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**Memo**

**Register now**  
Canton residents may  
begin registering for fall  
Leisure Services programs.



and classes 4-8 p.m. Friday,  
Sept. 12. Registration contin-  
ues at 6 a.m. Saturday, Sept.  
13. Leisure Services has sim-  
plified the registration  
process by allowing regis-  
trants to sign up for all  
classes, including swim les-  
sons, at one time. Previously,  
aquatic classes had separate  
registration dates and times.

By now, residents should  
have received copies of the  
Discover catalog and are  
urged to register early  
because space is limited.

**Setting a record**  
Secondhand Prose, the  
Friends of the Canton Public  
Library Used Bookshop, had  
a record month in July.  
Profits doubled from the pre-  
vious July. Organization offi-  
cials chalk it up to new book  
crew members who have  
come through on depend-  
ability, accuracy and friendli-  
ness. That's not to mention  
the ample donations of  
books for the shop.

If you want to get in on  
early shopping at  
Secondhand Prose, join the  
Friends organization. From 2-  
6 p.m. the first Tuesday of  
each month, members only  
get a sneak preview and a  
chance to buy what's new.

New officers for the  
Friends are: Gary Simon,  
president; Rhoda Wolshon,  
vice president; Larry  
Hoelscher, treasurer; John  
Spencer, secretary; and  
trustees Carolyn Kaump,  
Linda Garrett, Shirley  
Reynolds and Nancy Spencer.  
To join the Friends, contact  
Marcia Barker at the library,  
(734) 397-0999.

## Garden tour

Canton Project Arts will  
organize a trip Sunday, Sept.  
21, to Frederick Meijer  
Gardens in Grand Rapids.

Participants will enjoy a  
tram tour of the gardens and  
see the newest exhibit,  
"Quiet Beauty: Fifty  
Centuries of Japanese Folk  
Ceramics from the  
Montgomery Collection."  
They will board a deluxe  
motor coach at the township  
administration building at  
9:45 a.m. and depart at 10  
a.m. with a return at 6:30  
p.m. Tickets are available at  
the Summit on the Park,  
(734) 394-5193, ext. 5193.

## Sullivan hours

Wayne County  
Commissioner and Vice Chair  
John Sullivan, who repre-  
sents Canton, will host coffee  
hours 9-11 a.m. Monday, Sept.  
15, at Van Buren Township  
Hall on Tyler Road. For more  
information, you may reach  
him at (313) 224-0944.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Volunteer Lauren Dahms, a student at Canton Charter Academy, reads to Jake Saunders, Ethan Salisbury, Troy Saunders, Jaclyn Dahms, and Noah and Maranda Salisbury at Fazoli's restaurant in Canton.

## Reading: We all need a different hook

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Harry Potter is for today's  
younger generation what  
Nancy Drew and the Hardy  
Boys were for the older set.  
And each has worked its own  
special magic on kids.

"That was a great thing,"  
said Penny Joy, Plymouth-  
Canton Community Schools  
language arts/social studies

curriculum coordinator,  
about Harry Potter.

"The hook is different for  
everyone of us," said Joy, a  
member of the Plymouth  
Literacy Council. "Part of the  
trick is finding the hook."

Whether it's Harry Potter,  
Nancy Drew, the Hardy Boys,  
mechanics, skiing, cars, you  
name it, a hook is something  
that interests someone  
enough for them to pick up a

book and start reading.

And that is the point of a  
weekly reading event at  
Fazoli's restaurant, 2220 N.  
Canton Center Road in  
Canton. Sponsored by the lit-  
eracy council and the restau-  
rant, the Monday night read-  
ing and crafts activities draw  
at times 50 children.

"I thought, ok, we'll figure  
this out," said Carol Saunders,  
Plymouth-Canton school

board member and chair-  
woman of the literacy council,  
when invited to create an  
activity at the Italian eatery.

She brought in Joy and  
Sharon Hill, Plymouth-  
Canton director of elementary  
education, to help figure it  
out.

It's pretty simple. Parents  
are invited to stop by with

PLEASE SEE READING, A4

## Ryan calls for Canton school

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The construction of a new  
middle school in Canton to  
replace an aging Central  
Middle School in Plymouth  
is at the forefront of a new  
bond issue being planned by  
the Plymouth-Canton  
Schools administration.

However, the steering

committee put together  
nearly a year ago to deter-  
mine the needs of the dis-  
trict for the next five-10  
years has not listed a new  
middle school as a top prior-  
ity.

The 22-member commit-  
tee is close to finalizing a  
priority list, which will be  
delivered to the Board of  
Education. At a meeting

Monday night, some mem-  
bers weren't convinced part  
of their charge was to final-  
ize a bond issue, including  
the possibility of new ele-  
mentary and middle schools  
in Canton.

"The big variable left is  
political," said committee  
member Mark Horvath. "We

PLEASE SEE SCHOOL, A5

## Memory quilt is confirmed for Canton

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

While Corey Gammel and  
Peter Marquez were prepar-  
ing to head to New York City  
to exhibit a 15,000-square-  
foot memory quilt for the  
victims of the Sept. 11, 2001,  
terrorism attacks, they were  
also thinking ahead to next  
year, when the quilt will  
make its way to Canton  
Township.

"It's penciled in," said  
Gammel, a free-lance graph-

ic artist in California. "When  
we come back from New  
York, we will work on shows  
for next year. We will come  
there."

Debbie Zevalkink, admin-  
istrative assistant to Canton  
Supervisor Tom Yack, who  
has been working with

Gammel, already knew that.  
"We have a firm commit-  
ment," she said. "We don't  
have a date yet."

Originally the thought  
was to bring the quilt that  
honors each victim of the  
terrorist attacks to Canton  
in August. But Zevalkink is  
now thinking that perhaps  
the Liberty Fest is a more  
appropriate time for the  
community.

"I am hoping this will be

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PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Wild ride

The Freak Out ride hurls joyseekers on a twisting pendulum as it streaks through the  
night Saturday at the Plymouth Fall Festival. Turn to page A8 for a story and more photos.

## Summer tax payments due Sunday

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Summer tax pay-  
ments for Canton resi-  
dents are due Sunday,  
Sept. 14.

Canton Treasurer

Elaine Kirchgatter is  
urging residents who  
have not yet paid to be  
aware there may be long  
lines at township hall.  
But there is also a

In a story published  
Sunday, Sept. 7, the dead-  
line for summer tax pay-  
ments should have read  
Sunday, Sept. 14. The cor-  
rect story runs here.

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## Fifty-plus businesses will be on display at chamber expo

The public is invited to the Canton Chamber of Commerce Business Expo 2003 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 17 at the Summit on the Park.

Admission is free. More than 50 exhibitors will be on hand. You can join in the fun, receive door prizes, make contacts and learn more about the chamber.

Businesses participating include:

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## LOTZ

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trustees agreed to a smaller project – paving about 1,700 feet south of Michigan Avenue – after homeowners in the area signed petitions requesting the paving.

At a public hearing in May those homeowners said they needed the gravel road paved because they were having trouble selling their properties.

The township agreed to pick up the engineering design cost and Wayne County agreed to pay 20 percent of the construction cost. The township also agreed to extend the payoff period to 15 years instead of the usual 10. The township subsequently bid the project and scheduled what should have been a final public hearing on Tuesday to approve the plan and award the contract.

"We have bid the project, the numbers have come in and I have been told they were quite good," Township Supervisor Tom Yack said in opening the hearing. The cost to property owners was just over \$210,000.

But Lisa Walker, who owns a 3-acre parcel in the district, disagreed with Yack about the numbers. "The main concern we have is I don't think the bids came in low enough to suit us," she said, speaking on behalf of other homeowners who were also in attendance. "I only see a \$30,000 drop from April 29. And I don't see where the township put any money in."

Tony Minghine, finance director for Canton, said the township did not specifically put money into the project.

"We were able to get the county to put in a significant amount and we have paid for the design of the project."

Yack added that the township never promised to put funds in directly.

"I think what we said was we would find the money," he said. "And we found the money."

But Walker said she and other homeowners were concerned that they wouldn't be able to come up with the extra money and would risk losing their homes. "On top of the amount of money that we're going to be taxed, we also have to pay the interest," she said. "So the amount of money just

for my parcel alone is \$3,300 a year on top of the \$1,200 I already pay. I can't afford that."

Yack appeared somewhat perplexed by the reaction of the homeowners.

"We should have had this conversation two years ago," he said, "because the SAD process has not changed whatsoever. The township's position has always been that when we enter into a SAD we expect the residents or whomever is getting the benefit of the improvement to actually pay."

Walker countered that the present homeowners wouldn't benefit. "It's whoever buys our property that will benefit," she said, "and we want to tack that onto the new buyers. We've been trying to sell for over 20 years. I don't really feel very hopeful that we're going to find somebody in the next two to three years. And the bulk of the payments with the interest are right up front."

She said before Tuesday's hearing the residents didn't know what the interest rate was or what the bids were.

"This is the first time we've been given a map of what it's going to cost us," she said.

Yack said the bids were publicly opened and are available for examination by residents.

Walker and other residents said they were prepared to rescind their signatures from the petition they had signed.

"You said that at any time we can object along the way," she told Yack. Minghine cautioned the board that he didn't think they should vote the project down at this time.

"I don't know the answer to this question," he said. "But you've had a number of public hearings and resolutions that are adopted in a SAD project. I don't know what happens when we make it this far and then vote it down."

Minghine recommended that the board table the motion and get a legal opinion from the township's counsel before proceeding further.

"The SAD is a legal process with a series of steps," he said. "We have completed four of five steps. I'm not sure what the appropriate course of action is at this time given where we are."

The board voted unanimously to table any action on the plan until they got a legal opinion.

## TAXES

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drop-off box at the rear of township hall where you may drop off your payment.

Before you do that, be sure to include the return portion of the tax bill and your tax identification number on your check. It makes life a lot easier for the treasurer's staff as they process the payments.

Kirchgatter discourages payment in cash, though cash will be accepted. Credit cards, however, are not accepted. Remember taxes paid after the due date carry a 1 percent penalty per month.

Even if your taxes are paid through the mortgage holder, you should have received a notice informing you of how much the summer portion is costing you.

"It's just a tax notice, an informational copy. It's not a bill. They just look the same," Kirchgatter said.

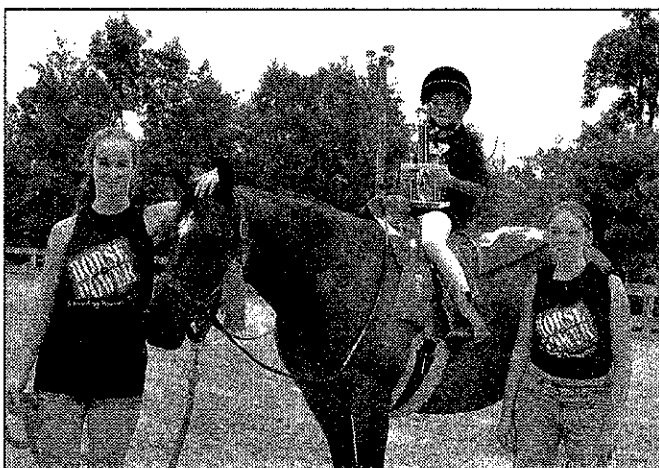
If you are in the Plymouth-Canton district, your bill will be based on 9.9 mills; Van Buren district, 6.2 mills; and Wayne-Westland, 10.1 mills. If you own a \$400,000 home, valued at \$200,000, you will pay \$1,980 for the summer taxes if you live in the Plymouth-Canton district.

If you aren't sure if you paid your taxes, or want to double-check that your mortgage holder has made the payment, Kirchgatter asks that you do not call the treasurer's office.

"This is a really busy time in the treasurer's office," she said.

"We are working overtime to make sure the bills are posted in a timely manner."

To find out the status of your payment, you can check Canton's Web site: [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) or call the statewide tax information number, (800) 846-8725, or hop online to a private organization that keeps track, [www.ugotpal.com](http://www.ugotpal.com).



## Horse powered

Janée Arnold of Canton (left) assists Krista Zdanowski, who won the second place trophy in Western Pleasure Class while riding Harmony Diamond (and with the help of Abby Hovarter, right) earlier this summer during the 4-H Horseback Riding Program called Proud Equestrians for the physically, mentally and emotionally challenged children and adults. For more information on Proud Equestrians, call 4-H at (248) 858-0889 or Judy Boils at (248) 634-6090.

## Two men arrested in armed robbery

Two Detroit residents have been arrested in connection with an armed robbery and tire thefts in Canton.

A 22-year-old Detroit resident was charged with armed robbery of the Shurgard Storage facility in Canton on Aug. 6. The man allegedly admitted to the robbery while being held in jail in Livonia on a similar charge. He's being held on a \$100,000 cash bond for the Canton charge.

A 32-year-old Detroit resident is in jail following his arrest in connection with a series of thefts of tires and rims in Canton. According to Canton police there have been 13 larcenies since early July and which tires were taken from cars that were then left on landscaping blocks. Canton police arrested the suspect after an Oakland County surveillance unit observed a man attempting to remove tires from a car in Canton.

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# Newborns will benefit from seniors' handiwork

## Canton woman gets her mom and other seniors in sewing bee of sorts

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

It's a bit like an old-fashioned sewing bee, but instead of needles and thread, residents at Marquette House in Westland are using crochet hooks to make blankets for newborns at Hutzel Hospital in Detroit.

Working with donated yarn and patterns found in books and on the Internet, the women have been meeting for two hours every Wednesday evening since March to work on their blankets and chat. To date, they've made 15 blankets for the infants born at the hospital.

Beverly Landgraf of Canton came up with the idea as a way of getting her mother Lottie Basiaga out of her room and doing something.

"She doesn't do it, but everyone else does," Landgraf said.

"She did it for one day and said she couldn't do it, so now she sits out there and we have a social gathering."

The idea was kind of a spin-off of a mitten tree the assisted living facility had last year. Landgraf had decided the group would make berets, but that proved too difficult, so they switched to making the small blankets.

But finding a hospital to take them wasn't easy.

According to Landgraf, Hutzel was the only one to return her phone call. While her sister-in-law worked there, she soon discovered that her boss' wife also worked in obstetrics-gynecology at the hospital.

She now delivers the blankets for the group.

One of those blankets was a red and white peppermint wrapper blanket, created by Eleanor Wilson. She's hoping the hospital will keep it for a baby born on Christmas Day. There are always babies born on Christmas, she said, pointing out that her husband was.

"I've made so many baby afghans and big afghans, but I love making baby things," she said. "I was only about 20 and I taught myself. I made a lot of mistakes."

Harriet Renas is another mem-

ber of the group who's been crocheting for years.

"I couldn't begin to tell you when I started," she said. "I was a teenager. I started by making doilies to put around the house."

Those women who are more experienced and Landgraf help those trying to remember a skill learned long ago.

But according to Louise Snytko, Landgraf has a special skill.

"Beverly's great at ripping out stitches, she delights in ripping out stitches," she said.

"It's to keep the women active," Landgraf said. "I enjoy it, I enjoy being with them. I've learned a lot from them. I look forward to being with them and talking about the old times, which is good for them."

For Helen Yando, it's been more than 30 years since she crocheted. She believes it shouldn't be too hard to do again, but she does admit that back then her grandmother was around to help her.

"I loved to take things apart," she said. "I'd make patterns for clothes that way."

The group also has gotten help. Mary Langloise, who works at Marquette House, made 10 blankets while convalescing from surgery, while resident Olive Bartel's daughter chipped in \$20 to buy yarn, activities director Peggy Helbling said.

While number of women who crochet remains about the same, the group has been changing. Some of them have Alzheimer's and have had to move into nursing homes. Landgraf didn't anticipate that and is saddened by the losses.

But she's quick to praise them for their work, considering problems with such things as arthritis.

"One woman with Alzheimer's did a beautiful baby blanket and then a week later moved to a nursing



PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Olive Bartels (left) receives help from Beverly Landgraf of Canton with a crochet stitch for a blanket that she making to give to Hutzel Hospital.

home," she said. "I commend them for having the get-up-and-go and going and doing this. Many have arthritis and it's hard on their hands, so I don't think they do a lot during the week, just on Wednesday evening."

They know it's not possible to know which family receives one of their blankets, but the women are glad to know their work is appreciated.

"With each stitch of your handy work, you have given the most precious gift you can give — your time — to make the infant and toddler items for children you probably will never know," Juanita Wade, director of Volunteer Services/Women's Guild at Hutzel, wrote in a thank-you note.

"Without very special people like you, it would be impossible to make available many of the important services Hutzel



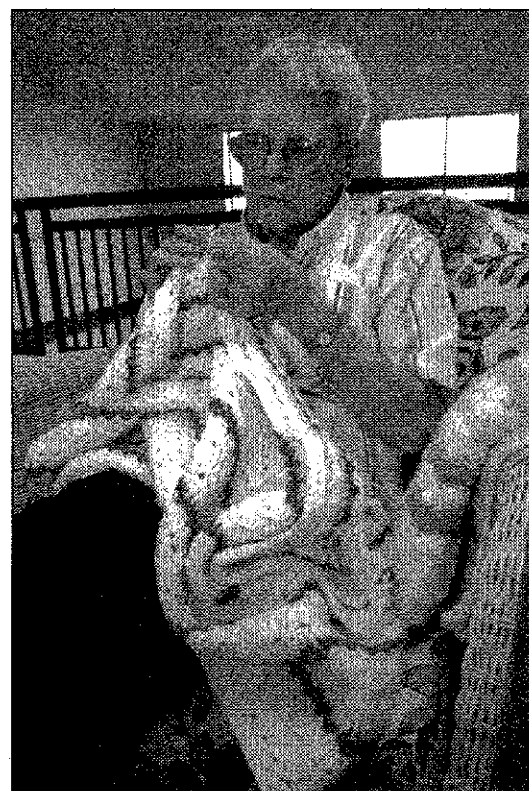
The ladies gather in a sitting area on Wednesday evenings to work on their blankets and socialize.

provides to our patients and to the community."

But the group could use some help. They're looking for donations of yarn to continue making the blankets. People

interested in helping out can contact Helbling at (734) 326-6537.

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Marquette House resident Eleanor Wilson crochets a red and white peppermint wrapper blanket she hopes will be given to a Christmas baby at Hutzel Hospital in Detroit.

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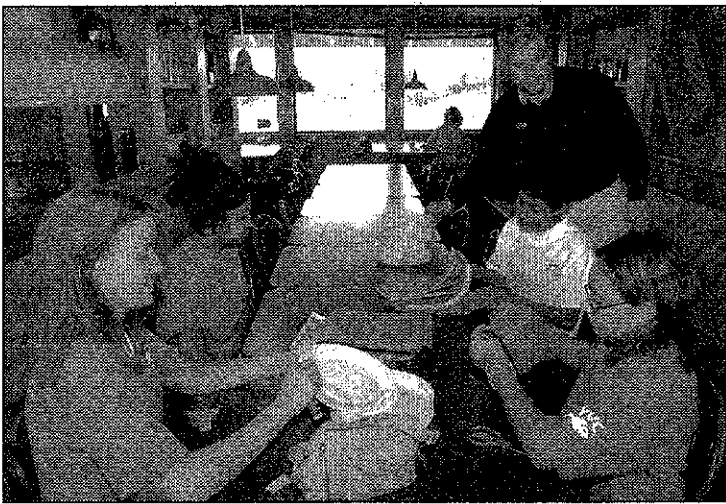
their kids, get them some dinner, and let them loose listening to books read aloud, followed by crafts, which are organized by high school volunteers, through Canton Township's Pat Van Dusen, volunteer coordinator.

"We wanted to make this restaurant more kid oriented," said John Smith, Fazoli's marketing manager.

That's when he called Saunders, who lined up the reading and child experts in Joy and Hill. Saunders realized she needed even more help and called Van Dusen, to bring in the volunteers.

On average, Smith said, the activities draw some 25 kids every Monday night. "It started with four on the first night and it has grown."

Monday evenings have everything to do with reading. So much so, that even after a story is read aloud, the kids want it re-read. "We want reading to be a positive experience for all kids," Joy said.



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Fazoli's marketing man John Smith passes out craft materials for the volunteers to prepare for the evening's projects. Monday night's volunteers are Anita and Vijay Patel, Jennifer Craddock and Jennifer McCay.

Hill offers that while children - as students - are taught to read for informational purposes, they are able to take the skills and read about what interests them.

"We use these interests to transfer them to other types of reading."

Parent Kevin Salisbury of Canton arrived with his four kids. "It's our first time. We

were driving by and saw the sign." Reading, however, isn't new to his kids. "We read aloud to them all the time."

That's the trick, Joy said. "We need to make them feel good about reading. If your family skied together, you probably ski today."

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Concert a fitting memorial on Sept. 11

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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For Wungreiso Valui, associate pastor of the First Baptist Church in Plymouth, living in India brought with it the constant fear of terrorism and war.

"In India, there were a lot of terrorist attacks, and always the fear of war," Valui said.

When he moved to the United States in January 2000, Valui valued living in a country where he could finally feel safe.

"I enjoy the religious, political and individual freedom I have in the United States," Valui said. "I didn't see people discriminate against me, or exploit me, because of the color of my skin or where I came from."

That feeling of comfort was rocked by the events of 9/11, when terrorists crashed four jetliners, most notably two into the World Trade Center.

"When Sept. 11 came, I was shocked," Valui said. "I thought this was one of the safest countries in the world. It was hard

to accept the fact it was happening in this country."

With those thoughts in mind, Valui's church and the Plymouth Community Band will be holding a remembrance service Thursday, the second anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, in Plymouth's Kellogg Park. It's titled "Remember Our Heroes."

We want to remember what happened on Sept. 11, and honor the fallen heroes and families," Valui said. "We want to say we still care for you, and we're here to celebrate our freedom."

"We will continue to celebrate freedom, and will continue to live our lives as we have always lived," he added. "What happened here affects people all around the world. I want to bring that message to the community."

Rev. Michael Bryan, the senior minister of First Baptist Church, said the community service will take the opportunity to remember those in law enforcement and public safety;

not only those who gave their lives on 9/11, but those who give of themselves to help in all kinds of emergency situations.

"It's not only to remember those from 9/11, but also tie it in with the recent power outage and how the community pitched in to help each other," Bryan said. "Anybody can be a hero when the chips are down, or the timing is right."

"You can make yourself a hero whenever the situation arises," he added. "We all feel a lot less vulnerable when people are pitching in."

Carl Battishill, director of the Plymouth Community Band, said the program will consist of four musical parts: "The Star-Spangled Banner" to begin the program; Bombs Bursting in Air to remember Sept. 11 and allow us to grieve; In God We Trust, which will dwell on some of the response after the event; and a patriotic conclusion.

The community event will begin at 7 p.m. in Kellogg Park.

QUILT

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the first trip to Michigan," she added.

The United in Memory Victims Memorial Quilt project was started by Gammel and Marquez, an operations manager for a moving and storage company. The California men came up with the idea shortly after Sept. 11, 2001. They visited Ground Zero and returned to the West Coast with a vision similar to the better-known AIDS Quilt.

Two days after the World Trade Center attack, Gammel created a banner that he took to New York City and Ground Zero. "The smell is still embedded in my senses," Gammel said.

Once back in California, Gammel said he still wanted to do more to ensure that the victims of the attacks were never forgotten. "I wanted to do a project that paid honor to each individual, that would be comforting to the families personally," he said.

The quilt was born. It is 15,000 square feet and consists

of 142 individual panels measuring 10 1/2 feet squared, with each panel consisting of 25 blocks, each measuring 18 inches squared and dedicated to each and every person who died at the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon and the passengers and crew of American Airlines flights 11 and 77 and United Airlines flights 93 and 175.

It became an international project. "We got 600 blocks alone from Australia," Gammel said.

Gammel and Marquez created a Web site for the project and it listed all the victims' names. Anyone and everyone was invited to help create the quilt. In the end, it took some 3,000 people from 18 countries to create the absolutely huge quilt. In August 2002, the quilt made its debut on the Queen Mary in California. It has since traveled to Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Utah, other parts of California and New York City.

Today, on this second anniversary of the terrorist attacks, the United in Memory Quilt is being displayed on Pier 94 in New York City, the site where the first family assistance center was established

when the World Trade Center was attacked.

"Most people who see the quilt didn't really know anyone (who was killed)," Gammel said. "I feel like I know each and every victim now of 9/11. The quilt allows us to mourn."

Canton resident Dollie Lieberman believes a block she made - through the Plymouth Peacemakers - may be a part of the United in Memory Quilt. "We never learned whether our blocks are part of what is now going around the world," she said. She'll get a chance to see when the quilt comes to Canton.

Meanwhile, Lieberman made a quilt panel of red, white and blue for Canton. It is expected to hang in the new Canton Township administration building, when construction is completed.

The United in Memory Quilt, however, is just too big to hang. In fact, it is so big the 142 panels aren't sewn together to form the entire quilt as one piece. "They are displayed together. Some could be hanging," Gammel said.

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saw data on voter trends, and if that's what it comes down to, I don't feel I'm in a position to make that decision. I'm not sure if the political piece isn't the largest piece of the decision making."

## PARITY GOAL

That political piece is Central Middle School. The committee is working at bringing all the middle schools toward educational parity. That would mean an estimated \$17.5 million in infrastructure and air conditioning improvements at Central.

The school board is expected to decide if it will renovate Central for a third time, or build a new middle school in Canton — where most of Central's students reside. However, politically, board members will have to decide which decision will bring enough votes to pass a bond issue, which is also expected to include a new elementary school, plus other improvements to East, West and Pioneer middle schools.

Superintendent Jim Ryan told committee members that during a recent meeting with Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, a new bond issue could face defeat if a new middle school in Canton isn't part of the equation.

"He (Yack) said we could have his support, but if we renovated Central Middle School to be a middle school, he would not support it personally, and he would work very, very diligently to make sure Canton Township would not support it," said Ryan. "Mr. Yack says they've been very patient, they (students) have been bused to other middle schools, and he made it very clear he would openly oppose our bond issue."

## CANTON DOMINANT

Statistics seem to bear out Yack's concerns. Of the 17,500 students who live in the district, approximately 12,600 (73 percent) live in Canton, with a combined 4,500 living in Plymouth and Plymouth Township. Of the 720 students who attend Central, 428 are from Canton, with 281 residing in the Plymouths.

Ryan also presented figures from the 1997 and 1998 bond issues, which showed Canton voters outnumbering those from Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Yack, a school board trustee from 1974-85, was on the board when Central was closed in 1976 for renovations. Yack said he would agree with renovation at any other middle school in the district, but said enough money has been dumped into Central.

"The right thing to do is construct a middle school in Canton where the students are," said Yack. "Canton residents value their schools, and they've repeatedly said to me they want to see schools built in Canton, where they are closer and facilities are up-to-date."

"I tried not to be threatening, but I want them (the school district) to understand that I've been a big supporter of bond referendums in the past, and the right elements have to be in the bond issue for me to support another one," he said. "A new middle school would definitely be a good idea."

Ryan didn't leave the committee guessing where he was coming from.

"Central Middle School is 86 years old, and there's no comparison between science labs, (wide) stairways, or it being over 100 degrees on the third floor," said Ryan. "I can't make Central equal to Discovery (Middle School) no matter what I do to it. I want to give taxpayers the very best investment of their tax dollars."

The new middle school, if

constructed, would have the same architectural plan as four-year-old Discovery.

Ryan said if a new middle school is constructed in Canton, the alternative education program at Starkweather would move to Central, and be expanded to include grades seven to 12. Starkweather would then be sold.

The special education programs would be moved from Tanger Center in Plymouth Township to Central, with Tanger then housing a magnet school of elementary Talented and Gifted students — possibly a joint venture with Livonia and Northville, which would bring in additional revenue for

the district.

Central would also house the staff development center, which is now located at the bus yard on Lilley Road.

## CHANGE OF MIND

Committee member Cathy Seay-Ostrowski said she wasn't convinced, at first, that a new middle school was needed. However, Ryan's remarks convinced her a middle school would help pass a bond issue. "Data didn't support it before tonight," she said. "I want a bond issue to pass, and if 70-something percent of voters in Canton are going to pass it, then we need to frame the

recipe with items that will allow it to pass."

Debra Madonna of Plymouth Township has long been on the bandwagon to save Central, beginning several years ago when there were rumors the building was going to be sold.

Now, as a member of the committee, Madonna still isn't convinced Central can't be a viable middle school, and points to MEAP scores, which she said show students at Central aren't being cheated on educational opportunities.

"The data doesn't support that opportunities have been diminished," she said.

"Gov. (Jennifer) Granholm

is looking at the sprawl issue ... and she's suggesting tax breaks (for renovation of older school buildings)," Madonna said.

The committee is hoping to wrap up its charge by the first of the year and give its findings to the school board. From there, the school board will decide how big a bond issue to present to voters, what it will include and when it will take place.

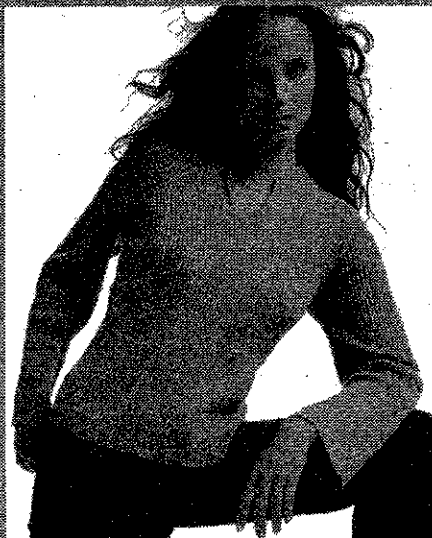
"(If it doesn't) pass, we're going to have a real challenge," said Ryan, "because we'll still have enrollment growth. I don't want you to think I've got some magic solution to more kids and limited space."

## FROM WHENCE THEY COME

Student population of the Plymouth-Canton school district, by municipality:

|                  |        |     |
|------------------|--------|-----|
| Canton Township  | 12,605 | 73% |
| Plymouth Twp.    | 3,722  | 21% |
| City of Plymouth | 788    | 5%  |
| Northville Twp   | 123    | 1%  |
| Salem Township   | 74     | 0%  |
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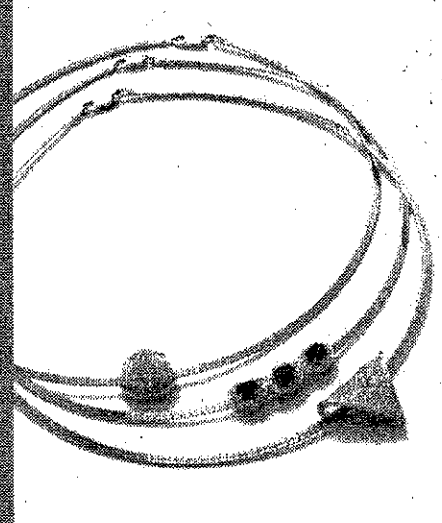
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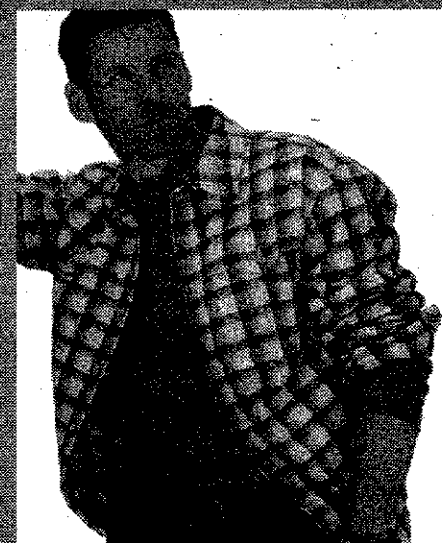
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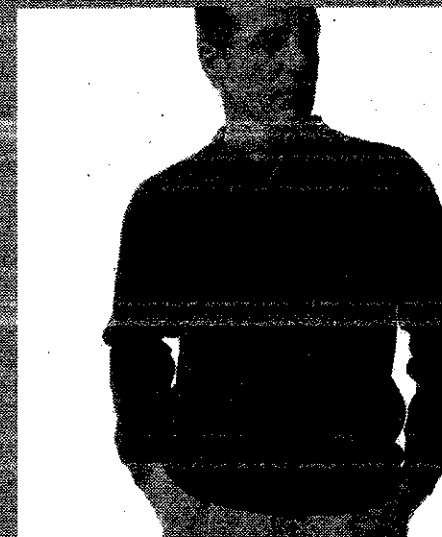
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## OUR VIEWS

# Rural-suburban clash inevitable

It is certainly more than a question of who was here first — Canton as a suburb with a move toward pricey homes, or the Bordine family who has farmed the land since 1836?

Aggravation between the Bordine brothers — Duane and his late brother, Roger — and Supervisor Tom Yack, is the stuff of which local legends are made.

Bordine is in violation of township ordinances that say you can't store your stuff — farm implements, old cars, trucks and other equipment — outside for all to see. This is also a clash between a rural way of life and a suburban life, one actively pursued by township officials who want to put Canton on the map with expensive homes and great leisure activities. A place to call home.

Funny, that's what the Bordines have done since the 1830s. A changing Canton is not new for the family, or any other farming family, whose profession and way of life has clashed with, and occasionally been denigrated by, the new suburban way.

Not that a little cleaning up wouldn't be in order. But there is that lingering feeling that township officials have long fought to clear the land of farmers to make way for developers in expensive suits who want to parcel out the land, put in artificially winding roads, retention ponds and landscaping.

There is no winning for either side in this debate. What is needed here is some good, old-fashioned working together. Surely, the past and the present can blend together to make an even better community.

As expected, the issue has found itself in court and the debate has raged since 1996. In and around some health problems, Bordine promises he is cleaning up. He has moved out 40 tons of stuff on his property. Not fast enough for some township officials. Yack contends that the developer and builder in Vintage Valley — Bordine's property abuts it — has spent some \$150,000 in landscaping as a buffer to the longtime farmer's scenery.

There is irony here. As fast as some have wanted the farmers off the land to make way for suburbia, there are those who move equally fast to collect the antiques and folklore to build a history about those farmers whose parents and grandparents made the township the sweet corn capital.

Bordine lives on land that is zoned agricultural, a designation that seems to allow animals. And he is right. If the suburban neighbors don't like the look or smell of the animals on his appropriately zoned land, they can move elsewhere. When portions of the huge Sunflower subdivision were under construction, new homeowners complained vehemently when raccoons or deer dared cross their newly-sodded back yards.

In any growing community, there has to be give and take. It appears that the very things we love about a rural life are the very things we hate when it sits next door to our \$300,000 homes.

# Blackout exposed how vulnerable we still are

It was two years ago today that terrorists crashed hijacked jets into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a field in rural Pennsylvania, killing themselves and thousands of innocent Americans.

The Bush administration launched an aggressive war against terrorism, which continues today.

As we observe the second anniversary of 9/11, we need to ask ourselves: Are we any more secure?

Americans don't feel any safer, it seems. Last month's blackout, which stretched across eight states from the Atlantic coast to southeast Michigan, is evidence of that. The first thought that went through many people's minds was that we had suffered another terrorist attack.

The blackout — resulting in shortages of safe drinking water and gasoline, traffic gridlocks and the loss of several billion dollars of business for 50 million electrical customers — exposed just how vulnerable our infrastructure is to an attack.

The terrorists were probably thrilled, thinking they couldn't have done a better job themselves.

Government officials and industry leaders are now trying to figure out what caused the power outage, the worst in U.S. history, and how to prevent it from happening again.

Preliminary findings point to problems with transmission lines in northern Ohio and poor communication among utility providers in the blackout area.

Consumers have already been warned that their electrical bills will rise to help pay for needed upgrades.

But the federal government needs to share in the costs of securing our infrastructure.

More stable, impervious electrical and water delivery systems will help protect us against future terrorist threats. It would be money well-spent in the war against terrorism.



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Vicki Chilcuff of Memory Lane Scrapbooks & Stamps stands outside her store in the Golden Gate Shopping Plaza on Lilley, south of Joy. The center is experiencing a rebirth after a tough time, beginning with a heavy snow collapsing the roof in 1999.

## LETTERS

### Disappointed

I was looking forward to attending another season of high school football at P-CEP, especially since this would be the first year I would take my oldest son on a regular basis. My dad and I, along with a friend and his young son, went to the season opener tonight for Canton. It was a great game and everybody had a good time, especially the kids.

However, I could not help but be disappointed in the conduct of some of the people attending the game. I know that kids are not angels all of the time, and it is unrealistic to expect them to be. I can understand if a foul word slips from time to time, as I've been guilty of it myself. However, some of the language used tonight in the presence of women and children was way out of line.

When you are in the stands sitting behind 4- and 5-year-old boys, do not discuss your parents' sex life or the anatomy of your dog. Do not use foul language. This was a conversation among three girls, but some of the guys were just as bad. We changed our seats during the game to try and stay away from that type of talk. Unfortunately it didn't solve the problem.

As we were walking out to our car, my son pointed out a cheerleader walking ahead of us. I explained to him how she helped represent the school. I could only shake my head as the girl said hello to a friend parked in a car she went by, then casually replied, "f%\$k y%\$" to an unheard remark. As we hurried to the car, another group of kids was yelling the same thing at each other in another part of the parking lot. I didn't say anything to any of the kids tonight because I didn't want to make the problem worse with the children present.

Teenagers, please think about other people around you when you are in a public setting. You are a direct reflection on your parents and the upbringing you have received from them. Foul language in public is not acceptable, even in today's society. Parents, please speak with your children. Remind them that having fun and being with their friends is a great part of growing up. But with it comes the responsibility to respect others around them.

P-CEP has a security staff on hand. They should have the power to eject and/or suspend kids if they cannot behave in a more fitting manner while on school property. The school may have such a policy, but I didn't see it enforced tonight, and I saw staff present while kids used profanity around them. Please help a father out.

Jim England  
Canton

### Union bashing

This is the second time that I have read with ultimate disgust (Phil Power's) disregard for the UAW ("Diminishing clout of labor unions a sad sign of times," *Observer*, Aug. 28), for that matter any unionized labor force. Either the problem is that you drive around in a high-priced foreign vehicle, or you don't like unions because you have to negotiate with them and it costs you money.

Do you think that it would be at all possible for you to do any research into all the good that the unions have done?

Suppose that you interview the men and women that work on the lines and get their opinions. There was a point in our history where companies were out to squeeze profits from the people they hired to work in unhealthy factories, provide

them with no support and so little pay. The unions came along and changed all that.

My family is a proud union family (no scabs). When the Detroit newspapers went on strike the UAW supported their union brothers and sisters and refused to allow those newspapers in their plants and in their homes.

Sorry to say, Mr. Power, but unions support each other and America. How dare you even put that quote in your column that after 9/11 that the UAW didn't talk about how to support America. That's all they talk about ... buy American-made products, American-made cars, etc.

Have you ever driven to a parking plant at any of the Big Three? If you had you would see the sign that reads "no foreign vehicles allowed, they will be towed at owner's expense."

So, Mr. Power, when you sit in your foreign vehicle (because you obviously don't like to support unions) just remember two things: One, you just cost an American his/her job and two, the profit from that car went overseas, not to America.

I was brought up union, I married a man in the union and my sons will be union!

Jessica (Voyles) Olack  
Plymouth

### Age discrimination

I attended the Fall Festival this past weekend. As usual, I had a lot of fun. However, an incident occurred which greatly upset me.

My friends and I got in line to go on "Freak Show," a very popular ride. The line was long, and was made longer by teenagers who kept cutting in front of us. The man running the ride informed us that if they didn't stop, he would shut the ride down.

Instead of doing this, he took all of the teenagers aside, and let the adults and children go ahead. As a 16-year-old I, too, was taken aside. I understand that some teenagers were cutting. However, my friends and I were not, and it angered me that people who had not waited as long were going on before me.

More upsetting was the discrimination against teenagers. I hope that, in the future, the Fall Festival is not marred by such blatant age discrimination.

Stephanie Letting  
Plymouth

### Bravo for Tony Blair

Some fine, some decent words about Tony Blair have been written in several of our large city newspapers in recent days. Hoorays and bravos have been ringing and rightly so.

There are more souls among us than I thought who realize that Blair understands the events of the day which affect all of us in the world. Like many Americans, including our administration, Blair believes that Hussein and the world's terrorists mean to wreck havoc on any and all peoples they choose to envy, to despise, and to hate. Americans and Jews have been identified by the "believers" to be the most hateful.

Blair has become a champion. If he were to run for office as a Democrat in America, it would be difficult not to vote for the man.

I like his integrity and respect his courage. He truly helps us in our now dark days. He will help make them brighter.

Neli Goodbred  
Livonia

### Missed opportunity

As we observe a solemn day of remembrance this Patriot Day in memory of those who tragically lost their lives two years ago as a result of the 9/11 attacks, it is important that we not allow the politicians to further capitalize upon our sense of fear, outrage and righteous indignation that we share as Americans.

Most of us value fair play. And the criminal attacks against our land and people that was committed allegedly by an international organization of fanatical terrorists united the world with us in sympathy and a desire for justice.

However, our political leaders misused that momentary window of opportunity to create an international posse which would have financially and logistically choked the life out of the Al-Qaeda network.

Instead, through lies and deception, our unfairly elected government led us down a path of unilateral hopelessness, resulting in a quagmire of military involvement into Iraq that will make the tragedies of Vietnam pale by comparison.

We have done exactly what the terrorists who planned the 9/11 attacks hoped we would do — jump headlong into a snake's pit of regional conflict, ethnic and religious turmoil, and military frustration.

Meanwhile, little has been done to improve homeland security because all the money needed from the federal government to supply and update our state and local emergency response teams is being channeled to the private contractors who are politically joined at the hip to the neo-cons in power such as Cheney, Wolfowitz, and Rumsfeld.

And of course they will profit from it all while jobs are still being cut and health care and education costs continue to spiral out of control. The deaths of thousands on 9/11 were turned into political martyrs, their lives lost for the sake of an imperialistic policy that will crumble from the top down just as the twin towers did on that fateful late summer day two years ago, because Bush, the boy-king who would be emperor, is finally being called upon to show off his new clothes.

And just like his father before him who allowed Saddam to massacre thousands during the uprisings after the Gulf War, he will be forced to leave office with his country in shambles and his arch enemies still unaccounted for. Let history and whatever strange god he talks to be his judge.

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— Fred Hussein, who with his brother, Mohamad, owns Canton Coney Island in the Golden Gate Shopping Center

# 'Job-loss recovery' hits Michigan economy hard

Hot news flashes! President George W. Bush wants to name a new undersecretary of commerce for manufacturing, an idea attributed to Michigan U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia. Gov. Jennifer Granholm will hold a "manufacturing summit" later this fall, after the contract negotiations between the Big Three and the UAW are finished. U.S. Commerce Secretary Donald Evans will speak on manufacturing at the Detroit Economic Club next Monday, while U.S. Sen. John Kerry is coming to the Detroit area to talk about — guess what? — Sept. 22.

My reaction? It's about time. With elections coming in a little more than a year, I suppose there is some slight chance that politicians of both parties have finally noticed that people in Michigan are really hurting, that the base of our economy is getting hollowed out and that the thin, high sound of panic can be heard dimly in the distance. I guess so, but it's coming awfully late in the game.

