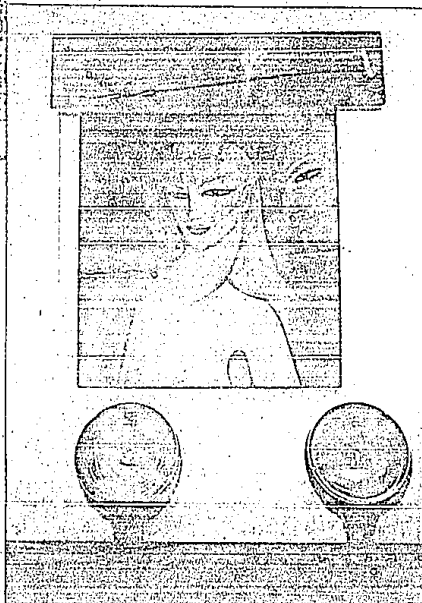
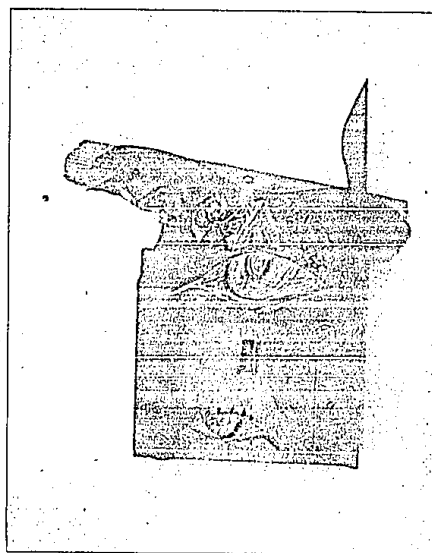




Mary Ellen Croci's painting with construction attached holds its own in the Justin Parrish hair salon where it is being shown.



Colorful painted wall sculpture by Mary Ellen Croci is displayed by the front window so passersby can enjoy.

Contemporary icons shown at hair salon

Mary Ellen Croci, former Plymouth resident and versatile artist, has a small but interesting show of her latest work in Justin Parrish, a hair salon in Birmingham through July 20.

Croci, who draws on a variety of job experiences for her art, completed her degree in art at Center for Creative Studies. Since 1980, she has been represented by her paintings, drawings, prints or painted sculptural pieces in exhibitions in Chicago, Japan, Ann Arbor, Detroit, New York and Paris. Her new works at

Justin Parrish merge her drawing, painting and sculptural skills.

She juxtaposes universal symbolism with a contemporary style and figurative and abstract approaches to create these sometimes fanciful, sometimes puzzling icon-like works.

This is the second artist featured at the hair salon. Employees say the response from their customers has been very positive. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, until 9 p.m. Thursday and 7 p.m. Saturday, 228 W. Maple, Birmingham.

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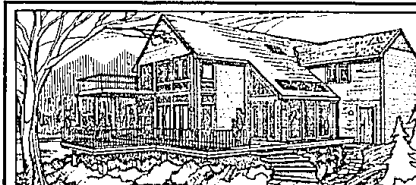
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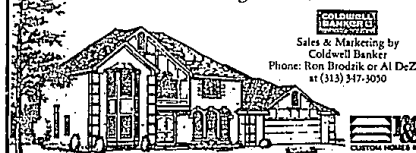
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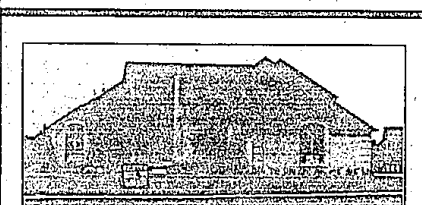
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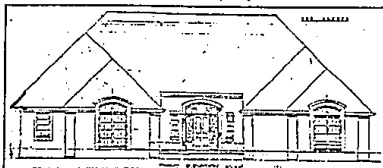
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