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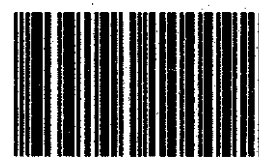
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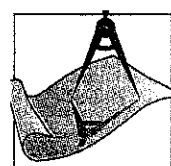
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Planners not happy with high school site



■ Canton Township planners had some straight talk for the school district this week. Residents near the new school are not happy with the placement of the football field.

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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Just because something is legal to do doesn't make it right.

That was the message Canton Planning Commission Chairman Vic Gustafson passed along to the Plymouth-Canton school district and its board of education at a regular meeting of the planners Monday.

On the meeting's agenda was a request for site plan approval of Plymouth High School, which will be built at Beck and Joy using a \$50 million bond approved by voters in 1997. The school will become the district's third high school.

The commission voted 5-0, with commissioners Bob Wade and Ron Lieberman absent, to table the resolution because they said plans were incomplete and that residents' concerns were not addressed. The district plans to build a football field just 60 feet

from the northernmost homes in North Pointe subdivision and originally planned to build right at the property line.

The meeting became confrontational at times.

Project representative Don Morgan told the commission that by state law, its approval was not necessary for the school plans to move forward.

"(Site plan approval) does not involve questioning the wisdom of school board decisions," Morgan said. "We cannot meet our schedule if approval is delayed."

Morgan's statements didn't go over well with the commission or with several North Pointe residents who were present.

"Just because something is legal doesn't make it right," said Vic Gustafson, commission chairman. "We are not dictators and do not like being dictated to."

"This makes no sense whatsoever. It does not provide a very

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Patterson wins leadership post

Canton's state representative Bruce Patterson, a Republican, was elected House Majority Floor Leader Tuesday in Lansing.

The vote fulfilled predictions that Patterson would win the re-election last week. Patterson rolled up big vote margins in Canton (17,905 to 10,000 for Mickey

Walsh). Sumpter and Van Buren voters had given Walsh a slight edge.

Patterson also served two terms in the county commission.

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Canton sees drop in crime

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High visibility patrols, community policing efforts and carefully monitoring crime statistics are just some of the reasons why Canton's overall crime rate is down this year, said John Santomauro, director of public safety.

Crime fell 27 percent during the first eight months this year. The total number of Part I offenses, which include larcenies, burglaries, motor vehicle thefts and criminal sexual conduct, dropped from 1,748 in 1999 to 1,265 in 2000. Both rates reflect

crime rates from January to August of their respective years.

"I credit most of that reduction to what those community policing teams are doing out there," Santomauro said. The community policing teams are divided into roughly the four corners of Canton and emphasize proactive crime prevention strategies, such as organizing Neighborhood Watch meetings and by being approachable to residents. Some officers have set up mini-stations in their quadrants.

"At the department and (community policing) team level, we analyze statistics to help us determine how to deal with crime practically. It gives

us an ideal of where high visibility patrols are needed. We're better able to recognize crime patterns."

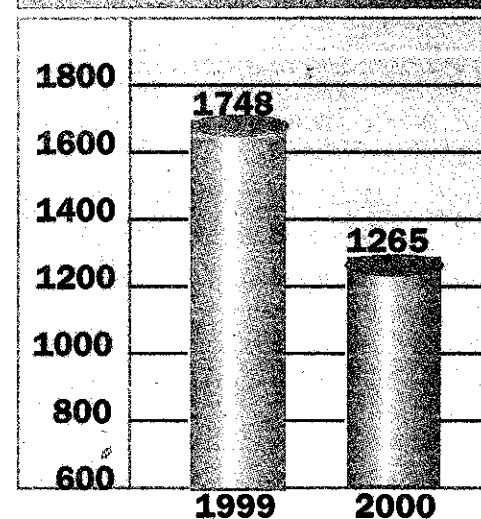
One way the department put this idea into practice was when sending officers to patrol construction sites, which are frequently targeted by thieves. Construction equipment is often removed from the sites.

"We found that a small number of people were committing a majority of those crimes," he said.

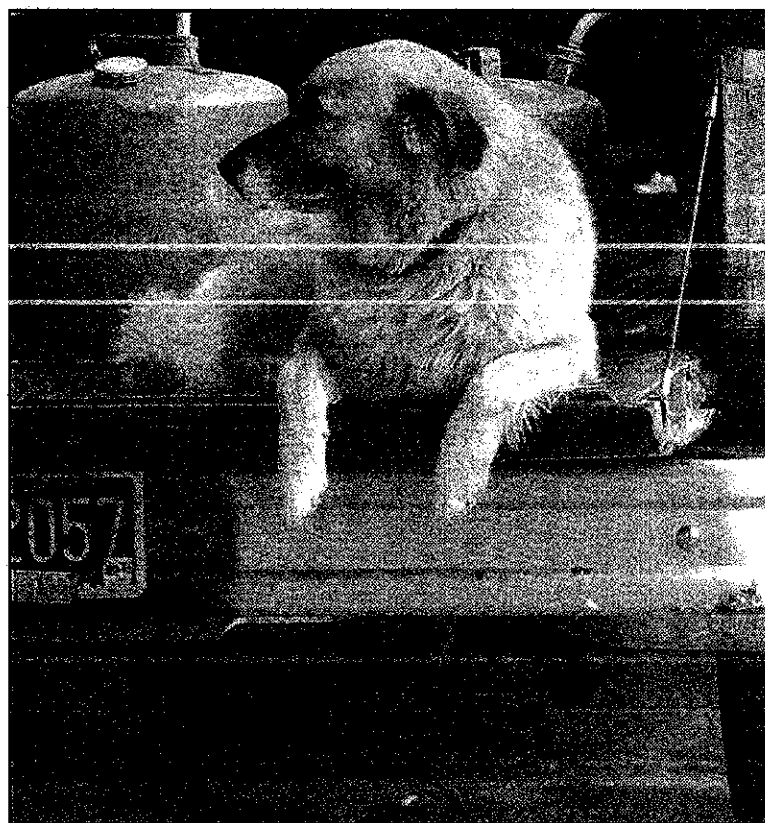
Burglaries comprised the largest portion of that increase rising from 251 in 1998 to 334 last year. Larcenies were the next highest category,

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SERIOUS CRIMES DECLINE YTD August 2000 vs. August 1999



Patient pooch



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Watchful: Thor, a 3-year-old Collie/Shepard mix looks for his owner, Dean Juergens, while he was off paying for gas at filling station on Ford Road and Sheldon in Canton recently. Juergens works at the John Deere Dealership on Ford Road.

Bush or Gore?

Students at P-CEP want election snafu solved

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It's going on two weeks, and America still doesn't know who its next president will be.

The legal wrangling in Florida, where it will ultimately be decided if Democrat Al Gore or Republican George W. Bush will become the nation's 43rd Commander in Chief, is cause for great debate by people of all ages.

"The impeachment proceedings were pretty big, and I think this just about equals it in interest," said Bill Boyd, who teaches a Close-Up government class at Salem High School.

Darrin Silvester said the Close-Up teachers haven't had to follow a lesson plan since the recount began.

"Having something like this to teach in an election year is a bonus," said Silvester. "This is such an enormous election year with

so much at stake, and to add this to the mix

Students at Salem High School had various opinions on who should win, but the conclusion appeared to be "let's get it over with."

■ 'I think it's like a kid's game ... they each keep counting and re-counting trying to win.'

Matt Bailey
of Canton

"I think Bush won fair and square ... I think the ballot was easy to read," said Marc Moraitis, 15, of Plymouth. "After they counted the ballots over and over, Bush still won. Gore is just a sore loser."

"I think it's like a kid's game ... they each keep counting and re-counting trying to win," added Matt Bailey, 16, of Canton. "I think the popular vote is how the election should be done."

"I feel the candidates are being childish about this, with all the lawsuits going on," said Meghan Piwowar, 15, from Plymouth Township. "This election will be one in a millennium."

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good image of the school (district) into the community."

Commissioner Melissa McLaughlin said the district should have alerted residents about plans to construct the field and should consider alternate plans. Alternate plans that moved the football field farther north and put soccer fields in the original football field spot were scrapped, as were plans to move the football field to sit next to other football fields.

"We just don't do business in Canton this way," said Commissioner Melissa McLaughlin. "I'm so profoundly disappointed. I just can't fathom that you couldn't be that decent and be neighborly. You've got those people surrounded."

"I'm just so disappointed. I know people at the schools are better people than this — I'm just mortified."

She said the commission and the planning services department asks that developers work with residents living next to proposed developments and listen to their concerns.

Commissioner Karl Zarbo said state law was irrelevant.

"The heck with state law — this is a community that we live in — I don't know if you do," he said, speaking directly to Morgan. "I think (the school district) ought to be ashamed of themselves."

Residents said the district should consider moving the football fields away from residences, but most said they supported other types of playing fields in

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the same space, such as soccer and softball.

"I could stand on the back of my deck, throw an apple core and hit the bleachers," said North Pointe resident Terry Chen, while addressing commissioners.

Chen and several other residents said they were not notified of the district's plans to build a football field there until last month.

"In early October when they starting moving dirt, I found out that a football field was going right behind my house," she said.

The school district proposed moving the football field and track an additional 60 feet to the east, planting 148 trees to a six-foot high berm, and constructing a six-foot fence.

But considering the average North Pointe back yard is 90 feet wide, the 60 feet doesn't make much difference, said resident Randy Pistor.

"They'll be moving it a little more than half (the width) of a back yard," he said. "The first we knew about (the district) putting in the football field, bulldozers were in our back yard. They never notified us."

Following the meeting, Morgan declined to comment specifically on the commission's action.

"I'll be reporting to the school board," he said.

Deadline nears for Santa lunch signup

Do you remember being excited about going to the mall to see Santa? On the drive there you were wracking your brain, trying to come up with your wish list.

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Then you would finally get to the mall, you would round the corner, and what did you see? A mile long line of kids ahead of you! Well, the trip just got easier!

Summit on the Park in Canton Township is hosting its fifth annual Brunch with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 3, and Sunday, Dec. 10, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Families can relax and enjoy a wonderful brunch prepared by Summit Gourmet in the festive holiday surroundings of Summit on the Park's Banquet and Conference Center.

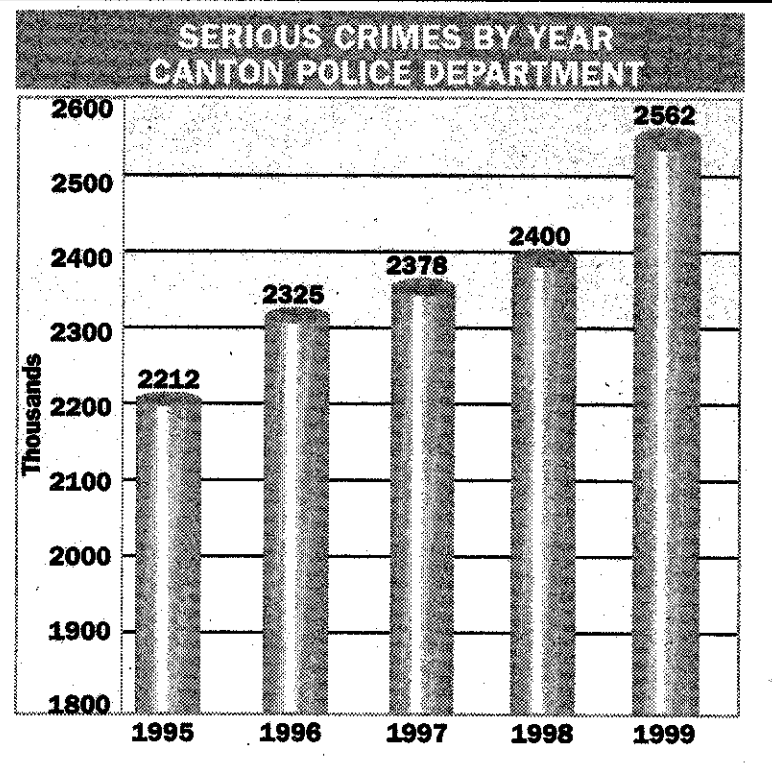
Then children can visit with Santa to share their wish list at their leisure. Children receive a souvenir cup, crayons, a placemat to color and a photo of this special event.

Parents are even welcome to bring cameras and video recorders.

Ticket prices are \$15 for adults, \$8 for children 4-12 years, and children 3 and under are free.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and will be sold at the Summit on Nov. 20-22 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Faxes will be accepted at (734) 397-6843 beginning Nov. 6 through Nov. 22. Fax forms can be found in the Experience Leisure Services brochure and by visiting the Canton Web site at www.canton-mi.org.

Please indicate if a highchair will be needed when tickets are purchased. Tickets will not be sold after Nov. 22 and refunds will not be given. For more information, call Summit on the Park at (734) 397-5110.



Survey says:

Residents pleased with Canton cops

More than 90 percent of Canton residents participating in a public safety survey said they feel safe living in Canton.

In May, Canton's Public Safety Department asked, "Do you feel safe in Canton" in the survey, which appeared in the Canton Focus newsletter. A total of 114 residents responded in part or in whole to the 12-question survey.

"We wanted to get input from our residents about the quality of service the department is providing," said John Santomauro, public safety director. "We also wanted to know what they believe our priorities should be for police and fire service."

He said despite the results, there is still plenty of room for improvement. Surveys are a

valuable tool for the department and citizens' input is needed.

"We take these surveys very seriously," Santomauro said. "We really gauge how we're doing through them."

Roughly 85 percent of those surveyed said police service is good to excellent. The Canton Fire Department ranked even higher, with more than 98 percent of those polled saying it provides good to excellent service.

Even though only 114 responded to this survey, Santomauro said the township plans to send them every year.

"The response was not as good as we hoped. I'd like to encourage residents to respond to future surveys."

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increasing from 1,771 in 1998 to 1,816 last year.

Both categories are down through the end of August 2000. Larcenies fell 30 percent in the first eight months of the year while burglaries dropped 18 percent.

Motor vehicle thefts fell 30 percent, aggravated assaults dropped 30 percent, criminal sexual conduct fell 18 percent

and robberies fell 7 percent. Arson rose 17 percent while criminal homicides went from 0 to 1 during that period.

The sole homicide occurred in January and involved a 20-year-old female India native stabbing her husband multiple times with a kitchen knife in their apartment. She was sentenced on the murder charge last summer.

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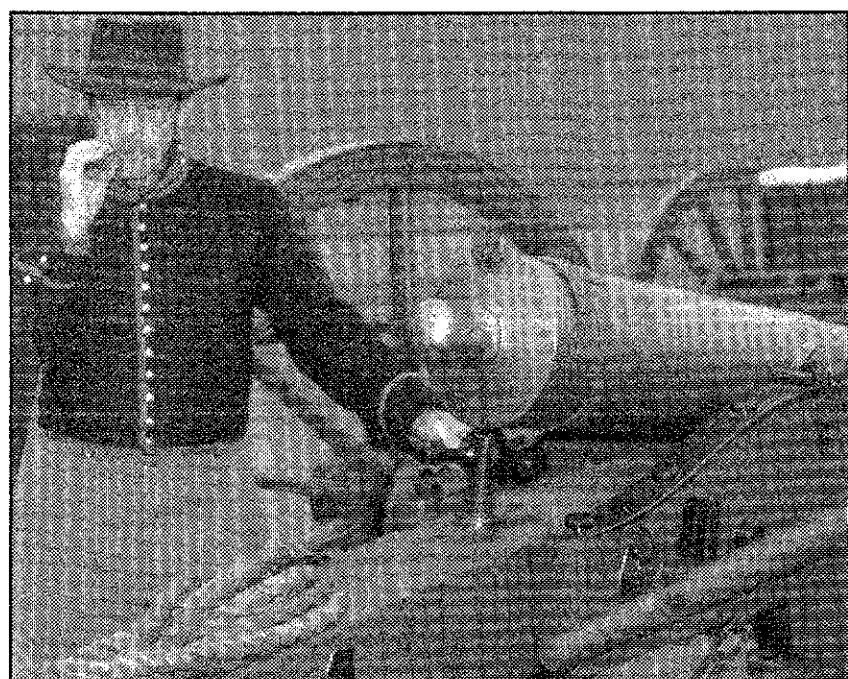
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On display: Dale Lueviike displays his militaria at Canton's "Salute To Service" on Nov. 12.

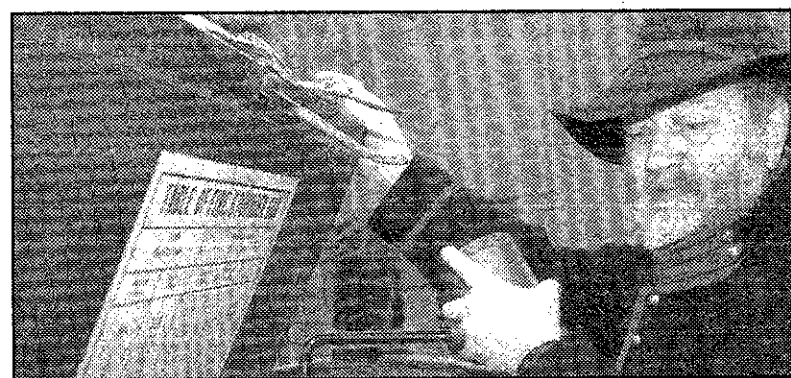
It works:
Roger Luckhardt of Canton takes a break from tending to this functional 6 pound canon, similar to what was used by the South around 1863.



Attention: Clemens Bykowski a 101st Airborne paratrooper in WWII reflects on the past with his wife, Ruth.

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Displayed: (At right) Thomas Hole, a WWII veteran, and his wife Terry, look at a collection of uniforms and badges assembled by Milton Davis.



Checkup: Robert Fiet tends to his equipment at Canton's "Salute To Service" held at Summit on the Park Saturday.

Board to union: Take gay issue up with Boy Scouts

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The Boy Scouts of America motto is "be prepared," and Tuesday night they were as approximately 150 backers of local Packs and Troops jammed the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meeting room.

The purpose: to voice their displeasure with a proposal by the Plymouth-Canton Education Association to stop them from meeting in school buildings because of a national policy that discriminates against gay men and boys.

"The PCEA leadership is opposed to the use of PCCS (Plymouth-Canton Community Schools) buildings by any organization that sanctions discrimination for purposes of recruiting and meeting," Chuck Portelli, PCEA president, told the school board. "I am here to inform you that your policy and the national policy of the Boy Scouts of America are in conflict. If a leader or student is gay, or perceived to be gay, they will be banned from the organization. This is discrimination."

The PCEA's executive board voted in September to challenge the district's policy. The decision came on the heels of a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in June which proclaimed the Boy Scouts a private organization that can legally exclude gays from its membership.

"Schools cannot teach discrimination is wrong and ban discriminatory acts, and then place their stamp of approval on organizations that discriminate," said Mike Chiumento, an openly gay West Middle School teacher. "What will your message be to the students of the school district?"

Chiumento, along with high school teacher Tom Salbenblatt, have grievances against the school district for forcing them to take down gay-lesbian displays in their schools.

A majority of the 44 audience members who expressed their opinions were members, former members or supporters of the Boy Scouts of America.

"Those who are alleging intolerance are preaching intolerance by asking you to exclude the Boy Scouts of America from schools," Richard Mathews of Canton told the board. "No inquiry is made

of adults or scouts as to sexual orientation. It's just like the military: don't ask, don't tell."

"My first concern is that a teacher's union is trying to dictate to us, the taxpayers, which groups and meetings take place in our public schools," added Robin Wilson of Plymouth. "They've over-stepped their boundaries in the Plymouth-Canton community, and we can't afford to let such a dangerous precedent be set."

A 16-year-old Salem High School student, a member of the Gay-Straight Alliance at P-CEP, appeared emotional while supporting the union's stance.

"Homophobia is a problem I face every day, and it hurts when I'm called a biological error," said Gerald Nowak. "Our schools are places of diversity, and they shouldn't have to accommodate private organizations that discriminate based on disability, race, gender, religion or sexual orientation."

After nearly two hours of listening to the community express its concerns or support of the union's resolution, board president Darwin Watts put the issue to rest with one statement.

"I've reviewed the policies regarding the use of buildings and facilities, and I'm satisfied with its content, spirit and intent," said Watts. "I'm not aware of any issues raised by board members of the policy in question. Therefore, no action is required for the request and we don't accept the resolution."

"I'm not surprised. I didn't think they'd deal with the issue," said Portelli. "My executive board wanted to deal with the issue and I delivered the message."

Several Boy Scout members and parents expressed to the school board that local Boy Scout organizations don't subscribe to the national organization's policy of discriminating against homosexual men and boys.

School board trustees believe their building use policy is a good one, and the issue should really be taken up with the Boy Scouts of America.

"It's a valid policy, and I don't see how it supports discrimination," said board member Susan Davis.

"If there's an issue with the Boy Scouts of America, then they should take it up with them," added Trustee Judy Mardigan.

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P-CEP Marching Band captures second in nation

BY DIANE HANSON
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It's been a spectacular ride and a year full of accomplishments for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band. They capped off their competition season by clinching second place among the 86 top competing bands from 22 states at the Bands of America Grand National Championships in Indianapolis on Nov. 11.

This is the third year in a row the band has placed in the top two nationally. They placed second in 1998 and were named Grand National Champions last year. "We have set a real standard by being in the top two for three years," said David McGrath, P-CEP director. "It was certainly the hardest show I have ever had the band attempt and the kids worked so hard all year. It took so much dedication for them to get it to the high level they did."

This was sophomore Hannah Meier's first year in the band and the flute player appreciated the rewards of that kind of dedication. "It's awesome to be second in the nation," she said. "I worked my butt off, but it sure paid off at Nationals." Along with the second-place trophy, the 200 P-CEP performers came home with the Highest Achievement Award for outstanding music performance for their production of *Reflections: On Obsessions*. The 10-minute

show was a social commentary on society's fixation with personal appearances and material goods set to a phenomenal musical score, detailed choreography and the fastest-paced drill the marchers have ever attempted. The 86 bands, including 11 from Michigan, performed on Thursday and Friday in preliminary competition. Harrison High School from Farmington Hills was the only other Observer-area band at nationals. The top 30 bands competed in semi-finals performance during the day on Saturday with the top 12 advancing to the finals nighttime show.

"This band certainly brought the show to life," said McGrath. He added that the overall depth of talent has evolved in all the bands over the years. This millennium year marked the 25th anniversary for the Bands of America championship program. "The activity has evolved into such a spectacular event and the level of performance grows every year," he said.

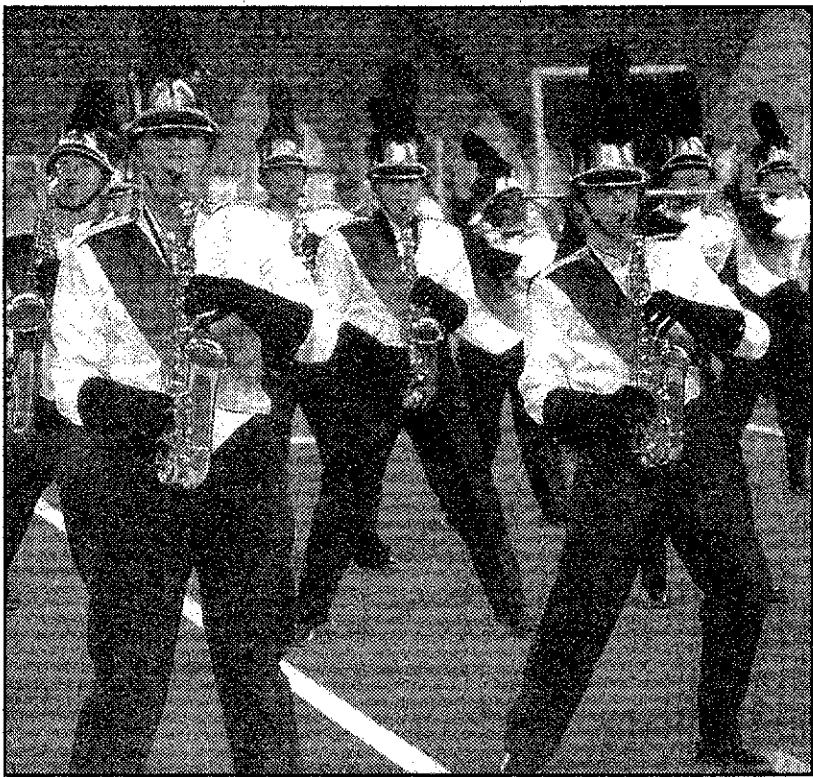
Plymouth-Canton was the only Michigan band to compete in the finals portion of the program ending up with the second-place slot and a score of 94.6.

Marian Catholic from Chicago Heights edged them out of first with a score of 95.95.

"We gave it our all," said Eric Grewe, a senior who has played alto saxophone all four years in the marching band. "The show was definitely the most difficult we have done. We worked hard and did the best job we could. That's all we could ask."

Senior percussionist Joe Wysocki added, "I'm not disappointed. We had a great show and it was exciting to be defending national champions."

McGrath couldn't agree more. "You can't hang your heads when you give your best effort," he said. "Placement has not been the driving force for us. Are we proud of our accomplishments? You bet we are! But that's not what it's all about." Education and a commitment to personal excellence, he said, are



Swingin': Susan Lundy and Nick Krupansky (foreground) of the band's saxophone section are into the music.

paramount.

For senior drum major Julie Scott the nationals performance was a defining moment. "This was the first time we all had an understanding of what we were working for and why we did what we did. It is a reminder for everyone. It is a lesson in dedication and commitment and it is very worthwhile."

That's exactly what junior Megan Hulik discovered. This is the first year in marching band for the trombone player. "It was a lot harder than I expected, but a lot more fun than I expected too," she said. "When I went to Nationals I knew that is what practicing in the rain, heat, and cold, and all the blisters were for."

They were also the reason the P-CEP marchers wound up with such a stellar statewide season. The band earned the Flight I first-place trophy and swept every Flight I caption award for

best music, best marching and best general effect along with the highest score overall for all their in-state competitions. That included the state championship contest among the 40 top Michigan bands.

But the students brought home much more than trophies. While Wysocki said he put a lot of energy and hours of practice into his four years of marching band, what he got out of it was far greater than knowledge of music and show production. "In my four years in this program I've learned teamwork, responsibility, and patience," he said. "I've also learned a lot about time management."

Senior trumpet player Pat Jackson said, "The best thing? I think it's all the friends you make."

"It's like a family," said Grewe. "You get close."

Library closed Thanksgiving

The Canton library will close Wednesday, Nov. 22, early (6 p.m.) and will not be open Thursday, Thanksgiving day. Normal hours will resume Friday at 9:30 a.m.

Fatal vehicle still sought

The Ypsilanti police are still seeking the owner/driver of a green Ford Ranger involved in a fatal hit-and-run early in the morning of Oct. 29 near the campus of Eastern Michigan.

A substantial reward is being offered.

The suspect's vehicle is a blue and/or green 1993 to 1997 Ford Ranger extended cab with two-wheel drive, and with Michigan plates (blue plate with white lettering). Damage to the vehicle was to the driver side front corner, and the headlight assembly. The outside mirror should be missing.

The driver is believed to be male. Ypsi tip line is (734) 483-3131.

CANTON CONNECTION

Rotary Santa

The Canton Rotary will sponsor a breakfast with Santa Saturday, Dec. 16, from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the Roman Forum restaurant on Ford Road (just west of the freeway).

Call Laura at (734) 207-8517 or (734) 546-0164 for reservations.

Tickets are \$5 for children and \$8 for adults. Breakfast will be served, and all kids will get to sit on Santa's lap, have a picture taken and talk to him.

Basket cases

Longaberger Baskets, an Ohio-based company that sells, among other things, handmade hardwood maple baskets, has honored three Canton residents for sales achievements.

Karen Greger, Laurie Maltby

and Kristine Moga were recognized at a convention held at the company's hometown of Newark, Ohio.

The company's home office building in Newark (south-central Ohio) resembles the company's signature product, the Longaberger medium market basket. The firm's Web site is www.longaberger.com.

More Christmas

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual holiday lunch at the Summit on the Park Wednesday, Dec. 6, at noon. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Members are invited to bring family, children and grandchildren. Santa will greet the little children, and volunteers will collect toys for needy children (distributed by Canton Goodfellows).

Entertainment will be provided by the Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton Madrigal choir.

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Wal-Mart gets OK to take over Auto Nation location

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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Canton trustees Tuesday approved a site plan and special land use request for a Wal-Mart and Sam's Club to open in the former Auto Nation site on Ford east of I-275.

Trustees voted 6-0 with Supervisor Tom Yack absent to approve the site plan for the \$26 million, 268,300-square-foot store on a 33-acre site on the north side of Ford, west of

Lotz.

Project representatives said the store is expected to open by Thanksgiving 2001. Wal-Mart's headquarters are in Bentonville, Ark.

"We've been trying for a long, long time to get into the community," said Steven Engelhart of Realty & Investment Inc., a Bingham Farms-based company that specializes in shopping center development.

Customers familiar with the store shouldn't look for the

trademark blue and gray box design, however. Canton's Wal-Mart will incorporate more of a storefront look with a "quick brick" simulated brick exterior as well as features such as dormers, windows and pitched roofs. The look will be similar to that of the new Livonia Meijer, on Middlebelt south of I-96, on the former Ladbroke race track grounds.

The parking lot will include boulevard entrances, landscaping surrounding both buildings

and two gazebos at the entrance off Ford.

Trustee Melissa McLaughlin said getting the project ready for approval from the board wasn't easy. The Canton Planning Commission on Oct. 16 hammered out details such as traffic flow, exterior building materials, tree preservation, lighting and future building maintenance.

"We're beginning to see the fruits of our labor," McLaughlin said of the final plans.

TOWNSHIP BOARD

Aaron Machnik, municipal services director, said Wal-Mart will be in a corporate overlay district as well as a Downtown Development Authority district, which means it must adhere to higher standards than traditional commercial developments. The corporate overlay requirements apply to landscaping, side-

walks, driveways and other visual features. The requirements also mandate 25 percent open space.

As for the DDA requirements, decorative brick walls and streetlight-style lighting are among the hallmarks.

Wal-Mart and Sam's Club will join Meijer, Super Kmart and Target on Canton's list of large discount retailers. A Wal-Mart is also under construction in Van Buren Township.

Griffin hosts a family memorial service tonight

The L.J. Griffin Funeral Home will host its annual memorial service for community families 7 p.m. Thursday (tonight) in the chapel of the Canton funeral home, Ford Road west of Lilley.

The service, designed for families who have lost a loved one in the past few years, will include clergy of the Catholic and Protestant faiths. Each family will receive a vigil candle acknowledging its loss.

Interested persons are asked to call the chapel, (734) 981-1700, in advance of the service.

Skate-A-Thon planned

The Canton-Plymouth Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program will hold its annual "Skate-A-Thon" from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Skatin' Station II in Canton.

For a minimum pledge of \$25, current D.A.R.E. students will enjoy skating, pizza, pop, great prizes and the chance to help kids resist drugs and alcohol. Children reaching pledges of \$50 and up will win prizes such as caps, sweatshirts and a mountain bike. For further information, call Officer Ken Winkler at (734) 398-5804.

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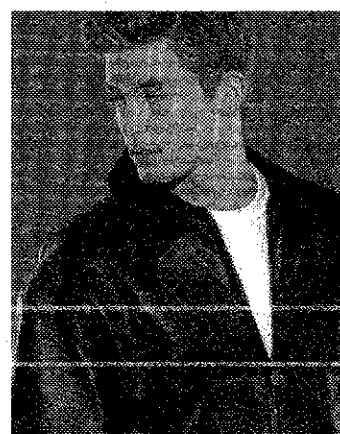
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No answers: Meghan Galvin of Plymouth, 15, right, and Katelyn Lee of Plymouth, 15, are among students wondering who their 43rd president is going to be.

Election

from page A1

It's spurred me to want to get out and vote when I get older because this could definitely happen again."

At Mel's Golden Razor in Plymouth, the talk at the barber shop has been nothing but Gore-Bush.

"With a thousand different opinions," said Larry Moraca. "Customers aren't happy that it's dragged on for so long and become a farce. They just want to get somebody in there and put an end to this."

The owner at Nancy's Coney Island restaurant in Canton keeps his radio on the all-news station to keep up with the latest information on the Florida recount.

"They've had three recounts, how many more do they need?" questioned Vassel Lucaj. "People here are saying they should just give it to Bush."

On the streets of Plymouth, it's hard to find someone who doesn't have an opinion.

"I just think it's ridiculous," said Helen McShane of Plymouth.



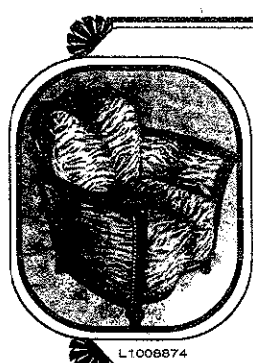
Election opinions: Megan Piowar of Plymouth, 15, Brad Cooley of Canton, 15, and Chris Collins of Plymouth, 15, debate the pros and cons of the election debate in Florida.

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Patterson, Toy get leadership posts

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State Rep. Rick Johnson, R-LeRoy, was selected by Republican lawmakers to be the next Speaker of the House in Michigan during a closed caucus meeting Tuesday.

Local legislators who also won leadership posts included Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, selected to be Majority Floor Leader; Rep. Larry Julian, R-Lennon, named Associate Speaker Pro Tem; and Laura Toy, R-Livonia, elected to the post of Majority Caucus Chair.

Democrats voted for their leadership last week, naming Rep. Kwame Kilpatrick, D-Detroit, to the post of Minority Leader. Also promoted in the Democratic ranks was Rep. Gilda Jacobs, R-Huntington Woods, who won the post of Minority Floor Leader.

The GOP balloting for leadership ran late into the evening Tuesday, not concluding until after 9 p.m. The cause, according to caucus spokesperson Kendall Wingrove, was a medical emergency in the middle of the meeting. Rep. Doug Hart, R-Rockford, experienced symptoms including a shortness of breath. Rep. Paul DeWeese, R-Williamston, who is also an emergency room physician, tended to Hart until he could be transported to the hospital. Hart was reportedly undergoing tests Tuesday evening at a Lansing area hospital to determine the cause of his illness.

Emergency

Voting was suspended during the emergency.

Johnson, re-elected to his second term in the House on Nov. 7, will assume the leadership post in January. He will replace outgoing Speaker Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo, who leaves office at the end of December due to term limits. In that role, Johnson will serve as chief spokesman for the House, direct development of the caucus agenda and appoint members of House committees.

"As chair of the House Republican Campaign Committee, I worked very hard to ensure we maintained a Republican majority in the House chamber. I'm grateful for the confidence my colleagues have in my leadership and work ethic," he said. "This is good news for northern Michigan as well. It's been nearly 50 years since a speaker hailed from up north."

First elected to the state House in 1998, Johnson has risen quickly through the ranks, taking on the duties of chair of the House Transportation Committee and chair of the House Republican Campaign Committee.

STATE NEWS

Johnson is a former Osceola County commissioner, serving as board chair for five years. He owns and operates a dairy and tree farm there. He was also a member of the Pine River School Board of Education, chair of the Osceola County Republican Party, and district director of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Replaces Raczkowski

To win the post, Johnson beat out a number of representatives

who were known to be vying for the post as well, including Reps. Patricia Godchaux, R-Birmingham, Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, Mark Jansen, R-Grand Rapids, and Charles LaSata, R-St. Joseph.

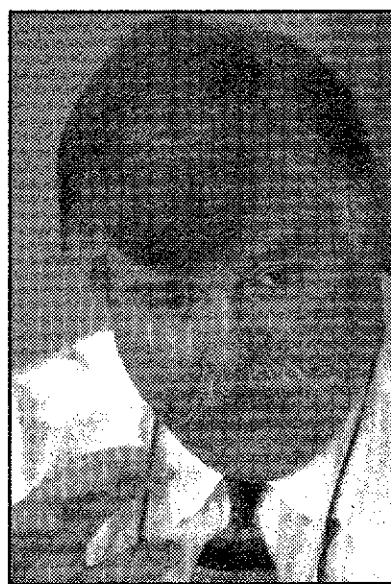
As a result of Tuesday's balloting, Patterson will also replace Raczkowski as the Majority Floor Leader. Now in his first term and just re-elected on Nov. 7, Patterson takes the new post after the turn of the year. The Majority Floor Leader is responsible for managing the work flow of the House during sessions.

Patterson was a member of the

Wayne County Commission and a member of several local chambers of commerce.

Julian likewise is in his first term, re-elected to office just last week. In January, he will take the role of Associate Speaker Pro Tem. Julian is a 27-year veteran trooper of the Michigan State Police and a former business owner. He also previously served as Venice Township Supervisor.