For example, I remember a meeting last fall with newly appointed Treasury Secretary John Snow, who brushed off the near-frantic concerns about manufacturing expressed by senior managers in the auto and supply chain industries. By contrast, for at least two years, virtually every time I've met with anybody even remotely connected with manufacturing, our conversation has been dominated by horror stories about our evaporating manufacturing base.

First it was the "giant sucking sound" of U.S. manufacturing jobs relocating to Mexico, courtesy of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Next it was the recession-caused collapse of the office furniture industry in west Michigan. Next it was increasingly shrill warnings from stock analysts about the auto industry's under-funded pension plans, closely followed by alarming stories about how much the "first dollar" health care plans were going to cost the auto manufacturers, coupled with the cost advantages of non-union transplant plants in the South.

Then the manufacturing jobs started moving from Mexico to even lower-wage countries like China and the Philippines as global companies raced to see who could get quickest to the bottom of the world labor market. And now, higher value-added jobs like engineering and computer customer support are migrating to places like India, where competent engineers are cheap, plentiful and speak English. "What do you expect us to do?" asked a highly-placed auto executive last week. "We can hire a U.S. engineer for \$60,000 a year or an equally-qualified Indian engineer at \$6,000."

While the national jobless rate for July was 6.2 percent, Michigan's increased to 7.4 percent, a 10-year high. It is true that unemployment statistics are usually the last to improve in a recovery from a recession, but it's clear that we in Michigan are lagging behind even an anemic recovery around the rest of the country.

Adding insult to injury, it now looks as though the Chinese government is holding the exchange rate for the yuan, its currency, artificially low. The result, of course, is yet another cost advantage for Chinese manufacturers.

These concerns are amply buttressed by the employment data. America has lost 2.7 million manufacturing jobs over the last three years, while Michigan has lost 169,000 manufacturing jobs or nearly 19 percent of total manufacturing employment since June 2000, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor statistics. There are now 378,000 people looking for work in Michigan, 53,000 of them long-term unemployed and so eligible for an extra 13 weeks of jobless benefits under federal law.

Worse, according to economists, even though the country's overall unemployment rate is barely beginning to fall, Michigan's continues to rise. While the national jobless rate for July was 6.2 percent, Michigan's increased to 7.4 percent, a 10-year high. It is true that unemployment statistics are usually the last to improve in a recovery from a recession, but it's clear that we in Michigan are lagging behind even an anemic recovery around the rest of the country. People are starting to talk not about the "jobless recovery" but the "job-loss recovery."

So (for those with long memories), when the country catches an economic cold, Michigan often comes down with pneumonia.

As is often the case with very serious diseases, it's very easy to diagnose what's wrong, but much harder to prescribe a cure. I'll take a (hesitant) crack at that in next week's column.

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

## Up North struggles to balance environmental and human needs

We hiked the woods, biked the Wheelway and flew a kite on a sandy beach. We kicked through the rolling waves of Lake Michigan and kayaked down the Jordan River. We saw many deer close up and a black bear (at a comfortable distance).

We were renewed by Michigan's great north.

And, as always, we came back a little worried for its future.

Northern Michigan is trying to do a land use balancing act. Down here we appreciate the north for its tall trees, open space,

wildlife, large inland lakes and Lake Michigan, Huron and Superior shorelines. The residents depend on us and visitors from outside Michigan to come up to hike, bike, hunt, fish, golf, sail, ski, snowmobile, eat and lodge.

But all those things that make Up North special are in constant jeopardy. Farm land is growing scarce.

Most northern farmers are finding it difficult to maintain a living off their land. A few boutique vineyards don't equal a healthy agricultural future.

While many of us might long for a cottage by a lake, many of those with money are taking their overblown suburban homes with them to the north, complete with grim baronial architecture and richly fertilized lawns. These home developments and manicured, shoreline golf courses are doing serious damage to the streams, rivers and lakes.

The beautiful Tunnel of Trees, a narrow, winding, shore-hugging road between Harbor Springs and Cross Village, is in danger of becoming the tunnel of godawful ugly mansions. There are people who are actually willfully destroying what they came north to enjoy. Some have defiantly built on protected dunes and challenged the courts to stop them (clearly property rights run amok).

Local conservancies have done a wonderful job of obtaining and maintaining open areas from concerned land owners. The trails of the Little Traverse Conservancy are better maintained than state park trails. In fact, after hiking several beautiful conservancy trails, a trip to Younger State Park near Boyne was a major disappointment.

Now some legislators are seriously talking about selling off state land rather than maintaining what the state has. They argue, falsely, that the state owns too much, when in fact much more needs to be preserved.

A columnist in one northern paper advised anti-development advocates to "wise up" because development was inevitable and they needed to learn to live with it. In fact he and others see most anti-development sentiment coming from tree-hugging downstaters, *those summer people*. Many northerners see development as employment and hang the consequences. They need the money. They need the factories and the housing.

The real argument isn't for or against development. The issue is always what kind of development, where and when. People will be living Up North, the population will grow, companies will set up business. But how will we accommodate them?

The giant Bay Harbor south of Petoskey began as a reclamation project on an eyesore slag heap. But it might be argued that a good idea became too big, too aggressive and too out of character with the north country architecture and lifestyle. Here was a case of good intentions going awry in the face of big profits.

The north isn't just woods and lakes. It is real communities from small cities like Traverse City and Petoskey to naturally quaint towns like Leland, Charlevoix and Harbor Springs. They are wonderful urban areas providing the needs of the wider rural communities around them and the thousands of summer visitors. But they are in danger for becoming ever-widening suburban-like communities, sprawling, eating up what should remain woods or farm land.

The north is also home to some hard-scrabble inland towns and deep woods people who came north to get away from everything the city represented. Even as they welcome a developer's paycheck, they are helping to recreate what they came to get away from.

One of the more sensible projects is a small, in-town condo community in Harbor Springs. The separated units are done as jewel-like Victorian cottages (think mini-Mackinac Island). They are outlandishly priced (half a million for 1,200 square feet), but the idea and execution are right.

As the state now struggles with the recommendations of the governor's land use committee, special attention needs to be paid to the conflicting interests at play Up North if we are to preserve its rich and economically vital environment while also satisfying the needs of those who have chosen to live there.

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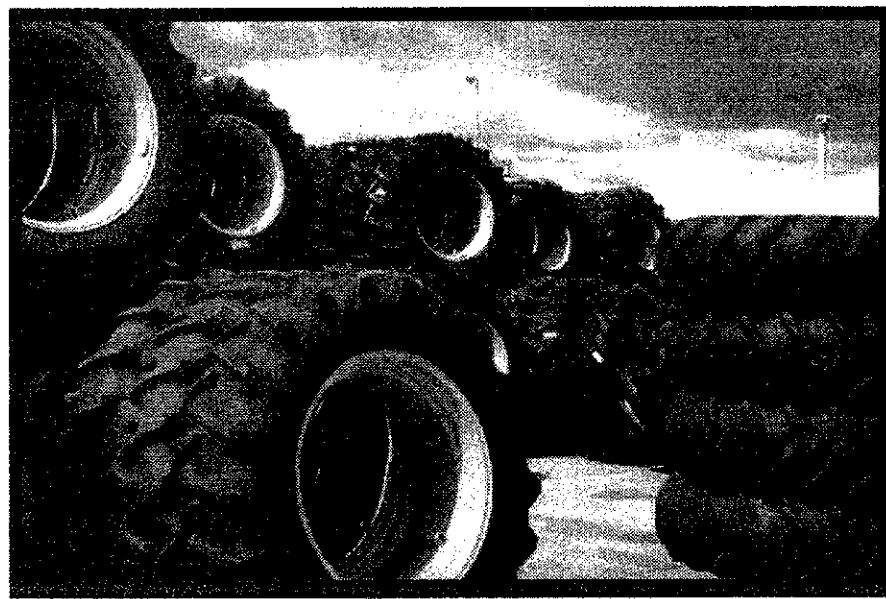
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# Everyone smiling after Fall Festival

New events, annual favorites combine for successful event

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Nick Dunleavy of Canton Township was all smiles as he walked around the Fall Festival Saturday night in downtown Plymouth.

The 14-year-old was carrying a giant, stuffed bear around his shoulders. "I won it at the dart game," said Nick. "You had to hit three balloons with three darts, and I did it ... and won!"

Dunleavy was among the hundreds of young adults who spent a lot of time and money at the three-day event.

"It's definitely a lot of fun," he said. "There's a lot to do with the games and rides."

For the first time, the activities were open until 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and that was good news for the carnival and nonprofit vendors.

"Being open the extra hour made a big difference," said John Roose of Plymouth, who was manning the Lions Club food booth. "The rides draw the kids downtown, and they want to come and have fun."

"We sold a lot of smoothies," added Roose. "We ran out of strawberry-banana."

Melissa Wroblewski, 15, of Canton, helped raise money for her Plymouth Christian Academy athletic department by serving chicken dinners for the Plymouth Rotary Club.

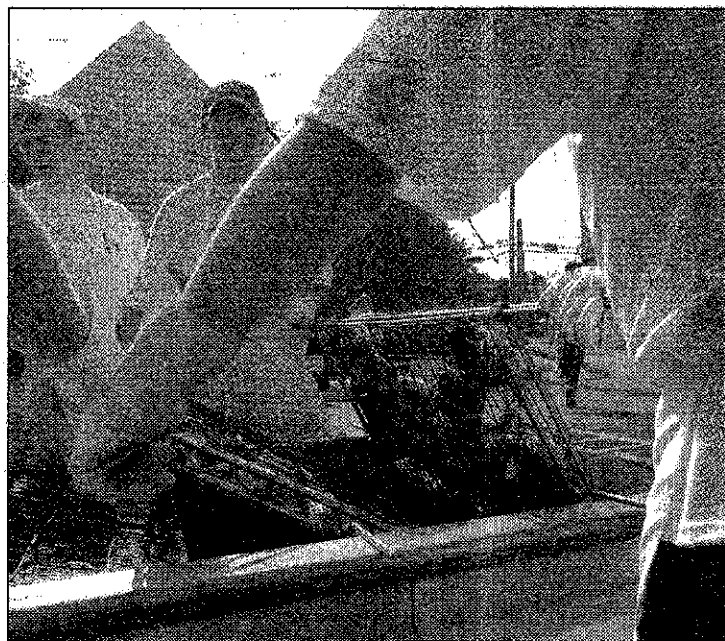
"It's hard work, but I had a lot of fun," said Wroblewski. "I met a lot of people and learned that team work helps."

Mark Baldwin, president of the Fall Festival committee, said there were a few things to tweak and some small glitches, but otherwise "things went the way they're supposed to."

One of the hottest attractions was the Friday night Taste Fest in the hospitality tent, where 12 Plymouth restaurants were represented.

"We had about 250 people in the tent, and the restaurants kept running out of food because it was so swamped," said Baldwin. "It was a great response and we'll certainly do it again next year."

The Fall Festival should be in good shape. Baldwin said the carnival group handed over \$28,600, which was up about \$6,000 from last year. The car show and the first-ever fun run



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Volunteers from Canton Hockey, Brett Baker (left) and Mike French (right), help bring out chicken to the grilling pit for the Rotary Chicken Dinner at the annual Fall Festival in Plymouth. The Rotary once again sold out of some 11,000 chicken dinners.



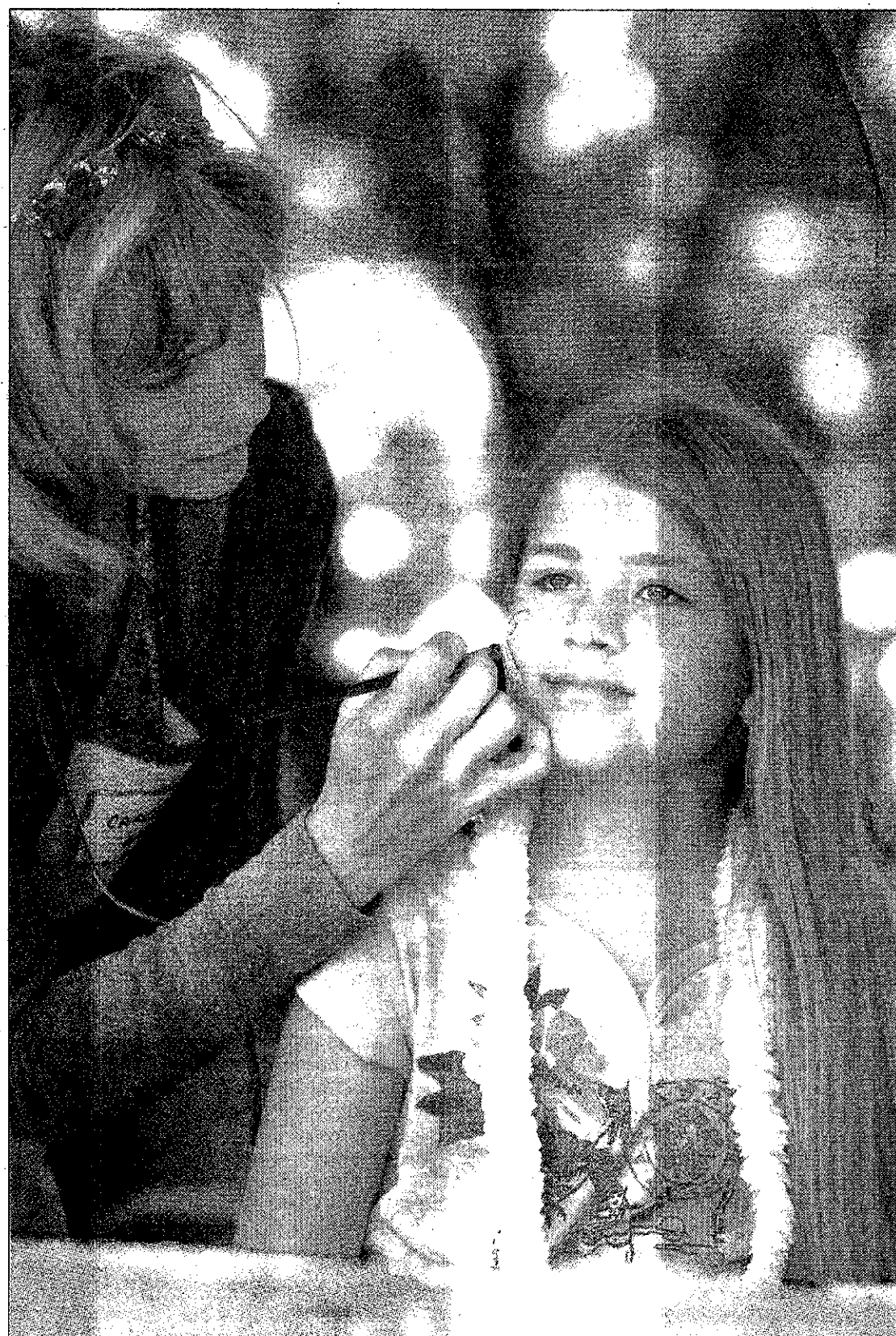
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Ethan Rottell of Plymouth, 1 1/2, dutifully holds onto his fork while eating his pancakes with his hands as he sits on mom Maria's lap at the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast at the Plymouth Fall Festival Saturday morning in The Gathering.

helped bring in much-needed festival funding. "I talked to the nonprofit groups, and they had a great weekend making money," he said. "The Fall

Festival is something Plymouth can be proud of."

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Elizabeth Siefraer of Flint, 9, gets her face painted by Carrie Appie of Canton at the New Morning School booth Saturday at the Plymouth Fall Festival.



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Caitlyn Wysocki of Plymouth, 3, leans against her dog, Spot, a 2-year-old Great Pyrenees/Newfoundland mix, at the Optimist Club Pet Show Saturday morning on the main stage at the Plymouth Fall Festival.

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## Sidelines

### ■ Madonna sweep

It was quite a weekend for Madonna University's sports teams. The results are showing up in a variety of awards swept up by a variety of players.

In volleyball, Sharyse Bush and Ashley Frost were named the NAIA player and setter of the week ending Sept. 7. The pair were instrumental in Madonna going undefeated for the week and improving to 12-0, the best start in school history.

Bush, a 5-foot-10 junior outside hitter from Flint, averaged 6.6 kills per game in the Crusaders' run to the championship of the Julie Martin Memorial Tournament. Bush totaled 106 kills with a .413 kill percentage in four matches, which included wins over No. 12-ranked Walsh University (Ohio), No. 20 Olivet Nazarene (Ill.) and No. 24 Georgetown College (Ky.). She also had 30 digs and six service aces.

Frost, a 5-10 sophomore setter from Lake Odessa, averaged 14.4 set assists per game and just under three digs per game, including 64 set assists and 13 digs against Georgetown. In the tournament final against Nazarene, she had 64 more set assists, and she finished the tournament with 47 digs.

Both were also the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference player and setter of the week, and they were named to the all-tournament team.

In men's soccer, Madonna's Warteh Sampson earned NAIA regional soccer player of the week ending Sept. 7. Sampson, a junior transfer from Schoolcraft College, scored two goals in the Crusaders' 4-0 win over Indiana Wesleyan, and he added an assist in a 1-0 victory Tiffin University (Ohio). Sampson was also the WHAC men's soccer player of the week.

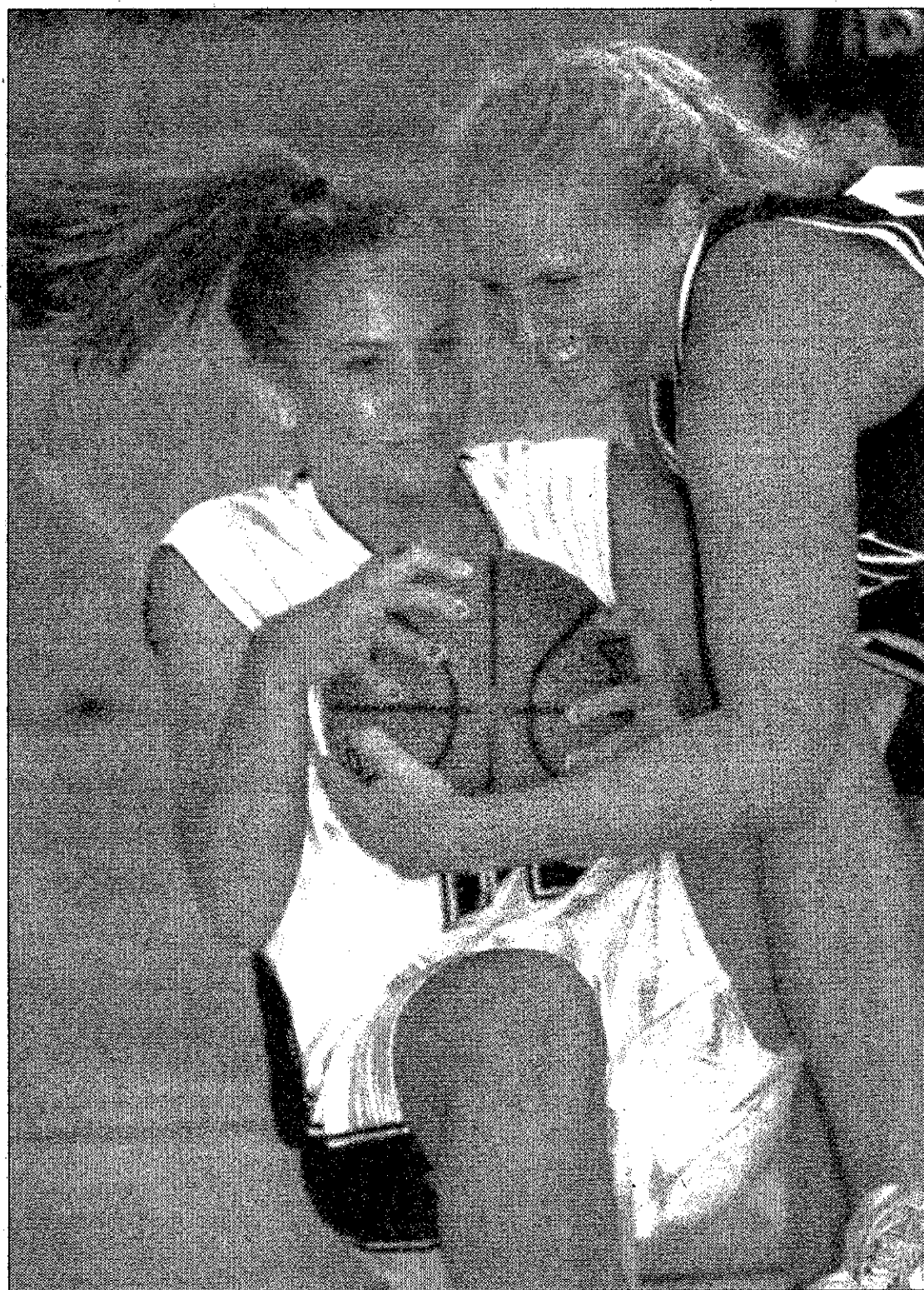
The outstanding performances have had an impact on the NAIA polls. In volleyball, Madonna — which reached the NAIA Tournament semifinals last season — jumped from its No. 6 ranking to No. 3. That is the team's highest ranking in school history.

The Madonna women's soccer team, which tied third-ranked Lindenwood University Friday and beat William Woods on Saturday, went from unranked to No. 8. The Crusaders' men's team, ranked 22nd entering the season, is still at No. 22 after a 2-1 start to the season.

### ■ Final tryout

The Canton Cougars 14-year-old travel baseball team will hold its final tryout for the 2004 season at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at Heritage Park in Canton. The Cougars will play 30-40 games next summer, competing in the Little Caesars Amateur Baseball Federation and weekend tournaments.

Players born on or after Aug. 1, 1989, are eligible. Several spots remain open, so interested players should plan on arriving at Heritage Park by 10 a.m. to sign in. For more information, please call Marc Madias at (734) 207-5424.



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Plymouth Christian's April LaBonne (left) and Lutheran Westland's Christine Seltz battle for the ball. An 8-0 run by the Warriors in the final 3:41 proved decisive.

# Warriors late run tops PCA; Canton wins

## Novi stalls Salem offense

Plymouth Christian Academy made a fourth-quarter run at Lutheran Westland Tuesday in a non-league girls basketball game at PCA, but the Eagles couldn't sustain it and lost, 38-30. PCA evens its record at 1-1. The Warriors are 2-3.

The Eagles trailed 8-2 after one quarter, but trimmed that to 14-12 by halftime. Lutheran Westland led 24-21 after three periods before PCA managed to knot it at 30-all with 3:41 left to play in the game.

It didn't get any better for the Eagles after that. The Warriors scored the game's final eight points to win going away.

"We got back to basics," said Lutheran Westland coach Ron Gentz. "We played a little more defense and were patient on the offensive end. We pressed them and came away with some key steals and took some time off the clock."

The Warrior win took some of the luster off a superb all-around performance by PCA's Amanda Saagman. Saagman did it all for the Eagles, scoring 18 points, grabbing seven rebounds and blocking five shots.

"She played her heart out," said PCA coach Kevin Nast. "We just didn't give her the support she needed to come out on top."

"They played a very aggressive defense and offense, they drove the ball to the hoop hard and they really outrebounded us."

No one else scored more than five points for PCA. Lutheran Westland was led by Samantha Wiemer with 11 points; Christine Seltz contributed nine.

**Canton 46, A.A. Pioneer 37:** Canton overcame a slow first quarter with a strong second, then put the host Pioneers away some clutch shooting down the stretch to stay unbeaten.

The Chiefs are now 4-0. Ann Arbor Pioneer is 1-2.

"It wasn't a work of art," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "It took us a while to get rolling — it was our first road game."

"I thought we played consistently in quarters two, three and

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## Madonna's start is its best ever

BY JOSE CARRILLO  
STAFF WRITER

Things have never been better for Madonna University women's volleyball.

After winning its second consecutive Julie Martin Tournament at home on Saturday, the team finds

### VOLLEYBALL

itself with a 13-0 record, the best start to a season in school history, along with a No. 3 national ranking, the highest in team history.

On Tuesday, the Crusaders rolled to a 30-17, 30-12, 30-14 non-conference victory over visiting Rochester College, as Riga, Latvia native Natalja Tinina led the way with 19 kills and four ace serves.

Junior Sharyse Bush, a transfer from Mott Community College, added 16 kills, while Laura Lesko had 14. Setter Ashley Frost recorded 38 assist-to-kills.

In the third game, Amanda Suder traded in her Libero white jersey for a blue one, serving a 10-point service streak. She also had a team-high 16 digs.

"It was so different out there serving," said Suder, a Salem High graduate. "It's like a big treat to me. Even though I missed two serves, I like it and miss it."

The Crusaders capped off Martin tourney with victories over 20th-ranked Olivet Nazarene (Ill.) and Trinity Christian (Ill.).

MU battled back-and-forth with Olivet in the early games, before coasting in the final match and winning, 3-1.

Fierce competition has served

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## Chiefs battle Colts to a draw; Rocks win

### SOCCER

Great start for Canton's soccer squad Tuesday in its non-conference match at Troy. Too bad the Chiefs couldn't carry it all the way through.

Not that the Chiefs played poorly. The opposition had something to do with the outcome, to be sure. And the end result wasn't all bad — a 1-1 draw that left Canton with a 3-1-3 overall record.

"This was one of those games where we were on fire for the first five minutes of the first half and we scored, and they were on fire for the first five minutes of the second half and they scored," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "Other than that, it was back and forth with both teams getting the same number of scoring chances."

The Chiefs' goal came from Ryan Lenahan after a quick serve in from Dutch Morrell. It came after Troy's defense cleared the ball but Canton regained possession, Morrell's pass allowing Lenahan to run onto the ball and go in on the keeper one-on-one.

It might not have been the result Tomasso was looking for, but with Western Lakes Activities Association play now getting underway the Chiefs seem to be in good standing.

### Salem gets 1st wins

Three games, three shutouts. Now that's defense. Salem played three matches

at last Saturday's East Lansing Invitational and did not surrender a goal in any of them, keeper Tom Huls blanking Midland Dow, Eaton Rapids and, in the final, host East Lansing, the defending Division 2 state champion.

Since it is a violation of MHSAA rules for a team to play three games in one day, each match consisted of 30-minute halves instead of the normal 40.

"Defensively we were perfect," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "I thought East Lansing was pretty good, but we caught them on a couple of counterattacks."

Guess so. Salem won that match 5-0, with five different players scoring goals.

It was 3-0 at the half, with Dave Hall, Nick Blackford and Steve Zelmanski scoring for the Rocks. Matt Adsit assisted on Blackford's goal; Jake Bennett drew the assist on Zelmanski's.

Chris Conlisk got the Rocks' fourth goal and assisted on Bennett's a few minutes later.

In the second match of the tournament, Salem stopped Eaton Rapids 4-0, getting two goals in each half. Again, four different players scored goals for the Rocks, and again, Huls was in the net for the shutout.

Zelmanski and Sean Williams scored in the first half, Thiago Harris assisting on Zelmanski's goal. Conlisk

PLEASE SEE **CHIEFS**, B5

## Wayne leads early-season surprises

Two weeks into the prep football season and guess how many unbeaten teams we have left?

Out of 14, only six can make that claim. Doesn't seem like it was that long ago when one loss would put your team out of the state tournament.

No worries about that for now. Still, after two weeks there are a couple of surprises.

The Wayne-Westland school district having an unbeaten team is certainly no surprise, but that team is not longtime powerhouse Westland John Glenn. The Rockets were defused by Canton last Friday, 20-7.

No, the district's unbeaten team is Wayne Memorial, which — under the

guidance of first-year coach Craig Hnatuk — surprised Walled Lake Western last Friday, 15-7 at Western.

Western was one of the favorites to capture the Western Lakes Activities Association title this year, but Wayne capitalized on four turnovers to pull off the upset.

Defense was the difference for the Zebras: They limited the Warriors to just 209 yards in offense.

The offense also contributed some big plays. T.J. Dillard put it away on a 29-yard run with 1:07 left in the game.

Two years ago Wayne was 5-4; last season, the Zebras plunged to 1-8, which means they've already surpassed their win total from 2002.

And their wins haven't come against Division 5 also-rans, either. Wayne beat Livonia Stevenson in Week One; both Stevenson and Western are still state-playoff contenders.

The next big surprise would have to be Livonia Churchill. During the pre-

season, Chargers' coach John Filiatraut unabashedly boasted how improved his team was.

Churchill? C'mon. It's been more than a decade since the Chargers had a winning record, and twice that since they made the playoffs.

And remember, they started last season 2-0 and ended up 4-5.

But they came through Friday, beating WLAA rival Salem by a touchdown.

Both Wayne and Churchill should enjoy their time in the limelight. On Friday, they take a step up in competition, Wayne hosting Canton and Churchill taking on Walled Lake Central. All four teams are undefeated.

For the record, yours truly went 9-3 last week while fellow sports editors Paul Beaudry and Brad Emons were both 8-4. The overall records are predictably close: Risak and Beaudry are 18-6, Emons is 17-7.

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# Ocelot harriers show promise at invitational

## Gavoor optimistic about season

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

The forecast for the 2003 Schoolcraft College women's cross country squad appears bright — and second-year coach Sonny Gavoor wouldn't have it any other way. "We have six solid people this year," Gavoor said. "It's a great, great bunch of kids who have put in the miles. They're hard-working, non-complaining and great students." The Lady Ocelots opened their season Saturday at Cass Benton Park in the Detroit Titan Invitational, hosted by the University of Detroit Mercy and sponsored by Running Fit. The race drew six NCAA Division I squads, including team champion Bucknell (Pa.), which scored 37 points.

### COLLEGE SPORTS

Wayne State, a Division II school, was runner-up with 44, followed by Oakland University, led by individual winner Kristie Kieffer (18 minutes, 3 seconds for 5,000 meters), 78; Eastern Michigan University, 91; Detroit Mercy, 159; and Canisius (N.Y.), 167. Two-year schools Macomb and Schoolcraft placed seventh and eighth, respectively, with 179 and 218. "We ran with some heavy legs, our kids have been averaging 60 to 70 miles (per week), but we'll cut back some this week," said Gavoor, whose team will compete this Friday in the Aquinas Invitational. "It (Saturday's showing) wasn't disappointing

because we know we'll get better speed-wise. We'll going to be OK down the road. Right now we have a good base and a good work ethic. I'm pleased with the six kids we have." Schoolcraft first-year runner Joelle Davis, a Garden City High graduate, was the Lady Ocelots' top finisher at the Running Fit Invitational with a time of 21:49, good enough for 52nd place. The top Ocelot performer from a year ago, Megan Annarino (Farmington High), was 53rd in 21:49, while second-year runner Sarah Kearsfott (Livonia Stevenson) wound up 63rd in 22:48. (Last month, Kearsfott won the Angela Hospice 5K run.) Last year, Schoolcraft could not field a full squad for the NJCAA Division II Nationals, but both Kearsfott and Annarino finished in the top 25. Other new Ocelot recruits competing in Saturday's Running Fit meet included Jessica Frendo (Garden

City), who placed 66th (23:02); Claire Czaplicki (Farmington), who was 67th (23:58); and Youwna Dent (Flint Southwestern), no time. "Dent is a terrific athlete, a basketball player, who has done a lot of weightlifting," Gavoor said. "We expect good things from her by the end of the season." Gavoor's assistant coach is former Ocelot Jenny Furlong, who ran at Wayne State and Livonia Franklin High. She recently finished second in her age group at the Crim Festival of Races 8K event in Flint. "Jenny's just been a tremendous asset because she can run with the kids and show them the way," Gavoor said. And help is already on the way for next season as Gavoor recently received a commitment from Franklin High senior Kirstian Tyler, a first-team all-Observer pick in cross country last season.

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# Salem races to trophy

The final girls team standings for the West Bloomfield/Birmingham Brother Rice Invitational, held Saturday at Kensington MetroPark, showed a clear domination by teams from the Western Lakes Activities Association. Including Salem. Livonia Stevenson finished first overall, scoring 55 points. Livonia Churchill was second with 118 and Salem turned in its best finish at this Invitational ever, placing third with 139. Saline was fourth (165) and Lake Orion took fifth (172). "This is the second time we've ever gotten a trophy (presented to the top five teams) here," said Salem coach Dave Gerlach. "They were really excited. The kids ran great. Our goal coming in was to finish in the top five, realizing the competition that was there."

No, the Rocks couldn't match Stevenson's dominance; the Spartans placed six runners in the top 25. But Salem did get all five of its scorers in the top 40 finishers. Best for the Rocks was junior Lauren Kane, who took 15th in 21:00. Freshman Hannah Cavicchio was next best, placing 26th (21:36), followed by junior Danielle Malone in 28th (21:42), sophomore Amanda Kassem in 32nd (21:54) and senior Lianne Griffiths in 38th (22:05). Although impressed with his team's performance, Gerlach didn't want to dwell on it. "It's a great starting point (to the season)," he said. "Be excited. 'Now we move on.' Salem runs at the Stoney Creek Invitational Saturday at Stoney Creek. On Aug. 28 at Nankin Mills, in a non-scoring time trial, Salem had six runners at 22:03 or better. Kane was best at 20:23, followed by Malone (21:32), Cavicchio (21:42), Kassem (21:52), sophomore Lauren Medley and Griffiths (both 22:03).

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### PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 12

Redford Union at Inkster, 4 p.m.  
Lincoln Park at Garden City, 7 p.m.  
St. Katharine/Borgess at Det. Urban Lutheran, 7 p.m.  
Churchill at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.  
Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
W.L. Western at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.  
Harper Wds. at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at Luth. East, 7:30 p.m.  
River Rouge at Thurston, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 13  
Redford CC vs. Det. DePorres at Hamtramck Keyworth Stadium, 1 p.m.  
GIRLS BASKETBALL  
Thursday, Sept. 11  
Renaissance at Ladywood, 7 p.m.  
Lakeland at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Flint Northern at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Salem at Howell, 7 p.m.  
Garden City at Southgate, 7 p.m.  
Thurston at Ann Arbor, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at Redford Union, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at Dearborn, 7 p.m.  
Allen Park at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
(Tip-Off Classic at Luth. Westland)  
Friday, Sept. 12  
Huron Valley at Greater Life, 6 p.m.  
Clarenceville at Ply. Christian, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 13  
(Tip-Off Classic at Luth. Westland)  
BOYS SOCCER  
Thursday, Sept. 11  
Clarenceville at Cranbrook, 4:30 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at A.P. Inter-City, 4:30 p.m.  
Wayne at Southgate, 5:30 p.m.  
Friday, Sept. 12  
Garden City at Luth. Westland, 4 p.m.  
Redford Union at Woodhaven, 4 p.m.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 4:30 p.m.  
Ply. Christian at Oakland Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
Stevenson at A.A. Pioneer, 5:15 p.m.  
Dearborn at Churchill, 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 13  
Redford CC vs. DeLaSalle at Livonia's Greenmead Field, 1 p.m.  
Canton at Ann Arbor Huron, 11 a.m.  
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY  
Thursday, Sept. 11  
W.L.A. Jamboree at Cass Benton, 3:45 p.m.  
Garden City at Crestwood, 4 p.m.  
Mega Gold Jamboree at Ann Arbor, 4 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 13  
W.L. Western Inv. at Willis Park, 9 a.m.  
N.B. Huron Inv. at Willow Metropark, 9:30 a.m.  
Holly Inv. at Springfield Oaks, 11 a.m.  
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY  
Thursday, Sept. 11  
W.L.A. Jamboree at Cass Benton, 3:45 p.m.  
Mega Blue-Gold Jamboree at Crestwood, 4 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 13  
W.L. Western Inv. at Willis Park, 9 a.m.  
N.B. Huron Inv. at Willow Metropark, 9:30 a.m.  
DeLaSalle Inv. at Stoney Creek, 10 a.m.  
GIRLS SWIMMING  
Thursday, Sept. 11  
Churchill at Redford Union, 4 p.m.  
Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Thurston at Taylor Truman, 7 p.m.  
Garden City at Lincoln Park, 7 p.m.  
Ladywood vs. Monroe St. Mary at Livonia Community Rec. Ctr., 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 13  
W.L.A. Relays at Salem, noon.  
Mega Relays at EMU, noon  
GIRLS TENNIS  
Thursday, Sept. 11  
Clarenceville at Hamtramck, 4:30 p.m.  
Friday, Sept. 12  
Salem at Churchill, 4 p.m.

Franklin at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
Wayne at Stevenson, 4 p.m.  
Wayne at Canton, 4 p.m.  
Fordson at Garden City, 4 p.m.  
Redford Union at Romulus, 4 p.m.  
BOYS GOLF  
Thursday, Sept. 11  
Redford CC vs. Brother Rice (Cattails), 4 p.m.  
Friday, Sept. 12  
Glenn vs. W.L. Western (Fellows Ck.), 2:45 p.m.  
Canton at Walled Lake Central, 3 p.m.  
Churchill at Northville (Hills), 3 p.m.  
Franklin vs. Salem (Hilltop), 3 p.m.  
Stevenson at Plymouth, 3 p.m.  
Crestwood at Redford Union (Glenhurst), 3:30 p.m.  
Wayne at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m.  
GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY  
Friday, Sept. 12  
Ladywood at B.H. Kingswood, 4:30 p.m.  
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL  
Friday, Sept. 12  
Schoolcraft Quad Tourney, TBA.  
Saturday, Sept. 13  
Schoolcraft Quad Tourney, TBA.  
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER  
Saturday, Sept. 13  
Madonna vs. Concordia (Greenmead), 2 p.m.  
TBA - time to be announced.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER  
Thursday, Sept. 11  
Madonna at Houghton Coll. (N.Y.), 7 p.m.  
Friday, Sept. 12  
Madonna vs. Trinity International at Houghton College (N.Y.), 4 p.m.  
(Americinn Tourney-Rosemont, Minn.)  
Schoolcraft vs. Dakota Co., 8 p.m. (EST).  
Saturday, Sept. 13  
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Schoolcraft vs. Johnson Co., 5 p.m. (EST).

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## Ladywood collects top honors at Salem Invite

Livonia Ladywood finished first Saturday in the Salem Quad Tennis Invitational with wins over the host Rocks, Bloomfield Hills Academy of Sacred Heart and Lake Orion.

The Blazers captured first place medals at Nos. 1, 3 and 4 singles, along with Nos. 2, 3 and 4 doubles.

Ladywood added runner-up finishes at No. 2 singles and No. 1 doubles.

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL & PLYMOUTH HIGH 0**  
Sept. 8 at Churchill

No. 1 singles: Kristen Tomicic (LC) defeated Sarah

### TENNIS

Hillgard, 6-3, 6-0; No. 2: Sophia Luong (LC) def. Kelly Armosta, 6-4, 6-4; No. 3: Amy Vomastek (LC) def. Chelsea Woodruff, 6-2, 6-1; No. 4: Karyn Tomicic (LC) def. Stephanie Hugel, 6-1, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Lindsay Paszko-Sandra Snabb (LC) def. Lauren Smith-Allie Gasorski, 6-0, 6-4; No. 2: Wendy Targus-Amy Vinson (LC) def. Natalie Mauer-Kimberly Patti, 6-3, 6-2; No. 3: Julie Foresta-Rachel Saatio (LC) def. Jennifer Zhao, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; No. 4: Megan Stachura-Ashley Keenman (LC) def. Noha Basha-Emily Worry, 6-2, 6-7, 6-3.

Churchill's dual meet record: 1-3 overall.

**BIRMINGHAM MARIAN 6**  
**LIVONIA LADYWOOD 2**  
Sept. 8 at Schoolcraft College

No. 1 singles: Katie Brennan (BM) defeated Amanda Nadhir, 6-4, 6-4; No. 2: Monica Majcher (BM) def. Mary Ellen Francis, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; No. 3: Kelsey Judd (LL) def. Katrina Piligian, 6-2, 6-4; No. 4: Renne Forma (BM) def. Gina Dallacqua, 3-6, 6-1, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Lauren Dickerson-Danielle Holowecy (BM) def. Sari Wilson-Jenna Wagner, 4-6, 6-1, 6-3; No. 2: Laura Kempa-Liz Kuzawski (BM) def. Katrina Kaczmarek-Kiki Wilson, 6-2, 6-3; No. 3: Halle Doenitz-Katie Sandison (BM) def. Meghan McAllister-Kassandra Piligian, 6-4, 6-4; No. 4: Maribeth Fisher-Ashley Kott (LL) def. Jenny Rheume-Alex Hall, 6-4, 6-4.

Ladywood's dual meet record: 2-2 overall.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### BASEBALL TRYOUTS

■ The Michigan Storm, an under-10 boys travel baseball team in the Wayne-Washtenaw county area, will have tryouts this Sunday. For information, call (734) 697-4586.

■ The 11-and-under tryouts will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14 at Bicentennial Park's Diamond No. 5 in Livonia. For more information, call Scott at (734) 422-4576.

■ A just-forming 11-and-under travel baseball team will have tryouts for its 2004 team from 2-4:30 p.m. Sept. 6 at the Canton Softball Center. The team will play a 24-game schedule, competing in the Kensington Valley League. Call Alex Grabsky at (734) 323-6142.

### RACE RESULTS

If you've never seen a Figure-8 race at a short track, you've missed a lot of fun. If you've never seen a Figure-8 school bus race, you've missed a barrel of laughs and some delicate racing.

And Canton's Vern Okopski, Jr. provided much of the excitement at Flat Rock Speedway on Saturday night by not only winning his heat in the Figure-8 school bus race, but winning the 25-lap main feature as well.

The only other area racers to place on the card were Nick Bradley of Westland, who came in 19th in the 30-lap Street Stock feature, and Canton's Justin Schroeder, who was second in the 20-lap B-Main.

On Sunday at Toledo Speedway, Redford's Rich Frantz was second in his Sportsman class heat and seventh in the 25-lap main. Steve Cronenwett (Westland) was fourth in the 20-lap Factory Stock feature and Canton's Harold Fair, Jr. was second in his Late Model heat and third in the 50-lap main.

Want a chance to see the school bus race? Toledo Speedway will add it to its racing card on Sunday, with the gates opening at 11:30 a.m., practice at noon, time trials at 1 and racing at 2 p.m.

Call (419) 727-1100. For information on remaining races at Flat Rock and Toledo, visit [www.arcaracing.com](http://www.arcaracing.com).

### PUNT, PASS, KICK

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and

Recreation will be staging the 2003 NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick competition (ages 8-15) from 5-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22 at the Bentley Football Field, located on Hubbard between Farmington and Merriman roads.

There is no fee. Age classification is as of Dec. 31, 2003.

Registration will be the day of the event. A parent or guardian must present to sign a permission waiver. No football/turf/cleat shoes allowed. Only gym shoes permitted.

The top finishers from each of the eight age group at the local competition will advance to sectional competition. The winners of sectional competition will have their scores compared with sectional champs. The top five scorers from the pool of sectional champions advance to the 17th annual Detroit Lions team championship to be held at Ford Field.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

### CHEER KIDS CAMP

The Salem Rocks Cheer Teams are holding a Kids Camp on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 1-4 p.m. at the Salem High School Gym.

