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m.,

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Make rooms feel more spacious

(MS) - There's no need to feel trapped if your house has a small living room. Rather than barely furnishing it, there are ways to give the room a spacious look.

The following decorating tricks, courtesy of Leslie Linsley, author of *Leslie Linsley's 15-Minute Decorating Ideas* (St. Martin's Griffin), will help make a small living room look larger.

■ **Add mirrors** - Mirrors visually expand any space. If the room is too rectangular and seems too narrow, arrange the furniture in a square shape away from the walls. Mirror the narrow wall to reflect the furniture arrangement.

■ **Don't overcrowd** - Choose a few good furniture pieces with clean lines and take away clutter.

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tech stereo speakers and a 13-inch color television, both of which pop up with a button. A fiber optic lighting system with a color wheel is controlled by topside controls. The system's television is encased in a polymer housing, and the remote is not only waterproof, but it also floats. The remote also controls the DVD and stereo system, so you don't have to get up from your "chair."

At one time, spas were associated with Hugh Hefner, but today homeowners are walking in the stores with prescriptions from their doctors and order spas as a part of therapy or

relief, Alberts said.

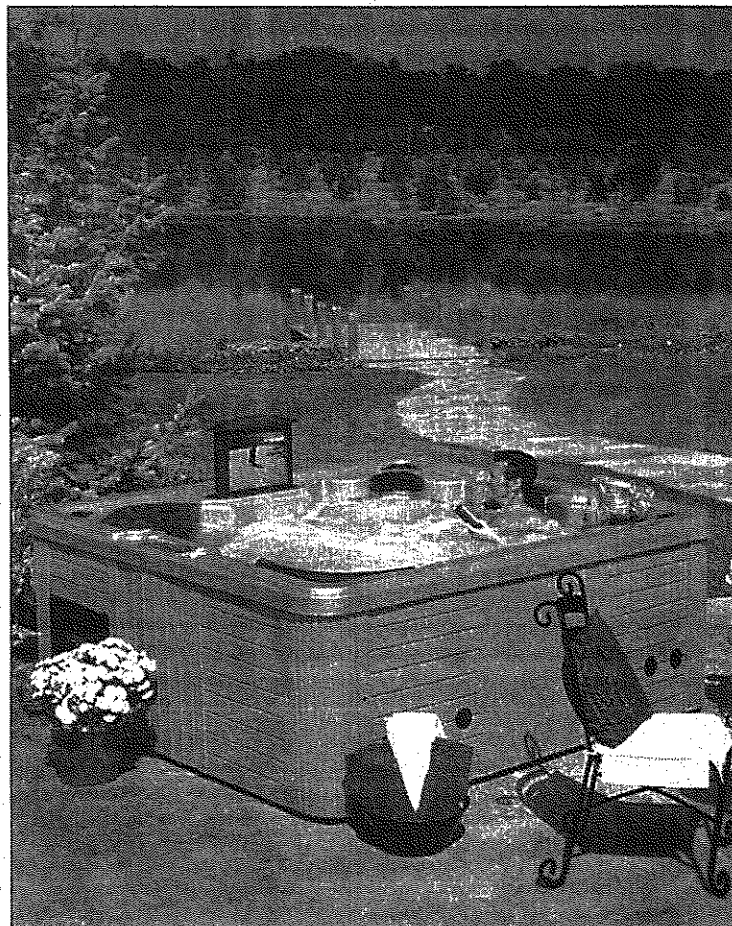
Of course, spas haven't lost anything in the pumps and jet sprays. Today you can foot bottoms, backs, knees, hips, shoulders and necks massaged with the jet's warmth. Pressure on joints can be relieved, tension can swim away in the heated bubbly water.

"We've also got biomagnetic therapy," Alberts said.

Feet are massaged by the Master Blaster, while the neck and shoulders are soothed in a specially designed seat.

Robert Randall, retail sales director for Tony V's Sunrooms and Spas in Canton Township and Clinton Township, believes today's spas have improved through maintenance-free cabinets, anti-bacterial surfaces and ozone purification systems. But Randall believes consumer interest in the stereo systems or televisions has waned, compared to two years ago.

"Last year we want to the Pool and Spa Show, and people would talk to us about spas, and all they'd say is 'we just want to relax,'" Randall said. Randall points out that consumers should consider their neighbors and how they may react to a loud stereo system and that steam in the



MASTER SPAS

These ergonomic seats are oversized and deliver hydro-therapy through jets on a variety of speeds.

wintertime may block the view of the television.

Randall said the amount of water pumped through the jets is probably the most important item on a spa. "People love their foot massages, shoulder and neck jets in their spas," Randall said. "Those are probably the three most important characteristics they like in a spa."

The new Nature 2 systems also reduce the needs for

chemicals, which in turn reduces the wear-and-tear on equipment, Randall said.

Spas generally span 84-inches to 90 inches in width and length, but larger ones are available. Alberts said the 7-by-7-foot is the most popular, but homeowners also purchase 8-by-10 foot spa if they have a larger yard or deck. Prices generally range between \$4,000 and \$18,000.

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Make a fashion statement with shades in your windows

Are your curtains, shades, shutters, and blinds uninspired and out of date, and shouting for a makeover?

Or would the fashion police erupt in spirited applause for your tasteful window coverings, revealing the sensitive *artiste* within?

If your window treatments lack flair, there are a variety of newer window treatments that are catching the eye of the home fashion conscious these days.

Dealers agree that tops on the list are the Silhouette shade, and its cousin, the Luminette.

Silhouettes feature two sheer layers of fabric separated by horizontal shade slats that can be opened or closed. They are high-end window treatments, costing \$250-\$300 for a normal window.

Luminettes, the vertical version, cover the typical doorway for around \$1,200.

"They've probably been on the market four to five years," said Steven Katzman, president of American Blinds and Wallpaper Factory in Plymouth.

"It takes the functionality of a horizontal mini blind and combines it with the softness of a sheer curtain. You can rotate the vanes and see outside. It's somewhat of an elegant window treatment."

Michigan Design Center of Troy sales consultant Jeanie Toquigne concurs that people seeking high-end fashionable shades are going for Silhouettes and Luminettes. "There are a variety of textures. They can have totally sheer fabric or a filigree design, or textured sheer. There's also a wide array of neutrals (colors)."

These shades also tout 98 percent ultraviolet sun protec-

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tion when the vanes are closed.

ESCAPE FROM PIER ONE

Another type of shade that has grown in popularity is the woven wood shade, also known as woven grass. "They're typically made of bamboo and grasses. They fold up like a Roman shade," Toquigne said.

The shades, once available only at Pier One and similar specialty stores, have gained popularity after appearing in some films. Made from natural materials, the colors are typically green and brown earth tones.

Some bamboo incorporated in these shades reveals striking grain patterns.

"It's a more casual look. It wouldn't go with your Queen Anne furniture," said Susan Singleton, American Blinds and Wallpaper Factory spokeswoman.

The cost for these shades is in the \$113-\$150 range for a typical size window.

But there are other popular trends.

"The new look with window treatments is the layered look," said Barry Balbes, president of House of Blinds of Novi,

Southfield and Shelby Township.

"They're not just doing blinds by themselves anymore. They're adding various treatments - cornice boards, fabric valances, side panels (drapery along the side of the window) and fabric shades."

Fabric shades are made of actual drapery fabric, to more exactly match couches, chairs, pillows and bedspreads.

"It's just a new look. It's a little heavier," Balbes explained.

Fabric shades are often coupled with treatments including cornices or side panels, valances and side draperies, made more elaborate with bead work.

The combined cost for this type of window treatment ranges around \$300.

"Everything gets reinvented in draperies as well as in fashion," said Amy Sarafian, owner of Window Dressers of Canton. "People are adding trims and things and putting beadwork into the trim."

She said it's also trendy to cover cornice boards with fabric, in various shapes and cutouts, sometimes with soft folds added.

TWISTS ON TRADITION

Traditional wood blinds and shutters, and honeycomb or cellular shades remain popular. Balbes said custom wood shutters are growing in popularity. "Store-bought shutters generally don't fit on peoples' windows," he said.

Customers have been going for wider shutter slats, ranging from 2 1/2-3 1/2 inches. For a typical window, wood blinds can cost around \$150, while shutters go for around \$300 for a typical 36-by-48-inch



Window coverings can filter light and remove some of the harsh glare on sunny days.

window.

A new twist on this tradition is the faux wood or imitation wood shutter.

"It has the look and feel of a wood blind but is made out of a composite of vinyl and wood," said Katzman. "It's much more durable and easier to clean. It will not warp over time. Especially with larger windows, wood shutters tend to warp."

Faux wood shutters are 10-20 percent cheaper than wood.

At American Blinds and Wallpaper, white or light colored shutters are popular, and so are matching wood arches over large shuttered windows. "They're going with the white look rather than the stained," Singleton said.

Roman shades, which evoke a tunic look when folded,

remain popular as do mini and micro-slat blinds, as small as 1/4 inch. Yet another twist on tradition is cellular or honeycomb shades colored on the side facing into the room and neutral on the street-facing side. "It can bring color into your room," Katzman said.

The shades are also available in a variation that is lowered from the top, for increased privacy.

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Homeowners add offices, family rooms in lower levels

BY JOAN BORAM
CORRESPONDENT

Chances are the first words that come to mind when we think "basement" are dark, damp and dump, as in dump old toys, sporting equipment and seasonal decorations. It's where we put birdbaths in the winter and sleds in the summer.

The first step in changing this attitude is to excise the word "basement" from our vocabulary, and substitute the words "lower level." The lower level is a retreat, where wasted space has been transformed into practical living space.

Typical basement characteristics offer natural advantages for certain activities. A home theatre or dark room is a natural for the low light situation.

Ready access to water lines and heating and cooling ducts makes adding a bath or sauna easier than it would be elsewhere in the house. And the insulation that results from being partly underground helps create a sound break for a teen-agers' hangout, a play area, or a place to practice a musical instrument.

"It's the best bargain in the house," said Terry McGovern, owner of McGovern Building Co. (www.mcgovernbuilding.com) in Bloomfield Township. "If a

homeowner wanted to add 1,000 square feet on to a house, it would cost roughly \$140,000-150,000. However, the finest lower level remodeling of the same size would run about \$30,000-\$50,000 partly because the floor and the ceiling framing are already there. Typically, such improvements cost from \$25,000 to six figures. It all depends on your wish list."

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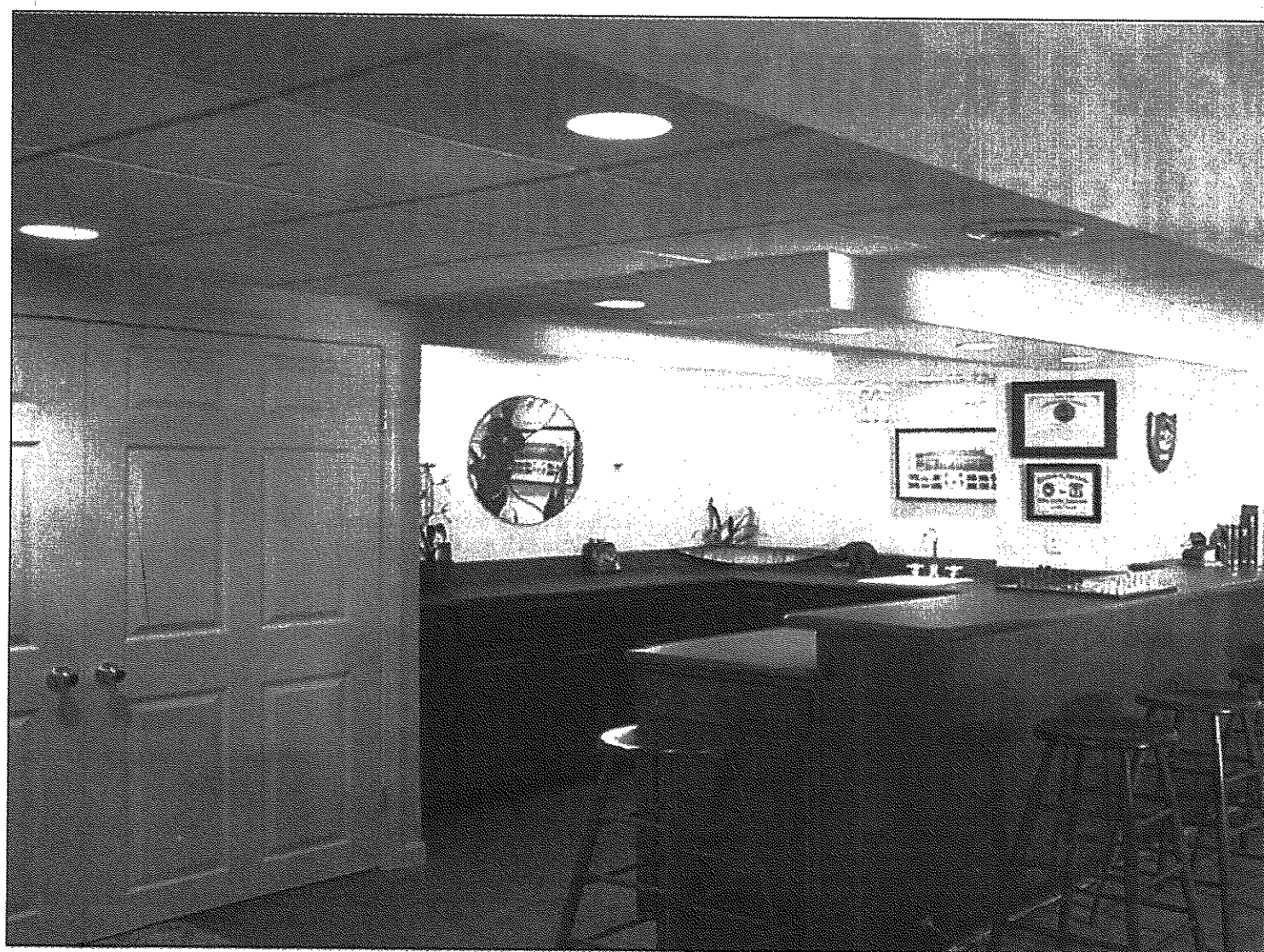
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swimming pool. According to McGovern, this is not an unusual project.

"Families want a place for a more casual look," McGovern said. "They don't want to walk in the front door and find their younger children's toys all over the floor, but in a lower level it's acceptable. It also provides a space for a teen hangout. You want your children at home, and the way to have them home is to provide a place for them and their friends."

"A teen can have as many as ten friends in for a sleepover. You can offer them an entertainment area, with ping pong, billiards, and video games. It's safe and comfortable and parents have peace of mind. That's what you're paying for."



Homeowners can add to the value of their homes with a renovation of a lower level. Family members and friends now can relax in the lower level at this bar.

McGovern claims that a finished lower level is analogous to everyone being in the back yard in the summer time.

"Everyone may be doing their own thing: cooking, playing games, sitting and talking, but they're all in the same place. It accommodates a lot of people doing a lot of different things."

Among the most popular amenities for a lower level entertainment area are a spa and a billiard or ping pong table.

"Spas are so popular for lower level areas that some are designed specifically to go through doorways," said Mike Pfeuger, general manager of Master Spas in Novi (www.masterspas.com). "They're a 90 percent chemical-free system, so there's no

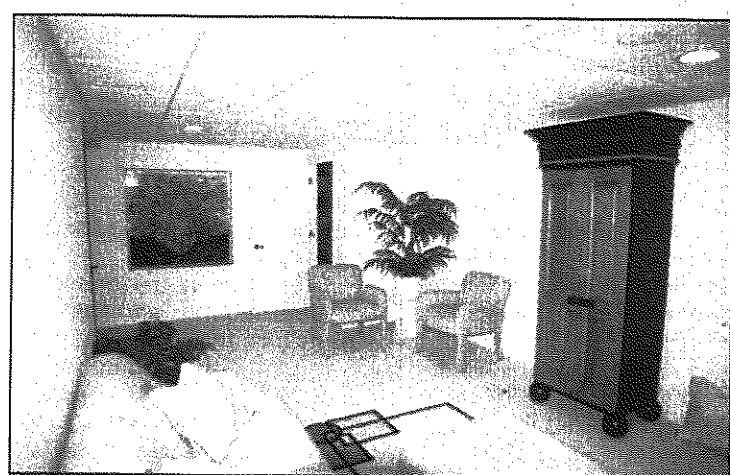
odor of chlorine or other chemicals. The shell of the tub has anti-bacterial protection: there isn't a scum line like there is in a bath tub."

"Installation is the same inside or outdoors, but you do need a ventilation system to draw off the moisture from the tub."

Pfeuger said that requests for whirlpools have dwindled, giving place to therapeutic neck and shoulder therapy, incorporating finger pulsating jets and ergonomically contoured seating that cradles the contours of the body.

Other Master Spas locations are Rochester Hills and Utica.

Traditionally, billiard tables were covered in green, but like so many other traditions, this one has been radically modified. For example, All State



The lower level makes a great room for a little peace and quiet.

Billiards and Patio Furniture (www.shopallstate.com) has 31 colors of cloth available, and the most popular is purple.

"Purple is a royal color, people feel comfortable with it,"

said Roy Farmer, owner of the stores in West Bloomfield, Redford and Novi. "We carry billiard tables to suit any budget, from the plainest to hand-carved presentation pieces."

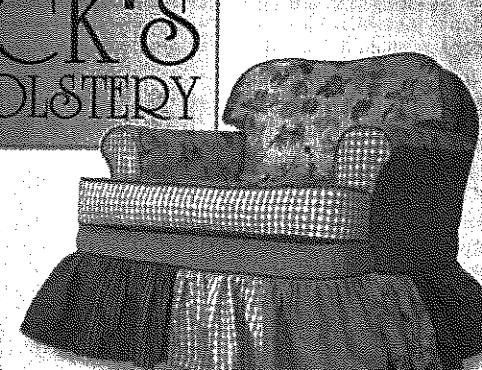


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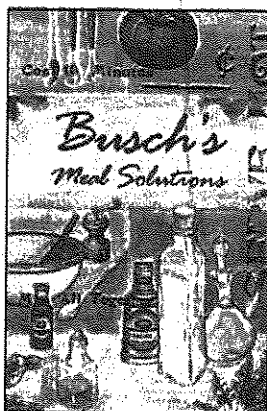
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Don't give bacteria a sporting chance at your next football tailgate party. Although tailgating is considered a cool weather activity, you still need to exercise the same food handling practices as for summer picnicking. The Food Service Inspection Service at the U.S. Department of Agriculture offers four simple rules to keep your party safe: Clean by washing hands and surfaces often; use a food thermometer to ensure raw meat and poultry are cooked to a safe internal temperature to destroy harmful bacteria that may be present; and store leftovers in the cooler within two hours of taking food off the grill. And always separate raw meat and poultry from cooked foods to prevent cross contamination.

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Pumpkin eater

After the decorations are up and the costumes are ready, don't spend hours in the kitchen creating ghoulish desserts.

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"Don't be late to a Halloween get-together because you're stuck in the kitchen making devilish delicacies," said Nancy Siler, consumer affairs director of Wilton Enterprises.

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PLEASE SEE PUMPKINS, D5

Swanson meets the merlot challenge

Clarke Swanson loves a challenge. He's had successful careers in banking, publishing, radio broadcasting and cable television.

When he told his then high school age daughter Alexis that he had purchased vineyards in Napa Valley, she envisioned Falcon Crest, not a village of 200 residents known as Oakville.



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

With only a grocery store and post office, Oakville did not sound like the ideal spot for summer vacation.

Clarke Swanson's enthusiasm stemmed from having purchased 100 acres of land, in good viticultural company, adjacent to the Opus One and Silver Oak vineyards.

Alexis first visited Oakville in the summer of 1986 and met Andre Tchelistcheff, the legendary winemaker at Beaulieu Vineyards. Tchelistcheff was consulting with Clarke and advised him to plant merlot, a startling suggestion in the middle of the best cabernet country in the world.

"The decision to produce merlot proved to be a pivotal move that enabled us to break away from the cabernet pack in Napa Valley and establish a distinct identity for Swanson," Alexis said.

Tchelistcheff, who consulted for many wineries in the Napa Valley, had discovered Marco Capelin, a young, talented winemaker, working in the cellar at Saintsbury, the Carneros producer of pinot noir.

RISE AND FALL

Swanson hired Cappelli, a first generation Italian-American who had worked in Tuscany and Bordeaux.

"In Italy, I learned that wine is food, as important as bread or pasta," Cappelli said. "My experience in France taught me to recognize how soil, climate and human factors influence the character and personality of a wine."

By the early 1990s, Cappelli became interested in the California future of sangiovese (the grape variety of Chianti) while working with an experimental University of California Davis vineyard.

By the time the 1991 Swanson Sangiovese was released, there were three Napa wineries producing sangiovese and by the year 2000, 130 wineries were making it. The popularity of sangiovese from California has since waned and the superb Swanson version is available only at the winery.

In 1991, motivated by interest in creating an outstanding proprietary blend based on cabernet sauvignon, Clarke purchased a 40 acre vineyard known for rich, intense syrah, cabernet sauvignon and merlot, located between the famed Martha's Vineyard and Dominus on the west side of Napa Valley.

And so "Alexis," a blend of cabernet sauvignon, syrah, cabernet franc and merlot was christened in 1994.

Beside great vineyards, the complexities of Swanson wines also can be attributed to a unique barrel program.

Rather than purchasing ready-made French or American barrels, oak from the northeastern United States is purchased in the form of rough cut staves.

It is shipped to Swanson where the young oak is seasoned outdoors in the rain and sun for a minimum of four years to eliminate the sappy, resinous character of the wood and retaining the sweet vanilla aromas and flavors so appealing in a wine.

The staves are then taken to a Napa Valley cooper, where they are shaped into barrels by bending over a wood fire that toasts the oak and brings out the unique characters desired in Swanson wines.

PLEASE SEE WINE, D2

WINE

FROM PAGE D1
BEST FROM SWANSON

■ 2002 Swanson Pinot Grigio (\$21) is reminiscent of an Italian pinot grigio from the Collio region. It boasts a nice welcoming and refreshing zing.

■ 1999 Swanson Napa Valley Merlot (\$29) has aromas and flavors of dark cherries and plums with mature tannins. A small percentage of syrah lifts the fruit without detracting from the

varietal character.

■ 1999 Alexis (\$50) is a blend of 50 percent cabernet sauvignon with syrah, cabernet franc and merlot in a rich, layered wine with generous black fruit flavors.

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All wines mentioned are available in the metro-Detroit area. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

Please submit items at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

Taste the Store

Merchant's Fine Wine will host a "Taste the Store" event, noon-5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 26 at Merchant's Fine Wine, 22250 Michigan Ave., in Dearborn.

There will be more than 100 food products for customers to sample, free of charge. Live cooking demonstrations include: Peter Veech, Henry Ford Estate, 12:30 p.m.; Gulliano, from Gulliano's Italian Restaurant, 1:30 p.m.; Timothy Young, Food for Thought, 2:30 p.m.; and John Jonna, Merchant's Fine Wine, 3:30 p.m.

Recipes will be provided from the cooking demonstrations in coupon booklets this year along with a floor plan of the store for easier access to events and sampling. For family fun there will also be live entertainment to add to the day.

Nutrition and Total Health

Dr. Arthur Weaver, retired professor of surgery from Wayne State University, will be presenting a nutrition and total health seminar 2:30-6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 26 at Plymouth Seventh-Day Adventist Community Room, 4295 Napier (between Ann Arbor and Warren Roads). Program presenters include a physician, dietitian, cooking school instructor and a restaurant chef. Participants will learn how mood, memory, learning and even behavior may be linked to nutritional habits. There will be food preparation demonstrations with recipes which emphasize quick and easy, healthy meals. Cookbooks will be available at discount prices.

The session will end with a vegetarian meal. Register in advance by calling (248) 349-5683 or (313) 531-2179. Suggested donation is \$10 or \$15 with a spouse.

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 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

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Cuisine du Jour

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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

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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 Bolk. 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.

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Be salad-ready with these recipes

AP - The idea of Indian summer goes beyond seasons and geography, as do salads. The following trio of recipes may appeal to diners who love salads any time of year.

These salads are offered by chefs from Santa Monica.

The city has at least 400 restaurants, local sources say, offering a wide range of cuisines.

Among that diversity, the region's produce and seafood encourage cooks to create original salads both as main dishes and as accompaniments, to fit into many meal plans and needs.

Check out your local farmer's markets and produce stands to find ingredients for versions of this Indian summer-style dining.

CRISP TACO SALAD WITH CHILI-GRILLED CHICKEN AND SMOKED-CORN VINAIGRETTE

(Recipe from Desi Szonntag, executive chef of Cezanne)

2 tablespoons achiote paste, or 1 tbsp. chili powder
2 tablespoons canola oil
½ teaspoon minced garlic
Six 6-ounce chicken breasts
2 heads Romaine lettuce
3 corn tortillas

For the Vinaigrette:

2 ears of corn-on-the-cob
¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons Champagne vinegar or white wine vinegar
Salt and pepper to taste
1 tomato, finely diced
1 cup wood chips, for smoking

Soak the wood chips in water for half an hour and drain.

Mix achiote paste or chili powder, canola oil and garlic;

marinate chicken breasts in the mixture for 2 to 3 hours in the refrigerator.

Separate and wash the Romaine leaves, discarding coarser outer leaves.

Dry in a spinner or colander and refrigerate.

Cut the corn tortillas into thin strips and bake in a 350 F oven until crisp, about 4 or 5 minutes. Reserve at room temperature.

To make the Vinaigrette: Heat grill to low and add wood chips. Place the corn on the grill and, with the cover down, smoke the corn. Cook until kernels are soft, turning occasionally, about 12 minutes. Remove the corn and, on a cutting board, cut off the cooked smoked kernels. Combine kernels with olive oil, vinegar, salt and pepper and tomato dice. Reserve.

Heat the grill to medium-high, and grill the chicken breasts until medium- to well-done, about 10 minutes.

Divide whole Romaine leaves among the six plates. Slice the chicken breasts and place over the lettuce. Top with the crispy tortilla strips and drizzle vinaigrette around the plate. Makes 6 servings.

(Recipe for AP from Desi Szonntag, executive chef of Cezanne restaurant, Santa Monica)

LOBSTER-STUFFED AVOCADO WITH ROMAINE SALAD AND CHAMPAGNE VINAIGRETTE

(Recipe from Allyson Thurber, executive chef, The Lobster Restaurant)

For the Lobster:

1 Maine lobster, cooked meat cut into ½-inch chunks
½ cup mayonnaise

½ cup diced celery
½ cup thinly sliced green onions, green parts only
½ cup diced tomato, peeled and seeded
1 tbsp. lemon juice
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
2 large Hass avocados, peeled and halved
12 endive leaves
For the Champagne Vinaigrette:
2 teaspoons chopped shallots
1 teaspoon chopped garlic
½ teaspoon fresh chopped thyme
½ cup Champagne vinegar or white wine vinegar
1½ cups olive oil
Salt and pepper
For the Romaine Salad:
2 heads Romaine lettuce, chopped
½ cup shredded red cabbage
½ cup chives, cut in 1-inch lengths
¼ cup julienne-cut carrots
24 cherry tomatoes, cut in half

Combine lobster, mayonnaise, celery, onions, tomato, lemon juice and salt and pepper to taste; chill.

To make Champagne Vinaigrette, combine shallots, garlic, thyme and vinegar. Slowly whisk in oil. Season with salt and pepper. Combine Romaine, carrots, cabbage and halved tomatoes; toss with Champagne Vinaigrette.

Divide Romaine Salad among 4 dinner-size plates. Place a half avocado in center of plate; top with prepared lobster salad. Garnish with 3 endives leaves, placed around the avocado. Makes 4 servings.

(Recipe for AP from Allyson Thurber, executive chef of The Lobster Restaurant, Santa Monica)

GRILLED PRAWNS WITH ROASTED BELL PEPPERS

(Recipe from Erik Oberholtzer, executive chef, Shutters on the Beach)

½ cup diced Spanish or Mexican chorizo-style sausage
3 shallots, minced
½ cup sherry vinegar
½ cup plus 2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
Kosher salt, freshly ground black pepper and sugar to taste
½ bunch cilantro, leaves rinsed and chopped, a few sprigs reserved for garnish
10 assorted red and yellow bell peppers
20 jumbo prawns (or jumbo shrimp), peeled and butterflied
1 teaspoon paprika
1 tablespoon sliced garlic

To make vinaigrette:

Combine chorizo, shallots, sherry vinegar, ½ cup olive oil, and salt, pepper and sugar to taste. Add chopped cilantro.

Char peppers over a high flame until skin separates from meat of the pepper.

Peel off all skin, deseed peppers and cut lengthwise into quarters. Add to vinaigrette while still warm.

Reserve.

Season prawns or shrimp lightly with salt, paprika and 1 tablespoon oil.

Grill over hot grill to cook medium-rare, about 2 minutes on each side. Serve immediately over the roasted peppers.

For the garnish, toast sliced garlic in olive oil until crispy golden-brown.

Sprinkle cilantro and garlic over each plate. Makes 4 servings.

Spicy chicken is pleasing to diners

AP - Tried and true recipes such as a familiar spiced-chicken thigh dish are always going to please diners and preserve the cook's good reputation.

SPICED CHICKEN THIGHS

½ teaspoon olive oil
Cooking spray
1 cup vertically sliced onion
2 tsp. garam masala
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. curry powder
8 chicken thighs (about 2½ pounds), skinned
¼ cup dry red wine
2 tbsp. red wine vinegar
1 cup fat-free, less-sodium chicken broth
3 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley

Heat oil in a 12-inch nonstick skillet coated with cooking spray over medium-high heat. Add onion; saute 3 minutes. Remove from pan. Combine garam masala, salt and curry powder; sprinkle evenly over chicken. Add chicken to pan; cook over medium-high heat 4 minutes on each side or until browned. Add wine and vinegar; cook 30 seconds, scraping pan to loosen browned bits.

Add onion and broth; bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer 20 minutes or until chicken is done; stir in parsley. Makes 4 servings (serving size 2 thighs and about ½ cup sauce).

In the following more sophisticated version, a very few changes make the difference. Pancetta, Italian unsmoked bacon found in the deli section of many supermarkets, adds saltiness; if you can't find it, substitute lean cooked bacon. If fresh figs are avail-

able, stir them in just before serving, omitting the dried figs. Serve over basmati rice in rimmed soup bowls.

CHICKEN WITH PANCETTA AND FIGS

½ teaspoon olive oil
Cooking spray
1 cup vertically sliced onion
1 ounce pancetta, finely chopped
2 tsp. garam masala
1 tsp. brown sugar
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. freshly ground black pepper
8 chicken thighs (about 2½ pounds), skinned
¼ cup tawny port
2 tbsp. red wine vinegar
1 cup fat-free, less-sodium chicken broth
12 dried Calimyrna figs, quartered
3 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley
1 tbsp. chopped fresh thyme
Fresh thyme sprigs, optional

Heat the oil in a 12-inch nonstick skillet coated with cooking spray over medium-high heat. Add onion and pancetta; saute 3 minutes. Remove from pan.

Combine garam masala, sugar, salt and pepper; sprinkle evenly over chicken. Add chicken to pan; cook over medium-high heat 4 minutes on each side or until browned. Add port and vinegar; cook 30 seconds, scraping pan to loosen browned bits. Add onion mixture and broth; bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer 10 minutes. Add figs; cover and simmer 8 minutes or until chicken is done. Stir in parsley and chopped thyme. Garnish with thyme sprigs, if desired. Makes 4 servings (serving size 2 thighs and about ½ cups sauce).

Cook blade steak quick with mushrooms

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Top blade steaks, great for a weeknight supper, are inexpensive and cook in just minutes.

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Such a dish would suit any season, but it's especially welcome now that everyone's back at school and summer's languor has given way to pace and purpose.

Steak with mushrooms may also appeal to taste buds ready to savor fare that's rather more hearty than salads.