Toy will be Majority Caucus Chair in her sophomore term beginning in January. Toy previously has served as Livonia City



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Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton



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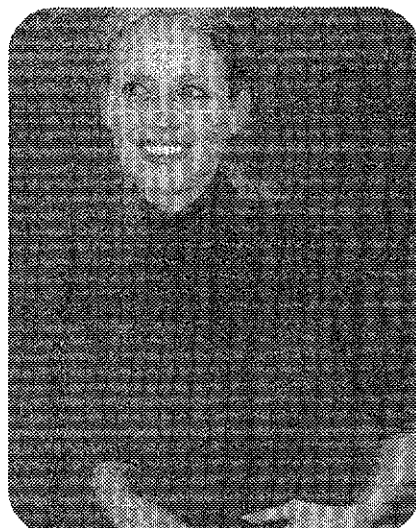
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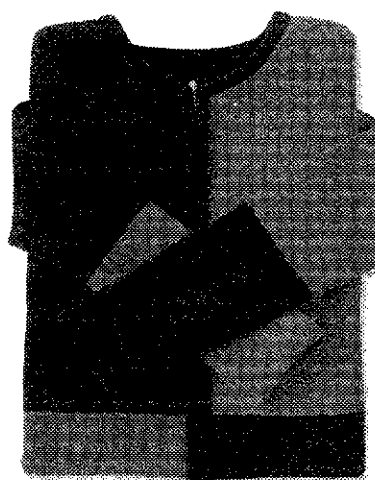
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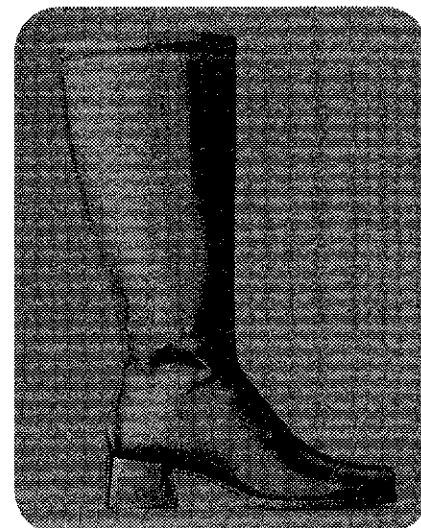
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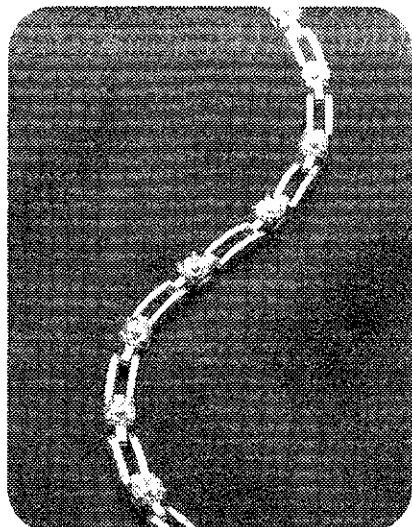
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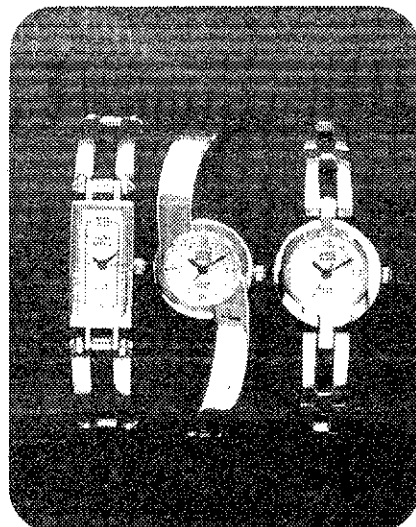
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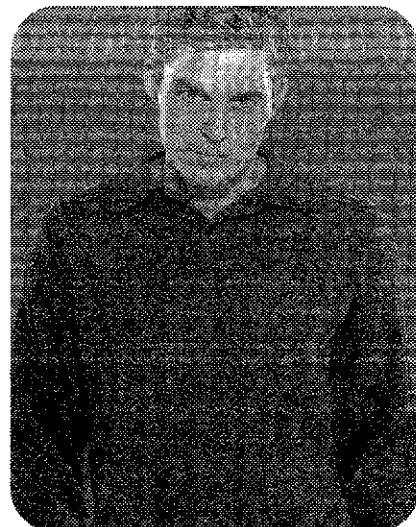
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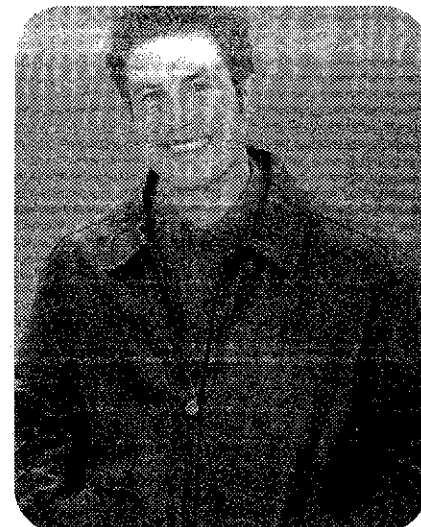
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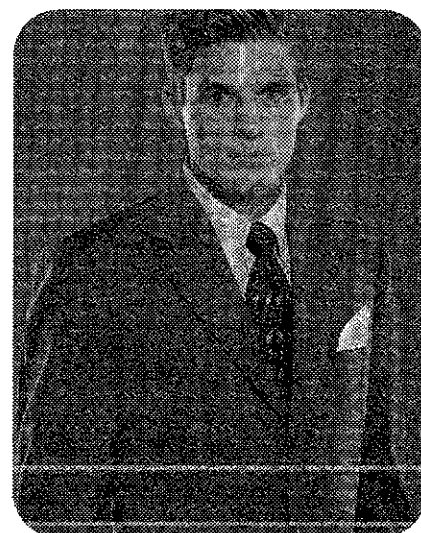
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Treasurer and was also on the Livonia City Council for eight years. She served on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees from 1982 to 1987. For the last 20 years, she has owned Caldwell Florists in Livonia.

Others who were named to the leadership ranks in the Republican caucus were Rep. Patricia Birkholz, R-Sagatuck, reelected to the post of Speaker Pro Tem; Rep. Stephen Ehardt, R-Lexington, named Associate Speaker Pro Tem; Rep. Mary Ann Mid-daugh, R-Paw Paw, selected Assistant Majority Floor Leader; Rep. Randy Richardville, R-Mon-

roe, elected Assistant Majority Floor Leader; Rep. Joanne Voorhees, R-Grandville, named Assistant Majority Caucus Chair; and Rep. Jerry Vander-Roest, R-Galesburg, elected Majority Whip.

Democrats vote

On the Democratic side, Kilpatrick beat out Rep. Mark Schauer, D-Battle Creek, for the position of Minority Leader. Kilpatrick will replace outgoing Rep. Mike Hanley, D-Saginaw. When Kilpatrick takes the post at the start of the new year, he will be in his third term. A for-

mer teacher in the Detroit Public School system and son of U.S. Rep. Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, D-Detroit, Kwame Kilpatrick is considered a rising star in the Democratic Party.

Jacobs will be in her sophomore term when she takes over as Minority Floor Leader next year, filling the position Kilpatrick currently holds. Jacobs campaigned for the job by raising money for Democratic candidates during the election season, walking door-to-door on their behalf and offering technical assistance to their campaign organizations.

New snow-plows boss says, 'We're in the best shape ever'

Patrick Hogan, Wayne County's new director of road maintenance, said this week his department's in top form for the coming snow-plowing season.

"We're in the best shape we've ever been heading into this winter," said Hogan, named recently to succeed Robert Mahoney, who retired after 43 years of service.

"We've got the largest and newest vehicle fleet in our history and our employees are extremely well-prepared," said Hogan, a Northville resident with 17 years experience in the roads department.

"We've made major overhauls over the past two years and are looking forward to see how they pay off," he said.

Hogan was named to the post by County Executive Edward H. McNamara, who said Hogan "played a key role" in improving the county's roads in the past decade.

"Our roads are in better condition, maintenance services have improved and our workers are as efficient as any in the state," McNamara said, adding that Hogan "is the most well-prepared to build on our momen-

tum."

Cameron Priebe, director of public services and Hogan's boss, said Hogan is "not afraid to try some new things" — which he said is important "to strengthen the public's confidence in what we do."

Hogan will be responsible for daily maintenance of over 720 miles of county primary roads and 740 miles of township roads. He also oversees the county's contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation to maintain 462 miles of state roads in the county, including all freeways plus major sections of state trunklines outside Detroit, such as Ford Road and Michigan Avenue.

County road services include snow and ice removal, pothole patching, traffic signs and signals, bridge maintenance, gravel road maintenance, ditch-clearing, grass-cutting and sweeping.

Schoolcraft registers

Schoolcraft College' registration is in progress the winter semester, with classes beginning Saturday, Jan. 5, 2001.

Registration forms are available in the winter schedules or through the Office of Admissions, and new students must meet with a counselor before registering.

The College offers a variety of methods to register, including phone-in, mail-in and walk-in. Phone-in registration continues through Jan. 3 by calling (734) 462-4800 except Sundays and holidays; mail-in registration continues through Nov. 28; and walk-in registration is available Dec. 6 through Jan. 3.

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County proposes employee shuttle to parking site

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Wayne County's plan to alleviate its employees' parking problems also could result in additional parking spaces during evenings and weekends for visitors to Greektown and its new casino.

According to the proposal, presented to the County Commission on Tuesday in response to a request from commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, county employees would be shuttled mornings and evenings from the Fox Theatre Garage on Woodward to work at three county sites.

Employees using the plan – a minimum of 150 is required – would pay \$35 per month through payroll deduction for parking in the garage. The plan would go into effect Jan. 1, 2001.

The county would recoup part of the daily expense of running the three shuttle vans by opening two lots to the public for evenings and weekends. The lot

at Brush and Fort streets, across from the Wayne County Building, and the sheriff's administration lot at Macomb and Beaubien.

These would provide an additional 175 parking spaces, at "market rates," in the Greektown vicinity. Revenues from those operations would go into "an enterprise fund to assist in paying for" the shuttle service, according to Mary Zuckerman, the assistant county executive who drew up the plan.

The county commission, meeting Tuesday as a committee of the whole, authorized Zuckerman to proceed with getting bids on the van service and working out other aspects.

"Mary laid out a pretty good program," commented Beard, D-Westland.

The concern, Beard said, is that if something isn't done soon, the county will lose employees. "Some already have asked for transfers," she said.

"What is so aggravating is that we started talking to the (count-

ty) administration a long time ago" about parking becoming a problem, she added.

Zuckerman described her plan as "conservative" and "an interim solution" of about 18 months while the county explores, both with the city of Detroit and on its own, more permanent solutions to the parking problem.

'Move aggressively'

However, her plan did urge that the county "begin to move aggressively to obtain revenue from the parking lots which it owns in Downtown Detroit."

She specifically urged that the county "change the management contract on the Fort/Brush" lot so that it can get the revenues and pay a parking firm to manage it.

She noted the Greektown casino's opening means "we have a much greater opportunity for revenue production on this lot than in the past."

When commissioners asked Zuckerman about a parking structure near the Wayne Coun-

ty Building – possibly on the county's Brush/Fort lot – she replied she is "looking at a number of proposals with property owners in the area" and hopes to have a proposal "within a few weeks."

She said putting up a structure on that site would require closing one of the two streets and claimed "the (traffic flow) situation is so tight," such a move "would not be advantageous."

She declined to further discuss it "publicly" because of ongoing negotiations and suggested commissioners hold a closed meeting.

Final financing of the shuttle service, which responds to county employees' complaints about losing parking due to General Motors' moving downtown and the casinos, remains to be worked out.

'Begin charging'

Zuckerman did say the county "should begin charging all employees, with the exception of elected officials, who are parking

on lots owned by the County that are located in the Central Business District. This would affect employees parking on the Fort/Brush Street Lot, Sheriff's Administration Lot, Neudeck Parking Lot, and Juvenile Detention Facility."

She estimated revenue from all the lots at \$365,900 against \$358,400 in expenses for the shuttle service and other related parking costs.

That brought up discussion of the commission's ongoing battle with County Executive Edward H. McNamara over his alleged violation of the county's resolution prohibiting flat-rate reimbursements to executive branch employees. (See related story.)

The new plan calls for three 28-seat passenger vans to be provided by an outside leasing agen-

cy exclusively for county employees.

They would travel continuously 6:30-9:30 a.m. and 3:30-6:30 p.m. between the Fox garage and county offices located in the St. Antoine corridor, at 400 Monroe in Greektown and to the county building at 600 Randolph.

The register of deeds and treasurer's offices are in Greektown, sheriff's offices are in the St. Antoine corridor and the commission and county executive offices are on Randolph.

From 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., a single van would be available to transport employees between the garage and the county facilities. The service would be on a first-come, first-serve basis and employees would have to call a central dispatch to arrange for it.

Parking allowance criticized

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Wayne County could easily fund its proposed employee shuttle van service if the county's executive branch stopped paying car allowances to non-union employees, a county official said Tuesday.

Gregory Hicks, director of administration for the Wayne County Commission, proposed the idea to commissioners Tuesday as they heard a plan by Assistant County Executive Mary Zuckerman to provide parking shuttle service for employees (see related story).

Hicks said the move would free up about \$595,000, "more than what is needed to finance the shuttle service," Zuckerman's plan would cost about \$358,000 per year.

However, the CEO's office has claimed the ordinance prohibit-

ing such payments null and void since it was passed in 1993.

And Commissioner John J. Sullivan, D-Wayne, said Tuesday he thinks the courts should decide the issue.


"I don't see us getting this resolved without the third branch of government (the judiciary) deciding it," said Sullivan, an attorney, after Tuesday's meeting.

Hicks listed 125 positions as receiving the reimbursements, which range from \$175-\$500 per month.

Included are four elective offices – county treasurer, clerk, register of deeds and prosecuting attorney.

The total of 125 surprised county commissioners.

"We are very concerned that there are now 125 getting the reimbursement," said Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, Westland. "We're really going to look into that."



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the process.

The Fun Run kicks off the annual 4-1/2-mile-long Wayne County LightFest, which opens to the public tonight (Nov. 16). The LightFest, which stretches from Westland to Dearborn Heights, is 7-10 p.m. nightly

except for Dec. 25 and ends Jan. 1.

Tuesday night's Fun Run, from Merriman Drive in Westland to Warrendale Park in the Heights, "was a cold but good night," grinned Larry Fitch, county parks executive director.

The women's winner was Mary Chandler of Toledo, Ohio. "We're starting to get people from all over" for the event, Fitch said.

The men's winner was John Dousch, a metro-Detroit medical student.

Fitch said about \$10,000 was raised from entry fees and sponsors to benefit the Friends of Wayne County Parks and the American Heart Association. Ameritech was this year's main sponsor.

The eighth annual drive-through LightFest features 39 giant animated displays and almost a million lights, the most ever.

Animated displays include Santa's Colossal Sleigh, Santa's Flight School, a giant Poinsettia Wreath and the Loch Ness Monster.

Viewers enter at Hines and Merriman, 2-1/2 miles south of Interstate 96 in Westland. Hines closes to regular traffic at 5:45 p.m. nightly.

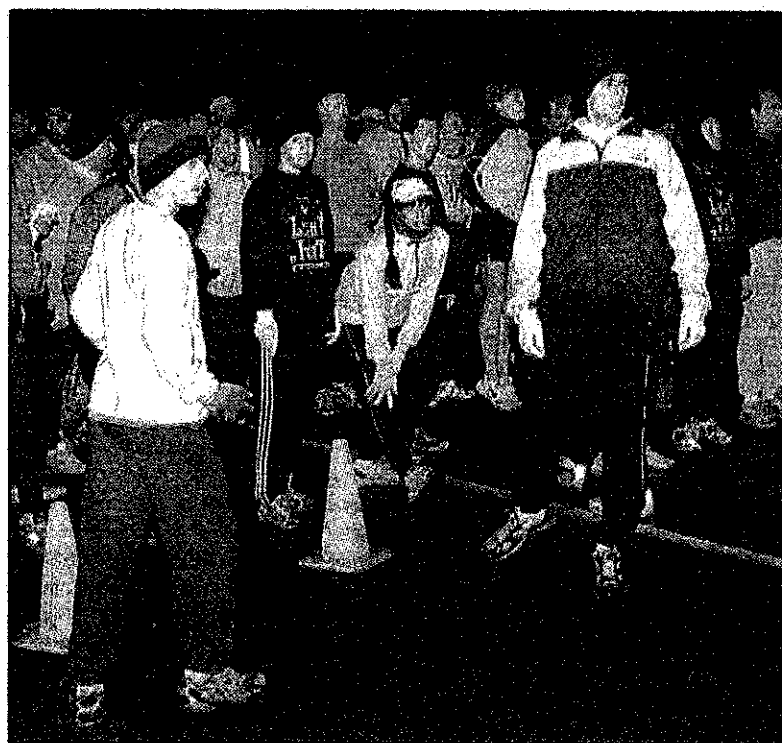
At drive's end is Santa's Shelter in Warrendale Park's picnic area, with refreshments and gift shopping. After Nov. 23, Santa Claus will be on hand for photographs.

A minimum donation of \$5 per car keeps the LightFest operating.

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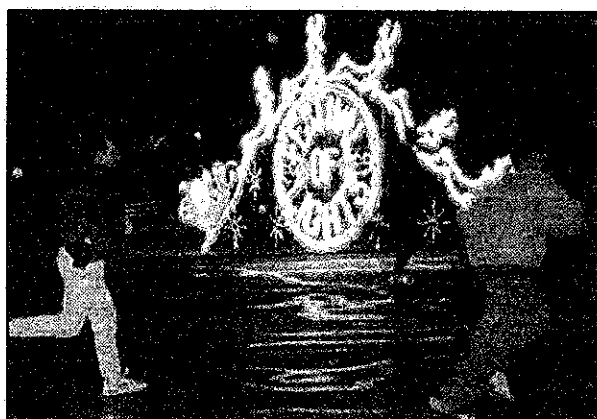


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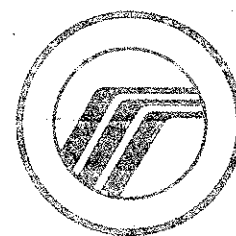
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House of Choice

Something new for the gourmet shopper

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A 65 foot-long case filled with gourmet meats like certified black Angus, all-natural poultry and fresh seafood is just one of the bragging points of new House of Choice, according to owners Tom and Sharon Boji of Canton.

The 10,000-square-foot store opened Oct. 11 in the Golden Gate shopping center, on Lilley south of Joy. The space was formerly home to Bob's of Canton, which also specialized in meats.

Tom Boji said House of Choice is geared more toward the gourmet-minded shopper. The store will even take special orders for hard-to-find meats, such as ostrich and wild game. A Web site, www.houseofchoice.com, is under construction and will allow customers to place orders online and download coupons, he added.

Bob's of Canton closed at this location in 1999 following a roof collapse. A snowstorm that dumped roughly 15 inches on southeast Michigan was a contributing factor in the collapse, which caused several other businesses in the center to close or relocate.

"We're trying to revive the shopping center in here," Boji said, adding that he spent nearly \$500,000 on inventory and renovations.

Though catering to gourmet shoppers, Boji, who has nearly 30 years of experience in the meat business, said he still wants the store to have a warm feeling.

"We want to be a full-service family oriented business," he said. "Everyone is being trained like they're part of the family."

Speaking of family, the Boji's daughters, Stephanie, 16, and Jennifer, 17, both work in the store after attending classes at Salem High. Their 2-month-old sister, Mikayla, sleeps in a playpen in the office. Mom Sharon, who also works in the store, wears a baby monitor so she can attend to her if she cries.

The Boji's other daughter, Michelle, 9, helps out with bagging duties when the store's busy.

Taking the helm in the deli department is Gerri Allen, who formerly owned the Black Pearl restaurant in Detroit. *Metro Times* magazine cited the restaurant as having the best "soul food" in Detroit.

"I cook a variety of foods," Allen said. "Soul (food) to me just means good homemade food."

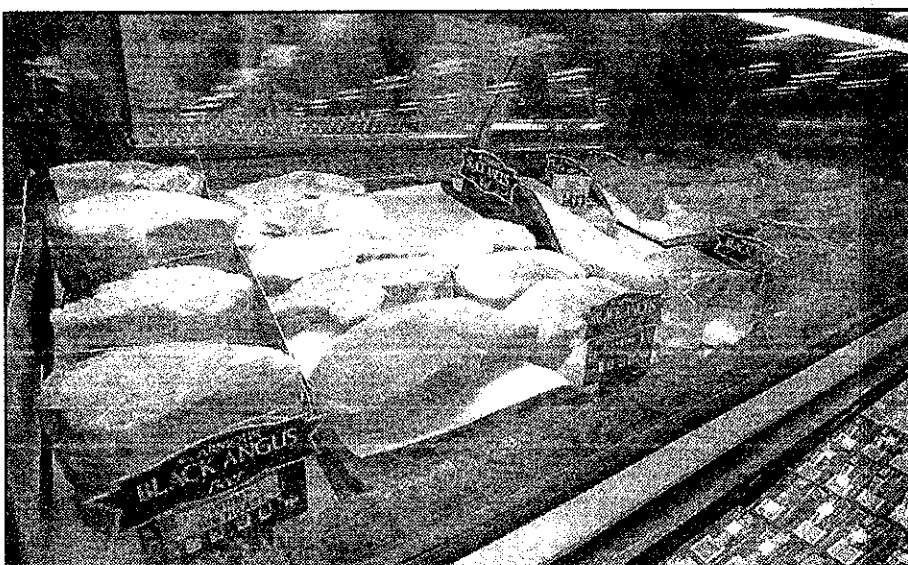
The hot deli case will stock traditional favorites such as fried chicken, ribs and more. The deli department will also make party trays with cheeses, meats and veggies.

In prime grilling months, Boji said he plans to stock ready-to-grill items such as marinated meats and shish-ka-bobs.

The store carries a full line of groceries, including canned goods, health and beauty items, sauces, snacks, beverages, candy, cleaning products and more. A liquor license that will allow them to stock beer and wine is pending.

"We carry a full line of everything but not a lot of everything," Tom Boji said.

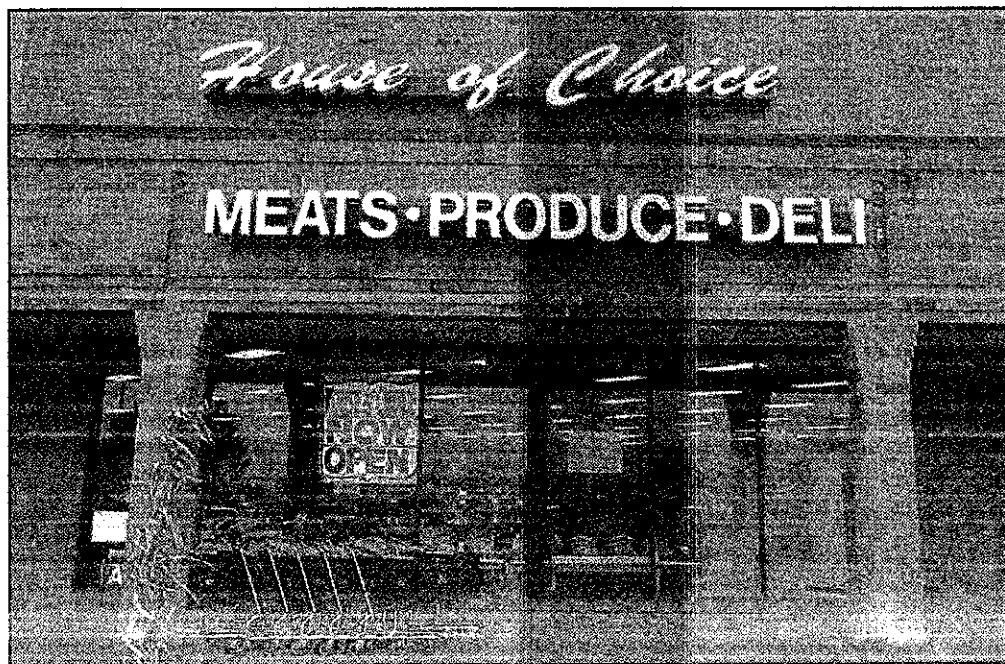
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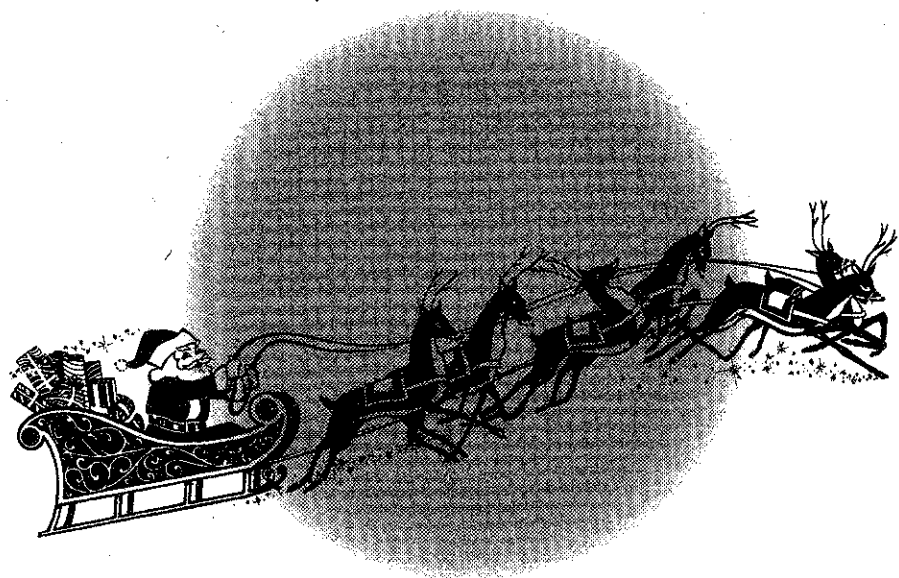
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GOP wins state control with long-term advantage

BY MIKE MALOTT
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The stakes are often high in elections, but when the hands were dealt for the general election in Michigan last week, the prize in the kitty was simply this — political control of the state for the next decade.

Already in the GOP's stack of chips was the executive branch, held by Gov. John Engler and Secretary of State Candice Miller, and the state Senate.

In the center of the table for the election were three more important trophies — the state House, the state Supreme Court and reapportionment.

Michigan voters handed the entire pot to Republicans.

Split decision

Interestingly, Michigan voters seemed to swing to the other side of the spectrum on national level politics. They handed the state's 18 electoral votes to presidential candidate Al Gore. They turned out incumbent Republican Spencer Abraham from the U.S. Senate to replace him with Democrat Debbie Stabenow. And despite giving Stabenow's old congressional seat to Republican Mike Rogers by a narrow margin, they will send a delegation off to Congress next year that is weighted in favor of Democrats nine to seven.

"Michigan voters are Republicans on state and local issues and Democrats on national issues," said Ed Sarpolus, vice president of the Lansing polling firm EPIC/MRA. "State issues are pocketbook issues, tax and spend issues. National issues have more to do with who we are as a people and how we want government to treat us."

State Rep. Judith Scranton, R-Brighton, agrees but puts it more succinctly — the difference was "choice." Many of the issues that confront the state and federal governments are the same, improving education and tax breaks. But the major difference is abortion rights, pro-life versus pro-choice. Scranton said she can find no other reason why conservative Oakland County, long a Republican stronghold, handed



GOV. John Engler

its presidential votes to Gore.

State Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, sees it differently. He believes the election was mainly a victory by incumbents. Voters are happy with the way the government is operating, for the most part, and by and large returned incumbents to office. Within his district, he noted, local races produced wins for incumbents on both sides of the political aisle.

Rep. Gilda Jacobs, D-Huntington Woods, isn't willing to go along with the idea that voters align with different parties at different levels of government, but she doesn't have a theory to offer about what Michigan voters split their decision.

"I've been asking myself the same question," she said.

Gov. Engler, ever the political strategist, sees the election as a victory for the GOP all around. Although Michigan's electoral votes went Democratic, "we occupied enough of Al Gore's time that the vice president was not able to be in a lot of other places that perhaps he should have been," like Florida and Tennessee.

Base vote

State Senate Minority Leader John Cherry, D-Clio, takes issue with Sarpolus' analysis.

"He forgets that the base vote in Michigan is 51 percent Democratic," Cherry argued. "If you want to know what the base party vote is in this state, you have to look at races like the State Board of Education." Because candidates for State Board typically are not able to run statewide campaigns, and so individually are little known to voters, those seats are usually decided by voters who cast straight party ballots. In Michigan this year, State Board of Education seats fell to Democrats John Austin and Kathleen Straus.

Despite the party's marginal lead in base voting power, Cherry argued, the GOP has gained control of the Michigan House and Senate because of the way legislative districts have been drawn. By drawing some districts with heavy Democratic margins and spreading Republican-controlled areas over a number of districts, the boundaries can be drawn in ways that produce a GOP majority in the Legislature despite a smaller overall base vote. And that explains GOP dominance in Michigan, Cherry said.

It is also very bad news for Democrats who face another round of district "apportionment" in the coming year while Republicans hold all the cards in state government.

Deciding the future

District boundaries are drawn

once every 10 years, immediately after conclusion of U.S. Census counting. It will be the GOP-controlled state House and Senate that draws those district boundaries in the coming year, under rules adopted by the Legislature and signed into law last year by the governor.

The process of drawing boundaries had been assigned to an eight-member committee by the state Constitution, but that provision was tossed out in 1992 as a violation of the U.S. Constitution. Not that it matters. The committee had never completed its work since the state Constitution was written in 1963 and all previous district plans had to be settled by the state Supreme Court. Still, with that provision out of the Constitution, the job of drawing boundaries falls back to the Legislature itself. The rules adopted last year followed the standards the state Supreme Court has set for apportionment plans in the past.

That's exactly why the state House and Supreme Court were such major prizes in this election. Had Democrats taken the House, they could have negotiated with a Republican Senate for districts more favorable to the Democratic Party. And any lawsuit over the district plan would go to the Supreme Court for a final decision.

With both in Republican control, Democrats have "no hope" of getting districts favorable to their candidates, according to Sarpolus and Cherry.

The best Democrats can do is assure Republican district plans don't violate standards set in state law or by the U.S. Constitution and don't diminish the voting strength of ethnic minorities.

Patterson argues the plan will be fair because of the rules already put in place.

Scranton, on the other hand, is unabashed that the GOP will have control. Since voters put Republicans in the majority, that means they are happy with the Republican agenda and the party should act to assure continued control, she said.

Democrats role

What it all means for the Democratic Party is that it will be relegated to minority party status in the Legislature for next few state elections, although shifts in population and the issues themselves may give Democrats a fighting chance to recover eventually.

Cherry noted that the governor's office will be up for grabs two years from now when Engler leaves. With no incumbent in office and if that base vote holds, Democrats have a chance to grab the executive office.

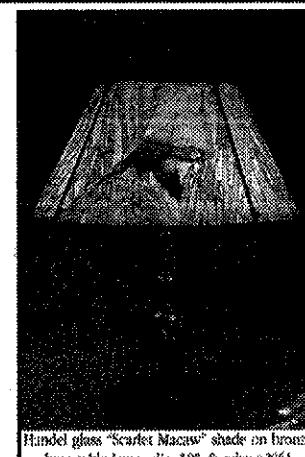
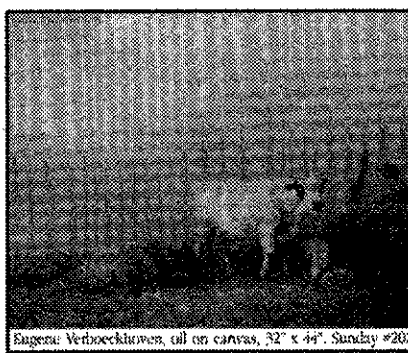
Until then, there may be dangers in single party control of state government, said Sarpolus.

"They may attempt to overreach," he said, "just as Newt Gingrich attempted to overreach" when Republicans gained control in Congress. "Overreaching" would just push voters away to the Democratic side.

Patterson disagrees. "That assumes the Republican Party is monolithic in its views, and I can tell you, it is not," he said. "The margins are slim and Democrats are needed and have a role to play ... I'm a great believer in the two-party system. They challenge me and sharpen my game. They make us think things through."

Jacobs believes there may actually be improved relations between the two parties in the state Legislature. In any case, Cherry and Jacobs said Democrats aren't planning to fold their tents and head home.

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Headlee returns for filing of another 'Durant' lawsuit

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Because the state has not adequately funded special education, Rochester Community Schools have been forced to increase class size and initiate other measures to make up the funding difference, according to the district's superintendent.

Other school districts throughout Michigan have been forced to take similar steps to pay for what amounts to an unfunded state mandate, Superintendent John M. Schultz said Wednesday at a press conference in Southfield.

The conference was called to announce the filing of yet another lawsuit aimed at compelling the state to pay the full costs of special education in compliance with the 1978 Headlee Amendment.

"This is not about special education," said Schultz. The suit does not seek to pit the parents of children in special education programs against the parents of youngsters in other programs, he



Richard Headlee

said.

Rather the suit, filed in the Michigan Court of Appeals, is designed to compel the state to provide full funding for the special education programs and other state-ordered programs, said Schultz. Full state funding, he said, would enable Rochester

and other schools to spend more money on things like reducing class size and using more teachers' aides.

Durant III

The suit, dubbed "Durant III," is similar to two other law suits challenging educational funding in Michigan, according to Bloomfield Township attorney Dennis R. Pollard, who was involved in the previous litigation. The other two suits — filed in 1997 and 1998 — have resulted in more than \$200 million in damages being paid to school districts, according to plaintiffs.

More than 300 school districts have joined with the plaintiffs in the suit, according to Schultz, who was accompanied by Richard Headlee, author of the 1978 amendment to the Michigan Constitution that imposes limits on the ability of state and local governments to raise and spend taxes.

Headlee, chairman emeritus of Taxpayers United for Tax Limitation, said Wednesday's lawsuit would not be needed except that government officials, including Gov. John M. Engler and state legislators from both political parties, continuously circumvent the limits included in the Headlee Amendment.

Rather than comply with the Headlee Amendment that was overwhelmingly approved by voters, Headlee said, those officials find ways around it. "I'm despised equally by Democrats and Republicans," Headlee joked. But the courts have

repeatedly ruled in favor of schools, he insisted.

Disputes litigation

A spokesman for Engler, however, disputed the need for the litigation as well as the contention that previous court rulings in related to the Durant cases have resulted in the state being required to come up with more money for schools.

Press spokesman John Truscott said he hadn't yet seen the suit. But he is "shocked and amazed (at the suit), given how the courts have so strongly agreed the state has met its (school funding) obligations."

The Engler administration has sought the advice of the attorney general's office, input from the legislature and the guidance of the courts in meeting its obligations to fund schools, said Truscott. "This suit won't make a difference," he insisted.

The lawsuit filed Wednesday significantly differs from the previous Durant suits, according to attorney Pollard, of Pollard & Albertson. Previous litigation focused on maintaining 1978 levels of state funding for special education programs and other services, said the attorney. Durant III addresses, among other things, future funding of mandated programs.

"We want the state to pay for all future programs it mandates," he said. If the state orders something, the state should be prepared to fund it, he said.

Unfunded mandates

Those new state programs, or unfunded mandates, take different forms, the attorney said, ranging from requiring longer school years to providing transportation or special education programs. "The schools have spent 20 years trying to keep the state financially accountable for what it orders local governments to do," said Pollard.

Headlee said the suit is aimed at ending what he considers a "free lunch" by state politicians.

State officials delight and take credit for mandating programs like those pertaining to special education, he said.

But when they don't adequately fund those programs, he said, politicians require local school districts and governments with to raise the money needed to pay for them. "We want to end that free lunch," Headlee said, and help school districts that are distressed because of unfunded mandates.

5 awarded emeritus status at Schoolcraft

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Five former professors — including the late chemistry professor, Andrew Watson — and a counselor on the staff at Schoolcraft College have been awarded emeritus status by the board of trustees.

The board also granted honore awards to two former administrative staff members.

The four retired professors are Sharon Cotton of South Lyon, office information systems accounting; Maureen Foley, Ann Arbor, chemistry; Merle Richmond, Walled Lake, accounting;

and Gordon Snyder, Northville, biology.

The counselor is Richard Tomalty of Northville, who was on staff from 1970-2000.

Cotton was at Schoolcraft from 1980-2000; Foley, 1983-99; Richmond, 1970-99; Snyder, 1965-99; and Watson of Ann Arbor, who died in October at age 73, from 1965-98.

Approved for honore awards were JoAnn Kirkland of Detroit, human resources operations assistant, 1989-2000; and Carol Profit, formerly of Canton Township, document and layout associate, 1979-99.

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SHERRY LYNN CREECH

Services for Sherry Lynn Creech, 42, of Canton were held Nov. 13 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with Captain Randall Van Lanningham, Salvation Army, officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Creech was born on March 10, 1958 in Highland Park and died Nov. 9, 2000 in Canton. She lived in Canton her entire life. She worked as a day care teacher for Kindercare Day Care Center. She was also a crossing guard for Plymouth-Canton schools.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Margaret Anne Snyder.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond Creech; one son, Raymond Creech; one daughter, Christina Creech all of Canton; her father, Walter Snyder of Plymouth; and three sisters, Kath-

leen Snyder of Plymouth, Janice Snyder of Plymouth and Kimberly (Joseph) Cadeau of Westland.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army/Plymouth, P.O. Box 6296, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

HAROLD McDONALD

Services for Harold McDonald, 90, of Canton were held Nov. 15 at Resurrection Catholic Church with the Rev. Richard Perfetto officiating.

Mr. McDonald was born on May 9, 1910 in England and died Nov. 12, 2000 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township. He was a retired purchasing agent for Detroit Edison.

Survivors include his wife, Charlotte McDonald; one son, Larry McDonald; two daughters, Mary Jane Bokon and Judy McDonald; three step-sons, Tom, James, Christopher Koppin; two brothers, Joseph and Edward McDonald; 14 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Senior Alliance, 3850 Second St., Suite 201, Wayne, MI 48174-1755.

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LEON R. CHRISTENSEN

Services for Leon Christensen, 69, of Hamburg Township, formerly of Plymouth, will be held 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 20, at the First Unitarian Universalist Church in Ann Arbor.

Mr. Christensen was born June 3, 1931 in Detroit and died Nov. 10, 2000 in Hamburg. He owned and operated Christensen Nursery and Plant Center in Plymouth and for the last 10 years the Northfield Farms. He served in the armed services during the Korean conflict. He was a member of The American Association of Nurserymen.

He grew up in the Plymouth area and graduated from Plymouth High School and Michigan State University with a

bachelor's degree in landscape architecture.

Survivors include three daughters, Holly Christensen of Plymouth, Laurel Camen of South Lyon, and Bari (David) Dilworth of Traverse City; one sister, Kathryn Ther of Ann Arbor; one brother, Allen Christensen of Hastings, Mich.; and one granddaughter, Vanessa Camen.

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RUTH E. ARNDT

Services for Ruth Arndt, 92, of Canton, were held Nov. 12 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Plymouth with the Rev. Thomas N. Kayfess officiating.

Mrs. Arndt was born on Nov. 22, 1907 in Cuthbert, Ga., and died Nov. 9, 2000 in Canton. She was a piano teacher. She was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Emery Lyons.

Survivors include one son, Alan (Gloria) Arndt of Canton; one brother, Robert Lyons of Tennessee; three granddaughters, Audra Arndt of Farmington Hills, Amber Arndt of South Lyon, and Emily Arndt of Canton; and one grandson, Andre Arndt of Farmington Hills.

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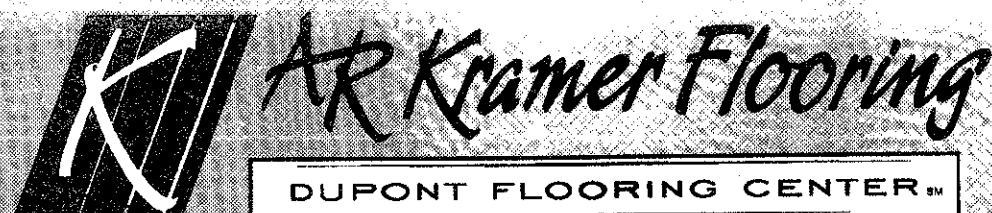
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"The evening program is fully recognized by the state and meets all requirements for certification," said Daniel Antieau, Police Academy coordinator. "Cadets will go to school four hours a day, four days a week, Monday through Thursday, and all day Saturday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Instruction includes class time, physical training, driving, firearms and defensive tactics."

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Schoolcraft district will pay \$2,638.50 in tuition resident; nonresidents will pay \$3,145.50. Students sponsored by a department will pay a \$2,438.50 tuition fee. The evening program will accept a maximum of 40 students. Antieau said the new program is a response to the lack of qualified personnel in the law enforcement field.

"Eighty-nine percent of recruits who have come through the past five Academies have been hired immediately upon

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Applicants to the evening Police Academy should have 41 college credits, preferably related to criminal justice, a proportionate height and weight, and be able to pass a physical agility test and oral examination. Graduates will have earned 19 additional credits and an associate

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Antieau said graduates are qualified for beginning positions as patrolmen and are eligible for employment in any police agency in the state. He cited starting salaries ranging from \$30,000 to \$40,000.

"Because of the lean towards a more community oriented service, police officers play not only a law enforcement role, but also the role of a counselor," he said.

