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Tasty creations

Designer makes cakes that are equal parts fashion, savory. Taste, B1



Pipelining

M&M winners

They melt in your mouth, not in your hands. However, one package of M&M candies won't be eaten. Officials at Plymouth Marketplace report a couple shopping on Thursday bought a large bag of M&M's to satisfy a sweet tooth. They returned a short time later, after finding the package they bought was filled with gold-colored M&M's.

According to contest rules, the gold M&M's result in a \$50,000 cash prize, with another \$50,000 donated to Michigan Special Olympics. Despite the giant payout, the couple had to spend another \$2.89 to purchase a second package of M&M's to satisfy their candy crave, since they needed to save the gold M&M's to claim their prize.

Blood drive

The Plymouth Salvation Army is hosting



a Red Cross Blood Drive on April 15, 2003 from 2-8 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome.

Call (734) 453-5464 to schedule a time to give blood. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main in Plymouth.

Scholarships

The Plymouth Community Chorus, as part of its music education program, is offering three scholarships to students pursuing an education in the vocal field of performing arts.

One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior, and two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to students in sixth through 11th grades. The scholarships will be awarded at the chorus' May 4 performance of Broadway Legends.

The scholarships are intended to assist in the pursuit of studies in the field of vocal music, an applied vocational career in the field of vocal music, academic study of voice, or the study of voice for the purpose of organized recreational or community singing.

Applications must be post-marked by April 3, and can be obtained by calling Sherrie Northway, (313) 533-4795 or by writing to Plymouth Community Chorus, P.O. Box 70017, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Hall of Fame

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts its Plymouth Hall of Fame award dinner Tuesday, April 15, at Plymouth Manor. The banquet honors this year's inductees, longtime businessman and Briefcase Drill Team honcho Fred Hill and former U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell. The dinner is open to the public. Tickets are \$25 per person. Call (734) 453-1540.

Band again looking for new director

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

For the second time in two years, the Plymouth-Canton school district is looking for a director for its nationally-renowned marching band.

Clayton Wachholz, who was hired in July 2001, will leave the district at the

end of the school year to pursue his master's degree at the University of Michigan.

"I will be receiving a full-ride assistantship, which will allow me to work on my masters degree in music education while working with student teachers, observing them while they teach at schools throughout southeast Michigan," said

Wachholz, who noted the deal includes his tuition and a \$9,000 stipend. "The plan is to eventually get my PhD."

"It really was a tough decision, considering I've started to take the (Plymouth-Canton band) program in my own direction, and the kids were getting to understand the system," said Wachholz. "I love working with students, and the adminis-

tration has been very supportive."

Wachholz, who recently got married, said the decision was partly made to have more time.

"I still am fully committed to the program until the end of the year, but the job does take so much time," he said.

PLEASE SEE BAND, A7

Students taste sweet success

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Success can be sweet. That's what 272 Central Middle School students found out at this year's Sweet Success celebration Thursday night. It was a chance to honor those students who have a 3.5 or higher grade-point average, or achieved a substantial improvement in their grades.

"We want students to know we recognize the accomplishments they made," said Principal Joyce Johnson. "We appreciate the fact they have worked very hard and have gone beyond the expected level of achievement."

Toni Schingel, an eighth-grader from Plymouth Township,

PLEASE SEE SUCCESS, A6



Gov. Jennifer Granholm poses for a picture with Central Middle School sixth-grader Taylor Lewis, 11, as her mom, Lisa, videotapes the momentous occasion.

PAUL HURSCHE / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Friends help WW II vet get his medals

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A veteran of World War II, Walter "Wally" Abick reminisced about the medals he received for serving in the Navy, most notably on the beaches of Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944.

"About a year ago, Wally asked me to help trace down his medals from the service, so we wrote the Navy Department," said Art Butler, a Plymouth attorney who served in the U.S. Coast Guard. "It took a while and we wrote again ... and the medals came in."

It was Butler, and another Plymouth attorney, Stephen Boak, a veteran of the Army, who helped Abick in the efforts to get his medals.

According to Navy documents, Abick is authorized to wear a number of medals and awards. They include the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with three bronze stars; the World War II Victory Medal; the American Campaign Medal; the Navy Good Conduct Medal; and the Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal with two bronze stars. Abick is also able to wear the Honorable Service lapel pin and an Honorable Discharge button.

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Hockey game helps leukemia patient

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

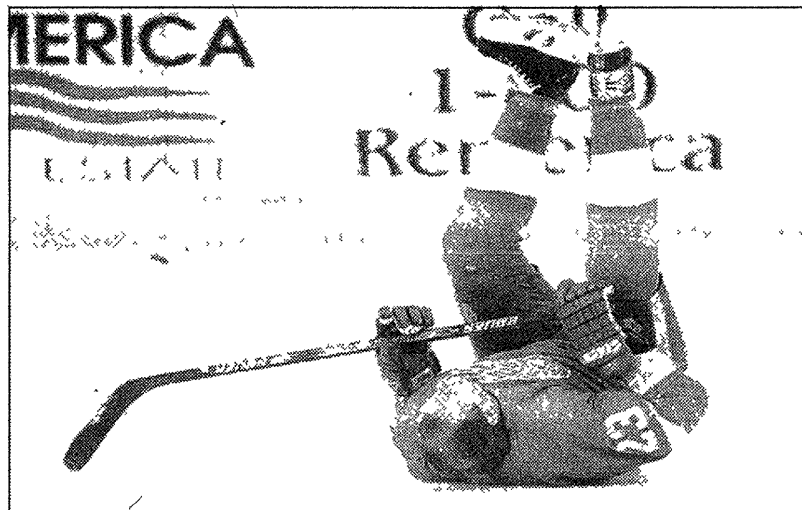
Noah Cook spent one Tuesday afternoon in January playing hockey with the guys at the Trading Post in Plymouth, the sporting goods store owned by his grandparents and managed by his father, Matt.

By the following Sunday Noah, just a few days shy of his third birthday, was in the hospital, diagnosed with leukemia.

Weakened by weekly chemotherapy treatments, 3-year-old Noah hasn't been able to use his legs since.

So on Thursday night, Plymouth Township police and alumni of the Detroit Red Wings took to the ice in a charity hockey game designed to make sure Noah

PLEASE SEE HOCKEY, A4



PAUL HURSCHMANN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Red Wings alumni team member Lee Norwood lands on his back during a benefit game Thursday at Compuware Arena for Mott Children's Hospital, Children's Leukemia Foundation in honor of Plymouth resident Noah Cook, 3, who was diagnosed earlier this year with leukemia.

Landscape firms help with trees

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When Wayne County officials announced they'd be taking out any diseased ash trees in county right-of-ways throughout Plymouth Township, township board members vetoed a plan by supervisor Steve Mann that would have paid for their replacement.

However, that doesn't mean township residents aren't going to get help replacing the trees.

A dozen area nurseries and landscape businesses have banded together to offer township residents discounts for trees they purchase to replace the ash trees removed by the county. The discounts vary by business, ranging between 10 and 20 percent.

County officials have published a list of trees they deem appropriate as replacement trees. In a letter to homeowners association presidents this week, Mann stressed the need for choosing a variety of tree species to replace fallen ash trees.

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LOOKING AHEAD
Floor show
Competition showcases creative arrangements with carpets and surrounding decor. In Thursday's At Home section.



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Credit union opens Salem branch

High school students no longer have far to go to get to a credit union.

Community Federal Credit Union recently held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Salem High School to celebrate the opening of its first high school branch in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Director of Secondary Education Lon Rutkofske, Community Education and Career Preparation Coordinator Betty Bloch, Salem Principal Gerald Ostoin and Assistant Principal Carolyn Anulewicz were on hand to welcome the credit union and congratulate students from the school's Advanced Marketing class who are operating the high school branch.

They also operate the school store known as The Rock Shop. Prior to opening the branch, students underwent interviews and training with credit union staff.

"This student-run branch fits in well with our curriculum by reinforcing the need for students to learn financial responsibility and establish good credit," Ostoin said. "Our students will also benefit from hands-on experience as branch volunteers."

In addition to this high school branch, Community Federal operates five other student branches in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools — including Allen, Hoben, Smith and

Tonda Elementary Schools and East Middle School.

Attending the ceremony on behalf of Community Federal were CEO Roger Ballard, management staff and Board of Directors Chairman Ron Carlson, who teaches at Canton High School.

"Because students will be interacting with financial institutions for the rest of their lives, the credit union provides an excellent opportunity to teach personal financial literacy and allow them to practice before they begin the next stage of their lives," said Natalie McLaughlin, Community Federal's Education Partnership Coordinator. "This program supports Community Federal's desire to provide financial education to the community."

The Salem branch is the 10th school credit union operated by Community Federal. In October 2002, the credit union opened its first high school branch at Northville High School.

Headquartered in Plymouth, Mich., membership in Community Federal is open to anyone who lives or works in Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, and the northern Michigan counties of Alpena, Otsego and Montmorency. For more information, visit the credit union web site at www.cfcu.org or call (734) 453-1200 or (877) 937-2328, toll free.

FIRE LOG

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period from March 19-25.

■ **Tuesday, March 25** — Residential rescue run on Coolidge; and commercial rescue run on Plymouth Road.

■ **Monday, March 24** — Residential rescue runs on Fairground, Bradner, Hunters Park Drive, Deer, Westbrook and Haggerty; commercial rescue runs on Haggerty, W. Ann Arbor Road, and Five Mile; rescue runs on Lilley and Tyler.

■ **Sunday, March 23** — Residential rescue runs on Erik

Pass, Haggerty, Morgan, Terry and Lindsay.

■ **Saturday, March 22** — Residential rescue run on Parkview; commercial rescue run on Haggerty; vehicle accident on southbound I-275 at M-14; and Sheldon to E.B. M-14 ramp; public building/school rescue run on N. Territorial; and investigation run on E. Hill Drive

■ **Friday, March 21** — Residential rescue run on North; commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road; public building/school rescue run on

Beck; and vehicle accident rescue run at North Territorial and Sheldon.

■ **Thursday, March 20** — Residential rescue runs on Grant, St. Andrews, Tyler, Medford Ct., Northville, Oxford and Northville Road; commercial rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road and on Eastside; and industrial rescue run on Sheldon.

■ **Wednesday, March 19** — Residential rescue runs on Minton; industrial rescue run on Plymouth; investigation run on N. Mill; smoke investigation rescue run on Oak

Kids star in church production

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

The folks at NorthRidge Church have the capacity to do some pretty fancy production work, and this week they'll be putting it to good use.

NorthRidge's Kids Choir puts on the full theatrical production "Fun in the Sun!" open to the general public April 2 and April 4 at 7 p.m. The production includes backdrops, choreography, dance teams and drama and features some 400 kids teaming up for some treasure-hunting adventure on the beach.

"It's a beach adventure where

the kids are trying to find a treasure," said Roxann Powell, who heads production for the church. "It's going to be a bunch of fun songs, and we have some special 'mystery' guests." Admission is free and open to the public.

Powell said the production shows the church's devotion to working with children. NorthRidge's Kids Choir is not only open to church members, but also to children from the community who aren't members of the church.

"We like people to know NorthRidge loves kids, so we want to provide something to kids in the community," Powell

said.

The spring production has been 10 weeks in the making. According to Powell, the production starts practicing in January, rehearsing one night a week.

"We do it every year to provide something arts-oriented for kids in the area," Powell said. "We have a lot of theatrical things we can do, and this is an opportunity for us to do it with the kids and give them some theatrical experience." NorthRidge Church is located at North Territorial and Ridge roads. Call (734) 414-7777 for more information.

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CLARIFICATION

A photograph in the March 27 *Plymouth Observer* should have identified a Plymouth Township resident from Iraq as Basma Fakri. The same photograph shows her son, Hassan.

WOMAN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will once again hand out scholarships to help women in the Plymouth community.

The scholarships — either a single \$1,000 scholarship or two worth \$500 each — are available to women who wish to return to the workforce and need to either update their skills or advance their degree by taking courses at a community college or any institution of higher education, Woman's Club officials explained.

Eligible applicants must live in the Plymouth community; list any community involvement, past and present; write a short essay (500 words or less) on "What the Plymouth Community Means to You" and how living here has affected the applicant's life; or describe how furthering the applicant's education at this time will change the applicant's life.

Applications are due April 15, and can be picked up and dropped off at the Plymouth Observer office, 794 S. Main. Applications, and further information, can also be obtained by calling K.C. Mueller, (734) 455-0075.

FIRST STEP VOLUNTEERS

First Step, the Western Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual Violence, is looking for volunteers.

A variety of volunteer opportunities are available, including assisting with support groups; 24-hour help-line workers; court advocacy; on-call assault response team; providing services and support to families in First Step's emergency shelter; and organizing family events and field trips.

The next volunteer training session will be conducted in early April. Anyone 18 and older is eligible to be a volunteer.

For more information, call (734) 416-1111, Ext. 202.

SPRING CLEANING

Officials for the city of Plymouth's Municipal Services Department announced a change to the annual spring

clean-up.

According to Neighborhood Services Coordinator Scott Cabauatan, the annual event will be broken down into two collection days. Residents with a Monday-Tuesday collection will have spring clean-up on April 26. Those with a Wednesday-Thursday collection will have spring clean-up on May 3.

Spring Clean-Up is an annual event that allows city residents to dispose of items found in a home that are not hazardous and won't pose a danger to collectors and staff.

"We have been preparing for this highly popular event and decided the city will be split into two collections this year to ensure collection is completed on the scheduled day," Cabauatan said.

Cabauatan said residents have an eight-can limit and things such as extremely large items, hazardous materials, combustibles, concrete, ammunition, tires and dirt/sod are prohibited.

Residents can check the city's Web site, www.ci.plymouth.mi.us, e-mail solidwaste@ci.plymouth.mi.us or call (734) 455-1392 for more information.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Plymouth Jaycees sponsor their annual Easter Egg hunt at the Plymouth Township Park softball field at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 19. Eligible age groups include 2-younger, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-older. The day will include raffles for scooters and other prizes, and pictures with the Easter Bunny will be available. Plymouth Township Park is located at McClumpha and Ann Arbor Trail. In case of inclement weather, or for more information, call the Jaycee hotline, (734) 453-4600.

PARENT NIGHT

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park counseling department presents "Junior Parent Night" on Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Canton High School. The program is designed to provide juniors and their parents with information to prepare them for the final year of high school and post-high school planning.

The evening will begin with an information fair where juniors and their parents will have the opportunity to browse, receive information and ask questions. At 7 p.m. there will be two keynote speakers. Judy Tatum, from Eastern Michigan University, will speak on the "College Selection Process" and Cynthia Van Pelt, from Eastern

Michigan University, will speak on "Financial Aid." Counselors will be available to answer questions following the speakers.

The program is open to all P-CEP juniors and sophomores who wish to get an early start on post-high school planning.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETS

The Plymouth Canton Community School Council is about to pass a major milestone.

The council will recognize its 30th year at a meeting scheduled for April 17. Current council members are seeking former board members and past school representatives to attend.

Anyone wishing to RSVP or acquire additional information can contact current president Colleen Brown via e-mail at cbrown57@comcast.net or by phone at (734) 455-1614.

HEALTH FAIR

NorthRidge Church sponsors its first health fair, "Spring into Good Health," from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 26.

Booths will be set up throughout the church's Activity Center and chapel for things like physical fitness, fire safety, child safety, heart disease and diabetes information.

Hearing evaluations, a massage table and cholesterol testing, along with smoking cessation information, will also be available.

NorthRidge Church is located at North Territorial and Ridge. For more information, call the church, (734) 414-7777, Ext. 225.

CHORUS PERFORMANCE

The popular men's chorus, "Measure for Measure," concludes the musical season at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29 celebrating the installation of the Father MacKinnon Memorial Organ at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth Township.

Dr. Leonard Riccinto, conductor, has assembled a 60-voice male ensemble, that will entertain the audience with a wide variety of selections, some featuring organ accompaniment.

Features will be *O Sing unto the Lord* by Normal Dello Joio. The grand finale will be a patriotic medley of songs. OLCG's own choir and organ will join the group for the hymn, *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory of the coming of the Lord*.

Measure for Measure appears widely throughout the area and has performed previously at Our Lady of Good Counsel. Admission is \$10.

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Central students sweep honors at German Day competition

Eight-grade students from Central Middle School returned from the High School German Day competition at the University of Michigan with more than their share of the prizes.

Competing against 28 other schools — 25 of them high schools — in skits, videos, poetry and reading, 16 students presented "Snow White and the Seven Mini-Pizza Dwarves." Done in German, the presentation was good enough to win first place for level one of all 29 schools in the Adaptation Skits competition.

The students also had the honor of being one of only two acts chosen to present their play at the afternoon awards assembly for some 1,400 German students in the Michigan Union Ballroom.

Actors included Brianna Jennings, Hannah Cavicchio, Stephanie Glidden, Priya Patel, Emily Scrimger, Emily Hoernschemeyer, Logan Mills, Emily Thayer, Jason O'Guinn, Alison and Andrea Spohn, Megan Grady, Ally Stencel, Katy Perkins, Nikkie Gambrell and Chris Jeffers.

In the Original Skits competition, Central students also took first place with their shopping skit presented by Paige Tofil, Caitlin Gromacki, Madeline Bartlett and Allison York.

Central students also took first place in the video competition, against freshman and sophomore German students, with their video, "Partnerspiel," which was a take-off on "dating game" television shows. Actors included Ally Stencel, Blaine Paden, Nikkie Gambrell, Kristi Durkin and

Megan McLaughlin.

"It was the best day of the year for the students," said Joy Large, their teacher. "Not only did they get the opportunity to perform, but they also had the fun of seeing other skits, musical acts and videos and finding out how much they could understand."

Large, who plans to retire after this year, has taken students to this competition since 1986, but this is the first year they took first place in every group competition for level one students, she said. Students won T-shirts with German Day logos emblazoned on them, as well as posters, an Austrian hat and other prizes.

Seventeen parents and several grandparents attended the event with the students. "Most of them didn't understand German, but they seemed to enjoy the day as much as their children," Large said.

Judges were professors and teaching assistants from the Department of Germanic Languages & Literatures at the University of Michigan. The event is sponsored by Mercedes-Benz, Volkswagen, Lufthansa, Goethe Institute, Austrian Cultural Forum and National Tourist Office, the Consulate General of Austria, Germany and Switzerland, German Information Center and several other German businesses.



Central Middle School students earned first place at the University of Michigan German Day competition for their skit, "Snow White and the Seven Mini-Pizza Dwarves." Actors included Brianna Jennings, Hannah Cavicchio, Stephanie Glidden, Priya Patel, Emily Scrimger, Emily Hoernschemeyer, Logan Mills, Emily Thayer, Jason O'Guinn, Alison and Andrea Spohn, Megan Grady, Ally Stencel, Katy Perkins, Nikkie Gambrell and Chris Jeffers.

Ryan plans spending freeze; principal replaced

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan, in a memo to employees, announced a spending freeze to help the district recoup money from foundation grant cuts ordered by the state.

"With the recent 3.8-percent reduction that totaled \$920,000 for our district in the 2002-2003 funding from the State of Michigan, and the uncertain financial time for the next school year and beyond, I am announcing a purchasing freeze effective Wednesday, March 19, 2003,"

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Ryan wrote. "I ask that our building principals and program directors only make purchasing requests of items that are absolutely necessary to your operation."

"As you know from our recent communication, the Board is close to approving a \$5.6 million adjustment for the 2003-2004 budget. Whatever we can do now to prudently expend the funds left in this year's budgets and

be thoughtful in our approach to next year's budget adjustments will help us handle the financial challenges ahead.

"I thank you for your hard work and understanding of our financial dilemma."

The Board of Education is currently working on reducing the deficit by June 30.

PRINCIPAL RESIGNS

Pioneer Middle School assistant principal Jeff Hamlin has resigned. A Plymouth-Canton school offi-

cial, who asked not to be identified, said there were discrepancies in Hamlin's stated educational background.

Tom Workman, a former principal, has been hired to fill the position on an interim basis until another assistant principal is hired.

The district is currently seeking applications, and plans to have a replacement before the end of the school year. Workman is a retired elementary and middle school principal.

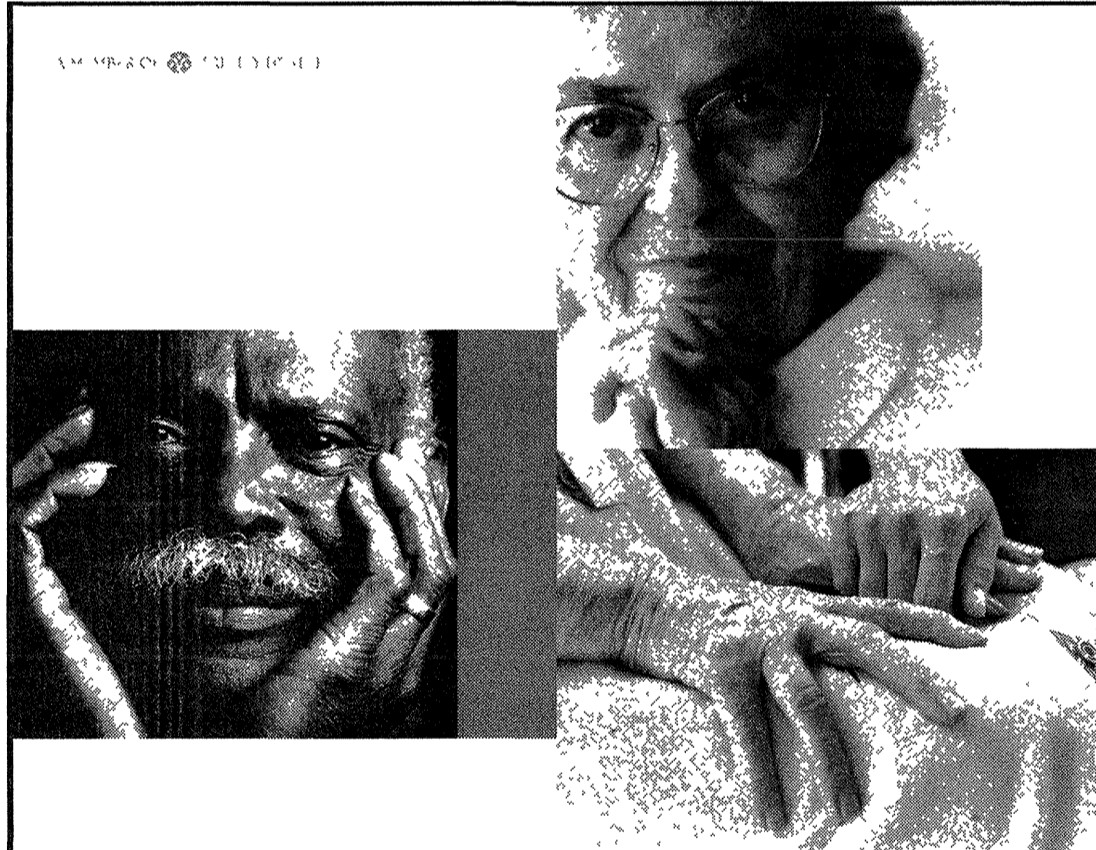
Television appearance highlights Plymouth store

Teri Allen, owner of Dearborn Jewelers of Plymouth, is featured in this week's episode of the Rotary cable television show, "Good Company." Allen discusses the new store in Plymouth, which moved from its Dearborn location and opened in January in conjunction with the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

The show airs on local Comcast Channel 25 in Plymouth, Canton and Westland.

Allen discusses the new store in Plymouth and the 53 year heritage of her family's jewelry business. The show airs at 9:30 tonight (Thursday).

More information about Dearborn Jewelers is available at the store's Web site, www.dearbornjewelers.com or by calling (734) 737-9525.



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HOCKEY

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will be able to use his legs again soon, raising money to benefit the Children's Leukemia Foundation and the Seventh Floor of Mott's Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, all in honor of Noah Cook.

The benefit hockey game ended in an 8-5 win for the Red Wing alumni, but that hardly mattered, as a portion of the ticket proceeds and the \$1,100 raised in a raffle will directly benefit Noah and his charity. The raffle featured an autographed Dominic Hasek jersey, an autographed, Olympic-issue stick from Brendan Shanahan and an autographed Al Iafate stick.

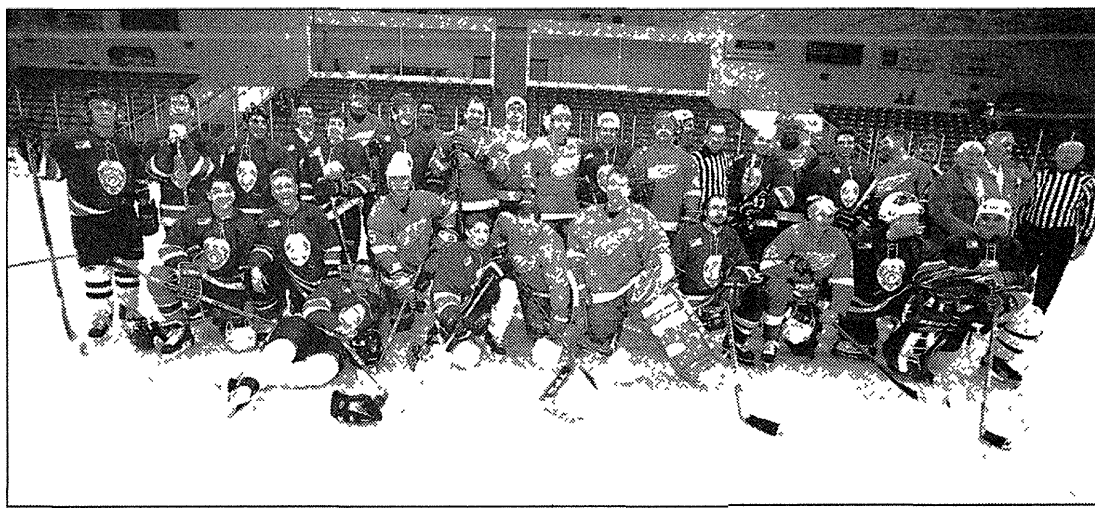
"The Red Wings hammed it up pretty good for us," laughed Dave Cook, Noah's grandpa and owner of the Trading Post. "We had a lot of fun."

Fun is a commodity the Cooks could use right about now. Noah couldn't be at the game because he's back in the hospital, where he's spent a great deal of time since being diagnosed in January. He's had weekly chemo treatments since then, although he'll shift in the next week or two to monthly sessions.

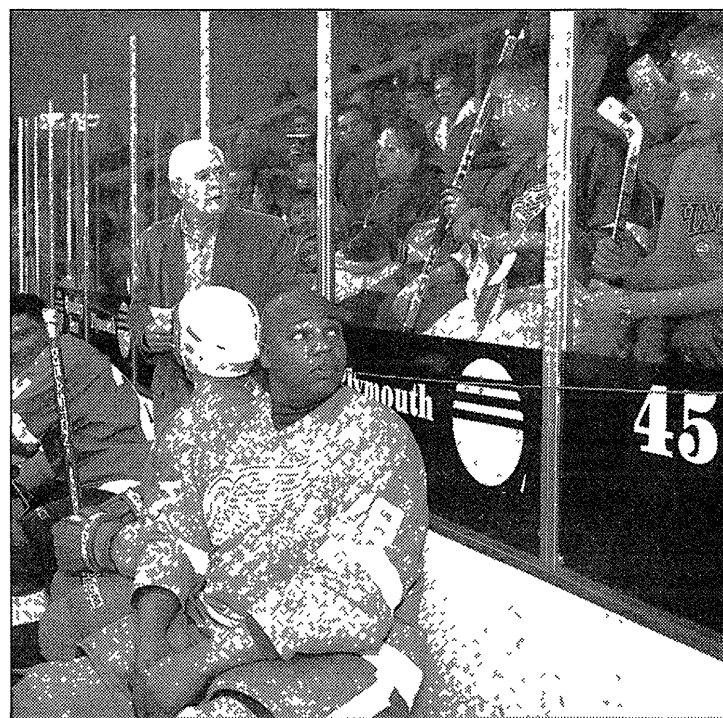
According to his dad, Noah is in good spirits and physically is "doing OK." Doctors are repeating tests done at the time of his diagnosis, and the prognosis is apparently pretty good. But the diagnosis caught the entire family by surprise, because Noah, even at his tender age, has always been very active. In fact, according to Matt, he'd just been moved up to work with the 5-year-olds in his gymnastics class.

Suddenly, that was all out the window.

"It's been awful to see a healthy young boy who was so coordinated go downhill every day," said his grandmother, Pam Cook.



The Red Wings alumni team and the Plymouth Township Police Department hockey team pose for a group picture following a benefit game Thursday.



Fans look through the glass at Red Wings alumni and honorary coach Joe 'The Appliance Doctor' Gagnon during their game against the Plymouth Township Police Department in a benefit game.

When the family came home from the hospital that first time, they were greeted by members of the Plymouth Township Police Department, many of them who play hockey with Matt or frequently shop at the Trading Post.

When they heard about Noah, they offered to help. "I grew up here, and we're fairly good friends with them,"

Matt Cook said of the police. "The first time we came home, they were nice enough to ask if they could do (the benefit) in Noah's honor."

Noah is handling his treatments quite well, according to his father. Matt Cook said Noah watches the needles go in and pays attention to his medications.

"If you ask him what medi-

cine they're not giving him any more, he can tell you," Matt Cook said. "It's amazing to watch him."

Progress is coming, and Noah excitedly calls for his parents to look when he moves his legs. Doctors are telling the family there's about an 85-percent cure rate for the disease. Noah should do chemo treatments for some three years, but it'll be another eight before the family knows for sure whether Noah has beaten the leukemia.

"He knows he's got a long way to go," Matt Cook said. "He's excited every minute he accomplishes something. His spirit through all of this has been very, very high."

Matt Cook is trying in various ways to let his son know he's there for him. As Noah has lost his hair, Matt has gradually cut his, before shaving it completely prior to Thursday's hockey game.

"I did it for him," Matt said. "I wanted him to see it in stages, kind of how he was losing his."

The biggest lesson may be one learned by Matt.

"It's something you think will never happen to you," Matt Cook said. "It makes you realize how special it is to be a parent."

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

PESTOW PROMOTION

Metaldyne has announced that Chuck Pestow, the company's vice president of sales and marketing, has taken on additional responsibilities as chairman of its newly created Technical Council.

In this new role, Pestow is responsible for leading and facilitating the exchange of communication, commercial technical opportunities and best practices between the engineering leadership of Metaldyne's global product groups.

In addition, he and the council will develop a process to encourage patents and technical innovation; establish standards for a common Metaldyne engineering approach; and promote and develop technical capabilities within Metaldyne through customer technical presentations, industry trade shows and technical papers.

"Under Chuck's leadership, the Technical Council will play an important role as we continue to emphasize and promote Metaldyne's technical and engineering capabilities to our current and future customers," said Tim Leuliette, Metaldyne's chairman, president and CEO.

Metaldyne, headquartered in Plymouth, is a designer and supplier of metal-based components, assemblies and modules for transportation-related powertrain and chassis applications including engine, transmission/transfer case, wheel-end and suspension, axle and drive-line, and noise and vibration control products to the motor vehicle industry.

CMS PROMOTIONS

CMS Energy's Board of Directors has moved a couple of Plymouth residents into positions of authority.

The board recently Carol A. Isles vice president and controller of CMS Enterprises, the corporation's diversified energy business unit. A 10-year employee, Isles formerly held

the same position with CMS Gas Transmission.

Isles joined CMS Enterprises as an internal auditor in 1993. She transferred to the financial and regulatory reporting department of CMS Energy's principal subsidiary, Consumers Energy, in 1994. In 1997 she joined CMS Gas Transmission as manager of accounting, and was named controller for that business unit in 1998.

Before joining CMS, Isles worked in Cyprus for Capital Intelligence, a bank rating agency, from 1990 to 1993; in London for Ernst & Young from 1988 to 1990; and in Rome for the Multinational Force and Observers, a peacekeeping force between Egypt and Israel, from 1986 to 1988. She worked for Ernst & Young in Kalamazoo from 1982 to 1986.

Isles, of Plymouth, was graduated from Kalamazoo College with a bachelor of arts in mathematics, and from the University of Michigan with a master of business administration degree. She is a certified public accountant and a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

The board also named Michael C. Sniogowski as the executive manager for CMS' independent energy services unit. He had served as executive manager of generation services for CMS Generation.

Sniogowski has more than 25 years of design, construction and operations management experience in the energy industry. He has held leadership positions in a regulated utility, a large original equipment manufacturer, and most recently with CMS Energy's independent power producer, CMS Generation. Sniogowski joined the Company in 1977.

Sniogowski, of Plymouth, has earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan State University, and a masters in business administration from the University of Michigan. He is a professional engineer registered in Michigan and Arizona.

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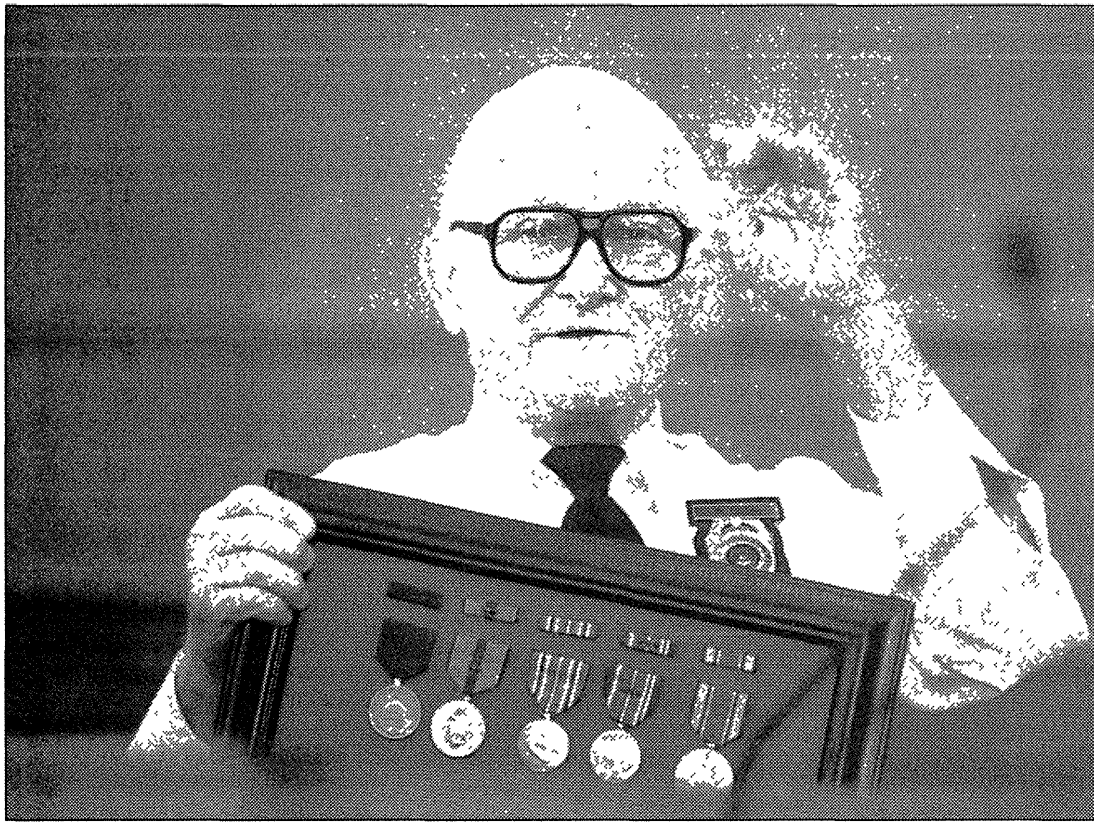
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35th District Court Officer Walter "Wally" Abick waves to a friend in the gallery during a ceremony to present Abick with his military medals. Abick received several medals for his service in the United States Navy during World War II.

VETERAN

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Utah Beach, Normandy, France, June 6, 1944, and performed duty with this battalion until 18 August 1944, and returned to the United Kingdom on 19 August 1944, duty well done."

Abick enlisted in the Navy in October 1942 and served for more than three years before being honorably discharged.

Despite the urging of well-wishers, Abick declined to talk much about the medals, only commenting that he "lost a lot of good buddies" during the landing on the beaches of Normandy. Before the ceremony, while being chided that the Navy may call him back for duty in Iraq, Abick said, "I'd go in a heartbeat."

MacDonald, who has worked with Abick for the last 19 years, said his court officer is a special person.

"He's as reliable and loyal as anyone can be," said MacDonald. "Wally is as viable today as he was when I first met him."

"He'll be here as long as he wants to be," added MacDonald. "If the truth be known, he really runs this court."

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35th District Court Officer Walter "Wally" Abick, right, receives congratulations from co-workers following a ceremony to present Abick with his World War II medals.

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MILITARY NEWS

Basic Training

Marine Corps Pvt. Mark E. Reid, Jr., son of Mary E. and Mark R. Reid of Canton, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. Reid is a 2002 graduate of Starkweather High School of Plymouth.

Deployment

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Ashley R. Fields, a 1999 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School, Canton, is halfway through a scheduled six-month deployment while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman home ported in Norfolk, Va.

Education

Army Pvt. Chad D. Goethe has arrived at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md., to complete the wheeled vehicle repairer advanced individual training (AIT) course. Goethe is the son of David A. and LLeEllyna. Goethe of Canton. He is a 2001 graduate of Plymouth High School.