This recipe for blade steaks with mushrooms is from *Gourmet* magazine's October

issue, tagged for quick cooking in the Every Day cooking feature.

The editors promise quick means just 25 minutes.

BLADE STEAKS WITH MUSHROOMS

Four ½-inch-thick top blade chuck steaks (11¼ pounds total)
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon black pepper
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
10 ounces cremini or white mushrooms, cut into ½-inch wedges
1 tablespoon finely chopped shallots
¼ cup balsamic vinegar
2 tablespoons soy sauce

½ cup plus 2 teaspoons beef broth
¼ teaspoon cornstarch

Pat steaks dry and cut three 1-inch-long slits, 1 inch apart, across center cartilage (to keep meat from curling), then sprinkle steaks with salt and pepper.

Heat oil in a 12-inch heavy skillet over moderately high heat until hot but not smoking, then cook steaks, turning over once, until meat is just medium-rare, 4 to 6 minutes total.

Transfer steaks to a platter and cover loosely with foil.

Add butter to skillet and saute mushrooms and shallot, stirring frequently, until mushrooms are

browned and tender, about 4 minutes, then transfer to platter with steaks.

Add vinegar and soy sauce to skillet and simmer, stirring and scraping up any brown bits, 2 minutes.

Add ½ cup beef broth and simmer 2 minutes.

While sauce simmers, stir cornstarch into remaining 2 teaspoons broth in a cup.

Stir cornstarch mixture into sauce and simmer, stirring, 1 minute.

Return steaks and mushrooms, along with any juices accumulated on platter, to skillet and simmer, turning steaks over in sauce, until just heated through, about 1 minute.

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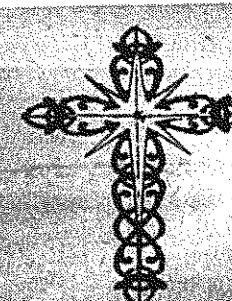
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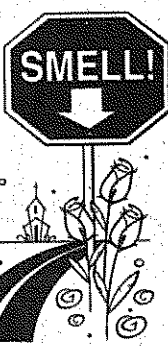
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Despite all of the timesaving technologies at our disposal, from fast-food to fax machines, most of us feel more hurried and harried than ever before. Recently, I had the experience of walking across a beautiful college campus and noticing a newly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

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

**Slow Down
and
Enjoy Life!**



PUMPKINS

FROM PAGE D1

BATTY FUDGE

8-inch square pan
Parchment paper
Halloween cutter set (bat cutter used)
Non-stick spray (Bake Easy)
Dark cocoa candy melts
Halloween sprinkle mix
2 bags (14 ounces each) dark cocoa candy melts
1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk

Lightly spray an 8-inch square pan with non-stick spray. Line pan with parchment paper, letting paper hang over ends for easier lifting and release. Lightly spray parchment with non-stick spray. In heavy saucepan, heat candy melts in sweetened condensed milk on low, stirring constantly, until melted and smooth. Remove from heat. Spread evenly in prepared pan. Chill two hours or until firm. When completely chilled, remove fudge from pan by grabbing ends of parchment paper. Using bat cookie cutter, press down firmly and cut out shapes. Position pumpkin sprinkle shapes for eyes.

GOOEY GRAVES

Spooky ghost candy mold
Petite loaf pan
4-inch lollipop sticks
Non-Stick Spray (Bake Easy)
Disposable decorating bags
White candy melts
Dark cocoa candy melts
Orange candy melts
Leaf green icing color
Ghost sprinkle mix

For Candy Ghosts:

½ cup white candy melts
6-8 dark cocoa candy melts

Place white Candy Melt in bowl; melt in microwave oven for 40 seconds. Spoon melted candy into ghost candy molds. Tap mold on counter to remove air bubbles; place in refrigerator until set. Unmold. Fill parchment or disposable bag with dark cocoa Candy Melts. Microwave on low until melted, about 10 seconds. Knead bag until mixture is smooth. Cut tiny opening in bag; add facial features to ghosts. Let set.

For Graves:

6 tablespoons ghost sprinkles mix plus additional as desired
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
2 cups miniature marshmallows
Leaf green icing color
2 cups rice cereal
6 chocolate-covered graham cracker cookies
½ cup orange candy melts
Non-stick spray

Spray petite loaf pans with non-stick spray. Sprinkle lightly with sprinkles. Melt butter in large saucepan; add marshmallows. Cook and stir until melted. (To prevent the rice cereal mixture from sticking, spray spoon and saucepan with non-stick spray before using.) Add icing color; stir until well blended. Stir in rice cereal and mix well. Press mixture into prepared pans. Cool. Remove rice cereal "graves" to waxed paper covered surface; add more ghost sprinkle mix, if desired.

For Tombstones:

Place orange candy melts in disposable decorator bag.

Microwave on low until melted. Cut small opening in bag; use to decorate chocolate covered graham cracker cookie "tombstones" with zigzag lines and letters. Cut lollipop sticks in half and attach to the back of the cookies with melted candy. Let dry. Insert sticks into graves to secure tombstones. Attach candy ghosts where desired with melted candy. Makes 6 treats.

GLAMOUR GHOST CAKE

Spooky ghost pan
Small angled spatula
Halloween sprinkle sparks
Bake Easy Non-Stick Spray

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray spooky ghost pan with non-stick spray. Prepare cake mix according to package directions; stir in Halloween sprinkle sparks. Pour batter into pan; bake according to package instructions. Cool completely before decorating.

Smooth or spatula ice the cake with white icing. Sprinkle with white cake sparkles. Using rolling pin, roll out black spice drops on small amount of granulated sugar to flatten and enlarge. Using baking pan as guide, trim flattened spice drop to the shape of the background areas of pan. Attach spice drop to cake with icing. With rolling pin, roll out green spice drops on granulated sugar to flatten; cut out 2 circles for eyes. Roll out black spice drops; cut out one circle for mouth. Press eyes and mouth into place on cake face. Attach small candy-coated chocolate dot candy eyes with icing. Or simply use ready-to-decorate icing colored with icing color to create cake background and facial details. Position candy corn around bottom of cake for a border. Makes 12 servings.

Cookie pops make good Halloween treats

Halloween is a magical holiday that brings out the child in all of us, and Halloween parties are becoming as much a part of the tradition as trick-or-treating.

So gather up your favorite ghosts and goblins and create some new-fashioned fun and frightfully delicious food.

Brightly colored autumn leaves, cornstalks, pumpkins and bunches of orange and black balloons — all fuss-free decorations — festively set the stage.

The oatmeal cookies for the Jack-Oat-Lantern Cookie pops can be made up to three days before the party.

The recipe is super-simple and your kids can do the shaping and add the wooden sticks.

Use either quick or old fashioned oats — they're interchangeable for baking — and allow time for the dough to chill.

You can find flat wooden sticks in craft stores and where party supplies are sold.

The rest of the decorating items come from the supermarket/grocery store.



SPECIAL PHOTO

Halloween pops are cookies decorated for the holiday using candies. The cookie is baked on a stick that can be found at baking supply or craft stores.

JACK-OAT-LANTERN COOKIE POPS

1½ cups firmly packed brown sugar
1 cup (two sticks) margarine or butter, softened
2 eggs
2 tablespoons milk
2½ cups oatmeal
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
¼ teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt (optional)
flat wooden sticks

Decorations:

Prepared vanilla frosting
Decorator frosting in tubes
Assorted candies (candy corn, chocolate chips, candy-coated chocolate pieces)

In large bowl, beat sugar and margarine until creamy.

Add eggs and milk; beat well. Add combined oats, flour, baking powder, cinnamon, baking soda and salt; mix well.

Cover; chill about two hours.

Heat over to 375° F. Shape dough into 1½ inch diameter balls.

Place three inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Insert a flat wooden stick into the side of each dough ball.

Using the bottom of a glass dipped in sugar, flatten to form 2½ inch diameter circles.

Bake 14-16 minutes or until edges are light golden brown. Cool one minute on cookie sheets; remove to wire racks. Cool completely.

Decorate as desired with frosting and candies.

Makes 30.

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Use the cheese of your choice in crabmeat au gratin

BY TOMMY C. SIMMONS

BATON ROUGE, La. — Catch sight of a bubbly cheese and bread crumb-topped casserole coming to the table and start licking your lips. If its aroma suggests a sea breeze, you're sure to enjoy it. The cook has prepared a classic Crabmeat au Gratin.

This dish features delicate lump or claw crabmeat in a mild cheese sauce. It's an old-time favorite in seafood restaurants and is usually served in small ramekins as one of the items on the taste-of-everything seafood platter.

Because the cheese sauce takes a little stir-and-cook time at the stove, you don't see too

many home cooks making gratin today.

However, since it's really a nice seafood casserole and can also be served as a hot dip from a chafing dish, Crabmeat au Gratin is an oldie-but-goodie recipe worth bringing back this fall.

If a cook hasn't purchased crabmeat in a while, he or she will probably faint over the price of crabmeat right now. It will get higher, a local supermarket owner said recently. "Don't put off buying crabmeat until the holiday season," he advised. "Buy it now and freeze it until you are ready to use it."

Since the crabmeat even then ranged in price from \$13.99 to \$24.99 a pound,

most cooks surely won't be buying a lot to freeze, but you'll need a couple of pounds to prepare a substantial Crabmeat au Gratin for a party of eight. Mix claw and lump to cut down on the cost.

Don't buy crabmeat until the end of your grocery shopping trip because the meat is delicate and ages quickly.

Savvy south Louisiana seafood shoppers usually bring an ice chest filled with ice or frozen cold packs in the car with them when they buy crabmeat. The minute they get their groceries to the car, they transfer the crabmeat to the ice chest for the trip home. And the crabmeat is the first item unpacked from the car so that it can quickly be refrigerated.

If this sounds like a risky seafood to buy, well, it is. Careful cooks have been known to pop the lid on a container of crabmeat, to make sure it smells fresh before buying it. This isn't acceptable practice in most supermarkets, so you really have to trust the seafood market's staff to guarantee that the crabmeat is fresh. I mentioned buying claw and lump crabmeat. The terms refer to where the meat is found on the crab, which in the Gulf of Mexico and Chesapeake Bay areas refers to blue crab, *Callinectes sapidus* (which translates to "savory beautiful swimmer").

In classic cuisine, "gratin" defines a dish that is topped with cheese or bread crumbs mixed with bits of butter, then heated in the oven or under

the broiler until the topping is brown and crispy.

According to the *Food Lover's Companion* by Sharon Tyler Herbst, the "terms au gratin or gratinee refer to any dish prepared in such a manner. Special round or oval gratin pans and dishes are ovenproof and shallow, which increases a dish's surface area, thereby ensuring a larger crispy portion for each serving."

Modern versions of Crabmeat au Gratin don't always have a crumb topping and tend to emphasize the creamy cheese sauce rather than the crispy crumb and crabmeat quality.

In his cookbook, *Recipes from a Chef* (Spiral, 1999), Acadiana chef Patrick Mould said the cheese sauce is based on a bechamel sauce. Americanized cookbooks sometimes refer to this milk, butter and flour sauce as "magic white sauce."

It's a thick, creamy sauce to which cheese is added. What kind of cheese depends on the cook's preference. Cheddar, Colby, Monterey Jack, Swiss, Gruyere and American are the most common. The American cheese, while milder tasting, tends to be a more stable cheese when being heated and doesn't separate as quickly if cooked at a temperature that is slightly too high. To be honest, Crabmeat au Gratin prepared in a casserole and spooned onto a dinner plate when it's served isn't a very attractive dish. If you don't have individual ramekins or gratin pans,

you can serve the hot Crabmeat au Gratin in pastry shells or over toast points to make it look more appealing. The taste is there, just not the appearance. Here are several versions to try.

CRABMEAT AU GRATIN

4 cups chopped yellow onions
¾ cup chopped celery
1 stick butter or margarine
1½ teaspoons salt
½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
½ cup self-rising flour
4 ounces American cheese, shredded
4 ounces mozzarella cheese, shredded
6 cups evaporated milk
2 egg yolks
2 tablespoons chopped green onions
1 pound white crabmeat (lump)
1 pound crabmeat (claw)

In a large saucepan, saute yellow onions and celery in butter or margarine. Cover and simmer 15 to 20 minutes over low heat. Add salt and cayenne pepper. Stir. Add flour, American cheese and mozzarella cheese. Cook over medium heat until cheese melts. Add 3 cups evaporated milk. Stir.

In a separate bowl, mix egg yolks with remaining 3 cups milk. Gradually add egg yolk mixture to saucepan. Cook over low heat until creamy. Add green onions and all crabmeat. Spoon into a greased casserole dish. Bake 20 minutes at 450° F. Serve immediately.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Note: This dish is best when

prepared and refrigerated for several hours before baking. Simply adjust baking time to 40 minutes at 450° F.

This can also be used as a dip. Just add additional milk and heat slowly. Recipe from Mike Anderson's Seafood.

LOUISIANA CRAB AU GRATIN

4 tablespoons unsalted butter
¾ cup chopped onion
1 tablespoon minced garlic
3 tablespoons flour
1 cup milk
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
2 teaspoons Creole seasoning
1 teaspoon hot sauce
½ teaspoon dried thyme leaves
½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 pound crabmeat, claw
¾ cup chopped green onions
¾ cup Italian bread crumbs

Preheat oven to 350° F.

In saucepot, heat butter over medium heat; add onions and cook for 5 minutes. Then add garlic and cook for an additional minute.

Stir in flour and cook for a minute. Slowly add milk and whip until milk starts to thicken. Lower heat and simmer for 5 minutes.

Add ¾ cup cheese, Creole seasoning, hot sauce, thyme and nutmeg. Continue to cook over low heat until cheese is melted.

Remove from heat and stir in crabmeat and green onions. Pour into an 8-by-8-inch greased baking dish and top with the remaining cheese and bread crumbs. Bake for 30 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

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Physical Therapy UPDATE

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It has long been established that those who suffer from osteoarthritis ("wear-and-tear arthritis") can benefit from a muscle-strengthening program that serves to reduce stress on the joints. The problem is, however, that many with osteoarthritis find that their joint pain is so bad that they cannot put themselves through the weight-bearing exercises necessary to build muscle strength. This is where the value of an aquatic workout in a pool comes into play. By taking advantage of the buoyancy effect, exercisers are better able to conduct their muscle-strengthening exercises without pain. As a result, they are able to build their muscle strength to the point where they relieve stresses on joints and are better able to perform daily activities.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept proposals up to 4:00 p.m. Thursday, November 6th, 2003 for the following:

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TERRY G. BENNETT
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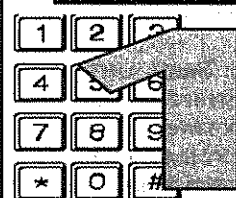


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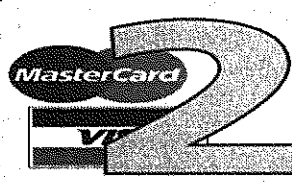
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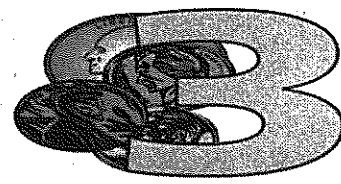
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SWF, 55, 6'1", medium build, college graduate, non-smoker. Enjoys working out, theater, movies, walking and more. Seeking a SWM, 6'3" plus, 35-42, who is well-groomed and professional, for friendship first. Ad#470261

VIVACIOUS
SWF, 46, seeking secure, special, intellectual, sometimes crazy SWM, with similar traits. Must be daring and risk-taker. Ad#455377

SOMETHING MISSING
56 years young, want a special friend in my life. Missing the little things: a hug, a kiss, holding hands. Enjoys just about everything, but missing the most important thing...the other half in my life. Ad#406107

FROM THE HEART
She's lovely SWF, 29, who values family first, enjoys tractor pulling to theater and the Arts. Seeking happy family man, 27-40, for friendship first, with varied interests. Ad#552859

SEARCHING
SWF, 44, who loves the loud pipes, also likes The Red Wings. Seeking SWM, 45-55, Ad#501033

A FRESH START
SWF Mom, 34, kids, looking for new friend, family-man SWM, 27-40, variety of interests. Not into bar scene, enjoys dining out and family events. Ad#552369

WILL YOU ACCEPT ME?
I'm a 5'8", medium-built SW Mom, 27 years old, who enjoys movies, pool, quiet evenings, long drives, and much more. Seeking a SWM, 28-39, who is honest, caring and understanding. Ad#498396

BEAUTIFUL INSIDE & OUT
SWF, 57, 5'4", red curly hair, brown eyes. Enjoys movies, theater, boating, swimming, cooking and time with family. Seeking a SWM, 55-59, who is ambitious, spiritual, successful and fun. Ad#473611

BOOK SMART
Professional trainer, SWF, 33, with varied interests. Seeking well-read, athletic-minded SWM, 28-50, who stays in shape, has book smarts, and knows how to practice what he believes are. Ad#550742

INTRODUCE YOURSELF
Brown hair/eyes, fun-loving SWF, 39. I like sports, trying new things. Seeking SM, over 32, good friend, humor, someone with similar interests. Ad#499496

HONEST TO YOU
SWF, attractive, 31, 5'5", 230 lbs. SM, 30-45, for conversations, dating and a possible relationship. Ad#548295

DANISH TREAT
SWF, 39, outgoing, attractive, 5'7", 135 lbs., with blonde hair, long walks, dining, dancing and much more. Looking for a SWM, 40-50, to enjoy our passions together. Ad#547194

GET IN TOUCH
Confident, humorous, fun, spontaneous SWF, 40, 5'2", 124 lbs. N/S, N/D, drug-free. Ad#547231

FLINT AREA
Family-oriented, SWF, 55 years old, green-eyed blonde, temporarily disabled. Loves concerts, dining out, etc. Seeks: honest, kind, SWM, 50-60, with a sense of humor and similar interests. Ad#545505

SUCHE LIEBE
I'm an attractive, 51, SWF, brown hair, blue eyes, RN, seeking honest, trustworthy, 34-49, from Germany or German background, for long term relationship. Ad#545208

WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING?
SW Mom, 39, 5'4", blue-eyed blonde, fun to be around. I love long walks, movies and time with my daughter. I'm seeking a tall, honest, SWM, 34-45, who likes children. Ad#544961

FOLLOW ME
Gregarious, SWF, 53, 5'7", slim, brunette with many interests. Looking to meet a handsome and financially secure SWM, 45-55, who is 5'10" or above with a slim build. Ad#544561

HONESTY ABOVE ALL
Want to be spoiled? I'm a fun-loving SWF, 55, tall, with green eyes & blondish-brown hair, who enjoys movies, camping, sewing, cooking and time at home. Looking for a sincere, warm, genuine SWM, 55-68, who enjoys life. Must be a non-smoker. Ad#543693

YOU
SB Mom, 19, short, light complexion, funny and sweet. Seeking a respectful, kind, fun-loving SBM, 18+. Ad#543345

CANDLE LIT DINNERS
I'm a petite SWF, 49 years of age, searching for a tall, attractive, financially secure SWM, 42-57, who enjoys travel, theater, dancing and working out. Ad#530593

THERE'S STILL HOPE
DWF, 28, affectionate, honest, sincere, with one child. Seeking SWM, 28-40, non-smoker, emotionally, financially secure man. Ad#542823

ROMANCE
...is just around the corner. I am 5'2", with dark eyes and hair, 63. Looking to meet a tall gentleman, 58-70, who likes dancing, cards, travel, and wants a long-term relationship. Ad#403303

ENJOY LIFE
Friendly, caring, SWF, 57, 5'3", medium build, dark hair/eyes. Enjoys spending romantic evenings at home, cuddling and holding hands. Looking for a SWM, social drinker, 56-80, who shares the same interests, for companionship and possible more. Ad#504863

LET'S TALK
Outgoing and friendly SWF, 19, 5'8", brown hair, blue eyes, smoker. Enjoys animals, crafts, the outdoors and loves roller coasters. Looking for an honest and up-front SWM, 40-51, with similar interests who has a get-up-and-go attitude. Ad#539780

BROWN EYED LADY
SWF, 5'4", 48, enjoys barbecued ribs, funny movies, page turning books. Desires SWM, N/S, 40-55, that can look up to, who can make me laugh, is sort of handsome and secure in finances and self. Ad#473551

TIME FOR YOU
Short, petite, funny, honest SWF, 38, sarcastic. I like movies, local shows, reading, computer, etc. Seeking monogamous relationship with SWM, 40-45, long walks, good coffee, dancing. Ad#540074

A NEW SMILE TODAY
Coffee with a friend. Everyday is something new with this SWF, 51, blonde hair, hazel eyes, fun, outgoing, little shy. Seeking forever young, SWM, 50-60, nice, sincere, hardworking Christian. Ad#539621

PRETTY & PLAYFUL
SWF, 42, 5'4", with short auburn hair and blue eyes. Enjoys time with her children, dining, walking and much more. Looking for a N/S SWM, 40-48, who is fun-loving, good-natured and enjoys kids. Ad#540639

SOCIAL BUTTERFLY
Brown eyes, light-skinned SWF, 22, nice, kind, jokes around, enjoys going to movies, watching television, enjoying social nights out. Seeking companionship with a good man. Ad#539573

EXTRA NICE
Blonde, blue-eyed, proportionate SWF, 42, outgoing, bubbly, amiable, not shy. I like motorcycling, boating, hockey. Seeks monogamous relationship with SWM, 37-55, soul mate. Ad#539134

FORMER MODEL
SWF, 49, 5'9", 125 lbs. slender, auburn hair, green eyes. Loves art museums, camping and more. Seeking an easygoing, attractive, creative SWM, 38-49, who likes to dance and is a music lover. Ad#536187

CALL ME
23 year old single black female, seeking for a professional, outgoing, white male, 30-40. Ad#536248

WALK MY PIER
Smart, easygoing SWF, 38, is serious-minded, confident, knowledgeable. Enjoys summers and winters, going places, golf, boating. Seeking SWM, 55-68, for sharing, caring and warmth. Ad#506784

STARRY NIGHT DRIVE
SWF, 60, 5'6", medium build, auburn hair, green eyes. Enjoy travel, outdoors & gardening. Seeking tall, educated, Indian descent M, 55-60, with same interests & family values. Ad#534311

LOVES TO TALK
Faithful SW Mom, 37, 5'2", with brown, highlighted hair & bluish-green eyes. Interested in movies, dining out, etc. Seeking a honest, fun-loving SWM, 28+, who isn't afraid to be himself. Ad#534212

TIED OF BEING ALONE
SWF, young 50 years old, medium build, easygoing, fun-loving. I'm a versatile, loves home life to museums. Seeking warm, gentle, down-to-earth SWM, 45-65, for long walks, conversation. Ad#533963

PATIENTLY WAITING FOR YOU
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Looking for conversational companionship with a quality gentleman, 72-78. I am attractive, fun SWF, 72, Christian, local. Ad#533625

ENJOY LIFE
SWF, 37, 5'7", with blue eyes and brown hair. Interests are time with her children, camping, basketball, golfing, music and concerts. Looking for a SWM, 40-45, who is fun to be around. Ad#446555

THIS IS IT
SWF, 52, young-looking Jewish lady, medium to heavy build, humorous. Enjoys art, crafts, crafting. Seeking supportive, financially stable SWM, 40-65. Give me a try. Ad#532334

SHARE A MOONLIT NIGHT
Bubbly SWF, 55, 5'4", 135 lbs. reddish/blonde hair, hazel eyes. Enjoys boating, sports and exercising. Looking for a sincere, good-humored SWM, 50-62. Ad#493215

LOOKING FOR FUN
SW Mom, 34, outgoing, cheerful, employed full-time, smoker, seeking a SWM, age not important. She enjoys talking, being with her friends, going to clubs and getting to know people. Ad#531198

LOOKING FOR A COP
Capture this SWF, 30, 5'11", with wavy blonde hair. Can't believe I'm doing this, thought I'd try anyway. Enjoys true novels, painting, sculpture, interior design. Seeking a good friend SWM, 35-45. Ad#531139

A NEW FRIEND
26 year old East Indian SF, 5'4", 160 lbs., blond hair, brown eyes, quiet-natured. Enjoys sports and walks. Seeking an outgoing, honest, caring SWM, between 21-28. Ad#509755

FULL OF LIFE
SWF, 57, 41, blonde hair/blue eyes, professionally fit. Loves life! Enjoys hiking, travel, the beach and more. Seeking a SWM, 49 or older with similar interests for companionship leading to a possible relationship. Ad#507331

ARE YOU EXCEPTIONAL?
Educated, well-traveled, energetic, warm, SWF, 45, N/S. Enjoys working out, cooking, pool, golf, antiquing, etc. Looking for an active, engaging, sweet SWM, under 55. Ad#529268

KISSES REQUIRED
DWF, 50, green-eyed blonde, needs tender, loving care. Enjoys animals, the arts, conversation and nature. Looking for an intelligent SM, 40-60, for friendship, and possibly more. Ad#529249

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
I'm a SBF, 52, 5'5", with black hair & brown eyes, who enjoys bowling & jazz. Seeking an outgoing, smart SWM, 48-58, with a great sense of humor. Ad#528909

MULTI-INTERESTED AAF
SBF, 50, handsome, has teenage son, enjoys gardening and meeting new people. Seeking SM, 40-60, race unimportant. Ad#528623

CALL ME
SNA Mom, 26, 5'4", 160 lbs., seeks tall, thin SM, 21-29, with a mustache & eyebrow piercing. Ad#519034

HONORABLE
Bright, fun, SWF, 50, 5'8", slender, long blonde hair, brown eyes, new to the area. Enjoys skiing, running daily, eating well & staying active. In search of an outgoing, slender, sincere, intelligent SWM, 45-60, with various interests. Ad#516494

LIFE OF THE PARTY
Attractive, fun, creative SBF, 39, loves to laugh. Enjoys dinner parties, travel and scrap booking. Looking for a chivalrous SWM, 35-50. Ad#512335

MAKE TIME FOR ME
I'm a 48 year old SWF, with blonde hair, who's been looking for romance in all the wrong places. Seeking a good-natured, humorous, talkative, gentle, kind SWM, 34-45, for romance and companionship. I prefer someone without children. Ad#505052

HAPPY GO LUCKY
SBF, 31, 5'6", great sense of humor who enjoys decorating, cooking and reading. Seeking honest, trustworthy, respectful, intelligent SM, 31-50, has zest for life. Ad#506016

BINNER?
Easygoing, attractive SWF, 29, enjoys dining out, clubs and long walks in the park. Looking for a laid-back, good-looking SBM, 29-39. Ad#506117

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SWF, 45, no dependents, social drinker, and smoker. Seeking SWM, 45-55, with the Harley. Ready for riding the open roads. Ad#49543

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SBF, 24 years old, in search of a handsome, highlighted hair & bluish-green eyes. Interested in movies, dining out, etc. Seeking a honest, fun-loving SWM, 28+, who isn't afraid to be himself. Ad#534212

DO I INTEREST YOU?
I'm a brown-eyed SB Mom, 28, 5'4", 185 lbs., who likes movies and partying. I'd like to find an older SM, who is outgoing, laid-back and likes to have fun. Ad#505101

MARRIAGE-MINDED
Professional, SWF, 50, long blonde hair, full-figured, 5'11", tall, who enjoys gardening, movies, socializing, the outdoors, cooking and more. Seeking a companionate, caring SWM, 43-52. Ad#492898

HARLEY GIRL
SWF, 34, tall, dark, beautiful, 5'11", great sense of humor, loves her children, hunting and Harley's. Seeking a funny, tall, well-built SWM, 30-45, with similar interests. Kids welcome. Ad#504545

NO GAMES
SBF, 50, seeking a sincere soul-mate, a fun-loving SM, 40-60, who is genuinely employed, and knows what he wants, for a long-term relationship. Ad#504299

LUCKY YOU
Open-minded SWF, 49, financially and emotionally secure. Seeking mature SWM, 43-57. Enjoys reading, good movies, all music, open to never interests. One who is looking for friendship first, and possibly more. Ad#502459

SOMEONE SPECIAL
WWWF, 55, 5'8", with brown hair, hazel eyes, attractive, friendly. Enjoys going to movies, casual dining, some walking, anything exciting. Seeking professional SWM, 65-70, companion, friend, helper. Ad#503130

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ARE WE ALIKE?

SWF, 50, with above average looks, good communicator, amusing, loving soul mate. Seeking SDWM, 45-60, clean-cut gentleman, looking for serious relationship. Ad#482566

LIFE IS TOO SHORT

SWF, 61, nice figure, with blue eyes and blonde hair, enjoys music, dancing, theatre, travel, golf, etc. Looking for a N/S, pleasant SW gentleman, 59-64, who doesn't play head games. Ad#420010

AWAITING YOUR CALL

She is a SWF, 55 years of age, who enjoys riding Harleys, camping, travel and family life. She would like to build a friendship, possible relationship with a SWM, 45-65, no games! Ad#501161

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SWF, 65, with a nice appearance, knows what she wants with an unattached/unmarried SWM, 60-75, 5'10" plus, one-woman man. See where we can go from here. Ad#499976

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SWF, 43, 5'4", blonde hair, brown eyes, medium build, attractive woman. Seeking all-American guy, 35-43, who would enjoy my company. Ad#496329

LOVING & HONEST

SWF, 30, 5'8", 175 lbs., with dark skin and a full figure. In search of a down-to-earth SBM, under 45, who is easy to talk with, for companionship and quiet times together. Ad#496909

ARE YOU FOR ME?

Very attractive SBF, 34, seeking financially secure, generous gentleman, over 35. Talk first. Ad#496880

TAME MY HEART

SWF, 65, 5'2", 130 lbs. She is adventurous, loves to travel, dine out, stay active and much more. Seeking a SWM, 55-70, who does not take life for granted and has similar interests. Ad#496508

WINK AT ME

Energetic, vivacious, sweet SWF, 58, a fun-loving SM, 40-60, who is genuinely employed, and knows what he wants, for a long-term relationship. Ad#478014

I AM FOR YOU

SWF, 66, attractive blonde. Looking for a fun-loving relationship with SWM, under 70. Don't delay. Ad#495981

STARTING OVER

Divorced white female, 37, blonde, blue eyes, 5'3", medium build, great personality. Interests include camping, outdoors sports, travel, dining out and dancing. Looking for single white male, 37-47, with same interests. Ad#482787

FAITHFUL

Outgoing, compatible SWF, 19, 5'6", who currently is a stay at home mom, enjoys movies, dining and spending special times with an honest, sweet SM, under 30, who is more of a "thug". Ad#482283

INTERESTED?