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ing set up community watch programs and DARE programs and working with community leaders."

To apply, contact the Wayne County Regional Police Academy office at Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff, in Garden City or call 734-462-4747. The deadline to apply is Feb. 1, 2000.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.



Dan Antieau

Photos map religion in metro area

A reception marking the opening of an exhibition of photographs mapping world religions in metropolitan Detroit will be held 5-7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, in the Berkowitz Gallery in the Mardigan Library at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. The exhibition will be on display through Dec. 17.

"The exhibition is part of the Pluralism Project, a research project that has been going on for 18 months to document the changing religious landscape in metropolitan Detroit," according to Claude Jacobs, assistant professor of anthropology and director of the project at UM-Dearborn.

"The more than 50 photographs in the exhibition are documents of religious centers and practices throughout the region," according to Jacobs. "The emphasis is on the religious practices among those who have immigrated to our community since 1965, as well as on the ways that other Americans have broadened their religious perspectives and are changing their religious affiliation and practices."

The continuing project involves students and faculty from UM-Dearborn and scholars from other educational institutions in the Detroit area. It is part of a national effort organized by the Harvard University Pluralism Project.

The photographs, which are the work of students and faculty under the direction of William A. McNeece, adjunct lecturer at UM-Dearborn, reflect a wide array of traditions including Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Sikhism, Jainism, Christianity, Judaism and Baha'i.

In conjunction with the exhibition, Diana L. Eck, professor of comparative religion and Indian studies at Harvard University and director of the Harvard University Pluralism Project, will lecture on "A New Religious Landscape," at 2 p.m. Dec. 3 in Lecture Hall B, School of Management Building.

The exhibition will be part of the Detroit 300 celebration of the city's tricentennial and will be displayed at several venues in the metropolitan area in 2001. Sponsors for the exhibition include the Harvard University Pluralism Project, the U-M Arts of Citizenship program, the UM-Dearborn diversity grants program and individual donors.

Advent retreat at Madonna

Madonna University will hold an advent retreat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9. This year's theme will be "Prepare the Way of the Lord." The retreat will be held in the East Dining Room in the Residence Hall on the Livonia campus (14221 Levan Road). The Rev. Norman D. Nawrocki from St. Regis Church in Bloomfield Hills will lead the activities.

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Keep schools closed for presidential vote

It was bound to happen sooner or later. We agreed whole-heartedly with the hiring earlier this year of Plymouth-Canton schools Superintendent Dr. Kathleen Booher, considering her easily the top choice in the field. And we've agreed with virtually everything she's done since taking the job last winter.

Finally, though, comes The Great Election Debate over whether to close the schools the day of the presidential election.

When this year's presidential election rolled around, students were scheduled for a half-day of classes before being released. This allowed the district to get credit for a full day of instruction for half the price.

However, with many of the district's buildings used as polling precincts, it also created some problems.

Schools where parking is at a premium had trouble handling the extra business created by a surge in voter turnout. By our unofficial, inexact estimates, turnout was especially large in the early hours of voting, when the schools were also teeming with buses, parents dropping off children and students and faculty trying to get ready for a day of teaching.

We understand the need for the district to put in its time to achieve the state-mandated number of instructional days. We certainly don't advocate any policy that disrupts or inhibits the learning process.

But we also think the district might be missing a good educational bet by keeping the kids in school on election day.

From across this district and others

come stories of parents standing in line with a son or daughter, waiting to cast a vote, all the while explaining the process to their children and, at the same time, giving them a bird's-eye view, a snapshot of the political system at work.

When actor Richard Dreyfuss spoke in the district last month, he urged young people to get involved, to become informed on issues, to learn all they can about how things work.

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While we understand the demands of union contracts and state mandates, it hardly seems likely that working one day off every four years into the school district's schedule would damage or undermine the district's ability to educate. Surely, this is important enough to be worked out.

Any negatives are far outweighed by the positive results of less-crowded polling places and an informed younger generation.

These young people are the future of our country. In our eyes, it's never too early to start learning.



LETTERS

Choice three

Being a homeowner in the North Pointe subdivision, I would like for it to be known that I believe the placement of the new proposed football stadium will indeed decrease the property value of my home as well as others in the subdivision.

We do not believe the homeowners were taken into consideration when it was decided where to place the new football stadium. If we were considered, the football stadium would not be so close to our backyards. I feel that out of common courtesy, we should have been notified of the possibility of the stadium being put in place so close to our homes.

Once we learned of the placement of the stadium, through contacting the township, we were put in touch with school administration. Meetings were set up and attended at the Plymouth Salem High School. Alternatives were presented to us and only alternative three would appeal to all involved. Locating the football stadium near the existing stadium would benefit the students as well as those who live nearby. We feel that out of all alternatives presented to us, that alternative three would be best for everyone.

Larry Scherbarth
Canton

other alternatives, nor did they explain why their new alternative was better than Alternative 3.

The school board is now supposed to vote on the revised plan on Nov. 14. We ask the board to table this discussion until an open and detailed discussion with the residents can take place. We are confident that a cost effective solution can be reached that will be acceptable to all of the community's concerns.

Mr. and Mrs. David Guastella
Canton

Election IDs

I have been an election inspector for years. At no time have I ever been required to see any identification from the voter. No driver's license with picture I.D. or a voter registration card with a signature to compare.

Only if there is a question of correct precinct or timely registration have the chairpersons asked for some I.D. and then checks.

The outcome is that we trust everyone who comes to vote. After all, who would stand in a long line if they are not a valid voter? Actually, anyone can claim to be anyone. No proof required. So if someone or some group chose to corrupt the election toward one party, it would be relatively easy under our current system. And no PIN or fingerprint.

This historic Florida fiasco may just be the event which reduces potential corruption and increases personal responsibility for the candidates selected by them. And no "sampling!" Every vote counts.

Beatrice Scalise
Plymouth

Schools bait, switch

The Plymouth Canton School District is using one of the oldest known marketing ploys to address the concerns expressed by the North Pointe Subdivision residents.

It's known as *the bait and switch*. Over the last two weeks, the school district has met with the North Pointe residents three times to "understand" the communities concerns with placing the new football field within 50 feet of our homes. When we expressed our concerns with the 70 foot high lights shining down on the field and our homes, the district listened.

When we expressed our concerns with the negative impact on our property values, the district listened. In fact, at our second meeting they provided three alternatives for us to consider alleviating our concerns (*the bait*).

The residents overwhelmingly selected what is known as Alternative 3, which moved the field to the east of the new school. In this location, only some of the little league baseball fields would need to be relocated (a backstop and two benches per field). Furthermore, Alternative 3 placed the football field away from the North Pointe subdivision as well as providing a wooded buffer for our neighbors in the Sunflower subdivision.

It was no wonder that in our last meeting (Nov. 2) we were shocked when the school district presented their recommended alternative, which was none of the proposals presented previously (*the switch*). In this proposal, the district merely moved the field 50 feet further to the east. By doing this, all they accomplished was to put the football field behind the backyards of other North Pointe residents!

At our final meeting, the district did not provide any discussion on the

Thanks to all

Congratulations to Melissa McLaughlin, Phil Lajoy, John Burdzak and Robert Shefferly on their reelection as trustees on the Canton Township Board. I also congratulate the other officers: supervisor Tom Yack, clerk Terry Bennett and treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter.

Although I am disappointed in losing the election, I still retain a keen interest in local politics and intend to stay involved.

I met a lot of people over the campaign who also developed an interest in local issues and I hope they stay involved as well.

I received a lot of support and help from many different people and I would like to say thank you.

I also had an opportunity to meet a lot of different people with many different opinions on the issues and I appreciated that, too.

Tom Hartnett
trustee candidate
Canton

Driving woes

I know why drivers don't use their direction signals.

Many times I signal to change lanes, the driver behind me intently speeds up to block me.

There would be plenty of room if the driver in the next lane had some manners. Why let them know of my intentions?

Alfred Ismond
Redford

Sullivan thanks all

Thank you all so very much. I would like to thank all of the wonderful people of the 11th Commission District who helped to re-elect me to the Wayne County Commission. I have met so many wonderful people over the past two years while I have been your Commissioner and I look forward to continuing to work with all of you.

It was just so heart warming to see and hear from so many people that appreciated the work that I have done.

I was so pleased to see that my constituents did not buy into the negative campaigning that came from my opponent's campaign and statements that were printed in our local papers during this election.

I have worked hard over the past two years to be the best public servant that I can be and I intend to continue to do so. I also worked hard over the past few months to run a clean and honest campaign based upon the issues because I know that you appreciate that type of campaigning.

As always, if there is anything that I can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact me. I enjoy being your legislative voice in Wayne County Government and I truly do appreciate the opportunity that you have blessed me with to continue serving you. Thank you.

John J. Sullivan
Wayne County Commissioner
District 11

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GUEST OPINION

Canton man responds to distant balloon message

I am writing in regards to a story that I find especially uplifting and hopeful.

This involves my family, involvement in the community, and a person who just "took some time" out of their busy life. I appreciate any consideration of publication and thought; even sharing this story is good enough.

My family and I got involved with the Positive Youth Foundation in the Kimberly Area School District in Wisconsin for the first time this year.

This is a relatively new foundation, which combines funds from events to create grants for local area youth development.

We worked hard to get sponsorship for a benefit walk that was held on Oct. 22, 2000. The walk consisted of great families who got together to raise money and enjoy each other's company.

When the families were done with the walk around sunset Park in Kimberly, we were greeted with a gift basket and attached was a balloon.

With this balloon, each family filled out postage paid postcards with the family's return address and attached it accordingly.

My 5-year-old daughter, Meckenzie, took the balloon and set it off and we watched it float away in hopes someone, somewhere, would find it.

Unfortunately, it became stuck in the trees and was too high for anyone to reach.

But luck would have it that the balloon dislodged itself and took off again.

My husband and I did not have much faith that the postcard nor balloon would be found.

I was called at work today to pick up my daughter because she was sick. I took her home and got her settled in and preceded to check the mail as usual. Lo and behold I find a letter addressed to her.

Because she was feeling under the weather, I decided to open and read it. I wish I could have sent a picture of her face the moment I showed her the card we had sent two weeks back.

She and I were both amazed and happy that it got back to us.

Here is the most amazing part: the balloon traveled in five days to reach Escanaba River State Forest, Escanaba, Mich.

This balloon has traveled in excess of 100 miles.

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Please find enclosed a copy of what he sent. I hope this is some newsworthy material and, if not, I hope that you enjoyed the story.

Tim, Jessica and Meckenzie Morgan
in Kimberly, Wis

Editor's note: The Messners report that Gary did indeed find the balloon and sent the note back to the Morgans. He and his cousins have a hunting cabin in the Escanaba area (western UP along Lake Michigan) and were up there cleaning the place and getting ready for deer season. He was unavailable for comment as he's back up north this week for Opening Day.

It's time for everyone to help fix the worst schools

What last Tuesday's election results showed: By more than two to one, Michigan citizens don't want public money going to pay for private schools via vouchers.

What last Tuesday's election results didn't show (but should have): Thousands of kids — mostly poor, minority and disadvantaged — are trapped in bad schools and shouldn't have to wait around for years hoping the schools will get better.



Phil Power

These kids need help, and they need it now.

And if they don't get it, the pro-voucher folks will be back again. Maybe they'll have a better-crafted plan than they had this time. Maybe next time they'll get their political ducks in a row and not be feuding with Gov. Engler.

Maybe next time they'll define a "failing school" in terms of MEAP scores instead of a relatively meaningless graduation rate.

But make no mistake; they'll be back. And they should, because it's simply unconscionable for us to ignore thousands of kids because we can't figure out how to improve — right now! — a fairly small number of cruddy schools.

The dimensions of the problem are relatively clear.

There are around 3,400 schools in Michigan. Most are pretty good and gradually getting better through the slow, steady process of school reform. But some — I'd guess around 250 — are truly bad. Most of the bad ones are in urban areas such as Detroit and Inkster, although some are in poor, rural areas.

But it just isn't true that all schools in poor urban areas are necessarily going to be bad. For example, 10 schools in the Detroit school district received "summary accreditation," the highest rating possible. Of these, three were magnet schools. But seven were "just plain, ordinary neighborhood schools, some located in what looks like a battleground, but each had a superb building principal and a dedicated staff who believe these kids can learn just like anybody else," according to State Board of Education member Dorothy Beardmore.

So where do we go from here?

First, we need a big-time change in attitude. A "don't bother us, we'll get there some day" approach is simply unacceptable. There needs to

be a sense of urgency and a determination to get the job done, regardless of what it takes.

Second, we need to quit bickering among ourselves. Right now, we have the pro-voucher people versus the public school folks, the Roman Catholic Church versus the secularists, Gov. Engler versus Dick DeVos, the teacher unions versus the right wing, the Democrats versus the Republicans. That's a recipe for failure.

I'd suggest a statewide summit devoted specifically to identifying and fixing every failing school in Michigan. Hold it now, not some time later. Invite everybody with a stake, not just the usual suspects. And insist on results.

If the problem is money, ask the legislature to skip yet another tax cut and appropriate supple-

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mentary grants targeted solely to the failing schools. If the problem is class size or poor teachers, go to the same people who forked over the \$19 million spent on the voucher campaign and raise money to hire and train teachers. If the problem is encrusted regulations or restrictive teacher contracts, repeal the regulations and beat up on the unions to rewrite the contracts in poor schools.

I asked John Austin, who was elected to the State Board of Education last Tuesday, if he thought a summit would help. "I'd endorse the idea," he said. "We need to double the urgency about improving underachieving schools and not let the educators off the hook."

Lu Battaglieri, who led the Michigan Education Association in the fight against the voucher proposal, agreed. "Sure, we'd come," he said. "We know we don't have all the answers. We'd be happy to sit down with anybody. And we'd put any subject on the table."

If the leading stakeholders in public education in Michigan are willing to get it on, can those who tried to make the point about thousands of kids being trapped in failing schools really refuse?

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Your vote dramatically counted in all of this year's elections

After every election, editorial writers weigh in with a mournful admonition that if you didn't vote, you have no right to complain about what direction government takes. Your vote counts, one vote does make a difference, yadda, yadda, yadda....

Well, this year that's true, unlike any year in recent history. The candidates for president are still waiting as their fate is sorted out, vote by vote, precinct by precinct, lawsuit by lawsuit. In Michigan Debbie Stabenow came from 'way behind in the pre-election polls to beat Spencer Abraham by less than 50,000 votes.

Your vote does count. The decisions that these people will make do have an effect on your life and your future. As fewer and fewer people participate in the process, the more danger we face that that system will no longer exist.

We struggle to find ways to help get people to the polls. The UAW bargained for an election day holiday and the governor calls it the "biggest soft money contribution in history." I guess the governor doesn't believe in making it easier for people to vote if they might vote against his candidates. (Do you get a whiff of hypocrisy here?)

In some European countries, elections are held on Saturdays or Sundays. In Oregon, voters voted by mail and as of Tuesday, the vote still wasn't final.

The circus in Florida presents us with another problem. When citizens finally do get out and vote, our voting systems fail them. The punch card system (used in some Wayne County precincts) is notorious for botched ballots. This

problem was exacerbated by the "butterfly" arrangement of the presidential candidates, guaranteeing a certain measure of confusion.

The recent vote shows that we have problems with systems all around the country, particularly in the handling of absentee ballots, and that any vote we get is approximate at best.

That makes it even more important to vote.

Locally, the voter profile is changing. The once solidly Republican Oakland County cast the majority of its votes for Al Gore. The once solidly Democrat Westland was the hot point for national media attention as a bellwether for the election. It eventually wound up in the Democrat column, but the outcome wasn't a sure thing.

The close vote seems to suggest that we are a deeply divided nation. When you watch the news on some cable networks, you might get the eerie sensation of entering a parallel world in which reality is distorted to fit a particular political point of view.

This newspaper also gets e-mail from correspondents who are deep into conspiracy theories and see enemies around every corner.

But, eventually, soon, we'll have a president-elect. The person who loses in the electoral vote will graciously concede. Plans will begin for an inauguration. Under the circumstances, it might be difficult for George W. Bush or Al Gore to govern as effectively as they would like from the beginning, but over time the new president will assert himself and find a way to work with a divided Congress.

This is the American way.

We've come a long way since the last time this process broke down, in 1860. We still have strong disagreements, but for most of us, we reserve our greatest passion for the democratic system and the civil liberties that make that system viable.

This current glitch is not a constitutional crisis, but an affirmation of just how important it is for all of us to participate in our own political freedom.

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Mike Malott

Integrity of elections process has become highest-priority issue

Warm up the time machine 'cause I want to take you back, oh, about two weeks.

Imagine if you had raised the issue, back in those good old days — at your favorite breakfast counter over coffee and the morning newspaper — of the fairness of using the "butterfly ballot." What if you'd questioned the legality of such a voting procedure, pointing out that the law in some states requires ballots be marked to the right of the candidates' names?

Perhaps you might have questioned the validity of counting "swinging chads" versus "dimpled chads."

Folks would have wondered what you were talking about. They'd have judged you crazy, shaken their heads and gone back to chit-chatting about People magazine's Sexiest Man Alive issue.

Suddenly, these are national issues, being debated in the courts, covered by the news, and evoking passionate protests and debate.

Ultimately, that's a good thing, according to Lansing pollster Ed Sarpolus. He contends that the result of the Florida recount in the presidential elections will be renewed interest on the part of the public in the political process.

State Senate Minority Leader John Cherry, D-Clio, is predicting the battle over ballots will make the integrity of the elections process a top issue in the coming year.

What we ought not overlook is that this election raised a number of other questions about the integrity of elections here in Michigan.

Among them is the question of using public resources to influence the outcome of elections. The Secretary of State and a judge read the 1996 law prohibiting use of tax dollars to campaign for or against ballot issues and came to very different conclusions about what it meant. That alone shows the need for another look at the law.

Kids First! Yes! filed complaints against 17 school districts over the way they were putting out information about Proposal 1 and the Secretary of State concluded 12 violated the law. Huron Valley schools and several teachers unions filed suit to contest her view of the law, and Ingham County Circuit Judge Michael Harrison agree with them.

A key difference had to do with whether there is a requirement that the information put out by dis-

tricts, using public resources, has to be balanced. Harrison was quite right that the law doesn't say that. The law says it has to be factual.

The Secretary of State has a fair point. In many elections in which local units, such as school boards, put out information, there is no organized opposition. So there ought to be some requirement for balance. The last thing I want to see is a local government using my tax dollars to convince voters to increase my taxes even more.

But the judge is right. The law doesn't say that. If that is what lawmakers wanted on the books, they need to go back and say that directly.

Another issue had to do with Proposal 2, the Local Votes Count initiative. The sponsor of the amendment was the Michigan Municipal League,

If Lansing lawmakers want to stop the spending, they are going to have to specifically address it.

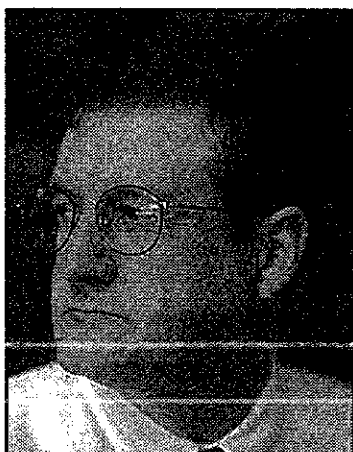
which pumped \$521,000 in loans into the campaign. That's legal. Michigan's previous Attorney General ruled the MML can put money into campaigns like that.

There is still a question about whether it should be allowed. Much of the group's financial support comes from municipalities and their taxpayer-supported budgets, paid to the MML through dues and fees. It's one step removed, but there is a case to be made that it is essentially using public resources to campaign for a ballot proposal.

If Lansing lawmakers want to stop that, they are going to have to specifically address it in law.

It is good to see that Americans do still care about elections and their votes, as we are seeing in Florida. But we should also view that as a lesson about why it is important for us to sort out the lingering questions about our elections processes here in Michigan. They do matter. And they'll matter more in some close election here in the future.

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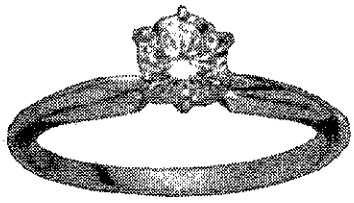
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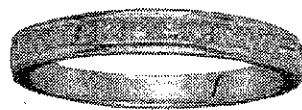
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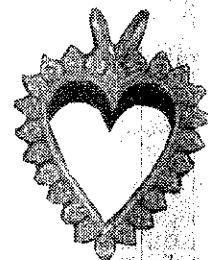
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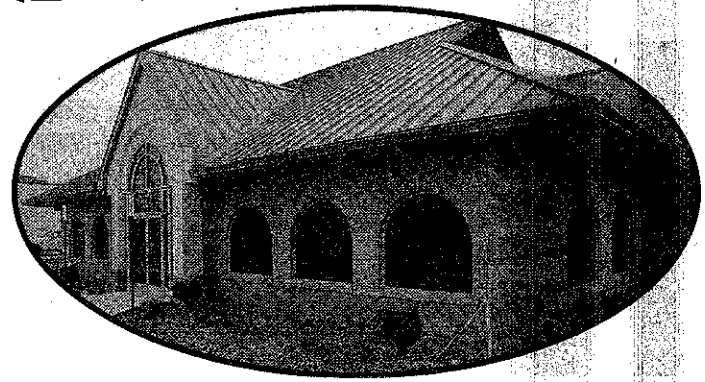
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MARGIT ERICKSON

Good manners are essential at public events

With the year end holidays fast approaching, many of us will be attending concerts, plays, musicals, recitals and performances of one kind or another.

Probably you will again want to see and hear *The Nutcracker* which you may have seen and heard many times but it is so charming and magical that it has become a seasonal favorite. Perhaps you'll be attending a performance by the Rockettes at the Fox Theatre, a performance so fabulous and outstanding that, with all my creative juices, I could not think of one thing they could have done better.

However, whether we are attending a gala extravaganza or a simple school recital by children, we need to be mindful that all are there to enjoy the program and one thoughtless person can ruin your good time. We need to remember that since we are in close proximity to others — elbow to elbow, with people seated directly behind and in front of us.

Common courtesy

How often have I heard, "We went to the movies (or theater) last night and would have enjoyed it more if the person sitting nearby would not have ruined it for us." So that you will not be the offending culprit (oh, but you aren't, are you?) here are some rules for theater etiquette:

Arrive on time so you will not disturb others already seated. Theatergoers dislike being climbed over after the performance has started.

If for some reason you are late, wait in the back of the theater until there is a pause in the performance or the audience is applauding before going down the aisle. Then take your seat as quietly and quickly as possible.

If there is an usher, the woman follows him down the aisle with the man following her. If there is no usher, the man goes down the aisle first, the woman following. When he finds the proper row, the woman enters the row first. If the seats are on the aisle, the man should sit on the aisle seat.

Traditionally, when there are two couples, one of the men enters the row first, followed by the two women and finally the other man.

"Excuse me, please" is the courteous thing to say when having to disturb anyone in order to get to or to leave your seat.

If you are seated, you may allow someone to pass by merely turning your knees sideways. If this is not possible, stand up and place your seat in the upright position until the person passes.

When passing down a row where people are already seated, always face the stage when passing by.

It's not a good idea to attend a theatrical performance if you're too tired or sleepy.

Do not wear a hat or hairdo that will obstruct the view of the stage for those behind you.

Talking or even whispering during a performance shows lack of respect for the performers and is extremely distracting to those around you.

If you have a coughing or sneezing jag that you cannot control, it is best to leave the audience and return when there is a pause in the performance.

Cues

Applauding when it is not proper can be very embarrassing. It should be done when: the conductor enters the stage; the star performer enters the stage; after a well performed aria or dance solo or duet; sometimes the conductor puts pauses in the music, however, don't applaud until the conductor on the podium turns around to face the audience; when the performers and the conductor leave the stage.

Cell phones should be turned off while you are at the theater. Cameras are not allowed at a theater. Eating during a theatrical performance is simply not acceptable. Refrain from smoking, even at an outdoor concert, in deference to those in the immediate area.

Margit Erickson, a Farmington Hills resident, is an etiquette expert who runs seminars for corporations as well as *Growing Up Gracefully* children's seminars. Call her at (248) 471-6170 for more details.

Ecumenical Patriarch's visit a blessing for Orthodox Christians



ROSH SILLARS

Blessing: His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew embraces a senior citizen upon his arrival to the area.

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

In a rare visit to the United States, and the first time in the Detroit diocese, the leader of 300 million Orthodox Christians told an enthusiastic crowd of young people at a Westland church that they must resist temptations.

"I always pray God will give you strength to enlighten you to follow his path," his All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew said Saturday morning during a youth breakfast at St. Constantine and St. Helen Church. He was in Detroit for a three-day trip beginning Friday afternoon.

"Youth fits in with heroism and bravery," he said. "Resist every temptation and walk the path of virtue and love with Christ."

The Patriarch Bartholomew was greeted with cheers and applause by some 1,500 followers during a breakfast ceremony dedicated to the youth of the Detroit Archdiocese, which includes Michigan, upstate New York, Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, Indiana and Ohio.

'In many moments of life you will find yourselves in a dilemma of what to do. Pick whatever things are true, noble, just, loving and are of good rapport.'

*Ecumenical Patriarch
Bartholomew
His All Holiness*

Children and their relatives gushed with excitement about the opportunity to meet their spiritual leader. Some of the young people, like 15-year-old John Gunnells, even had the insight to realize the lifelong significance of the day.

"They're (the young people) going to grow-up and remember this and say they saw the patriarch and they'll try to do the same for their kids," explained Gunnells, a Dearborn Heights resident. "It's kind of like bringing together the whole Orthodox culture from all over the nation," he added.

In fact, church leaders hoped Patriarch Bartholomew's visit would be a step toward unity among the different Orthodox churches.

"As Ecumenical Patriarch, His All Holiness has a keen interest in promoting unity among the various branches of Orthodoxy, as well as among all Christian churches," according to Bishop Nicholas, head of the Greek Orthodox Diocese in Detroit in a press release.

Structure

The Orthodox Church is made up of self-governing churches each administratively independent of each other, but united by common faith. Their underlying unity is based on the identity of doctrine, sacramental life, worship, church order and spirituality. Among them are the Greek Albanian, Byelorussian, Bulgarian, Carpatho-Russian, Cypriot, Czechoslovakian, Finnish, Georgian, Polish, Russian, Sinai and Ukrainian Orthodox churches.

Beside church unity, Patriarch Bartholomew also brought a message

of self-control and strength that, he said, is especially needed during the sometimes troublesome times of youth.

"In many moments of life you will find yourselves in a dilemma of what to do," he said. "Pick whatever things are true, noble, just, loving and are of good rapport." Patriarch Bartholomew said the most important thing in life is to have the "correct perception of the world, God and ourselves." The things that bring "instant and harmful gratification," he added, will make young people lose their future "joy and success."

St. Constantine and St. Helen pastor, the Rev. James Stathakios, explained that having the Patriarch Bartholomew come to the church, which originated in Detroit 70 years ago, "is like having the pope visit a local parish."

"He's here to bless us and give us encouragement," Stathakios said. "He's here to bless the youth."

While an entourage of police and Secret Service scurried about before the Patriarch arrived, a small group of girls, dressed in native costume, waited

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Icon produces miraculous outcomes

BY MARGO DEWEY
SPECIAL WRITER

With the holiday season right around the corner, many of us begin to reflect more on memories of the past and hopes for the future. We also find ways to set aside extra time to spend with friends and family members.

At the Thanksgiving table, we find ourselves counting our blessings. One particular church in Livonia will be celebrating the gift of receiving a blessing. The Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church (36075 Seven Mile Road) is the home of the "Wonder-Working Icon of Our Lady of Livonia."

Since 1997, thousands of people from all over the world have visited the icon. For some, the icon represents a miracle. For others, the icon is a healing power from God, and they bring their illness or despair before the icon hoping to be cured.

'I believe it is definitely a blessing. To stand before an icon to pray is a blessing in itself.'

*The Rev. Michael
Matsko*

*Holy Transfiguration
Orthodox church*

icon to pray is a blessing in itself."

This is the third anniversary of the icon giving myrrh. The Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church has established an evening 7 p.m. service every Wednesday to honor the icon.

Near and far

"We have had people all over the world visit our icon," Matsko said. "We have had some visitors from South America, France and other countries in



Wonder working: The Icon of Our Lady of Livonia will celebrate its third anniversary at The Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church this month.

Europe. Some have come to be healed. We documented over the years various testimonies of people having miraculous things happen in their lives after receiving some of the myrrh."

In late October of this year, the icon traveled around the country and to Greece with several of the

Livonia church members for more people to witness the miracle. Matsko said the family who brought the icon to the church originally found it in St. Menas, an island of Cypress, while visiting churches and monasteries.

"Some people don't know what myrrh really consists of," he said. "Myrrh is a fragrant gum resin exuded from a thorny shrub which grew along the Red Sea. People would take the branches of the shrub, cut it, take out the myrrh oil and turn it into perfume. But, the odd mixture of oil and myrrh is either manmade or occurs in divine intervention."

Matsko said what makes an icon such a blessing is that it is scientifically impossible for myrrh to come out of paint which is what is happening to the Livonia icon.

"This is the only icon in the metro Detroit area," he said. "The first time I saw an icon was in 1988. There is also one in Chicago. The icon is symbolic of the outpouring of God of mercy on mankind. That is why oil is given from the icon. For some it is a true spiritual healing."

True blessing

Some icons assist in answering the request of certain specific needs. Matsko said his church's icon seems to have an affinity toward infertile couples.

"We have had a few infertile couples visit the icon, and after their visit, they had a baby. Several couples, after having their children, have brought them to visit the icon."

The icon also strengthens the desire for meaningful prayer, according to Matsko. With the war continuing in the Middle East, and terrorism increasing, prayer could be the only weapon to end the violence. "I recently gave a sermon on how we are seeing so much war and hate going on, but, at the same time, in a little corner of Livonia, we are now experiencing the absolute love of God in his creation through the icon. We need to continue to share this with others."

To see icons on the Internet, visit www.mit.edu:8001/activities/ocf/icons.html or www.crosses.org

Plymouth couple bids on a good marriage

NEWLYWEDS

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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When Hope Sims started working for J.C. Auction in Plymouth she never imagined she'd meet her future husband there or that one day she'd have a wedding reception at an auction.

In the six years since she started working for Joe Sr. and Carol Carli, owners of J.C. Auction, she married their son Joe Jr. and had an unexpected wedding reception at an auction in September.

"I had no idea Marilyn was going to do anything for us," said newlywed Hope Carli.

Wedding bells

Hope started working at J.C. Auction in 1994 and within months of meeting the owner's son Joe, became engaged. "We're one of the few couples that can say we work together and go home together and it's working out great. We're practically together 24 hours a day," said Hope.

After an engagement that last nearly five years, Hope and Joe

decided to fly to Las Vegas with Joe's parents to be married. The two were wed in a civil service with Joe and Carol as witnesses on Sept. 6, 2000.

Upon their return to Michigan, they continued work at the evening auctions the Carlis hold approximately three Saturdays a month. Longtime friend Marilyn Boggus of Novi learned of their informal wedding ceremony and the fact that they would not be having a traditional wedding reception.

"When I found out they got married in Las Vegas and that was it ... I thought it was kind of a bummer," said Boggus. "The whole week following I kept feeling like I was supposed to do something."

So she did.

Boggus, who befriended the entire Carli family four years ago as a regular auction attendee, put together a spur-of-the-moment wedding reception for the couple as a surprise. Holding the celebration at an auction seemed most fitting so she called Joe and Carol Carli and asked their permission.

"Marilyn just wanted to do something nice for everyone and it definitely was a night that all will not forget," said Joe Carli

Sr. "Marilyn went to work to spare no expense on her plan to have a reception/auction for the couple."

Little extras

Boggus said she ordered a personalized cake for Hope and Joe then realized there was the potential for more than 150 people to attend the auction. "I bought about eight more cakes then realized I should serve something to drink so I got out my crystal punch bowl."

Before she realized it her car was full of decorations, glass stemware, flowers, desserts and accessories to make the night even more special. "The Carli family are really nice people," said Boggus. "Hope told me that there has never been a moment that she was sorry she met Joe and that made me cry. I just wanted to do something nice to show them how happy I was for them and how special they are together."

Although Hope and Joe Jr. had to work the night of their surprise wedding reception but they had time to cut the cake, feed each other a piece and share a toast together before the more than 350 auction-goers were let in for the Sept. 23 auction at the



Newlyweds: Hope and Joe Carli Jr. cut a wedding cake that friend Marilyn Boggus personalized at a surprise reception held at the family's auction business.

Plymouth Cultural Center. "It was quite a surprise," said Hope. "I didn't know what she

had planned for us. People we didn't even know where coming up to us saying congratulations

and enjoying a piece of cake. It was a fun night for everyone."

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to dance during the two hour ceremony. Meanwhile, outside the church, Westland Police Lt. Tom Vaughn oversaw a group of local police officers. "This is just like the pope coming for me," explained Vaughn, who recently converted to the Christian Orthodox faith. Before he arrived, Barbara Thomas, of West Bloomfield, said: "You'll probably never see him again. How do you describe it? It's huge to see him."

Cathy Counts of Livonia brought her 6-year-old twin niece and nephew, Carly and Christian Mellos of Grosse Pointe. While they seemed less enthusiastic as some of the older people present, their family knew it would be something that they'd look back on and cherish. They stayed Friday night with their grandmother, Irene Mellos, also of Livonia.

"We are experiencing something very historical in the Greek Orthodox community," said Mellos who has been a member of the St. Constantine and St. Helen church since 1939 when it was located in Detroit.

"It's an honor to have the Patriarch have breakfast with the youth, because the youth are the future members and followers of our church," she added. "They are becoming involved. If you don't have the youth, you

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don't have anything."

Reflecting

Steven Tripp, 13, of Canton embodies that vision. "I'll take my kids to the same church, baptize them Greek and raise them in this tradition," he said with confidence. Tripp listened intently as Patriarch Bartholomew explained that the 10 Commandments are to Christians what a coach is to an athlete.

The commandments teach diligence, honor, studiousness, self-control and a need to avoid anger and laziness, explained Patriarch Bartholomew, who is often called the Green Patriarch for his concern and activism for the environment.

"When we observe these guidelines, we win the permanent joy of life," he added. Alcohol and addictive substances are like bait on a hook, Patriarch Bartholomew said. God brought "you into this life to rejoice in His life and not to become unfortunate prisoners of bad habits."

Maritsa Kalasz, of Livonia, attended the breakfast with her children. She also took part in the 100 voice chorus that sang for Patriarch Bartholomew on Sunday during a ceremony at Computware in Plymouth.

"It's something real neat for the children to remember," she added. Church council president, John Avdoulos said: "What we're striving for is unity for the whole orthodox faith."

A professional photographer, Harry Vitanis of Farmington Hills, emanated excitement as he scurried to get pictures of Patriarch Bartholomew.

"He's everything we stand for," Vitanis said. "It's a very humbling experience."

Near and far

Traveling from Ottawa, Canada, Dr. Michael and Tassy Vassilyadi, brought their two children, Frankie, 12, and Christal, 10, to see the breakfast. Liking their 14-hour trip to a pilgrimage, Dr. Vassilyadi said it

was their third time seeing Patriarch Bartholomew in person. It didn't, however, take away from their excitement.

"We're just overwhelmed with the opportunity to be in his presence," Tassy Vassilyadi said. "We want to hear his message and to see his love for people."

Nick Sittas, of Dearborn Heights, had less traveling time than the Vassilyadi's, but the impact of the event was just as significant.

"For me it's a once in a lifetime opportunity," he explained. Alice Shukla, 17, of Keego Harbor, was introduced during the breakfast ceremony as having recently won an oratorical competition. She spoke with poise and eloquence as she delivered a heartfelt speech about her faith.

"Following the traditions gives me strength on which to live my life," explained Shukla, who attends Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Farmington Hills. "I feel myself very fortunate to be born into this faith," she added.

The visit from the Patriarch Bartholomew is important in teaching young people today to learn about their heritage, explained Jack Apostle, of Northville. "This is our roots," he said. "I'm glad to see their enthusiasm."

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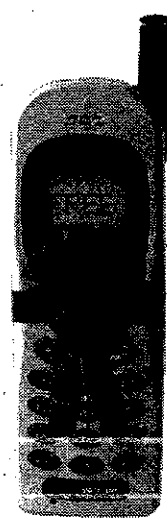
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Gorczyca

Eugene and Delores (Gliniski) Gorczyca of Livonia celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this month. The couple wed Nov. 25, 1950 in Belleville.

They lived in Garden City for 32 years and have lived in Livonia for the past 16 years. The Gorczyca's have six children: Peggy (Doug), Debby (Dennis), Cindy (Bill), Gene (Karla), Kathy (Paul) and Bob (Joanne). They also have 13 grandchildren.

Both Eugene and Delores are retired from their careers. He retired from his job at Ford Motor Company 10 years ago and she retired 12 years ago from the J.L. Hudson.

The couple enjoys golfing, traveling, and spending winters



in Florida. Delores volunteers for Angela Hospice.

To celebrate the occasion, the couple went on a cruise to Hawaii. They will have dinner with the children, brothers, sisters and Delores' mother for their anniversary.

Peters

Robert Lawrence Sr. and Beverly J. (Nevens) Peters of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year. The couple wed Sept. 30, 1950 at Christ the King Church in Detroit. They had receptions at Botsford Inn and the American Legion Hall in Redford.

The Peters' have lived in the area for the past 50 years and have three children: Robert L. Peters Jr. (Nancy L. Peters), Kathryn L. Hudyma (David P. Hudyma, Sr.) and Susan J. Young (Louis J. Young, Sr.). They have eight grandchildren, 2 grandchildren-in-law and one great grandchild.

Both Robert and Beverly Peters are both retired. He has been retired as Lt. Colonel from his service in the U.S. Military for 15 years. Robert Peters served in the Army Airborne, Missile Air Defense Artillery, Signal Corps and Michigan National Guard for a total of 37 1/2 years. Beverly Peters retired



4 years ago from her more than 27 years with National Bank. The Peters' now spend time with family, and enjoy golfing, traveling, gardening and reading.

In honor of the occasion, the couple celebrated on Sept. 29 with a party organized by their children at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Friends, family and some of their original wedding party members attended. Some came from as far as Ohio, California, Florida and Niece, France.

Klemmer-Courval

Bob and Toni Klemmer of Milford announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Michele Lynn, to John David Courval.

The bride-to-be is a Madonna University graduate with a bachelor's degree in nursing. She will be married at St. Patrick's Hospital in Southfield.

Her fiancé, son of Dave and Cindy Courval of South Lyon, is a Madonna University graduate with a bachelor's degree in social science. He works for Visteon.

A November wedding is planned at St. Patrick Church in Brighton. The couple will receive



guests at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Greenberg

Sid and Yvonne Shook Greenberg of Plymouth Township celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary last month. The couple wed Oct. 10, 1970 at Mt. Hope Congregational Church. They renewed their vows on Oct. 10, 1988 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church.

