TODAY

Small world: Students are learning that a forest can grow in a jar.

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LOTTERY

The Lotto lackpot was worth at least \$2.1 million. The Michigan Lottery numbers for Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1995 are:

mDAILY 3: 234

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9251

mCASH 5:26,27,29,38,39

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School improvement on ago



School improvement is a hot topic in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. The concept is already widely used in industry, and has been borrowed by school district officials.

BY M.B. DILLON

Education has taken a few tips from industry, and that's true in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools in the area of school improve-

In accordance with Public Acts 25 of 1990 and Acts 335 and 339 of 1993, the district has in place a process not unlike industry's "Total Quality Management.

When people say school improvement, it has a generic meaning. But when we say it, we mean something specific. It's a process of continuous improvement," said Pat Patton of "Kaleidoscope," the district's school

improvement committee. Plans carried out through the course of the school year are mea-sured and evaluated, "but much like the concept industry uses, you never reach your goal. You are never all done," she said.

Schools throughout the district share three common goals:

"All students will achieve district essential academic outcomes as mandated by the core curriculum.

"All students will be able to communicate ideas in writing through a variety of forms, for a variety of purposes, and for a variety of audiences.

"All students will realize the integrated nature of scientific knowledge and its application to real-life phenomena.

What follows are the school improvement plans for each school in the district. They were drafted not by principals, but by committees of a cross-section of school stakeholders.

Allen Elementary

"By April 1996, the Allen staff will have developed and reached agreement on reading benchmarks and assessment strategies for these benchmarks for each grade level.

See IMPROVEMENT, 3A



Cow day: Linda Jastrzewbski awoke to find a birthday surprise on the front lawn of her Canton home: cows. She is a cow fan.

irthday celebrated with bovine flair

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW

When soldiers of the U.S. Pifth Army captured Rome in June 1944, news of their triumph was buried under an svalanche of publicity for the D-Day landings in France a few

And so it is every year for most Americans who were born within a few days of Christmas when it comes to celebrating birthdays.

omes to celebrating birthdays.

The friends of Canton Township

resident Linda Jastrzebski decided that such a fate wouldn't befall her this year.

Jastrzebski, who was born Dec. 22, woke up last Friday to find her lawn full of faux cows and her friends eager to provide a real birth-

"She loves black and white jer-seys," said Marie Brent. "(And) no-body has ever done anything crazy for her."

Jastrzebski, Brent said, is a good

behavior a way of life. "She makes you laugh. She makes you feel good. And if you cry, she's there for you to put her arm around you."

Joanne Leonetti, a neighbor of Linda and Bob Jastrzebski, arranged to have the Holstein cows put on the lawn by calling Flamingos By The Yard, a Dearborn Heights company specializing in

"Linda adores cows," said

Leonetti, who attended the party with 8-month-old daughter Stephanie. "(And) she's about as good as they come. She's always there if you call her. She's always there to help out if you need her."

"This is the very first birthday I've ever had that people take time out in the holidays," Jastrzebski said. " And I really appre-

See SIRTHDAY, 4A

School board sets goals for superintendent

BY M.B. DILLON

Students in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools aren't the only ones to receive report cards in the dis-

The big guy himself, Superintendent Charles Little, will get a report card of sorts from the Board of Edu-

Trustees Sue Davis, reporting for the superintendent evaluation com-mittee, laid out criteria by which Lit-tle will be rated by the board. Trus-tees Jack Farrow and Barbara

Graham serve on the committee with

"We defined three goals for Superintendent Little this year. There is a whole list of ongoing responsibilities, plus three goals from last year," said

The long-range planning committee is off the ground, as is the two-year housing plan. "The committee has been charged," she said. The third goal for the current school year is to develop a district-wide, staff-needs survey to be used in initiating a future technology plan which will

support teaching and learning.

Ways in which technology can be used is being taught every day; and the planning needs to be ongoing, she added.

Little's ongoing responsibilities include initiating and maintaining a healthy working relationship with the board of education. The superintendent is required to keep the board informed of issues and events; to provide sufficient, relevant and timely information; and to develop appropriate recommendations enabling the board to set policy.

The superintendent must be available and accessible to board members; support and mentor board members; accept suggestions and constructive criticism from trustees; and develop an orientation process for new board members.

The superintendent also is required to: provide leadership to ensure dis-

trict-wide consistency in instructional delivery and high standards for student performance;

See QOALS, 4A

Visions of a snowfall dance in girls' heads

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW

Hillary Zondlak, 6, and Hannah Hillary Zondlak, 6, and Hannah Zondlak, 44, enjoyed one of the whitest Christmases in Conton Township as Parks and Recreation Division personnel spilled a truckload of snow on their Edenbrooks Farms home last week.

Hillary was the winner of this year's "Guaranteed White Christmas" drawing. She and Hannah are the daughters of Cindy and Brian Zondlak.

Hillary also received a copy of Bing Crosby's White Christmas album, but the yard full of snow was the most impressive gift.

"To them it's just a huge wonder-land of snow," said Cindy Zondlak.
"The whole neighborhood is going to enjoy it."

The Zondiaks were likewise pleased with the deliverymen's aim, as none of the snow was left in the driveway. "So I don't have to shovel it," Cindy Zondiak said.



White Christmas: A guaranteed good time is what Hillary Zondlak, 6, and Hannah Zondlak, 4, had when a truck dumped snow at their home.

tudents will choose and ap-

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nderstanding of others as well as

"All students will demonstrate

'All students will be able to

"All students will integrate

"Students will demonstrate in-

creased knowledge about reading

writing and using them independ-

technology into their learning."

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and cultural differences within

use of a variety of technology in

the learning process across all

ty of purposes using the writing

process to revise, edit and im-

prove all forms of written commu-

nication across the curriculum.

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the scientific method."

Miller Elementary

content areas.

the school

Smith Elementary

responsible behavior.

Tonda Elementary

School staffers accept contracts

Four more contracts have been approved for Wayne-Westland school employee unions, with modest pay increases and salary freezes dominating the new bar gaining agreements.

The latest pacts, covering some 600 employees ranging from teacher assistants to high school principals, bring to eight the number of agreements approved within three weeks.

"I can't remember the last time this happened, if ever," veteran school board member Mathew McCusker said during a Monday night meeting.

All of the contracts have been approved in unanimous school board votes, another feat that once seemed impossible when employee unions and some board members differed on spending priorities

Students in a small eastern portion of Canton attend Wayne-Westland schools.

The largest Wayne-Westland union to receive a contract Monday is the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 1483, which has about 300 hourly workers such as custodians, bus drivers and cafeteria employees.

The union already has a con tract through July 1, but a new agreement has been approved for the following three years.

AFSCME workers will have an additional pay level added to the top of their wage schedule for 1996-97, and raises will go only to employees who are already earn ing the top hourly wage. The pay hikes will amount to a 2-percent increase in costs, said Dan Slee, assistant superintendent for employee relations

That will be followed by a 2 percent raise for all AFSCME emloyees in 1997-98 and a pay reeze in 1998-99.

AFSCME wages now range from \$9.84 an hour to \$16.77. Those wages will range from \$10.03 to \$17.44 when the contract expires, according to documents requested by the Observer.

The Wayne-Westland Association of Building Administrators (WWABA), which has about 35

contract Monday that will expire on June 30, 1998. The first six months are retroactive to July 1.

been added to the current six-step salary schedule for principals and assistant principals, Slee said. The new level means that about half of WABA's members will receive a 3-percent raise, while the rest won't see an increase, Slee said.

The entire WWABA membership will see salary freezes in 1996-97, followed by an across the-board 2 percent salary increase in 1997-98, Slee said.

WWABA salaries that now range from \$49,551 to \$78,200 a year will, by the end of the contract, range from \$50,542 to \$82,157, Slee said.

A third group to be awarded a contract Monday night was the Wayne-Westland Educational Association Secretaries (WWESA), which has about 110 members such as library clerks and secretaries.

WWESA members already have a contract through July 1 of next year. But the new, two-year agreement promises a 2-percent increase for the 1996-97 school year, followed by an additional wage level that will benefit top-ofthe-scale workers for 1997-98. The added cost in 1997-98 will be just percent. Slee said.

WWESA wages currently range from \$9.42 an hour to \$15.17. At the end of the contract, hourly pay will range from \$9.61 to

A fourth group to receive a new contract Monday is the Wayne-Westland Association of Paraprofessionals (WWAP), which has about 160 members including teacher assistants, registered nurses, culinary arts assistants and paraprofessionals.

WWAP members had been working without a contract since Aug. 29, 1994, but they now have a five-year agreement. The union has accepted a two-

year pay freeze for 1993-94 and the current school year. For 1996-97, a new level will be

added to the pay scale, boosting

wages only for longtime employ-

For 1995-96, a seventh level has



Scientists at work: Danielle Minnick (left) and Amy Calmes observe and record changes in their "Forest in a

Young scientists explore nature



Small world: Eriksson Elementary students cultivated a "Forest in a Jar."

Teacher Joanna Uhl and parent Pam Lincoln teamed up to help second-graders at Eriksson Elementary conduct a "Forest in a Jar" ex periment. By observing and recording changes in their iars, students learned about succession in nature.

The project began with a 'pond" environment, with vater and soil in a jar. Students added seeds and recorded what they witnessed as the seeds sprouted and the water evaporat-

Some students found or ganisms, including a snail in their jars and were fascinated at what they examined through a micro-

The project began with a 'pond' environment, with water and soli in a

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TORO

Improvement from page 1A

"Student use of Computer Lab Fiegel Elementary will increase over usage of the 1994-95 school year. Students will have improved keyboarding and word processing skills. Students

> percent of all students will attain mastery of the eight mathematical-content strands as articulated at each grade level.

Bentley Elementary "To improve expository scores

on standardized tests. "All students will use technological resources across the content areas.

"Continue and improve upon communication between the school and staff, parents, students and community.

will have improved reading and

math skills due to use of comput-

"Decrease in disruptive behav-

ior for chronically misbehaving

er software.

students.

Bird Elementary

"All students will increase their ompetency with presentation skills through the use of technolo-

proficiency. "Students will expand their strategies for resolving conflicts in grades one through five."

Eriksson Elementary "Students will use the scientif

al spelling in daily written work." **Farrand Elementary**

ability to resolve conflict.

ic method. 'Students will use problem solving strategies to resolve con Students will use convention-Students will demonstrate the

'Students will improve their

"Students will effectively use informational text strategies.

Listed below are some of

the Canton police and emer-

gency incidents reported re-

A 25-year-old resident of a

manufactured home park on

Old Michigan Avenue told po-

lice that someone broke into his

home and took many things be-

tween 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Dec.

Police believe the thief en-

tered through the kitchen win

according to the police report.

Reported missing were a

Ruger 9mm semi-automatic

\$350, a diamond ring worth

\$1,000, two necklaces worth

the police report

M HUBCAPS GONE

SLEIGH SWIPED

police report.

to the police report.

\$800, a camera worth \$200, mis

officer reported that the hub-

caps were stolen off the Ford

Crown Victoria prowl car he

Detroit between 8:30 a.m. and

A 38-year-old resident of the

7200 section of Oakmont told

tween 6 p.m. Dec. 22 and 10

a.m. Dec. 23, according to the

reindeer, one sleigh and four

police that his outdoor Christ-

mas decorations were stolen be

Reported missing were eight

wreaths worth \$1,500, according

A representative of Mar-Lo

told police that someone broke

Trucking on South Hannan

dow, which had been pried out,

pistol worth \$500, a VCR worth

BREAK-IN

variety of purposes and for a vari-"By June of 1996, at least 80 percent of all students will dem Hulsing Elementary onstrate use of problem-solving skills in both play and classroom ply appropriate problem-solving situations.

strategies in math. "By June of 1996, at least 75 "Students will improve their ability to express their ideas in 'Students will improve their ability to gather information from

"By June of 1996, at least 75 expository text." percent of all students will apply the scientific process as articulat-**Isbister Elementary** ed at each grade level.

Field Elementary

"All Field students will continue to improve their expository text reading skills. "All Field students will contin-

ue to maintain or improve their narrative text reading skills. "All Field students will im prove their mathematical problem-solving skills."

Gallimore Elementary "All students will improve writ-

"All student will increase their ing skills across the curricula. 'All students will demonstrate increased proficiency in mathematical problem-solving. "All students will demonstrate

appropriate decision-making

Hoben Elementary

skills in social situations.

"Students will demonstrate imunderstand and apply the scienprovement in reading comprehentific process.

knowledge, skills and attitudes essential to think and solve problems to meet personal and academic needs. "All students will be able to

mmunicate ideas in writing

through a variety of forms, for a

Canton man reports theft of pistol and other valuables

> had been left in. The steering a bay-door window between 11:30 a.m. Dec. 20 and 7 a.m. Dec. 21 to get into the business Reported missing were a reported stolen between 11 a.m. welder worth \$2,000 and a wrench worth \$300, according to

the police report. III BREAK-IN

A 34-year-old man told police that a portable heater worth \$100, two saws worth \$125 and propane hose worth \$20 were taken between 5 p.m. Dec. 20 and 7:30 a.m. Dec. 21 from a building under construction at 40442 Koppernick, according to the police report.

Police believe the thief or thieves gained entry through a door that had been secured with a piece of plywood.

III BREAK-IN cellaneous jewelry worth \$100 and \$100 in cash, according to

A 24-year-old woman resident told police that a TV set worth \$250, two VCRs worth \$400 and \$200 to \$300 in cash were taken from her apartment between 9:30 a.m. and 9 p.m. Dec. 22, according to the police

Police could not determine how the thief or thieves entered the apartment, but they found the sliding door/window open and the kitchen window broken,

according to the police report. **M STOLEN VEHICLES**

Five vehicles were reported

Dec. 18 from the 8500 section of Brook Park. A 1983 Oldsmobile Cutlass

stolen in Canton Township between Dec. 17 and Dec. 24. A 1984 Oldsmobile Cutlass was reported stolen between 2:30 a.m. Dec. 18 and 4:55 a.m.

was reported almost stolen from the 8500 section of Honeytree at about the same time. The car was found parked outside of the carport the owner told police it

column was damaged, according to the police report. A 1989 Pontiac Firebird was

Dec. 17 and 7 a.m. Dec. 18 from the 7100 section of Saratoga. A 1980 Ford semi tractor was reported stolen between 9:30 o.m. Dec. 19 and 5 a.m. Dec. 20 from Dependable Transporta-

tion at 8531 Ronda. A 1994 Ford Mustang was re ported stolen between 1:30 and 9 a.m. Dec. 24 from Ardsley

A 1993 Chrysler Laser was re ported stolen between 10:15 Dec. 23 and 6 a.m. Dec. 24 from an apartment complex's park-

M HOT VEHICLES RECOVERED

Canton Police recovered a stolen 1989 Chevrolet S-10 pick-up truck and a 1994 Jeep

Wrangler last week. An officer found the stolen truck while running checks on license plates on the vehicles Michigan Avenue, according to the police report.

The officer waited until a man got into the truck, then stopped him on Michigan Ave-

The man told police he stole the vehicle from his roommate in Jackson three weeks before.

The Jeep was found by the owner, a Northville man, after he received an anonymous tip that the vehicle occupied a field at I-275 and Warren, according to the police report.

Missing from the Jeep were two seats worth \$1,000 and a door worth \$300. The ignition had been damaged, but not removed, according to the police

The owner drove the Jeep home, according to the police

"Administrative leadership linking literacy and classroom practices. "Staff will provide an environment to promote literacy.

Central Middle

"Students will demonstrate effective written communication skills across the curriculum. 'Students will improve the ability to read, interpret and ap-

ply information gathered from expository text. "Students will demonstrate teamwork skills.

"Summative assessment scores on the process-skills-experiment design will be at least 10 percent higher than pre-test scores.

"Students will choose and apappropriate problem-solving strategies in math. "Students will improve their

writing. 'Students will improve their ability to gather information from expository text.

ability to express their ideas in

Lowell Middle

"Students will demonstrate the use of higher-level thinking skills. "Students will demonstrate the increased use of reading/writing

increased use of math/science process skills. "Students will demonstrate the ability to work cooperatively in

"Students will demonstrate the

'Students will increase their sense of belonging."

Pioneer Middle

"Students will improve their expository- and narrative-reading

'Students will be able to communicate information, ideas and experiences utilizing the writing

West Middle

'Students will improve their ability to gather information from expository text. "Students will improve their

'Students will meet technolo gy-graduation outcomes and

'Students will be able to use critical-thinking skills when reading in the content areas and will demonstrate problem-solving ability in this written work.

"Students will take responsi bility for appropriate personal and social behavior."

A story this spring will examine how schools did in their attempts to implement the improvemen

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nunity Schools will screen students for admission to the Talented and Gifted (TAG) Program for the 1996-97 school year.

The TAG Department screens all third-graders when they take the Cognitive Abilities Test in January. Parents of third-graders eligible for TAG screening will be contacted by mail.

school office for a nomination form and return the completed form to their building principal no later than Jan, 22. Nominated second-graders will take the Cog-nitive Abilities Test at their

ing regarding the TAG Program scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, in the Miller Elementary School gym. Miller is located at 43721 Hanford Road, Canton. Placement in the TAG Program school at the same time the test is will be determined by available given to district third-graders. For space. Middle school placement is ourth and fifth graders, the TAG only if there is available space. department will look at previous



Helping out

Student joins heart disease reversal team

dietetics major at Madonna University, found many ties to her school when she became a volunteer eight months ago with the Downriver Cardiology Heart Disease Reversal Team in Trenton.

"The team consists of cardiologists, nurses, exercise physiologists, yoga instructors and a dietitian who have developed a program to encourage heart disease reversal through regular exercise, a very lowfat vegetarian diet, stress management yoga, and group support," said Paulin. "It is primarily for patients who have had angioplasty, bypass, and/or varying degrees of arterial block-

Paulin had witnessed firsthand, particularly through two Madonna instructors (one a pa-

Paul Bodrie, an adjunct assistant professor in religious studies at Madonna and pastoral assistant at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, had suffered three heart attacks and was experiencing angina attacks, taking up to 10 ni-

"I heard about the program through my cousin's wife and I came to try it out," said Bodrie. "I wasn't sure I could commit to not eating meat, fish and chicken. But, after only six weeks I was full of energy and down to only one or two 'nitro' tablets a day. I'll soon be teaching full-time at Madonna which I wouldn't be able to do if it wasn't for this support."

troglycerin tablets day.

Another important component of the "reversal" is yoga instructient, another a yoga teacher) just tion. Helene Rottenberg, Madon-

Township.

classes, providing deep relaxation for the patients through stretching and strengthening. Paulin has participated in these classes and has seen the results.

As a student volunteer, Paulin has gained hands-on experience by assisting the dietitian, Gerry Krag, MA, RD, in a number of activities such as computerized diet analysis, nutrition counseling, recipe modification, and cooking demonstrations.

"She is indispensable," said Krag. "Because of the education Maureen is getting at Madonna, she is able to analyze the diet composition of the patients which is not easy to do. You have to know how to substitute."

Krag largely was responsible for providing this experience for Pau-

nephews, Steven, Donald and

na University instructor in music lin. As a member of an advisory and humanities, conducts yoga board for the dietetics program at Madonna, Krag learned of the difficulty students face in getting practical experience in the field Realizing the amount of work in volved in the heart disease rever sal program, she offered a position for student volunteers.

> Dr. Joseph C. Rogers, a cardiologist at Riverside Hospital in manage the efficient and safe Trenton, heads the program which is followed by more than district; 100 heart patients. The patients pay a monthly fee and attend a four-hour session one day a week.

> Now that Paulin will graduate promote community involvein May, this experience has helped her formulate her career goals. "I hope someday to continue to assist patients in reversing heart disease through a similar program of my own," said Paulin.

Ann Arbor. She was the daughte

of Grace and Harry Burnett. On

Sept. 27, 1947, she married John

Siebert in Adrian and he pre-

many moons ago, the process was very complex to work through. 'Last year, we changed how we look at criteria, and I like that.

ing levels.

We defined three goals for Superintendent Little this year. There is a whole list of ongoing responsibiliuse of physical facilities of the ties, plus three goals

from last year.'

Other friends attending the

party were Barb Palazzolo and

her daughter Erin, Eileen Van-

This takes it even a step further. with the addition of new boardmember orientation, and holding staff members accountable for results. We have always been accountable, but this says it in the simplest terms."

ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

Birthday from page 1A

her a million more, "said Pauline Leo Shaffer.

GOALS from page 1A

"This is her first birthday to derwill, Margaret Newby, Russ

celebrate, and I'm going to wish and Alice Cullen and Marie and

ciate it. Everybody gets together for everybody's birthday but

promote positive and produc-

demonstrate good fiscal man-

establish and maintain effec-

ment in activities and decision

making at the district and build-

Board president Dave Artley

said, "When I got on the board

tive inter-government relations;

tive employee relations;

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PLEASE BE AWARE THAT the Canton Township Treasurer's office in the

be open as follows to collect taxes during the holidays.

Tuesday Wednesday

Thursday

Friday Monday

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PLEASE.

IVA ELLEN GREGORY

ford Township; and one great

nephew, Scott Socia of Redford

Milford Township were Thurs day, Dec. 21, at Acacia Park Cem etery, with burial in Acacia Park Cemetery, Birmingham. She was born in Detroit, and

Services for Alice Socia, 86, of

ALICE SOCIA

died Tuesday, Dec. 19, at Huron Valley Hospital in Milford. She worked as a stenographer. She is survived by her brother, Alvin Socia Sr. of Wayne; two

nephews. Craig Socia of Canton and Alvin Socia Jr. of Livonia: two nieces. Jill Leighton of Gar den City and Jan Jayson of Red

A chapel service for Iva Ellen Gregory, 92, of Livonia was Friday, Dec. 22, at Sunset Hills Me morial Park in Flint. She was born Aug. 22, 1903, i

East Tawas, and died Thursday, Dec. 21, in Livonia. She is survived by her sister. Ann: brother-in-law, Charles; and

OBITUARIES

JENNIE SIEBERT Services for Jennie Siebert, 80, of Canton Township will be held today at 1:30 p.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral with the Rev. Jer ry Yarnell officiating. Burial will be at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livo-

She was born April 26, 1915, in Elgin, Ill., and died Tuesday, Dec 26, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital,

ceded her in death on July 28, 1976. She was retired from the Plymouth-Canton school district after 15 years of service as cafete ria manager. She is survived by her daughters, Patricia Weiner of Dexter

and Sherry Waddington of Howell; and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

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

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

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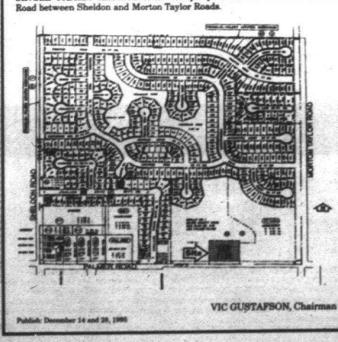
FAST-FOOD RESTAURANT AND SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR BURGER KING/AMOCO, located on the southeast corner of Michigan Avenue and Belleville Road Parcel No 132-99-0010-005



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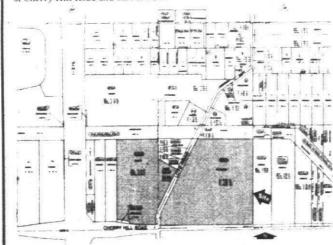
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CHERRY HILL POINTE INVESTMENT REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS 051-99-0031-000, 052-99-0016-001. 52-99-0017-000 FROM R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-6, SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL Property is located south

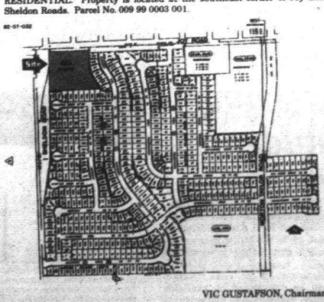


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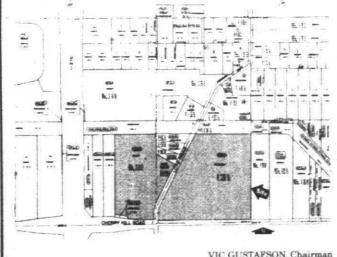
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CONSENT JUDGEMENT: CONSIDER A REQUEST TO AMEND THE CONSENT JUDGEMENT IN ADDITION TO A REQUEST TO REZONE THE PARCEL FROM O-1 OFFICE TO R-6, SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL. Property is located at the southeast corner of Joy and eldon Roads. Parcel No. 009 99 0003 001.



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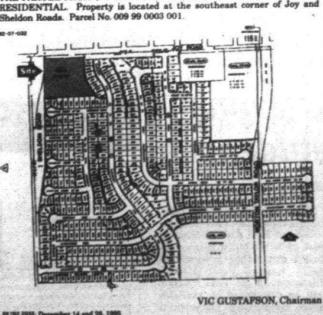


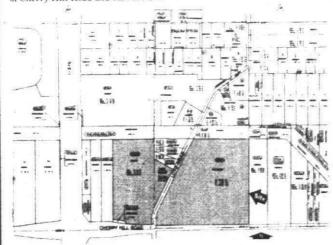
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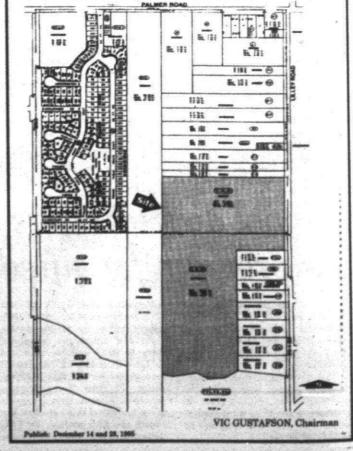


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CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH WOODCREEK PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) located south of Palmer and west o

THIS IS THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED WOODCREEK PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.



Courts, roads in reform package

BY TIM RICHARD

Michigan would have a unified trial court system under a plan pushed by Rep. Michael Nye, chair of the House Judiciary Committee.

Nye's plan asks voters to approve two state constitutional amendments: one to abolish probate court, the other to raise the sales tax another penny and abolish the fuel tax. Full debate hasn't begun on

court reorganization, either Nye's plan or any other. But 1996 seems certain to be the year when things will come to a head. Gov. John Engler is blocking the addition of any new judgeships — vigorously sought in the Oakland and western Wayne suburbs - until a better deployment of existing judges is achieved. County road commissions and drivers want more monev for roads.

Nye, R-Litchfield, has his plan on the front burner. Here are questions and answers based on his article in the November Michigan Bar Journal:

Q. Michigan today has four trial courts — circuit, probate, district and Detroit Recorder's, plus a few leftover municipal courts. All are elected separately. How would your plan change that?

A. There would be one court of ustice with three divisions:

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1. Circuit court - major civil and the rest of Wayne County ancases, divorce without children. other unit. Small, northern counties would estates and wills, criminal cases (both adults and children), mortbe clustered in a regional unit. No out-of-unit judge would gage and land contract foreclo-

handle a case unless all of the judges in the unit had some kind 2. Family court - divorce with of conflict. children, adoptions, juvenile mat-Q. Suppose a unit had a glut ters, abuse, guardianship, paterof one type of case in a division

- say, landlord-tenant. District - minor civil suits A. Judges from all divisions in landlord-tenant relations, prelimthe unit would formulate a proceinary exams, civil infractions. dure to handle case overload. The All three could handle name

changes, marriages and equity

a unit. Exceptions:

All judges would be elected to Q. Who would pay the judges? And what would happen to the same bench and be paid the court revenues? same salary.

A. All judges would be state Q. What kinds of electoral units are you thinking about? Each unit retains all revenue it Would would happen with the generates except the crime vic-Detroit-Wayne County probtims fee, community dispute fee

and restitution. Total is expected A. Each county would be called to add up to \$50 million a year Detroit would be a single unit. based on 1993-94 figures.

another penny increase in the sales tax that voters would be asked to approve. Why?

A. The state would pick up the additional cost of judges' salaries out of the general fund. The state would also have to replace funds for libraries that come from court

At the same time, I would recommend the total elimination of the gas tax (supporting roads and public transportation). That revenue, the library revenues and other lost revenue could be replaced with a one-cent increase in

generate \$1.1 billion.

from the sales and use tax?

or \$1.02 billion. That is the equivalent of 22.7 cents of the fuel tax jurisdictional barriers are - 15 cents we're levving currently plus an extra 7.7 cents.

(\$55 million); secondary road pa trols, 1 percent (\$11 million) highway safety and justice training, 1 percent (\$11 million).

Refer to House Joint Resolutions S and T and to House Bill 5158 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol,

the sales and use tax. The sales tax increase would

Q. What is your formula for distributing that \$1.1 billion A. Roads would get 93 percen

Libraries would get 5 percen

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Dean of college centers to leave Schoolcraft job

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN STAFF WRITER

Schoolcraft College is losing its dean of college centers.

Noreen Thomas is leaving the job, which she has held for about a year ending a long tenure with the college where she's served in various jobs for the past 18 years.

Thomas says she has a lot of mixed emotions about leaving Schoolcraft. She's following her husband, David, to Austin, Texas, where he is executive senior vice president of IXC Corp., a telecommunications and long dis-

> He moved there six months ago. 'It's real important to get the family back together," Thomas

> "I couldn't say enough positive things about Noreen Thomas. It's a real loss to see her go to Texas,' Conway Jeffress, vice president for instruction, said.

Thomas was noticed on each of the jobs she held at Schoolcraft. Jeffress said. She did an excellent job in her work with Continuing Education Services, which increased from 1,700 or 1,800 students to 14,000 students during her tenure, Jeffress said.

When the Radcliff Center job opened up, "I didn't think there would be anyone more outstanding than Noreen Themas," he said. Radcliff Center is a satellite campus in Garden City.

Saundra Florek, dean of marketing and development at the the end of February, said she's



outlay budgets for Radcliff, devel leaving a big loss for the college. "She really cares about the peo ple who work for her," Florek said, calling her a hard worker who makes wise administrative

Florek remembered that Thom as had been put in charge of the renovation of Radcliff Center when it was newly purchased by Schoolcraft. After coming back to the main campus for other jobs, ironically, she ended up going back to the center as dean.

Thomas, who plans to leave at

of the population taking classes at college centers and the variety of classes offered, the job was "never the same." The dean of college centers is

responsible for operation of the Radcliff Center and other college centers, including those at Garden City Junior High School, Plymouth Canton High School and the Summit on the Park in Canton Township.

The college has begun a national search for her replacement, but Thomas doesn't expect the replacement to be on board before

mitting budget proposals, admin

stering operational and capital

oping and maintaining public re ing strategy

A native of New York, Thomas college, called Noreen Thomas' loved her job as dean of college has two sons, ages 15 and 10.

The deadline for applicants is Feb. 5. The dean is responsible for coordinating the master class schedule for the Radcliff Center and other satellite centers, sub-

lations, and providing a market The starting salary range is \$68.791-\$76.000.

As for Thomas' professional plans, she's working on a Ph.D. in educational leadership and administration at University of Michigan, and she's found the University of Texas at Austin offers the same program. "So I may a full-time student for a

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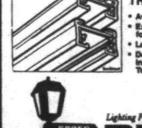
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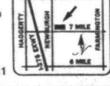


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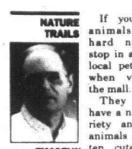
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Pet store trip offers short lesson



animals are of-TIMOTHY ten cute. Pet NOWICKI stores can also give us a short lesson in natural history. There are often several vertebrate groups represented at a single store. Many stores have reptiles, like turtles and snakes. Birds are frequently on display, along with fish. Amphibians, like

are often available. Some of the animals will be active while you browse the store during the day. These are diurnal animals. Those that are hard to find because they are sleeping in protected areas are

Pet buyers should be cautious about nocturnal animals be cause they become active when you want to sleep. A good example is a hamster.

frogs and salamanders, are be-

coming more popular it seems,

and mammals of various kinds

If you like animals, it's hard not to stop in at your local pet store when visiting They often have a nice vaand the public. riety and pet

> The hamster, and another an imal it's often confused with the gerbil, are both mammals in the rodent family. Both have large front teeth designed for gnawing, while the flat rear teeth grind seeds they eat. But gerbils have a long tail and are active during the day. These po tential pets came from Mongolia originally and did not come to the United States until 1954.