SBF, 44, enjoys church, plays, good conversation, singing and more...Looking for a SWM, 40-46, with similar interests. Sincere replies only! Ad#482616

ALL MY LOVE

SNMF, 37, who is hoping to meet a SNAM around the same age. If this is you, call me! Ad#482471

SOMETHING REAL

SWF, 25, blonde hair, blue eyes, bubbly, friendly and easy to get along with. Enjoys computers, movies, good conversation with friends and more. Seeking a SM, who is honest, trustworthy, humorous and open. Ad#482193

NOT PERFECT

SBF, 38, with two teens, physically challenged, walks with cane. Seeking relationship with SM, 38-58, who is understanding and special. Ad#473738

CUTE BLONDE WIDOW

I'm 5'1", 105 lbs. 58, romantic, secure SF, seeking a nice-looking male, 5'7" to 6', slim to medium build, who enjoys dancing, golf, live theater and good conversation. Macomb County. Ad#403562

SHARE LIFE

SBF, 38, 5'2", medium build, kind, loving and communicative. Enjoys reading, picnics, nature, boating, time with friends and family, good conversation and much more. Seeking a SBM, 35-50, who is handsome, religious, pleasant and has similar interests. Ad#478014

CUTE

Petite, SWF, 51, loves many activities. Seeking a SWM, under 48. Please call me. Ad#478478

LET'S SEE WHAT BLOOMS

SWF, 64, 5'2", 118 lbs. Blonde who is happy and outgoing. Interests are the outdoors, movies and gardening. Seeking a lovely and honest SNAM, 60-70, who is outgoing for companionship and possible relationship. Ad#477392

GRACE AND ELEGANCE

SWF, 50, caring mother, loves life. In search of SWM, 45-55, for friendship possibly leading to long-term relationship. Ad#476968

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LOVE & LIFE

Broad-minded SBM, 32, dark-skinned, slim, homemaker, a social drinker, emotionally available, seeks attractive SWF, soul mate, youthful 30-50, for dating, possibly more. Ad#541008

YOU & US

Brown eyes, easygoing, somewhat homesbody, DWM, 45, up front, doesn't lie, yet enjoys canoeing, campfires in backyard, kids, carnivals. Love to meet S/D, under 50, for dating, possible permanent relationship. Ad#531101

HIGH SPIRITED

DWM, 42, adult children, reliable, enjoys the park, bowling, Cedar Point, older mild and more, knows how to show affection to a talented, SWF, 32-43, witty, open to ideas. Ad#538800

SOAR WITH ME

I am a SWM, 61, pilot who enjoys sand and sun, beaches, warm weather, flying, travel, etc. I would like to meet a SF, 48-58, in the White Lake area. All calls returned. Ad#481076

HARDWORKING

Honest SWM, 46, seeking a SWF, 35-50, who speaks her mind and is willing to do her part in a serious relationship. Not looking for games. Ad#552061

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Physically fit, attractive, healthy, pleasant, gentleman, 55, for a pretty, good-looking, slim to medium, SF, 50-56, good communicator and with similar interests. Ad#551892

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This recipe makes a generous side salad. To serve as a main dish, add two cans (6 ounces of each) of white Albacore tuna or cooked chicken.

Salad

- 1 (16 ounce) package elbow macaroni
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 (15 ounce) can white beans, such as navy, cannellini, or Great Northern; drained and rinsed
- 1 (6 ounce) can sliced pitted ripe olives, drained
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved

3 tablespoons minced, fresh parsley leaves

Lemon Olive Oil Dressing

- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon rice vinegar
- 1 tablespoon mayonnaise
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil

Bring 1 gallon of water to boil. Add salt and macaroni and cook until just tender; drain and rinse with water until cool.

While pasta cooks, mix remaining salad ingredients in large bowl. When pasta is cooled, add to salad. (Can be covered and refrigerated up to 2

hours.) For the dressing, mix lemon juice, vinegar, mayonnaise, salt and pepper. Slowly whisk in oil to form a thick dressing. When ready to serve, add dressing to salad, toss to coat and serve. 12 servings; approximately 1/2 cup each (4 cups)

Recipe courtesy of: North American Olive Oil Association.

Nutrition information per serving: Serving size: Approx. 1/2 cup; calories 270; calories from fat 110. Total fat-12g; Saturated fat-1.5g; Cholesterol-0mg; Sodium-240mg; Total Carbohydrate-35g; Dietary Fiber-3g; Sugars-3g; Protein-7g. Vitamin A, 4%; Vitamin C, 15%; Calcium 4%; Iron, 15%.

Cookies N' Dreams raise funds

The Friends of Camp Mak-A-Dream, Michigan Chapter present the 5th annual "Cookies N' Dreams" fund-raiser 5 - 8 p.m. tonight at the Somerset Collection North in Troy.

This event invites the public to taste cookies from participating local bakeries and cast their vote for the best cookie in categories of best tasting, most unusual and best decorated.

The overall cookie winner earns the "Official 2003

Camp Mak-A-Dream Cookie" title.

Last year the event attracted more than 900 people and raised \$90,000 for "camper-ships" to Camp Mak-A-Dream, a camp in Montana for children and young adults with cancer. The camp is cost-free for campers. The expenses are covered for campers from Michigan by the fund-raising efforts of the Friends of Camp Mak-A-Dream, Michigan Chapter.

"We hope this year's proceeds afford even more children and young adults the chance to attend camp where they can build friendships and make memories that will last forever," said Hadar Granader, president of Friends of Camp Mak-A-Dream, Michigan Chapter.

Some of the features of the event include children's entertainment and activities, face painting, simple dinner fare of hot dogs and salad roll ups, milk and coffee bar, and of course an endless assortment of delicious cookies.

Cookies N' Dreams is dedicated to the memory of former Friends of Camp Mak-A-Dream board member Dr. H. John (Tony) Jacob.

Participating bakers include: Scher Delites (Southfield), Market Basket (Franklin), Townsend Bakery (Birmingham), Mikki's Gourmet Catering (Troy), Savoir Fare Catering (Southfield), Mrs. Fields Cookies (Troy), Cookies By Design (Southfield), Grandma's Goodies (Waterford), From Scratch (Southfield), Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory (Troy), Wendy's Wild Flours (Southfield), McCormick & Schmick's Restaurant (Troy), and Mitchell's Fish Market (Birmingham).

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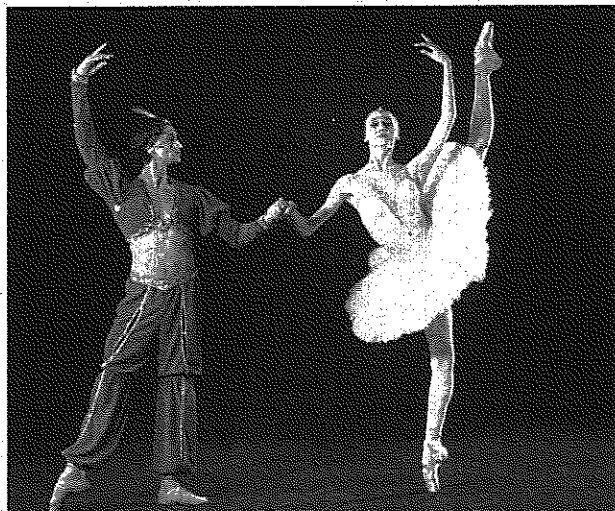
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From Russia with Love

Illustrious Kirov Ballet comes bearing 'La Bayadère'



VALENTIN BARANOVSKY

Svetlana Zakharova as Nikiya and Farukh Ruzimatov as Solor in the Kirov Ballet's production of 'La Bayadère.'

If there's a perfect way to raise the curtain on a season of dance, the Detroit Opera House has found it.

The preeminent Kirov Ballet is traveling across the globe — full orchestra in tow — to perform a ballet masterpiece, the magnificent and rapturous *La Bayadère*.

The production opens Wednesday, Oct. 29, and runs through Sunday, Nov. 2.

"The Kirov is the 1000-pound gorilla of dance," joked David DiChiera, DOH director and founder. "Once gone, it's gone."

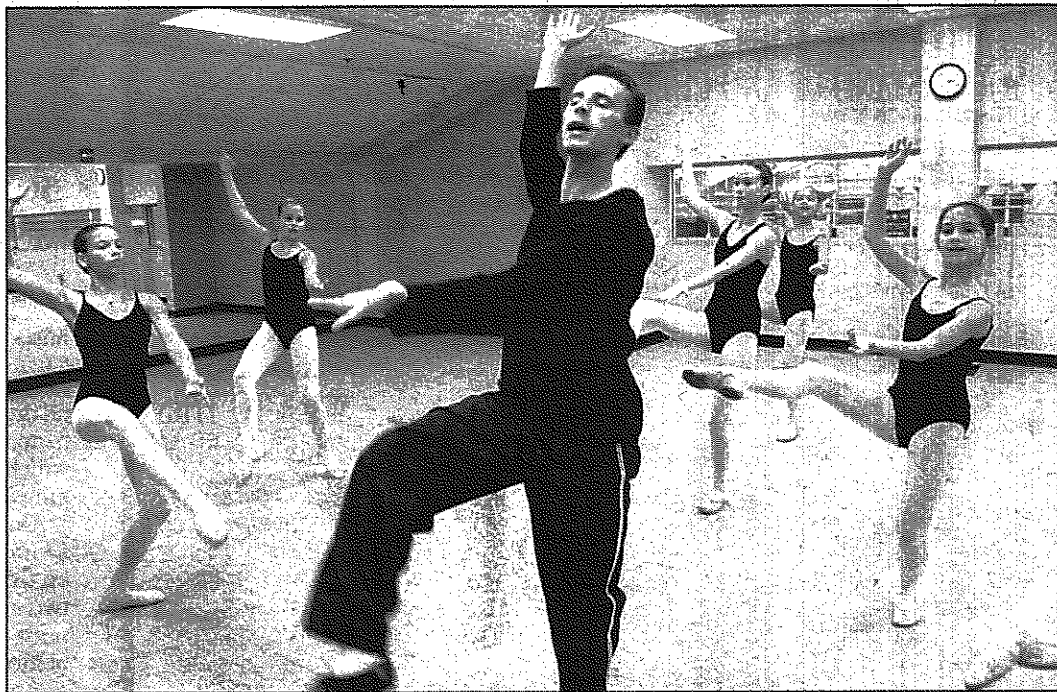
To be sure, neither the Kirov Ballet nor *La Bayadère* appear often.

Well-known dancers who defected from the venerable dance company include Mikhail Baryshnikov, Rudolph Nureyev and Natalia Makarova.

La Bayadère was choreographed by Marius Petipa, the late 19th century ballet master of the dance company and creator of such ballet classics as *The Sleeping Beauty* and *Swan Lake*.

Often considered Petipa's greatest masterpiece and a radical departure from his other work, *La Bayadère* tells the love story of an Indian temple dancer and a warrior.

"It's set in India, so all the costumes are very beautiful and exotic," said Carol Halsted, DOH's dance coordinator. "This is really an opportunity to see a great classic ballet that many people may not have seen before and a dance company that's the best of the best."



HEATHER ROUSSEAU | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Instructor Sergey Rayevskiy and local dancers practice for the Kirov Ballet, at the Detroit Opera House.

Preparing to join the Kirov Ballet for its Detroit performances are 16 local dancers, ages 9 to 12.

The girls, who were selected through an audition process, have been rehearsing with dance instructor Sergey

Rayevskiy at the Novi Sports Center since September.

Rayevskiy studied dance in St. Petersburg and performed in *The Nutcracker* with the Kirov Ballet.

Several of the dancers — including Charisse Eanes of Canton, Jennifer Christie of Romeo and Juliana Maria Santiago of Dearborn — are rehearsing challenging roles to be done *en pointe* (in pointe shoes) with a Kirov Ballet soloist.

Those set to perform as part of a larger group include Amanda K. Smith of Bloomfield Hills, Lauren Meeks of West Bloomfield and Julia Coppi of Rochester Hills.

BEST OF THE BEST

What: The Kirov Ballet and its orchestra present the ballet 'La Bayadère.'

When: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 29 and Thursday Oct. 30; 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2.

Where: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit.

Tickets: Dance programs range \$25-\$90, call (313) 237-SING or TicketMaster at (248) 645-6666. For more information, visit www.MichiganOpera.org on the Internet.



Erin (Jessica Biel, from left), Andy (Mike Vogel), Pepper (Erica Leerhsen), Morgan (Jonathan Tucker) and Kemper (Eric Balfour) in a scene from 'Texas Chainsaw Massacre.'

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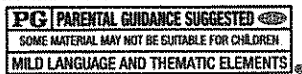


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'Texas Chainsaw Massacre' jolts you over and over

THE TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE

*** (out of four)

It is only fair to say this right off the top: I love the original *Texas Chainsaw Massacre*. It's the kind of film I watch every Halloween. It's the kind of film I



Extra Butter

Daniel Kraus

subject family and friends to, only to get upset when they don't recognize its brilliance.

And despite what my mom might say, I am far from alone in my adoration. *Massacre* is often cited by filmmakers as an early influence, and it's easy to see why.

The film is methodical, almost perfectly constructed. Each camera move is chillingly precise.

The gut-wrenching sound effects are the stuff of movie legend. And no one who sees it can ever quite remove from their head the final 45 minutes, in which a girl screams at the top of her lungs. Yes, for 45 minutes.

Along with *Psycho* and *Night of the Living Dead*, *Massacre* was the final point on the modern horror triangle. The first two already having suffered through remakes, it was only a matter of time before *Massacre* was defiled. But when it was announced that the update was coming courtesy of Michael Bay (*Pearl Harbor*, *Armageddon*) and music video director Marcus Nispel, all hopes got chopped up like much of the chainsawed flesh.

But the remake is a happy surprise. No, it never manages the mad sense of demented lunacy that the original film achieved and maintained, but it is nevertheless quite scary and every bit as unrelenting.

SAME STORY

The story is the same: While driving through Texas, five teenagers pick up a spooky hitchhiker. Soon enough, they find themselves led to a foreboding house inhabited by a family of psychopaths. Chief among them is the one known as "Leatherface" — a silent, hulking, chainsaw-wielding butcher who wears the skin of his victims.

As the original film poster so aptly posed, "Who will be left? And what will

be left of them?"

Part of what made the original so effective was its disorienting lack of context, and this important element remains intact. As the main character, Erin (Jessica Biel), stumbles through the night, she comes upon different characters, all of whom appear to exist in a frightening universe where there is no logic or reason, and everyone is insane.

The country folk who make up Leatherface's extended family are a sideshow of deformity. One is missing teeth, the next is missing legs, the next is missing a nose. Even the attractive teens become unsightly, stained with sweat, dirt, blood, spit and snot. To make matters worse, everything is shot in extreme close-up so that you are never allowed to get your bearings.

None of this garish freakishness is necessary from a narrative standpoint, but who ever said horror movies needed a great narrative? The idea is to jolt you, over and over, and *Massacre* does it admirably, coming at you repeatedly with roaring chainsaws and gleaming meat hooks.

Like the original, it is an unhappy, grim film soaked in muddy blood and gooey viscera. When the bloody, screaming heroine tries to flag down a car, the car does not pull over. This is the film's worldview in a nutshell.

To be sure, the film is scary. Yet it maintains almost none of the original's surreal beauty. Instead of the intricately orchestrated master shots of director Tobe Hooper, Nispel's remake is shot and edited fairly traditionally. The resulting impact is immediate but brief.

When it's over, you'll remember that you were scared, but you probably won't remember precisely why. Aside from one truly creepy scene inside a mobile home, very few of the film's images will haunt you for long.

Depending on how you look at it, that might be a good thing. For many viewers, the new *Massacre* might be the stuff of nightmares, but the original was a nightmare — a semi-coherent jumble of horrific, nonsensical sights and sounds.

In other words, the kind of stuff you couldn't recapture with a thousand remakes.

Daniel Kraus is a syndicated columnist and filmmaker. Info on his latest film, *Ball of Wax*, can be found at www.ballofwaxmovie.com.

Small screen

Entertaining 'Brazil' is still visionary, thought-provoking

DAVID MACGREGOR
CORRESPONDENT

To be perfectly clear from the outset, *Brazil* has nothing to do with the South American country best known for exporting sugar, coffee and soccer players. Instead, it is a film that might best be

described as *1984* meets Monty Python. This is due in large part to the fact that it was directed by Terry Gilliam, who created the animated portions of *Monty Python's Flying Circus* before moving on to directing films such as *Time Bandits*, *The Fisher King*, and *Twelve Monkeys*. When *Brazil* was released in 1985 by

Universal, it was the subject of a good deal of controversy. The studio hated it and various executives described the film as being both "interminable" and "unreleasable." They desperately wanted to change the film, especially the ending. Gilliam refused to do this, and at one point threatened to burn the negative of the film before he would let anyone touch it. When Gilliam's version was finally

released, it was subsequently awarded Best Film, Best Director and Best Screenplay by the Los Angeles Film Critics Association. People loved or hated the film for essentially the same reason: It was different. Far darker and far more willing to push the envelope than most major studio

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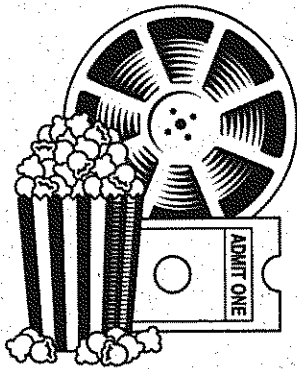
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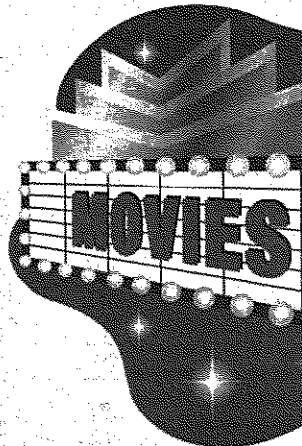
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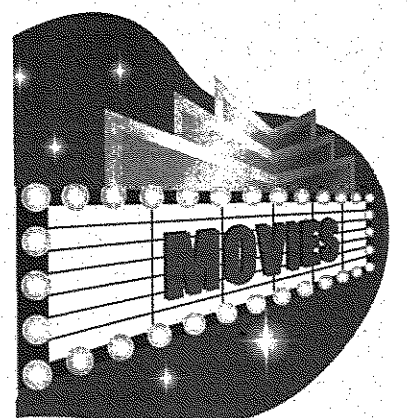
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More movies

'Runaway Jury' manages to be a guilty pleasure

BY DAVID GERMAIN
AP MOVIE WRITER

If you're going to tell a lurid, preposterous tale about hijacking the verdict in a major corporate lawsuit, *Runaway Jury* is the way to do it.

Need an unctuously corrupt jury consultant for the plaintiffs that audiences can love to hate? Give the part to Gene Hackman. Want to impart some charisma and moral dimension to your blandly upright defense attorney? Call in Dustin Hoffman. Got a pair of scheming jury-riggers who need to keep viewers poised between affection and aversion while their shadowy motives unfold? Try John Cusack and Rachel Weisz.

Casting is more than half the battle with *Runaway Jury*, adapted from John Grisham's courtroom thriller.

Director Gary Fleder's brisk, assured pacing might have gone for naught had he been stuck spinning this outlandish story without such an accomplished and earnest cast to make events feel, if not believable, at least forgivably plausible in the name of tawdry entertainment.

Necessarily, the movie departs from a key element of the novel, supplanting a liability case against Big Tobacco over a smoker's death with a lawsuit against a gun manufacturer in a shooting death during an office rampage.

Grisham's tobacco angle seemed pre-scient when the book came out in 1996,

but a rash of verdicts against cigarette companies since then would have outdated the movie if it stuck with that premise.

The gun case seems more farfetched, though last fall, a jury did find a gun distributor liable to a small degree in the case of a teacher gunned down by a student.

The movie also transplants the story from Mississippi to New Orleans, whose cloistered back alleys are nicely captured in Robert Elswit's opaque cinematography.

Jury selection is about to begin in a widow's case against the company that made the assault weapon that killed her husband. Master jury fixer Rankin Fitch (Hackman) blows into town with a team of profilers and thugs, armed with surveillance equipment, dossiers and an utter lack of morality as they set about choosing then manipulating jurors in favor of the gun maker.

Representing the widow is honest local boy Wendall Rohr (Hoffman), who responds to the plaintiff's hired guns by reluctantly taking on his own jury consultant (Jeremy Piven).

Enter juror No. 9, Nick Easter (Cusack), seemingly a slacker who would rather be anywhere than doing his civic duty in court. But when Nick's shady girlfriend Marlee (Weisz) passes a picture of the jury to the opposing attorneys with the caption, "Jury for sale," Nick's real motive becomes clear: Delivering the verdict to

the highest bidder.

The extremes to which Rankin's gang goes to neutralize Nick and Marlee's scheme makes for a guilty pleasure of a movie. It's ludicrous action howling for a mistrial, but your inner adjudicator likely will overrule any objections and just go with it on the strength of the hearty performances.

Cackling with delicious contempt, Hackman oozes his way through every scene. Hoffman musters a credible crisis of conscience, while Cusack and Weisz are delightful poker faces as they let their con gradually play out.

Runaway Jury, a 20th Century Fox release, runs 127 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

BRAZIL

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releases. It stars Jonathan Pryce as Sam Lowry, a dreamy Everyman bureaucrat who leads a bleak, utterly controlled existence under the thumb of an all-powerful authoritarian state that operates along the general lines favored by Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin or John Ashcroft. Everyone must be spied on all the time, and the slightest deviation from government-approved activities tends to result in people simply disappearing.

Sam's only escape from this dystopian nightmare is in the world of dreams and fantasies, where he is heroic, magnificent and madly in pursuit of a beautiful but elusive woman. Ultimately, he makes the mistake of trying to correct a governmental error and the State comes after him.

RETRO FEEL

Story and plot aside, the most striking

aspect of the film is its general look, which somehow combines both a futuristic and a retro feel. This is a story that could pretty clearly happen anytime, anywhere. Fantastic and primitive machines coexist side by side, and almost every building seems to be riddled with elaborate ductwork that would seem to suggest the State's pervasive and invasive presence in everyone's lives.

Despite the film's dark look and subject matter, it should be noted that this is, at moments, an extremely funny film as well. You would be hard-pressed to find a movie that better personifies the term "black comedy."

All this, in addition to standout performances by Robert DeNiro, Bob Hoskins and Michael Palin (an old Monty Python chum of Gilliam's), help make *Brazil* that rarest of Hollywood entities — a studio produced film that is both thought-provoking and entertaining.

David MacGregor is a film instructor at Wayne State University and screenwriter who lives in Livonia.

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Detroit graffiti turned into trademark for profit

If your eyes have been open anywhere in Detroit you've probably seen Turtl. Turtl is a turtle that's been spray-painted on hordes of buildings, vacant and occupied, throughout the city. The controversial graffiti artist Turtl, who no one seems to know and who is wanted by

Wayne County Prosecutor Mike Duggan, breaks all graffiti art rules. Turtl's biggest crime is that he or she tags occupied buildings like the Whitney Restaurant and other historic locations. A rule in the graffiti world is that only vacant buildings may be tagged.

Hence, Turtl is quite despised among many graffiti artists, including Jeremy Harvey.

"Because of him, graffiti art is being treated like it's rape," Harvey, of Hazel Park, said. "Before Turtl, a graffiti artist who was caught would get a slap on the wrist, now he's ruined it for everyone. I don't like him because he tags historic buildings."

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Jeremy Harvey
graffiti artist

Harvey took his loathing for Turtl and turned it into a money-maker.

I figured he'd eventually try to profit off it so, I beat him to it and I think it's hilarious."

Turtl is everywhere - expressways, bridges, on the sides of apartment buildings, on walls of grocery stores, boutiques, liquor stores and residential garages in Detroit.

Harvey took the Turtl logo as his own. He trademarked it and is now selling Turtl

on shirts, postcards, mouse pads, hats, flying discs, tiles and other items.

"I'm not really doing this for political reasons, I just wanted to see what would happen," Harvey said.

What's happened is that the controversial turtle is now seen on merchandise worn by young, hip Detroiters. And it's

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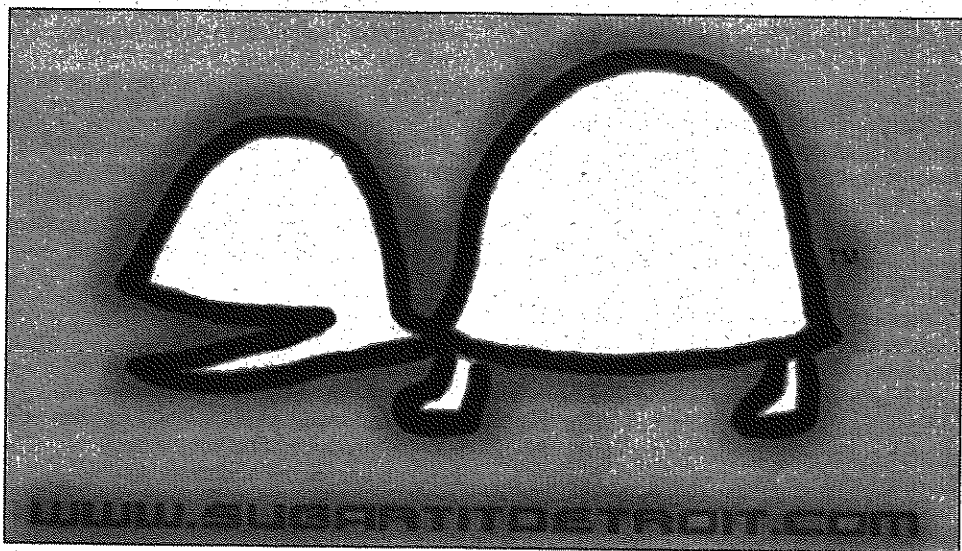
What: Turtl is the name and symbol of the notorious and unknown person who has plagued downtown Detroit's buildings with spray-painted turtles. There's an unwritten code among graffiti artists to avoid buildings that are occupied. Turtl, however, is tagging them all - including the tony Whitney Restaurant.

Merchandise: Jeremy Harvey, who is not Turtl, recently put a trademark on the Turtl image. Now he's selling shirts, hats, mugs, steins, mouse pads, postcards, tiles, bibs and more. If the real Turtl ever tries to sue, first he'll have to face an enormous list of vandalism charges.

Where to get it: Visit www.sugartit-detroit.com, Noir Leather in Royal Oak or Record Time and House of Chants in Ferndale.

also grabbing interests of suburbanites.

Ironically, if the real "Turtl" ever wanted to sue for the rights of the logo, he or she would first have to face criminal charges. Also ironic is if Harvey learns who the real Turtl is, (he claims he doesn't know) he could sue the Turtl for using what is now his trademark.



An unknown person known as 'Turtl' spray-painted turtles on buildings throughout Detroit. Jeremy Harvey, a businessman unaffiliated with the vandal, has trademarked the turtle and is selling merchandise. Shirts and other items bearing the logo are popular among metro Detroit's youth.

Family fun

Mind games

Journey through the brain at Detroit Science Center

Detroit Science Center's newest exhibit won't have you saying, "What a long, strange trip it's been."

But *BRAIN: The World Inside Your Head*, is kind of a trip.

The 5,000-square-foot, hands-on exhibit, which continues through Jan. 4, 2004, premiered at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., and was produced with input from the National Institutes of Health.

Pharmaceutical manufacturer Pfizer Inc. sponsors *BRAIN*.

Its aim: Dispel myths about the organ and replace it with scientific knowledge.

"The brain has always been looked at as something mysterious," said Karen Reed, director of the center's science education programs.

Today, researchers are unveiling the brain's secrets and drawing more attention to the organ, making brain talk a hot topic outside the laboratory.

"Students hear a lot about the brain today," Reed said. But these discussions don't always lead to the hard-core facts, she said.

Though grounded in educating visitors, *BRAIN* skirts the lingo and formality of scientific research in favor of learning in a fun, and sometimes creepy, way.

To enter the exhibit, for instance, visitors literally walk through a larger-than-life network of purple neurons. Along the way, there's a gauntlet of actual brains — all in a preserved state, of course — to take in and admire.

Kids especially find the 3-pound



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Interactive stations at 'BRAIN: The World Inside Your Head' teach visitors about brain mechanics and function, illusion, sleep, health and evolution.

MORE BRAIN STUFF

The Detroit Science Center has created several companion programs to complement 'BRAIN: The World Inside Your Head,' including:

■ "Eekstein Laboratory," an arts and crafts center with take-home projects for the elementary school student, adjacent to exhibit.

■ "Brain Cabaret," a 20-minute theatrical presentation for elementary to middle school students, Science Stage, first floor.

human brain specimen hard to resist. Indeed, they won't come up short on things to say about it.

"It's cool 'cause it's, like, gray," said Kevin Hodges, 13, of Riverview. "I always thought it was pink."

BRAIN breaks down into seven sections and is self-guided.

Topics covered include electrochemical activity in a section entitled, "Lightning Storm," brain diseases in "The Living Brain," and neuron structure and development in an area called "Wired."

"A Hole in the Head" explores the history of man's understanding of the brain. One highlight is the skull of Phineas Gage, the infamous railroad worker who lived 12 years after an iron shaft went through his head.

"Mystery of the Mind" explores perception, memory, learning, self-awareness and other primary brain processes through hands-on activities. Visitors even have the opportunity to experience phantom-limb syndrome, the sensation of an amputated or non-existent limb.

Interactive stations are placed throughout *Brain* alongside text displays for adults and older children.

"There's a nice balance," Reed said.

"While a child is interacting, parents can read and then use that information to teach their child about the exhibit."

But don't be surprised if you learn something yourself.

ENTER THE BRAIN

What: *Brain: The World Inside Your Head*, an interactive science exhibit.

When: Through Sunday, Jan. 4.

Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday-Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Where: Detroit Science Center, 5020 John R at Warren, Detroit.

Tickets: Free for all members and children under age 2, \$9 for adults and \$7 for seniors and children age 2-12; price includes exhibit and museum admission, call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

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Peter Max's

Magical mystery tour

Pop artist takes time to help local charity this week

The ideas constantly swimming through Peter Max's mind are endless.

Currently, he's contemplating that the human body has more than 6 million organs that require eight hours of sleep nightly. He's pondering the mind-boggling number of suns in the galaxy — 250 billion. And he's thinking about the mediums he's been working with recently.

"For the past two months I've been drawing," the pop artist said while dining in Portland, Ore., last week. "But I feel a change coming; soon I'll probably shift to painting."

He doesn't know what he will paint or what will inspire him.

"When I'm panting, 90 minutes can pass and I don't know where my mind was ... and then I look at the work and I'm just as

amazed as anyone about with what I see," he said.

Life intrigues Max, the legendary pop artist who seems tireless in his travels, his creativity and his philosophies. He doesn't have enough time in the day to do everything he wants. He arrives in Detroit this week to participate in the Michigan Parkinson Foundation's 20th birthday fund-raiser celebration tonight at Park West Gallery in Southfield. His paintings will remain on display at the gallery through Nov. 26.

Attending a Parkinson Foundation fund-raiser is new for Max. The artist is dedicated to environmental and animal rights causes, but found space in his heart, and busy schedule, for this event.

Max donated two pieces of work to auction there. At press time, he still wasn't certain which pieces they would be.

"Probably something patriotic," Max said, such as his U.S. flag or Lady Liberty works.

Born in China and living in New York, Max celebrates the U.S. constantly in his works. After 9/11 he painted portraits of the firefighters killed in the tragedy. Then, knowing the works were valuable, he gave each

painting to the surviving families to use however they needed.

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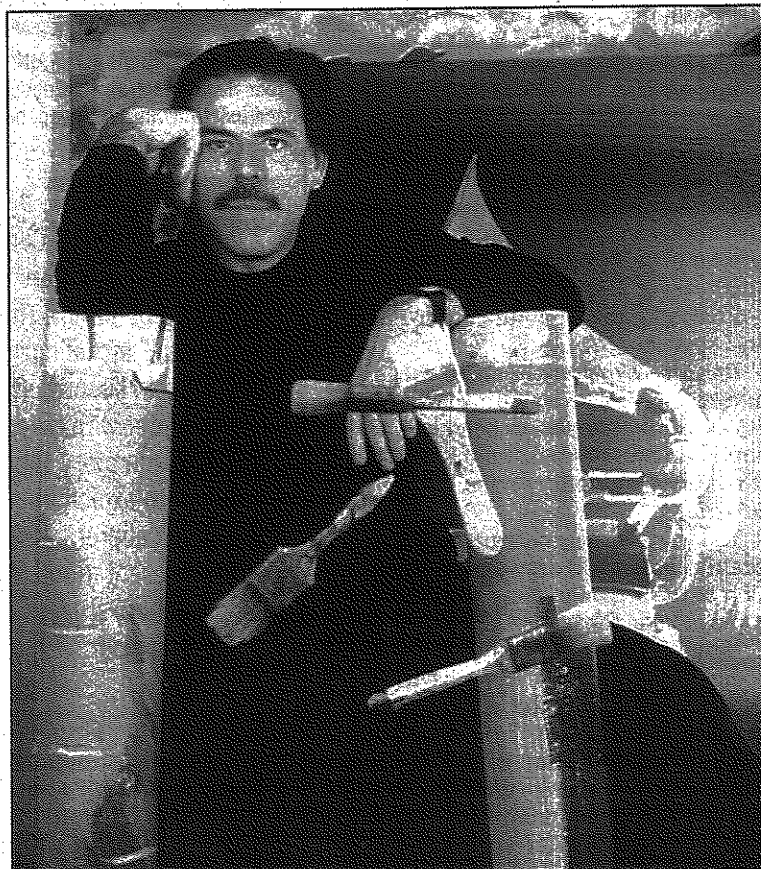
Max, of course, gained fame in the 1960s, and his influence on American culture hasn't faded since. The bright colors and bold linear images we imagine when thinking of the 1960s is because of Max, the painter of the Beatles' *Yellow Submarine* album cover. He spearheaded the project to renovate the Statue of Liberty in the 1980s. Yoga is popular in the U.S. partially because of him and, on the opposite end of the spectrum, he was the official artist this year for the Indy 500 and spent most of his time there with friend Bill Clinton.