Active Duty

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Randy A. Tatum, son of Joanne M. Tatum of Canton, recently reported for duty at Naval Air Facility, Key West, Fla. He joined the Navy in October, 1982.

Graduation

Air Force Airman Christopher J. Lambert has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of John and Diane Lambert of Plymouth and the grandson of Arthur and Elizabeth Lambert of DeBary, Fla. Lambert is a 1998 graduate of Deltona High School, Fla.

Sergeant Joseph T. Malas, Jr., son of Joseph and Janice Malas was awarded his second Navy and Marine Corps Achievement

Medal for superior performance of duties while serving as the platoon sergeant, maintenance chief and quality control inspector for Marine Wing Communication Squadron 38, Marine Air Control Group 38, Third Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Forces Pacific. He was a vital asset in support of over 35 squadron training exercises and maintenance of over 200 Major TAMCN items.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Jeffrey A. Page has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Page earned distinction as an honor graduate. He is the son of Dale Page of Plymouth, and is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

Active Duty

Marine Corps Capt. Albert M. Kim, a 1987 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, was recently called to active duty in support of Operation

Enduring Freedom while assigned to the Marine Corps Reserve's Third Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, home based in Terminal Island, Calif. Kim's unit will be deploying as part of a larger Marine force currently repositioning to Southwest Asia for possible future contingency operations in support of the global war on terrorism.

Delayed Training Program

Erica T. Wingfield has joined the U.S. Army Reserve under the Delayed Training Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay reporting for basic military training for up to 270 days. After completion of basic military training, most soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty. Wingfield will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. for basic training on Aug. 19, 2003. She is the daughter of Dorothy Jett of Canton.

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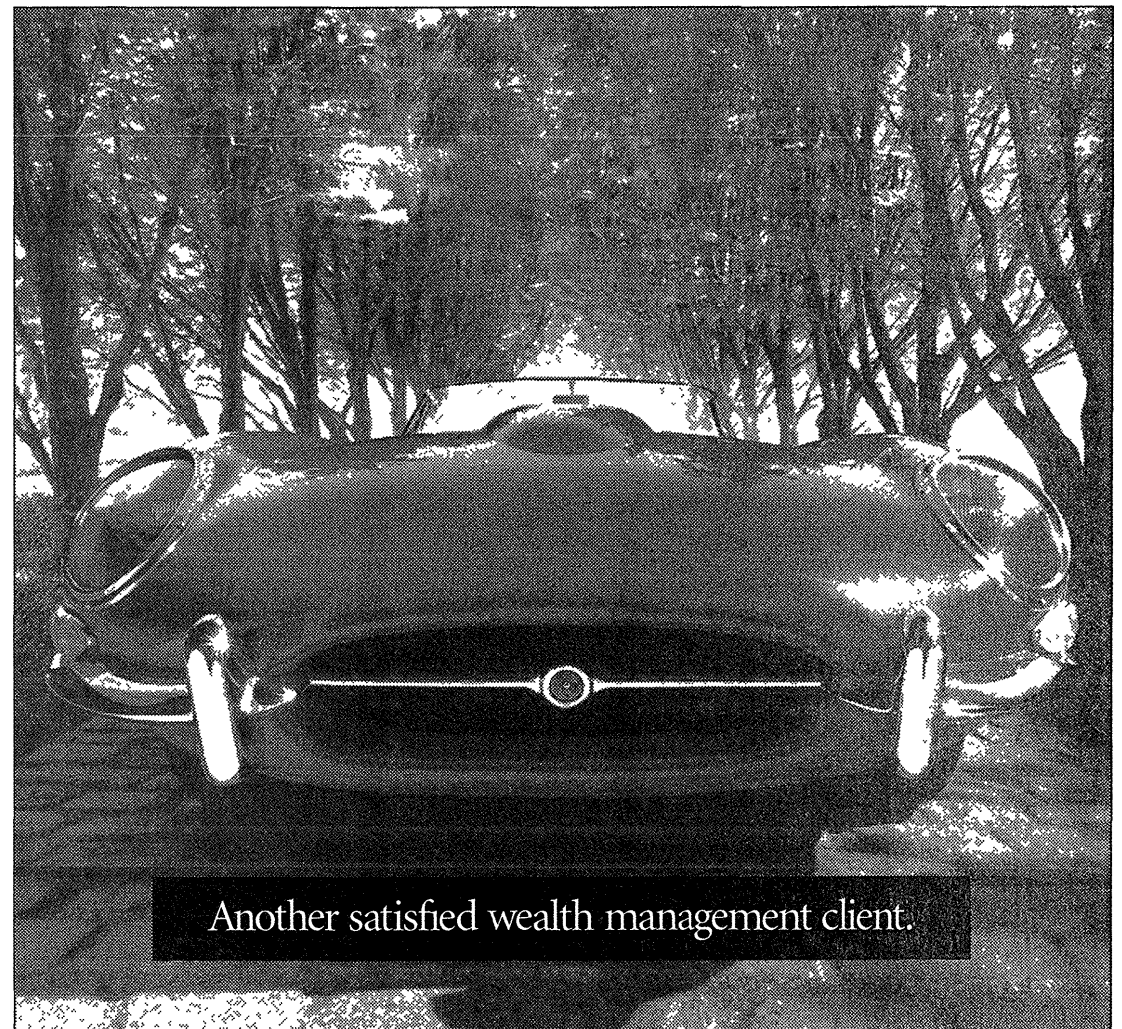
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SUCCESS

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noted her GPA was somewhere between 3.8 and 4.0. "A lot of people ask me, since I have a high grade-point average, if I'm organized," said Schingeck. "That has nothing to do with it for me, because I'm the most disorganized person. But, it's never affected my grades. You need to look at the details and read the directions, because you miss a lot if you don't." Schingeck's sister, Erika, a sixth grader, posted a 4-point. "I like language arts because it's not like social studies or math," she said. "You don't have to know a lot about the subject, you just have to write." No matter how it's done, the girls' mother, Christine Schingeck, said she learned to stop nagging her daughters

to do their homework, and the grades improved. "I don't tell them to study, I just tell them to do their best," mom said. "It's such an opportunity to be able to learn. You're only shortchanging yourself if you don't take advantage of it." One of Central's best-known moms was the night's keynote speaker. Gov. Jennifer Granholm, whose daughter Kate Mulhern is an eighth grader, told students "you can become anything" while giving three tips to success.

THREE TIPS

"To achieve greatness or success in life, you have to do three things," advised Granholm, who knows sweet success of her own as Michigan's first woman governor. "First, you need to think big. You cannot allow others to define you, and you must choose a path that is worthy of your knowledge. "Don't worry about achieving a position that sounds important," she



Gov. Jennifer Granholm shares a secret with Plymouth Canton Community Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan before Thursday's Sweet Success celebration at Central Middle School.

added. "You can exercise leadership from anywhere on the totem pole of life. "And, when you exercise leadership, do so in a way that you give something

back," said Granholm. "You are put on this planet to make it a better place."

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TREES

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play an important role, a greater diversity in tree planting will leave us less susceptible in the future to the type of damage, in terms of tree loss, that we have seen since the Emerald Ash Borer made its way into our neighborhoods," Mann said. Last year, Mann proposed the township help defray the cost of replacement with a program similar to the 50-50 split Canton Township is offering its residents, but Plymouth Township board members turned it down. In lieu of that, the list of nurseries who offered to help was compiled. "We realize there is going to be an unusually large number of people in the market for replacement trees, and the township asked us if there was something we could do to help in reforestation," said Tim Parker, general manager of Plymouth Nursery, one of the 12 offering discounts. "There's a major epidemic in our back yard, and this allows us to give back to the community."

- Businesses offering discounts include:
 - Frank's Nursery, 10-percent discount on the cost of trees. Homeowners responsible for installation. Call (734) 981-3193.
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 - K&G Landscaping, offering 20 percent discount on trees, delivery and installation. Call (734) 414-6112.
 - Landscaping Unlimited, 10 percent discount on trees, delivery and installation. Call (734) 459-3668.
 - Mark J. Baldwin & Associates, 10 percent discount on trees, delivery and installation. Call (734) 455-1350.
 - Old Village Landscaper, 20 percent discount on trees, delivery and installation. Call (734) 453-4607.
 - Plymouth Nursery, 15 percent discount from the Web site on trees, delivery and installation. Call (734) 453-5500.
 - Plymouth Rock and Supply, 20 percent discount on trees, delivery and installation. Call (734) 451-5500.
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- Information on the kinds of replacement trees allowed by the county, and other information about the program, can be found on the township's Web site, www.plymouthtp.org.

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The Wayne 11th Republican Committee will host Attorney General Mike Cox as guest speaker at this year's Lincoln Day Dinner on April 10 at the Holiday Inn at 17123 Laurel Park Drive in Livonia. The public is welcome to hear the attorney general, a former Wayne County prosecutor who lives in Livonia. A reception begins at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$45 per person, \$80 per couple. A table of eight is \$320. Reservations must be made by Friday, March 21. Contact Pattie Coughlan, (248) 474-3525.

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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, April 7, 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:

SCHAAR/GLASS REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 064 99 0003 000 AND 064 99 0004 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL (1 DWELLING UNIT/5 ACRES) TO R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (3 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE). Property is located south of Saltz between Beck and Canton Center Roads.

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, April 3, 2003, in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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OBITUARIES

Emily Jean Blair

Services for Emily Jean Blair, 78, of Canton were held March 18 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Neil Swanger officiating.

Mrs. Blair was born Oct. 20, 1924, in Detroit and died March 15 in Farmington Hills. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Blair was preceded in death by her son, James Blair, and sister-in-law, Margaret Domilici.

Survivors include son, Thomas Blair of Canton; daughters, Pamela Witte and Leslie Blair; brothers, Frank (Diane) Porterfield and Ellis (Shirley) Porterfield; sister-in-law, May Prisby; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 26555 Evergreen Road, Ste. 375, Southfield, MI 48075-2689.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

George Arthur Kippola

Services for George Kippola, 76, of Plymouth were held March 27 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Mr. Charles Prusi officiating. Burial took place at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. Kippola was born April 15, 1926, in Ishpeming and died March 25. He worked as a miner for 15 years and, after moving to Plymouth, worked as an electrician for Ford Motor Co. for 23 years, until his retirement in 1989. He was a member of the Finnish Apostolic Lutheran Church.

Survivors include wife, Marie; daughters, Georgann (Kurt) Coon of Bannister, Mich., and Barbara (Mark) Lukasik of Columbia, Tenn.; grandchildren, Melissa (Nathan) Seybert of Mesa, Ariz., James Coon of Bannister and Phoenix, Ariz., Mark (Amanda) Lukasik of Spring Hill, Tenn., and Jonathan Lukasik of Columbia, Tenn.; great-granddaughter, Abigail Seybert; brothers, Arnold (Anja) Kippola of Ishpeming, Harold (Elaine) Kippola of Clinton Township, Donald (Margaret) Kippola of Plymouth; sister, Ruth (Melvin) Hjelt of Negaunee; many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Edward Alfred Coleman

A private memorial service for Edward Coleman, 95, of Plymouth will be held in the Chapel at Acacia Park Cemetery.

Mr. Coleman was born June 9, 1907, in London, England, and died March 23 in Plymouth. He came to America in 1916 at age 9. Mr. Coleman worked at the Detroit News for more than 55 years. He enjoyed mechanics, woodworking and dance music.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years, June Ida Schmidt.

Survivors include son, Edward of Austin, Texas; daughter, Joan MacFarland of Brighton; and daughter, Lynda Neuroth of Canton; and grandchildren Angie, Nancy, Pam, Scott, Heidi, Heather and Peter.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association-Greater Michigan Chapter, 17220 W. 12 Mile, Southfield, MI 48076.

Raymond Dean Colley

Services for Raymond Colley, 60, of Canton were held March 29 at Graceway Baptist Church in Missouri with the Rev. Bob Stephenson officiating. Full military honors and burial will follow in I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Mt. Vernon, Mo.

Mr. Colley was born Dec. 21, 1942, in Mt. Vernon and died March 26 in Canton. He graduated in 1965 from SMS and was a four-year veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of Canton Friendship Church and a quality control engineer with the Lear Corporation in Dearborn. A long-time resident of Canton, he lived in several states throughout his career. He was an avid jogger and sportsman who enjoyed bass fishing, snow skiing, basketball and football.

Mr. Colley was preceded in death by his father, Quentin Colley; and brother, Gary Colley.

Survivors include wife,

Martha; mother and step-father, Juanita Colley (Dave) Eckman of Springfield; daughters, Tisha (Al) Perry of Florida and Debbie (Edward) Schoerner of California; son, Bob (Mikki) Cochran; granddaughter, Kylie Perry; sister, Klista (Verlan) Smith of Kirbyville; brother, Brent (Pam) Colley of Willow Springs; aunts and uncles, Byron (Evelyn) Colley of Mt. Vernon, and Leroy (Virginia) Dodson of El Paso, Texas; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends also survive.

Arrangements made by Canton Friendship Church.

BAND

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"It's not the type of job if you want to spend time with a family, which I'm looking forward to someday."

Wachholz said the time commitment is especially long during the fall marching band season. He said it's not unusual to begin work at 6:45 a.m. and continue through 9 p.m. during the school week, 7 a.m.-11 p.m. on Saturday competition days, as well as Sunday morning meetings.

Wachholz said he notified the administration of his intentions to apply at the U-M at the beginning of the semester, before he was even hired, to give the district time to find a replacement.

"I made my intentions known early

because of the students," said Wachholz. "When I was hired, it was very late. I would like to hand off the baton to the next director running at full speed."

Wachholz succeeded Dave McGrath, who left for a position in Texas, but ended up teaching at Walled Lake High School. At the time he was hired, Wachholz was a teaching assistant at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and had been a band director at Charles B. Whitnall High School in Greenfield, Wis., a suburb of Milwaukee, where he taught for two years.

Wachholz has led the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band to two top-10 finishes in national competition.

"We're disappointed he's leaving," said Jerry Olexsey, president of the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters. "He established a pep band for the football games; initiated a jazz band,

which the students love; and maintained the standards of our marching band."

Wachholz said he believes the high school music program has been very successful the past two years.

"We've had two good years of music education, and my hope is we can find someone interested in some of the same things, which is a tall order," he said. "The position will certainly attract the brightest and best around the country."

Frank Ruggirello, the district's director of communications, said there has already been interest in the position. Olexsey isn't surprised.

"It's a great opportunity," he said. "We have a good music program, great boosters and administration, and nice facilities."

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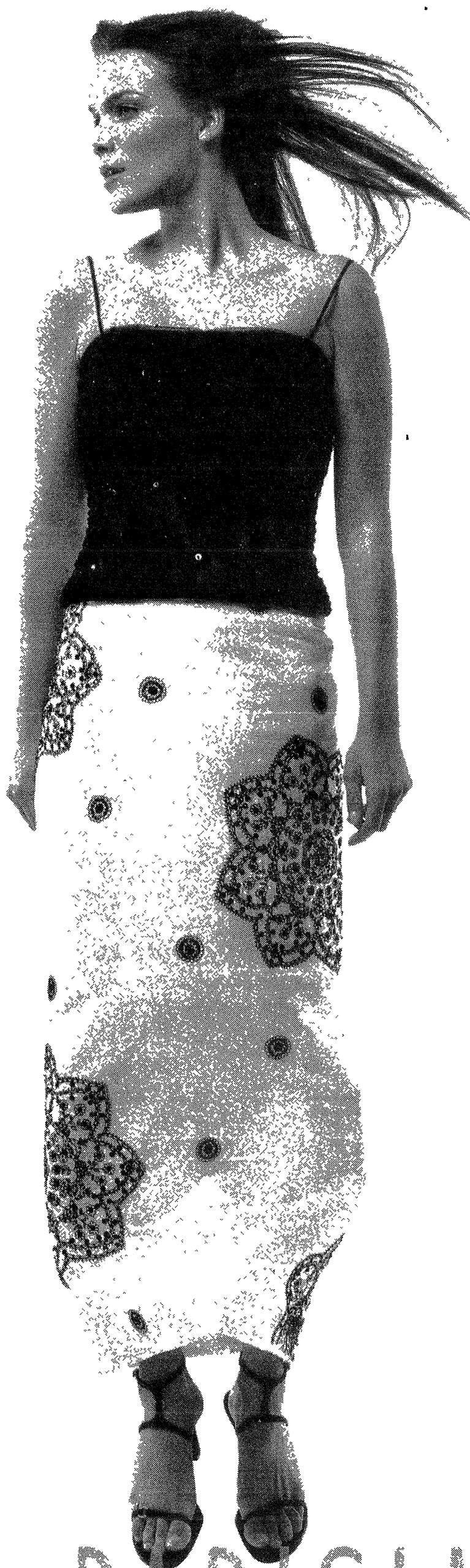
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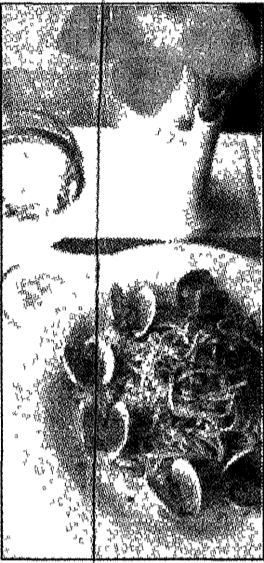
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Please send a note to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

'Slice for Life'

Enjoy pizza and help the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Capuchin will team up with Buddy's Pizza to co-host the



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Visit any of the Buddy's six dine-in locations throughout the metro area and indulge yourself with all the cheese and two-topping pizza and salad you can eat that day.

You also can visit any of the three carry-out locations and get a 4-square cheese and two-topping pizza or an individual sized salad.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors (over 62) and \$6.50 for kids.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen to help them serve over 2,500 hot meals a day.

Buddy's Pizza has dine-in locations at 33605 Plymouth, just west of Farmington, in Livonia; 31646 Northwestern, west of Middlebelt in Farmington Hills, and 2612 N. Squirrel in Auburn Hills. Takeout restaurants are located at 3637 Maple (at Lahser) in Bloomfield Hills and 32218 N. Woodward in Royal Oak.

Advance adult and senior tickets are available now by calling (313) 579-2100 ext. 201 or by purchasing the tickets at the door the day of the event.



Michelle Bommarito, pastry chef and specialty cake designer

Pastry chef spends equal time on taste and elaborate appearance in her specialty cake creations

Master designer

By Lana Mini ■ Staff Writer

The sweet gold details on the teal buttercream frosting fooled the eyes and created an illusion that the tall wedding cake was actually a stack of antique books.

The cake was exquisite because, after all, Michelle Bommarito is an artist. The Bloomfield Hills woman has earned a sterling reputation as an innovative cake designer whose extraordinarily detailed creations are almost mind-boggling.

Equally important is that Bommarito is a trained pastry chef, so flavor is never overlooked.

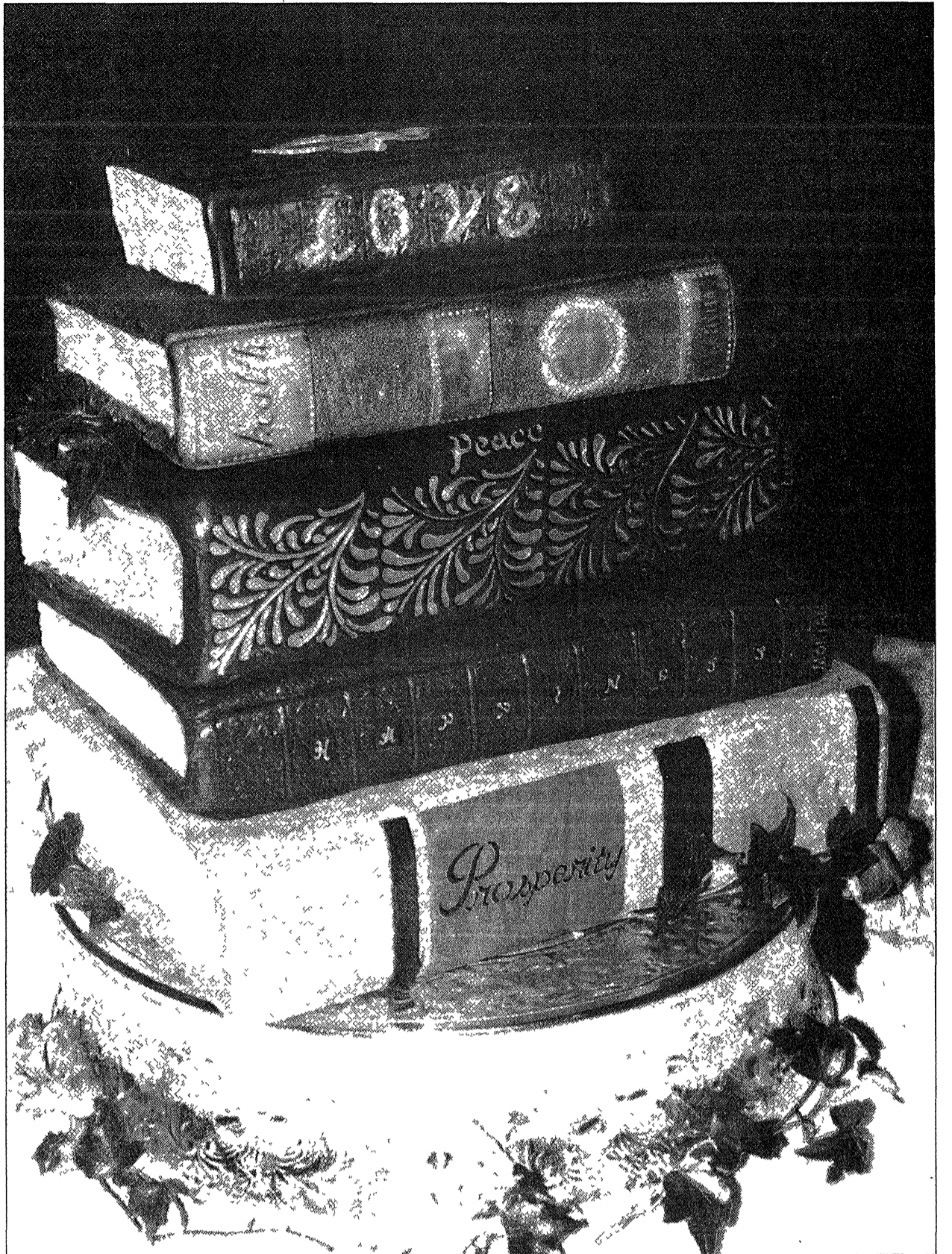
"Very often wedding cakes are pretty but they won't taste great," Bommarito said. "The outside of the cake is just as important as the inside. I want people to enjoy eating."

Taste is the reason Bommarito bakes flavors like dark chocolate with raspberry ganache; carrot walnut; fluffy white, banana nut and frostings of lemon or raspberry buttercream or plain rich buttercream.

"I want the cakes served fresh; so I'm usually awake all night long prior to the event," Bommarito said.

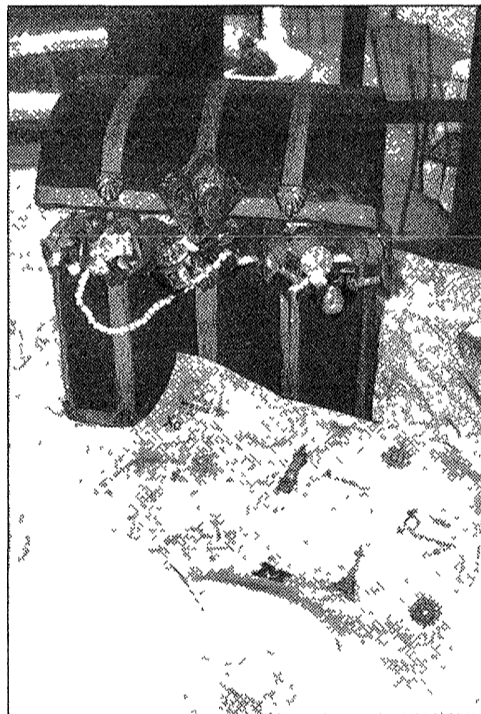
Like many artists Bommarito's originality flourishes during the early morning darkness. While the rest of the world sleeps, she is creating. Today she's a chef in high

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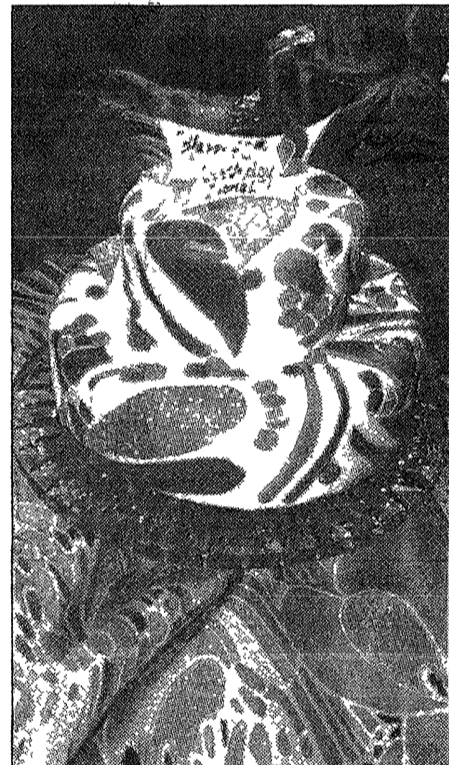


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No, it's not a stack of vintage books — it's actually a cake created by Michelle Bommarito for an Oakland County couple who collect antique books. It's one of Bommarito's favorites.



This treasure chest wedding cake with an edible map was designed to honor the courtship of the bride and groom. The destinations on the treasure map show where the couple met, dated and became engaged.



A Pucci patterned cake was created to mimic a Pucci dress worn by the honoree of a private party.

Brilliant wines come from Italy's Piedmont region

The history of Vietti winery in Italy's Piedmont region began in the mid 19th century, but then, only for winemaking. At the beginning of the last century, Vietti became a winery with its own brand.

"As the Vietti winery grew," said current owner and winemaker Luca Currado, "to one of the top-level wineries in the area, it was among the first to export to the U.S. Then 50 years ago, it was again on the cutting edge to select and vinify grapes from single vineyards."

Today from the Piedmont, the white wine varietal Arneis is well known, but how did it get its start?



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

"In 1967," Currado continued, "my father Alfredo Currado wanted to produce a white wine; not chardonnay or a grape from outside the region. He knew of Arneis but it had fallen from favor because it was always made as a sweet wine. He wanted to rediscover Arneis as a dry wine."

The bright, fresh, multi-layered 2001 Vietti Arneis (\$20)

proves Alfredo Currado's success. It's a tasty, fuller alternative to sauvignon blanc. "It has the aroma of a white wine," Luca said, "but the fullness of a red."

WINES OF EMOTION

Luca Currado dislikes the fact that many wine critics extol the virtues of wines with a lot of extract and concentration.

"These wines," he said, "hit the taster with the first smell and taste. They are too big and powerful to match with food. They are way over the top."

"Yet, it's sometimes true that wines that do match with food don't offer emotion when they

are tasted. I strive to make wines somewhere in the middle.

"Wine should be food for the mind and cause emotion. When you taste the wine, your mind should travel to the wine's place of origin. The worst compliment you can give my wine is to say that it is internationally styled!"

TRADITIONAL VS. MODERN

Italy's Piedmont winemaking is steeped in tradition, so it is often said that a given producer practices traditional winemaking methods while another is totally modern.

"That's an unfair comparison," Vietti noted.

"So-called modern wines are labeled that based solely on the use of new French oak barrels. Oak is a winemaker's instrument; its taste should not be noticed in the wine."

"The future of modern winemaking anywhere in the world revolves around expressing the vibrancy of the place where the grapes are grown. The French call this terroir. If a traditional vs. modern classification for Piedmont wines is used, then making wines to showcase terroir does not fit the concept."

Among its wines, Vietti produces three grand cru

PLEASE SEE WINE, B3

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TASTE CALENDAR

Desserts
 Chef Richard Michels of Give Thanks Bakery in Rochester will present Light and Lively Spring Fruit and Mousse Desserts 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at Bella Cucina, 2505 Orchard Lake Road, in Sylvan Lake. Michels will instruct complete presentation of raspberry mousse and lemon mousse, buttercrust tart variations, fruit flan, fruit mousse torte and decorating with fruit. Payment of \$30 per person is required with registration form in advance of the class. Call Trevarrow at (248) 377-2300 for information.

Nanny's Kitchen
 Nanny's Kitchen, 304 East Street in Rochester Hills, offers spring cooking classes, including Made It Myself (for ages 4-10) where children will learn to prepare nutritious foods, enjoy desserts and design their own cookbook. Ages 4-7 will meet for four Thursdays, 4-5:30 p.m., starting April 3, and ages 8-10 will meet for five Wednesdays, starting April 2, 4-5:30 p.m. Fees are \$160 for children aged 4-7 and \$200 for children aged 8-10. A class for Beginner Chefs (ages 11 and up) will instruct young teens on menu planning, reading recipes, shopping lists and kitchen safety. This class meets 7-8:30 p.m. for five weeks on Tuesdays, starting April 1. Fees are \$200. Adults can learn how to simplify recipes, coordinate side dishes and

present foods in an attractive way. This class meets for five weeks on Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. starting on April 2. Fees are \$200. A second class meets for four Thursdays, starting April 3, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Fees are \$160. Call Nanny's Kitchen at (248) 651-1622 for information.

Grill Thrills
 Learn how to get more flavor from grilled foods, dry rubs, safe food handling and about different woods and charcoal at "Thrill O' the Grill" class Wednesday, April 9, at Royal Oak Kimball High School, room K159. Participants receive a CD-ROM or world championship grill recipes and 500 summer campout recipes. Create a tasty dry rub gift to take home. Bring one clean pint (small) canning jar and lid (from hardware store). There is a \$10 materials fee paid at class and \$12 tuition. Call the Royal Oak Community Education office at (248) 588-5050 to enroll (pre-registration required).

Pacific Rim
 Explore the tastes of the Pacific Rim and discover the mysteries of Asian cuisine at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus. Student culinarians will guide you through a five-course dinner fantasy with wine included, on Thursday, April 10. Fare is only \$50 per guest. To reserve your seat, call (248) 522-3700.

CAKES

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demand whose wedding cake schedule is booked well into the year. She also squeezes in a few birthday, anniversary and bat and bar mitzvahs to a few lucky customers.

Bommarito can create whatever the client wants: A replica of a treasure chest — with coins and sparkling jewels made of sugary edibles; a three-dimensional buttercream frosting-furry dog cake that resembled an owner's pet; hockey and princess cakes; trains; movie marquees and traditional white wedding cakes with fresh flowers.

"My clients and I brainstorm together," she said. "I learn of their loves, interests or hobbies and from there we get our ideas."

Bommarito also is a culinary arts instructor who teaches cooking and cake decorating courses throughout the tri-county area. She even offers in-house cooking courses as gifts.

Her experience in food is lifelong, she said. Her father owned Bommarito's Sausage on the east side and quality food was always a family priority. The energetic chef originally planned to work in advertising, but realized she missed the food world. So she moved to New York. There she was trained in culinary and pastry arts at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in Manhattan during the 1990s. Four years later, she landed a job as a chef in Martha Stewart's test kitchen. A career highlight was appearing as a guest on Stewart's show where Bommarito showed the nation her skills. Her creation: A



Notice the flowy, red-and-white checkered tablecloth made purely of edible ingredients for this chocolate cake. Bommarito designed the edible picnic basket, bread and miniature foods for the top.

miniature garden, which was actually a cake. Everything on it was edible including the sugary artichoke crop, green grass and white picket fences on top.

"Even though I worked as a chef for years it wasn't until I heard Martha introduce me as 'Pastry Chef Michelle Bommarito' that I realized I made it."

Working in a kitchen meant little time was spent working with people. She relocated to Michigan and wanted the creative freedom of cake design, plus it gave her the opportunity to be back into the world with human contact.

Today her clients call upon her repeatedly. Hallie Moss of Birmingham has hired Bommarito on three

occasions. The first was to create her off-white, engagement cake that was dusted in silver. Later Bommarito made Moss' four-foot-tall chocolate-raspberry ganache wedding cake etched with copper detailing.

"The cake was absolutely beautiful," Moss said.

"Michelle was at my wedding the entire day dipping strawberries in chocolate and filling eclairs."

Last week Bommarito made a leopard print cake for a Moss' aunt and uncle's 50th birthday party.

"It was gorgeous," Moss said. "I've tasted many cakes, many wedding cakes, and Michelle's are the best. Her attention to detail is astounding and she's just a pleasure."

Baking the perfect cake

Michelle Bommarito is a pastry chef, culinary instructor and cake decorator of elegant and whimsical wedding and special cakes. She shared some tips on how to bake and decorate a cake at home.

PLAN WELL

- Don't buy the ingredients, bake the cake and decorate it all on the same day as your party. "Bake the cake one day before you are going to decorate it," Bommarito said. "Refrigerating the cake makes frosting it easier anyway."

BAKE WELL

- Know how to measure. Don't measure the flour by scooping the cup into the flour bag. First fluff the flour in the bag with fork. Then use a spoon to spoon flour into the cup and then level it off neatly.
- Cocoa, granulated and brown sugar can be packed into a measuring cup. Flour should not be firmly packed.
- Grease the cake pan with vegetable shortening. Just moments prior to pouring the batter, dust pan with flour. If you dust too early, the vegetable oil will absorb into the flour.

- Fill the cake pan only halfway with batter. If a pan is overfilled, the cake will not cook thoroughly. "Use the extra batter to bake cupcakes," Bommarito suggested. "This way you can sample the cake."
- Know the proper oven temperature.
- "If a recipe calls for 350°, make sure the oven is at 350°," she said. "All ovens are different. Use an oven thermometer for accurate temperatures."
- Don't open that oven door. Repeatedly opening it can impact the baking process. "Cakes rise because of steam and heat. You lost a lot of heat every time the oven door is opened," Bommarito said. "If you need to see the cake use the light."
- Place the cake in the middle oven rack to ensure even baking.
- Test cake five minutes prior to scheduled completion time. Use a toothpick to check center. Also, if the cake has shrunk away from the side of the pan, it is probably done or nearly done.
- When cake is baked, let it cool. Use a wire rack to allow cool air to flow along the bottom of the pan. Don't set pan



Brides looking for a pure white cake can enjoy simple elegance. Chocolate raspberry ganache is a favorite requested by couples today.

FROST WELL

- Refrigerate cake to chill it prior to decorating.
- Apply a not-too-thick layer of frosting around the cake. Refrigerate it for at least 15 minutes. Then apply the next layer of frosting and chill again. Repeat the chilling process with each layer for a smoothly, ridge free frosted cake.

By Lana Mini

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■ Visit cake decorating stores for easy-to-use decorating supplies, including Heinrichs, 8160 E. 10 Mile Rd., in Center Line (Phone: (586)758-5100) or The Kitchen Witch, 134 E. Main St., Northville (Phone: (248)348-0488

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The above businesses also host culinary courses. The following locations also host Bommarito's culinary and pastry classes: The Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham (Phone: (248) 593-6956); Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation, call (248) 473-1800 for locations, and Bloomfield Hills Recreation and Community Services, call for locations at (248) 645-4807.

CAKE RECIPE

CHOCOLATE RASPBERRY GANACHE CAKE

- 6 ounces semisweet chocolate
- 6 ounces unsweetened chocolate
- 6 eggs, separated
- 1 cup butter
- 2 cups white sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup heavy whipping cream
- 6 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped
- 2 8-ounce packages frozen raspberries, thawed
- 1/4 cup seedless raspberry preserves

Preheat oven to 300° F. Grease two 9-inch round cake pans.

Melt 6 ounces of semisweet chocolate and 6 ounces of unsweetened chocolate in the top of a double boiler. Cool, and beat in egg yolks. In a large bowl, beat butter, 1 1/2 cups sugar, and vanilla until light and fluffy. Add chocolate mixture, and continue beating until smooth. Stir in flour until just combined. In another bowl, beat egg whites until foamy. Gradually beat in remaining 1/2 cup sugar, and continue beating until the whites hold soft peaks. Fold whites into chocolate batter. Pour batter into prepared pans. Bake for 45 minutes or until toothpick in center comes out clean. Cool 5 minutes in pan, then turn out onto rack to cool completely.

Ganache:

In a saucepan, bring cream just to a boil. Add the chopped semisweet chocolate and stir into the cream. Remove saucepan from heat, and continue stirring until smooth. Pour into bowl, and press sheet of plastic wrap directly against surface of chocolate to prevent formation of a skin. Refrigerate until thick enough to spread. Assemble. Drain the thawed raspberries, if necessary, and combine with the preserves. Sandwich the cake layers with raspberry filling. Spread top and sides with chocolate ganache.

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Beet soup simmers with vegetables

When there's a chill in the air, nothing satisfies like a warming bowl of soup.