The camp is designed for boys and girls grades K-8. The kids will learn the fundamentals of cheerleading, including cheers, jumps, dance, sideline skills and spirit chants.

The Salem High School Cheerleaders, ranked 4th in the nation for 2003 at the USA National High School Cheerleading competition, will coach the youngsters.

Each child will receive a t-shirt and an invitation to cheer at the Salem varsity football game, Oct. 3rd at the P-CEP stadium.

Registration deadline is Sept. 15.

Cost for the camp is \$35. Registration forms are available in all P.C.C.S. schools serving kids in grades K-8 or by calling (734) 981-0062.

### FALL SPORTS

High Velocity Sports in Canton will offer the following activities this fall:

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**Roller hockey:** This league will run from Oct. 2 through Dec. 23, teams playing 10 games plus the playoffs. Cost is \$135 for individuals (plus a \$20 jersey fee) and \$1,200 for teams.

### SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

Canton/Plymouth Thunderbird Softball Incorporated, a fastpitch softball organization, will have tryouts for four age divisions on Sept. 27 on Victory Field at the Canton Softball Center.

The times for the tryouts on both dates are: 14-and-under, 10 a.m.; 16-and-under, 11 a.m.; 12-and-under, noon; 10-and-under, 1 p.m.

For more information, contact the phone numbers listed for the age division: 16-and-under, (734) 737-9968; 14-and-under, (734) 844-2656; 12-and-under, (734) 397-1355; and 18-and-under and 10-and-under, (734) 981-7280.

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Registration is from 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, located at 525 Farmer. Registration will also be accepted at the Recreation office during business hours.

Cost is \$50 for city of Plymouth residents and \$70 for non-residents. There will be a \$5 discount for every additional sibling.

For more information on class times and days, call the city of Plymouth Recreation Office at (734) 455-6620.

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# Ocelot spikers beat Macomb in 3

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

### VOLLEYBALL

After splitting four matches over the weekend at Florida Community College-Jacksonville Invitational, Schoolcraft College returned home Tuesday to score a resounding 30-17, 30-18, 30-15 Eastern Conference victory over host Macomb CC.

Schoolcraft (5-6 overall) had a total of 31 kills led by sophomore outside hitter Stephanie Koslowski (Walled Lake Central), who finished with seven.

Katrina Napier (Carleton Airport) and Liz Fredlund (Warren Woods Tower) each contributed six kills, while Kathleen Knutson (Westland John Glenn) had five.

Meghan McAuliffe (Riverview Gabriel Richard) finished with a team-high 10 digs, while Emily Sorenson (Rochester) and Kozlowski added eight each. Lefty setter Kelly Sines (Clinton) led with 14 assists-to-kills. Napier finished with four ace serves.

"I thought we were dominating," said Schoolcraft coach Tom Teeters. "Liz Fredlund kept them off-balance with her second-ball attacks.

Caitlin O'Hara had a great day

passing and serve receiving. And Holly Soldenski led us in hitting percentage (.625).

"We're using a 4-2 system, which I haven't used since the 1970s."

On the Florida swing, Schoolcraft, last year's NJCAA Division II runner-up, started Friday with a 25-30, 27-30, 13-30 loss to Lake County (Fla.), but recovered to beat Salt River-Jacksonville CC (Fla.), 30-16, 30-19, 30-21.

On Saturday, Indian River (Fla.) outlasted the Lady Ocelots in five games, 30-18, 22-30, 30-20, 28-30, 15-9. Schoolcraft ended the day with a 30-25, 30-25, 30-21 victory over Palm Beach (Fla.) CC.

McAuliffe led the Ocelots' hitting attack with a total of 40 kills in the four matches followed by Knutson (34) Napier (33), Fredlund (29) and Kozlowski (20).

Caitlin O'Hara (Monroe St. Mary) led with 49 digs, while Napier had 12 blocks and 15 aces. Fredlund and Sines combined for 114 assists.

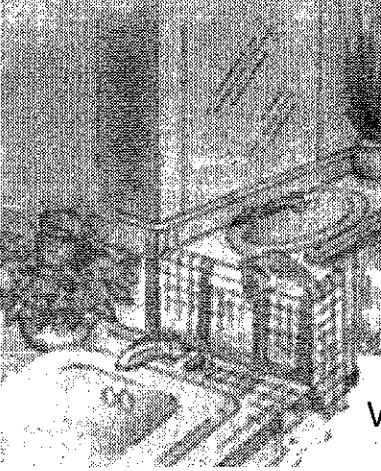
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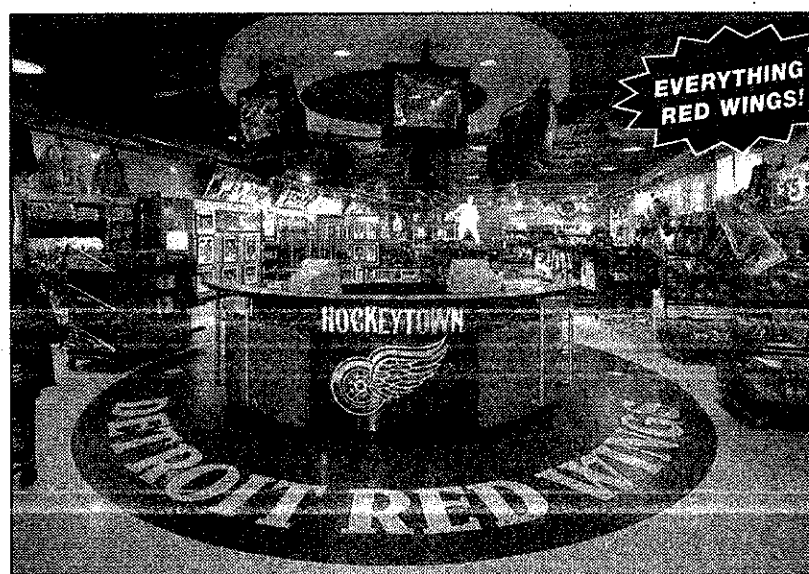
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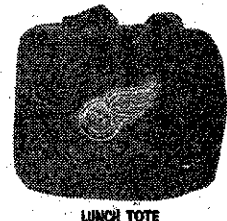
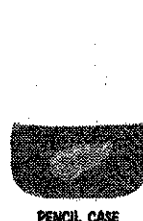
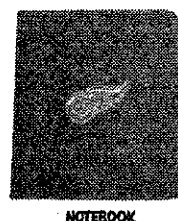
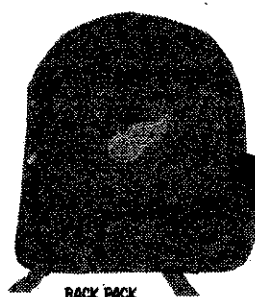
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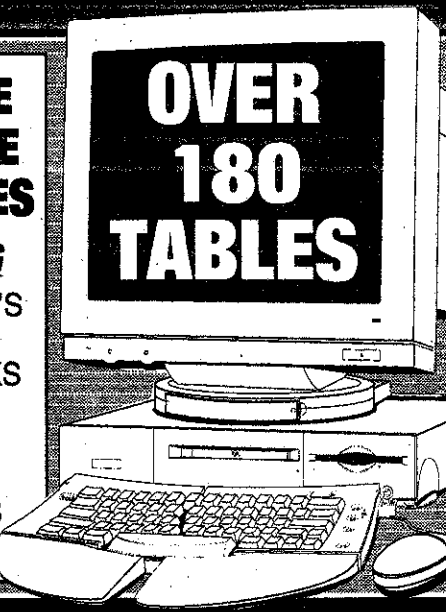
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# Ocelots top ranked Cardinals; Crusaders roll

So much for national rankings. The Schoolcraft College women's soccer team met the Lady Cardinals from CCBC-Catonsville (MD), ranked eighth in the NJCAA, on Sunday at the Junior College Cup in Cincinnati and, behind three goals from Andrea Wright, the Lady Ocelots emerged with a

lopsided 4-0 victory. The Cardinals were unbeaten coming into the match, but two minutes in Wright put a shot inside the right post, assisted by Michele Kitta and Tiffani Tuzzolino, to put SC ahead. Wright scored again before the half ended, this time on a penalty kick, and the Ocelots had a 2-0 lead.

SC dominated play in the opening half, not allowing a single shot on goal. In the second half, Wright got her third goal to make it 3-0, after which Catonsville began to play a bit more physically. Not that it changed anything — Jenni Hewlett accounted for the game's final goal, with an assist from Lindsey Stiver.

Nicole Dalicandro was in goal for the shutout as SC outshot the Cardinals, 29-4. **Madonna 6, William Woods (MO) 1:** The Crusaders (1-0-1) ended their weekend trip to Lindenwood (Mo.) University with a 6-1 romp Saturday over William Woods University. The difference for Madonna was junior forward Sarah Pack

(Westland/John Glenn), who scored four goals to lead the way. Becky Guibord and Emily Jackson also scored goals for Madonna. MU tied host Lindenwood on Friday, 2-2. **Madonna (men) 1, Tiffin (OH) 0:** Fowlerville native Derrick Mudri, a sophomore

transfer from Olivet College, scored the game's only goal midway through the second half Saturday as Madonna University pushed its record to 2-1 against host Tiffin University (Ohio). For Mudri, it was his second goal of the year. Keeper Eric Sicilia (Livonia Churchill) notched the shutout.

## CHIEFS

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with an assist from Eric Yanston, and Blackford, with an assist from Steve Cox, got goals in the second. The two wins were much appreciated, not just because they were the first of the season for Salem (the Rocks forfeited all their games from the Balconi Invitational) but because they came after a disappointing scoreless draw with Midland Dow in their first match Saturday.

The Rocks are 2-3-3 for the season as they open the WLAA season. **CC unbeaten in Central** Redford Catholic Central looks like it could be a player in the Catholic League's Central Division, thanks to a pair of 1-0 wins against league foes. The Shamrocks' Dan Gill gave his team the advantage Tuesday as his give-and-go goal 30 minutes into the game gave CC a 1-0 win over University of Detroit-Jesuit at Greenmead.

Gill got the ball wide, attacked the middle and laid it to Pete Bierzinski, who gave it back to Gill for the goal. "It was a great game; very physical. Not dirty, but physical," CC coach Joe Nora said as his team improved to 4-2 overall and 2-0 in the Central. "Our goalie, Brett Petkus, was phenomenal. He stopped the two or three nice chances he had." Petkus stopped all nine shots he faced, while U-D keepers Richard Fatyma and

Jacob Gysel combined to stop six shots. On Saturday, Jon Show's goal with 10 minutes into the second half was the game-winner as CC stopped Dearborn Divine Child. "We put pressure on them early and tried to score, but couldn't put it away," Nora said. "We possessed the ball the best we have all season, and once we got the goal, we held on and put it to them." Show's goal off a free kick was the only marker in 22 shots by CC, while Petkus made five saves.

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 25th, 2003 for the following:

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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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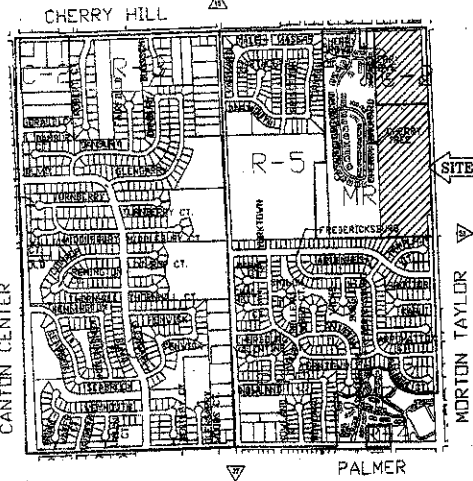
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### PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 6, 2003 in the **Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**CHERRY HILL PUD PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) - AMENDMENT #8 (HAMPTONS CONDOMINIUMS)** - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND TO MODIFY THE DEVELOPMENT AT THE HAMPTONS CONDOMINIUMS AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 085 99 0001 001, 085 99 0002 704 and 085 99 0003 000. Property is located south of Cherry Hill and east of Sheldon Road.



ZONING MAP SECTION 22

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, September 2, 2003 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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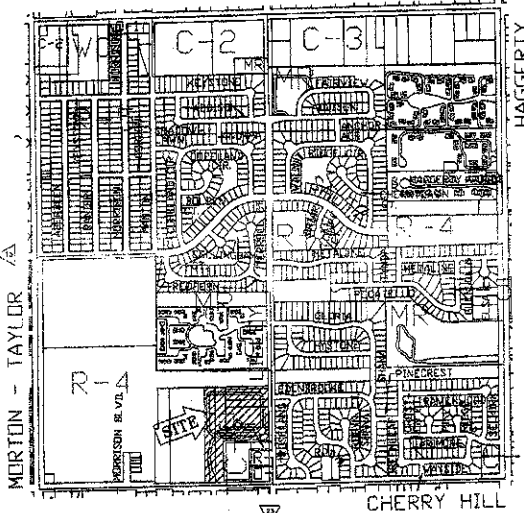
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**WALTONWOOD AT CHERRY HILL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - AMENDMENT #1** - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PDD TO ALLOW FOR ZERO LOT LINE SETBACKS BETWEEN THE TWO PHASES OF WALTONWOOD AT CHERRY HILL AND TO MODIFY THE RATIO OF ASSISTED LIVING UNITS TO INDEPENDENT UNITS AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 055 99 0008 001, 055 99 0010 000, 055 99 0011 002, 055 99 0012 000, 055 99 0013 000 AND 055 990014 000. Property is located north of Cherry Hill and west of Lilley Road.



ZONING MAP SECTION 14

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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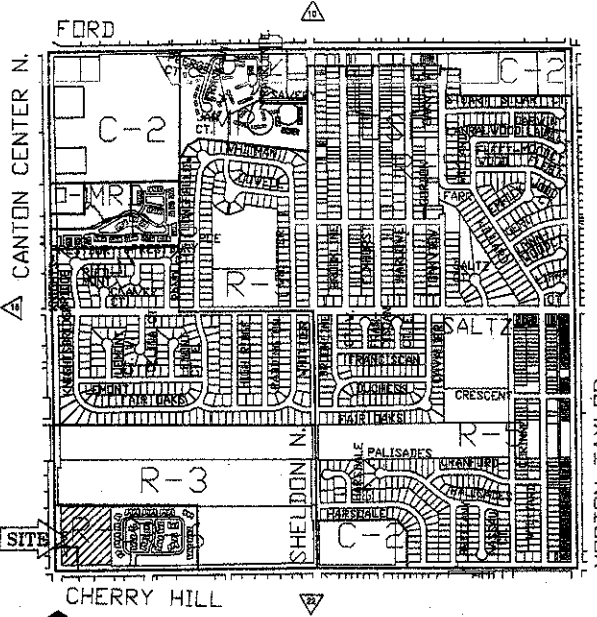
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### PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Public Act 263 of 2001 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 22, 2003 in the **Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:

**TOWNSHIP FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT** - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM COMMUNITY FACILITIES TO COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL FOR PARCEL NOS. 059 99 0005 701 AND 059 99 0004 710. Property is located at the northeast corner of Canton Center Cherry Hill Road.



ZONING MAP SECTION 16

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, September 19, 2003 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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**ACTION:** AMEND THE TEXT OF PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 83 BY AMENDING ARTICLE XXIII, SPECIAL PROVISIONS, SECTIONS 23.35, RECREATION VEHICLES OR CAMPER PARKING, TO PROVIDE FOR TEMPORARY PARKING

**DATE OF HEARING:** Wednesday, October 1, 2003

**TIME OF HEARING:** 7:00 P.M.

**PLACE OF HEARING:** Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township proposes on its own motion to amend Section 23.35 as follows:

Section 23.35.1, presently ends with item a(4)

Section 23.35.1 is hereby proposed to be amended to add a new item "b" to read as follows:

(b) Notwithstanding the requirements above, temporary parking of recreational vehicles, campers, motor homes or other recreation apparatus, such as snowmobiles, boats and trailers, is permitted in the driveway of a single family residence prior to or after a trip for the purposes of loading or unloading, or cleaning provided the following conditions are met:

- (1) The item(s) must be parked wholly within the driveway of the single family residence of the person owning or leasing the parked item(s).
- (2) Parking of the vehicle or other recreational equipment shall not block any sidewalk or other vehicular or pedestrian way.
- (3) Parking of the vehicle or other recreational equipment shall not exceed forty-eight (48) hours within a seven (7) day period.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Application 1809/0903. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or call 734-453-8131, ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend approval of the text changes as proposed, or as amended.

KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary  
Planning Commission

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## WARRIORS

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four. We played real solid ball in the fourth.”

The Pioneers led 8-3 after one period, but the Chiefs bounced back with a 17-7 second-quarter run to take a 20-15 lead at halftime. It was still a 10-point game after three periods (30-25).

That’s when Canton took control, particularly at the free-throw line. Leading the Chiefs were Rachele Guastella, who was 5-of-6 from the stripe in the fourth, and Lisa Ealy, who was 4-of-4. As a team, they converted 10-of-12 in the final period and 13-of-20 (65 percent) in the game.

Guastella, Canton’s 5-foot-5 senior point guard, finished with a game-high 17 points, making 6-of-8 at the line. Katie Cezat added 13 points and 11 rebounds, and Ealy finished with eight points (6-of-6 at the line). Blohm added that Molly Conlon contributed six key points, all in the second half.

For the Pioneers, Sarah Mujahid scored 12 points and Rachel Eddy netted nine.

The Chiefs should enjoy their unbeaten status for now, because the road ahead is treacherous. On Thursday they host Flint Northern; next Tuesday they play at Birmingham Marian before opening play in the Western Lakes Activities Association at home against Northville on Sept. 18.

**Brighton 32, Salem 28:** The turning point in the game, according to Salem coach Fred Thomann, came when there was no time left in the first half.

The game was tied at 13-all when the Bulldogs’ Shannon Murphy launched a shot from behind the arc as time expired. A foul was called on the Rocks, sending Murphy to the free-throw line. She converted all three, putting Brighton ahead 16-13 and, although the Rocks kept it close, they never again led in the game.

“Both teams struggled to score because both teams played great defense,” said Thomann.

**The Chiefs should enjoy their unbeaten status for now, because the road ahead is treacherous.**

Salem trailed 9-3 after one quarter. The Rocks trimmed their three-point halftime deficit to 24-22 after three periods.

Alyssa Guerin topped Salem with eight points and 10 boards. Jamie Siedlaczeck and Ellen Canale each netted six. The Bulldogs got eight points from Katie Gonta.

The loss left the Rocks at 1-3. Brighton is unbeaten at 3-0.

Last Saturday, Salem lost to Novi in the finals of the Novi Tournament, 36-28. The Rocks were in it going into the fourth quarter, trailing 22-19, but the Wildcats’ Alison Greulich poured in 11 of her game-high 13 points in the fourth to lead Novi to the win.

Guerin’s 11 points was best for Salem. Next highest scorer was Kathryn Wheatley with six.

Scoring wasn’t expected to plague the Rocks this season, but it has. “I didn’t think it was going to be a problem,” said Thomann, “but we’re really struggling with our shooting rhythm right now. We’re getting open shots but we’re not taking them.”

The shots the Rocks got at the line went down; they hit 8-of-9. The Wildcats, who improved to 2-1 with the win, were 11-of-19 from the stripe.

**A.A. Huron 45, Plymouth 22:** Plymouth’s freshmen-sophomore team got a taste of Division 1 varsity action Tuesday at Ann Arbor Huron, and it wasn’t too pleasant.

The River Rats rolled to a 10-1 lead after one quarter and increased that to 26-12 by halftime. After that it was just a matter of what the final score would be.

“The thing I was pleased with was the way we played defense in the second half,” said Plymouth coach Rachelle Reilly. “And I thought we

battled hard for four quarters.”

The Wildcats, now 1-2 on the season, were outscored 19-10 in the second half. Huron improved to 3-3.

Sophomore center Jeanine Moïse led Plymouth with seven points and 12 rebounds. Chantelle Little was best for Huron with 12 points.

**Flint Powers 79, Ladywood 58:** Livonia Ladywood began by trying to play a physical game against home team Flint Powers Catholic, but the plan backfired as it led to early foul trouble Tuesday.

Powers (3-1) then caught fire, shooting 50 percent from the field, including 11-of-21 three pointers. “They didn’t miss many shots,” Blazer coach Andrea Groski said. “They dictated what they wanted on offense.”

Ashlee Sleva scored 15, Madison Snow 14 and Tishara Fields 13 for Powers.

Leading Ladywood (2-1) was junior guard Jamie Rhodes with 20 points and seven rebounds. Senior center Bethany Jury added 15 points and nine rebounds.

## MADONNA

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Madonna head coach Jerry Abraham with positive signs and results.

“I am really pleased with their efforts and the way they stuck it out,” Abraham said. “It seems like the harder the teams hit us, the better we seem to respond.”

In the first game, the Tigers tied MU after overcoming an 18-12 deficit. The score was tied five times until reaching 30. Olivet scored two straight points, stealing the win but sparking the Crusaders.

“When we lost the first game by just two points (32-30), we know we really had to play tough with these guys,” said Suder, a senior co-captain.

MU trailed by five in the second game, before taking a 17-16 advantage and not looking back to win 30-22.

The third game, like the first, ended with a set of extra points. Madonna trailed for 26 possessions before knotting the score at 13. The score was tied six times until the Tigers took the lead 29-28, forcing Crusaders to call a timeout. With each teams back to the wall, the lead switched six times. Tina’s heroics proved to be the difference as the sophomore’s two kills in a row epded the game 36-34.

The momentum continued, carrying the Crusaders to a 30-21 victory and the title.

Tina finished the match with 24 kills (.786 attack percentage,) and 18 digs, but Bush had the match high with 32 kills.

“They both played really aggressive,” Abraham said. “Sharyse just had a great day . . . and Natalja seems to be our best server right now.”

Frost, a sophomore setter, finished with 64 assists.

In Saturday’s first match against Trinity Christian, it took half the time to reach victory, 3-0 (30-17, 30-18, 30-19).

Lesko’s 18 kills led the way for the Crusaders followed by Bush’s 15.

Frost earned tournament MVP honors, finishing with 231 assists. Suder (Salem High) and Tina were also named to the All-Tournament team.

**Bush, Frosh saluted**

In volleyball, Sharyse Bush and Ashley Frost were named the NAIA player and setter of the week ending Sept. 7.

The pair were instrumental in Madonna going undefeated for the week and improving to 12-0, the best start in school history.

Bush, a 5-foot-10 junior outside hitter from Flint Central, averaged 6.6 kills per game in the Crusaders’ run to the championship of the Martin Tournament. She totaled 106 kills with a .413 kill percentage in four matches, which included wins over No. 12-ranked Walsh University (Ohio), No. 20 Olivet Nazarene (Ill.) and No. 24 Georgetown College (Ky.). She also had 30 digs and six service aces.

Frost, a 5-10 sophomore setter from Lake Odessa, averaged 14.4 set assists per game and just under three digs per game, including 64 set assists and 13 digs against Georgetown. In the tournament final against Nazarene, she had 64 more set assists, and she finished the tournament with 47 digs.

Both were also the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference player and setter of the week.

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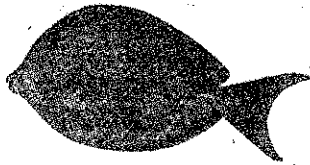
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### Trading kitchens

While it's common practice to trade-in an old car for a new one, an old kitchen typically has not had this kind of resale value - until now.

From Sept. 22-28, Northpointe Cabinet Idea Center will offer consumers trade-in value for their current kitchen to be applied to the cost of a new kitchen. This promotion is part of a tent sale and cookout, which will also feature celebrity chef Keith Faimie, at Northpointe's showroom, at 1080 Welch Road, in Commerce Township. In addition, the event will benefit two local families in need.

To determine a kitchen's trade-in value, consumers must bring photographs of their kitchen to the Northpointe tent sale for evaluation and appraisal. They will be able to spend the value of their trade-in on a new kitchen from Northpointe. Trade-in dollars will be valid through Sept. 30. Customers will be asked to sign a fully refundable retainer contract.

Northpointe also will update the kitchens of two local families in need, utilizing the cabinetry, countertops and fixtures received through customer trade-ins.

Over the weekend, celebrity chef and "Survivor" Keith Faimie, will host a barbecue on Saturday, Sept. 27, from noon-3 p.m. and a brunch on Sunday, Sept. 28, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. free of charge for all visitors.

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## They might be giants



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Mike Murphy of Westland holds the ladder for his son Alec as they check on their 18-foot tall sunflower, the winning entry for tallest sunflower in the High Hopes Sunflower contest, sponsored by English Gardens and the Observer Newspapers. Top, Kayla Jakel holds her sunflower. Her plant took second place for largest seed head.

## Sunflower winner tops 18 feet to win High Hopes contest

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Mike Murphy's residence in Westland has one heck of a landmark.

A sunflower juts into the sky, shooting 18 feet into the air, in a rather dramatic fashion, almost like the fable "Jack and the Beanstalk." The seed was started by Alec Murphy, Mike's son, and nurtured by the two of them.

For that effort, Mike won the 2003 High Hopes Sunflower Contest in the tallest sunflower category. Jill Goryca of Livonia grew the largest seed head at 17 inches. Each of the top three

'They always had sun, from morning till night.'

Mike Murphy  
contest winner

winners in the two categories won gift certificates for English Gardens, which will be awarded Sunday. English Gardens and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers sponsored the contest.

Alec, 13, wanted to grow the plants, Mike said. "He's the one who germinated these in plastic bags and put them in the soil," Mike said.

Mike, who is an electrician, also planted sunflowers, along with his watermelon, zucchini, peppers, tomatoes and strawberries.

The sunflowers were grown from seed from Sears Hardware, using Schultz expert garden tomato food and mulch.

"They always had sun, from morning till night," Mike said.

Mike attached a 10-foot piece of PVC pipe for support when the plant hit 12 feet, then attached another 5-foot piece later for additional support.

Alec said he germinated the seed with a plastic bag on



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Jill, Dawn and Renee Goryca grew several giant sunflowers in their garden area at Greenmead in Livonia. Jill took first place in the 2003 High Hopes sunflower contest for largest seed head at 17 inches.

a wet towel. It was planted in the ground in late April.

Neighbors talk to Mike constantly about the plant. "People walk by and it's a

conversation piece," Mike said. There's a lot of elderly people in here, and they get a

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## MARKET PLACE

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### Stylish stone

Showplace-type kitchens continue to spring up in homes across the nation. Top among the must-have items is engineered stone, the newest high-priced kitchen surfacing material.

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## PC owners should have these accessories

For me, the ultimate computer is not the one with the fastest processor or largest hard drive. It's the one with the best accessories – the little extras that make computing easier or more convenient.

For example, when you're upgrading from an old machine to a new one, or you just need an easy way to transfer files between PCs, nothing – and I mean nothing – beats a USB key. These thumb-sized gadgets, also known as USB flash drives, plug directly into your computer's USB port (no cable required), where they're immediately assigned a drive letter.

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From there you just drag and drop your files, just as you would with a floppy disk.

But USB keys read and write data significantly faster, and they hold a lot more of it.

Capacities range from 16 megabytes (MB) all the way up to 1 gigabyte.

You can buy a 128MB USB key for around \$40. I highly recommend keeping one on hand for copying, transporting, and even backing up files.

You never know when you'll have the need, and floppies are long past cutting it.

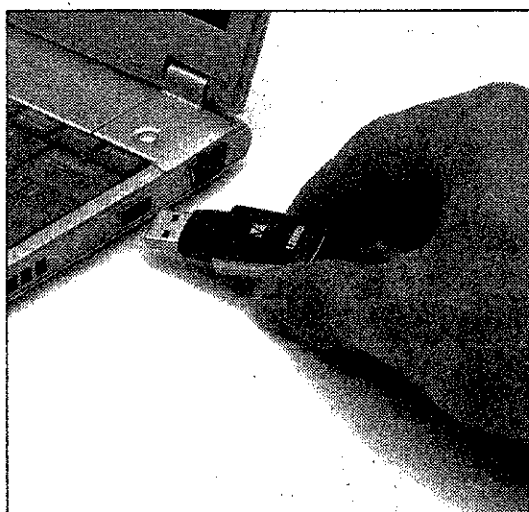
One highly practical accessory – especially if you spend much of your day working at your computer, as I do – is an uninterruptible power supply, or UPS.

It is basically a power strip with a battery backup, one that will give you time to save your work and safely shut down your PC if the power goes out.

Ironically, my five-year-old UPS went on the fritz just weeks before the Blackout of 2003. So much for practicing what I preach. I have since ordered a replacement.

If there's one accessory I never again want to be without, it's my wireless optical mouse. Wireless means no more cord snaking across my desk; optical means no mechanical parts, so the mouse will never wear out.

Get one that comes with a charger, otherwise



USB keys like the Verbatim Store'n'Go are perfect for shuttling files between PCs and making impromptu backups.

you'll have to replace the batteries every month or two.

Finally, anyone who owns a digital camera, MP3 player, and/or PDA should consider a 6-in-1 media card reader. These little boxes, which plug into an open USB port, include slots for CompactFlash, Memory Stick, Secure Digital (SD), and other kinds of memory cards.

Why bother with a reader when your digital camera, MP3 player, and/or PDA has its own connection to your PC?

Sometimes it's faster and easier to pop a card out of the device and into the reader than to fiddle with the device's cable, dock, software, and so on.

One last note: On this sorrowful anniversary, I'd like to dedicate this column to the victims, the survivors, and all those who want nothing more than to live in peace.

**Rick Broida** writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, has written for computer and technology magazines, and is a co-author of several books on handheld computing. Readers who have questions for Broida can email him at [rickbroida@excite.com](mailto:rickbroida@excite.com)

## Troy resident's patio garden bursts with color

Patti Manning's patio garden won first place in a contest at her complex in Troy this year.

Patti has filled hay baskets that are fastened to her patio with many, many colorful flowers. When I visited her in August, the flowers were still blooming profusely. This arrangement of plants is the patio's summer look and it shouts

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**Marty Figley**

'Welcome' to passers-by. She fills the containers with a soilless mix from Bordines and goes from there. Shades of green, provided by English ivy, chartreuse sweet potato vine, lemon verbena (which Patti uses in iced tea), and several scented geraniums, perform the task of anchoring the blooming flowers.

Purple is used quite a bit, coming from million bells, wave petunias, impatiens, while verbena cascades over the edges. Low growing-Mexican heather also has a small purple flower. Pretty pink adds a lighter shade, provided by such flowers as wave petunias, and impatiens, while hot pink is seen in bougainvillea,



Patti Manning's patio garden is a winner.

and fuchsia (another cascading plant).

Other flowers include white impatiens, the tiny royal blue of lobelia, lavender scaevola, Cupid's dart, the silvery gray foliage of ballota, African daisies with maroon/brown with yellow centers, and the bright yellow blooms of Marguerite daisies. White impatiens provide a nice accent.

The plants receive Bloom Builder fertilizer every three weeks and Osmocote twice a season, spring and fall. She just sprinkles it on.

She says, "I water it in well. The garden is so enjoyable, it doesn't need to be a lot of maintenance."

When the flowers have faded and have no more strength, they will be pulled from the pots and thrown away. In their place Patti will introduce a fall color scheme which will include purple pansies and Alberta Spruce shrubs. Next spring yellow daffodils and purple pansies will carry the show.

Each season a garden flag, which repeats the flower colors, sways in the breeze and also adds a bit of privacy. Her sister makes the flags when Patti tells her the design she wants.

In another corner a large pinky/orange hibiscus grows in a large urn.

It is skirted with pink impatiens and purple scabiosa.

She says, "My husband, Andre, and I not only enjoy driving up to our place, but also enjoy looking out at it from the house. As with most undertakings, keeping things going after the initial crush of enthusiasm is one of the hardest parts."

"I truthfully call this creation my five-minute-a-day garden. I am always thinking ahead for the next season as to what I will display in my hay baskets. My object is to never see the soil. If you see soil, you know you need more plants."

Patti has shared her knowledge with other residents of the complex, and speaks at garden clubs about container and patio gardens, floral designs and window boxes.

### GOODGARDEN TIP:

It's time to plant trees and shrubs so they can develop strong roots before cold weather sets in.

Choose carefully so the plants won't outgrow their space in a few years.

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

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Monte Nagler captured this action shot as these wranglers charged through the lake on their horses.

## Shoot a dude ranch for great photos

Looking for an unusual, exciting place to photograph that will produce pictures unlike any others? And at the same time you can have lots of fun!



Focus on Photography

Monte Nagler

Consider a "dude ranch." There are many located throughout the states and more than likely there will be one not far from your home. Here in Michigan, my favorite is the Double JJ located near Lake Michigan in Rothbury. The ranch is open year round and offers photo possibilities that will really excite you.

For starters, it's authentic and rustic with western style storefronts. Hitching posts, boardwalks and saloons await your camera. You'll think you stepped back into the 1800s.

'All ranches are found in scenic locales so keep your photographic vision open to other possibilities.'

Best of all are the horses and the wranglers with their slickers, boots and chaps. Wranglers will be more than willing to pose for you both on and off their horses. Keep in mind the possible closeup shots of a simple mud-coated boot, gloved hands on a saddle horn or a coil of rope. Pose them against the barn or outside the tack room. If there are dogs around, include them in the picture, too.

Well groomed and well cared for, the ranch horses will add handsome photographs to your portfolio. Whether it's charging down the trail kicking up dust or a close-up of its head and

mane, a horse offers great potential for your camera. Horses are exquisite animals and it's very rewarding to capture their beauty on film.

Take a trail ride for a unique perspective with your camera. In order to get a "horse's eye" view. The results will be very exciting.

All ranches are found in scenic locales so keep your photographic vision open to other possibilities. Fields, meadows and lakes all await your camera.

You'll need a wide angle lens for overall views and a telephoto for moving in close. Fast films (ASA 400) are in order because you'll most likely be hand-holding your camera and will need to stop the action.

Stop horsing around, partner! Put on your boots and chaps, grab your camera and head to the ranch.

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

## WHERE CAN I FIND?

Through reader feedback, this interactive column is dedicated to helping readers locate retail merchandise that's difficult to find. If you know where a product is sold or service is available, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. Please be patient about your requests and feedback; we receive an overwhelming number of phone calls. Also, please spell any uncommon items. If you don't see information about your request, we couldn't find it. Requests are published twice.

### WHAT WE FOUND

The corn on the cob cutter, personalized pencils and bed size pocket organizer and the silicone oven mitts can all be purchased through the Miles Kimball catalog (800) 546-2255 or on the Internet at [www.mileskimball.com](http://www.mileskimball.com). The bed side pocket organizer can be purchased at Bed Bath & Beyond.

### WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

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old china dishes from China for Frances of Farmington Hills.

A store that sells ground poppy seed by the bulk for Joan of Franklin.

A store that sells Glade last-ing mist refill spray by Johnson's Wax for Mary.

A store that sells plastic covers for recipe index cards for Mrs. M.

A bakery that makes small miniature hamburger buns for Jan of Livonia.

A store that sells Mop & Glo for Ann.

A store that sells the game Mahjong.

A store that sells small size broiler pans for Pam.

A store that sells the T-shirt that bears the phrase "So many books, so little time" for Bev.

A store that sells opaque tights by Hue for Judy.

A store that sells Ann Klein perfume for Linda.

A store that rewires lamps for Sherrie.

A store that sells the game Five Crowns.

A store that sells a sweater shaver for Kim.

A store that sells a two-way zipper for Eleanore.

A store that repairs broken china..

A store that sells dry shampoo for Kate.

A store that sells bulgur by the pound for Maggie.

A store that sells walnut oil for walnut furniture for Mrs. O.

A store that sells Twinkle Copper cleaner for Dale.

A store that sells the game of Skittles for Nick.

A store that sells a No More-Lumps sifter for Kelli.

A store that sells a pattern to make clothes for a 14-inch Madame Alexander baby doll for Velma.

Someone who repairs rhinestone jewelry for Peggy.

A store that sells Johnson's liquid Simonize floor wax or Glo-coat floor wax by Johnson's for Peggy.

A store that sells a Bee-safe can topper (cover cans so bugs don't fly in them) for Kim.

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A store that sells vinyl protectors for chairs for Eleanore.

By Sandi Jarackas

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## SEPTEMBER

### Fall service schedule

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

### Sunday worship schedule

Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile at Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, holds services 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. A contemporary service is held on the fourth Sunday of the month. For more information, call (248) 626-7906. Visitors welcome.

### Contemporary worship service

The 11 a.m. Sunday Worship Service has a contemporary format at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, 1550 Walton, Rochester Hills. After much prayer and discussion, plus a year of Sunday evening Praise and Prayer services, a new version of Lutheran worship is observed.

The Prayer and Praise Team, along with Pastor Scott McKinney, will lead the services in song, the Word and communion. Members of the Rochester area community are invited to lend their support to those involved with planning and leading the service by attending and worshipping using this new version of the Lutheran liturgy. For more information, call (248) 651-6550.

### Women of the Word

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

### Women's Spiritual Retreats

"Come to the Quiet and Know That I Am God" Sept. 12-14, "Recognizing Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread" Sept. 19-21, and "Unfinished Understanding of Vatican II" Sept. 26-28, at St. Mary's Retreat House, 775 W. Drahn Road, Oxford. Cost is \$100 per retreat. Call (586) 977-8993.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a Roman Catholic, nonprofit organization dedicated to marriage enrichment.

### Natural Family Planning Classes

Taught by the Couple to Couple League throughout the Archdiocese. The schedule is available at www.ccli.org. Engaged and married couples of all ages may attend. Babies are welcome at meetings. A complete set of materials is provided with the \$75 course fee. Call the teaching couple to register. Upcoming classes include Our Lady of Refuge (Orchard Lake) beginning 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 13, John and Jennifer Rabaey, (586) 264-6819.

### Come to a revival

Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 13-14, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 26212 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call (313) 537-3778. Friday's program is on Making Dedicated Disciples includes evening prayer and reception. Saturday focuses on What Does it Mean to be a Vibrant Church? Potluck at 6 p.m., evening program of music, preaching and prayer at 7:00 p.m. Sunday is Holy Cross Day with Intergenerational Sunday School at 9:00 a.m., worship with Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m.

### Fall Blast-Off Fellowship

The day begins with a 10 a.m. worship service Sunday, Sept. 14, at Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon, Plymouth, followed by a gathering at the picnic pavilions at Heritage Park off Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill. Picnic includes food plus fun and games for all ages. For information,

call (734) 453-7630.

### Monday Morning Bible Study

Begins Sept. 15 and runs through Nov. 10. Bring a coffee cup. Bible and a friend to journey through some of the most important parts of the Bible, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster, Livonia. No charge. Child care available for \$1 per child by calling (734) 422-1470.

### Adult Faith Inquiry

A series of sessions for those inquiring about the Catholic faith begin 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, at St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren, Canton. All are welcome including non-Catholic, non-baptized, or Catholics who have little formation. For more information, call (734) 455-5910.

### Ladies Day

Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church holds a Ladies Day 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at Eight Mile and Currie Road. Lunch will be served. Free will offering. Speaker Gail Johnson talks about the Patterns for Joyful Living. Pre-register by Sept. 17, by calling (248) 374-2268.

### Jillybean returns

Jill Bryan (Jillybean) communicates God's truths with fun and laughter. There are 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. services, at the picnic following the 10 a.m. service Sunday, Sept. 21, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster, Livonia. Call (734) 422-1470.

### Fall Flea Market

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, St. Matthew's United Methodist Church parking lot, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Sellers welcome. \$15 per table to go to

church missions. For more information, call (248) 476-0908.

### Aerobic Class

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church is offering a light Aerobic Class 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, Sept. 25 to Oct. 30, and Nov. 6 to Dec. 15, at 14175 Farmington Road, south of Ford Field, Livonia. Cost is \$18 per 6-week session. To register, call (734) 522-6830. The public is welcome.

### Rummage Sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, until 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 23300 W. Chicago, east of Telegraph, Redford. For information, call (313) 538-1142.

### Mom to Mom Sale

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### Revival

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## UPCOMING

### Fall Rummage Sale

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, until noon Saturday, Oct. 4, at Newburg

United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburg roads, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149.

### From Grief to New Hope

Grief workshop presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. No charge. For registration information, call (734) 422-0149. Open to the community.

### ICEA Convention

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

### Women's Event

Calvary Baptist Church of Canton (43065 Joy Road) will host popular Christian women's speaker Becky Tirabassi through their women's ministries program. The event, titled One Thing, will take place Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Canton church. Tirabassi is the author of Let Prayer Change Your Life, and several other books, and has been heard on the radio and seen on television across the country. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. There is a morning session at 8:30 a.m., then after lunch a session beginning at 1:45 p.m. Registration fee is \$20. Call (734) 480-4528.

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# Make time to socialize with your animals

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### About Animals

Dr. Brad Davis

Changes in the schedule of the house can stress them tremendously, even to the point of giving them behavioral and health problems. They like their world to be controlled, even, and repetitive.

The movie *Ground Hog Day* would be an excellent example.

In the film, Bill Murray plays a weatherman in Punxsutawney, Penn., for the Ground Hog Day festivities. When he wakes up on Feb. 3, it's Feb. 2 again, with the same events happening the same way. He's the only one who knows the exact same day is happening over and over again.

At one point he feels that he might be in hell, but if he were a dog, he'd be in heaven.

Dogs love routine. They love getting up, eating, playing, and sleeping at the same time every day.

(Cats love routine, too, but to them routine involves getting about 18 hours of sleep every day.)

Donna Blumel, animal behavior expert and trainer for Dogstar Training, believes patterns can help keep animals

mentally healthy.

"Routine helps them feel secure, and keeps separation anxiety at bay," she said.

Unfortunately, most of us live too hectic a life for any tremendous routine. Few people have the ability to be in a certain location at a certain time everyday, much less having the time to do *any* activity at a certain time every day.

"Believe it or not, your life is a pattern to your pet," Blumel said.

"They know when you're getting ready to leave the house. You do the same thing every day before you leave for work or school."

So do whatever you can. Have a ten minute activity you can do just about every day at the same time. Keep it simple, like a walk around the block, so it will rarely, if ever, be canceled.

If you want to walk further, go ahead. That's great. But first do the walk around the block, then do the bonus walking.

Hence you get the stability, and get to spend more time with your critter when you have the time.

If walking is out, consider throwing the Frisbee a few times in the yard every night, or just a 10 minute petting session. Anything to give the animal a new cornerstone by which they might build a routine, and in turn, the stability that leads to calmness.

"Meals and crate time should be the same every day," Blumel said. "If you are normally gone six to eight hours a day, try to keep the crate time the same on your day off."

"Give them a specific play-time or attention time."

Remember to use the same time every day for every activity."

The petting session works for cats as well, as would the

ten minutes of play. Experts believe cats rest so much they actually get stressed, as they need to hunt, not just lounge around like they are on a cruise all day.

A laser pointer or another active toy can help make their life better, which can make your life better by helping to stop behavioral problems in cats, including house soiling and property destruction.

"Having your pet on a schedule is extremely important," Blumel added. "We are not stable. We go to work, out shopping, out to dinner, to the movies, and so on. It's important to remember your pet doesn't understand why you leave, or for that matter care why you leave. All they know is that you leave."