"I'm still in awe over the people whom I get to meet," Max said.

He was also was the official artist for the 25th anniversary of the New Orleans Jazz Festival and the Olympics and opened the Woodstock '94 Festival.

The United Nations asked him to create 12 postage stamps for the first Environmental Summit in 1992. In he was named the Official Artist for the Grammy Awards, something he's been honored with five times. He's also created numerous works for the White House.

Max mixes his art with charity because to him both make the world better. Lately he's been working with animal rights groups to spread the word about



Legendary pop Peter Max will be at Park West Gallery today.

veganism — his biggest cause.

For him, there's a connection between food, creativity and a peaceful life.

"To be healthy we have to start with our food," Max said. "It has to be clean not just for our body, but for our minds. Eating dead animals kills our bodies and our souls ... eating plant food is eating life and it feeds our mind ... it's less harmful to our bodies and it's less taxing on the world's precious resources ... it can make the world better for ourselves and our children."

"We should live in the moment, but still remember to take care of the future."

For Max, visiting Detroit for the charity isn't work, but rather a vacation.

"Everyday is like a holiday for me because I never know what is going to happen, whom I'm going to see or meet or if I can somehow help someone," he said. "Life amazes me everyday."

PETER MAX IN SOUTHFIELD

What: An auction to benefit the Michigan Parkinson Foundation

in celebration of its 20th year

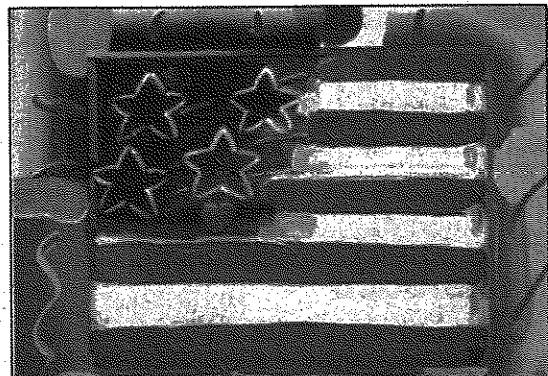
When: 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23

Where: Park West Gallery, 29469 Northwestern Highway

Admission: \$150

Information: Call Park West Gallery (800) 521-9654; Michigan Parkinson Foundation (800) 852-9781, www.parkwestgallery.com, www.petermax.com and www.parkinsonsmi.org

Peter Max exhibit: Open to the public Friday, Oct. 24, to Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Park West Gallery



Max plans to donate one of his popular American Flag paintings for auction to benefit the Michigan Parkinson Foundation.

On stage

Perpetual curtain call

Hilberry Theatre keeps dialogue flowing

Once the season begins, the curtain never stays down long at the Hilberry Theatre.

Without exception, the Wayne State University graduate repertory program, has at least one play — if not two or three — in production.

If undertaking more than one show at once sounds ambitious, consider the range represented by the theater's opening works.

John Guare's Tony Award-winning comedy, *The House of Blue Leaves*, running through Dec. 6, takes place in New York City during the 1960s. Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*, continuing through Dec. 13, is a classic coming-of-age tale set in Victorian-era England.

"We try to give our students the experience of working in different styles, periods and genres and then to share this with our audience," said Blair Anderson, chair of Wayne State University's Department of Theatre and the faculty member in charge of the Hilberry's offerings.

The goal is to strike a balance between European and American works, classical theater and contemporary favorites.

Sometimes the ensemble, which is comprised of 50 graduate-level students on the cusp of starting professional theater careers, manages to kill two birds with one stone.

For instance, John Strand's *Lovers and Executioners*, slated Feb. 6-March 13, 2004, is a modern adaptation of a classic tale of love, murder and revenge. The work is based on *La Femme juge et partie* by 17th century playwright Antoine de Montfleury.

"This is fun for the middle of our season," said Anderson. "Those who prefer



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Also playing at the Hilberry Theatre is Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*, starring Tony Bozzuto and Amanda Rae Jones.

modern theater will like it very much, and those who like more classical productions will also enjoy it."

At least one work by William Shakespeare runs each and every season, as well. This year's selection is the tragedy *Macbeth*, scheduled Jan. 9-March 4, 2004.

"There is a hunger for Shakespearean theater in Detroit," Anderson said. "It's difficult material to handle, but we're able to do it."

Also playing is David Mamet's Pulitzer Prize-winning play about cut-throat real estate men, *Glengarry Glen Ross*. The play opens Nov. 14 and runs through Jan. 13, 2004.

The Hilberry season closes on a big note with Part I and II of Robert Schenkkan's *The Kentucky Cycle*, the story of three families over a span of 200 years in eastern Kentucky.

The Hilberry's presentation of the work will be a two-night theater experience that runs between April 1 and May 15, 2004.

"This is perhaps the most exciting work of the season," said Anderson. "It really deals with some quintessential American issues. The stories are independent, but together they represent the maturing of our American culture."

NEW AT THE HILBERRY

What: 'The House of Blue Leaves,' by John Guare.

When: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. on select Wednesdays and Saturdays, through Saturday, Dec. 6.

Where: Hilberry Theatre, on the corner of Cass and Hancock, Wayne State University campus, Detroit.

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Table hopping

Lakeside beauty enhances It's a Matter of Taste

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

Among globally inspired dishes, Thai preparations are a standout.

Yet, It's a Matter of Taste in Commerce Township is not a Thai or Asian restaurant.

"Tom (owner Tom Traynor) threw the Thai idea on my plate," area native Chef Matthew Schellig said. "So I ran with it."

"Newness of these flavors is exciting to chefs and diners. There's the spicy element and addictive sauces. In your mouth, a dish like our crisped walleye with jasmine rice, Thai vegetables, mussels, cilantro and red curry coconut milk and kaffir lime, follows a taste pattern of sweet to citrus and on to a hint of heat. The latter sends the diner back to try the dish again. Rice cools the palate and brings the whole dish into balance."

NOT ALL ASIAN INSPIRED

Although there are appetizers such as mussels steamed in Thai red curry, Thai pork and peanut triangles, Asian-influenced crab rangoon, or lemongrass and chile-marinated strip loin skewers, the overall menu is free-wheeling.

As an example, the French-accented roasted forest mushroom en croute is well-rooted in classical preparation.

Among main courses at dinner, the top sellers are triple mustard marinated pork tenderloins with stout jus, garlic mashed potato and fried leek salad, or beef tenderloin filet with Italian peara sauce, made with cracked pepper, Barolo wine and foie gras.

Chef Matt noted that sandwiches are lunch favorites. He pointed to the Salmon Reuben, served on sourdough bread with sauerkraut, gruyere and Thousand Island

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Where: 2323 Union Lake Road (3/4 mile north of Commerce Road), Commerce Township (248) 360-6650.

Open: Lunch: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Saturday; Dinner: 5-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday, until 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 4-9 p.m. Sunday

Food style: Dishes skillfully prepared by classical techniques with many modern twists.

Cost: Lunch is \$8-12. Most dinner main courses are under \$20.

Reservations: Recommended.



Chef Matthew Schellig works in the kitchen at It's A Matter of Taste.



Missy Traynor (left), co-owner, and manager Robin Traynor in the dining room of It's a Matter of Taste.

CLASSY AND CASUAL

"This restaurant is Tom's lifelong dream," Missy said. To make it happen, the couple purchased the shoreline property on Union Lake that was once the Little Brown Jug and a motel.

Although the structure's exterior is a bit intimidating in its formality, the

restaurant is not.

Keeping with today's preferred dining trends, it's classy, casual and comfortable without white tablecloths but with an imaginative menu.

An original Tom Traynor design — with much of his own construction work — the restaurant is intended to offer an outdoor Paris street feeling.

And it does, though no Paris street has the beauty of this lakefront property.

Seating for 118, including some booths but mostly tables, offers great water views. The bar, new but made to look old, is reminiscent of a Paris wine bar. Faux wall painting and wood tones add to the casual ambience.

One word describes it: Cool.

EXTRAS

"Wine outsells liquor and beer nightly," Missy noted — proof that a short yet savvy wine list works.

And how should you end your experience?

With one of the homemade desserts. Again, Chef Matt took the lead in suggesting Julie's Tira Mi Su with layers of chocolate espresso cheesecake, chiffon, mascarpone and chantilly finished with dark rum and Kahlua. Yum.

Eleanor Heald is a Troy resident who writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. To leave her a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864#.



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The Lark

Northern Heart of the Rockies Dinner is at 7 p.m. Monday or Tuesday, Oct. 27 or 28. Menu includes grilled elk tenderloin with Lingonberry sauce and/or honey Hoisin-glazed baby back ribs and stuffed baby peppers. The cost is \$90 per person, not including beverages, tax or gratuity. The Lark is at 6430 Farmington Road, West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-4466 for information/reservations.

Wine event and auction

The second annual "Taste of the Vines," wine event and auction is 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, at the Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham. It features a wine tasting and auction with a sit-down supper. Rare and vintage wines are being auctioned, as well as quality vacation and restaurant packages. Juelle and Fred Fisher of Fisher Vineyards, Napa Valley, and Sommelier Rick Rubel from Unique Restaurant Corporation will be on hand to educate guests about wines. Fisher Vineyards was founded in 1973 by descendants of the family that built the Fisher Building and ran the Fisher Body Works.

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Chuck Muer (left) and Bill Kruse (right) began their friendship in 1972 when Muer hired Kruse as a dining room manager. In 1987 Kruse left his position as vice president of the C.A. Muer Corporation to start his own restaurant. Muer became a partner. In 1993, Muer was lost at sea in a storm. To honor his memory, Kruse and Muer Restaurants are offering a menu of signature Muer items including Lobster Larry, Shrimp Danielle, Maryland Crabmeat Cakes, Stuffed Flounder, the Down East Seafood Feast, Martha's Vineyard Salad, Key Lime Pie and Poppy Seed Bread through Nov. 9. There are five Kruse and Muer Restaurant locations - Kruse and Muer on Main, 327 Main St., downtown Rochester, (248) 652-9400; Kruse and Muer in the Village, 134 Adams, in the new Village of Rochester Hills, (248) 375-2503; Kruse and Muer of Grand Blanc, 12793 S. Saginaw, (810) 603-2711; Kruse and Muer at the Lake, 801 S. Lapeer, Lake Orion, (248) 814-9500; the Rochester Chop House and Kabin Kruser's Oyster Bar 306 Main St., Rochester (248) 651-2266.

Tickets are \$250 per person, call (248) 594-6403.

Cucina Leone
Known for its wood-fired grill, oven and rotisserie, is open 2-8 p.m. Sundays: Chef/owner Jack Leone and his staff prepare meals cooked to order including grilled bone-in rib eye, Amish chicken breast, pan seared fresh black sea bass, and lavender honey & peppercorn encrusted Salmon complete with gourmet side dishes, to name a few. Cucina Leone also offers specialty food products, wines and champagnes. The menu changes daily and seasonally, and is updated on the Cucina Leone Web site www.cucinaleone.com. The

restaurant is open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday; 2-9 p.m. Saturday. The restaurant is at 755 E. Maple (in the Kroger complex), Birmingham, (248) 901-1600.

Century Grille
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Drinkology

Single malt Scotch for chocolate lovers

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Glenmorangie 12-Year Old Port Wood Finish Single Malt (\$50/750mL) is one of the most popular "wood finished" malts in the world.

The malt that's matured "as normal" in traditional American white oak ex-bourbon casks, is transferred to casks that formerly aged fine Port wine. This creates a malt whisky with an antique copper color and a slight Port nose over floral and oak accents.

Glenmorangie Port Wood Finish Single Malt makes a unique aperitif, but its round, velvety flavors, with intriguing butterscotch and dark chocolate nuances, puts your brain in the chocolate mode.

Amazingly, just about any dark chocolate, except cream-filled, is sensational with this dram.

This weekend, make or buy a chocolate dessert and have at it. The voluptuous chocolate brownies from Papa Joe's in Birmingham and Glenmorangie Port Wood Finish Single Malt could be habit forming. So watch it!

Contact the Healds at (734) 953-2047, mailbox 1864#.

Hints of chocolate make this a perfect Scotch to enjoy with dessert

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Night spots

State Theatre goes Moroccan on Saturdays

A new club opened this month adding to metro Detroit's already saturated nightlife scene. What makes this one different is its producer, Dan Sordyl, is the veteran club owner of the now defunct stylish nightclub Motor.

Every Saturday, the State Theatre will be transformed into Altered State, a nightclub that markets itself as lavish and exotic.

The theme will change drastically each season, but for autumn it's all about Morocco.

"It's very exciting to have the opportunity to build a club at the State Theatre because the bar has been raised so high," Sordyl said. "We have to pull out all the stops."

The sophisticated club experience is heightened by decadent decor, including tables imported from Morocco, exotic tents, cozy wine areas and lush fabric creating intimate areas inside the State. The goal is to create intimate areas away from the techno-pumping dance floor.

Music will be broadcast live on WDRQ-FM (93.1). Art is provided by nationally celebrated artist Mark Arminski.

Arminski is known as the foremost rock concert poster artist in the nation. He's created posters for the Black Crowes, Tori Amos and Smashing Pumpkins. He's painted murals in Birmingham's Avenue Diner and at Monterey and Mr. B's in Royal Oak.

Creating an avant-garde atmosphere for trendy club-goers is a video project presented by Pete Franco at Detroit Encoding; the video images will be very "alternative," said Alison Weber of Morninglory Productions.

DJs Mike Scroggs and the Godfather spin the main floor and renowned DJ Minx and Jennifer Xerri of Women on Wax will spin DRQ-type music blended with sultry Moroccan beats.



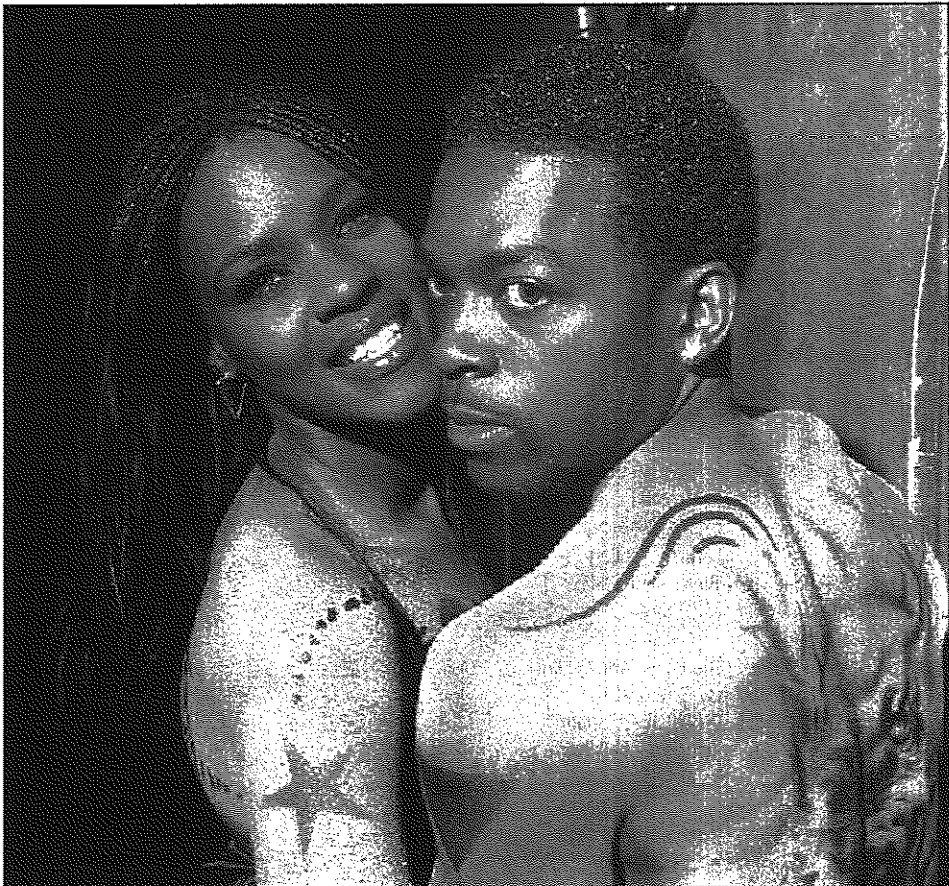
STATE OF THE STATE

What: Altered State, a new nightclub
Where: The State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., downtown Detroit
Open: 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, ages 18 and over
Cover: \$10 for ages 21 and over, \$15 for ages 18-21
Theme: It changes each season, but for fall it's Moroccan
Music: Dance music a la WDRQ-FM (93.1)
Dress code: Elegant clubwear, call (313) 961-5450 for information

To turn the State into a fantasy destination, Bernadine Vida, set designer for *8 Mile* was hired and her idea was intimacy.

"This is an environment where people can rendezvous," Vida said. "The creation of enclaves in the State Theatre lends it an option to excite, provoke or relax."

Dress code is high-end club wear — think Bebe or Prada fashions.



Altered State is the newest club to hit Detroit. Located inside the State Theatre, it has a Moroccan theme where almost anything goes — from sultry dancers in body paint, above, to retro glitter platforms, above left.

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Popular music

Sultry, sad ... and fun: It's all in Storm Front's newest CD

The whirling, whooshing, clicking sounds of rides at a county fair created a beat for Jim Akans of the band Storm Front. The sounds of passers-by enjoying cotton candy and games was like poetry.

"See ya at the county fair," Akans heard a worker say.

For musicians, the sound of music is everywhere.

The rhythm of the rides and the words of the worker inspired Storm Front to write a song titled *County Fair* on its interesting new album, *Change in the Weather*, released just last week.

The metro Detroit band has been playing rock with sultry blues tones since 1998. *Change in the Weather* may be its best.

The combination of Tammi Harris' sultry voice mixed with an interesting mix of instruments like the mandolin played by Akans, violin played by Harris, guitar played by Bob Barden, percussion by Rick Berg and bass by Rick Graustein is smooth and rhythmic.

Vocalist Harris refreshingly breaks from today's typical female vocalists, who tend to sound more like teenage girls than women.

Harris' singing is strong and passionate, not whiny and sheepish.

The band's tight sound is a reflection of Storm Front's maturity and friendship. They play well together. Listen closely and you'll hear some of the band's influences: Tom Petty, Liz Phair, Bonnie Raitt, Ricky Lee Jones and the Beatles.

The music isn't heavy rock; rather, it's catchy harmonies and melodic acoustics that pleasantly stay in your head all day long. *Change in the Weather* features a Dan Fogerty cover, *Run Thru the Jungle* and Wayne Carson's *The Letter*. The rest is original Storm Front.

The song *County Fair* is surreal. In it, the band samples chants of kids asking for pony rides and the sounds of carnival workers luring in crowds.

It evokes images of a creepy David Lynch carnival.

The following track, *Woke up Hungover Again*, lightens the tone with a twangy acoustic ditty in which Akans sings the woes of drinking too much liquor.

The CD contains many mood changes, and, since Akans and Harris both sing lead vocals, a mix of male and female energy. Akans sings on *Fallen Angel* with a definite sadness.

Wrong Side of Midnight is pure sexy blues with a grooving harmonica, steady

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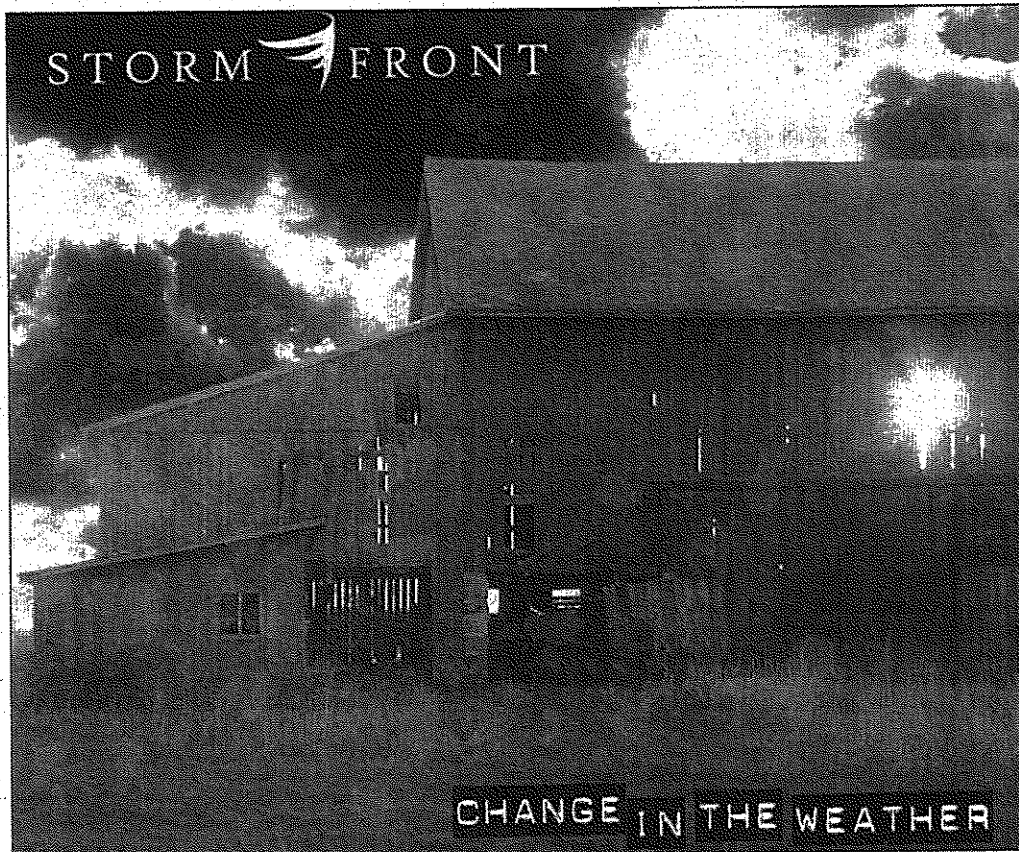
CD: Storm Front's new CD, 'Change in the Weather' will be available soon at www.ama-zon.com and Borders Books & Music.

percussion and Harris crooning her beautiful voice.

"When I write a song, I'm constantly thinking of how (Harris) might want to sing it," Akans said. "I don't just write a song for myself."

For the next few months, Storm Front will play at metro Detroit nightclubs. After that, the band goes back into the studio.

"We have a steady audience here," Akans said. "We like playing live in Detroit, it's our home."



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HARVEST/HALLOWEEN/FAMILY

Farmington Community Band

Presents Spooktacular XVIII, a special Halloween concert just for kids, is at 3 p.m. Saturday at Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, north side of 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt. No charge, www.fcbmusic.org or (734) 261-2202.

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 Sunday. Farm market, tours, hayride, pick-your-own pumpkins, cider and 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, sit around the bonfire with family and friends. Cost \$7 per person. Call (248) 628-1611, www.uplandhillsfarm.com

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Family Harvest Festival - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 11025 S. Jackson Road, 1/2 mile north of US-12 in Somerset Center. 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

Horns and Howls 3

Motor City Brass Band concert 3 p.m. Sunday at 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.

Halloween Party

Games, prizes, costume contest at 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28, at Childtime, 2720 Oakley Park, Commerce, (248) 669-7448.

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Detroit Historical Museum

"Treats in the Streets" 2-4 p.m. Sunday in the Detroit Historical Museum's Streets of Old Detroit exhibit. No charge for children dressed in a costume and members of the Detroit Historical Society. In addition, there will be treats, a chance to decorate your own Halloween bag and "Cleary's Clearly Amazing Magic Show" every half hour, 5401 Woodward Ave. (corner of Kirby) in Detroit's Cultural Center area, museum 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.

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Hayride with storytelling 7:30 p.m. (arrive 7:15 p.m.) every Friday-Saturday in October, with the exception of Oct. 31. Hayride to a moonlit stage set in the woods, a fire burns nearby. Onstage, award-winning storyteller Debra Christian tells family-oriented stories with guest appearances by other storytellers. The evening concludes with a hayride back to the barn where fresh cider and doughnuts await, \$12 for ages 13 to adult, \$7 ages 5-12, \$3 children under 5, (734) 451-1128 for reservations and information. 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. 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., \$5 per person for ages 2 and up, (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com. For more information call (248) 541-5838 or visit www.detroitzoo.org. The zoo is at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue in Royal Oak.

Meadow Brook Hall

Fifteen Halloween activity stations, games and treats, 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, cost is \$5 per child, campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills, (248) 370-3140, www.meadowbrookhall.org

Livonia Mall

October Frights and Delights, Saturday: arts and crafts 1-3 p.m., costume contest, 12:30 p.m., trick or treating 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Seven Mile Road at Middlebelt, Livonia, (248) 476-1160.

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Crypt of Carnage

Bailey Recreation Center parking lot, 36651 Ford Road, between Central City Parkway and Newburgh, 7-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 7 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday to Nov. 1, \$8 for ages 13 years and older, kids 12 and younger pay \$6, (734) 502-3914. Friendly Monster Night, 6 and 7 p.m. Sunday-Monday.

Realm of Darkness

79 S. Glenwood, Pontiac, 7-11 p.m. today through Friday, Oct. 31, and Saturday, Nov. 1, \$17 adults, \$10 children, (248) 338-0029 or www.therealmofdarkness.com

Hauntfest

Meadow Brook Music Festival grounds, Oakland University, Rochester Hills, 7 p.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 24-25; Oct. 31 and Nov. 1; 7-11 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, 7-11 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, and 7 p.m. to midnight, Thursday, Oct. 30, \$13



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Slaughter House

Presented by the Redford Jaycees, 15534 Beech Daly, Redford, Thursday-Sunday until Nov. 1, 7-10 p.m. Thursday; 8 p.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday; 7-11 p.m. Sunday 7-10 p.m., \$10 adults, \$7 for kids under 10. Not recommended for young children, www.refordjaycees.org. **Reaper's Dungeon**

At Wonderland Mall, Plymouth Road at Middlebelt, Livonia, Thursday, Oct. 23, to Friday, Oct. 31, weekdays 7:30-10 p.m.; weekends 7:30 p.m. to midnight, \$9 adults, \$6 kids, (734) 522-4100.

Slaughtered at Sundown

Hayride at 71800 Romeo Plank Road, 1.2 miles north of 32 Mile Road, open weekends through Friday, Nov. 1. Begins at 7 p.m. and continues until "all are dead," \$12 adults, \$10 kids 10 and under, (586) 752-7669.

Trilogy of Terror

Three shows, one price includes Revenge of the Forest, Nightmare Hayride and Ghost Manor at Bloomer Park on John R, two blocks north of Avon Road, Rochester Hills. Open every night through Saturday, Nov. 1. Weeknights dusk to 10:30 p.m., weekends dusk to midnight, \$15.50 adults, \$12.50 kids 6-12, www.trilogyterror.com

PROFESSIONAL THEATER

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.jettheatre.org

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.

Michigan Opera Theatre

Giuseppe Verdi's *A Masked Ball* through Sunday, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, \$23-110, (313) 237-SING or TicketMaster at (248) 645-6666, www.MichiganOpera.org.

UMS

Boris Godunov by Alexander Pushkin 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, Oct. 29 to Nov. 1; 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 1-2; U-M Sports Coliseum, corner of Fifth and Hill, Ann Arbor, \$35 (Wednesday & Saturday), \$40 general admission all other performances, (734) 764-2538, www.ums.org

COMMUNITY THEATER

Schoolcraft College

Dracula at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just east of I-275. 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. The dinner theater 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, call (734) 462-4596

St. Dunstan's

Theatre Guild of Cranbrook presents its season opener, *Les Liaisons Dangereuses* by Christopher Hampton, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 24-25, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1; Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 6-8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, 400 Lone Pine Road between Cranbrook and Lahser roads, Bloomfield Hills, \$13 adults, \$11 students/seniors, (248) 644-0527 or www.StDunstansTheatre.com. On opening night, Friday, Oct. 24, St. Dunstan's offers a dinner/theatre package with the Ocean Grille in Birmingham. The cost \$50 per person includes a choice of entrée, selections at the Ocean Grille, a ticket to that evening's performance, and tax-deductible donation to St. Dunstan's. For more information or reservations, call Paul or Jamie at (248) 645-5936.

Bloomfield Players

You Can't Take It With You 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 24-25; Oct. 31 and Nov. 1; 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26 & Nov. 2, Barnes & Noble Theater, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, \$10, (248) 737-9039.

Trinity House Theatre

Hospitality Suite by Roger Reuff, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 24-25, Oct. 31 & Nov. 1, Nov. 7-8, Nov. 14-15; 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, Nov. 2, Nov. 9 and Nov. 16, \$12, \$9 for



Linda Piccoli plays Patsy Cline in 'Always Patsy Cline,' an off-Broadway musical featuring over 20 of Cline's songs, presented Friday, Oct. 24, at Bay Pointe Golf Club, 4001 Haggerty Road, West Bloomfield. Dinner served 6:30 p.m. show follows. Tickets \$35 per person, call (248) 541-1763 for information/reservations.

theater members, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 464-6302.

Rosedale Community Players

Escanaba in Da Moonlight, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 24-25, Oct. 31 & Nov. 1, Nov. 7-8; 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River, Detroit, \$12, (313) 532-4010.

Stagecrafters

Bat Boy: The Musical, through Nov. 1, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 541-6430, www.stagecrafters.org

Quirk Theatre

Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, *An Italian Straw Hat*, classic French farce, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 23-25, (734) 487-1221.

Dearborn Heights Civic

Rubies by Billy St. John 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 24-25, Berwyn Center, 26155 Richardson, \$9 adults, \$7 students/seniors, (313) 561-1275.

Oakland Theatre Guild

The Wizard of Oz presented by the Oakland Theatre Guild at the Starlight Theatre in Summit Place Mall, 315 N. Telegraph at Elizabeth Lake Road, Waterford. Performances 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24-26. Tickets \$14 adults, \$12 seniors, children under 12, call (248) 335-1788, www.starlighttheater.net.

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.

CLASSICAL

DSO

A Hero's Life, Yefim Bronfman, piano, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, works by Tamberg, Rachmaninoff, R. Strauss, The Max, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 576-5111, www.detroitssymphony.org

UMS

Vadim Repin, violin; Alexander Korsantia, piano, 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor, works by Mozart, Prokofiev, Ysaye and R. Strauss, \$18 to \$34, (734) 764-2538, www.ums.org

Birmingham-First Chamber Choir

At First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25; at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, freewill offering, (248) 644-2040.

FOLK

Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver

Blue Grass, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, Jones Johnson Theater, Oakland Community College, 739 S. Washington, corner of Lincoln, Royal Oak, \$15, (248) 246-2625 or (248) 246-2627.

Barbershop Quartet

Rochester Chapter Heart of the Hills Singers, A Little Trav'lin Music, 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, Rochester High School, Livernois at Walton, Rochester, \$12 (matinee), \$14 or

\$18 (reserved) evening show, (248) 853-2284.

JAZZ/BLUES

Ron's Fireside Inn

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.