Both hamsters and gerbils are relatively new as pets. But not as new as the prairie dogs I've recently seen in pet stores. These rodents are very social animals and are known for their digging. Just look at their claws. Relatively new to Michigan's pet stores is the ferret. This carnivore probably originated from polecat in southern Europe Its relationship to man was first nentioned in 20 AD.

Dogs are probably the oldest domesticated animal at the pet

short-tailed mammals that first came into contact with humans around 1930. A researcher firs discovered this animal in Syria. Within a few years he had a breeding population for his research. Soon after that, other laboratories discovered them

> Nocturnal pet: Golden-colored hamsters are short tailed mammals that first came into contact with humans around 1930. A researcher first discovered

store. Most people feel that dogs were domesticated about 12,000 years ago. More than 400 breeds dog now known originated from the wolf. It's hard to believe that a Chihuahua has the

same basic genes as a mastiff and a wild wolf.

Even while you're shopping a the mall, you can still observe some natural history in your lo

Ficano to revelers: Don't drink, drive

Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano urges people to use common sense when celebrating this New Year's Eve.

"If you're planning a holiday party, at the office or at home, or if you go out to celebrate this New Year's Eve. use common sense and designate a driver who will stay sober and get you home in one piece," Ficano said in a press and vision.

More than 50 percent of all fatal traffic crashes involve a driver who is under the influence of alcohol New Year's Eve is one of the most lethal nights in that re-

spect, he said. drunken driving laws as another

had better beware - we'll get you off the road and keep you off the road. Do yourself, your family and the other guy a favor . . . stay sober when you drive - during the holidays or anytime," he said.

Alcohol relaxes inhibitions,

slows reaction time, decreases coordination and impairs judgment "You can help reduce the statistics instead of becoming one," Ficano said. "Use a desig nated driver and promote the use

of one with family and friends." "Better yet," he said, "volun teer to be the designated driver Ficano also cites the state's and save a life - what better gift

reason to designate a driver. St. Vincent de Paul accepts car donations

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is accepting donations of used cars to fund programs the society runs for the poor.

Donated cars will be sold, generating income for the society's camps, food depots, and employ ment agency, all services specifically designed to help the needy in six southeastern Michigan

gram is of great benefit. It will help put our services to the poor on a firmer financial footing and let us expand to meet the need, said James R. Carron, executive

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Board says no way to gas, oil drilling

BY TIM RICHARD

This time it was government's turn to say "NIMBY" to home

The board of the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority refused to allow gas and oil drilling on a group camp at the north end of

Kensington Metropark. Disappointed Milford Township residents had hoped to keep drilling out of a vacant 10-acre parcel in a nearby residential zone at Shagbark and and Garner roads and onto the Kensington group camp site, which is directly over the suspected 250 million

year-old fossil fuel deposits. NIMBY means "not in my back yard." And in HCMA's case, the back yard has been used by scout and youth groups for nearly a half-century.

"The oil deposits are under the group camp," resident Peter Karr told the HCMA board Dec. 14. "Hundreds of homes would be af fected by a well at Shagbark and

"Their (Wolverine Gas & Oil Co. of Grand Rapids) first choice is to locate it in the park where the oil is located.'

Residents foresee damage to health, safety, air quality, groundwater supplies, traffic and property values if development is in their neighborhood. Added resident Neil DeVries:

'Wolverine's first choice is to drill above the deposit rather than on a slant. They say, "The well is going in. We are starting to

HCMA Commissioner John Hertel persuaded the board to assign staff to work with homeowners and Wolverine officials "and ook for a solution that wouldn't oil in the Pigeon River Country.

But Hertel, an experienced poltice who has served on the Wayne and Macomb county

ate, added wryly: "That may be impossible

Added James Clarkson, longtime Oakland County representa tive on the HCMA board: "We don't want those trucks going by any more than you do.

In a memo to HCMA board members, staff member Donald G. Beem said that last February the park authority entered 'non-development" oil and gas lease with Wolverine covering 85 acres under the group camp site. That means Wolverine can tap the resources under the land but can't develop on the land.

"Wolverine indicated that they had a drill site off of HCMA lands and that they had leased other private properties (approximately 12) as the possible oil and gas reserve was not totally under HCMA lands.

Beem said officials at the state Department of Environmental Quality "also feel a drill site on HCMA is a better location than the site proposed by Wolverine. It interesting to note, however that they do not presently allow oil and gas production facilities on their own state park or state ecreation lands.'

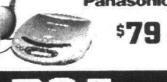
Wolverine officials told The Milford Times last week they intend to begin drilling after the first of the year and will drill around the clock for the first two

"We may find a dry hole," said Richard Moritz, manager of Wolverine's land and legal de-

In the late Paleozoic Era of 200 300 million years ago, Michigan was covered by shallow seas and warm-weather forests. The most famous results are salt deposits under Detroit and Manistee and

burt our ability to serve the pub-Wolverine officials have found a coral reef that may have trapped binations of all. But the only way the company will know for sure is

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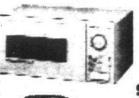
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New roads completed; county to take jurisdiction

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN STAFF WRITER A plan for Wayne County to accept jurisdiction of some new roads and change the names of

several roads sparked discussion among Wayne County commis-At the board of commissioners' Dec. 21 meeting, commissioners voted to accept into the file a list of roads the county will take over as of the end of 1995, but only after commissioners questioned the determines the amount of money plan and why it came before the the county receives for roads, he

commission at the last meeting of "Why is this at the last minute and why didn't this go through committee?" Commissioner Edna Bell asked.

And, Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, asked if local mayors and township supervisors are aware of the changes, and wondered if local councils and boards of trustees would be required to

Several administration employ-

Several roads in Canton Town ship are also being renamed "Have the residents acknowledged that the names of their roads are going to be changed?'

the list in advance as a courtesy.

be accepted always comes late in

the year. Robert Biga, director of

the Division of Administration of

the Department of Public Ser-

vices, said local officials had been

notified. Robert Murphy, Airport

general counsel, said the roads are

an administrative function and

once roads have been built, they

have to be taken over by the coun-

ty. The amount of mileage the

county has jurisdiction over also

Many of the roads the county

will accept are in Canton Town-

ship and Commissioner Bruce

Patterson, R-Canton Township,

said he should have been given

cedure, saying the list of roads to be certain the local communities

want this," he said.

and unexplained

resented.

Several commissioners contin-

Commissioner Thaddeus

McCotter, R-Livonia, said he

faulted the administration for the

manner in which the plan was

"I don't know if I'm prepared to

It's standard procedure that the

county accept the roads, accord-

ing to Tom Casari, Canton Town-

ship engineer, who spoke to the

Observer by phone later. All roads

in new subdivisions are platted,

built to county standards and

Casari said that to his knowl-

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vote on this at all "Commissioner

Edward Boike Jr. said.

then accepted, he said.

name change, he said.

he asked. "This should have been han-

Perot's Reform Party

Supporters of Ross Perot's Re- members are waiting for formal form Party say they intend to start a petition drive this winter to establish a party to rival the Democrats and Republicans.

The state board of election can vassers is expected to approve the petition language today, accord ing to Susan Esser, state coordinator of Citizens to Establish a Michigan Reform Party. The drive will be to

30,891 signatures of Michigan voters as part of a movement to establish a national political par-

Legally the group can go forward with the petition drive, but PARTY.

approval because there have been problems in other states. Esser

we will be out there armed with petitions," she said. "There are lots of independent-minded voters who own businesses all over Michigan. Many have already contacted us about setting up petition tables on their premises Our motto to them is 'You call. we'll haul," Esser said.

ing the federal budget, lobbying, 1992, has been state coordinator Esser said in a press release. For information, call 1 800 96

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county roads Valentine Court, Nowland ued to question why the matter Drive, and part of Verdun Court, and Steven courts, Labana and was being brought to them so late

> Nowland Estates Subdivision; Crestview Drive, Dunston Road and Woodale Way and part of Foothill, Millbrook and Palmer roads in Brookside Village Subdivision Number 5;

Palmer and Sheldon roads in

Leigh, Northgate, Southgate, Westgate and Woodgreen courts, Northgate and Southgate drives and part of Beck Road in Hunt ngton Place Subdivision Gerald Court in Pine View Es

tates Subdivision; ■ Glastonbury and Yarmouth drives and part of Beck Road in Pinewood Subdivision Number 1 Robert Court in Kingston Es-

tates Subdivision: edge the roads being renamed in Lancelot Court, Lancelot Drive, Canton Township don't have resiand part of Amber Drive and dents on them, and they are being Morton-Taylor Road in Birenamed to give through streets Parkview Estates Subdivision the same name. If people do live on them, they will be notified of a

Stratford and Rutherford

The following sections of roads courts, and part of Stratford Drive

in Canton Township will become and Gyde Road in Stratford Park Subdivision Number 2: Labana, Lillian, North Pointe

> North Pointe drives and part of Beck Road in North Point Subdi-Samuel courts, Kimberly, Samantha and Sarah Ann drives and

Geddes roads in Kimberly Meadows Subdivision: Fenwick Drive and Seabrook Drive in Glengarry Village Subdivision Number 5:

parts of Canton Center and

Bentley, Bridgewater and Lanhan courts, Weymouth Drive. Tremont Road, and part of Glengarry Boulevard and Beck and Palmer roads in Glengarry Village

Subdivision Number 6; Tyler Lane, and part of Worthington Road and Lotz Road in Camden Park:

Baron Drive in Admiral Indus trial Subdivision: Part of Beck Road in Pheasant

View Subdivision

courts and part of Yarmouth

The following roads in Plymouth Township will become coun-

mont Lane in Greystone Estates

Hollymood Drive, Lochness, Whithorn and Willoway courts and parts of Edinburgh and Latheron drives in Heather Hills Sub division Number 2.

Road names to be changed in clude: Stratford Court in Strat ford Park Subdivision in Cantor Township will now be known as Belford Court; Midway Street in Sunflower Village Subdivision Number 4 in Canton Township will now be known as North Pointe Drive: Orchid Avenue in Sunflower Village Subdivision Number 4 in Canton Township will now be known as Lyndon Av

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plays host to groups Angela Hospice of Livonia, Deroit Recreation Centers, Chiliren's Hospital of Michigan paients and their families and sevral other groups have driven hrough Wayne County Lightset, the holiday light show in

id Hurley Coleman, Wayne unty Parks director, in a press ease. "It is great to bring some liday spirit and create special mories. We hope Wayne Coun-LightFest becomes a heliday

Holiday light show

LightFest is open nightly from 7-10 p.m. through Jan. 1. Traffic enters Hines Drive at Merrmiman enters frines Drive at Merrmiman road in Westland and proceeds east, exiting at Warren Ave., just east of Telegraph in Dearborn Heights. Food concessions and a gift shop area are available at the Warrendale picnic area at the exit. A \$5 donation per car raises funds for the nearly.

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Act responsibly

Speed, alcohol are deadly duo

ew Year's Eve, it seems, is usually a good time to talk about the dorndrinking rinking and driving. It's an issue that unfortunately just won't go away, although we can report some progress on the legislative and educational fronts

There are reasons that this year's plea is more compelling — about 70 of them. We're referring, of course, to the push in Michigan and other states to raise, or abolish, freeway speed limits in the wake of the repeal last month of the 55 mph federal speed limit.

In Michigan, a bill to raise the maximum speed on all freeways — including some urban stretches - to 70 mph has stalled temporarily in the state Senate. The proposal failed on Dec. 12 after numerous amendments were added and senators couldn't agree on where lower limits would still be enforced. The state House has yet to act on the bill.

Yes, these are separate issues. The 55 mph limit was adopted some 23 years ago primarily as an energy conservation tactic. The federal law was eased several years ago to 65 mph on "rural" interstates

But statistics show the lower limit, along with improved auto safety, has helped push down the number of traffic fatalities nationwide to about half the 55,000 deaths reported annually during the 1970s.

Which is where alcohol becomes part of the

The reality is Michigan will likely increase freeway speed limits. The public, which to a large extent ignores current posted limits. wants it; and traffic engineers tell us the freeways were designed for responsible drivers do-

That means efforts to curb drinking and

There are reasons that this year's plea is more compelling about 70 of them. We're referring, of course, to the push in Michigan and other states to raise, or abolish, freeway speed limits in the wake of the repeal last month of

> driving will take on added importance, possibly by early next year

the 55 mph federal speed limit.

Personal responsibility is a big factor here. The designated driver idea is good in theory. More people, older adults as well as 20-somethings, need to put it into practice.

The Observer supports legislation that cracks down on drunken driving without impinging on civil rights - last year's "Zero Tolerance" law, which targets drinking drivers under 21, for example. And we will continue to urge prosecutors and district judges to take their responsibilities in this area seriously. Even the toughest new laws will fail to make a difference if the judicial branch doesn't place equal emphasis on the issue

Educational programs, from those sponsored by MADD and SADD to police department presentations at local high schools, must

Lastly, corporate America needs to jump on the bandwagon - and we're not talking about just throwing in a few catchy phrases at the end of a beer commercial. Companies that sell beer, wine and liquor need to take a hard look at the way they promote their products. The image they create should be one that encourages responsible use, not reckless consump-

Good news for suburbs in '96

heerful holiday news comes to the sub-urbs of metro Detroit packaged to job and population forecasters of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. After two decades of stagnant population changes and a loss of manufacturing jobs. things are looking up, literally, from now to

SEMCOG's regional development forecast, now circulating to cities and townships, shows "a positive economic future" — an 18-percent growth in jobs and a 13-percent growth in population in the quarter-century ahead.

Job growth will be particularly strong in suburban Wayne County (18.3 percent), Oakland County (29.7 percent) and Livingston County (83.2 percent).

Among the top 10 job growth communities

Sad to say, Detroit is projected to continue losing jobs, and manufacturing will decline no surprise there. But services, retail and fi-

Significantly, the percentage of workingage adults holding jobs will increase from 81 ■ SEMCOG's regional development forecast, now circulating to cities and townships, shows "a positive economic future" - an 18-percent growth in jobs and a 13-percent growth in population in the quarter-century ahead.

In the population charts, Livonia is likely to dip below the 100,000 mark, and Southfield below 75,000, though that's due mostly to shrinking family size. Westland, Canton, Farmington Hills and Troy will continue to see more faces, as will northern Oakland communities.

The nature of public services will change. Households with children will decline 5 percent by 2020. Better health care will mean more older folks, particularly in the 85-and-up category. Elementary schools will be converted into senior citizen centers.

Builders of houses and apartments should continue to prosper as population rises and ple in 1960 to 2.66 today to 2.47 in 2020.

Now if we can refrain from paving over too many farm fields and slicing up too many lakes with powerboats, we may have a nice environment in which to enjoy our prosperity.

Spencer supported average household size shrinks from 3.49 peo-

our editorial of Dec. 14, regarding the management realignment in the Canton Township administrative offices, was dead on target. I can only hope the board of trustees will come to their senses and realize what they are doing to an outstanding employee, John Spencer. John has demonstrated, beyond question, his ability to manage, supervise, create and develop all aspects of the tasks he has been assigned to complete. His standards of professionalism set him far above his contemporaries as evidenced by the award | are applauded in this corner. recently bestowed upon him by a professional

Helping hands: Each year the Observer sponsors the Cheer Club during the holi-

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days. Membership is easy, people just drop off a toy or food item at our office

and the items are turned over to the Salvation Army. Above, a group of Ply-

mouth-Canton school children pose after dropping off their gifts

Move questioned

all Canton residents.

cent articles in this newspaper re-

Spencer as Canton's financial director

garding the possible loss of John

are troubling. This possible loss makes no

sense and should stimulate concern amongst

that political stability arrived with the Yack

administration. However, the logic of upset-

Spencer into a runoff with outside candidates

for a position he has held for 10 years is unex-

For the past 10 years, Spencer has served

in two financial leadership capacities, led the

community record. He is a hard worker, team

Is there something we do not know about

his service record? Were his evaluations poor?

Were his investments failures? Was his per-

formance so poor that thousands of taxpayers

dollars must be spent on a search? If not, per-

This newspaper agreed with the proposal of

Trustee Bob Schefferly's suggestion to grant

The Canton community should encourage

the board to cancel the search in order to keep

a good man in Canton and save the taxpayers

Dave and Judy Thomas, Canton

Spencer a 12-month trial period. That is a

wise recommendation. The Canton board should give him the trial offer and say

"Thanks, John. Keep up the good work."

haps it's a good time to apply the old adage,

drive for a Vietnam Veteran's Memorial. worked for the Goodfellows and has a good

player and community leader

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

ting this political stability by forcing John

As 24-year residents of Canton, it appeared

Cheer Club

John has given Canton the very best in personality traits such as loyalty, integrity, honesty, and downright hard work. He has chosen to live in the community which provides his income, unlike several other department heads. When the idea of developing a veterans memorial arose, John spearheaded the drive to raise the money needed. We all can now enjoy the fruits of his efforts. The Canton Goodfellows have also profited by having him as a hard-working member.

For the board to state that he will be considered as a finalist is an insult to him. He should not have to reapply for a position he currently holds nor for the newly created job combining the two finance functions. He supervised both positions prior to 1990. And let's not forget that Susan Kopinski was his deputy

Two members of the board, Shefferly and Burdziak, clearly recognize Mr. Spencer's talent and abilities. I hope the others will upon reflection decide that our township does not need to spend additional tax dollars on a search for a candidate to fill the new position. Our man is already in place and serving us well.

To the board of trustees I would ask you to show fairness and loyalty to John by giving him your unanimous vote of approval.

Ralph H. Shufeldt, Canton

Newt potshots unfair

o many potshots have been taken at Newt Gingrich that I don't know which absurdity to address first. Maybe I can put the lie or malfeasance to all of them with one response.

Newt Gingrich wants a smaller federal government; hence his drive is to reduce expenditures in many areas of government spending, eliminate expenditures in others. The Republican budget proposal doesn't even seek to reduce or cut expenditures for Medicare and Medicaid; Newt, Armey, and Kasich want to keep yearly increases at levels where a bal-

anced budget might be realized by year 2002. OK, so Newt has preferred a little chin music not even I wanted to hear, but the man is inventive, ingenious. His efforts to make government smaller should be recognized. They

Neil Goodbred, Livonia

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POINTS OF VIEW

Accountability is important for all our schools

Now comes Randy Bos, superintendent of Montabella Community Schools, who wants to convert all five schools in his tiny (1,500 students) mid-Michigan district into charter schools.

"This would force the school district to take the responsibility that it should have and add some accountability to what we're doing here," said Bos, who plans to submit his proposal to the school board in January.

Pardon me, but up to now I had thought that local school boards and superintendents were supposed to take responsibility and accountability for what kids learn without having to convert their public school districts into charter schools. Or am I missing some-

Charter schools are an experiment in school reform that authorizes independent schools to receive the same amount of per-pupil funding that is

provided regular public schools in the region. There are now about 40 such schools operation in Michigan, with another 20 or so authorized to open

The theory is that chartering some independent schools would break the monopoly on K-12 education now held by public schools, provoke experimentation and provide parents with greater school choice. I'm afraid the fact is that lots of folks who are hot for charter schools want little more than to get your and my tax dollars to pay for private schooling for their kids.

That's why the year-end educational squabble in Lansing between the Senate (very conservative, very ideological) and the House (more moderate, more narrowly divided) was so important.

The folks in the Senate were hellbent to take off all restrictions on the number of schools to be chartered. The House eventually watered down most



PHILIP POWER

of the radical Senate notions I think allowing uncontrolled num bers of charter schools poses two enormous problems:

Financial oversight. Remember, the per-pupil grant paid to charter schools comes from public tax dollars. But boards of charter schools are privately appointed rather than publicly elected. How do you get public oversight of the expenditure of public funds?

■ Educational standards. With a lot of kids attending a bunch of independent charter schools, how do you know that each kid is getting an education that's up to standard? The Senate was adamant in wanting to do away with the mandated statewide curriculum, and so Michigan is now one of only three states in the nation with no - none! minimum standards for what our kids are supposed to learn in school.

It's ironic that the scores for this year's round of MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) tests were released recently. In general, they showed that most school districts have improved in reading and math over the past few years as teachers began to adjust their classes to meet the demands of public testing.

We regularly publish the local MEAP test results, school building by school building, in this newspaper. Nothing we do gets a bigger response

tense interest translates - surprise! into pressure for school improvement

Next year, the MEAP will be augmented with a battery of tough new tests, including an entirely new proficiency test for 11th-graders. This test, designed to assess what kids really learn before they leave school, will in turn drive the system of state-endorsed

So the process — testing what kids learn, publishing those results in the Observer Newspapers and letting the pressure improve the work of teachers and school officials - gradually is im-

proving our schools. Isn't that the kind of responsibility and accountability that we've been expecting from the public schools all

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His

Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1880.

Accusations of racism don't fill bill for state legislator

If being called nasty names could hurt, state Rep. Deborah Whyman would be covered by a dung heap. The second-term Republican from Canton Township is taking verbal abuse such as one rarely sees in the polite corridors of the State Capitol.

"She's a racist," Rep. Ed Vaughn, D Detroit, told the Michigan Chronicle. "If she's not a racist, she certainly appears to be one.

She's trying to position herself as a force for "the racist far right. She's a participant in the dumbing down of America. She plays to dumb folks and blames the victims." Vaughn went on.

"The only plausible explanation for this rather astonishing proposal is race," said Robert Sedlar, a Wayne State University law professor.

"The minute we get any inkling that they're trying to take our court away, we'll use every legal resource to fight it," said Recorder's Judge Kym Wor-

"I'm sick of these people coming into Detroit and telling us that we can't think for ourselves," said Geraldine Block, a retired Detroit teacher who uses the mail and talk radio to bash

Now, Whyman votes with evangelicals like Alan Cropsey, Harold Voorhees and Jack Horton on school and abortion questions. But racist? Her desk is next to my press box staion, we chat a good bit, and I've yet to near her whisper a racist comment. In fact, those who make snide refer-

ences to "These People" and "They" are the ones we should suspect of prejudging people on the basis of race. A lady who's never shrill and who

does her homework, Whyman is sponsor of House Bill 4952, to consolidate Detroit Recorder's Court (with its criminal jurisdiction) into Wayne Circuit Court. If enacted, HB 4952 would correct one flaw in a pattern of flawed state laws - the tendency for Lansing



to write one bill for Detroit and one for the rest of the state. In the other 82 counties, circuit court

handles all criminal cases, as well as divorces and civil suits worth more than \$10,000. Only Detroit has a separate criminal court.

Ann Arbor doesn't have a separate court from Washtenaw County; Flint isn't separate from Genesee County; ditto with the city of Saginaw and Sa-

Bay County; ditto with Kalamazoo and Kalamazo County; ditto with Grand Rapids and Kent County; ditto with Muskegon and Muskegon County; ditto with Midland and Midland County.

The Legislature made a big, fat mistake when it created a separate court for Detroit, just as it erred when it created a separate class of school district or Detroit, and separate income tax rovisions for Detroit, and separate zens of other things for Detroit. Detroit isn't unique. It's a city with

about half the county's population. It has a large minority population. It's an old city. But it absolutely isn't unique,

In the last decade, the Supreme Court has shifted jurisdiction of suburban criminal cases out of Wayne Circuit Court and into Detroit Recorder's Court. A handful of circuit judges have been rotated onto the Recorder's bench to help out. But essentially we have an If I were a black Detroiter, I would

raise an eyebrow if my neighbors were judged solely by white suburbanites. And Whyman's constituents raise an eyebrow at having their criminal cases judged in Detroit Recorder's Court.

Since Whyman's bill hit the Judiciary Committee - with a ton of cosponsors - the Supreme Court has changed the rules and ordered suburban Wayne County crimnial cases back into circuit court. So is HB 4952 even necessary? Absolutely, because the Supreme Court could change the rules

Black Detroiters don't want to see their voting strength diluted by a countywide election. We all appreciate that view. Whyman's research shows that fair numbers of blacks have been elect ed to Wayne Probate Court and to countywide posts

It's too bad she has had to take all

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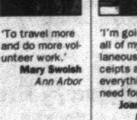




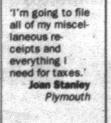
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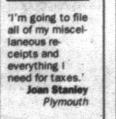
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YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

AUDITIONS

IE CHORUS

The Plymouth Community Chorus is calling for people who love to sing. Open auditions will be held 7:30 p.m. Jan. 2. Auditions by appointment following Jan. 9, 16, and 23, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, West of Sheldon Road, in Plymouth. Most needed are tenors, basses and baritones. Some openings exist for altos and sopranos. Rehearsals for the spring concert will soon be under way. Call 455-4080.

Y.M.C.A.

The philosophy of "Y" Kids is to help each child develop socially through the process of adapting to his or her peers through play. The sessions are designed to promote enjoyment through work and play. refine large and small motor skills, promote physical coordination, and encourage self development. Free and individualized play is encouraged through the availability of table games, clay, music, kitchen area, cars and trucks, and many other items. Organized activities and projects will provide new ideas and endless wonderment to each child. We will be exploring the Worlds of Community helpers, animals and insects, weather, nutrition, and many other concepts. Bonnie Graham, B.A. in early childhood, is the instructor. Register at 453-

CLUBS

B CANTON BPW

The Canton Business and Professional Women's group meets 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at Roman Forum restaurant on Ford Road in Canton. This is an organization to promote full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for America's working women. Information, (313) 699-1970.

M STAMP CLUB

West Suburban Stamp club meets 8 p.m. on the first and third Fridays at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

Michigan Emergency Pharmaceutical Program offers middle-income seniors a one-month supply of prescription drugs. Must call for appointment noon to 2 p.m., 455-7526. Appointments are on and third Friday monthly at Plymouth Township Hall (by clerk's office).

The Attention Deficit Disorders program will begin new Attention Deficit Disorder groups for children, teens and adults in the Canton area. These groups will meet

in the evenings and Saturdays. Groups for parents of children with ADD are also being offered which run at corresponding times. For a brochure or for more information, call the Center for Behavior and Medicine, 677-0809.

B PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

Livonia-Redford Chapter No. 130 Parents Without Partners is meeting at Mama Mia's Restaurant, 27770 Plymouth Road, between Middlebelt and Inkster, on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Parent and family activities are planned. New members welcome at 8 p.m. for orientation. Diane. 464-1969.

E SMOKERS' RIGHTS

Group will meet 7 p.m. the third Monday of each month in Denny's on Ann Arbor Road at I-275, Plymouth Township, for people supportive of smokers' rights. Information, call Marc at 455-1635.

B JAYCEES

The Plymouth/Canton Jaycees meet at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

FOR KIDS

The Salvation Army is taking registrations for the "Saturday Kids Club" that meets 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday at the Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main in Plymouth. Games, arts and crafts, cooking, field trips and lots of fun. Fee: \$25 per child or \$50 per family. Information, 453-5464.

M NURSERY SCHOOL

Plymouth Children's Nursery still has openings for 3-year-olds Wednesday morning and Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon for 4-year-olds. Information, 455-6250 or 459-3111.

M TINY TOTS

The Salvation Army Tiny Tots Preschool classes for 3- and 4year-olds will be from 9:30-11:35 a.m. through May. For information, call Peggy at 453-5464.

B NEW MORNING SCHOOL

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der your Entertainment 1996 book, call 453-3016.

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AROUND THE TOWN

M REC CENTER

Canton Parks and Recreation Services Recreation Center, located on the corner of Michigan Avenue and Sheldon Road, will continue to be available for community groups and individual rental through April 1996. This facility is available for Canton Township residents and groups only. The facility can hold events for up to 100 people and the rental rates are as follows: social event, \$200 deposit, \$25 per hour; nonprofit service club/organization (Canton-based): business meeting, \$25 deposit - no rental fee, social event, \$200 deposit and \$7.50 per hour (no limit). Information, 397-5110.

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m FISH FRY

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6695 will have a fish fry 5:30-8:30 p.m. Fridays at 1426 S. Mill in Plymouth. Information, 459-6700

M YOUTH EXCHANGE

The Plymouth Rotary Club Youth Exchange is seeking interested students ages 16-18 looking for an opportunity to spend a year abroad learning the culture and language of another country. No application fee. Travel overseas August 1996 to July 1997. Any place in 22 foreign countries. Contact Marie A. Morrow, Plymouth Rotary Youth Exchange chairwoman, at 453-6879.

E CAMP CYO

The Catholic Youth Organization of Metro Detroit is looking for former CYO camp staff and participants to include in special 50th anniversary celebration of the

CYO camps in 1996. If you or anyone you know is a former camp staffer or attendee, call the CYO at 963-7172, or send a postcard with your name, address, phone number and year you attended camp to: CYO Camp 50th, 305 Michigan Ave., Detroit, Mich.

M CLOTHING BANK

The Plymouth-Canton Community Clothing Bank is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Good quality clothing available to needy Plymouth-Canton school district families. Located in a portable building behind Central Middle School in Plymouth. Call for appointment, 416-

M VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Learn how to be an Arbor Hospice volunteer and serve patients and the families in your area. Provide respite for families, transportation for patients, companionship, support and encouragement. Information, 677-0500.

M ARTS COUNCIL

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is offering its new facility at 774 N. Sheldon Road for rent for seminars, recitals and lectures. The facility has auditorium seating for 225 people. The parking lot has room for 28 cars and street parking is available. There are coffee pots, a slide projector

and a piano avalla groups, call 416-42

M ALUMNI INFO

The Plymouth-C are putting together directory of former at help people find old

plan reunions. It will include the current names and addresses of alumni. If you have a list of alumni from any class year, any updated names and addresses or you know someone who has either, call Emily Brazzi at (800) 654-4548, or fax the list to Brazzi at (800) 829-4142. The mailing address for the directory project is: Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Directory of Alumni, Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company Inc., 22 Koger Center, Norfolk, Va. 23502-4169.

M SUPPORT GROUP

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Weighing in for New Year

ith New Year's Eve only three days away, familiar holiday symbols are jumping out all over the place. We se pointed cylindrical hats with chokey rubber band things for keeping them on in newspaper ads. We see champagne glasses with bubbles flying up in TV ads. We see confetti floating down, horn blower noise makers unfurled, and new babies wearing nothing save a banner announcing the brand new year And to me, that last one, the bare baby symbol is the best. The baby is innocence personified - wide-eyed, optimistic, fresh, unmarked, with endless possibilities ahead. What a neat way to look at the new year.

That's how I'm going to look at 1996. Oh, it's not that the retiring year was terrible or anything, as a matter of fact there were great things about 1995, but with 1996 everything can be new, just like gifts about to be unwrapped, so

much potential there. So, I say, hurrah for 1996! Oh, speaking of babies as the New Year's symbols, earlier today I had my baby visit at the obstetrician's office. Today, Dec. 28, happens to mark my 28th week. This appointment today to check in on my baby, just three days before the New Year, got me thinking. It got me thinking about how it must be like New Year's Day yearround in an obstetrician's office. New life and fresh hope constantly walk into this office, it's just that kind of business.

See FAMILY ROOM, 14A



By MARY RODRIQUE

t's New Year's Eve and the kids are still in the holiday mode. Besides home parties, what are the options for the under 18 crowd?

If you're 11 years or older, and have the stamina, consider the allnight party at Skateland West, 37550 Cherry Hill, Westland.

The hours are 9 p.m. to 6 a.m Cost is \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. A balloon drop is planned for midnight, followed by a pizza and pop dinner at 2 a.m.

"We've been doing this for 20 years now, we've got it down pat," said a spokeswoman. "We have tight security and no one under 18 is allowed to leave the building without a parent."