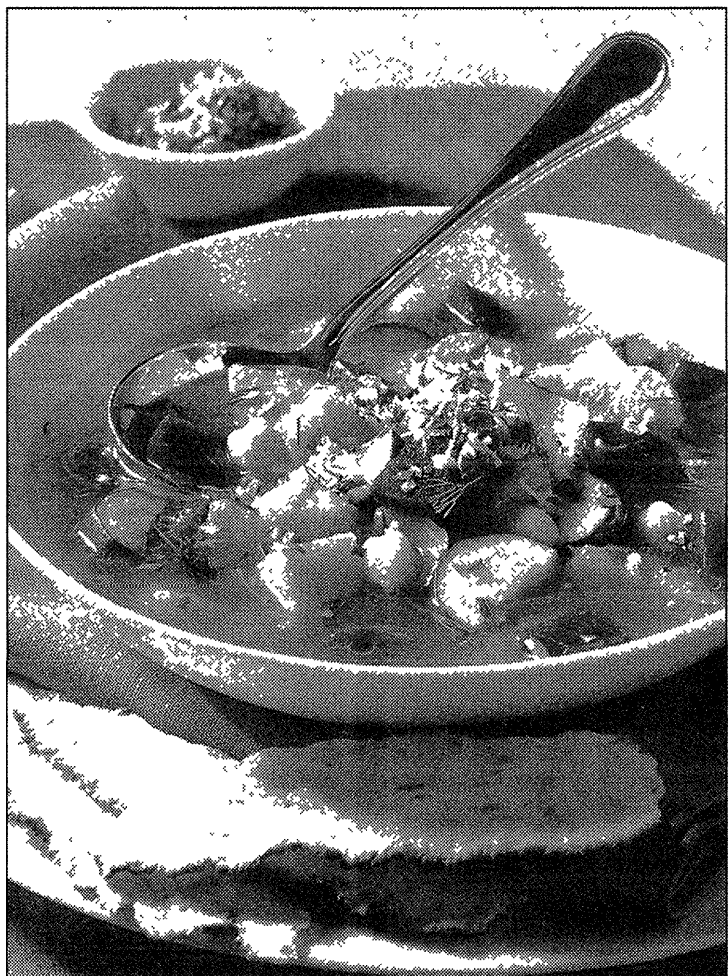
Rustic Vegetable-Beet Soup created by Diane Rossen Worthington, author of *Seriously Simple* (Chronicle Books, 2002) is just right for today's cook. It's seriously simple, and mighty memorable. Worthington feels that "home cooks long for recipes that taste great without the wait." Her goal is to create satisfying dishes that reduce preparation time and use streamlined cooking techniques while enhancing flavors.

This soup looks and tastes like it should've taken hours to prepare and simmer but it didn't. Ready in about half an hour, and chock-full of nutrient-rich carrots, sweet potato, zucchini and beets, it's a soup that promises to satisfy both the cook and the palate.

Worthington coarsely chops most of the soup ingredients to save time and to impart that "rustic," hearty look. The vegetables are simmered just until they're tender. Near the end of cooking, she adds jarred pickled beets, an unexpected ingredient, that really makes this soup special. Using the prepared beets not only is a real time-saver, but they add taste and color, she says.

Relying on one or two bold flavors in a recipe is another important technique for Worthington. For example, she likes how the sweet-tangy pickled beet flavor imparts a unique flavor boost to the soup, and the way fresh dill complements both the beets and other ingredients.

Complete the menu with a favorite bread and a simple fruit dessert.



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Rustic vegetable-beet Soup, brimming with nutritious vegetables, is the perfect meal for a chilly day.

RUSTIC VEGETABLE-BEET SOUP

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 medium onions, coarsely chopped
- 2 medium carrots, coarsely chopped
- 1 medium sweet potato, peeled and chopped
- 2 large garlic cloves, minced and chopped
- 2 zucchini (about 5 ounces each), coarsely chopped
- 2 cans (14 ounces each) vegetable broth
- 1 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 1 can (15-1/2 ounces) chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 2 tablespoons each finely chopped fresh parsley and dill
- 1 jar (16 ounces) Whole Pickled Beets, well drained, coarsely chopped
- Gremolata (recipe below)

In large saucepan, heat oil over medium heat. Add onions; sauté about 5 minutes or until softened.

Add carrots, sweet potato and garlic. Sauté 3 to 5 minutes or until mixed well and vegetables begin to soften.

Add zucchini, broth and seasoned salt. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, partially covered, about 15 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Add chickpeas; heat through. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Stir in parsley and dill. Stir in beets. Serve immediately topped with gremolata, if desired.

Makes 6 servings
Nutritional information: 239 calories; 6 g protein; 40 g carbohydrate; 7 g fat; 1,179 mg sodium; 0 mg cholesterol; 6 g dietary fiber; 2 mg iron; 9,850 IU Vitamin A; 8 mg Vitamin C.

GREMOLATA

- 1 tablespoon each minced fresh parsley and dill
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel

Combine all ingredients in small bowl.

Recipe courtesy of Seneca Foods.

WINE

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Wine Picks

Viognier, sauvignon blanc and crisp-style chardonnays are perfect whites to welcome spring.

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Best buys: 2001 Hawk Crest (\$11) and 1999 King Estate (\$10).

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.

With good length in the finish, it's rich, full and multi-layered with spice elements.

■ 1997 Vietti Barolo Brunate (\$85) is a diamond in a wine glass. Depending on the light of the moment, it showcases its brilliant multifaceted,

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Food bank joins fund-raiser

For the third consecutive year the Food Bank of Oakland County (FBOC) joins the Feinstein Million Dollar Challenge to fight hunger.

Throughout March and April any monies donated to the FBOC will become part of this matching gift program sponsored by the Shawn Alan Feinstein Foundation. Since 1998, the foundation has been helping non-profit anti-hunger organizations boost their fund-raising efforts through its annual challenge.

The Feinstein Foundation will divide \$1 million proportionately between all non-profit anti-hunger groups that participate in the challenge.

Feinstein's past offers have raised over \$120 million for over 2000 agencies nationwide.

This year the FBOC has already raised \$31,000 (in the month of March) and is well on their way to surpassing last year's donations of \$181,000.

To donate to the FBOC for the Feinstein Million Dollar Challenge, send checks to the Food Bank of Oakland County, P.O. Box 431385, Pontiac, MI 48343.

A minimum donation of \$25 payable to the FBOC is required in order to qualify for the challenge.

Donations must be received by April 30.

Warm up your spring party guests with these recipes from Dan Rowison, chef-instructor at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

SHRIMP AND LEEK STRUDEL

- 8 shrimp (shells on)
- 1/4 cup white wine
- 2 teaspoons shallots
- 1/2 cup chicken stock
- 1 tablespoon margarine
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- lemon juice
- 1/2 each leeks
- 1 teaspoon dill (fresh, minced)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- pinch white pepper
- 1 teaspoon margarine
- Dough**
- 4 ounces margarine (melted)
- 1/4 box filo dough
- 1/4 cup bread crumbs
- 1 teaspoon sesame seeds (optional)

Remove shrimp shells-reserve shells-devine shrimp-wash well.

Melt margarine, add flour and cook 1-2 minutes to form a roux. Combine shells, white wine, shallots and chicken stock. Bring to a simmer-add roux. Simmer 30 minutes-strain-add heavy cream. Season to taste with salt, white pepper and lemon juice.

Remove dark green leaves from leeks, split leeks in half, wash well under running water, cut thinly on the diagonal. Sauté

with dill, salt and white pepper in 1 teaspoon of margarine.

Sauté shrimp in second 1-teaspoon margarine in a hot skillet till just externally cooked. Remove shrimp from skillet. Add any juices that remain in pan to sauce.

Place a sheet of bakers' paper on table.

Place 1 sheet of filo dough on top of bakers paper. Lightly brush with melted margarine using a pastry brush, sprinkle with bread crumbs. Top with another sheet of filo dough. Do not top last layer with bread crumbs or melted margarine. Divide dough in thirds to form three equal rectangles.

Place 2 shrimp, 1 teaspoon leeks and 1 teaspoon shrimp sauce on the edge of each dough thirds. Roll up filo dough half way. Press sides up over toward the center. Dot the end with margarine, roll up into a cylinder. Brush top with melted margarine. Sprinkle with sesame seeds (optional) or bread crumbs. Bake as needed uncovered on greased pan at 375°, 20 minutes till crunchy and golden. Serve with any remaining sauce.

GRILLED SALMON WITH PAPAYA SALSA

Herb vinaigrette:

- 1/2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 1/4 teaspoon basil, fresh
- 1/4 teaspoon tarragon, fresh
- 1/4 teaspoon marjoram, fresh
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- Salt, pinch
- 1/4 cup salad or olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon parsley, fresh, minced
- Black pepper, fresh ground

Chop basil, tarragon and marjoram, mix and add vinegar. Heat to a simmer, then simmer three minutes. Cool.

Place garlic in food processor and puree. Add vinegar-herb mixture, mustard and salt. With the machine running, pour oil in

SPRING RECIPES

a steady slow stream. Add parsley and fresh ground black pepper.

Drizzle the vinaigrette over the salmon. Marinate for 30 minutes.

Papaya Salsa:

- 1 onion
- 1 lime, juice and zest
- 1 orange juice and zest
- 2 tablespoons rice wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 teaspoon cilantro, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh basil, minced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon fresh ginger, minced
- 1 papaya, small dice
- 1/4 red pepper, small dice

With the skin on, place onions on small sheet tray and baked at 400° F till just tender in the center when pierced with a skewer. Remove, cool and cut into small dice.

Combine lime, orange, vinegar, honey, cilantro, basil, garlic and ginger. Combine onion, red pepper and papaya. Add to lime mixture. Toss to combine. Let marinate for 30 minutes.

Salmon:

6 6-ounce or 12 3-ounce salmon steaks or filets

Grill salmon on heated oiled barbecue. Cook approximately 3 minutes on each side. Serve on top of papaya salsa. Yields six servings.

STRAWBERRY CREAM PUFF

Paté a Choux

- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup margarine
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon sugar

Combine above ingredients in a heavy bottom pot and bring to a boil.

- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup eggs (approximately 4 large eggs)

Add flour at once and cook 3-5 minutes stirring so that the mixture does not stick or burn until

the dough is smooth and a crust forms on the bottom of the pot. Place dough mixture into a mixing bowl and blend using an electric mixer or a paddle attachment on a large mixer (on high speed.) Add eggs to dough 1/4 cup at a time mixing until the egg is absorbed before adding the next amount of egg.

Grease four corners of a sheet tray. Place a sheet of Bakers Paper on tray, using a pastry bag and a 1/2 inch-wide tip. Pipe eclair dough into a tight spiral shape about 3 inches wide. Bake at 425° for the first 5 minutes. Turn oven down to 325° for 5 minutes. Turn oven down to 300° for the last 5 minutes. Eclair should feel light and the outside will be evenly browned.

To assemble:

- 1 pint fresh strawberries, greens removed, washed
- 3 ounces white chocolate, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon salad oil
- 2 ounces white chocolate, curls for decoration

Split puff in half.

Place white chocolate mousse in a separate bag with a large serrated tip.

Fill bottom half of the heart body with mousse, top with 1/4 cup upright strawberries. Cover with white chocolate mousse.

Finely chop white chocolate. Combine chocolate with salad oil in a stainless steel bowl over simmering water, stirring with a spoon till mixture melts. Remove from heat. Dip top of cream puff in chocolate, set on top of filled puff. Cool till chocolate sets.

Place Grand Marnier sauce onto place, top with heart, decorate with white chocolate curls and strawberries.

WHITE CHOCOLATE BAVARIAN

- 1 cup half and half
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 4 egg yolks
- 1/2 vanilla bean, split in half
- 8 ounces white chocolate, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon gelatin, unflavored
- 2 ounces white cream de cocoa
- 1 pint heavy cream

Combine half and half, vanilla bean, 1/2 cup cream and sugar in a pot.

Combine remaining 1/2 cup cream and yolks.

Bring cream mixture to simmer, and temper with yolk mixture. Return to pot. Stir till mixture coats the back of the spoon, or at about 185°.

Remove immediately and strain through a fine strainer. Add finely chopped white chocolate. Stir to melt. Cool immediately with an ice bath. Stir until cool.

Stir gelatin with cream de cocoa in a stainless steel bowl. Let sit 5 minutes. Heat gelatin in double boiler until no strains appear. Temper heated gelatin with chocolate-cream by mixing a small amount of cooled white chocolate cream to gradually incorporate the cream into gelatin mixture. (This procedure will prevent gelatin from forming lumps.)

Whip cream to soft peaks. Fold heavy cream into gelatin-cream. Pour into pan and chill until set or about 1 hour.

GRAND MARNIER SAUCE

- 1 cup half and half
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 each (1/4 cup) egg yolk
- Orange zest, minced from 1 orange
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 cup Grand Marnier

Combine 1/2 cup half and half, orange zest, cream and sugar in a stainless steel pot.

Combine remaining half and half with the egg yolks.

Bring cream mixture to a simmer, temper with yolk mixture, return to pot-stir till mixture coats the back of the spoon, about 180°.

Remove immediately and strain through a fine sieve (tea strainer) into a plastic container. Cool immediately with an ice bath. Stir until cool.

Add Grand Marnier.

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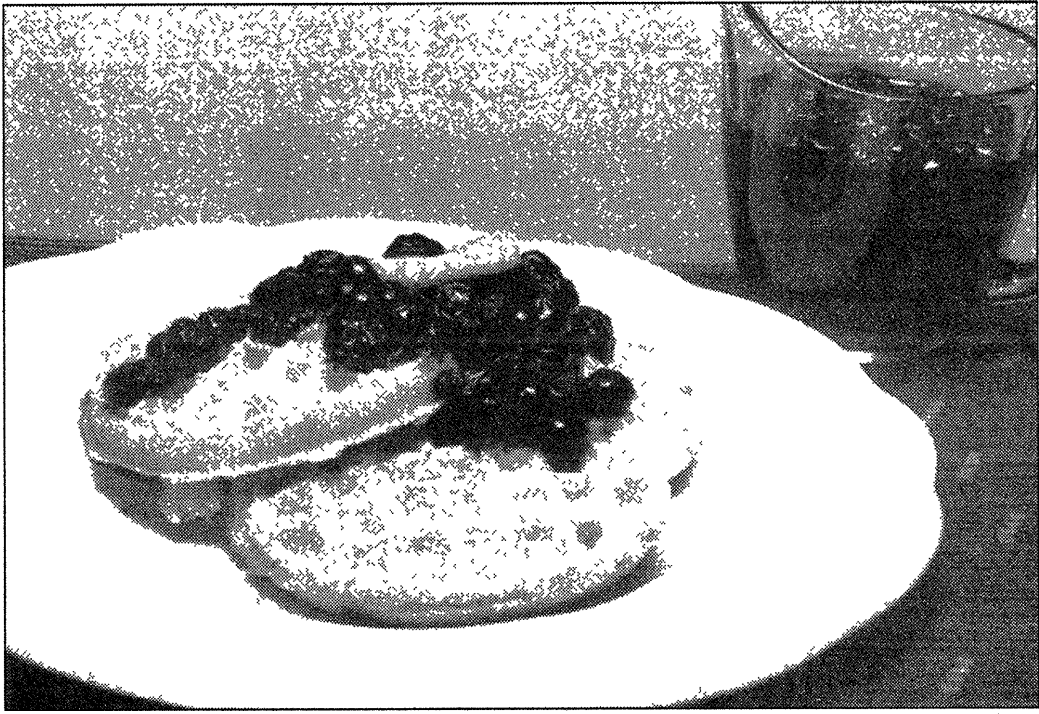
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BY DANA JACOBI
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Blueberries are hot right now, garnering praise for health-protective benefits that have been shown in a procession of health and nutritional studies.

Once for ounce, blueberries contain the most potent combination of antioxidants, more than spinach, strawberries and 47 other foods rated in a study at Tufts University. In animal tests, these berries not only stopped the effects of brain aging, but appeared to reverse it.

They are a good source of vitamin C and fiber, too.

Blueberries offer so much health protection that some experts recommend eating them every day.

This can be a challenge, since they are far less abundant than strawberries and raspberries, and are in season only a few months.

Fresh blueberries are also more costly than other berries, but there are other alternatives.

These include dried blueberries and frozen fruit.

The dried berries, though, are expensive, costing up to \$14.00 a

pound at regular supermarkets.

This leaves frozen blueberries as the prime choice for much of the year, and for many consumers.

For most of us, frozen is also the only way to enjoy wild blueberries. Grown in Maine, Michigan and Canada, this intensely flavored fruit is an even better source than cultivated berries for the phytochemicals that make blueberries one of the best foods you can eat.

Fortunately, frozen blueberries are a good choice for eating.

They make great smoothies. Unlike frozen strawberries and raspberries, they are as good as, and sometimes better than, fresh in muffins, pancakes, cobbles, and for making jam.

For maximum nutritional benefit, the less blueberries are cooked, the better.

This makes smoothies, muffins and pancakes among the best ways to use them. I also like to use frozen berries to make blueberry syrup.

The berries need only brief cooking and just a little sugar.

BLUEBERRY SYRUP

- 10 ounce bag unsweetened frozen blueberries
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1-inch x 1/2-inch strip lemon zest
- 1/2 cup sugar

Put blueberries in a deep, heavy saucepan. Add lemon juice.

Cook over medium heat until berries are swimming in liquid, about five minutes. Add lemon zest. Increase heat to medium-high and boil until fruit is soft, about five minutes.

Stir in sugar and bring syrup to a boil. Pour syrup into a heat-proof container and cool to room temperature. (It will thicken slightly as it cools.) Remove lemon zest, cover and refrigerate. This syrup keeps up to a week in the refrigerator. Makes 1 1/2 cups.

Nutritional information, per 2-tablespoon serving: 45 calories, 0 g. total fat (0 g. saturated fat), 11 g. carbohydrate, 0 g. protein, less than 1 g. dietary fiber, 0 mg. sodium.

"Something Different" is written for the American Institute for Cancer Research by Dana Jacobi, author of The Joy of Soy, and recipe creator for AICR's Stopping Cancer Before It Starts.

Make quick meals with hearty pork and avocado salad and turkey tacos

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quickly made dishes can easily include salads and bright south-of-the-border flavors, as a change from heavier fare.

They still pack plenty of nutrition, as is the case with the following two recipes: for a salad that combines pork (or chicken if you wish) and beans, and for tacos with turkey.

Both recipes also include avocados; consider using Hass avocados, the kind with the distinctive black, pebbly skin, for their flavor and creamy texture.

Neither recipe will take more than 15 minutes to make.

HEARTY PORK, AVOCADO AND BLACK BEAN SALAD

- 2 fully ripened avocados
- 15-ounce can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 12 ounces cooked diced pork or

- chicken (about 4 cups)
- 1 cup diced tomato
- 1 cup peeled jicama or celery, cut in strips
- 1/3 cup crumbled queso fresco, or mild feta cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- 1/2 cup prepared red-wine or Italian salad dressing
- Lettuce, optional

Cut avocados lengthwise around middle; remove pits with a knife blade; twist avocados to separate halves; scoop out pulp with a spoon. Dice one avocado, and slice the other in thin wedges.

In a medium-sized bowl, combine diced avocado, beans, pork, jicama, queso fresco, cilantro and 2 tablespoons of the dressing. Spoon onto 4 plates, lined with lettuce if desired. Garnish with avocado wedges. Drizzle with the remaining dressing.

Makes 4 servings.

SOFT TACOS WITH TURKEY AND AVOCADO

- 1 fully ripened avocado
- 4 corn or flour tortillas (about 6-inch diameter)
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 8 ounces cooked, sliced turkey or chicken
- 1 large tomato, sliced
- 4 ounces Pepper Jack cheese, sliced

Preheat broiler. Cut avocado lengthwise around the middle; remove pit with a knife blade; twist avocado to separate halves; scoop out pulp with a spoon. Slice avocado in thin wedges. Place tortillas on broiler pan.

Spread mayonnaise on one side of each tortilla, dividing equally; place turkey on top. Cover with tomato, avocado wedges and cheese. Broil just until cheese melts, about 2 minutes. Fold over and serve. Makes 4 soft tacos.

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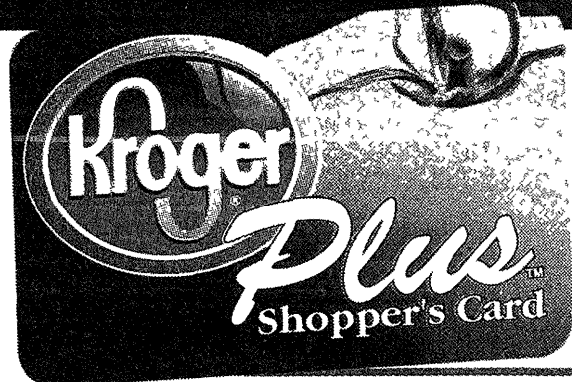
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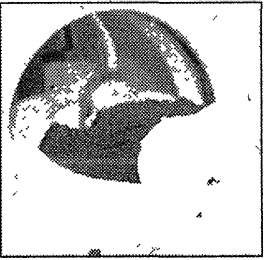
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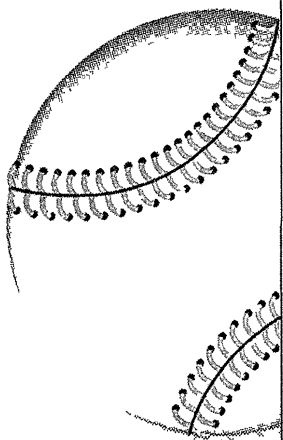


Sidelines

Trott rolling

Chris Trott, a sophomore outfielder at Albion College and a Salem HS graduate, had six hits in a four-game stretch last weekend, four of the games played in Terre Haute, Ind.

Trott had two singles that



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Jonas Fiedler had a goal and two assists for the Whalers in their series-clinching victory over Owen Sound.

Whalers complete sweep

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

It's over.

The Owen Sound Attack's third-period comeback fell short Thursday, allowing the Plymouth Whalers to avenge their embarrassing first-round elimination last season with a series-clinching 5-2 victory Thursday at Owen Sound.

The Whalers, the No. 2 seed in the Ontario Hockey League's Western Conference, beat the Attack four-straight games. Their second-round opponent won't be determined until the two remaining Western Conference series — London vs. Windsor and Guelph vs. Sarnia — are decided.

Plymouth's first game in Round Two is tentatively scheduled for Saturday at Compuware.

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drove in four runs in the Britons' 7-4 victory over Rose-Hulman. He also belted a home run (his second of the season) in a double-header loss to Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

For the season, Trott is batting .383 with a team-best 18 hits and 13 runs scored in 15 games. He also has five doubles and 10 runs batted in, and has not committed an error in right field for Albion, which was 5-10 through last weekend.

Canton qualifiers

A pair of Canton HS trackmen competed at the Indoor State Championship Club Meet on March 8 at the University of Michigan Track Building, and both were impressive.

In particular, the performance by Steve Kilijanczyk was notable in that he taught himself how to do the triple jump. Kilijanczyk perfected it, leaping 39-feet, 4-inches to finish sixth overall.

Brian Soash also competed and ran a 53.17 in the 400-meter run. Although as fast as his best times last year, it wasn't enough to earn Soash a spot in the scoring.

Still, it was a good showing for both runners.

Top matmen

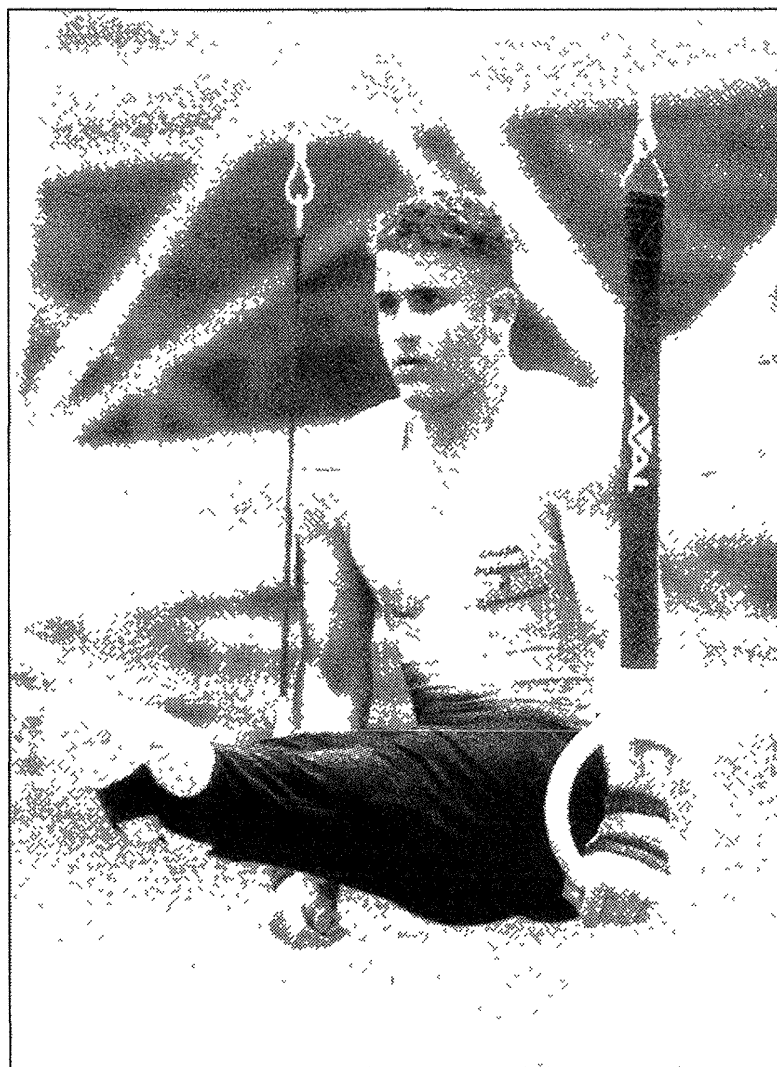
The Plymouth/Canton city wrestling championships (sponsored by Community Education) were held last week after a six-month program run by former Canton HS coach John Demick, with 51 wrestlers in grades one through eight participating.

In the middle school competition, first-place winners were Carl Lucke, Todd Turfe, Will Skaggs, Justin Kane, Spencer Tobin, Doug Pickert and Nathan Pickert.

Other middle school place-winners were Andy Kapelanski, Cameron Wood, Brent Thompson, Nick Gravlén, Ben Krogmeier, Reeti Sandhu, Sean Cunningham, Jake Smith and James Frantz.

In the elementary school competition, first-place winners were Alex Pantaleo, Brandon Lee, Eric Stiver, Zachary Moody, Cody Reid, Gage Fasbender, Scott Gring, Ryan Terrel, Curtis Crosier, Dev Sandhu and Chris Sweet.

Other place winners were Nico Awkerman, Evan Allmand, Patrick Murphy, Brandon Congdon, Michael Kennedy, A.J. Conventino, Conner Johnson, Nick Weber, Kyle Kimlick, Drew Knous, Adam Randall, Dan Roach, Chris Graczyk and Gunner Eisenmenger.



Chris Bosworth, a senior at Salem, was the state club gymnastics champion in the rings, high bar and all-around.

Salem gymnast wins state title

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

PROFILE

All Chris Bosworth needs now is a place to perform. Unfortunately, the stage the Salem senior competes on is shrinking.

Bosworth is a gymnast. He works out at the Michigan Academy of Gymnastics in Westland, driving himself through three-hour practices six days a week.

His reward: At the state club championships held earlier this month at the Greater Kalamazoo World of Gymnastics, Bosworth emerged as the state's best Class 1 (ages 16-18 years) male gymnast, posting a 50.4 score in the all-around.

He dominated his class, finishing first on both the rings and the high bar, second on the uneven parallel bars and vault, and third on pommel horse and floor exercise.

Considering Bosworth has been competing in gymnastics since he was seven (he actually started gymnastics when he was five), perhaps his success isn't so surprising. It's apparent he has the ability; he scored a 51.0 in the all-

around at the Arnold Schwarzenegger Classic in Columbus (Ohio), and he hopes to surpass the 52.0 mark before the season ends.

His problem is, now what? Where does he go from here?

"I want to go to Ohio State, actually," he answered. Bosworth would very much like to compete in college, however that's not so simple. Men's gymnastics used to be a fairly prominent sport, but it isn't any longer. Only 16 colleges have a varsity team; the University of Michigan has the only collegiate team in the state.

So Bosworth keeps working, perfecting his routines, a laborious process that is as mentally challenging as it is physically. "From September until May I just work on my routines," he explained, "because you've got to perfect them. You have to work hard to be good at this."

Mental blocks can impede progress. "I can be working on a certain skill, and I know I can do it, but I keep messing up," he said.

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Clarenceville rolls over Agape, 16-6

Sophomore Marissa Martin started the girls softball season with a bang Friday, belting a grand slam homer to power Livonia Clarenceville past Canton Agape Christian, 16-6.

The game was stopped because of the 10-run mercy rule.

Martin went 2-for-3 with five RBI.

Brooke Kaufman, Adrienne Stewart and Autumn Belcher each added two hits for the Trojans.

Winning pitcher Ashley Mauer, a senior, struck out

SOFTBALL

four, walked one and scattered four hits, two by Agape's Lisa Ther.

Agape made four errors to Clarenceville's three.

Franklin 27, Thurston 0: Livonia Franklin was hitting on all cylinders in Friday's season opener against visiting Redford Thurston at Emerson Middle School.

Junior pitcher Amanda Morrill tossed a no-hitter, while striking out 14 and

walking just one.

The Patriots mounted a 16-hit attack, led by Lauren Giacobozzi, who finished with three hits and three RBI. Sara Wagaman added two hits.

Katrina Klonowski took the loss. The Eagles made four errors.

Harrison 5, Stevenson 0: Beth Leeb, a senior, tossed a two-hitter Wednesday as Farmington Hills Harrison (1-0) won its season opener at Livonia Stevenson, spoiling the coaching debut of Rob

Witherspoon.

Leeb struck out four and walked only two in seven innings.

Losing pitcher Julia Vecchioni allowed 10 hits, walked four and struck out five in going the distance.

Harrison struck for four runs in the fourth inning and one in the sixth.

Merrill DeRose led the Hawks with two hits, while Katie Ross contributed an RBI triple.

Roya St. Clair and Emily Alderman had the lone hits for Stevenson.

Trojans edge Wolverines, 12-11

BASEBALL

Ryan Wild's two-run double in the sixth inning proved to be the difference Friday as host Livonia Clarenceville (1-0) won 12-11 in Mike Koczzyk's debut as baseball coach against Canton Agape Christian.

Wild and winning pitcher Charles Bolender each went 2-for-5 and knocked in two runs apiece.

Bolender worked the first five innings, allowing three hits while striking out eight. Reliever Aaron Allison finished up and allowed one run over two innings.

Clarenceville out-hit the Wolverines, 10-5.

Losing pitcher James Donaldson was the victim of five Agape errors.

He went 1-for-1 and reached base five times with two stolen bases.

Patriots, throwing a one-hit shutout with 12 strikeouts in the five-inning affair. At the plate, he delivered two hits including a double.

Sophomore Jon Leins led the Patriots with three hits, including a 3-run homer to bust the game open.

Matt Kahlkonen added a pair of doubles for Franklin.

N. Farmington 8, John Glenn 5: On Friday, host North Farmington (2-0) scored five times in the opening inning en route to a non-league victory over Westland John Glenn (0-1), spoiling Matt Howton's debut as coach.

Tom Rossanna went 2-for-3 with four RBI for the Raiders. Brad Levick added a 2-run double, while Scott Moscow went 2-for-3, including a solo homer in the fourth inning.

Sophomore Vinnie DeLuca went 2-for-4 with a double, solo homer and two RBI. Losing pitcher Julian Fraser, who went four innings before giving way to Kyle Rutkowski, went 2-for-2 with a double.

Steve Bone also added two hits for the Rockets.

"We played hard, we played together, but you can't give up five runs in the first inning," Howton said. "But I think we're on the right track."

Salem, Troy tie at 2-2; Blazers fight to a draw

Starting the season against one of the state's top teams might seem like dubious strategy, but it worked out all right for Salem's girls soccer team.

Marissa Sarkesian got a goal and an assist to help the Rocks to a 2-2 draw at Troy Thursday.

"It was a very positive first game of the year," said Salem coach Joe Nora.

Megan McCarthy also scored for Salem, with Janae Bucks getting an assist. Heather Jones had 10 saves in goal for the Rocks, who have their home opener at 4 p.m. Friday

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against Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Ladywood 0, Woodhaven 0: The Blazers got in their non-league game before the rains came Friday, battling to a scoreless draw with Flat Rock-Woodhaven.

Ladywood is 2-0-1 overall.

Ladywood 2, Divine Child 1: Livonia Ladywood improved to 2-0 on the season with a Catholic League victory

Wednesday over visiting Dearborn Divine Child (0-1).

Sophomore Lauren Hess and freshman Kathleen Boher each scored for the Blazers.

Meghan McCowry scored for the Falcons.

Stevenson 2, Saline 1: Livonia Stevenson overcame some first-half jitters

Wednesday to win its season opener at home against the Hornets.

Sophomore Jamie Radley scored the game-winning goal midway through the second

half on an assist from freshman Kate Howe.

Saline's Diane Clack staked her team to a 1-0 lead, but Stevenson senior Ashley Aja scored from sophomore Lia Williamson to make it 1-1 at intermission.

"The second half we turned it around," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. "We controlled the play and limited their chances. We were able to find Aja and she was able to distribute."

Senior Mindy Magoulick was in goal for the Spartans.



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"It gets in your mind and can ruin your whole practice.

"It's mental as well as physical."

His coach at MAG, Dian Kolez, helps keep Bosworth on the proper track. Kolez, a native of Bulgaria, competed in two Olympics.

Why Bosworth keeps working at a sport that, for men anyway, seems to keep fading more and more goes beyond competing in college. He believes he's ready for that right now.

"I'm pretty much where I want to be (with my routines)," Bosworth said. "I've just got to perfect them."

"I've seen some college meets. I know I can compete with those guys."

A chance to perform in college could serve as a stepping stone for his ultimate goal.

"The Olympics," Bosworth said. "Isn't that where every gymnast dreams of going?"

First things first, however, so Bosworth continues his search for a college to compete at while dominating the state for his age division.

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"We played very well in the second period," said Whalers' coach Mike Vellucci. "But then we had some penalties in the third and they got a couple of power-play goals."

"We got a big goal from Jonas Fiedler again. He's been the No. 1 star the last two games."

The Whalers' power play continued to click; they converted 2-of-3 chances, the first coming from Chris Thorburn at 1:31 of the second period. Karl Stewart and James Wisniewski assisted, giving Plymouth a 1-0 lead.

Jimmy Gagnon made it 2-0 when he took a pass from Fiedler and scored at 10:43 of the second.

A little more than four minutes later, the Whaler lead grew to 3-0, thanks to Nate Kiser's power-play goal; John Mitchell and Fiedler assisted.

However, Owen Sound — as it had done throughout the

series — was not surrendering. A penalty to Kiser gave the Attack a power-play opportunity, and this time they cashed in (after missing on their first five chances), Andre Deveaux scoring with assists from Mark Giordano and Juris Stals at 9:07 of the third period.

Plymouth's two-goal lead was trimmed to 3-2 when Matt Passfield got another power-play goal for Owen Sound, this one with Mike Letizia in the box. Pat Jarrett and Deveaux assisted.

The Attack still had a chance. Fiedler ended that hope with his goal with 1:28 left in the game, restoring the Whalers' two-goal edge.

David Liffiton and Gagnon assisted.

Thorburn scored into the empty net with :47 to go, Mitchell and Sean Thompson assisting, to ice the victory.

"That line had a big series for us," said Vellucci of the Fiedler, Gagnon and Tim Sestito line. "They've been a checking line all year, but they've learned in the playoffs anyone can score."

Which is something the Whalers learned the hard way last year, when they were eliminated by London in the first round after posting the OHL's best record during the season.

Asked what the difference in the Owen Sound series was, Vellucci replied, "There were three things really."

"No. 1, our power play. We were 10-for-21, just under 50 percent (47.6 percent), which is unbelievable."

"No. 2, our goaltending was better than theirs. And No. 3, we got some timely goals."

Those ingredients were lacking in last season's first-round loss.

The biggest improvement this year? "Attitude," Vellucci answered. "They were focused. They didn't take anything for granted."

"They were just more focused."

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Jennifer Tenyer pitched Friday's first game for Madonna, a 6-5 victory over WHAC rival Spring Arbor, for her 10th win of the season.

Crusaders sweep 2 games against Spring Arbor team

BY GEORGE STEPHENS
STAFF WRITER

It's becoming a common theme for the Madonna University softball team this season to keep close for most of the game, in order to provide amazing theatrics at the end.

The Crusaders won both games against Spring Arbor University in spectacular fashion Friday by scores of 6-5 and 9-6.

"The girls are playing really well right now," said head coach Al White, "If one girl isn't hitting, there is another one right there to pick up the slack."

In the first game of the double-header, it took the late game heroics of Jamie Bobrowski to put Madonna over the top. Bobrowski blasted an RBI double in the bottom of the seventh inning to give the Crusaders the victory.

The double was Bobrowski's second game-winning hit of the week. She also hit a game-winning homer against Siena Heights on Tuesday.

Pitcher Jennifer Tenyer, who had some rough moments Friday, pitched a

complete game to earn her 10th victory of the season.

Madonna held the early 2-0 lead going into the top of the fourth, when Tenyer got touched up for four runs. The Crusaders responded in the bottom half of the inning, knocking in three runs to regain the lead, 5-4.

The Cougars were not going to down easily, as they notched another run in the top of fifth to pull even with Madonna, 5-5.

The score remained even until the Bobrowski's double, but White knew the players would respond to the challenge before them.

"I didn't have to say anything to the players," he said. "The players know what they have to do. When Bobrowski got up to bat she knew what she had to do."

In the second game of the twinbill, it took a six-run, sixth inning to put the Crusaders out of harms way to earn the victory.

With the score 3-2 in the bottom half of the inning, Madonna went on a scoring barrage.

The scoring opened with an RBI double by third baseman Kathryn Day

(Ladywood), but the Crusaders were far from done.