Mitch Housey's

Billy Rose 7:30-11 p.m. Thursday and Saturday, Larry Nozero 4-8 p.m. Sunday; Benny & the Jets Halloween night, 28500 Schoolcraft, Livonia, (734) 425-5520.

Battle of the Blues Contest

At Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., downtown Royal Oak, 8 p.m. to midnight, Sunday, Oct. 26 and Nov. 9, final showdown Sunday, Nov. 23. For schedules, performers and more information, call (866) 464-2947.

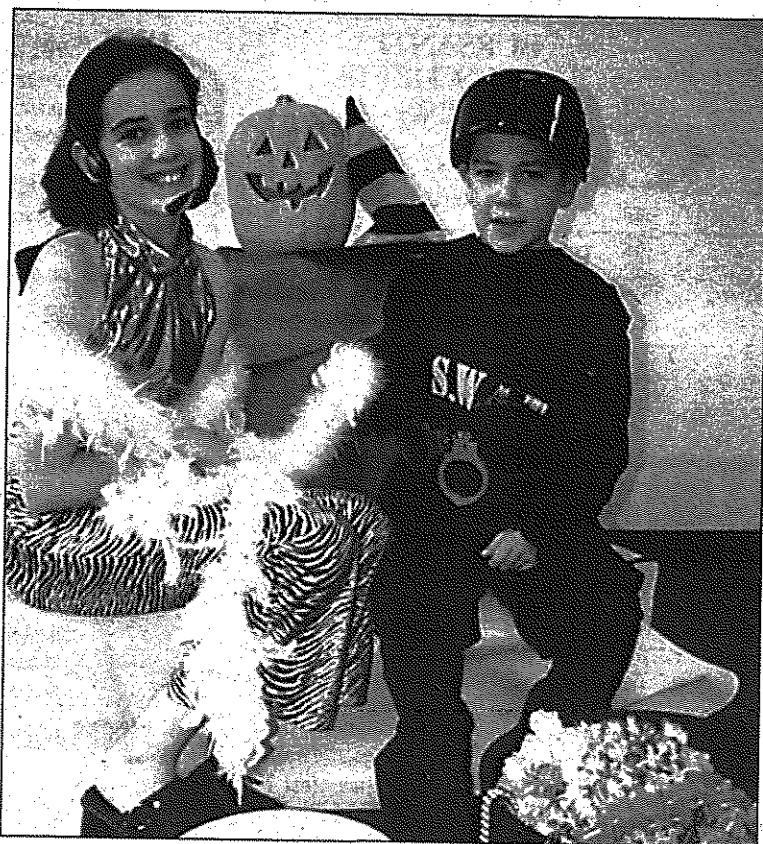
Paul Keller Ensemble

Halloween Jazz Spook-tacular and Costume Ball Friday, Oct. 31, Firefly Club, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor, (734) 665-9090, www.fireflyclub.com. Benny Goodman Tribute concert featuring Paul Keller and his 17-piece orchestra, and Jim Wyse as Benny Goodman, 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, Clawson/Troy Elks Club, 1451 E. Big Beaver, Troy, \$15, (248) 476-2674.

COMEDY

Joey's Comedy Club

Joey's Comedy Club of Dearborn (5070 Schaefer) will host Chas Elstner, Oct. 23-26, and Ruben Ruben, Oct. 30-31, Nov. 2; Call (313) 584-8885.



Rebecca Seguin and her brother, Noah, of Troy are ready for Fountain Walk's 'Halloween at the Fountain,' 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25. The event will feature trick-or-treating, visits from cartoon characters, and more. Fountain Walk is at I-96 and Novi Road, call (248) 348-8762 for more information. No charge.

Joey's of Livonia

Vince Morris and Gary George, Oct. 22-25, 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

D.C. Malone, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 23-25; 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 24-25, tickets \$8 (Thursday) and \$11 (Friday-Saturday) at the door; discount for tickets purchased in advance, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 996-9080.

Crystal Lounge

Jimmy Rascal, Sunday, Oct. 26, 8701 Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights, dinner and show options available, (313) 274-9645.

GALLERY RECEPTIONS

Lemberg Gallery

Beverly Fishman, *From Here to There*, reception 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25; gallery talk and book signing, 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, show continues to Nov. 22, 23241 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 591-6623, www.lemberrggallery.com

Revolution

John Gains, *Consuming the American Landscape*, and Robert Turner, *Shaping Silence*, reception/book signing 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, 23257 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 541-3444, lecture 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, Cranbrook Art Museum.

Community Arts Gallery

Wayne State University, Jeffrey Abt: New Work, opening reception 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, continues to Dec. 6, (313) 577-2423, www.art.wayne.edu

CLUBS/BARS

Bullfrong Bar and Grill

Ocktober Fest, Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 23-26, four days of celebration, 20 bands, four day pass \$15 or \$6 at the door; Halloween Bash, costume party, Friday, Oct. 31, 15414 Telegraph, Redford, (313) 533-4477.

John Cowley & Sons

Joy Sparks & Chris Brantley, modern acoustic, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23; The Killer Flamingos, dance rock, 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24; The Attic, dance rock, 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, 33338 Grand River, Farmington, (248) 474-5941.

Silky's Martini & Musical Cafe

Warren Commission, jazz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 23; KGB (Motown) 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Oct. 24, Desire (Motown), 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, 21931 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, \$5 cover weekends after 8:30 p.m., (313) 565-6278.

Edison's

John D. Lamb, guitar/bass/drums trio 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, The Brothers Groove, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 24-25, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, (248) 645-2150.

Wood-Ruff's Supper Club

Blue Cat, acoustic trio, 8:30 p.m. to midnight Friday, Oct. 23; Bob Mervak 6-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 24-25; Bob Mervak Quartet 9:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24; Vanessa Johnson 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, 212 W. Sixth St., Royal Oak, (248) 586-1519, www.wood-ruffs.com

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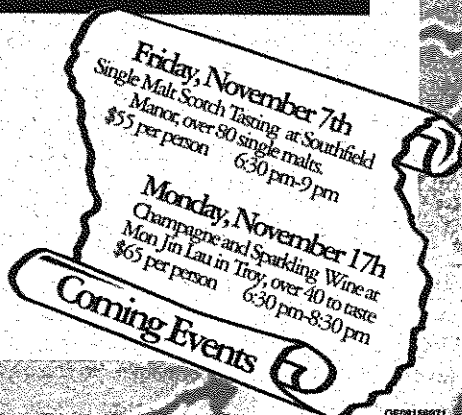
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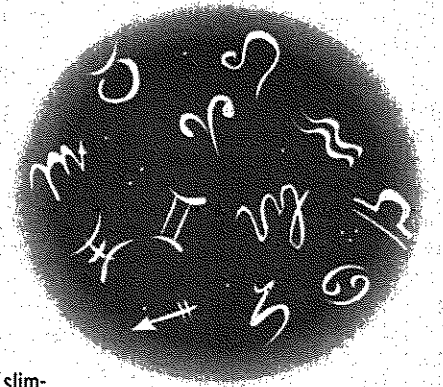


Horoscope



Star Struck

By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

There are some heavy areas which need slimming, skimming and streamlining in your life now - I'm not talking "waistlines." How you earn, spend and save moolah must be put under a microscope and a realistic budget developed. Make financial allies, not enemies.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

If you had spent a little more time examining and enjoying the grass on your side of the fence lately, you'd realize it's just as green as your neighbor's - simply a different shade. Your current restlessness has more to do with attitude and envy than reality.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Your life has seldom been crazier, eh? A number of important developments have taken place, and now you must decide what should be changed today in order to make tomorrow a more exciting proposition. Stick with the tried-and-true, and enjoy the ride.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Don't worry about falling-outs with partners and colleagues this week because a feud is inevitable. Worry instead about giving the impression that you're too easygoing or too easily manipulated. Every now and then, remind others that you can bite as well as bark.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Certain individuals appear to be up to their old tricks and giving you a hard time, right? No matter how cutting their remarks or what games others play, under no circumstances must you give way over financial issues. Fight for what you own, and for what you believe.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Even if you hate to say you're sorry, you'll find it easy to beg for forgiveness now. Planets predict that you're worryin' a bit about what to apologize for! Don't let others play on your feelings of guilt. You know your stuff. Make astro-amends and move on!

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Certain people are too willing to take advantage of your overdeveloped sense of cooperation and duty, but now it's time to pull up your emotional drawbridge for the sake of your own happiness. The less pressure you're under, the more you'll be able to achieve.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

The moment has come to make everyone aware that you have had enough of idle promises and that you demand guarantees or assurances. Even if the atmosphere becomes tense or dense, on no account should you back down or modify your statements. Think and be "big!"

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

The moment has come to accept the fact that things will only go from bad to worse if you continue to defy the winds of change. Don't overreact - it's not the end of the world! No matter how disillusioned you feel, the stellar solution to current hassles is to live and let live.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Do you believe in mind over matter? You'd better, because what takes place over the next few days will require as much mental stamina as physical stamina. No matter how difficult the task, you can overcome it, but only if you put brains before brawn.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

It's time for Water-Bearers to put aside romantic and emotional doubts - now! You are not only knowledgeable, talented and as charming as anyone - you are also in a positive position to prove it once and for all. Tell yourself anything is possible and you'll find that it is.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Recently, it may have felt that you've been the only one making concessions or compromises concerning finances and family. It's time now to discard all that is false or restricting and begin laying the foundation for a much happier life. Start now, Fish. Swim forward!

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.

Pure Picks

Album

Diehard fans of twee indie mainstays **Belle and Sebastian** may be wary of the group's latest release *Dear Catastrophe Waitress*.

Isobel Campbell ("Belle") has left, they switched from indie label Jeepster for the greener pastures of bigger label Rough Trade, and the group's last effort, a soundtrack for 2002's *Storytelling* was disappointing at best. But when you hear the opening horse-trotting drums of the first track, *Step into My Office, Baby*, kick into the spongy guitar, you'll forget all that.

Founder Stuart Murdoch has always had a gift for turning the mundane details of life into a beautiful poetry of music with a nostalgic edge. This record is no exception. All the typical grade school characters are here. But fans of early Belle and Sebastian may not like this album, as it tends to channel more *Legal Man* than *Tigermilk*. And though the record tends to dip in and out, it is still better than 90 percent of music released this year.

Belle and Sebastian will play Nov. 7 at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave. in Detroit. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$26 and can be purchased through Ticketmaster. The album is available now at local record stores.



Comedian

Former SNL cast member and recent MTV Music Video Award host **Chris Rock** is ha ha funny.

One of America's most intelligent, politically biting and hilarious comedians will bring his "Black Ambition Tour" to Fox Theatre at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29. Tickets are \$39.50 to \$59.50 and are available through <http://www.ticketmaster.com>. Fox Theatre Detroit is located at 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. For more on Chris Rock, check out <http://www.chrisrock.com>.

Eat

Have a hankering for pierogies? Head over to **Christine's Cuisine**, 749 E. Nine Mile in Ferndale.

The onion and potato pierogies, drenched in gravy and made to order in individual or group portions, are quite simply perfect.

The menu also includes beef burgundy, stroganoff, smoked sausage, kraut, sandwiches, burritos, Mexican fare, pasta and vegetarian entrees. The diner offers lunch, dinner, carry-out and delivery, and entrees are priced moderately low.

For more information, call (248) 584-3354.



Local band

The Detroit Cobras head to Ann Arbor this weekend. The retro rockers will head to the land of Iggy when they play Friday at the Blind Pig. The Avatars and 25 Sauves will open. Doors open at 9:30 p.m. Cover is \$8.18 and up with ID.

Web site

I have always been jealous of friends from San Francisco, New York and Boston who have access to **Craigslist** – but not anymore. Detroit finally has its own Web site (detroit.craigslist.org). The popular online community provides a place to post helped wanted, housing, for sale and personals ads, as well as community events.

But the best part is a "rants and raves" section, where people tend to post tongue-in-cheek rants about their city, their ex-girlfriend, or their roommate who left the dishes in the sink for three weeks. Because the Detroit Craigslist is young, there isn't much here yet.

Until it is built up, head over to the "Best Of Craigslist" (linked from the site) for some hilarious gems.

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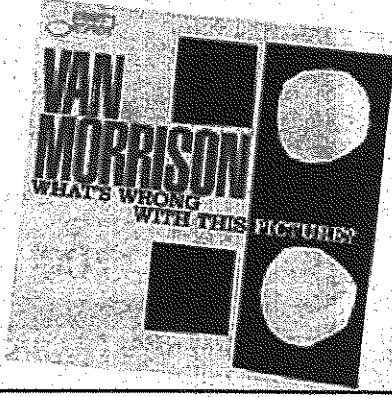


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Pure Picks is written by Stephanie Tardy. Is there something you want considered? To submit information on local entertainment or other ideas to be featured in this space, e-mail her at stardy@oe.homecomm.net.

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Tank of gas

Ghostly past adds to resort's charm

While haunted houses and corn mazes appear at this time of year to cater to the Halloween-loving crowd, Punderson Manor Resort in northeast Ohio's Punderson State Park can claim a legacy of ghost stories that predates those manufactured attractions.

A park ranger whose job was to make rounds through the building said he heard a woman's loud laughter as he climbed a circular staircase from the resort's main lobby to the second floor. At the same time, the hallway turned unusually cold. "For a second, it engulfed us," he reported. "Then it quickly went down the hallway and stopped. Once the laughter stopped, the hallway returned to its normal warmth."

A restaurant hostess dozing on a sofa in the employee lounge said she was awakened by the sounds of children laughing and running around the sofa. Of course, there were no children to be found in the room.

Frequently, guests call down to the front desk to report loud noises in rooms next to theirs. Usually those rooms are unoccupied. One man asked the front desk to quiet the party going on above him. His room was on the top floor.

Some historians believe Detroit millionaire Karl Long built the 29-room, 14-bath

IF YOU GO

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Where: Punderson State Park, Ohio, 50 minutes southeast of Cleveland

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structure to appease his wife, who was not fond of Detroit. Others say he commissioned the house merely because he desired a place to get away from the pre-Depression-era demands of his business.

Long never completed his home; he lost his fortune in the Depression. The property reverted back to the original owners, the W.B. Cleveland family, and eventually

ended up in the hands of the state of Ohio. The state designated the 1,000-acre area surrounding Punderson Lake, including the boarded-up mansion, as an Ohio State Park in 1948.

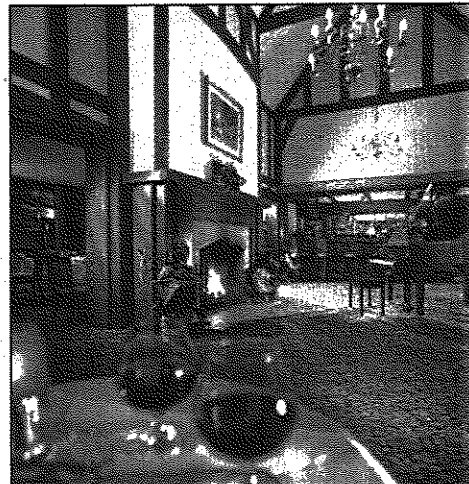
FIRST SETTLERS

The land that is now the State Park was first settled by Lemuel Punderson and his wife, Sybal, in 1802. Punderson operated a grist mill and distillery. He and his wife are buried side by side at the southern tip of the lake. When Punderson died, his heirs sold the property to W.B. Cleveland. The acreage was eventually passed on to a son-in-law, Dr. Coopedge, who sold it to Karl Long in 1929.

The state completed construction of the mansion in 1956 and opened it to guests for lodging and dining. Later, a wing with additional guest rooms was built, and 26 two-bedroom cabins. By the 1970s, the rambling resort had become a popular destination.

In the late 1970s resort employees, guests and other visitors began to report strange occurrences, some merely annoying and others downright terrifying.

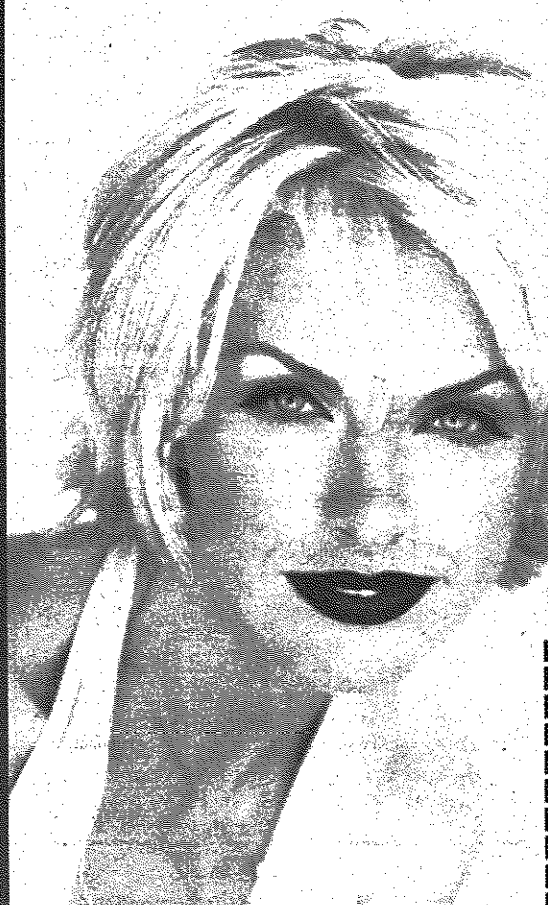
Countless investigations into these strange sightings have revealed few clues.



Getaway to Punderson Manor, a historic English Tudor Style mansion featuring 31 guest rooms.

There is no record of any deaths in the mansion but research continues.

Before the investigator left, the elderly historian invited him to view the Historical Society's museum. "We have a lot of things in there of historical value," he explained to the investigator. "Our prize possession is Sybal Hickox's rocking chair. After she married Lemuel Punderson, they brought it all the way here by wagon from Connecticut. That same rocking chair was eventually inherited by W.B. Cleveland. Some say Cleveland is still rumbling through Punderson Manor looking for that rocking chair. It has never been returned."



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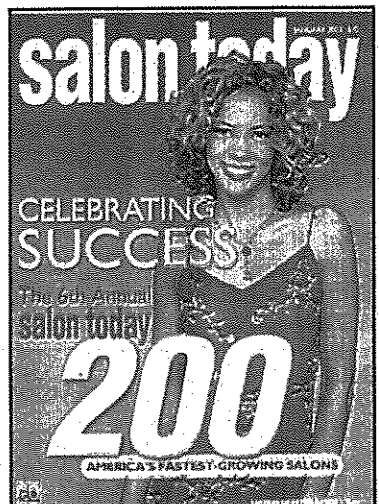
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The 2003-04 season marks its next evolution as it announces its season-opening concert as the Oakland Symphony, a regional orchestra now in closer partnership with Oakland University through its College of Arts and Sciences and Department of Music, Theatre and Dance.

Oakland Symphony's 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.

Pann's fast-paced and highly descriptive *Slalom*, begins the program followed by two pieces extracted from Wagner's epic *Ring Cycle: The Ride of the Valkyries* and *Siegfried's Funeral Music*. Holst's masterwork, *The Planets*, concludes the program.

Gregory Cunningham begins his seventh year as music director of the orchestra. Cunningham is a member of the music faculty at Oakland University and a frequent guest conductor and clinician of orchestras and bands throughout the United States.

Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$8 students and seniors available at the door, or call (248) 370-3013.

BBSO

Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra opens its 29th season 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, at Temple Beth El, 14 Mile Road at Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills, under the batons of Felix Resnick, music director & conductor, and Charles Greenwell, pops conductor. Tickets are \$25, no charge for children accompanied by an adult. Season tickets are also available, call (248) 645-2276 or visit www.bbso.org for more information.

Titled *Premiers and Prodigies*, the program features Schubert's *Symphony No. 5 in B-flat Major*; Beethoven's *Symphony No. 2 in D-Major*, and *Tchaikovsky's Serenade for Strings*. The BBSO will also present violinist Zachary Huang, the orchestra's 2003-04 Instrumental Young Artist Winner performing *Introduction & Rondo Capriccioso* by Saint-Saens.

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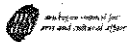
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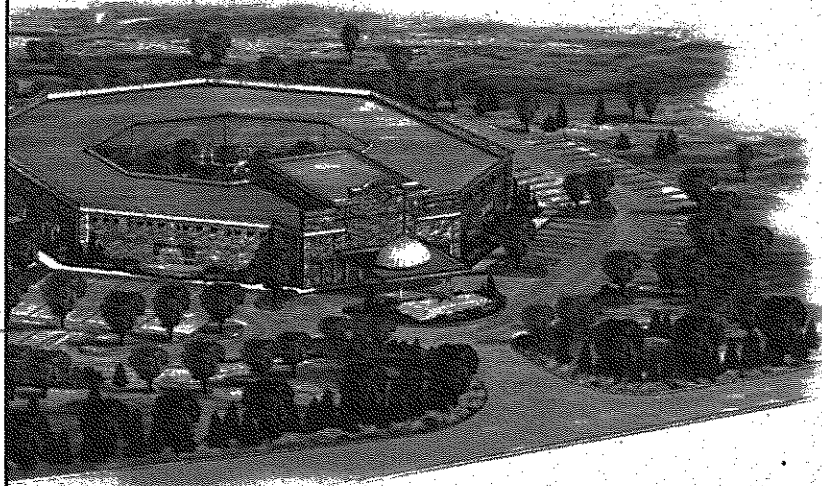
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Real Estate Inquires

Robert M. Meisner

Don't serve drinks at meetings

I am on the board of our homeowners association and the board president is very cordial at our board meeting, serving us wine and beer. While I am not a puritan, I am wondering whether this is a good idea.

While one glass of wine might sound harmless, it can potentially cause trouble if there is ever a lawsuit about decisions reached by the board at the meeting. If a dispute between members and a board over a board decision results in a lawsuit, the court normally shows great difference to the board's decision because of what's called the "business judgment rule." The business judgment rule says that as long as the board's decision was not prohibited by the governing documents or made for some improper reason, such as the board member's personal gain, the court won't second-guess it. But if board members have been drinking while they made the decision, their judgment could be said to have been impaired.

We live in an adult community that has been certified as such by HUD. However, one of the residents has a disabled son and they wish him to move in. Do we have any basis to stop him from doing so under the age restriction.

While each case must rest on its own facts and circumstances, it would appear to me that given the circumstances, it would be a violation of the Fair Housing Act based on age discrimination if you were to preclude the son from moving in even though he is not over the age of 55. In a similar case out of Arizona, the court noted that each case dealing with reasonable accommodations must address individual needs and respond to individual situations. It found in similar facts that the Fair Housing Laws in Arizona and the United States had been violated.

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.

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Waquad named Michigan Realtor of the Year

Bloomfield Hills Realtor Furhad Waquad has been named the 2003 Realtor of the Year by the Michigan Association of Realtors.

This award represents the highest statewide award given annually to one Realtor who best exemplifies the professionalism and community spirit of the real estate profession at the local and state levels.

Waquad became eligible for the statewide honor after being recognized as Realtor of the Year on the local level through the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors, Michigan's largest local Realtor association.

Perusing his achievements, it's not hard to see why his peers selected Waquad. He's a founding member of the Southeast Michigan Coalition for Fair Housing, serves on MCAR's Professional Standards committee, is a member of MCAR's Board of Directors and the NAR Federal Contact Team for U.S. Rep. Candice Miller and the NAR Federal Contact Team for U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg.

Waquad hosted a live radio call-in show about real estate and holds the CRS, GRI, ABR and CIPS designations, among others. In 2002 Waquad was appointed to the Michigan Commission on Asia in the Schools by Gov. John Engler.

Last year, Waquad's efforts in the real estate community netted him the statewide Realtor Active in Politics award. But despite his accomplishments, Waquad remains



Bloomfield Hills Realtor Furhad Waquad was recently named 2003 Realtor of the Year.

humble and gracious.

"I am speechless," he said regarding the award. "Knowing that I have received this recognition from my peers is really humbling. Especially knowing how many Realtors are qualified for such an honor. It is something that I will remember and cherish for the rest of my life."

"MCAR is a better organization for the involvement of people like Furhad," MCAR President Gary Arini said. "He is always in the mix in terms of representing the association and helping the association grow."

A variety of factors influence

whether or not a Realtor merits recognition as Realtor of the Year. They include level of activity in civic affairs, local associations, state associations and NAR, as well as business and educational experience.

New this year was a category called Realtor Spirit, which takes into account professional competence and faithfulness to the principles of real estate as well as to the laws and regulations of MAR and NAR's Code of Ethics.

For his part, Waquad — a Realtor for Bloomfield Hills' Real Estate One — said the spirit within him has been stirred.

"It recharges me," he said of the recognition. "It makes me want to do even more."

The award was presented at the MAR annual convention at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa in Traverse City.

The Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors is a 6,000-member trade association which protects the rights of private property owners while serving as the primary resource for Realtors in Macomb and Oakland counties. MCAR members adhere to a strict code of ethics, established by the National Association of Realtors.

Guardians of American Dream fight discrimination

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

More than two centuries after our nation's declarations of fairness to all, the Great American Dream still requires constant guarding.

Your hopes of homeownership are continually being protected by determined members of the community who hate hatred and will not tolerate intolerance.

Although you might wish to believe that such vigilance shouldn't be necessary, it appears that there still are home sellers out there who'd like to keep the keys out of certain persons' hands.

"I think it's about fear," said Lynn Kacy, one of the volunteer guardians of the dream. Kacy is a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer in Clarkston.

"Fear of the unknown," she said. "Or the unfamiliar."

Or the different. How might a home seller see you as different?

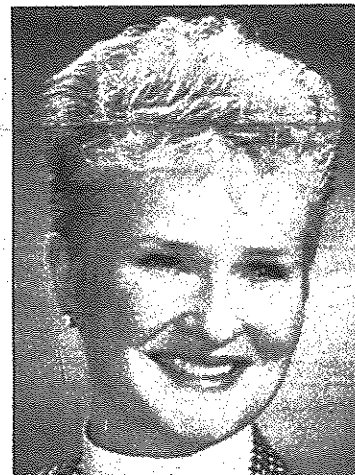
Could it be your race? Your religion? Your sex? Your national origin? Your color? Your disability? Your family status? Your marital status? Your age?

None of this is tolerable in Michigan, where these nine points are the basis of fair housing laws. (The first seven are federal rules, the last two are state.)

WE ALL LOSE

When anyone is denied a chance at the dream, Kacy said, we all lose.

"We lose the richness of the



Kacy

cultures that can contribute" to our society, she said.

We all lose, she said, "When people close their minds to the uniqueness of others."

David Reed is a mortgage loan officer. Like Kacy, he's seen the damage that can be done to someone considered to be "different."

Now with Interactive Financial Corp., of Southfield, Reed recalled a case at a company he'd worked for years ago.

"I got a young couple approved for a mortgage" at a good interest rate and down payment. But Reed said he left the company before the deal was closed. When he next heard from the couple, they said the interest rate had been doubled and the down payment tripled.

His work in fair housing efforts, Reed said, is focused on holding lending institutions responsible. "I've become an expert witness. I truly believe it's the American Dream" and everyone's entitled to it.



Reed

For their work, Kacy and Reed recently were honored with the Fair Housing Leadership Awards given annually by the Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit.

Gary Torgow, chairman of the Sterling Group, a Detroit real estate company, also received this year's award. Torgow is chairman of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission.

HONORED

According to Cliff Schrupp, FHC executive director, Kacy was cited for "her unceasing efforts to promote respect for fair housing laws," and Reed "for knowing how the lending process should function for

the borrower and recognizing when that process is operating unfairly."

Kacy, Reed and Torgow have long been active in numerous fair housing programs run by various real estate and financial groups.

FHC, which does not have investigative authority, relies on "testers" who approach a home seller to try to establish the credibility of a complaint, Schrupp said.

He reported a recent case of an African American/Native American couple who "attempted to purchase a home in Redford and claimed they were given terms less desirable than those being offered to white couples."

But racial discrimination, Schrupp said, is not the primary complaint FHC receives; any of the other fair housing elements can come up at any time. Based on comments by Schrupp it might be possible that a 60-year-old, brown-skinned, foreign-born, divorced mother in a wheelchair might be a bigot's ideal target.

But Kacy and Reed and the other guardians are watching.

Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

New builds are the 'New Deal'

As with everything in nature and business, the mortgage business ebbs and flows as it is so influenced by other forces. Thus, it's no surprise that the record refinance boom of which most of the nation's homeowners took advantage in the past couple of years is receding.

Many say that the current refinance window will remain open until after next year's elections. That may be true, but with every incremental improvement in the economy, another door — the new construction door — opens even further. As our economy revs back up, so too will the entire real estate market, especially the new construction business.

If you have been dreaming about buying a newly built home, right now may be the time to chat with your mortgage loan officer about the financing choice that's best for your situation.

Ideally, new construction buyers are able to time things so that they can close on their new home at the same time they sell their current home, or when their existing lease expires. Because life is not always that easy, lenders and builders offer other solutions.

END LOAN

In some cases, builders fund their own projects, and sell the completed product. In these cases, buyers simply need an "end loan" which is not much different than the mortgage you would use for any other purchase.

If the builder wants you to help with the construction costs, you can either use the equity in your current home, if you have any, or you can use a construction loan. Such loans may be funded either by the builder or by a traditional mortgage lender. The terms of your construction loan can vary greatly from lender to lender, so shop around or use a trusted mortgage broker.

If you do not have a home, or you do not have any equity in your home, it is still possible to put together a mortgage — or a combination of mortgages — to get your into your new construction. However, such financing is unique to each borrower's situation, and requires a little more special attention from your mortgage loan officer.