Call (313) 326-2800 for more information.

Riverside Arena in Livonia also has big plans for an all-night skate 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. New Year's Eve. Cost is \$20 and includes party hats, balloons and a continental breakfast. The skate rental is an additional \$1.50. Those who can't stay until 7

a.m. can pay \$10 and stay for the New Year's Eve Party - 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

There will be full adult supervision and minors will not be allowed to leave after 12:30 a.m. unless ac-

companied by a parent or guardian. The arena, at 36635 Plymouth Road, Livonia, also has public skating 8 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday for \$5 per person and matinee sessions 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday for \$3.50. Three types of skate rentals are available: standard precision for \$1.50, premium

Red Baron for \$3 and in-line for \$5. Call (313) 421-3540 for more information.

The Skatin' Station II at 8611 Ronda Dr., Canton, also is planning a New Year's Eve celebration 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. for young skaters and their families. Admission will be \$8 for individuals and \$20 for families. Skate rentals will be \$1.75 per pair.

Skaters will be treated to food and pop, a balloon drop at midnight with many of the balloons contain-

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Family Room from page 13A

So anyway, I was in the Office

of New Life today, this morning

to be exact. And since it's the

week between Christmas and New

Year's and school is on recess

Tony, Carmen, Joe and Jack

wanted to come along. The best

the heartbeat of their new baby

The next best part is the weigh-

brother or sister.

But still, I ask the most stupid questions and you'd think after as much experience as I've had, I wouldn't have any questions and that I might even be able to answer a few.

part, according to them, is hearing which is fine. She's really nice and patient with me. But still, I ask the most stupid questions in of Mom. And this weigh in happens to occur smack dab in and you'd think after as much experience as I've had, I wouldn't the middle of the most eatingest holidays of the year. So that have any questions and that makes it very funny. To them. might even be able to answer a They watch as I gingerly step up few. But somehow the miracle of to and on the scale while someone birth still remains a miracle to with a lab coat stands by holding me, even mysterious at times. I a chart and making pencil marks am awestruck by the entire proon the page. And my children,

very observant and notoriously So I ask stupid questions and I get compassionate answers. bad secret-keeping creatures they are, take it all in. It's all rather Another highlight is when my blood pressure is checked. Or humiliating. The children snickmaybe, I should say, lowlight - I er. The nurse won't let me take my shoes off. I wear my thinnest fear terrible results all the time. socks and I get my hair cut the That's because parking places hide from me, Joe and Jack hide

from me, Joe and Jack operate the

nurse practitioner, not the doctor, elevator with all those interesting red buttons down low on the control panel, and then there are the automatic doors. They close willy-nilly on toddlers who aren't very tall or weigh very much. And I worry. A lot. And so the blood pressure cuff nearly flies off my arm in pieces. It nearly spontaneously combusts. Or at least it feels as if it that could happen.

And this time, even before showing up for my appointment in the office, I had to report to the lab for the glucose test. Yucky That's when you have to drink this horrible grape or orange solution liquid stuff loaded with sugar. It sort of slides down the throat. It's nasty. It's very icky. It makes me giddy. I apologize to the children for the giddy part;

they say they don't even notice anything different. Oh, boy.

Anyway, the bottom line here is that this appointment falling just days before the New Year which is often symbolically depicted by banner-draped babies, is a good time to think of fresh beginnings and new possibilities and new

The birth of the new year is, in deed, just days away. The birth of this new baby that just got examined today is just weeks away. And the feeling of great hope and wide-eyed optimism is running very high, this 28th day of Decem ber. I hope that's the way it is for

I wish you all a very happy,

and plans to become a naval flight hopeful, and healthy 1996 An early summer 1996 wedding

ment for Karen Meier, a Plymouth resident, call her at 953-2047, mailbox number 1883, on a Touch-Tone phone, or write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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Or the kids could stay home than 100 such celebrations in the and rest up for the annual New More than 50 entertainers will Year's Day adult and youth bowlperform at 10 locations from 6:30 ing tournament at Westland o.m. to midnight. Downtown Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road, Wayne is along Michigan Avenue Westland. Cost is \$10 a couple east of 1-275. Cost is \$5 for everyand trophies will be awarded. Call (313) 722-7570 for more informa-

one - seniors, adults and children. Buttons will be on sale at the Wayne Community Center at If you haven't checked out the Howe and Annapolis roads, and third annual Wayne County Wayne City Hall, Wayne Road south of Michigan Avenue. is your final chance. The display

with 500,000 lights.

Three new displays this seasor include a Nativity scene, a program. We're all decked out." Call the community center at Hanukkah theme, featuring a menorah and a dreidel, and a Kwanzaa theme. Returning favorites include a gingerbread village as well as a downhill skier, a bicyclist, and a rocking horse - all with real motion.

Enter, the park at Merriman Road. The exhibit proceeds about four miles east to the Warrendale shelter at Telegraph Road. Cost is \$5 per car load.

Or catch the tail end of the Traditions of the Holiday Season Italian galleries. All programs are LightFest in Hines Park yet, this at Greenfield Village and Henry free with museum admission Ford Museum on Dec. 31 and

New Year's Day. Both Dearborn attractions are open until 5 p.m. and feature special festive touch es for the holidays.

"We're not open in the evening but we'd like everyone to come b from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. either day said Diane Thomas, a spokes woman. "We have our holiday

The Detroit Institute of Arts wraps up its special family programming on 11 a.m. to 5 p.m Sunday, Dec. 31. On the agenda are a drop-in family workshop (participants can learn about line, color and texture then create paintings after viewing a special collection), family videos (including "Midas and the Golder Touch" and "The Tiger and the Renaissance performed in the

\$4 for adults, \$1 for children.

LOOSE LOWER DENTURES?

Pomeroy-Ballou

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Pomeroy

ment of their daughter, Beth Ann,

of Canton announce the engage-

to Nathan Andrew Ballou, the

son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond

The bride-to-be is currently

employed in Chicago as a flight

attendant for American Trans Air

Her fiance will graduate from

the Illinois Institute of Technological

gy in Chicago, Ill., in May 1996

with a bachelor of science degree

in mechanical engineering. After

sioned an ensign in the U.S. Navy

Tracey Lynn Shipley and Carl

James Volk were married on Nov

Church in Livonia. Pastor Wil-

The bride is the daughter of

Rick Shipley of Flushing, Mich.

and Janice Anguetil of Plymouth

The groom is the son of Carl and

Plymouth-Canton High School.

University. She currently is em-

Livonia Churchill High School

and a 1992 graduate of the Uni

ployed in management for Susan

The groom is a 1987 graduate of

versity of Michigan-Dearborn. He

The bride asked Kara Haarala

is employed as a senior manager

and Leah Miles to serve as her

maids of honors with bridesmaids

Amy Nelson, Staci Orthner, Kel-

ley Beatty, Laura Abdulbaki and

The groom asked Rick Czarno-

by the Steak & Ale Corp.

Kristin Volk-Moore.

She attended Michigan State

The bride is a 1988 graduate of

liam C. Lihdholm officiated.

24 in Holy Cross Lutheran

Judy Volk of Livonia.

at St. John Neumann Catholic

and Bret Thibodeau to serve as

the best men with groomsmer

Derek Volk, Paul Volk, Bret Thi

The couple received guests at

the International Center ballroon

They are now making their home

in Greektown in Detroit before

leaving on a Carribean cruise.

in Farmington.

bodeau, Steve Thibodeau, Jeff

Weegman and Steve Litwin.

Church in Canton is being

graduation, he will be commis-

Volk-Shipley

Ballou, also of Canton.

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Metz-Evans

Alexia Anne Evans and John C. Metz were married in May in a ceremony at Weller's Carriage

The bride is the daughter of Howard and Roxanne Evans of New Carlisle, Ohio. The groom is the son of Geo and Elaine Metz of Walled Lake, formerly of Livonia. The bride is a 1991 graduate of

Northwestern High School and a 1995 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed in occupational therapy at Flower Hospital in Toledo, Ohio The groom is a 1990 graduate of

Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1994 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is employed by Alpha Contracting Co.

Weil-Eastridge

Nancy G. Weil announces the engagement of her daughter, Jen nifer Lynn, to Gary Keith Eastridge of Canton, the son of Paris and Joann Eastridge of Dickson,

The bride-to-be, the daughter of the late Jacob J. Weil of Canton, is a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School. She is currently working in the area. Her fiance is a graduate of

rently working for Ford Motor Company's Wayne Assembly Plant in Wayne. A May wedding is planned at Newburgh Church in Greenmead

Woodhaven High School and cur-

Historical Park in Livonia



in Ann Arbor. The couple is living in Belle

DeLeon-Moloney William Leon Jr. of Miami, Fla., announces the engagement of his daughter Lisa M. DeLeon, to Edward M. Moloney, the son of

Peter and Elaine Moloney of The bride-to-be, the daughter of the late Shirley M. Leon, grad uated from high school in Miami. She is employed as a fitness instructor by U.S. Total Fitness

Her fiance is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School le received his degree in account ing from Michigan State University. He is employed by North American Ltd. in Ft. Lauderdale,



A March wedding in St. Anselm's Church in Dearborn is

Neuman-Moloney Barbara Neuman of Bad Axe.

Mich., announces the engagement of her daughter, Angela K., to Michael G. Moloney, the son of Peter and Elaine Moloney of Livonia. The bride-to-be, also the

daughter of the late Robert Neu man, is a graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed by Priority Health of Grand Rap-Her fiance is a graduate of

Livonia Stevenson High Schoo and Michigan State University He is employed by the Michigan Bulb Co. in Grand Rapids. An April wedding in Trinity Lutheran Church in Grand Rap



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geries which have curtailed much activity.

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tive because of four back sur-

G.R., Plymouth

My first appraisal of this handwriting with its embellished capital letters and unusual loops tells us we are looking at a woman who is extremely restless. She needs activity, involvement, people and variety. She disdains a dull routine.

However, the handwriting and what she tells us suggest the trauma she has experienced. Her forced retirement and subsequent surgeries have curtailed her activities but not her interests. And to her credit, she is intensely determined to overcome these obstacles.

Entangled lines of handwriting suggest confusion of interests. At the present time, she is so involved emotionally, if not physically, that the orderly organization of her affairs may be difficult. She has too many irons in the fire that she may not be able to pursue them effectively. This may be causing her to feel stressed.

This is an emotional woman who harbors intense feelings of happiness as well as sadness. Neither forgiving nor forgetting comes easily for her. She appears to be rejecting someone who has caused her emotional pain in the

So it is not surprising we find some lack of fulfillment in her life at this time. But the important thing is she does not allow it to get her down.

An active interest in the instructional pleasure of life is seen

NEW VOICES

DAVE and PAULA ROYZER of Southgate announce the birth of ANNA JULIA Oct. 19 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She has two sisters, Becky, 6, and Chelsea, 3. Grand-parents are Richard and Virginia Hymes of Livonia, Joe and Sue Royzer of Monroe and Marion Royser of Southgate.

JOHN and LINDA TINHAM of Livonia announce the birth of AMANDA GAIL. Nov. 19 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Grandparents are Richard and Patricia Tinham, Jim DeCarlo and the late Gail DeCarlo. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Beonx Rietdorf.

MARK and LORIANN COL-LINS of Plymouth Township announce the birth of JENNA MARIE Sept. 17 at St. Joseph Hospital, Ann Arbor. She has three siblings, Elyse, 7, Eric, 4, and Jonathan, 2. Grandparents are Gregory and Joan Moore of Plymouth, James Joynt of Dearborn Heights, and Nancy Collins of Plymouth. Godparents are David Collins of Plymouth and Michelle Pierzchala of Dearborn Heights.

THOMAS and AMY DWYER of Westland announce the birth of TYLER JOSEPH Oct. 19 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Gregory and Dorothy Dwyer of Livonia and George and Betty Lona of Garden City.

JIM and TANYA PREDER-ICK of Redford announce the birth of CHRISTINA LEE Nov. 25. Grandparents are Lillian Gregoroff of Livonia and the late Kroum Gregoroff, Dan and Diane-Butka of Novi and Charles Prederick of Canton. Great-grandmother is Rozann Porterfield of Florida.

DAN and LISA BIRD announce the birth of BRENDAN MICHAEL Oct. 26 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Enge of Downers Grove, Ill., and Mary Jo Dunn of Greensboro, N.C.

here. Included might be any of the following: eating, drinking, smoking, materialism, beauty of nature, etc.

She so enjoys being around other people and is friendly and outgoing. Center stage has more appeal for her than back stage. An audience and compliments are important to her. She may get carried away with boasting at times.

Her vivid imagination sweeps

over the page. She can be prone to dramatize reality. She wants to squeeze every ounce of drama out of each situation and may exaggerate or embellish it. Perhaps she is not even aware of doing it.

I think she would enjoy attractive clothing, more on the fancy side than tailored.

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newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist, at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please write a few paragraphs about yourself, using a full sheet of white, unlined paper and writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and signature are all helpful. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies are not possible. However, objective feedback is welcome.

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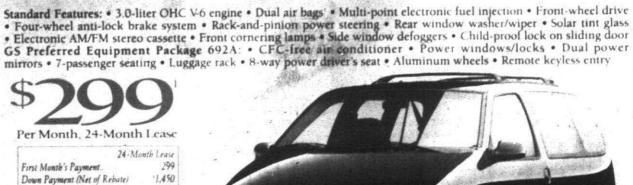
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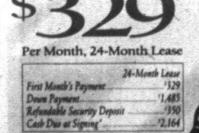
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Longevity Secrets: Ninetyseven year old Olive Harrington credits her long life to not drinking, not smoking, eating oatmeal every morning, and loving

Loving art is her secret to

BY LINEA AND CHORIN - SPECIAL WRITER

Olive Harrington's eyes aren't what they used to be so she rarely paints anymore. That's OK by Harrington, who at this point in life, is satisfied to simply rest on her lau-rels. Harrington founded the Livo-nia Artists Club in 1960. As a result, hundreds of traditional oil paintings fill the walls of her Livo-

"I took lessons just to be with the girls," said Harrington, "so I guess you could say I'm a self-made

A Montreal native, Harrington moved to Livonia in 1942. She'd eloped with husband Earl, an American, some 25 years earlier. She remembers fondly their two acres of heaven where they raised their son Carl along with the

grapes she painted in still lifes.

However, being a realist not only in painting style but life, she also remembers the dirt roads which made travel lengthy and less than pleasant. Frustrated with motoring all the way to Redford in the late 1950s to attend Palette Guild meetings, the only organized art group in the area, Harrington gathered together a few ladies after the death of her husband at the urging of a friend.

"We started out with half a dozen eting in a We needed some sort of club so we decided to meet every week," Harrington said.

"Our club was a friendly club. There wasn't any competition between us because we were not actually painting to sell. It was like

a party every time we met." Wonderland Mall hosted the club's first art show in 1960. Three photo albums capture the exhibit of paintings as well as the artists clad in skirts and looking very much like Donna Reed or Beaver's mom. Exposure from the outdoor

exhibit sent membership soaring. It wasn't long before the club began looking for a larger place to

"For beginners we didn't have any funds so we asked the Carl Sandberg library if we could meet there. The rest is history," said the great-grandmother of one. Until 1990, exhibits and club

meetings continued at the library on Seven Mile east of Middlebelt. Today, club activities and events are held at the Livonia Civic Center Library. Each spring club memlibrary's atrium. A fall exhibit of their paintings has been hosted by Laurel Park Place in Livonia for the last five years.

Although no longer an active member, Harrington still stays in contact with "the new gals" in the 45-member club. The only other affiliation that remains a constant in her life is Harrington's membership in St. Andrew's Episcopal

Church in Livonia. "People know if you don't want to talk art, don't come to see Olive," said Harrington who credits her

longevity to not drinking or smoking, eating oatmeal every morning and always loving art.

Over the years Harrington's oils,

primarily still life, genre scenes and landscapes, changed with the techniques used. Children and grandchildren hounded her for portraits of their dogs. She never let them down. Since she was so prolific, many of works were done on masonite instead of costly canvas. Sepia toned paintings of models, done with an oil wash using water instead of turpentine, seem dreamlike, from another time and place.

One thing about Harrington, she always speaks her mind without beating around the bush.

"At 97 you don't make any far reaching plans. If you're smart you've already made them," said Harrington.

"My advice to anyone wanting to paint is you've got to learn to draw first. You can't paint us til you have a foundation, basic skills. I make a small sketch first. I wouldn't think of starting a painting without knowing what it's going to be."

Students make sacrifices for 'Amazing' show

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY SPECIAL WRITER

What a difference a year makes! Last year at this time, some area students were enjoying a holiday break from school. This year, their holidays are being upstaged by "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor

The students are members of the four area choirs _ three from Oakland County _ selected to perform in this Andrew Lloyd Webber musical, playing now through Jan. 28 at Detroit's Masonic Temple Theatre.

The journey from school to professional stage began for these students (and hundreds of others from choral groups throughout Michigan who competed for the prized chorus roles) as early as August, when choir directors formed groups to rehearse choir directors formed groups to rehearse

nd audition singers. Final auditions were in October, and the

hard work paid off for singers from Abbott Middle School, West Bloomfield; the Greenfield Honors Choir, Beverly Hills; and The Roeper School, Birmingham. The fourth choral group is the Bethesda Christian Church/Junior Choir, Sterling Heights.

The four winners were selected from among 10 finalists including the Redford Youth Theatre, Redford.

Each choir of approximately 23 students is teamed with another choir. They then rotate performances with the other two-

"Many hours went into preparing the kids for the audition," said Rebecca Klier, Greenfield's vocal music teacher. "Beginning in August, the students and parents gave up the rest of their summer for rehearsals three days a week," she said. "However, all agreed that it was too good of an experience to pass up."

Now that her group has been turned over to the "Joseph" professionals, Klier said that it has been like "sending the kids off to college." And what an institution of higher learning they've gone to!

The students are getting the opportunity to work with such professionals as Donny Osmond, a figure in the entertainment industry for 25 years, who stars in the title

"I didn't even know who Donny Osmond was before this," said Mike MacCallum, 11, a member of the Greenfield Honors Choir. "But my parents told me he is a great star and that when he was about my age, he even had his own television show," he said.

Now that he has seen "Joseph" on the stage, Mike agrees with his parents that Osmond is a star. "He is really good!"

See THEATER, inside



On stage: Donny Osmond (center) with company in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

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edge and compassion played im

"It's not until after it comes to

be, you realize how important this

is not only to the community but

to history," said Wilshaw at a

dedication ceremony in late Octo-

City Librarian Michael Deller

The theme fits in so nicely

agreed with Wilshaw about the

Livonia did not provide any mon-

ey from its general funds. Instead,

the bronze was made possible by

funding, donations and untold

hours of work volunteered by

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Commission, Friends of the Livo-

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book to a child. Next to them, a dog sits rapt in This

resting on a park

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awe, seemingly at the words. idyllic scene, cast in bronze by sculptor Frank Varga, CHOMIN is the newest ad-

sculpture's importance. dition to the City of Livonia's art collection. Locat with the library. The fact that the ed on the south side of the Livoman's holding a book shows the nia Civic Center Library at Five sharing between generations and Mile east of Farmington, the sculpture, titled "Wisdom of the that with books you can go back centuries," Deller said. Ages," captures what the library The sculpture, which took one is all about: passing knowledge to year from conception to installafuture generations through books. tion, cost \$26,000. The City of

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BUY ONE GET Added Janet Bennett, his wife, I think children in particular

> and innocence. All art should find From the initial sketches Varga made of the sculpture to a maquette and full-size clay model, the work was subject to the approval of the Livonia Arts Commission. Along the way, members made minor changes until the final stage when the Grosse Pointe structure.



Wisdom of the Ages: Frank Varga created this City of Livonia sculpture under the direction of the Livonia Arts Commission, with funding from government grants as well as from nonprofit organizations and commercial ventures.

artist cast the work. Hours and hours of refining and polishing went into the sculpture after the actual casting. "I wanted to portray wisdom

something pleasant, to take in the human aspect of youth, life, and all of God's creation," said Varga. "I hope people take away with them the fact I wanted to portray a joy of love within the family

1953, Varga studied on scholarship at the Academia de Bella Artes in Florence, Italy before serving an apprenticeship under his father Ferenc Varga, an internationally acclaimed sculptor. Frank Varga has created hundreds of sculptures ranging from a few inches to 50 feet including a 30-foot full figure bronze of Pope John Paul II in Hamtramck. But it was Varga's sculpture of a man

Nancy Pitel placed first in dry

for her colored pencil and water-

color "Mike's Baby." Coming in

zechowski of Dearborn Heights

for a pastel. Placing third was

Elizabeth Simon, colored pencil,

First Place, wet went to June

Porta, Dearborn Heights, for an

oil painting of a lighthouse. Ken

Barbb took second for the acrylic

"Lagoon 4240." and in third was

Greg Locke of Westland also for

an acrylic. Taking Honorable

Mentions were Phyliss Briden-

second was Henrietta Or-

sitting on a park bench feeding pi-Born in Budapest, Hungary in geons at Providence Hospital in Southfield that caught Wilshaw's eye and started the ball rolling.

> Linda Ann Chomin of Canton Township is a free-lance writer. specializing in the visual arts. Her Artistic Expressions column appears weekly in the Arts & Entertainment section of The Observer

New gallery features wood sculptures

dry categories

Westland.

Artheat features various happenings in the suburban arts world. Send news leads to: Arts editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or fax them to (313)

M NEW GALLERY IN TOWN

The response to Greg Every's hand-carved decorative wood figures has been so overwhelming, he's opened the Western Wood Gallery at 27420 Joy Road west of Inkster in Livonia. The 600square-foot showroom features reasonably priced wood sculptures hand-carved by artists from Thailand.

Previously. Every housed the art in a Livonia warehouse stacking golfing figures, carousel hors es, cigar store Indians and cowboys, bears, dogs, totem poles,

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and rockers carved with a swan on each end all the way up to the two-story ceiling. While the 2,400square-foot cement space proved efficient for storage, customers could not see the carvings through the wooden crates.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 .m. Monday through Saturday. For more information call (313) 513-5855 M AWARD WINNERS

Westland artist Laurel Raisanen took Best of Show at the Garden City Fine Arts Association Holiday Exhibit & Sale Dec. painting of a horse titled "Working Hunter" also was voted the

People's Choice Award by show dia; Norma McQueen, Garden City, acrylic, and Remo Rossetti, Claudia Shepherd jurored the show awarding prizes in wet and

IN A NEW LIGHT

Jim Pujdowski is excited about the show coming to University Liggett School in Grosse Pointe Woods next year. Egg tempera paintings by Vic Vicini of Livonia render a fresh slant on portraiture from Jan. 12 to Feb. 12 in the upper school lobby exhibition area.

"There's a lot of figurative work in outdoor settings, a park and waterscape. In one painting you can see part of a portrait in a mirror, leaving the viewer to wonder, said Pujdowksi, exhibit curator.

Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday thal of Canton Township, acrylic; Ray Davison, Garden City, pastel; For more informat Fran Fletcher, Inkster, mixed me- 884-4444.

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also wasn't familiar with the show's star, but she did know the musical. She's been singing the in Detroit. "Joseph" songs ever since she was five and watched her older sister perform the role of the narrator in a school production of the show. "I can't believe I now have a chance of being in my favorite

play, especially since I love singing and I love being on stage," Lindsay said. The Greenfield group is teamed with Abbott Middle School, and the many hours the choirs have

spent together in rehearsals and on stage have resulted in new friendships. "This is one of the best things about being in

Another member of the Greenfield group, Lindsay Dates, 11, opportunity to sing on television stuff to remember." at the Thanksgiving Day Parade

> School choir. experienced singer and was a making mistakes. member of the Oakland Singers "Each of these

being in "Joseph." "The music is lively, electrifying and challenging. And it's fun curriculum at school."
to do, even though some of the Adam Wilmers, 10, notes are hard to sing," he said. Another member of the Abbott

This combined group, which is called the "Isis Choir," had the production is that there is "lots of cast member of this production is

"We really are getting the op- vous and I worry that I'm going to portunity for many new experi-ences," said Mike Haber, 13, a Rita Jury Abbott's choral dimember of the Abbott Middle rector, knows that Mike and Michelle, as well as the other choir According to Mike, who is an members, need not worry about

member of the Oakland Singers "Each of these talented kids group, whose director is Janice for four years, the music and songs are the best thing about ability to do a fabulous job," she is finding this whole experience, said. "And they are all strongly involved in the performing arts

Adam Wilmers, 10, The Roeper

harder that he ever expected, that "We have many different move- has not dampened the fun he is ments, and sometimes I get ner- having. music, and I listen to my 'Joseph' CD by Osmond on my Walkman every chance I get. It's been really

good to meet the singer behind the voice on my CD," Adam said. Another member of the Roepe including the multitude of hours spent in rehearsal, both very ex-

citing and very tiring. "I'm am either giving a per-School, is thrilled to be in "Jo- formance, or trying to keep up seph" because he plans a career with my studies, especially biolo-

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5200 Woodward, is offering a variety of holiday programming.

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Another drop-in workshop, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, in the Education Studio, is on contemporary masters and is in con-nection with the special exhibit "Art Works: The PaineWebber

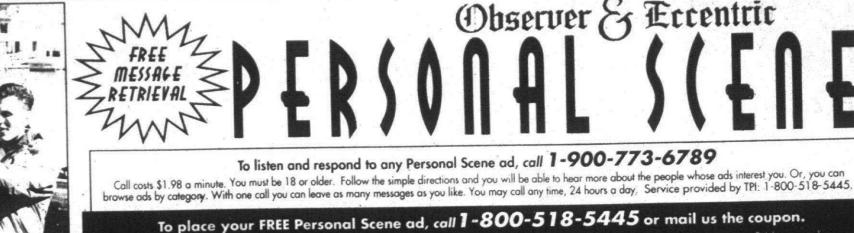
The Detroit Institute of Arts, through a series of short exercises 5200 Woodward, is offering a variety of holiday programming.

A family guide to works in the through a series of short exercises will be given 11:30 a.m. (with a sign language interpreter) and 2 music from the reign of Queen p.m. Thursday and Saturday, Elizabeth I of England 2-4 p.m.

Dec. 28 and 30. A docent tour of Thursday, Dec. 28, in Gallery the show takes place 11:30 a.m. to S380. A variety of instruments 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, with a and the music of the period are

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. Various artists, "American Folk Blues Festival '62.'65" five-CD box set, (Evidence) 2. Keb' Mo', "Keb' Mo' ". (Okeh/Enic)

Mimi Harris and the Snakes, "Paradise, (Snake Den) 4 Jim Lauderdale, "Pretty Close To The Truth."

5. Brooks Williams, "Knife's Edge," (Green Lin-

6. Otis Rush, "So Many Roads," (Delmark) . The Hillmen, "The Hillmen," (Sugar Hill) Peter, Paul and Mary, "Lifelines," (Warner

Molly and The Heymakers, "Big Things, 10. Forbidden Pigs, "The Other White Meat,"

-Mark E Gallo



Ginger: They make the grade with their album "Far Out.

Top 10 albums of 1995 in no particular order. Lisa Loeb and Nine Stories, "Tails" (Geffen)

. Del Amitri, "Twisted" (A&M)

. Clutch, "Clutch" (EastWest) 4. Charm Farm, "Pervert" (PRA)

Blur, "The Great Escape" (Virgin) 6. Catherine Wheel, "Happy Days," (Mercury)

Wilco, "A M." (Warner Bros.) 8. Ginger, "Far Out" (Nettwerk)

9. Speedball, "Do Unto Others . . . Then Split" (Energy)

10. Jonatha Brooke and The Story, "Plumb" (Blue Thumb)

Top 10 records . Daddy Stitch, "The Douglas Chapter," (Skillet)

Rolling Stones, "Stripped," (Virgin) . Pretenders, "Isle of View," (Sire)

4. Morrissey, "Southpaw Grammar," (Reprise) 5. AC/DC, the single "Hard As A Rock" from the

album "Ballbreaker," (Eastwest) 6. Edwyn Collins, the single "A Girl Like You"

from the album "Gorgeous George," (Bar None)

. Grant Lee Buffalo, the single "In My Room"

from the "Friends" soundtrack, (Reprise) 8. Specula, "Erupt," (Scat Records)

9. Matthew Sweet, "100 Percent Fun," (Zoo)

0. Various artists, "Rock Baby Rock It: Sun Rockabilly, Vol. 2," (Sun)



Boy George

. Blur, St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit, Monday, 2. Soul Coughing, The Shelter below St. Andrew's

Hall, Friday, June 9. 3. Orange 9mm, St. Andrew's Hall, Friday, March

4. Wilco, 7th House in Pontiac, Thursday, June

5. Afghan Whigs, St. Andrew's Hall, Sunday, June

6. Mike Watt/Foo Pighters/Hovercraft, Priday, May 5, St. Andrew's Hall.
7. Henry Rollins, spoken word performance, Majestic in Detroit, Saturday, Sept. 23.
8. Boy George, State Theatre in Detroit, Saturday,

9. Tom Petty, Pine Knob Music Theatre in Clarkston, Friday, Sept. 1. 10. Clutch, Phoenix Plaza Amphitheatre in Ponti-ac, Thursday, June 22.

Band of the Year

Speedball puts the pedal to the metal

Local rock act Speedball has a lot in common with guitarist/vocalist Chuck Burns's love of drag racing and

On its debut album "Do Unto Others, Then Split," Speedball puts the pedal to the metal, speeding through its 10 songs with its relentlessly addictive guitar riffs and hook-laden lyrics until it crashes head first into the end of the CD.

The first single, "Hog," is a hardrocking testament to motorcycle rid ing: "Live fast, die young. Get on your hog and ride," Burns sings rolling his "God of Slumber" is another highlight of the album with its Clutch-like monotone vocals that build tension until they explode into the chorus "refuse to feel the pain. Some things just never change

Refuse to play the game." That's exactly what Speedball is doing - refusing to play the music industry game of tossing out a few gimmicks and seeing if the audience catches on. Speedball lets the music and its on stage rush of attitude de the talking.

The band is one of the future voices of the Detroit rock scene and as a result is The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' 1995 Band of the Year.

Beginning Jan. 5, the nation will have a prime opportunity to catch on Speedball's style of Motor City Rock 'n' Roll when it goes out on tour opening for Motorhead. Canadians got a sneak peek of the tour when that leg began Tuesday, Dec. 26, in Toron-

"Do Unto Others, Then Split" (arguably the best album title of the year) was released nationally on New York's Energy Records in late June and a tour followed but this run through the country places them in the rock race.

It's been three long years of hard work for Speedball which besides former Westland and Garden City resident Burns includes drummer Mike Alonso, guitarist Bill Kozy, and bassist/backing vocalist Jeff King.

The band was formed in Los Angeles, although three quarters of the band is originally from suburban Detroit. (King was a military brat who the metal, spun his tires and left Killlived throughout the United States.)



Speeding along: Detroit rockers Speedball - from left, drummer Mike Alonso, bassist/backing vocalist Jeff King, guitarist Bill Kozy, and vocalist/guitarist Chuck Burns - are The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 1995 Band of the Year.

played guitar and sang in," said

singer/guitar player. It was easier to

Returning to Detroit has allowed

the band to "discover our niche (and

wanted to go in. We were fighting

with it a little bit. Now we're focused

on exactly what we want to sound

Alonso moved out west first in 1988 bum on Polygram Records. The fledgwith his band Katmandu, which ling band gigged around the L.A. club recorded an album for Epic Records. circuit until the pressures of being Burns and Kozy, who are long-time under the record industry microscope friends of Alonso, moved the follow- got to them.

The three remained friends in L.A. and when Katmandu fell apart the three, along with Alonso's roommate King, got together and jammed. At the time, Burns was playing in a side est (from record labels). I didn't feel project of Tracy Guns of L.A. Guns that I was up to par with the rest of called Killing Machine, and another the band. I needed time to grow as a band called Mother.