The Greenberg's have lived in the area for 25 years and have no children.

Sid Greenberg works part time for Metro Printing of Livonia and has worked as a sales representative for the past five years.

Yvonne Greenberg retired eight years ago from Comerica Bank, after 42 years there.

The couple met skiing in Vermont and Sid Greenberg still enjoys skiing. His wife, Yvonne, spends time painting ceramics



and gardening. They both love walking, gardening and traveling. Every autumn, the couple attends University of Michigan football games. They are active in the Livonia Ski Club and Redford Jaycee Alumni.

To celebrate the occasion, the Greenberg's will spend a week at Walt Disney World.

Redlick-Coxon

James A. and Diana L. Redlick of Garden City announce the marriage of their daughter, Deborah, to Brent T. Coxon of Concord.

The bride is a graduate of Garden City East High School and works for Global Crossing Telecommunications.

Her groom, son of Arlo Coxon of Concord and Charlene Ellenwood of Ann Arbor, is a graduate of Michigan Center High School. He obtained his associate's degree in correctional science. He works with Michigan Caterpillar.

The couple wed Sept. 30 at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Dearborn Heights before the Rev. Felix Lorenz.

The bride was attended by matron of honor Linda (Lazar) Davidson, and bridesmaids Tammy Gier, Michelle Coxon, Tammy Turkowski. Brooke Gier was the flower girl.



The groom was attended by best man Michael Gier, and groomsmen James Redlick, Jr. and Alan Davidson. Sean and Jordan Davidson were ring-bearers.

The Coxon's received guests at Joy Manor and took a wedding trip to Las Vegas and the Grand Canyon.

Feblo International in Livonia.

Her fiancé, son of David and Barbara Will of Pooler, Georgia, graduated from Georgia Southern where he earned his degree in mechanical engineering. He works at Yazaki in Canton.

A December 2000 wedding is planned.

Burke-Will

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Burke of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen, to William Will.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Garden City West High School and works in accounting at

Wilson-Freeman

Sandra Jean Wilson of Canton announces the engagement of her daughter, Kelly Jean, to William Ernest Freeman IV of Belleville.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 Plymouth-Salem High School graduate and will graduate Eastern Michigan University in December with a bachelor's degree in special education.

Her fiancé, son of Bill and Marcia Freeman of Medina, Ohio, is a 1995 graduate of Medina High School and a 1999 graduate of Eastern Michigan University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in graphic design. He works as the operations manager for CarTemps



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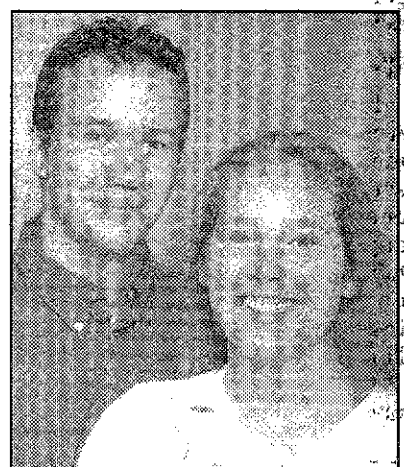
A May 2001 wedding is planned at First Congregational Church in Wayne.

Schnelder-Sowards-Emmerd

Cliff and Gail Schneider of Traverse City announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca, to David Sowards-Emmerd of Calif.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 Traverse City High School graduate and is finishing bachelor's degrees in science and musical arts from University of Michigan. She will graduate in December.

Her fiancé, son of John Emmerd and Janet Sowards of Westland, is 1995 John Glenn High School graduate and a 1999 University of Michigan graduate. He will earn his doctoral degree in theoretical



physics from Stanford University in California.

A December wedding is planned in Traverse City.

Phillips-Mifsud

Tom and Carol Gourlay of Livonia announce the engagement of Jennifer Phillips to Charles George Mifsud, Jr. of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Ladywood High School in Livonia. She is a 1996 graduate of Madonna University and works as a second grade teacher at Wixom Elementary School in the Walled Lake School District.

Her fiancé, son of Charles and Mary Mifsud of Detroit, is an office manager for Entertainment Express in Dearborn.

A February wedding is planned at St. Michael's Church



in Livonia.

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CALENDAR

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WEEKEND

COLLECTIBLE TOY SHOW
Plymouth's "Collectible Toy Show" returns from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. in Plymouth. The show will feature vendors and collectors selling new, used, antique and limited edition collectible toys of all kinds. Adults \$5. Kids under 10 years old free. For more information, call (734) 455-2110.

SKATE-A-THON
The Canton-Plymouth Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program will hold its annual "Skate-A-Thon" from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Skatin' Station II in Canton. For a minimum pledge of \$25, current D.A.R.E. students will enjoy skating, pizza, pop, great prizes and the chance to help kids resist drugs and alcohol. Children reaching pledges of \$50 and up will win prizes such as caps, sweat-shirts and a mountain bike. For further information, call Officer Ken Winkler at (734) 398-5804.

LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE
The Fifth Annual Lighted Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Northville Central Business Association, will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, in downtown Northville. The parade will feature decorated vehicles and floats, the Northville High School Marching Band, horses, and many festive marchers. A pre-parade parade will be held at 5:45-6:30 p.m. Friday. The parade is led by members of the Plymouth Community Chorus from 5:45-6:30 p.m. Chuck Gaidica will preside over this year's parade as Grand Marshal, and of course Santa himself will make his grand entrance. Free horse and carriage rides will be offered from 7-9 p.m. in front of Stamped-der Plus on Center Street. Many stores will be open until 8 p.m. for holiday shopping.

AROUND TOWN

"LUNCH WITH SANTA"
The Plymouth Salem Varsity Cheer Team will sponsor a "Lunch With Santa" 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2 in the Plymouth Salem Cafeteria. The cost is \$10 for children which includes: Lunch, Picture with Santa and a Personalized Ornament. The adult price is \$5 and includes lunch. Call for reservations by Sunday, Nov. 26 at (734) 981-0062 or (734) 397-6936. Limited to 300 people.

USED EQUIPMENT SALE
The Recreation Division of the Canton Leisure Services Department is sponsoring its Annual Used Sports Equipment Sale 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Pheasant Run Golf Club clubhouse located at 46500 Summit Parkway in Canton. The public is invited to bring in their used sports equipment between 8 and 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30. Clothing items are limited to two per person. You set the price, you get the money (the Recreation Division keeps 15%). For more information, call the Recreation Division at (734) 397-5110.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS
The 125-voice Plymouth Community Chorus will be presenting its 28th annual Christmas Concert, "Holiday Seasonings" on December 1, 2 and 3 at Plymouth Salem High School at Joy and Canton Center Roads in Canton. Tickets are \$10 and available by calling the

Plymouth Community Chorus at (734) 455-4080.

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
The Western Wayne Chapter of the Eastern Michigan University Alumni Association cordially invites you to meet the President of Eastern Michigan University, Dr. Samuel Kirkpatrick 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29 at Max and Erma's restaurant at Ford and Canton Center Road in Canton. \$10 per person; hors d'oeuvres will be served; cash bar. Please RSVP at (734) 454-0770 or the Alumni Office (734) 487-0250.

CHRISTMAS CARD WORKSHOP
D & M Studios is holding a Christmas Card Workshop for Adults/Teens (16 & up), Workshop 1: 7-9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20 and 27; Workshop 2: 8-10 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21 and 28 at D & M Studios, 8691 N. Lilley Road in Canton. The cost is \$30 per two day workshop (plus some material). Class limit: 8 students each session. Reserve your space early. For reservations and information, call (734) 453-3710.

EVOLA MUSIC
Registrations are now being taken for Kindermusik Village Classes at Evola Music in Canton for children from birth to 18 months and their parents. Meet with other parents with babies birth to 18 months. Kindermusik at Evola Music offers a complete music program where both children and parents learn through music and movement. Kindermusik Story Time With Miss Karen, Turkey Trot, will take place at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21 at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman in Plymouth and at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21 at Little Book Shoppe on the Park, 380 S. Main St. in Plymouth. Call Evola Music Center at (734) 455-4677 to register for classes or for a free brochure. You may also visit the web site at www.ismi.net/kindermusikatevola.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS
The Wayne/Westland #340 chapter of Parents Without Partners will be hosting a dance from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 24 at Roma Hall in Garden City on the corner of Cherry Hill and Venoy. This dance is the annual Toys for Tots dance. Bring an unwrapped toy worth at least \$5 and \$2 off admission. Without toy admission will be \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members. The next dance is scheduled for Dec. 9 at the same location and time. For further information, please call (313) 381-1242 or (734) 285-9227.

HOLIDAY HOPE SEMINAR
New Hope Center for Grief Support is conducting a "Hope For The Holidays" seminar 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 201 Elm Street in Northville. There is no need to register and the seminar is free. The seminar will help provide some ideas that will help you get through the holiday season stress. The seminar is sponsored by the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville.

FORMER PRCUA MEMBERS SOUGHT
The PRCUA Syrena Dance Ensemble will be celebrating its 25th anniversary with a Presentation Dinner Dance on Saturday, Nov. 25. Organizers are looking for all former graduates and dancers of the ensemble. For further information please contact Gail (Muchata) Boettcher at (734) 953-3330 or Patricia

Steven at (313) 563-1761.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
Summit on the Park's Banquet and Conference Center staff invites you to join them for a New Year's Eve Party on Sunday, Dec. 31. The party begins at 7 p.m. with Hors D'oeuvres, dinner, deluxe bar, a midnight snack, and music by Silver Sounds D.J. At midnight there will be a champagne toast with the party continuing until 2 a.m. Tickets are on sale 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Ticket prices in November are \$85 per person and in December they increase to \$95 per person. There are no refunds and you must be 21 years of age to attend. You can purchase tickets in person at Summit on the Park's Banquet and Conference Center, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton, or call (734) 397-6800 to charge by phone.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION
Madonna University's registration for the winter 2001 term is taking place now through Friday, Jan. 5 for new and returning students. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and until 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, with the exception of Dec. 18 and 21 when the office will close at 5 p.m. All offices will be closed for Thanksgiving (Nov. 23-26) and Christmas (Dec. 22-Jan. 1). Classes begin the week of Jan. 8. For more information, call the Admissions Office at (734) 432-5339.

ACT WORKSHOP
ACT college entrance examination workshop is offered by Oakland University College of Arts and Sciences. The workshop consists of three Saturday sessions beginning on Nov. 11 at Oakland University in Rochester. The cost is \$175 which includes books/materials. For a brochure and to register, call (248) 370-3125.

COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Michael Derbyshire, a well-known watercolorist from Grosse Pointe Woods will be exhibiting his recent works "Land, Sea & Sky" at the Plymouth Community Arts Council now through Nov. 22. The Arts Center is located at 774 N. Sheldon Rd. at Junction in Plymouth. Please call PCAC at (734) 416-4278 for exhibit hours.

EMERGENCY PHARMACY PROGRAM
Michigan Emergency Pharmacy Program for Seniors (MEPPS) offers this free three-month prescription drug program to qualified seniors 65 and older. Free of charge, yearly, through a grant from Lansing. To see if you qualify, please call (734) 455-7526 after 1 p.m. weekdays.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
The Plymouth Optimist Club is selling Entertainment 2001 Books. Proceeds will be used for children's causes throughout South-

Park Players



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Period production: Devine Burnstein, in character as Frosine, and Randy Pistor, in character as Harpagon, run through a dress rehearsal for "The Miser." The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Players Fall production will offer performances tonight (at Salem), Thursday Nov. 16, Friday Nov. 17 and Saturday Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$6. For information call (734) 416-7723.

eastern Michigan. Books are \$40 and will be home delivered. Call Bill Von Glahn at (734) 453-8253.

KINDERMUSIK
Village Music, a professional music facility in Plymouth's Old Village at 130 E. Liberty, has on-going registration for its Kindermusik classes. Classes are available for newborns through 7 year olds. For further information, call Norma Atwood at (734) 354-9825.

CREATIVE MUSIC CENTER
The Creative Music Center of Plymouth/Canton has on-going registration for its Kindermusik classes. Classes are prorated. No classes held Nov. 20-25 (Thanksgiving week). Classes are at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial (just west of Sheldon). For information, call Lori Nelson at (734) 354-9109.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL
New Morning School in Plymouth has openings for the upcoming school year (2000-01) in the following programs: Half-day kindergarten (afternoons); the whole-day kindergarten; and the middle school (grades six through eight). New Morning is a state-licensed and certified parent cooperative. Interested people can call the school at (734) 420-3331 or e-mail to newmorning@mediaone.net. Visit the Web site at

people.mw.mediaone.net/newmorning.

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB
The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

ASTRONOMY DISCUSSION GROUP
The Astronomy Discussion Group meets every third Monday of the month 7-8 p.m. in the Plymouth Dunning-Hough Library, 223 S. Main. Astronomy novices and enthusiasts (age 6 and older) may attend. Adults must accompany those younger than 12. Door prizes, handouts, videos, slides, lecture, and open discussion are a part of the meetings. Call Mike Best at (734) 459-2378.

K OF C BREAKFAST BUFFET
The Knights of Columbus holds a breakfast buffet every Sunday, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the K of C, 150 Fair St., Plymouth. All-you-can-eat buffet. Newly remodeled breakfast room. For further information, call (734) 453-9833.

TAI CHI
Ongoing tai chi classes are offered in Livonia and Bloomfield under the sponsorship of the Taoist Tai Chi Society. Day classes for seniors available at the Livonia location. Observers welcome. Visit its Web site

at www.ttcsc.org. For more information, call the society at (248) 332-1281.

CLUBS

GREAT BOOKS GROUP
The Great Books Discussion Group meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday evenings (twice a month) at the Civic Center Library (Five Mile and Farmington Road). Their next discussion will be Thursday, Nov. 30. The selection is *My Antonia*, by Willa Cather. For a reading list and more information, call (248) 349-3121.

BNI
Business Network International (BNI) holds their regular meetings from 7-8:30 a.m. The Canton II Chapter meets every Wednesday at Millennium Security Services, 42010 Koppernick, Suite 117, Canton; the Plymouth Chapter meets every Thursday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth; the Livonia Chapter meets every Friday at Senate Coney Island on Plymouth Road at Stark, Livonia. For more information, call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

MOPS
The Plymouth Baptist Church holds their MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 9-11:30 a.m. These meetings provide a time for moms to develop new friendships with other moms. Childcare is provided. The church is located at 6021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, between Lilley and Haggerty. For more information, please call the church at (734) 453-5534. Space is limited.

CIVITAN CLUB
The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club meets the first and third Thursdays of the month: Business/ Salvation Army; Dinner/ Damon's. Call either (734) 453-7569 or (734) 981-7259 for further information.

GOURMET DINING GROUP
The Plymouth/ Northville/ Canton Gourmet Dining Group meets the second Saturday, October-June. Planned menu and recipes for each meal. If interested in joining, call Dottie Brower at (734) 455-1206 or Pat Stokes at (734) 455-7446.

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES
The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the third week of each month on alternating Mondays and Tuesdays. Play group meets twice a month on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Call Pam Heestand at (734) 981-3341.

M.O.M.
Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) presents guest speakers and discussions from 9:30-11:30 a.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month. Baby-sitting is provided. Call Cheree at (734) 416-6214 or Laura at (313) 538-7622.

M.I.T.I.
Moms In Touch International is for mothers to meet weekly, for one hour, to pray for their children and schools. The goal is to form a group for each school in Plymouth-Canton. Call Karen at (734) 397-2771 or Elaine at (734) 459-3896.

MOMS CLUB
MOMS Club welcomes all western Wayne County stay-at-home mothers to meet at 10 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month. Play group meets every Wednesday. Call Lisa at (734) 844-3685.

HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP

The Human Rights Group meets at 7 p.m. the first Sunday of the month at the Plymouth Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call Paulette at (734) 416-9288 or Charlene at (734) 963-0649.

COUNTY CONNECTION
County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, a women's chorus singing four-part harmony barbershop style, is looking for members. Rehearsals begin at 7 p.m. every Tuesday in Ypsilanti. Call (734) 480-8843.

STAMP CLUB
Meetings of the West Suburban Stamp Club begin at 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays of the month at The Plymouth Historical Society, 155 S. Main St., Plymouth. Their upcoming program Nov. 17 will feature club member Jerry Jarnick. The program will be on collecting stamps from the British North America (BNA) area, more specifically, Canada. Their Christmas Party is from 4 p.m.-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. The evening will include hors d'oeuvres at the University of Michigan's Botanical Gardens, a bus tour of the world famous St. Nicholas Light Display at Domino's Farms, and a buffet dinner at Weber's Inn. The cost is only \$25 per person. For further information, call Sandy Strzalkowski at (313) 533-7737. The Web site address is www.oconline.com/~pnj/wssc.html.

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS
Plymouth Newcomers is a social organization dedicated to helping people meet others in the community through its monthly meetings and variety of special interest groups. Call Jacque at (734) 455-6817.

WESTSIDE SINGLES
Westside Singles dances are every Friday night at Burton Manor, on Schoolcraft just west of Inkster Road in Livonia; Admission is \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dressy attire, no jeans, D.J., 21 and older, budget bar, hors d'oeuvres. Their special Thanksgiving Dance is Wednesday, Nov. 22 at Burton Manor.

VOLUNTEERS
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
The American Cancer Society Discovery Shops are looking for volunteers to fill a variety of positions at all metro-Detroit Discovery Shops. Various days and times are available. To learn more, call your American Cancer Society at (248) 557-5353 or toll free at (800) 925-2271.

ARBOR HOSPICE
Arbor Hospice & Home Care is expanding its services and looking for volunteers to help in many areas. Volunteers are needed to assist at their newly expanded office at 331 Center Street in Northville. The organization is also seeking volunteers to assist with special events, mailings and fundraising activities. Contact Debbie Skotak at (248) 348-4980.

ADOPTIVE PARENTS NEEDED
Oakland Family Services in Pontiac is looking for foster and adoptive families in this area. There are many school-age children who need temporary or permanent families. Foster parents provide a temporary family for children until they can be reunited with their families. If you have an interest in helping to provide for children in our community, please call Vicki Landsman Peterson, at Oakland Family Services (248) 858-7215, Ext. 236.

CALENDAR FORM

The Canton Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Canton Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI. 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

Event: _____
Date and Time: _____
Location: _____
Telephone: _____
Additional Info.: _____

Use additional sheet if necessary

RELIGION CALENDAR

ONGOING

BIBLE PROPHECY

Recall this climactic scene from "Fiddler on the Roof." Tevye the poor Russian Jew, has just concluded arrangements for the wedding of his daughter. Filled with joy at the prospect, he suddenly is confronted by the Russian constable, who informs him there will shortly be a destructive demonstration in his village. Tevye begins to quake with a rage. As is his habit, he talks with God: "Dear God, did you have to send me news like that, today of all days? It's true we are the chosen people. But once in a while chosen people for what?" To find out more about "What Are God's Chosen People Chosen For?" write for a free booklet: Associated Bible Students of Metropolitan Detroit, P.O. Box 2153, Dearborn, MI 48123.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Stark Road Gospel Hall (9280 Stark Road, Livonia) will host special gospel meetings from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday through Friday evenings through November. Speakers include Daniel Shutt and Norman Crawford.

UPCOMING

MY HEART TO YOURS

Danny Holley, well known organist, will present a holiday concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17 at Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile, Livonia). Admission is on a free will basis, a suggested donation is \$10. No reserved seating, come early because the concert sells out every year.

TLC STORY TIME

Story time at Timothy Lutheran Church of Livonia, 8820 Wayne Road (between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail) will begin from 3-4 p.m. Nov. 18. Join us for crafts, songs, Christian stories, and snacks (similar to a mini-VBS program each month). Kids are invited to bring their friends, parents or grandparents. Books are those with kids 3-10 in mind, but kids of all ages are welcome. RSVPs not necessary but helpful. Call (734) 427-2290 or visit www.timothyilivonia.com

REMARIED MINISTRIES

Remarried Ministries Annual

Chili Cook Off, Pot Luck and Hoe Down will be held at 6 p.m. Nov. 18 at the Lazy J. Ranch in Milford. Cost is \$32 per couple (non refundable). Square dance begins at 8 p.m. Bring a dish to pass according to your last name (only if you are not bringing chili) A-L, meat or pasta; M-R, salad; and S-Z, dessert. Beverages will be provided. For information call Sherrie (810) 632-2087 or Ed Baker (248) 471-4988. Event sponsored by Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

God delivered His chosen people out of slavery in Egypt and took care of them. However, the people were often unthankful and complained. In Christ, God has delivered you from sin, eternal death and hell. Only when we remember what God has graciously done for us can we be truly thankful. Hear Rev. Wallace Schulz's "Lutheran Hour" message, "No Memories, No Thanksgiving" next Sunday, Nov. 19 on WOMC (104.3) at 6:05 a.m. or WMUZ (560) at 10:00 a.m.

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP SERVICE

The Woman's Choir of Olivet Nazarene University (Illinois) will present a worship service of gospel and contemporary Christian music at the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene (45801 Ann Arbor, Plymouth) at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19. The group of 53 women represents a wide range of academic majors and interests at the university. The public is cordially invited to attend this concert.

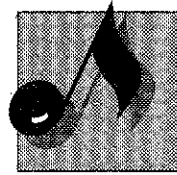
TRUE GRATITUDE

On this Sunday before the Thanksgiving holiday Rev. Bob Renjilian will explore the deeper understandings of true gratitude. "Guest At Your Table" boxes will be distributed to raise awareness and support for the work of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. Sunday, November 19th, Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington. Sunday school, and nursery at 9 and 11 a.m. 25301 Halsted Rd. (N. of Grand River) information (248) 478-7272 or www.uufarmington.org

CHICAGO FOLK SERVICE

There will be a special presenta-

Give thanks at holiday service



Giving thanks is a vital element of Christian worship and life, both past and

present.

In the Old Testament, people expressed their thanksgiving to God in prayers, sacrifices and offerings. Kind David called upon the people of Israel to give thanks. "Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done," (1 Chronicles 16:8 NIV). The same theme is echoed throughout the Old Testament.

The New Testament records numerous occasions in which Jesus gave thanks, including his last supper with his disciples: "While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying 'Take and eat; this is my body.' Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them" (Matthew 26:26-27 NIV).

The Apostle Paul also wrote to encourage Christians to give thanks: "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18 NIV).

Upcoming holiday

This Thanksgiving, Christians throughout our nation will once again gather in worship to give thanks to God.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church invites the community to give thanks and reflect on God's goodness on Thanksgiving Eve in Livonia and

Thanksgiving Day in Canton.

At both services Pastor Robert Bayer will deliver his Thanksgiving message based on Luke 17:11-19 using the theme, "The Thanksgiving of Faith."

Christ Our Savior's Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22 in Livonia. The service will feature uplifting music by the Christ Our Savior Choir, the Cherub and Chorister Choirs, Sunday School Singers, instrumentalists and the Jubellation Handbell Choir.

The opening processional hymn will set the tone for the service as the congregation and choir join organ and orchestra in singing the words of Edward Plumtre and the Christ Our Savior Choir will sing "O Christ the Same," by Craig Courtney.

The congregation will sing with the choir and brass choir in a festival of Thanksgiving hymns by Douglas E. Wagner. Children will sing an arrangement by Sandra T. Gay and the Jubellation Handbell Choir will perform an arrangement by Susan Geschke. Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church is located at 14175 Farmington Road, next to Ford Field (north of I-96).

Christ Our Savior will also hold a 9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day service at its Canton site (46001 Warren Road, just west of Canton Center Road). The service will feature an uplifting blend of traditional and contemporary music. Traditional hymns will be sung in a contemporary style.

Call the church office at (734) 522-6830.

tion of the Chicago Folk Serice at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 19 at Bird Elementary School (Sheldon Road and Ann Arbor Trail). This is part of a reunion Thanksgiving celebration being held to honor everyone who has been and continues to be a part of New Life Lutheran Church, an

ELCA congregation. Call Eunice Taylor (734) 254-9617.

CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING

Everyone is invited to the annual multi-faith Thanksgiving eve service at Nardin Park United Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22. Ten congregations will participate in this

year's service sponsored by the Farmington Area Interfaith Association, Adat Shalom, Farmington Universalist Unitarian, First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, Nardin Park United Methodist, North Congregation, North Farmington Community, Orchard United Methodist, The Salvation Army and Trinity Episcopal. A 100-voice interfaith choir will sing "Psalm 150, Sing Out My Soul and A Simple Thanksgiving." For information call (248) 476-8860.

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

You, your family, and friends are invited to attend a Thanksgiving Day Service at 10:30 a.m. at First Church of Christ, Scientist at 1100 West Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. The service will include readings from the Bible and Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, and will include testimonies of gratitude (there will be no collection at this special service). A copy of the text for this service and a full range of spirituality study reference aids may be obtained at the Christian Science Reading Room at 445 S. Harvey - (734) 453-1676.

GOSPEL REUNION 2000

Greater Grace Temple-Taylor presents "Gospel Reunion 2000 - Power Belongs to God," at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26 (24111 Koths Street, Taylor) The Gospel reunion combines current and former voices from "Voices of the Temple" choir members from Greater Grace Temple who will unite to celebrate the power of praise and worship. Dana Harper of Greater Grace - Taylor will perform a praise dance as part of this musical extravaganza. Call (313) 295-4472.

THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS

NorthRidge Church in Plymouth presents The Glory of Christmas - The Journey of the Fourth Wiseman. Show are Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 2, 1 and 6 p.m.; Dec. 3, 6 p.m.; Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 9, 1 and 6 p.m.; and Dec. 10, 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 (plus \$2 service fee per ticket). Reserved seating. No refunds or exchanges. Due to the length of the program, children under the age of four will not be admitted. No nursery provided. For tickets call (800) 585-

3737 or visit www.ticketplus.net

ROSEDALE GARDENS CONCERT

The Chancel Choir of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church (9601 Hubbard Drive, off West Chicago between Merriman and Farmington in Livonia) will present "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. Conductor Adam C. Riccinto will lead the 40 voice choir in the most well known of Vivaldi's sacred choral compositions. Also featured on the program is Corelli's Concerto Grosso No. 8 for Strings (the Christmas Concert). The concert is free and will be followed by an afterglow. Call (734) 422-0494.

LIVONIA YOUTH CHOIR

The Livonia Youth Choir will present their Winter Concert at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 at Faith Lutheran Church (30000 Five Mile Road, west of Middlebelt) in Livonia. Admission is free. Call (734) 427-9578.

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"Four Tickets to Christmas" a musical presentation by the choir and orchestra of Covenant Community Church (25800 Student, Redford). Under the direction of Keith Currivean and Lisa Mollenkamp. Program at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8 and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10.

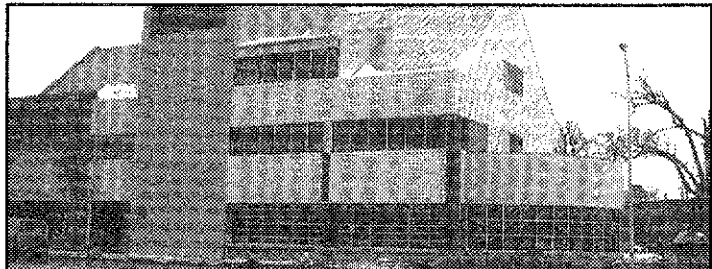
CHRISTMAS CANTATA

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (20805 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills) will host a Christmas Cantata "I Have Seen the Light: The Search for Christmas" at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16 followed by a reception and at 9:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 17 followed by a Christmas potluck. Call (248) 474-0675.

TLC STORY TIME

Story time at Timothy Lutheran Church of Livonia, 8820 Wayne Road (between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail) will begin from 3-4 p.m. Dec. 16. Join us for crafts, songs, Christian stories, and snacks (similar to a mini-VBS program each month). Kids are invited to bring their friends, parents or grandparents. Books are those with kids 3-10 in mind, but kids of all ages are welcome. RSVPs not necessary but helpful. Call (734) 427-2290 or visit www.timothyilivonia.com

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St. Joseph Mercy Hospital - Ann Arbor will present its 25th Anniversary Holiday Ball at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Michigan League (911 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor). This year's event "The Grand Ball: Celebrating St. Joe's Past, Present and Future." Proceeds will benefit the Campaign for Women's Health, a \$13.5 Million fund-raising project to construct a Women's Health Center on St. Joe's campus. Call (734) 712-4040 or visit www.stjoeball.org

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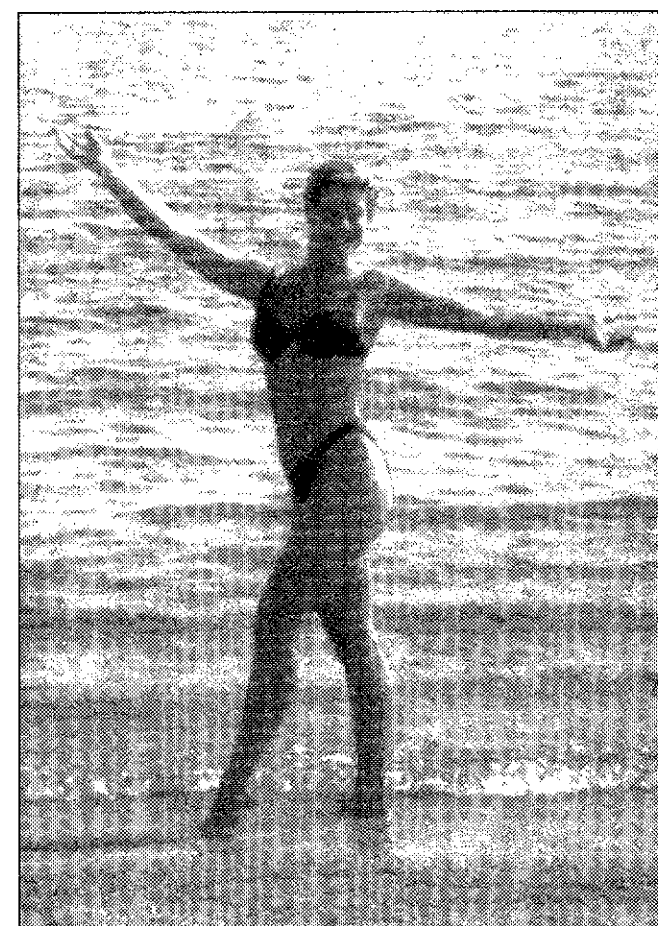
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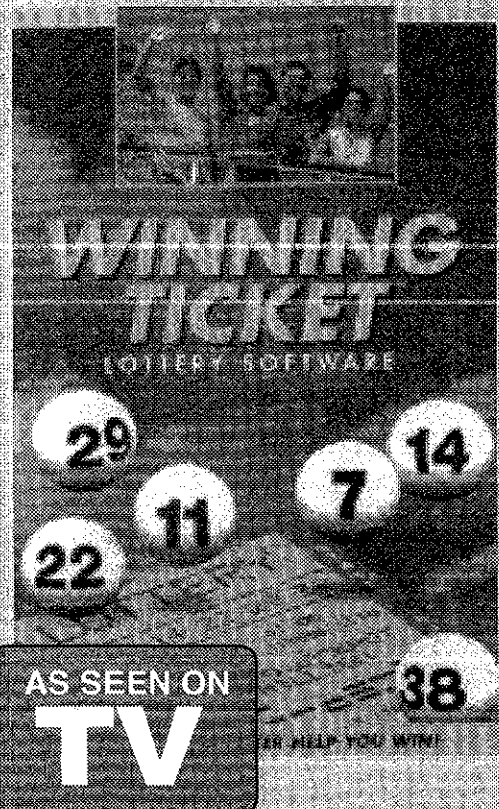
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WESTSIDE SINGLES DANCE

Every Friday WestSide Singles hosts a dance at Burton Manor in Livonia (Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road) from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Upcoming dances are Nov. 17 and 24. A special Thanksgiving dance is Wednesday, Nov. 22. Must be over 21, and dressy attire (no jeans). Open to the public. A deejay will be playing Top 40 music and current hits. Appetizers will be served (hot/cold). Early admission special \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after. Call (734) 981-0909.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

The Wayne-Westland #340 Chapter of Parents Without Partners will be hosting a dance on Nov. 24 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Roma Hall in Garden City (corner of Cherry Hill and Venoy). This dance is the annual Toys for Tots dance. Bring an unwrapped toy worth at least \$5 and get \$2 off admission. Without toy admission will be \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members. The next dance is Dec. 9 at the same location and time as previous event. Call (313) 381-1242 or (734) 285-9227.

WEDNESDAY METRO SINGLES

Wednesday Metro Singles Dance begins at 8 p.m. every Wednesday and concludes at 1 a.m. Cost is \$6 or \$5 before 8:30 p.m. Free swing dance lessons offered from 8-9 p.m. DJ, budget bar, refreshments, 21 and over, dress attire please. Roma's Banquet Hall, 32550 Cherry Hill Road (east of Venoy) in Garden City. Call (313) 438-6258 or (734) 422-4550.

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Come join the fun ... where singles go to meet. The Metro Singles Dance has a new location at Crystal Park Banquet Hall, every Thursday, from 8-11 p.m. Free dance lessons, 8-9 p.m. D.J., budget bar, 21 and over, refreshments, dressy attire (no jeans please). Admission is \$6. Hotline (313) 438-6258. Crystal Park Banquet Hall (17099 Champaign, Allen Park).

SINGLES WELCOME

Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and educational assistance to divorced or separated Christians.

■ Card Nights Nov. 17. Call Rose (734) 464-3325.
Speaker Dave Blake, Nov. 18 at St. Kenneth's (14951 Haggerty Road, Plymouth). Starts at 7 p.m. with deli-dinner. Admission free.

■ Movie Night, Dec. 1. "It's a Wonderful Life" at the Redford Theatre on Lahser and Grand River, Redford. Cal Pat (734)

522-4262.

■ Singles Dance, Dec. 2 at St. Robert Bellarmine (W. Chicago and Inkster). \$8 cover charge include refreshment. Dance runs from 8 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Proper attire please.

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center has a Divorce Support Group that meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the McDowell Center (Room 225) from 7-9 p.m. No fee is required. Call (734) 462-4443. A schedule through December follows:

■ Nov. 28, Group discussion facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.

■ Dec. 12, Group discussion facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.

■ Dec. 26, No meeting due to the holidays.

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES

Talk It Over meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Cost \$6. Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

■ Singles Parents/Kids. Wednesdays SPM would like to offer you the Ward EPC Wednesday evening dinners at a reduced rate, \$2 per person, \$6 max per family. Make you reservations by calling (248) 374-5988. Diners begin at 6 p.m. Group discussion at 7 p.m.

■ Stepping Stones Children's Recovery Workshop is held Thursday evenings through Dec. 14. This is a divorce recovery workshop for children grades K-12. Cost is \$10 per child. Free child care provided. There will also be parenting classes for the adults. Call (248) 374-5920.

■ Kathy Troccoli is coming to Ward church at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1. The concert will be in the church sanctuary. Tickets are \$5. Call (248) 374-5920.

■ Toronto by Train at Thanksgiving. Nov. 24-27 Cost is \$277 and includes transportation, lodging, baggage handling and more.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

Parents without Partners, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the single-parent family. We offer educational, social, and recreational activities for single parents and their children. Dues \$30 per year. For membership information in the Ann Arbor Chapter #38 call (734) 973-1933 or visit the Web page at www.aapwp.org

■ Nov. 19, 5-6 p.m. speaker Terri Bodnovits, one of our members, has worked with survivors of domestic abuse and will speak on "How to identify an abusive relationship." Sponsored by Parents Without Partners at the Zal

Gaz Grotto, 2070 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor. (734) 547-9549 hosting. Public invited. Light refreshments.

■ Nov. 17 and Dec. 1, 15, 31, Singles Dance at the Zal Gaz Grotto, 2070 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor.

■ Nov. 25, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Family Make It & Take It Craft: Make a Christmas gift for mom and dad. We will also decorate shoeboxes so they can be filled with personal hygiene items. Please bring a few items, such as: washcloth, soap, shampoo, disposable razors, toothpaste and brush, combs, barrettes, body lotion, etc. These "I care" packages will be given in January to retirement home residents in the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti area. Call Bonita K. (734) 547-9549 to say you will be there. Cost: \$2/child or \$4/family. Light refreshments included. Public invited.

■ Dec. 10, "Learn how to take great family pictures," from Vern Otto. Vern brings 35 years of experience in all fields of professional photography to this lecture. Bring your camera and questions. Zal Gaz Grotto, 2070 S. Stadium, Ann Arbor. Sponsored by Parents Without Partners. 5-6 p.m. free of charge. Contact Bonita (734) 547-9549. Light refreshments furnished.

CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB

A general meeting of the Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit (a non-profit organization of single Catholics, 21 and over, who have earned a bachelor's degree and are free to marry in the Catholic church) will be held Wednesdays.

Upcoming events include:
■ Outdoor Volleyball every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. St. Rene Parish (35955 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights). Call Rita (248) 336-0391.

■ Outdoor Tennis every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. Meet at Boulton Park, west side of Crooks Road, just 1/2 mile north of 16 Mile

Road. Call Tom (248) 547-5884.

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METROPOLITAN PROFESSIONALS

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CHRISTIAN SINGLES

Attention singles - Christian Singles Today Interactive Saturday Fellowship is held from 7-11 p.m. at The Church of the Savior (Five Mile Road at Newburgh) in Livonia. Call (248) 478-1410 for information.

YOUNG SINGLES

Attention young singles ages 17-29. Join us at the Christian Singles Music Cafe every Saturday from 7-11 p.m. at The Jesus Center, 20911 Inkster Road in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 478-1410 for information.

WEDNESDAY SUBURBAN SINGLES

Wednesday Suburban Singles Dance Parties Inc., meet every Wednesday at The Warren Chateau Banquet Center (10 Mile Road one block east of Mound) in Warren from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Open to the public - ages 21 and up. Proper attire is recommended (no jeans). The Single Mingle Dance costs \$5; \$4 before 8:30 p.m. For information call the hotline at (313) 842-0443.

SUNDAY SUBURBAN SINGLES

Meets every Sunday at The Warren Chateau Banquet Center 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. \$5; \$4 before 8:30 p.m. Call (313) 842-0443.

NEW ARRIVALS

■ **Joseph and Carrie Van Vliet** of Livonia announce the birth of their son **Trevor Joseph** born Sept. 12 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Grandparents are Edwin S. and Phyllis Heiser of Livonia and Dolores Van Vliet of Livonia.

■ **Ken and Kim Thompson** of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, **Kayla Lorin Thompson**, born August 2, at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Darlene Bankman of Westland and Christine Thompson of Redford Township. Great-grandparents are James Allen of Westland and William and Thelma Evans of Piedmont, Missouri.

■ **Robert and Diana Knight** of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of their son **Kyle Wayne** born Sept. 28 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Kyle joins sister Brittany, 4. Grandparents are Richard and Billie Knight of Dearborn Heights, and Richard and Sue Grawberg of Dearborn Heights. Great grandmother is Dorian West of Garden City.

■ **Clark and Michelle (Pisani) Paull** of Livonia announce the birth of twin daughters **Elayna Marie** and **Emma Gabrielle** born Oct. 27 at Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce. Elayna and Emma join brother Dylan Anthony, 3. Grandparents are Paul and Pauline Pisani of Port Richey, Florida, the late Clark Paull II and Madeline Paull of Dearborn.