Timothy J. Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. You may reach him toll-free at (866) 369-4516, or via www.HomeQuarters.BIZ. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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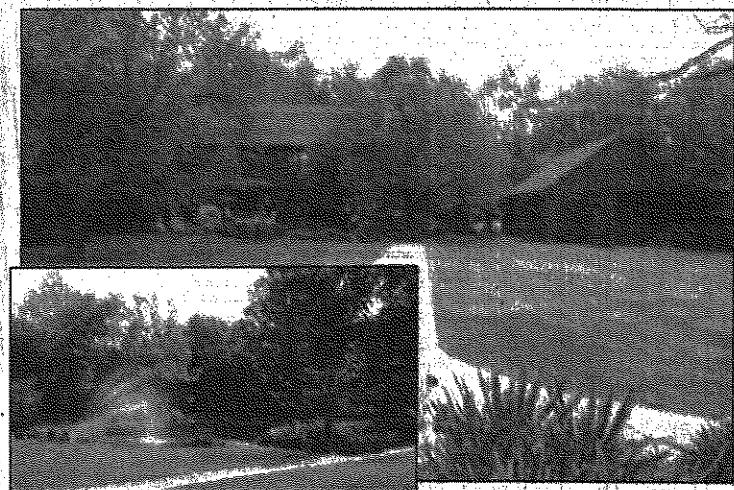
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Canton			Redford		
43607 Abbey Woods	\$300,000	34237 Coventry	\$133,000	45615 Woodleigh Way	\$300,000
3598 Aspen	\$317,000	17328 Cross Winds	\$175,000		
8530 Brewster	\$431,000	17111 Dolores	\$285,000	11426 Appleton	\$122,000
552 Buckingham	\$200,000	30958 Dorais	\$135,000	12955 Centralia	\$135,000
7604 Charrington	\$232,000	39097 Dover	\$260,000	15550 Centralia	\$120,000
44237 Cherbourg	\$182,000	34695 Five Mile	\$203,000	26414 Clarita	\$142,000
485 Cherry Orchard	\$221,000	9921 Garvett	\$334,000	9618 Fenton	\$115,000
536 Cherry Orchard	\$218,000	28655 Grandon	\$157,000	17446 Fox	\$143,000
7486 Chesterfield	\$380,000	29736 Greenland	\$182,000	18530 Fox	\$97,000
7070 Clampton	\$200,000	8948 Hartel	\$190,000	19973 Fox	\$116,000
2065 Cobra	\$300,000	34000 Hathaway	\$280,000	19999 Garfield	\$103,000
2829 Denton	\$220,000	11300 Hubbard	\$154,000	20481 Gaylord	\$127,000
41771 Echo Forest	\$335,000	15467 Knolston	\$175,000	26521 Glendale	\$147,000
47608 Glengarry	\$395,000	34047 La Moine	\$257,000	16292 Inkster	\$220,000
41935 Greenwood	\$255,000	32744 Lyndon	\$148,000	25478 Ivanhoe	\$120,000
50174 Heron	\$615,000	20309 Maplewood	\$207,000	17301 Kinloch	\$87,000
1837 Knollwood	\$170,000	33425 Michele	\$225,000	8840 Lenore	\$129,000
42724 Lilley Pointe	\$129,000	29531 Minton	\$232,000	18449 Norborne	\$109,000
1446 Marlowe	\$159,000	33485 Norfolk	\$210,000	11640 Royal Grand	\$136,000
1885 Otter Pond	\$195,000	33829 Oakdale	\$195,000	11672 Royal Grand	\$151,000
6616 Paul Revere	\$192,000	35885 Orangelaan	\$167,000	9561 Sarasota	\$133,000
274 Scarlett	\$303,000	16695 Parklane	\$171,000	17171 Sumner	\$130,000
1801 Stonebridge Way	\$440,000	27723 Pembroke	\$154,000	11670 Virgil	\$120,000
3622 Times Square	\$225,000	15500 Penn	\$288,000	26934 W Davison	\$139,000
43419 W Arbor Way	\$132,000	19612 Pollyanna	\$240,000	15671 Wakenden	\$113,000
3415 Wall	\$263,000	16562 Ronnie	\$169,000	15488 Winston	\$66,000
1540 Walnut Ridge	\$247,000	20062 Saint Francis	\$232,000		
5734 Willow Creek	\$238,000	34608 Saint Martins	\$122,000	37317 Booth	\$154,000
2067 Woodbine	\$269,000	37225 Saint Martins	\$260,000	33406 Bordeaux	\$218,000
6764 Woodmere	\$255,000		\$286,000	2141 Buchanan	\$172,000
Garden City			Westland		
6064 Lathers	\$140,000	42164 Brentwood	\$245,000	1246 Dowling	\$153,000
6608 Lathers	\$128,000	42551 Clemons	\$108,000	35408 Farragut	\$150,000
29921 Leona	\$158,000	451 Irvin	\$340,000	36003 Florane	\$143,000
30730 Marquette	\$147,000	12333 Landers	\$150,000	7385 Hartel	\$150,000
32608 Pierce	\$45,000	11337 Maple Valley	\$168,000	34616 Hazelwood	\$125,000
6517 Whitby	\$43,000	40592 Newport	\$117,000	35560 Hazelwood	\$117,000
Livonia			Bloomfield Hills/Township		
33677 8 Mile	\$92,000	46346 Westbriar	\$125,000	1254 Atkinson	\$110,000
			\$130,000	4086 Cranbrook	\$535,000
			\$130,000	576 E Fox Hills	\$75,000
			\$107,000	4260 Echo	\$159,000
			\$144,000	421 Fox Hills	\$164,000
			\$159,000	55 Highland	\$90,000
			\$143,000	6038 Old Orchard	\$380,000
				3915 Orchard Hill	\$300,000
				4645 Pickering	\$355,000
				1978 Squirrel Valley	\$290,000
				100 W Hickory Grove	\$99,000
				3421 W Maple	\$234,000

HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY


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Auburn Hills			Farmington		
2063 Allerton	\$155,000	34821 Arundel	\$342,000	316 Charles	\$390,000
3875 Andover	\$70,000	21269 Birchwood	\$234,000	25800 Churchhill	\$192,000
3885 Arbor	\$235,000	22144 Cape Cod Way	\$144,000	591 Grace	\$200,000
304 Beverly	\$199,000	23212 Floral	\$153,000	1766 Kilburn	\$384,000
3914 Forester	\$236,000	2644 Greenspring	\$292,000	1234 Leticia	\$431,000
3995 Forester	\$204,000	23017 Hawthorne	\$153,000	3180 Longview	\$159,000
3032 Henrydale	\$127,000	39029 Lancaster	\$275,000	1556 Meadow Side	\$127,000
240 Jotham	\$222,000	32330 Lee	\$164,000	424 Oak	\$192,000
246 Jotham	\$219,000	24492 Martel	\$240,000	4223 Oak Tree	\$375,000
2675 Lake Angelus	\$1,900,000	20917 Ontaga	\$175,000	621 Oakbrook	\$155,000
200 N Lake Angelus	\$142,000	23200 Power	\$190,000	3630 Old Creek	\$223,000
Beverly Hills			Oakland Township		
16270 Buckingham	\$200,000	30795 Shiawassee	\$110,000	141 Sandalwood	\$233,000
31560 Eastlady	\$675,000	30150 Stockton	\$186,000	490 Orchard Ridge	\$389,000
26330 Normandy	\$585,000	29954 W II Mile	\$239,000	2239 Pondview	\$90,000
31700 Westlady	\$302,000	28420 W 8 Mile	\$68,000	607 S Newman	\$301,000
Birmingham			Farmington Hills		
1201 Cole	\$272,000	28013 Brookhill	\$219,000	833 Miller	\$210,000
1762 Graefield	\$150,000	32445 Chesterbrook	\$240,000	3221 Northfield	\$105,000
1355 Haynes	\$223,000	21313 Collingham	\$150,000	505 Springview	\$610,000
1726 Mansfield	\$215,000	29268 Fieldstone	\$350,000	514 W 3rd	\$163,000
475 N Eton	\$144,000	30317 Glenmuir	\$180,000	124 W 4th	\$750,000
662 Purdy	\$215,000	21689 Jefferson	\$183,000	1801 W Gunn	\$295,000
1275 S Eton	\$189,000	28882 Kendallwood	\$280,000	Rochester Hills	
522 Smith	\$210,000	39214 Kennedy	\$367,000	2955 Alexander	\$156,000
1588 Stanley	\$465,000	38373 Lana	\$355,000	1930 Allenway	\$150,000
1678 Taunton	\$228,000	23611 Larkshire	\$161,000	766 Apple Hill	\$380,000
1544 Webster	\$195,000	29632 Middlebell	\$136,000	3212 Avalon	\$163,000
111 Williams St Unit 52	\$2,561,000	576 E Fox Hills	\$195,000	2189 Belle Vernon	\$226,000
Bloomfield Hills/Township			Oxford		
1254 Atkinson	\$110,000	28323 Montpelier	\$290,000	1502 Charter Oak	\$140,000
4086 Cranbrook	\$535,000	21186 Parklane	\$320,000	1512 Charter Oak	\$135,000
576 E Fox Hills	\$75,000	31280 Misty Pines	\$195,000	1235 Concord	\$354,000
4260 Echo	\$159,000	28788 Ravenwood	\$236,000	2149 Crystal	\$214,000
421 Fox Hills	\$164,000	28347 Ridgebrook	\$229,000	3396 Tremonte	\$158,000
55 Highland	\$90,000	25888 Rutledge	\$365,000	3398 Tremonte	\$208,000
6038 Old Orchard	\$380,000	29671 Sierra Point	\$232,000	3404 Tremonte	\$172,000
3915 Orchard Hill	\$300,000	28810 Village	\$520,000	291 Tremonte	\$162,000
4645 Pickering	\$355,000	32013 W 12 Mile	\$72,000	3412 Tremonte	\$187,000
1978 Squirrel Valley	\$290,000	32262 W 12 Mile	\$196,000	3414 Tremonte	\$174,000
100 W Hickory Grove	\$99,000	28448 Westerleigh	\$164,000	3418 Tremonte	\$181,000
3421 W Maple	\$234,000			3462 Tremonte	\$208,000
Clarkston			Keego Harbor		
5584 Adderstone	\$344,000	2447 Fordham	\$86,000	3468 Tremonte	\$185,000
5828 Baypointe	\$289,000	3031 Kenrick	\$90,000	3472 Tremonte	\$198,000
5832 Baypointe	\$316,000			3492 Tremonte	\$208,000
53 Church	\$150,000			Orchard Lake	
				4384 Commerce	\$40,000
				Oxford	
				1319 Fountain View	\$58,000
				520 Golf Villa	\$231,000
				1375 Indian Lake	\$285,000
				1027 Island Lake	\$50,000
				3050 Metamora	\$164,000
				235 Minnetonka	\$135,000
				18 N Washington	\$550,000
				203 Oxford Lake	\$221,000
				1462 Roy	\$123,000
				53 S Washington	\$700,000
				Rochester	
				1161 Arms	\$307,000
				860 Bloomer	\$149,000
				3629 Briarbrooke	\$279,000
				26612 Franklin Pointe	\$133,000
				26644 Franklin Pointe	\$170,000
				26772 Franklin Pointe	\$158,000
				17469 Gateway	\$179,000
				18457 Magnolia	\$5,000
				27416 Marshall	\$192,000
				25876 Mulroy	\$200,000
				17319 Nadora	\$219,000
				21736 Negaunee	\$113,000
				20962 Old Oak	\$140,000
				22505 Providence	\$157,000
				19310 Red Maple	\$253,000
				22425 Riverdale	\$257,000
				21815 S Tuller	\$174,000
				25314 Saint James	\$200,000
				25318 Saint James	\$200,000
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				25411 Saint James	\$201,000
				20520 Secluded	\$148,000
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				30075 Spring River	\$215,000
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				16494 W II Mile	\$163,000
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				Sylvan Lake	
				1860 Lakeland	\$75,000
				Troy	
				3667 Acorn	\$400,000
				938 Banmoor	\$356,000
				1662 Brentwood	\$170,000
				5115 Buckingham Place	\$168,000
				3052 Cedar Crest	\$307,000
				1137 Chopin	\$183,000
				6900 Forest Park	\$380,000
				3728 Forge	\$246,000
				2160 Garry	\$175,000
				4144 Glencastle	\$495,000
				338 Kenyon	\$150,000
				1011 Horwich	\$165,000
				1493 Oakcrest	\$251,000
				2578 Parasol	\$290,000
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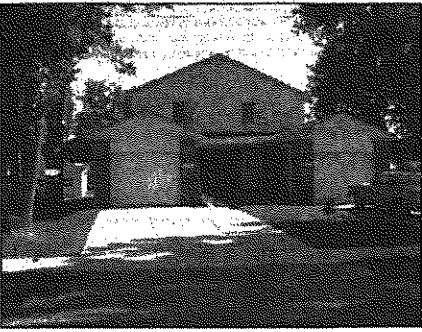
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Thirty-year mortgage rates up again

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rates on benchmark 30-year mortgages, which had been going down, went up for the second straight week amid signs that the economic rebound is gaining strength.

For the week ending Oct. 17, the average rate on 30-year mortgages increased to 6.05 percent, up from last week's rate of 5.95 percent, Freddie Mac, the mortgage giant, reported Thursday in its weekly nationwide survey of mortgage rates.

Rates on 30-year mortgages slid to 5.21 percent, the lowest level in more than four decades, in the middle of June. In late June, those rates started marching back up, but then they posted a month of declines. In the last two weeks, however, rates have begun to climb again.

Economists said a factor in the recent increases were signs that

the economic expansion was accelerating. That pushed bonds rates up, causing long-term mortgage rates to rise.

"Bond yields have been creeping up on an almost daily basis since the beginning of October, pushing mortgage rates up as they go," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

Rates on other mortgages also rose this week.

For 15-year mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates climbed to 5.36 percent, up from 5.26 percent in the previous week. Rates for one-year adjustable mortgages rose to 3.79, compared with 3.69 percent last week.

REFINANCING SLOWS

Even with the recent gyrations in mortgage rates, home sales are expected to set new record highs this year. But higher rates have

slowed home-mortgage refinancing activity.

The Mortgage Bankers Association of America said that refinancing accounted for 53.9 percent of all mortgage applications filed last week. That was down from 55 percent in the previous week.

The nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. Thirty-year and 15-year mortgages each carried an average fee of 0.5 point. One-year ARMs carried an average fee of 0.6 point this week.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 6.15 percent, 15-year mortgages were 5.56 percent and one-year adjustable mortgages stood at 4.27 percent.

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Learn how to plan for the biggest investment of your life at this seminar. Find out what price home you can afford and how your credit history can influence your home purchase, 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28, at the Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham, one block south of Maple, west of Old Woodward. Sponsored by Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp. No charge.

BASEMENT REMODELING

Livonia Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Inst., will offer an 8-hour basement remodeling seminar 6-10 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, Oct. 27 & 29, at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia. The seminar costs \$99 plus an \$8 textbook fee. Call (734) 744-2602 to pre-register no later than Thursday, Oct. 23.

BOWLING FOR BUSINESS

Networking event 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28, Novi Bowl, 21700 Novi Road, Novi. Brings together builders, remodelers, suppliers and subcontractors in the residential construction industry. Sponsored by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan. Registration includes three games and dinner, \$40 for BIA members, nonmembers and guests

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At the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Chuck Breidenstein, president of Madison Heights based Builders Professional Services Group, will conduct an office and subcontractor relations course for field superintendent on Wednesday, Oct. 29. Registration fee includes breakfast, lunch and course materials, \$135 for BIA members, nonmembers and guests, call (248) 862-1033.

PROFESSIONAL MAINTENANCE COURSE

Sponsored by the Apartment Association of Michigan's Property Management Council, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, at Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Course fulfills requirement for Educational Standards Corporation institute certification for maintenance professionals under the Federal Clean Air Act. Registration includes lunch, \$85, call (248) 862-1004.

NETWORKING

Commercial Real Estate Women of Detroit presents "Plugging Into the Power of the Network: How To Grow Your Network and Your Business." Speakers are Karin Schulz & Victoria Joly, CREW Network directors. Meet at the Skyline Club, 2000 Town Center, Southfield 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4. Cost is \$35 members; \$50 nonmembers. Call (785) 832-1808 or visit www.crewdetroit.org and click on events.

Purple house in Omaha prompts lawsuit

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In a neighborhood where most homes are plain brick or brown, Andy and Amy McAuliffe's purple palace stands out.

The couple painted their home lavender, and some neighbors find the new color so annoying that they are going to court to try to get the McAuliffes to tone it down.

The Hillsborough Homeowners Association is suing the McAuliffes, contending they violated the northwest Omaha neighborhood's covenants when they changed the house's color from gray to purple.

The lawsuit asks the court to order the McAuliffes to repaint their house to look like the others in the neighborhood. "We're not trying to be the arbiters of good taste here, but that house sticks out like a sore thumb. In this case, it's egregious," said Larry Beasley, who handles covenant complaints for the association's board. Speaking on behalf of the McAuliffes, attorney John Grant

said the couple has no plans of painting their house again until it needs a new coat.

"They didn't do this to antagonize their neighbors," Grant said. "They don't think this is a problem that prevents them from being good neighbors."

Covenants are neighborhood rules that restrict the appearance of houses and yards, such as prohibiting the parking of RVs or boats in driveways or putting storage sheds, clothes lines or above-ground pools in yards. The rules are designed to protect property values.

The Hillsborough neighborhood's covenants require homeowners to present plans for any property improvements to the association's board, including specifics on the "quality, color and use of materials proposed for the exterior of such improvement."

Beasley said the board believes that applies to changing the color of a house. The lawsuit, filed in Douglas County District Court last month, claims the McAuliffes did

not ask for the board's approval before painting their house.

"People don't need permission to repaint a house. That's good maintenance and being a good neighbor," said John P. Grant, the McAuliffes' attorney.

The 1,100 houses in the Hillsborough subdivision mostly have brick exteriors or are painted in earth tones - beige, taupe or light green.

The lawsuit came after some neighbors complained about the purple house and the association warned the McAuliffes three times in writing over the past year that it would pursue legal action if the home was not repainted, Beasley said.

"The people who live in the house don't have to look at it, but everyone else does," he said.

At least one neighbor isn't complaining. Andrea Evans, a stay-at-home mother of four who lives just down the street, said she doesn't mind the purple.

"I wouldn't chose that color, but everyone has their own tastes," said Evans, who lives in a house she calls "a boring taupe and off-white."

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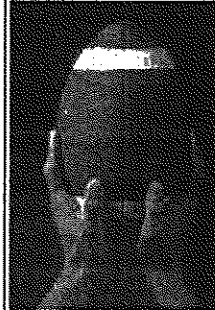
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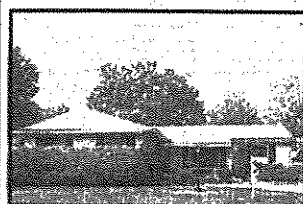
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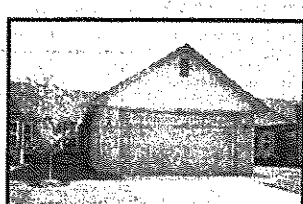
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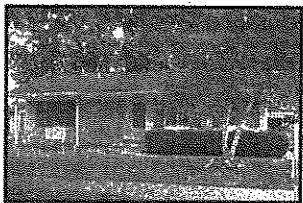
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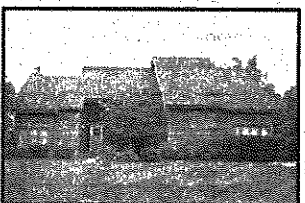
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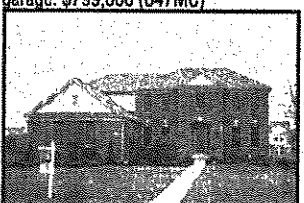
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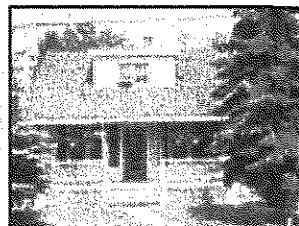
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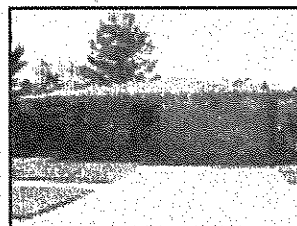
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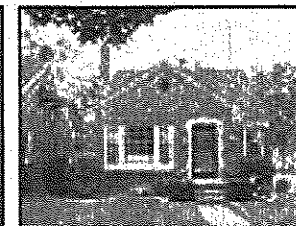
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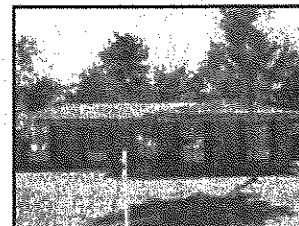
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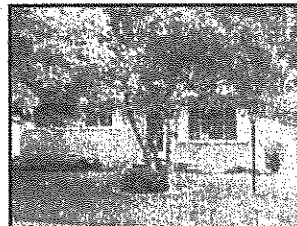
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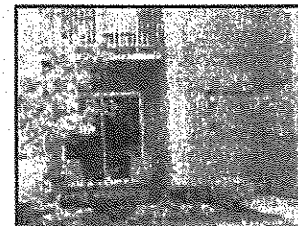
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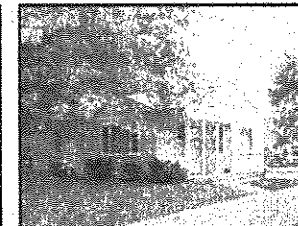
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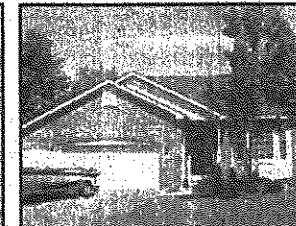
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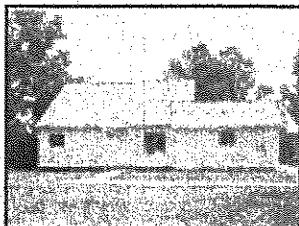
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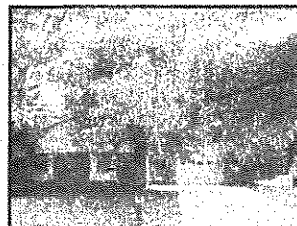
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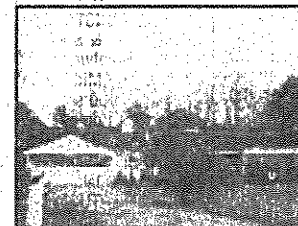
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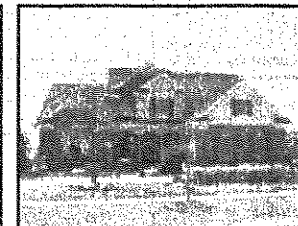
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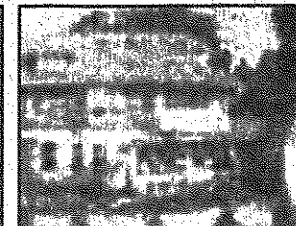
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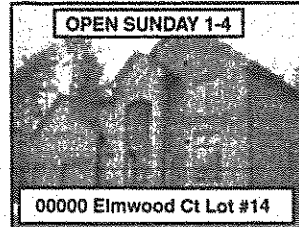
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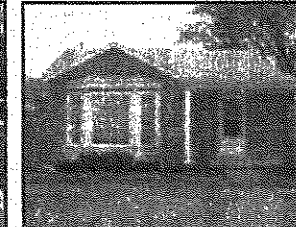
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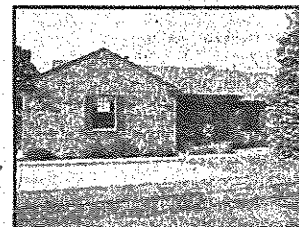
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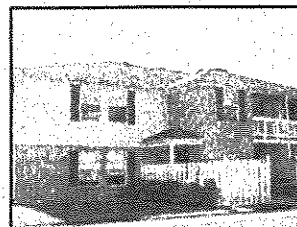
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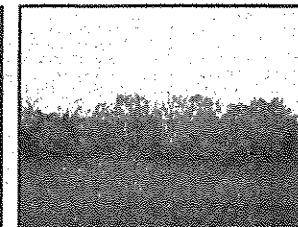
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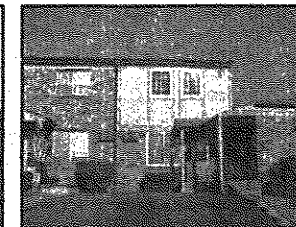
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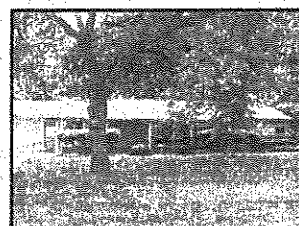
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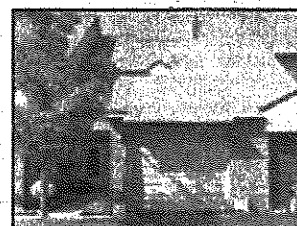
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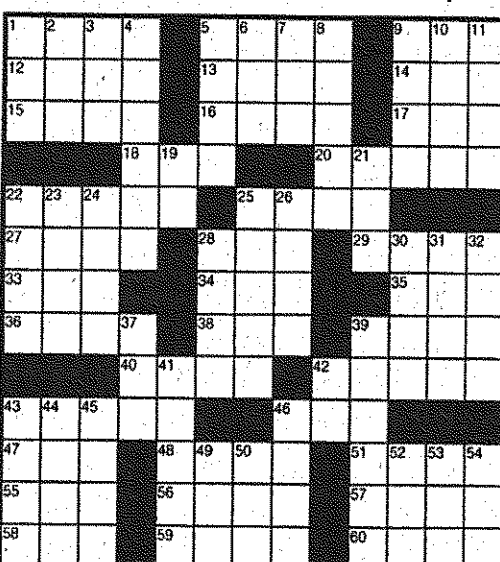
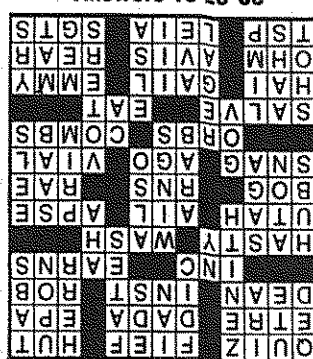
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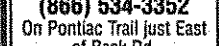
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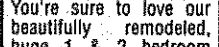
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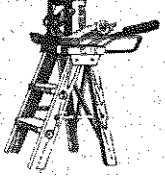
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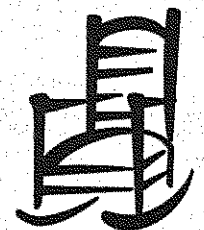
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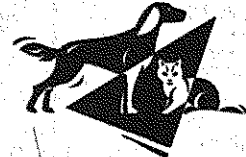
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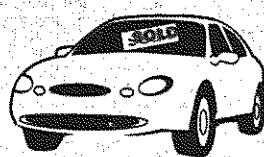
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CNC FADAL OPERATOR
Must program and set up for detail work. Plymouth, 734-416-5050

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CNC Mill Department Head
HAAS set-up, programming & editing. Experience required. Willing to relocate to Florida. Exc. benefits. Send resume to: March Performance, 6020 N. Dix Road, Westland, MI 48185

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CREW LEADER
Lawn Service & Landscaping. Exp. necessary. Full time till end of season possible winter work. 248-354-3213

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CUSTOMER SERVICE
Good phone skills a must. Full time position. Starting at \$9/hr. Call Bob Selby for an immediate interview. (734) 427-1550

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DELIVERY HELPER-\$11/hr. (CDL TRAINER)
Full-time openings for hard workers. Assist w/ roof-top deliveries and in warehouse. Hard work must be able to lift up to 100 pounds repetitively. Train for your CDL. Apply at: Wimsatt Building Materials 36340 Van Born Rd. Wayne, MI

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DENTAL ASSISTANT
experienced only. For friendly, progressive, family dentistry group practice. Full-time, benefits. Westland. 734-422-5560

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DIE REPAIR
Production Stamping Plant. Must have exp. w/Prog & Line Dies. Good pay & benefits. Apply in person at 39133 Webb Dr., Westland.

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DOOR TO DOOR APPOINTMENT SETTERS
Home Improvement Co. Is seeking full-time canvassers to join our crew. Job involves door-to-door appt. setting for estimates. Mon-Sat. \$8-\$10/hr. plus weekly bonuses. Transportation provided. Ask for Paige 248-467-9175

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EXP. FINISHED TRIM CARPENTER
Needed 734-732-1070

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FOREMAN (M/F)
Exp. in brick & landscape installation. Top wages. Crimball Nursery Call: 734-495-1700 Fax: 734-495-1131

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GRAVEL TRAIN DRIVERS
Exp. drivers are needed for full-time position offering competitive wages & benefits. CDL-A w/ endorsement. (734) 486-4000, 7am-5pm.

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HAIR CARE
John Ryan Associates is looking for friendly, outgoing stylists to service our growing clientele in Farmington. Call 1-800-552-4870

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HAIR STYLIST or BARBER
Full/part-time. With or without client. Canton, Contact Vicki 734-755-5574 734-459-0109

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HAIR STYLISTS NEEDED
Hair Vibes Salon in Canton, 70% commission. Call: 734-454-0288 - 734-968-7952

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HAIRDRESSERS
Exp. with clientele. Sign on bonus. Call Ken at Charisma Salon Novi, 810-516-9607.

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HAIRSTYLIST & NAIL TECH
W/ some clientele. Part/full-time. Dearborn Hts. area. Call (313) 274-7093

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LABORER II DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
The City of Wayne is currently accepting applications for the position of Laborer II. Starting wage is \$32.406. This position performs skilled manual work and operates equipment in the division as assigned. Minimum qualifications include prior municipal public works, construction, and/or other closely related experience. Must have a High School diploma or equivalent. Must possess a current valid Michigan Driver's License with a driving history that does not create liability concerns; which includes, but is not limited to, convictions for reckless driving, careless driving, suspended license, or convictions involving drinking and impaired driving. Must be able to possess and maintain a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) during his/her probationary period. Applications are available in the Personnel Department, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne, MI 48184 or at our web site: www.ci.wayne.mi.us/personnel.html. Completed applications must be received in the Personnel Department by 4:30 p.m. on November 6, 2003. Resumes without completed applications will not be accepted.

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LANDSCAPE SUPERINTENDENT
For large commercial landscape installation. Must have full/comprehensive knowledge of landscape installation. Job will run Oct. through Nov. Exc. wages, Crimball Nursery. 734-495-1700, fax: 495-1131

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LATHE HAND
Plymouth area. Needs experienced Lathe Hand, \$13-\$16/hr. Full time, M-F. Send resume to: carrie.vestrand@rcmt.com or fax: 248-350-0200

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Leasing Consultant
Large property management company is seeking a leasing consultant for midsize apartment community. Candidate must possess a demonstrated ability to close the sale. We offer a great wage, benefit package, commission and 401(k).

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LICENSED ELECTRICIAN
Must be a licensed journeyman/master with at least 5 years experience in electrical maintenance, preferably in a sports and/or multi-purpose events facility. At least 2 years experience in commercial/industrial wiring. Must be self-motivated with the ability to respond quickly to changing priorities. Ability to work flexible schedule, including nights, weekends and holidays. Excellent benefit package including 401k with company match. If interested, fax resume and cover letter to 313.262.2254. EOE

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LOAN OFFICERS
Troy, 7-10 loans a month, marketing plan, 1 yr. exp. Call 11-5 p.m. 248 689-8845

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ATTENTION
Local company has many openings in our Pollution Control Department.
• No Experience Necessary
• Must Have Own Transportation Call Mon & Tues 10am-4pm
313-382-6022

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Help Wanted General 5000

POWER WASHERS & DRIVERS
for Detroit area. Full & part time available. Call 248-543-5440 or 800-485-1076.

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PROPERTY CLAIMS REPRESENTATIVE
Southfield Insurance Company seeks claims representative/insurance adjuster. Adjuster will be responsible for making initial contact with the insured, field adjusting local claims and assigning independent adjusters when necessary. Must have two years experience adjusting Homeowner Policy claims and Commercial Property claims. Competitive salary and full benefits. Fax resume to: Property Claims Manager 248-359-5793

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Help Wanted General 5000

Quality Control Auditor
Needed for metal stamping company. Qualifications: 2 yrs. minimum experience in quality control. Must have knowledge in SPC, GD&T, Metrology & Q9000. Fax resume to Human Resource Dept., (517) 548-3218.

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ROOFER
Experienced. (248) 437-2900

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shinglers. Top pay/top quality. Own transportation. 313-574-7277

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ROOFING & CARPENTRY LABORER NEEDED
for small construction company some experience necessary. \$10.00 per hour to start. Learn & earn! (734) 453-1995

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ROUGH CARPENTER
Farmington Hills based remodeling co. seeks lead rough carpenter with minimum of 5 yrs. exp. to join & manage existing crew. Fax resume to: 248-538-5401

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SALES DESIGNER FURNITURE
Gorman's, Michigan's premier contemporary home furnishings company, has an opportunity for an experienced furniture salesperson. We offer paid training, a great compensation package & full benefits. If you are interested in a growing company, apply in person at: 29145 Telegraph Rd., Southfield, or fax resume to: 248-353-6855. No Phone Calls please.

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SALES ENGINEER
MacLean Vehicle Systems - Royal Oak, a leading manufacturer of decorative wheel fasteners, has an immediate opening for a Sales Engineer. This position will be responsible for selling/expanding upon our GM account and reports to our Product Line Manager. The appropriate candidate will have 5-7 years sales experience, apply in person at: Pete G. Georgiou Branch Manager 734-458-4168

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Help Wanted General 5000

Mortgage Loan Processor
10 year old company still growing. Farmington Hills area. FHA conforming & non-conforming. Excellent opportunity for organized, self-motivated individual with at least 2 years exp. Fax resume to: Manager, 248-626-7403

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VALET ATTENDANTS
Needed for the metro Detroit area. Must have a great personality and be able to drive a stick shift vehicle. Great for high school or college students, will accommodate most schedules. Study at work. Please call Mon-Fri, 248-322-4494 or go to www.greatlakesvalet.com and fill out an application.