As the band practiced, Alonso said, come back here and do it because it was apparent that Speedball was there's less pressure here." their calling. "Every song we wrote just got cool-

er and cooler. (We thought) 'Let's do discover) exactly which direction we 'Alonso explained last summer. Eventually, Burns put the pedal to

"Do Unto Others, Then Split" was corded at Sabella Studios in Rosvn. N.Y., with producer/mixer Steve Thompson at the healm. His credits includes Guns N' Roses, Metallica Soundgarden, Madonna, Yoko Ono This was the first band I ever Blues Traveler, and Public Enemy.

Burns, a former drummer. "And here King said he's not sure when the we are and I'm playing in Hollywood. band will start working on its new al We immediately started getting inter-"It depends on when the record

company wants to do it. We have the material though.

By then, Motor City rock 'n' roll should be on the map once again.

Speedball, Hoarse, Big Block and Plain play St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, on Sunday, Dec 31. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT or (810) 645-6666.

Sponge gives Big Block a helping hand

A common complaint amongst De troit bands is that there's no camara derie between acts in the city.

Big Block, the 1994 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' Band of the Year, got a phone call this summer that showed that the opposite was actually true.

'Out of the blue Vinnie called us from Europe and said he was going to be the States in a couple weeks. He said get your (stuff) together and come on the road with us," singer/ guitarist Nick Lucassian said of the one-named lead singer for the Detroit

"We dropped everything. It was weird. It was a God-send, you know. It was great to tour and everything but not that much came about from it. (But) We got a chance to experi ence touring as far as like connections with people that could possibly put us on the road to getting a record

The band did 13 shows in 16 days with Sponge and Warner Bros recording act Poster Children travelling from Ohio to California. Inexperi enced with playing venues the size of college basketball arenas, Lucassian said Sponge took care of them. "They totally hooked us up with

everything that we needed. They made sure that everything was straight so we didn't have to worry about too much," he said.

Playing those sized venues was far cry from the gigs they do here.

"It was a big change from just play-ing around here. You know, going out on the weekends and doing shows. We just kept our heads together and really focused on the music."

New music will be Big Block's focus for 1996. As soon as the White Room Studio in Detroit frees up from its commitment to Detroit blues artist Robert Bradley, the band will step in to record its follow-up to "Guardrail" (Rustbelt).

The new album will carry on Big Block's trademark hook-laden, super-charged, melodic rock.



Big sound: Big Block - from left, singer/guitarist Nick Lucassian, guitarist/singer Kenny Tudrick, drummer Scott MacDonald, and bassist Joe Proper - spent two weeks of the summer touring with Sponge and the Poster Children.

all sort of have that same rough sort of rock grungy edge to it," Lucassian

Most bands' intensity comes from super loud amps and screaming, but you can be calm about it and still Just as "Guardrail" reflected the foursome's lives at the time, the new

"There's really no gimmick with us, material documents the last two and not that a lot of bands do. They years.

"A lot of it has to do with the expe riences on that (Sponge) tour," Lu-cassian said. "It's about moving out and going forward. The engine (referred to in the name) represents motivation — getting in your car and pulling it out of park and just splitting or getting stuff done."

That explains the motivation behind Big Block.

Most bands' intensity comes from super loud amps and screaming, but you can be caim about it and still have a lot of

Nick Lucassia Big Block

Kids win weekend at Sugar Loaf Resort

Megan Newhouse, 11 of Plym-outh, and Spencer Franchi, six of King, 8 (Redford). Troy, were the grand prize winners of our "Learn to Ski Con- Megan Newhouse wrote - "I test." To win, they drew a picture think my family should learn how of their family skiing, and ex- to ski because it's a fun sport we plained why their family should can do together and we can take

earn how to ski. They won a Winter Weekend Getaway at Sugar Loaf Resort # "I think my family should learn consisting of two nights resort lodging and lift tickets for a fami-

In addition to lodging and lift Spencer Franchi. tickets, their grand prize packages included Leelanau Sanda Casino Super Gaming Player Passbooks worth \$50 each for mom and dad. Leelanau Sands Casino is in nearby Suttons Bay.

Ten runners-up won prizes consisting of one night midweek resort lodging and lift tickets for a

Agranove, 7 (West Bloomfield); Derrick Pass, 5 (Farmington Hills); Morgan Harding, 3 (Bloomfield): Nikki Bieber, 6 (Redford); Miles Levin, 7 (Bloomfield Hills). Jim Albertus 11 (Rochester Hills); April Loney, 9 (Livonia); Sarah Broder, 12 person, double occupancy), plus (Farmington Hills): Robert Lu-

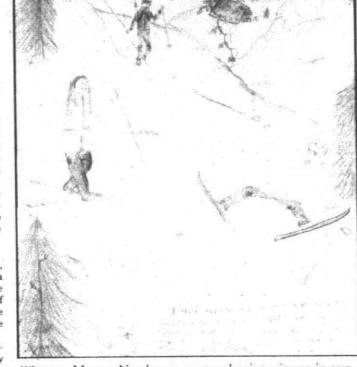
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how to ski because I love my family and I want to have time off to have fun with my family," wrote

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Winner: Megan Newhouse, a grand prize winner in our "Learn to Ski" contest, submitted this picture of her

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New Year's Eve festival showcases over 30 performers

Birmingham's sixth annual national. Highlights include jazz First Night, an alcohol-free New trumpeter Marcus Belgrave, Da Year's Eve festival of the arts. is set for Sunday from 5 p.m. until midnight in a number of locations in downtown Birmingham.

First Night Birmingham/'96 will showcase over 30 performers for people of all ages.

The headline act for children this year is Loretta Long, better bration, offering entertainment known as Susan from television's such as Middle Eastern dance Sesame Street." Teens, adults and jazz music. Some will offer and senior citizens will have a va- discounts to those wearing admis riety of music to choose from, in- sion buttons. cluding classical, jazz and inter-

vid Syme, and classical guitarist Paul Vondiziano. At midnight, the evening will

culminate with thousands of people gathering in Shain Park for a countdown to 1996.

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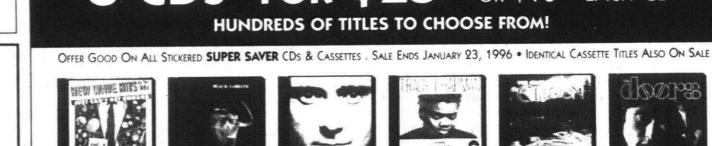
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Betwixt the Holidays," storytelling with LaRon Williams, will take place [] a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Wednesday Enday, Dec. 27 29, at 1221 N Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Join Williams. one of the finest storytellers in Michigan, as he moves through the museum telling tales inspired by the art objects on exhibition. Williams has a warm and enthusiastic storytelling style itable for the whole family. Using dialects, facial expressions and dramatic movement, he s able to bring to life tales that transcend boundaries of class and age. Storytelling is inded with museum admission (\$4 for adults, \$2 for seniors — 65 + — and full time stu-(810) 645-3312

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Art Works. The PaineWebber Collection of ontemporary Masters," continues through Dec. 31 at 5200 Woodward. A sign language terpreter accompanies the 11 30 a.m. tours If the exhibit Tuesday Sunday, Dec. 26-31 tions, call (313) 833-7981. Drop-in workshops for all ages to engage in art projects related to Art Works' noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 26 and 27, in the Education Studio, call (313) 833 4249. Family workshops ages 8 and older, with adult, noon and 2 m. Tuesday and Thursday, Dec. 26 and 28 the Education Studio; explore movement grama and the museum's collection of medieval armor. Family workshop for ages 6 and older, with adult, noon to 1 30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, in the Education Studio, engage in puppet making and performance. Puppet program, "Turtle Island Tales." 2 p.m Wednesday, Dec. 27, in Lecture Hall, in which award winning puppeteer Hobey Ford presents a family program blending traditional American ndian songs and stones with nch visual image

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HANDBLOWN GLASS A holiday glass show continues through Dec 23 in the gallery on Woodward, one half mile courth of L696 in Ferndale: Glass blowing dem onstration II a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday Dec 23 810) 543-1868

troit. \$8. 18 and older. (hard alternative rock)

CHARM FARM 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, St. Andrew's Hall. 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. 18 and older (pop/industrial (313) 961-MEL

C.J. CHENIER With The Red Hot Louisiana Band, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. Can-

(313) 996-8555

DEEP FREEZE BLUES FESTIVAL" Featuring Big Daddy Kinsey and the Kinsey Report, Robert Noil, Mimi Hams and the Snakes, Mudpuppy, Madcat and Kane, and MC Little Tino from WEMU, 7 p.m. Fnday, Jan. 5; Lucky Peterson with the Sun Messengers Rhythm Krew, The Butler Twins Blues Band, Johnnie Bassett and the Blues Insurgents, The Grand master Revue with Alberta Adams, Robert lones, and MC Jay Butler from WQBH, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6; and Eddie Shaw and the Wolfgang, Willie D. Warren and Jimmy McCarty The Blues Disciples with Thornetta Davis, Johnny Yard Dog Jones with the Blue Suit Blues Band, Uncle Jessie White and the 29th Street Blues Band, and MC The Famous Coachman from WDET, 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7 Magic Bag, 22918 Woodward Ave., Ferndale \$12.50 per day, \$25 for three-day pass. 18

(810) 544 3030

of Spank performs solo acoustic show, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac Cover charge, 21 and older (810) 334-HOWI

and older Benefits Detroit Blues Society.

9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, Rick's, 611 Church. St., Ann Arbor, Cover charge, 19 and older.

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Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Stan's Dugout, 3350

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Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21

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8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$25 in advance. All ages. (quirky alternapop) (313) 983-6611

BEALE STREET 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Soup Kitchen, 1585

BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS

9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Rick's, 611 Church

St., Ann Arbor, Cover charge, 19 and older

"BLACK CAT NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY"

8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, Memphis Smoke,

With Hysteric Narcotics, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec.

29, Lill's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck, \$5, 21 and

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge.

With Betty Wright, Denise LaSalle, and Willie Clayton, 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50 in advance. All ages. Cascelled. (blues) (313) 983-8611

9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Magic Stick in the

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ranklin St., Detroit. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. Sunday, Dec. 31, Michno's Pub and Cafe, 25524 Five Mile Road, Redford. Cover charge. (313) 996-2748 21 and older (blues) (313) 259-1374/(313) 532-9212 HOLY COWS

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Magic Stick in the Ma jestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Cover charge. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 833-POOL THE HOPE ORCHESTRA 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Foundry, 18000 E. 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Black Cat, 404 Fourth St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 18 and

Warren, (between Mack and Cadleux), Detroit Cover charge, 18 and older: 9 p.m. Wednes day, Jan. 3, Rumors, 112 S. Main St., Royal Oak, Cover charge, 21 and older, (alternative (313) 886-9960/(810) 546-0606

HOWLING DIABLOS

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free; 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, Cover charge. 19 and older. (blues) (810) 543-0917/(313) 996-8555 JUNE OF 44

Featuring members or former members of Lungfish, The Crown Hate Ruin, Rex and Rodan 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, Magic Stick in the Ma-jestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 833-POOL

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9 p.m. Dec. 29, Scalici's Underground Lounge,
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8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, Old Woodward Grill,

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9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Shark Creek Inn, 5725

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29-Sunday, Dec. 31, Nancy

9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, 3-D, 1815 N. Main. St., Royal Oak, \$5, 21 and older.

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, Rick's, 611 Church St.,

9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Lili's, 2930 Jacob,

10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Library Pub and Grill,

With Phunhogg and Yardboss, 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Magic Bag Theatre Cafe, 22918

Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge, 18

With Botfly and Nineteen Wheels, 9 p.m. Sun day, Dec. 31, The Majestic, 4140 Woodward

Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance: 18 and older.

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With See Dick Run and Star 80, 9 p.m. Thurs-

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Whiskey's, 2644 Harrison, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (funk/rock/blues)

"3-D NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH"

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LENNY KRAVITZ With 311, 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Drive, (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$35 and \$35. All ages. Cancelled. (rock) (810) 377-0100

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29-Saturday, Dec. 30, Mr. B's, Clarkston; 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Crow Bar. 309 S. Main St., Ann Arbor.

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Street Station, 245 S. Eton St., Birmingham (810) 647-7774

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JONATHAN MOTLEY 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (810) 332-HOWL MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29-Sunday, Dec. 31, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 543-0917 STEVE NARDELLA 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Old Woodward Grill,

charge. 21 and older. (blues)

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(810) 642-9400 THE NAVARONES With The Terraplanes, 9 30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, Cover charge, 19 and older.

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ROBERT NOLL AND THE BLUES MISSION 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, 0 Club, 29 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older (810) 334-7411

TED NUGENT'S WHIPLASH BASH Featuring a Damn Yankees reunion with Nu-gent, Tommy Shaw, Jack Blades, and Michael Cartellone, and special guest Brother Cane, 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Cobo Arena, 1 Washing-ton Boulevard, Detroit, \$27.50 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 396-7600

OVERTURE RECORDS SHOWCASE With Solid Frog. Oriental Spas, and Mary Stu-art, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock/adult alternative) (313) 996-2747

LEE ROY PARNELL With Sunset Blues Band, 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31. Hyatt Regency, Dearborn. (country/blues) (313) 593-1234

ROBERT PENN 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Q Club, 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older; 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn, Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues)

(810) 334-7411/(313) 581-365 THE PLUMBOBS With Backhanded, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec 28, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor

Cover charge. 19 and older.

POLID MAN'S ORCHESTRA With Slurn Village, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431

E. Congress, Detroit. \$5 in advance. All ages. REGGAE AMBASSADA

9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (reggae) (313) 996-8555

RIGHTEOUS WILLY 10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Roadhouse, 6761 S. Dixie Highway, Clarkston. Cover charge. 21 and older; 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak, Free. 21 and older. (rock) (810) 625-4600/(810) 543-4300

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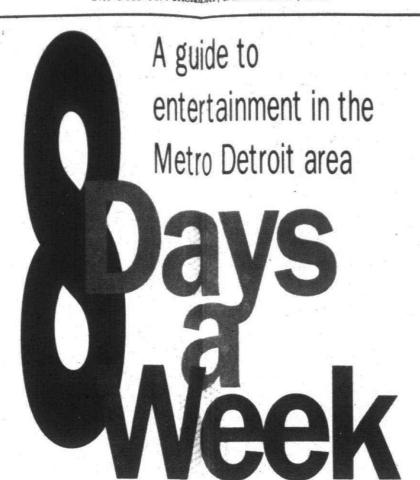
THE SKOLARS With Grumpy John and Bianket, 5:30 p.m. Sun-day, Dec. 31, The Shefter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6.50 in advance. All ages. (ska/punk) (313) 961-MELT

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> Alcohol-free New Year's Eve festival of the arts showcasing over 30 performers of all ages 5 p.m. to midnight, downtown Birmingham. Admission is a \$7 button. Headliners include jazz trumpeter Marcus Belgrave, pianist and 'human juke box'' David Syme, the Michigan Opera Theatre and jazz sensation Straight Ahead. (810) 540-6688

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DOMINO'S FARMS Open 6-10 p.m. through Sunday, Dec. 31.



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(313) 453-1620, Ext. 414

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(810) 852-0550 AMERICAN POLISH CULTURAL CENTER New Year's Eve Dinner dance 7 p.m. Sunda Dec. 31, 2975 E. Maple Road, Troy. Cost \$60 per person includes dinner, dancing, snacks and refreshments. Music by Akord. Oplatek,

American Polish Cultural Center. Cost \$15 adults, \$8 children under 12. (810) 689-3636

Season of Light, holiday planetarium program presented Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 31 and weekdays Dec. 28-29 at 1:30 p.m. Cost \$1 per person, plus museum admis sion. For ages five and up. The Institute is at

LIGHTFEST

YOUTH

traditional Polish Christmas Eve dinner with program and dinner 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7

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Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," continues to Jan. 28 at Detroit's Masonic Temple. For infor-

mation, call (313) 832-2232. (810) 645-6666 THEATRE 'A' My Name is Still Alice," through Dec. 30 at the New Center Theatre, 7339 Third St., De roit. Shows 8 p.m. Thursday & Fnday; 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday.

(313) 875-8284 DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE "Passed Over" by Alexandra Branyon, Jan. 11 to March 17, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit.

(313) 868-1347 COMMUNITY THEATER

PIDGEDALF PLAYERS Postmortem" by Ken Ludwin Jan. 11-14 and 17-21, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets \$9, \$7 on Thursdays, senior discounts Sundays. Ticket price includes an afterglow of sandwiches cookies and coffee, 205 W. Long Lake Road,

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"Roomies" by Jack Sharkey, 7 p.m. Friday and Saturdays Jan. 5 to Jan. 20. Dinner and show \$20.95 per person, includes choice of entree. Brunch 12:30 p.m. Sundays Jan. 14 and 21. \$18.50 per person. (313) 277-1982 JAZZ

Swings down memory lane 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, Orchestra Hall, Detroit, on-stage dance party follows concert. Tickets \$15-\$60. (313) 833-3700 or (810) 645-6666 NORMAN'S ETON STREET STATION Mel Rencher at plano Tuesdays, Twin Tower, Top 40, 50s 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays

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mingham. (810) 644-5222 ENVOY CAFE Calvin Brooks, 7:30-11 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28; Tim Flaherty Trio featuring Nancy k. 9 p.m. to midnight Dec. 29-30 and later on New Year's Eve, 33210 West 14 Mile Road, West

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Features 'The Magical World of Lionel Trains,' Dec. 29-31, Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive. Hours 5-9 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Admission \$6 adults, \$3 children under 12. (313) 455-2110

HENRY FORD ESTATE "The Spirit of Christmas" through Dec. 31, campus of University of Michigan-Dearborn. northwest comer of Michigan Ave. and Evergreen). Schedule of events include: Candlelight tours, 6-8 p.m. Dec. 26-28 (\$7 per person). Call for more information, reservations. (313) 593-5590

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Presented by the Yale Whiffenpoofs, 7:30 p.m. (cash bar reception), 8 p.m. (concert), Saturday, Dec. 30, Birmingham Community House 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. Tickets \$15 per person, \$15 for Yale alumni graduating 1991 or later, current Yale students, free. (810) 644-4832

PRODUCTIONS

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810) 377-3300

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GREENFIELD VILLAGE THEATRE COMPANY 'Rumpelstiftskin" 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Dec. 28-30, Anderson Center Theatre, Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, Tickets \$5.75, reserved. (313) 271-1620. Ext. 383

Musical comedy "The Wizard of Oz" through Jan. 14, 135 E. Main Street, Northville. Tickets \$6.50. Children under 31/2 will not be admitted. (810) 349-8110 SATURDAY FUN FOR KIDS

Three concert series for children opens 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at Meadow Brook Theatre with Norman Foote. "The Great Dinosaur Mys tery" puppet musical follows on March 23. Songwriter/comedian Al Simmons concludes he series on April 27. Tickets \$6 per show and \$15 for the series. All seating reserved.

THEATER **MEADOW BROOK** 'Camping With Henry and Tom," Jan. 3-28.

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(313) 761-1800

J.L. Hudson Drive, 8 p.m. Tuesdays. Admission (810) 746-9257 7TH HOUSE Terry Hodges & Friends, Cornedy Explosion, 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29. Tickets

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(810) 335-8100 MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE Fred Greenlee, Dec. 28-30; 269 E. Fourth Street, Royal Oak. New Year's Eve two shows 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. headlining Fred Greenlee, featuring Elliott Branch, with M.C. Jennie McNulty. Call for details.

Russell Simmon's All-Star Def Comedy Jam, 8 p.m. & 11:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Fox Thehtre, Tickets \$22.50 (810) 433-1515

Dec. 28-30: 10:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Dec 29-31; 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, 314 E. Liberty Dec. 31 \$20, 10:30 p.m. \$25 (includes party favors and champagne) (313) 996-9080

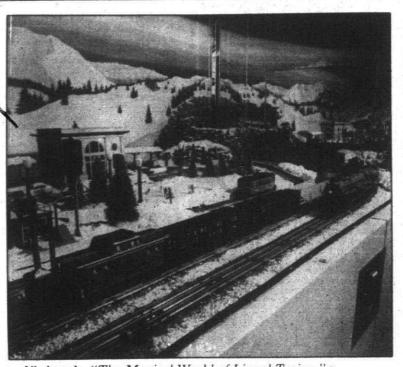
nental breakfast and dencing until 4 a.m., 16890 Telegraph, Detroit. (313) 533-8866

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Also performing with Dennis Blair 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, The Palace of Auburn His \$18.50 and \$10 reserved. (810) 645-6666

PAISANO'S JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB John Pinette 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4; 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan 5-6. Tickets \$12 (Thursday) \$15 (Friday and Saturday). Dinner show \$23.95 (Thursday); \$25.95 (Friday and Saturday), 5070 Schaefer,

MUSEUMS



All aboard: "The Magical World of Lionel Trains," a display of model railroading that has been touring the country for the past seven years, will be a part of the Toy and Train Show at the Novi Expo Center, (Exit 162 off I-96), Dec. 29-31.

Wilbert Peagler's Jazz Trio featuring Sandra Bomar, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays to Dec. 30. No cover charge, 42050 (810) 349-7770

West Bloomfield Township, 8-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 29-30. MACON'S MUSIC CAFE Kimmie Horn, vocalist, Dec. 29; Craig T. Cooper, guitarist, Dec. 30, 3011 W. Grand Blvd.,

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Friends of Fiddlers Green - British Isle pub songs, comedy and English music hall sung with strong harmonies, 8 p.m. Fnday & Saturday, Jan. 5-6, 6371/2 S. Main, Ann Arbor Tick-

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New show "Whitewater Rafting," 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, additional shows 10:30 n m. Fridays and Saturdays. enjoys singing. (313) 943-2359 THE COMEDY SHOW Downtown Tony Brown and Friends from Def

> (313) 532-4010 DEARBORN HEIGHTS CIVIC THEATRE "The Good Doctor" by Neil Simon 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Jan. 4-5, Berwyn Center,

> > (313) 277-7900

(810) 542-9900 for appointment

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE Blair Shannon 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday Ann Arbor, Tickets \$12, Tickets 8 p.m. Sunday

CHAPLIN'S WEST Tim Walkoe with Spike Rizzo and Frank Roach through Dec. 31. New Year's Eve first show 8 p.m. is \$15 per person, 10:30 p.m. show \$25 per person includes show, party favors, conti-

GEORGE CARLIN At the Michigan Theater, 603 Liberty Ann Ar-bor, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, Tickets \$20 metro area model railroad clubs will fill the institute's Anthropology Hall with model train lay outs. Museum admission \$5 adults, \$4 children 3-17, senior citizens 65 and older. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. 10 p.m. Friday Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday. (810) 645-3200

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MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY "A Slave Ship Speaks: The Wreck of the Hen etta Marie," exhibition runs through March 10, 301 Frederick Douglass, Detroit. Hours 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday: 1-5 p.m. Sundays (313) 833-9800

AUDITIONS

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS Branch of the Redford Youth Theatre will audi tion prospective actors, singers and dancers ages 8-18 for its Winter Performing Arts Series an 5.9 and 12 by appointment 7-9 p.m. at Thurston High School on the Jeffries Service Drive between Beech Daly and Inkster in Red ford. Seeking characters and understudies for 'Snoopy, The Musical." "Really Rosie" and The Red Shoes." Some roles will be paid.

R. DEIHL PRODUCTIONS For "Nunsense" and "Forever Plaid" 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 8-9, Allen Park Motor Lodge (Dinner Theater) 14887 Southfield

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(313) 562-3865 DEARBORN COMMUNITY CHORALE will hold open registration 7 p.m. Tuesdays during the month of January in the chorus room of

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Dearborn High School, 19501 W. Outer Drive, Dearborn, Rehearsals 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays for a spring concert in April. Open to anyone who ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS Comedy "Beau Jest" by James Sherman 7

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Theater, 21728 Grand River, ¼ block east of

MADISON CHORALE Adult community chorus, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, Wilkinson Middle School, 26524 John R Madison Heights. Supply music for accompanist. Sight-reading ability will be tested. Call

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS "Tom Sawyer" 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6 and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson (between Mt. Elliott and McDougal — across from Harbortown) Detroit. Open to all children ages 8-18. Prepare something to sing. Readings from script. Performance dates Feb. 14 to May 19

"ROBIN OF SHERWOOD, THE ADVENTURES

Ann Arbor Public Schools Community Education and Recreation Junior Theatre Company Production auditions 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday Jan. 8-9, Eberbach Cultural Arts Building, 1220 (313) 994-2300, Ext. 24

(810) 476-3078

LOOKING AHEAD

PLYMOUTH ICE SPECTACULAR toe carving event, Jan. 10-15, downtown Plymouth. Festivities include 24-hourlight show, gingerbread display, carving compe

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AND TOURS CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE "It's All in Your Head: An Exhibit about the Brain" opens at Cranbrook Institute of Science continues through Dec. 31. The Institute is at 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. "All

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downright embarassing. Tim Roth links these sequences as Ted, a British bellboy stuck on desk duty alone. The hotel, a favorite of movie stars hasn't changed its ambience much: the bellboy still wears a brocaded uniform and pillbox hat while the rooms range from Decc baroque to retro modern.

Anders, a coven of witches (including Madonna and Ione Skye) enlists Ted's help to provide a missing ingredient, sperm, for their smokey cauldron. The bellboy, after some initial hesitation, is more than happy to comply. Weird to be sure, the segment

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'Four Rooms' hardly worth visiting

The director this time is Alexandre Rockwell, who shows the that made his art house entry "In the Soup" such a disappoint-

driquez leaves these rooms with his reputation intact. His contribution, "The Misbehavers, opens with Antonia Banderas as a tuxedo-clad Latin lover out for a two young children, a boy and a girl, in the hands of a reluctant The bellboy tries bribing, cajoling, threatening, and finally ig-

conceivable type of mischief. Clever editing and playful snatches of music by Esquivel and Nino Rota make this one almost worth the effort. The end of the film belongs to "Pulp Fiction's" Quentin Tarantino, fitting since he orchestrated

the kind of things you'd probably expect Tarantino to do on New Year's Eve: rhapsodize about vintage television and Jerry Lewis

REVIEW

movies.

Tonight's fixation is an old "Alfred Hitchcock Presents" episode where Steve McQueen bets his pinky finger that he can light his trusty Zippo 10 times in a row. They want Ted to play the Peter Lorre part, suspending a meat cleaver over the hand of a pal who

thinks he can reproduce the trick. Tarantino orchestrates the first 10 minutes in one continuous shot but doesn't use the gimmick to much effect. The end of his lit tle vaudeville has a wonderful twist, though it's hardly worth the 20 minutes it takes to reach it.

If nothing else, the movie will around drunk.

Tarantino down the same road as late '80s wunderkind David Lynch (coincidentally he also tried an old hotel anthology). Tarantino needs a new gag as moviegoers wise up and discover that his initial originality has quickly degenerated into self-parody

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> the project. He also stars, playing a film director who indulges in

hopefully put an end to Tarantino's acting ambitions. It's difficult to think of any actor who couldn't have played the part better, including Bruce Willis, who has little to do in the film besides talk on the phone and stumble It's movies like "Four Rooms" that will undoubtedly send

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"Sense and Sensibility" (Britadaptation of a Jane Austen novel and one of the best films of the year), tragedy changes a family's circumstances and alters the romantic aspirations of its daughters. Emma Thompson, Alan Rickman, and Hugh Grant star in a script written by Thompson and directed by Ang Lee ("The Wedding Banquet").

"Leaving Las Vegas" (USA 1995). Just in time for the holi days, Nicolas Cage plays a suicidal alcoholic who finds his soul mate in a Las Vegas call girl (Elizabeth Shue). Well-acted, re lentlessly downbeat, and definitely not for all tastes.

"Othello" (USA - 1995). Laurence Fishburn stars as the mur dering Moor in a new adaptation of Shakespeare's classic tragedy Starts Friday

MAPLE THEATRE

4135 W. Maple, Bloomfield, All titles play through at least next Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (810) 855-9090 for in formation. (\$6; \$2.95 twilight) "Grumpier Old Men" (USA

1995). Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon team once again as old coots whose libidos are jump started once again, this time by Ann-Margret and Sophia Loren.

"Nixon" (USA - 1995), Anthony Hopkins stars as the fallen president in Oliver Stone's challenging new film. As usual, the director employs quick editing techniques and varied film stocks, resulting in a movie both tedious (at almost three-and-a-half hours long) and fascinating. Ed Harris and James Wood co-star.

"The American President" (USA - 1995). Michael Douglas plays the widowed Commander in Chief who tries to balance his job and a blossoming romance with an environmental lobbyist (Annette Bening). Another crowdpleaser from director Rob Reiner.

MICHIGAN THEATRE 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, Call (313) 668-8397. (\$6; \$5 students/

"Restoration" (Britain - 1995). Through Dec. 31 (call for showtimes). In the court of King ('harles II, a notorious womanizer and drunkard (Robert Downey.

falling in love with his latest conquest. Hugh Grant, Sam Neill, and Meg Rvan co-star.

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"Yidl Mitn Fidl," starring Molly Picon, a Yiddish performer, is one of the classic works of Yiddish cineam. About a young woman who disguises herself as a man so that she can join a group of Klezmer musicians, this film bursts with engergy, gaity and

"Annie Hall," considered by

many the best of Woody Allen's

SOCIETY



Mixing sense with sensibility: Elinor (left to right, Emma Thompson), Marianne (Kate their new home in "Sense Winslet) and Mrs. Dashwood (Gemma Jones) get used to and Sensibility.

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SCREEN SCENE

"Sense and Sensibility" is now playing exclusively at the Main Art Theatre in Royal Oak. BY PATRICIA BIBBY

Jane Austen knows a thing or grand in scale, even though it contwo about patience and all its agonizing manifestations: gratification deferred, unquenched desire

and lost love that waits to be reclaimed. "Sense and Sensibility" director Ang Lee knows a thing or two about capturing Austen in all her touch that makes Austen's 200delicate nuances. With this work, Lee has crafted a loving and glorious ode to anticipation and the delicious fruit that waiting can

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This is one of those rare films wife, Fanny (Harriet Walter), that seems to be magnificent and cerns itself with the smallest despite the fact that his current flutters of the heart and the magic wife (Gemma Jones) and three and mystery of its beating.

her most spectacular performance Margaret (Emilie Francios) es to date, wrote the screenplay currently live in the house and apparent that there is a tender and informs it with a wry, light year-old essay of manners and social customs vibrantly alive to ruthless shrew, eagerly helping

inheritance. The dying family pa-

Wilkinson), is forced by law to leave his palatial estate to his son, John (James Fleet), and his

from his first marriage. This is daughters - Elinor (Thompson), Emma Thompson, giving one of Marianne (Kate Winslet) and therefore must be evicted by the step-brother.

Fanny quickly emerges her husband rationalize giving his The film begins with a crisis of step-sisters a stingy pittance. "People always live forever when

there is an annuity to be paid to them," she says through pursed

Fanny settles in to the family home - more like a sprawling Georgian castle with manicured. velvety green grounds - and begins to envision all sorts of garish renovations

When Fanny's brother, Edward (Hugh Grant), comes to visit, it's thread the binds him to Elinor, much to Fanny's consternation. In Fanny's opinion, the disenfranchised Elinor, with no dowry, is not suitable for marrying.

The Dashwood women retreat to a cousin's cottage (though it's

ianne falls (literally) for the ex- (Greg Wise).