"This creates stress, and having your pet on a schedule can help to alleviate it."

Remember also, in our world we sometimes forget to enjoy the things that are important in life. Spending time with your pet doesn't just make them happier, but really should make you happier, too.

A hard day gets a little easier knowing your best friend is excitedly waiting for you to arrive home. So, the take home message would be to make sure you find some time to get your pets on a regular schedule...not just for them, but for you, too.

Think of it as this year's first homework assignment.

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I have an acquaintance who has a home that looks perfect. It looks as if no one lives in her house. The furniture looks new, the kitchen looks unused and you could eat off her floors. I want order but I still want to maintain a homey atmosphere. Any suggestions?



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In a perfect home every person entering your door feels welcome and glad to be there. The issue is not how clean a house is but our attitude towards the condition of our home.

I function best in a clean, organized home because it enables me to relax and be hospitable. Maintaining a clean, clutter-free house is a priority with me. I like to leave with everything picked up so I come home to an organized home.

When I leave my house, beds are made, dishes are in the dishwasher, bathrooms are freshened up and everything is in its place. I leave my house in a condition I can happily come home to and would not be embarrassed if someone came over unannounced.

### GET CONTENT

For some people getting their home clutter-free would require so much time they could not relax and be a good host or hostess. Maintain your home at the level of organization and cleanliness that you are content with. Do not try to fulfill the expectations of other people. If you continually apologize to guests for the way your house looks, they will feel

uncomfortable and unwelcome. They will also feel awkward if your home is picture perfect.

Decide what your standard of home organization is and then put a written plan together to achieve your goals. I keep things organized for myself, not other people's expectations. If I never had another visitor, I would not change the way my house looks. The problem with living by other people's standards is that they are not clearly defined, so we try to meet an unknown expectation. Many women are reasonably content with their home until someone decides to visit. Then they feel the need to pick-up clutter and clean.

### WHAT IS PERFECT?

I asked several women what their idea of a 'Perfect Home' would be. These are the results:

'I don't like things out of place when I leave my house and I like to be able to find things when I am leaving.'

'I want to come home to a clean house, with beds made. If I open the door and see junk, I get angry.'

'I like it real clean. I want clean windows.'

'I like my kitchen and bathroom clean with fresh flowers. I like my beds made. I want a place for my keys so I can always find them. A place for everything and everything in its place.'

'Clutter-free! I want all my papers in my filing system. I like a clean kitchen.'

'I want a place for the mail to go instead of on the table or counter. I would like a message board where everyone knows where to look. I do not like crumbs on the kitchen counter.'

'I like every room decorated. I like to walk into a clean house.'

'I like a place for everything and everything in its place. If there is an item I haven't used in two years, I move it out to help keep clutter down. I deal with things immediately so I don't have three or four things to deal with.'

'I want books and shoes put away. I want clutter picked up.'

'I would have a servant.'

'I would like to stay on top of things and have a sense of order.'

'I don't like things on the floor. I want everyone to clean up after themselves.'

These women all expressed a common theme. Even when we can't make everything perfect, we want tidiness and order in our world. These are ideals. In the real world, we must determine what level of organization we can comfortably maintain, make a plan, work the plan and be satisfied with the results.

When things are really crazy and I can't make my world 'perfect,' I've found a really helpful technique.

I ask myself, "If I only had time to do one or two things, what would they be?" I try to set my minimum standards based on the answer to that question. It may be a clutter-free living room floor and clean kitchen counter. If all else fails, I will make sure those things happen.

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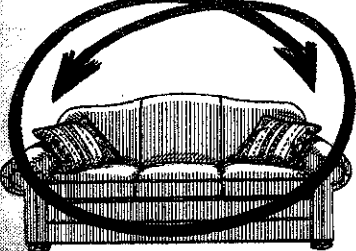
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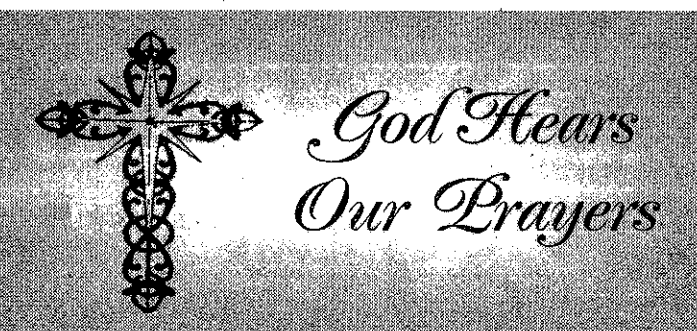
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Despite all of the timesaving technologies at our disposal, from fast-food to fax machines, most of us feel more hurried and harried than ever before. Recently, I had the experience of walking across a beautiful college campus and noticing a newly 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*

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## Announcing the winners of the Oasis Golf Center and The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers International Literacy Day Student Contest



We'd like to thank all of the students who entered the Oasis Golf Center/Observer & Eccentric Newspapers International Literacy Day Contest. International Literacy Day was observed on September 8, 2003 and we wanted to display true literacy in action from our youth. We asked contestants to draw an editorial cartoon, write an essay about what literacy means or write a news story about the world losing all its written documents. There were so many excellent entries that it was difficult to select the winners, but here they are:

### GRADES 2 - 3

#### Category: Editorial Cartoon

1st Place ----- **Alyssa Swigart**, Baldwin Elementary, Rochester

Honorable Mention ----- **Daniel Jackson**, Webster Elementary, Livonia

#### Category: Essay

1st Place ----- **Anne Gu**, Ealy Elementary, West Bloomfield

Honorable Mention ----- **Benjamin Langer**, Our Lady of Good Council, Canton

### GRADES 4 - 6

#### Category: Editorial Cartoon

1st Place ----- **Lawren Dame**, Tonda Elementary, Canton

Honorable Mention (Tie) --- **Cosette Giradot**, C.S.C.S., Canton  
and **Kayvaughn Edwards**, Mt. Hope Lutheran School

#### Category: Essay

1st Place ----- **Emily Swanson**, Randolph Elementary, Livonia

Honorable Mention ----- **Christopher Yang**, Smith Middle School, Troy

#### Category: News Story

1st Place ----- **Susan Imerman**, Detroit Country Day School, Bloomfield Hills

Honorable Mention (Tie) --- **Ariel Workings**, Baldwin Elementary, Oakland  
and **Rohan Arepally**, Hampton Elementary, Rochester Hills

### GRADES 7 - 9

#### Category: Editorial Cartoon

1st Place ----- **Sara Forbes**, Warner Middle School, Farmington Hills

Honorable Mention ----- **Darrel L. Davis**, Mount Hope Lutheran School

#### Category: Essay

1st Place ----- **Sean Moening**, St. Genevieve School, Livonia

Honorable Mention ----- **Rohit Vyas**, West Middle School, Rochester Hills

### GRADES 10 - 12

#### Category: Editorial Cartoon (No prizes awarded)

#### Category: Essay

1st Place (Tie) ----- **Brian Rumao**, Salem High School, Canton  
and **Teresa Rutecki** - Divine Child High School, Plymouth

Honorable Mention ----- **Karen Viado**, Salem High School, Canton

#### Category: News Story

1st Place ----- **Blair Brettschneider**, International Academy, Birmingham

Honorable Mention ----- **Ericka Rucins**, Eisenhower High School, Shelby Township

For many teenagers high school is a difficult time. We're trying to figure things out, like algebraic expressions and chemical formulas. On a personal level we're trying to figure out where we fit in and who our real friends are. We begin to ask ourselves who we are, and who we want to be.

In trying to figure things out, I've had many painful experiences. I've struggled with grades, battled numerous insecurities, and lost some of my best friends. Overcoming obstacles is something people deal with their entire life though. Whether you're seventeen or seventy, challenges will arise. In coming to this realization, I found the need to seek consolation. In doing this I've found reading and writing.

Reading allows me to see the world from another person's perspective. Literature of all kinds has given me a greater understanding of the world and the people within it. Reading has truly helped me to grow as a compassionate, accepting, and aware human being.

Writing is a way in which I express my individuality. Whether writing thoughts in a journal or letter, I find that writing causes me to feel I've accomplished something wonderful. With words you paint a picture, and with a picture you can touch lives. Writing is a special gift; one which you can give to yourself and to others.

So whether you're in high school or a nursing home, going through good times or bad, remember that literature is like an outstretched hand...one to hold onto. —**Teresa Rutecki**, Divine Child High School, Plymouth

I cannot imagine life without being able to read and write. Literacy helps me in so many ways that I can't name them all, but I will try to name a few. When I read a book or a story I am taken away to another place and time. Reading newspapers, magazines, and letters inform me of recent and ongoing events.

I use writing to write a note to my parents telling them how much I love them. I also use writing to make a card for a sick relative or do my homework. Literacy enables me to read a recipe, take a test, type an email, and read the addresses of my customers on my paper route.

Without literacy I cannot go to college, get a good job, or even receive a driver's license. If I could not read I would not be able to read hazard signs or read my favorite band's name and song titles on a CD. I also would not be able to read a video game's instructions to play it.

If I cannot write I cannot keep a journal, or take notes in class. Without literacy I cannot sign and understand legal agreements, learn a new prayer, or play a game with my family like Monopoly.

As you can plainly see literacy plays a huge part in my life, from writing a simple note to taking an exam in college. I am positive literacy will help me succeed in the future.

—**Sean Moening**, St Genevieve, Livonia

This morning, at approximately 7:45 a.m. eastern time, the computer virus most talked about this month took its demolition to an entire new extreme. This virus, called "Book Worm," was first noticed this past April, after the entire student body of Microsoft Middle School lost their homework assignments as a result of the virus taking charge of the school computers.

"Many people didn't see this coming. I think I saw it coming," says Macintosh Island historian Mary Puffin. "I work at the Mac Isle history museum, and it is my job to teach youngsters about classic literature from the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries. Most of these children have never seen an actual book. The 'Big Conversion,' as it was called, occurred in 2199. Books and newspapers were thrown away, because we were told that saving the world's greatest literary masterpieces to a computer was a better idea than keeping them in libraries, which took up too much space. And now it's all gone.

Today there are many people who feel the same loss that Mary Puffin feels. This morning, all of the world's written documents, with the exception of rare antiques found in museums, were destroyed due to the Book Worm virus. Schools and business across the globe have been shut down until someone can find a way to recover two thousand years worth of knowledge.

—**Blair Brettschneider**,  
International Academy, Birmingham

Reading and writing mean a lot to me in many ways. Writing and reading is in every aspect of my life.

Personally, when I read a book or write a story it seems like I'm part of the book or story. Whether I'm in a fairy tale from my own mind, facing the miseries of slavery with Harriet Tubman, wandering the halls of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry or facing the terror of a Stephen King novel.

Academically, reading and writing will help me excel through elementary, middle and high school with excellent grades like A's. Without excellent reading and writing skills I will never reach my goal to be the Churchill High School class of 2010 Valedictorian.

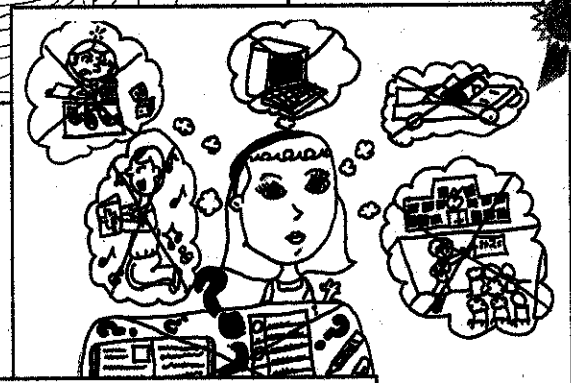
Professionally, my goal in life is to be a Pediatric Cardiologist. Mastering the skills of reading and writing will give me the tools to succeed in college, medical school, and internships. Once I become a practicing Pediatric Cardiologist reading and writing will help me provide sick children and infants with the best care I can offer.

Reading and writing is enjoyable, and entertaining. At times it can also be boring, and tedious. Above all reading and writing is a necessity in life. Without these skills society would have no history or future. We would not be able to read about Harriet Tubman, ancient Greece, The American Revolution, nor would we be able to visit Hogwarts, or read about adventures in outer space.

—**Emily Swanson**, Randolph Elementary, Livonia



Alyssa Swigart



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Sara Forbes

### Daddy and I Talk About Literacy

"Daddy, what does 'Literacy' mean?" I asked. Daddy did not answer, instead he took a tube out of (the) cabinet. He pretended to be coughing and said, "Is this medicine for me? I cannot read."

I read out loud "Bengay provides soothing relief from minor arthritis pain, sore, aching and strained muscles, and backache." I didn't know what arthritis meant but I knew the creamy stuff was not for coughing. And I told Daddy so.

A few days later, I asked Daddy again. "You still haven't told me what literacy means. What's the definition anyway?"

Daddy did not answer, instead he brought a big dictionary to me and said, "I don't know how to read or use a big dictionary. Can you find the word 'literacy'?"

I knew Daddy was just pretending again. But I showed him how to find the word. The definition was "ability to read and write."

Daddy said with a big smile, "Are you glad you are literate? What if you were illiterate?" I said, "Illiteracy means Big Trouble!"

—**Anne Gue**, Ealy Elementary, West Bloomfield

### Global Literacy Outage Strikes

Reading is at a minimum now that books, magazines, and newspapers have disappeared around the world. On August 10 at 9:00 a.m. when the Birmingham Library opened its doors, only today's newspapers could be read by library patrons. "I don't know what to do," shrieked librarian July Rush.

Librarians, teachers and booksellers around the globe are out of jobs. "I've cut back 90% of my staff," stated Borders manager Tom Cook. "There are no books to sell, only CDs." similar cuts are soon expected in other industries.

Birmingham Mayor Joey Decker can't find any city records. "How can I do my job without documents?" asked Mr. Decker.

Famous German singer, Ann Shelley, now lacks music for her upcoming concert at the Opera House. "Without my music, I can't perform," complained Ms. Shelley.

People can't even pray. The Bible, the Torah and the Koran are gone. "Why has God punished us like this?" wondered Rabbi David Cohn. "Is the Almighty telling us that we must use the Internet?"

Professor Gary Inland expected something like this to happen. "People are always thinking today is the only day that matters, that their generation is the only one that counts." We act like we don't need to know the past.

Governments worldwide decided to teach citizens a lesson to show what a day would be like without the printed word. We learned what it was like to be without our computers during the recent blackout, now we'll learn what it is like without books.

—**Susan Imerman**, Detroit Country Day School, Bloomfield Hills

During a normal day of school a student will encounter thousands of letters that he or she must "decode" in order to be successful. The letters, arranged with spaces and punctuation, make up the language they understand. The students who understand the language are able to keep pace with the class. However, for every couple of kids that can read and write there is one student that is illiterate. Illiteracy is simply not being able to read or write. However being illiterate is not simple at all.

Once a student learns how to read and write, he or she takes the abilities for granted. Most likely he or she will carry those skills for the rest of his or her life. Unfortunately, many of today's adults were unable to learn how to read and write as a child. That is why it is important for the world to recognize that literacy begins at an early age. Reading and writing for a four-year old is much easier than for a forty-four-year old.

For me, being able to read and write makes the biggest difference in my life. I cannot imagine how my life (would) change if I lost those valuable powers. School, work, communication with friends, and daily life all depend on literacy. Everything we do is intertwined with this ability.

The world leaders of today must take action and make an effort towards reducing illiteracy across the globe. For a better tomorrow, there is no better time to start than today.

—**Brian Rumao**, Salem High School, Canton

**Brian Rumao is our Grand Prize winner**  
of the Literacy Day Contest and will be awarded a \$100 savings bond for his essay

## SUNFLOWERS

FROM PAGE A1

kick out of it. I here all of their gardening stories, so it's kind of nice."

Mike has always enjoyed gardening since he was a child. "My father (Jim Murphy) always did it and the two of us enjoyed it," Mike said. "Since I can remember, I was always out, helping him."

Parents Jim and Eileen once lived in Livonia. They heard about the contest, and entered the contest for Mike, e-mailing the Observer a photo of the plant.

Second place went to Kerry Hlady of Canton with a sunflower that sprouted to 12 feet, 5 1/2 inches.

Denise Hlady, Kerry's wife, said Kerry used banana peels to help fortify the soil with potassium. "He also used phosphorous and nitrogen," Denise said. Water, sunshine and fertilizer are the keys to the Hlady's growing success, she said.

"We used lots of water, good soil, and we've had someone come out and cultivate it every year in the spring," Denise said. "We tried peat moss this year. It's good soil with good nutrients."

Third place went to Tom Przebienda of Dearborn, who is in the process of moving to a new home in Livonia. Przebienda grew a 12-foot plant in front of his home.

He says he has a "green thumb" when it comes to growing sunflowers.

"I use a little TLC and a little fertilizer," Przebienda said. He found out about the contest from a relative, Janice Teague of Westland, who sent an entry form to him.

The plant sits among what once were 60 sunflowers, but you wonder who needs high-end seeds from a superstore when you hear his story.

"I bought a package of mammoth sunflowers for 10 cents from ACO," Przebienda said.

Przebienda hopes for bigger, better plants at his new home, which has 3/4 acre on it. "It's beautiful and we'll be starting a garden there," Przebienda said.

### TALLEST SUNFLOWER HEAD

Jill Goryca of Livonia, along with sisters Dawn and Renee, entered the contest after growing sunflowers and other vegetables at the community gardens at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia. "We fertil-

'My husband puts good energy and love into it, like I do.

We just enjoy doing things the right way.'

Barb Pasid  
Livonia resident

ized every two weeks with natural fertilizer (Espoma)," Jill said. The family used three 24-foot wide lots to grow their produce.

Mary Goryca, mother of the three girls, said they also grow tomatoes, cucumbers, beets, pumpkins and beans.

The girls all enjoy growing the plants.

"When we came out, we watered a lot," said Dawn.

"On the hot days, they really need the water," Renee adds, "It's fun to get produce and carrots. I like corn, tomatoes and cucumbers. They're fun to eat."

Mary Goryca said she encourages the girls to garden. "I want them to learn how to grow their own vegetables," Goryca said. "They learn a few things, like what they can plant to help another plant grow, like peppers and beans. They also help with canning tomatoes."

Gardeners also exchange ideas at the community garden, Goryca said. "It's nice to have them close by," she said. "You learn from them."

Kayla Jakel, 7, of Garden City, finished second at 16 inches. The sunflower sprouted in the south side of the yard, away from any trees, back behind the garage.

With all the sunlight it gets, the plant can't help but grow. It also helps that Kayla uses the same seeds from last year.

Those seeds were obtained from a neighbor, Yvonne Cline, several years ago, who asked Kayla if she wanted to grow a sunflower, said Kayla's mother Paula.

When asked what she did to get it to grow so large, Kayla said: "Water it."

Her mother Paula also helped. "We also fertilized it with Miracle-Gro, and we hoped that the birds and the squirrels didn't eat it and that the winds didn't blow it away," Paula said. "We watered it, fertilized it and hoped it grew."

Behind the garage are also tomatoes, corn and pumpkins Paula, her husband Al and Kayla enjoy, while Kayla also enjoys cucumbers, said her mother.

Paula enjoys gardening

because it means "being outdoors." "You reap the rewards as they grow," she said.

Third place went to Cathy Johnson of Garden City for her seed head of just under 15 inches.

"I planted a bunch, but only one took off," Johnson said. Her husband Scott put manure down around the sunflowers, black-eyed susans, hostas and lilies in the landscape area in the backyard that houses the sunflower.

"I kept working on it and checking on it," Cathy said.

Johnson, a graphic designer, loves sunflowers, and enjoys taking photos of them. "They're so unique."

Other contestants enjoy their sunflowers and their gardens.

Ron Brzuch of Canton grew a sunflower to 11 feet, 11 inches in height. He used Miracle-Gro this year along the south side of his house where the 20-plus sunflowers get plenty of sun.

"They look good against the house," Brzuch said. "It's something you can put in and it looks good with the rest of the garden." Tomatoes, cucumbers, brussel sprouts and broccoli grow nearby.

He uses leaves and grass in the fall to help fortify the soil.

Barb Pasid and Ron Frank just moved to Livonia in December. One of their sunflowers grew to 11 feet, 6 inches.

Their garden is organic. Even the water is filtered to assure the cleanest water possible is used. They compost and use AG Grand fertilizer.

Barb said the natural foods and sunlight help the sunflower grow.

She was born and raised in Poland. "My mother was always particular about anything organic," Barb said.

Ron, a retired design engineer with Ford Motor Co., installed a water filtration system with a 12-step process to create a spring water.

They grow buckwheat in small trays, which is what they enjoy for breakfast. The couple also grows beets, turnips, carrots, pears, kale, beans and herbs.

The soil is alkalized first, then what Barb calls an "excellent" peat moss is added and slightly mixed.

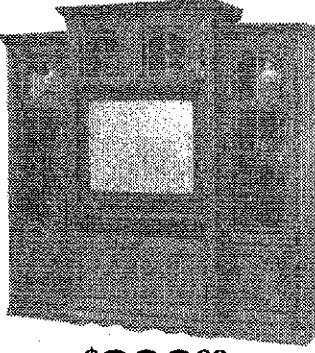
"My husband puts good energy and love into it, like I do," Barb said.

"We just enjoy doing things the right way," Barb said. "We do things according to the cycles of the earth and the moon."

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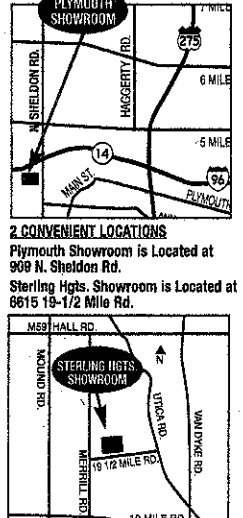
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A beautiful, sunny day only added to the success of the 2003 St. Joe's - Johnson Controls Pro Am Golf Classic. This year's Golf Classic Steering Committee surpassed its goal, raising a record amount of more than \$210,000 from community and corporate donors. Proceeds from the event benefitted St. Joe's Emergency Department Renovation and Expansion Project.

Several local celebrities were on hand the day of the event, including legendary U of M football coach Bo Schembechler, who once again served as Honorary Chair and golfed in the event. VXYZ - Channel 7 Sportscaster Don Shane played in a foursome and addressed guests at the awards dinner. Hockey Great Ted Lindsay and Fox Sports broadcaster and former Detroit Pistons standout Greg Kester also attended the event.

Special recognition goes to this year's three lead sponsors: Johnson Controls, presenting sponsor of the Golf Classic for the third consecutive year; Titanium Sponsors; Dick Lewiston of Lewiston-Smith Realty, for his generous support over the past six years and Mary and Bryan Amann for their ongoing volunteer and philanthropic support of the Golf Classic. Together their lead gifts encouraged other organizations and individuals to become involved in supporting this year's event.

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### ■ 'No bread' offered

For those on the low-starch diets, a local cafe offers an unusual twist on sandwiches.

"No bread" sandwiches are now available at the Vineyards Cafe & Catering in Farmington Hills. The sandwiches are prepared with crisp flat wedges of lettuce, which replace the bread. There are 84 different No Bread sandwiches to choose from, including nine vegetarian versions.

The No Bread sandwiches are modeled after the Atkins Diet. Ron Asmar, the owner of Vineyards, lost more than 50 pounds on that diet.

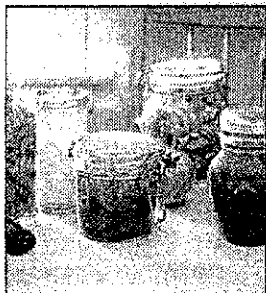
He began offering the sandwiches to friends, and now, the sandwiches are on his menu.

The Vineyards is located at 32418 Northwestern Hwy. in Farmington Hills, between 13 and 14 Mile roads.

### ■ Chili buffs sought

Cooks who wish to participate in the chili and salsa competitions at the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff on Sunday, Oct. 12, in Plymouth can sign up through Oct. 7.

Cash prizes and trophies will be awarded with the first-place winners in the red chili, green chili and salsa categories advancing to



Reno, Nevada, to compete in the World Chili and Salsa Championships.

The cookoff will be held the same day as a Ride-In Motorcycle Bike Show. Visitors can sample the chili for \$1 a sample. Proceeds support local children's charities.

For more information, contact Annette Horn, chili competition chairperson, at (734) 455-8838.

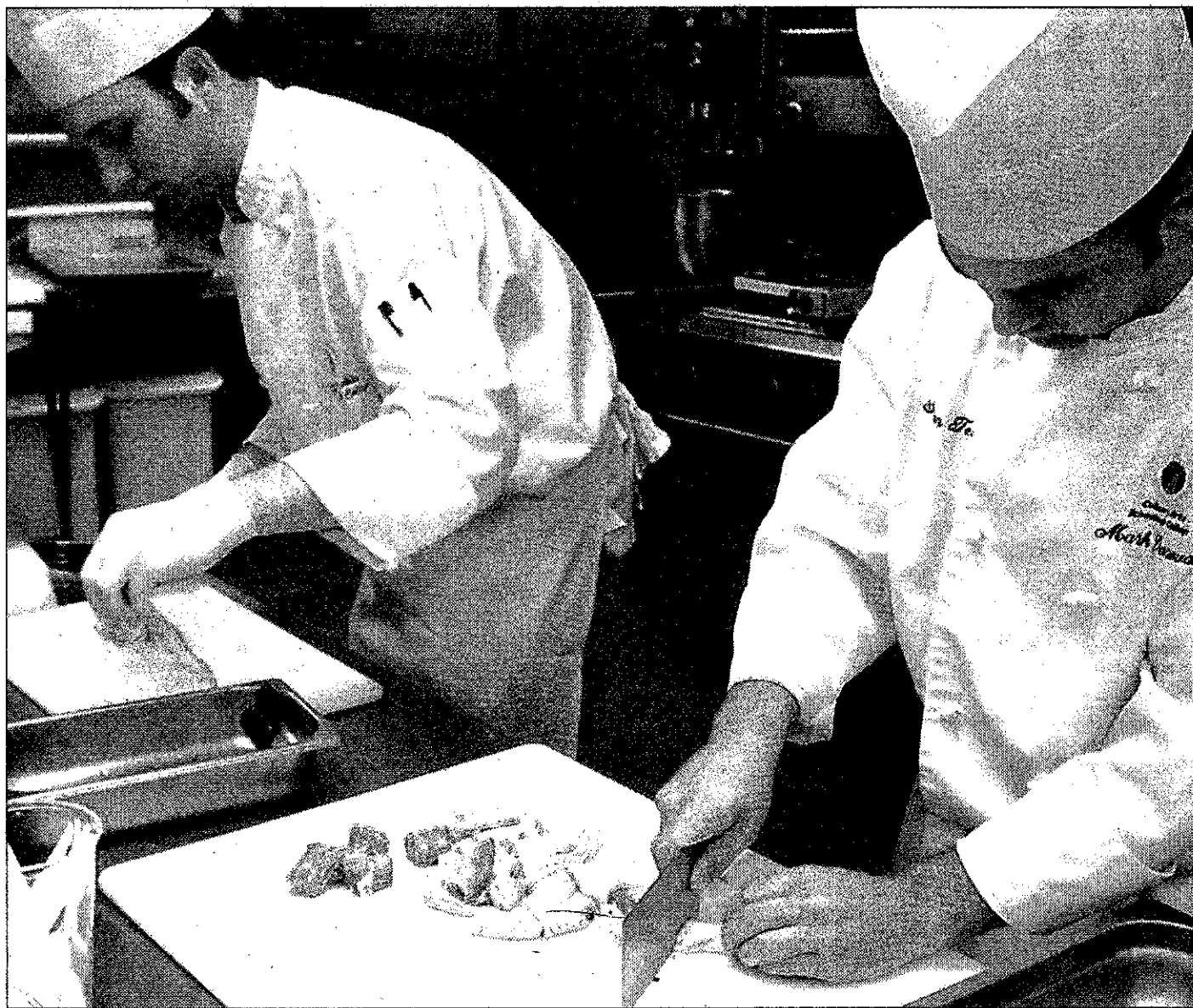
### ■ Vote for favorite

Just as America voted for its favorite American Idol, so it is time for America to speak out and vote for its favorite American dream kitchen.

There are more than 10 million U.S. homeowners planning to build or remodel a kitchen in the next 12 months, creating a \$143.8 billion industry that more than 40,000 design professionals are eager to tap. The kind of prestige and recognition available to top designers who connect with the American public through their designs could mean a windfall of potential design work.

Who will be recognized as the designer of America's Greatest Dream Kitchen? American homeowners will decide through a popular vote and the winner announced at a major industry trade event in the late winter or early spring of 2004.

Voting has just begun and anyone with a computer and an Internet connection can vote by going to: [www.kitchenvote.com](http://www.kitchenvote.com). Anyone who has remodeled or built a new kitchen in the past 12 months can enter by visiting the Web site or contacting Sabo at (206) 309-0980 or via e-mail at [asabo@kitchenvote.com](mailto:asabo@kitchenvote.com).



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Jeremiah Brown of Petoskey and Mark Donovan of Westland, two members of the 2002-03 Salon team at Schoolcraft College, prepared dishes this summer in one of the demonstration kitchens inside the new VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College. VisTaTech will be the site of this year's Culinary Extravaganza on Sunday, Sept. 21.

## Culinary Extravaganza

### Fund-raiser features gourmet treats at Schoolcraft College

If you haven't seen the new VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, then you'll have a chance to feast your eyes on the new \$27 million facility and indulge in gourmet delights at the college's annual Culinary Extravaganza, Sunday, Sept. 21.

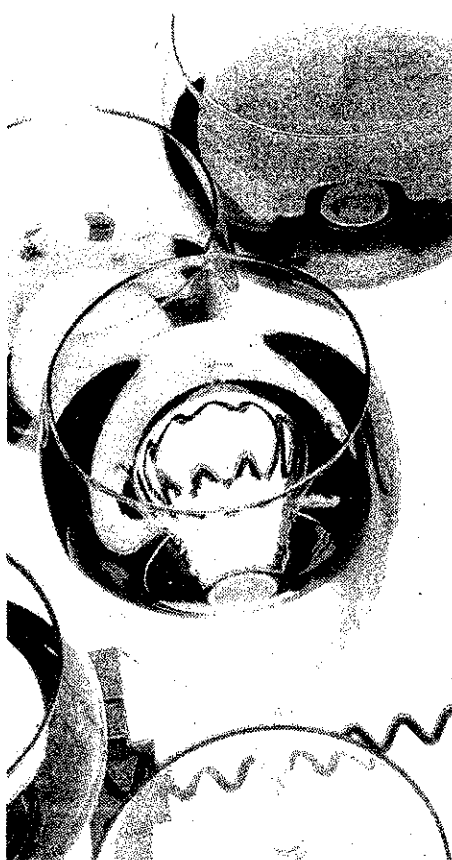
The celebration of gourmet foods and fine beverages takes place 2-5 p.m., with all proceeds supporting student scholarships.

Restaurants such as Detroit's Small Plates and Tom's Oyster Bar are among the approximately 60 eateries and beverage houses that will have samples of their most exciting offerings ready for event patrons. Others include Zoup, the Elite Catering Co., Schoolcraft's own American Harvest Restaurant, West Warren Bakery, Zumba Mexican Grille, Embassy Suites, Garden of Eatin', Bonfire Bistro and Brewery, La Shish and Station 885.

L. Mawby Vineyards, Vine 2 Wine Custom Winery, Pelee Island Winery and the A.H.D. Vintners, Ltd. will bring abundant samples of their products.

Patrons can vote for their favorite restaurant or stop in at free wine-tasting seminar 2:30-3:15 p.m. A live auction will present bidders with food-related packages, and tickets to a raffle drawing

could leave the lucky winner with a Tahitian pearl ring, a 32-inch flat-panel JVC television or a tour of the Pelee Island Winery and overnight stay. Other auction items include a hot air balloon ride; a private ice skating party for 40; Red Wings and Lions tickets; gift certi-



cate to attend the Mawby Vineyards Annual Summer Picnic in August 2004; a two-night stay on Mackinac Island's Mission Point Resort; a five-course dinner for eight prepared by the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Department; tickets to the Shaw Festival; dinner for six with wine in your home prepared by Station 885; a culinary weekend at The Farm to cook and eat; and a weekend package for four at Pelee Island Winery.

Culinary Extravaganza 2003 tickets are \$50 per person. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. Complimentary valet parking will be available in the North Parking Lot 1-6 p.m.

**What:** Schoolcraft College's Culinary Extravaganza 2003

**When:** 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21

**Where:** VisTaTech Center at the college, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275

**Tickets:** \$50 per person. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Schoolcraft Development Office at (734) 462-4670. Visa, MasterCard, Discover and checks are accepted.

## Lambert Bridge features merlot and more

In Sonoma County, Calif., there's a phenomenon known as the "winemaking family." One such is the winemaking combo and husband and wife team of Julia and Bob Iantosca.



**Focus on Wine**

**Ray and Eleanor Heald**

Julia makes wine in the Dry Creek Valley at Lambert Bridge Winery, while Bob concentrates on sparkling wines at Gloria Ferrer in the Carneros district.

We recently visited with Julia at Lambert Bridge, the winery named after the historic, single-lane, trestle bridge connecting Dry Creek Road with West Side Drive in the Dry Creek Valley.

Julia sources grapes from three estate vineyards and 18 growers throughout Sonoma County. She works closely with the growers in the vineyard to identify and cultivate the flavor and aroma profile of each variety. She

then blends the grapes from several vineyards to achieve intense flavors and layered complexity in the wines of Lambert Bridge.

### PALETTE OF COMPONENTS

In a tasting of wines from several individual vineyards located in the north and south, as well as east and west, in Dry Creek Valley, Julia illustrated flavor and aroma differences that provide her with a palette of components from which she then blends a wine that exhibits a balance of flavors and textures.

Merlot from northern Dry Creek Valley showed fresh, juicy fruit with refreshing acidity. A merlot from the south, where the climate is a bit cooler, provided rich, voluptuous flavors with ripe tannins that add structure to the final blend.

Cabernet sauvignon from an eastern hillside, that gets the afternoon sun, showcased a plush, rich, gentle fruit profile. Western

### WINE PICKS

Don't miss this wine! If you're a Pinot Noir lover, get out and find a bottle or two of the OUTSTANDING 2001 Cuvaision Carneros District Pinot Noir, Estate Selection (\$44). At this price, no red Burgundy comes close.

In the illustrious history of red wines, the chapter dubbed Syrah v. Shiraz gets longer. Syrah is the name used for the grape in France and most wineries in California. Shiraz is genetically the same grape but the name used in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. Take a global taste tour with these winners of our recent taste-off.

■ California Syrah: 2001 Beckmen Purisma Mountain Vineyard (\$38); 2000 Laetitia (\$25); 2001 Beckmen Estate (\$22); and 2001 Hess Select (\$14).

■ Australian Shiraz: 2002 Yellow Tail Reserve (\$13); 2002 McWilliam's Hanwood Estate (\$12); and 2001 Bulletin Place (\$8).

■ South African Shiraz: 2000 Fleur du Cap (\$13).

■ French Syrah: (Languedoc-Roussillon): 2001 Domaine Miguel (\$9). 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 SEE WINE, D14

# Get fresh with peach salsa and seasonal pasta

BY J.M. HIRSCH  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

This time of year it should be a felony not to shop at farmers' markets and farm stands.

As summer winds down, the season's best produce is beckoning, from sweet ears of corn and beefy tomatoes to tiny hot peppers with snap, and melons of every shape and color.

Before long the apples will be falling and butternut squashes will be piled high. After that we're back to the plastic-tasting produce of winter, lamenting what we should have eaten more of during summer.

So waste no time. This is food at its freshest, and seasonings almost are an insult. We have become so used to bad grocery-store produce we forget how easy it is to cook when the ingredients are at their finest.

Our farmers' market, which opens early on Saturdays along a closed-off street that borders the Statehouse, is just hitting its stride.

June and July can be slim months in New Hampshire, but in August and September we feast.

On a recent weekend, I arrived at the market as early as I could drag myself from bed. The best tomatoes and salad greens go fast, so I make a point of being among the first to poke through the stalls of produce and fresh-baked breads.

My favorite organic farmer already had a crowd gathered at her stand, around which were clustered bushels of melons - yellow, striped, water and honeydew - and quarts of tart yellow plums and sweet peaches.

The eggplants were gorgeous. Combined with a box of her bruised canning tomatoes (so ripe they practically oozed), a touch of Chianti and a bit of basil from my garden, they would make an unbelievable pasta sauce.

In winter I would simmer such a sauce long, adding more seasonings and letting it

reduce to concentrate the flavors. But this produce needs no reduction. A quick toss in the saute pan is all it takes.

Further down the row of stalls another farmer offers corn he brought in from the field just the day before. Next to the corn is a wicker basket of hot peppers, tiny red and green firecrackers.

I don't ask the varieties. Who cares? They are destined for a salsa with more of the first farmer's tomato seconds, a few of her peaches and a bit of parsley and cilantro from my garden. A little fresh corn wouldn't hurt, either.

Cooking is so much easier (and faster) when you take your cues from the seasons. There is no excuse (including time) not to cook fresh when our raw ingredients are this good.

Want a quick pasta dish you'll never forget? Crush (literally, with your hands) fresh tomatoes over a bowl of warm pasta. Tear in some basil leaves and drizzle with olive oil. That's it. It will be so much better than anything from a jar.

Or for something with a bit of a Mexican flair, try peach salsa.

Toss it with pasta, scoop it with nachos or spoon it over a burrito filled with beans and sauteed onions.

If you've got tomatoes to spare, try them with eggplant and onions for a quick pasta sauce. This sauce also would be good tossed with brown rice and beans and topped with grated cheese.

In the salsa, add hot peppers according to taste.

Keep in mind that the seeds add heat, so remove them if you like it mild. For this recipe, I use two habaneros (with most seeds removed) for a mild salsa.

I also like to use a variety of tomatoes, such as yellow and Roma, to give the salsa more visual appeal.

When they are in season, try substituting apples for the peaches. Also, add one or two ears of corn kernels.

## PEACH SALSA

1 pound very ripe tomatoes, cored and cut into quarters  
2 peaches, pitted and cut into quarters  
1/2 large Spanish onion, coarsely diced  
Juice of 1 lemon  
1 tablespoon fresh cilantro, diced (leaves only)  
3 tablespoons fresh parsley, diced (leaves only)  
1 teaspoon fresh dill, diced  
Hot peppers, diced, to taste  
3 tablespoons olive oil  
3 tablespoons cider vinegar  
1 tablespoon salt

Combine all ingredients in a food processor. Pulse in 1-second intervals to combine and dice all ingredients. It will take about 20 pulses to get the ingredients well blended. Transfer to a bowl and refrigerate for 1 hour before serving. Makes about 3 cups. Keeps for 1 week refrigerated.

## SEASONAL PASTA SAUCE

1 large Spanish onion, diced  
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil  
5 cloves garlic, minced  
1 large eggplant, peeled, cut into 1-inch chunks  
3 pounds very ripe tomatoes, cut into large chunks  
1/2 cup red wine (Chianti and Shiraz are nice)  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
1/2 cup fresh basil leaves, torn

Combine the onion, olive oil and garlic in a large skillet over a medium-high flame. Saute for about 5 minutes, or until onion is just translucent and the garlic is fragrant. Stir frequently to ensure onions and garlic don't burn. Add the eggplant and saute, stirring frequently, about 10 minutes, or until eggplant begins to soften. Add the tomatoes and red wine. Bring to a strong simmer and cook, uncovered, for about 15 minutes. Stir frequently. Taste the sauce and season with salt and pepper. Just before serving, sprinkle with basil leaves. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

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Vegetables are at their peak, and their flavor can be enhanced more by the simple use of aromatic herbs than by complicated cooking in this dish of green beans, tomatoes and herbs.

## Celebrate with your fresh produce

This is the time of year when ingredients go from the garden to the table without much human intervention.

Vegetables are at their peak, and their flavor can be enhanced more by the simple use of aromatic herbs than by complicated cooking.

Herbs and spices boost not only flavor but health. They are rich in powerful phytochemicals, the plant substances that can protect against a wide range of cancers, heart disease and other chronic diseases.

The cancer-protective antioxidant power of herbs and spices is at least as great as that of fruits and vegetables.

Each herb and spice is distinctive in the particular phytochemicals it contains. Oregano, for example, contains quercetin, which has strong antioxidant properties and may be especially protective against breast, ovarian and endometrial cancers. A recent U.S. Department of Agriculture study shows that oregano offers the most antioxidant activity of all herbs examined: 42 times more antioxidant activity than apples, 30 times more than potatoes and 12 times more than oranges.

In addition to providing great health benefits, herbs and spices - particularly when

used fresh - bring out the flavor and richness of any dish and brighten up bland foods. Studies show that fresh herbs are probably more potent in their health-protective powers than their dried alternatives. And because they provide an intense taste, less salt is necessary.

Oregano, a member of the mint family, has a slightly pungent taste that holds up well in highly-seasoned dishes. Choose bright green, fresh-looking bunches with no sign of wilting or yellowing.

Refrigerate in a plastic bag for up to three days. Oregano goes extremely well with tomato-based dishes.

Basil also belongs to the mint family. Fresh basil has a pungent flavor sometimes described as a cross between licorice and cloves.

Basil has significant levels of vitamins A and C. It is also considered an immune stimulant and contains protective phytochemicals that are thought to have cancer-delaying properties, especially with breast tumors.

Refrigerate basil, wrapped in slightly damp paper towels and then in a plastic bag, for up to 4 days. Or refrigerate a bunch of basil, stems down, in a glass of water with a plastic bag over the leaves for up to a week,

changing the water every two days.

Both basil and oregano are classic seasonings for tomatoes. They complement green beans as well as each other in the following dish.

## GREEN BEANS WITH TOMATOES AND HERBS

1 teaspoon extra virgin olive oil  
2 garlic cloves, finely minced  
1 small onion, minced  
1 large ripe tomato, diced or 1/2 can (14 ounces) diced tomatoes (drained)  
1 teaspoon minced fresh basil (1/2 teaspoon dried)  
1 teaspoon minced fresh oregano (1/2 teaspoon dried)  
3/4 pound trimmed green beans  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

In a nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add garlic and onion and sauté 5 minutes. Add tomato, basil and oregano. Cook 2 minutes. Add green beans. Cover and cook 6 minutes. Add salt and pepper, to taste. Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 55 calories, 1 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 10 g. carbohydrate, 2 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 10 g. sodium.

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## Meat loaf is comfort food

Meat loaf is the classic American comfort food according to Laura Yee, senior editor, in a recent issue of *Restaurants & Institutions*.

Yee says that meat loaf in its most basic form—ground beef, seasoned, baked and sliced—is being joined on restaurant menus by its contemporary cousins. Chefs are updating the loaf with all kinds of ingredients—from chiles to horseradish, mushrooms and more.

Since restaurants are a good indicator of food trends that are destined to trickle down to the family dinner table, take this cue from the restaurants and use it in your kitchen.

With the addition of just a few other ingredients, a basic meat loaf mixture can be enjoyed Southwest-style, Greek-style or Italian-style. Easy, fun and so delicious!