WAREHOUSE MANAGER
Large family owned hardware in Wayne. Career full-time person for warehouse management. Exp. preferred. 734-721-7244

WAREHOUSE POSITION
For welding supply industry. Part time w/flexible hrs. Located in NW Detroit. (313) 834-1660

WAREHOUSE/DELIVERY
Person needed for Growing Door company. Must be self-motivated, have good driving record & able to lift 80 lbs. \$10/hr. Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Fax resume to 734-414-7103.

WARRANTY SUPERVISOR
Growing builder/developer looking for individual for quality inspections/warranty supervisor. Please fax resume: 1-248-646-3529

WEEKEND LEASING AGENT
Birmingham Apt. Community. Excellent People Skills. Please call (248) 645-1191

WILLIAM D. FORD
TECHNICAL CENTER
Position open as follows: Day: Teaching Assistant HVAC and Medical Assisting, shifts 1 & 2. Medical Assisting is for 18 weeks only. Evening: Teaching Assistant for HVAC, Business/Computer Tech & Health Occupation, shift 4. High School diploma necessary, prefer Associate Degree. Posting closes Oct. 30 th., 2003. For information call Jenny Kowalski, 734-419-2106. Apply in person at Wayne-Westland Community Schools, 36745 Marquette, Westland, E.O.E.

WINDOW INSTALLATION
Crew Experienced only. Year round. Must have truck, tools & insurance. 734-662-5551

Computer & Information Systems 5010

Computer Technician
Business music company requires computer technician with supervisory skills. Duties include: building PCs, installing OS and application software, and handling technical support. LAN/WAN support expertise and troubleshooting experience important. Microsoft certifications desirable but not required. Email resume and salary requirements to simon_mccuskey@amemusic.com

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ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
Full & part time person for expanding professional accounting firm. Must have 3-5 yrs. medical billing exp. including medicare/medicaid & 3rd party reimbursement. Send resume with salary requirements to: Operations Manager, 44744 Helm, Plymouth, MI 48170-6019

Accounts Receivable
Minimum 5 yrs. exp. Candidate must have exp. in construction lien laws. Strong communication skills to interface with customers, vendors, etc. Knowledge of MS90, Word & Excel preferred. Interested candidates should send resume to HR Dept.
Commerce Controls, Inc.
41069 Vincent Ct.
Novi, MI 48375
or Fax (248) 476-6122
or Email: lthstalar@commercecontrols.com

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
needed for real estate office. No license required. Good computer skills necessary. Part-time or full-time. It may be possible for you to work part of the time at your home computer. Flexible hours. Livonia Location. Please send resumes to: Box # 0719 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150 or email: oeresume@oehomecomm.net (Code# 0719)

Administrative Assistant
for child care program. Responsible for accounts receivable/payable, budget preparation and general office. If you are an independent, energetic professional with strong communication and administrative skills, forward your resume to: kclerpa@jcced.org or fax to (248) 432-5540 Attn: HR. The JCC is an equal opportunity employer.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Full time administrative position available for growing non-profit health organization w/ local office in Madison Heights. Proficiency in data entry, MS Office applications, and bookkeeping experience a must. Strong organizational and communication skills required. A minimum of three years experience in similar position required.
Fax or e-mail resume and cover letter with salary requirement to:
Fax: 248-582-2925 or Email duquette@lls.org

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE ASSISTANT
For mortgage co. Call 734-402-2515 or fax resume to 734-402-2522 attn. John.

Assistant
Non-smoker to do invoicing & payables. Basic knowledge of Excel needed. 20-24 flexible hours to start. Unofficial benefit package. Mail resume & salary history to K. Ryan, 12956 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI 48150

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BOOKKEEPER (Full-charge)/OFFICE MANAGER
Immediate position available for Property Management Co.
Experienced in Bank Rec, A/P & A/R & rec., Payroll & Payroll taxes. Computer exp and the ability to handle multiple projects w/minimal supervision. Growing company. Paid medical, dental, prescription insurance. After 90 days 1 yr. Pay commensurate w/exp. Fax resume and salary requirements to:
Attn: Carol Carter
248-615-8923

BOOKKEEPER
24 hours per week AP/AR, payroll, spreadsheets and correspondence. Fax resume w/ salary requirements: (248)645-0245 or email: reggie@walnutservicesinc.com.

CLERICAL AIDE
Mitchell Home Medical has an immediate, part time opportunity located at our corporate headquarters in Ypsilanti! We are seeking an outgoing individual to be part of our team in our fast-paced clerical department for 3 days/week totaling 24 hours. Duties include filing, data entry, answer multi phone lines, mailing, etc. Great communication skills and attention to detail required! Fax resume Attn: Edna @ 734-572-5660 or email to ewalker@mitchellhome.com

Customer Service Inside Sales Support
for rapidly growing office supply dealer. Full time with benefits. Industry experience a plus. Great career opportunity! Fax resumes: 248-449-9101

DRAPEY MFG - needs mature person.

A leading engineering services company has an immediate opening for a full time Executive Assistant to support our upper management team. The person we are looking for will be a self starter, proficient with MS Word, Excel & PowerPoint. Experience with R/A & A/P functions a plus. Duties include: scheduling, correspondence, travel arrangements, etc. Excellent benefits package including health care, 401K, & dental. Please forward resume & salary requirements to: Attn: Human Resource Dept., 16846 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

General Office
12 hrs/wk for Novi office. Must have computer skills. Please fax resume to 248-344-2683

GENERAL OFFICE
Michigan Mortgage Center is seeking exp. office professionals for our new Birmingham location. Call: 248-203-9933

There is something for everyone in our Classifieds!

Office Clerical 5020

LEGAL SECRETARY & RECEPTIONIST POSITIONS
Experienced full-time for busy Southfield law firm. Exp. in Word, 5 yrs. Litigation exp. required.
Madden Hauser Wartell
Roth & Heller PC
28400 Northwestern Hwy.
Southfield, MI 48034
Fax 248-208-0732

LEGAL SECRETARY
Part-time, experienced, personal injury. 248-354-2500.

LEGAL SECRETARY
Small AV rated, litigation-based law firm in Birmingham seeks full-time legal secretary and team player with 3-5 years experience. Complete benefit package. Please e-mail resume and salary requirements to Stephanie at spellman@morris-dottertypc.com or fax to 248-642-8787

OFFICE ASSISTANT
Experience preferred, full or part time. Fax resume: 248-426-9420

OFFICE ASSISTANT
Walled Lake co. seeks Asst. to perform a variety of duties. Must be multi-task oriented & computer literate. Insurance background a plus.
diversified@jobsinc.com
248-344-6700; Fax 248-344-6704

OFFICE ASSISTANT
Walled Lake payroll company seeks full-time experienced individual. Responsibilities include: payroll packing, receptionist, sales support. Superior Excel & Word exp. a must. Benefits! Fax resume to: (248) 624-5458

OFFICE CLERK - Reliable.
1-2 days per week. Tool & die exp. Filing, processing, computer work. Farmington Hills. Fax resume: 248-471-1156

OFFICE MANAGER NEEDED
For medium sized plumbing co. Extensive computer. Organizational & accounts receivable needed. Salary with benefits. For immediate interview. 248-559-8887

RECEPTIONIST Part-time for busy doctor's office. Will train. Apply at: 28080 Grand River #209, Farmington Hills.

SALES SUPPORT CLERK
Manufacturing company located in Redford is looking for a dependable team player to be responsible for a variety of clerical duties, including data entry, filing, great attention to detail, pleasant phone voice, and other various job duties. Experience in Accounting and computer knowledge preferred.

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SECRETARY IV (Clerk's Office)

Canton Township is accepting applications for the position of full-time Secretary IV. Skill in taking and transcribing meeting minutes and in the operation of a typewriter and computer. Duties include the transcription of the Township Board of Trustees minutes, including evenings and Saturdays during Elections, which normally occur on a bi-yearly cycle in March, August, and November. Salary: \$36,279 per yr. Applications must be placed up at Canton Township-Human Resources Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48180 or send a self-addressed stamped business-size envelope to address above for application (please specify Secretary IV application). An application form is also available on the Canton Township website at www.canton-mi.org. Job description posted at the Township Administration Building. Resumes will not be accepted without completed written application form. A Canton Township application form must be completed in its entirety and the form must be received in the Human Resources Division prior to 4pm, November 3, 2003. No faxed applications will be accepted. The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

SECRETARY
needed for growing law firm in Waterford. Experience preferred but not necessary. Please fax resume & salary requirements to: 248-886-8652 Attn: Susan

TELEMARKERS
Wanted w/ good communication skills. St. Clair Shores area. Call 734-320-5943 or fax resumes to 248-281-0735

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Telemarketing Administrator

Growing multi-state company is looking for a telemarketing administrator to work at its Plymouth, MI location. This position will be responsible for ensuring timely and accurate record keeping in the telemarketing department. Ideal candidate will be organized, detail oriented, have previous telemarketing experience, the ability to utilize and learn computer applications, and the ability to work with minimal supervision. We offer Medical, Dental, 401K and more. Send resume: Telemarketing Administrator #11, P.O. Box 710248, Plymouth, MI 48170, Fax 734-416-3810 Email: hr_manufacturing@hotmail.com E.O.E.

Dental 5040
Attn: Exp. Dental Assistants, Hygienist & Receptionist. Now hiring for general offices. Fax resume to: 586-997-9210.

DENTAL RECEPTIONIST
wanted full-time, exp. required at a Detroit area hospital. Please fax resume to 313 745-0634.

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Medical 5060

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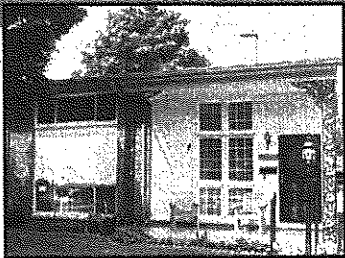
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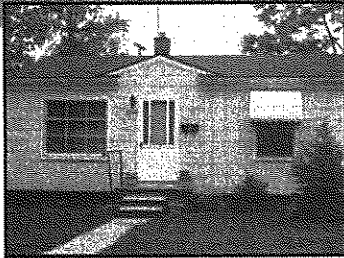
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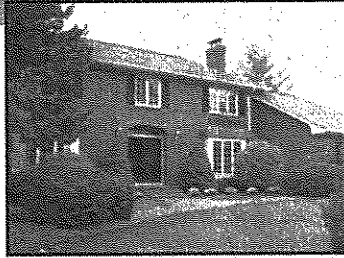
WARREN - Beautiful 1st floor condo. Many updates in this 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath beauty. Newer carpet, paint, recessed lights, remarkable kit w/ceramic tile & light maple cabinets + new counters, sink, microwave & dishwasher all in 2003. A must see! \$89,900 (50HOO) 734-455-5600



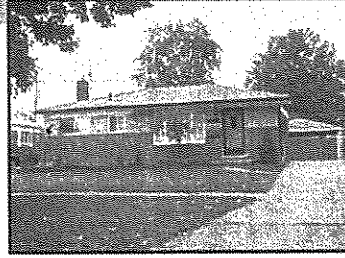
WESTLAND - Spacious 4 bdrm home, newer vinyl windows & doorwall, 1.5 baths, 2.5 car garage, updated furnace & CA, newer siding, gutters & carpet. Great walk-out to brick paver patio. Larger fenced yard. Home warranty. Must see! \$148,900 (06BIR) 734-455-5600



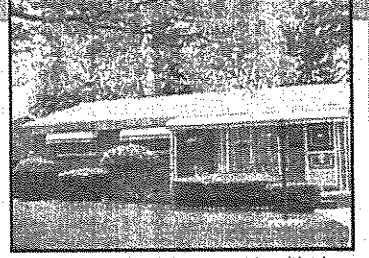
INKSTER - Don't miss this one! Fantastic starter home offers garage, 2 bdrms, newer roof on house & garage, newer steel effc. Doors & much more. \$42,300 (43LEH) 734-455-5600



MILFORD - Timeless, stately charmed. 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial on approx 1.61 acres. Built by a builder for himself. Newer roof & furnaces. Updated kitchen w/state of the art appl. Located in an estate-like sub w/walkout basement. Dramatic master suite with fireplace. \$499,900 (25LER) 248-349-5600



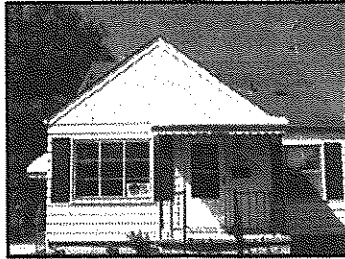
WARREN - Move in tomorrow. This 3 bedroom ranch is ready and waiting for someone who wants style. Newly painted, clean and well maintained. Huge yard with professional landscaping + a garden area. Home warranty included. \$153,900 (15FRA) 248-349-5600



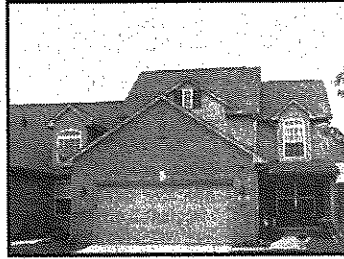
REDFORD - Look, move, enjoy. It's time to stop paying rent. Look at this 3 BR ranch - move right in. Features include: HW floor, family room, finished basement w/1/2 bath & shaded rear yard/patio. \$135,000 (91MAC) 248-349-5600



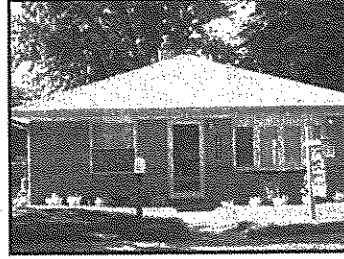
WESTLAND - 3 bedroom brick ranch, 1.5 bath home with family room, partially finished basement, CA, 2 car garage, newer windows, big master bedroom, eat-in kitchen, sprinklers & more. \$167,900 (54FRA) 734-455-5600



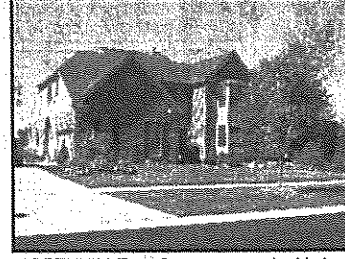
REDFORD - Facing Western Hill Golf Course. 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath bungalow completely renovated, w/updated kit, newer carpet, paint, resurfaced hwd floors + bsmt w/glass block windows, all appliances, 2 car garage w/side patio. \$116,900 (50GRA) 734-455-5600



CANTON - The condo of your dreams. Beautiful 3 bdrm, 2 bath cape cod, presents 2 car garage, bsmt, great room w/plc & wood mantel, loft w/recessed lighting, formal dining room, library & much more in this 3 year old beauty. \$289,900 (61CHE) 734-455-5600



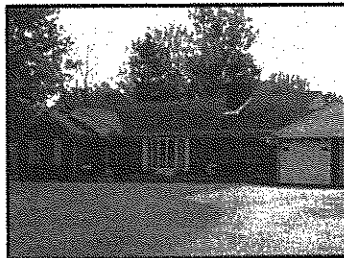
LIVONIA - Maintenance free ranch. Don't miss this one. Lovely 3 BR home. White kitchen w/track lighting. Ceramic floor & appl. First floor laundry, C/A, 2 car garage. Newer windows, siding & roof. Entry and storm doors. Livonia schools. \$129,000 (11ARC) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE - Gourmet maple kitchen w/granite, Kit Aid stainless steel appl. 4 BR w/1st flr MBR, 3.5 BA. See thru fpic kit-LR. Extra windows & French doors added to DR, MBR & FR. Professionally landscaped. Invisible fence. Much more. \$699,900 (77BAY) 248-349-5600



WALLED LAKE - Wow! Totally updated 2 BR, 1.2 BA townhouse. Newer Wallside windows & some hardwood flooring. Neutral carpeting & baths. Finished lower level w/wet bar & additional half bath. Can be home office or media room. \$134,900 (25MAR) 248-349-5600



WESTLAND - Nature lovers lot. Brick ranch w/3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath, 2 car attached garage, large lot, 2 way natural fireplace, hardwood floors, vinyl windows & appliances included. \$184,500 (15COW) 734-455-5600



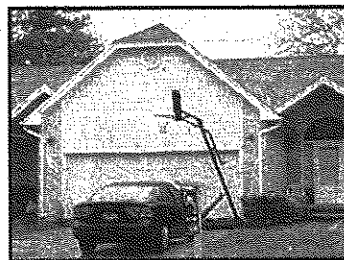
CANTON - Sunflower Village Home. Located in Cantons most sought after sub. 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath, part fin bsmt, 2 car att garage. Brick & vinyl colonial w/welcoming 2 story foyer, nat'l fpic, beautiful deck in back, ceramic tile t/o. Prestigious landscaping. Home warranty. \$329,900 (14CAR) 734-455-5600



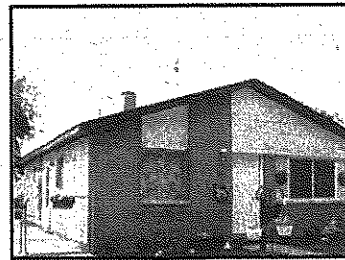
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LIVONIA - Great investment. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car attached garage, full basement, FFL, fireplace in living room, CA. Must see inside this 1998 construction. \$175,000 (86HAL) 734-455-5600



TAYLOR - 3 bdrm, 1 bath ranch on large lot w/fenced backyard. Newer Pergo floors, newer appl, windows, interior & exterior doors, newer kitchen flr, ceramic tile in updated bath. Newer CA & furnace. Home warranty. \$99,900 (78BAI) 734-455-5600



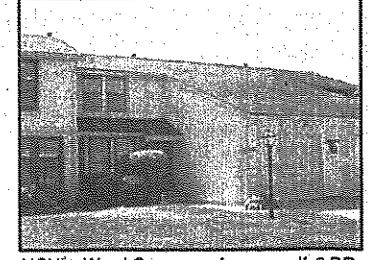
PLYMOUTH - Magnificent cape cod on premium lot w/4 BR & 3.5 BA, 3 car garage. Every upgrade imaginable including: doors, floors, trim, windows, electrical & plumbing too. 2 tier Trex deck & brick paver patio. 12 zone sprinkler system & custom landscaping. \$519,900 (75HIL) 248-349-5600



SOUTH LYON - Prof. decorated 3 BR, 3.5 BA, 1.5 story condo w/open floor plan. First floor MBR. Vaulted ceilings, hwd floor, fin LL offers 4th BR and entertainment room w/wet bar & exercise room. Too many upgrades to list. Immaculate home. Golf course community. \$399,900 (39SAW) 248-349-5600



REDFORD - Desirable 1st floor condo. Spacious LR w/doorwall + a covered deck that overlooks peaceful fountain & courtyard. Neutral decor, private basement w/1/2 bath, hardwood floors T/O. Newer kitchen floor, newer windows. A definite must see. \$73,500 (15GAR) 248-349-5600



NOVI - Wow! Come see for yourself. 2 BR, 1.5 BA 2-story townhouse in Lakewood Park homes. Full basement, garage w/extra parking. Neutral decor with custom chandeliers. Novi Schools. \$149,500 (17CRA) 248-349-5600



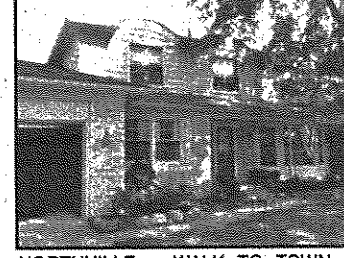
CANTON - Updated brick ranch. A must see. Many updates in '03, roof, windows, appl, carpet, wood floors in kit, hall & .5 bath. Fresh paint t/o, 6 panel doors, new lighting, stainless steel sink, Florida room & much more. \$249,900 (30HAR) 734-455-5600



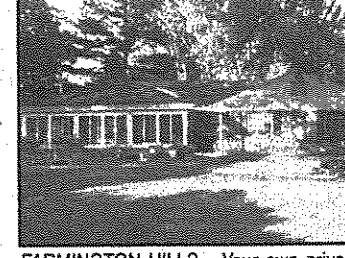
PLYMOUTH - A very rare find. Highly desired Beacon Hollow presents this rare 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath townhouse w/formal dining room, fireplace in living room, doorwall to deck, 2 car attached garage, full basement, all appliances & home warranty. \$249,900 (13PIN) 734-455-5600



REDFORD - Cute & cozy 3 bedroom bungalow w/updated oak kitchen, roof, some windows, vinyl siding & much more. 2 car garage w/newer door & basement. \$134,900 (95DEN) 734-455-5600



NORTHVILLE - WALK TO TOWN & SCHOOLS. Gorgeous best describes this 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial. Windows-00, designer kitchen 02, some baths updated. Prof. finished basement. 2.5 car garage. FFL, LR, FR, formal DR, rec room, private MBR BA & all appliances. Large yard. \$335,000 (24NOR) 248-349-5600



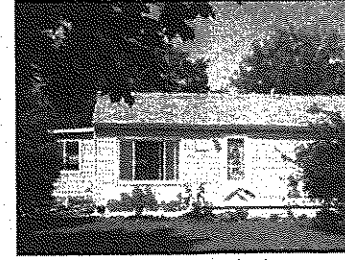
FARMINGTON HILLS - Your own private drive & private setting. Over 2 acres with trees. 4 BR brick ranch w/2.5 baths, formal LR & DR + sunroom, finished basement w/family room, 1/2 bath & tons of storage. Heated garage. Kitchen appliances updated & roof. Heavenly. \$419,900 (45WES) 248-349-5600



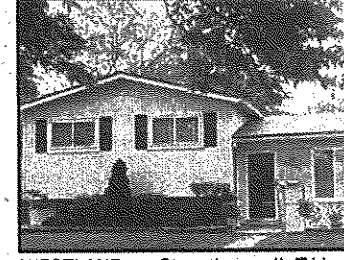
LIVONIA - Carefree living. 2 bedroom, 2 full baths. Living room w/doorwall to private balcony, DR, great kitchen, in-unit laundry. Too many updates to list. Heated pool & carpet. Ready & waiting for your offer. \$129,900 (68ANN) 248-349-5600



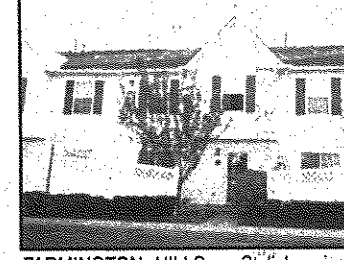
LIVONIA - Just a few years old. Charming 3 bdrm, 2 bath brick/vinyl ranch w/2 car attached garage, partially finished basement (plumb for 3rd bath), fireplace in great room & CA. \$225,000 (60PIC) 734-455-5600



TAYLOR - Not a drive by. 2 bedroom ranch w/2 car garage remodeled kitchen w/oak cabinets & attached all season sunroom with double doorwall to yard. \$109,000 (36WIL) 734-455-5600



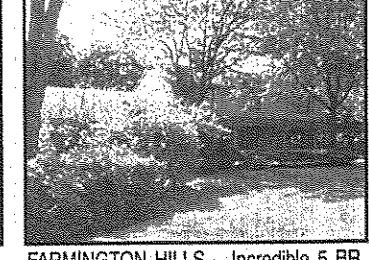
WESTLAND - Stop the car!! Tri-level w/neutral colors, open flr plan & cathedral ceilings, newer kit, ceramic bath, newer .5 bath, newer carpeting, 2 car garage & shed, newer deck off doorwall. Close to elem school & park. Home warranty. \$139,900 (54BUR) 734-455-5600



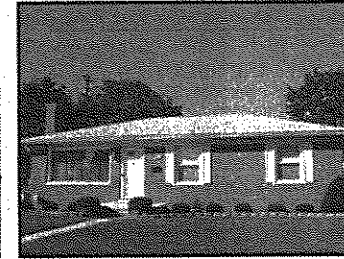
FARMINGTON HILLS - Stylish private townhome. Own a home for less than a rental. Very clean and neutral decor - looks brand new. 2 BR, 2.5 BA (including master bath). All appliances stay. Access to pool, clubhouse and exercise. \$135,500 (58NAN) 248-349-5600



SOUTH LYON - Beautiful scenic views. Enjoy this wonderful 3 bedroom, 3 bath hilltop ranch on 2 acre parcel overlooking your own pond. Finished walkout, 3 car garage, 2 fireplaces, 1st floor laundry & South Lyon schools. \$269,900 (77TEN) 248-349-5600



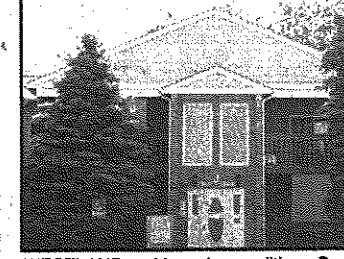
FARMINGTON HILLS - Incredible 5 BR, 3+2 BA 2-story home. It has been remodeled T/O and looks like a \$1 million + new construction. The approx 1 acre lot features a beautiful in-ground pool with bar and entertaining area. Trees & gardens. Wow! \$625,000 (21WEL) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Rosedale Garden brick ranch. Maint free 3 bdrm, LR w/nat'l fpic, remodeled kit w/oak cabinets, corian edged counter, vinyl floor, newer roof, AC, gutters, landscaping, vinyl fence, copper plumbing, partially finished bsmt + 2.5 car garage. Close to park & elem school. \$185,000 (78KEN) 734-455-5600



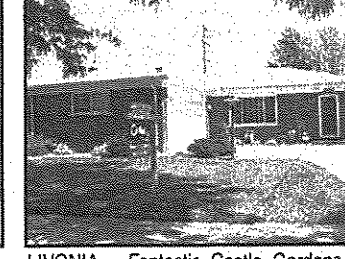
WESTLAND - Super clean updated condo located in the Livonia school district is ready for immed. occ. Freshly painted, oak kit cabinets, Pergo flooring in dining room w/bayed doorwall to deck. Large master ste. Neutral decor t/o. Home warranty. \$136,000 (78PRI) 734-455-5600



WESTLAND - Move in condition. Great buy on this 2 bdrm condo offering vaulted ceilings in living room w/skylights, open floor plan & appliances stay + 1 year home warranty included. \$107,500 (26SHO) 734-455-5600



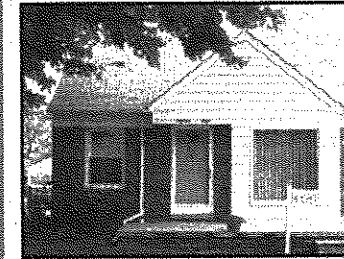
YPSILANTI - Near Ford Lake. 4 BR cape cod on large lot. Updated from top to bottom. Freshly painted inside and out. Oversized 2 car garage. Newer landscaping. Quick occupancy. 1 year home warranty included. \$128,800 (37OUT) 248-349-5600



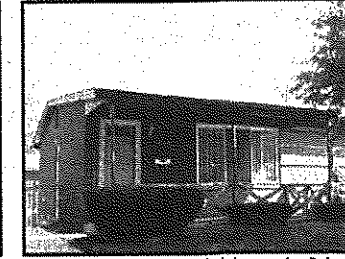
LIVONIA - Fantastic Castle Gardens. 3 BR, 2 BA ranch with newer windows, central air, hardwood floors. 3 season Florida room. 2 car attached heated garage. Fenced yard. Walk to elementary school. Move in condition. \$199,900 (50RIC) 248-349-5600



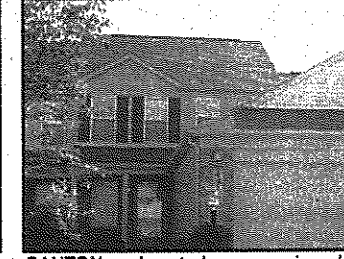
SOUTH LYON - Quick occu. Very impressive home w/2-story foyer & family, spacious gourmet kit w/cherry wood cabs & granite counter tops. Oversize eating space. Extensive wood flring. Lavish mstr suite w/large tub, shower & huge WIC. 9' bsmt w/garden wndw. Loft overlooking FR. \$427,555 (56SHE) 248-349-5600



DEARBORN - Everything you need! Dearborn updated 3 bdrm brick bungalow w/WIC's in mstr bdrm, DR w/wet bar, GR w/doorwall to patio, custom kit w/appl, ceramic/Corian bath, central vac, newer windows, roof, paint, flooring + 3 car garage & HPP. \$165,900 (08MAY) 734-455-5600



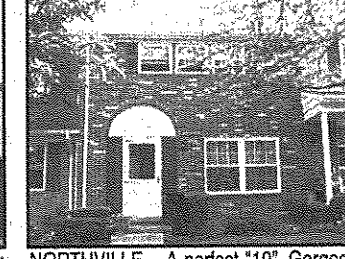
TAYLOR - Very nice brick ranch. 3 bedroom, 1 bath home with full basement, eat-in kitchen, 2 car garage, all new paint & carpet + appliances stay. \$139,900 (40CHE) 734-455-5600



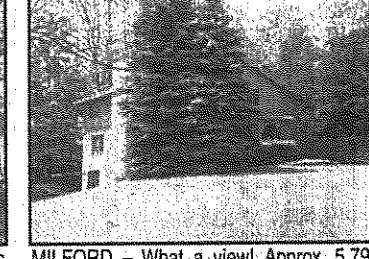
CANTON - Located on premium lot! Charming 2 story condo overlooking scenic pond. Offers upgraded Pergo flr in kitchen, all kit appliances, fpic in great room, fin bsmt w/drywall, recessed lights & carpeting. Also, lovely deck for entertaining. \$174,900 (75HUN) 734-455-5600



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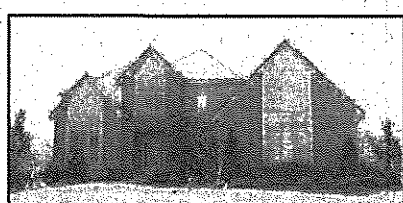
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NORTHVILLE \$1,650,000
MAGNIFICENT NEW CONSTRUCTION! Country French home nestled on private 1 AC site. 5 BRS, 5.5 BA. Marble & hwd flrs. Granite & marble cnts. Full fin au-pair res w/private entrance. Quality T/O! (70VAL2)

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PLYMOUTH \$429,000
SPACIOUS 4 BRM OFFERS EASY LIVING 4 bd, 2 story home w/ltr plan offering open kit, w/ island & lg brst rm. Formal DR & LR. 2 car gar. 2 level patio for outdoor living. Great sub away from hwy noise. (49TIM2)

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CANTON \$399,500
GOLF COURSE FRONTAGE! Dream come true location in one of Canton's most desirable neighborhoods. Custom deck and brick pavers, Andersen doorwalls & 3 car garage. (33AUG2)

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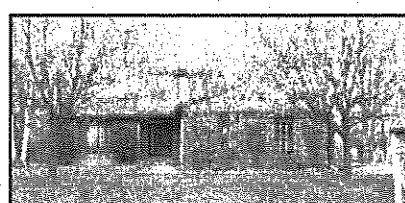
NOVI \$389,900
BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL BACKS TO WOODS! Spacious 2855 sq ft 4 br/2.5 ba fam rm w/cath cell & tp white kit w/isld & ceramic flrs w/hw floor full fin bsmt w/berber carpet, lav, huge tiered deck & hot tub. (90CID2)

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NOVI \$349,900
4 BDRM, 2.5 BATH DUNBARTON PINES BEAUTY! Well maintained and neutral T/O. Hdw flrs in foyer, nook, hall & powder rm. Crown molding in foyer, hall, FR & baths/. Extra deep BSMT. Extra wide driveway. (24FOR2)

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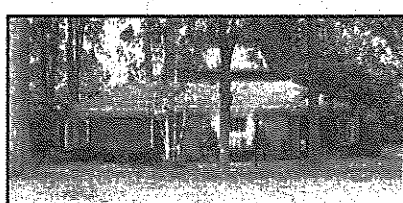
NOVI \$300,000
BRIGHT, AIRY & IMMACULATE HOME IN NOVI! 4 BR, 2.5 bths, lg GR w/FP, updt inc: windows, roof, carpet. New kit/foyer flr, counters in kit, bath & lav. New oak trim baseboards on 1st floor. Cedar deck! (43HIC2)