Sarah Golob reached on an error, but two runs were scored on the play. Arin Fowler had an RBI groundout, which was followed by a Bobrowski two-run homer.

The homer was Bobrowski's sixth of the season and raised her school record total to 13 for her career.

Golob gave up four runs in the top of the sixth to let the Cougars back into the game, but regained her composure to earn her fifth victory of the season.

MU has won its last 12 games (two were postponed), which raised the Crusaders' record to 16-3 overall and 3-0 in the WHAC. The Crusaders are playing well, but White still realizes that there is a lot of work to do.

"We are only a third of the way into our season and we still need to improve in every game. We have to make the most out of our opportunities. Good teams become great teams by making their own breaks."

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Lots of bowling tournaments heading to town this spring

Cloverlanes in Livonia carries the banner this year for the Greater Detroit Bowling Association's 90th Annual Championship Tournament. It began with the opening ceremonies March 22 and will run on Saturdays and Sundays through April 19 with squad times of 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Team, doubles and singles will all be at the same site. The tournament is open to all GDBA members and is handicapped based on 90 percent from 220.

This gives all bowlers a chance to win some money. First place in the team event is worth \$5,000, second pays \$2,500.

The entry fee is \$20 per person per event with an optional \$10 for all events. If a player enters each event



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

once, total cost would be \$70.

This year, the tournament is dedicated to Marvin Dooley of Southfield, the immediate past president of the GDBA.

New this year: You can enter and pay on-line at www.gdba.com, as well as get any other tournament information. The GDBA accepts Mastercard, Visa, cash or check. To enter, call (586) 773-6350.

Perfect game

Jim Heriford, a lefthander from Westland, bowled a 300 game last month at Merri-Bowl in Livonia while competing in the Sunday morning Lost Weekends, a trio league. Heriford is a home delivery manager for the Redford and south Livonia Observer editions.

Heriford also sports a 196 average.

Women's U.S. Open

With all the tournaments in our area recently, we now have the 2003 Women's U.S. Open coming May 24-June 1 to Sunnybrook Lanes, located on 17 Mile Road in Sterling Heights.

Yes, there will be a Pro-Am tied in with the tournament, a chance for

any bowler to enter and compete for cash prizes, with the added advantage of having a professional bowler as your doubles partner.

The top women bowlers from across the nation, and other countries as well, will be there for their shot at the "triple crown" of bowling and this prestigious championship.

The Pro-Am is May 24; the finals will be televised nation-wide on ESPN on June 1.

For more information about the Open, call Gary Zarick at Sunnybrook at (586) 264-2700.

Seniors tournament

Also on tap for May, the Senior Professional Bowlers Tour will hit our area at Lodge Lanes in Belleville.

The Senior PBA Greater Detroit Open will run May 10-13 with Pro-Am squads at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 10. All entrants will receive a new Brunswick ball, the "Monster Frenzy," with their paid entry fee of \$140.

They will bowl three games with three different PBA Senior Tour stars as partners, all for cash prizes.

Among the pro bowlers taking part are Johnny Petraglia, Mark Roth, Dick Weber, Dave Soutar, Bob Glass and our local senior star, Gene Stus.

For further information, call Lodge Lanes at (734) 697-9178.

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

Madonna gets split at Ohio Dominican

For the first 10 innings of its double-header at Ohio Dominican Thursday, Madonna University's baseball team was in pitching heaven.

The Crusaders had given up just two runs and had already won the opener, 3-2, thanks to Mark Cole's run-scoring single in the fifth.

The bottom, however, fell out in the fourth inning of the second game. Dominican scored three runs off Cole, two of them earned, in the fourth and the Crusaders could never regain the lead, eventually losing 5-4.

The twinbill split left Madonna with a 12-6 record. The Panthers are 9-5.

In the opening win, Roy Rabe (Livonia Stevenson) got the pitching win to improve to 2-0, working six innings and allowing two earned runs on five hits and three walks, striking out three. Adam Kline pitched a scoreless seventh, giving up one hit and fanning two, to earn his fourth save.

Danny Bonilla took the loss for Dominican, giving up three runs (one earned) on four hits and five walks, striking out six in six innings.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Madonna had four singles in the game, with Cole getting the only run batted in. Jeff Kidd had two hits and an RBI for Dominican.

The Crusaders outhit the Panthers in the second game, 9-7, but couldn't outscore them. Justin Fabian had two hits for Madonna, including a double, and Sterling Mintzer, Matt Michalik, Tony Kern and Brian Williams each had a hit and an RBI.

Wilfredo Colon had a solo home run and a single to pace Dominican, scoring twice. Aaron Yorde had a double and an RBI and Brett Counts collected a single and a run batted in.

Luke Anderson took the pitching loss for the Crusaders, surrendering a run on one hit and two walks while pitching one-third of an inning. Cole started and pitching 3 2/3 innings, giving up three runs (two earned) on four hits and three walks.

Matt Koblens got the win for the Panthers, giving up three hits and a walk in 1 2/3 innings.

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 Harrison at Churchill, 4 p.m.
 Franklin at Redford Union, 4 p.m.
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 Taylor Baptist at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 1
 Brother Rice at Canton, 3:30 p.m.
 Thurston at Churchill, 4 p.m.
 S'field Christian at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
 Franklin at Cranbrook, 4:30 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 2
 Franklin at Dearborn, 4 p.m.
 Garden City at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
 Wayne at Allen Park, 4 p.m.
 Notre Dame at Redford CC (2), 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 3
 PCA vs Canton Agape (Griffin No. 1), 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 4
 Crestwood at Churchill, 4 p.m.
 John Glenn at Garden City, 4 p.m.
 Wayne at Wyandotte, 4 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at Hamtramck, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 5
 (all double-headers)
 PCA at Bethesda Tourn., 11 a.m.
 Agape vs Zoe Christian (Griffin No.1), 11 a.m.
 Annapolis at Luth. Westland, 11 a.m.
 Churchill at Redford Union, 11 a.m.
 Crestwood at Franklin, 11 a.m.
 John Glenn at A.A. Huron, 11 a.m.
 Stevenson at Fenton, noon.

Wayne at Monroe, noon.
 Redford CC at A.A. Pioneer, 1 p.m.
PREP GIRLS SOFTBALL
Monday, March 31
 Canton Agape at Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m.
 Churchill at Harrison, 4 p.m.
 Redford Union at Franklin, 4 p.m.
 Ply. Christian at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 1
 PCA at Macomb Christian, 4:30 p.m.
 Churchill at Thurston, 4 p.m.
 Stevenson at Dearborn, 4 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Canton Agape, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 2
 Farmington at Luth. Westland, 4 p.m.
 Dearborn at Franklin, 4 p.m.
 Stevenson at Garden City, 4 p.m.
 Ypsilanti at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 3
 Baptist Park vs. Agape (Griffin No. 2), 4:30 p.m.
 Crestwood at Franklin (2), 4 p.m.
 Ply. Christian at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 4
 Canton at Redford Union, 4 p.m.
 Churchill at Crestwood, 4 p.m.
 Garden City at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
 Wayne at Wyandotte, 4 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at Hamtramck, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 5
 (all double-headers)
 Canton at A.A. Huron, 11 a.m.

Agape vs Zoe Christian (Griffin No. 2), 11 a.m.
 Luth. Westland at Annapolis, 11 a.m.
 Redford Union at Churchill, 11 a.m.
 Farmington at Stevenson, 11 a.m.
 John Glenn at Dearborn, 11 a.m.
PREP BOYS TRACK
Tuesday, April 1
 PCA, Riverview at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 2
 Plymouth-Canton-Salem city meet
 6 p.m. at Northville HS
Thursday, April 3
 Churchill at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
 Franklin at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.
 Northville at Wayne, 3:30 p.m.
 Plymouth, Ply. Christian, Roper
 at Lutheran Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 5
 Franklin Invitational, 9 a.m.
 CC, Canton, Pinckney at A.A. Pioneer, TBA.
PREP GIRLS TRACK
Tuesday, April 1
 Ladywood Invitational, 4 p.m.
 PCA, Riverview at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 2
 Plymouth-Canton-Salem city meet
 6 p.m. at Northville HS
Thursday, April 3
 John Glenn at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.
 Stevenson at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.
 Wayne at Northville, 3:30 p.m.

Plymouth, Ply. Christian, Roper
 at Lutheran Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 4
 Clarenceville at Franklin (JV), 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 5
 Salem, Canton at A.A. Pioneer Invit., 10 a.m.
 PCA at R.O. Shrine Invit., TBA
 Franklin Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Crestwood Invitational, 9 a.m.
 John Glenn at All-Corners, 10 a.m.
PREP GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, March 31
 Canton at Novi, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Thurston, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 1
 Ply. Christian at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
 Ladywood at Bishop Foley, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 2
 A.A. Huron at John Glenn, 5:30 p.m.
 Churchill at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
 Monroe at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 3
 Notre Dame Prep at Ladywood, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, April 4
 A.A. Pioneer at Salem, 4 p.m.
 Canton at A.A. Huron, 6 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at Garden City, 4:30 p.m.
 Ladywood at Churchill, 5:30 p.m.
 Belleville at John Glenn, 5:30 p.m.
 Redford Union at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 5
 Stevenson at Saginaw Heritage, noon.
 Roper at Luth. Westland, 2 p.m.
PREP BOYS TENNIS
Monday, March 31
 Franklin at Thurston, 4 p.m.
 Stevenson at Farmington, 4 p.m.
 John Glenn at N. Farmington, 4 p.m.
 Taylor Truman at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 1
 N. Farmington at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
 John Glenn at Farmington, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 2
 Franklin at Harrison, 4 p.m.
 Ypsilanti at Wayne, 4 p.m.
 Berkley at Churchill, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 3
 Troy at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
 John Glenn at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Friday, April 4
 Wayne at Taylor Kennedy, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 5
 Canton tennis quad meet, 10 a.m.
PREP GIRLS GOLF
Wednesday, April 2
 Stevenson vs. Farm. (Fox Creek), 2:45 p.m.
Thursday, April 3
 John Glenn vs. Thurston (Fellows Ck.), 3 p.m.
Friday, April 4
 Salem vs. A.A. Huron (Leslie Park), 3 p.m.
 Wayne vs. Churchill (Whispering Willows), 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 5
 Mercy Tournament at Hilltop, noon.
PREP LACROSSE
Thursday, April 3
 Redford CC at Cranbrook, 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 5
 Ladywood at Waterford, 11 a.m.
 Redford CC at Wooster (Ohio), 4 p.m.
Sunday, April 6
 CC at Dublin Scioto (Ohio), 1 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL
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Tuesday, April 1
 Madonna at Rochester, 1 p.m.
Wednesday, April 2
 Madonna at Concordia, 2 p.m.
Saturday, April 5
 Madonna at Tri-State (Ind.), 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 6
 Madonna at Siena Heights, 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL
 (all double-headers unless noted)
Tuesday, April 1
 Indiana Tech at Madonna, 3 p.m.
Thursday, April 3
 Madonna at Hillsdale (I), 3 p.m.
Saturday, April 5
 Madonna at Cornerstone, 1 p.m.
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 Madonna at Aquinas, 1 p.m.
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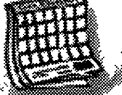
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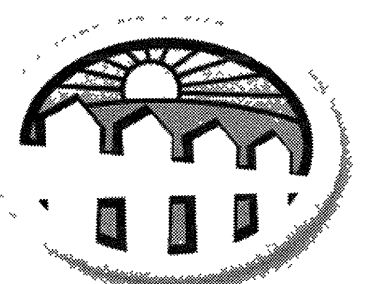


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SPORTS ROUNDUP

MU SWITCHES

Madonna University's growth to nine sports next fall will have a different look than originally thought. Athletic Director Bryan Rizzo announced the addition of women's golf to the fold for the 2003-04 season.

"We are excited about the addition of women's golf to coincide with our already forming men's golf team," said Rizzo.

With addition of women's golf, men's tennis, which was originally planned for this year will be put on the back burner for the time being.

"After reviewing our decision, it made more sense to add men's and women's golf at the same time," said Rizzo, "Men's tennis as well as women's tennis will stay on our minds as we look toward the future of Madonna athletics."

Interested players or coaches should contact Bryan Rizzo at (734) 432-5604 or via email at brizzo@madonna.edu

RUGBY PLAYERS

The Washtenaw Rugby Football Club, a high school rugby club, is still searching for players currently in grades nine-through-12 who are interested in participating in their spring season.

The club features a no-cut policy, and everyone who comes to practice will play. No experience is necessary.

Training for the spring season has begun but new players are still welcomed and encouraged to give the game a try. A pre-season scrimmage against Brighton and Howell is scheduled for Saturday, with the tentative location in Brighton. The club's home opener will be April 9.

For more information, please call (734) 761-1988 or e-mail magnette@umich.edu.

PISTONS CLINIC

Boys and girls in grades 3-through-5 in the Plymouth-Canton school district are invited to attend a Detroit Pistons Basketball Clinic, scheduled for 2-3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 5 at East Middle School, located at 1042 South Mill St. in Plymouth.

The object of the clinic is to improve fundamental basketball skills, such as ballhandling, passing, shooting, defense and rebounding. The clinic will be conducted by Steve Morland and the Pistons staff.

Space is limited; cost is \$20. Pay cash at the door; register 15 minutes prior to the start of the clinic.

Included in the clinic are trophies for the Pistons free throw championship, a free Pistons ticket, contests and prizes.

To confirm a spot on the sign-up sheet, call the clinic hotline at (248) 377-8653 and leave your name and phone number.

T-BALL SIGN-UP

The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will have registration for its 5-6 year-old T-ball league from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. April 1-18 at the Recreation office, located at 625 Farmer in Plymouth in the Cultural Center.

Children must be born between July 1993 and July 1995. A birth certificate is required. The season runs from June 21-Aug 9 (no games July 5).

For more information, call (734) 455-6620 or check the web at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

MEETINGS

A meeting for parents of boys in grades 3-through-8 who are interested in playing football in the Catholic Youth Organization is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 2 at Our Lady of Good Counsel's gym. The school is located at 1151 William St., Plymouth.

The meeting is for boys in the following parishes: Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Kenneth, Our Lady of Victory, St. Mary's of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas A'Beckett, Divine

Savior, Resurrection, St. James and St. John Neumann. For more information, call Joe Hamp at (734) 432-0031.

REHAB 8K RUN

The 12th annual Orthopaedic 8-kilometer run, 5K walk and half-mile Teddy Bear run (11-and-under) will be Saturday, April 12, in Jackson.

Post-race breakfast will be at Kuhl's Bell Tower Market. The registration fee is \$10 (by April 4).

For a printable online registration, visiting www.AthleticVentures.com.

For more information, call race director Bob Gilmore at (517) 788-1121 (days) or (517) 782-2071 (evenings); or email rgilmore@voyager.net

MU VOLLEYBALL CAMPS

Madonna University will host a series of summer volleyball camps.

Cost is \$120 (\$90 for youth camp).

Morning sessions will be from 8:30 a.m.-noon — June 29-July 2 (Elite); July 7-10 (Setters); July 13-16 (Hitters).

Afternoon sessions will be from 1-4 — June 29-July 2 (General Players); July 7-10 (Youth); July 13-16 (Defensive Specialty).

For more information and registration, call MU head volleyball coach and camp director Jerry Abraham evenings at (734) 254-0698 or the volleyball office at (734) 432-5612.

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Healing hands

Did you know your hands have the power to heal pain, stress and anxiety?

The Oakwood Complementary & Alternative Medicine Center in Westland will offer a class, "Introduction to Healing Touch," 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 9. Learn how to perform healing touch therapy on yourself and others. It can help soothe everything from pain to stress and even help people recovering from surgery.

Please call (800) 543-WELL to reserve your spot. The cost is \$25.

Bone density

Twenty-five million Americans have osteoporosis, causing their bones to become brittle and prone to fractures. Twenty percent of those affected are men. It is estimated that by age 50, a woman has nearly a 40 percent chance of developing an osteoporotic fracture during her remaining lifetime.

The Costco Pharmacy, 13700 Middlebelt, Livonia, will offer bone density screenings 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 12. The cost is \$15. To make an appointment, call (734) 427-2866.

Anti-obesity

In a recent supplement to the *Journal of Nutrition*, studies identified calcium and dairy products as potentially powerful players in the fight against obesity.

In one study highlighted in the review, mice on a reduced calorie, high calcium diet lost more weight than mice on a reduced calorie, low calcium diet. The author says data from human studies suggest that consuming the recommended amount of calcium daily, specifically from dairy products, may play an important role in the prevention of adult and childhood obesity.

Managing weight

In a hurry? Exercise can be short ... and still effective.

If you are one of the millions of Americans that say they are "too busy" to exercise regularly, you should take note. Experts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American College of Sports Medicine say that virtually any activity, even in short bursts scattered through the day, can help people reach the recommended goals for physical activity.

Beaumont

Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak offers the Health Information Center to help older adults and their families have easy access to information on the concerns of older adults.

A variety of topics contained in the center's collection of brochures and books include health maintenance, caregiving, housing, legal and financial information (including Medicare coverage) and local community resources available to assist older adults. To complement the services provided by the center, staff members and volunteers from Beaumont's Department of Older Adult Services are available for consultation of such issues as caring for an aging relative, making decisions about living arrangements and choosing an insurance to supplement Medicare.

The Health Information Center is on the first floor of the Beaumont Medical Office Building, 3535 W. Thirteen Mile Road (west of Woodward Avenue), Royal Oak. The center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call Beaumont's Senior Resource Line toll free at (800) 328-2241.



The virtual colonoscopy uses a CT scan to detect polyps in the colon.

Virtual colonoscopy offers noninvasive scan of the colon

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Fewer than 40 percent of people who should be screened for colon cancer do so on a regular basis, according to the American Cancer Society. The most prominent reason for this appalling fact is that many people are uncomfortable – if not downright fearful – of a conventional colonoscopy, which involves inserting a flexible tube, an endoscope, through the rectum into the colon.

Along comes the virtual colonoscopy, a relatively new, noninvasive diagnostic procedure that uses a CT scan and specialized software to detect colon cancer. The test involves pumping carbon dioxide into the colon, scanning structures in the abdomen – which usually can be completed in a single breath-hold – then putting the scans together in a computer for a three-dimensional image.

Doctors are hoping more people will be screened now that the "fear factor" has been removed.

"It takes eight minutes and the comfort level is without question," said Dr. James G. Henderson, a practicing internist and director of Troy Internal Medicine.

Troy Internal Medicine is the 15th site in the United States to take part in a National Institutes of Health study that measures the outcomes of colonoscopy, barium enema and virtual colonoscopy. The study has been ongoing for the past couple of years and results may be published in another year.

Studies have shown that polyps (small growths in the colon that may become cancerous) six to nine millimeters – the size of an eraser head – can be picked up 92 or 93 percent of the time, said Henderson. He added that just 1 percent of polyps this size are pre-cancerous.

"If you find a 6 millimeter polyp, what do you do with it? The likelihood of cancer is not there. With a virtual colonoscopy you can say let's watch this and repeat the test in three years," he said.

Henderson also claimed that a virtual colonoscopy picks up polyps greater than 1 centimeter (slightly less than 1/2 an inch) 96-100 percent of the time.

ADVANTAGES

Because virtual colonoscopy is noninvasive and of shorter duration than conventional colonoscopy, it could benefit patients with certain medical conditions: blood disorders, intolerance to the required sedative for conventional colonoscopy, or heart and lung disease. And, unlike conventional colonoscopy, patients having a virtual colonoscopy do not need to discontinue aspirin, nonsteroid anti-inflammatory medications or the blood thinner Coumadin prior to the test.

"Approximately 40 percent of the senior population is on one or more of these drugs. When seniors learn they do not need to interrupt their medication for two days in order to take a diagnostic test, they are more likely to schedule it," said Henderson.

COLON CANCER SCREENING

The American Cancer Society acknowledges that new tests for colon cancer, such as virtual colonoscopy and fecal DNA evaluation, hold promise for the future and will continue to be reviewed as data becomes available. Until they are better studied, people over 50 at average risk should follow one of five screening options:

- Fecal occult blood test (FOBT) every year
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy every five years
- Fecal occult blood test every year plus flexible sigmoidoscopy every five years (Of these first three options, this is most preferable)
- Double-contrast barium enema every five years
- Colonoscopy every 10 years

Comments by Dr. Naresh Gunaratnam:

- Fecal occult blood test. If the test is positive, it's worth looking into the colon since cancer is a bleed and sometimes pre-cancers bleed. However, the test is not sensitive since cancers bleed intermittently and the blood may come from hemorrhoids. "It's the worse test."
- Sigmoidoscopy. Views just the lower one-third of the colon. "That's where most cancers occur. However, there's no law that says your remaining two-thirds of colon doesn't have cancer. It's a matter of odds."
- Combined sigmoidoscopy and fecal occult blood test. "Shows greatest evidence."
- Double-contrast barium enema. Used for 100 years. Not very sensitive and purely diagnostic.
- Colonoscopy. The most complete test. Detects polyps 1 millimeter. "It's the best tool to pick up a cancer and the best procedure for removing a polyp. It's one-stop shopping and is considered the gold standard. You can be screened and receive therapy."

Virtual colonoscopy also eliminates the risk, although minuscule, of bowel perforation resulting from the insertion of the scope. And because there is no sedation involved, patients can drive themselves home.

Researchers at the University of California performed both virtual and conventional colonoscopies on 300 patients in an effort to compare results. Many of the patients had symptoms suggestive of colon cancer. The results of the study showed virtual

colonoscopy was just as accurate as conventional colonoscopy in detecting colon cancer.

DISADVANTAGES

"The only advantage is it (virtual colonoscopy) is noninvasive," said Dr. Michael Biederman, a gastroenterologist at Botsford General Hospital. "Is it paid for by most insurance companies? No. It will find things that will make us busier... The problem is if they find something, the patient has to undergo another procedure."

The virtual colonoscopy is a diagnostic tool, not a therapeutic one, he said. If a suspicious polyp is found, the patient must undergo a conventional colonoscopy, during which the polyp is removed.

Biederman believes the appeal of virtual colonoscopy is related to Americans' attitude towards pain. "In this country, everybody thinks everything should be painless. In other countries there is more tolerance for discomfort."

In addition, patients must undergo the same bowel preparation prior to the test, which Biederman says brings the most complaints.

Biederman acknowledges that the images produced by the CT scan are "very good," but he retains some skepticism. "They (the proponents of virtual colonoscopy) are providing a program for me, so it is the best of the best."

He stresses that the American Gastroenterology Association considers the procedure experimental. Head-to-head studies are not complete. Dr. Judy Lee, lead researcher for the University of California study found that virtual colonoscopy was less effective than conventional colonoscopy in detecting small polyps.

"For the anxiety ridden, it's better than nothing, said Biederman. "For people with a history of polyps, conventional colonoscopy is the procedure of choice."

THE QUESTION

When it comes to virtual colonoscopy vs. conventional colonoscopy, Dr. Naresh Gunaratnam, gastroenterologist and director of clinical research, Department of Internal Medicine, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, has a middle-of-the-road opinion. If it increases the number of screenings, it has its place in the battle against colon cancer.

"Colon cancer is the No. 2 cancer killer of all Americans. That's not something people know about. It's also the most preventable," he said. "These cancers typically progress from pre-cancerous adenomas (little bumps in the colon). They start showing up at age 50 in the general population, but with people with a first-degree family member who had colon cancer, they start earlier."

PLEASE SEE COLONOSCOPY, C6

Nursing group offering tetanus shots at home show

Homeowners, landscapers and builders alike are preparing to plant flowers and gardens, or to construct wood decks and new homes, at the first sign of spring.

But before the "do-it-yourselfers" – or even the professionals – start digging and building this spring, they need to make sure that they have had a tetanus-diphtheria (Td) shot within the past 10 years, University of Michigan Health System experts advise.

Most people are at the greatest risk for

exposure to tetanus – two serious and potentially fatal infectious diseases caused by bacteria entering through a break in the skin – during home improvement projects, household chores, outdoor leisure activities and even animal bites.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 53 percent of American adults are not adequately immunized against tetanus.

To help adults protect themselves against the risk of tetanus before they

begin their spring projects, Michigan Visiting Nurses (MVN) will offer Td shots at the Building Industry Association (BIA) of Southeastern Michigan's home and garden show in Novi. MVN, part of the U-M Health System, provides a broad range of high-quality, reasonably priced home care services and vaccinations to the community.

In cooperation with a national tetanus education campaign conducted by the National Foundation for Infectious

Diseases and the National Coalition for Adult Immunization, MVN encourages any adult who cannot remember the last time they were vaccinated for tetanus and diphtheria to get immunized this spring.

On Friday, April 4, through Sunday, April 6, MVN will be offering Td shots for attendees of the 2003 Spring Home & Garden Show at the Novi Expo Center in Novi. Shots will be available at this show.

PLEASE SEE TETANUS SHOTS, C6

MARCH

Anorexia/bulimia
Beaumont Hospital offers a support group led by recovering or recovered anorexics and/or bulimics 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays. The group next meets March 31 in the hospital's 10th Floor-Classrooms A and B, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Road, Royal Oak. Call (248) 551-9790.

APRIL

End of Life
Henry Ford Community College's Center for Lifelong Learning, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, will offer "Who Will Be with Me When I'm Dying?" 6:30-8:40 p.m. Wednesday, April 2. Hospice educator Mary Ann Dobbs will talk about the stages of dying, share heartwarming end-of-life stories, describe the pain relief and family support measures provided by area hospices, and list the criteria for and costs of hospice care. Cost is \$19 per person. To register, call (313) 317-1500 by April 1.

Cosmetic surgery
Join Dr. Jennifer Kim, assistant professor of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, in a small group discussion of the risks and benefits of facial cosmetic surgery. The presentation takes place 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at the U-M Center for Specialty Care, 19900 Haggerty Road, Room 103, Livonia. Limited to 12. Reservations required. Call (734) 432-7650 or (800) 493-3223.

Healthy partners
The next Healthy Partners meeting will take place 8:15 a.m. Thursday, April 3, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Classroom 11, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Agenda: Coalition member recruitment, support of Motown in Motion, and quality of life assessment of community. Call Marianne Simanek at (734) 655-8943.

Baby fair
Second annual Beaumont Baby Fair, with displays, information, prizes and mini-classes on comfort measures in labor, dad caring for baby, what to do if your child is choking and more. Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 5. Beaumont Hospital, Admin. Bldg., 3601 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak. Call (248) 551-3887.

Neurology talk
Dr. Bruce Silverman of Associates in Neurology will speak with patients about the innovations in treatment for multiple sclerosis 10 a.m. to noon

Saturday, April 5, at Crown Plaza Ann Arbor, 610 Briarwood Circle, Ann Arbor. Call (800) 522-5185.

Grief support
Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, offers ongoing grief support groups every second and fourth Tuesday. Next meetings are 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. April 8 and 22. Call Joan Lee at (734) 464-7810.

Anger management
Biochemist Sandy Baumann will offer "Getting the Red Out: Letting Go of Anger" 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, April 8 and 15 at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Rd., Livonia. Learn about the physiological effects of anger on the mind and body, along with common myths about anger. Recognize the steps of escalating anger in another person and discover many ways to deal with your own anger. Cost is \$48. Call (734) 462-4448 by April 7.

Herbs & Supplements
St. Colette's Parish Health Ministry will present Marilyn Dean speaking on "Herbs, Supplements and Vitamins" 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 8. Learn how to read labels, ingredient safety, vitamins, antioxidants and herbs. St. Colette is located at 17600 Newburgh Road (across from Laurel Park Place) between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Call Joanne at (734) 464-4436.

AD/HD
CHADD (Children and Adults with AD/HD) will hold its April meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Road (between I-275 and Newburgh), Livonia. Dr. Art Robin, professor of psychiatry and neurosciences at Wayne State University and a specialist in adolescent and adult AD/HD, will be the guest speaker. Recorded information line: (313) 438-3099. Call Ken Smith, state director for CHADD, at (313) 438-3763.

Mini-med school
The U-M Medical School is enrolling students in its third annual Mini-Med School, 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday from April 8 to May 13, on the Medical School campus. The tuition is \$75 per person; complimentary parking provided. Program focuses on infectious disease and covers a range of subjects: the microbial world; immunization and vaccination; diagnostic laboratory procedures and the uses and abuses of antibiotics; opportunistic infections in immunocompromised patients and HIV/AIDS; respiratory and gastrointestinal infections; the evolution and ecology of infectious diseases; emerging infections; bioterrorism and biological warfare. Space is limited. Registration forms and payment must be post-marked no later than March 25. For a copy of the registration form, visit www.med.umich.edu/medschool/minimed or call (800) 742-2300 and enter category 6540.

Adoption
Child & Parent Services of Bingham Farms will conduct an adoption program titled "Building Families Through Adoption" 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, at the Birmingham Community House, 380 Bates, Birmingham. Meet families who have participated in domestic and international adoptions. Cost is \$3. Call (248) 644-5832 for reservations.

Thyroid
Michigan Thyroid Support Group will meet 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 14, at the Plymouth Library in downtown Plymouth. Dr. Nussbaum from The Center for Holistic Medicine will discuss treatment of thyroid disease. Call Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945 or email mithyroid@yahoo.com. Visit Web site at http://community.mlive.com/cc/thyroid.

Toxins
Arbonne International will sponsor a "Women's Toxin Awareness Seminar" 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, at the Canton Summit in the Arts 11 Room. Learn how toxins in the environment can cause allergies, hormonal imbalance and sickness. Call Colleen Weaver at (734) 397-7789.

Blood drive
VFW Post 9885, 6440 N. Hix Road, Westland, will sponsor a Red Cross blood drive 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 23. Walk-ins welcome. For an appointment, call Larry Tebor, post surgeon, at (734) 377-8329, or (734) 261-2807 and leave name, telephone number and time desired.

Health fair
Attend NorthRidge Church's first ever health fair! 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26. "Spring into Good Health" is for the whole family. We'll have booths set up throughout our Activity Center and Chapel for things like physical fitness, fire safety, child safety, heart disease and diabetes information. We'll have hearing evaluations and cholesterol testing and smoking cessation information. There will also be a massage table. Call (734) 414-7777, Ext. 225.

Yoga
Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River, Novi, will offer a six-week session of "Gentle Yoga for Beginners" 10-11 a.m. Monday beginning April 28. The fee is \$55. The class emphasizes stretches for strength, flexibility, relaxation and energy enhancement. Learn techniques to help alleviate insomnia, anxiety and stress. Includes breathing and meditation exercises. To register, call (248) 477-6100.

ONGOING

Self-help groups
Anyone seeking information on a variety of self-help groups may visit the Michigan Self-Help Clearing House at the Michigan Protection Advocacy Service Web site, www.mpas.org. If you have a disability rights issue, contact the MPAS at (800) 288-5923.

Bipolar
The MDDA-Bipolar Support Group meets 3-5 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday at Beaumont Hospital, Administration Bldg., 3601 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak. Call Kathie at (248) 544-1097.

Divorce support
The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College will offer a "Divorce Support Group" 7-9 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Call the WRC at (734) 462-4443.

Bereavement
"Together to Share," a grief support group, meets 10 a.m. the first Monday of each month at American House on Middlebelt Road in Livonia. The group meets 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Dorvin Nursing Center on Middlebelt Road in Livonia. Both groups are facilitated by a bereavement coordinator from Heartland Hospice in Southfield. Call (800) 770-9859.

Overeaters Anonymous
Support group for overeaters meets 7 p.m. every Friday at Providence Park-Novi, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi. Helpline: (313) 438-HELP or (248) 474-9456.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Everyone is welcome to Providence Hospital-sponsored AA meetings held: Noon every Tuesday and Thursday at Providence Medical Office Center-Novi, 39500 W. 10 Mile Road (at Haggerty), Novi. Call (248) 348-9362; noon every Wednesday at Mission Health Medical

Center-Livonia, 37955 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 953-1188; and 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield. Call (248) 333-4911.

Gambling
The Gamblers Anonymous Support Groups meets 7:30-9 p.m. Mondays at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, in Classroom 4. Call (734) 655-2944 or (800) 494-0277. Group is open to anyone with a gambling dependency.

Cancer
Join "Focus on Living," a cancer support group offered 7-8:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia. The group is designed to help cancer patients and families come together to help each other in living with a cancer diagnosis and treatment. Co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.

Tremor Disorder Support
Shari Finsilver of Orchard Lake leads a local support group for those who suffer from Essential Tremor, a debilitating and incurable movement disorder. The group meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road in West Bloomfield. Contact Finsilver at

(248) 683-4138 or Finsilver@earthlink.net, or visit www.tremorsupport.com. To learn more about the International Tremor Foundation, visit www.essential-tremor.org or call (888) 387-3667.

Parents Supporting Parents
Parents coping with the loss of an infant through miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn death meet 7 p.m. the third Monday of the month at Providence Hospital-Southfield, 16001 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield. Call (248) 849-5342.

Stroke
The St. John Health System-Providence offers a Stroke Support Group 7 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Providence Park-Novi, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi. Call (248) 465-4190.

Medicare counseling
Senior citizens with Medicare questions and concerns can get assistance through Beaumont Hospital's Department of Older Adult Services. The department's staff of trained volunteers can provide counseling on Medicare, long-term care insurance, and insurance plans that supplement Medicare. Call toll-free Senior Resource Line at (800) 328-2241 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday to make an appointment.

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New drug protects against peanut allergies

BY JANET MCCONNAUGHEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — For the first time, an experimental drug has been shown to protect people from potentially deadly allergic reactions from eating peanuts by accident.

About 1.5 million Americans are allergic to peanuts, the leading cause of allergy deaths. Some youngsters must eat at a peanut-free cafeteria table or even in an isolated room. Some airlines have stopped serving peanuts to safeguard people allergic to even a whiff of the nut.

The monthly shots are not a cure. But doctors believe the drug should let these people avoid severe complications if

they unknowingly eat one or two peanuts, the typical accidental exposure.

"Basically, we would not be seeing people in the emergency room or the morgue from peanut accidents," said Dr. S. Allan Bock, an allergist from Boulder, Colo., who was not part of the study.

However, the drug is a few years away from going on the market. Its critical third round of tests has been stalled by legal infighting among the three companies with rights to it.

And Dr. Hugh A. Sampson of Mount Sinai Medical School in New York said patients would need lifelong monthly shots of the drug, called TNX-901, and still would have to guard against eating peanuts.

Peanut allergies have been rising in recent decades. No one is sure why, but a new study found that baby creams or lotions containing peanut oil may lead to peanut allergies.

Babies whose rashes or eczema were soothed by such creams were more likely to become allergic to peanuts than those whose creams did not include peanut oil, said Dr. Gideon Lack of St. Mary's Hospital at Imperial College in London.

Lack's study — and research on the effectiveness of the allergy drug — were presented Monday in Denver to the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology. They will be published Thursday in the New England Journal of

Medicine, which released them Monday on its Web site.

The study was paid for by one of the drug's developers, Tanox Inc., and by grants from the Peanut Board, the Peanut Foundation and the National Institutes of Health.

The peanut allergy drug is designed to catch hold of immunoglobulin-E, or IgE, a molecule that plays a major part in asthma and allergies.

In a study, 84 people with immediate allergic reactions to peanuts got monthly shots of either a placebo or TNX-901 for four months. There were three different doses of TNX-901; neither doctors nor patients knew who got what.

Those on the highest dose could handle an average of

almost nine peanuts' worth of peanut flour at the end, compared with about a half-peanut at the start. And five of them ate the equivalent of 24 peanuts without reacting.

"That's a pretty impressive amount," Sampson said.

The drug also protected people from the even tinier amounts of peanuts that can be present in the air. In addition, several participants reported that other food allergies were lessened, and hay fever symptoms disappeared.

Shelley Schneiderman Ducker, spokeswoman for Genentech Inc., one of the developers of the drug, said TNX-901 is likely to be expensive, but she would not be more specific.

For 15-year-old Allison Rush,

a study participant with a potentially lethal allergy to peanuts, the drug means she will no longer have to be hyper-vigilant about avoiding even the tiniest bit of peanut contamination.

Before her first treatment, the equivalent of one-60th of a peanut made her throat start closing up, her skin break out in hives, her face swell, and her blood pressure drop, said her mother, Bonnie Rush. After four monthly injections, it took the equivalent of six peanuts to bring on such an anaphylactic attack.

"I really can't imagine life for my daughter without this drug," Bonnie Rush said. "It's completely changed her quality of life, her outlook on life."

COLONOSCOPY

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"If we can diagnose these adenomas, we can eliminate the cancer. The million dollar question is how do you screen... In a perfect world the perfect test is something that costs very little and is very sensitive."

(Henderson said the cost of a virtual colonoscopy is \$750. Biederman believes that amount is "much too much for mass screenings.")

Gunaratnam poses this question: "Would you rather pay \$750 for a virtual colonoscopy or \$1,000 for a conventional colonoscopy and have a test that's both diagnostic and therapeutic?"

THE FUTURE

Henderson currently is the primary investigator in Michigan for a Mayo Clinic Study on fecal DNA evaluation. Unlike the standard fecal occult blood test — the least sensitive of colon cancer tests because it does not detect tumors that are not bleeding — DNA stool tests have great promise for diagnostic accuracy. Colon tumors constantly shed cells that contain abnormal DNA, a hallmark of cancer.

The test appears to be able to detect cancers and pre-cancers

90 percent of the time for growths greater than 1 centimeter and 70 to 80 percent of the time for growths less than 1 centimeter, said Henderson.