■ **Kimberly and Ricardo Hernandez** of Livonia announce the birth of their son **Miguel Antonio** born Nov. 4 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Miguel joins brother Carlos Enrique, 2. Grandparents are Juan Jose and Sonia Hernandez of San Pedro Sula, Honduras and Thomas

and Theresa Speck of Livonia. Great grandfather is John Speck of Kansas City, Missouri.

■ **Rob and Melisa Haines** of Plymouth announce the birth of their son **Ethan Robert** born Nov. 4 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center. Grandparents are Don and Bev Sloan of Piqua, Ohio; George and Judy Doutre of Tecumseh and Steve and Sheila Haines of Norwalk, Ohio.

■ **Elizabeth Page** and **Robert Kuhlwein** of Canton announce the birth of their daughter **Alexia Gene Page** born Oct. 26 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center. Grandparents are Mary Page of Canton and Kevin Page of Canton.

■ **Steven and Vivian Varani** of Westland announce the birth of their son **Isaac Joseph T. Varani** born Nov. 8 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center. Isaac joins brother Caleb. Grandparents are Jose and Lucy Tolentino of Manila, Philippines; and Mary Weiss of Jackson.

■ **John and Shawn Gossett** of Westland announce the birth of their daughter **Alexa** born Nov. 8 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center. Alexa joins siblings Parris, Alyssa and Nathan. Grandparents are Susan and Jerry Chaffin of Westland and Mary and Chuck Gossett of Westland.

■ **Matthew and Jennifer (Bargowski) Van Horn** of Plymouth announce the birth of their son, **Joshua**, born Nov. 9 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Grandparents are Clark and Cathie Keller of Northville, Ron and Gail Van Horn of Petoskey and Richard and Donna Bargowski of Canton. Great grandparents are Jack and Lenore Heimforth of Traverse City, Walter and Olive Bernier of Boyne City.

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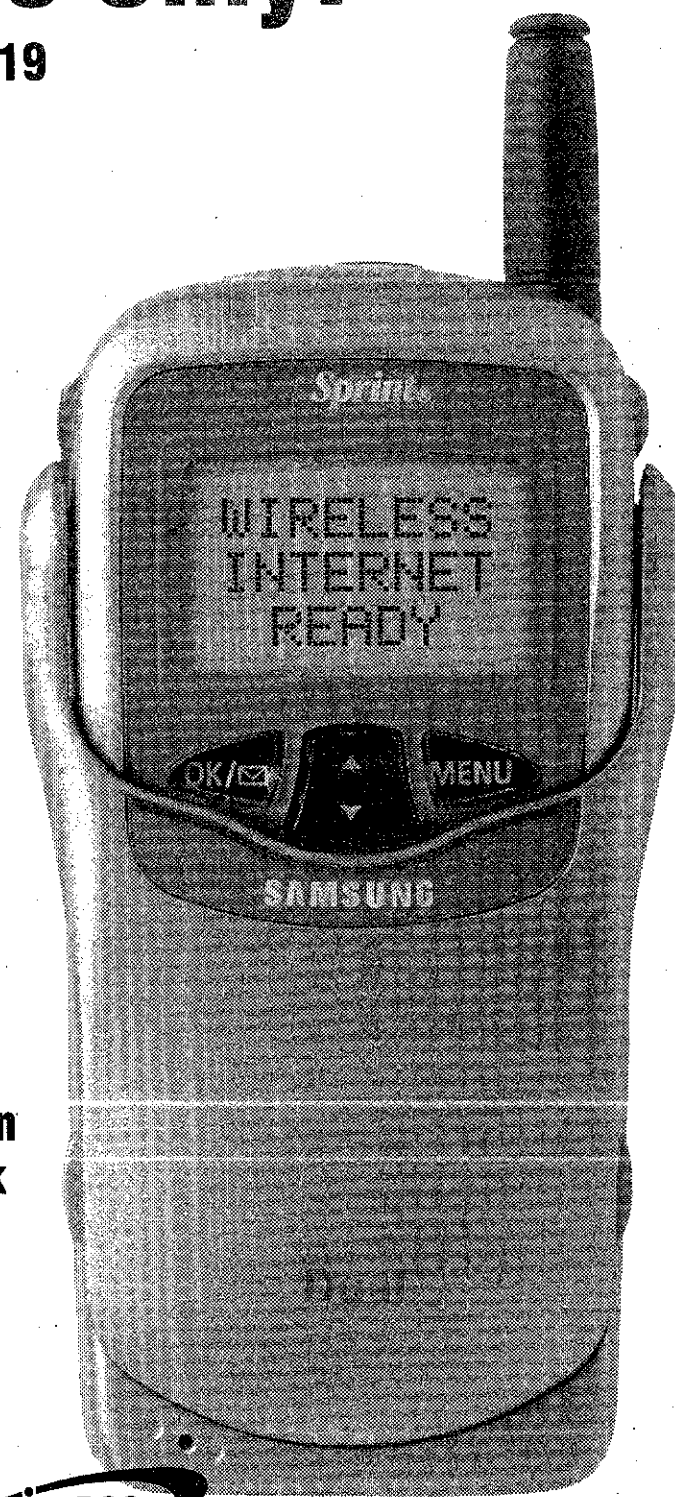
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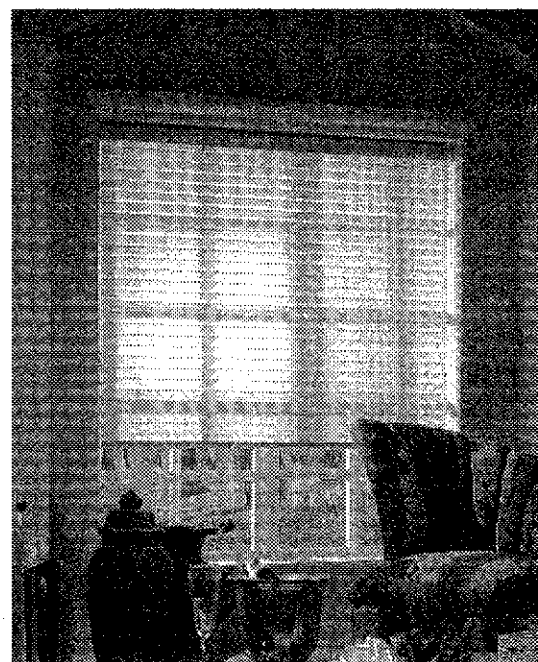
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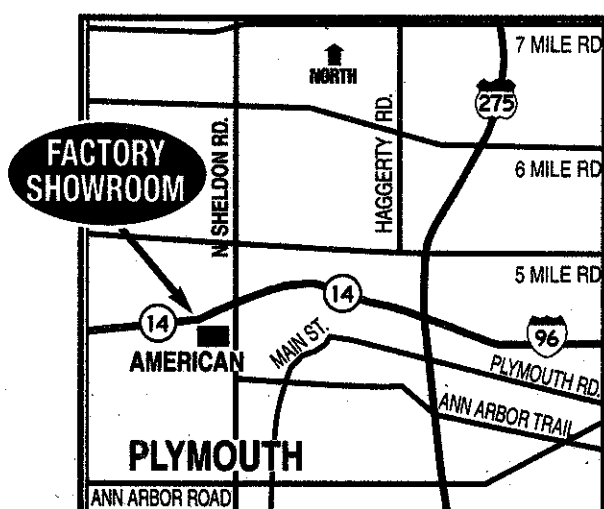
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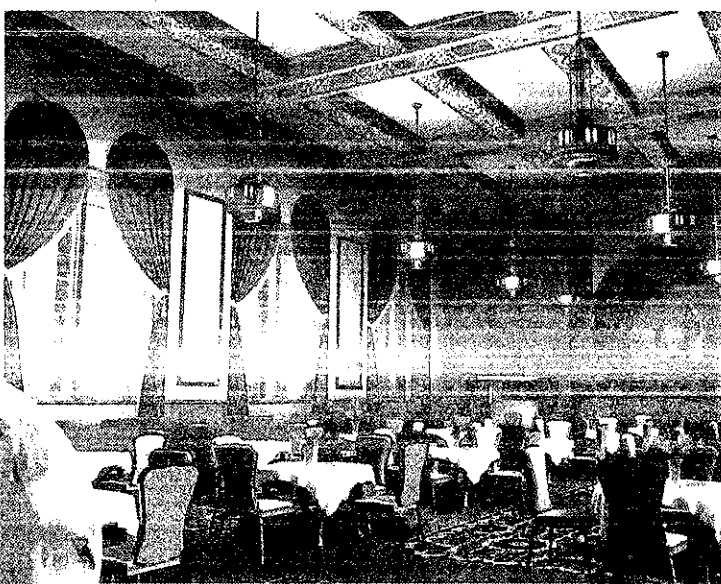
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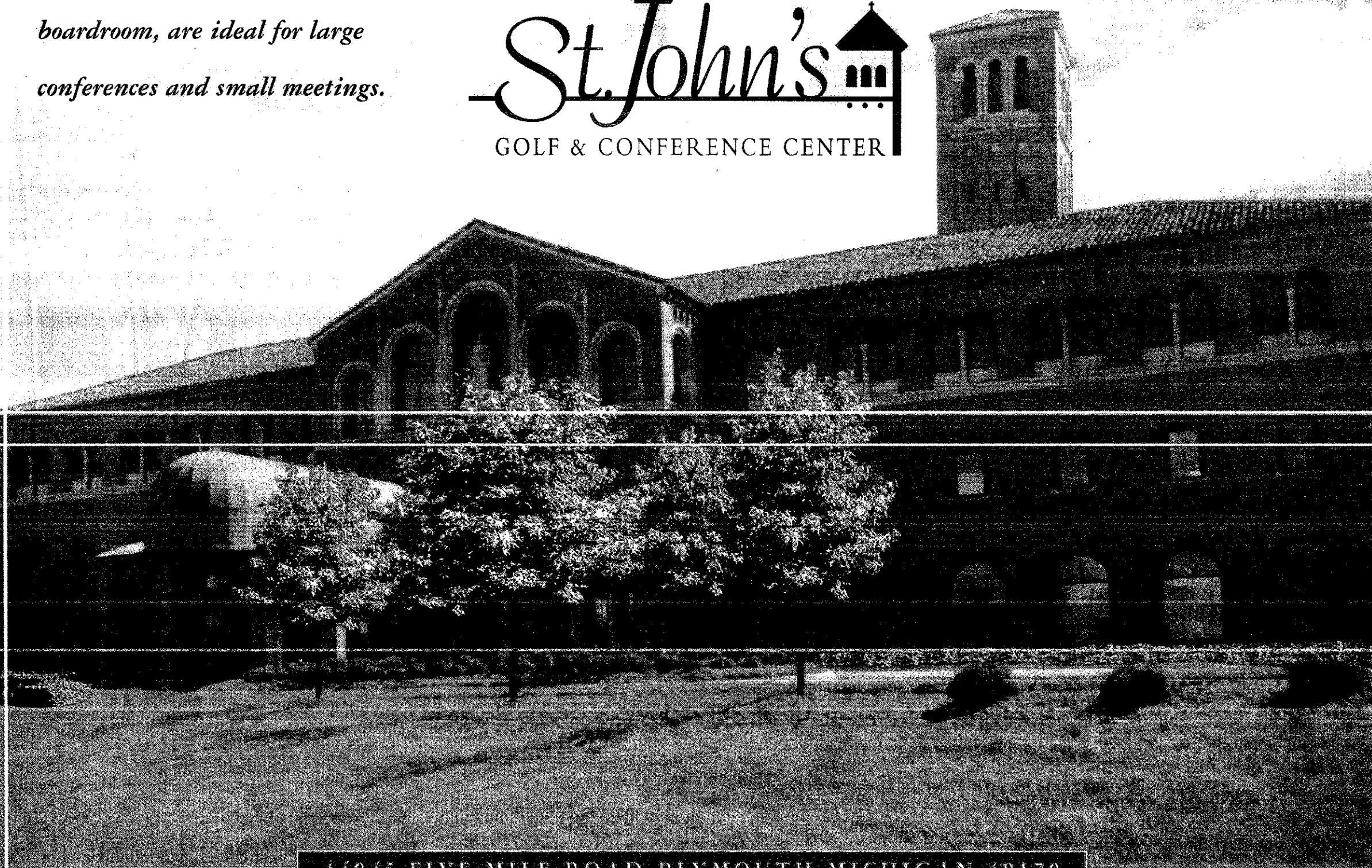
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Steelers win titles

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers sent three teams to the Western Suburban Junior Football League's Super Bowl last Sunday, and two of them came back winners.

The Steelers' varsity lost to the Belleville Cougars 12-6, surrendering two interceptions and a blocked punt. The Steeler touchdown was scored on a run by Chuck Schumacker, set up by a 35-yard pass from Jack Powers to Tim Storch. The Steelers finished 9-1.

The junior varsity came from behind with 13 fourth-quarter points in a 13-6 win over the Dearborn Heights Redskins. A Romeo Young run tied the game at 6-all with 3:42 left to play; a defensive stand led by Nick Cole, Kyle Gendron, Matt Czajkowski and Deshon McClendon enabled the Steelers to get the ball back at the Redskins 36 with 1:13 left. A pass from Shawn Little to Czajkowski put the ball at the 10, and Little scored on the next play. Young intercepted a final pass play; Gendron also had an interception as the JVs went 10-0.

The Steeler freshmen got a touchdown run from Scott Wisniewski in the second overtime period to edge the Redskins 13-6. Adam Powers ran for a touchdown and a point after conversion. Dalton Walser, Paul Kanaan, Alexander Avramoski and Spencer Tobin paced the defense for the Steelers, who went 10-0.

Compuware splits

A pair of second-place teams in the North American Hockey League clashed last weekend at Compuware Arena in Plymouth, and the result was — nothing really changed.

On Friday, the Danville Wings (second place in the West Division) used power-play goals from R.A. Mobile, Peter Szabo and Todd Grant to edge the Compuware Ambassadors (second place in the East Division) 3-2.

On Saturday, the score was reversed as Compuware's Ryan Less-

turned aside 24 shots on goal to earn the win, bringing his goaltending record to 8-2-1 with a 2.53 goals-against average and a .913 save percentage. Davis ranks fourth in the NAHL in goals-against average.

Lessnau's points gave him 11 in 10 games this season. Daniel Knapp leads the Ambassadors with 10 goals and seven assists (17 points).

Compuware was 11-6-1 through last weekend, with 23 points — six behind the division-leading Soo Kewadin Casino Indians' 29 points (14-5-1), with two games in hand.

The Ambassadors have a home-and-home series with the Cleveland Barons this weekend, playing in Cleveland at 7:30 Friday and hosting the Barons at Compuware Arena at 6:35 p.m. Saturday.

Salem JV outstanding

The Plymouth Salem junior varsity soccer team posted a 13-1-4 record for the season, scoring 64 goals while surrendering only two goals against.

Goalie duties were shared by Jeremy Boothroyd and Tom Huls. Other team members were Matt Adsit, Andy Brown, Nick Brown, Chris Conlisk, Steve Cox, Jeff Everal, Carl Fanning, Ryan Fazio, Scott Foess, Zak Gressman, Keith Kulick, Jason Lewis, Mike Masters, Brandon Ross, Steve Shull, Parker Stinar and Matt Wielechowski. The team coaches are Joe Nora and John Truskowski.

Top efforts

•Oakland University's women's swim team ran its dual-meet record to 2-0 with a 138-84 triumph over Bowling Green State Saturday at the OU Aquatics Center. The Golden Grizzlies collected nine first-place finishes, including one from Yvonne Lynn (from Plymouth Salem) in the 100-yard backstroke (58.48).

•St. John Fisher College's women's basketball team prepared for Friday's season-opener against Russell Sage College by walloping Seneca College of Canada 88-51 Sunday in an exhibition game played at Fisher. Kristin Mayer, a junior from Plymouth Canton HS, scored nine points and dished out four assists in the victory.

•Steve Richardson, a sophomore at Pinckney HS and son of Plymouth Canton HS boys track coach Bob Richardson, will be competing at the Pontiac Silverdome on Thanksgiving Day as winner of his 14-15 year-old boys division in the Punt, Pass and Kick Regionals.

So who's next? Rocks rout Northville to reach district final

BY C.J. RISAK
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Third time's a charm?

Guess that depends on who you're cheering for. It's doubtful any lucky amulet could have saved Northville from the fate that awaited it in Wednesday's girls basketball state district semifinal.

After all, the Mustangs were up against Plymouth Salem. And if there's a team that has had Northville's number over the years — well, let's put it this way: There wouldn't be any doubt which holes were punched on this ballot.

The Rocks made Northville look like your run-of-the-mill team, one that maybe broke even record-wise during the season. They never trailed in this game, building a 21-point lead two minutes into the fourth quarter and coasting to a 39-23 triumph.

It was almost astounding, how easy Salem made it look. Making it more astonishing — it was the third time the Rocks played the Mustangs this season, and all three meetings were at Northville. Each time, the outcome was the same: a Salem win.

Oh yes — Northville only lost five games all season, finishing 17-5 while winning the Western Lakes Activities Association championship.

Salem, meanwhile, will take its 17-4 record into Friday's district final, where it will challenge cross-creek rival Plymouth Canton for the title. Game time is 7 p.m. at

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Northville.

"You look at the last five years and it's been that way," said Northville coach Pete Wright when asked about Salem's domination. "We're about .500 against Canton in that time, but we just can't beat Salem."

"Tonight, they challenged us at every position. They put a lot of pressure on you defensively. "Their defense was awesome."

That was apparent by the start of the fourth quarter. The game started slowly enough, each team trying to be patient, but the formula seemed better suited to the Rocks. They led 5-2 after one quarter; twice in the second period the Mustangs were within a basket.

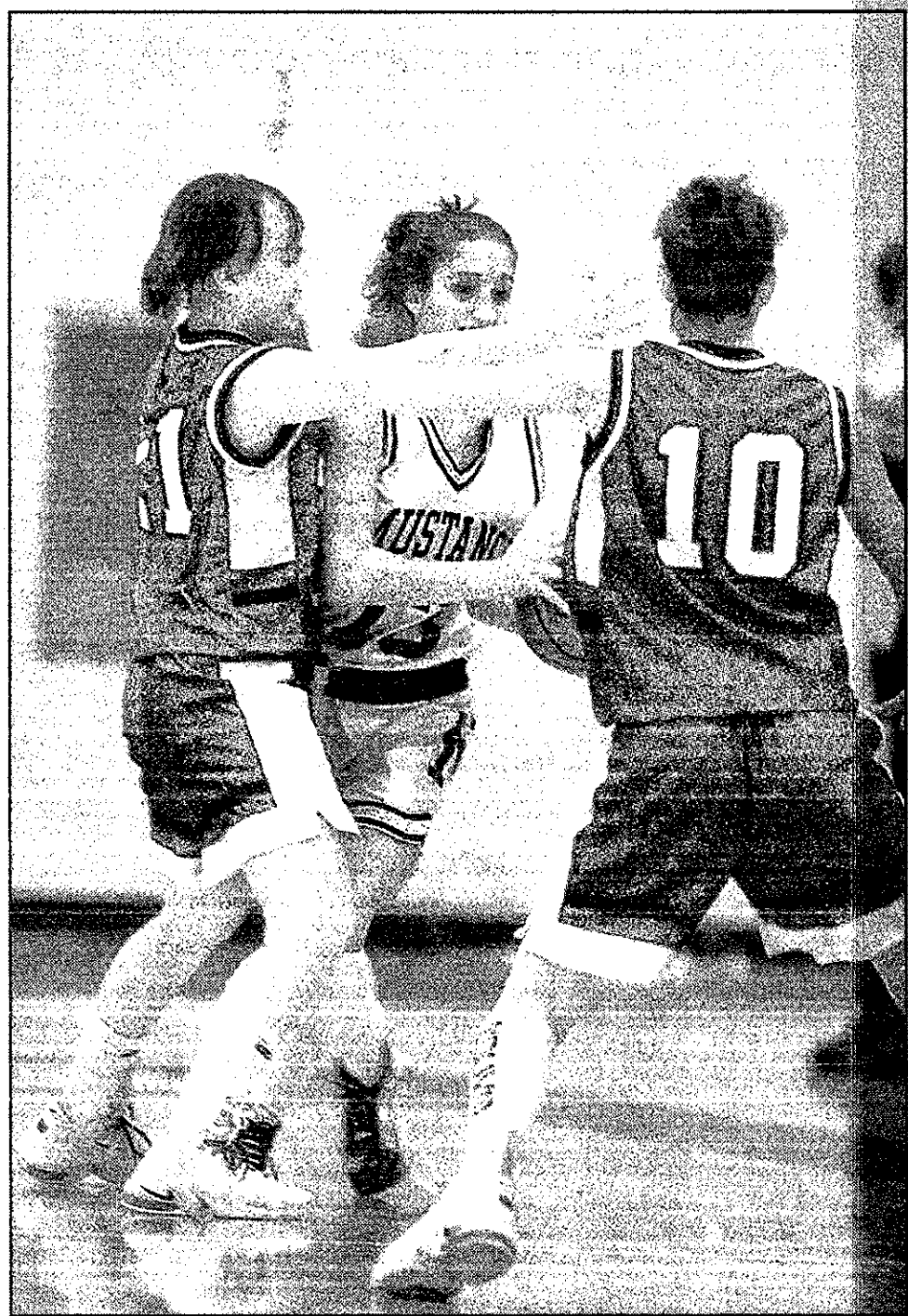
Which is as close as they got. Katie Kelly scored five points in the last 3 1/2 minutes of the opening half and Shannon Miller got a shot to roll in, boosting the Rocks' lead to 17-9 at the half.

The third quarter was disastrous for Northville, with the Rocks playing near-perfect basketball. The Mustangs made just 1-of-11 shots from the floor as Salem outscored them 14-4 to expand their eight-point lead at halftime to 18 (31-13) after three periods.

Game over.

"We knew they were going to

Please see **SALEM HOOP, C7**



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

No where to roam: Northville's Kelly Anderson (with ball) tries to find some space, but is hemmed in by Salem's Kelly Jaskot (left) and Amy Szawara. That kind of defense was pivotal for Salem.

Canton crushes Novi

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

BASKETBALL

The real work for Plymouth Canton's basketball team didn't start until its state district semifinal against Novi, the first of two Wednesday at Northville HS, had ended. That's when Canton coach Bob Blohm found a seat in the north-end bleachers to watch the Plymouth Salem-Northville semi.

What Blohm saw he didn't like. Salem routed the Mustangs, a team that had won 17 of its previous 21 games, by 16 points. On their home court.

Which meant Canton will face its cross-creek rival for the district championship at 7 p.m. Friday at Northville. Because the Chiefs had an even easier time in disposing of outmanned Novi, 62-29.

Canton improved to 15-6. Salem's win over Northville

gave the Rocks a 17-4 mark.

"We played with energy," Blohm said in recapping the victory over Novi. "We came out hard, we went after them defensively. I was pleased with the outcome."

"But this is the game, right here," he added, referring to the about-to-start Salem-Northville contest. "I'm just pleased we could get to the final game of the districts."

That was never in doubt by the midpoint of the Chiefs' opening quarter. Canton scored the first 10 points of the game, forcing five turnovers before the period was half over. By the end of the quarter, the Chiefs led 18-9.

Perhaps the most telling statistic in this game came during the second period.

Novi made 1-of-4 shots in the quarter. The Chiefs' pressure defense wouldn't even allow them to get a shot off, forcing 16 turnovers in the quarter.

The Chiefs outscored the Wildcats 24-2 to take a 42-11 lead into halftime. Blohm's starters played a few minutes of the third, then went to the bench to start focusing on Friday's final.

Janine Guastella paced Canton with 20 points, scoring seven of them in the first 3:14 of the third quarter to hasten her teammates' retirement to the bench. Amanda Lentz added 10 and Anne Morrell scored eight.

Ten players scored for Novi, but no one had more than Michelle Rzepka's five points.

Nothing like this will happen again in the state tournament.

See **CANTON HOOP, C7**



Top scorer: Canton's Janine Guastella led all scorers with 20 points.

Ocelots eye a national title

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Schoolcraft College has captured national titles in women's volleyball and women's soccer.

Could women's cross country be the next?

The Lady Ocelot harriers, in only their third-year of existence under the father-daughter coaching tandem of Sonny and Nancy Gavoor, will be favored Saturday to win the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II meet in Levelland, Tex.

The 18-team meet, which will attract 120 runners, will be hosted by South Plains CC (near Lubbock).

Schoolcraft enters ranked No. 1 in the country, but strong challenges are expected from two Kansas schools, Johnson City and defending champion Colby.

Three runners returned off last year's squad which finished eighth in the NJCAA Division II meet — Keke Chonacas (Livonia), Jenny Furlong (Livonia Franklin) and Mandi Davis (Garden City).

The Gavoor's then went out and recruited Gabby Crandall, a 41-year-old mother of three; Heidi Frank, a first-team All-Observer runner from North Farmington; Christy Smith, a member of the Livonia Churchill squad, and Andrea Garibaldi, who graduated from Plymouth Canton, but did not run in high school.

Two weeks ago, Chonacas, a part-time model who recently won Miss Teen Motor City pageant finished first at the Region 12 meet held in Cleveland, Ohio. Crandall was runner-up, while Furlong, Frank and Davis were also in the top seven as Schoolcraft took the team title.

Crandall's story is unique.

She is taking three classes at Schoolcraft, then works as a personal fitness trainer, while managing a family of five along with her husband Paul in Plymouth Township.



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The team: Coach Nancy Gavoor and her father Sonny Gavoor are surrounded by the Schoolcraft women's cross-country team. Clockwise, from left: Kyriake Chonacas, Gabrielle Crandall, Jennifer Furlong, Mandi Davis, Christy Smith, Theresa Mifsud, Andrea Garibaldi and Heidi Frank.

She normally trains on her own, but joins the team once a week for practice.

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COLLEGE SOCCER

SC searching for top honors at NJCAAs

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And so it begins. The final eight teams, remaining from inter-regional competition in the NJCAA Division I women's soccer tournament, will begin their quest toward the same goal: A national championship.

Schoolcraft College is one of those eight. And the team that will be representing the school could very well be the most talented since the Lady Ocelots won the national title in 1987.

Certainly they've looked the part. SC takes with it a 20-0-1 record, the only blemish a tie against No. 1-ranked (and seeded) Monroe (N.Y.) CC, a record good enough to earn it a No. 3 seed.

The No. 2 seed is Dixie State (from St. George, Utah), a team with a 14-1-1 mark. No. 4 belongs to

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Whalers avenge loss to Greyhounds with 6-4 win

BY NICHOLAS A. GISMONDI
SPECIAL WRITER

Revenge.

A 4-3 loss to the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds two weeks ago at the Sault Memorial Gardens had left the Plymouth Whalers with that single thought on their collective minds. And before 3,100 fans at Plymouth's Compuware Sports Arena last Saturday, they did just that, rebounding from a slow start to beat the Greyhounds 6-4.

The Greyhounds opened the scoring

with two goals in the first five minutes, Jeff Richards getting the first and Ryan Weistche netting the second.

But the Whalers battled back to knot it at 2-2 before the end of the period, with Damian Surma banging in the rebound of a Libor Ustrnul shot from the point (Karl Stewart also assisted) at 10:18, then Stephen Weiss tying it on a breakaway at 11:05 with his 18th goal of the season.

"They're a much better club than what their record shows," said Whaler associate coach Steve Spott of the eighth-place Greyhounds. "(Coach) Pete (DeBoer) and I were disappointed with

our third period last night (against Brampton), and that carried over here into the start of this one.

"Our skill got us back into the game and we took a valuable lesson early that we can take no one lightly on any night. It's just too unpredictable to do."

Stacey Britstone returned to the line-up and gave the Whalers their first lead, combining with Weiss and Andre Robichaud to make it 3-2 at the 6:32 mark of the second period. Ryan Held re-tied it for the Greyhounds with just 1:10 left in the period with a shot from the blue line that got past Whaler goalie Rob Zepp.

Two quick third-period goals gave the Whalers a lead they would not relinquish. Rob McBride got his eighth goal of the season, with assists to Surma and Nate Kiser at the 2:14 mark, then Kris Vernarsky scored his sixth on a partial breakaway with an assist to Ustrnul.

Held's second goal of the game narrowed Plymouth's lead to one with 5:44 left, but Bryan Thompson scored into an empty net to clinch the win for the Whalers.

"It was a huge win for us, a definite confidence-builder, and it sent a mes-

sage that we are very serious this year and we don't like losing," said Zepp. "Bouncing back from last Sunday like we did tonight was important."

Spott agreed, and he gave Zepp a large portion of the credit. "Rob was spectacular for us tonight," Spott said. "He's the kind of goalie that can win a game for you if the team is not playing at it's best. You don't have to have a great night to win."

The Whalers are 14-2-2-1 and in first place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division with 31 points. They also remain ranked third in the Canadian Hockey League.

Cross country from C1

"Bringing in Gabby has made a huge difference because of her experience," Nancy Gavor said. "She's an authority on running and fitness. She reinforces our direction definitively. And I don't have to worry about her because she's training."

Crandall is a native of Ossining, N.Y. who ran two years of track as a half-miler at Hogansburg (N.Y.) High School.

She ran her first marathon in 1980 and has a dozen 26.2-milers to her credit, including a personal best 3:03 at the 1994 Detroit Free Press International.

In 1990, her mother Edith and five of her sisters all ran the New York City Marathon.

Crandall plans on fulfilling her scholarship commitment through next season.

"I've sacrificed cleaning the house, but I still do the meals and laundry," Crandall said. "The running was always there anyway, but I probably don't study as much as I should."

Chonacas has been Schoolcraft's lead runner most of the season, but Furlong has been one of the most consistent.

"Jenny's been in the top three on our team every race and won two races early," Nancy Gavor said. "She's probably our most improved. She had abdominal surgery in June and she's come back very nicely."

Frank has been bothered most of the season by a foot injury, "but hasn't complained once about it," Gavor said.

Gavor believes the Lady Ocelots can win the meet if her top five runners are within a half-minute of each other on the flat Texas course.

The team leaves Thursday by plane and expectations are high.

"The pressure is on us, but we're looking forward to the challenge," Crandall said. "For me, I've never achieved this much before. It's exciting to think you could win a national championship and be an All-America."

SC soccer from page C1

Scottsdale (Ariz.) CC, which is 17-3-2.

SC opens the eight-team NJCAAs, which are hosted by Florissant Valley CC in St. Louis, against Young Harris (Ga.) at noon today. Who the Ocelots play next depends on what happens in the first round; there is a consolation bracket.

A win would give them a second match on Friday. Another victory puts SC into Sunday's NJCAA championship match.

"I think we're aggressive enough to play with anybody, we have enough skill to play with anybody," said SC coach Bill Tolstedt. "It's just going to be a matter of who gets the breaks."

The Ocelots do have advantages, but if they're lacking in anything, it's experience in a tournament of this stature. "They'll be nervous," acknowledged Tolstedt. "They haven't done anything like this before. I'm pumped about being there myself."

"I told them, 'Don't disrespect anybody, but remember that we've already played all the best teams.'"

Looking past any opponent can be lethal, and Tolstedt isn't going to do that. Young Harris, ranked 10th in the NJCAA poll and 13th in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America poll (SC is third and fourth, respectively), was at the NJCAA Tournament last year.

But it lost this season to Lewis and Clark (Ill.) and Meramec (Ill.), two teams SC has beaten. "They play in southern weather (in Georgia), which is kind of nice," said Tolstedt. "But now they'll have to come up here and play in colder weather, which may be difficult for them."

"I'll take any advantage I can."

His team may be enough of an advantage in itself. Kristah Manteuffel (from Redford Thurston) led SC during the season in scoring with 16 goals and 20 assists for 52 points. Angela Maile was next best with a

team-high 17 goals and 14 assists (48 points), with Kelly Connell (Plymouth Canton) after that with 13 goals and 13 assists (39 points).

Emily Alford (Farmington Hills/Livonia Clarenceville), injured for part of the season, has bounced back to score 10 goals and assist on six others (26 points).

But this team has more than just offense. The defense, anchored by keepers Amy Dorogi (Canton) and Kerrie LaPorte (Livonia Churchill) and sweeper Toni Perry, has recorded 13 shutouts this season.

It will need that same type of steady effort to advance this weekend. "We've had some difficult with high-pressure teams, so we've been working on that, on our first touch," explained Tolstedt.

If there's a team SC would like to meet Sunday, it's Monroe. But first, the Ocelots must take care of business and get that far.

Madonna seeded 10th

Madonna University's women's soccer team has been seeded 10th at this weekend's NAIA Tournament, hosted by St. Thomas University in Miami.

The Lady Crusaders, who won the Region VIII Tournament last Saturday, will take an 18-2-1 record with them. Their first match in the 16-team tournament will be against unbeaten Green Mountain College (Vt.), at 3 p.m. Friday.

Green Mountain is the seventh seed in the tournament. It has a 23-0 record for the season.

The winner of Friday's opening match advances to play the winner of the Westmont (Calif.)-Trinity International (Ill.) match in a quarterfinal at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Westmont, 14-3-2 for the season, is seeded second. Trinity International, 15-4-2, is the No. 15 seed.

The tournament semifinal will be at 2:30



Scoring demon: Kristah Manteuffel leads SC in scoring with 52 points.

p.m. Monday, with the championship match slated for noon Tuesday.

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Top runners: young and elite

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It was a breakthrough season for the Livonia Churchill girls cross country team in more ways than one.

The Chargers, under fifth-year coach Susan Tatigian, qualified for the state meet for the first time since 1983. They also broke rival Livonia Stevenson's six-year run of Western Lakes Activities Association championships. Prior to this season, Tatigian had led Churchill to three WLAA Western Division dual meet titles.

At this year's Division I state meet, Churchill finished 13th after finishing runner-up to Saline at the Willow Metropark regional.

"Overall this is the strongest team I've ever coached," said Tatigian, who placed four runners on the first team. "This season was a lot of fun. To qualify for the state meet was exciting. The kids worked hard this season, and because of our success, it was a very rewarding season."

Tatigian, who earned Observer Coach of the Year honors, is a 1985 Stevenson High grad who ran cross country and track for Michigan State. She is a 1990 MSU graduate now teaching at Churchill.

Tatigian is also an avid runner herself, finishing fourth in the 1994 Detroit Free Press Marathon with a clocking of 2 hours, 51 minutes, just missing the Olympic Trials qualifying cut by just under 90 seconds.

It was also a banner year for Lutheran High Westland, which repeated as Metro Conference champions and finished ninth in the Division IV state meet.

Not to be outdone was Division I state qualifier and WLAA-Lakes Division dual-meet champion Stevenson, along with Division II state qualifiers Farmington and Farmington Hills Harrison.

Introducing the 2000 All-Observer Girls Cross Country Team:

FIRST TEAM
Lisa Montgomery, Fr., Liv. Stevenson: The ninth-grader made quite a splash in her inaugural season with a 19th place

finish at the state meet. She also won the Willow Metropark regional and took sixth in the Western Lakes meet. She was also individual champ at the Ypsilanti Invitational and runner-up at Center Line.

Montgomery, one of three sisters on the Stevenson squad, also won the Willow Metropark regional and took sixth in the Western Lakes meet. She was also individual champ at the Ypsilanti Invitational and runner-up at Center Line.

Montgomery ran under 20 minutes six times and was run the sixth-fastest time ever for 5K (19:10) by a Stevenson girl.

"Lisa came in with people expecting great things from her and she did not disappoint them," Stevenson coach Paul Holmberg said. "She established herself as the new leader in Stevenson girls cross country."

"The experience she gained this year will make her an even better runner in the years to come. She certainly has the potential to become one of the best ever to run for Stevenson."

Susan Duncan, Jr., Liv. Churchill: Fin-

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ished 32nd in Division I state meet with a personal best 19:13.

Duncan, Churchill's MVP for the second year in a row, was also the Western Lakes, Redford Union Invitational and Livonia Public Schools meet champion. She added a second at the Monroe-Jefferson Invitational; third at Gabriel Richard; fourth at New Boston; and fifth at the regional.

Duncan, a first-team All-Area pick last year, also excels in the classroom, carrying a 3.89 grade-point average.

"Susan had an incredible season," Churchill coach Susan Tatigian said. "She is a very talented and dedicated competitor who thrives on racing. She has really developed into a seasoned cross country runner who diligently prepares herself for each of her races."

"Susan also has been an exceptional team captain who always models a great work ethic in practice, not to mention possessing a never-ending cheerful and positive attitude."

"She now ranks as one of the best distance runners ever to attend Churchill."

• Sara Pilon, So., Liv. Stevenson: The 10th-grader came through in the big meets, finishing second in the Western

Lakes meet and taking fourth in the University of Detroit Mercy, ranks eighth all-time on the Stevenson 5K list with a personal best of 19:17.

It is the second straight year Pilon has made the All-Observer squad.

"Sarah got better every week of the season," Holmberg said. "She ran her best races when they really count — conference, regionals and state finals."

"She and Lisa Montgomery gave Stevenson a great one-two punch."

Tess Kuehne, Jr., Lutheran Westland: Despite splitting time between two sports (figure skating and cross country), Kuehne made first-team All-Observer for the third straight year.

She ran a personal best 19:26 at the Division IV finals, finishing ninth and earning All-State recognition. She was also runner-up at the Detroit Belle Isle regional and in the Metro Conference.

Kuehne also won the Dearborn Divine Child Falcon and Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard Invitationals, bringing her total to seven in three years.

"Tess came on strong the last half of the season and ran her best meet of the year at the state meet," Lutheran Westland coach Dave Brown said. "She's a hard worker both at practice and in the classroom."

Kuehne carries a 3.964 grade-point average.

Sarah Westrick, So., Liv. Churchill: Westrick was 76th overall at the state meet (19:40 personal best) after finishing a strong sixth at the regional.

She also placed third at the WLAA meet and was runner-up at the RU Invitational. Westrick also took fifth at Gabriel Richard.

"Sarah is a very determined and hard-working young lady who competed like a veteran runner this year," Tatigian said. "She has really learned how to run with confidence and it was evident in her last four races this season. She definitely came on strong."

"It has been exciting watching the improvement throughout the last two seasons. Sarah has a great future as a distance runner and I am looking forward to watching her continue to

improve." Westrick carries a 3.78 GPA in the accelerated math, science and computer program at Churchill.

Mary Maloney, So., Ply. Canton: The 10th-grader was 101st overall as an individual qualifier in the Division I meet with a time of 19:51.

She also placed 13th at the regional and was fifth in the Western Lakes meet.

"Mary has a great work ethic and is a real pleasure to work with," Canton coach John Venning. "She's mature beyond her years. There isn't a whole lot she can't do."

Maloney overcame an injury midway through the year when she got hurt playing indoor soccer.

"She came back and was a real key ingredient for us," Venning said. "This spring we're thinking of putting her on some relays because she has great

speed."