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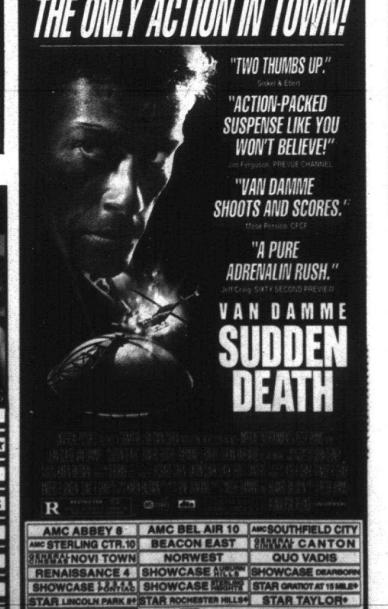
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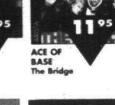
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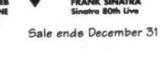


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Charming Cleopatra's serves delicious Lebanese dishes

BY RENEE SKOGLUND

Cleopatra's, like its namesake, is charming - from its pleasing soft blue decor and hand-crafted chandeliers to its personable hosts, Tony and Nauf Abou-Dib. Located off of busy Wayne Road just north of Westland Center, this small, attractive Lebanese restaurant has a loyal following.

There're no customers at Cleopatra's, only "guests." The Abou-Dibs know most of their regulars by name. Nauf, who acts as both hostess and a waitress, said, People sometimes complain if I'm not waitressing their table. I'm the owner. I understand what they want.'

Tony and his mother-in-law, Labibe, do all the cooking in the spotlessly clean kitchen Tony built when he bought the restaurant 21/2 years ago. Although they each have their own "duties," Tony lays claim to the popular lamb shanks, which he simmers with onion, cinnamon and bay leaf, then bakes in a special tomato sauce until fork-tender.

"He does the best lamb shanks and baked chicken," Nauf said. Friday is the lamb shanks and Thursday is the baked chicken.' Both specials are served with rice pilaf and oven-roasted potatoes

Tony, a barber and beautician

Cleopatra's

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Menu: Lebanese

Prices: Appetizers \$1.50-\$15.95 (Special Maza for Two); soups, salads, sandwiches, \$1.50-\$6.95; entrees, \$6.95-\$13.95 (Luncheon menu is less, with many daily specials.)

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before his natural passion for cooking overwhelmed him, managed a Lebanese restaurant in Paris for several years before coming to the United States. Parisians approach dining more leisurely, and many appetizers are placed on the table before the main meal is served.

Special Maza for Two is Cleopatra's adaptation of this dining custom. It consists of nine different appetizers, from hommus with tahini and baba ghannouge (Labibe's delicious specialty) to grape leaves, meat pies and kib-beh balls. "People really love it," Nauf said. "Usually they just or-

Tony's penchant for fresh vege tables borders on obsession. It sends him to the market every day. "They know me at Randazzo's like they know the flag," he

said. He also uses only kosher meats and fresh olive oil.

This is a second life for me,"

week. This is an outstanding

he said. It's obvious he's delightfully enamored with his profession. He loves to talk about food. 'We make a great hommus and baba ghannouge. There are delicious dishes on the menu all the like the chicken kebabs (Sish Tawook) and the Sish Kaf-

The menu also includes a number of vegetarian entrees, includ-ing Stuffed Grape Leaves and Greek and Lebanese Spinach Pie. Judge Charles Bokos of the 18th District Court in Westland was dining recently with his friend and court officer, Andrew Spisak. They're regulars at Cleo-

"I come here two or three times

ART EMANUELE/STAPF PHOTOGRAPHER

Taste of Lebanon: Tony and Nauf Abou-Dib inside the dining room at Cleopatra's. This small, attractive Lebanese restaurant has a loyal following.

place. This place is a jewel," said Bokos over a fresh fattoush salad

and a baba ghannouge appetizer. You know when they bring his pita bread toasted that Chuck is a

good customer," Spisak said.

Spisak, a potato lover, ordered the Baked Potato Kibbeh, two layers of mashed potatoes stuffed with ground meat, onions and pine nuts and served with stewed vegetables. "It's always good. And their lamb shanks are just fabulous. This is a place waiting to be discovered."

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DANCE PARTIES

Farmington Single Professionals along with the Metropolitan Single Profession als will host the "Holiday Single Mingle Dence" 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 29 at the Marriott Hotel (Main Ball room), 6 Mile east of I-275 in Laurel Park Mall, Livonia. There will be a D.J., cash bar, and hors d'oeuvres. Admission \$6/non-members. Attire is dressy, men must wear a coat and tie.

- WARM UP DANCE Tri-County Singles will hold a "holiday warm up dance" 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Satur day, Dec. 30, at Burton Manor, I-96 and Inkster, Livonia. Admission \$4, or \$3 before 8:30 p.m. Dressy attire required and you must be 21 or older

· NEW YEARS EVE DANCE

Tri-County Singles will hold a "New Years Eve Dence" 8 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, at Royce Hotel, I-94 and Merriman Exit 198, Romulus. Admission \$10. No reservations required Dressy Attire required and you must be (313) 842-7422.

- NEW YEARS EVE PARTY/DANCE Farmington Singles, along with several other single groups from the area, will hold its Annual New Years Eve Party and Dance beginning 8 p.m. on Sunday. Dec. 31, at the Historic Botsford Inn (in the Coach House Ballroom), 28000

MANOR

27777 Schoolcraft (1 Blk. West of Inkster Rd.) Livonia Grand River, north of 8 Mile in Farming ton Hills. Attire is dressy. There will be an hors d'oeuvre buffet, hats, noise toast, D.J. and cath bar, Tickets are \$42. RSVP in advance. Mail check to FSP; P.O.Box 3162; Farmington Hills (810) 851-9909

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY A "New Years Eve Party" will be 8:30 p.m, Sunday, Dec. 31, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Livonia. There will be a catered buffet dinner, dancing, non-alcoholic beverages, games and a countdown to midnight. Singles, cou-ples, and groups welcome. Tickets \$15 each. Reservations required. Bob (313) 522-6830 or Jackie (313)

SINGLE PLACE PARTY

Single Place Adult Ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Northville will hold a "New Years Eve Party" Sunday Dec. 31, at Getzie's of Northville, Cold cuts, hors d'oeuvres and sandwiches provided. DJ will provide music for danc ing. Cost \$20 before Dec. 29, \$23 if bought on Dec. 29 or after. RSVP required by Dec. 30. Wednesday Dances

WEDNESDAY DANCES

Wednesday Suburban Singles hold "single mingle" dance parties every Wednesday 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Burton Manor, I-96 and Inkster, Exit 177, Livonia, Admission \$4, No jeans Must be 21 or older. Arrive early for hot

FRIDAY DANCES

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION at

- Lavish Gourmet Buffet at both locations featuring.

Westside Singles dance parties occur 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays through Dec. 29 at Burton Manor in Livonia. Dressy at-

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tire. Must be 21 or older. Admission \$5. (313) 981-0909

BALLROOM DANCING

A "Ballroom Class" will be 7-8:30 Mon-day, Jan. 8, at Jane Addams Elementary School, 14025 Berwyn, Redford. Cost is \$22 for 10 weeks.

ANN ARBOR SINGLES

Ann Arbor Singles Ballroom Dancers meet 8:30-11:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the Grotto Club of Ann Arbor, 2070 W. Stadium Blvd. Live band. Admission \$4.50 per person. Dance lessons available 7-8 p.m. for a fee. (313) 930-1892, (313) 665-6013 or (313) 487-5322.

The Dearborn Fairlane Singles present 'Ballroom Dancing' 8:30-11 p.m. every Thursday, at Bishop Foley K of C Hall, 15800 Michigan Ave., (3 blocks west of Greenfield) Propular live bands, couples welcome. Cost \$4. Dance lessons by dancing specialist, Terry Babenko, 7-8 p.m. for \$2. If you attend lessons, you receive \$1 off your admission ticket. (313) 565-3656.

· MSGR, HUNT K OF C SINGLES Ballroom dancing to the sounds of Mike Wolverton and Eddle O, 8-11 p.m. Wednesdays, Msgr. Hunt K of C Hall, 7080 Msgr. Hunt Drive, between South-field and Outer Drive, Dearborn Heights. Cost \$4. Dance lessons 6:45-8 p.m. Cost \$2. (313) 295-1134

PATRICK O'KELLY K OF C SINGLES Ballroom dancing, ages 30 and older married couples welcome, 8-11:30 p.m. Mondays, at Patrick O'Kelly K of C Hall, 23663 Park, Dearborn. Cost \$3.75. (313) 295-1134

Ballroom dancing 9 p.m. to midnight Saturdays at the Moon Dusters, Farm ington Road and Five Mile, Livonia. Col fee and snacks. Admission \$4.25. Mar ried couples welcome. Ladies: date style clothes and men; coat and ties. (313) 422-3298

Ballroom dancing for singles age 40 and older will be 9 p.m. to midnight every Friday in the Northwest YWCA, 25940 Grand River, at Beech Daly, Livonia. Dressy attire, no jeans. Married couples (313) 525-8913.

SINGLE GROUPS

· CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB

The Catholic Alumni Club is a non-profit organization comprised of single Catho-lics age 21 and older who have a bachelor's degree and are free to many in the Catholic Church. Indoor volleyball at 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Birney Mid

(810) 557-6183, (810) 682-1807

ACTIVITIES GROUP

The Activities Group is single adults participating in activities on an organized year-round basis. They are not affiliated with any self-help group, religious or po-litical organization. Membership fee is \$30. (810) 624-7777.

BETHANY

Bethany, a support and social group for divorced and separated Christians. meets 8 p.m. the third Saturday of each month at St. Kenneth Church, Haggerty Road south of Five Mile, Plymouth mship. A New Year's Eve Dance Par-(313) 261-9123 or Val (313) 79-1974.

EXPRESSIONS

11:15 p.m. the second and fourth Friversalist Church, 1917 Washtenaw

Ave., Ann Arbor. The program is not church-affiliated. The group is open to those age 21 and older. Admission is \$5 per person and \$2 for volunteers. cks are served at each meeting. (313) 996-0141

FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONALS

nonprofit social group for singles ages 25-40, who share common interests and want to form new friendships. It's not limited to the Farmington area and members participate in more than 200 (810) 478-9181

METRO MINGLERS The Metro Minglers, a singles group for people with disabilities ages 21-35, is sponsored by the Easter Seal Society.

(313) 338-9626 or (810) 646-3347. NEWBURG SINGLES Newburg Sirigles ministries meets 7 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month in Guthrie Hall of Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail,

east of Newburgh, Livonia.

PWP/LIVONIA-REDFORD The Livonia-Redford Chapter 130 of Par ents Without Partners meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at Mama Mia's Restaurant, 27770 Plym outh Road between Inkster and Middle-belt in Livonia. Orientation is 8 p.m., the general meeting 8:30 p.m., followed by dancing, (313) 464-1969.

PWP WAYNE-WESTLAND

The Wayne-Westland Chapter 340 meets the second and fourth Fridays of the month in the Wayne AMVETS Hall, 8-8:30 p.m. Dance is set for 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$4 before 9 p.m., \$5 after 9 p.m. New members (313) 525-6937

ST. EDITH SINGLES

St. Edith Singles, 21 and over, meet at 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth

Church, on Newburgh south of Five Jack Mastan (313) 840-8824

SELECTIVE PROFESSIONALS

Selective Professionals is a group for professional singles that sponsors seminars, brunches, speeches and varied 422-8700.

SELECTIVE SINGLES SOCIAL/TRAVEL CLUB

Selective Singles Social and Travel Club comprises 600 + interesting, educated singles ages 25 and older, in the extended tri-county area. Many ongoing and varied social activities and trips. (800) 867-0888, (810) 553-7960 or Martha (810) 553-2105.

SINGLE PLACE Single Place Adult Ministries of First

sbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main, Northville, presents a social group called Single Place, which meets 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the church. (810) 349-0911.

SINGLE PLACE

Single Place Adult Ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Northville meets every Sunday, at 9:45 a.m. in the Library/Lounge. (810) 349-0911

The Rev. Paul Clough leads Scripture messages relevant to daily single living 10:45 a.m. Sundays, in Knox Hall, Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, at Six Mile Road, Livonia, Talk It. Over (TIO), 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Friday of each month, in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church. Also available, volleyball, 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays

· TEMPLE BAPTIST SAM

Four separate clas a.m. on Sundays, at Temple Baptist Church, 23800 West Chicago, Redford Groups divided by age and life situation Weekly activities; sporting events, concerts, trips, Bible studies, prayer times, Girls Night Out.







CANTON

Badger trio drafted

hree players from NCAA men's soccer champion University of Wisconsin were re-cently drafted by the National Professional

Forward Travis Roy (Livonia Stevenson) was taken by the Milwaukee Wave where ex-Badger Jeff Gold (Plymouth Salem) now plays.

The Tampa Bay Terror selected defender Scott Lamphear (Livonia Churchill) and midfielder Mike Gentile (Churchill).

The Detroit Rockers, featuring former area standouts Lars Richters (Stevenson/Yale University) and Dominic Scicluna (Redford Catholic Central/Oakland University), return to NPSL action, 7:30 tonight at Cobo Arena to face the Kansas City Attack. They will also meet the Wichita Wings, 7:05 p.m. Saturday at Cobe.

Saturday's game features the Rockers Four-Pack Deal — four reserved seats, four hot dogs, four Cokes, one game program for \$29.

Individual tickets are priced at \$15 reserved and \$9 general admission, and may be purchased at any Ticketmaster location, by phone at (810) 645-6666, or at the Joe Louis or Cobo box offices on the day of the game.

Fans can also take advantage of discounted group rates (20 or more) at \$9 reserved and \$6 general admission by calling the Rockers office at (313) 396-7070.

Youth soccer champs

anton Quest, an under 13 Premier League girls soccer team, recently captured the under-13 first division session at Total Soccer in Southfield and the under-14 first division indoor session at Worldwide Sports Center in Ann

Members of Quest, coached by Ellen Schroeder and Pat Hogan, include: Stephanie Altepeter, Rachell Berezak, Beth Burgess, Lacey Catarino, Jade Fukuda, Liz Gizicki, Brandi Groves, Leslie Hogan, Stephanie Johnson, Katie Kelly, Emily Lambros, Amanda Lentz, Meghan Meier, Kelle Mullin, Sarah Pack, Danielle Portelli, Terry Schroeder and Ashley Williams. The team manager is Scott

Matmen earn medals

ayne Memorial wrestlers took home six medals at the 14-team Gibraltar Carlson Invitational on Dec. 16.

Juniors Patrick Grzecki (215 pounds) and Richard Watson (130) each took thirds; Mark Kennedy (171) and Sean McInerney (160), fifth; and Nate Garrison (125) and John Nichols (119), sixth.

Sunday Health Club

choolcraft Coilege will have a Sunday. Health Club Jan. 7 through March 31. In dividual and family memberships are available. Members may use the swimming pool, handball, paddleball, racquetball, wallyball courts, two gyms for basketball, volleyball and jogging, weightlifting equipment and saunas. Call (313) 462-4413 to join.

Sixteen-week court reservations also are available throughout each week for handball, paddleball, racquetball and wallyball courts. Call (313) 462-4413 for specific dates and times.

There also is a sign-up for mini co-ed recreation volleyball leagues, held 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 7 throug Feb. 11. Call (313) 462-

Winter recreation sports

he Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its winter session of men's recreational basketball for Canton residents only. The 10-week program will be held at Field Elementary School. Canton residents interested may register in person or write to Canton Parks and Recreation Services, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Mich. 48188. The phone number is (313) 397-5110.

Deadline for registration is Monday, Jan. 8. M A Teen (ages 13-18) Ski Trip to Alpine Valley, sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services, will be held Friday, Jan. 19. There is no residency requirement.

Cost for teens with their own equipment is \$22. Cost for those needing rental equipment is \$29. Fees include bus transportation, all area lift tick-

ets and rental equipment (if needed).

The bus leaves the Canton Township Administration Building parking lot at 5 p.m. and returns approximately at midnight.

Registration begins Monday, Jan. 8, and ends Thursday, Jan. 18. Register in person or by mail at Canton Parks and Recreation Services, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Mich. 48188. Call (313) 397-5110 for more information.

Avery Baseball Clinic

A very's All-Star Baseball Camp will be held five consecutive weekends beginning Jan. 6 at Madison Heights Bishop Foley High School. The camp director is Mark Avery.

There is a camp for catching (ages 11-18) and hitting (with wooden bata, ages 13-18). Cost for catcher's camp is \$200; cost for hitter's camp is \$140. Former Detroit Tigers bullpen catcher Dan Whitmer is on staff for the catcher's camp, Jamestown Tigers head coach Bruce Fields is one of the instructors for the hitter's camp.

1995: A year to remember

Observerland sports fans had much to celebrate in the last year, including state champions, team and individual, and even four national champions.

BY STEVE KOWALSKI

Before we welcome the New Year and of course, the second semester (OK, some of you aren't looking as forward to that) - let's take a look back at the top sports stories for 1995.

1. Four former Observerland soccer stars from Livonia are NCAA national champions: Maybe Livonia, long a hothed of soccer in the state of Michigan, will now be known nationwide for its prowess in the

Livonians Travis Roy (Stevenson), Mike Gentile (Churchill) and Scott Lamphear (Churchill) started for the University of Wisconsin's NCAA Division I national champion men's soccer team. Ragen Coyne (Stevenson) contributed to Notre Dame's national crown on the women's side.

Gentile assisted on the lone goal in a 1-0 semifinal win over the University of Portland. The Badgers went on to defeat Duke, 2-0, in the final.

Lamphear anchored a defense that didn't allow a goal in five NCAA playoff games and drew an assist on one of the goals against Duke.

Coyne had one goal and eight assists this season for the Irish, who completed a 21-2-2 record and their championship run with a 1-0 win over the University of Portland in the fi-

2. Livonia Stevenson junior swimmer Anne Aristeo, double state champion, Olympic hopeful: What a year she had, even before the girls high school season started in the

Aristeo's outstanding summer qualified her already for the Olympic Time Trials, to be held in March. She qualified by finishing seventh in the 200 meter butterfly, one place behind 1992 Olympic medalist Summer Sanders, and 11th in the 400 IM at the nationals last summer.

As for her season at Stevenson? All she did was win two events at the state meet for a second consecutive year, leading the Spartans to a fourth-place finish in the team stand-

Despite a sore shoulder, Aristeo won the 200-yard individual medley relay with a time of 2:05.01, .56 better than her winning time in '94, and the 500 freestyle in 4:59.26, more than seven seconds slower than her winning time the year before.

3. Ken Johnson goes out winner at Plymouth Salem: The Plymouth Salem boys soccer team gave Ken Johnson the best retirement present he could ask for: a state championship.

Johnson, who announced plans to retire before the boys season started, finished his farewell tour with a 22-3 record. The Rocks beat Portage Northern 1-0 in the championship game. A brawl took place after the game as Northern players weren't thrilled about getting caught in the middle of Salem's celebration.

Two previous Salem boys teams reached the state final without winning the title.

Johnson also retired as coach of the Salem girls team, which gave him his only other state title in 1987. The



Final letdown: Redford Bishop Borgess seniors Maxann Reese and Adriane Bryant (No. 24) console each other following the Spartans' surprising loss in the Class C final against Lansing Catholic Central.

1995 Salem girls also provided Johnson with fond memories, advancing to the state final before losing to favored

Birmingham Seaholm, 4-2. "It was a fairy-tale ending, like I wrote my own script," Johnson said. "I didn't realize we could do it until halfway through the season when the

team started jelling." 4. Redford Bishop Borgess upset in its bid to win a third-straight Class C girls basketball championship: It seemed improbable that anyone would stop Redford Bishop Borgess' quest for a third-straight Class C state championship in girls basket-ball, but Lansing Catholic Central managed just that.

The Spartans, who had won six previous state tournament games by an average margin of 37 points, lost to CC, 51-46, in the championship game at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.

It was the 700th care Paul Cook, who won 635 as a boys coach. CC held Borgess' Miss Basketball winner Maxann Reese to nine points, and the Spartans missed their last 11 attempts at the free-throw

"These girls are so special, I can't even begin to describe the feeling," said Cook, 68. "This ranks right up there with the '80 state championship (as coach of Lansing Eastern), the '57 upset of East Lansing and Art Brandstatter. Games you are never supposed to win."

5. Craig Martin wins his secondstraight Class A state individual wrestling championship: The Livonia Stevenson senior won his final 88 consecutive high school matches and

closed his career with his secondstraight state championship, this time at 215 pounds.

He was the 189-pound champion in 1994. Martin's prowess helped the Spartans advance to the Final Four for the first time as a team, finishing

fourth overall. "At first, it's just every kid's goal," Martin said after his 4-3 win over Brighton's Scott Niles in the finals. "To win it a second time, it's just an unbelievable feeling. When I first started wrestling, it was kind of a far-fetched dream. I had some great coaches and it just worked out."

6. Redford Catholic Central senior cross country runner Joe Leo leaves 'em behind: Leo capped an already wondrous high school cross country career by placing fifth at the Foot Locker National Championships in late November. Leo was invited to ond-place showing at a Midwest qualifier.

He was a two-time regional champion and this year won the Class A state team race in a time of 15 minutes, 42 seconds.

7. Redford Catholic Central finishes an undefeated football seas and wins a Class AA state title: The Shamrocks beat Holt, 24-0, at the Pontiac Silverdome to cap a 13-0 season and win their third Class AA state championship in the last six

CC, which beat Sterling Heights Stevenson, 29-13, in the semifinal round, enjoyed a 313-49 edge in total yardage. Senior fullback John Spolsky led CC with 109 yards on 22 car-

ries and one touchdown. The Shamrocks were ranked 10th in the final USA Today national poll that came out this week.

"I kept telling myself before the game, don't think of fancy plays, just give it to John," CC coach Tom Mach said. "He was the man we rallied around. We needed to give it to him."

Did Mach, the master of conservative play calling, really tell himself

The Shamrocks had to overcome some anxious moments the first two rounds of the playoffs.

In a 14-6 first-round win over Livonia Stevenson, the Shamrocks made a goal-line stand and drove 92 yards for a late touchdown in the fourth quar-

ter to hold off the gallant Spartans. A week later, in the regional final played in rain and freezing temperatures on a muddy field at Pontiac Wisner Stadium, CC's decision to insert junior tailback Greg Alcala into the starting lineup after several weeks on the bench paid off.

The Shamrocks scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter, including a long run by Alcala, to rally for a 21-14 win over defending champion Troy, the state's preseason No. 1

8. Borgess' Maxann Reese named Miss Basketball for 1995: Reese became the first player from Observerland to win Miss Basketball since 1987, when Plymouth Salem's Dena Head earned the honor. Reese won in a landslide, collecting 629 votes to 395 from her nearest compet-

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McDonald scores 23 in CC's win over OLSM

Redford Catholic Central boys basketball coach Rick Coratti received one of the things he wanted from Santa - a perfect 5-0 start for his team.

The Shamrocks won their fifth straight game Priday with an impressive 55-49 victory at Orchard Lake St. Mary's in a Catholic League crosso-

"One of our goals was to be 5-0 at Christmas," Coratti said. "We're a veteran team with seven or eight players coming back who played a lot last year. I thought we'd be a good team."

The Eaglets, who dropped to 2-1, posed CC's biggest challenge of the young season. But the Shamrocks shut down highly-touted Kylo Jones. The sophomore guard scored 19 points, but only five in the first three quarters.

Jones was coming off a 31-point performance in a win over Birmingham Brother Rice.

Much of the credit for shutting down Jones went to senior guard Justin Hoener, according to senior-guard Chris Misiak.

BASKETBALL

"You can't stop a player like Kylo but you can contain him and Justin did a great job on him, Misiak said.

The key point of the game was the third quarter which CC dominated. The Shamrocks, who held a alim 24-23 advantage at halftime, outscored St. Mary's 17-8 in the third quarter.

"I thought our transition defense was very poor in the third quarter," St. Mary's coach Dennis Butcher said. "We talked about it at halftime but to Catholic Central's credit, they got the ball down

to Catholic Central's credit, they got the ball down court quickly."

CC opened the third quarter with a 10-2 run, aparked by consecutive baskets by senior center Michael Jordan.

The Shamrocks extended their lead to 41-31 at the end of the third quarter on a three-pointer by junior guard Marc McDonald.

St. Mary's put on a lets charge but never came closer than six points. A triple by CC senior forward Richard Turk (seven points) with 3:56 re-

maining stopped a 6-0 St. Mary's run and gave the Shamrocks the cushion they needed.

McDonald led all scorers with 23 points — 10

coming in the first quarter. Jordan added 13.

"Marc is a good shooter and we're always trying to get him the ball," Misiak said. "Everybody has been scoring for us and we've been getting good balance. If Marc isn't hitting, someone else usual-

In addition to Jones' 19, Juan Pegues, Brian Caddieth and Sterling Mintzer chipped in with eight each for the Eaglets. Pegues also grabbed 18 rebounds.

After leading 16-15 after one quarter, St. Mary's offense sputtered in the second and third quarters

offense sputtered in the second and third quarters as the Eaglets scored only 15 points while shooting 26 percent from the floor (six-of-23).

The Shamrocks tightened their man defense, led by Misiak who collected five first-half steals.

"They put us in a half-court game offensively which we don't want to be in," Butcher said. "We want to push the hall but they forced us to play half-court. They did a good job controlling the tempo."

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1996 PERMITS

B STORIES IN THE SNOW

BASKETBALL

Senior guard Brian Wehrs

scored a game-high 14 points to lead the Chiefs, who fall to

PLY. CHRISTIAN 47, HURON VALLEY

45: Jamie Neil scored a game-high 20 points, including the game-winning

easket with only 45 seconds remai

outh Christian (5-0) the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

win over Westland Huron Valley Lu-

Jeremy Hsia added 16 points for the Eagles, who finished the night

making 22 of 34 free throws (64.7 per

with 15 points, while Jeremy Zahr

contributed nine. Huron Valley, which was only 20

of 42 from the line (47.6) percent made just four of 13 in the decisive

final quarter.

The Hawks couldn't hold a 28-19

halftime lead as Plymouth Christian

rallied with a 18-11 run in the third

the third quarter and just couldn't convert from the line in the fourth,"

Huron Valley coach Tod Bartholo-mew said. "Our condition has to get

better and I think the team's legs got

tired at the end."

'We struggled with ther press in

Scott Ohlason led Huron Valley

ing Thursday to give unbeat

theran (1-3).

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not having staggering statistics: 14.6 points, six assists and 4.5 rebounds per game as a senior.

"People would tell me: 'You have to do this; you have to score so many points," Reese said. "A lot of other winners were averaging 20, 30 points a game. If that's what people voted on, I wasn't going to win it. I just thought about being runner-up for the award. I wanted to be at least sec ond. I know my stats weren't awesome. I wasn't going to cry if I didn't get it, but I would cry if did get it.

9. Garden City resident Greg Ryan makes the 1995 United States Junior Olympic baseball team: The Dearborn Divine Child standout won a medal as a member of the U.S. Junior Olymnic baseball team. Ryan earned a spot on the team with a strong showing on the North team at the Olympic Sports Festival in Colorado Springs, Colo.

10. Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Glen Donahue sets state record for wine: First-year Schoolcraft College coach Glen Donahue became the winningest college basketball coach in state history when he notched career win 518 on Nov. 25 with a 104-101 victory against Siena Heights.

Pistons

and hop

Reese earned respect despite Park Community College from the late '60s to the mid-'80s. He also spent several years as coach of St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake before the school voted to drop the basketball program following the 1992 season

"It was elusive, because you wait 31/2 years to get it," said Donahue, who coached the last three seasons at Redford Bishop

Some more to remember Jack Reardon retires as

coach: The only varsity head football coach in the history of Livonia Stevenson announced his retirement in early February Reardon had a 168-97-1 overall record, guiding the Spartans to 13 division or league titles, two state playoff berths and two undefeated

best as the Spartans finished the 1994 season with a 9-2 record, los ing in the Class AA regional final Westland John Glenn.

"His trademark was discipline his honesty and straightforwardness," Stevenson Athletic Director Roger Frayer said. "They don't make guys like that any-







Livonia Stevenson football took his team to three Final Four appearances, including consecucoach: The former Westland John Glenn football coach from the '70s was named interim coach

His last team was one of his

quarterback and current U-M reserve signal caller Jason Carr, led the Wolverines to a 9-3 overall record and a berth in the Alamo Bowl He was rewarded late in the season with the job on a full-time

Western Golf & Country Club (Redford Township) professional Ray Bolo wins his second-straight Michigan Seniors PGA title: Bolo made a Jack Nicklaus-like charge in the last straight Michigan PGA Seniors ournament Championship in July at Silver Lake Country Club

ive trips in 1993 and '94.

restaurant.

Lloyd Carr named University

at U-M in the spring after the re-

moval of head coach Gary Moeller

due to an incident in a Southfield

Carr, the father of former CC

Michigan's head football

n Rockford. Bolo saved par after a poor tee shot on the 17th hole and eagled the 18th hole to finish the 36-hole tournament at 2-under par 142

The Plymouth Canton and Salem athletic departments un- nal game: A group of underclass dergo major changes: Two longserving members in the Plymouth Canton and Salem athletic departments, Paul Cummings and Gary Balconi, retired. Brian Wola former All Big Ten pitcher while at Michigan State University, who most recently worked in the Birmingham School District - succeeds Cummings as director of athletics

of both schools. Balconi's replacement as Salem's athletic coordinator, meanwhile, is John Robinson, whose latest position was as coordinator of district athletic trainers for the

Farmington school system. Another change occurred in the fall of '95 as Sue Heinzman took over as Canton's athletic coordi-

nator when Jim Finn left. Garden City senior wimmer/soccer player April Rowland makes great progress after going into a coma following an automobile accident: On the morning of Tuesday. Sept. 26. Rowland was involved in a twocar accident on her way to school with a classmate. She suffered fluid on the brain, a broken pelvis, gashes on her leg and was

loaded with underclassmen. in a coma six days. WINTER SPECIALS AEYLESS A SEPTIME OF THE SEPTIME OF

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GARAGE DOORS



On pace: Livonia Stevenson sophomore Kelly Travis placed fifth in the individual race to lead the Spartans to a second-place finish in the team race at the Class A

men left Wayne Memorial fans wondering what's in store for the Schoolcraft College coach Tom ly to lead the Spartans. future as the Zebras won district Teeters also guided his team to a and regional boys basketball tiregional championship and a tles before losing in overtime to berth in the National Junior Col-Kalamazoo Central, 87-79, in a lege Athletic Association national Class A quarterfinal at Lansing tournament in Miami, Fla.

Livonia Franklin's best boys Sophomore guard Lorenzo soccer season: The Patriots, be-Guess finished with 26 points be- hind All-Observer first-team fore fouling out with 5:04 left in players Eric Bowman and Roberthe fourth quarter and Wayne up to Vega, upset Redford Catholic 65-63. Junior guard Jameel Central and Livonia Churchill en Wooden also had 26 points, inroute to their first-ever Class A cluding six three-point baskets. district championship. It finally took Livonia Steven

"I told them, 'It's state time son to knock off the Cinderella you can do it; you have to step Guess said. "I thought they Patriots, masterfully coached to a would pull it off and win in regu-15-7 overall record by Dave He lation. The ball just bounced the

wrong way."
CC baseball team: The Shamrocks were another team led by CC and Plymouth/Canton comunderclassmen, but still advanced to the semifinal round of Krueger (son of Plymouth Salem the Class A state playoffs. The wrestling coach Ron Krueger), Shamrocks' ending wasn't as who died in an auto accident in suspenseful, as they lost 19-9 to September. Krueger was a fresh-Rochester Adams, another team man wrestler at Eastern Michigan

for a return trip before a team of

overachievers from Garden City

defused the Rockets, 68-59, in a

1995 district semifinal at Belle

The Cougars' defense held

Glenn's 6-11 center Guy Rucker,

bound for the University of Iowa,

to 12 points. Junior guard Ryan

Males led the Cougars with 24

Glenn bowed out at 16-4 over-

all, while Garden City finally got

Sophomore guard Lorenzo

Guess leads a team of under-

classmen at Wayne Memorial

to the Class A state quarterfi-

above .500 with the win for an 11

10 record.