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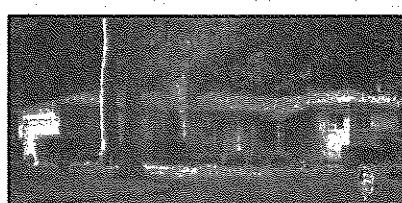
LIVONIA \$299,900
PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP SHOWS THRU-OUT! 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial features newer rf, carpet, pergo flr in DR, updated baths, wood flrs in kit & nook, ceramic in foyer & lav, lg FR w/FP, & much more! (P14475)

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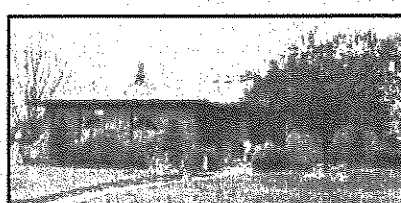
LIVONIA \$298,900
WOODED LOT, 3 BR, 2.5 BA'S fantastic 1100 SF addition, FR w/FP, pool, many updates - rf, wndws, gar, sun rm, turn, brk pavers, gutters, baths, msir BR has cathedral ceiling. 2868 SF! (P30542)

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LIVONIA \$259,900
SECLUDED AREA OF COVENTRY. Hard to find 4 BR raised ranch w/newer kit w/Merillat cupboards, newer wndws, newer carpet in fin bsmt w/glass blk, 3 full baths, lg utility rm, lg lot, & more! (S16184)

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CANTON \$239,900
HARD TO FIND RANCH! Plymouth-Canton schools. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, eat-in kitchen. Huge family room & enclosed sun porch. Beautifully landscaped. (23C7627)

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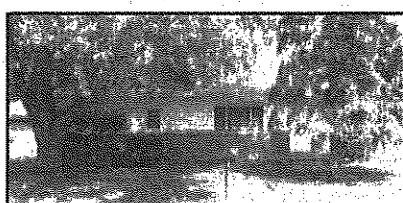
LIVONIA \$229,900
MINT CONDITION & IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY! 2 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 stry condo, 2 stry foyer w/skylt, lg mstr ste w/cathedral ceiling, prvt bath w/sep shower & tub, deck off mstr BR & DR, full bsmt, 2 car garage. (W9A09)

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LIVONIA \$214,900
LARGE NORTH LIVONIA RANCH! 3 BR, 3 BA, well maintained, updated, 2 fin rms in bsmt, fin rec rm w/woodburning stove. Drwl off kit to lg deck w/covered Jacuzzi w/blt on bar, & much more! (M29520)

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PLYMOUTH \$199,900
MAINTENANCE FREE! Custom ranch with cathedral ceilings, newer carpeting and windows, wood/ceramic kitchen, screened porch. Great access to Hines Park and downtown Plymouth. (66LAK2)

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NORTHVILLE \$199,000
CAREFREE CONDO LIVING IN NORTHVILLE Bright and cheery end unit with newer carpeting, crown moldings, master bath, partially finished rec. room and 2 car garage. Great value at \$199,000. (94CON2)

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LIVONIA \$194,598
UPDATED 4 BEDROOM RANCH! Utterly desirable & professionally upgraded, newer kit, mstr bath, floor coverings & fresh paint. Nice 2nd full bath, rec rm in bsmt. Garage w/workshop. Pool. (23H25981)

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NOVI \$189,900
OUTSTANDING NOVI OPPORTUNITY! Great potential here! 3 bedroom home on nearly 3/4 acre lot! 2 Garages, great for cars, boats, etc! Screened porch! Newer roof! Novi schools! Warranty! Fireplace! (50STA2)

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LIVONIA \$189,900
COMPLETELY UPDATED W/EXTRA DEEP LOT! Great 3 BR bungalow. Last 3 yrs, new roof, klt, BA, windows, porch, hwd flrs & carpet. Huge fam rm, 24x24 Garage. Freshly painted. All on nearly 1/2 acre lot! (20BRE2)

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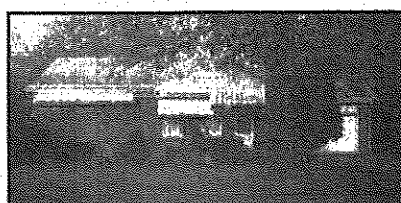
LIVONIA \$185,900
MOVE IN AT CLOSING! Full brk ranch, cathedral ceilings thru-out, 3 BR, 1.5 baths on main flr, newer wndws, elec, & plumb, c/a, bsmt has wet bar, 2+ car garage. Hurry, won't last!!! (O19184)

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LIVONIA \$179,900
YOU WON'T FIND MORE HOME FOR LESS MONEY! 3 good sized BRs, 2 BAs, lg LR with gas FP, den/computer rm could be 4th BR, 3 season sun rm off rear w/8' drwl, full fin bsmt w/ wet bar, daylight wndws, attd gar. (S19941)

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REDFORD \$174,900
COUNTRY IN THE CITY! This brk ranch sits on a half acre lot. New windows in family rm w/FP and separate heat and air. Roof 3 yrs, furn/air 13 yrs, part fin bsmt, all appliances. (M17394)

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NOVI \$174,900
BEAUTIFUL CONDO! Enter this door to the best deal around. Entirely updated interior. Att gar w/new opener. Full bsmt, new kit incl appls, washer/dryer, ceiling lights & more! (23C22437)

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WESTLAND \$169,900
ALL YOU COULD WANT in this 3 bedroom Westland ranch. Large rooms throughout, 2 full baths. Oak kitchen, all appliances stay, C/A, rec room, natural fireplace, 2 car garage. (G336)

734-326-2000



PLYMOUTH \$169,620
SWEET RETREAT! Tranquil 3 bdrm ranch. Wonderful kit w/tons of oak cnts. Cathedral ceilings in liv rm & kit. Fam rm could be in-law or teen suite. Wide lot. Take a peek & see! (23P620)

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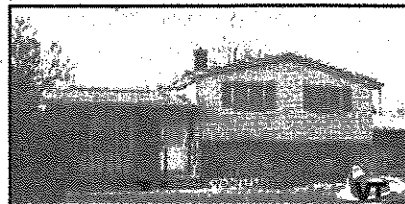
LIVONIA \$167,900
A DOLL HOUSE. A PLEASURE TO SEE. Totally updated inside and out. 3 BR, 1.5 BA, basement & garage. Private deck. Beautiful perennial gardens. (S30545)

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LIVONIA \$164,900
BRAND NEW 2003 BRICK RANCH! 3 BR, mstr w/lg WIC, great layout, 5x6 foyer, full basement. Livonia with Livonia schools. For under \$170,000 dare to compare! Elementary school end of street. (D9048)

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WESTLAND \$159,999
POPULAR FAMILY SUB 3 BR home with 2 full baths, finished lower level with wood burner & den or 4th BR, C/A, 2 1/2 car, remod kit & baths. Plus more! (V370)

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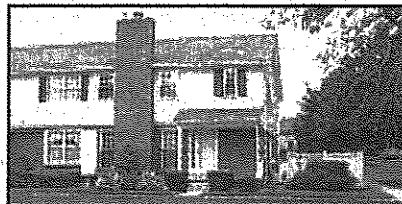
LIVONIA \$159,900
NICE LIVONIA RANCH This 3 Bdrm, 1.5 bath home has hardwood floors, Liv Rm w/valued ceiling, updated kitchen, finished bsmt, 2 car gar, fenced yard w/brick patio. Livonia schools. (54HAR2)

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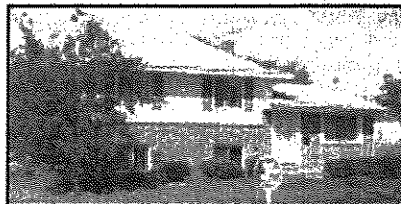
CANTON \$154,900
PERFECT STARTER HOME! Pergo fling in LR, dining area & hallway. Ceramic tile in kit. Newer wndws & HWH. Roof '00. lg yard w/privacy fence & deck. Freshly painted interior. 3 bdrm. (23A41438)

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NOVI \$154,900
ARE YOU READY TO MOVE? PERFECT LOCATION Nice room sizes. LR w/what fp, frml DR, all appl included. Full bsmt. Oversized priv patio over-looking beautiful commons. Walk to club house & pool. This is a beauty (76GLE2)

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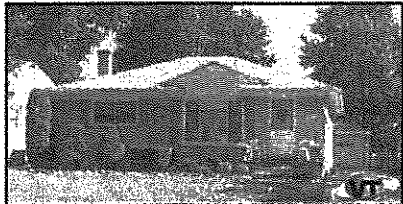
WESTLAND \$148,900
SHHH! DON'T TELL THE RELATIVES... that you purchased this 3 bedroom, 2 full bath home with a private yard & its own Gunite pool. Many updates & great location. Come see! (23J1246)

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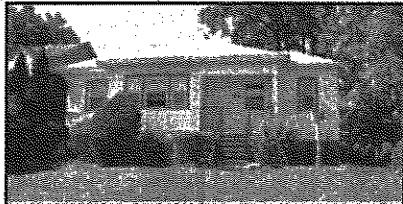
BELLEVILLE \$144,900
THIS ONE'S GREAT! Newer roof, windows, furnace & central air. 12x24 deck. Covered front porch. 220 in garage. 10x12 shed w/electricity. Stove, fridge & dishwasher stay. (E100)

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REDFORD \$142,900
YOU'LL FALL IN LOVE Super sharp and updated. 3 bdrm ranch w/fin bsmt & 2 car gar. Newer electric service, windows, carpet, paint. Hot tub and pond w/waterfall. Gorgeous. (C176)

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LIVONIA \$139,900
A GREAT VALUE IN LIVONIA Half acre lot under 150 thousand. Newer windows, roof, electrical, & more. Needs some TLC but priced to move. (N29424)

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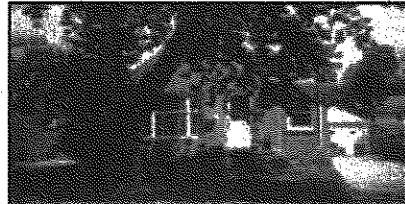
GARDEN CITY \$139,900
COMPLETELY REMODELED AND UPDATED New shingles, vinyl siding and windows, updated electrical panel & new forced air furnace, two brand new baths and new kitchen w/ceramic floor. Vintage charm. (B286)

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BELLEVILLE \$138,900
COUNTRY LIVING IN THE CITY 3 bedroom ranch on a dead end street. Newer roof & furnace. Close to shopping. Also included in prop ID# 83059010056004, .04 acre adjacent to east side of lot. (D110)

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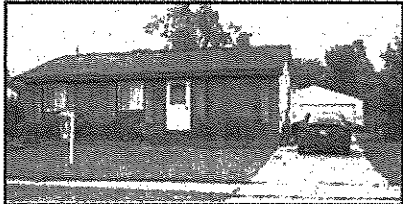
REDFORD \$135,900
3 BEDROOM BRICK BUNGALOW New kitchen cabinets - countertops - flooring - updated electric plumbing - glass block - vinyl windows - hardwood floors - South Redford Schools. (R11426)

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REDFORD \$124,500
LOW DOWN PAYMENT NEEDED in this 1347 Sq ft, three bedroom vinyl tri-level with full bath & family room. Large country kitchen w/good eating space. Doorwall from DR to multi-tiered deck. (C159)

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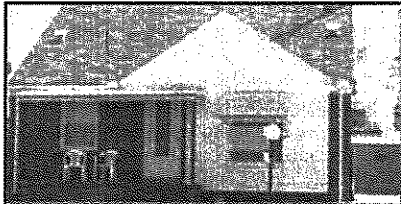
ROMULUS \$119,000
CHECK OUT THIS 3 BDRM RANCH W/ BASEMENT Recently constructed garage. Updated kitchen, newer windows & roof. Stay cool in the central air. Family rm has doorwall leading to nice lot. Needs a little TLC (K301)

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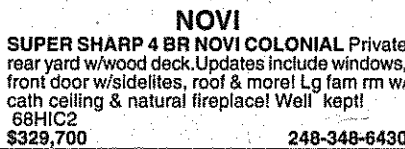
SOUTH LYON \$104,900
SOUTH LYON RANCH CO-OP! 55+ adult co-op. 2 bdrm, 2 bath end unit w/extra wndw & part fin bsmt. Open floor plan w/valued ceilings. Private courtyard entry, Florida rm. Move in ready! (23P25389)

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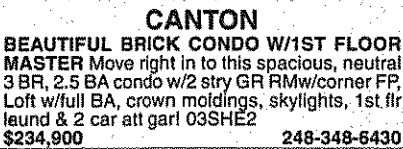
INKSTER \$96,000
BEST CURB APPEAL ON THE BLOCK This 1 1/2 story brick bungalow offers 3 bedrooms, library area, basement, in-ground sprinklers, 2 car garage & more. (W263)

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NOVI \$329,700
SUPER SHARP 4 BR NOVI COLONIAL Private rear yard w/wood deck. Updates include windows, front door w/sidellies, roof & more! Lg fam rm w/cath ceiling & natural fireplace! Well kept! (68HIC2)

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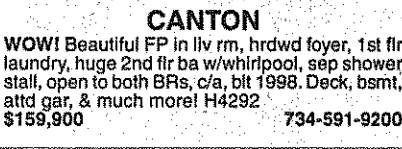
CANTON \$234,900
BEAUTIFUL BRICK CONDO W/1ST FLOOR MASTER Move right in to this spacious, neutral 3 BR, 2.5 BA condo w/2 stry GR RM w/corner FP, Loft w/full BA, crown moldings, skylights, 1st flr laund & 2 car att gar! (03SHE2)

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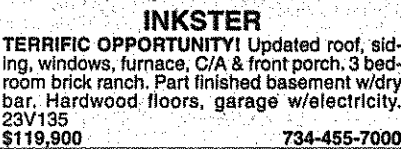
CANTON \$187,900
IMMED. OCCUPANCY, fresh paint, 2 BR, 2.5 BA, loft, great rm w/FP, 1st flr laundry, appliances stay, deck, basement, 2 car attd garage. Seller will replace carpet. H45257 PC070692

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CANTON \$159,900
WOW! Beautiful FP in liv rm, hrdwd foyer, 1st flr laundry, huge 2nd flr ba w/whirlpool, sep shower stall, open to both BRs, c/a, bit 1998. Deck, bsmt, attd gar, & much more! H4292

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INKSTER \$119,900
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SALE #1

6925 Pebble Creek Woods
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Beautiful black linen sectional, large plate glass cocktail table, plate glass & black lacquered dining table, 6 black lacquered chairs, Carson eggplant sectional, tan mica entertainment center, beige mica master bedroom, king size bedroom, orchard lake, quality electronics, breakfast set, lamps, accessories, large screen Mitsubishi TV, office furniture, treadmill, French desk, camera's, glassware, china, kitchen misc., linens, tools, men's sizes 42 & 44, women's 14 & 22, everything fairly priced. This place is full.

SALE #2

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SHERWOOD HEIGHTS - DETROIT
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BIRMINGHAM - Fri. & Sat. 9am-5pm, 612 George, W. of Woodward, N. of Lincoln.

Birmingham Designer clothes: Chanel, Jil, Prada. Bamboo couch, 1950s furniture, table saw, Koolhaas furniture, Sat-Sun, 10-4pm, 724 Bates St., btwn Lincoln & Maple.

BLOOMFIELD - 50 yrs. residency, includes all furniture, pictures, oriental rugs, ratan sets, antique safe, tools, & garage items, bsmt. full, Fri-Sat, 9-4, 6245 Golfview, first street W. of Lahser, N. off Maple.

DUMAR ESTATE SALE
Fri & Sat, Oct 24 & 25, 10-4
NUMBERS Fri, at 9:30am.

Furniture: Living room, bedroom, kitchen set, dryer, NEPTUNE washer. Tiro riding lawn mower, CAMERA & DARK ROOM EQUIPMENT: Nikon, Minolta, Canon, Vivitar, Besseler, Elanzer, Chromag - color analyzer. Woodworking Shop Craftsman tools, table saw, Wood Turning Lathe, Edelstein Unit, misc. power tools. STEREO EQUIPMENT: Fisher, Marantz, Thorens, Klipsch, STAMP COLLECTION, Bissell power steamer, 40's baby clothes, Bossos Artware. This is the home of a prominent Livonia artist, Art Parquette, and many of his artworks are for sale. Lots of misc.

16710 Hubbard, Livonia. Hubbard is S. Off 6 Mile & btwn Farmington Rd & Merriman.

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15340 Biltmore, N. Off Fennell, E. of Southfield Hwy. Oct. 23-25, 10-4pm. Antiques & collectibles, some furniture, books, records, magazines, china, glassware & more.

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FRI. & SAT. 10/24 & 10/25, 9am-5pm

25092 Lynwood Ln. off Glencastle E. of Middlebelt, 2nd street S. of 11 Mile. Everyday to elegant! Furniture, collectibles, antiques, books, linens, clothing.

FARMINGTON HILLS
28212 Danvers Drive, Thurs-Fri, Oct 23-24, 9-5pm, off 12 Mile Rd., W. of Inkster. Antique furnishings, Woodard furniture, Stiffel lamps, kitchen tables, bedroom furniture, wingback chairs, oil paintings, 1980's Oldsmobile, much more!

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Oct 30, 31, & Nov. 1, 9-5pm. 3728 Adams, E/1275, W/HX off of Ann Arbor. Trail. Antiques, crafts, Xmas, tools, yard equipment, camping, CB, shortwave equipment, kitchen items.

NORTHVILLE - Sat, Oct. 25 8-5 & Sun Oct 26 8-3. Most of home furnishings must go! 17544 Lakeview Circle, N. off 6 Mile, 2 bks. W. of Beck.

SOUTHFIELD
40 YEARS OF TREASURES! Fri & Sat, Oct 24 & 25, 10-4pm. 25684 Hickory Hill, at Beech between 9 & 10 Mile. Good furniture, art, books, kitchenware (former caterer), new refrigerator w/bottom freezer, toys & games. Must see teapot collection, & much more!

BEVERLY HILLS 31463 Loft Hollow (N. off 13 Mile W. of Lahser). Fri, 10/24, 9-4. Kids' toys/clothes & household.

Birmingham - Thurs-Fri, 9-4, 1121 Puritan, N. of 15. Furniture, decor, toys, clothes, etc.

CANTON - 7504 Embassy, N. of Warren, W. of Canton Center. 2 family, Oct 24 & 25, 9-3pm. Kids clothes, toys, household.

CANTON - multi family sale! Thurs & Fri, Oct 23 & 24, 10-5. 1779 Hendrie, off Ford between Canton Ctr & Beck. Jewelry, collectible Barbies.

CANTON - Old farm coming down to make way for urban sprawl. Ford 600 tractor w/pow, and back blade, John Deere snow blower, farm and garden equipment, misc. tools, hardware, automotive, building supplies, household items and antiques. Fri. & Sat. Oct. 24 & 25, 10-6. 1430 Beck Rd., S. of Ford, N. of Saltz.

CANTON - Garage/Moving, 43866 Nowland, N/Palmer, E/Sheldon. Sat. 9-1. Household, furniture, yard tools, etc.

CANTON - Pheasant View Sub wide sale, S. of Cherryhill, E. of Beck. Thurs-Sat, 9-5.

CANTON 46233 Spinning Wheel, Warren & Canton Ctr. Thurs-Sat, 9am. Girl clothes.

CANTON - 1926 Century Ct. (Palmer & Canton Center) Sat, 9-4.

CANTON - Fri. & Sat., 10-4, 48210 Gyle Rd., 1/2 mile W. of Beck, btwn Joy & Warren.

CANTON - Multi-families, 2500 Woodmont, Oct. 24-25th, 10-5. Canton Center & Palmer. Misc. and some estate.

CANTON - Pheasant Run Sub. W. of Canton Center, S. of Cherry Hill. Sat. 10-6.

COMMERCIAL - Sat. 9am-4pm. Clothes, toys, fridge, furniture. 3710 Cheryl Dr. corner of Bass Lk. Rd. & Cheryl Dr.

Garage Sale

FARMINGTON Couch set, rockinr, antiques, glass & hares, toys, clothes. Th/Fri, 9-6pm. 25570 Huni11/Halsted.

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Farmington 2 Larkspur Meadows Swelry, dishes, clothes items. Fri., Sat. & Sun

Franklin Hall Museum Yard Sale, Sat. Oct 25 from 10 to 165 13 Mile (at Kirk La)

GARDEN GARAGE SALE Oct 29th & Wed & Thurs from 9-4, laddcliffe, off Cherryhill

Garden Cities cookware misc. Sat. 10-5. 33452 Leona, Farri/Cherry Hill.

HOLLY - Ke lanterns & lamps, hats, wood stoves. TSat., 10-4. 10453 Oak.

HUNTINGWOODS - Big Moving Sale. Sat. 10-5. 10564 p. corner of Lincoln & 8th.

LIVONIA age/Moving sale. Th/Fri, 9-5. 18461 Gill Rd., S.E. of Wayne.

LIVONIA - Hubbard, off of 5 Mile, Harriman, sat 9-5. Priced!!

LIVONIA - THING MUST GO! Thurs-Fri, thru Tues. 10-37 Richland, btwn Farm & Stark, S. of Plymouth, antiques, furniture, incense, china, MANY miscs.

LIVONIA Sun, Oct 23-26, 10-5pm, Avon, Elvis, clocks, pos. collectibles misc. 172an N/W Mile.

LIVONIA - Family sale, Thurs-Sat. Blue Skies Court. W/4/5 mile, W/ Newburgh, misc.

NOVI - Ors home...no more roof, 24 & 25. 9. 22513 Brooke. FP. M/LP, FK, 1 Christmas

NOVI - ING SALE Oct. 24, 25, 10-5pm. 2424 Wood Dr., N. off 10 Mile. W. of Beck.

PLYMOUTH - Plances, storm windows, kure, household. Fri. & Sat. 10-4. 624 Mellow Wood, S. of Maple, E. of Orchard Lake.

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WESTLAND Post-moving sale. Country items. Fri. & Sat., 9-2pm. 8100 Tom Brown Dr., E. of Newburgh, S. of Joy.

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Men, worldwrens clothing & st/Baby items, household, odds & ends. Knicks. Fri., Sat. & Sun. 9pm. 15603 Delaware of 5 Mile between Dpaly & Inkster.

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Garage Sales

ROCHESTER YARD SALE
145 Ferndale, Sat., Oct. 25th, 8AM-3PM Lg. furniture items, gas stove, home/holiday decor

ROYAL OAK - Moving. Antiques, kitchen collectibles, furniture, tools, ladders, more. Oct 24-25, 9-5. 1507 Houstonia, 12 & Woodward.

SOUTHFIELD Oct. 24-26, 17758 Alta Vista Pl., btwn. 10 Mile & Lincoln Rd. E. of Southfield Rd. 8am-8pm. Living/bed/dining furniture, piano, other great items.

TROY - Moving Sale! Something for everyone! New and old. Have fun. 1246 Provincial Dr., Wattles between Crooks & Coolidge S. on Stonehaven to Provincial. Fri. & Sat. 10-4.

TROY Thurs-Sat, 25, 26, 9-5. 318 Eckford Ct., S. of Long Lake, W. of Rochester. Dining room & kitchen furniture, infant-toddler clothing, more.

TROY Thurs-Fri, 9-5pm. Multi-family-furniture, household items, computer table, toys, good stuff. N. of Long Lake, E. of Adams. 2609 Devonwood.

TROY Thurs-Sat, 10-6. 1661 E. Wattles, btwn Rochester rd. & John R. Antiques & collectibles.

W. BLOOMFIELD Furniture, some antiques. Fri. & Sat. 9-4. 3460 Hidden Oak Lane, E/Green Lake, S/Commerce. Woods of Orchard Lake Sub.

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Moving Sales

LIVONIA Oct. 23, 24, 25, 10-5pm. 15325 ShadySide, off 5 mile, 1 blk. E. of Farmington. Some collectibles.

NORTHVILLE - Sat. Oct. 25 8-5 & Sun Oct 26 8-3. Most of home furnishings must go! 17544 Lakeview Circle, N. off 6 Mile, 2 bks. W. of Beck.

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SOUTHFIELD - 21147 Mahon, 1 block S. of 9 Mile, E. of Lahser. Antiques, collectibles, Dept 55, Hummels, Holly Hobbles, Pewter, Hagara dolls, kitchen items, small appliances, microwave, furniture, tools, lots of misc. Fri-Sat, Oct 24-25, 9-3pm.

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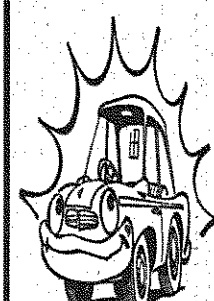
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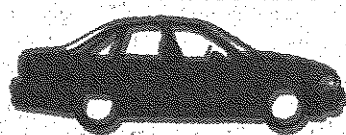
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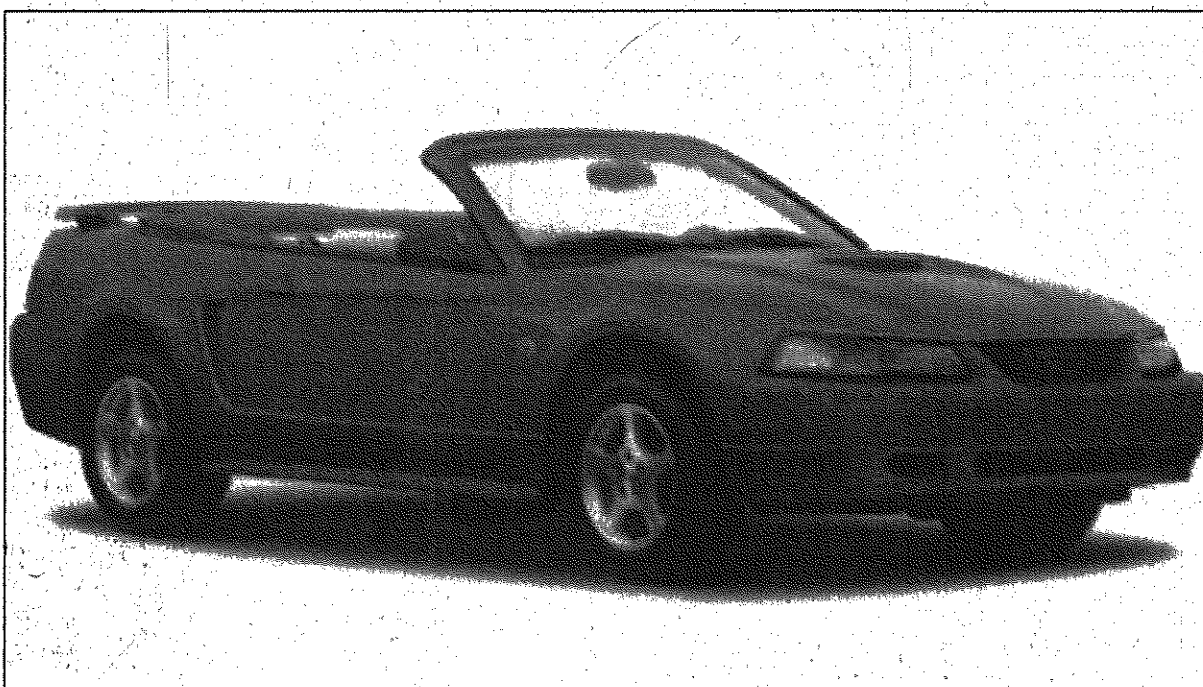
Ah, yes, the Ford Mustang. It's one of the most iconic vehicles ever produced in America. Its heritage dates back to 1964 when - thanks to Lee Iacocca, who still was with Ford Motor Co. then - it first rolled onto the streets with its unique low profile and chiseled-to-go good looks. Performance and style were its hallmarks.

Mustang is still a hot ticket today. Ford claims that it outsells all other convertibles in America, for example. And really, with GM's axing of the Chevrolet Camaro and Pontiac Firebird recently, Mustang stands alone as the last of the pony cars that is still around. Seeing one go by still makes lots of baby boomers swoon and even some Generation Xers.

But at the end of a week with a 2003 Mustang convertible, I found myself scratching my head about what all the fuss is still about. The vehicle I drove was the Premium model, with a V6 engine to add to the excitement of the ragtop. It has a single-wing rear spoiler and 16-inch alloy wheels. It was chock full of amenities, and it was a striking, fire-red color on the outside. It turned heads as I drove down street and highway. Most of all, my wife has coveted her own Mustang for years and was eagerly looking forward to the chance to experience one up close.

Yet I, family and friends alike came away sort of grasping for what was supposed to be so special about this car. We all wanted to like it and agreed that it was pretty cool that I had one to drive around. But the consensus of people whom I gave a spin in the car was that it was surprisingly underpowered; that the amenities didn't go far enough to justify the \$28,235 suggested retail pricetag on the convertible; and that the back seat - where, admittedly, no one had real high expectations in the first place -- was so small and cramped as to practically be useless.

In fact, analyzing all these reactions later, the most impressive thing about the Mustang convertible is, well - that it's a Mustang convertible.



The Mustang Convertible is still a hot ticket today.

The other thing to really like about this car, of course, is its styling. Wisely, after a decade or so spent drifting away from the uniqueness of the first Mustang models into the generic automotive-styling haze of the Seventies and Eighties, Ford's most recent versions of Mustang have attempted to restore the aggressive image of the originals. So there's the narrow slit of a grill with the one-of-a-kind Mustang badge on the front, the ersatz air scoops on the doors, the wide stance.

(And again wisely, Ford still makes the most of this car's good looks by continually bringing out new versions of it, often with special decaling and so on, for enthusiasts. They're matched with special powetrain packages, such as the most recent Mach 1 and Cobra.

Of course, there's also nothing like a convertible version of almost any vehicle to make the car look even better. The top-down mechanism of the Mustang was easy and quick. And despite the bite of early-October weather, it was still possible to go convertible, enjoy the wind blowing around my few remaining hairs, and remember my youth - when I didn't own a Mustang either.

Performance-wise, I was expecting a machine

with some off-of-the-line credentials. But despite the vehicle's standard 3.8-liter V6 and its 190 horsepower, the car didn't seem very fast to me either from a standing start or, really, in traffic. I guess you've got to get the 4.6-liter V8 engine, available on the GT version, to have your head snapped back in a Mustang. One significant sign that Ford engineers short-shruffed the car in terms of its power is that gas mileage is a highly respectable 19 mpg in the city and 27 mpg on the highway.

Handling, however, did meet my expectations for nimbleness that I was hoping for in the Mustang. Apparently the model's new suspension configurations and an advanced rear-wheel-drive system have done the trick.

Inside the vehicle, I felt a bit let down again - and I was in the driver's seat, not the rear seat. There was a great audio system with a 6-CD changer, power deck-lid release and seats and mirror, leather-wrapped steering wheel and seats. It was a nice environment in the front, with plenty of room.

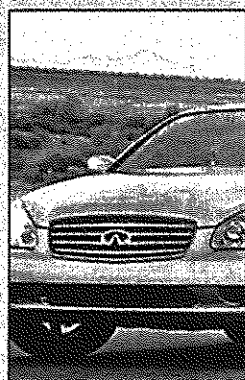
But I was just wishing for more.

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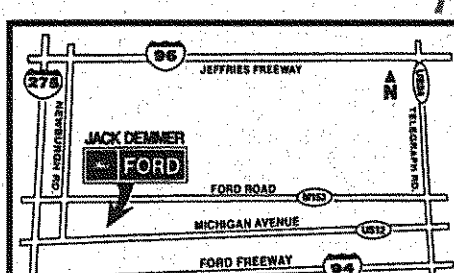
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