When preparing meat loaf at home, these tips ensure a moist, juicy meat loaf every time.

■ Mix ingredients lightly, but thoroughly.

Overmixing causes a firm, compact loaf.

■ Bake meat loaf on a rack in a broiler pan to allow juices to drip away from the loaf.

■ Bake meat loaf until it is cooked through (160°F, medium). Do not overbake or it can be dry. I

Insert an instant-read thermometer into the center of the meat loaf to check the internal temperature.

If you're lucky enough to

have leftovers, either freeze them for later use or try one of the serving selections below.

**Basic meat loaf sandwich:** Layer sliced meat loaf on whole-grain bread with grainy mustard and sautéed onions or with barbecue sauce and deli coleslaw.

**Southwest meat loaf quesadilla:** Top flour tortilla with meat loaf slice, chopped cilantro and pre-shredded Mexican cheese. Top with second tortilla and heat in non-stick skillet until lightly browned on both sides, turning once. Serve with salsa and sour cream or avocado slices.

**Italian Meatloaf Pasta Toss:** Cut meat loaf into cubes. Toss with cooked rigatoni, Italian vegetables (use frozen and cook according to package directions; drain) and favorite prepared pasta sauce. Heat through.

**Greek Meatloaf in a Pita:** Cut Pita pockets in half. Place meat loaf slice in each half. Serve with crumbled feta and cucumber-yogurt sauce or cucumber ranch dressing, and chopped tomatoes.

### BEST BASIC MEATLOAF

2 pounds ground beef  
1 cup soft bread crumbs  
¾ cup finely chopped onion  
¾ cup milk  
1 egg  
1 large clove garlic, minced  
2 teaspoons salt  
½ teaspoon pepper  
Heat oven to 350°F. Combine



Enjoy a classic American dish—meat loaf.

all ingredients in large bowl, mixing lightly but thoroughly.

Shape beef mixture into 10-by-4-inch loaf on rack in broiler pan. B

Bake one hour and 15 minutes to 1 hour and 20 minutes to medium doneness (160°F) or until no longer pink in center and juices show no pink color.

Let stand 10 minutes before cutting. Cut into slices. Makes 6-8 servings.

Nutrition information per serving (1/6 of recipe): 340 calories; 31g protein; 7g carbohydrate; 20g fat; 925mg sodium; 139mg cholesterol; 5.6mg niacin; 0.4mg vitamin B6; 2.9mcg vitamin B12; 3.4mg iron; 7.3mg zinc.

## Get creative with pigs in a blanket

Need a creative boost for a weeknight supper? Impress your kids and their friends with a long-time favorite—Easy Pigs in Blankets. You'll be pleased with new simplified directions. Once you have the Bisquick batter mixed and formed into a rectangle on a foil-lined cookie sheet, ask one child to sprinkle with shredded cheese and then ask your other helpers to press the hot dogs about an inch apart into the dough. Bake for approximately 15 minutes. Once out of the oven, cut the bread between the hot dogs so each has its own blanket. What could be more fun than eating what you helped make?

### EASY PIGS IN BLANKETS

1 cup Bisquick mix  
¼ cup milk  
1 egg  
1 package (4 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese (1 cup)  
5 hot dogs.  
Heat oven to 400°F. Place aluminum foil on cookie sheet. Spray foil with cooking spray.  
Stir Bisquick mix, milk and egg until blended. Spread batter on cookie sheet to

make 10-by-4-inch rectangle; sprinkle with cheese. Place hot dogs on batter about an inch apart; hot dog ends will not be on batter. Press slightly into batter, but do not cover with batter.  
Bake about 15 minutes or until golden brown. Let stand 3 minutes; cut between hot dogs so each "pig" has its own "blanket." 5 servings.

Recipe courtesy of General Mills.

## Make fresh tuna salad, Mediterranean-style

### MARINATED FRESH TUNA SALAD

2 large garlic cloves  
½ teaspoon salt  
1½ teaspoon ground cumin  
1 teaspoon sweet paprika  
¼ teaspoon freshly ground pepper  
3 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil, divided  
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar  
¾ cup fat-free, low-sodium chicken broth  
¾ pound fresh tuna, in 1-inch slices  
6 cups romaine lettuce, cut crosswise into ½-inch strips  
¾ pound unpeeled new potatoes  
Thin wedges of tomato for garnish (optional)

Coarsely chop garlic. Add salt. Continue chopping until garlic is minced and moist, 2 to 3 minutes. Place in a small bowl. Mix in cumin, paprika, pepper, and 2 teaspoons oil. Mix in vinegar and broth. Set aside.

Rub fish on both sides with remaining oil. Heat a non-stick skillet over medium-high heat.

(If not non-stick, first spray pan lightly with oil.) Sear fish for 1 minute. Turn and sear fish on second side for 1 minute. Transfer tuna to plate.

Pour the marinade into the pan and bring just to a boil. Add fish. Reduce heat to a simmer, so liquid barely bubbles. Cook until fish is no longer red in center, about 8 to 10 minutes. Transfer fish to a container. Add marinade and let cool to room temperature. Refrigerate at least 6 hours (or up to 4 days) before using.

Shortly before serving the salad, cook potatoes in water until tender. Meanwhile, cut fish diagonally into bite-size pieces. Drain and cool potatoes. Divide lettuce among four plates. Cut potatoes into quarters.

Arrange one-fourth of the potatoes and fish on each plate. Spoon some marinade over the top of each serving. Add tomato garnish, if using. Serve. Makes 4 servings.

BY DANA JACOBI  
CORRESPONDENT

Today, 95 percent of the tuna we eat is canned, but you can also find glistening, fresh tuna steaks in the fish department at nearly any supermarket.

As recently as the 1960s, few Americans knew about fresh tuna. Except for those adventurous souls who tried sushi, it took chefs leading us to the Mediterranean way of eating before we turned on to this satisfying, meaty fish.

In Europe, long before there were canneries, fisherman in Italy, Spain and Portugal created ways to cook thick slabs of lean, fresh tuna. Some of these dishes were quick and simple, like Marmitako, the Basque stew in which chunks of tuna are simmered with sweet green peppers and diced potatoes.

Seasoned with paprika, this hearty dish is ready in 30 minutes, just what a hungry fisherman needs after a long, hard day at sea.

Other dishes, meant to preserve the fish, take longer to prepare. In Portugal, tuna steaks are marinated overnight in olive oil with herbs and garlic, then grilled. Spanish escabeche calls for first cooking the fish, then storing it in a zesty vinegar marinade, where it keeps for days.

While visiting Sicily, I once watched fresh tuna being simmered in olive oil, then canned in jars to store for the winter. Adapting these methods to leaner ways, I season and sear the fish, then simmer it in a broth-based marinade. Stored in this marinade, this make-ahead cooked fish is extraordinary served in a simple salad.

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## Fruit that's good for the heart

(NAPS) - Learning more about delicious strawberries may be a "berry" healthy idea.

That's because this delicious fruit contains dietary fiber, vitamin C, potassium, anthocyanins - powerful antioxidants that give strawberries their red color - and folate, a B vitamin.

Strawberries are a highly nutritious fruit that may be good for the heart because consuming them may increase folate levels.

According to recent research, folate may reduce levels of homocysteine, a naturally occurring compound that in high amounts can be detrimental to heart health.

Also, by reducing inflammation, strawberries may have an added benefit for the heart. Researchers found that eating as few as eight to nine strawberries each day for four weeks may reduce artery-damaging inflammation.

The California Strawberry Commission recently conducted a survey of Americans to uncover their feelings about this highly nutritious, delicious and popular fruit.

■ Ninety-four percent of all American households eat strawberries.

■ Two-thirds of Americans consider strawberries the most romantic fruit.

■ Forty-three percent of Americans prefer strawberries with no accompaniment, 21 percent like to eat them in dessert and 13 percent eat them sliced in their favorite cereal.

■ Nine percent like to dip their strawberries in chocolate, while the most sophisticated strawberry lovers prefer to mix them in smoothies or eat them with champagne.

The survey findings mark the launch of the commission's Red Edge campaign to educate consumers about the nutritional, health and lifestyle benefits of eating strawberries.

California is the largest producer of domestically grown strawberries, supplying 83 percent of the strawberries grown in the United States. On average, more than 26,000 acres in the state produce more than 1 billion pounds of strawberries.

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## Soup can be a great late summer dish

Soup may not be the first thing that comes to mind for a summer meal, but a light vegetable soup makes a refreshing change from the more typical vegetable dishes of the season. And late summer is a great time to make soup with vine-ripe tomatoes, corn straight from the field, freshly dug new potatoes and other locally grown vegetables at the peak of flavor.

Great fresh vegetables elevate minestrone and sweet corn chowder to perfection. Other ingredients less often associated with summer soups should also be given a second look.

A light lentil and vegetable soup with eggplant and parsley, like many Italian soups, is quick and easy to make.

Lentils are rich in protein and have long been used as a meat substitute.

They are popular in parts of Europe and a staple throughout much of the Middle East and India.

They are good sources of many phytochemicals, natural compounds with the ability to

prevent the cancer process from beginning, or to stop already cancerous cells from becoming tumors. Lentils have a fair amount of calcium and vitamins A and B, and are a good source of iron and phosphorus.

Unlike dried beans and other legumes, lentils don't require soaking. They also cook in less time than dried beans or other legumes, and have fewer calories per serving than many kinds of beans.

Lentils are not used fresh, but are dried as soon as they're ripe. They should be stored airtight at room temperature and will keep up to a year.

This soup is made with water, which brings out the peppery taste of the lentils. The flavor of the lentils blends well with that of eggplant, which is so tender it almost melts into the soup.

### SUMMER LENTIL SOUP

- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 large garlic clove, finely chopped
- 1 cup green lentils

- ½ medium eggplant, peeled and cut into ½-inch cubes, about 2 cups
- 6 cups water
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ cup chopped flat leaf parsley
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 2 tablespoons chopped mint leaves, for garnish

Heat oil in a deep saucepan. Sauté onion until soft, about 4 minutes. Mix in garlic and cook for 1 minute.

Add lentils, eggplant and water. Mix in cinnamon and parsley. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer until lentils are soft, about 30 to 35 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Ladle the hot soup into bowls. Garnish each bowl with some of the chopped mint and serve. Makes 6 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 142 calories, 2 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 23 g. carbohydrate, 8 g. protein, 6 g. dietary fiber, 15 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

## WINE

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hillside cabernet sauvignon, which sees the morning sun, provided a big, powerful mouthful of flavor and concentration. Cabernet franc from the northern valley, had a distinctive blueberry note to perk up a final blend.

Following our component tasting, we tasted the final blend of Julia's 2000 Lambert Bridge Merlot (\$24), blended with 12 percent cabernet sauvignon, 6 percent cabernet franc and 1 percent malbec. This rich and multi-layered merlot pleased with notes of plum and spice along with juicy fruit and a long finish.

### SUPER-PREMIUM

Julia also makes a small quantity of a super-premium Bordeaux varietal blend that is

always a majority of merlot with cabernet sauvignon and cabernet franc. The 1999 Crane Creek Cuvee (\$50) is usually sold only in the tasting room, but the Michigan distributor indicated that it is available here.

This is a big, showy, yet velvety blend of hillside merlot, accompanied by the weight of cabernet sauvignon. It is rich with a smooth finish due to well-integrated tannins.

Lambert Bridge is located in Dry Creek Valley, where the best zinfandel in the world is grown. The 2000 Lambert Bridge Zinfandel (\$22) is blended with syrah, petite sirah and carignane to give a wine with bramble bush fruits like blackberry and raspberry. It's a juicy zin that's easy to drink, yet finishes with just a touch of black pepper.

Julia's white wines are winners, too. The 2001 Lambert Bridge Sauvignon Blanc (\$14)

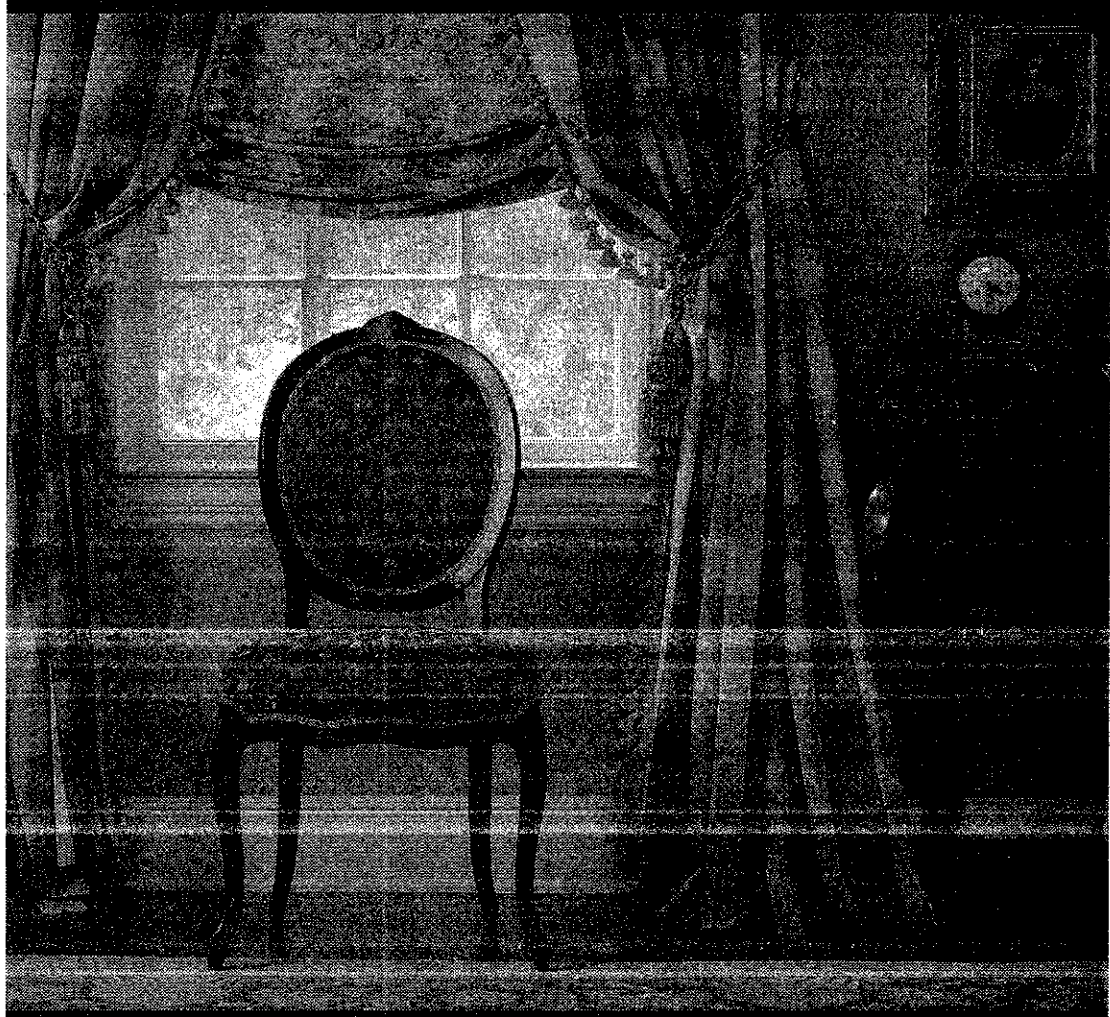
has the fresh flavor impression of lemon, citrus and tropical fruits in a style that avoids being overtly grassy. "I like to blend a small percentage of viognier with sauvignon blanc which tends to be linear," Julia said. "The viognier fleshes out the middle of the wine and adds interest by giving the wine a lift."

The 2000 Lambert Bridge Chardonnay (\$18) is labeled Sonoma County, which means that the grapes come from several Sonoma appellations, not just Dry Creek Valley. It has a lush aroma profile of apple, citrus, and pineapple mirrored in the wine's flavor.

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# Chocolate mousse remains a classic dessert

BY THE CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

HYDE PARK, N.Y. – Chocolate mousse, besides being delectable, also has a fascinating history. It was first known as “mayonnaise de chocolat” – and, even more interesting, was invented by world-renowned French post-Impressionist painter Henri Toulouse-Lautrec, in the late 19th century.

Primarily famous as a bohemian artist, Toulouse-Lautrec was also an experienced cook, who found time to dabble in creating signature dishes.

This one was a singular success. Chocolate mousse has become a classic, traditional but still versatile, which can be served in many different ways.

Whether it's piped into delicate pastry shells or hollowed fruits, or served in elegant glassware, it's a favorite dessert for countless diners, ranging from those who enjoy simple desserts to unashamed “chocololics.”

Although chocolate mousse is the most popular flavor, mousses can be flavored with other ingredients, including fruit purees or juices, vanilla or flavored syrups.

To prepare a mousse with a delicate texture and flavor, the base – generally made of cooked egg yolks and sugar combined with the flavoring ingredient – should be at room temperature and liquid enough to fold together with the whipped cream or egg whites without deflating their volume.

To make chocolate mousse, you prepare the chocolate by chopping it into small pieces and melting it in a bowl set over slowly simmering water. Alternatively, you can use a microwave to melt chocolate, but the process should be monitored carefully to make sure the chocolate is not overheated.

When cooled to room temperature, the chocolate should be pourable so that it can be easily incorporated into the base.

Eggs, both yolks and whites, are standard ingredients in most mousse recipes. When

you are separating yolks and whites, be careful to keep the whites free of all traces of yolk. For best results, prepare a simmering water bath ahead of time, to be ready to cook the base of egg yolks and sugar.

“Egg whites should be brought to room temperature before being whipped to achieve the greatest volume,” says chef Stephane Weber, lecturing instructor in baking and pastry arts at The Culinary Institute of America.

In addition, Weber recommends “a very clean bowl and whip to ensure that there are no traces of fat (found in egg yolks) present on utensils.” Fat can dramatically affect egg whites’ ability to be whipped to a foam because its presence slows down the process and causes a reduction in the volume.

Cream should be kept very cold and whipped to soft or medium peaks just before it is incorporated. For the best volume, chill the bowl and beaters before whipping the cream. Then use a rubber spatula to fold the components together, and have portion cups ready to fill with the finished mousse.

The following recipe for chocolate mousse is among the 200 recipes in the new *Cooking at Home With The Culinary Institute of America* (Wiley, \$40), due to be published this fall.

## CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

2 large egg yolks plus 1 large egg white  
1½ tablespoons brandy  
2 tablespoons sugar  
¾ cup coarsely chopped bitter-sweet chocolate, melted  
½ cup heavy cream

Combine the egg yolks with the brandy and 1 tablespoon sugar in the top of a double boiler or a stainless-steel bowl set over simmering water. Whisk until the mixture is very warm, about 110° F, 6 to 8 minutes. Add the melted chocolate. Remove from the heat and whip with a handheld mixer on high speed until cool.

In another bowl, combine the egg white with the remaining 1

tablespoon sugar and whisk until it holds a medium peak when the whisk is turned upright.

In another bowl, whip the cream until it holds soft peaks when the whisk is turned upright.

Add one-third of the egg whites to the chocolate mixture, and gently fold until incorporated. Fold in the remaining egg whites, then fold in the whipped cream until just blended.

Pipe or spoon into serving dishes, cover, and chill for at least 3 hours and up to 24 hours before serving.

Makes 4 servings.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 310 cal., 5 g pro., 29 g carbo., 21 g fat, 95 mg chol., 50 mg sodium.

Recipe from *Cooking at Home With The Culinary Institute of America*, Wiley, 2003, \$40, a complete reference for home cooks in the essentials of cooking.

It shares basic information about equipment, ingredients and techniques necessary to become a great cook.

The book will be available for purchase online beginning mid-September 2003 at: <http://store.yahoo.com/ciaproch> [efstore/texandman.html](http://efstore/texandman.html)

# Favorite skillet recipes are simple, quick and easy

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The 100 favorite recipes collected by Brooke Dojny and Melanie Barnard in their new cookbook, *A Flash in the Pan* (Chronicle Books, 2003, \$22.95 paperback), justify the title's hint of speed.

They are “fast, fabulous recipes in a single skillet,” the book's subtitle confirms. The authors describe them as family favorites, main-course recipes including meat, poultry, fish and meatless dishes that can be cooked from scratch in 30 minutes or less, start to finish.

This chicken dish gets a special plug. “If the number of times a dish is made is the measure of how much we like it, then this is our favorite.”

With a side of plain pasta, a hunk of good bread, and a simple green salad, it's the perfect midweek supper. Make a pasta with thin strands, such as capellini, and swirl it into nest; add a cruet of good olive oil for

the bread; sprinkle some Gorgonzola on the salad; and it becomes a dinner fit for a Saturday night with friends, the authors say.

“What makes this simple dish so wonderful is the rainbow of sweet pepper colors, an abundance of fresh herbs, and a splash of ‘top-shelf’ balsamic vinegar – the pricey stuff that costs at least \$10 per bottle and is worth every penny.”

Timesaving tip: Buy the peppers already sliced at the supermarket salad bar.

## CHICKEN WITH SWEET PEPPERS AND BALSAMIC VINEGAR

4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts  
Salt and freshly ground pepper  
4 tablespoons olive oil  
4 cups thinly sliced mixed red, yellow, orange and/or green bell peppers  
1 medium onion, thinly sliced  
4 large garlic cloves, finely chopped  
¼ cup chopped fresh basil

3 tablespoons high-quality balsamic vinegar

Season the chicken with salt and pepper. In a large skillet, heat 2 tablespoons of the oil. Sauté the chicken over medium-high heat, turning once, until golden on both sides, about 8 minutes total. Transfer the chicken to a plate.

Add the remaining 2 tablespoons of oil to the skillet and reduce the heat to medium. Cook the bell peppers and onion, stirring often, until just softened about 4 minutes.

Add the garlic and cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Stir in about half the basil and all the vinegar. Return the chicken and any accumulated juices to the skillet. Reduce the heat to medium-low. Simmer until the chicken is cooked through, about 3 minutes. Stir in the remaining basil and season with salt and pepper.

Makes 4 servings.

Recipe from *A Flash in the Pan*, Chronicle Books, 2003, \$22.95 paperback, by Brooke Dojny and Melanie Barnard.

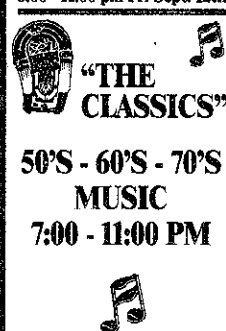


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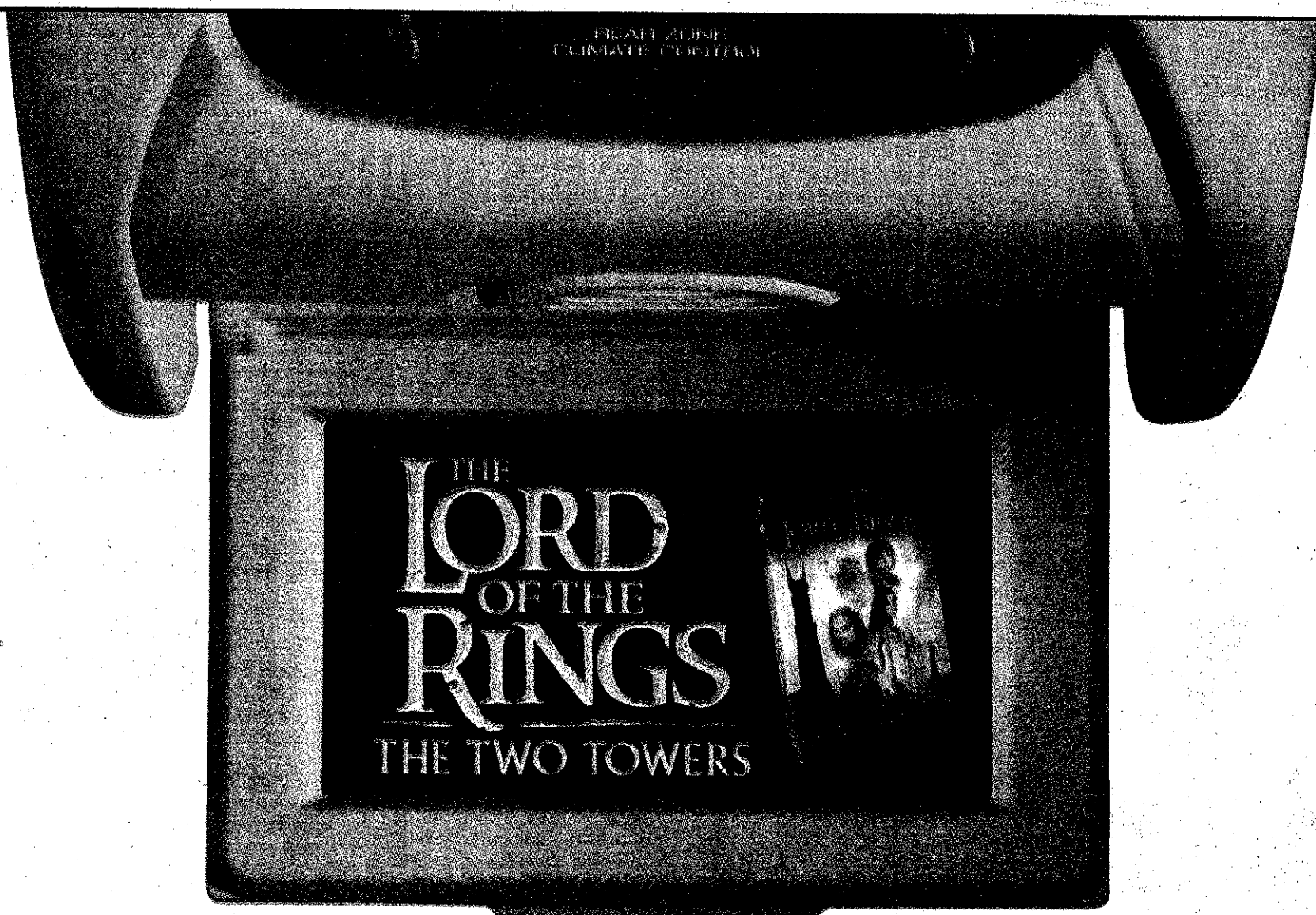
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### Real Estate Inquires

Robert M. Meisner

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I believe that you would have recourse under the requirements of the Michigan seller's disclosure law and common law fraud if, in fact, it was not reasonably apparent to the engineering inspector that there was a carpenter ant problem. I would engage the services of an attorney to write the owner and tell him what your situation is and that you expect the damages to be paid by him or her. Good luck.

I understand that the issue of mold has gotten into commercial lending agreements. Do you have any knowledge of that?

I am advised that before many commercial mortgage lenders approve a purchase, they may want to make sure that toxic mold will not become a problem. Although each apparently has their own requirements, most lending contracts now ask the borrower to agree that the property has no current water damage or mold growth, that tenants have not complained about leaks or odors, and that the building complies with the State Building Code. The buyer may also have to have the property inspected annually for water damage and mold growth, establish a remediation plan to handle any problems found during the inspections, follow the Environmental Protection Agency's suggestions for inhibiting mold, and comply with any mold laws currently in effect or passed in the future.

**Robert M. Meisner** is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit [bmeisner@mich.com](mailto:bmeisner@mich.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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Cynthia Hagen takes an apple crisp pie out of the oven at her Bloomfield Hills home.

## The smell of success

### Create warm fuzzies with aromas fresh from oven

BY NORMAN PRADY  
CORRESPONDENT

Bake cookies, Joan Downing said. Get busy with the vacuum and the mops. Ronnie Keating said.

Both were talking about methods of boosting the sales appeal of a used home. Downing is a broker with RE/MAX in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills; Keating is a broker with Snyder Kinney Bennett & Keating, Birmingham.

"I know it sounds ridiculous," Downing said, "but when people go into a home, they like to have it warm-fuzzy."

"It's a psychological thing that makes them feel like it is a home."

Just as lighting can play an important part in the appearance of a home, Downing said, so can aroma.

"It's a fact," she said, "that when a customer walks into a home and there's a fire in the fireplace, bright lighting in the kitchen, subdued lighting in the family room and a cookie smell, it all adds to the aura" of the house.

"I've suggested (baking) many times," she said. "I get some crazy looks sometimes. But a lot of women who are homemakers agree to it and say they have thought of it themselves."

Downing's prompting, she said, is not for the Sunday open-house tours, but for individual showings, "because that's when someone has selected to view that particular home."

She also cautions quite directly about the off-putting odors: "If you're going to have something really stinky like fish or cabbage for dinner, try not to."



### UNIVERSALLY APPEALING

Downing thinks that the smells most universally appealing are those from the oven where bread and apple pies are baking and the unique perfume of vanilla.

"I've told buyers," she said, "if you're in a rush, stick some liquid vanilla on a piece of aluminum foil in a warm oven with the door cracked a little and get the vanilla smell in the house."

And watch out for pet odors. "Even people who have pets don't like the smell in other people's houses even if they don't pick them up in their own," she said. "Of course, the pets are part of the family, so we have to tell them as delicately as possible to keep the pets out of view, out of the home if possible during a showing."

The smell of apple pie or cookies baking can make your house feel like a home to prospective buyers.

Yes, Downing said, if her own home were for sale she'd make it smell appealing. Cinnamon and vanilla, she said, are her favorites.

Cooking aromas, Marty Nowak agreed, can be an enhancement. "You're triggering certain emotional responses in people," said Nowak, a sales agent with Prudential Chamberlain Stiehl, Clarkston.

Nowak said he knows of dark moments at front doors where the house hunter would not take the next step because of odors coming from inside.

He said he sells homes ranging in price from less than \$100,000 to more than \$400,000 and "in the lower price range you run into properties that haven't been properly prepared for sale."

"It's important that the sales agent do an inspection and advise as to what to do to make the house show-worthy." He recommends purchase of plug-in room deodorizers — "not too strong" — and having the car-

peting cleaned and deodorized.

In new-home sales, aromas take on a different air, according to Carol Frick, marketing director of Robertson Bros., a Bloomfield Hills construction company.

"In a couple of our communities," Frick said, "we bake cookies and bread because we think it's nice to offer a treat to our visitors. But we're not trying to cover up anything. No one ever lived there. A new house smells fine."

Ah, but cinnamon and vanilla, Keating believes, are "old wives' tales" and she'll have no part of them.

### THINK CLEAN

"A clean aroma is best," Keating said. "And natural scents, such as fresh flowers."

"You can't fool people," she added. "You can't disguise the condition of your home" with applesauce or vanilla.

"Instead of spending your time cooking" to win over your visitors, she said, "get out of the kitchen and go clean your house."

### Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

## Find a loan that fits your needs

With today's vast array of mortgage products, loan specialists can usually tailor a mortgage to a borrower's specifications. Just as custom-fit clothing feels better and lasts longer than many off-the-rack selections, hybrid and specialty loans can be a much better investment for certain borrowers.

Let's consider the seniors. Your grown children have moved on. You have a beautiful home, but would rather spend time enjoying life than maintaining your house. You have a good amount of home equity, but also some bothersome consumer debt. You think you have too little income and too much debt to make a move. You likely have great credit, some home equity, and retirement or social security income.

Categorically, such borrowers are able to sweetly accomplish most or all of their objectives with properly structured and executed mortgage strategies.

Individual solutions may include consolidating consumer debts during the purchase, using an FHA product for more flexible underwriting, or even moving to a reverse mortgage to create a new purchase and a new income.

Small-business owners almost always need special handling because most show nominal paper profits. For them, we often resort to alternative means to document income. In some cases, we can use the sum of deposits in the business bank accounts. Other times, we can use a self-employment letter from a CPA, or simply resort to "stating" an income amount.

First-time buyers now have more options than ever. Many of their financing solutions require only minimal down payments. Smart mortgage combinations for them may include an FHA product combined with gifted funds, a piggy-back loan that helps them avoid private mortgage insurance, and the popular "flex" programs that can get them to 100 percent financing.

Young professionals in fields with growing annual incomes may benefit from short-term mortgage "buy downs." Such fixed-rate loans offer much cheaper payments for the first year or two. Meanwhile, those professionals with battered credit can still score with 100 percent funding using non-conforming products.

With increasing frequency, homebuyers' situations require special handling. The good news is that seasoned mortgage professionals can find the right fit for almost any financing need.

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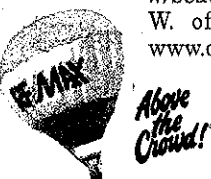
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## BUILDER'S PRE-LICENSE CLASS

Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination with a 16-hour comprehensive course offered by Birmingham, West Bloomfield and Bloomfield Hills Community Education with Oakland Builder's Institute.

The seminar is scheduled Monday and Wednesday, Sept. 15-24, at West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road; and Tuesday and Thursday, Sept. 23 to Oct. 2, at Andover High School, 4200 Andover Road, Bloomfield Hills.

The cost of the seminar is \$180 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions.

To register for the Sept. 15-24 course, call (248) 865-6633 by Thursday, Sept. 11, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Register for the Sept. 23 to Oct. 2 seminar by calling (248) 433-0885 no later than Friday, Sept. 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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## MECHANICAL CONFERENCE

The Mechanical Inspectors Association of Michigan holds its annual fall conference Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 18-20, at the Doherty Hotel, Clare.

Conference costs vary. For information, call (248) 649-5443 or visit the Web site at [mechinspect@bignet.net](http://mechinspect@bignet.net).

## CAREER DAYS

Real Estate One presents a free informational class on how to get into residential real estate sales noon to 1 p.m. Fridays at its Farmington Hills office, 32961 Middlebelt at 14 Mile.

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## HOME BUYING SEMINAR

Standard Federal Bank will hold a free home buying seminar on how to select and finance a home from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 13, at Northstar Community Development Corporation, 7526 W. Nichols in Detroit. The seminar is co-sponsored by Northstar Community Development Corporation.

Upon completion of the seminar, participants will receive certificates entitling them to apply for a mortgage loan under Standard Federal's Community Home Buyer's Program. The program is designed to make home ownership more affordable for people with low to moderate incomes and offers many benefits such as smaller down payments, modified guidelines, etc. Call (313) 341-9088 to register or (800) 643-9600, Ext. 22532.

## INVESTORS ASSOCIATION

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland will hold a meeting Sept. 11 on "Donna Bauer - the Note Buyer," at the Knights of Columbus Hall (870 N. Main St.) in Clawson. Guest speaker at 7:30 p.m. First meeting free, all other guest \$20. Call (800) 747-6742 for additional information.

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## BOMA MEETING

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metropolitan Detroit (BOMA) is holding their monthly breakfast meeting from 8-10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, at the Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield. The meeting topic will be a panel discussion on the Blackout of 2003. Cost is \$25 for members and \$50 non-members. The meeting includes a hot breakfast buffet and beverages. Call Judy Seifried of BOMA, (248) 848-3714.

## WATERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metropolitan Detroit (BOMA) is holding their monthly Breakfast Meeting from 8-10 a.m. Oct. 16 at the Renaissance Center (downtown Detroit). The meeting topic will be Downtown Detroit Waterfront Redevelopment. Cost is \$25 for members and \$50 nonmembers. Call (248) 848-3714.

## PRE-LICENSE CLASS

Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination with a 16-hour comprehensive seminar offered by Livonia Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute. The seminar is scheduled for Monday/Wednesday, Sept. 22-Oct. 1, from 6-10 p.m. at Riley Middle School (15555 Henry Ruff) in Livonia. Cost is \$207 plus \$20 for course book.

Pre-registration is required no later than Sept. 18. Call (734) 744-2602.

## HOMEBUYER SEMINAR

Learn how to plan for the biggest investment of your life at this free seminar. Find out what price home you can afford and how your credit history can influence your purchase decisions. The seminar will cover mortgage options and help you understand the purchase process. The host site will be the Baldwin Public Library (300 W. Merrill St., one block south of Maple and west of Old Woodward) from 1-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, sponsored by Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp.

## LECTURE SERIES

The College of Architecture & Design presents their 2003 Architecture Series beginning Sept. 25 with Ralph Johnson. Johnson is a Principal and Design Director in the Chicago office of Perkins & Will. Meet in room A-200 at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 25 at Lawrence Tech University (21000 W. 10 Mile Road, Southfield). Call Michelle Juras for information, (248) 204-2880.

Additional series dates include Fred Butters (Alumni of the Year), Oct. 2; Gunnar Birkerts, Oct. 16; Stanley Saitowitz, Nov. 6; Calvin Tsao, March 18, 2004 and; James Stewart Polshek, April 1, 2004.

## DESIGN EXPO

The Building Industry Association with Standard Federal Bank presents the Fall Remodeling and Design Expo Oct. 10-12 at Novi Expo Center. Cost is \$6, adults; \$5, seniors and children under 12 admitted free.

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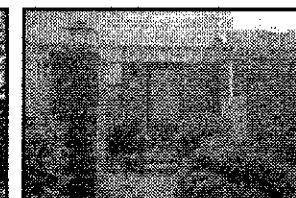
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**PRIVACY AND SERENITY** - Enrich your life in this light & airy 2-story, w/2-car garage, security system, living room, master suite, walk-in closet, upstairs loft, ceramic tile baths, main level laundry, dine-in kitchen w/work island, formal dining room, basement and full landscaped. \$239,900 (571PA)



**WOODLANDS OF NORTHVILLE** - Pulte "Richmond Walkout" features 4 bedrooms, 4 full baths, and 2 half baths WOW! 2 story great room with fireplace, island kitchen, den, fabulous finished lower level with a bar, bedroom and bath. Side entry 3-car garage and many upgrades. \$739,900 (600WH)



**MOVE IN THE DAY OF CLOSING** - And start enjoying this wonderful 1st floor master detached condo in Plym. Twp. Spacious great rm has fireplace & vaulted ceiling. Formal din, lge kit w/bt-ins & sunny breakfast area. 1st floor laundry, full bsmt & 2-car att gar. Pets allowed. Small private complex with only 14 units. \$359,900 (050ST)



**POPULAR LAKES OF NORTHVILLE** - Beautifully updated 4 bedrm, 2-1/2 bath colonial. Updates include new kit. w/Corian counters, white cabinets, w/Armstrong floor. Roof in '99. Master bath updated. Newer carpet & paint throughout. Great room w/17 ft. cathedral ceiling, skylights & fireplace. Pride of ownership throughout. must see. \$365,000 (090WA)



**START PACKING!** - The perfect Canton Colonial in a great subdivision. Spacious kitchen with a great floor plan. Close to elementary school. 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, and a full basement. \$229,900 (406RA)



**PRETTY AS A PICTURE** - Gorgeous brick and alum 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath condo features newer windows, furnace, hwh, carpet and remodeled kitchen with newer flooring, cabinetry, countertops, sink, and appliances. Finished basement with a dramatic den plus a sitting area! Outstanding. \$135,000 (064NO)



**CLEAN & CRISP** - Salem Manor brick Colonial, large covered front porch, step-down family room w/raised hearth floor to ceiling fireplace, doorwall to 20x17 deck. Merriat oak cabinet kitchen w/Mannington floor '00, hardwood foyer tastefully updated bathrooms, e-glass vinyl insulated windows, sprinkler system, 1 year home warranty! \$206,000 (414SI)



**CLEAN AND READY TO MOVE INTO** - Priced under \$160K in Northville. Featuring 2 large bedrooms, 1.5 baths, a natural fireplace in the living room, a natural fireplace in the living room, partly finished basement, all appliances stay, ready for immediate occupancy. Close to the clubhouse, pool, beach, and lake. Great Opportunity. \$155,000 (290NO)



**PARK-LIKE SETTING** - Rare and wonderful describes this detached condo. One story with great room, hardwood floors, Corian counters, privacy daylight basement, gas fireplace, master suite and less than 2 years new. \$369,900 (342PL)



**TRUE "HOME SWEET HOME"** - Cheerful 3-bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch in a fantastic neighborhood. Large great room, updated kitchen with a bay window and Pergo floor includes appliances! Finished basement with recessed lights, and Berber carpeting. Fenced yard, 2-car garage, and expert landscaping make this a gem! \$197,500 (600FL)



**2 ACRE NATURE RETREAT** - Maintenance free exterior colonial w/open floor plan. Large living room w/natural fireplace. Four bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, and a large deck on a wooded lot. \$265,000 (726PI)



**NORTHVILLE CONDO** - Long time owner has maintained this end unit 3-bedroom, 2.5 bath condo meticulously. Kitchen with oak cabinetry, hardwood floors, master with private bath and walk in closet. Close to the beach, clubhouse and pool. \$174,900 (500LA)



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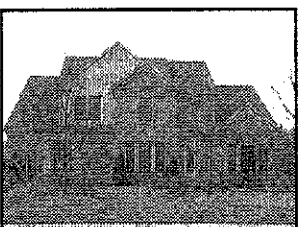
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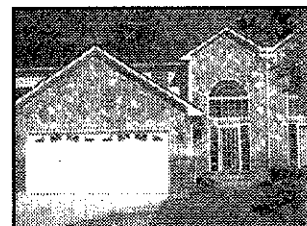
**CANTON** \$328,000  
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**CANTON** \$297,500  
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**CANTON** \$187,000  
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**CANTON** \$159,900  
Two bedrooms, 2 full baths, all appliances stay, 10 year builder warranty. Excellent location. Only a hop-skip & jump to everything. A must see! One car attached garage. (OEL79CAR) 888-870-9105



**DETROIT** \$127,000  
Three bedroom, 2.5 BA in a great neighborhood. Den could be a fourth bedroom. Florida room w/heater. Finished basement w/half bath. Two car det. garage. Sold "As Is" (OEL66GRE) 888-870-9105



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**GARDEN CITY** \$173,800  
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**HOWELL** \$349,900  
Stunning exec home in gated community. Beautiful appointments thru-out. Jacuzzi, skylights, trac lighting, open floor plan. Almost an acre, beautifully landscaped. Cozy den-spacious great room w/fireplace. (BGSly40COL) 888-870-9131



**LIVONIA** \$399,000  
Great Location! 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial w/great rm, 2 story foyer, 1st flr laundry, library, jacuzzi, frpl, spacious deck & private yard. Home warranty provided. (BGN94KIN) 888-870-9123



**LIVONIA** \$234,900  
Excellent 3 bdrm, 2 full bath, pretty living room w/FP. Fantastic country kit w/ceramic tiled floor. Large family room overlooking beautiful .5 acres w/basketball court & pool. (OEL21GRA) 888-870-9105



**LIVONIA** \$189,900  
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**LIVONIA** \$195,000  
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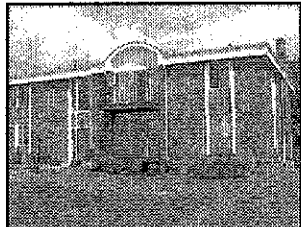
**LIVONIA** \$174,900  
Three bedroom home offers many updates including: newer kitchen w/Oak cabs & top-of-the-line appliances. Newer carpet w/hdwd floors underneath. Newer windows, furnace & C/A. (OEL27FRE) 888-870-9105