Eastern.

Madonna University and Schoolcraft College win regional championships in women's Stevenson cross country teams: a new arena with two rinks, talk volleyball: Madonna's second The Lutheran Westland boys was the Farmington schools will trip to the NAIA national tourna- cross country team and the Livo- start a hockey program. Redford Union. The Crusaders, state meet. who finished 47-11 overall under

Kelly Travis was fifth individual

Bernie Holowicki returns to coaching: The former CC coach took over as Madonna men's coach, replacing Bill Sharpe, who

Farmington Hills Harrison shut out of playoffs: The Hawks won another Western Lakes title but uncharacteristically were shut out 40-0 by eventual Class A state runner-up South Lvon in the first round of the playoffs. It was the Hawks worse loss in neary three decades. They were trying win their third straight state

The death of Dan Krueger, former CC wrestling star: The munities mourned the loss of Northern

led by first-team All-America team finished second in Class C ketball team: The Chiefs opened Kelly McCausland, a junior from and Class A, respectively, at the the 95-96 season with an upset Brad Polkinghorne was 13th in- ed heading into the Christmas coach Jerry Abraham, managed to dividually to lead the Lutheran Break. Will they be the headline win one match in San Diego, the Westland boys and sophomore makers in '96? Only time will tell.

Livonia Ladywood volleyball team: The Blazers beat the area's lem, soundly in the Class A dis trict and advanced to the semifi nals before losing to Port Huron

Redford Union's new hockey program: RU, aided by its Extracurricular Task Force, announced and a runner-up at the 1994 state the first season will be 1996-97 with Pete Mazzoni as the head Lutheran Westland, Livonia coach. With Farmington opening

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left tied it at 41-all and senior

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theran Westland the victory

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"We turned up the defense

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and started pressuring the ball

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Westland coach Scott Wiemer,

whose team is 3-2 overall at the

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land in scoring with 11 points.

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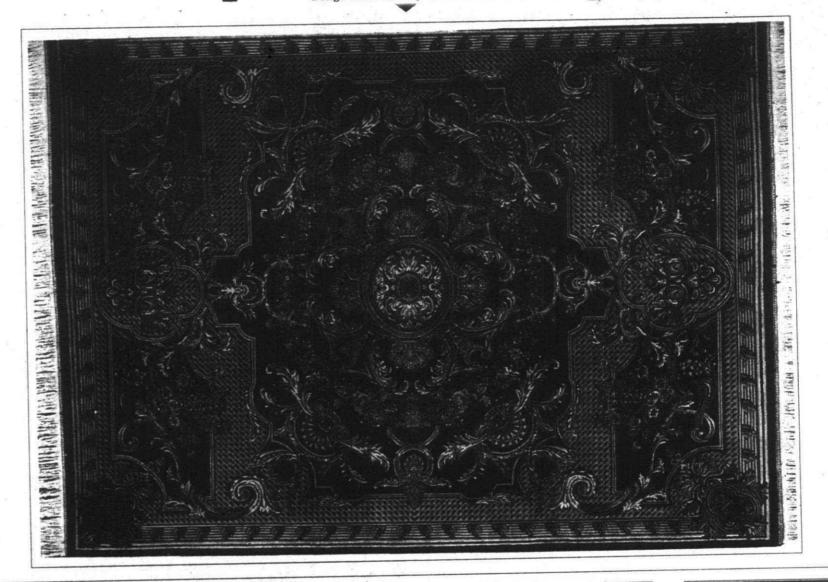
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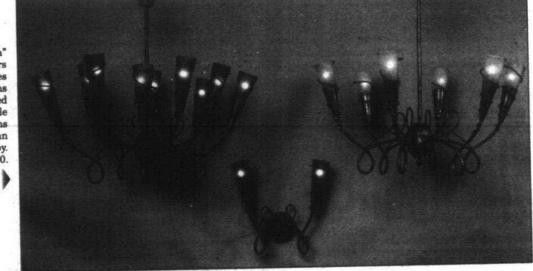
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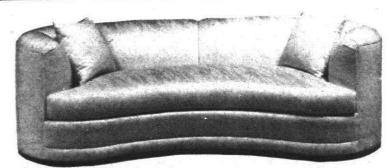
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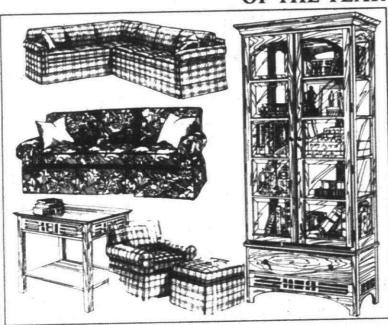
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Plant to show special bloom

After 20 years of growth, the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens' Agave pedunculifera is finally preparing itself to bloom in the Desert House of the gardens' conservatory.

This succulent is an unusual plant. Instead of blooming yearly, it grows for 20 years or more before it sends up a flowering stalk.

First noticed in early October by the Botanical Gardens' horticulturist, the quick-growing stalk, now nine feet tall, can grow several inches in a day. Depending on the species, these flower stalks may be from six to 30 feet tall.

occurrence. Once the plant has blossomed, the mother plant dies. All of its available energy is spent producing the towering flower stalk. Future plants grow from seeds, bulbils and vegetative

offshoots called pups.

The agave may be viewed 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Admission to the conservatory is \$2 for adults, \$1 for schoolage children, free for preschool children. Complimentary admission is offered 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and Saturday.

To get to the gardens, take US-23

right, take Plymouth Road east one mile to Dixboro Road and turn right. The gardens are 4-mile on the left side of Dixboro Road.

Mature agaves don't automatically bloom when they reach a certain age. The prevailing weather plays a role in stimulating flowering. When the conditions are likely to allow successful reproduction and set seed, the plant will bloom.

Agaves grow in habitats that lack abundant rainfall, or in which water drains away quickly.

Seminars slated

English Gardens will conduct free educational seminars this January and February on topics ranging from winter survival for house plants to do-it-yourself landscaping.

The weekly seminars, open to the public will take place 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the West Bloomfield store, 6370 Orchard Lake Road, north of Maple. For more information, call (810) 851-7506.

Topics, speakers and dates are: "Winter Survival for House Plants," Diane Tuccini, Jan. 10; "Attracting Birds to Your Yard, Bill Stafford, Jan. 17; "Arranging Silk Flowers and Plants," Donna Matte, Jan. 24; "Herbs/Seed Starting," Katie Krisko, Jan. 31; "Using Ornamental Grasses in Your Garden," Kevin Collins, Feb. 7.





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it's winter in Michigan! We relish the thought of returning home to the warmth of our surroundings, and a meal that restores our confidence in the knowledge that winter is just one of the four

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Perhaps it is our en-

vironmental desire to formulate body temperature through palate. One-dish winter warmers, soups and stews then become the perfect fix for cold winter nights. These meals can be easy and almost complete within themselves add some piping hot bread and you're ready to eat.

My favorites are meaty stews and thick soups - the kind you can almost walk through. At any given time you will find in my freezer at least 30 French jars with plastic lids filled with scrumptious soups and stew - winter and summer.

Having these one-dish meals handy eliminates any excuse my husband may find for eating something naughty something that's not within the framework of his diet - or saying, "there's nothing to eat!" In the winter my stash of soups are great to pop into the microwave and heat up. Eating on the run, or entertaining last minute guests is no problem. These are meals on their own.

Sometimes for a special treat I'll use shrimp, scallops or combine them with fish. You can make the base for this soup (the tomato portion) ahead and freeze. Then add fish or seafood when you are ready to ues.

FISH SOUP

11/2 tablespoons light olive oil, butter or margarine

2 large Spanish onions, chopped to 1-inch dice

1 cup celery (also the leaves) chopped to 1-inch dice

3-4 cloves gartic, peeled and minced 64 ounces (2 plus cans, 28 ounces each) seasoned diced tomatoes. preferably Dei Fratelli

I cup dry white wine (table wine will

1 cup fresh parsley, minced Sea Salt and freshly ground pepper

to taste

5 teaspoon thyme ¼ teaspoon crushed fennel seed

2 pounds fish of your choice (cod and sole are nicely mild, partially frozen so you can cut the fish into 1inch dice)

In a large heavy casserole French oven, Dutch oven or stock pot over medium heat, melt or heat oil, butter or margarine and saute the onion, celeryh and garlic until the onion is transparent and celery

Add to the pot; the diced seasoned tomatoes (liquid included), wine, parsley, sea salt (to taste), pepper, thyme, and fen nel. Cover the pot with a lid and simmer for 30 minutes. This soup base can be cooled and frozen at this point to be used at a later date.

If serving immediately, add fish and continue to simmer for 10 minutes or until fish is opaque and flaky.

If adding cooked shrimp do not cook for any length of time. Just let it warm through. If adding frozen shrimp or seafood make sure tomato mixture comes

to a boil, add shrimp and let it boil again. Remove from heat and let stand for a minute or two. Serve hot with piping hot crusty bread smothered with garlie butter. Serves 8-10.

Look for Dei Fratelli tomatoes at Shopping Center Markets and Strawberry

This interesting stew has a subtle hotness and gets its thick chewy texture from the posole (a type of hominy). Serve topped with chopped green onions and homemade cornbread croutons. You can substitute beef or venison for the bison.

BLUE CORN POSOLE BISON STEW

12 ounces blue com posole (available at gourmet food stores)

15 teaspoon salt (for water) 11/2 tablespoons light olive oil

1 medium Spanish onion, peeled and cut into %-inch dice

3 gartic cloves, peeled and minced 2½ pounds bison/buffalo meat cut into small cubes

4 fresh Jalapeno chilies, stems removed seeded and thinly sliced (wear rubber gloves)

1 28-ounce can seasoned diced tomatoes (Dei Fratelli if possible) 3 tablespoons sun-dried tomato

1 bottle (12 ounces) light beer

3 tablespoons dried cilantro

1 teaspoon dried oregano 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper

Sea salt to taste

Juice of one fresh lime (11/2 to 2 tablesnoons) Tabasco or other hot sauce (optional) Chopped green onion for top (optional)

Rinse the blue corn posole and soak it

for 24 hours (in enough water to cover the blue corn). After soaking, rinse again and place in a large casserole (French oven, Dutch oven or stock pot) with enough water to completely cover the posole. Add 1/2 teaspoon of salt and cook over medium heat for two hours. Turn off heat and let posole remain in the water until ready for

Heat the olive oil over high heat in a large casserole. When the oil is hot, add the onion and minced garlic. Cook until transparent.

Add the meat and lightly brown. Remove any liquid and discard. Add the sliced jalapenos and mix well. Add the tomatoes (liquid included).

Drain the blue corn posole thoroughly and add it to the meat. Add the tomato paste, 6 ounces (1/2 bottle) of light beer and the cilantro, oregano, cayenne and salt. Cover the casserole with a lid and cook over medium heat until the meat is tender (depending on what cut of meat you use, this could take from 1-3 hours).

During the cooking process, add the other 6 ounces of light beer and the lime juice. When the meat seems fork-tender. readjust spices and add any additional salt or Tabasco to taste. Serves 6-8.

Recipe from: "The Buffalo Cookbook, (Hancock House Publishers, 1995).

Blue corn posole - natural blue corn kernels, can be purchased from gourmet food and specialty shops or directly from: Los Chileros de Nuevo Mexico, P.O. Box 6215, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502. (505)

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Redecorating a home doesn't have to be expensive

Home Depot offers some quick remodeling tips for your home.

"The biggest misconception is that decorating is expensive," said Troy Cipriani, Home Depot store manager. "A \$2 brass switch plate and a \$10 window valance can make a room look totally different."

Add romance to curtains. Scarf valances, the yards of fabric you see draped around curtain rods, can turn your formal "Don't sit in that chair" living room into a comfortable and romantic living space. They range from

Homeowners with bigger windows and budgets can try the fancier swags

CLARIFICATION

The woman in the photo in the Dec. 7 At Home cover story should have been identified as interior designer Kasey Werner-Pierson.

and jabots, which range from \$150 to

Rail against boring walls. For less than \$100 you can add chair railing to an average size dining room. Not only will it give the room a traditional feel, but it will protect your walls from dings and dents caused by chairs and other

Reinvent your walls. What can you do with walls? Add a fresh coat of paint or a couple of new pictures? Wallpaper borders are easy and transform drab walls into something from a designer showhouse. A 15-foot spool sells for

For a bold, rich feeling, install crown molding along the seam between the wall and ceiling. It sells for about \$1.50

■ Add class with brass. Improve the look of your dining room by installing brass fixtures. Start by replacing your plastic or wood switch plates with brass models, ranging from \$2 to \$20 each.

Check your dining room light fixture

Chances are it isn't in the same time or design period as the rest of the room. For a more timely and elegant look, replace your existing fixture with a brass

You don't need to spend a lot of money. Polished brass chandeliers with five lights cost about \$60. Bigger rooms can handle a nine-light, crystal chandelier with gold plating for about \$800.

Dress up windows. Apartments usually come with the standard miniblinds. Most of us don't even consider adding to this. Twenty minutes is all it takes to hang balloon valances alone or over existing blinds. Depending on the size of the window and the brand of the valance, the price range could be as little as \$10 to \$20

Don't stop inside your home. Even if you plan to be in your home for another century, try one simple exterior project. Replace the front door. Changing the design or just the color will make a big difference. Insulated steel doors can be bought for less than \$200 each

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furnishings by area artist BY MARY KLEMIC AT HOME EDITOR

Movies inspire

Naomi Siegel has assembled a roster of movie stars and other entertainers that would make studio heads drool and fans converge in an instant.

Such greats as Shirley Temple and Laurel and Hardy aren't on the silver screen this time. Their images adorn a variety of furniture and accessories designed by Siegel, who has put her artistic talent and her love of movies to creative com-

"I think film all the time," Siegel said from her Bloomfield Hills home, which is filled with samples of her movie-inspired items.

Siegel's pieces include bookshelves, tables and chairs and are works of art in their own right. One table bearing a large Shirley Temple paper doll figure is a comment from Siegel.

"Shirley lived for most of her

years as a paper doll. I thought of writing a book about her but this was more fun."

Finding an obituary about Bill "Bojangles" Robinson inspired another table; this one featuring a collage of photos of and articles about the dancer.

"I research probably everything that I work on."

Siegel has many talents. She is a painter, cinematographer and coowner of Telespot Productions, a public relations agency. Formerly she was the public information director with the Oakland County Health Department, and held similar posts with the Michigan Cancer Foundation and WWWW radio. Siegel was president of the Detroit chapter of American Women in Radio and Television in 1971-72.

The artist sees the world through multicolored glasses. She can turn the ordinary into the special. An example of her imaginative touch i how she painted the blades of a small electric fan so it resembled flower. Her "Pandora's Box" is a painted box with slender drawers filled with meaningful items.

use. This cabinet features photos of Laurel and Hardy on the doors and a collage of other stars on the top. movies as motifs as well. A table "To make art sing and make you was inspired by "Fiddler on the Roof." "The Gods Must Be Crazy" feel alive" is her aim. "Tribute to George Gershwin" is a sparked an accessory bearing fabric little chair with elegant tails as if with a leopard spot pattern, a tribal dressed in a formal suit. A low cabistatue, a 35mm film canister and a net features photos of Laurel and Hardy on the doors and a collage of Coke bottle. "Some of it is just plain fun. I other entertainment stars on the keep reading about the 1930s." top. A beveled mirror called -

"Hooray for Hollywood" features

Among the hues are magenta,

fireworks like beams of light.

Siegel has used more recent

blue, gray and black.

For her furnishings, Siegel starts with quality furniture pieces. After her creative treatment they are dazzling but durable.

That's entertainment: And that's stylish, when Naomi Siegel puts movie motifs to decorative

"One of my friends said put glass "Art deco colors are right for the on (the top) ... He's not a home-





inspired Naomi Siegel of Bloomfield Hills in designing furniture and accessories that bear images of Shirley Temple and other Hollywood legends. Staff photo by Dan Dean.

Keep pets safe in winter

The Pet Practice encourages pet owners to follow these safety tips to protect pets from the harmful elements of win-

- Keep pets warm. The best way to do this is to keep them indoors; for outdoor pets, a protective shelter is necessary. The outdoor shelter should be support ed three inches above the ground for ultimate warmth and should measure only a foot longer and three inches higher than the pet's body. This may appear too small for the pet, but making it snug allows the animal to warm itself from its own body heat.
- Avoid freezing temperatures Don't leave young animals outside during freezing temperatures. Carefully observe pets when they are outside and watch for behaviors like shivering to make sure they don't exhibit signs of distress. Older pets in particular are more susceptible to cold weather dangers because their temperature-regulating mechanisms worsen as they get older. All pets are at risk during the winter, but younger pets, older pets and pets with thinner hair have the greatest risk during cold weather due to decreased
- Increase pet's caloric intake. During winter months, consult a veterinarian about the possibility of increasing the pet's caloric intake. On average, pets need 50 percent more energy in the

winter, which comes from the food they

- Feed cats a diet low in magnesium. A diet low in magnesium prevents the buildup of crystals in the urine of cats, which is one of the causes of feline urinary syndrome, especially during winter
- Prevent pet's water from freezing. Keep the pet's water supply replenished to keep it from freezing. During the winter, never let pets drink or eat out of a metal container. Instead, use a plastic container that will prevent an animal's tongue from sticking to the metal.
- Keep antifreeze out of pet's reach. Hose down areas where an antifreeze leak may have occurred. A pet's contact with antifreeze can be deadly. If an animal drinks (or even licks) antifreeze, its kidneys could shut down. If a pet has ingested antifreeze, call a veterinarian
- Beware of burning salt and icemelting chemicals. Avoid the pet's contact with these products, as they burn feet or paws. Be sure to wipe or wash the pet's feet immediately if they are exposed to salt or chemicals.
- Clean the snow out from between the pet's toes. Prolonged periods of snow in between a pet's toes while play ing outdoors can lead to frostbite.

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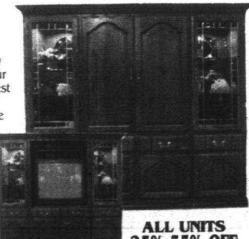


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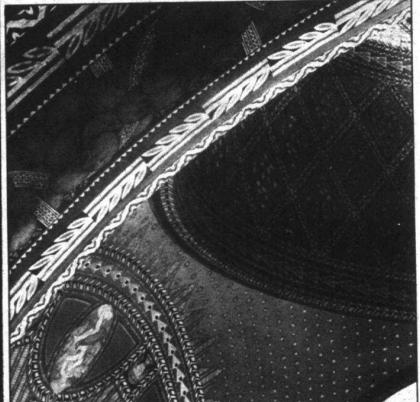




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The great indoors offers fine photo opportunities



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Labor Day!

Photography is so often regarded as an outdoor activity that many amateurs overlook the photographic possibilities to be found indoors. The world contains many rooms, new and old, humble and grand, that may reveal a little MONTE that may reveal a name NAGLER of the way people live

or provide a scene as

attractive as a landscape. Begin by analyzing the character of the room and selecting its most important features. In a house, it may be a curved staircase or a vaulted ceiling with dramatic beams. In a public building, look for a row of columns, a marble statue or perhaps a painted fresco.

Select a vantage point that best shows the interior. Maybe it's from the bottom of the stairs looking up at an unusual angle or looking down from an upper balcony.

Most often, a wide angle lens between 17mm and 28mm is in order. They not only enable you to get more of the interior in the viewfinder, but they give you the all-important advantage of tremendous depth-of-field. This way, you can place foreground subjects such as a vase of flowers or figurine in the foreground to add extra interest to your shot and fill the empty space at the bottom of the

viewfinder. You'll need a small aperture that will require a longer shutter speed, but so what? Nothing's moving - just

Make sure if shooting across a room that the camera angle is perpendicular to the walls. This way, vertical lines won't converge, they'll be straight up

ors is natural light coming in from windows and skylights. Be sure to use daylight balanced color film in your choice of slides or prints.

If there is no window light to illuminate your interior, artificial light is required. Use either flash or tungston lights and make sure you're using the right film for proper color balance daylight with flash and tungston film

raphy are composition and selecting the best camera position. As in all good photography, you want to produce a meaningful photograph with impact. Try to capture the essence and personality of the interior you are photograph-

Monte Nagler is a fine art photogra-pher based in Farmington Hills. You his mailbox number, 1873. His fax number is (810) 644-1314.

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BOOK BREAK

Author asked the wise about life's meaning



When William Elliott was 12 years old, both his mother and father died within six months of each other. The priest said, "It was God's will," but those words gave cold comfort to a young man whose trust in the goodness of life had been severely shaken.

"I began to search for the meaning behind the workings of the world." writes the author of "Tying Rocks to Clouds" (Quest Books, 1995, \$22) "I didn't understand why there should be such pain and suffering."

But questions posed to friends and relatives about the meaning of life and death usually drew blank stares or embarrassed stammers. A traffic cop who once pulled an errant Elliott over for speeding told him bluntly, "The purpose of life is to survive it.

Maturity only intensified the author's quest for meaning. As yet devoid of academic and profesional credentials, without even a decent typewriter to record his request, the psychology ma-jor decided to address his questions to people who had a reputation for wisdom and spirituality. He composed a list that included the likes of Mother Teresa, the Dali Lama, B.F. Skinner, Rabbi Harold Kushner, Norman Vincent Peale and a host of others.

Whether nervy or just plain naive, Elliott dared to ask each person on his list for a personal interview. Some greeted his request with silence; others with refusals, pleading illness, time constraints or lack of interest. Yet as positive replies began to trickle in, Elliott organized his life accordingly.

To raise money for travel, the wouldbe author worked the night shift in a psychiatric hospital, moved into a trailer park to cut expenses and sold his blood for needed cash.

"Tying Rocks to Clouds," subtitled "Conversations with Wise and Spiritual People," is a compilation of Elliott's in-terviews, representing a wide spectrum of religious and philosophical thought, from Eastern mysticism to Western rationalism. In addition to the luminaries already mentioned, Elliott spoke with Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, famous for her work with death and dying, Robert Schuller, minister of California's Crystal Cathedral and Sunday telecast "The Hour of Power"; Swami Satchidananda, founder of the Integral Yoga Institute; and Albert Ellis, author and creator of the Institute for Rational Emotive Be-

havior Therapy.

Besides the fundamental questions about the purpose of life and the origin of evil, Elliott approached his interviewees armed with a battery of 24 insightful questions: "If you were on your deathbed, what advice would you give to your son or daughter? De you think

maleness and femaleness, besides the body? What are the three greatest problems in life? What do you feel life still has to teach you?"

The responses from world-famous thinkers and doers are thought-provoking and uplifting. Yet there is much more to Elliott's book. Interspersed among the interviews is the story of the author's gradual emotional and spiritual transformation. It begins with the image of a self-effacing hero worshipper, content to dissect life rather than live it, and ends with a man confident of his worth, able to acknowledge that the alienation he feels from life can be over come only when he no longer needs to question its meaning.

Paraphrasing Zen philosopher Toni Packer, Elliott writes, "When there is no feeling of separation, then there is just living, just life, no one standing outside of it and worrying about the meaning of this."

"Tying Rocks to Clouds" is a bed side book, not to be read in one sititng, but to be sampled and savored a bit at a time. The metaphor of its title reveals the author's intention: to connect the real with our vision of the ideal. The "wise and spiritual people" of this book give no pat answers; they stress the need for each of us to embark on a personal spiritual journey. And perhaps, as Elliott and others have reminded us, the best answers are in the quesitons themselves.

From the book: "The only thing that counts in life is love - not just how much love we can give, but we must learn how to receive it, because we can only give as much as we allow ourselves to receive." Dr. Elis-

"Religion is not so much a matter of having the right answers, but of being part of a community through which we grow to be human." Rabbi Harold

"Do everything for God . . . God has given you many gifts — use them for the greater glory of God and the good of the people." Mother Teresa

'We don't do anything because of what is going to happen; we do things because of what has happened." B.F. Skinner

"Humans take their preferences, desires, wishes, wants and likes (almost all of which are fairly legitimate), and they foolishly change them into Jehovistic commands, demands, shoulds and oughts, which really don't exist in the universe." Albert Ellis

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Auction, preview set

An auction will take place 6 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Jan. 10-11, at the Frank H. Boos Gallery, 420 Enterrrise Court in Bloomfield Hills.

A three-day preview will be noon to 8 p.m. Friday and Monday, Jan. 5 and 8, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9. For more details, call (810) 332-1500.

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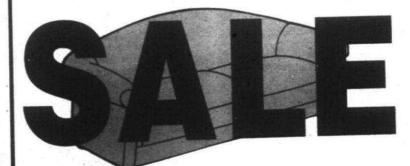
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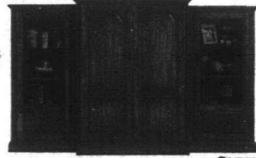
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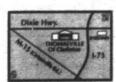




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techniques.

Bloomfield recently attended the seventh annual Custom Builders Symposium in New Orleans sponsored by the National Associa-**Manny Dembe** tion of Home Builders More than 500 builders gathered to share ideas, learn new marketing and

Schostak adds staff

management concepts and attend seminars on creative designs and innovative, cost-effective production

Schostak Brothers & Co., a diversified, full-service real estate company in Southfield, has added three sales associates to its brokerage depart-

Giancarlo D. Pinterpe, a Troy res ident, will specialize in the industrial

Prior to joining Schostak, Pinterpe was project manager for GCI Construction. He's a Ferris State gradu-

Harry L. Cohn, a Farmington Hills resident, will specialize in the retail

Cohn formerly owned a property management/apartment rental company in Chicago. He graduated from the University of Arizona.

Randall S. Thomas, who lives on Commerce Lake, also will specialize in the retail area.

Thomas previously served as director of secondary marketing at Sterling Bank & Trust. He graduated from Michigan State.

CBR awarded

Marilyn Snyder and Carol Copping, agents with the Real Estate One office in Northville, have received the professional designation of Certified Buyer Representative.

Copping has exceeded \$5 million in sales during the past two years combined, Snyder \$3 million during this her first year in the business. Both are on the Real Estate One Relocation Specialist Team.

Peterson named

Kenneth W. Peterson of KW Hills, has been named among the top "Megabrokers of the Midwest" by Unique Homes, a national magazine of luxury real estate.

Peterson, with 26 years of professional experience, specializes in the listing and sales of medium to highend residential properties with an emphasis on new construction.





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New president: Gilbert "Buzz" Silverman takes over as president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan.

BIA president plans to be liaison

By Doug FUNKE

Gilbert "Buzz" Silverman, a thirdgeneration builder, has big plans for
the Building Industry Association,
one of the largest professional associations of builders in the nation, when
he becomes its president next week.

"I think customer satisfaction is the
most important thing our association
ultimately does," Silverman said.

"The bottom line is customer satisfaction through industry advancement,
builder education and customer service programs."

vice programs."

BIA, founded in 1928 and currently headquartered in Farmington Hills, has nearly 2,000 members including developers, builders, remodelers, contractors, suppliers and financial institutions.

Silverman, 40, is president and CEO

of the Silverman Companies, which builds houses starting at about \$150,000 and luxury spartments.

"I think there are four areas of industry involvement I have specific experience in through our corporate divisions land development, multi-family apartment development, sin-gle-family and remodeling or renova-tion," Silverman said.

tion," Silverman said.

"My job is to focus on key issues facing our constituency or members in all four of those areas.

"I would see my role as government haison for the building industry with the state in the area of environmental issues and low-to-moderate incomeaffordable housing," he said.

The effectiveness of any organization hinges on its leadership. The annual changing of the guard is about to occur with the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan

"I think the association's role is to facilitate growth of real estate devel-opment in the city of Detroit as an

opment in the city of Detroit as an industry objective and an independent business objective," he said.

"Nineteen ninety six should represent the biggest year for housing development in Detroit in something like 25 years between the Empowerment Zone and Mayor Archer's outreach program."

The incoming president also wants to establish a home page on the computer Internet for BIA members to have another communication forum.

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Silverman said he's especially honored to serve as BIA president

ored to serve as BIA president because his father, Gilbert, was president in 1968, and his grandfather. Nathan, was a builder. Silverman is married to Jan and dad to Jessica, Lesley and Michael. They live in Bloomfield Hills.

"What makes me tick? Balance between business, family, recreation and friends," Silverman said.

"We have an exciting business. I consider myself fortunate to be a housing specialist firm in 1995 and '96 with the lowest unemployment rate in the state of Michigan since I can remember coupled with the lowest mortgage er coupled with the lowest mortgage

"Recreation, I play a lot of tennis,

and I'm an assistant coach on several teams for my kids," Silverman said. "I have a number of friends around the country, having gone to school out

"Family is top priority. Although my schedule is extremely busy, we take a number of family vacations throughout the year as well as weekend fami-ly outings in order to spend quality

"My wife organizes everything with our family and really provides me the opportunity _ a better way to put it is keeps me involved on a daily basis and is a big supporter of my business activities."

He readily acknowledges that he can't and won't be a one-man opera-

"The staff at BIA are some of the most professional, organized and dedi-cated people I've come in contact with," he said. "Because of the quality of organization in my company, it made it possible for me to have time available to pursue important outside

Silverman's colleagues have confice in his capabili

"He's a very hard-working young man, very conscientious," said Janet L. Compo, outgoing BIA president. "His intelligence is outstanding. I

commend him for his abilities, charisms and willingness to serve."

"He's been a very active builder, and that gives a certain insight from a business perspective," said Rex Rosenhaus, a Southfield builder. "When you combine that with his When you combine that with his

"When you combine that with his being a volunteer member of our association for so long, you have a nice example of personal essence."

Although busy with several projects including the Preserve in Commerce Township, Lake Waldon Village in Independence Township and Indian Lake Village in Lake Orion, Silverman says he's ready to take on BIA

man says he's ready to take on BIA leadership responsibilities.

"A key ingredient for me is maintaining and improving the public perception of the building industry," he said. "I think our reputation is good and always improve."

and can always improve."

Other BIA officers for 1996 are:

Scott Jacobson, president, S.R. Jacobson Development, Birmingham, first vice president.

Mark F. Guidobono, chief executive

officer, Cambridge Homes, Northville,

Peter Burton, president, Burton/Katzman Development, Bing-

ham Farms, secretary.
Vice presidents are David Kellett
Sr., president, Kellett Construction,
Bloomfield Hills; Rex Rosenhaus, vice
president, Uniland, Southfield; Stephen Slavik Sr., president, the Slavik Company, Farmington Hills; and Stephen Taglione, president, Her-itage Residential Group, Farmington Hills.

Seller is liable for withholding negative information



Q. I have heard about a recent case in New Jersey which extended the obligation of dis-closure on a seller well beyond what would normally be the case. Do you have any informa-tion regarding a case involving an abandoned landfill?

A. Yes. In a recent decision by the New Jersey Supreme Court, the court held that buyers of houses in a new development stated a cause of

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a new development stated a cause of action against the developer and real estate broker for failing to disclose an abandoned landfill, containing hazardous waste, was located less than 1/2 mile from some of the houses. In that case, the plaintiffs alleged that the developers were aware of the existence and hazards of the landfill and that they suffered from odors and physical symptoms from exposure to gases caused by decomposition of waste at the landfill.

The court indicated that there is a duty to disclose

The court indicated that there is a duty to disclose nt on-site conditions that are known to the seller

and unknown and not readily observable to the buyer. The court extended this to off-site conditions, limiting the duty to disclose to "professional sellers of residential housing."

Thus, the court held that a "builder, developer of

residential real estate or a broker representing it" is liable for non-disclosure of off-site physical conditions known to it and unknown and not readily observable by the buyer if the existence of those conditions is of sufficient materiality to effect the habitability, use or enjoyment of the property and, therefore, render the property substantially less desirable or valuable to the objectively reasonable buyer.