Nicole Renaud, Fr., Liv. Churchill: The ninth-grader helped the Chargers win the WLAA meet with an eighth-place finish. She also took 16th at the regional and 107th in Division I with a personal best of 19:54.

Renaud also placed seventh at the Livonia Public Schools, RU Invitational and Westland John Glenn Freshman-Sophomore meets.

She was awarded Churchill's Most Valuable Freshman award. Renaud is a student in Churchill's accelerated math, science and computer program.

"Nicole was a very dependable runner all season," Tatigian said. "She is a tenacious athlete who always approaches the starting line with an enthusiastic attitude."

"She really learned how to go out with the experienced runners, and because of this, she ran some outstanding races."

"Nicole had an amazing freshman season and I am looking forward to her next 3½ years."

Rachel Wodyka, So., Liv. Churchill: The 10th-grader was a steady runner for the Chargers throughout the season.

She finished finished 120th at the state meet with a personal best 20:05 after placing eighth at the regional, 15th in the WLAA and 14th at the Gabriel Richard Invitational.

Wodyka, Churchill's most improved runner, also added a fifth at the RU Invitational and sixth at both the LPS and John Glenn Fresh-Sophomore meets.

"Rachel always came through for the team and helped provide a lot of depth," the Churchill coach said. "She is an extremely hard worker at practice, and it really paid off in the meets."

"Rachel runs with a lot of heart and she puts forth the utmost effort into all her races. It's been a pleasure watching her progression and she has a great future as a distance runner."

Also talented in academics, Wodyka carries a 4.0 GPA.

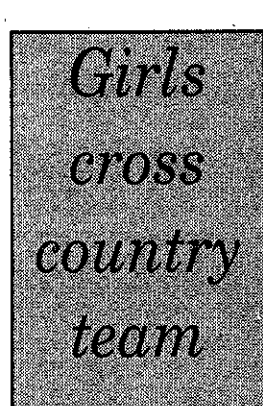
Joelle Davis, So., Garden City: Davis dropped nearly three minutes off her time at the beginning of the season to the Division I state meet, where she was 121st in 20:06 after qualifying with a 14th at the regional.

"She's got a great work ethic, doesn't complain, she just goes out and does what needs to be done," said Cougars coach Rob Phillips. "I would have to say that she's the best distance runner I've had here in the 15 years I've been coaching."

Davis finished fourth at the Mega Blue championships in Ypsilanti and earned All-League honors for the second-straight season. She placed at every invitational the Cougars competed in



Mary Maloney
Plymouth Canton



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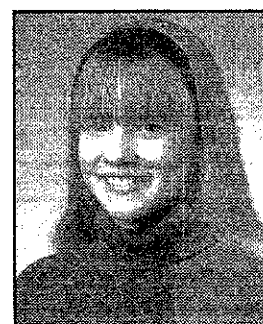
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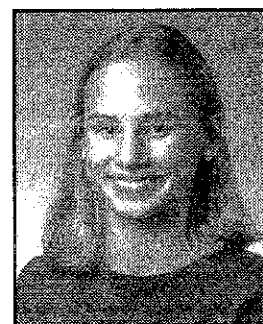
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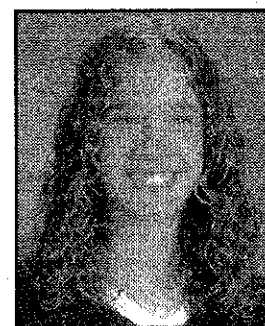
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this season and also made the state meet for the second year.

Claire Czaplicki, So., Farmington: The 10th-grader enjoyed a strong season highlighted by her Division II regional title at Royal Oak Kimball in 20:46.

At the state meet, Czaplicki took 75th overall and 49th in the team race

with a time of 20:07. She was also the Farmington Public Schools meet champion and ran 21:25 at Oakland County.

"Claire is a focused, committed runner," Farmington coach Ann Badynee said. "She understands the effort needed to compete in this league and she puts the time in."



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This week's lesson is how to act when your team wins. Or loses, for that matter. This applies to fans as well as players, so pay attention.

The first key is act like you've been there before. Yes, you can yell and cheer and scream. But doing it with class and style is important. Screaming "WE WON, WE WON!!!" is entirely within the bounds of good taste. Doing it in front of the losing team's sideline leaves us wondering what color the sky really is in your world.

The second big thing to remember is how to act with officials. During one game this season, I actually heard a fan implore the officials to "call it both ways" — completely oblivious of the fact that it was her team's first penalty while the other team was sitting with six yellow flags in the first quarter. I know this is going to be hard to figure out, but sometimes

your team is capable of making a mistake.

Another tip to acting like you've been there before is the pre-game routine. Do things just like you did during the regular season. Other than you players from Harrison, most of you have never been to the semifinals before. Treat it like any other contest. (Hint: I know you'll be nervous, but the jock-strap goes on the inside.) Go through your same ritual.

Fans, cleaning up after yourself is important, too. Those banners, posters and streamers you bring should be properly disposed of, win or lose. For example, just before Beck Road on eastbound M-14, there is a sign supporting the Hudson Tigers to victory over Clarenceville. It appeared on Friday afternoon. It's still there.

And if your team does happen to lose, handle it with a touch of class. Swearing, screaming and/or yelling isn't going to change the outcome. And that's just the parents.

As for the kids, go right ahead and cry. You've come this far, you're entitled to let it all out. Just remember, if this is the biggest disappointment you'll ever face in life, then you can consider yourself lucky.

Take us for example. OK, take me. After three weeks, I'm still in last place among the four of us in picking playoff

winners. Brad Emons went 4-0 last week to improve to 15-2 overall, while Dan O'Meara matched Emons' record for the week and is a game behind at 14-3. C.J. Risak went 3-1 for a 13-4 overall mark, while I'm 12-5 overall after another 3-1 week.

On to the picks.

Saturday's Games
Livonia Clarenceville (12-0) vs. Schoolcraft (10-2) at Jackson's Withington Stadium, 11:30 a.m.: If the Trojans can beat Hudson, they can beat Schoolcraft. How do I know this? I don't. It's a gut feeling — even though it's their first road playoff game and first Saturday game. And I have an ample gut. Remember, when you go to the Dome, act like you've been there before. **PICKS:** Clarenceville — Beaudry, Risak, Emons, O'Meara.

Catholic Central (10-2) vs. Utica Eisenhower (12-0) at Birmingham Groves, 1 p.m.: Speaking of acting like you've been there before, chew on this for a minute. The last time CC played at Groves, the Shamrocks played their worst game of the season in a 24-0 loss to Brother Rice. On the other hand, Eisenhower has won 17 of its last 18 games. However, Ike has lost its last game of the year in 12 of 14 seasons — and missed the playoffs in both of those. **Redemption for CC?** **PICKS:** CC — Beaudry, Emons, O'Meara, Eisenhower — Risak.

Farmington Harrison (12-0) vs. Lapeer West (11-1) at Rochester High School, 1 p.m.: Yeah, Right. **PICKS:** Harrison — Beaudry, Risak, Emons, O'Meara.

SC wins season-opener; Madonna tumbles

The Ocelots are off and running.

Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team won its season-opener Tuesday night, defeating the Siena Heights junior varsity, 108-65 at SC.

The host Ocelots (1-0) held a 55-46 lead at halftime but ran away from Siena Heights (2-2) in the second half, outscoring the Saints 53-19.

Sam Hoskin led Schoolcraft with 25 points, Derrick Bird added 21, Nick Evola scored 20 and Mike Peek contributed 10.

COLLEGE HOOP

Dominican tops Madonna

Once again, Madonna University's young team was outshot by its opponent on its own court, with free throws proving to be the major difference.

The Fighting Crusaders lost their second-straight, 79-64, to Ohio Dominican Monday at Madonna. The Crusaders are 2-2 for the season.

At the free-throw line, Madon-

na made 3-of-6 (50 percent) to Dominican's 19-of-24 (79.2 percent).

Mike Massey led Madonna with 17 points. Aaron Cox added 14 points, seven rebounds and four steals, with Chad Nadolni netting 11 points. Narvin Rusaw totaled eight points and seven boards.

The Panthers got 25 points from Scott Keyes, 15 from Jon Ayala, 14 (and five assists) from Chad Hazzard and 11 from Jeremy Renner.

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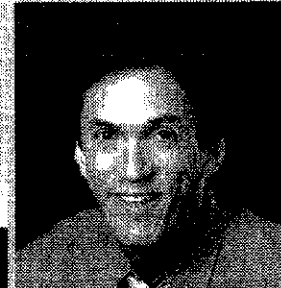
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This could be the year for SC's women

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There is a problem of major proportions just beginning to brew with Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team, and the team's coach, Karen Lafata, isn't sure what she can do to stop it.

The problem: Too many talented players, not enough minutes in a game.

Poor, poor Lafata. Every coach would like to face just such a dilemma.

"I knew we'd be good," the third-year coach said after the Lady Ocelots swept through the Waubesa College Tournament last weekend in Sugar Grove, Ill. "But we have more quality depth than even I thought. We're two or three deep at every position."

Last year, the short-handed Ocelots fought their way through a tough season to finish at 11-14. Lafata made certain there would be no repeat.

The only key loss from last season was point guard Antone' Watson. As tal-

WOMEN'S HOOP

ented as Watson was, Lafata has brought in perhaps two — maybe even three — players capable of filling that void.

Right now, the starting point guard spot belongs to Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher Rachel Eley, a 5-foot-3 speeding dynamo who earned Class D all-state honors at Gallagher and who scorched last weekend's pair of opponents for 26 points (on 12-of-16 shooting from the floor), 11 assists and 10 steals.

Eley's performance earned her the tournament's Most Valuable Player honors.

Also named to the all-tournament team — SC won it by beating Carl Sandburg 111-74 on Friday and Madison Area Tech 101-53 on Saturday — were two of SC's three returnees, Angelica Blakely and Janelle Olson.

Last season, the 6-1 Blakely led SC

with averages of 15.6 points-per-game and 12.9 rebounds-per-game. Olson, a 5-9 shooting guard, added 12.4 points and 3.8 assists per contest.

Also returning is Carla Saxton, a 5-9 forward who averaged 12.2 points per game.

That's just a sampling of the lineup, which proved so formidable last weekend that Lafata played 13 of her 15 players, with only two of them in both games combined getting more than 20 minutes of playing time.

"That's the kind of team we have," the SC coach, whose team was 11-14 last year, explained. "They all can play."

"This is the best team I've ever had in terms of size, speed, quickness and depth. We just have to see if the work ethic is there so they can achieve the goals I think they can achieve."

The goals aspired to are not to be considered minor in stature. Lafata is talking about winning the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference, the NJCAA region-

al and competing in the NJCAA Tournament.

One of the biggest challenges facing SC may be her own, as she attempts to keep everyone happy. "It is a challenge," Lafata admitted. "I told someone, 'I think I over-recruited.'"

Lafata knows no such thing is possible in the world of basketball. But keeping everyone focused can be a lofty goal.

Other players to watch include Devin Francois, a freshman from Ypsilanti HS who didn't play her junior or senior years in high school but has proven to be quite a find. The 5-10 Francois scored 22 points and grabbed 17 rebounds in the two games last weekend, also earning a berth on the all-tournament team.

There are a pair of transfers: sophomores Ra'Sheida "Rocky" Edwards, a 5-10 forward from Taylor Kennedy HS and Fort Dodge (Kansas) CC, and Erinn Torrence, a 5-9 forward from East Catholic HS.

Then there's Keysa Hamilton, a 6-0

freshman center from Highland Park Krystol Dennis, a 6-3 freshman center from Redford St. Agatha; Kelly Grenan, a 5-8 freshman shooting guard from Redford Thurston; Jennifer Williams, a 5-9 forward from Warren Fitzgerald; and a pair of freshmen point guards to back up Eley, both from Detroit Communication Media Arts, in 5-5 Crystal Crawford and 5-5 Zalika Davis. All have already shown themselves to be formidable players.

"Hopefully, I can keep keep people happy," said Lafata. "Right now they're learning their roles, learning to play defense. They have to realize that we're going to run across some teams as talented as we are, and it's going to take defense to win."

Lafata thinks the Eastern Conference should be better, with Mott CC, Delta and Henry Ford CC all improved.

But she also believes she has the best team in the state. Now all they have to do is prove it.

Crusaders ambush 20th-ranked Central State in overtime

It took a great deal of perseverance, but Madonna University withstood Central State's comeback efforts to post an 86-83 overtime victory over the NIAA's 20th-ranked team Saturday in Wilberforce, Ohio.

The hot-shooting Lady Crusaders asserted themselves

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quickly, jumping out to a 42-31 lead by halftime thanks to a 19-of-35 shooting performance in the first half (54.3 percent).

Central State made just 10-of-

31 first-half floor shots (32.3 percent), but kept it close by converting 11-of-15 (73.3 percent) from the free-throw line. Madonna was 3-of-5 in the opening half (60 percent).

Although its shooting didn't improve (31.8 percent) in the second half, Central State took

advantage of 39 turnovers committed by Madonna and eventually tied it at 74-all to force OT. CSU had 26 turnovers.

The Crusaders connected on 4-of-5 shots from the floor in the extra session and the same number of free throws to pull away to the win.

Kathy Panganis and Lori Enfield each scored 18 points to lead Madonna. Mahogany Fletcher (from Farmington Harrison) added 16 points, three assists and three steals; Kristi Fiorenzi (Plymouth Canton) got 11 points and 10 rebounds; and Carissa Gizicki netted nine

points, six assists and three steals.

Central State was paced by Teaira Harrison with 26 points and Sheba Harris with 23.

Madonna, now 1-1, made 15-of-19 free throws (78.9 percent) while Central State, also 1-1, hit 27-of-35 (77.1 percent).

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Single white female, 39, 5'5", brown hair, medium built, independent, good sense of humor, spontaneous, loving, caring. Likes a variety of activities and sports. Seeking emotionally secure, non-denial, well mannered, confident, tall, American guy, 35 to 50. BOX 26076**GEMINI GIRL**
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SAUERKRAUT, ANYONE?

European born, refined, intelligent, romantic female 15'9", height weight proportionate with many interests. Interested in meeting interesting, honest, sincere, caring, emotionally and financially secure, non-smoker with a sense of humor, for lasting relationship. BOX 25360

SEND ME AN ANGEL
Divorced 48 yr old, mother of two dental assistants, 5'8", with a few extra pounds, smoker, social drinker, seeking a sincere gentleman who knows how to treat a lady financially stable. I enjoy social, fun, and interesting, open for new suggestions. BOX 24243**PRETTY FIT CHRISTIAN**
46, 5'4", 125 lbs, non denominational, compassionate, down to earth, sense of humor, honest, pretty, big heart. In search of truly handsome, fit, Christian, who deserves a great lady. No jealousy or bad tempered personalities. Lives in Livonia. BOX 25330**GENUINE GEM**
52 yr old, white female, non-smoker, who's fun, giving, loving and loves life. Enjoys movies, flea markets, dining out and much more. Looking for a sincere, successful, successful, loving white male, 45 to 60, who's a non-smoker, positive and loves life. BOX 16776**A LADY OF CLASS**
Vivacious, upbeat, very attractive, blonde female, a professional, 5'7", 115 lbs, upper 50's, seeking suitable counter part, 6'0", a professional, for dating, possible long term relationship. Call me and see what life has in store for us. BOX 35593**HONESTY A MUST**
Single white female, 55 yrs young, 5'9", medium build, gray/blonde hair, educated and retired. Likes traveling, good conversation, fine dining, music and much more. Looking for a companion, who's tall, professional, caring, and enjoys life's pleasures. BOX 15609**INVITATION TO MEET**
Single white female, 38, 5'7", fit, beautiful blonde, green eyes, good hearted, ambitious, seeking a successful, gentleman, 40's, who wants to team up and share a great life together. BOX 25979**NEVER TOO LATE**
Falls in love, lets go for it. Divorced white female, 56, 5'4", 140 lbs, non-smoker, social drinker, active and outgoing, enjoys the outdoors, movies and still has a heart. Seeking a single gentleman with a good sense of humor and similar interests. BOX 25987**GENUINE GEM**
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Giving, social, compassionate, curvy, lots of fun, great conversationalist, looking for sincere, successful Caucasian gentleman, 45 to 50, who's interested in taking your boat, make your day, answer my ad today. BOX 25322**ROMANTIC AT HEART**
47 yr old, black Christian professional female, 145 lbs, 5'8", physically fit. Enjoys outdoor activities, dining in and out, movies, romantic evenings, traveling and traveling. Seeking a secure gentleman, 40 to 55, non-smoker, sense of humor. Enjoys the finer things in life, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 36062**NOT HARD TO PLEASE**
Single white female, 20, looking for someone to have fun with. BOX 24222**FRIENDSHIP**
Single white female, 30, seeking men, from the ages of 30 to 40, for friendship and possibly more. Full figured is a plus, all calls are answered. BOX 16608**SEND ME AN ANGEL**
42 yr old, black Christian professional female, 5'4", enjoys fine arts, movies, plays and dining out. Seeking a gentleman, 40 to 51, who's honest, a good communicator, to be his right hand and wants to have a one on one relationship. BOX 24259**TAKE A CHANCE...**
I'm sure you have a lot in common. Single female has a lot in common, with reddish/brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys the finer things in life, looking for a single male, 40 to 60, with a zest for life. If you're interested, give me a call. BOX 17007**CHERISH ME**
How nice of you to drop in and check out my mailbox. I'm a bright single white female, 43, 5'2", 125 lbs, college educated graphic designer, enjoys theater, concerts, nature and skiing. Seeking a single white professional employed male, 30's to 40's, trim, fun, non-smoker for a committed relationship. BOX 16594**LET'S GET TOGETHER**
Cute, blonde haired, blue eyed, petite, divorced white female, 46, 5'8", 125 lbs, blonde hair, green eyes, opera, dining out and more. Looking for someone, 39 to 55, with or without children, for a serious relationship. BOX 24258**LOOKING FOR MY MATCH**
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Divorced white female, 38 yr old, 5'3", medium build, mother of two, strawberry blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys sports, bowling, bingo, quiet times at home, movies, camping, walking and much more. Seeking white male, 35 to 45, with similar interests, for friendship first and possible long term relationship. BOX 33496**SEEKING COMPANION**
Professional single white female, 38, attractive, non-smoker, singer, loves animals, significant weight loss, still losing. Seeking a single white male, for friendship, companionship, and possible mature relationship. BOX 25314**NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK**
Tall, attractive, down river widow, with no dependents. Seeks her match 55 to 65, intelligent, honest, caring with dry humor and open to music, reading, C-Span travel, flowers, good conversation and a good sense of humor. He will receive. Cello, respect, affection and loyalty, laced with laughter. BOX 33496**FOREVER FRIENDS**
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Single black female, 27, 5'5", 167 lbs. Very lady like. Seeking financially secure white male, 30 plus. For long term relationship. BOX 33499**LOVE IN THE AIR!**
Single white male, 42, 5'8", 175 lbs, athletic build, who enjoys the outdoors, life, working out and much more. Seeking single white female, with similar interests. BOX 32391**HANDSOME AND HONEST**
36 yr old, handsome, 6'1, blue eyes, nice smile, athletic, seeks an attractive woman who has character, spirituality, honesty and also an adventurous side. BOX 24565**E-Z ON THE EYES**
White male, 40's, long brown hair, 6', 215 lbs, seeking female, 35 to 55, blonde preferred. Looking for that special, attentive, passionate, romantic, honest person to share in my enjoyment of candles, movies, music and dinners. BOX 33500**Find the person that is right for you.****Only You.****Find romance when you place your FREE personals ad****Call the personals, toll free 1-888-829-6359**

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Single white male, 44, here. Enjoys hugging, kissing, cuddling with lots of affection. Seeking female, with the same interests. Age, race and size open. BOX 16815

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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

STATE SEMIFINALS

(all Saturday, Nov. 18)

DIVISION I

at BIRMINGHAM GROVES

Redford CC (10-2) vs.
Utica Eisenhower (12-0), 1 p.m.

DIVISION III

at ROCHESTER HIGH

Farm. Hills Harrison (12-0)
vs. Lapeer West (11-1), 1 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

DISTRICT TOURNEY PAIRINGS

CLASS A

at LIVONIA LADYWOOD

Friday, Nov. 17: Championship final, 7 p.m.
(Winner advances to the Livonia Ladywood regional semifinals vs. Detroit Mackenzie district champion.)

at NORTHVILLE

Friday, Nov. 17: Championship final, 7 p.m.
(Winner advances to the Southfield-Lathrup regional semifinals vs. West Bloomfield district champion.)

CLASS D

at DETROIT URBAN LUTHERAN

Thursday, Nov. 16: Westland Huron Valley
Lutheran vs. Plymouth Christian Academy, 6
p.m.; Canton Agape Christian vs. Detroit
Urban Lutheran, 8 p.m.Friday, Nov. 17: Championship final, 7 p.m.
(Winner advances to the regional semifinals
at Adrian-Madison vs. Adrian-Madison district
champion.)

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Friday, Nov. 17

Madonna at Huntington (Ind.)
Tournament, 6 & 8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 18

Madonna at Huntington (Ind.)
Tournament, 1 & 3 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

(RU Invite at Redford Arena)

Canton vs. Troy, 5:15 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 18

(RU Invite at Redford Arena)

Redford Union vs. Canton, 7:45 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Thursday, Nov. 16

Whalers at Barrie, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 18

Whalers at Belleville, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 19

Whalers at Oshawa, TBA.

NATIONAL PRO SOCCER LEAGUE

Friday, Nov. 17

Det. Rockers vs. Philadelphia
at Compuware Arena, 7:35 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 19

Det. Rockers vs. Toronto
at Compuware Arena, 3:05 p.m.

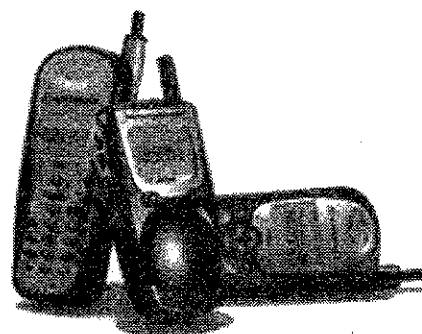
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throw some new things at us,"
said Salem coach Fred
Thomann. "Once we got it fig-
ured out, we did all right.""Our defense was really good
tonight, and our help defense
was outstanding."How good? Northville convert-
ed just 8-of-31 shots from the
floor (25.8 percent); Salem was
14-of-31 (45.2 percent).Even more frustrating for the
Mustangs was knowing they did
what they were supposed to do,
at least for a half: They com-
pletely bottled up Salem's Kelly
Jaskot, an all-WLAA guard who
never even got off a shot in the
first two quarters.And still they trailed by eight
at the half."We kept her scoreless in the
first half, but everyone else
stepped up," said Wright. "And
we took some risks defensively
and they all hurt us."While Salem found other offen-
sive options, Northville couldn't.
Mary Tanski, the Mustangs' all-
conference center, was limited to
one basket and four points. Their
leading scorer was Kelly Ander-
son with nine points; no one else
had more than five."We had a hard time with
their defense all three times we
played them," admitted Wright.
"We were always in the 20s, allthree times, and we're a team
used to scoring in the 50s."Salem got 10 points from Mary
Lou Liebau and eight from both
Jaskot (all in the third quarter)
and Kelly.Now comes Canton, a team
that defeated the Rocks 42-28
Sept. 26. "It'll be fun to play
them," said Thomann. "They're a
good team, a veteran team —
they have seven seniors.""Of late, we've been playing
great basketball. And against
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Canton hoop from page C1

ment. Although Canton defeated
Salem 42-28 Sept. 26, the Rocks
were without Mary Lou Liebau,
who was leading them in scoring
before breaking her foot. Liebau
has returned and was in form
against Northville, scoring 10
points to lead Salem."I'm telling you, they're play-
ing great basketball right now,"said Blohm. "They've just been
outstanding. They crushed (Livo-
nia) Stevenson, they beat
Northville in the (Western Lakes
Activities Association) tourna-
ment, then they just took Farm-
ington Harrison apart.""Getting Mary Lou (Liebau)
back was a real boost in the arm
for them. They're all working so
well together."

Okay — so how can Canton

beat them? What magic formula
do you have to manage it?"I don't know if any magic will
help," Blohm answered.Controlling the boards against
the bigger Rocks will improve
Canton's chances. But unless the
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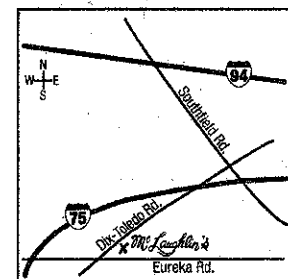
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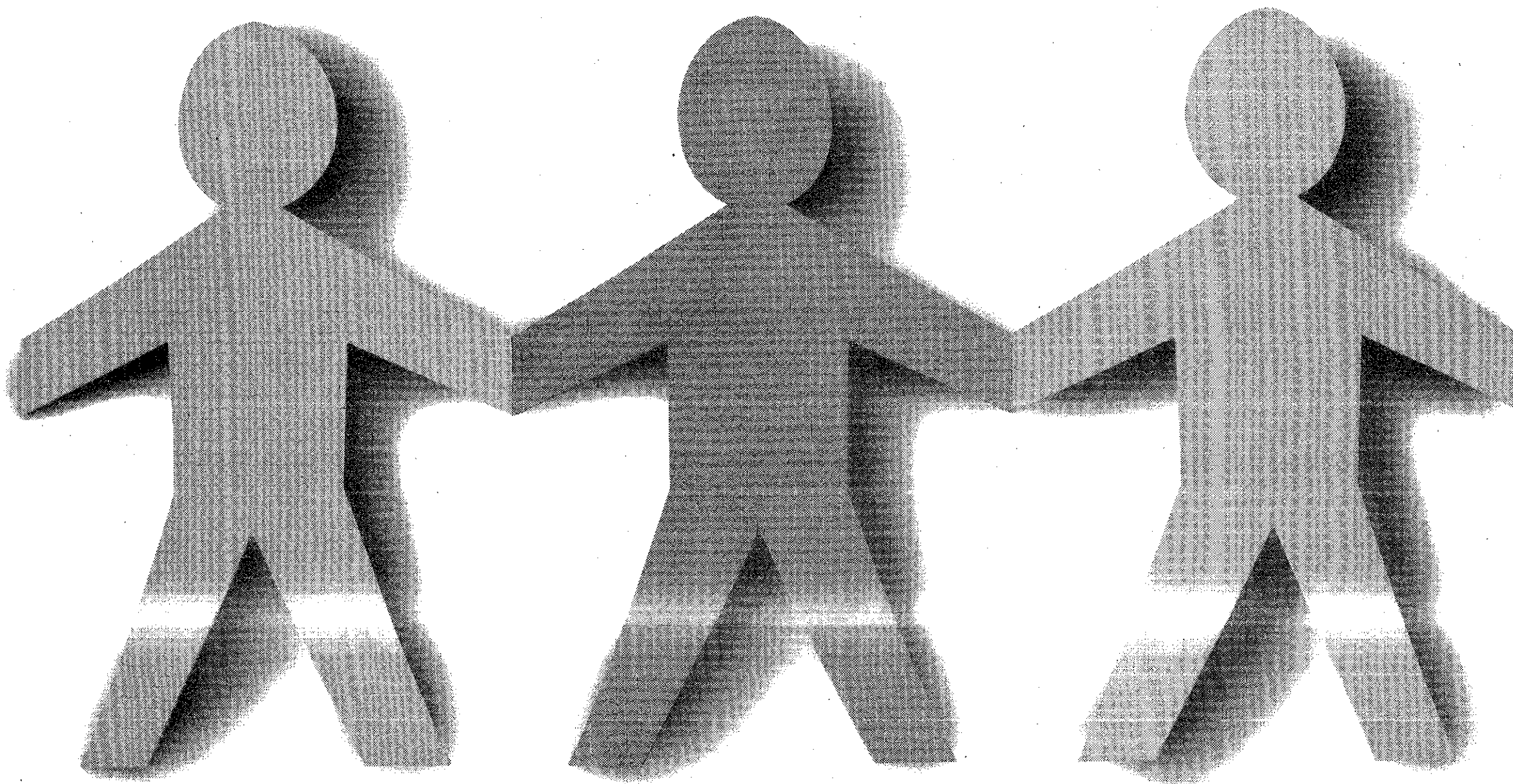
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Festival of Trees

Annual event
lights up lives
of children

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Holiday decorators gather ribbon and bows and their best ideas at this time of year to create wreaths and trees.

But it isn't just for holiday decorations of their own. Their decorations help create a festive mood and raise funds for

Festival events

Gala Preview Party:

When: 7-10 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 18
What: The black-tie, annual Gala Preview Party is the official kickoff of Festival of Trees. Highlighting the event will be a live auction of the donated trees and other designs, entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, sweet tables and a cash bar.
Tickets: \$250 for benefactor, \$200 patron and \$150 friend

Teddy Bear Brunch

When: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25
What: Join cuddly Teddy bears for this festive and tasty holiday brunch. There will be lots of fun activities and entertainment for the entire family, including a visit from Santa Claus himself.
Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$8 for children, ages 2-12

Swing Dance Party

When: 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Nov. 25
What: Put on your dancing shoes for this one. The Mark Phillips Orchestra will get your toes tapping with fabulous music. Adding to the fun will be an experienced dance instructor to teach you the latest Swing steps. Fabulous hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and valet service will also be provided. An RSVP is required by Nov. 21.
Tickets: \$35 per person
Call (313) 745-0178.

Children's Hospital.

The Festival of Trees begins Nov. 19 and runs through Nov. 26 at Cobo Center in Detroit. It is a public display of more than 100 professionally designed holiday trees, vignettes, gingerbread houses and wreaths. It also offers entertainment, a festive gift shop, a Santaland with children's activities, photos with Santa and a secret Santa Shop just for kids. It is the single largest annual fund-raising event to benefit Children's Hospital of Michigan. The event is sponsored by Meijer.

Larry Kralowski of Livonia is the executive director of the event. "It is the largest fundraiser for Children's Hospital."

Kralowski said the elegance, color and designs bring out the beauty in the more than 100 trees. "The event transforms the ballroom into a winter-wonderland."

Honorary chairpersons are Joe Dumars, president of basketball operations for the Detroit Pistons, and his wife Debbie.

"Debbie and I are pleased to continue our seven-year association with Children's Hospital of Michigan helping to raise money for children," Dumars said. "There's a special place in our hearts for helping children in need, and we welcome the opportunity to make this year's Festival of Trees the most successful event ever."

Since its inception in 1985, Festival of Trees has attracted more than 400,000 visitors from all over Michigan, Ohio and Canada, and raised more than \$5 million for Children's

What: Festival of Trees

Where: Cobo Center in Detroit
When: Nov. 19-Nov. 26. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19; 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday, Nov. 20; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21 and Wednesday, Nov. 22; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 23; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25 and Sunday, Nov. 26.

Who: Benefit for Children's Hospital

Tickets: Gate tickets are \$8 adult, \$6 senior and \$4 children ages 2-12 and under 2 are free. Advance tickets are \$7 adult, \$5 senior and \$3 children ages 2-12.

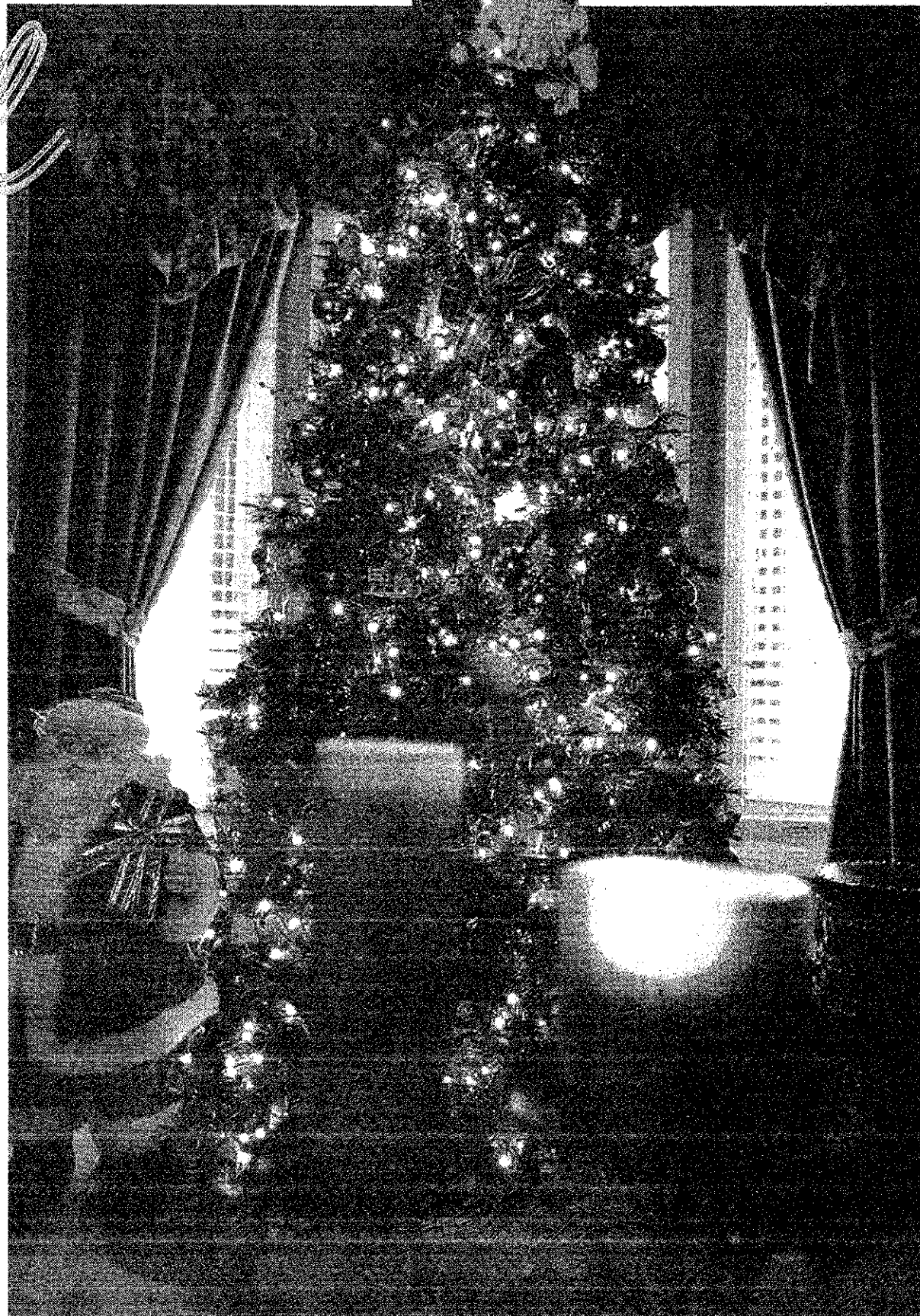
Hospital of Michigan.

Funds are raised in a variety of ways, including underwriters, sponsorships of trees, vignettes, exhibit areas, special events and activities; in-kind donation of goods and services; sales of trees, wreaths, gingerbread houses and gift shop merchandise; benefactors, patrons and Friends of Festival of Trees. Preview Party and community contributions. A highlight for this year will be a raffle drawing for a 2001 PT Cruiser. Raffle tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling (313) 745-0178.

More than 60 wreaths will be displayed in the aisle of wreaths.

"We also have hand-decorated quilts," said Kralowski said. Many are donated from quilting organizations throughout Michigan.

Kralowski volunteered time with the Festival of Trees because the money helps Children's Hospital. Kralowski's 14-year-old daughter nearly died as a newborn, but was helped



Oh, Christmas tree! Holiday decorators and homeowners alike can enjoy decorated trees like this one displayed at Larry Kralowski's home in Livonia if they visit next week's Festival of Trees at the Cobo Center in Detroit. Kralowski (top left photo) is the festival's executive director.

through the hospital's care.

"We almost lost her," Kralowski said. "I just got involved as a designer and I wanted to give back to the community, and do something I enjoy doing."

Today, the festival raises \$30,000 through the wreaths and \$150,000 through the trees sales and sponsorships. It grosses more than \$1 million. It donated \$640,000 in cash for the hospital last year. Money raised for the Evergreen Endowment Fund totals more than \$8.6 million. Percentages are earmarked for hospital

research, particularly on organ transplants involving children.

"A child may have cancer at 5, and later is cured, but by the age of 12 or 14, that child needs a transplant," Kralowski said.

Anne Musson, a designer and decorator from Gabriella's in Plymouth likes the Festival to see what other decorators

are doing. Musson also donates a wreath to help the cause. She looks for the dramatic when she decorates the wreath.

"I look for something unusual, different and dramatic and something that will really strike me," Musson said.

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Volunteer efforts: Kralowski stands with his daughter Sarah near his newly decorated tree at their home. Kralowski decided to become more involved with the festival to help raise money for Children's Hospital in Detroit. Staff photos by Bryan Mitchell



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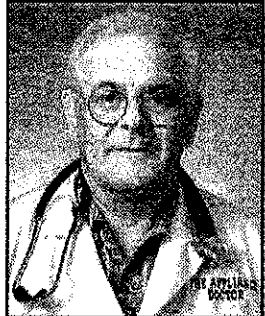


MONTE NAGLER

Tone up

Use contrast for more effective photos, says Nagler in Focus on Photography.

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Fix that squeak

From oven doors to dryers, readers seek maintenance tips from the Appliance Doctor.

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MARTY FIGLEY

Changing bulbs

Forcing bulbs can brighten up your sunroom during the winter months says Figley in Garden Spot.

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CREATIVE LIVING

Use contrast for more effective photographs



Contrasting Images: Use of contrast is evident in this photograph by Monte Nagler, which shows the sky as a background for this home.

FOCUS ON PHOTOGRAPHY



MONTE NAGLER

Contrast can be defined as the range of tonal values in a scene. As a photographer, you need some knowledge of contrast because it will help you get better photographs.

On a bright, sunny day, tones can be found from very black to very bright. On the other hand, a misty or overcast day will produce softer tones, often resembling pastels in color prints or soft grays in black and white.

You might say that high contrast days will produce bold, dramatic shots, while low contrast days will result in soft, almost muted pictures.

Use of contrast can be effective in expressing yourself through your photography and can have a considerable effect in the success or failure of your shot.

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■ It is important to understand that your eyes see differently from film. Human eyes see details in bright highlights while at the same time they pick out minute texture in the deepest shadows.

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We would expect to see the same details in our photographs, but unfortunately, film is more restricting and can't "see" the same way we can. Its tonal range is much more limiting and therefore some tones are always lost in a photograph.

But usually, loss of detail in the darkest and lightest parts of a photograph goes unnoticed as long as middle tones appear acceptable to our eyes.

Are you at the mercy of lighting conditions? Do you have to accept whatever contrast may be recorded on your film? Not necessarily. You do have some control over contrast if you shoot black and white film and do your own developing.

If the original scene is too narrow in its tone and you desire more contrast in your finished print, simply overdevelop the film to expand the contrast

range. Just the opposite if you photographed on a high contrast day and you want to reduce contrast in your print, then you underdevelop the negatives.

Of course, the black and white printer has the added flexibility of multi-contrast filters and developer dilution to increase or decrease contrast.