**LIVONIA** \$167,900  
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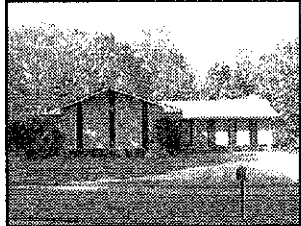
**PLYMOUTH** \$459,500  
Supremely Updated. On nearly an acre, 1st flr master suite w/jacuzzi. Wl closets, updated shower. Fnsed lower level w/cedar sauna, bath & bar. Paved circle drive. 2 CA, oversized 3 car gar. BGP-11Amh 888-870-9127



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**PLYMOUTH** \$424,900  
Ideal In-Town Location! Beautiful classic arts & crafts brick home w/beveled front door. Home has B/I glass bookcases, archway w/columns, wide mldgs, unique staircase & HDWD flrs. Lg updated kit. BGP-57Blu 888-870-9127



**PLYMOUTH** \$267,500  
A Rare Find! Ranch in charming Woodbrook. Towering trees, winding streets, close enough to walk to town. Great flr plan, gracious foyer w/slate flr, 2 full BA. FR w/FP. 2 car gar. BGP-78Cha 888-870-9127



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**PLYMOUTH** \$230,000  
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**PLYMOUTH** \$189,900  
Colonial features 3 bdrms, dining rm, kitchen w/eating area w/some updates. Large living room, patio w/awning & country yard, 1.5 car garage. (OEL87NOR) 888-870-9105



**REDFORD** \$160,900  
Quality Built Newer Home-. Inviting open floor plan includes island kitchen w/built-in dishwasher, fireplace, master bedroom with bath and walk-in closet, 2 car garage, full basement. (BGSly74GAR) 888-870-9131



**REDFORD** \$155,000  
Completely Updated 3 br Brick Ranch! W/3-season room, finished LL includes all the appliances! This super home has been pre-inspected, comes with a home warranty & is in move-in condition. (BGN02TEC) 888-870-9123



**REDFORD** \$144,900  
Wow! Three bdrm brick bungalow. Lots of updates. Wallside windows, newer Berber carpet, kitchen w/new Pergo flr. Glass block windows, newer roof, updated electrical, newer hwh. (OEL13HAZ) 888-870-9105



**SALEM** \$179,900  
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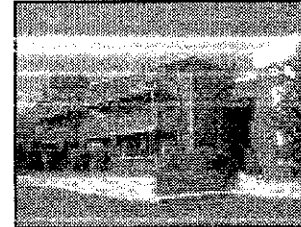
**SOUTH LYON** \$334,000  
Like open & airy living, you will adore this home. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch has neutral colors. Marble fireplace. 1st floor laundry. 9' bsmt ceiling. Water access. Immediate occup. (BGSly49EME) 888-870-9131



**SOUTH LYON** \$219,900  
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**SOUTH LYON** \$189,900  
Location Stays it All. 3 BD ranch on 1/2 of mature trees. Close to Novi and Metro area. Golf facilities are very near. New homes and schools around. (BGSly90TEN) 888-870-9131



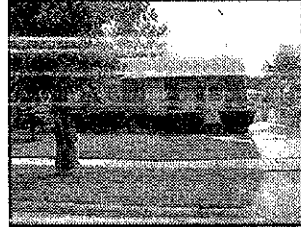
**WALLED LAKE** \$155,000  
Third floor unit w/2 doorwalls leading to deck in quiet courtyard. Updates include new Berber, cherry cab w/ceramic tile in kit & bath, A/C, furnace & crown molding. (OEL75PON) 888-870-9105



**WEST BLOOMFIELD** \$264,900  
Lake Privileges! Contemporary West Bloomfield colonial boasts impressive great rm w/vaulted ceiling, hdwd floor, new Berber carpet, freshly painted & ready for immed. occupancy. (BGN46RIC) 888-870-9123



**WESTLAND** \$194,900  
Spacious Cape Cod on Premium Lot! 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath, basement & lovely deck w/beautiful wooded view of wetlands. Neutral decor plus extra insulation make for quiet atmosphere. (BGN64RAV) 888-870-9123



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**WYANDOTTE** \$134,000  
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Pulte built in 2000, 3 bdrm. 1621 sqft ranch, upgrades throughout. \$269,900

**Livonia-36621 Parkdale Ct.**  
2 bdrm ranch backs to Hines Park, large kitchen w/ ceramic, new windows, great yard. \$179,900

**Dearborn-3400 Woodside**  
4 bdrm Bungalow featuring updated kitchen, windows, roof, siding, fin basement. \$149,900

**Inkster-30185 Hazelwood**  
3 bdrm brick ranch w/remodeled oak kitchen, new roof, windows, plumbing, wtr htr. \$84,000

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**Ypsilanti-7921 Creeksend**  
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**Wayne-33976 Currier**  
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**Wayne-34880 Winslow**  
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**Wayne-4660 Howe**  
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**Wayne-5232 Williams**  
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**Redford-17215 Delaware**  
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch w/finished basement & 2.5 car garage. Central air. \$139,900

**OPEN SUN 2-5 Van Buren-10823 Jackson**  
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**Westland-33704 Palmer**  
3 bedroom ranch with major updates, windows, roof, siding, furnace & more. 1-g rooms. \$124,900

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3 bdrm 1.5 ba Colonial, 2 car gar, part finished bsmt. Built in 1990. \$206,900

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**OPEN SUN 1-5 Garden City-1142 Lathers**  
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**Garden City-31531 Beck**  
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**Garden City-31780 Rush**  
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**Detroit-6422 Auburn St.**  
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**Detroit-8610 Beaverland**  
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**Detroit-6332 Woodmont**  
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**Dearborn HTS-6050 Dwight**  
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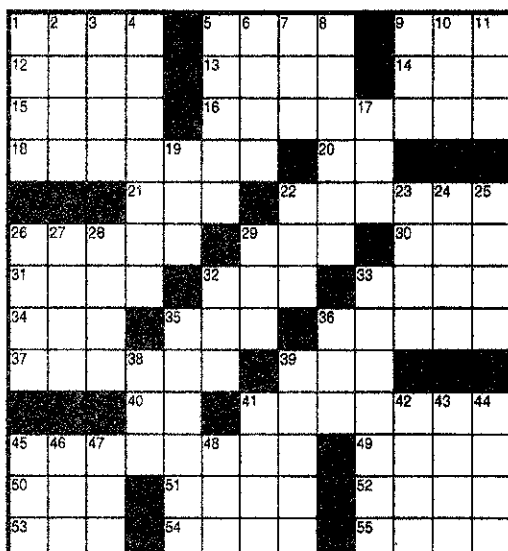
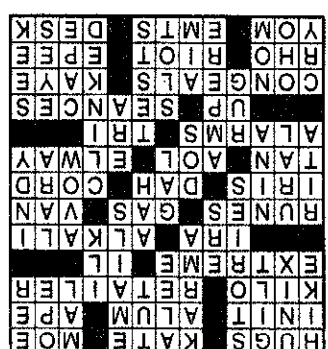
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## LOAN OFFICERS WANTED

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## Help Wanted General 5000

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**Engineering 5030**

**ENGINEERING DIRECTOR**

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**CANTON** - Stop the car & look at this home. Curb appeal 10+. Three bdrm brick colonial. Living rm w/bay window, newer Wilsonart woodlike fling in living rm, kit & foyer. Kit has white cabs, newer counter, sink, DW, micro, opens to family rm w/brick flr, doorwall to deck, newer C/A, 6 panel doors. \$221,900 (48APP) 734-455-5600



**WESTLAND** - This is the one! Spacious 4 bedroom, 2 bath bi-level with large eat-in kitchen, newer windows, garage, central air & nicely landscaped with pond in back yard. \$169,900 (55CHI) 734-455-5600



**NOVI** - Beautiful colonial! Start packing! Too many updates to list. MBR with direct access to bath, WIC w/custom shelving. FR, LR, formal dining room, breakfast nook, Gas fireplace in FR. Crown molding. Two car direct access garage, C/A and neutral T/O. \$259,900 (89HUN) 248-349-5600



**DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE** - Classic arts and crafts bungalow. Vintage built-ins & woodwork. Hardwood floors, inviting screened porch, private library/study. Potential to grow gracefully. \$305,000 (21BAS) 248-349-5600



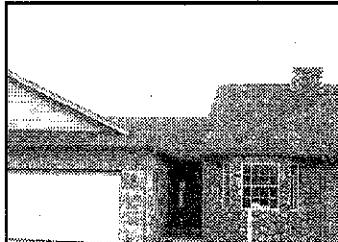
**BRIGHTON SCHOOLS CLOSE BY** - Lots of living space in this 4 BR, 1.5 BA quad level. Family room w/fireplace. Large backyard with large deck. Extra large 2.5 car garage & shed. Home warranty included. \$219,900 (44HOL) 248-349-5600



**CANTON** - Beautiful & neutral two bedroom, 2.5 bath condo with additional 19x11 loft area. Kitchen offers updated cabinets. Newer carpet throughout, recessed lighting, custom wood blinds, & gas fireplace in living room. \$192,900 (39HOR) 734-455-5600



**CANTON** - Spotless Canton condo. 1997 built, two bedroom, 1.5 bath with full basement, attached garage, fireplace, first floor laundry, all kitchen appliances, spacious master bedroom with walk-in closet, huge bath with garden tub & dual sinks. Move right in! \$162,500 (12HUN) 734-455-5600



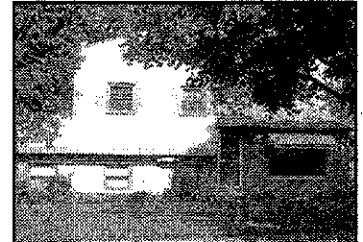
**CANTON** - New construction condo. 2 bedroom, 1 full & 1 half bath, 2 car attached garage, basement with garden windows, central air, 1st floor laundry, deck overlooking pond. \$215,000 (58AVI) 734-455-5600



**NOVI** - Welcome home. Totally updated 3 BR, 2 BA, home with bonus room w/private entry. Great for home business. Family room all ceramic tiled, recessed lighting, custom paint. 2 car heated garage. Walkout LL, tiered deck, pool & Novi schools. \$224,900 (11TEN) 248-349-5600



**LIVONIA** - Unbelievable offering. Don't miss this stunning 4 BR, 2 full BA home in prime location & nestled on gorgeous landscaped & oversized treed lot. Awesome! Updated oak kit, lrg FR w/FP, Anderson windows, sprinkler system, covered rear patio, oversized gar, basement, loaded! \$269,900 (02MUN) 248-349-5600



**WONDERFUL LIVONIA SUB** - Fantastic 3 BR, 1.5 bath brick home w/loads of updates. Newer roof, windows, furnace & C/A. Hardwood floors under carpet in bedrooms. Oversized heated 2 car garage. \$174,900 (44SUN) 248-349-5600



**SUPERIOR** - Turn of the century farm house. Spacious four bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial offering recent renovations, kitchen, baths (one with Jacuzzi tub), entire 2nd floor, great room, formal dining room with wood burning stove. Separate living quarters. All in a beautiful country setting. \$254,900 (90CHE) 734-455-5600



**LYONS** - country living. Mint condition four bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial with three car attached garage, full basement, spacious great room with fireplace, first floor laundry, gourmet kitchen with eating area, all sitting on 1.11 acres. \$299,900 (51FAI) 734-455-5600



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**REDFORD** - Beautifully maintained three bdrm ranch, hrdwd floors, vinyl windows, plaster walls & coved ceilings, updates include roof, furn & C/A, electrical & carpet. Neutral colors, ceramic tile in kitchen, lg, bsmt for added space. Two car garage has one door & South Redford Schools. \$130,000 (73ORA) 734-455-5600



**VAN BUREN** - Value in 5+ acres. Four bedroom ranch with updated vinyl siding, windows, and newer roof, first floor laundry. All sitting on over five acres. \$375,000 (08HAG) 734-455-5600



**CANTON** - Backs to wetlands. Gorgeous 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath condo has cathedral ceilings, gas fireplace, beautiful kitchen, 1st floor laundry, doorwall to lovely rear yard and deck, 2 car attached garage with opener. Home warranty. \$219,900 (96CHE) 734-455-5600



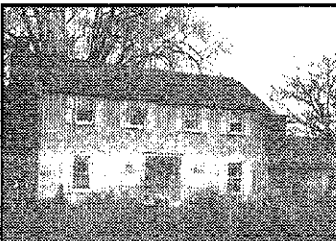
**STUNNING ESTATE** - Professionally decorated 4 bedroom, 4 bath, 2.5 lav custom home. Features hwd flrs, granite counters, custom FR, gourmet kit, security system, wet bar, French door to study & professionally finished LL w/2 more BR & full bath, 3 car garage. \$749,900 (62STO) 248-349-5600



**WARREN** - Move-in ready! 3 BR brick ranch w/ceramic bath & large kit. FR has fireplace, C/A, hardwood, deck & newer driveway. Updates: Tikki bar in yard & 2 car detached garage. \$172,900 (29COL) 248-349-5600



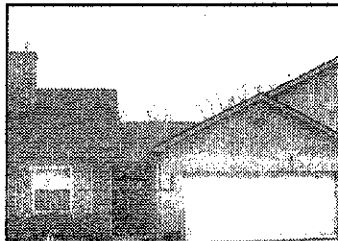
**GARDEN CITY** - Pride of ownership. Old world charm & character galore. This turn-key cape cod shines from front to back. Beautiful decor T/O & plenty of updating. Just move in & enjoy. Large living room w/FP, DR, finished basement, deck, brick paver patio, garage & more! \$154,900 (46KHA) 248-349-5600



**NORTHVILLE** - Bed & Breakfast feel! Wonderful colonial sitting on two beautiful acres w/stocked pond! Traditional layout, living rm, formal dining rm, huge family rm w/panoramic view. Spa room. Master suite w/WIC. Unique keeping room, two frcs, bsmt, huge deck & tennis ct. REDUCED! \$449,900 (00BEC) 734-455-5600



**DEARBORN** - Old world charm & character. Spacious brick bungalow. Hrdwd floors T/O. Natural woodwork, leaded glass, 2 baths, & kitchen updated. Most windows replaced. Newer furnace, central air, roof, electrical, insulation, HWH, & sprinklers. Formal dining rm, family rm, bsmt, 2 car garage. \$244,900 (05MOR) 734-455-5600



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**S. LYON** - Custom Cape Cod. 5 BR, 3 BA & 2 LAV in a golf community on approx. .65 acres. Solid oak doors & trim, sauna, dual staircase. Anderson windows, 4 car garage, fin basement, granite foyer, sound system, bar in basement, 2 FPs, central vac. Walk to the course. \$679,000 (65STA) 248-349-5600



**LAKE ORION** - Still brand new! Premium site backing to woods. Very private 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, with open kitchen to family room with soaring ceilings. Double staircases, whirlpool tub in master suite. Near Webber Elementary. \$319,900 (21YOS) 248-349-5600



**PLYMOUTH** - Custom brick ranch in Plymouth. Brick courtyard entrance! 4+ BR, 3.5 BA, cathedral ceiling, hrdwd flr, newer carpet in great rm, volume ceiling T/O! French doors to library. Bay windows in dining rm & brkfst rm, spacious master suite w/jetted tub, & WIC, fin LL walk-out to patio. \$545,000 (15WES) 734-455-5600



**DETROIT** - Warrendale brick bungalow. Three bedroom home with large upper master, dining room with beautiful bay window, hardwood floors under carpet, + newer windows, roof, furnace & hot water heater. Huge garage with electrical. Close to shopping & schools. \$109,900 (67PIE) 734-455-5600



**LIVONIA** - Country living in the city with flowering trees. Almost 2000 sq. ft. ranch on over 1.6 acres w/3 bedrooms, 2 fireplaces, (living room & family room), formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, 2.5 car attached garage and Florida room. 2 horses allowed. \$324,000 (33CUR) 734-455-5600



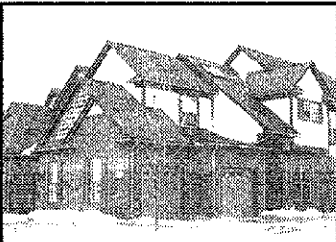
**LIVONIA** - Brightmoor updated 3 BR ranch. Not only a great location, look at the updates! Remodeled kit, newer roof, windows, siding, gutters, HWH, fin basement w/BR & BA, insulated 2+ car garage w/gas line for heat. Newer landscape & exterior lights. Livonia schools. \$204,900 (36FAI) 248-349-5600



**FARMINGTON** - Well cared for condo ideal for singles or 1st time buyers. Ideal area of complex w/view of stream/natural setting. Newer floors in kitchen, bath & vinyl windows. Clubhouse has pool & separate storage area. \$59,900 (31GRA) 248-349-5600



**LIVONIA** - Exceptional 1990 built 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath condo with large master bedroom with walk-in closet. In-unit laundry room with soaring ceilings. Double staircases, whirlpool tub in master suite. Near Webber Elementary. \$319,900 (21YOS) 248-349-5600



**CANTON** - Beautiful end unit. Two bdrm, three bath ranch with attached garage, professionally finished bsmt, master suite w/Jacuzzi tub & separate shower, kitchen w/cherry cabinets and matching panels on stove & fr. Fireplace in living room, formal dining room with mirrored wall. \$223,900 (09COP) 734-455-5600



**CANTON** - Gorgeous condo. Beautiful view of pond from large deck. Gas fireplace in living room, oak kitchen, first floor laundry, master suite with Jacuzzi tub, daylight basement, and two car attached garage. Must see! \$265,000 (01HOG) 734-455-5600



**HURON TWP.** - Designer colonial w/pool. Custom 4 BDR 2.5 BA home w/all the expensive upgrades, formal DR, granite framed fireplace in FR, library, master suite, fabulous kitchen, butler's pantry, basement, 3 car attached garage + wonderful inground pool with paver patio. \$399,900 (60ELI) 734-455-5600



**S. LYON** - Head West, young man! Tanglewood Golf community fairway living in a beautiful setting. Lots of light from large window. Many upgrades inc. carpet, HW, flr & kitchen W/O LL. Waiting for you to move right in and make it yours! \$405,000 (28SAW) 248-349-5600



**LAKES OF NORTHVILLE BEAUTY** - Wonderful home on premium lot deep in sub. 1st floor master + 2 additional large bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Large kitchen w/ceramic counters & extra cabinets. Professional landscaping & decking, sprinklers, lighting & home warranty. \$382,500 (21WHE) 248-349-5600



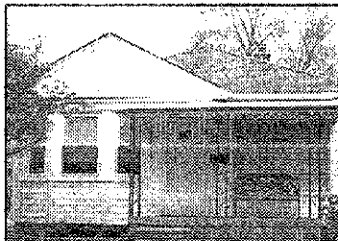
**PLYMOUTH** - Walk to park. Beautiful updated 3 bedroom colonial. Oak kitchen, cozy family room & 2 garages. Updates include: windows, furnace, roof, baths, kitchen, neutral decor. Large private backyard with mature trees. \$204,900 (27LIN) 248-349-5600



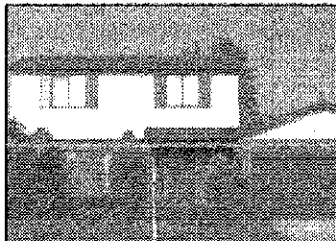
**WESTLAND** - Westland colonial. Three bdrm, 1.5 bath offers C/A, finished bsmt, one car attached garage, newer carpet, hrdwd floors on 2nd floor, kitchen appliances included. Pool table in basement. Patio with BBQ. One year home warranty. \$134,900 (50NAN) 734-455-5600



**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** - Ready for you to move into! 3 bdrm, 2 bath full brick ranch w/2 car garage, partly finished bsmt, updated oak kit, C/A, hrdwd flrs under carpet & plaster walls w/coved ceiling in LR, newer wndws, doors, & glass block wndws. A real find. \$124,900 (85WED) 734-455-5600



**DEARBORN** - welcome home! Warmth & charm on this updated ranch with 3 bedrooms, finished basement, hardwood floors, newer vinyl siding, fresh paint, dearborn Schools and great terms. \$134,900 (01CHE) 734-455-5600



**CANTON** - Friendly Canton Sub. This is it. Nice brick colonial w/hwd floors, family room, natural fireplace, living room, 3 BR, updated baths, kit, att 2.5 car garage, large covered patio, yard, partially finished basement. Appliances inc. 1 year home warranty. Walk to township park or in-sub park. \$219,900 (44BRO) 248-349-5600.



**NORTHVILLE** - Location! Location! In town! 3 BR, 1.5 BA home. LR w/gas fireplace, library & lots of storage. New carpet-02, garage-01, siding & gutters-99, roof tear off-98, windows-96-02. Steps away from library, parks, parades, cedar mill & schools. \$215,000 (44EAS) 248-349-5600



**LIVONIA** - Move right in! This Livonia ranch has quick occupancy, 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath with finished basement & too many updates to list. Great location & all appliances are included. \$172,500 (30DEN) 248-349-5600

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**PRIVATE COUNTRY EQUESTRIAN ESTATE** on 5.68 acres! Ply/Can schools, 5 BR, 3.5 ba, 3-car garage, 6534 SF, fin w/o. 1st floor mstr, corral/3-stall horse barn, cedar deck overlooks private pond. (91BR02)

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**PLYMOUTH \$469,900**  
**THIS IS THE ONE!** Immaculate Rossi-built home. Attention to detail, beautiful oak kit, neutral decor. Professional landscaping on a 3/4 acre lot, awesome Jacuzzi room off deck. (23W49651)

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**CANTON \$409,900**  
**JOB TRANSFER FORCES SELLER TO PART** WITH this 4 BR, 3.5 bath colonial bit in 2002. Custom mstr ste w/jetted Roman tub, designer ceiling & sitting rm/nursery option, maple hrdws, gourmet kit, & more! (A3648)

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**PLYMOUTH \$374,900**  
**COLONIAL ON 1/2 ACRE!** 5 bedrooms, 4 baths, 2nd attached 2 car garage. Finished walk-out basement. Updated: roof ('02), carpet ('03), Jenn-Aire kitchen, 1/2 acre. (23S47023)

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**PLYMOUTH \$374,900**  
**BEAUTIFUL RIDGEWOOD WEST COLONIAL** 4 BR, 2.5 BA, imm. poss., 2451 SF, mstr & FR has vaulted ceilings, stained deck w/bilt in hot tub, and more. Top notch schools, great location - don't miss out! (Q46921)

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**NOVI \$344,900**  
**WELL KEPT 4 BR, 2.5 BA COLONIAL IN NOVI** 2 Story foyer, hrdwd in hall, kit & ock. Screened in back porch. Lg yard w/many lovely flowers. Too many updates to mention including roof & furnace. (10R0U2)

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**CANTON \$299,900**  
**GORGEOUS CUSTOM 1994 BUILT 4 BR, 2.5 BA** colonial loaded w/upgrades in Plymouth Canton school dist. 2 stry foyer w/recess lls, mstr ste w/skylgt, WIC, sep shower & jetted tub, gourmet kit. (S576)

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**LIVONIA \$298,900**  
**WOODED LOT, 3 BR, 2.5 BAs** fantastic 1100 SF addition, FR w/FP, pool, many updates - rf, wndws, gar, sun rm, furn, brk pavers, gutters, baths, mstr BR has cathedral ceiling. 2668 SF! (P30542)

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**LIVONIA \$287,300**  
**COUNTRY CAPE COD WITH 1/2 ACRE LOT!** Huge Cape Cod home features updated roof and windows. First floor master, fireplace and next to park location. 1/2 acre lot a plus! (47PIC2)

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**CANTON \$246,900**  
**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 FR, Loft w/full BA, crown moldings, skylights, 1st flr laundry & 2 car att gar! (03SHE2)

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**FARMINGTON HILLS \$244,900**  
**BRICK RANCH IN OLD HOMESTEAD!** Enjoy beaut. views & parklike setting in maint. free home! Updated kit, cozy LR w/gas FP, 2 full baths, all appl. incl. full bsmt, 2 car att side entry garage. (89STE2)

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**LIVONIA \$239,000**  
**COUNTRY IN THE CITY!** 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath, 2004 sq ft ranch. Updated kit & baths. Extensive hardwood flrs & wood work. Newer windows, roof, paint. Huge 18x10 breezeway. Well maintained. (23S9480)

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**LIVONIA \$227,500**  
**RARE FIND!** Altered flr plan offers mstr BR addn w/4 closets & bath w/sep Jac. tub & shower, kit, nook addn overlooks prvt yd, fabulous fin drywalled bsmt. 3 BR, 3.5 BAs. (C14147)

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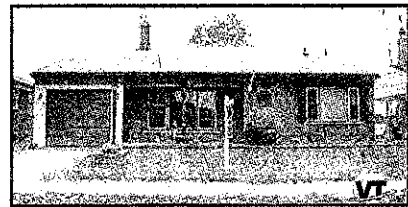
**CANTON \$225,000**  
**SPACIOUS END-UNIT CONDO!** Small, private complex, GR w/cathedral ceiling, mstr w/lg bath & WIC. Full, partially fin'd bsmt w/full bath, pantry & extra storage. 2-car attached garage. (91MEA2)

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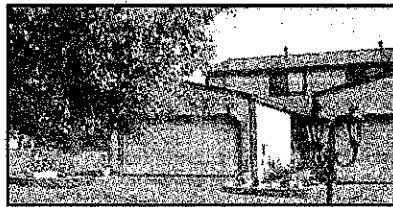
**CANTON \$215,000**  
**EXCEPTIONAL CONDO!** 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath overlooking pond. Dramatic mirrored din rm, step-up great rm & den w/fireplace. Jacuzzi tub in master. Cathedral ceilings: appliances stay. (23C7007)

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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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**NORTHVILLE \$205,000**  
**CAREFREE CONDO LIVING IN NORTHVILLE** Bright and cheery end unit with newer carpeting, crown moldings, master bath, partially finished rec. room and 2 car garage. Great value at \$205,000. (94CON2)

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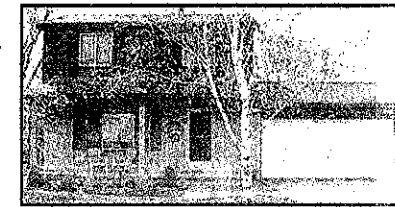
**PLYMOUTH \$199,900**  
**UPDATED PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP HOME!** Walk to local elem. school or walk to Hines Park, either way this charming ranch has location all over it. Full base, 2 car det, FR w/a FP & tons of updates. (H11520)

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**NOVI \$199,900**  
**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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**CANTON \$189,900**  
**THIS SPARKLING CLEAN CANTON COLONIAL** 3 BR, 1.5 BA w/many updates could be yours. Beautiful FR w/FP fin bsmt, all new carpeting, newer furn & r. Stove & fridge included. (A43651)

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**LIVONIA \$189,900**  
**COMPLETELY UPDATED W/EXTRA DEEP LOT!** Great 3 BR bungalow. Last 3 yrs, new roof, KIT, BA, windows, porch, hrdwd flrs & carpet. Huge Fam rm, 24x24 Garage. Freshly painted. All on nearly 1/2 acre lot! (20BRE2)

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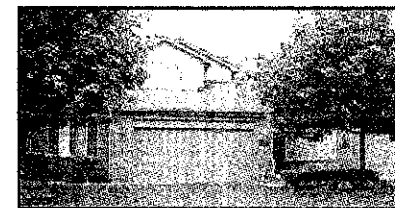
**DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$189,900**  
**THIS ONE IS A NICE ONE!** Wonderful full length front porch. Newer furnace, C/A & windows, 200 AMP service. Newer berber carpet, covered ceilings, marble window sills, natural trim, & more (R667)

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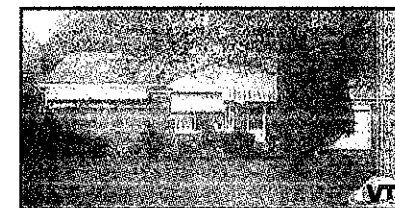
**WESTLAND \$184,900**  
**THIS COULD BE WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR!** 4 BR colonial features hrdwd flrs on main floor & thru-out 2nd flr, nice, flowing open flr plan, neutral decor, all big tickets are done. Over 1500 SFI (A36672)

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**WESTLAND \$179,900**  
**S/WARREN & WEST OFF WAYNE RD!** Luxury 1300 SF, 2 BR, 2.5 BA condo w/fin bsmt & 2-car garage. (54QUA2)

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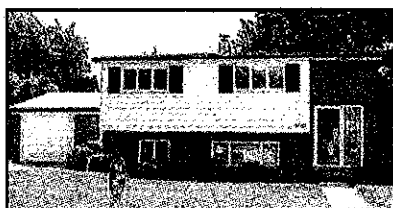
**REDFORD \$174,900**  
**COUNTRY IN THE CITY!** This brk ranch sits on a half acre lot. New windows in family rm w/FP and separate heat and air. Roof 3 yrs, furnace 13 yrs, part fin bsmt, all appliances. (M17394)

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**WESTLAND \$172,900**  
**HURRY TO THIS WELL POLISHED 3 BR RANCH!** Full brk, wide open flr plan, many expensive upgrades, impressive kit w/oak cabinetry, ceramic flng & granite counters, remodeled bath, FP in FR, & much more! (C36255)

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**LIVONIA \$169,900**  
**NEVER SHOWN!** This 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath raised ranch has just become available. Updates include: roof & chimney ('03), wndws, furnace, A/C, HW/H & humidifier. Pleasure to show. (23B30143)

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**WESTLAND \$169,900**  
**VERY WELL MAINTAINED END UNIT** Backing to the woods & side to a pond, this home features 2 bdrms, both have large walk-in closets, 2 full baths, one being a master, upgraded cabinets & more! (P650)

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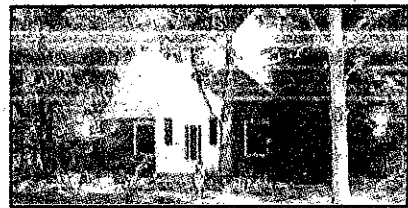
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**POPULAR FAMILY SUB** 3 BR home with 2 full baths, finished lower level with wood burner & den or 4th BR, C/A, 2 1/2 car, remod kit & baths. Plus more! (V370)

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**GARDEN CITY \$152,900**  
**HONEY BUNGALOW** Is this 3 bedroom brick home in Garden City. 2 full baths, 3 car garage. Lots of nice features: newer windows, doorwall to deck, double lot. (M319)

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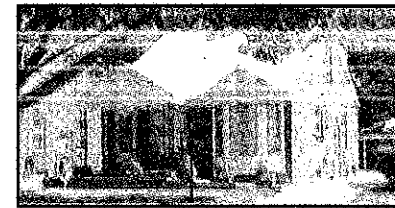
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**THIS HOME IS CUTE, CUTE, CUTE!** Over 1000 SQ FT & shows extremely well. Close to park, school, tennis & swimming. Nice garden patch behind 2.5 car gar. Too many updates to list! (21UNI2)

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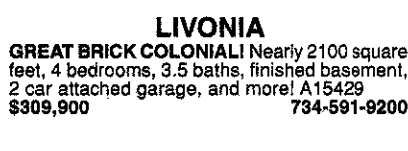
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**TERRIFIC OPPORTUNITY!** Updated roof, siding, windows, furnace, C/A & front porch. 3 bedroom brick ranch. Part finished basement w/dry bar, Hardwood floors, garage w/electricity. (23V135)

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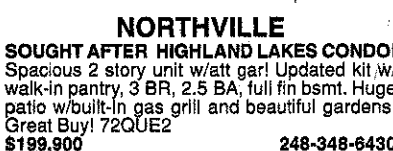


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**EXQUISITE CONDO!** Welcome home! This 2 bedroom condo features updated berber carpet, extra large cabinets, newer appliances, crown molding, mirrored doors and more! (23F2033)

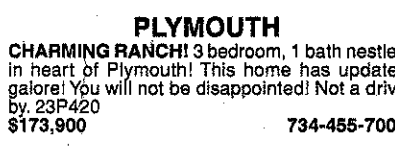
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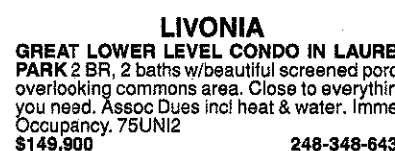
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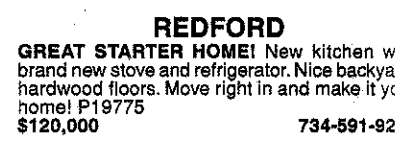
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John Kelly loved to laugh, loved to socialize, loved to be around people, loved to play golf, and loved to travel. Fortunately, he was able to do all those things for many, many years.

After a long battle with congestive heart failure, John died Sept 3 at Providence Hospital. He was 77.

After growing up in the Detroit area, John enrolled in the University of Michigan at the age of 15. At 17, he enlisted in the Navy and served aboard the super carrier USS Franklin Delano Roosevelt during WW II. After discharge from the Navy he earned an English degree from Wayne State University and began a career in the insurance industry. In 1957 he co-founded his own consulting company. Deferred Compensation Plans, Inc. and later founded DCP Service Co. to administer the plans installed by the sales company.

John was a lifelong member of the Oakland Hills Country Club, a 25-year member of the Players Club of Detroit, a member of Cypress Lakes Country Club in Ft. Myers, FL, and a life and emeritus member of the Squids. He was an active devotee of the arts, from opera to ballet, the symphony to jazz. John was also an avid sports participant and fan of the Detroit sports teams and U of M football. John and Mag traveled the world, in fact visited every continent but Antarctica.

John is survived by his wife of 55 years, Margaret (Bradley), three children, Lynden Ann, John Bradley (Diane), Peter James (Maureen), and four grandchildren, Kirsten, Erik, Kathryn, and Andrea, and a brother James (Beverly) Kelly. He was predeceased by a sister, Mary Jo Funk.

The family will receive visitors Thursday, September 11, from 6 to 8 pm at Nativity Episcopal Church, 21220 West 14 Mile Road, Birmingham, MI. A memorial service will be held Saturday, September 13 at Nativity Church at 2 pm. A celebration of his life will follow at Oakland Hills Country Club. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the American Heart Association.

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**CANTON Saturday, Sept. 13, 9-4**  
6136 Runnymede Rd. Furniture, appliances, hobby & more.

**CANTON - 4 family sale**  
Thurs. thru Sat., 9am-4pm. 42502 Bishop, Lilley & Cherry Hill. Household goods, misc.

**CANTON - 280 Queen Anne Drive, Cherry Knoll Sub.**  
Fri. Only 9-7 Kids clothes, toys, girls bedroom set, misc.

**CANTON 8531 Rhonda Dr.**  
S. off Joy W. of Haggerty, Fri. & Sat., Sept. 12 & 13, 10am-7pm. My hubby's remodeling business is having a garage sale. I'm bringing A-Z goods, too.

**CANTON - Huge Sale!**  
Kids clothes, toys, software, too many items to list. A must see sale! 3624 Napier - 1/2 blk N/W Ford Rd. Fri., Sat. & Sun. 9-4

**CANTON - Sale Rep. Samples**  
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**CLARKSTON - furniture, compressor, household, kids stuff**  
more. Kingston Sub., 1 1/2 mi. N. of I-75 on Dixie Hwy. Thurs. thru Sat. 9am-4pm.

**DAVISBURG - Community Wide Sale**  
Sept. 12 & 13 th, 9:30-3:30pm. Mill Pond Park (495 Davisburg Rd.)

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS Fri-Sun, 9-5pm**  
5336 Syracuse, 3 blks E/Telegraph off Powers. Clothing, household, misc.

**FARMINGTON**  
Goodies! Over 1000 items. 2 computers, monitors, printers, player piano rolls, household, celebrity shirts, cds, tapes, example Gaudinotti w/certificate of authenticity, this & some misc will not be garage sale prices. Fri 12-5, Sat. & Sun 10-6. 33133 Flaters, btwn 8 & 9 Mile Rd

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Misc household, quality teen clothes! Sept 11-13. Thurs. 1-6, Fri-Sat 9-6 Follow signs at 11 Mile/Drake

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**GARDEN CITY 30905 Elmwood**  
Btwn Merriman / Henry Ruff Sat. 9-13 & Sun. 9-14 - 9-5

**Garden City - Sept. 12-13, 9-4**  
31718 James, W. Merriman, S. Warren. Household, kids, misc.

**GARDEN CITY Multi-family garage sale**  
3105 Balmoral, N. of Ford, E. of Merriman. Sept. 11-13th, 9-5. Old & new.

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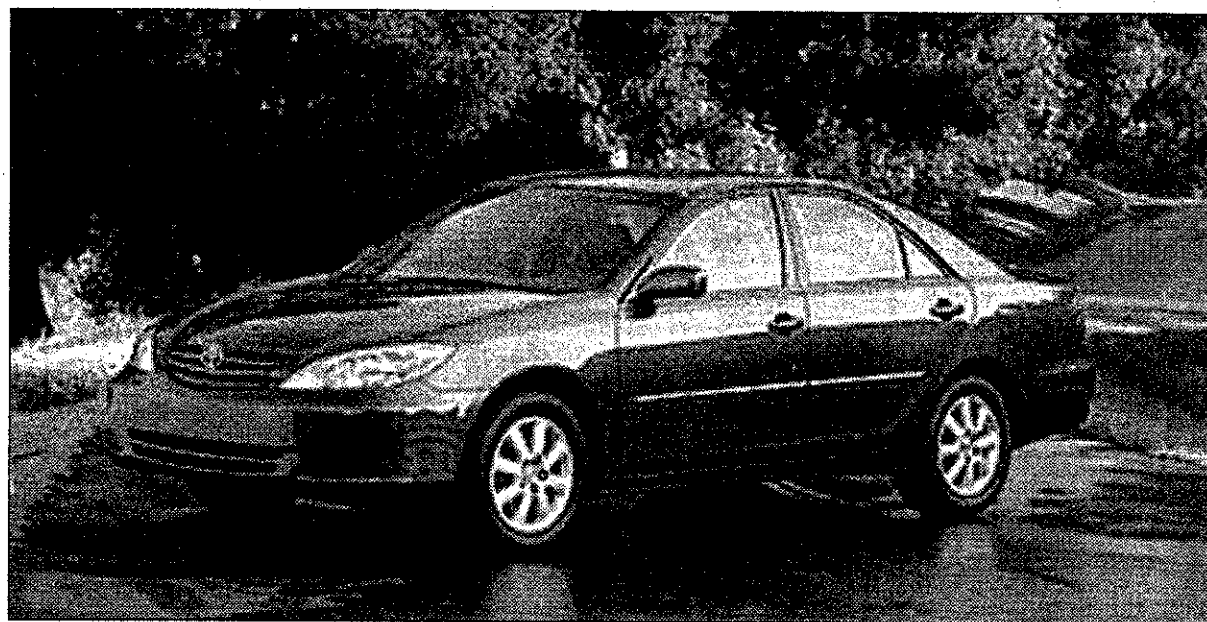
BY DALE BUSS

Toyota Camry has been the indisputable leader in car sales in the U.S. for a few years now -- keeping Honda Accord and especially Ford Taurus well back in its rear-view mirror -- and there are several reasons for its No. 1 position. They boil down to the fact that, at a very reasonable price for a nicely put together, high-mileage car that performs reliably, Camry is pure vanilla.

The best thing about Toyota Camry, though, is that it isn't plain vanilla. It's more like french vanilla or vanilla bean -- predictable, but with some extras that make the experience of driving, and presumably owning, a Camry more of a delight than you might expect.

That's especially true for the 2003 version of Camry, which brings a year's refinement of the all-new Camry that was introduced for the 2002 model year. A longer wheelbase brought significantly increased rear-seat legroom in the new version; and on the outside, the new look is taller and quite rounded, not as organic as many other current models. For 2004, expect again only small refinements as Toyota focuses its new-product firepower on invading other segments of the American market. And besides, why toy too much with the best-seller? Camry's suggested retail prices begin at around \$19,000 and proceed on up into the low \$20,000s, so the car presents itself as a bargain at any level. Mileage in the city is a robust 23 per gallon, and on the highway it's an astounding 32 miles per gallon -- a palpable advantage during this spurt of record-high gasoline prices.

A few other particulars about Camry stand out as well, including some little things. First, there are two 12-volt outlets that are accessible in the front passenger compartment, giving Camry a leg up in convenience on many vehicles that cost twice as much; also up front are a variety of bins and containers that capably give driver and even front passenger slots for



Toyota Camry, a reasonable price and a delight to drive.

cell phones, sunglasses, digital-camera bags -- just about anything they typically would bring with them into the car, except maybe for a purse.

One of the features I enjoy most about Camry is the elegantly simple and functional design of its climate controls. Now, this doesn't seem like something to fixate on. But given the frustrations I've found with fiddling with downright confusing climate controls in more expensive vehicles, especially those with LED screens, the Camry delivers a breath of fresh air (or heated air, or air-conditioned air) in this department. There are simply three big knobs facing the driver or passenger, within easy range in the middle of the dashboard.

And they control functions in a sensible way: the left-hand knob controls fan speed, and if you want to recirculate internal air, you simply push the button; the middle one controls the temperature, and pushing it turns air conditioning on or off; and the one on the right directs whatever you've got flowing to the right zones of the car, with the rear-defrost button in the middle. Priceless.

But more than that, Camry offers an overall enjoyable driving and riding experience. The 2.4-liter, four-cylinder liter engine in the LE version that I drove wasn't a speed burner by any means, but it was very responsive and plenty powerful for all

everyday driving situations. The car handling tightly enough and absorbed bumps very well. It's a perfect Goldilocks car: Everything was just right, not too much in either direction. And its performance was smooth, underscoring why Toyota is the best in the world at putting forth this kind of package.

Inside, too, the car is plenty comfortable. Seat cushioning is more than adequate, as is rear-passenger room. The dashboard is relatively plain, with no large curved surfaces, and is set relatively high. Layout of controls of all sorts, not just climate control, is logical and clear. The only nit I would pick with operating controls is that it is far too difficult to tell before you take off whether you've got the car in Drive or not, because the tiny red indicator that tells you what gear you're in is way too small -- even for people with good eyesight!

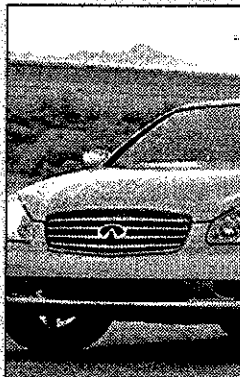
My only other complaint -- and it's a wholly subjective matter -- is that when it came to the exterior looks department, Camry wouldn't have had to end up so, well, vanilla, and it still could be the best-selling vehicle. The styling could at best charitably be called "classic," and higher-end versions of Camry have doodads such as fog lamps. But overall, Camry is what it is supposed to be. Pass the hot fudge.