The court also held that builders and brokers could face liability on the consumer fraud act, which probables both affirmation and act.

hibits both affirmative acts and acts of omission. As to the broker liability, the court seemed to equate the broker liability to that of the seller, since it held that the broker is under an equal duty to disclose.

Q. I am considering a move to the Washington, D.C., area, in particular, Georgetown. Are the famous townhouses of Georgetown normally condominiumized and, if so, what advantages would that give me?

A. Based upon my analysis on a recent visit to the Washington, D.C. area, most of the townhouses that one finds in Georgetown are not formal condominium projects but are rather either individual units

and/or are traditional townhouses with a party wall.
While there are certain condominiums or cooperatives in the area, most of the units are not established under any formal statutory regime. Whether or not that is beneficial for you depends upon your desire to have a structured association determining

what rights and obligations you have. Generally speaking, in the context of a townhouse of the type of Georgetown, it may not be necessary to be condominiumized to afford the parties the adequate protections one would normally require.

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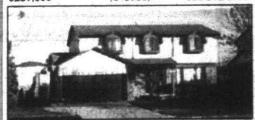
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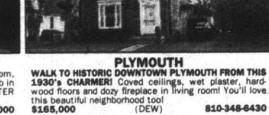
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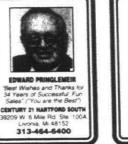
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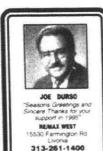
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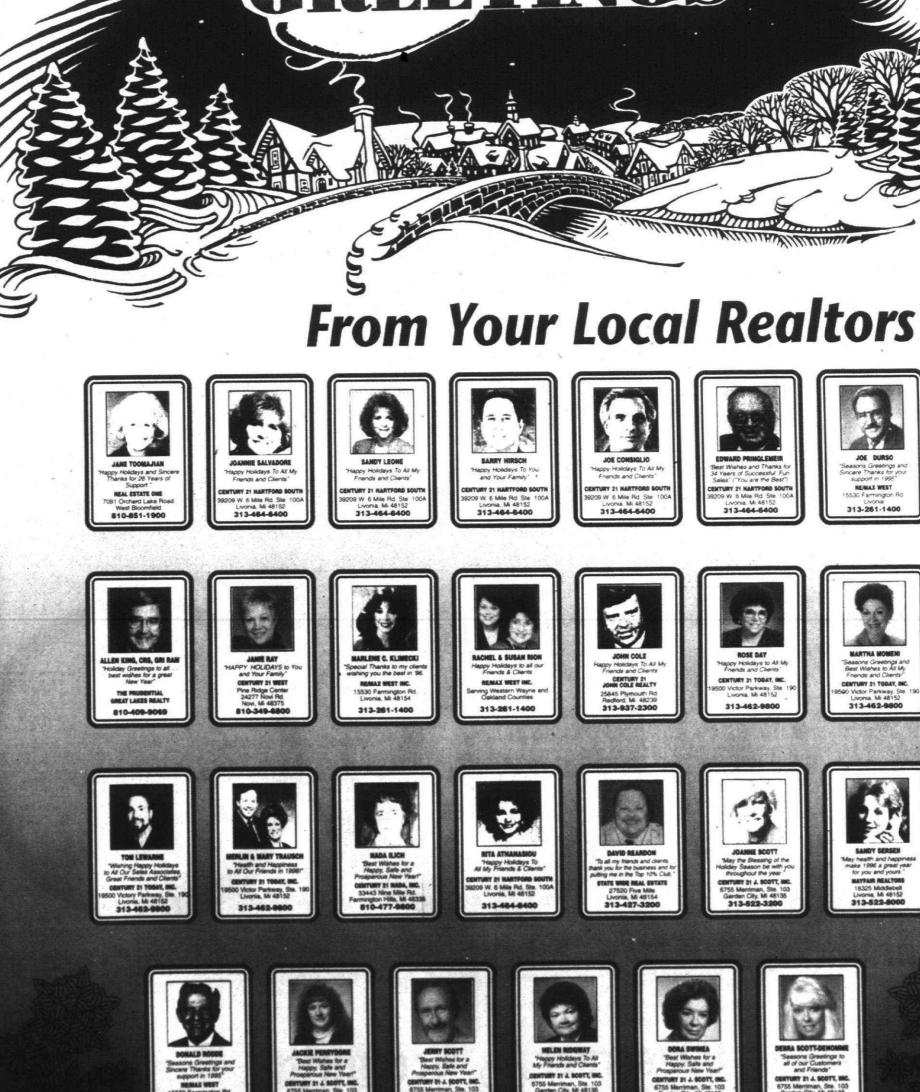


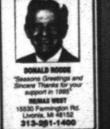


















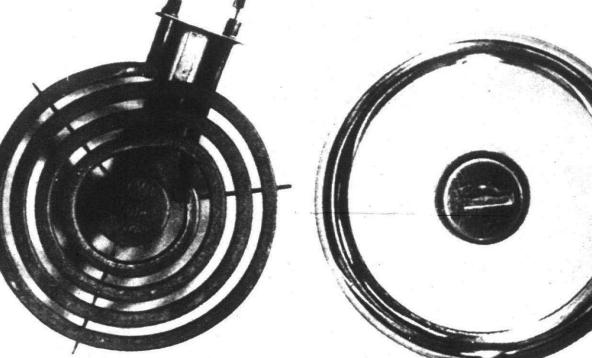




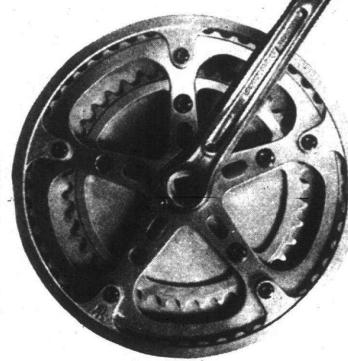




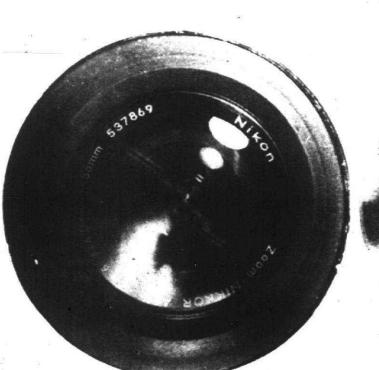
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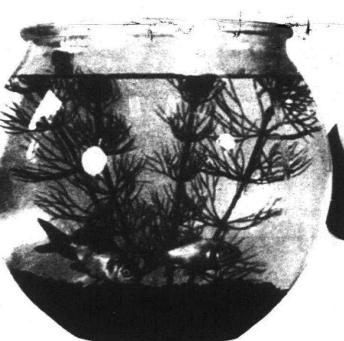






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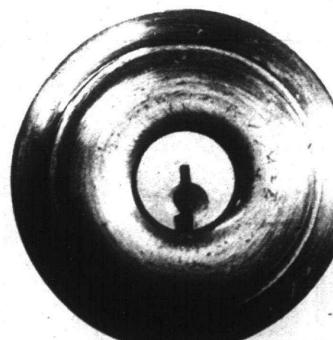
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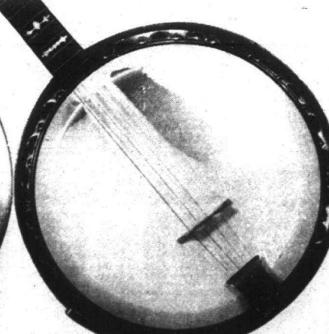
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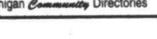
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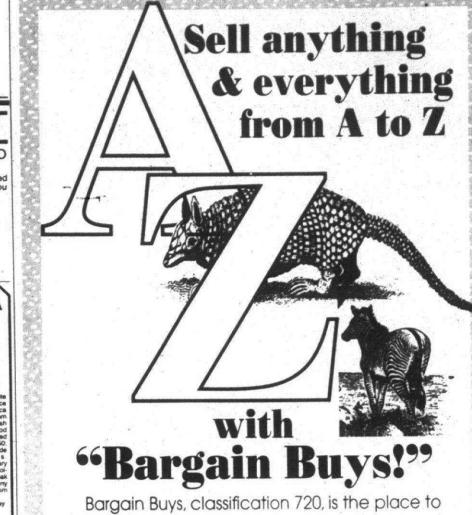
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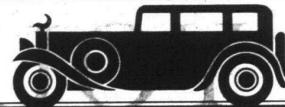
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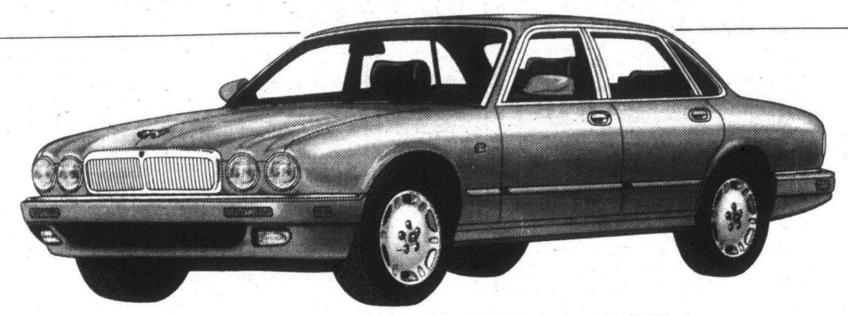
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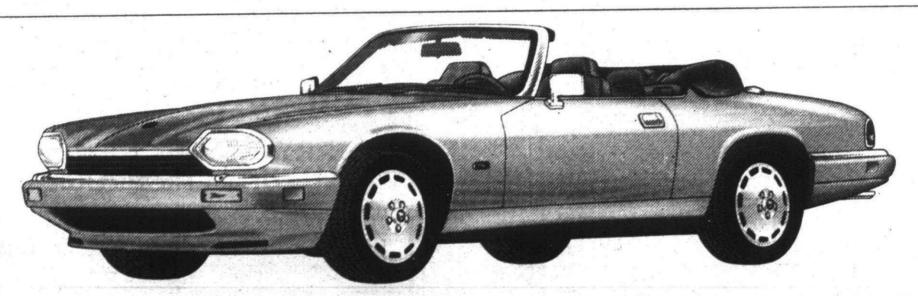


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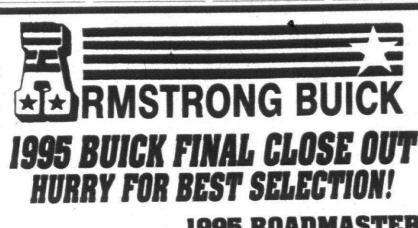
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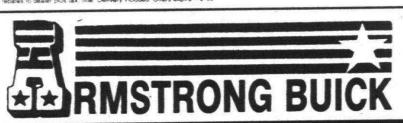
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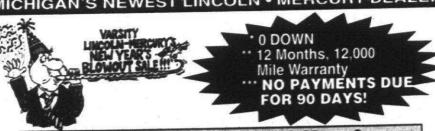
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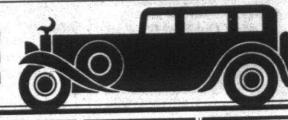
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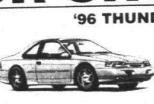
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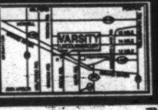
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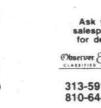


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"People are really luxury conscious. What's amazing is they can afford it," said James Bonadeo, a Plymouth builder with 49 years experience in residential construction.

White is the popular decorative color.

"The hot thing this year is white cabinets," Bonadeo said. 'Some are made of wood, some of compressed material, some plastic. It all looks the same. It's all expensive."

White microwaves, ranges and sometimes faucets, too, complement the cabinets, Bonadeo add-

"One thing people keep asking about is a sitting room off the kitchen," said Fred Capaldi, a Rochester Hills builder.

'It used to be called a nook where you could set up a table and four chairs. Now, it's more like a little room, maybe with a hexagonal shaped ceiling," he

Some builders place a two-way fireplace between the kitchen and family room to accent the sitting area. Some call the space a hearth

"A lot of plans we're modifying because people want more living area in the kitchen area," said Ellen Whitefield, vice president for the Selective Group New Home Center in Southfield.

"People spend a lot of time there," she said. "Someone may be doing homework, someone may be cooking, someone may be working on a computer."

There is a flip side, apparently, to more space in the kitchen.

"Some rooms, like the living room, are getting smaller," Bonadeo said. "One reason, I think, is fewer people want to use them."

Customers and builders have

an eye on making use of every nook and cranny.

"Window seating - it seems invariably someone asks, "Can I put a window seat in my little girl's bedroom?" Capaldi said. 'We're doing almost the same thing in master bedrooms, putOne thing people keep asking about is a sitting room off the kitchen. It used to be called a nook where you could set up a table and four chairs. Now, it's more like a little room, maybe with a hexagonalshaped celling."

> Fred Capaldi Rochester Hills builder

ting little bubbles out and they become good sitting areas.

Some buyers look for bonus rooms built over the garage to be used as a play room, exercise room or computer room.

"There's a lot more customized wiring done on a house - additional electrical outlets, computer plugs, additional phone lines,' said Deen Hyde, marketing director for Pulte Homes. "Everyone has to make sure they have enough current to run their toys."

Plant shelves increasingly show up at at the foot and head of staircases and in the bath area of master suites.

Granite and marble countertops and brass fixtures also are on the increase. Volume ceilings are still popular. More and fancier windows add to a feeeling of spaciousness.

Other things jump out at housing providers.

There's an increased demand. and I expect that to continue, for first floor masters or ranches,"Hyde said. "Kids are leaving home and parents want tolive on the first floor but still want extra room when the kids come back to visit."

"I'm amazed at the number of recessed light fixtures and paddle ceiling fans," Capaldi said.

'Oak stairs or oak stair ends have been a big thing with us this year," Bonadeo said.

"We're finding people tend to red in brick tones," Whitefield said. "For many years, people wanted white or gray. I think when they drive past older, established houses that have red brick, they equate that with quality.'

That's what everything boils down to from Whitefield's obser-



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Beautiful features: Volume windows, wood flooring and high ceilings are in demand by buyers of new houses.

"We find people appreciate brand name quality, a company that has been in business and will Kohler in all-house plumbing and

be in business," she said. "They want it to be included as part of the standard package. We offer GE appliances "The word quality keeps coming up. Customers feel like they're

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ty," Whitefield said.

"The more homes people have owned, the more definite they are in what they want," Hyde said.

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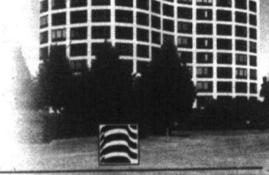
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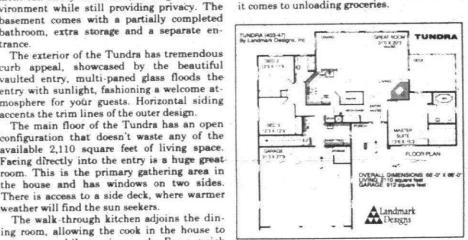
bathroom, extra storage and a separate en-The exterior of the Tundra has tremendous curb appeal, showcased by the beautiful vaulted entry, multi-paned glass floods the entry with sunlight, fashioning a welcome atmosphere for your guests. Horizontal siding

accents the trim lines of the outer design. The main floor of the Tundra has an open onfiguration that doesn't waste any of the available 2,110 square feet of living space. Facing directly into the entry is a huge greatroom. This is the primary gathering area in the house and has windows on two sides. There is access to a side deck, where warmer weather will find the sun seekers.

The walk through kitchen adjoins the dinng room, allowing the cook in the house to save steps while serving meals. For a quick snack or less-formal dining, there is a handy eating bar. In addition to built-in appliances, the kitchen features a roomy walk-in pantry. The elegant master suite is situated to the

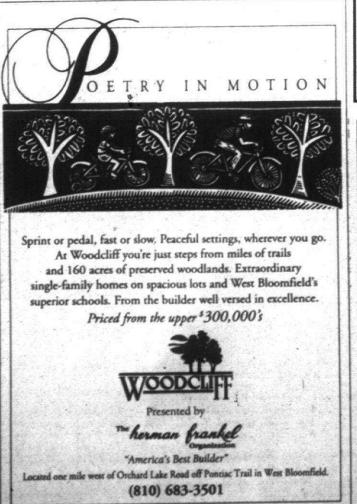
ter suite amenities include a large walk-in closet, vanity and private bathroom with an oversized spa tub. The two secondary bedrooms are at the opposite end of the house. Each has abundant closet space, and they share a full bathroom and linen storage.

A spacious utility room, with deep sink and freezer chest, completes the design. Placement of the utility by the garage is a big plus when it comes to unloading groceries.



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Prior to the postwar building boom in the 1950s, Hougland says interior noises weren't much of a problem because walls were built of plaster on lath. That's far too expensive today and in some cases wouldn't meet modern building codes.

Instead these are nesses productions. Instead, there are newer prod-ucts and techniques to create sound barriers such as light-weight concrete for subflooring

and metal channels for walls that decouple joists and wallboard.

usually not necessary with shin-

gles, since they lie flat. If an open-

sheathed roof isn't a practical op-

tion for you, the shakes or shin-

gles should be attached to

horizontal furring strips that al-

low an inch or so of air to move

between the bottom of the shin-

gles or shakes and the plywood or

Another important factor is al-

lowing for the natural expansion

of wood. If space is not left for

this and the shingles or shakes

are butted up close together,

you're likely to get a failure, or

crack, in the nail line. Usually,

leaving one-quarter-inch space or

keyway between each shingle, and

about one-half-inch space be-

tween shakes is enough to allow

When actually fastening shin-

gles, the shingle, ideally, should

hang on its nails. The nailheads

should be driven so they are just

flush with the shingle surface.

Don't dimple it or sink the nails

in, as you run the risk of punch-

ing a hole which will allow the

shingle to lift right off the roof.

them from rusting and staining

Before starting the job, always

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solid sheathing.

Understanding what's involved

for installation and maintenance

will go a long way in helping you

decide if a wood shake or shingle

One of the secrets of a success-

ful wood-roof application is ade-

quate ventilation. Because of the

shakes, the open sheathing

vides extra protection from driv-

lows adequate ventilation at all

ing winds and rain, but still al-

By BARBARA MAYER

ew home theater.

of quiet homes.

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unwanted sound is important.

and floors. As a result, the compa-

ny is promoting its thermal insulation as a sound insulation, too.

It wasn't even noon and alread

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A noisy home is becoming a no-

Floors that don't squeak, appli-

Acoustical Society of America.

in mind that the rough, uneven preventing

extra protection. When installing path in the roof.

nature of the product, air must be Two nails should be used per

able to circulate underneath it to piece, placed about three-quar-

prevent moisture buildup and its ters-inch from each side, 1-inch

resultant rot. Historically, an above where the next butt line for

open-sheathed roofing system was the next row will be. Covering the

used, which accomplished this nailheads like this helps prevent

Today, this is still the preferred the roof surface. The seams

method of installation. But keep should line up for three courses,

nature of shakes demands some water from wearing a channel or

should be interwoven with the felt check local building codes before

paper so the tips of the shakes are reroofing to see what require-

up underneath the felt. This proments there might be in terms of

Buyers are looking

for quieter houses

roof is the right choice for you.

objective very nicely.

The door, a first line of defense against unwanted noise, has also Dana Hougland had fielded changed. Hollow-core doors re placed solid wood doors as an in search of some quiet. The owner dustry standard in the early 1950s of a large open-plan house in Asbecause they cost less. Unforpen, Colo., was bothered by revertunately, they filter out less noise berating footsteps. The cerler Several companies now sell solfrom Vail, Colo., wanted to minid-core doors with a molded fiber-

mize plumbing and heating board filler for better sound insunoises so he could better enjoy his lation. Premdor, a Tampa, Fla. manufacturer, says prices start at The scenario is repeated almost about \$75, compared with about daily, says Hougland, an acousti-\$25for hollow doors. Solid wood cal engineer in Denver, Colo., who doors start at about \$100. leads the technical committee on lies in the war against noise in the

home. Older dishwashers can be loud enough to stop conversano. Whether an open-plan layout or overcrowded lives set nerves ations. Upscale European brands such as Miehle and Bosch introjangling, the need for the sound of duced the concept of the quiet silence is rising, especially among dishwasher about five years ago American makers were quick to ances that are seen but not heard

and walls that don't talk are held "Quiet operation has become up as models by those in pursuit the main selling point for highend dishwashers in the last year "Sometimes, it is even a matter or so," says Mark Buss, vice presof 'I don't want to hear my own ident of Jenn-Air Co. in Indianapteen-agers," says Hougland, a

principal in the firm of David L. Jenn-Air recently introduced three UQ - ultimate quiet -Through the 1970s, a lot of the models that the company says are residential construction was 50 percent quieter than its other aimed at first-time buyers, and speed and cost were factors. To-\$650 each, they're about \$50 more day, the market is in luxury than other Jenn-Air models. homes, and insulation against

Although many new dishwash In a survey conducted for ers are quieter than their prede cessors, there's no industry stan-Owens-Corning Fiberglas in Todard to measure the differences, ledo. Ohio, more than 40 percent as there is with energy efficiency of prospective home buyers said they would pay an extra \$500 for

"At this point, consumers are at the mercy of the seller and manufacturer," Hougland says.

manufacturer," Hougland says.
"If they say it is quiet, you have to take their word for it."

Dishwashers may be quieter, but refrigerators are noisier shan ever because of recent changes in condensers for greater energy efficiency, says Tracy Haak of the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers in Chicago.

Other major appliances due to be shushed are home laundry equipment. Jim Schmiedeskamp, a company spokesman, says a 1995 booklet titled "Quiet Please" refers to the insulation as a "comprehensive acoustical control system."

"It wouldn't surprise me

clothes washers received more attention, now that they are moving out of the basement and into the kitchen and the bathroom," Haak

WAYNE BUSINESS & Finance

Precision Tune shop owner stresses service

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN

Kathy Spencer is moving her

Spencer, owner of the recently opened Precision Tune on Five Mile at Middlebelt in Livonia, is a veteran of the car-care business.

She opened the Precision Tune at Middlebelt and Warren 15 years ago. She owned 11 Precision Tune shops at one time, but has sold some. She now owns five: three in Detroit, one in Wyandotte and the Livonia store.

"Livonia has been a difficult place to penetrate," she said, in part, because no property has been available.

Spencer's also a regional manager, which means she troubleshoots at shops. She spends a day or two at each store as she makes the rounds. As a regional manager her area includes 13

She first got into the business with her now ex-husband. He was an engineer with General Motors and she was a hairdresser, managing a shop in Dearborn. Neither of them had a background in car

But now she feels confident. "I can't fix cars, but I can often pinpoint the problem," she said.

Precision Tune services include anything under the hood plus the brakes. The shops don't do major engine work, mufflers or body

Things have changed in Spencer's years in car repair. Convenience and service are the watchwords these days

Precision Tune is leaning more and more toward service to keep people coming back, she said. Many people come in saying they are looking for a good mechanic. "I say to them 'I hope

we're the one," she said. When the business started, it was only for tuneups. Now people bring cars in for maintenance. That service is usually performed in under two hours.

Making the wait less painful is one of Spencer's goals. She tries to offer a customer-friendly waiting room. And rather than just waiting at Precision Tune, she

Making the wait less painful is one of Spencer's goals. She tries to offer a customerfriendly waiting room. And rather than just waiting at Precision Tune, she plans to offer certificates, so customers can visit the McDonald's across the street during the wait.

across the street during the wait. Years ago people didn't get

their oil changed until the oil light came on, but people are starting to understand that maintaining a car is a way to keep it a long time, Spencer said. Cars are complicated now. It

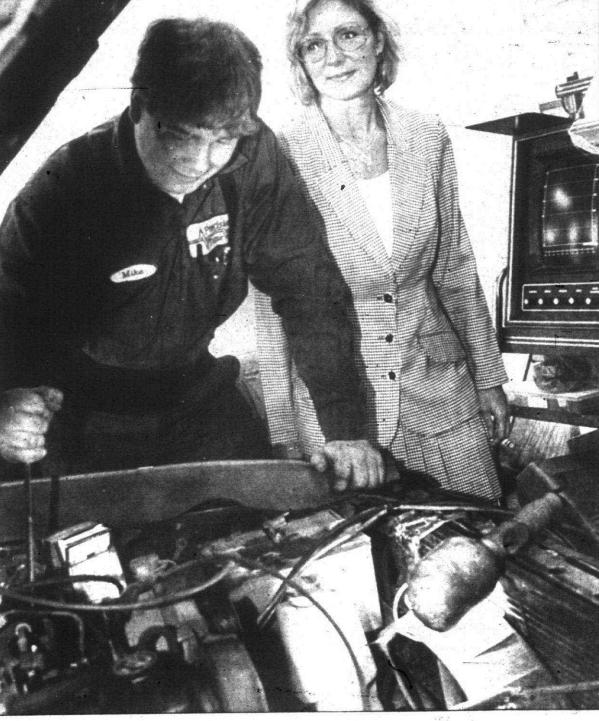
may take a couple hours to find the problem, she said. Also a person can't really be a backyard mechanic now. "The average consumer doesn't understand the training that our technicians have," she said.

The industry has changed. Cars have changed. It used to be a repair shop followed the rule don't fix it if it's not broken. But in recent years the move is toward maintenance and even warning customers when they are headed for a problem. "I had a lady in the other day.

She had no protection in her antifreeze," Spencer said, because she was worried the engine block would crack in the cold, Spencer said she practically begged the woman to have the work done even if she took the car to another It's also important to be com-

munity aware, she said. Along with that Precision Tune is working on a fund-raiser for local high schools and sponsors a local charity softball game between the Detroit Red Wings and area celebrities planned for Aug. 11.

She hopes all this goes toward bringing customers back. But, it's not enough to have a satisfied



Lack of balanced budget hurts economic growth



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levels of employment to fuel economic growth at about 21/2 percent through 1996.

If we do not get a budget accord in Washington in the near future, could further fuel the slowdown what could that mean? "The reaction could be quite negative," said lead to a recession. Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan, predicting that even though the Federal Reserve reduced the federal funds rate from 5.75 percent Susan Phillips gage interest rates and rates in purchase of big ticket consumer recently stated that fragile con-

The segments of the economy that might be most affected would include autos, major appliances and other consumer goods. This in the economy and eventually

What the politicians in Washington do about the budget will have an effect on consumers. It could cost more to borrow for the sumer spending should still cre- rise if a budget agreement was not and stereos. Reluctance on the

slow down the economy, which could result in higher unemploy-

tiee. The prospects of a slowing economy translate into lower corporate profits and lower stock prices. Recent sharp downturns in the markets are a validation of this concern.

Short-term recent interest rate reduction and the fact that the parties in Washington are meeting, the economy and Wall Street should be stable. Long term, be-

budget accord in Washington verse course. Higher interest rates could put a significant damper on economic growth.

As citizens in a country in which the vote counts, we should be writing or calling our senators congressmen and president urging them to act responsibly and balance the budget. Their attention registered representative with Sigto fiscal matters in Washington ma Planning Corp. in Livonia. A has a great impact on all of us.

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meth sharing anyhow. M Are your New Year's Eve plans all made? I plan to spend the evening with friends and hope you have made similar plans. Whatever you do, don't spend New Year's Eve on-line; it's not healthy. But for those with a fixation, who insist on being sick anyhow, then you might as well check

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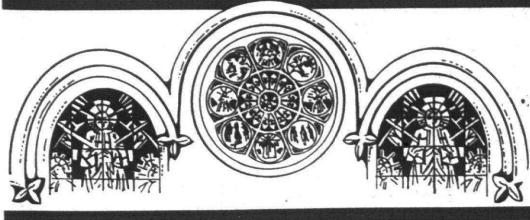
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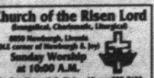
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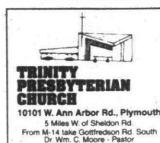
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should be submitted no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. M NEW YEAR'S SERVICES A New Year's Communion service will be held at 6 p.m. New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, at Holy Trinity Lu-theran Church, 39029 Five Mile Road, Livonia. In addition to the iturgy of the Eucharist, familiar Christmas hymns will be sung. For more information, call (313) 464-0211. St. Matthew Lutheran Church

> 20 and counting: St. Michael Lutheran Church and School recently recognized John Wolf (right) for his 20 years of teaching in Lutheran schools, the last seven at St. Michael's. Joining him were Richard Krepsky (from left) and Cynthia Mehdi Khan, who have joined the staff

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Merriman Road Baptist Church's New Year's Eve celebraion will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. Dec. 31, Eve dinner party for the commuwith participants gathering at the church, 2055 Merriman, Garden nity following the 7 p.m. worship service New Year's Eve, Sunday, City, for a fifth Sunday sing to Dec. 31. There will be a buffet celebrate the coming of the New dinner, disc jockey, non-alcoholic Year. There will be special music beverages, games, dancing and and message for the New Year. the usual countdown to midnight. Child care provisions will be as Tickets are \$15 per person and usual. For more information, call are available by calling Bob at

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church will have its New Year's Eve service at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 31 at the church, 17810 Farmington Road, Livonia. For nore information, call (313) 261-

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will have three services New

ear's Eve and New Year's Day.

There will be services at 10 a.m.

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ments and then a return to the

and welcome the New Year. For

and music at 8:30 p.m. New

8500 N. Morton Taylor Road,

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At Newburgh United Methodist Church, there will be a 10 a.m. worship service on New Year's Eve. Dec. 31, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-0149. At Faith Lutheran Church,

New Year's services will be at 7 p.m. New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, and at 10:45 a.m. New Year's Day, Jan. 1, at the the church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. For more in formation, call (313) 421-7249.

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"How Do Christian Scientists **11** 75TH ANNIVERSARY Feel About Jesus?" on Jan. 21; Former members of Redford Lu and "What Kind of Faith in God theran Church are invited to come Heals?" on Jan. 28. The series back to the church at 22159 also can be heard at 8:30 a.m. Grand River, Detroit, on Sunday Sundays on CKLW-AM 800. The series is produced by the Christian Science Committee on Publi-A service of praise and cation for Michigan and spon-

sored by local Christian Science churches. For more information, M NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION Ward Presbyterian Church will will be a program of entertain-

> III LITURGY ON TAPE The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is available on video tape for a cost of \$15, plus \$3 postage, from Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, Livonia 48152. The tapes make a great gift for a shut-in or those unable to attend the liturgy. The tapes also can be given to those people who are either seeking or expressing an interest in the Orthodox faith.

M SELLING BOOKS St. Aidan Church is selling 1996 Entertainment passbooks for \$40. Proceeeds will be used to send members to the annual CYO Rainbow Youth Conference. Books can be purchased in the parish office, Farmington Road in Livonia. For more information, all (313) 425-5950.

(810) 474-3444.

ish are bidding farewell to Bishop Andrew Pataki, their spiritul leader, who has been appointed bishop of the Diocese of Passaic, N.J.

Pataki had been head of the Diocese of Parma, which includes the state of Michigan. Word of his appointment

came on Nov. 21 from the Vatican Embassy when Apostolic Pro-nuncio Archbishop Agostio Cacciavillan announced that Pope John Paul II had appointed Pataki to succeed Bishop Michael J. Dudick as bishop of the Diocese of Passaic. The 79-year old Dudick re-

signed in accord with Catholic Church law. His resignation

Members of Livonia's Sacred was accepted by the pope. Pa-Heart Byzantine Catholic Par-taki becomes the third bishop setts, New Hampshire, New of the Passaic diocese, founded in July 1963. The first bishop was Steven J. Kocisko, later appointed as Metropolitan Archoishop of Pittsburgh.

Livonia Byzantine parish

bids farewell to its bishop

diocese of Parma includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin as well as a portion of Ohio. It numbers 15,000 members with 42 par

four religious priests.

ishes, 45 diocesan priests and

His new assignment covers Columbia, Florida, Georgia, members.

setts, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Ver mont, Virginia and all of eastern Pennsylvania. The diocese has 70,000 members with 100 Pataki leaves behind a parishes and 92 diocesan priests and 23 religious priests.