Because the test looks for cancer at the molecular level, it may be less likely than conventional fecal blood tests to give false positive and false negative results. And, said Henderson, it may be able to detect other kinds of cancers — lung, stomach, pancreas, and bile ducts — that shed DNA into the digestive tract.

But there are drawbacks with the test at the present time, says the American Cancer Society. It requires an entire stool sample to be sent to a laboratory for testing, something some people may find unacceptable. Because the test is not yet automated, it currently costs more than \$400 per test. And, like virtual colonoscopy, it requires further testing to prove it is effective.

With 90 percent of colon cancer being preventable, and with all the diagnostic tests available, there's no reason not to be screened, said Gunaratnam. It's discouraging, he added, when he sees a patient with a colon cancer that could have been prevented.

"We look at the test result and say, 'Why didn't you get it done earlier?'"

St. Joseph's participates in colon cancer study

The Michigan Cancer Research Consortium Community Clinical Oncology Program at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor is participating in a research study sponsored by the North Central Treatment Group through Mayo Clinic. The study tests a recently developed prototype stool assay system for detecting DNA alterations that occur with colorectal neoplasia.

Eligible individuals participate in an enrollment visit, have their blood drawn, collect and mail three whole stools to Mayo Clinic, and undergo a colonoscopy.

Eligibility criteria include:
■ Between ages 50 and 80.
If female, you must be post-menopausal. (Beginning June 1 the age criteria will include only those between the ages of 65 and 80.)

■ No colorectal exams in the past 10 years.
■ No recent stool testing.
■ No prior colorectal surgery.

For more information about this important research study, please call the Michigan Cancer Research Consortium's toll-free study line at (877) 590-5995.

TETANUS SHOTS


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on Friday, from 1-4 p.m.; on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and on Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Td shots are \$20 each, and do not include the price of admission for the shows. All shots will be administered by MVN's licensed nurses.

In addition, landscape, construction and other businesses may contact MVN online at www.umvn.com to schedule an on-site Td immunization clinic for their employees.

For more details about the BIA's home and garden shows, visit www.builders.org. To learn more about tetanus and diphtheria, visit the CDC Web site at www.cdc.gov. MVN is a non-profit organization that has served the community since 1909.



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Galleries

Birds

Mark Eberhart's Yellowheaded Jackbirds is one of the wondrous displays in "Birds, Birds, Birds," April 8 to May in the Ave Maria Fine Art Gallery, Domino Farm, 24 Frank Lloyd Wright Drive, Ann Arbor. Hrs are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, www.vemariaart.com.

Del Galry

Presents "Suits in Composition," a diverse collection of paintings by Georgette "Ge" Jones and textiles and bead work by Julia Richardson-Pate. Meet the artists reception 2-6 p.m. Sunday, April 13. The gallery is at 28001 Southfield, between 11 Mile and 12 Mile, Larup Village. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, call (481) 433-7270.

Materialy

An exhibit about materials and art featuring painters Margot Evangeline, Clence Morgan, Jame Holmberg and James York opens April 4 at the Fine L. Jacob Gallery, 80 W. Hancock, on Detroit's Wayne State University campus. Continues May 1. Meet the artists at an opening reception 5-8 p.m. Friday, April 4. Artist's lecture with Morgan 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, Helen L. Deroy Auditorium, 5203 Cass Ave. Detroit. Hours 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, (313) 993-7813 or www.art.waye.edu.

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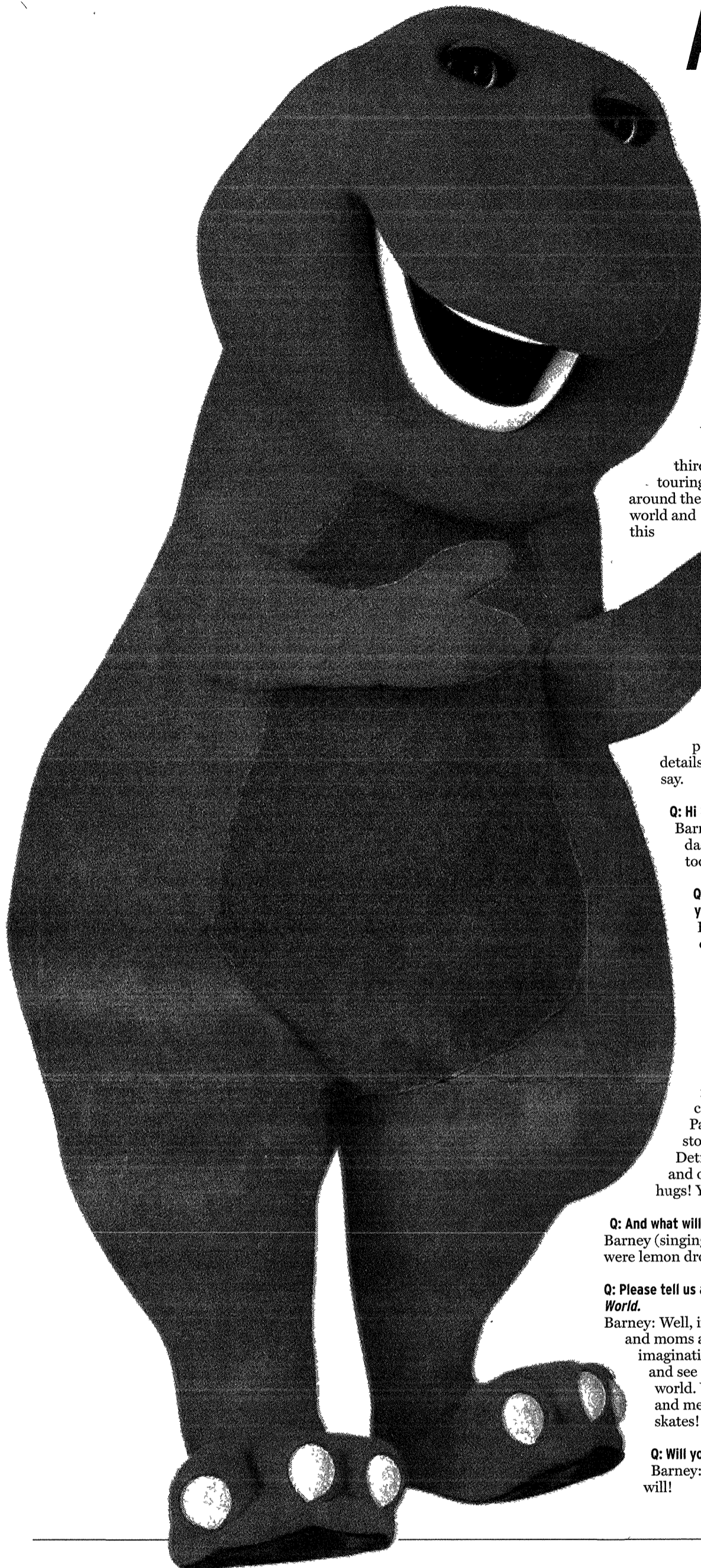
Exhibition of sculptural glass, April 4 to May 2. Features works by Toland Sand, Shane Iro, Barry Entner, Will Dexter, Christopher Morrison and Christian Thipon. Opening reception, 5-8 p.m. Friday, April 4, 119 S. Main St., Royal Oak, (248) 546-8810.

Winterse Galleries

Has taken on a new look and a new location. The new gallery, located 50 feet east of the previous location, will provide clients with a New York-style upscale feel and direct access to artists from the Big Apple without having to leave Michigan. The gallery is the exclusive dealer in Oakland County for artist Malcolm T. Liepke. Winterse Galleries, 2540 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake, was founded in 1980. It is over 3,000 square feet and features artists from all over the world. Gallery owner Diane Artiss travels extensively to collect works of original fine art, including oil and serigraphs. For more information, call (248) 681-8708.

Livonia Arts

The Livonia Arts Commission III feature the following exhibits in the Livonia Civic Center Library, 3277 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. Livonia Public Schools student exhibit: Fine Arts Gallery, second floor and circular exhibition cases, second floor April 4-29. Open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday in the Livonia City Hall Lobby, 33000 Civic Center Drive. Artifacts "Art Club" mixed media exhibit, April 2-29. Open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.



A few words with Barney

Giggly purple dinosaur tells us about his Palace performance

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Barney is coming to the Palace April 10-13 in his show *Barney's Colorful World*.

It's Barney's third time touring around the world and this

show will take children on an imaginary excursion across the planet with interactive song and dance. We asked the purple dinosaur for details. Here's what he had to say.

Q: Hi Barney.

Barney: How-do-you-do-da-lee? I'm super duper today!

Q: We're fine! How long have you entertained children?

Barney: Oh, for at least one million years. I've lost count.

Q: How's the tour going?

Barney: Well I love it! I get to see all my friends and give out a lot of hugs! I want to visit as many kids as I can including those who can't make it to the Palace. I've decided to stop at a few hospitals in Detroit to sing and dance and of course, give lots of hugs! You know, I love hugs!

Q: And what will you sing with the kids?

Barney (singing): If all the rain drops were lemon drops and gum drops...

Q: Please tell us about *Barney's Colorful World*.

Barney: Well, it's a way for all the kids and moms and dads to use their imagination. We all close our eyes and see all the colors of the world. We'll go to the Arctic and meet a polar bear who ice skates!

Q: Will you ice skate with him?

Barney: I can't say...but, yes! I will!

IF YOU GO

What: Barney's Colorful World

Where: At the Palace of Auburn Hills
When: 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 10-11, 11 a.m. Friday-Saturday April 11-12, 3 p.m. Saturday, April 12, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 13. Each attending child will receive a free souvenir designed exclusively for "Barney's Colorful World!"

Cost: Tickets \$10-\$35. Seating for \$35 tickets will take place in the "purple circle" close to the stage, and includes a poster and coloring book. Available at Ticketmaster outlets or call (248) 645-6666.

Q: Tell us more.

Barney: Then we go to the jungle and see the monkeys and we go under the sea to meet a starfish who sings just like Elvis!

Q: And will the kids sing?

Barney: Oh yes! I've never had a show where the kids weren't dancing and singing in the aisles! That's why I love traveling! And to give those hugs!

Q: Being on the road must be hard, what do you eat when you travel?

Barney: Oh a lot of fruits and vegetables; and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches! And my favorite the rutabaga! They are sooooo crunchy!

Q: Why do you love children?

Barney: I love kids because I'm a big kid. We love to laugh and have fun. I want kids to be themselves. I want them to like themselves...like the way I love being purple! I want them to be happy with their own skin.

Q: Any final thoughts for the children in Detroit?

Barney: We'll sing some new songs and some of the old favorites. Do you know what I mean?

Q: You mean "the" song? Can you sing it now?

Barney (singing): I love you, you love me, we're a happy family. With a great big hug and I'll be in Detroit soon. Don't forget to get your tickets soon! heeeeeeeeeehooooooo I must go now! Bye bye and see you soon!

Q: Thanks for calling Barney!

Barney: I loooove talking on the phone, goodbye!

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Rappers, poet, vocalist ready for 'Evening at the Apollo'

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE
STAFF WRITER

EVENING AT THE APOLLO ON TOUR

■ 8 p.m. Friday, April 4 - Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Tickets \$28, \$24, \$20, \$16, \$14

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It's the *Ed Sullivan Show* all over again.

Two local performers may soon make their mark at New York's famed Apollo Theater.

The University Musical Society has announced 30 acts from Michigan as winners of the Evening at the Apollo contest. They will perform at two *Evening at the Apollo On Tour* shows - Friday, April 4 at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor, and Saturday, April 5 at Detroit Opera House, in Detroit.

The events are the culmination of a competition that drew approximately 270 diverse acts - from around the state.

The winner from each night will receive \$1,000, a trip to New York City and the opportunity to compete on the Apollo Theater stage as part of its Amateur Night. Winners will be chosen by each audience, based on its reaction (cheers and boos) to the performances, said Gulshirin Dubash, public

relations manager for the Ann Arbor-based University Musical Society.

Harlem's Apollo Theater began its weekly Amateur Night in 1934 with Ella Fitzgerald as the very first grand prize winner.

Since then, Amateur Night has launched the careers of dozens of 20th century American music and show business legends including Sarah Vaughan, James Brown, the Jackson Five, Billie Holiday, Dionne Warwick, Nat "King" Cole, Aretha Franklin, Prince and Sisqo.

The competition, a first in this state, was "open to every-

body, but anyone under 18 had to be accompanied by his or her parents," Dubash said.

It included basically any type of performing art.

"You could juggle, dance, do cartwheels; it ranged from spoken word, piano playing and guitar playing to interpretive dancing, rap and a lot of boy band situations. It was the entire gamut of stuff."

Auditions were held in February, in Ann Arbor and Detroit. Fifteen finalists were chosen to participate in each city. Local finalists include Jonathan Desir, aka Fathom, 22, a spoken word artist/poet from Redford; Jerry Reid, 16, a

vocalist from Canton; Changa Bey, 25, a spoken word artist/poet from Southfield; and Christian Williams, aka Chris-Style, 10, a gospel rapper from Southfield.

Desir and Reid will be performing at the Ann Arbor show, Bey and Williams in Detroit.

RAPPER

Christian has a bio and a Web site, his mother, Crystal Williams, said. He got his start early.

"He started writing little short poems that he would say in church when he was five or six years old. He was such a phenomenal speaker and an excellent oratorical speaker," Crystal Williams said. "From there he went into the gospel rapping."

Christian performs at area churches and has even performed for local government officials. He's also a finalist in the upcoming Oakland Schools spelling bee. "This is his thing. He writes everything himself," said Williams.

Christian says he raps about "people being saved and praying - and if you ask God to do something, he'll do it." He hopes to reach others with his messages. "I want to spread the word of God," said the fifth-grader, a student at Edison Oakland Academy in Ferndale.

Bey's creations are "really geared toward youth, the hip-hop generation. I cover the whole gamut from things that we deal with today, war and terrorism, where we all fit in, in this world, (including) change, equality and racial discrimination."

The Wayne State senior - who's won several competitions, including the mayor's scholarship as a student at Southfield High, and plans a career in museum studies - has appeared on stage with The Last Poets, whom he calls "the forefathers of hip hop. They've been around since the '60s."

Desir, aka "Fathom," also writes his own material. "I got the nickname because it has a

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Galleries work at attracting buyers in this slow economy

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

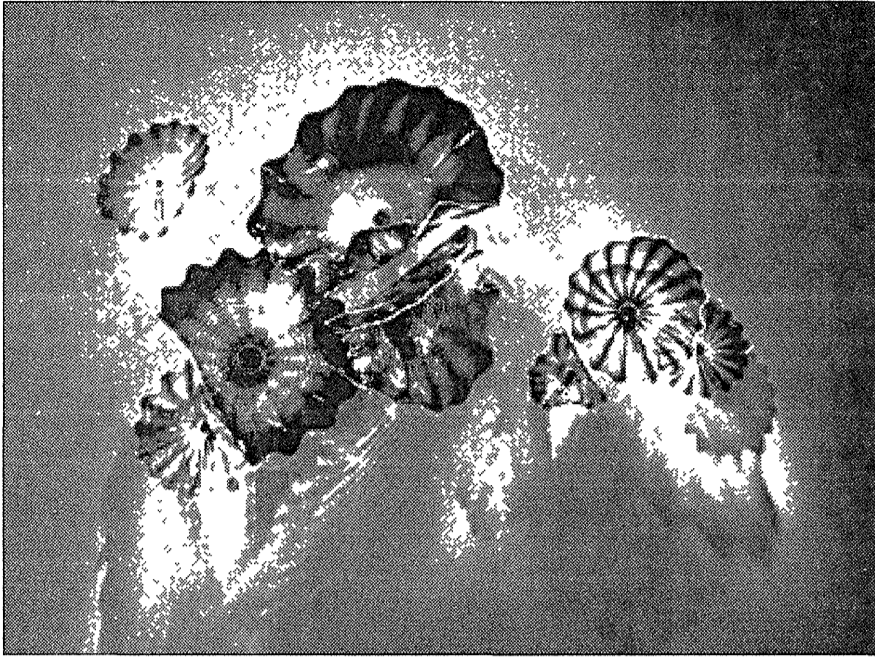
It's hard to judge to what degree the depressed economy is affecting local galleries. Like other businesses, galleries have been hurt by a decline in consumer spending. On any given day, foot traffic may be brisk or non-existent. But local galleries are holding on, and fighting back with a variety of business practices aimed at attracting buyers.

Ray Fleming created a relaxed atmosphere in the Robert Kidd Gallery he co-owns in Birmingham. Clients feel at home the minute they walk in and see the comfortable chairs and round coffee table strewn with magazines. After 25 years in the business, Fleming knows galleries can be intimidating. Not everyone can afford to walk in and buy an artwork. Monthly payment plans and the gallery's acceptance of credit cards makes art easier to afford.

Fleming is constantly searching for new talent to keep prices down. A large-scale abstract by John Kennedy of Toronto was going for \$1,900 on a recent visit. That's reasonable for a painting capable of filling a wall all by itself.

"We're very busy. We have a wide range of art and prices," Fleming said. "What people are buying today is either in a less expensive range under \$12,000 or over \$50,000. People are nervous. They're buying more expensive work or younger artists for less and take a chance that they'll make a name for themselves."

"People are buying more expensive works like Larry Rivers for \$50-60,000 because they feel their money is more



A show by legendary glass artist Dale Chihuly is drawing crowds into Habatat Galleries in Birmingham and Royal Oak.

protected. They'll buy it because he's famous. It's confidence. People are spending more on established artists because it's a better investment. I advise people do not buy for investment. If it happens to go up in value, then it's a bonus. If they want to buy for investment, I point them to a Rivers or Bertoia."

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

Over the past 10 years, Alan Cary has built a relationship with clients at his gallery in Rochester. He knows their tastes and, judging from the inventory

at Cary Gallery, they're eclectic. Housed in a church built in 1818, the gallery offers paintings and drawings that range from abstract to realism.

"What's in the Closet?" is the current one-man show by Lee Doezema of Kalamazoo. Large-scale oils of clothes closet interiors and smaller paintings of shoes make viewers feel like they're sneaking a peak inside someone's private life.

"We've been selling well — oils and watercolors from \$800 to \$2,500," Cary said. "They're buying mostly because they like the art. People come as collectors. They like something they see and

buy it. There's quite a lot of building going on. We have a lot of artists that buy other artists' work. It slowed down after Sept. 11 for several months then began to pick up and has been steady ever since."

If anything Cindy Wolanchuk's seen an increase in sales at Hermitage Gallery in Rochester. She and her husband Don opened the space eight years ago and have expanded twice. A November addition brought the total to 12,000 square feet.

"People aren't traveling, so they're spending money on their homes," Wolanchuk said. "They're building large homes with lots of places to hang art and lots of nooks and crannies for smaller pieces. They're not collectors, but homeowners looking for things to decorate their walls. It seems to be living artists who are selling, not 19th century art, not \$20,000 pieces, but \$3,000 to \$5,000 pieces. Owners of smaller homes are coming in looking for something for their walls. Weekends are especially busy."

Business hasn't been quite that good at Habatat Galleries in Birmingham, which specializes in glass. Owner Ferdinand Hampson knew he was taking a chance when he opened his newest location last August. Contemporary glass is still a relatively new medium. Forty years ago, glass was considered a craft, not a fine art form.

Habatat Galleries began showing glass works created by individual artists about three decades ago in Dearborn. They now have galleries in Royal Oak, Boca Raton, Fla., Chicago and Birmingham.

SLOWER PACE

"We're moving at a much slower pace," said Hampson, president of Habatat Galleries. "The cash flow sometimes makes me feel poor, but the projects come along. We've had 32 years of finding ways to make things work. I've been on a growth slowdown only a couple of times during that time. Last year didn't do as well as the year before, yet I had the strongest January in our history."

"What we're doing is getting involved in large-scale commissions — an office building in Chicago, a large commission going on a ship in London and outdoor commission in Atlanta. Exhibitions have been a bit spotty. We're affected by things."

Hampson isn't standing still, though. He's busy preparing for the annual International Glass Invitational that draws artists and collectors to Michigan Glass Month in April. In the meantime, the West Bloomfield residence has booked legendary glass artist Dale Chihuly for a one-man show. Habatat Galleries began showing his work 28 years ago. The Royal Oak location features a blue room simulating a walk under the sea with glittering shell-like shapes. Birmingham spotlights Chihuly's Dragonfly Blue Persian. We definitely a high-end piece, as are the Chihuly chandeliers, which can go for \$5,000 each.

"Chihuly is creating a lot of interest," Hampson said. "We have people come in from out of state. He's the best-known living artist, a presence in so many countries, a living legend at this point in his career."

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Take a few pointers from experts when purchasing art

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Buying your first artwork can be daunting. Many people don't feel confident enough to make a decision. That's why it's important to heed a few tips from experts.

Decide how much to spend before leaving home but don't be afraid to change your mind if you find something you can't live without.

"I tell people to buy what they like," said Cindy Wolanchuk, co-owner of Hermitage Gallery in Rochester. "Do not match a room to the painting. Look for a work that creates a sense of

passion rather than something to go with a sofa."

Ray Fleming suggests buying from a reputable gallery in case you do change your mind down the road. At Robert Kidd Gallery in Birmingham they allow clients to trade up even years later. That's a good way to become a collector. Maybe you can't afford that \$32,000 Harry Bertoia sculpture right now. Start small and work your way up.

Still not sure about what you're buying? Let the experts help. After 25 years in the business, Fleming knows his art. Before investing in the gallery, he earned a master's degree in painting from Cranbrook Academy of Art in

Bloomfield Hills, and taught at Wayne State University and Cranbrook's Kingswood School for 15 years.

Maybe you're already working with an interior designer. Fleming can give you an idea of what's available to them.

"Designers make it easy for the client," Fleming said. "One of the backbones of our business is working with architects and designers. When people build a one-half to \$1 million house they're nervous about the art."

If you do want to buy the art without any help from an established gallery or designer, take time to learn about media, styles and values. Many galleries have Web sites. Take a virtual

tour of what they offer. Fleming credits the advent of the computer with helping build relationships with clients.


"The computer makes visual communication with clients and artists immediate," Fleming said. "Artists can e-mail me and enclose several of their paintings. I know what they're working on. It's so fast. It's so different from how we worked in the past."

Attending lectures is another good way to inform yourself especially in relatively new areas such as contemporary glass. Habatat Galleries' annual International exhibit documents the variety of ways artists are creating works with this molten material.

Gallery owner Ferdinand Hampson has scheduled a variety of informative sessions at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center to coincide with this year's show in April. 7 p.m. auction of early works followed by a 4 p.m. lecture by Rabbi Wine on the impact of Jewish collectors on contemporary art, and a 5 p.m. talk by artist Herman Statom on Thursday, April 10.

"People don't consider glass for an investment," Hampson said. "They buy it because they really enjoy it. Collectors of contemporary glass like to say they think of it as aaiseas."

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Collection of short fiction best digested a bit at a time

Retribution, by John Fulton (Picador USA, \$13, paperback).

Wasn't there once a film titled *Love Among the Ruins*?

That might have made an apt title for this arresting debut collection of short fiction by Ann Arbor's John Fulton. Each story is a succinct but highly perceptive commentary on the filigreed complexities of that thing we call love, and its sometimes-disastrous aftermath.

At the center of each tale is an individual (often an adolescent or a child), struggling to make sense of the world around them, endeavoring to make contact with what is real and true. Often, they come up with nothing very substantial. What they do learn much of the time is that few things are really what they may seem, the world seems a cold place, indeed, and they themselves have been rendered almost numb by that coldness.

Told from a first-person point of view, "Braces" centers on a middle class, adolescent boy named Michael, who finds himself trapped in the emotional crossfire between his estranged parents. Michael's father apparently cares more about his Mustang than about his family, and the boy's mother seems to believe that cosmetic repair in one's appearance can somehow "fix" the heart and soul. As in so many of these stories, any kind of meaningful communication seems to have broken down at some point in the family's life. The characters either cannot or do not listen or speak directly to each other. And, even when they do, their words are lies, or laced with fantasy. Family members often tend to feel closer to their domesticated animals than to each other.

"Love is complicated," declares Gordon, in a story titled "Clean Away." Turns out, Gordon has said a mouthful, since he appears to be nearly as limited emotionally as an automaton, and just about as capable of love. This guy can't even feel much excitement toward his new car, much less toward his



On books

Victoria Diaz

old girlfriend, Ruby. Then, one day, disaster strikes in a rather unlikely place (a tacky dining spot "somewhere near the Idaho-Nevada state line"), and the emotionally blind Gordon sees the light in more ways than one - for a time, anyway.

"Rose" explores the ambiguity of a long-time (and loving) marital relationship, told from inside the head and heart of the title character.

The childless Rose is trying to have a good time, trying to celebrate her seventy-seventh birthday, as a matter of fact. But will her husband of 59 years cooperate? No, not only will he not cooperate - but the retired Maj.

A carefully wrought and powerful tale titled "The Troubled Dog" takes us on a strange Thanksgiving journey with a disturbed mother, her two young sons, and their dog. Estranged from the boy's father (who has deserted the family), Jeannie has, in a sense, grown apart from her small sons as well. As they journey through the chilly desert of the American West, the characters often seem reduced to their mirror images or their shadows, and even their voices are sometimes just tinny noise trapped within telephone receivers.

Though this collection is sparked with color and comedy, memorable images, amazingly sketched characters, and fast-moving prose, most of these works are also variations on a theme of loneliness, alienation, and pervasive ennui. These are no lightweight themes, of course, and consequently, "Retribution" is probably best digested a bit at a time, with much attention.

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

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- A consignment store that accepts home décor items in the Livonia, Northville area for Marge.
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- A fabric store other than Joanne's or Hancock fabrics in the Wayne county area for Selma
- Some one who can repair an antique bathroom weight scale (needs the springs) for M.R. of Redford.
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- Some one who can repair wooden chairs for Renee of Westland.
- A store that sells a plastic inflatable bath pillow with suction cups for Kathy.
- A store that sells a splatter shield for a 10-inch fry pan for Margaret.
- A store that sells perma press size 10 blouses.
- A store that sells Johnson's baby cream in a jar (for the diaper area) for Marge of Westland.
- A store that sells a crochet afghan with a hockey theme for Lorraine of Livonia.

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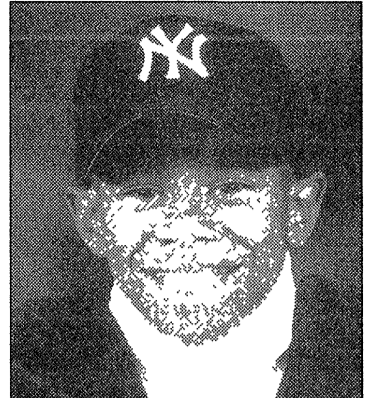
catchy sound to it. And it speaks of all the things I have to say because I cover a wide range of poetry. I've got a big imagination," he said with a laugh, adding his favorite topics range from "poetry in general" to space, nature, water and beyond.

Hip-hop music is a major theme, as Desir, a senior at Eastern Michigan University, is a musician with his own band as well. "I guess you could say I'm a hip-hop poet," he said.

Writing helped the psychology major battle a bout with depression two-and-a-half years ago - and stuck. "It got a lot of the emotions out. It was a way to vent."

Reid, a singer, counts his idols as Michael Jackson and Stevie Wonder. His presentation for Apollo was Wonder's *For Once in My Life*. "I love Motown. I'm from Motown, of course," he said with a laugh.

"(Motown music) is good and it truly originates from the oldies stuff. My dad, of course,



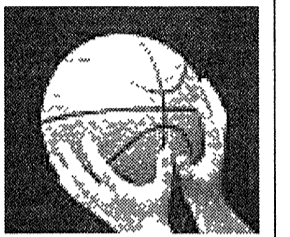
Christian Williams, aka Chris-Style, 10, a gospel rapper from Southfield will be performing at 'Evening at the Apollo on Tour.'

he's the big doo-wop guy. But I do my occasional R&B and hip-hop stuff too."

Reid already has a solid start in the pop music biz. For instance, last summer he opened up for Aaron Carter - Backstreet Boy Nick Carter's little brother - at Freedom Hill. He's also been told he has the "boy band look."

Does he also get the female screams? "Of course," said the Canton High School sophomore. "That's always fun to get."

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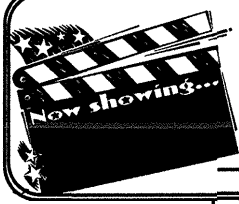
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Dead Sea Scrolls offer glimpse of ancient world

BY MARY QUINLEY
CORRESPONDENT

If you're a history buff or a curious soul, consider a jaunt to Grand Rapids to check out the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibition.

Through June 1, this rare collection of the earliest surviving text of the Hebrew Bible, known to Christians as the Old Testament, will be on display at the Van Andel Museum Center.

"The most important (reason) to see this exhibit is education," said Emanuel Tov, editor in chief, Dead Sea Scrolls Publication Project. Children and adults of all ages come to see it, just to learn, he said.

DISCOVERY

In 1947, while searching for a lost goat in a cave near Qumran, an ancient Judaean settlement on the northwest shore of the Dead Sea, a Bedouin shepherd discovered a clay jar containing seven parchment scrolls.

During the two decades after the initial discovery, 28 nearly complete scrolls and fragments of another 900 scrolls were found in the area.

Most scholars believe that the scrolls were written more than 2000 years ago by the Essene sect, a monastic brotherhood of Jews. The Essenes broke away from mainstream Judaism and lived a communal life in the desert.

"People still are hoping to learn more about Jesus," Tov said. "In this (exhibit) they will not learn about Jesus, (however) they will learn the background about a Christian community."

If you go, slip on the headphones to listen to the audio tour while strolling through the exhibit. One audio version is tailored for adults and the other is geared for kids. Begin the tour by stepping into a simulated cave. You'll catch a glimpse of the Dead Sea through a "window" in its wall. As you exit the cave, head to the small room just ahead to watch Scrolls of the Dead Sea. This brief yet informative video highlights the history of the scrolls and helps visitors to better understand the exhibit.

As you meander through the galleries you'll see fragments of 12 different scrolls, including writings from the books of Exodus and Psalms.

"My favorite (part) is the biblical scrolls. The beautiful Psalms are well written, clear and large," Tov said.

Also on display are numerous artifacts from Qumran - ancient coins, leather sandals and a pottery inkwell believed to be connected with the writ-

ing of the scrolls.

BOOK OF RULES

Have a seat near a copy of the Book of Rules and flip through the pages.

This book of community laws reflects the lives and beliefs of the people of Qumran. Members who broke a rule were barred from the communal meal.

The scrolls were written on parchment and papyrus in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek. Every book of the Hebrew Bible, except the book of Esther, is represented. Be sure to pause at the viewer in one corner of the exhibit to watch the Parchment Making video. The video features an intriguing easy-to-understand explanation of the process of writing and copying text.

Is the exhibit appropriate for kids?

"I think some kids are attracted," said Pete Daly, assistant public relations officer, Van Andel Museum Center. "The Dead Sea Scrolls are a very important part of religious history in the Western world - and, because the scrolls are the oldest version of the bible, any child that comes from a Christian family might wonder about the bible."

Another reason for visitors of all ages to see the show, Daly said, is that the exhibit presents a lot about life 2000 years ago that the average person is not familiar with.

Interactive displays are a hit with museum-goers. With the aid of an infrared light try to read the faded texts. Another hands-on option is to attempt the tricky task of piecing the scrolls together.

On weekends, a DSS Discovery Room is open for anyone who has purchased a ticket to the exhibit.

The room is especially appealing to the younger crowd. Here, kids are invited to use costumes, puppets and props to act out stories from Christian, Jewish and Muslim traditions. Or, let them make a scroll to take home or set a table for a Passover feast.

In the DSS Resource Room, also available on weekends to ticket holders, visitors will discover a comfy setting with maps, copies of the scrolls, learning games and videos.

These tools provide a plethora of info for patrons who are eager to delve deeper into the history of the scrolls, the Dead Sea and archeology.

Hungry? Wander into the Museum Oasis Cafe to dine on Mediterranean-style cuisine. Seven days a week, choose from a buffet menu that features

IF YOU GO

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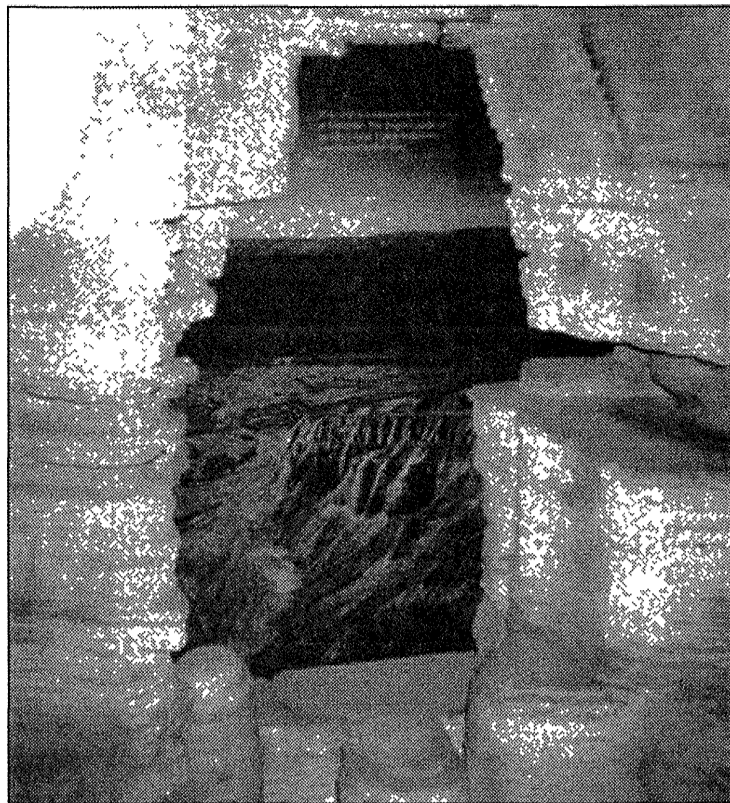


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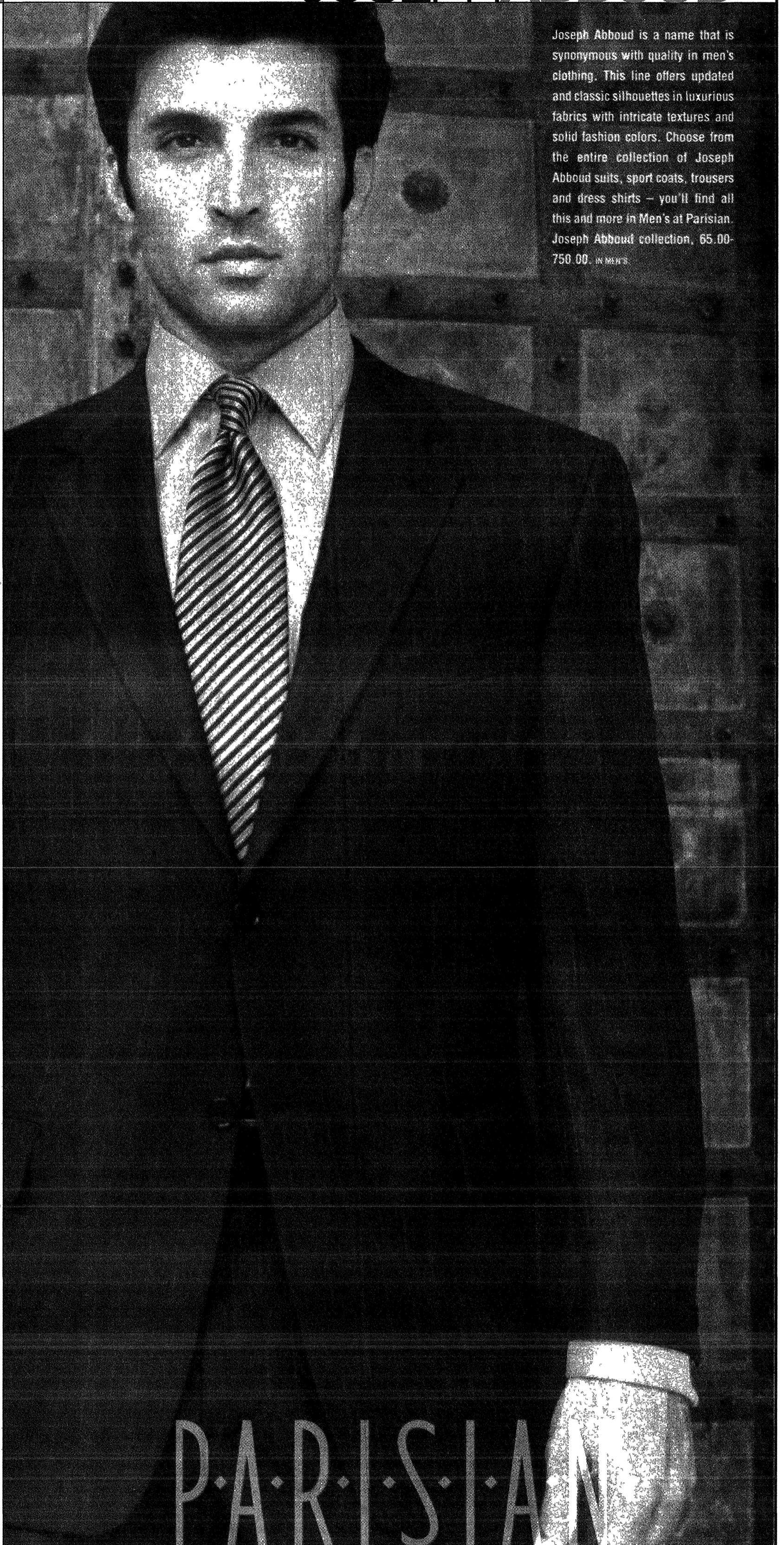
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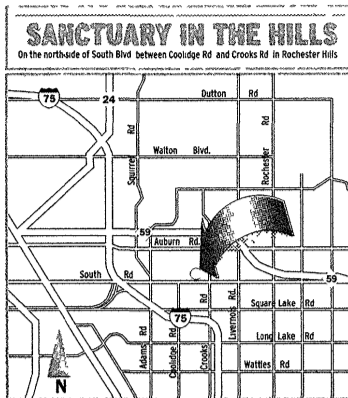
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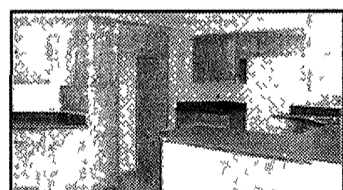
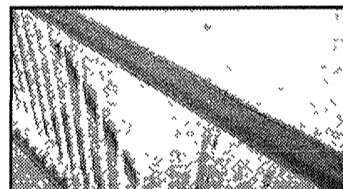
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Leaking roof could be caused by flashing problem

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Many assume that a leaky roof means replacement is imminent.