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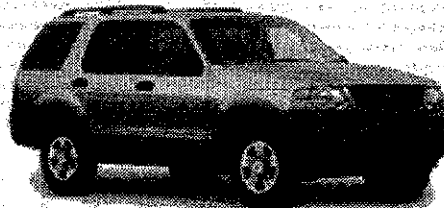
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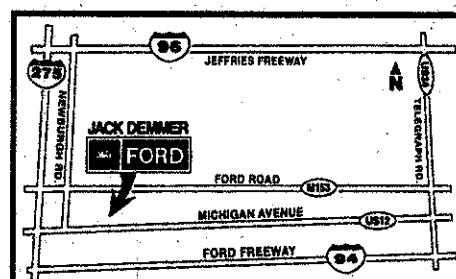

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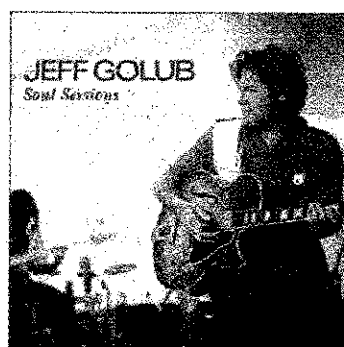
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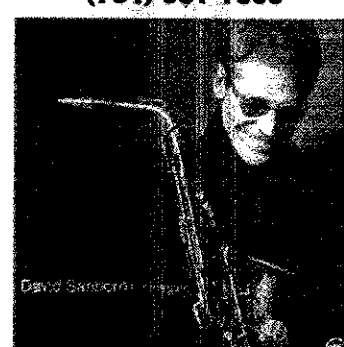
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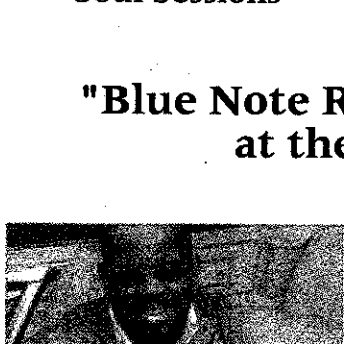
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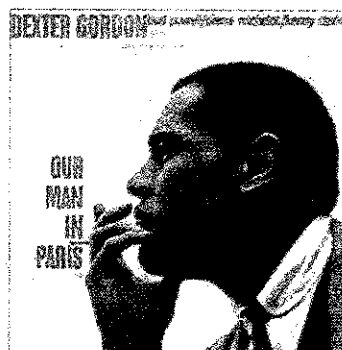
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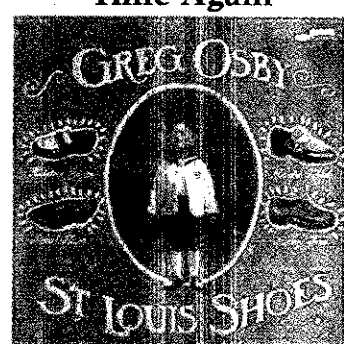
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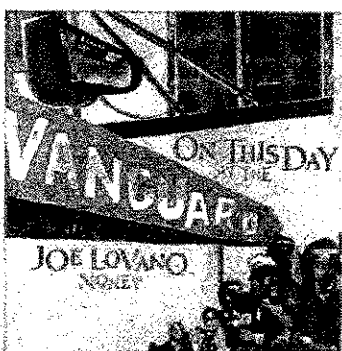
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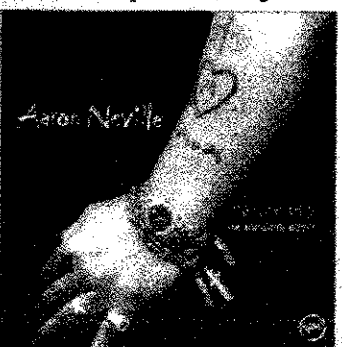
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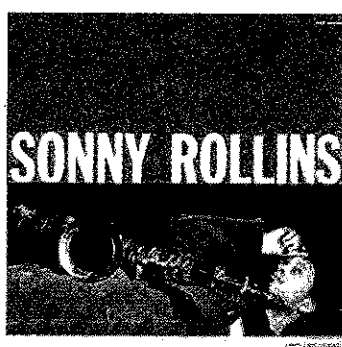
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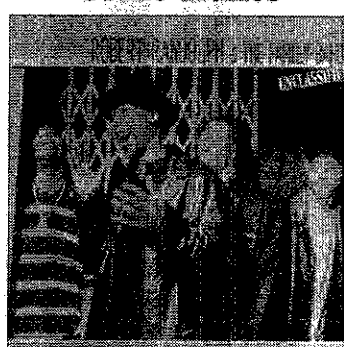
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Hot Ticket

UMS celebrates its 125th anniversary with style

The University Musical Society is set to kick off its 125th season with more than 70 performances, including internationally renowned dance companies, theater and chamber ensembles.

Taiwan's U Theatre, a theatrical drumming group, opens the season outdoors at sunset on Tuesday, Sept. 16.

Sara Billman, director of Marketing and Communications for UMS, said the 2004 season is unique for several reasons — most notably for the milestone anniversary the society is celebrating this year.

"[The] 125th season demonstrates the longevity of the arts and also their importance in people's lives," said Billman.

"The season's major highlights include a seven-concert celebration of the 300th anniversary of St. Petersburg, Russia — programmed in conjunction with a University-wide festival celebrating St. Petersburg — and the reopening of Hill Auditorium after a 20-month, \$38.6-million renovation."

UNIQUE

Established in 1988 by Taiwan's famous actress Liu Ching-Ming, U Theatre makes its home on Laochuan Mountain on the outskirts of Taipei.

The pronunciation of the letter "U" is similar to the Chinese character meaning "excellence," and in ancient China, this letter also referred to "professional actors."

U Theatre's philosophy emphasizes an elevated quality of life and the discovery of spiritual strength through the practice of modern theater.

U Theatre will debut opening night at 7:44 p.m. at Nichols Arboretum and will remain in Ann Arbor in residence for several days, culminating in two performances of their signature work, *The Sound of Ocean*, Friday-Saturday, Sept. 19-20, in Ann Arbor's Power Center for the Performing Arts.

*The Sound of Ocean* is a



Two actors perform in Alexander Pushkin's 'Boris Godunov.' Performances are Oct. 29-31 and Nov. 1-2 during the University Musical Society fall event schedule.

compelling, seamless work of rhythm and movement in 100 minutes. The work's five sections are animated by a theatrical tension devoid of explicit narrative, but propelled by rhythms beat out on temple bells, gongs and drums.

With the special opening night performance by U Theatre to launch the 2004 season, the remainder of the programming will not disappoint:

■ A command performance by Cecilia Bartoli on Feb. 20 — her first Michigan appearance since 1997

■ The popular Boston Pops in a Christmas concert at Crisler Arena on Dec. 5 and the Canadian Brass in a Valentine's Day concert at Hill Auditorium.

■ Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in an all-male version of *Twelfth Night* Nov. 18-23 and the Guthrie Theater's production of *Othello*, March 4-7.

■ William Bolcom's mammoth *Songs of Innocence and of Experience* (in collaboration with the U-M School of Music) on April 8

■ Seven events that celebrate the 300th anniversary of the founding of St. Petersburg, Russia.

"The strong Russian influ-

ence is due entirely to the St. Petersburg Festival. UMS was one of the initial partners in planning this festival with other university units and has been working on this celebration for several years," said Billman.

The St. Petersburg String Quartet, with Maxim Mogilevsky on piano, will perform Oct. 3 at Rackham Auditorium. The program will feature music from Desyatnikov, Shostakovich and Tchaikovsky.

On violin, Vadim Repin will appear with pianist Alexander Korsantia on Oct. 26 for a program including Mozart, Prokofiev and R. Strauss.

DON'T MISS

Additional performances in the St. Petersburg Series include Kirov Orchestra, Monday, Oct. 6, at Pease; Pushkin's Boris Godunov, Wednesday-Sunday, Oct. 29 through Nov. 2, at U-M Sports Coliseum, and the St. Petersburg Capella, Thursday, Nov. 6, at St. Francis Church.

If you are looking for events the whole family will love, don't miss the Miami City Ballet (Oct. 18), the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra in a Christmas concert (Dec. 5), Wild Swan Theater - *The*

UMS - 2004 SEASON

Who: University Musical Society

What: The 125th UMS Season opens 7:44 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, at Nichols Arboretum with the premiere Taiwan drumming group — U Theatre.

Additional performances are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 19-20, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor.

Tickets: For tickets or additional information, contact the University Musical Society at (734) 764-2538 or online at [www.ums.org](http://www.ums.org).

Tickets may also be purchased in person at the League Ticket Office, 911 N. University Avenue.

*Firebird* (Dec. 13), Children of Uganda (Feb. 19) and the Lyon Opera Ballet (April 3).

Russia's most famous folk tale, *The Firebird*, recounts the adventures of the young Prince Ivan and his perilous journey to recover the dazzling but elusive Firebird.

Billman said the 13th-annual family series is recommended for children ages 4-12.

"For the past decade, we've had a family series with special events for children and youth performances during the school day. We want to remind people that we are surrounded by art in our daily lives, and that attending live performances is not just something that adults can enjoy," said the UMS marketing director.

Billman added that, "It's clear that with the decline of arts education in the schools, we need to continue to offer opportunities for children to be introduced to the wonders of the performing arts."

# Big screen

# Jeepers Creepers sequel raises the bar for horror fans

## JEEPERS CREEPERS 2

\*\*1/2 (out of four)

Horror fans — and I am one of them — tend to overreact. You can't blame us. For every *The Exorcist* or *Texas Chain Saw Massacre*, there's over a hundred versions of *Valentine*, *Wrong Turn* and *They*. Don't remember these recent films? Well, therein lies my point. That's why when a horror film is made

with intelligence, ingenuity and a genuine sense of the scary, it's akin to throwing a pork chop to a gang of starving dogs. Case in point: Earlier this year, a creepy little gem called *May* came out in theaters.

Released on DVD about two seconds later, it is now being hailed by horror fans as the Second Coming.

As great as *May* is, it can't live up to that kind of hype. The original *Jeepers*

*Creepers*, released in 2001, had a similar effect on horror film fanatics. Again, it was a strong film. By shrewdly utilizing brother/sister dynamics rather than the standard boyfriend/girlfriend routine, director Victor Salva crafted the scariest first 45 minutes of any film this decade.



Extra Butter

Daniel Kraus

Fans, the sequel is finally here and you better brace for the mediocre news: It's no *May*, but it's a hell of a lot better than *Freddy vs. Jason*.

A title card gets the action started: "Every 23rd spring for 23 days it gets to eat." While this title is unnecessary (this warning is repeated about 15 times in the film) and confusing (is this supposed to be 2024, 23 years since the first film?), it does effectively cut to the chase.

Fade in to a corn field in the middle of America, where a young boy named Bobby is tying scarecrows to posts. But something seems wrong with one scarecrow ... It seems a little too lifelike ...

After this grisly prelude, we are introduced to a school bus full of high school

athletes on their way home from winning a basketball championship. A mysterious tire blowout leaves them stranded on a desolate highway. Even more annoying, one by one they are being plucked into the sky by a monster with a 20-foot wingspan.

Unlike its predecessor, *Jeepers Creepers 2* clings to a pretty standard formula. Instead of two siblings, this time we have two dozen interchangeable idiots, all reciting the same goofy dialogue.

Still, there's a lot to like about *Jeepers Creepers 2*, and most of it can be filed under "atmosphere." There's something about sunlit terrors — see *Deliverance* or *Children of the Corn* — that's incredibly spooky when executed correctly.

It is practically a tradition in sequels to spend significant time explaining the monster's past. What exactly are his powers? What is his inevitable Achilles' heel? Sadly, the very answering of these questions can kill the confusion and dread that made the monster so scary in the first place.

This does not happen in *Jeepers Creepers 2* (although I'd be willing to bet money that it happens in *Jeepers Creepers 3*). The Creeper remains a total mystery. Like the zombies in *Night of the Living Dead* or the alien in *Predator*, The Creeper is just there. He just kills people. Asking "why?" won't save your face from being bitten off, so why waste your time?

Daniel Kraus is a syndicated columnist and filmmaker. Info on his latest film, "Ball of Wax", can be found at [www.ballofwaxmovie.com](http://www.ballofwaxmovie.com).

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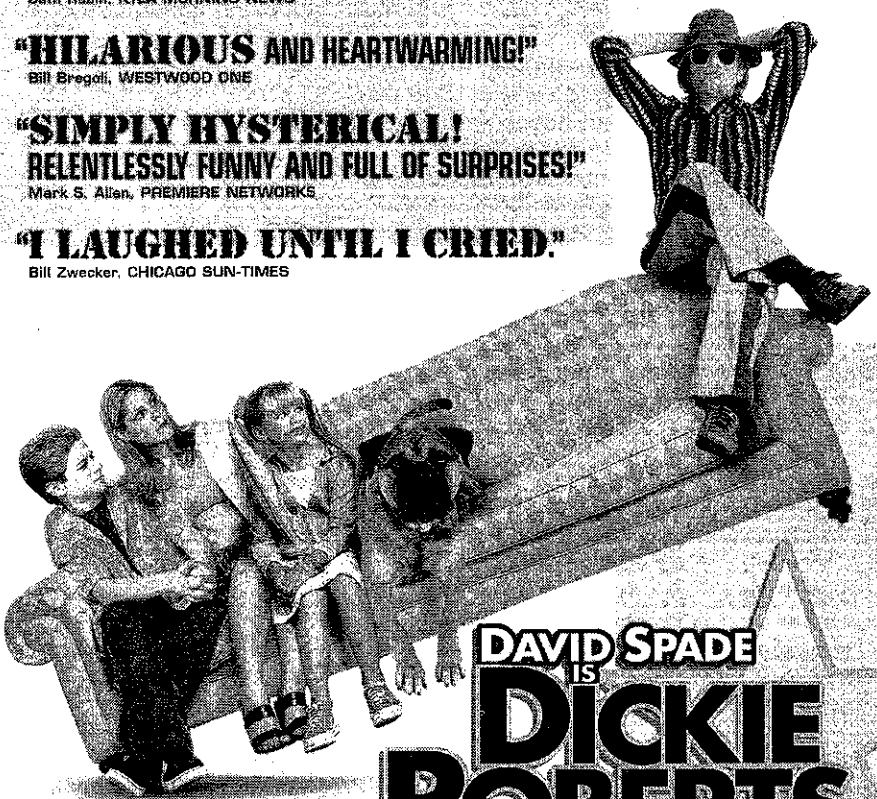
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## Theater presents slew of classic gems

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

When Bogie and Bacall ruled and not Ben and Jen, movie-going was a magic, passionate experience.

For a night out in the city, men donned coats and ties and women their best dresses. They took seats in theaters sometimes designed to follow exotic Oriental or Latin themes. Grandeur and fine architectural detail ruled, in the days before mighty megaplexes and cigar-box theaters.

Inspired by the more elegant movie-going experience, backers of the restored 75-year-old Redford Theater present a new season of classic movies starting Sept. 12-13 with the silent film classic *Metropolis*.

Other films this season include *Casablanca*, named in some film critics polls as the best ever.

Redford Theater volunteer George McCann, 76, a retired electronics business manager, recalls seeing *Casablanca* in 1943 as an usher at the Michigan Theater at Bagley and Grand River downtown. "We

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filled the house every night. It ran for several weeks."

The film cost 95 cents for a ticket to an evening show and 60 cents for a matinee. A box of popcorn was 10 cents.

Redford Theater fans say the showing of the futuristic 1926 silent film *Metropolis*

PLEASE SEE THEATER, E7

## Small screen

# Not your ordinary pig movie, 'Babe' is special

BY DAVID MACGREGOR  
CORRESPONDENT

*Babe: Pig in the City* is a great movie. There. I've said it. I've said it and I am not ashamed.

I know, I know, great movies are supposed to be about love and death and suffering and redemption with healthy doses of various dysfunctions thrown in as well. They're not, generally speaking, supposed to be about the trials and tribulations of a talking pig. But then, this is no ordinary talking pig movie.

Released in 1998, *Babe: Pig in the City* is the sequel to the beloved and Oscar-winning *Babe*, but it is really nothing like the gentle, amusing, bucolic original.

As you may or may not recall, *Babe* concludes with Babe the Pig's stunning victory in a sheepdog trial. The sequel picks up literally where the original left off, and we see Babe and Farmer Hoggett returning home in triumph after their great adventure together.

Soon enough, trouble in the form of evil bankers comes to the Hoggett homestead, and Babe and Mrs. Hoggett are forced to go into the city to try and make enough money at the State Fair to prevent the bankers from foreclosing on their home.

It is here that the film takes a turn into the fantastically surreal, as Babe and Mrs. Hoggett venture into an urban landscape that is absolutely unique in the history of film and which might best be described, in Hollywood-ese, as Dali meets Disney.

Babe and Mrs. Hoggett are put up in a home that caters to a rather special clientele: specifically, animals that have been

abandoned or otherwise made homeless by capricious and uncaring humans. Cats, dogs, goldfish, chimpanzees and a well-dressed orangutan by the name of Thelonus all coexist in a world that would like nothing more than for them to disappear for good.

Beyond that, there are three mice who work as a kind of Greek Chorus as events unfold, and a homicidal bull terrier who is out to kill Babe and who philosophizes about his brutal nature by explaining, "A murderous shadow lies hard across my soul."

If all this sounds as if it might be a bit much for your average 6-year old, well, it

is. In truth, this film is no more for children than George Orwell's *Animal Farm* is a good bedtime story for little Johnny.

Indeed, you would be well-advised to know that the two *Babe* films are both directed by Australian George Miller who, aside from the *Babe* films, is best known for his contributions to the *Mad Max* series of films starring Mel Gibson.

Narrated in inimitable style by Roscoe Lee Browne, *Babe: Pig in the City* is beautifully directed, makes superb use of music (e.g. an exceptionally well-choreographed chase scene takes place to the strains of *Madame Butterfly*), and has jaw-dropping special effects and animatronics, yet they all serve to underline what is a simple yet profound story.

Am I overstating the case here? Well, consider this. In 1998, when it came to Oscar night, Hollywood was all abuzz over two films: *Saving Private Ryan* and *Shakespeare in Love*.

They had the big stars and the big pro-

motional budgets by the big studios and so, predictably enough, those films raked in most of the major awards. But when the late film critic Gene Siskel made his list of top 10 films for 1998, there, right at number one, was *Babe: Pig in the City*. Ahead of *Saving Private Ryan*. Ahead of

*Shakespeare in Love*. Ahead of every single film made that year.

A wise man that Gene Siskel.

David MacGregor is a film instructor at Wayne State University and screenwriter who lives in Livonia.

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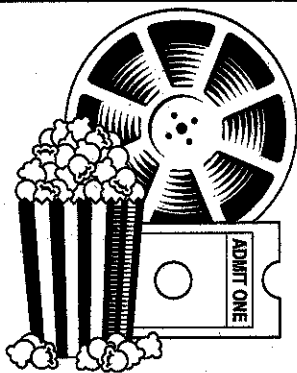
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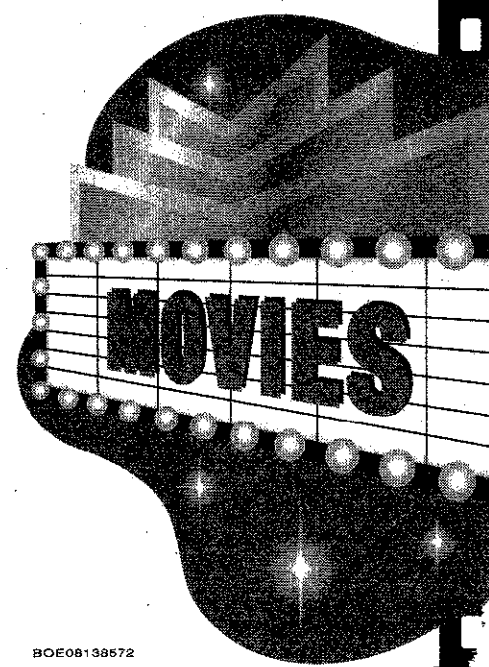
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or one of those beautiful old songs. It's a live sound, it's invigorating."

Back in the day, silent film distributors would send along a score to be played in the theater as the movie was projected. "Sometimes if they didn't send it, they'd have to figure out what songs to play for crying scenes, races, horses galloping."

The Redford Theater, at 17360 Lasher in Old Redford, opened in 1928 – one year before sound movies took over from their silent predecessors.

As "talkies" took over, organs were only played before movies

and during intermissions, if at all.

The organ society was formed in the 1960s, as many theater organs were being demolished along with older theaters. The group offered to remove the organs and install them in schools.

The Redford Theater organ has a three-keyboard console. Wires run to two chambers flanking the stage, where louvered doors open and orchestral sounds are replicated.

The organ is typically played during the movie intermission for 20 minutes, and also as people are leaving the theater at the end.

To restore the theater's Oriental look, McCann is among a group of volunteers working to restore stencil patterns on organ chambers. They're also restoring the paint scheme – sponged green and brown over a cream background, with imitation wood-grain designs throughout the theater.

Stars on the ceiling – actually recessed light bulbs – have been restored. New seats were installed two years ago in the 1,600-seat theater.

"We're bringing it back to its splendor," McCann said. "It's very heartwarming, very gratifying."

## Coming soon...

- Sept. 12-13: *Metropolis*, 1926 silent classic about the future, \$4.
- Sept. 26, 27: *It Happened One Night* starring Claudette Colbert and Clark Gable, \$3.
- Oct. 4: Comedian and theater organist Stan Kann, \$10.
- Oct. 10-11: *Casablanca* starring Ingrid Bergman and Humphrey Bogart, \$3.
- Oct. 18: *5th Annual Boogie Woogie Festival*, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 at Ticket Plus and Meijer locations, or by calling 800-585-3737.
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## YOUTH THEATER

### Marquis Theatre

*Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 13-14. \$7.50, 135 E. Main St. Northville, not recommended for children under 3. (248) 349-8110.

### PuppetArt

Detroit Puppet Theatre, grand opening of sixth season. Season opens with *Turtle Island*, 2 p.m. every Saturday. \$5 children, \$7 adults, (313) 961-7777.

### Fiddler on the Roof

Main Stage Theatre Guild presents *Fiddler on the Roof* at the Livonia Mall Sept. 11-13 and 18-20 at 8 p.m. Sept. 14 and 21 at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$8 adults and \$6 for students/seniors. Call (586) 344-7774.

## THEATER

### Mark Twain

Actor Hal Holbrook will bring his 'Mark Twain Tonight' show to Dearborn's Ford Community & Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20. Tickets cost \$43, \$39 and \$33. Call the center at (313) 943-2354. Proceeds will help support a Westland-based community foundation called SPARK (Sports, Parks and Recreation for Kids).

### Players Guild of Dearborn

The PGD announces its 76th season. *Heaven Can Wait* runs Sept. 12-13, 19-21, 26-28. Sept. 21 and 28 are Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. All other performances begin at 8 p.m. *Chicago* runs Nov. 7-8, 14-16, 21-23, 29-30. Nov. 16, 23 and 20 begin at 2 p.m. Others at 8 p.m. *Funny Money* runs Jan. 9-10, 16-18, 23-25. Jan. 18 and 25 2:30 p.m. others 8 p.m. *Marvin's Room* runs March 5-6, 12-14, 20-21. March 14 and 21 2:30 p.m. others 8 p.m. *On The Town* runs April 30, May 1, 7-9, 14-16, 21-23. May 9, 16 and 23 at 2:30 p.m. others at 8 p.m. Call (313) 581-TKTS for tickets or visit [www.playersguild-ofdearborn.org](http://www.playersguild-ofdearborn.org)

### The Detroit Ensemble Theatre

Come see the opening of the area's brand-new theatre. The Detroit Ensemble Theatre will offer a season of different, moving and unique plays on Detroit's east side. The inaugural production is *Danny and the Deep Blue Sea*, a romantic drama from the Oscar-winning writer of *Moonstruck*, John Patrick Shanley, at 8 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Additional show dates are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 19 and 20, and Sept. 26 and 27; and 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 and 28. Tickets are \$12. Call (586) 790-5666 for more information or to order tickets. The Detroit Ensemble Theatre is located at 25213A Gratiot Road, just north of 10 Mile Road, in Roseville.

### Clarkston Village Players

*Grace and Glorie* by Tom Ziegler, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 8 p.m.

Friday-Saturday, through Sept. 14, Clarkston Village Players' Depot Theatre. \$10 Thursday & Sunday, \$12 Friday-Saturday, (248) 625-8811, [www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org](http://www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org)

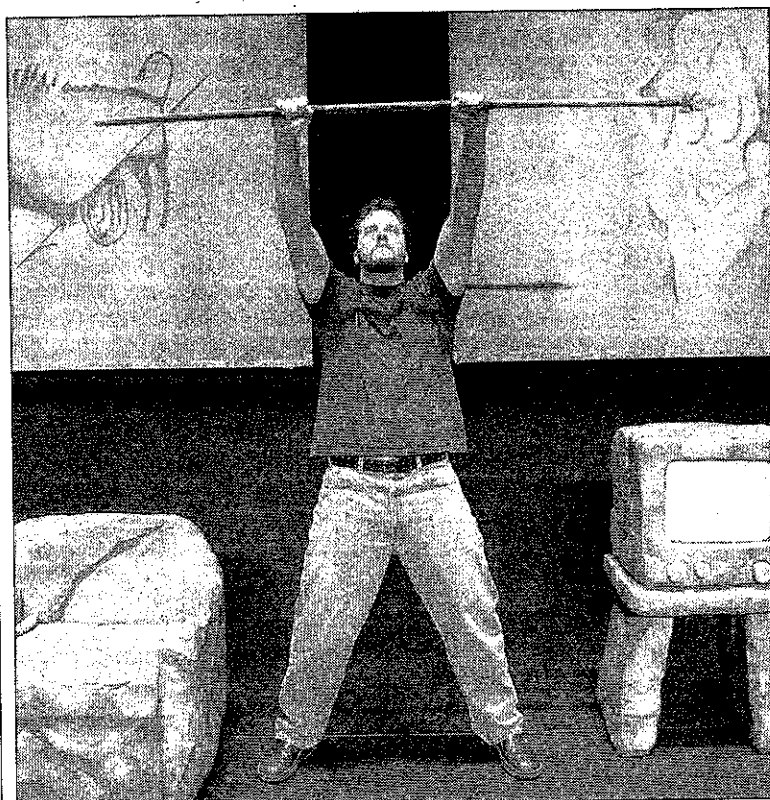
### Fisher Theatre

*Kiss Me Kate*, through Sept. 21, curtain 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, \$32-\$59.50, (248) 645-6666, (313) 872-1000 or [www.nederlanderdetroit.com](http://www.nederlanderdetroit.com)

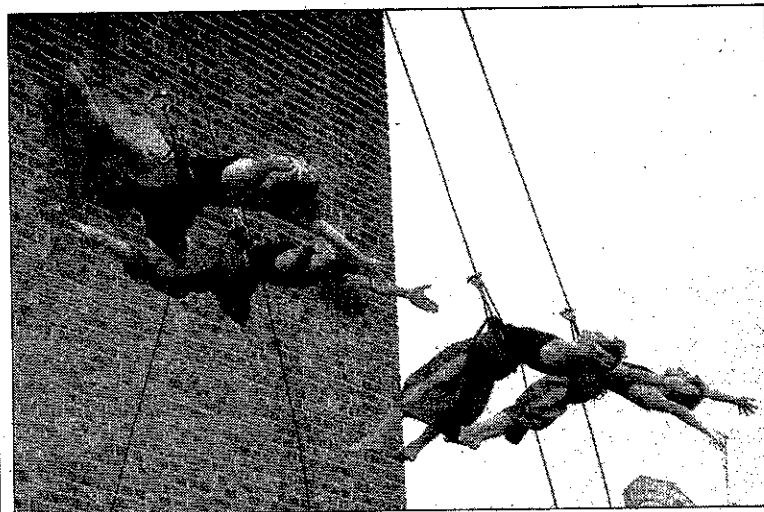
## THEATER AUDITIONS

### Village Players

*Stage Door*, comedy, 7 p.m. register, 7:30 p.m. audition, Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 29-30, 21 women, 7 men (some roles doubled), 34660 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Performances weekends



Chris Sullivan stars in Rob Becker's 'Defending the Caveman,' a solo comedy about the ways men and women struggle to relate, through Sunday at Meadow Brook Music Festival. Performances at 8 p.m. each night. Tickets at \$39.50 and \$25 pavilion and \$15 lawn available at [Palacenet.com](http://Palacenet.com), The Palace and DTE Energy Music Theatre box offices and all Ticketmaster centers. Call (248) 645-6666 to charge tickets.



Project Bandaloop Aerial Dance troupe will perform 6 p.m. Friday; 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday; 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, on Hudson's Art Park stage during the Detroit Festival of the Arts in Midtown Detroit's University Cultural District. For more information call (313) 577-5088 or visit [www.detroitfestival.com](http://www.detroitfestival.com).

## DANCE

### Country Western

Country Western Dance sponsored by Wolverine Silverspur Dancers will meet Sept. 13 at the Italian Cultural Center, 28111 Imperial Drive, south of 12 Mile. Doors open at 7 p.m., lessons at 7:30 p.m. open dancing from 8-11:30 p.m. Call Diane (586) 573-0668. \$10. E-mail [dlj@comcast.net](mailto:dlj@comcast.net)

### Scottish Country

Scottish Country Dancing lessons begin their season Thursdays in Sept. at 7 p.m. at Madison Heights United Methodist Church. \$4. First night free. No partner required. Call (248) 637-2824 from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

### Michigan Classic Ballet Company

Scholarship Auditions 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22. No previous dance experience is necessary and the winner(s) will get a chance to perform on stage in The Nutcracker Ballet Dec. 13-14 at Mercy Auditorium in Farmington Hills. Dancers must be 12 years and older, two letters of recommendation are required, must bring their last report card. The Geiger Classic Ballet Academy is in Bloomfield Hills at 782 Denison Court, (248) 334-1300 or [www.geigerballet.com](http://www.geigerballet.com)

### Beginners Square Dance Class

Learn to square dance! No experience or partner necessary! Every Monday from 7-9 p.m. at the VFW Hall on 9 Mile Rd., just west of Telegraph Road in Southfield. Classes begin September 15, 22, 29, or October 6. Come to one of these classes to sign up. Classes run Sept.-May. Your first class will be free, \$3 per session thereafter. Call for more information (313) 531-3027 or (248) 476-7253 or visit <http://squaredancemichigan.tripod.com/>

### Eisenhower Dance Ensemble

New dance program at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, starts in September, classes in jazz, tap, ballet, modern and ballroom for students of all ages, preschool classes on Thursday afternoons, (248) 852-5850.

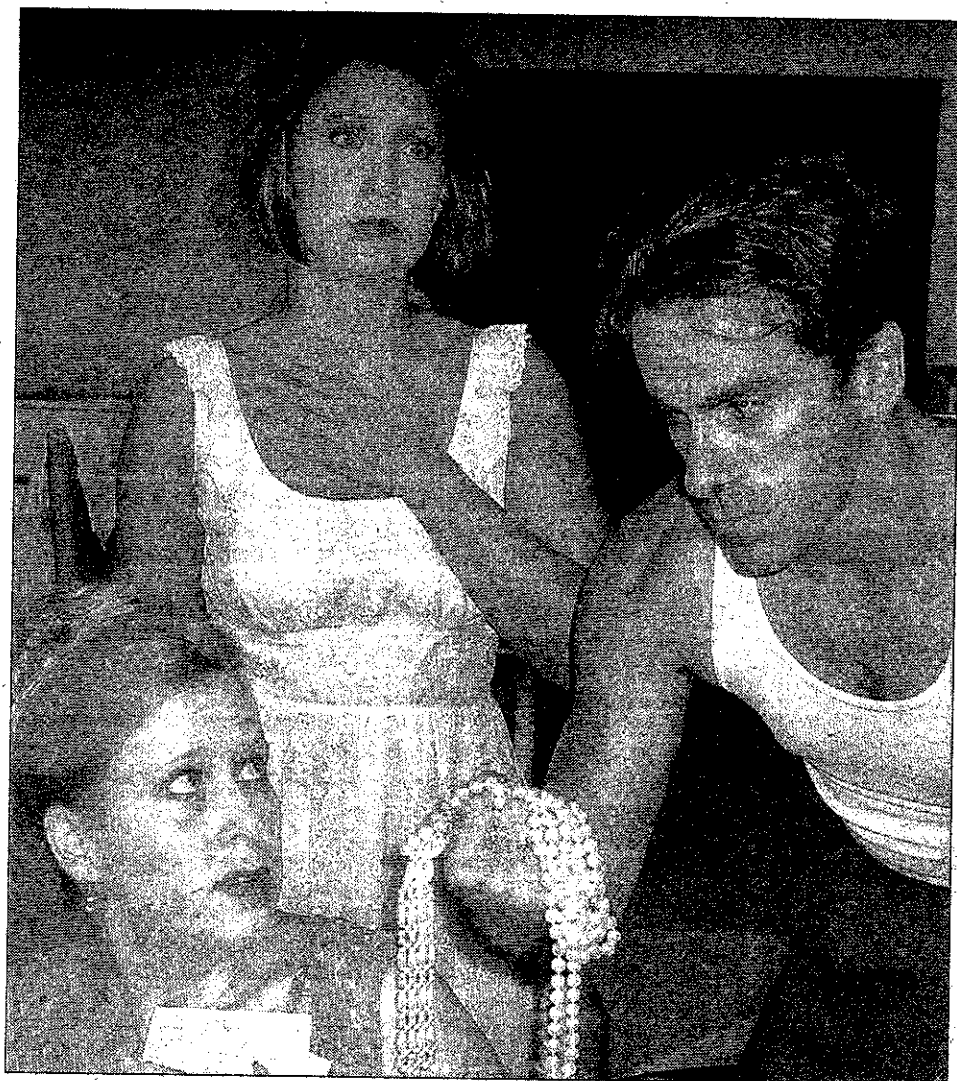
## ART CLASSES

### Ceramic study group

The Mid-States Ceramic Study Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Dearborn Historical Society Museum (915 Brady). Program: "Frank Bischoff, China Painter," worked in Detroit and California. Presenter is Christine Crowe, museum staffer. Public is welcome. Call (248) 646-4724.

### PCCA Art classes

Let your creative spirit flourish with classes offered at Paint Creek Center for the Arts including Drawing, Painting, Clay Wheel and Hand Building, Black/White Photography, Watercolor and Life Drawing. Classes run Sept. 15-Nov. 22. Call (248) 651-4110 or visit [www.pccart.org](http://www.pccart.org)



The Farmington Players present Tennessee Williams' 'A Streetcar Named Desire' Sept. 19 through Oct. 11.

## Onstage

# 'Streetcar' ready to roll in Farmington Players' new theater

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

The Farmington Players kick off a first full season in their new, \$1.5-million theater with *A Streetcar Named Desire* Sept. 19-Oct. 11.

"We went from 173 seats to 235 very comfortable, cushy seats," said Ellen Akins, group publicity chairwoman.

They also have enough space to present a two-story set, to show *Streetcar* characters Stella and Stanley living downstairs and Eunice and Steve living above.

"It's not only an improvement for our members to have all brand-new seats, in the wintertime it was freezing and in the summertime it was really hot. Everything is just more comfortable; there's not a bad seat in the house," Akins said.

The new theater was built on the site of the original Farmington Players Barn on 12 Mile road, between Farmington and Orchard Lake roads in Farmington Hills.

The Tennessee Williams play is one of the most popular in contemporary drama. In the first year it was presented in New York City, *Streetcar* won the Pulitzer Prize and a Tony award and launched Marlon Brando, who played Stanley, as a major American icon.

### HIGHLIGHTS

*On Golden Pond* will be presented Nov. 14-Dec. 6. This celebration of family was popularized on screen by Katherine Hepburn and Henry and Jane Fonda.

*Noises Off*, Feb. 6-28, is a farce about the disastrous run of a touring show. "It

### AT A GLANCE

**What:** Farmington Players opens its season with *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Friday-Sunday, Sept. 19-21, Sept. 26-28; Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 2-5; and Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 9-11. Curtain is 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

**Where:** 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads, Farmington Hills  
**Tickets:** \$13; musicals \$15, seniors \$10 on Sunday, Sept. 21. For more information, call (248) 553-2955.

calls for a two-story set in the first act that shows the front of a set, and in the second act, backstage," Akins said. "So the whole thing must rotate. Again, that's something we couldn't do in our previous space."

The musical *Fiddler on the Roof*, April 30-May 22, features the classic songs *If I Were a Rich Man* and *Sunrise, Sunset*.

This is the Players 51st season. The 125-member group holds open auditions for plays and musicals. The new theater was paid for through donations and government and private grants.

"We're looking forward to having our first full season," Akins said.

### TOP FIVE

Here are the top five films, video rentals, and sales

#### Films

1. *Jeepers Creepers 2*, MGM.
2. *Freaky Friday*, Disney.
3. *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl*, Disney.
4. *S.W.A.T.*, Sony.
5. *Open Range*, Disney.

From Exhibitor Relations Co.

#### VHS Rentals

1. *Bringing Down the House*, Buena Vista Home Entertainment.
2. *Head of State*, Universal Studios Home Video.
3. *Hunted*, Paramount Home Entertainment.
4. *Chicago*, Buena Vista Home Entertainment.
5. *Cradle 2 the Grave*, Warner Home Video.

Based on data provided by the Video Software Dealers Association

#### VHS Sales

1. The Lizzie McGuire Movie, Buena Vista Home Entertainment.
2. *Bringing Down the House*, Buena Vista Home Entertainment.
3. *Piglet's Big Movie*, Buena Vista Home Entertainment.
4. *What a Girl Wants*, Warner Home Video.
5. *Agent Cody Banks*, MGM Home Entertainment.

#### DVD Sales

1. The Lizzie McGuire Movie, Buena Vista Home Entertainment.
2. *Cradle 2 the Grave* (Pan & Scan), Warner Home Video.
3. *Cradle 2 the Grave* (Widescreen), Warner Home Video.
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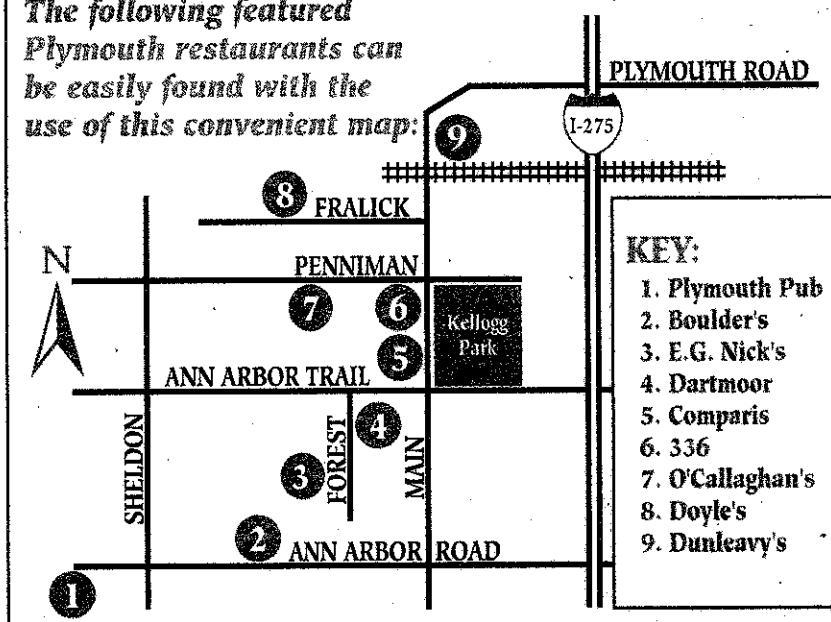
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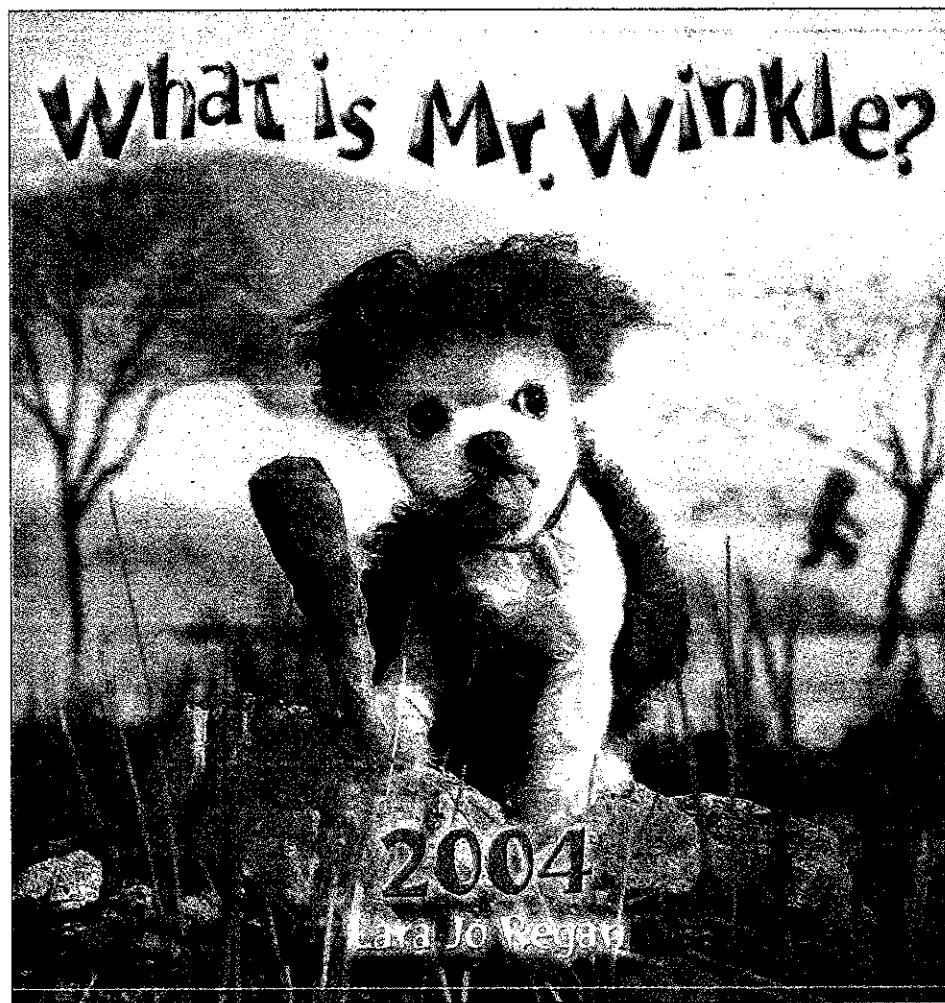
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LARA JO REGAN

Mr. Winkle lightens the mood every month in calendar form. Each features Lara Jo Regan's photographs of Mr. Winkle as published in the books.

# Have a nice day Mr. Winkle makes it so

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

Feel-good movies have met their match in a dog.

His name is Mr. Winkle, and his shiny black eyes and droopy pink tongue make it tough to subdue warm and fuzzy feelings.

"I feel like the keeper of a magical elf," said the dog's rescuer and guardian, Lara Jo Regan, a professional photographer who grew up in Birmingham.

So joy-inspiring is the former stray that the dog's Web site, [www.mrwinkle.com](http://www.mrwinkle.com), has had more than 36 million hits. And thousands of books, posters, calendars and other items bearing Mr. Winkle's image have been purchased by devotees like Tricia Belcher, 26, of Farmington Hills.

"Oh my God, he's so great! I giggle

every time I look at him," said Belcher, who came to Mr. Winkle's first Michigan appearance at a local Borders store.