> In a letter to members of the Parma diocese, Pataki acknowledged his gratitude to Pope John Paul II for the appointment which, he said, expresses the pope's confidence in him.

"During my 11 years as the eparch of the Eparchy of Par-Byzantine-Ruthenian Catholics ma, we were able to pray togethliving in New Jersey, Connecti- er and work together to further cut, Delaware, the District of the kingdom of God," he told





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Educational opportunities include Noah's Ark for preschoolers, Comparative Religions, the Church Studies Homosexuali y, Teaching Your Child Values, Faithlink, Men of Faith (Promise Keepers) and quilting.

the Cherub Choir for Kindergartners through second graders, the Children's Choir for third through sixth graders and the Youth Choir for seventh through 12th graders. Drama opportunities include youth drama for sev enth through 12th graders and children's drama for third

Jan. 21, to celebrate 75 years of thanksgiving at 10:30 a.m. will have the Rev. Carl E. Mehl; former pastor of Redford Lutheran, as the guest speaker. Following the Holy Communion service, a luncheon buffet will be held in Mossner Hall at 1 p.m. There also

day. Dec. 31, with an evening of ment and reminiscing with presfellowship. It will begin at 9 p.m. ent and former members. with a sacred Christian concert Reservations for the luncheon featuring Robin Hibschman. A are necessary and must be made buffet will be available at 10 p.m. by Jan. 15 by calling the church by advance reservation only. The at (313) 535-3733. evening will conclude with a Watch Night Service at 11 p.m.

midnight. For more information call (313) 422-1826. **III SINGLE POINT** Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will have its First Friday Night Live at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, in Knox Hall. Au-

served basis in the Fellowship Hall. Cost will be \$5 and child care will be available. Other activities include Talk I Over at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, in Knoz Hall, James Hoover will discuss the new tax laws and smendments. The Friday, Jan. 26, ruest will be Dr. Don Verhultz who will share a new lifestyle. Free child care will be provided

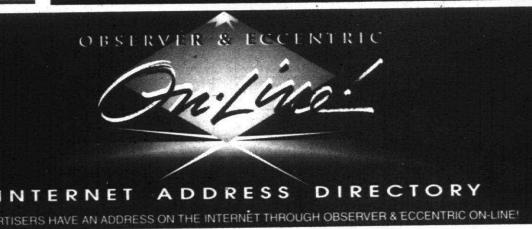
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WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED

SWM. 35, 617, 190bs, attractive, athletic, pro-fessional, seeking slim, trim, attractive, romantic, thoughtful SF, for a quality, monogamous rela-

ONE-TO-ONE WANTED

Italian SWM. 35. 5'6', 160bs. enjoys sporting events, concerts, time with friends seeks SF, who knows how to deal with ups and downs and

keep smiling, for possible fletime relationship.

BORN IN WRONG ERA

SWM, 36, 187lbs., frim, athletic build, attractive

degreed professional, articulate, seeks slim, trim, romantic, affectionate, commitment-minded

BUT to share friendship as foundation for long

DEVELOP MUTUAL INTERESTS

DWM, 36, 518". 145fbs. slim, brown halt light blue eyes, mustache, clean-shoven, good dresser, likes bowling, going north, waterfalls, looking for good, classy, easygoing F, with character & style Aut 3146.

GIVE HIM A CALL

SWM. 37. 6", brown eyes, enjoys karate, movies, concerts, art, long walks, seeking similar SF, for

WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED! ry attractive SWM, 37, 5'10", 165lbs, never

married, no kids, kind-hearted, spontaneous, romantic, enjoys travel, theatre, movies, seeks

sincere, slender, fun SF, 28-40; for possible reig-tionship. Ad# 5653

NEVER MARRIED

SWM, 37, 5:9", 185lbs, enjloys outdoor activities exercise. Jong walks, rollerblading, bliding, fine

dining, seeks SF, with similar interests, for possible

NOT NECESSARILY SERIOUS

SWM, 37, 6", 230bs." brown hale blue eyes, likes going out, movies, sports, seeking SF, with red, hair, for dating, possible relationship. Add 1928.

THINK IT'S YOU?

DWM, 37, 6'3", dark brown halt, hazel eyes

humorous, dad of one, lives in Garden City, likes car racing, summer festivals, dining out, movies.

seeking good-hearted, humorous, old-fash-loned, moral-SE for dating, possible marriage Adtl 1933

WIDE AREA OF INTERESTS

SWM, 38. attractive, fit, likes ballet, cuddling, walking, seeking slim, attractive, romantic SF, for

MENTALLY SECURE

eyes, loyal, N/S, never married but family-orient

ed. likes water sports and togetherness, looking for F. mid-twenties, with positive outlook, who can have fun. Adil 8782:

TRUST AND HONESTY

DWM, 39, 5'7", 165lbs., strawberry-bland hak blue eyes, affectionate, romantic, professional, usue eyes, amectionate, romantic, professional, dad, enjoys comping, traveling, flying, movies, videos, seeks silm, romantic affectionate, car-ing, humorous SF, 30-43, for possible long-term relationship. Adil: 1720

MARRIAGE-MINDED Roman Catholic SAM, 39, 5.9°, 175lbs. othletic build, enjoys dining out, concerts, intelligent conversation, beautiful places, seeks stim, beautiful

SF, 31-39, any race, to share activities and a life together. Additional

SEEKING CHRISTIAN WOMAN

SWM, 39, never married, enjoys outdoors, music,

READY FOR WORLD

SWM. 40. loves art. music, dancing, concerts, working out, seeking SWF, honest, smart, adven-

turous, exciting, upbeat, sim, tashionable, for triendship, maybe more. Ad# 9495

STRIVE FOR GROWTH

SWM, 40, 5'8", brown halk blue eyes. Catholic humorous, sincere, intelligent, down-to-earth.

educated, employed, enjoys bilding, walks, jog-ging, music, movies, concerts, reading, seeking frim, bright, educated SF, for a long-term reta-

KNOW YOU'RE OUT THERE

SWM. 40. never married, professional, likes billing.

logging, long walks, movies, music, reading.

thinking seeking trim educated, never-married SWF 28-40, willing to share happy, healthy.

BALLROOM DANCERS SWM, 40, never married, outgoing, automotive designer. Ikes outdoors, company, curorionive rollerblading, dancing, seeking SF, for dating, triendship, maybe more, Adit.5335

ONCE IN A LIFETIME ?

SWF, 41, 5'9", 165lbs., considerate, never mar

SPIRITUAL, NOT RELIGIOUS

DWCM, 41, 6', 190lbs., handsome, N/S, non-

drinker caring, positive, enjoys roterstading, cappuccino, photography, seeks employed, splittual, tall, stender St. 30-40, N/S, non-dinker, for safe, healthy, trusting relationship. Adlr. 1753.

LOVES PRAISING THE LORD

DBM, 41, 5'8", fun-loving, dad of four profession loves movies, walls, concerts, plays, special ents, dancing, seeking humorous SF, under

SWM, 42, 6', 170fbs., black hair/eyes, self-employed, seeks down-to-earth, simple, open SF,

IN ROCHESTER HILLS

DWM, 42, 6', 1800bs, dark halk mustache, hand-

YOAL CHISCHE-HOIH EXBE

DHM. 42, 5*10", 186bs., dark wavy hak athactive, down-to-earth, two treenagers, enjoys bowling, shooting pool, diring out, seeking fit, athactive f, for relationship. Ad8.1706

for friendship, possible relationship

5'8", weight/height proportionate, who

enjoys life, for possible reli

ship, and possible relationship. Add 1953

id, educated, home owner, enjoys attending

monogamous relationship. Adlt 575

florship, marriage Ad#.3721

kids, good loving, seeking SWCF Adl 6268

. 175lbs, light brown hair, blue

dating, maybe more. Adl 1123

elationship Ad#.1957

relationship. Ad#.1980

term monogamous relationship. Ad# 3321

SWM 35, 6'1"

tionship. Ad#.3333

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THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE? SWF. 19. 5.10" loves outdoor activities, movies, cuddling, seeking SM. 19+, similar interests. Adll 5004.

WRITES POETRY

SWF, 20, enjoys reading, movies, concerts, con-temporary Christian rock, seeling, land, under-standing, SM, for honest, special relationship. Adl/1919.

SOUND INTERESTING?

SWCF 20, 55", brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys reading, writing poetry, concerts, movies, contemporary Christian music, seeking kind, sweet, understanding, Mr. 21-30, for relationship Ad# 1100

SOMEWHAT SHY

SWF.21.5.3" brown hair/eyes. slightly hull-figured, professional, active, enjoys walking, reading, outdoor sports, children, seeking SM, with smillar interests, for companionship relationship

SWF 21, 5.7°, 145lbs, brown hair, green eyes, big heart, sensitive, independent, likes dining in/out-cuddling up and watching moves, taking walks, seeks SM no games Adil 1792.

ANYTHING GOESI

SWF 24 seeking down-to-earth, outgoing, laid back SWM 21-29, enjoys doing various activities. endship leading to possible romance

FAMILY-ORIENTED

serv. mom of one 25, emotionally/financially secure, home owner, enjoys golf, hockey fensis, football, booting, fishing, seeks emotionally/financially secure SM, with similar interests, who is ready for a commitment Adll 30 SWC mom of one 25, emotionally/financially

FON WITH RIGHT PEOPLE SWF 25.5.8" blonge hair full-figured, honest sin

cere sometimes old-toshioned, college-educated, likes walls, videos, seelang N/S, educated SM, 24-30, for friendship maybe more. Addi 4270

FINER THINGS IN LIFE

SWF 25, 516" brown hair blue eyes, aftractive, furny smart, down-to-earth, secure, morn, likes movies, sports, opera, talking, TV, seeking, land, caring, warm, romantic SM, for dating, maybe more. Ad8.7536. SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP

SW mom. 26, 517". 125lbs., attractive, smoker locial drinker clean, enjoys darts, going out, dancing, seeks attractive SM, prefers dark hair. who will make her lough, for possible serious rela-tionship, no games. Adil 5569 SERIOUS REPLIES ONLY

SWC mom. 26. 5'8", medium build, red halt

SWC mom. 26. 5 s. medium build, red hall, brown eyes, enjoys camping, quief evenings at home. seeks marriage-minded, church-going SWCM, 27-40, with kids, to share interests and possible relationship. Addit 4969

MEET NEW PEOPLE

SWF 27, professional, college-educated, likes reading, movies, new adventures, seeking educated, professional, N/S SWM, 25-35, with similar interests. Add 5145

BLUE-EYED BORN-AGAIN SWF, 27, 5'5', adventurous, attractive, intelligent, enjoys theatre, travel, born in Europe, seeking handsome Born-Again professional SM, to live with forever, Adil 6891.

ACTIVE IN CHURCH SWF. 29, 5.9", N/S, employed, likes ballroom dancing, mountain bilking, skiing, seeks SWM, with a sense of humor. Catholic is preferred.

ONLY SERSOUS CALLS

SEF. 29, likes movies, dining out, candlelight, trav-eu, seeking intelligent, down-to-earth, honest open, career-minded SBCM. 25-50, no games for dating, long-term relation-grup: possible marriage. Add 8108

sale to 5.1" pattle cute professional enloys s, cross country skiling, dining out. SM. for conversation, possible relationship Adl/ 5702

SHE'S UNIQUE SWF. 30, 5'5", 110lbs., enjoys talking about growth, serently, nature, land, snow, wood-burnstoves, learning, unlearning, resourcefulness, eks SWM, 30-35, for friendship first. Adil 2347

SBF. 31. full-figured, very sure. likes all things in life, seeks SM, to share life with fogether. Adilf 5456

SRF 31 5'6', 130fbs, affractive, serious, care oriented, fun-loving, loves the Lord and her child, seeks SBM, for friendship, possible relationship.

MOM OF ONE

DBF, 31, loves movies, park, church, the beach, seeking honest, faithful SCM, same interests. Add 9874 SIMPLE THINGS IN LIFE

S8F, 31, mom, loves church, travel, beach/park walks, reading, seeking sincere, honest, fallfish, church-going SM, who loves children, for dating, maybe more. Adil.7412 RESCUE HERI

SBF, 31, full-figured, prefty eyes, lovely lips, patient, understanding, strong-trainded, analytical, seeks strong SML with similar qualities, who stands by his beliefs, for possible relationship.

DW mom of two, 31, enjoys working out, church, hockey, football, craffs, acaking, seeks sweet, sincere, managage-minded SM, with good off-tude, for friendship, possible relationship.

REMMINGTON STEEL MIND 585, 31, 175lbs., communicative, enjoys adven-ture, mystery, family games, seeking SAA, for shar-ing/caring relationship. Adll 4189

LEAVE PHONE NUMBER

CALL HER

CONVIVIAL & DEDICATED Attractive DWF, 34, N/S, no dependents, athletic type, enjoys symphonies, plays, sports, outdoor activities, seeking college-educated, athletic activities, seeking college-educated, a SWM, 28-38, not allergic to cats. Adll. 3328

STUDYING CRIMINAL JUSTICE DWF 37, 5'3", 115lbs. brown halk attractive, two children, seeking nice-looking M, active duty police officer a plus, who enjoys outdoors, good

food, good triends, and lots of romance Ad8.6116 JUST AROUND CORNER

SWF. 38, tall, professional, honest, romantic affectionate, loves sports, outdoors, movies, sall ing, seeking SM, 6'2"+, employed, romantic, con-tident, cuddly, for possible relationship. Adil. 8937

SEEKING SPECIAL SOMEONE 586-39, super queen-sized, seeks SM, who can love and appreciate a woman of size, for friend-ship and possible serious relationship. Ade.7185

A MORNING PERSON SWE 40.5'4", slim, attractive, active, enjoys w

ing/ploying hard, being spoiled, seeks attractive SWM, N/S, with good communication skills, who is, willing to share the good and bod fitner, for a possible long term relationship. Ad8,1617 NO GAME PLAYERS

SBF. 40. 5 6". 168lbs. no dependent kids, warm, caring, sincere, seeld kind, considerate, well-groomed-SBM, 30-45, who is ready for a serious, committed relationship. Adil. 7080. LOVES THE LORD

DBF 40, mom of one, friendly, open, hurse, likes aerobics, symming, horseback riding, derobics, sylmming, horseback riding, family/church functions, music, plays, seeking. SM, for diating. Adll 9291

DWCF 40, 5:5*, 130lbs. golden hair loving, car-ing, son 8, N/S, erjoys music, dancing, bowling, tamily, seeking sincere, confident, committed SCM Ad# 1164

ATTRACTIVE LADY 586, 40, 5.5", medium build, N/S, social drinker enjoys diring out, movies, crusting, travel, seeks honest, sincere, financially secure, good-humored SM, 40-60, 5-8"+, with similar interests.

endship, possible special relationship ARTISTIC ALLY-TALENTED

red hair, blue eyes, morn of two Skes biking, park walks, campling, art music, con-certs, dining out, dancing, seeking SM, with simi-lar interests, for companionship, maybe more

SOMEONE SPECIAL

Professional SWF, mid-40s, petite, Rochester Hills area, enjoys doncing, museums, fishing, canceing, Fox theatre, antique shows, seeking N/S, non-dinning SM, 50-55, 5°8°+, for dating, sharing activities Ad# 1045 LIKES A TALKER

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SWE 43: 56 , red hor, green eyes, funny, honest, intelligent, enjoys the performing orts, hiking, donoring, seeking similar, mainstream CM, N/S, light dansker for relationship. Adl# 1130

LIKES CHILDREN SWF, 44, down-to-eight, medium build, looking for a relationship builtion honesty and communi-

cation, 40-49. Add 214% MOPE YOU CALL!

DWF, 44, 5'5', 125lbs. brown/blonde holk blue eyes, cotage educated professional seeks SM. to share fun times, activities, dates and possible.

long-lasting relationship. Add 4567

OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS

SWF, 45°,5°3°, 110lbs, brown half/eyes, loving, compasionate, humorous, N/S, non-drinker, enjoys bolyling, dining out, walls in the rain, seeking conversant M, for relationship. Add 2892

DREAMS DO COME TRUE

DWF. 45, 5°5°, blonde halt, green eyes, healthy, spiritual, loving, professional, seeking fit, silicure, healthy. N/5, gentlie, compassionate, loving D/SWM, 44-55, 5°11°, who places God first, for possible happy relationship. Add 1578.

KEEP UP WITH HER? 140lbs. blonde hair, blue eyes. bics, long walks, seeks honest SM, 35-45, 6 similar inferests, for possible relationship. Adit.7238

ATTRACTIVE SBF, 47, 5'7", 145fbs., N/S, social drinker, profes-sional, seeking SM, 40-57, for one-on-one, honest monogamous relationship. Add 9627

DINNER DATE bookstores, long drives, music, country walks, fre-places, chatting over dinner, seeking SWM, with similar interests. Adll-4833

TO SHARE FAITH WITH swcs 47 dm. petite, attractive, honest, humor

ous, passionate, enjoys simple pleasures, seeking Born-Again, down-to-earth, romantic SM, to share life with, Ad# 2227 LET'S HAVE COFFEE

DWCF, mid-40s, petitle, slim, attractive, enjoys reading, dancing, biking, gardening, seeks romantic, honest SCM, to share life and grow

for a loving and caring relations CLASSY & ATTRACTIVE Professionos SMF, 48, 5'4", brunette, blue ever

warm, caring, tender-hearted, employed, enjoys gardening, computers, seeking SCM, with similar qualities. Add 9238 EXPLORE NEW HORIZONS

SWF, 48, independent, enjoys theater, plays, con-certs, music, flea marketing, Saturday mathrees, antiquing, seeking fix, educated, financially secure, for companionship. Add 4089 **NEW TO MICHIGAN**

seeking nice, intelligent, tall, easygoing, humo out SM, who enjoys good conversation, gain out, doing different things, Ad#,7183

TAKE CHARGE OF LIFE SWE, 49, hushworthy, honest, reliable, seeking educated SM, with similar qualities, who likes the their things in life, but can also enjoy a Saturday mathree. Add, 9504

LET'S BEGIN TOGETHER SW6, 50, short, medium build, enjoys movies, dir ing in/out, bowling, comping, walls, Greenfiel Village, seeks SM, to share interests and possible relationship. Add 2045

employed, independent, enjoys sports, theatre, music, outdoors, seeking 49-58, for friendship, companionship relationship, Adill.1127

YOGURT AT HUDSONS DW mom, 50, enjoys dining, movies, flea markets, antiquing, weekend travel, seeking degreed SM, N/S, with same interests. Ad# 5454 YOUNG MIND/HEART

SWF, 51, 5'6", plus size, lively, smart, interesting

loves music, reading, movies, plays, friends dogs, children, walking, board games, trying dif-ferent things, seeking squeezeably-soft SM, 5'8"+, to share interests, life, for friendship, Adll 3344 LET'S TALK!

SWF, 55, 5'2", brunette, brown eyes, N/S, non-drinker educated, flexible, enjoys family activi-ties, movies, dining out, nature, seeking M, for companionship, possibly more, Adit 1940. PLEASE CALL!

SWCF, 57, N/S, loves the Lord, enjoys walks, frav-el, entertaining thends, sports, seeks SCM, who also loves God, for triendship, possible relationship. Add 1938 SOUTHERN BELLE
DWF, 58, 5'5', 135libs. warm, caring, sincere,
charming, enjoys antiques, doncing, Greenfield
Village, basketball, museums, big band music,
seeks a long-term, meaningful relationship with a
quality, gentle SM. Ad# 2236.

ECLECTIC & INTELLIGENT

SWF. 59, 5.7°; brunette, siender, attractive, enjoys gat, tennis, dancing, water activities, gardening, spectator sports, music, seeking horsest, caring SM, for triendship first. Adli, 1930.

SOUND GOOD?

SWM, 25, tall, honest, outgoing, enjoys outdoor adventures, spontanelly, music, candlett din-ners, seeks compassionate, affectionate SWF, to activities, possibly develop a relationship

SPONTANEOUS, VIVACIOUS

Spirit-filled SWM, 26, 611: enjoys tennis, rafting, comping, tollas, barbecues, dancing, dining out, formily, friends, watching sports, seeks 5f; any age, to share interests and possible relationship. Adl 9599 LIKE BEING SPOILED?

SWM. 27, 510°, 180lbs, stocky, great humor, enjoys dancing, cooking, seeks affractive SF. 21-26, who enjoys having fun, wants to be pampered, for possible relationship. Adll 5918

BRUCE WILLIS LOOK-ALIKE

SWM. 27. stocky build, likes to dance, bowl. cook, seeking attractive SWF, 21-26, likes to cook, seeking aftractive SWF, 21-26, have fun and be pampered. Ad# 8775. HOPE YOU CALL!

SWM, 27, student, enjoys sports, praying, meeting people, seeking SF, under 30, interesting, for communicating, having fun, friendship Ad# 9969

FARMINGTON HILLS AREA Presbyterian SWM, 27, 617, 1850s., affiletic build, clean-cust, enjoys sports, derobics, biking, meeting new people, movies, concerts, seeks special, kind, sweet, sincere SF, for friendship. possible relationship. Add 5461

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country dancing, exercising, seeking M, with similar interests, for relationship. Add 1961 MADE IN USA

SWF, 62, fun to be with, enjoys movies

Retired SWF, 68, very active, enjoys people, seeks SM, who enjoys golf, bowling, cards, and more, for friendship. Ad#.7127

WARM AND FRIENDLY SWF 68, 5'5', siender, outgoing, good-humored, enjoys movies, dining out, flea markets, walks in park, travel, seeking honest, sincere SWM, 65-70, for friendship, maybe more, Adill 5860

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SWM, 19, 5'11", 165lbs., college student, enjoys hockey, baseball, reading, adventurous octivities, seeks good-looking, self-confident, intellitles, seeks good-looking, self-confident, intelli-gent, fit, down-to-earth SF, to share interests and possible relationship. Adlf.4141 IS THIS YOU?

energetic, enjoys sports, seeking blonde, blue-eyed, model-type SWF, 19-24, 125lbs., for friendship/relationship. Ad# 3232 HE'S THE ONE

SBM, 21, college student, likes to party, go out to dinner, seeking N/S, non-drinking SF, for fun. good times. Addl. 9321

SEE WHAT HAPPENS SWM, 22. 6', 245lbs', erijoys hockey, basketball, some football, movies, relaxing at home, seeks 18-22, somewhat independent, kids okay, for

fun times, maybe more, no one-night stands

VIRGIN SEEKING VIRGIN SBCM, 22, enjoys Bible study, walks in the park, learning about wildlife, seeks SCF, 20-23, any race, who looks on the inside first, for possible

SWM, 22, enjoys hockey, movies, going out, seeks well-proportioned, attractive, smiling SWE. 18-25, to share interests and possible relation

GIVE A JINGLE SWM, 23, 6'2', 175lbs. unlucky in love, loves sports, partying, quiet romantic evenings out/home, seeks slim. SF, for a possible relation

SWM, 24, 5'9", 170bs, seeking SWF, 18-28, petite, easy to communicate, bonus if you like movies, white water rafting, bowling, comedy

Handsome SWM, 24, financially secure, professional, erijoly coffee, talks, movies, novels, the atre, adventures, sincerely wishes to make all dreams come true for the light 5f, in a wonder-LET'S GO OUT SBM, 24, 5', 170lbs, muscular build, brown-senned, seeks SWF, to share fun times, dinner

UP FOR ANYTHING WM, 25, good-looking, self-employed, enjoys of wide variety of interests, seeking intelligent, fun-loving, humarous, dim WF, who likes to lough, for relationship. Add 2595

RACE UNIMPORTANT

Attractive SWM, 27, 5110", 165lbs, never married, degreed professional, seeks SF, 18-30, smokers/drinkers/kids okay, for some great and

special times. Adll 7668 NICE VOICE SBM 28. 6'2" 215lbs. athletic, caring, romantic warm, passionate, student, likes sports, music dancing, dining out, seeking intelligent SWF, 20-25, for a long-ferm relationship. Add 1867

CALL MEI SWM 28. 6"1", 180lbs., athletic, romantic, enjoys romance, movies, travel, seeking compatible SF for relationship. Adll 3646

HOPELESS ROMANTIC SWM. 28. 6·17. brown halt offractive, athletic build, enjoys cooking, movies, walks, hockey/baseball games, seeking spirit-filled, Born-Again CF, 19-36, for friends first relationship. Add 9277

INVOLVED IN CHURCH SWM, 28, 6'3", 195lbs. mechanical designed enjoys dining, dancing, night clubs, working out sking, wally ball, softball, hiking, seeking SCF, for

dating, maybe more. Ad#.7266

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED SBM, 28, 5:11", medium build, enjoys travel, con-

certs, movies, dining out, outdoor activities, seeks honest, up-front, affectionate, fun SWF, 22-30, who knows what she wants, for possible relafionship. Ad#.1169

FRIENDSHIP FIRST SAM, 28, 5'10", down-to-earth, looking for SCF. same interests. Ad#.8646

RECENTLY RELOCATED Professional SBM, 29, metro Detroit area, seeks compatible, kind, intelligent, educated SBCF ver married, no leds, for possible relationship

TOGETHERNESS SWM. 29, enjoys reading, dining out, music, rides, walks, seeking SAF, 19-25, for possible relationship, Ad#.4140

INTERESTED? CALLI SWM. 31. professionally employed, likes travel, seeks SF, who likes dancing and dining out, to

endship, maybe more. Ad#.1138 MULTI-FACETED SBM, 32, 6'2", 180lbs., attractive, outgoing, down-to-aarth, seeks SBF, with similar qualities, for

triendship and more. Ad#.2720 SEEKING BORN-AGAIN SWCM, 32, 5°10", 180lbs., never married, good sense of humos loves church, seeking SWCF.

blonde halic brown eyes, 20s, similar interests SEEKS A SPORTY LADY SWM, 32, seeking honest, energetic SF, 21-31, for friendship, possibly more. Adil: 9280

SWM, 33, 6'2", siendiet dark halt handsome, born-again Christian, enjoys all outdoor activities, traveling, seeking SWF, similar traits, interests, triends first. Add 4626

KIND OF SHY SWM, 34, 6', brown holt blue eyes, truck driver, seeking fun-loving, humorous SF, who likes the outdoors. Ad#.3777

BELIEVES IN FAMILY VALUES SBM, 34, seeking romantic, loyal, sincere SF, who believes in God, tolking care of body and mind, for dating, maybe more, Ade.7952 SEEKING A COMPANION

SWM. 34. 5'4". 190bs. enjoys snowmobiling, booting, old care, dogs, looking for talk sikm SF. N/S. Adli 2463 HOPE WE CAN TALK SOON
DWM, 34, 6*2", 340bs, brown cutly holt gri
eyes, beard, mustache, sty, smoker, works in
disabled, Bles dining out, TV, moviet, mil.
comedy, seeking sty, homebody-type St,
doting, maybe more. Adl 5666

SEEKS BENEFICIARY

SWM, 42, never married, good career, financial ly stable, honest, dependable, caring, enjoys keeping in shape, rollerblading, reading, danc-ing, seeking slender CF, with moral values

RARING TO GO

GIVE & RECEIVE

SWM, 43, 6'1", brown hair/eyes, intelligent, sen-sitive, caring, affectionate, ramantic, easygo ng, enjoys movies, quiet walks, cuddling, con dielif dinners, seeking SWF, 33-43, Ad# 1472 FINANCIALLY SECURE

SWM, 44, 5'10", N/S, non-drinker, attractive, likes

biking, dancing, antiques, walks, nature, seek-ing SF with similar interests. Ad# 1960

HOPELESS ROMANTIC SWM, under 45, western Wayne county, 2 children, works midnights, enjoys outdoor activities. church choir, dancing, reading, storytelling, seeking \$F, 5°2° 5°8", under 180lbs. Adll 1534.

LET'S BUILD A FUTURE Professional SWCM, 45, 5'11', 190lbs. N/S, social

drinket open, compassionate, honest, good conversationalist, enjoys cooking, walks, family seeks educated, attractive, down-to-earth SCF for monogamous relationship. Ad# 7450 CONCERN FOR THE LOST Professional SWM, 45. 6"+, 220lbs., fit. attractive

very active in church, loves God with whole heart, well-traveled, seeks attractive, weight preportionate SWF, 30-45, with similar qualifies. possible relationship. Add 9647

LOVES DANCING DWM. 45. 5'9". 190lbs. N/S. old-fashioned. secure. Catholic, business professional. likes bowling, softball, billing, music, walking, playing cards, seeking talkative, weight/height-propor fionate SF, for friendship, maybe more. Adll 4549

athletic build, easygoing, family-oriented, fun-loving, outgoing, romantic, positive, witty, enjoys conversations, movies, theaters, conerts, walks, holding hands, seeking CF, 35-44.

PREFERS JEANS SWM, 46, 5.10", 175lbs, brown holir, blue eyes

N/S petite Ad# 2681 "A CHURCHGOER DWCM, 46, 6", 180lbs., N/S, enjoys outdoors. fravel antiques, new things, seeking WCF, N/S, same interests. Adl 6684

WOLFMAN JACK LOOK-ALIKE

DWCM, 48. salt/pepper hair beard, romantic, good-natured, likes candlellt dinners, camping.

fishing, rollerblading, park walls, movies, seek ing pretty, thin-average, church-going SWCF 30-40, to pray, laugh, cry together. Add 2254 AWAITING YOUR CALL SWM 50. 5'10". 185lbs. honest. easygoing.

enjoys dancing, teaching dance, seeks SWF, to share interests, for possible relationship Ad# 7890 CHRISTIAN GUY

SWCM, 50, 5'6", heavyset, N/S, honest, caring. Novi area, enjoys walls, talks, movies, travel seeks SWF 40-55, for serious companionship COUNTRY DANCER

SWM, 50, 5.9°, 190lbs, enjoys travel, outdoor activities, seeking slender SF, under 48, to be dance partner/best friend. Adit 9870.

READY FOR RELATIONSHIP Professional SWM, 51, 511", 1908bs, smoker non-drinker healthy energetic good humor new to the area, enjoys social activities, seeks honest sincere, slender 5F, N/S, to develop a long term relationship. Adil 7007.

BLUE-EYED BLOND Professional SWM, 52, 5'11", 1908bs. N/S, non-

drinker healthy, energetic, warm, affectionate caring, honest, enjoys social activities, seeks sincere SF, who is height/weight-propor tionate Adl 4004 HAS SEVERAL HORSES

likes boating, dancing, dining out, shows, seek-ing tit, educated, N/S, fun-loving SF, for dating, companionship. Ad# 1351 LAST OF THE ROMANTICS

Born Again WWBCM, 52, tall, athletic, rooted and grounded in the church, family-oriented enjoys cooking, reading, candielit dinners, seeks Born-Again SCF, with similar qualities, for serious

READY TO LOVE AGAIN SWM, 54, tall, thin, big-hearted, lives in Livonia seeks SF, a true lady, who enjoys long walks, fire-side chats, weekend trips, bowling, cooking, for

possible relationship. Add 1885 SENTIMENTAL GUY DWM, 55, N/S, non-drinker, drug-free, under standing, affectionate, enjoys family outlings country music, shows, dring out/cooking in

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king CF for dating, leading to marriage

affectionate, enjoys nature, cooking, people that maintain high morals, seeking monaga WILL TRY ANYTHING

SWAL 57, enjoys movies, bowling, dining out. seeking SF, for friendship, to grow with, honesty

GOOD LISTENER DWM, 59, 5'11", 175tbs., gray halt, N/S, non-drinker, sett-employed, laid back, easygoing. enjoys quiet nights at home, good movies, dining out, good conversation, seeks honest, truth ing out, good conversation, seeks honest, fruth-ful, caring SF, to spend firste together. Adll 2552

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