Often that's the case, but leaks could be caused by a flashing problem.

Flashings are a part of every roof. They keep water out at certain locations where the roofing itself can't. For example, most types of roofing aren't capable of sealing themselves to pipes and ducts, or to skylights, or to intersecting roofs or intersecting walls. Flashings make watertight connections possible at these locations.

A flashing is a shingle of sorts. When a vent pipe goes through a roof, a vent-pipe flashing is used to seal the penetration. The flashing is a large, flat metal shingle that contains a piece of rubber at its center. The rubber portion seals itself tightly around the pipe and the large, flat metal portion laces into surrounding shingles. On a flat roof the same rubber grommet also is used to seal itself to the pipe while the large, flat portion provides ample surface area to facilitate a good connection to tar and other types of

flat and low-slope roofing materials.

Flashings are made from a variety of materials - galvanized sheet metal, fiberglass or plastic, lead and copper. Heavy-gauge galvanized sheet metal is the most common flashing in use today. It is relatively inexpensive and easy to install. If properly maintained, it can last a lifetime. Lead is used almost exclusively on certain tile roofs, and although copper flashings can last longer than galvanized sheet metal, the cost generally is not worth the extra life.

By telling you a little bit about how roof flashings are connected, we hope to give you an idea about how they can be repaired or replaced. Wall-to-roof connections on flat roofs In places where the roof intersects with a wall, the flashing is L-shaped and travels the entire length of the connection. It's placed behind the wall covering (siding or stucco) and beneath the roof covering and, therefore, it isn't obvious. The flashing travels up and behind the lower edge of the exterior wall covering at least 6 inches and prevents leaks from even the most torrential of downpours.

The roof side of the L-flashing is connected to the roof material with hot tar or some other sealant.

PITCHED ROOFS

On pitched roofs, wall-to-roof connections are slightly different. Where the roof and wall are parallel, the flashing resides behind the wall covering and above the shingles. Where the roof slopes along a wall, the flashings still are L-shaped, but not continuous. At pitched areas the flashings are shingle length and overlap in the same way that shingles do - one end lacing into the shingles and the other side fitting behind the exterior siding.

MASONRY WALLS

A slightly different technique is used to connect the flashing to masonry. The connection to the roofing is the same. However, with stone and brick, the flashing is laced into a mortar joint and mortared in place. A second flashing is used to cover the point where the first one is mortared into the masonry. It also is tied into a mortar joint - 6- or 7 inches

farther up the masonry wall.

The upper flashing is known as counter flashing or cover flashing.

With two flashings together - both mortared in place - watertight connections can be made between the roof cover and a vertical masonry surface.

VALLEY FLASHINGS

The point at which two pitched roofs join (at an inside corner) is known as a valley and is where most shingle materials rely on a piece of metal for a watertight connection to each other. This one is known as valley flashing. With all the shingle nailing that goes on along the valley flashing, there is a good possibility that a leak can result. This occurs occasionally in new roof installations.

EDGE FLASHINGS

Flashings also exist at the roof's edge to protect damage to barge, fascias, rafter tails and other wood parts that readily can be damaged by water. Edge flashings travel under the roof covering and over the wood in question. Generally these flashings would

not be a culprit in the case of a roof leak because they normally are outside the leak area, at the outermost edges of the roof.

WALLS AND DECKS

Off the roof, many other connections depend of flashings for water-leak prevention.

Horizontal joints between stacked sheets of plywood siding use something called Z flashing to keep water out. The flashing starts on the face of the lower sheet, bends over to cap the top of the lower sheet and then travels up behind the sheet above (sort of in the shape of a backward Z). Other Z flashings are used at horizontal connections between exterior siding and penetrations such as doors and windows. A similar flashing is used at cantilevered wood decks and at waterproof decks, whether cantilevered or not. What you might have thought was a roof leak could be a leaking deck flashing letting water into a wall from one or more stories above. Water can travel down as many walls as exist.

Flashings of all types play a big role in preventing water from getting into your home

through the roof and walls. Because they are metal and-or rubber (and generally not regularly maintained), metal flashings corrode, rust and otherwise deteriorate to a point where they can leak - sometimes long before the roof or siding material is even close to failing. The rubber section of a pipe flashing usually fails long before the metal portion does.

Whether you have a roof or siding leak, check the flashings first.

Regardless of where they are, they usually are easier and less expensive to repair than alternative patching, or replacement.

When "drip, drip, drip" is what you're hearing, it's time to check flashings. And don't just look for a leak in a flashing. Sometimes the hole is hidden under roofing, counter flashing or mortar. Test flashings in the area of the leak. If rubber is near the leak, test that part first.

Flashings of all types last longer if a fresh coat of paint is applied every several years.

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Drawers make kitchen cabinets more expensive

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

There is much to learn to become an informed kitchen cabinet buyer.

Here's some food for thought:

A cabinet with a door is less expensive than a cabinet with a door and a drawer. By the same token, a cabinet with drawers is more expensive than both the door type and the drawer-and-door type.

The simplest door can be made from one

piece of material - and the simplest drawer is made from five pieces. Additionally, drawers require more elaborate (and more expensive) operating hardware - slides instead of hinges.

The cabinet seller who wants to keep the price down will show you cabinets with fewer drawers. The seller who wants the price to go up will suggest more drawers.

Oh, and pullouts - drawers behind doors - they can be more expensive than the whole lot.

Biloxi council wants to save historic buildings

AP - The city of Biloxi has asked an architectural review panel to come up with a proposed ordinance to protect historic homes falling into disrepair.

The city council expects a report soon from the Architectural and Historic Review Commission.

"I think we are in danger of losing a large part of the personality of East Biloxi," said council president Jim Compton. "It appears some owners are waiting long enough until the building falls down."

One area of concern is East Howard Avenue, which runs from the Point Cadet casinos to downtown Biloxi.

"East Howard is the spine of the

historic city," said Lolly Barnes, historical administrator for the city.

Lining the street are Victorian houses, bungalows and a rare two-story Biloxi cottage.

East Howard is not a protected historic district. However, Casino Row, where old seafood factories have been replaced by new hotels and flashing marquees, is still a protected district.

Biloxi established a community court, which some cities call an environmental or property court, two years ago to expedite the cleanup of health hazards and eyesores.

Officials said the process is the same for historic properties. They want property owners to address

the structure, stabilize it and preserve it.

Compton hopes the city can strike a balance for protecting historic structures without putting a financial hardship on property owners.

"The idea is for the city to intervene at an early point when the cost is not too great and the structure can be stabilized," Compton said.

"I think we have to understand that Hurricane Camille wiped out so many historic areas in East Biloxi. They are in small areas and in small numbers. We really owe it to future generations to do what we can to preserve what we have," he said.



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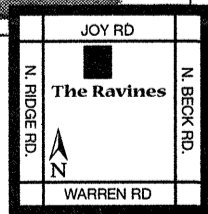
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Some lighting changes bring the dark back to town

BY DAN GALLAGHER
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Two mountain towns are doing away with a major form of pollution by flicking off some light switches.

Ketchum and Hailey also changed some light bulbs to lower wattages and are directing the street lamps to shine down to the street instead of lighting outer space. It all lets people experience the simple pleasure of seeing the stars again.

"It's a precious natural resource that's no longer available," said Dr. Stephen Pauley, a chief proponent of the local dark-sky ordinances. "At least 60 percent of Americans can't see the Milky Way."

The International Dark-Sky Association in Tucson, Ariz., says any community can reduce light pollution, but it takes patience and activism.

Americans seem to think if lighting is good, a huge amount of light was better, Pauley claims. Grocery stores, used-car lots and trophy homes such as those in Ketchum installed flood lamps Pauley calls "glare bombs."

Satellite images show the East Coast, southern California, western Europe and Japan immersed in light, while the Sahara, Amazon and northern Asia remain pitch-black. Much of the American West is lit up so residents cannot see the night sky.

Idaho Power Co. replaced Ketchum's street lights with those with "full cut-off" that point downward and do not allow sideways glare. No upward lighting of trees is allowed. There is a \$100 fine for not complying.

"There was very limited opposition, mostly from landscapers for doing away with upward tree lighting, and one lumberyard operator - just on principle," Pauley said.

Harold Moniz, Ketchum senior planner, said reducing the wattage on some lights has not impacted safety in the town.

Now, Ketchum at night is subdued. Everything is visible, but there are no excessive flood lights.

"It's restful because your eyes are not insulted by the glare," said Pauley, an amateur astronomer and physician in nearby Elkhorn who is nicknamed "Dr. Dark" for his efforts against excessive lighting. "Your eyes adapt to

'At least 60 percent of Americans can't see the Milky Way.'

Dr. Stephen Pauley
proponent of dark-sky ordinances

a lower amount of light and instead of being assaulted, you can see."

Hailey is also doing away with its "acorn lights," or faux-antique glass globes.

"The reason they have those acorns is because they look like hometown USA. They used to be incandescent lamps, not high-intensity-discharge lamps," Pauley said. "They look like hometown USA in the day, but at night you get blown away."

Hailey has budgeted about \$50,000 over three years to convert the city lights so they have a shade, said Diane Shay, city planner.

"I've received e-mails from communities all over the country that have modeled their ordinances after ours," Shay said, adding she is encouraging the nearby towns of Bellevue and Sun Valley to get on board.

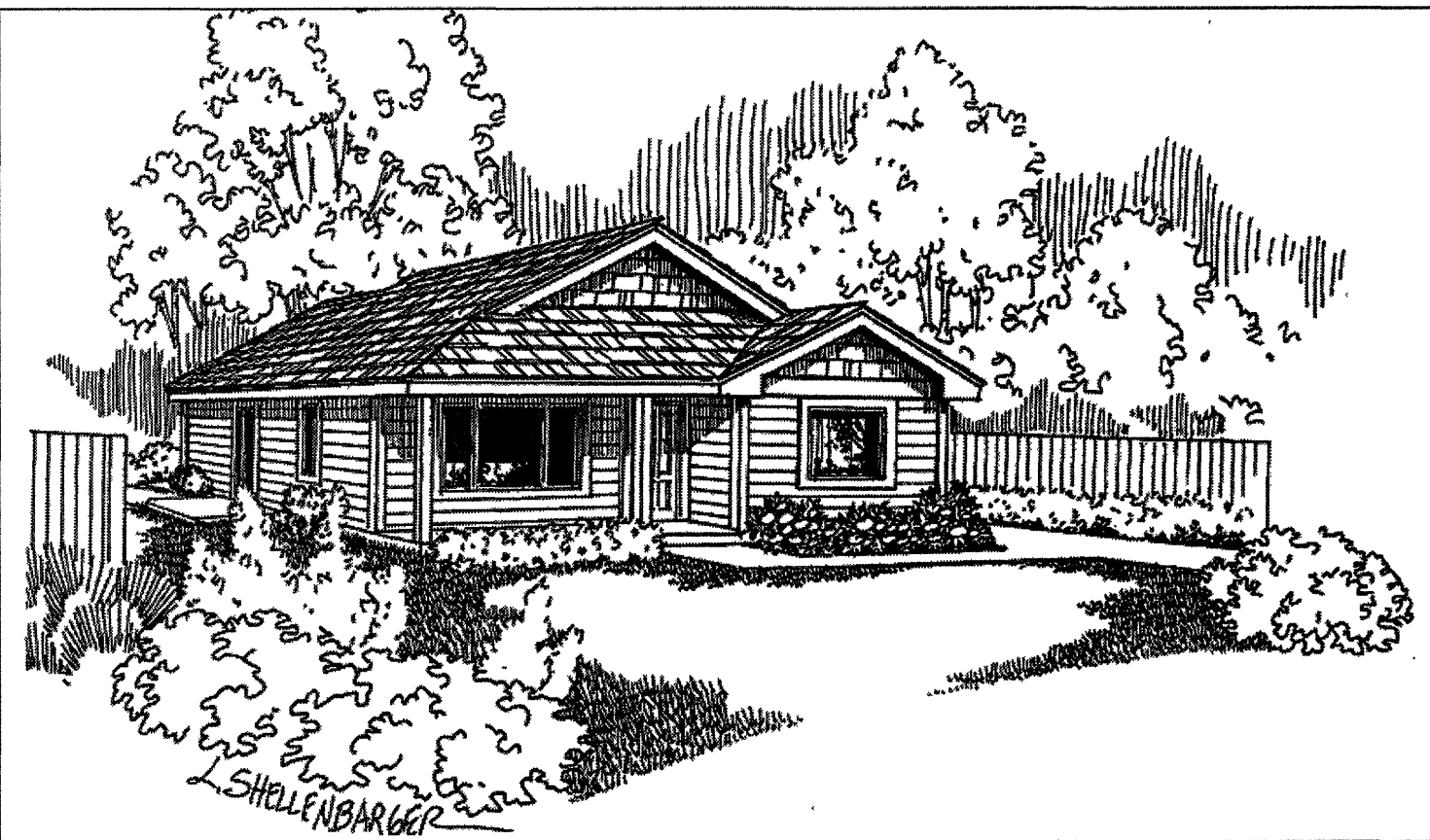
Enacting dark-sky ordinances may have been easier in Ketchum and Hailey, which are strong environmental communities. Pauley said an effort last year to convert state highway lighting to full cut-off lamps never made it out of committee in the Idaho Legislature.

The International Dark-Sky Association came about in Tucson in the 1980s after astronomers in nearby observatories became concerned the glare from town would foil their attempts to see distant galaxies, said Elizabeth Alvarez del Castillo, association director.

"They were the canaries in the mine, but the solutions help more than just astronomers," she said. "Getting rid of glare is better for drivers. Pointing light only where you need it makes your neighbors happier."

Alvarez del Castillo said a half-dozen states have light-pollution controls and other are considering them. Nations including Chile, Australia and Italy are enacting such laws.

"This is the first generation in world history where you can't see the Milky Way," she said. "The stars inspired our poetry, music, art and navigation. Bad lighting has crept up on us, but the solution is there."



Large windows, covered porch make home an excellent starter

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Once across the covered porch, the front door opens into the living room and dining room. Adjacent to the door is a large coat closet. The living and dining rooms have the option of being vaulted. This adds a more spacious feel to the rooms.

The large window in the living room bathes the area with light. The dining room has sliding glass doors opening onto a patio. This would be an ideal area for those afternoon barbecues.

The kitchen faces the front and is in the shape of a "C." It has a window over the double

sinks that views the street and all that passes. An eating bar adjacent to the dining room is ideal for those fast breakfasts before school or work.

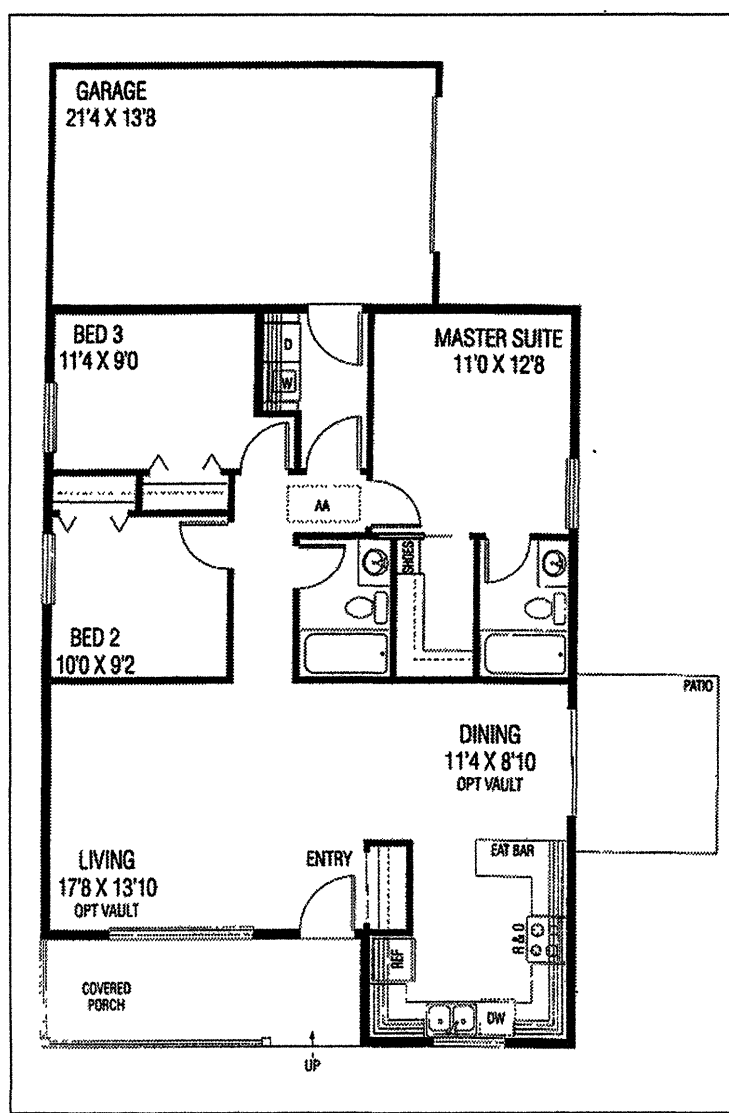
Two bedrooms are located on the left side of the Shelbi. Each has a large window as well as wall closets. A full bath for the two bedrooms is across from bedroom two. It has a tub and a single sink.

Farther down the hall is an attic access door overhead and at the end of the hall is the utility room. It is ideally located between the master suite and the other two bedrooms. It has a door that opens into the garage.

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FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

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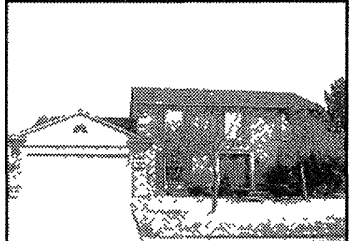
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NOVI - Wooded views. Well built 2 year old brick 2-story home w/almost every option. 5BR, 3.5BA, sunroom, large dream kit, 2-story fieldstone fireplace, enlarged FR & 2-level deck. 3 car garage, 6' whirlpool tub, alarm system, skylights, C/A, basement & much more. \$899,900 (99ABE) 248-349-5600



WESTLAND - Country living in the city. 2 acres, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick ranch with 2 car attached garage, deck, full basement, newer roof, hot water heater, ceramic baths. Spillable land. \$335,000 (60GRA) 734-455-5600



TROY - Great location on a quiet cul-de-sac sought after Merhill Acres sub. Lovely four bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial with library, formal dining room, first floor laundry, central air and large family room with fireplace. Walk to Troy High School. \$399,000 (46BEN) 248-524-1600



ROCHESTER HILLS - Spacious 4 bedroom Colonial with 2.5 baths, 3 car side entry garage, French doors leading to library, partially finished basement, open floor plan, master bedroom with 2 walk-in closets, dressing area and garden tub. \$359,900 (55QUA) 248-652-8000



EXCEPTIONAL COLONIAL - 4BR, 2.5BA home on a private treed lot. Hardwood floors, crown molding, Grecian tray ceiling in DR, sumptuous master suite w/private sitting room & ceramic bath w/jetted tub. Full basement, 3+ car garage. Very well appointed throughout. Fabulous. \$369,900 (18PIN) 248-363-1200



FRANKLIN - Fabulous 4 bedroom custom home. Newer construction, beautiful open floor plan with cathedral ceilings & extensive hardwood. Gorgeous family room with fireplace. Luxury master bedroom suite & expansive deck overlooking landscaped yard. Lower level walkout w/patio. 3 car garage. \$849,900 (00BRU) 248-642-8100



ANN ARBOR - Tastefully appointed Cape Cod w/mahogany beveled glass front door. Rich limestone foyer, hallway, powder room, kitchen & laundry room. Kitchen w/granite counters/backsplash in tumbled limestone. Master w/WIC, whirlpool & marble counter top. Solid oak staircase, intercom. \$389,900 (10MIC) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE - Outstanding Northville ranch! 3 bedrooms, 3 baths! Ceramic foyer, newer hwd floors in 2 bedrooms, GR w/full brick FP, vaulted ceiling w/wood beams. Kitchen has solid oak cabs, sunny breakfast room opens to deck, prof. finished LL, master opens to private deck. HPPI \$324,900 (24WEA) 734-455-5600



TROY - Beautiful five bedroom, 3.5 bath Colonial with cherry cabinets and hardwood floors throughout. Formal living room, dining room, family room with cathedral ceiling. Great finished basement with very nice full bath and rec room. \$449,900 (23SOM) 248-524-1600



ADDISON TOWNSHIP - Country home. Nearly 2 acres with beautiful views. Great front porch, all large bedrooms with walk-in closet, ceramic master bath with garden tub and stall shower, daylight basement and two 2 car garages. \$310,000 (01YUL) 248-652-8000



TRULY BETTER THAN NEW - 4 bedroom Colonial built in 2000. All the finishing touches are in. Light filled kitchen with tile floor, fireplace in family room. Hardwood in foyer and dining room, master suite with spa tub, beautifully tiled. 3 car garage. \$314,900 (31JOS) 248-363-1200



BIRMINGHAM - Updated ranch offers quality and elegance. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, formal living room with fireplace, dining room, great room with fireplace opens to kitchen with large breakfast area, year round Florida room overlooks backyard. Move-in condition. \$559,900 (60LIN) 248-642-8100



BRIGHTON - Welcome to your dream home. Custom built colonial on a wooded lot. 3 spacious bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Walkout lower level & first floor laundry. 3 car side entry garage. Gourmet kitchen with French doors leading to cedar sunroom with hot tub. Brighton Schools. \$409,900 (83SIL) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH - Custom contemporary home. 3 story atrium foyer, spiral oak staircase GR w/FP opens to sunroom, kitchen w/newer granite counters, formal dining room w/hardwood floor, library or music room, master suite has FP, jetted tub, finished LL, walkout to inground pool. \$685,800 (77WES) 734-455-5600

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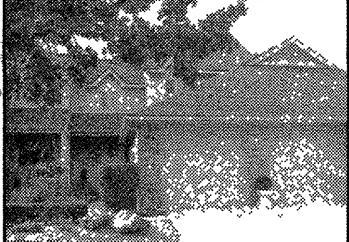
FINE HOMES & ESTATES



FARMINGTON HILLS - Spacious Ramblewood Colonial. Open floor plan in this 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home in Farmington Hills. Very spacious rooms, finished basement with bath, great room and lots of storage. Island kitchen, skylights, plus much more. Not a drive by. \$365,000 (31APP) 248-626-8800



BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP - Super home on fantastic lot. 4 bedrooms, 2.2 bath, updated. Birmingham schools. Great buy. \$465,000 (02LIN) 248-642-8100



NORTHVILLE - Blue Heron beauty W/O. 3BR, 3.5BA 2-story with walkout to the water w/boats & more. 2-story GR. Walkout has its own fireplace. Could be in-law quarters. Newer carpeting. Too many amenities to list. \$419,500 (85BLU) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH - Classic custom brick ranch. Brick courtyard entrance! 4+ bedrooms, 3.5 baths, cathedral ceiling, hardwood floor, newer carpet in GR, volume ceiling T/O! French doors to lib. Bay windows in DR & breakfast room., spacious master w/jetted tub & WIC, fin. LL, walkout to patio. \$597,000 (15WES) 734-455-5600

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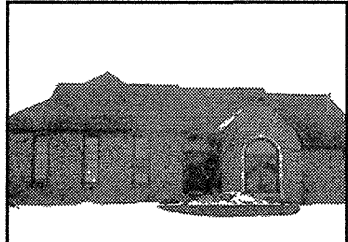
TROY - Spectacular lot and ranch. Open spacious ranch. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, updates include flooring, bathrooms and kitchen. Huge deck, living room with fireplace, dining room, study, family room, activities room and more. Bloomfield Hills schools, beautiful lot. \$319,900 (29CHA) 248-626-8800



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Extensively updated 4 BD's, 2.1 BA home in Bennington Green. Beautiful newer kitchen w/all appls included. Formal dining room & living room, fireplace in family room w/doorwall to landscaped lot w/in-ground pool. Finished bsmt., 2 car side entry gar. Very sharp!! \$455,000 (17WAT) 248-642-8100



LIVONIA - Burton Hollow Cape Cod. Quiet cul-de-sac setting for this charming 4BR, 2.5BA Cape Cod. Hardwood floors under most carpets. Walking distance to swim club and Cass Elementary school. Appliances included. \$304,900 (95FAI) 248-349-5600



ROCHESTER HILLS - House beautiful. Stunning brick split-level with first floor master bedroom suite, vaulted great room with marble fireplace, dining room, study, sitting loft and beautifully finished basement. Large well-landscaped lot. \$345,000 (60MAY) 248-524-1600



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Elegant estate with indoor pool. Large 4 bedroom Colonial, 4 baths, 2 lavs, sauna, jetted tub, 24 hour security, remodeled in 1997, huge deck and brick patio. Second floor bridge overlooking first floor. Common pool and tennis. \$1,275,000 (64KIF) 248-652-8000



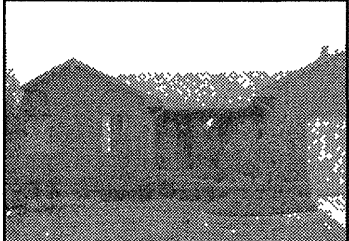
COMMERCE - Gorgeous lakefront views. Sitting on approx. 2.5 acres, this custom home features 3 BR suites, open floor plan, two FPs & fin. LL. Lots of upgrades including stone & ceramic work. Gorgeous views. Prof. landscaping. Rolling lot w/mature trees. Minutes from downtown Milford. \$474,900 (80WIL) 248-363-1200



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Four bedrooms with 2.5 baths, large bedrooms, master suite with walk-in closet, 2nd floor laundry, newer appliances, central air, fireplace in family room, doorwall to deck, side entry garage. West Bloomfield schools, immediate possession, also available for lease. \$314,900 (57GRE) 248-626-8800



BLOOMFIELD - Spacious and beautiful 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick ranch on approximately 1 acre lot. Finished basement, 2 car garage and with Birmingham Schools. Don't miss out!! \$425,000 (80EAS) 248-642-8100



LIVONIA - Custom throughout. Incredible lot offers custom ranch with 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths. Finished lower level. Home features oak crown moldings, hardwood floors, custom window treatments. Newer carpet, 3-tiered deck. Brick paver patio. \$399,900 (25STM) 248-349-5600



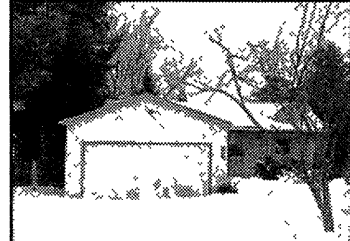
TROY - Four bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial with 9' first floor ceilings. Marble foyer and hallway. Master bedroom with bath, Jacuzzi tub and fireplace. Circular staircase. Ceramic tile floor in kitchen. Upgraded carpeting. Side entrance garage. \$549,000 (26CUS) 248-524-1600



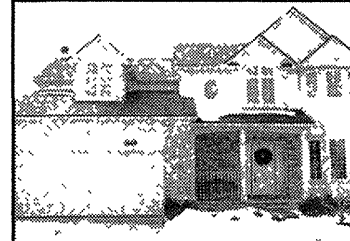
OAKLAND - Attention builders. Approximately 3 acre premium lot overlooking two streams and woods. Three bedroom ranch with detached garage, newer furnace, alarm, dining room and deck overlooking great view. Value is in the property. \$457,000 (10ORI) 248-652-8000



CUSTOM BRENTWOOD TUDOR - 2001 built 3BD, 2.5BA home w/premium amenities. Main floor master w/2 walk-in closets, & jetted tub, Jack & Jill bath upstairs w/loft, FR, GR w/FP, hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, FFL, part. fin. LL, huge 4 car gar. Wooded lot w/sprinkler system. Clubhouse. \$459,900 (69MAY) 248-363-1200



OXFORD - Beautiful ranch on a lake! All-sports lake walkout, just painted throughout, newer carpet, updated! 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 2 fireplaces, first floor laundry. Newer kitchen, relax and enjoy beautiful sunsets with sandy beach bottoms in a fenced large backyard. Must see! \$319,000 (18LAK) 248-626-8800



COMMERCE - Stunning 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2000 built colonial with magnificent light oak kitchen with island and pantry. Large master with walk-in-closet, bath with garden tub and shower. Daylight basement with high ceilings, all on the 9th hole of Beacon Hill. \$327,500 (691VY) 248-642-8100



CANTON - Elegant family home. Open floor plan, 4 spacious bedrooms, 2.5 baths, attached 2 car garage, former model. Crown molding, hardwood floors, ungraded carpet, 1st floor laundry & study. Over 2,800 sq. ft. on wooded lot. Don't miss out on this one. \$354,900 (39ECH) 734-455-5600



TROY - Country living on two-plus acres in the middle of Troy. Three bedrooms, 3/5 baths, formal dining room, dream kitchen model. Crown molding, hardwood floors, ungraded carpet, 1st floor laundry & study. Heated attached garage plus separate heated detached garage. Hot a drive by. \$484,900 (85ECK) 248-524-1600



ROCHESTER HILLS - Breathtaking sunset views over Stratford Lake. Move into this custom built 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath and start entertaining from the double tiered deck or finished walkout basement family room. Oak kitchen, library and 1st floor laundry. \$376,500 (56SUS) 248-652-8000



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FARMINGTON HILLS - Contemporary, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, wonderful spacious, updated, huge kitchen, updated ceramic baths. Vaulted ceilings in great room, family room with fireplace, doorwall, circular staircase in foyer, approximately 1/2 acre manicured property. Custom deck and patio. \$319,900 (26PLE) 248-626-8800



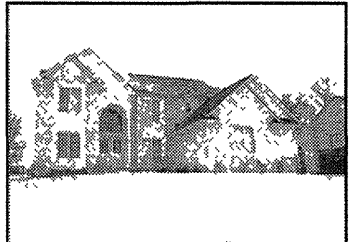
BIRMINGHAM - Updated 4 bedroom brick bungalow with 2 full baths. Updated kitchen, master bath, newer windows and roof. Large master suite with library, hardwood floors and finished basement. 4 car heated garage, large deck, all appliances included. Home warranty provided. \$314,900 (89DOP) 248-642-8100



FARMINGTON HILLS - Regal rural ranch. Lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch w/oversized 2 car attached garage, sitting on almost .5 acre + basement, new roof in 2000, built by master carpenter, country kitchen w/dark oak cabinets & loads of counter space. \$274,900 (13EDG) 734-455-5600



TROY - Multiple upgrades in this bright, airy Colonial that backs to Jaycee Park. Newer kitchen, baths and maple floors in foyer, hall, kitchen and family room. Four bedrooms, three full baths, dining room, library, finished basement and free-form pool. \$314,900 (57WES) 248-524-1600



ORION - Priced to sell. Below comp. Full brick 2 story on approx. 1/2 acre lot. Breathtaking great room with soaring ceilings and fireplace. Bright open kitchen with ceramic floor, 2 story foyer, lavish master suite. French doors to den, 4 bedrooms. \$369,977 (36OAK) 248-652-8000



FANTASTIC 1 1/2 STORY - Drastic reduction. Large ceramic foyer, 1st floor master suite/ceramic BA/large WIC, soaring ceilings, open floor plan, huge country kitchen, island, ceramic floor, formal DR, 3 5BA, FR w/FP, mantel. Prof. fin. WO w/kit. and storage Deck/patio on approx. .5 acre. \$374,900 (55JES) 248-363-1200



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BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Super sharp colonial on a beautiful private lot. Updated kitchen, baths, family room with brick fireplace opens to large deck, formal dining room, 2 car attached garage. A must see! \$289,000 (24HIC) 248-642-8100

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For Canton apartment community, part-time, every other weekend. Great opportunity for right person. Please call resume@michigacat.com, fax to 248-348-3127 or mail to: Michigan CAT Human Resources Dept Position #2003-24 P.O. Box 1020 Wixom, MI 48393-1020 EOE M/F/V/H

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Major aggregates company seeks experienced loader operators. Feed the plant, load customer trucks, maintain stockpile and assist in maintenance. Benefits Send resume or letter specifically describing related experience: Loader-A438 P.O. Box 2497 Southfield, MI 48037 Fax: (248) 355-0872 EOE

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RECREATION COORDINATOR, AQUATICS

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Max
Max is a five-year-old Rottweiler male with a black coat trimmed in copper with brown eyes weighing in at 85 lbs. He has a very sweet and calm personality and will make a fabulous pet! He is already housebroken and knows how to sit, stay and shake paw on command. In addition, he is very treat motivated and knows how to politely take treats.

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<p>Mini Vans (8240)</p> <p>PLYMOUTH 1999 Grand Voyager SE Express, 60K miles, \$8,400 248-474-3781</p> <p>Plymouth 2000 Grand Voyager SE - 40K miles, exc cond \$10,500 734-421-7147</p> <p>PLYMOUTH GRAND Voyager 1997 82K miles, \$5,700, good cond. (248) 672-1057</p> <p>PLYMOUTH GRAND Voyager 1997 82K miles, \$5,700, good cond (248) 672-1057</p> <p>PONTIAC Transport SE 1994 38L, Aqua Met, 82K loaded, exc cond \$4,500, 248-305-8224</p> <p>PONTIAC, 1998 Transport EXT Red, CD, exc cond, \$8,500/best 248-366-0827</p>	<p>Mini Vans (8240)</p> <p>SAFARI 1999, SLE, AWD, 8 passenger, loaded, SUNROOF, 734-458-2829</p> <p>WINDSTAR 1998, 36K, like new, \$6900</p> <p>TYME SALES 734-455-5566</p> <p>WINDSTAR 2000 - 2 slid drs., rear air, tow pkg, 70K. Good cond. \$9100. 734-657-8560</p> <p>WINDSTAR 2000 LX 4 doors, rear air, towing, 42.5k, exc cond \$11,988. 734-459-9298</p>	<p>Vans (8260)</p> <p>CHEVY CONVERSION VAN 2000 - Take over lease, \$595 down \$425/mo. for 24 mos. 50,000 mi. left on lease. Call (248) 652-4254</p> <p>DODGE 1996 Van Conversion, rear air, captains chairs, everything, \$5,995</p> <p>CRESTWOOD DODGE 734-421-5700</p> <p>DODGE 2000 conversion van, V6, 25K miles, reasonable offer. (313) 533-0225</p>	<p>Vans (8260)</p> <p>Ford 1997 Club Wagon - 83K miles, 4 captain chairs down new tires, shocks, exc cond. \$7900. 248-305-9284</p> <p>Ford 1999 - E150, white, exc. cond, air warranty, \$8500/best. 248-489-1053</p> <p>FORD 2002 - E-150 Cargo Van V6, 15K mi., warranty, \$13,000/best (734) 261-6323</p> <p>FORD ECONOLINE 1989 100K miles + 1 minor rust, runs well \$1800 734-765-7343</p> <p>GM 1994 STARCRaft Conversion, very good cond., 74K. \$6500 734-981-2381</p>
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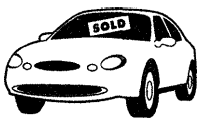
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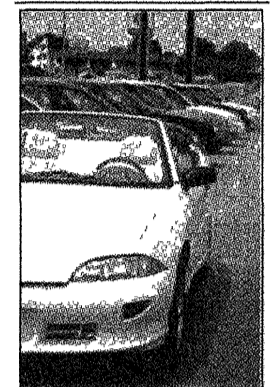
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Refinements and upgrades are what make the 2004 Nissan Maxima that's arriving in dealer showrooms the epitome of what fine luxury automobiles are about.

As the flagship of Nissan's ever-burgeoning lineup of vehicles that seems to fit nicely into every way of life and lifestyle, the under \$30,000 Maxima proves itself worthy of the maximum balance of performance, comfort and value.

Now five -- can you believe it?!? -- five generations down the road from the very first Maxima gracing American roads, there is no change when it comes to exactly what this vehicle is all about: A four-door sports car.

And, for the first time since its birth in 1981, the Maxima will now be assembled on our shores, at the Nissan manufacturing plant in Tennessee.

Nissan first billed the Maxima as a performance sedan and it quickly took the front seat as a top-selling V6 import. Today's Maxima is no exception. Two models are available, the 3.5 SE and 3.5 SL. Both offer a host of delightful options, including a new Skyview Roof that's standard equipment on all models.