With color film, the developing procedure is designed to give average contrast. With color, you need to rely on the original scene and its lighting conditions and accept the resulting contrast.

So get out of the shadows and into the highlights with a better understanding of contrast and how it can help you to improve your photographs.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then 111, then N-A-G-L-E-R. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.

DESIGNER CALENDAR

■ The Southfield Americana Antiques Show and Sale will take place Friday-Sunday, Nov. 17-19, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen at Civic Center Drive (10-1/2 Mile). Hours are 2-9 p.m. Friday, noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5, \$4 with any ads or listings of the event, free for ages 12 and under. One paid admission is good for all three days of the show. Free parking. More than 100 Americana dealers from across the United States will be featured. On-line previews are available at www.antignet.com/M&M

■ *Présentons une Fête*, the 25th annual Holiday Tables presented by Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary, is Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 16-19, at Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine in Bloomfield Hills. It features 18 tables decorated by area personalities and arranged throughout Cranbrook House, patron teas, a mother/daughter day, a raffle and a holiday boutique. The patron teas are 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 2:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday at Cranbrook House; tickets are \$50. General admission hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Mother/Daughter Day is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. General

admission is \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. For patron and discounted general admission tickets, call (248) 645-3147. Raffle tickets are 10 for \$40 in advance. They will be sold for \$5 each only at the event. Free parking and shuttle service are available at the Christ Church Cranbrook lot, across Lone Pine Road from Cranbrook House. Proceeds benefit the preservation of historic Cranbrook House.

■ The *Michigan Train Show* will take place Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 18-19, at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center, southwest of the I-96-Novi Road Exit. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Admission is free for ages 12 and under. The hands-on, interactive show will provide opportunities for enjoyment, learning and buying. Local hobby retailers will offer advice and a wide variety of products. The Children's Roundhouse of Entertainment will feature Santa Claus, games, contests, interactive layouts to operate, a 30-foot diameter train ride and other activities. Also available will be how-to-workshops, safety tips taught around real-sized railway tracks and railroad crossings, and Big Mo, a mobile model railroad in a trailer that travels the country. Attendees will be able to

enter the American Orient Express Sweepstakes.

■ The 53rd annual Goodwill Antiques Show will take place Friday-Sunday, Nov. 17-19, at the Michigan State Fair and Exposition Center, Woodward at Eight Mile. It is sponsored by the Junior Group of Goodwill, a volunteer auxiliary of more than 200 members. All proceeds benefit Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit, which provides job training and placement services to people with disabilities and other special needs. The event will kick off with a Preview Party Thursday. Preview tickets range from \$75 to \$150 and may be ordered by calling the Junior Group at (313) 886-6787, or visiting www.goodwilldetroit.org. The show is Michigan's longest running and oldest charitable antiques show. Pieces from 46 premier antiques exhibitors from across the country will include paintings, porcelain, silver, pewter, 18th and 19th century furniture and decorative accessories. The event will also feature the Goodwill Booth (a show favorite, with hundreds of collectibles, gently used furs and jewelry, and furniture refinished by volunteers), professional evaluations of objects brought from home, a pantry stocked with specialty food items, a boutique of gift items made by volunteers and local artists, and a café offering snacks, lunch and

dinner. Bids on special donated items can be made at a silent auction. Show hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8, \$7 for senior citizens. Fairground parking is free. Tickets may be bought at the door or through Junior Group members.

■ Through Thursday, Nov. 16, all Art Van Furniture stores offer informational brochures on smoking and programs available to stop smoking. The American Cancer Society promotes the Great American Smoke Out Thursday to inspire smokers to kick the habit.

■ Gala dinners at Meadow Brook Hall, on the Oakland University campus in Rochester, offer elegant and festive holiday celebrations for entertaining

family, friends and business associates. The black-tie events are scheduled Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 and 2, with reception 6:30 p.m. and dinner 8 p.m. An afterglow following dinner includes dessert reception, entertainment, drinks and cigar tent. Cost per person is \$200 for patron, \$275 for benefactor. Advance reservations required. Call (248) 370-3140 for more information or to be included on an invitation list.

■ All generations are invited to celebrate the season at a holiday Victorian dessert tea 1:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$10, available at the center. Tickets won't be sold the day of the event. The program will be *A Civil War Holiday*, presented by

Pamela Yockey, who collects and restores historical gowns. Seasonal music, poinsettias, an elaborate gingerbread castle, desserts catered by Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe and an array of teas will be featured. The tea is sponsored by the Farmington Hills Senior Adult Division and Waltonwoods at 12 Oaks Mall. Call (248) 473-1830 for more information.

■ A holiday food drive will take place from Friday, Nov. 17, through Sunday, Dec. 17, at all Art Van Furniture stores. Help the hungry by bringing in non-perishable food items (boxed and canned meals, canned vegetables, canned fruits, powdered milk, canned soup and boxed cereal). All donations will go to local food banks in the community of each store location.

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Musson also donates a wreath to help the cause. She looks for the dramatic when she decorates the wreath.

"I look for something unusual, different and dramatic and something that will really strike me," Musson said. Musson has won two gold, one silver and one bronze awards at the Festival of Trees.

Musson likes to see what the other decorators are doing, too. She incorporates various themes,

such as children's fantasy. "When you look at it, it should appeal to a child," she said.

Musson enjoys the event. "It's a wonderful event. It's for anyone who wants to jot down any idea for the holidays.

"Everything is for sale. It's for a good cause, and it's a great way to kick off the holidays."

Troy Marriott staffers are among the businesses, college culinary departments and individuals contributing part of this year's gingerbread village.

Chef Jack Delby and second

cooks John Travinier and Kethe Hampel have built a castle that measures about 2 feet square and features a tower. It is held together with icing and is completely edible, like others in the village.

"It will be totally assembled here (at the Marriott) and very carefully transported from point A to point B," Delby said.

For more information, call the Festival of Trees at (313) 745-0178 or visit the Festival of Trees web site at www.fot.org

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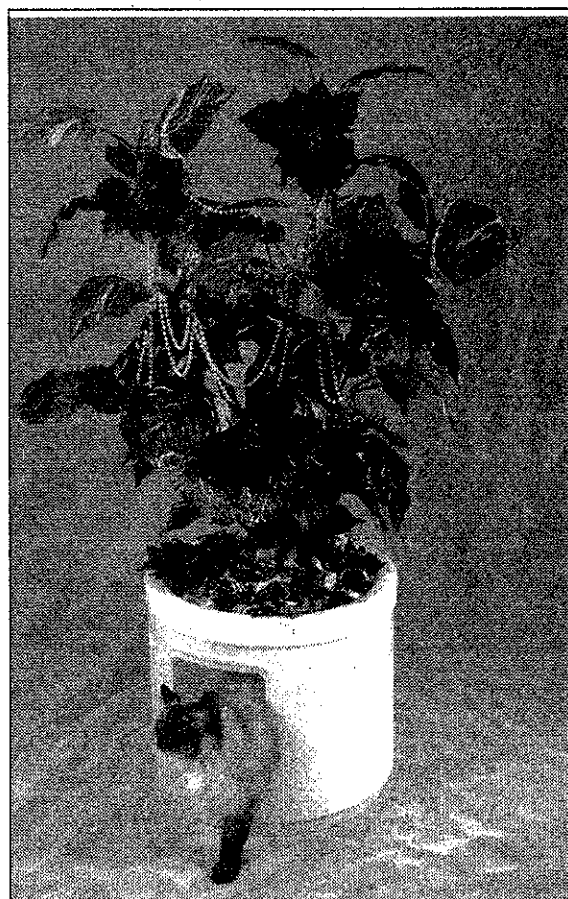
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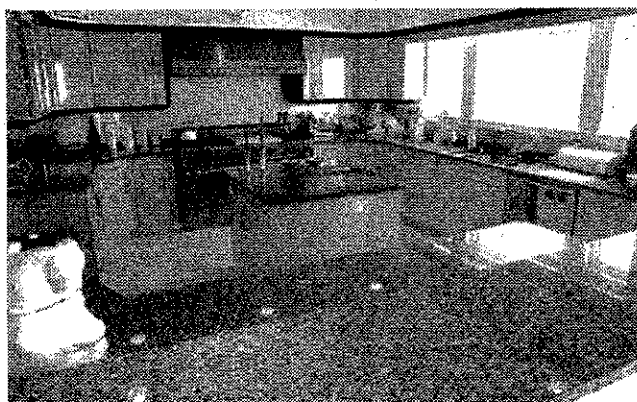
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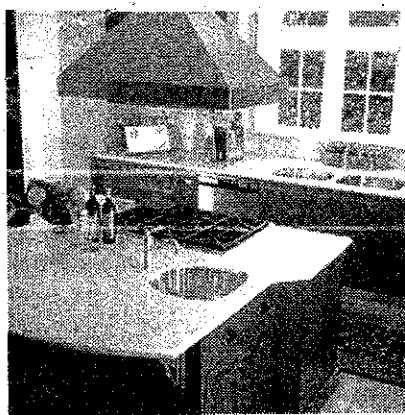


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HOME WORK

Readers ask about ovens, dryer

APPLIANCE DOCTOR



JOE GAGNON

A reader, Tim, writes: "We love to read your columns and have learned many things from you, and because of your instruction, we have changed our dryer vent hose to the metal variety instead of the plastic."

"My question for you today is about my oven door. We bought the house in 1996. I believe the oven was about 1- to 2-years-old then. It is a Maytag with gas and electronic ignition."

"The oven door is fine when the oven is cold. However, whenever the oven has been on for a while and is hot, the door makes a horrendous squeaking sound when you open it. We tried WD-40, but the door is fine when cool so cannot tell if that helps. Is

there something out there to help take the squeak out of oven doors when hot?"

Watch what you use inside any part of a cooking range because the next meal might be cooked just right but come out smelling like a spare tire. It appears that the two surfaces of a roller or hinge assembly are dry and need replacing. When they get hot and expand, that is when you hear the squeak.

Mary Lou writes: "I have a 13 year old electric Kenmore dryer which now dries the clothes in half the normal time. The top of the dryer gets very hot and I can not touch the top for more than three seconds."

I know that you are damaging some of the clothes that you're drying in that dangerous clothes dryer. The garments of today are not made like yesteryear and so you can expect some shrinkage.

I think the dryer itself is a very serious fire hazard in your home. On most service calls with your complaint, we find the heating element is broken and fused

to the casing. This will cause the heating element to stay on continuously instead of cycle on and off.

The element should be changed, and most consumers can do this job themselves with a little direction. I can't stress it enough, you have a dangerous situation in your hands. Stop using the dryer until it is repaired.

George writes: "A month ago we had brand new soft type linoleum laid down on our kitchen floor. My wife wants to pull out the refrigerator so she can clean the rear portion of the condenser coil, according to your instruction. I am more than a little worried about tearing up the new floor. Got any suggestions?"

George, take a couple of throw rugs and turn them upside down. Place each in front of the rollers after you remove the toe plate or bottom grill. Get down on your knees and place your hands underneath the bottom superstructure and lift up and pull towards you until you get the rollers on the rugs. Gently slide the unit out and don't forget that there are two other rollers on the back side. Make sure you pull the plug on the refrigerator as soon as you can. The move might be easier if you unload the food products which add a lot of weight to the refrigerator.

By the way, your wife is a very smart woman. By cleaning the back side like she wants you to do, you could add years of life to the product.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on *Newstalk 760, WJR-AM*, every Saturday and Sunday mornings. He is a past president of The Society of Consumer Professionals. His second book, "The Words and Wisdom of The Appliance Doctor," is available in book stores. His phone number is (313) 873-9789.

These tips will help unclog garbage disposal

ASK DAD



HARRY JACHYM

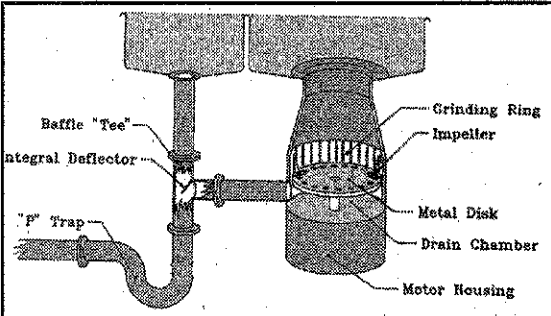
Often I am asked why the garbage disposal clogs when we are fixing a big, holiday meal and company is on the way. It's happened here at the Jachym household more than a few times.

More often than not, the disposal clogs at these times because there's an attempt to dispose of more food waste than usual and we are in a rush. To compound the matter, this waste is often carrot and potato peels, or something similar. Because these peels are tough and relatively flat, they can slip through the disposal without being ground.

Disposals are considered by many sources to be the most convenient, efficient and ecologically sound method of dealing with food waste. Most communities require them in new construction.

In its simplest form, a garbage disposal, properly called a food waste disposer, is an electric motor that spins a metal disc within a metal housing. Attached to the surface of the disc are impellers (usually two). As the disc is spinning, these impellers push the waste against a grinding ring (part of the housing) that surrounds the disc. This ring has ridges, indentations or some other uneven texture to pulverize the waste.

The impellers create a puree



that is flushed through a small space between the disc and grinding ring into the drain chamber and drain tube into the house drain. Sometimes the disposal clogs when flat peels fit between the impeller disc and the grinding ring.

In double sinks, these go through a continuous drain tube, a "baffle tee" then into the "P" trap (drain). The baffle tee has an integral deflector to prevent disposal waste from entering the opposite sink. The clog usually happens at this deflector in the tee.

The best thing to do about clogs is to avoid them in the first place. Feed these peels slowly into the disposal while it's running, keeping cold water flow to a minimum. The slower water flow helps keep the peels from being flushed through the system before they are ground.

When the disposal is clogged, we've found the good old plunger works best at clearing it.

Since the debris is already lodged in the drain, the typical pumping action on the plunger usually just compresses it further. Instead you should compress the plunger boot before placing it over the drain mouth.

Once the plunger is sealed over the drain, pull up on it. The suction usually draws the

debris back toward the sink.

We've found a closet plunger (the skirted kind usually used on toilet bowls) works very well on our drain because the skirt fits into the drain mouth. Your drain configuration may be different.

If necessary, repeat. Run the disposal again, following the above suggestion.

If plunging doesn't clear the drain, you will have to remove the continuous drain tube to clean out this debris.

Disconnect the electricity to the disposal before starting this work. Usually there are two screws and a flange holding the drain tube to the disposer, and compression fitting holding the tube to the baffle tee. If it becomes necessary to remove the "P" trap, it, too, is held with compression fittings.

Plastic drain fittings should be easily removed by hand. Metal drains require using tools. Since they're likely corroded, use care to avoid damaging them. If you damage the metal tubes, you can replace them with plastic.

That is no problem except on Thanksgiving or Christmas, it's a holiday and company is on the way.

There's bound to be some water in the tube, so have a pail under the sink when you remove the drain pieces. Once apart, push the clogging material out. Reassemble the tubes and check for leaks.

Now, go sit down to enjoy the dinner.

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Gagnon will be guest auctioneer

Whether you are a fan of Joe Gagnon or Steve Yzerman, there's something for everyone at the Livonia YMCA auction.

An opportunity to travel and stay with the Detroit Red Wings on a road trip highlights a multitude of auction items at the Y's annual Holiday Magic and Dinner Dance Friday, Nov. 17. The event takes place at Laurel Park Manor.

Gagnon, who writes a column for the Observer & Eccentric Newspaper and WJR radio show host as the Appliance Doctor, will be a guest auctioneer. He also will have 200 of his books available for purchase, which he will sign and the proceeds will go to the YMCA.

Money from the event goes toward Livonia YMCA youth programs. Part of the mission is to raise funds to pay for scholarships, so all children can take part regardless of economic status.

Event chairman Ed McNamara, Wayne County executive, was instrumental in securing the Red Wings' prize.

The auction item includes air transportation on the team's Red Bird One airplane, hotel accommodations and tickets to the game. YMCA officials have put a

Install your weather-stripping

By POPULAR MECHANICS FOR AP SPECIAL FEATURES

Of all the small projects around the house, installing weather-stripping gives you the largest payback.

To prepare the surface for new weather-stripping, pry off the old foam or rubber with a putty knife. Spring-metal weather-stripping can be reused if it's not bent.

Wash the doorjamb with detergent and water or trisodium phosphate and water. Scrape off any loose paint. When the wood is dry, apply an alkyd primer to the bare wood.

The most durable weather-stripping is the spring-metal type. A new version of this old standby is an easy-to-install vinyl V-strip that has an adhesive backing covered by a peel-off cover. One roll of V-strip is enough to seal a door or a few windows. To use this weather-stripping, fold it into a V with the adhesive to the outside.

If your door fits the jamb tightly, install the strips close to the doorstep.

CREATURE COMFORTS

Stopping rodents helps protect pets during winter

Ants, and other pests, are a year-round problem. According to Greg Baumann, an expert of the National Pest Management Association, cold weather pests can be just as bothersome and destructive as the warm weather variety.

Cooler weather means rodents, such as mice, rats and raccoons.

The house mouse is the most common pest in and around the human living and working environment. It causes damage by gnawing materials and eating stored food. Worse, it can spread Salmonella, a cause of food poisoning.

To help prevent problems with rodents, experts at NPMA suggest you should:

■ Clean up thoroughly and often any spilled food, garbage, pet food or grain which might attract rodents.

■ Keep all garbage in tightly-closed metal cans.

■ Be sure all outside doors, windows and vents fit snugly with no gaps, and are kept closed especially at night. (A mouse needs only a 3/8-inch crack or hole to get inside.)

A pest management professional can evaluate the condition of your home and determine the vulnerable points where pests can enter. He or she should check your residence regularly.

Homeowners can visit NPMA's Web site at www.pestworld.org. The site's "homeowners" section offers more information on household pests. There is also a list of licensed and qualified pest management professionals by area.

These facts and tips from experts at NPMA can help homeowners battle the insect enemy within: keep gutters free of leaves and debris, keep fallen leaves away from the home's foundation, repair any wood along eaves and molding that is deteriorating. It attracts insects.

Dig up fun with your kids

/PRNewswire/ -- Do you know someone that loves dinosaurs? Now they can experience the fun of a real dinosaur dig without leaving their back yard.

Little paleontologists are popping up in the most unexpected places thanks to the Dinosaur Recovery Bureau (DRB), a new business that sells everything you need to have your own backyard dinosaur dig.

"Kids love dinosaurs and they love digging stuff up," explains John Ribbing, founder and President of the DRB. "But most parents can't just hop in the car and drive out to a dig site."

Now parents don't have to. Now the dig site is wherever they decide to put it. Parents order the fossil replicas at the DRB Web site, www.dinobureau.com. They choose the bones, decide where they're going to be buried and who is going to dig them up.

After the bones are mailed out and buried the children get a letter from the DRB asking for help. They also get an ID card and an invitation to join the Bureau as an "Associate Special Agent."

"Kids also love to get mail," Ribbing added. "And getting mail asking to dig up dinosaur bones makes them feel pretty important."

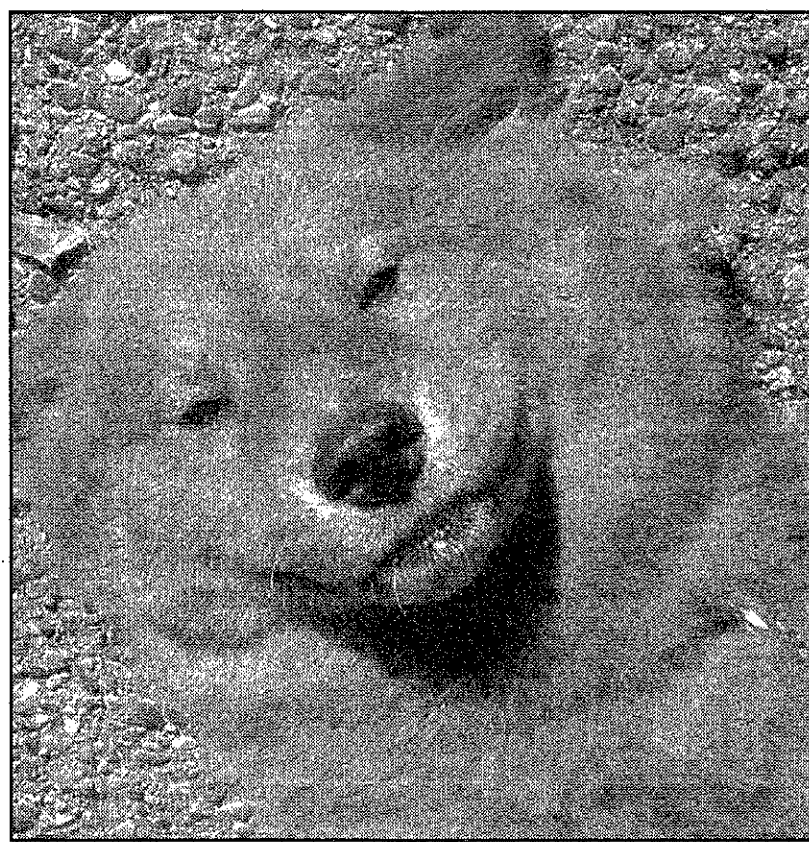
That's what Kristina Reid saw when she ordered a T-Rex tooth and claw for her eight-year-old nephew.

"He just loved it," she said. "He was so excited that he was jumping up and down while reading the letter. Afterward he kept talking about how he has a dinosaur museum in his house."

There are 13 different types of fossils to choose from -- everything from a Velociraptor claw to a Triceratops horn. Birthday Party Packs and bulk orders for bigger dig sites are also available.

"Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, babysitters, teachers -- anyone that knows someone that loves dinosaurs, this site is for them," said Ribbing. "For whatever reason, Dinosaurs and kids go hand in hand. We're just helping them come together."

ADOPT-A-PET



Cookie Bear: Did you ever want an oversized bear? Cookie Bear is just that. This dog is a Chow Chow mix that handles children great. Her fiery red coat shines in the autumn outdoor color, which is where she loves to roll around and get attention. She has never lived with other animals, but doesn't seem to mind the ones at the shelter. Her gentle personality makes her suitable for a family looking to introduce a dog into the family. To give this oversized "bear" a hug, visit her at the Michigan Humane Society Westland Shelter, 37255 Marquette. Call (734) 721-7300 between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Prepare pets for winter

Winter's blustery days are fast approaching and, as you begin to prepare yourself for the season's first frost, the American Pets Products Manufacturers Association wants to remind pet owners to "winterize" your pets for the chilly months ahead.

"Pet owners need to pay special attention to the care of their pets during the winter months in order to ensure that they remain healthy, happy and active," said Funda Alp, director of communications for APPMA. "And, just like a car, pets need an annual pre-winter 'tune-up' to prepare them for the cold weather."

APPMA suggests following these cold-weather tips to increase the comfort level of your pet as the season begins to change:

■ Schedule a visit to the veterinarian. Make a veterinarian appointment for all of your pets prior to the start of winter season. This precaution will ensure that your pets are healthy and that they don't have any conditions that would compromise their ability to deal with the cold weather.

■ Protect birds. House temperatures drop dramatically overnight during the winter. Place a warm cover, such as a blanket, over your bird's cage to keep him extra cozy during chilly winter nights.

■ Dodge drafts. Keep birds, reptiles, small animals and fish warm by positioning cages, habitats and aquariums away from

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cold drafts. Place your pet's living quarters in a cozy nook of your home. Chilly breezes can be the cause of respiratory infections.

■ Let 'em burrow. Place plenty of straw, cedar shavings or similar bedding material in your guinea pig's cage or habitat so he can burrow to keep warm. This cozy, familiar setting will keep him comfy and snug.

■ Beware of antifreeze. Dogs and cats are attracted to the smell and taste of antifreeze. To prevent accidental poisonings, be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills or try using animal-friendly products that contain propylene glycol rather than poisonous ethylene glycol.

■ Walking in a winter wonderland. A snowstorm can present a hidden danger for your pet. When snow is hard and piled high, your pet can potentially climb over your backyard fence. Regular shoveling and supervision will protect your pal from this winter hazard.

■ Shut off space heaters. Propane and electric heaters left unattended are an accident wait-

ing to happen. Pets often bump into heaters, which can result in skin burns.

■ Be loyal to leashes. Never let your dog off a leash when taking a winter stroll. Dogs frequently lose their scent in snow and ice, which can cause them to become lost.

■ Keep rabbits hopping. Dehydration becomes a serious problem for rabbits during the winter. Plastic water bottles do not work well when temperatures dip below freezing. If you use bottles in warmer weather, you may need to switch to bowls when the temperature drops significantly.

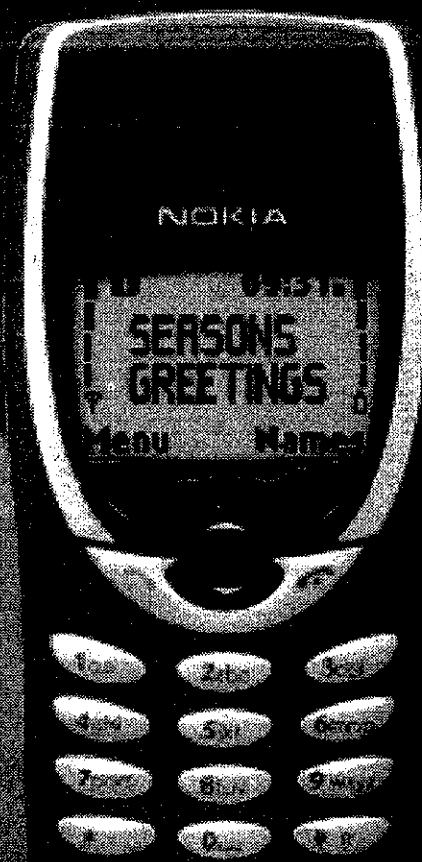
■ Warm up the reptiles. Reptiles that originate from tropical areas are most likely accustomed to similar summer and winter temperatures. If the temperature where your reptile lives is considerably lower than its natural habitat, his cage should be heated to the winter temperature the reptile is used to.

For additional pet care tips, check out APPMA's "The Pet Owner's Manual" at www.appma.org.



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LIVING WELL

Holidays are prime time for chocolate cake

INVITING IDEAS



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

Death By...no, not holiday entertaining — Death By Chocolate Cake — now that's an idea — a delicious one, developed by Marcel Desaulniers in his newest cookbook, *Death By Chocolate*

Cakes (author of Death by Chocolate and Desserts to Die For).

Here is an opportunity to take the hectic holidays and transform them into a challenge for chocolate. After all, most of us share that passion.

Here are some of my "chocolate ideas" to accent your Thanksgiving or holiday dessert course:

■ Serve a tiered plate loaded with chocolate truffles (hand made of course) or mini-bite-sized chocolate creme brûlées.

■ Accent holiday pies with chocolate flavored whipping cream.

■ If serving ice cream, frozen yogurt, or sorbet, offer a side of hot pour-able chocolate (milk or bittersweet), to top it off!

■ Individually wrap homemade chocolate suckers or chocolate coated pretzel rods for the kiddies (after dinner treats, not before!).

■ Make some hollow chocolate

molded chocolate treats — pick Thanksgiving-related shapes — turkeys, cornucopias, or some stalks of corn — all made of chocolate! These can always be incorporated into a great looking centerpiece.

■ Make some double chunk chocolate mini cookies and serve plattered with a sprinkling of chocolate covered nuts.

■ Have chocolate suckers placed in glasses on the dessert table — making sure the glasses are tall enough to hold the suckers straight, but not too tall to hide the chocolate tops.

■ Make an entire chocolate sweet table for holiday entertaining — cascade all kinds of chocolate-laced treats on a linen covered table (any size of your choice). You might want to add a few vanilla favorites for those not on a terminal chocolate fix.

■ Have bowls of chocolate-covered nuts, raisins or dried cranberries scattered on side tables.

■ Do a sundae bar filled with chocolate favorites — different kinds of chocolate ice creams (double fudge, chocolate mint, chocolate chip, chocolate almond, etc...) and lots of chocolate toppings: hot fudge, chocolate syrup, chocolate sprinkles, and some ground up candy bar options.

■ Drag out grandma's old mint dishes and fill with homemade or prepared chocolate mints for after the meal treats or munchables on card tables for the after dinner card games.

■ Serve big marshmallow cov-

ered hot chocolate as the dessert drink of choice.

■ Pick up some mini books on chocolate or chocolate recipes, and use as place cards for each guest.

■ Have some chocolate flavored liqueur for serving over ice cream or just for late-night sipping.

Do check out Marcel Desaulniers' new book *Death By Chocolate Cakes* published by William Morrow an Imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, 2000 (hardcover \$35.00).

Here's a recipe to try from Marcel's book:

MOCHA MUD CAKE WITH ESPRESSO CHOCOLATE CHUNK MUD SLIDE

Ingredients for the Mocha Mud Cake:

- 1/2 pound (2 sticks) unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-ounce pieces; plus 1 teaspoon (melted)
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 13/4 cups brewed full-strength coffee, hot
- 5 ounces unsweetened baking chocolate, coarsely chopped
- 1/4 cup dark rum
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract

Ingredients for Espresso Chocolate Chunk Mud Slide:

- 1 1/2 cups heavy cream
- 6 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons instant espresso powder
- 4 ounces semisweet baking chocolate, coarsely chopped

Making the Mocha Mud Cake:

Preheat the oven to 275 degrees F. Assemble a 9 x 2 3/4 -inch non-stick springform pan with the bottom insert turned over (the lip of the insert facing down). Lightly coat the inside of the springform pan with some of the 1 teaspoon of melted butter. Line the bottom of the pan with parchment paper (or wax paper), then lightly coat the paper with more melted butter. Set aside.

In a sifter combine 2 cups flour, 1 teaspoon baking soda, and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Sift onto a large piece of parchment paper (or wax paper). Set aside until needed.

Place 1 3/4 cups hot coffee, 1/2 pound butter, 5 ounces chopped unsweetened chocolate, and 1/4 cup rum in the top half of a double boiler over medium-low heat. Use a rubber spatula to stir the mixture until the butter and chocolate are completely melted and combined with the coffee and rum, 2 1/2 to 3 minutes.

The chocolate and butter may also be melted with the coffee and

rum in a medium glass bowl in a microwave oven set at medium power for 2 minutes.

After removing the mixture from the microwave oven, use a rubber spatula to stir until smooth and combined.

Transfer the melted butter and chocolate mixture to the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with a paddle. Add 2 cups sugar and mix on low speed for 1 minute. Operate the mixer on low while gradually adding the sifted dry ingredients. Once they have been incorporated, about 1 minute, add 2 eggs and 1 tablespoon vanilla extract and mix on medium speed for 1 minute.

Remove the bowl from the mixer and use a rubber spatula to finish mixing the ingredients until thoroughly combined. Pour the batter into the prepared springform pan.

Place the pan on a baking sheet with sides on the center rack in the preheated oven.

Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center of the cake comes out clean, about 2 hours. Remove the cake from the oven and cool in the pan for 30 minutes. Release the cake from the springform pan and invert it onto a cake circle (or plate). Remove the bottom insert, then carefully peel the parchment paper away from the cake bottom. Turn the cake over, onto another cake circle (or plate) and set aside at room temperature while preparing the Mud Slide.

Prepare the Espresso Chocolate

Chunk Mud Slide:

Place 1 1/2 cups heavy cream, 6 tablespoons sugar, and 2 teaspoons espresso powder in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with a balloon whip.

Whisk on high for 1 minute until soft peaks form. Remove the bowl from the mixer and use a rubber spatula to fold in 4 ounces semisweet chocolate.

To Serve:

Heat the blade of a serrated slicer under hot running water and wipe the blade dry before cutting each slice. Spoon 2 to 3 tablespoons of the Mud Slide over each piece of the cake and serve.

Additional Notes:

You can eliminate the rum if desired, by increasing the amount of brewed full strength coffee to 2 cups, rather than 1 3/4 cups.

As suggested, the cake is extraordinary served warm, but it can also be deliciously enjoyed at room temperature.

This cake may be prepared over 2 days. Day 1: Bake the Mocha Mud Cake. Once cooled, cover with plastic wrap and keep at room temperature for up to 24 hours.

Day 2: Prepare the Espresso Chocolate Chunk Mud Slide. Slice and serve the cake as directed in the recipe. Cook's Note:

Garnish with freshly whipped whipping cream if desired.

Toy show returns to Plymouth

Plymouth's Collectible Toy Show returns Sunday, Nov. 19, to the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth.

The show will feature vendors and collectors selling new, used, antique and collectible toys of all kinds from the 1950s to this year's hottest collectibles.

Show hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Admission for adults is \$5, kids under 10 are free with an adult. For show or vendor information, call (734) 455-2110.

Also on Sunday Dec. 10, the Holiday Doll Show will feature antique and collectible dolls at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

For information, call (734) 455-2110.

Build your own European winter garden

The word wintergarden comes from early Europeans who built lovely glass rooms filled with plants and surrounded by nature for the sole purpose of rest and relaxation. They believed relaxation to be an important part of life. Indeed, the more time one had to lounge and play, the more sophisticated one was considered to be.

If you have a sunroom, you can create the nurturing environment of a wintergarden for yourself, even in the dead of winter. Wintergardens are simply glass

rooms that are lavished with plants, rocks, miniature waterfalls and other elements from nature. Their purpose-to rejuvenate the body and the soul in a natural surrounding filled with a healthy dose of sunshine.

Patio Enclosures, Inc., a premier designer, manufacturer and installer of sunrooms and solariums, says that any type of sunroom can be used to create the environment "It's easy to picture this setting in a full-glass solarium, but a simple, glass-enclosed porch, one of the most popular

types of sunrooms, can serve you as well," said Rick Jones, president of Patio Enclosures.

All that's required to create your wintergarden is a room with plenty of sun and an eye toward serenity, Jones said. He offered these suggestions:

■ Think green. The European idea is to fill a wintergarden with plants and surround yourself with body-caressing sunlight. Not only will you be providing a warm and comfortable place for your plants, you'll also have a nice start to creating a

backdrop for your wintergarden.

■ Think lavish. Picture your wintergarden as a place to 'sink' into. Everything should be oversized, from the pillows on the floor to the vegetation scattered throughout.

■ Create dimension. Do this by purchasing pillars and plant stands that are various sizes—from one to two feet off the ground to six and seven feet tall. If you are on a budget, use various cardboard boxes draped with deep, dark fabric swatches.

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GARDENING

Forcing bulbs brightens your interior

GARDEN SPOT



MARTY FIGLEY

along this winter.

You're really "fooling" bulbs when they are forced — making them think that winter is over and it's time to bloom. You may be successful by following these instructions:

Paperwhites

Buy as loose bulbs or in a pre-packaged forcing kit. Grow in a shallow pot or bowl with no drainage holes in the bottom.

Fill the pot two-thirds full with gravel, stones or colored beads or marbles. Place as many bulbs as will fit on the gravel with the pointed side up. Fill in gravel around them, leaving the top halves exposed. Add water up to the base of the bulbs and maintain water at this level.

Put the container in a cool place. When green shoots appear, move the container to a cool, sunny spot. Heavily scented,

sweet white flowers will reward you in about three more weeks.

Amaryllis

These are normally planted one to a pot; also available in complete, pre-packaged kits. Begin six weeks in advance of desired bloom time.

Choose a pot with a drainage hole only slightly bigger around than the bulb. Add several inches of soil and place the bulb in the pot, pointed end up, with the neck and "bare shoulders" of the bulb just peeking over the top of the container. Fill in with soil and gently pat down, leaving the neck and shoulders of the bulb exposed. Water well.

Place in a cool, sunny spot. Water sparingly at first. After first sprouts show (about two weeks), water often. A huge, exotic-looking flower will appear in four to six more weeks.

To keep the amaryllis upright as it blooms, plant in a lightweight flower pot and place it inside a heavier, decorative cache pot. Or place several pots in a basket and fill pine cones, moss, etc. around each pot.

These bulbs can also be grown in water. (These water instructions are from garden.com)

Choose a pretty glass container and add a 3- to 5-inch layer of your favorite pebbles, colored stones or sea glass.

Gently untangle the roots of the bulb and set it on top of the

stones, spreading the roots over the surface layer of stones. Fill the container with water until the roots are just covered with liquid.

Place the container near a sunny window in a warm room (day temperature of at least 70 degrees Fahrenheit) with bright, indirect light. Watch the blooms unfold.

Others

Hyacinths, tulips, crocus, grape hyacinths, dwarf iris and daffodils all need a cold treatment. The package often indicates if they will force readily.

Use regular flower pots or other containers with drainage holes. Add a layer of potting soil to a depth of two or more inches.

Use as many bulbs as will fit the container, then fill in with enough soil so just the tops of the bulbs are visible, with the soil line about 1/2-inch below the pot rim. Water thoroughly. Wait two days, then water again.

Put a piece of tape with the date written on it on each pot. Set the pots in a refrigerator or dark, cool place (between 40 and 50 degrees) and water regularly for 10 to 15 weeks (depending on type and variety). Cover the pots with an open plastic bag to reduce the need for watering. Keep pots moist and don't store with fruit!

Move pots to a warmer area in indirect or low light for a week

or two, then move them to a cool, sunny area where they should flower in two to three weeks.

Crocus are dramatic in a shallow bowl and are especially nice in a pot that has several pockets on the sides.

Hyacinths in water

Choose pre-treated bulbs. Use hourglass-shaped hyacinth glass containers. Fill the glass to its "waist" with water. Place the bulb to sit perfectly in the cup made especially for it. Water should just caress the bulb's base.

Set the vase in a cool, dark corner (40 to 50 degrees) for 10 weeks so roots will develop to about three inches long. After three weeks, move it to its permanent home in a room with southern or western exposure to catch bright, direct sunshine. Rotate the plant for uniform flower development.

Tip: To lengthen the stem, when it is about two inches high, place a cone over the flower for two weeks. This will draw the stem up.

I hope you enjoy your experience with these interesting bulbs.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then 111, then 3445. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.



MARTY FIGLEY

Bloom time: Daffodils are a lovely breath of spring when they bloom in the middle of winter.

GARDENING CALENDAR

Does your garden club have an upcoming event or meeting you want publicized? Send items for consideration in *Gardening Calendar* to Ken Abramczyk, *Observer Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net. To send a fax, call (734) 591-7279.

GARDEN CLUBS

POND WATER

The Southeast Chapter of the Michigan Koi & Pond Clubs meets 4 p.m. the third Sunday of every month through November.

New members and guests are welcome. Call (248) 646-7675.

FARMINGTON

The Farmington Garden Club will host its first Holiday Tables event 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Spicer House/Heritage Park Visitors Center in Heritage Park, west of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. The event will showcase unusual and creative table settings to celebrate many diverse holidays within the community and provide a variety of ideas to decorate for the season. Visitors may speak with club members to learn techniques used for the displays, and sip on warm cider and eat gingersnaps.

Tickets are available Nov. 18 at the Spicer House/Heritage Park Visitors Center. Admission is \$5 and will be donated to Farmington Goodfellows.