At least 100 customers lined up at the event to purchase Regan's latest book of Mr. Winkle photographs, *A Winkle in Time: Mr. Winkle Celebrates The Underdogs of History*.

Others simply wanted to see the canine that has come to represent hope, delight and goodness in America. One fan even drove from Cleveland.

Jeannette Drummond of Bloomfield Hills has all of Mr. Winkle's merchandise but turned out to get a photo with the dog.

"He creates happiness and joy," said the 32-year-old. "In these tough times, we as a culture need somebody like Mr. Winkle. When the world is kind of heavy, Mr.

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## Table hopping

# More than sushi at Musashi

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
CORRESPONDENT

Musashi in the Southfield Town Center opened in 1985 as Michigan's first sushi bar, serving authentic sushi and sashimi, prepared to order by its trained Japanese chefs.

Back then, sushi was a novelty and something to be discovered by somewhat intrepid Michiganders. Now, it seems that every restaurant of Asian persuasion and nearly every upscale grocery market carries sushi.

Yet, if you like sushi, the "stuff" in the plastic clam shells doesn't quite make it. You want it prepared to order. That's what you get at Musashi and a whole lot more if you're open to a Japanese cultural culinary experience.

### MORE THAN SUSHI

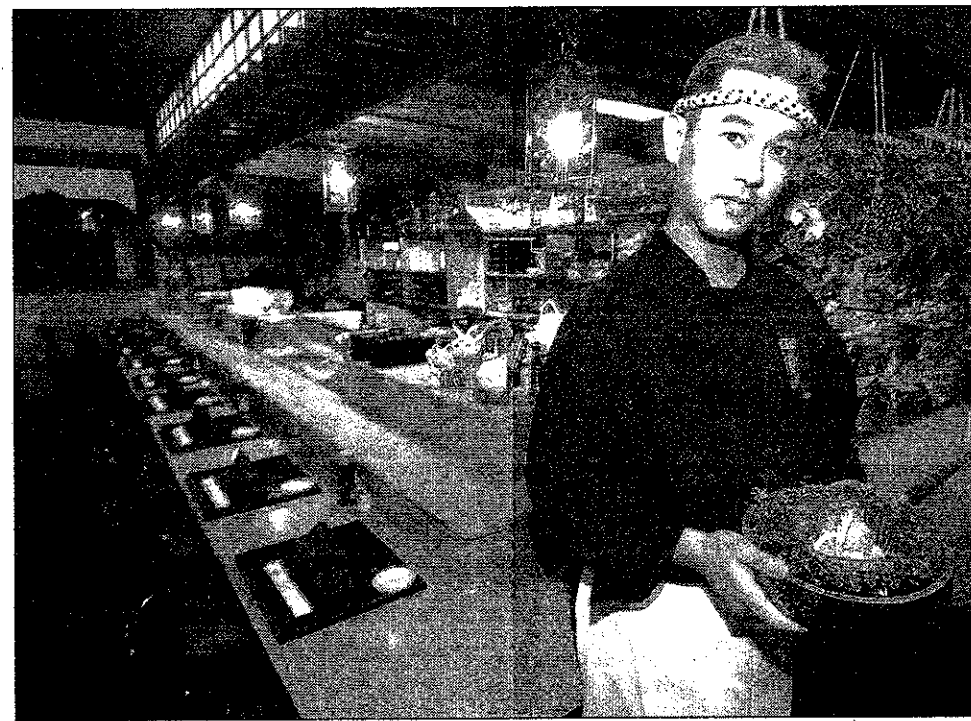
With the sushi craze, perhaps, what Musashi does better than any place else may have been lost in the shuffle. That's authentic Japanese small-plate appetizers and noodle dishes.

Nothing preps the palate for dishes to come like Kani Su, king crab meat, sliced cucumber and seaweed with sanbai zu sauce or Gyoza, pan-fried pork dumplings, served with a spicy sesame dipping sauce, that make "pot stickers" seem very ordinary. Sanbai zu sauce, like all sauces and salad dressings, are made from scratch.

Shrimp Tempura is taken to new heights as the noodle dish Tempura Udon. Musashi's owner, Koji Watanabe, a very exacting man, chooses to spell the dish Tempura with an "n" rather than "m," which is seen more often.

"In English," he explained, "it makes no difference, but Japanese is a character language; ten means sky and there is no meaning for tem."

Niku Udon is the traditional wheat noodle soup with beef. Gyoza Ramen gets you egg noodles with steamed Gyoza dumplings. The ultimate noodle experience is Nabeyaki Udon, a wheat noodle soup



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Chef Kenny Wee holds salmon rolls in ponzu sauce.

with shrimp tempura, chicken, shiitake mushrooms, kamaboko fishcakes, spinach, green onion and egg, which is cooked and served in a nabeyaki udon pot.

Nabemono, tableside-cooked dishes, are priced at two orders per table and range from \$11 to \$45. Single supplement is \$2.50. Here names get more familiar with the sliced tenderloin presentation of Sukiyaki and Shabu Shabu. For thinly sliced duck and vegetables, order Kamonabe.

Along with prime American-raised beef, Musashi serves prime Washu Gyu, a cross-breed of Japanese Wagyu and American Black Angus.

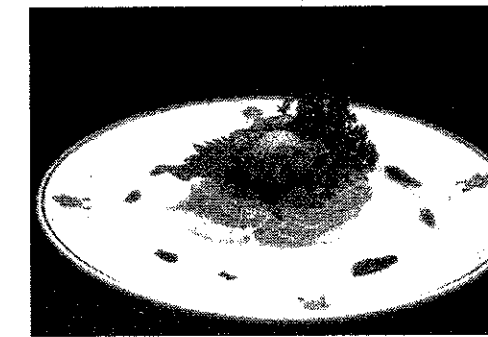
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Eleanor Heald writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. To leave her a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 18644.

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BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD

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Boutari's Moschofilero \$14 (mo-sko-FEEL-er-o), dubbed Moscho (mo-sko) to avoid the tongue-twister name of the grape, has caused the latest and biggest stir among white wine lovers.

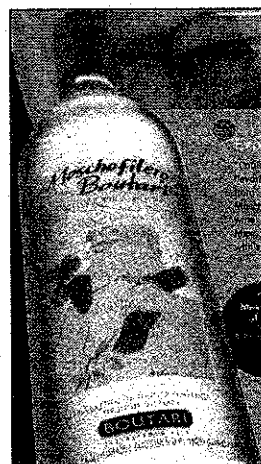
It's so popular that this sassy, snappy, zesty and food-friendly pour from Boutari's vineyards in the Peloponnese region of southern Greece, could in a short time, replace pinot grigio as imported white wine of choice. No kidding!

The 2002 is great with Asian food. Spread Japanese rice crackers with spicy peanut sauce, such as Vong's, for an easy appetizer.

Rub a piece of fresh fish with Nantucket Seafood Rub or other brand. Toss fish on the grill and drink some Moscho.

Nuevo Latino is hot, hot, hot. Dunk your favorite tortilla chips into some flavorful Tomatillo Salsa and beat the heat with a glass of Moscho.

It's also great with crusty bread dipped into rosemary-infused olive oil.



Boutari makes the best Greek wines exported to the U.S. Boutari's Moschofilero has caused the latest and biggest stir among white wine lovers.

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This weekend, get Moscho and get hooked on a new white wine taste!

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The Healds write about wine, spirits, food, and restaurants for the Observer & Eccentric

## Jazz

# Blackman & Arnold

## Duo captures passion of Brazil, romance of Spain

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

When Sean Blackman holds his nylon string guitar, the music overwhelms him. He closes his eyes as his hands and guitar become one.

Instrumental songs with exotic names like *Cha-Cha* and *Naga* flow from the tips of his fingers — and from his romantic heart. It's the sound of passionate Brazilian samba, traditional Armenian, fervent flamenco and American-made jazz. At Blackman's side since 1995 is fellow acoustic guitarist John Arnold; his best friend and co-creator who he calls his brother.

The two men are known as Blackman and Arnold, a duo that creates elegant, but sweltering world jazz.

Listen to the music and you can feel the passion emanating from the two musicians.

"There's a few things that are truly magical in this world," Blackman said. "A

woman carrying a child is one of them, the sounds of crickets outside ... and ... music. There are moments when you've been playing for hours and you don't even know it. That's when you realize something else took over, it's the music pouring out of your soul, it sizzles. It's magical."

On Saturday Blackman and Arnold are playing an event they call a true honor. They'll perform at *Feigoada*, sponsored by the Brazilian Culture Club of Detroit. It's a celebration of Brazilian music and food that's open to the public and will be at the Polish Cultural Center in Troy.

They'll play with other musicians: a percussionist, drummer and bass player working together to capture sounds of Brazil. They also create music from Spain, Armenia, West Africa and the Middle East.

### AN INCREDIBLE NIGHT

It's going to be an incredible night, Blackman said. The guests will burn the floor with sexy samba dancing.

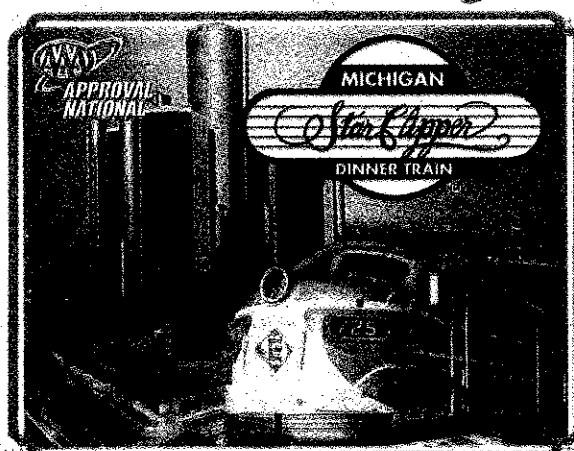
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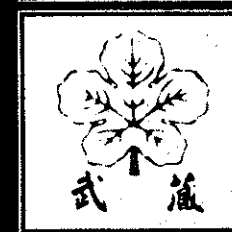
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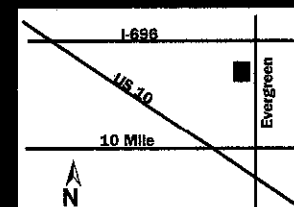
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## DUO

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blood gets hot, it sets it on fire," Blackman said. "Samba and Bossa Nova, for me right now, is a calling. Years ago, it was flamenco, for two years I listened to nothing else. Then it was West African, and then Stevie Wonder. ... It's this passion that is almost just too much. ..."

Arnold shares the same feelings.

"When I make music I feel like it's coming from my soul," Arnold has written. "It's a gift. I'm pretty much the doorway for a greater purpose, so the more music I write, it's just something else speaking through me, and the more knowledge I learned, the more eloquent my voice was, the more I could express that gift."

Blackman and Arnold are extraordinarily skilled, professional musicians who have played metro Detroit's hottest clubs for years. They've performed on main stages at nearly every major festival and sold nearly 10,000 CDs locally "out of their suitcases."

They've won numerous Detroit Music Awards, complet-



Sean Blackman and John Arnold play a jazz fusion of traditional and modern music from across the globe.

ed a nationwide tour for Borders Books & Music and play about 200 shows annually.

They've achieved this all without a record label backing them.

Blackman, of Clawson, started playing rock n' roll when he was 12. He's Armenian and always loved the traditional music, too. His mother later introduced him to flamenco and years after Brazilian music entered his life. Blackman and Arnold's love of American music is also strong. Blackman said gypsy music and the blues are similar because both focus on similar topics: love, poverty, ridicule and

oppression.

This is a band that doesn't search for work. Event organizers contact them to play weddings, festivals, restaurants, corporate gigs and more. They play nightclubs like The Blue Martini in Birmingham and Fifth Avenue in Royal Oak. When they do, they can transform any white-collar suburban establishment into a romantic, fiery house that seems real only in more exotic lands.

"People are attracted to the passion and romance of flamenco music. We need that in our culture and in our everyday lives.

Pop music is empty. As (Arnold) told me, it's like fast food, you can pull off the road and get it easily, but if you're willing to drive a little farther you'll find something that's more fulfilling."

On Blackman and Arnold's three CDs, imagine jazz that's gypsy-fied — unhurried, sometimes cerebral and downright sexy.

Arnold, born in Chicago and raised in Detroit, also has an interesting resume of his own. He's played music since he was a child. He graduated from Wayne State University where his major was jazz studies, he plays drums and piano, is a break dancer, spins techno at local clubs and creates soulful Latin jazz. His curiosity in electronica landed him a gig with the Detroit Electronic Music Festival. Together, Blackman said, the men discovered world music.

### SOLO PROJECTS

Both men are planning solo projects. Arnold's is already a success as he recently signed with the label *Ubiquity*; his full-length album, *Neighborhood Science*, which already topped Japanese charts, will be released on vinyl and CD here in October.

## BLACKMAN & ARNOLD

**What:** The world jazz band will play for *Feigoada*, a celebration of Brazilian food and music

**Where:** The American Polish Cultural Center at 2975 E. Maple Road, Troy

**When:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13

**Tickets:** \$10, call (586) 264-2740

**Web site:** [www.blackmanarnold.com](http://www.blackmanarnold.com)

Blackman is working on his own CD that will be released next year.

Whether working together or apart, Blackman said both men hope to create music that touches people and makes them dance.

"When you can surrender to the music, that's a powerful thing. It doesn't matter what language you speak or where it comes from."

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## The DSO starts new season determined to move its audiences

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

Detroit has just two more classical seasons with Neeme Jarvi, longtime musical director of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

The first season opens tonight with a performance of Verdi's *Requiem* at the Detroit Opera House. Concerts are scheduled there until Oct. 11, when the DSO's new building, the Max M. Fisher Music Center, opens to the public. Construction is currently under way and includes renovations on Orchestra Hall. The classical season runs through June 2004.

As customary, the classical series strikes a balance between familiar and unfamiliar, traditional and innovative.

"We want to give people a flavor of all

musical themes and styles," said Emile Kang, the symphony's executive director. "Our purpose is to engage our audiences, which doesn't always mean that everybody is going to like everything. The No. 1 criteria is: Is it a moving experience?"

The philosophy explains the current season's broad range, from Christmas holiday performances of Handel's *Messiah* (Dec. 12-13) to a jazz-infused program entitled "Raise the Roof," with native Detroit saxophonist James Carter playing Duke Ellington's *Harlem* (Oct. 16-18).

"It's going to bring the house down," Kang said of "Raise the Roof." "The architecture of the program has tremendous meaning and depth."

Incorporating the jazz idiom into the classical setting is novel and may be foreign to some concert-goers, Kang admits.

"Yet, it's artistically viable."

The same approach lies behind "The Four Seasons," (Jan. 29-Feb. 1). The program features the U.S. premiere of David Schiff's *Four Sisters* played by violinist Regina Carter. It closes with Vivaldi's classic, *The Four Seasons*.

"Here you'll see the violin used in such different ways, from a jazz perspective and a baroque perspective," Kang said.

### GUEST ARTISTS

A sense of balance comes through in the symphony's roster of guest artists this season as well.

There are several well-known stars on the list: Grammy Award-winning pianist Yefim Bronfman (Oct. 24-26); soprano Dawn Upshaw (Feb. 5-7) and violinist Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg (March 5-6). Itzhak Perlman also conducts several concerts.

Also slated are a handful of fresh and up-and-coming artists, including pianist Piotr Anderszewski, who has been called "a poet at the keyboard" (April 2-3).

But don't miss concerts and signature programs with Neeme Jarvi conducting.

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### CLASSICAL SEASON

**What:** Detroit Symphony Orchestra's 2003-2004 classical season.

**When:** Opens Thursday, Sept. 11, and runs through June 2004; most concerts are on weekends with some weekday performances. Verdi's *Requiem* performed opening weekend, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

**Where:** Until Saturday, Oct. 11, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Thereafter, Orchestra Hall, Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

**Tickets:** Single tickets range \$10-110, call (313) 576-5111; series tickets start at \$76 for five concerts, call (313) 576-5120; for information, visit [www.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.com).

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## Musical series

# From 'Zorro' to Brahms, concerts aim to please

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Tom Terreny is an artistic director trying to please everyone he knows.

If he does, he'll have succeeded in building a concert series that appeals to the entire community.

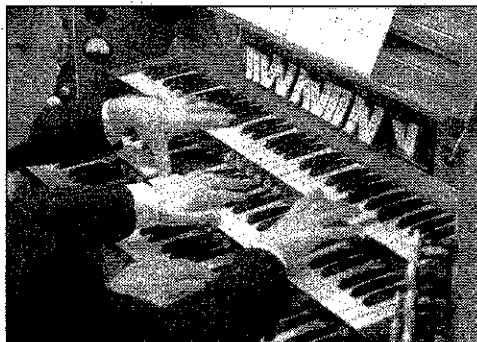
The second Birmingham-First Concert Series, at the First Presbyterian Church, begins Friday, and Terreny's job was to create an eclectic musical schedule.

"I tried to think of music that my parents would like," Terreny said. "Then I tried to think of music that my friends would like. I realized if I covered the bases of people I know then others in the community would identify with it, too."

The schedule certainly is diverse. It ranges from a cappella to handbells to Brahms. Every month features a different concert from September through May.

Last year was the first for FPC's series and it was, Terreny said, very popular.

"The first year, the series was mostly for our members, and they brought so many of their friends, we welcome everyone,"



Organists Jeremy Tarrant and Tom Trenney will open the Birmingham-First Concert Series at First Presbyterian Church on Sept. 12.

Terreny said. "This series is free and the music is our gift to the community."

Terreny himself is performing on opening night and throughout the series.

The first concert, *It Takes Two!* features organists Jeremy Tarrant and Terreny. Tarrant is from Detroit's Cathedral Church of St. Paul, and together they'll play solos and duos from Robert Schumann, Johannes Brahms, Leo

Sowerby, Henry Mancini and more.

"You never heard anything like this on a Sunday morning," Terreny said. "The two players, four hands and four feet, will really be an interesting show."

### MOVIE

One of the more unique events is a concert-movie combination. Terreny will play the organ to accompany the Douglas Fairbanks 1930 silent film *The Mark of Zorro*.

"I've watched the movie hundreds of times and will play some improvisation and (practiced) pieces," Terreny said. "It's like taking a step back in time ... watching the black and white movies while hearing live music."

Terreny is 26 and has played organ since he was 11. He's performed throughout the country and performed live music for the silent film *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* in San Francisco.

In November, 60 singers from the Eastman Choral of New York will share an assortment of a cappella by Brahms and Verdi, plus works from the 16th to 20th century. In December, FPC will introduce Michiganders to the playful

### BIRMINGHAM-FIRST CONCERT SERIES

**When:** Opens 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, with *It Takes Two!* featuring organists Jeremy Tarrant and Tom Trenney; solo and duo, music of Johannes Brahms, John Philip Sousa and others.

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sounds of Caribbean at Christmas time. Oakland University's Steel Drum Band will play classic carols and more.

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### CONCERT SCHEDULE

All shows start at 7:30 p.m.

■ Friday, Oct. 10

*The Mark of Zorro* - The 1920 silent swashbuckler classic film, accompanied by organist Thomas Trenney

■ Friday, Nov. 21

*The Eastman Choral in Concert* - Directed by Sr. William Weinert, the ensemble of 60 singers from Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y., will sing an assortment of a cappella choral music by Brahms, Verdi and more.

■ Friday, Dec. 5

*A Caribbean Christmas* - The Steel Drum band from Oakland University will perform an energized Christmas program.

■ Friday, Dec. 14

*A Service of Lessons and Carols* - First Presbyterian Church's combined Chancel, Cantus, Carol, Chapel

and Trombone choirs join handbell ringers on a musical journey.

■ Friday, Feb. 13

*Festival of Handbells* - Bell choirs offer exciting arrangements of familiar hymns, classical pieces and fun music.

■ Friday, March 12

*An Evening with the Music of Johannes Brahms* - Chancel Choir and soloists present *Requiem of Brahms*. A vocal quartet will perform excerpts from *Liebeslieder Waltzes*.

■ Friday, April 2

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## TAKING IT TO THE STREETS

**What:** 17th Annual Detroit Festival of the Arts.

**When:** 4-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13; and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14.

**Where:** Midtown Detroit's University Cultural District, 20-block area that encompasses the Detroit Institute of Arts and Wayne State University.

**Kids shows:** Featured performers include Ivory D. Williams, 11 a.m. Saturday at the Fields Go Read Garden Stage; Brad Lowe's Fantasy E-Fex Puppets at 12:30 p.m., HAP Puppet Town stage; and Kids Klez Band of Michigan, 4 p.m. on the DaimlerChrysler stage.

**Admission:** Free, for information, call (313) 577-5088 or visit [www.detroitfestival.com](http://www.detroitfestival.com).

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Adults have their art galleries and concerts, and kids have their art classes. But when do adults and kids ever enjoy arts at the same time?

"There are just so few opportunities for families to enjoy the arts together in an affordable setting," said Maureen Riley, director of the 17th Detroit Festival of the Arts.

So while the festival from Friday through Sunday generates much attention for its range of musical performers, the secret is out: A prime festival goal is to get kids and adults checking out art together.

A new kids activity this year happens on the lawn of the Detroit Public Library. The Fields' Go Read Garden, named for event co-sponsor Marshall Fields, offers fun reading and bookmaking activities, storytellers and theater Saturday and Sunday.

One featured storyteller is Ivory D. Williams, performing at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Fields Go Read Garden Stage. Williams said his main message to youth



Children and their parents can choose from over 50 interactive activities at this year's Detroit Festival of the Arts.

is to learn to think for yourself.

"As kids we learn to read, write and do math, then as adults we learn to think - it's backward," he said, adding people are more effective and wise about choices in life when they think first.

When telling stories to kids, Williams dons a top hat covered with an orange-striped Kente cloth. He also wears a matching vest, and holds a 6 1/2-foot rain stick, his trademark.

To illustrate the message of learning to think, he tells a story in rhyme about a pig that lies down next to a drunk in the gutter. The pig rises and leaves when he realizes the quality of company he is keeping.

"If we are in the company of people who are not doing the right things, stuff happens, whether it's fair or not," Williams said. "The moral is to watch out who we hang around with."

Other premier children's arts and enter-

tainment areas include the DaimlerChrysler Children's Stage, Target-Mervyn's Children's Stage, Detroit Medical Center Children's Performance Area and Health Alliance Plan Puppet Town.

The festival's kids entertainment offerings "have grown with the festival," Riley said.

Other entertainment at the Fields Go Read area includes Native American storyteller Joanne Shenandoah at 1 p.m. Saturday, and the Wild Swan Theater with their Honey Pot of Pooh Stories at 5 p.m. Saturday.

"Too often kids are plopped down in front of the television or videotape," Riley said. "If you go to a Bruce Springsteen concert live and you watch it on VH1, it's not the same thing, and that's true in the children's world too. We provide an environment where families can enjoy the arts together."

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# WINKLE

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Winkle is light."

Tiny in size, even by lapdog standards, and endowed with enormous eyes, long doe-like legs and a tongue that rarely hides, Mr. Winkle is oddly and unbearably cute.

But Regan, a former photojournalist who now lives in Los Angeles, sees Mr. Winkle's appeal more in abstract terms.

"He is not of this world," she said. "He's the love of my life, the ultimate muse as an artist. God, he's everything."

But Regan has to get some of the credit for Mr. Winkle's status as star and cultural icon.

She is the person who found him on the side of the road in the dark of night near Los Angeles, put him in her car and took him home.

At the time, she was taking pictures for several publications, including *Newsweek*, *Life* and *Time*.

On her way back from a photo shoot for a story on welfare mothers, "I saw this little tuft of fluff in the headlights and pulled over."

Sick, injured and extremely thin, "He hobbled into my arms. It was kind of a mystical encounter."

A year later, Regan began taking pictures of Mr. Winkle.

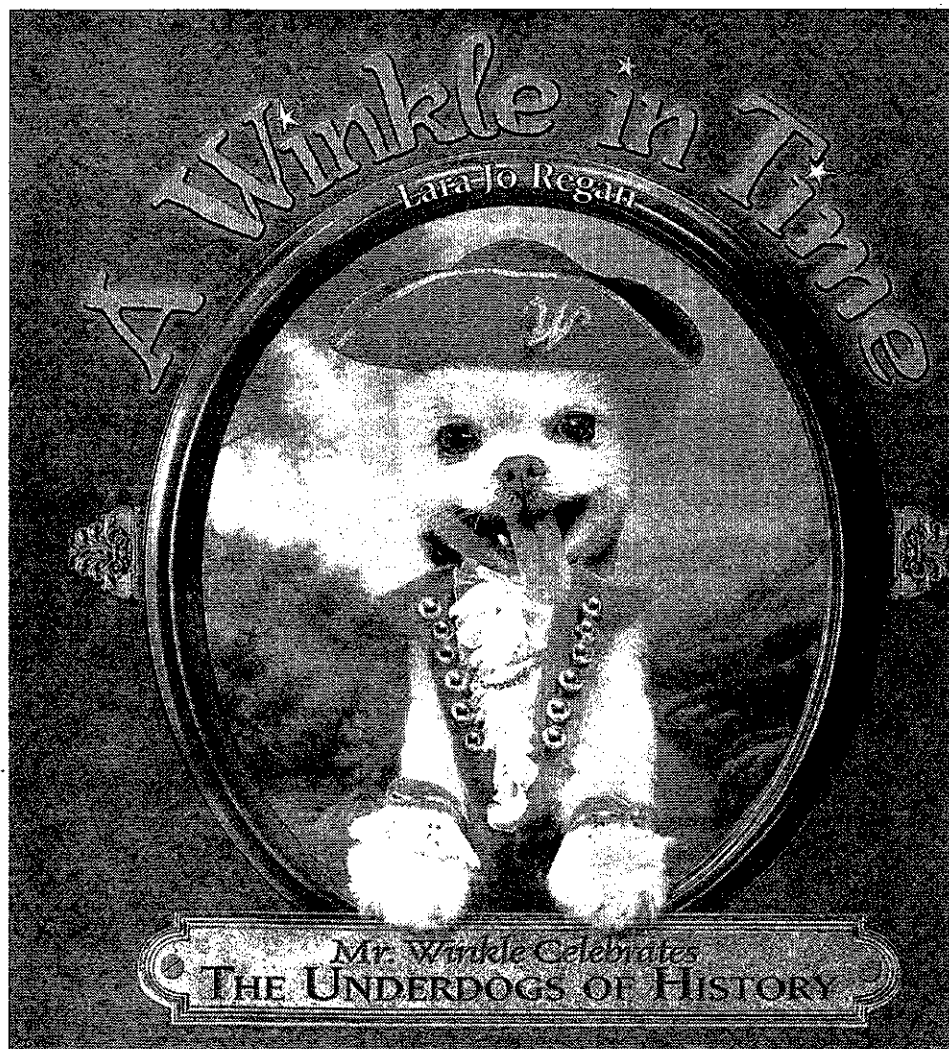
Friends' overwhelming response to the dog and her own fascination with what she calls his "chameleonic quality" inspired her.

Now she devotes all her time to caring for, photographing and touring with Mr. Winkle.

"I'm not worthy of the cuteness," she joked. "I must take pictures, distribute them and channel the burden to others."

Of all places, downtown Birmingham's Shain Park is where Regan first discovered her sense of possibility.

Every year, Regan and her family attended the park's annual fair. One summer, Regan was determined to play a



PHOTOS COURTESY OF LARA JO REGAN

The latest Mr. Winkle photography book is 'A Winkle in Time: Mr. Winkle Celebrates The Underdogs of History,' (\$14.95) at Borders Books and Music stores.

ball-throwing game her mother had insisted nobody could win. So she slipped out of the house at night and walked to the park.

She made the shot.

"Ever since then, I thought all things were possible."

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**'I'm not worthy of the cuteness. I must take pictures, distribute them and channel the burden to others.'**

Lara Jo Regan  
Mr. Winkle's owner



Lara Jo Regan, who grew up in Birmingham, worked as a photojournalist before devoting herself to sharing Mr. Winkle with the world through her photography.

## GOTTA SEE MR. WINKLE?

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■ Visit [www.mrwinkle.com](http://www.mrwinkle.com) on the Internet. You can even send an e-mail to Mr. Winkle!

■ Check out Regan's other books *What Is Mr. Winkle?* and *Winkle's World*, plus posters, calendars, greeting cards and other items bearing Mr. Winkle's image. All are available on his Web site.

# Detroit Docs International Film Festival calls for entries

Have you filmed a documentary? Maybe it's not technically perfect. Perhaps it was filmed on simple videotape, but the subject is strong. If so, share it.

A group called the Detroit Docs is accepting submissions for its second-annual international film festival happening November 7 - 9.

They're looking for quality documentaries of any format or length. All entries must be postmarked by Sept. 15.

Detroit Docs (documentaries) judges are looking more for creative expression and engaging narrative than technical

wizardry.

The festival's aim is to showcase documentaries that break the mold in delivering captivating subject matter — from humorous to serious.

This year the festival will expand to three locations where viewers can see the documentaries, in Birmingham and Detroit.

The event will feature a "Detroit Docs Rocks" theme. Music-related documentaries will be screened and bands will perform live during the festival.

Detroit Docs is at the forefront of a quickly growing filmmaking genre.

"Documentaries are more popular than ever with increasing box office success," said Lucie Bourgeau, festival director. "The doc scene is really exploding right now."

Detroit Docs is a nonprofit organization created to bring the world's best documentaries to Detroit area audiences.

Read more about the Detroit Docs International Film Festival in an upcoming issue of *Filter*.

For more information or to download the entry form, visit [www.detroitdocs.org](http://www.detroitdocs.org) or contact (248) 214-6952. Or email: [detroitdocs@msn.com](mailto:detroitdocs@msn.com).

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# Pure Picks

Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda, we present our top entertainment picks for the week, "Filtered" just for you.

## Album

Pick up any issue of NME lately and you are likely to see something about L.A.

rockers **Black Rebel Motorcycle Club**. The band has just released their second full-length album, *Take Them On, On Your Own*, on Virgin, and the anticipation for the heavy guitar-driven rock band's sophomore album has been enormous.

The record starts with the pulsing, anti-fan anthem *Stop*, with lyrics like "We don't like you/we just want to try you." But the album

isn't solely a "We are famous now, life

is hard" ode. Songs like *U.S. Government*, with its "We are the ones that keep you down" lyrics, and *Generation*, with its somewhat predictable chorus, are political protest songs. The (surprising) acoustic *And I'm Aching* addresses desperation. These are songs for those on the margins, a staple theme of the rock 'n' roll Bible. BRMC's fuzzy, electric guitar rock is isolation music that gets better with every spin. Get ready to press repeat. For more information on the band,

click on <http://www.blackrebelmotorcycleclub.com/>



Black Rebel Motorcycle Club

## Play

The Detroit area's newest theatre, Detroit Ensemble Theatre, presents *Danny and the Deep Blue Sea*, a two-person drama.

When troubled thug Danny meets the even-more-troubled Roberta, the result is a funny, sad and edgy commentary on relationships.

Showtimes are 8 p.m. Sept. 13; 19 and 20; 26 and 27; and 3 p.m. Sept. 14, 21, 28. Tickets are \$12 and can be reserved by calling (586) 790-5666.

## Concert

**Interpol**, not the International Criminal Police Organization, but the edgy post-punk band often compared to Joy Division, will perform Thursday, Sept. 18, at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave. in Detroit. The Stills and The Broke Revue are also on the bill. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. All ages. For more information on the band, check out <http://www.interpolny.com>.

Still touring on the success of 2002's *Turn on The Bright Lights*, tickets are \$21, a significant jump since the New York foursome visited Detroit last winter. Catch them before they fill stadium shows for \$45 a ticket. Or before they fade into obscurity, in case they never get around to recording that second album.

## Local band

Local twangy garage band **The Fondas** have recently released their first full-length album, *Coming Now!* on Sympathy for the Record Industry. The band plans to release a couple of 45s, *Wannabe* and *Hey Pretty Baby* soon. If you missed the band's record release party last weekend, catch them Sunday at the Magic Stick in Detroit. The Bomb High School and headliners The Reigning Sound are also scheduled to appear. Doors open at 9 p.m. Cover is \$7.18 and up.

The Fondas will also play a free in-store at 7 p.m. Sept. 25 at Tower Records in Birmingham. The record can be purchased at Tower and Young Soul Records in Detroit. For more on The Fondas, check out <http://www.thefondas.net>.

## Festival

On Sept. 19-20, head over to a Detroit institution, The Town Pump Tavern, to hear a slice of Detroit Rock City when they present **Pumpstock 2003**. The Fags, Paybacks, Ultimate Lovers and Aphonic are scheduled to perform Friday night. Sponge, The Howling Diablos, Supermodel-T and South Normal are slated for Saturday. The show will also feature Rock'n'Roll Burlesque.

The tavern is located at 100 W. Montcalm, Detroit, behind the Fox Theatre and Second City. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster or at the door. For more information, call (313) 961-1929.



The Ultimate Lovers

Pure Picks is written by Stephanie Tardy. Have something you want considered? To submit information on local entertainment or other ideas to be featured in this space, e-mail her at [stardy@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:stardy@oe.homecomm.net).

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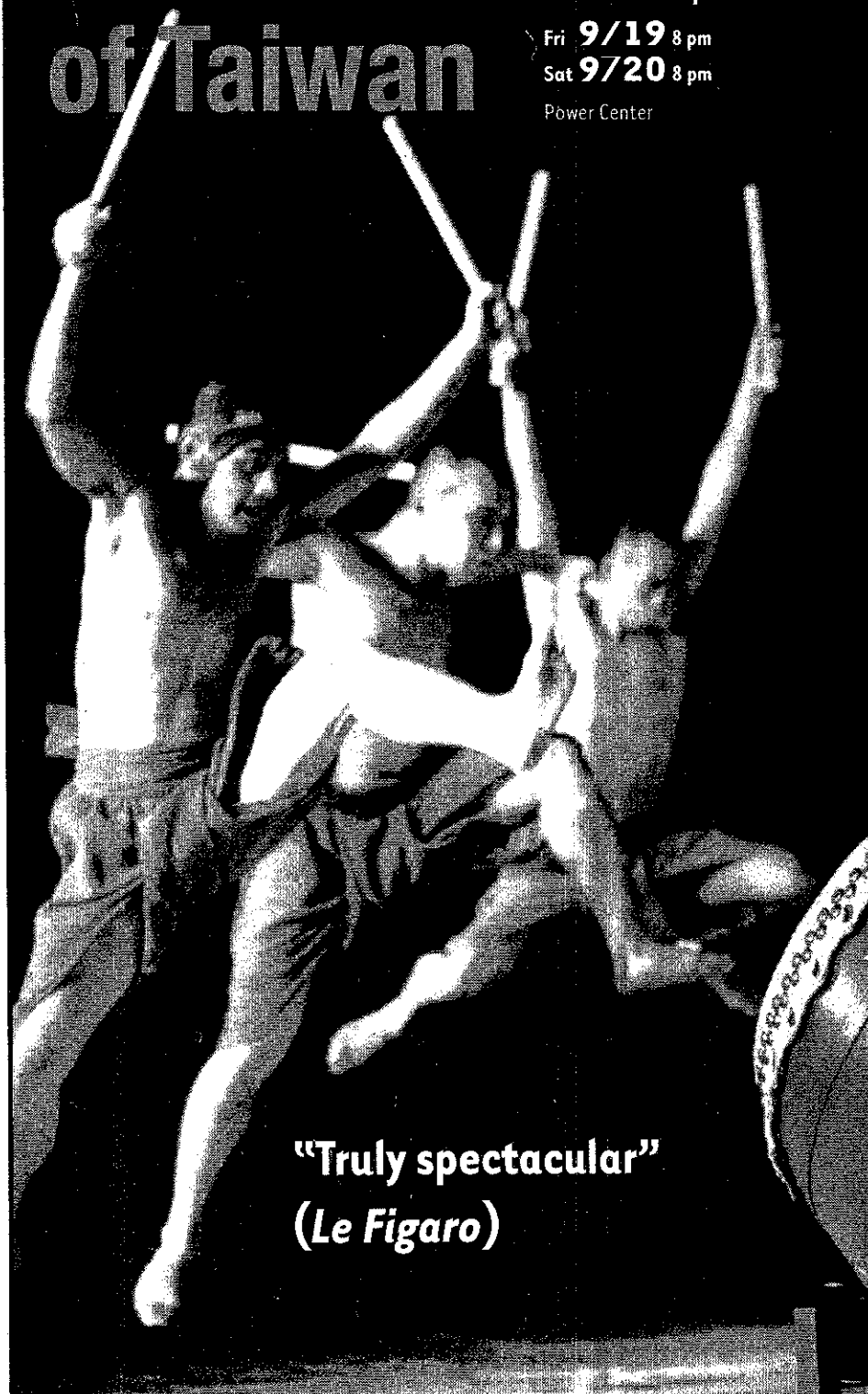
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# Chesaning a great place to spend some down time

LINDA SPARKMAN  
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With fall right around the corner, what a more suitable stop off I-75 than Chesaning. Just 18 miles down M-57 (west of I-75), between Saginaw and Owosso, Chesaning provides a unique year-round getaway for couples and families alike.

Beginning with a Farmer's Grain Mill built in 1920, more recently turned into a Victorian Inn, and ending with a jam-packed, old-fashioned surplus store called "M-57 Surplus" that promises "Anything and Everything" on a sign out front, Chesaning holds plenty to captivate the weekend traveler.

Chesaning has become a favorite among retreat organizers, wedding planners and honeymooners. While my husband and I were there recently, we met an interesting couple who only live about 15 minutes from Chesaning, but head there without their three children whenever they "need a little down time."

## HISTORICAL

The Chesaning Heritage House, a Victorian-themed restaurant made from a



PHOTOS BY MIKE SPARKMAN

Bonny mill Inn, formerly a farmer's grain co-op, has been restored into a charming, comfortable Bed and Breakfast Inn.

restored Georgian Revival-style farmhouse, is a favorite of both locals and visitors. All four floors of the restaurant, plus the carriage-house-turned-gift-shop, are open to the public and well worth touring.

The original structure was kept as authentic as possible, including repairing and refinishing the original oak flooring once used at the mill. Unlike popular hotel chains, each room is decorated differently.

While we were there we accidentally

stumbled onto a 111-year-old wrought-iron bridge with quite a history and a volunteer-built playscape shaped like a huge showboat. The frothy waterfall between them made our find even more interesting.

It seems local residents were faced with a problem. The Parshallburg Bridge, oldest of only three remaining Thacher truss-type iron bridges in the world, had to be moved from Oakley, a small milling town near Chesaning. The surprising solution to the question of exactly how to move it was to transport it completely intact by a semi-tractor, similar to the method used when moving a very large, very heavy house.

On Aug. 13, 1999, Chesaning streets were lined with citizens watching the once-in-a-lifetime event, as the 140-foot bridge was slowly driven to its new home at Cole Park.

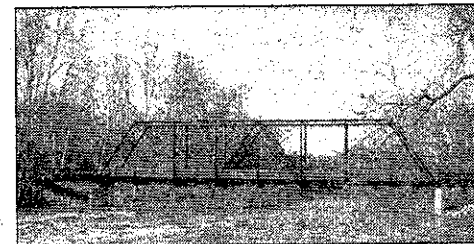
Chesaning is also home to a surprising number of well-maintained craft and gift shops. An eye-catching old stone-home-turned-antique store puts a finishing touch on the town's authenticity.

Nature lovers visiting Chesaning might enjoy the campsites at Showboat Park Campgrounds, where both rustic and modern campsites are available. The campground area provides an opportunity for fishing enthusiasts to catch small-mouth bass in the serene Shiawassee River.

## HOLIDAY PLANS

One of the town's largest annual events is *The Chesaning Christmas Candlelight Walk*. The walk is held each year on the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 28 and 29 this year) at dusk (about 5 p.m.).

This is when Chesaning turns into a fairyland, lit by 9,000 candle luminaries — one by one. The rooms at Heritage House Bed and Breakfast offer a special vantage point, but anywhere you stand, you'll be moved by the event that captures



Parshallburg Bridge at Cole Park, is one of only three remaining Thacher truss-type iron bridges in the world.

the solemn, peaceful hush as the Christmas season is ushered in. Continually evolving, this year's new additions to the Candlelight Walk include an outdoor holiday lighted home tour by trolley, a lighted ferris wheel and carousel rides.

As always, horse and buggy rides, roasted chestnuts and burning barrels to warm yourself will be a part of the walk. Live reindeer and two large arts and crafts shows will also be there.

Another reason for Chesaning's popularity centers around its festive Showboat. The Showboat is docked at Showboat Park Dock for 51 weeks each year. During the remaining week it hosts big-name entertainers like Willie Nelson and the country singing group Alabama.

Even though Chesaning's event schedule is pretty full, we agree with the young couple we met there, it's a great place to go any time — even when there's nothing special happening — "just for a little down time."

Linda Sparkman is a Garden City resident and writes about travel for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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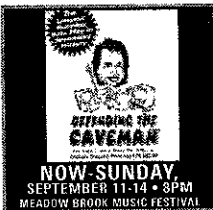
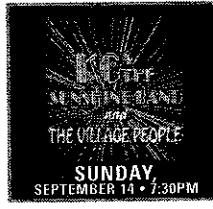
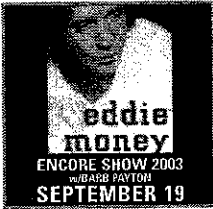
■ Nov. 28-29 - Christmas Candlelight Walk

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# Festival



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Third-grade students from Northville Public Schools don Victorian garb for the festival.

## Put your worries aside

Northville Victorian Festival captures simpler times

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

Move over, troubled times: Knickers, bow ties, pinafores, hats, waistcoats, suspenders and more await you.

And the attire is merely one aspect of the Northville Victorian Festival, Sept. 12-14, along Main and Center streets in downtown Northville.

"Many, many people come dressed to the nines," said Laurie Marrs, chairwoman of the event and executive director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce. "It's very romantic, and women love hats and gloves and parasols. It's an excuse to get all dressed up. And the men go right along with it - surprisingly."

Not inclined to play dress-up?

The festival, which annually draws about 125,000 people, has more than a few Victorian-era experiences to offer.

There's a tour of five houses in Northville's historic district, a Victorian-style parlor tea with fashion show of vintage garments, horse and carriage rides, old-fashioned games and activities for kids, a parade and a box lunch auction. New this year is an old-fashioned fishing pond.

The parade, which starts at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, "is a biggie," Marrs said, adding, "The lines are 10 deep watching

### STEP BACK IN TIME

**What:** Northville Victorian Festival.

**When:** 6:30-9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday

**Where:** Main Street and Center Street, downtown Northville.

**Admission:** Free with fees for some activities, call (248) 349-7640 or visit [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org).

the parade." Favorites include the parasol brigade, area third-graders dressed in Victorian garb and the arrival of Northville's Queen Victoria.

There's also a juried art show on Saturday and Sunday during the event. Sponsored by the Northville Arts Commission, the show features mostly Michigan artists working in mediums like photography, stained glass, pottery, furniture and jewelry.

Best of all, most activities and events are free, so families can enjoy a day's worth of entertainment free, Marrs said, adding, "Pretty old-fashioned."

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