Nissan promises you'll fall in love with this new Skyview Roof. The premise behind this neat option is that it creates an open-air above the front and rear passengers, while maintaining a solid roof structure.

Ok, let me try to explain. The roof has rectangular glass panels that start in the front and end in the rear. It has sliding sunshades that can easily block out the sunlight if you wish.

The best feature about the Skyview Roof is that it alters the interior of the Maxima by making you believe that the interior is actually larger than it really is. And, if you don't like the Skyview Roof, Nissan will allow you to option for the regular power sliding front sun roof.

One thing you'll notice right away when you slip behind the wheel of the Maxima is the amount of room within the cabin. There's a longer wheelbase, larger width and larger trunk cargo space. With that added space, you and your passengers will have more comfort zones and the added cargo space will allow a few extras to fit in.

Comfort of the drive was of utmost concern when



2004 Maxima has a maximum balance of performance, comfort and value.

designing this new Maxima. Nissan engineers took many hours to bring everything toward the driver and his/her comfort.

The steering wheel, instrumentation cluster and even the gearshift knob were moved strategically closer to the driver. Instrumentation, the center console stack and console itself are cleaner and easier to read. In the center, you'll find the essentials like heating and cooling controls, audio controls and the trip computer. No reason to ever not use the Maxima on ultra-long drives. Go ahead, take it across the country. Stop only for gas, if you wish. The front seats are designed for it. They're billed as "low fatigue" seats and have special cross sections of the cushions and seat backs to offer the best support possible.

The driver's seat is an eight-way power seat and the passenger's seat is a four-way power seat. Both have height-adjustable head restraints. Go ahead and splurge on the optional driver's seat memory system that readjusts the seat, steering wheel and outside mirrors at the touch of a button.

There are four seats in the Maxima, all of which virtually look the same. It was done that way for a purpose. Available on the Elite Package, the ever-so-boring rear bench seat has been replaced with two independent bucket seats. This treatment makes the Maxima even more sporty.

Sure, it eliminates the five-passenger seating option, but it certainly looks cool and creative. Makes it look more like a two-door sports car without the hassles of getting in and out of the front doors. Just how many people really need the five-passenger seating option, anyway?

Nissan didn't ignore any safety issues with the Maxima, further enhancing crush zones, dual-stage front air bags with seat belt sensors, side curtain and front-seat side-

impact air bags. There are active head restraints, emergency inside trunk release and the child seat anchor system as well.

Let's get to the heart of the matter -- exactly what's under the hood. The Maxima is powered by Nissan's VQ 3.5-liter that has won eight awards as one of the ten best engines. This dual overhead cam 24-valve V6 produces 260 horsepower and has a tuned exhaust that makes it sound just so sweet.

Of course, this engine is mated to a standard 4-speed electronically controlled automatic transmission with a gated shifter. The SE model allows you to have a 5-speed automatic with a manual shift mode, too.

And for the really serious driver, a 6-speed close-ratio manual is option on the 3.5 SE models.

Ride characteristics and handling are taken care of by a luxury-tuned and performance-tuned suspension that provides a solid feel and a superb ride. I can't imagine ever wanting to get out of the Maxima once you've started rolling.

Go ahead, take it for a spin.

Write Ann Fracassa at avanti1054@aol.com.

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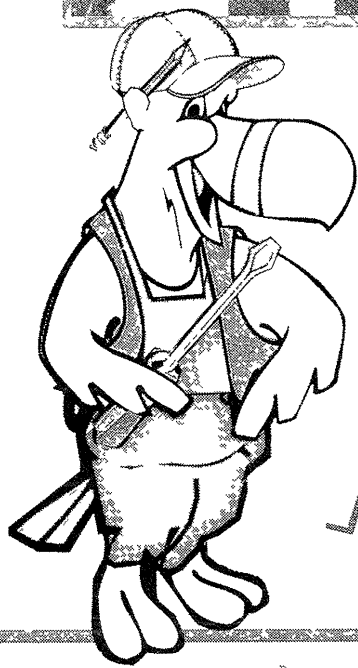
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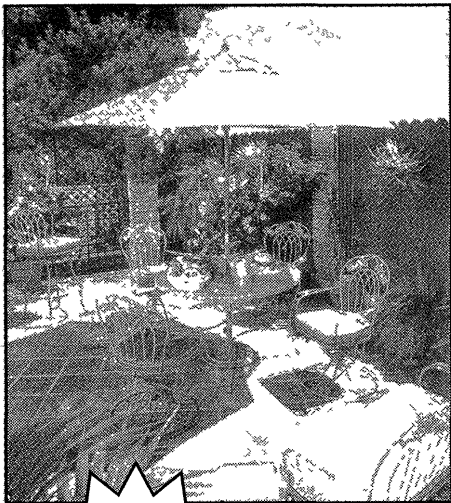
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Make ceiling a room's crowning glory

BY JOAN BORAM
CORRESPONDENT

Traditionally, the standard treatment of ceilings has been to paint them white and forget about them.

But after walls and floors, ceilings are the largest surface in your home. As such, they deserve more attention. With a little imagination, the ceiling can be the crown jewel of the room.

For example, wall coverings can give your ceiling character that can make a room look like a custom-wrapped gift. Coordinated paper or fabrics applied from floor to ceiling give a plain room architectural appeal with minimum effort and expenditure.

"A designer will see the potential of a huge ceiling as a design element," said Dawn McAllister, owner of Designer's Choice in Plymouth.

"Sometimes it's hard to convince homeowners that the ceiling should be included in a design scheme, but when it's done, they're always delighted."

CEILING ART

For a room with a very high ceiling, McAllister likes to commission huge custom-made silk palm trees, then uplight them, causing the large palm fronds to cast dramatic shadows on the ceiling.

"It really creates an exotic atmosphere," she said.

The wall coverings she recommends for ceilings aren't the standard wallpaper patterns. No ditsy little prints here! Rather, McAllister likes textures, colors or patterns that look as though the ceiling was painted.

"It's art for the ceiling, and it costs much less than faux painting. When clients find a texture and color they like, I order a large piece from the manufacturer, so they can live with it for a while until they're sure they want it permanently."

When a room needs a glow, McAllister recommends color on a ceiling.

"Many people are locked into the concept of a light-colored ceiling, but I've painted ceilings navy blue. A lot depends on the existing light in a room. A dark ceiling can be very cozy if the floors and walls are light and the furnishings are dark."

To make a boxy room more interesting, McAllister often uses Styrofoam molding

from the Gingerbread Co. (www.gingerbreadtrim.com) in Livonia.

"We can make crown moldings in almost any style a client prefers," said owner Mark Crowther. "Wood moldings would be prohibitive due to cost, but once the Styrofoam is painted (it can't be stained), you'd never know the difference."

Francine Koluch of Faux Painting by Francine in Garden City has a portfolio of the magic she works on ceilings and walls, but every project is adapted to the home and client.

"Once I connect with the person, I follow my instinct to combine what is already in place with the theme the client requests.

"For example, I recently did a children's bedroom that had bunk beds. The bed became a starship in space, and the rest of the room had a celestial theme. There were characters from *Star Wars* at the lower bunk level, and the rest of the room was a heavenly map of stars and planets. The stars glow in the dark. It's like sleeping under an open sky."

For a very small (5 foot by 5 foot) powder room with a very high ceiling, Koluch painted a garden with a fountain on one wall; the other walls were a complementary color.

The ceiling was covered with a coating resembling gold leaf, and a chandelier added. The effect of the light from the chandelier reflected off the "gold leaf" is like sunlight in a secluded corner of a garden.

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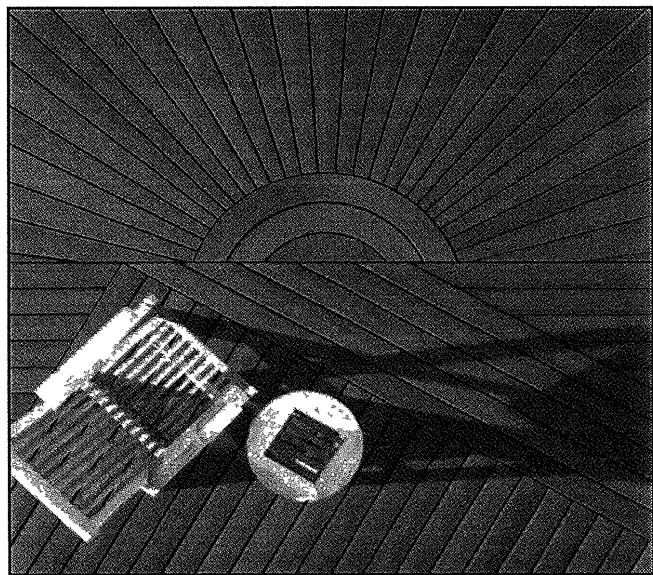
Dedicated do-it-yourselfers have made Armstrong's laminate ceiling planks an immediate success since their introduction in 2002.

"The ceiling planks are available in seven wood tones plus white, so they coordinate with most furnishings," said Skip Huntsberry, manager of the tile department at Lowe's of Westland.

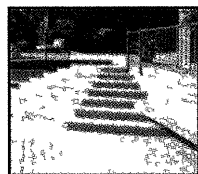
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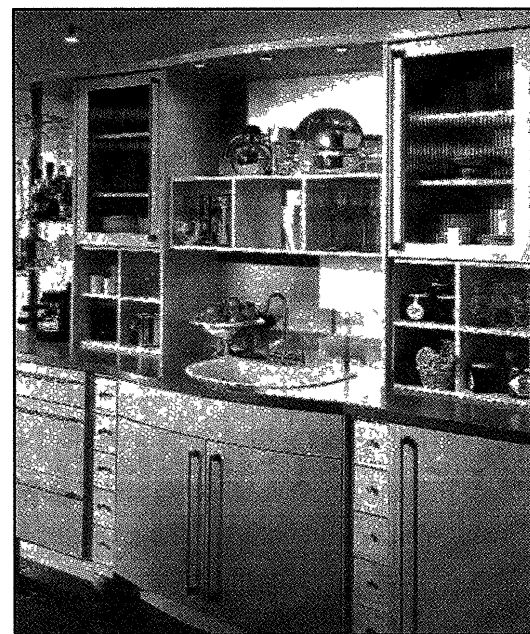
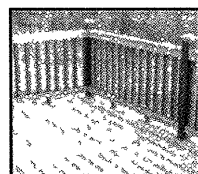
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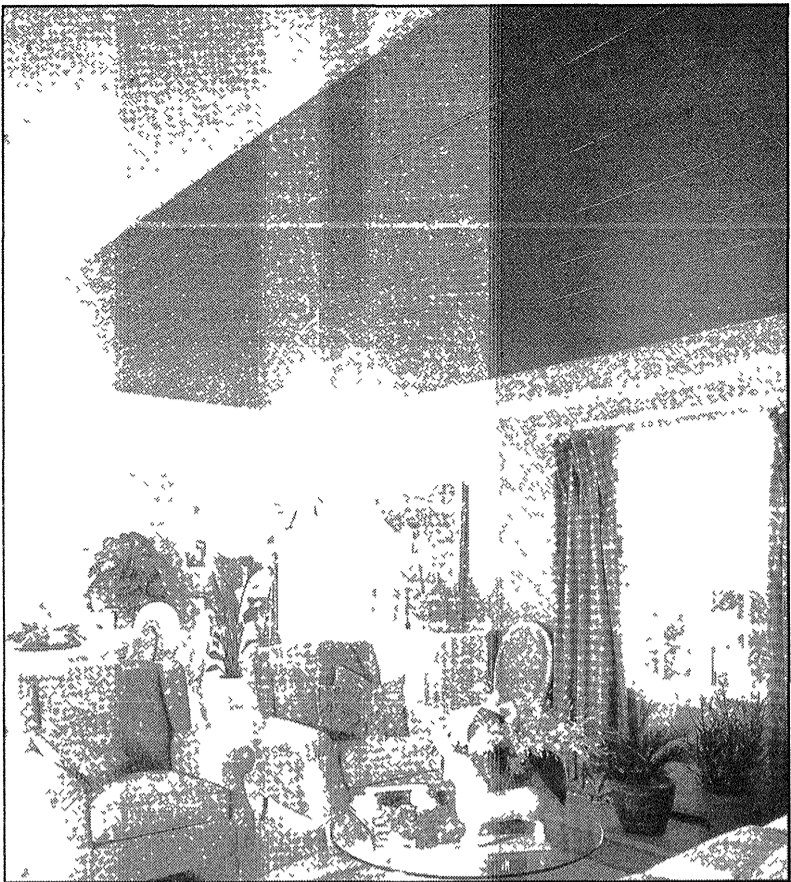
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Solar energy seen in new light today

BY ALICE RHEIN
CORRESPONDENT

While Donna Napolitano and her husband, Joe, are business owners, they spend a good portion of their time educating consumers about solar energy.

As owners of Mechanical Energy Systems in Canton, one of Michigan's largest solar energy companies, the Napolitanos have been advocates for the solar industry since 1980.

Most consumers remember the huge solar panels that appeared on a few roofs during the energy crisis of the late 1970s. But as soon as the oil was flowing again, most lost interest in alternative energy.

But anyone who got sticker shock from their winter heating bill might want to rethink solar power. And with the uncertainty of world affairs, oil prices don't seem to be heading anywhere but up.

There's a lot that has changed about solar energy in the past few decades – mainly the look and the price.

At the Mechanical Energy Systems office, nearly all the lighting, heating and cooling is provided by alternative energy.

The goal is that by Earth Day, April 22, the entire building will be run by alternative energy. That's if, of course, everything runs on schedule.

Donna is particularly proud that her office – as well as her hallway at home – is lighted with a Solatube light, a tubular, mirrored skylight that comes in residential sizes of 10 to 14 inches, and commercial sizes of 21 inches.

With a simple flashing that attaches to the roof and slides under a shingle, the light is placed between the rafters and runs into whatever room you choose on any floor. Because it doesn't store light, it's best to use in a hallway or bathroom.

Depending on the lens used, the retail cost is about \$500.

"We are spoiled that we are just so used to turning on a light and having the energy to do that," said Donna.

There are solar products available for both heating and cooling, and they can be used in new or existing homes.

A solar-powered attic fan by Solastar has two small panels that mount to the roof and there is no electrical hook-up.

In the summer, the light runs it and pulls heat out of the attic to help reduce air conditioning costs. And it's light, not sun, that is needed, so even on cloudy days, you get results.

The fan will cool 1,200 square feet, which is a fairly standard attic size. Donna says she has seen a 25-percent reduction in cooling bills just from using the ceiling fan.

For heating, the Solarwall, which is mounted to the south side of a wall, allows pre-heated air to tie into the heating duct system.

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The Solarwall comes in many colors and sizes, and Mechanical Energy Systems offers free consultations for homeowners interested in any of these, or other products including solar water heaters and outdoor pool heaters.

Perhaps solar energy didn't become popular when it was cast as a way to save the Earth, but as a way of saving money on high energy bills. Well, that might just work.

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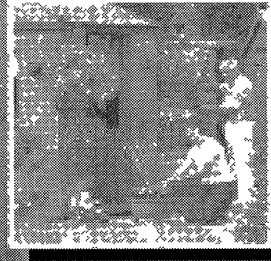
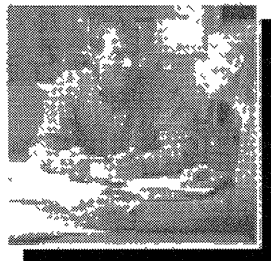
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BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

There's a right and wrong flooring for every room, and the key is to make sure you know the difference.

"Usually when a customer comes in the first thing I ask is, 'What do you want the product to do?'" said Vic Gabrielli, owner of Vic's Floor Store in Canton.

For instance, customers should consider a heavy-duty tile if there is a lot of traffic in the basement. Porcelain ceramics are more durable and are the best choice for outdoor rooms and surfaces, like patios, sunrooms and around hot tubs, Gabrielli said.

Also keep in mind the needs of the people and animals living in the home.

For instance, carpeting isn't the best choice if someone in the house has dust allergies.

If there are cats and dogs, remember they can scratch a hardwood floor. If you want that look, however, consider a laminate wood floor that isn't as easily scratched.

CONSIDERATIONS

Ceramics are usually installed as an upgrade from an existing floor and will be around for a long time.

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Gabrielli said he tries to help save customers time by giving them ideas when they're looking at materials. For instance, certain tile jobs call for specific tile sizes and with patterns that come with finishing pieces.

"There's no sense in a customer wasting their time looking at 6-inch styles when they can only use a 4-inch size," he said.

Consider, too, that if a tile breaks you want to be able to replace it with one that matches. Dye lots can be different, just like when you're working with wallpaper, and if it doesn't match it will be obvious.

"We make sure they have enough product to do their job well," Gabrielli said.

"That's a hard point to make sometimes, but they always want enough to replace."

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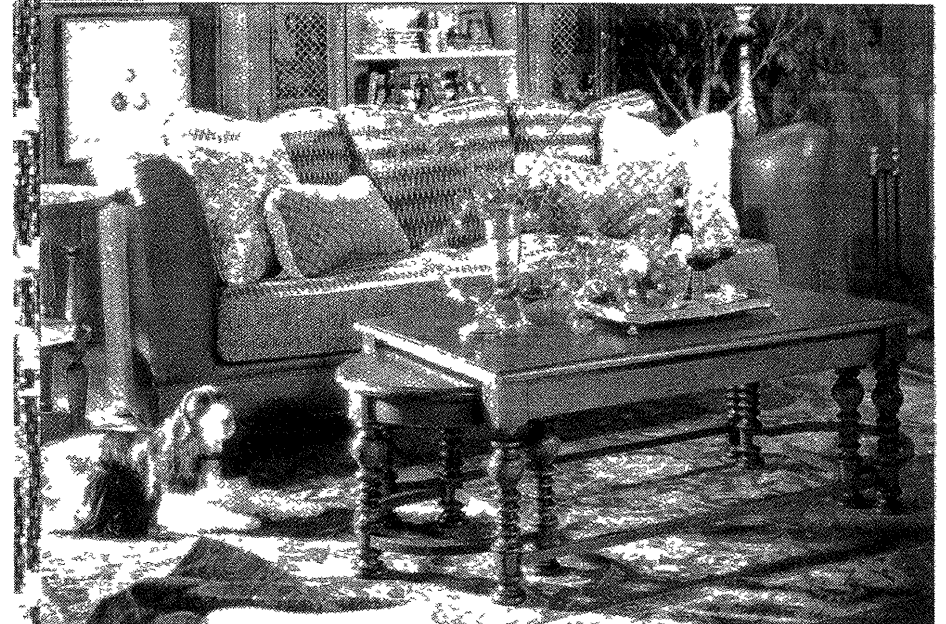


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You can transform your home with paint and painting techniques

Decorative painting dresses up rooms

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BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Nothing changes a room like a fresh coat of paint.

And with the right person behind the brush, you can take a wall and use it as a canvas.

Disney characters in the children's room add whimsy; a seaside view can remind you of a favorite summer resort; stenciled butterflies and painted giraffes can transform a boring, unattractive, unfinished basement into an intriguing rain forest.

"You can do anything with paint," said Dorian Soper of Walldorians in Plymouth.

There's no limitation on the type of mural she can paint on walls.

With decorative painting, Soper takes a pattern found in the room – maybe a design from the upholstery – and recreates it on the wall.

"You get the most bang for your buck with decorative painting and it makes a huge difference if you want a customized look," she said. "It gives a house that individual, unique touch that everyone is looking for right now."

"Everyone goes to Home Depot and The Great Indoors and they all have the same products. This is probably between hiring an interior decorator and doing it yourself – I'm that intermediary person who helps people with their paint."

Faux finishes are another method to dress up walls.

"They can be a wonderful cosmetic face-lift for your wall if you have any imperfections," Soper said. "Walls get dinged up and banged and the faux finishes conceal that."

And unlike wallpaper, you can paint right over the faux finish when you want a

change.

"A lot of people do their own faux finishes and that's fine, but they have to remember the corners are really tough and sometimes hiring a professional is better in the long run," Soper said.

Paint finishes that look like textured wallpaper, marble, stone or leather have been popular for a couple of years, said Margaret Garvin, event coordinator for Michael's Arts & Crafts in Farmington Hills.

Each finish begins with a base coat; the number of different shades that are applied is up to you.

Among all the faux finishes, Garvin said, rag rolling is likely the easiest. It's a matter of blotting a second color of paint with a rag or plastic bag.

"Keep working it until you get the look you like," Garvin said. "Put a third or fourth color on and do the same if you want. It looks nice – certainly nicer than a plain old blah wall."

For something a little more detailed and difficult, try making your wall look like marble by dipping a feather in paint darker than the base to recreate the veins found in the stone.

There are no set rules when working with faux finishes, said Robert Hanson Jr., general manager of Excel Products Co. in Redford.

Recently, he said, a lot of customers are talking about a technique that involves applying plastic to wet paint and pulling it off to achieve a burst of wavy color.

"People come up with a lot of different ways to do it," Hanson said.

For more information about specialized painting services or faux finish classes at Walldorians, call Dorian Soper at (734) 455-5544 or go to her Web site at www.walldorians.com.

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Windows: More than open, shut case

BY LISA LUCKOW-HEALY
CORRESPONDENT

Living in an older home means you might have to replace windows or add reflective film to decrease exposure to ultra-violet rays. Even that new home may require reflective window film.

Window films, or solar reflective films, reduce 99.9 percent of the sun's ultra-violet (UVA and UVB) rays entering your home.

"Our product called Vista Window Film provides glare reduction between 38 and 87 percent, depending on the density of the film," said William F. Kish, president and owner, SRF Enterprises Inc. in Farmington Hills. "Thirty-six to 80 percent of heat gain is reduced."

"This product is a very high grade with a 35- to 40-year longevity. You can even clean the film with conventional window cleaner."

Some films are more reflective than others.

"Basically, they knock out heat, glare and ultra-violet rays to help protect your furniture, floors, window treatments and cabinets," said Mike Bieth, owner, Eclipse Window Tinting in Redford.

Kish says that his company's low-E film is comparable to glass.

"The benefit of the film is the ultra-violet ray reduction rate is greater than any of the low-E glass on the market," he said.

The north, south, east and west sun exposures play important roles in determining the type of film a given room will require to help block out unwanted heat exposure and glare.

"East, south and west glass will have significant amounts of sun exposure - the south primarily in the winter months and the east or west in the summer months," said Kish.

"The exposure dictates the type of film you want to consider. If you have a great room with a television, nice rugs, and leather furniture, you would probably want a denser window film because you want to help prevent your rugs and furniture from fading due to sun exposure."

When it comes to reducing heat and glare in a sunroom, where you generally have a large heat load, you will want to cut down on the heat exposure to help save on energy. Window film is a viable solution to this dilemma.

"The film is applied to new or existing windows," said Bieth. "Window film is less expensive than buying new windows with coatings, and films are more effective than tinted or low-E glass."

GLASS, FRAMES

When you build a new home, or remodel an older home, you have multiple other decisions to make about windows. What sizes do I need? What shapes do the windows come in? How should they open and close? Are the windows easy to maintain? Is there a good warranty behind the brand?

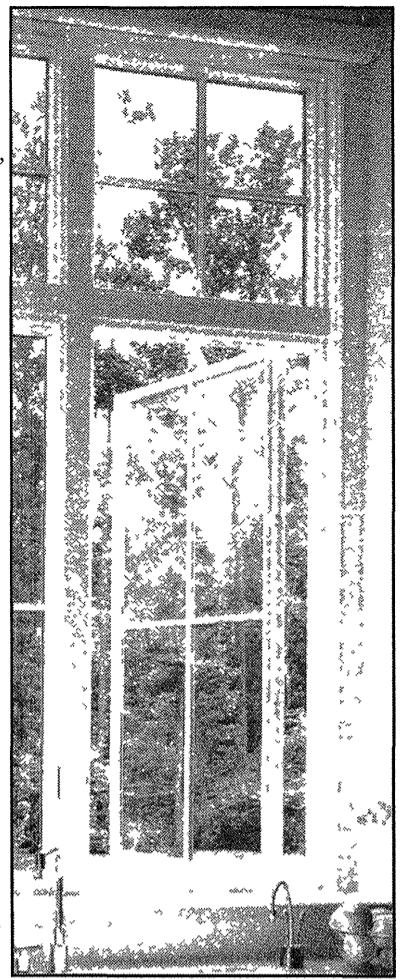
The question is, where do you begin when you have window needs? There are several types of window glass, including clear glass, low-E and low-E Argon.

"Low-E is glass coated with vacuum-sealed Argon gas in between the panes," said Rod Rue, CEO, Majic Window Company in Westland. "This type of glass blocks out ultra-violet rays and helps insulate the home from the cold in winter months and the heat in summer months. Low-E Argon offers improved insulation."

Majic Window Company is an exclusive carrier of fiberglass windows.

"Fiberglass frames maintain their shape and are stronger than vinyl window frames," said Rue.

"Over a five-year period of time, vinyl is going to lose its shape (U-value). Most vinyl windows only come in white or almond because they can't be painted and these are the most neutral or common



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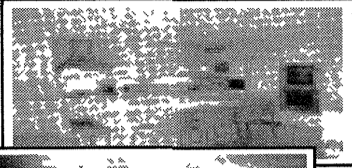
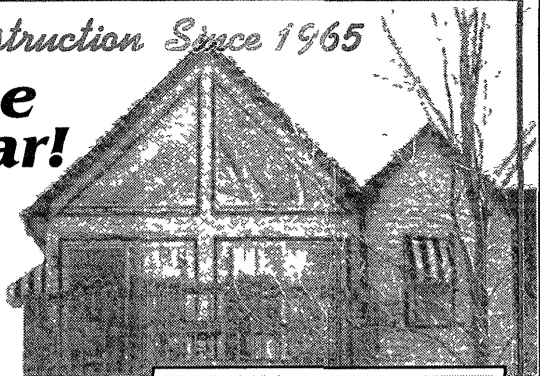
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Ceiling fans make home improvement a breeze

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Looking for a low-cost, high-return home improvement project? Install a ceiling fan.

The initial financial outlay is low – \$29 to several hundred dollars for the appliance, itself, at major, self-service home supply stores here.

The bracket connecting the existing ceiling light fixture in your home probably isn't strong enough for a fan, but a fan bracket is fairly easy to install. The existing electrical line to service the ceiling fan is sufficient most of the time.

And the cost to run a ceiling fan is fairly inconsequential.

That information, provided by Michael Kotecki, electrical specialist at Lowe's

Home Improvement Warehouse in Westland, explains why he has three ceiling fans in his own Redford home.

"The cooling effect from the fan in summer is good so you don't have to be so fast to turn on the air conditioning and you get a more even temperature in a room in winter with the fan running," he said.

Ceiling fans can go just about anywhere. Kotecki has one in the family room, another in the kitchen and yet another in a bedroom.

They're easy to keep in top operating condition, too.

"About the only maintenance you have is to keep the blades clean," Kotecki said.

"A lot of people don't realize you can use them in your home year-around," said Michael Reese, electrical associate with The Home Depot in Lake Orion.

"It helps the furnace run more efficiently. I use them to bring utility bills down."

Reese said he has six ceiling fans in his house.



Most ceiling fans are 42 or 52 inches in diameter. The smaller will service a room up to 12 by 12 feet, the larger 20 by 20.

"The price of a fan is based mostly on style," Kotecki said. "The most common colors are bright brass, antique brass and white."

You can get a nice looking, functional ceiling fan for \$100 or less. Lowe's carries Harbor Breeze and Hunter brands, Home Depot Hampton Bay and Hunter.

"Once you get beyond \$100, you're looking at style," Kotecki said.

Reese said his best seller, the Huntington III model, carries a price of \$65.

"It's the best bang for the buck. It has four lights and it's ultra quiet. It's very easy to install. Almost anybody can do it."

Ceiling fans are available to suit almost any taste, Reese said.

"There's many different colors, styles ... teakwood blades, nautical themes," he said.

Function beats form every time for Joslynn Wilson, general manager in the fixture department at Michigan Chandelier, headquartered in Southfield.

"Some people want some decorativeness, but not everyone is interested in fancy style," she said. "About 10 percent you get into exotic fans. The rest go for basic with a nice light kit."

"You want to make sure an electrician inspects the electrical box (at the ceiling) to make sure it's rated for a fan and that it can support the weight," Wilson said.

Consider the blade angle pitch and motor size of the fan, the size of the room and how much money you want to spend to make the best choice, she said.

Consumers should be aware of one final thing as they shop price, Reese said.

"Lower-end fans will have more noise."

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WINDOWS

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Art glass panels, such as the Eucalyptus design in Andersen's Frank Lloyd Wright series, show style as well as light.

colors many people coordinate with their exterior trim. The vinyl frames will lose shape because vinyl expands and contracts with weather changes.

"Fiberglass windows don't lose their shape until about 700 degrees so they hold their shape in common weather conditions. And they can be manufactured in a multitude of colors."

STYLE

According to Rue, the most efficient window style is a casement window (crank-out type). This style seals tightly.

A double-hung is the next most efficient. A slider type of window is next in line because some air can get through. Double-hung windows also tilt in for easy cleaning.

"Installation is very important," said Rue. "Most window problems occur from mis-measured windows - perhaps they weren't put in square or the installer jammed them in improperly."

"Over time, an all-vinyl window expands and contracts so the fit changes. Fiberglass frames don't do this."

"The most common cause of glass replacement is glass seal failure, which happens when the frame - whether wood or vinyl - expands and contracts to eventually ruin the seal. This happens often on the west side of a home. Companies are now sealing with intercept glass to combat this problem in the glass pack."

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

■ Windows have an R-value rating to help determine their energy efficiency. The higher the R value the better the insulation. A high R-value tells you your windows will hold heat in your home in the cold months and help keep your home cool in the warm months.

■ Test windows for your home before you make any purchase decision. Your best guide is the window's NFRC (National Fenestration Rating Council) rating. It tells you how a product rates over another.

The other indicator is the U-factor, which provides the overall energy efficiency of the product.

■ Above all, make sure you inquire about the manufacturer's warranty. Obtain a copy and make sure you understand the type of coverage it provides.

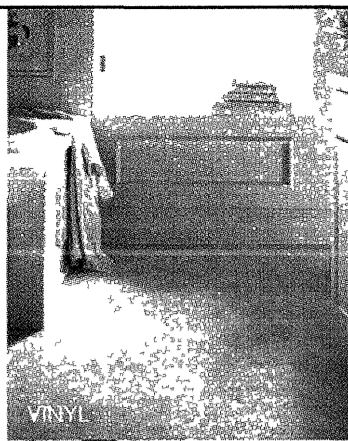
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Keep your head above roof, gutter problems

BY ALICE RHEIN
CORRESPONDENT

Sometimes when you don't go looking for problems, the problems find you. That's surely the case when it comes to gutters and roofs.

When poorly maintained, gutters and roofs can cause a host of trouble.

"I've seen 3- and 4-foot snowdrifts in attics," said Brad Curtis, owner of OH Really Construction in Troy.

And while that is an extreme example, it does provide a very powerful visual as to why you need to maintain and inspect what's overhead.

According to Jeff Malinczak, operations manager of Mr. Roof, which has satellite offices in Wayne and Oakland counties and a main office in Ann Arbor, the average life span of gutters is 20 years, and a roof should last about 11 years.

"This is a rough determination," he said. "Everything expands and contracts and that's going to affect how long it lasts."

A new roof may be needed if you see signs of premature curling, if there are granules in the gutter, or if you see fragments of shingles on the ground, indicating that the shingles have cracked.

Leaks in the roof are also an obvious problem. If the leak is from a missing shingle, that's easily fixed. If it requires repair with sealant or tar, that's a bit more difficult.

"Cold weather is rough on shingles," said Malinczak.

And particularly the winter we just had, with extreme cold for days on end.

CONSIDERATIONS

Gutters don't take quite as much beating as the roof. Problems to look for include ice buildup, which causes the spike to tear away from the side of the house, bending and bowing, and pooling of water near the drain spouts after a rain.

Curtis said that this extremely cold winter has caused a phenomenon that he hasn't seen in many years.

"Deficiencies in insulation toward the exterior wall allows condensation inside the attic," he said.

And that can lead to the development of mold from trapped moisture, rotting wood from the constant contact with water, or decreasing the life of the shingles.

Curtis says that if you can feel moisture in the attic space between your insulation and the exterior wall, especially where it meets the attic floor, you should call an insulation technician.

If a roof doesn't last like you think it should, you may want to think about the insulation or the gutters. Ice backs up in gutters and goes under the shingles, which slowly wears them down and tears them apart.

Ventilation is another consideration when repairing or replacing a roof.

"Ideally, you should see vents every 6 feet on a roof," said Curtis.

For homes that have finished attics, ventilation typically has to be a ridge vent, which is cut lengthwise across the top of the roof.

One drawback is that it sometimes doesn't provide adequate ventilation. But mixing a ridge vent with the "can style" is a total no-no.

"It short circuits the ventilation," said Curtis.

And that can lead to big problems like snowdrifts in your attic.

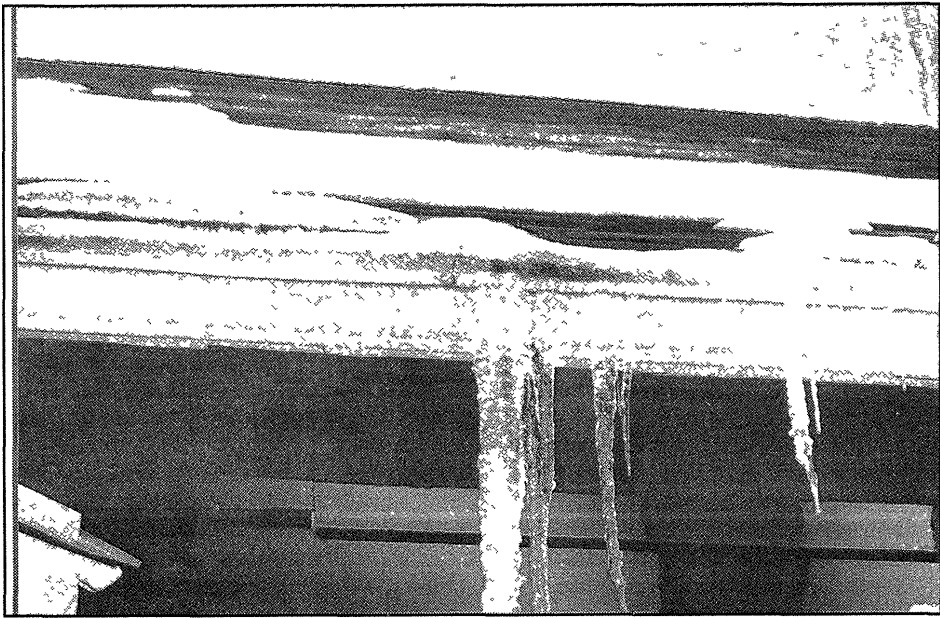
All roofing companies aren't alike, and Curtis suggests that customers ask about what materials are used and what kind of backing will be applied.

"I've seen cedar roofs fail within five years because cedar absorbs water and falls off the roof," said Curtis.

To avoid this, his company uses the proper approach, which includes applying a breather board for ventilation and using nails rather than a staple gun to ensure a quality job.

Cedar typically costs three times as much as fiberglass asphalt shingles, so accurate installation is essential.





Ice damming in the gutters takes years off the life of a roof by causing the lower shingles to pop up due to moisture.

Malinczak says that the most popular choice in roofing these days is the 3-D look. "It looks good especially with an older house where the roof line isn't straight," he said. "It hides imperfections."

As far as gutters, Malinczak says you could ask 10 different people and get 10 different answers when it comes to new products like ones that advertise to keep gutters totally clog-free.

With a layer of aluminum over the top, the product is supposed to keep leaves, birds, squirrels and debris out of gutters.

But the disadvantage is that it can also be ill-equipped to handle the volume of water produced from a heavy downpour. And no matter what gutter advertises to be kept clean, they are going to get dirty and eventually need cleaning.

"From a roofing standpoint, we'd prefer regular gutters," said Malinczak.

The key to roof and gutter care is to inspect them often and don't wait to do the necessary maintenance.

Waiting until next year can expand the problems, and Curtis says that many homeowners' insurance policies are far less tolerant of damage caused by benign neglect.

Use care when working on your home

Spring home improvement projects can be exciting, especially when they involve changing the decor of the home.

Whether you plan to make a minor change, like hanging new drapes, or you have something extensive in mind, it is important to consider your health and safety in the process.

Protecting your health

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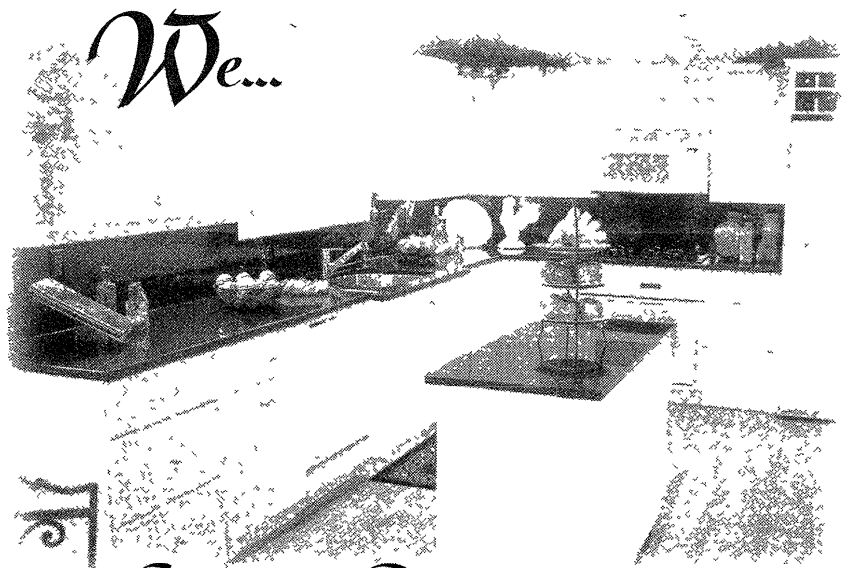
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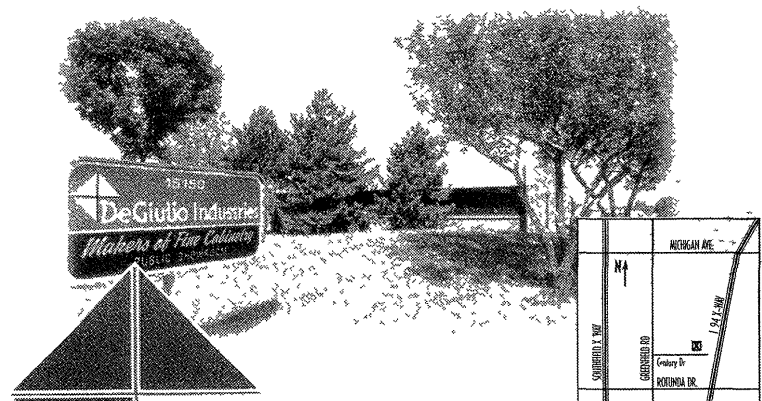
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Spring for right air conditioner to beat the heat

BY LISA LUCKOW-HEALY
CORRESPONDENT

The thought of air conditioning may send chills down your spine right now. But it's that time of year to think spring. Remind yourself warm weather is on the distant horizon.

Get ready to put your shovel or snow thrower away. Do your homework now on how to select an air conditioner and maintain it, or how to get the one you presently own ready for the warm summer months.

This is a good time to obtain an estimate for the air conditioner you plan to buy. If you already have a system in place, contact a heating and cooling professional about preventative maintenance measures to help keep your system in peak condition.

"Select a licensed, insured, reputable dealer," said Andy Piercefield, general manager, Blue Dot in Livonia.

There are a number of considerations you should take into account when shopping for a new air conditioner.

According to Fred Angell, service manager, S & M Heating in Southfield (a member of the Better Heating & Cooling Bureau that services Wayne and Oakland counties), you and your contractor should take the following into account when fitting your home for the right air conditioner:

- Size of the house (square footage)
- New refrigerant

- Amount of window exposure to sunlight

- Color of the roof

- Duct work size

"The size of the unit is dependent on the square footage of the house," said Angell. "The general rule is 600 square feet per ton."

"Second, many existing systems use R22 (Freon), which is being phased out of use over the next several years."

"A new refrigerant called R410A (called Puron by manufacturers such as Bryant and Carrier) is an environmentally friendly replacement that will be mandatory in air conditioners as of 2010. Someone considering an air conditioner should look for a system with the new refrigerant because of warranty coverage and such."

Angell's third factor is the amount of window exposure to sunlight the home has, and how the sunlight affects how hard the system will have to work.

Color of roof is another factor. Lighter roofs offer more reflection while darker roofs absorb more sun.

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FLOORING

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"If they run into complications they can call and we'd be happy to help them," he said.

Choices in floor coverings are as vast as the great outdoors, including hard woods; laminate woods; an array of stone products, like slate, marble and granite; a large selection of carpet; tile and vinyl.

Ceramic is still very popular along with the hard woods and laminate woods, Gabrielli said. He said his store has 4,000 different samples of ceramic alone.

CARPETING

A multi-color or darker carpet is ideal for areas with a lot of traffic, because it hides imperfections, said Phil Strausbough, a salesperson with Westland Floor Coverings.

"Berber carpets don't hide dirt very well," he said.

Most people clean their carpets once a year, and even less often if the room is rarely used, he said.

Carpeting is the most economical and the stone and ceramic are the most expensive. Wood floors are between the two spectrums, Strausbough said.

Textured carpeting and laminate floors are the biggest sellers in his store.

"A soft yarn carpet that is less shiny and softer to the touch is becoming more popular, too," he said.

INSTALLATION

Installation is becoming easier, which is inspiring more and more homeowners to try to do the projects themselves.

"Laminates, like the Pergo wood floors, are snapping together so you don't have to glue them," Strausbough said.

It really isn't hard to install most floorings, said Mike Toby, manager of Home Depot in Livonia.

In fact, he said, he rarely hears of customers who decided to install their own floors running into problems.

If you know you can do it, but you want a few tips, there are instructional videos and books sold in the store. Home Depot also offers installation classes. Installation information is available on-line; the Web site depends on the type of job.

"It's not a hard process depending on what type of flooring you're installing," Toby said. "Look around and get ideas."

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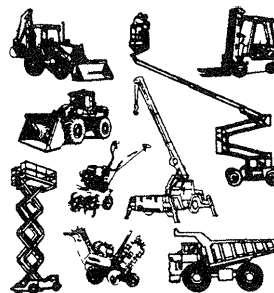
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Materials abound for patios, decks

BY JOAN BORAM
CORRESPONDENT

Patios and decks are unique in that their primary intent is to promote inactivity. You may insist on cooking or container gardening, but ideally you simply relax. Idle conversation with family and friends is the maximum exertion required.

A well-designed patio or deck expands your home's living space to include the outdoors and provide a perfect overview of your garden. An added advantage is that by converting a part of your lawn into brick- or wood-scape, you're reducing maintenance chores.

Increasingly, decks or patios are being converted into screened-in areas where they'll offer protection from mosquitoes.

As a rule, it's the height of a house that determines whether the owner chooses a patio or a deck. A house built on high ground will call for a deck at house level to avoid stepping down when walking from indoors onto the deck.

When building a deck, be sure to follow local building codes for railings and lights.

Traditionally, rot-resistant woods, such as redwood, cedar and cypress, have been popular for decks, but a relatively new composite material is gaining ground.

"Composite decking is made from plastic and wood: It's weather- and wear-resistant, less likely to rot than wood, is splinter-free, and it comes in a variety of wood finishes, as well as white," said Eric Korath, vice president of Miles Bradley Building and Remodeling (www.MilesBradley.com) in Farmington Hills.

"Despite the fact that the composite contains no chemical preservatives, it needs no sealants or protectants."

According to Korath, gazebos are becoming increasingly popular, especially on wooded property. In addition to making an excellent surround for a hot tub, they provide protection from mosquitoes.

If you are considering installing a hot tub on your deck, as many homeowners are, Rick Lull, owner of Superior Decks and Remodeling in Canton, reminds us that the deck will need some reinforcement to carry the extra weight - water weighs 8 pounds per gallon!

"The structural angles of a deck are easily softened by the addition of flowers planted in plastic-lined flower boxes along the railing. You can be as artistic as you like, combining a mixture of flowers and textures to create a natural bridge between your

deck and your yard's landscaping," said Lull.

"Be sure to space rail posts so that children can't get their heads stuck."

We shouldn't need to be reminded of the vagaries of Michigan winters, but a surprising number of people ignore our weather when plotting a patio, perhaps because it's spring and they've put winter out of their minds.

Almost any kind of paving works in a patio. Flagstone, fieldstone and brick make beautiful patios; precast interlocking concrete pavers are less expensive, but come in many shapes, textures and colors that mimic brick and cobblestone.

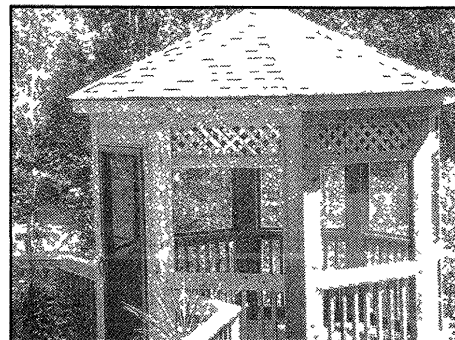
Just pick one that suits your budget and your home's architectural style. The more weathered it becomes, the more it blends with the surroundings.

Try tucking plants, such as ajuga or woolly thyme, between paving stones to soften the masonry and create a cottage look.

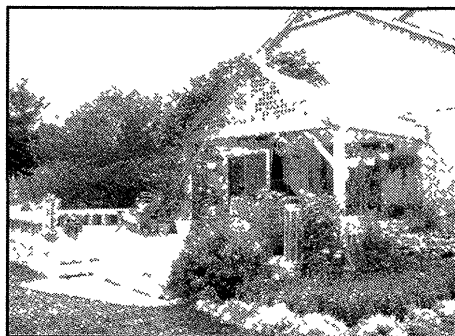
Whatever your choice, keep in mind that everything moves in the freeze-thaw cycles of a Michigan winter. If you use a lot of small pieces, like bricks or paving blocks, they'll move individually, and if one cracks, it can be easily replaced. Solid slabs belong in Florida.

Of course the cosmetic look of your patio material is important, but be sure to inquire about the base before the work on your patio has begun.

Bricks or paving blocks should be laid in a 6-inch aggregate base, to absorb movement as well as for drainage.



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AIR CONDITIONING

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ence. Angell says that heating and cooling contractors should truly listen to their customers so their wants and needs are met.

It is a good idea to consult your builder or an experienced heating and cooling contractor to help advise you on your final decision as to what type of unit is most suitable for your home.

Beyond the purchase decision, you'll want to take good care of your air conditioner for maximum operating efficiency.

It's a good idea to have it checked annually by a trained heating and cooling technician.

"Get a preventative maintenance agreement on your air conditioner and furnace," said Angell. "This eliminates potential problems and helps save you money by potentially preventing a serious problem from occurring."

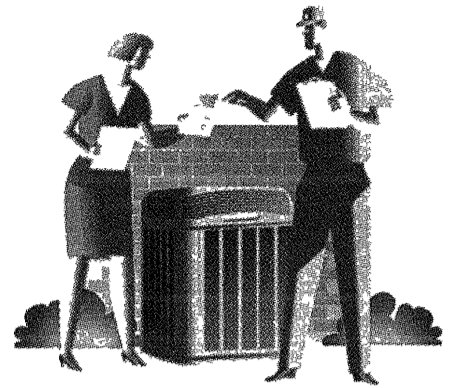
If you choose to clean the unit on your own, there are several steps you can take to get it ready for the season.

Make sure the unit is free of debris.

"Keep it clean at the outside unit and check your furnace filter monthly to make sure it is clean, replacing it if necessary on a monthly basis," said Piercefield.

In doing so, you help improve the airflow within your system for optimum cooling capability.

Above all, the experts stress that you make sure you uncover the air conditioner before you operate it!



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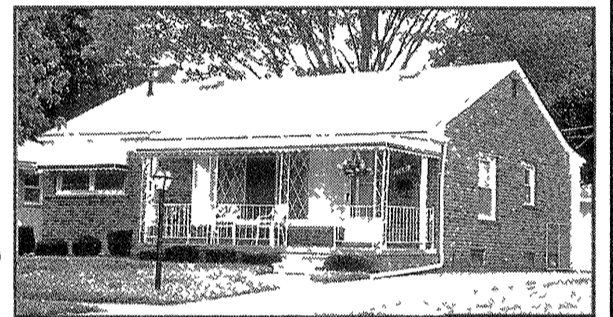
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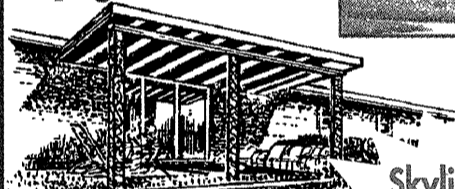
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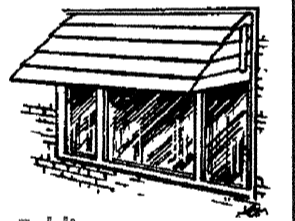


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Prepare the surface before you paint

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
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Maybe you don't want to go to the extreme of faux finishes, but you do want a different color or to freshen up your walls.

The biggest mistake people make when they decide to paint is trying to save time by not preparing the surface first.

It's always a good idea to wash walls, but not all painters do that.

However, for the best results, don't skip the prime coat. The experts call this layer of paint the ultimate equalizer. It gives the entire wall the same surface, covering small particles of dirt or other imperfections.

"There isn't anyone who doesn't want the easy way out," said Al Margolin, Livonia True Value Hardware owner.

Once you've invested in the paint and put in all the work of moving or covering furniture, you want to do it properly to get the job finished the right way the first time, he said.

Some people think they're saving time by not applying a prime coat, but the process might actually save you

time and money in the long run. The paint color you've chosen will adhere better on a primed surface and that could eliminate extra coats of paint.

The wall should take one coat of primer and one, possibly two coats of color - even when covering a black surface.

"If you bring in a swatch, as small as the size of a dime, we can mix any color you want," Margolin said of the Easy Care paint he sells.

Latex paint is the easiest to apply and is the best for cleaning. It's ideal to use on high-traffic areas, like doors, around light switches and other areas where fingerprints must be cleaned away often.

"It wears exceptionally well - inside and outside the home," Margolin said.

Sometimes imperfections on the wall can be so bothersome that you don't know what to do.

"If you're not sure, consult with your closest paint store," said Robert Hanson Jr., general manager of Excel Products Co. in Redford.

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Wall flowering

Treatments give a room depth, contrast, attitude

BY ALICE RHEIN
CORRESPONDENT

Once there was a time when paint or wallpaper was the biggest decision you had to make in choosing what to put on your walls.

But today's home decorating lexicon includes so much more: ragging, dragging, sponging, glazing, stenciling, striping.

For the homeowner who once vacillated over a satin or semi-gloss finish, navigating the brave new world of wall treatments may be quite daunting. But take heed: There are plenty of people eager to offer help.

Sarah Jason, owner of Fancy Color Paints & Interior in Troy, says that with one basic faux class under their belt, customers can feel confident in mastering techniques like sponge painting, dragging, color washing and rag rolling.

And in Northville's Anne's Crafts, owner Jim Cowie says his store offers classes almost every night for customers who want to learn about everything from faux finishes to painting murals.

"They can learn everything from ancient Greek to modern to children's rooms," said Cowie. "It's really limitless what you can do with walls."

Jason says that customers flock to her store looking to do their room in a way they saw on TV. But, she cautions, they do make it look much easier on TV. That's not to say the techniques are hard, but it's not something you can really buy in a kit.

"There are so many ways to achieve the look you want," Jason said.

And that means spending a little time before you dive into a project to get the right look.

Jason encourages customers to take an in-store class that will teach the basics.

Cowie says his customers come from all over the metro Detroit area as he has one of the most complete selection of stencils there is to offer.

"Embossed stencils using the old decoupage technique is emerging, and mosaics,

either tile or glass, or made to look that way with stencils have also become popular," he said.

WALLPAPER

But that's not to say that wallpaper isn't still a popular option.

A product called Paper Illusions has been a popular seller at home stores like Lowe's. You tear this wallpaper into small pieces, wet it, and smooth it on the wall.

With several earth tone patterns to choose from, the ripped and layered placement gives it an elegant, dimensional look that resembles marbling.

A ream that covers about 75 square feet costs about \$30, so it is fairly economical if you're looking to cover one wall or a small hallway.

One of the biggest challenges with wallpaper is deciding what you want from literally thousands of samples out there. American Blinds, Wallpapers and More, which has a showroom in Plymouth, makes that process a little easier with its extensive Web site.

Customers can browse a well-organized collection of wallpaper and borders, get the price for the amount they need, and even e-mail their choices to friends for input.

When you choose a pattern, the site offers coordinating borders and wallpaper, and you can keep adding images to a scrapbook as you go to make the final decision easier.

TECHNIQUES

Cowie and Jason spend a lot of time coaching customers with technique training and choosing the right color scheme.

When it comes to a faux finish, Jason says not to be afraid to choose a dark color as

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ReStore benefits from renovations

BY ALICE RHEIN
CORRESPONDENT

While renovating a home is a two-stage process, homeowners don't usually spend much time thinking about where their old stuff is going to go. The contractor hauls it away, and that's that.

More often than not, your cabinets, windows, sinks and appliances end up in a landfill.

And while it's perfectly fine to want better furnishings for your home, there are others who wouldn't consider your worn items as waste.

That's why almost three years ago, Habitat for Humanity Detroit opened ReStore, a retail store on Outer Drive near Mound that sells doors, hardware, plumbing, windows, paint, tiles and other household items.

ReStore gets its items to sell from manufacturer closeouts, builder and wholesaler overstocks, samples and individual donations.

"We are the best-kept secret in Detroit," said store manager Timothy Jean Corvidae.

In addition to the store, Habitat offers deconstruction for homeowners going through a renovation process. On one brisk winter morning, Larry Salive, ReStore's director, was outside a home in Birmingham explaining the process.

"We come in and strip out things like plumbing, fixtures, lighting and windows," said Salive, who, with a crew of three, was working on taking gently used kitchen cabinets and French glass doors out of a home

that was going to be torn down and replaced.

"The homeowner gets to take their donation as a tax deduction, it keeps the contractor from having to haul it away, and the community benefits because it's not going into a landfill."

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Placing a dollar amount on the items is left up to the homeowner, who often gets an appraiser to value the items to be donated.

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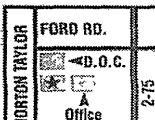
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WALLS

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a base paint. As you add layers of color, the color lightens, but the base coat adds an attractive depth.

While many think of stencils as simple ivy leaves or flowers, they have become quite elaborate. At Cowie's store, he has helped customers put together murals that look like castles, and add clouds overhead with the use of stencils.

"It's a craft, not an art," he said. In other words, it doesn't take a lot of talent, just technique.

Jason says the technique called frottage is easy "even if you have five thumbs." It involves a base paint, glazing with a crumbled brown paper bag (which gives highs and lows to the color), and then brushing with the base color, which softens the look.

Another popular item is Venetian plaster, which is quite expensive at \$70 a gallon, but it is an easy way to get a luxurious look.

The plaster comes in many colors, and it's just a matter of applying it to a wall with a drywall tool. By rubbing the tool over an already applied area, it gives the look of a different color, even though it's all the same.

The finished look is one of dimension and texture. The same process is used for gaining the Mediterranean look of stucco with an aggregate.

Jason says that anything with metal is also very popular these days, but you wouldn't want to do a whole wall.

"You can do this to mantels or fireplaces," she said.

There are also products that can make an ordinary box look like rusty steel, or change the patina of a garden pot to make it look like aged copper.

Whatever you decide to do, it's important to get good advice before you start, so you won't waste time or money.

Experts also recommend trying the technique out on a sample before you start. For walls, fiberboard is good, or paintable wallpaper, which is available at almost any paint store.

A glossary of wall treatment techniques

glazing - a mixture of paint and glaze, merges colors on a surface

cracking - mimics age by producing a pattern of hairline cracks

distressing - simulates wear and tear on a newly painted surface

stenciling - applying paint using a cutout pattern

trompe l'oeil - a painting that appears three dimensional, such as a street scene

color washing - involves painting one color over another so that the base color shows through

ragging - gives a random moiré pattern by scrunching a rag and dabbing it over a wet paint surface

sponging - the effect allows a base color to show through and is good for uneven surfaces

dragging - popular as a decorative finish, it produces a wood grain effect

marbling - imitates the look of marble

stippling - gives the effect of an even layer of dots over a base coat that is almost unnoticeable from afar, but adds a mysterious depth

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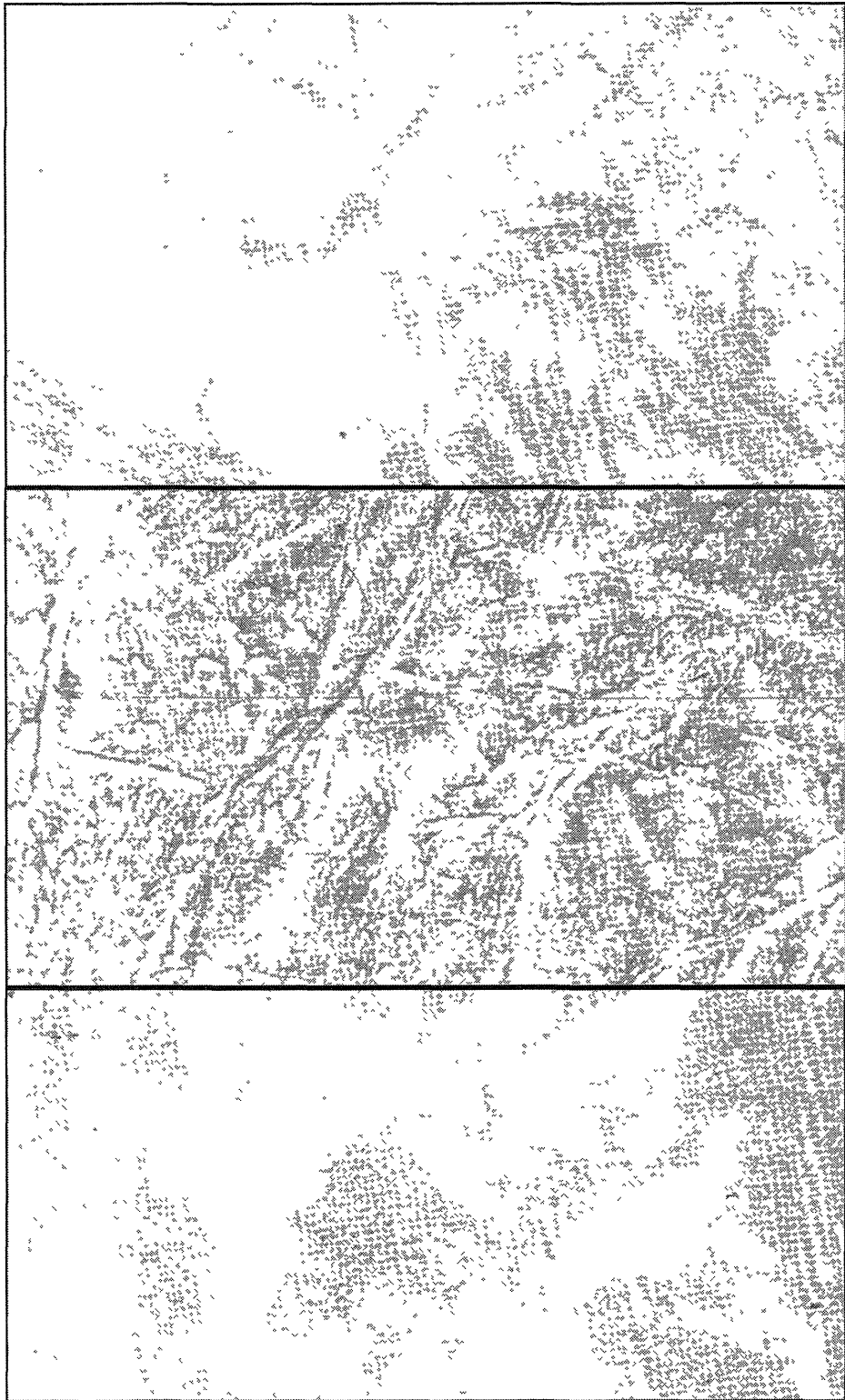
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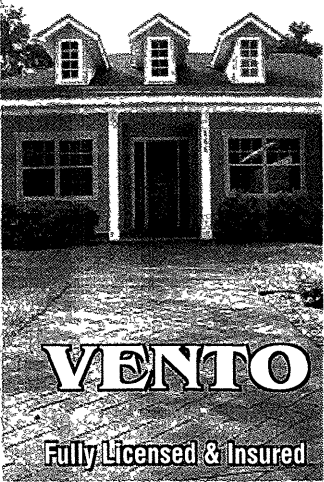


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RESTORE

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ing donations from businesses and homeowners.

The items are taken back to ReStore, where loyal customers are often on hand when the trucks unload.

Indeed, the cabinets that had been brought in late Wednesday afternoon from Birmingham were sold the next morning to a family from Detroit.

Residents from Detroit fixing up houses, some landlords, small contractors and lots of loyal regulars make up ReStore's clientele.

First-time visitors to ReStore may be disappointed if they're expecting something that resembles Restoration Hardware.

The decor is raw, but functional, with items organized much like a neighborhood hardware store. Sinks of every color and style line one wall, while reams of dated wallpaper line the shelves on the opposite side.

But every visit lends new items. One day it's massage shower heads, the next it might be that dream Jacuzzi you've been waiting for.

Those looking for that elusive antique light fixture or leaded glass window aren't likely to find it here, but Corvidae says that she would like to see a special room that is preservation oriented.

"We just don't have the customer base to support that right now," she said.

Still, homeowners of older homes who would like to find replacement doors, fixtures or windows would do well to look here. A 28-inch bifold French glass door is a rarity to find at stores like Home Depot or Lowe's, but at ReStore, it sold for \$5.

DONATIONS

Salive and Corvidae would like to see more stores and builders donate to ReStore when they have overstocks or closeouts. Some retailers like Lowe's and Kmart do call when they have a pallet of mistint paints or other items, and Hanson's Windows & Siding recently donated 150 windows to the organization.

"We even take donations like if Grandpa was an electrician and kept a lot of materials in his garage, we'll clean it out," said Salive.

ReStore doesn't accept old mattresses or single-pane windows.

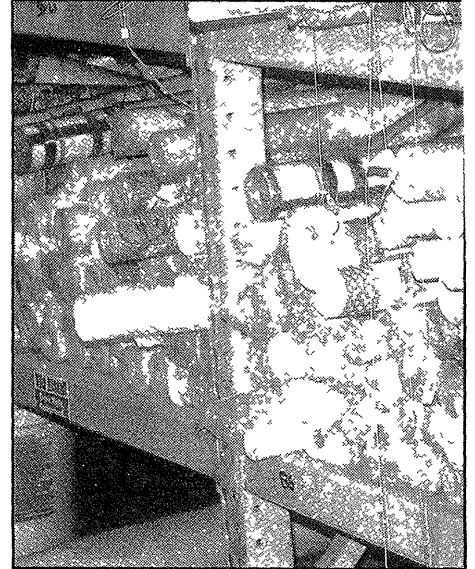
ReStore has a full-time staff of five, and has a broad base of volunteers, although it

is always looking for more.

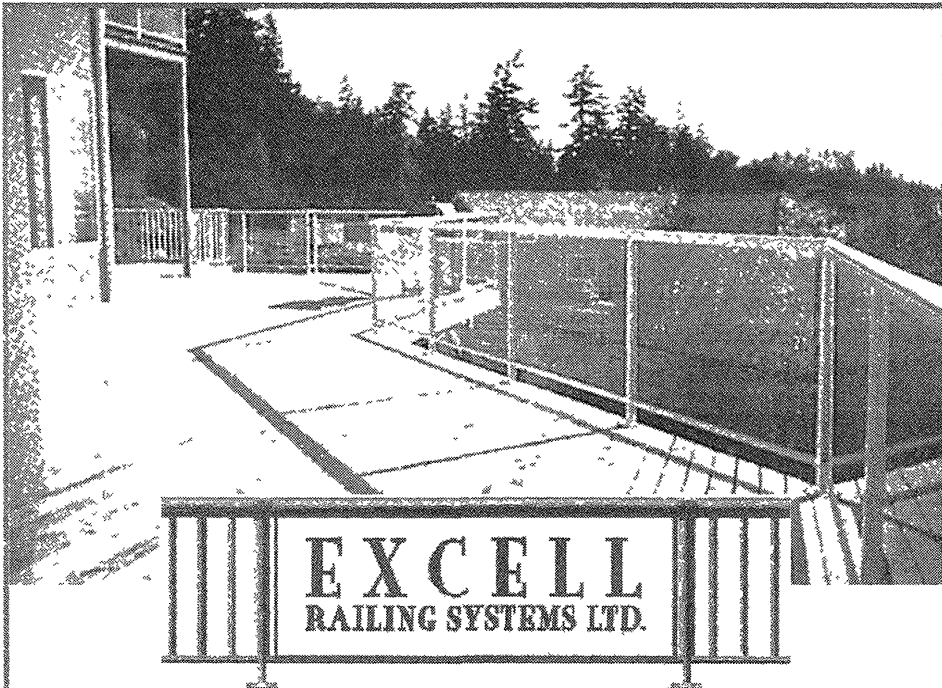
Habitat for Humanity has local affiliates in Detroit, Oakland and Western Wayne County. It is a non-profit international organization best known for providing decent, affordable housing for those in need.

"We try to promote reuse, recycle and give people a place to shop when they can't afford something like Home Depot," said Salive.

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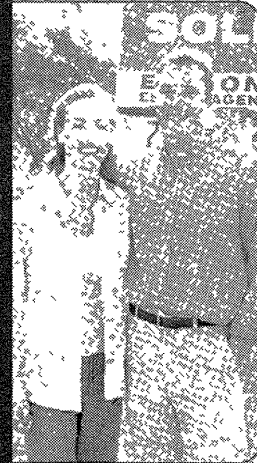
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Transform bathroom into special space

BY JOAN BORAM
CORRESPONDENT

Bathrooms are blooming – no longer strictly utilitarian, they provide refuge from the outside world, a sybaritic center designed to delight both body and soul.

If your bathroom is cramped and filled with boring fixtures, why not give yourself a treat and create a personal space for grooming and relaxing? You may want to engage the services of a professional designer, or you may elect a do-it-yourself approach.

Whatever your choice, careful planning and a realistic budget come first.

What mood do you want new design elements to create?

Consider morning traffic patterns in the bathroom. Would twin sinks take some tension out of the A.M. rush hour?



Would you die for a Jacuzzi, exercise space, hot tub, or just a lounging spot where you could relax in privacy with a good book?

Your answers are the key to your redesign plans.

You may opt to remodel or add on, or just decide to paint and add personal touches to give the bath your favorite look.

The bathroom is the most intimate room in your home; your personalized design decisions don't have to incorporate public opinion. If you fancy a country atmosphere, or Jean Harlow glamour, or svelte Art Deco, go for it.

"When it comes to fixtures, I advise clients to stick with neutrals: white, ivory, bone," said P.K. Field, a Plymouth-based interior designer.

"Chances are you'll have the same bathtub forever, and if you opt for red or black you can't easily change it. The same is true of highly colored tiles on the floor or walls. Stick to neutrals."

There's plenty of opportunity for color punch on walls and ceiling and accessories such as towels, rugs, window treatments and collectibles. A grouping of botanical prints, perhaps, or bold poster art. Roman shades or shutters with fabric panels can provide privacy and color, or maybe you prefer stained glass.

Field says there are two definite trends in 21st century bathrooms: natural materials and technology.

"Dark granite counters are dramatic and exciting, but also neutral, as are concrete counters for those who prefer a high-tech look.

"Whereas electrical outlets for a hair dryer or shaver used to be the norm, we're putting in phone jacks, cable modem hookups, and sound systems. Recently, we designed a bath with a wall-hung TV, and two laptops on the counters of his-and-her sinks."

When it comes to luxury, it's the little things that count.

Maybe you can't fit a new bathtub in your budget, but you can indulge in fine quality soaps and oils, deep pile towels in your favorite color, a pleasing soap dish, a drinking glass, a bud vase with flower on the sink – even the wastebasket provides an opportunity to create a pleasant ambiance.

Remember, plants thrive in a bathroom's greenhouse atmosphere.

At Upstairs, Downstairs in Westland, owner Derek Lewis sees a trend toward more luxurious appointments in the bath.

"We're getting a lot more requests for Jacuzzis. Builders are including them in newer, upscale homes, and when people visit the models, they say, 'I want one of those.'"

"A brand-new item is the frameless shower door with jagged edges at the top. It's a very dramatic effect, like the profile of a mountain range. It looks sharp but it isn't: The glass is smoothed out and tempered after it's cut. The clear glass gives a clean, open look."

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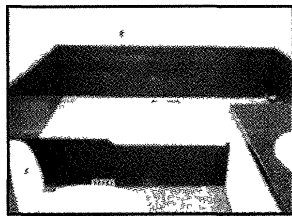
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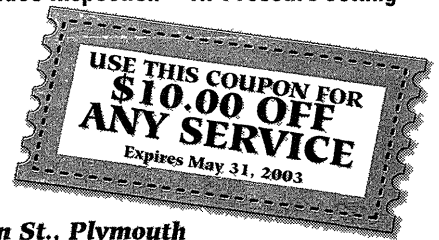
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Lighting basics help transform a home

BY AMY HOOVER
CORRESPONDENT

After the flooring, paint and furniture are all picked out for a room, many homeowners then turn their thoughts to lighting, almost as an afterthought. That's their first lighting mistake.

"Lighting is so important," said Sharon Holton, interior designer, Sharon A. Holton Designs in Plymouth. "People need to realize that lighting should coordinate with their overall style of their home and décor."

Whether you're going to hire an interior designer, or do your home renovations yourself, it's essential to know the basics of lighting.

There are three major types of lighting for a room:

- Ambient - A hidden source of light that helps give the room a glow, creating very few shadows. A wall sconce or using a dimmer switch would create ambient lighting.
- Accent - Directional lighting or lighting that highlights a certain object or fea-

ture of a room. Halogen spots or table lamps are good examples of accent lighting.

■ Task - Lighting that's used to help perform daily activities like reading, cooking and shaving. Task lighting can be under cabinets in kitchens or above mirror sconces in bathrooms.

Not every room needs all three types of lighting, but they are something to consider when designing the room and choosing the fixtures. There are several other things homeowners need to consider when lighting a room.

"They need to know the size of the room and the height of the ceiling," said Richard Yanity, store manager of Master Lighting in Canton.

"Lighting should compliment the room. A reliable store should have a trained staff to assist homeowners with their decisions."

Lighting store representatives recommend that customers come in with a floor plan of the room or rooms in which they need lighting.

Also, think about the overall architectural style of the home and what look they're trying to create.

"Many clients are worried that they are going to over-light a room," said Holton. "But you can put several fixtures on a dimmer to create any mood. Also, remember that lighting can really affect the fabric and color of the room."

Holton and Yanity agree that under cabinet lighting in kitchens is popular.

Many homes have halogen spots under the cabinets to create task lighting. Since halogens can become hot, there is a new trend leaning toward miniature low-voltage lights that use Xenon bulbs. Xenon bulbs have more than twice the amount of light of halogens while consuming half the power.

The ease of installing under cabinet lighting depends on what fixture you choose.

For some, you just drill holes in the cabinets to mount and then plug them in. Others have a more complex installation process and would be better handled by an electrician.

These rules of thumb can apply generally to all lighting fixtures as well.

"Many light fixtures are simple for customers to put in themselves," said Yanity.

"If you need an electrician, find one who is certified and bonded. If you do it yourself, check with the store on the difficulty of installation and if the fixture comes with instructions."

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Lawns

■ Aerate lawns, don't power rake. Do this before applying any fertilizers or weed control. If possible, mow over the plugs with a mulching mower, allowing the composted materials back in the holes.

■ Apply pre-emergent crabgrass control when the ground temperature reaches approximately 56 degrees. That is also when forsythia starts to bloom.

■ Fertilize with a low-nitrogen fertilizer in the spring, applying less than 1 pound per 1,000 square feet. This will help avoid excessive top growth. A high potassium content (the third number) is also beneficial.

■ Make sure your lawn mower is ready with a tune-up and sharp blades. A mulching mower is preferred since it cuts up the clippings and returns them to the lawn. Only excessive clippings need to be picked up.

■ Overseed bare areas. Caution: Don't use pre-emergent herbicides where seeding is to take place. Pre-emergents will kill the grass emerging from the seeds.

Landscapes

■ Redefine bed edges and remulch beds. Applying pre-emergent weed control

before applying the mulch works the best.

Remember not to apply pre-emergents over perennials. Let them establish themselves first. Also, don't cultivate the beds once you apply the weed control. This will break down the coverage that has been established.

■ Use sharp pruning tools to clip dead or damaged branches out of trees or shrubs. Don't shear or cut back spring flowering shrubs or you will be removing the flower buds.

Caution: Don't prune oak trees. Any trimming or pruning of oak trees should have been done during the winter months.

■ Light shearing of hedges will help tighten up the plants and help control their sizes. Remember to use sharp tools.

■ Consult a pruning guide as to the proper timing of when pruning should be done. In some cases, it is better to prune after the leaves emerge. For example, the sap can really start to flow in maples if pruned at the wrong time.

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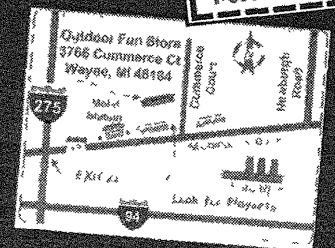
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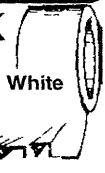
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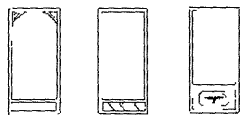
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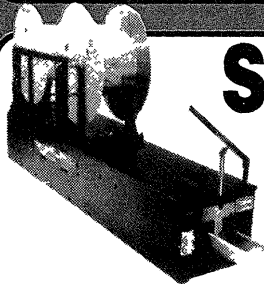


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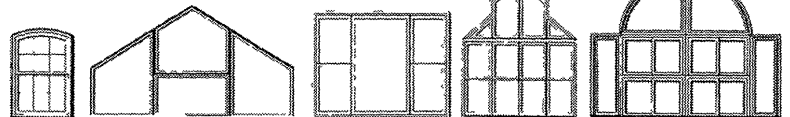
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