LIVONIA

The Livonia Garden Club will hold its annual "Fresh Greens Table Arrangement" workshop at the Churchill High School cafeteria at 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. This year's holiday arrangement will feature a hurricane candle set amongst a bed of various crisp, fresh pine boughs embellished with gold ribbons. Register through Livonia Public Schools Community Education Department. Cost is \$22 for Livonia residents and \$27 for

non-residents. All instructions and supplies are included. Bring your own pruners and scissors. Early registration is encouraged as this annual event is usually a sellout. Refreshments are included and a Ways and Means table of gift ideas will be available for purchase. This annual event is a major fund-raiser for the Livonia Garden Club. Also, on Saturday, Dec. 9, members of Livonia Garden Club, with the help of local teens, create holiday arrangements for Angela Hospice patients.

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Plant garlic now for next year

BY LEE REICH
FOR AP SPECIAL FEATURES

It's a little late, but there's still time to plant garlic.

Comb farm markets and nursery catalogs and canvas friends for garlic bulbs.

Good "seed" is important for a successful garlic crop. Garlic "seeds" are not really seeds. They are the cloves that make up the compound bulb. These cloves are what you plant.

Although garlic might flower, it almost never forms true seeds. Seek out kinds of garlic that grow well in your area.

Besides adaptability, garlic varieties differ from one another in other ways.

Garlic cultivation originated more than 5,000 years ago. From its origins in the mountains of central Asia between Afghanistan, Mongolia and Uzbekistan, the best varieties have passed from hand to hand to now flavor chili in Mexico, pesto in Italy and sushi in Japan. The garlic that you or I plant might be a variety handed down for the last 2,000 years, perhaps grown in the backyard of an ancient Egyptian or Roman

■ Come spring, the garlic will be established and ready to poke new leaves through the ground with the very first hint of warm weather. The more leaf growth garlic makes before the long, sultry days of midsummer stimulate bulbing, the bigger the bulbs will be.

gardener. You'll find varieties differing in such characteristics as skin color, bulb size and flavor.

Fall planting gives better results than spring planting. Set cloves in the ground now and they will have enough time to push roots into the soil before the cold weather stops growth. They may even send up a few green shoots.

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Once you find some good garlic to plant, growing it is easy. Garlic grows best in fertile, slightly acidic soils in full sun. Break

individual cloves off the compound bulb — the head — and plant each one 3 inches deep, 4 inches apart in rows, with 6 to 12 inches between the rows. Make sure to set the pointed end facing up.

There's no need to worry about pests on garlic. In fact, garlic sprays are used by some gardeners to drive pests away from other plants.

Next summer, as the tops begin to yellow and dry down, dig the bulbs.

Shake off the loose dirt, then let the bulbs ripen in a partially shaded, airy location. After that, they can be stored all winter if kept cool and dry.

Make sure to put aside enough of the biggest and healthiest cloves for replanting again next fall.

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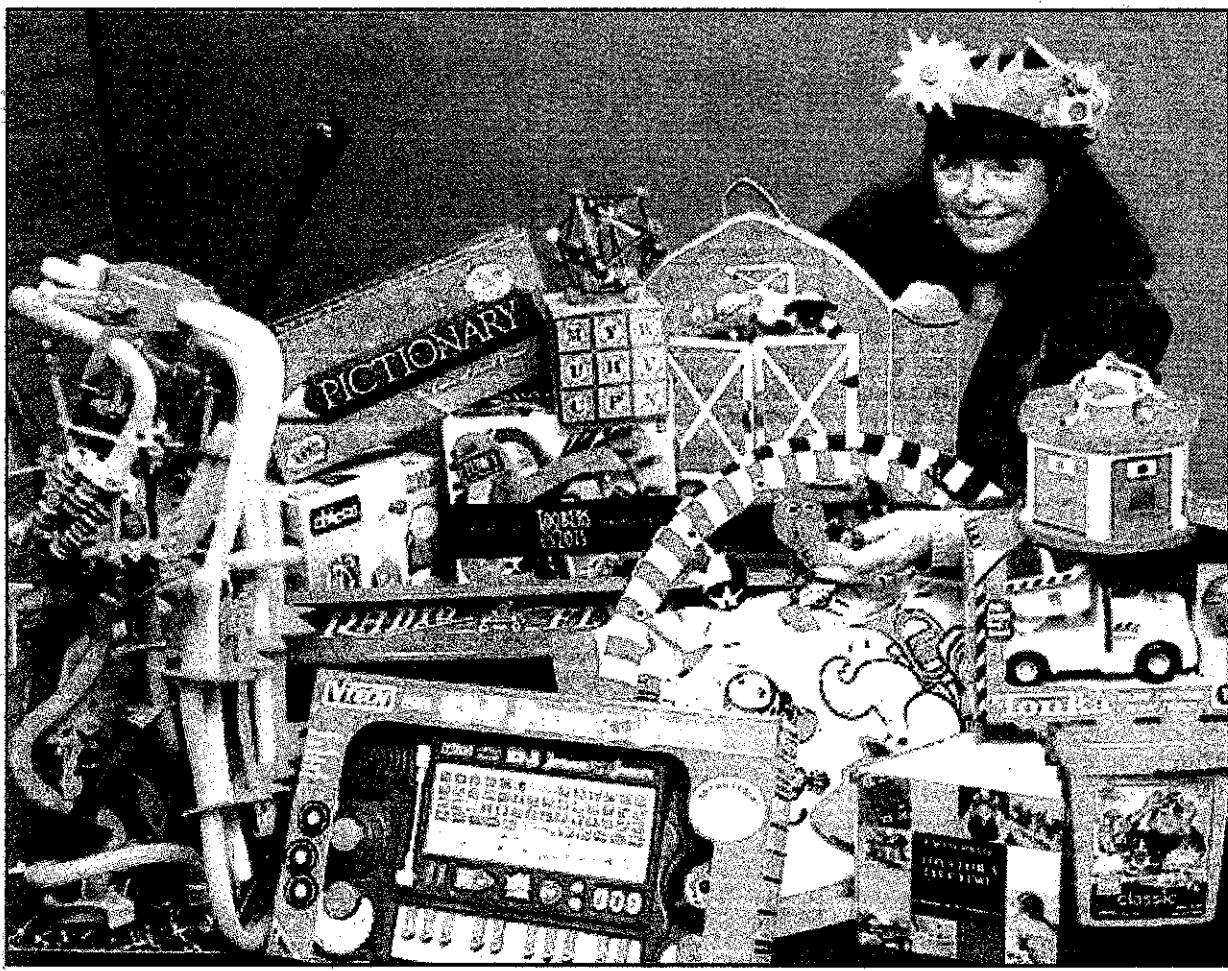
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Classic toys: Stevanne Auerbach, author of "Toys for a Lifetime: Enhancing Childhood Through Play," says this holiday season introduce your child to the classic toys that continue to prove value and delight young and old alike. Share your childhood favorites for added family fun and see <http://www.drtoy.com> for a Gift List of Dr. Toy's Toys for a Lifetime.

Classic toys endure, entertain

/PRNewswire/ - Look for the classic toys of your childhood and share their magic with your child this holiday season and beyond.

Classics are toys that continue to prove value and delight according to Stevanne "Dr. Toy" Auerbach, author of the book "Toys for a Lifetime: Enhancing Childhood Through Play," (Rizzoli/Universe/FAO Schwarz).

Auerbach will offer a free list of "Dr. Toy's Toys for a Lifetime Gift List" and "Dr. Toy's 100 Best for 2000" on her website. www.drtoy.com

"Classic toys are wonderful when they best fit the age, readiness, and the child's interests," says Auerbach. "And look for 'new' classics - updated and improved in some tangible way to make the play value even greater."

The toy gift book, "Toys for a Lifetime" includes enticing color photos by Ben Asen, information about the developmental benefits of each selection, and tons of interesting tips and factoids. It is a parents' guide and toy history - offering practical, age-specific advice and a fascinating look at memorable and beloved toys.

Consider these delightful, endearing and enduring toys

■ 'Classic toys are wonderful when they best fit the age, readiness and the child's interests.'

Stevanne Auerbach
—author

from "Toys for a Lifetime":

■ Applause/Dakin, Raggedy Ann & Raggedy Andy - Timeless - storybook dolls (Ages 3 and up)

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

GREENMEAD CHRISTMAS WALK

The Friends for the Development of Greenmead (Livonia's Historical Village) presents its annual Xmas Walk 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2.

Seven lovely homes located throughout Livonia, decorated for the holidays, will be available for viewings.

All proceeds benefit the restoration and preservation of Greenmead Historical Village.

Tickets purchased in advance cost \$7 per person or \$8 on the day of the event.

That day patrons will need to start at the Civic Center Library or the Hill House at Greenmead to obtain a program with a map of the walk. Tickets can be purchased at any of the Livonia libraries, the Civic Center

Library gift shop, Greenmead and the Department of Community Resources, located on the fifth floor of Livonia City Hall. Greenmead also will conduct a Christmas Candlelight Tour from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26, and Wednesday, Dec. 27. For information, call (734) 466-2540 or (734) 425-4855.

FANTASY OF TREES

Approximately 25 retailers are teaming up with the Friends of the Northville District Library to offer artfully decorated artificial trees for the Fantasy of Trees holiday raffle to benefit the library.

Now through Sunday, Dec. 10, three-foot, six-foot and eight-foot trees will be displayed in businesses throughout Northville and in the library. Raffle tickets

will be available at each store displaying a tree for \$3 each, two for \$5 and five for \$10.

A brochure will be available at each store describing the trees and where they are located.

Participating stores include: Anne's Crafts, Bon-Loot, Bonnie Brook Homes, Brickscape, Bueter's Outdoors, Changing Seasons, Gardenviews, Genitti's, Goldsmith Galleries, Great Harvest Bread Company, Lee Holland & Associates, Kitchen Witch, Long's Fancy Bath Boutique, MacKinnon's Restaurant, Northville Camera/Pictures Plus Gallery, Northville Candle and Gifts, Northville Central Business Association, Northville Pharmacy, Orin Jewelers, Painter's Place/Slavika/Your Michigan Connection, Pampl-

mousse, Salutations, The Sawmill, Stampeddler Plus and Ultimate Toys and Gifts.

Winners will be chosen on Dec. 10 at 4 p.m. in the library and 25 trees will be delivered on Dec. 11 and 12.

CHRISTMAS WALK

Downtown Northville merchants welcome visitors with holiday treats and special activities in their stores on a Christmas Walk noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19.

There will be entertainment in the bandshell and strolling Christmas carolers throughout town.

Free horse and carriage rides with Santa.

For information, call (248) 349-7640.

CRAFTS

If you would like to announce an upcoming craft show, bazaar, or arts boutique — items can be sent to: Crafts Calendar, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI, 48150 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net 477-8942.

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED

Applications are being accepted for Redford St. Valentine Teacher Club's 9th Annual Holiday Craft Shoppe on Saturday, Nov. 18. For an application and information call (313) 255-6825 or (313) 532-2367.

ARBONNE GIFT BOUTIQUE

Handmade gift baskets for everyone on your gift list. Arbonne International will hold a holiday gift boutique at the Embassy Suites Hotel - Livonia (19525 Victor Parkway) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18.

SWEDISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Swedish Christmas Fair will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18 at the Finnish Center (35200 W. Eight Mile Road) in Farmington Hills. (248) 478-6939. Lucia Pageant at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Swedish foods, baked goods, imports, crafts, children's workshop, live music, and raffle at 1:30 p.m.

CRAFT BAZAAR

V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary will host a Craft Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 18 at 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Free admission, bake sale, hourly raffle. Crafters call Pam (734) 721-6304. Proceeds go to cancer aid and research.

HOLIDAY ARTS/RAFTS

The 10th annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Show at North Farmington High School, 32900 West 13 Mile Road, just east of Farmington Road) invites you to look, browse, shop and enjoy as you get ready for the holidays. Doors open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18. Over 100 quality artists and crafters exhibit their wares for your shopping pleasure. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for teens and seniors, with all proceeds benefiting students in the instrumental music program. Refreshments available at a nominal cost. No strollers please.

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Legendary sitarist Ravi Shankar returns to Ann Arbor's Hill Auditorium with his daughter, Anoushka, in a University of Michigan Musical Society Concert at 8 p.m. Tickets \$20-\$36, call (734) 764-2538.

SATURDAY



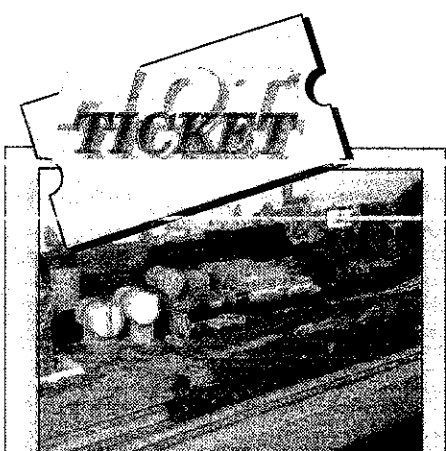
The Plymouth Theatre Guild presents "Miracle on 34th Street" 8 p.m. at the Water Tower Theater on the campus.

Hospital: 11001 W. Seven Mile Road. Tickets \$10, \$7 ages 18 and under, call (248) 349-7110.

SUNDAY



Dawn Wells stars as Sister Amnesia in "Nunsense Christmas Musical," 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit. Tickets \$25-\$45, call (248) 645-6666 or (313) 872-1000.



All aboard for the Michigan Train Show, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 18-19 at the Novi Expo Center. The show will feature a huge array of model and toy trains and hobby supplies, children's activities, and a visit from Santa Claus. Admission \$6 adults, no charge for children age 12 and younger. For more information, call (248) 348-5600.

Lion in Winter

Drama plays on family faults

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Nancy Harrower works better under stress and, with one day to go before the opening of *The Lion in Winter*, she's at the top of her game. Harrower is directing the Farmington Players' presentation of the compelling drama that opens Friday in West Bloomfield.

For the last four weeks, Harrower researched the historical aspect so she could guide the actors in developing the characters who battle sword-to-sword for King Henry II's throne.

Harrower, an experienced director with more than 35 plays to her credit, jokingly refers to James Goldman's story as "the lion and the lioness and all the little cubs." But the King and Queen Eleanor are deadly serious about which of their sons will inherit Henry's throne.

Preparing actors

"To prepare the actors, you need the historical facts," said Harrower. "Like the line in Hamlet, 'The purpose of theater is to hold a mirror up to life.' I don't want the audience to see nothing but historical pageantry. Today, we have nuclear weapons. Back then it was broadswords, but human emotions never change, especially when it's involving the family. It's love, hate, jealousies."

Jan Salisbury is one of several actors who spent hours studying the history of 1183, when the play takes place. Salisbury, a West Bloomfield resident, plays Queen Eleanor, the aging lioness. She joined the Farmington Players more than 30 years but has also performed

What: The Farmington Players present *Lion in Winter*.
When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 17-18, 24-25 and Dec. 1-2 and 8-9, and Thursday, Dec. 7, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, 26, and Dec. 3.
Where: Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills.

Tickets: \$12 call (248) 553-2955

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PHOTOS BY DON ALLEY

Feuding family: Jan Salisbury, Kevin Branshaw, and Randy Coble fight over the future of England in the Farmington Players' production of "The Lion in Winter."

Guild of Livonia Redford and Meadow Brook Theatre.

"It's been kind of fun doing a historical piece," said Salisbury. "I went on the Internet to find books. It's a very exciting and challenging role, with many lines to learn. Eleanor's many characters in one, a queen who can be nice or cutting. She has a love-hate relationship with everyone but a deep

relationship with everyone but a deep

upmanship."

Ves Spindler hasn't counted each and every one of his lines but knows there are more than 500 of them. As King Henry II, Spindler performs in eight of the play's nine scenes, a grueling task. At age 50, Henry, the old lion, is in the winter of his monarchy.

Exhausting role

"It's an exhausting role emotionally and physically," said Spindler, an East Middle School teacher in

Farmington and a Southfield resident. "He goes through a tremendous variety of moods. He was a volatile man who made a tremendous impact and set up the English judicial system. But he met his match in Eleanor. She's actually challenged him in the field with her troops. She was kept out of France and was under house arrest. Three months after divorcing

married to Henry. Randy Coble believes the twists and

Please see LION, E2



Scandalous affair: King Henry II (Ves Spindler) dreads the day when he will have to relinquish his mistress Alaïs (Brienne Rae) to one of his sons.



Power play: Queen Eleanor (Jan Salisbury) and her son, Richard (Randy Coble) scheme to attain the throne of England.

MUSIC

Symphony of choirs rings a bell with musicians

BY SHARON DARGAY
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The Detroit Handbell Ensemble calls itself the Detroit Symphony of bell choirs.

Some of its 15 members have played their instruments for a quarter century or longer.

Most direct their own church or school ringers. And all had to audition for a place at the group's draped bell table.

"We've got a lot of trained musicians here," said Susan Berry, ensemble director and owner of Handbell Services, Inc., in Dearborn. "We've got six music teachers in the group. Everyone reads music. It's a level above most handbell choirs."

Berry keeps track of Malmark bells and chimes — one of two brands manufactured in the United States — and the groups that use them. Her computerized list shows 160 sets in the 48009 zip code (Birmingham), alone, placed mostly in churches and schools. Statewide the number swells to more than 1,000.

"You have bell choirs all over. The largest denomination is Methodist. The next would be

Lutherans and now we're starting to grow into the Catholic community.

"The American Guild of English Bell ringers has about 9,000 members. And that's just scratching the surface. There's a whole world out there of bell ringers."

Learning

Church music directors and school choir teachers like the instrument because beginners and non-music readers master bells faster than they would a string instrument, brass horn or woodwind.

"Any other instrument takes months to learn," Berry noted.

A flutist, for example, must learn all notes and their finger positions. Beginning bell ringers learn only a few notes and their corresponding bells or chimes.

"You can start a bell choir and in a couple of weeks play in a worship service," Berry said.

Sandi Smith of Livonia plays the high-pitched, soprano bells, sometimes two per hand, with the Detroit Bell Ensemble, but says even her kindergarten students quickly master a simple tune with chimes.

"We'll be playing for about 15 minutes and then I'll call the principal down and I'll say, let's play for her. She just about falls over because these are new kids trying chimes every year," Smith noted. She also leads a church bell choir and works with high school musicians. Bells serve as therapy for some students who boost self-esteem and work out aggression on the instrument by striking or plucking its clapper.

Please see MUSICIANS, E2



PHOTOS BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Heavy music: Larry Pye of Livonia builds muscles lifting big bass bells during Detroit Handbell Ensemble practices.

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turns in the plot are what makes *The Lion in Winter* so powerful. Coble plays Richard the Lionheart, Queen Eleanor's favorite to take over the throne. Like Salisbury and Spindler, Coble learned a lot about Henry while researching the history behind the play on the Internet and in books.

"It's an interesting story and character," said Coble, who played Orville Wright during the Summer Festival at Greenfield Village this year. "On the surface it's a struggle for power, but it's really a dysfunctional family who went from loving each other to pulling out the knives."

"Historically there's been a debate about Richard's sexuality. They allude to his affair with Philip, the boy-king of France (played by John Abair of Wixom). Dealing with that has helped me to deal with my feelings on that issue."

Humor

The audience will enjoy a lot of comedy, too. There's a tremendous amount of wry humor. They're not two-dimensional, cardboard characters. Richard was a leader of armies and the future king of England. It's a struggle between two powerful men and a struggle between a father and son. It's tender and explosive by turns."

Geoffrey, the middle son, is as scheming as the rest of the family, and that's why Kevin Branshaw likes the role. By day Branshaw's a Novi computer programmer, at night he's acted with Stagecrafters, Avon Players, Jewish Ensemble Theatre and the Ridgedale Players.

"He causes a lot of trouble," said Branshaw. "He's always plotting and planning. I like it as a character study. It's fun. It's all about character."

Brienne Rae loves her character, as well. She plays Alais, the king's mistress. This isn't the first time she's played such a role and is loving every minute of it.

"It's always fun to play the scandalous role," said Rae, who grew up in Farmington and sang with the Mercyairens at Mercy High School. "Henry's really in

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love with her, and he's faced with the day he'll have to give her up to one of his sons. That's why he wants John (Richard's youngest brother) to win."

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"Blue Lake helped me hone my skills," said Yanke. "Auditioning was my biggest fear. The first day I had to audition in front of 75 kids, and I wanted to go home. I pictured myself as Mel Gibson in *Braveheart*, and I wasn't as scared as I thought I'd be."

Great experience

"Playing John is one of the greatest experiences of my life. John is conniving, wicked for his age (16). He's more like his father than any of his brothers. He's really spoiled rotten and daddy's favorite. He couldn't outwit (middle son) Geoffrey, couldn't outfight Richard. Dad's always there to bail me out."

Sounds like a fascinating and dynamic evening with one of Britain's most powerful families.

Musicians from page E1

"If you make it appropriate to the group's level, they can feel so good about it so easily," she noted.

The Detroit Handbell Ensemble performs music that's two or three times more difficult than the typical church group might play. It also owns more bells. Many bell choirs don't use the low-pitched bass bells because they're costly and heavy.

"Most choir members are women. They can't pick them up," Berry explained.

The five men in her ensemble handle the larger and mid-sized bells. The women ring in the alto and soprano ranges. Smith lifts the lightest, highest-pitched bells, juggling nearly a dozen.

"In the position I play, I have a lot of bell changes. Sometimes I have four different pitches going at once," she said. "But I love it. I really love it."

Judy Phillips of Waterford plays the E and F notes in the middle of the bass clef, as well as corresponding flats and sharps.

The hand movements seem second nature now, but Phillips found the bells more challenging than her oboe and English horn when she first started playing 25 years ago. She was fresh out of college with a music degree and an interest in playing handbells with First Baptist Church of Royal Oak.

"I thought, 'It should be easy. I've got a degree in music.'"

She walked out of her first practice a little frustrated and embarrassed. As a trained musician, she was used to reading all of the notes on the page, not a mere handful.

"I had to pick the notes out of the melody instead of playing the whole thing," she recalled. "But I fell in love with the bells. It's a wonderful exercise in teamwork."

"I just love the sound of bells." Historically, English and colonial villages rang handbells to communicate rather than serenade its citizens.

"The bell would communicate a birth or death or church or a special meeting," Berry explained. "When Paul Revere was ringing his bell it was all about communication. But what happened was in England, small ensembles started developing."



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLINSKY

Bell ringers: Susan Berry of Dearborn directs the Detroit Handbell Ensemble during a weekly rehearsal.

Flick of the wrist creates magic music

BY SHARON DARGAY
STAFF WRITER

You wait for your note in the music.

When it arrives, you raise your bell and flick your wrist.

The TING reverberates and you put the bell down.

And you wait for the next note.

What's so hard about playing handbells?

Take it from a former eighth grade oboist who still reads music — it's not as simple as it looks.

Sandi Smith let me try one of the nine bells arrayed in front of her during a recent Detroit Handbell Ensemble rehearsal.

One bell. All I had to do was read the little flagged dots dancing up and down the musical staff, count the beat and slip my note between two neighboring ones on the page. Every time my single note arrived (and sometimes quickly left before my hand even moved), Smith coached me with a quietly voiced "now."

Meanwhile, Smith looked like a magician trying to keep a row of plates spinning as she switched bells every other note and sometimes ringing two per hand.

At the other side of the team, I saw the aged fewer bells, but added muscle each time he rang a big bass. Barbell might be a more appropriate term for these 13-pound, low-pitched instruments.

But no matter what size bell they play, handbell musicians ring with deliberate, almost dance-like movements, creating a visual as well as audible show.

"It's a circular motion and a flick of the wrist,"

explains Susan Berry, ensemble director.

The music indicates if the bell-ringer should dampen the reverberating sound by placing the ringing bell on a table or against the body. It also notes if the musician should strike the bell with a mallet, ring the bell, move the clapper by hand or shake two handbells simultaneously to create a trill.

Timing is everything

Because individuals are responsible for a section of notes on the musical staff, timing is everything in handbell music.

"A pianist doesn't always make the best ringer because they are used to playing everything," Berry said. "But each of these people have their own internal rhythm, so as a director you have to pull them all together."

Each bell ringer learns to find their own notes amid the jumble on a page of music and sound their instruments at the split-second needed to create a unified piece.

"Because you have to play together, you get close to each other. You have to be," said Judy Phillips, an ensemble member from Waterford. "And someone who doesn't usually doesn't last very long."

Members wouldn't think of missing handbell practice. It's the only time they can practice their parts in context.

"It's hard to take a set home to rehearse. Some people rehearse at home with screwdrivers. Or pop bottles. Or spoons," Berry noted.

Spoons and pop bottles for beginning bell ringers? I guess there's hope for me, yet.

The idea spread to the United States, where gloved bell ringers gathered in churches to play sacred music.

Detroit Handbell Ensemble members wear the traditional gloves, but perform a variety of styles, including jazz, contemporary and orchestral pieces, that have been transcribed for bells.

Phillips occasionally pens an arrangement for her bell choir at First Baptist. The Detroit Handbell Ensemble sight read one of her recent compositions at a weekly practice, flawlessly keeping time and in tune with the music.

"It is a huge thrill to play with them," Phillips said. "Usually

when I write something I'm used to sending it off to a publisher without having heard it on bells."

The group will play at Phillips' church at 4 p.m., Sunday. First Baptist of Royal Oak is located on Main, north of 11 mile. Admission is free, although the group will accept donations.

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MUSIC

Composer brings sounds of Christmas to The Palace

BY SHARON DARGAY
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Composer and musician Chip Davis remembers his childhood Christmas as greeting card perfect.

His grandma played the church organ in a tiny rural Ohio town.

His dad directed the church choir.

And Davis decorated the church with pine boughs.

"Real pine boughs. If I was lucky they'd let me ring the church bell," Davis reminisces. "You'd smell wood smoke in the air from people's fireplaces. It was the sight and sound of Christmas."

"I always remember standing in my choir robe in the back of the church thinking, 'I know I hear sleigh bells. I know I hear sleigh bells. That sense of wonder never left me. I like making things that have a sense of mystery to them.'"

Sense of wonder

Davis and his band, Mannheim Steamroller, will recreate that sense of mystery and wonder with their distinctive music, video and miniature Christmas village, on Wednesday at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Songs from the group's Fresh Aire series will dominate the first half of the concert, which is staged with front and rear screen projections, making the band at times appear to mingle with the video images.

The seven-member Mannheim

Mannheim Steamroller

What: Chip Davis and his band play Christmas music with a New Age flair.
When: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22
Where: The Palace of Auburn Hills
Tickets: \$20, \$37.50 and \$47.50. Available at Ticketmaster outlets or by calling (258)645-6666.

Steamroller will trade contemporary instruments for 16th century reproductions and launch into a Renaissance music set, complete with visuals of an authentic feast, during the concert's second half.

A 22-piece orchestra will join the group for traditional carols during the rest of the concert.

"When you walk in the door, you're greeted by 50 costumed characters, everything from snowmen to elves," Davis describes the concert. "There will be a choir singing Christmas carols, so it will echo in the outer hallways. Everything is theatrically lit with pools of colored light. It's beautiful."

"And the sound of wind and sleigh bells and music boxes will play in surround sound."

A 6,000-square foot village, with nutcracker-themed soldiers patrolling its perimeter, will sprawl across the arena floor.

"There's the largest electric train in the U.S. going around the village. This is like a scene from around the Christmas tree."

All it takes is 11 semi-trucks of scenery and equipment, two buses full of musicians, a staff of 50 and 100 hired hands to set up, run and dismantle each per-

formance.

If that sounds excessive, consider that Davis studied with university professors, tackling ancient Greek, philosophy and other topics, before composing each cut on his last CD, *Fresh Aire 8*.

He trained for eight months before climbing Mt. McKinley where he filmed segments for a surround sound movie on natural wonders.

He designed his own house and built a five-building creative hub in Omaha, Neb., where he develops all of Mannheim Steamroller's projects — whether musical or visual or edible.

Davis does everything a little unconventionally.

Approach

"The way I approach life, is the way I approach music. Everything to me is the same, whether I'm creating a piece of music or an aesthetic building on a two hundred acres. It all has to do with how it functions and what its need is. I think of myself from a creative standpoint as a problem-solver."

"Once I figure out a topic, like a Fresh Aire topic or Christmas

piece, whatever it is, I figure out how can I convey it in a musical form? Or even in a food form. I have a lot of fun being an amateur cook."

Whether he is concocting a new barbecue sauce or mixing film clips for DVD, Davis, born Louis Davis, Jr., dances to his own beat.

With musical ability practically built into his genes — his late father taught music, his mother played the trombone and a grandmother played piano — Davis studied bassoon at the University of Michigan, trading the woodwind for a percussion instrument during marching season.

He toured with the Norman Luboff choir after graduating in 1969, taught for a year and accepted a job arranging dinner theatre music in Omaha.

When the show ended, Davis wrote advertising jingles and created a popular fictitious character, C.W. McCall.

Davis and writer, Bill Fries, recorded a single starring McCall and The Old Home Band. Nine albums, including the hit song, *Convoy*, followed, propelling Davis to the top of country music charts.

Title

When Davis won the Country Music Writer of the Year title in 1976, he was busy composing what he called "18th century classical rock." The mix of harpsichord and recorder with electric guitar and synthesizer formed the foundation of the band's first Fresh Aire CD.

But record companies weren't interested because they couldn't categorize Mannheim Steamroller's sound.

Undeterred, Davis founded his own record label, American Gramophone, and distributed the music to audio showrooms. Shoppers loved the music and demanded sequels. The group produced five more CD's before recording its first Christmas CD, which industry insiders deemed bound for failure. Christmas music simply didn't sell.

Mannheim Steamroller flattened doubts by selling five million copies, recording three more holiday CDs, mounting an annual Christmas music tour and producing a Christmas video starring champion figure skaters.

Davis capped the Fresh Aire series with *Fresh Aire 8*, a musical study in infinity. An accompanying DVD will be ready for distribution in early 2001.

"DVD is a cross between an incredible surround sound theatre with picture and music, but it's like having a computer on board," Davis explains. "On the surface is the entertainment level, but you can hit a button on your remote and it will take you to one of my tutors explaining about infinity from an educational standpoint. Or you can punch another button and it's me talking about how I turned the information I learned about infinity into art."

The group's web site, at www2.amgram.com, sports an infinity-theme game and a hieroglyphics decoder, which



Composer/musician Chip Davis

relates to a topic on the CD.

"I love to learn this stuff and then figure out ways to digest it and convert it into a consumable form. DVD is a phenomenal way to communicate."

Davis often pictured himself creating on West Coast, near ocean waves and majestic mountains.

"Not in Omaha," he says, laughing. "Isn't Omaha the hub of the music industry?"

But Davis isn't knocking his life in the rural midwest. He's married and the father of three children, ages nine, four and two.

"I've got a 100-acre farm, a bunch of horses, birds and dogs. It's a nice place, real hilly and with lots of ravines."

It's a picture-perfect setting.

"I love living there," Davis adds.

Strong characters capture drama of 'The Foul Line'

Trinity House Theatre presents "The Foul Line" by Trinity House Theatre founder Paul Patton 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 17-18, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19. The show contains adult language that may not be suitable for children. Trinity House Theatre is at 38840 West Six Mile Road in Livonia, between Hagerty Road and I-275. For tickets, call (734) 464-6302, or visit their web site at www.trinity-house.org.

BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

Trinity House opens its twentieth season with "The Foul Line," a drama written by Trinity House founder Paul Patton and directed by Susan Vandenberg. The story follows the struggles of a minister who has lost his faith and a basketball coach who has lost too many games as they try to come to terms with their lives and self-doubt.

The show has strong leads, an adequate supporting cast, and

intense dialogue. While the leads capture the drama and pathos well, some of the supporting characters dilute the emotional impact by failing to deliver the verbal intensity and believability needed in a psychological drama.

Guy Snyder of Livonia, as the Rev. Franklin Myles, effectively captures his character's despair and devastating self-doubt. When he cannot offer spiritual solace to a parishioner whose young child is dying, his tenuous hold on sanity crumbles, triggering his emotional collapse.

Difficult role

Snyder navigated the difficult role with stammering when needed, conviction and compassion. He is baited into recovery by the obnoxious Stanley, the caustic coach, who seems to have good advice for everyone but himself.

Chad D'Aigle of Westland is annoyingly realistic as the overbearing but frustrated Stanley, a

coach who can't seem to find success in the game of basketball or life. D'Aigle uses body language as effectively as his rapid and rabid dialogue, putting his character at angry odds with others, forcing their emotional hands while denying his own. Stanley "coaches" his group therapy members while ignoring his own issues, so inwardly desperate is he for a visible "win."

Laura Gumina of Livonia as Mona Clark brings a strong degree of believability to her role as a member of Franklin and Stanley's group therapy. She constantly varies the emotional tenor of her words to mirror her character's emotional response. Mona is able to gain a clear picture of others' emotional baggage, but is not as able to admit and deal with her own issues. Gumina's alert, knowing eyes accentuate her on-target delivery, and her body language complements her character's mixed bag of confidence and turmoil.

Sue Tavidan of Westland completed the group therapy quar-

ter. While her character was sympathetic and likable, her dialogue lacked impact, and was delivered in the style of one who merely memorizes lines and doesn't imbue them with the emotional tenor they deserve.

Chester Belecki of Northville plays Hollis, the member of Franklin's church who is agonizing over his young child's devastating illness. His intense emotional outburst in Franklin's church was a dramatic high point for the show.

Marian Montoya of Westland plays Franklin's wife. The two seemed mismatched, and their scenes lack the passion that a husband and wife would display even when angry with each other. Even though Franklin and Brenda's marriage has languished, the characters should have an emotional intensity come across on stage. Montoya and Snyder are so out of sync with each other one wonders how they ever became a couple.

The production team created a

strong emotional backdrop for the drama. The simple yet elegant set consists of white walls upon which both realistic and surrealistic slides are projected between scenes and during soliloquies. They create a compelling visual impression of the characters' interactions and turmoil. The minimal set pieces, primarily cubes and a table that doubles as a bed, are rearranged swiftly and effectively for the various

scenes.

The costumes appear to be an afterthought. Stanley, as a coach, wears a tailored blazer and tie whose appearance is ruined by a pair of ragged black jeans. And the young Frankie Miles, dressed in spit and polish for church, wears sneakers, something no minister's son would get away with in the seventies or earlier.

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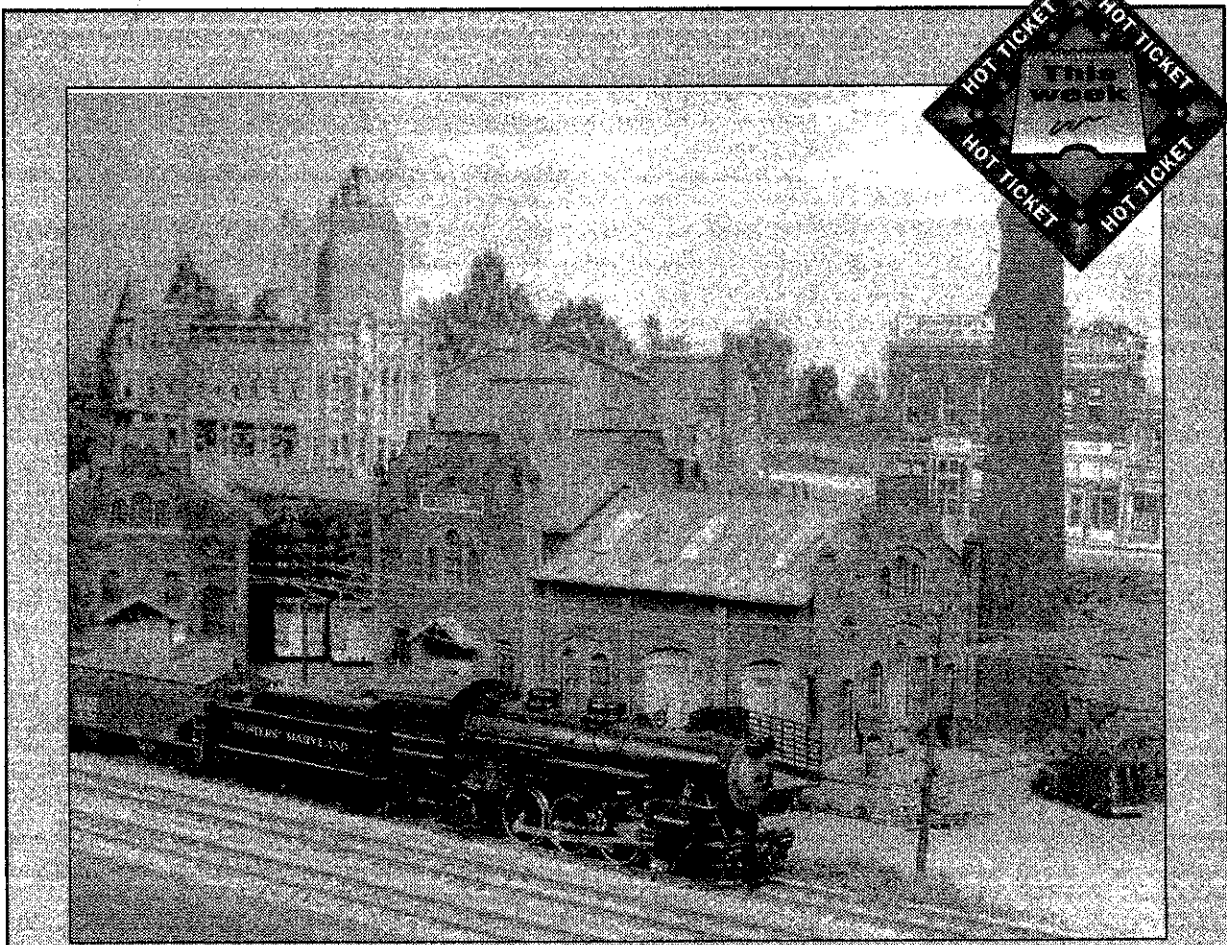
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U-M OPERA THEATRE: *Falstaff*, Verdi's comic opera, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 16-18 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at the Power Center for the Performing Arts, Ann Arbor. \$20, \$15, \$7 students. (734) 764-0450

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE: Musical adaptation of Pinocchio, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and Jan. 6 and 13; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, 26, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 31, and Jan. 7, 14. Weekday performances 2:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, Dec. 26-29, at the theater, Northville. \$7.50. No children under age 3. (248) 349-8110

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS: *Snoopy* 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19 and 26 (lunch begins one hour earlier), at the Al Matta Hall, Dearborn. \$7.50, \$8.50 includes lunch. (810) 344-7774

PUPPETART: *Close the Window...or Chelm's Law* 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18 and 25, at the Detroit Puppet Theater. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

ST. DUNSTAN'S GUILD OF CRANBROOK: *The Emperor's New Clothes* 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, and 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at the theater, Bloomfield Hills. \$6. (248) 644-0527

THE MUSIC MAN: The musical runs 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 16-18 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at Andover High School, Bloomfield Hills. \$10 main floor, \$7 back balcony. (248) 645-4679

MARIAN-RICE PLAYERS: *Busyboddy*, a British "who dun it" 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 16-18 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at Marian High School. \$9. (248) 644-1750

YOUTHEATRE: ArtsPower National Touring Theatre brings Judy Blume's *Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great* to life 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at the Millennium Centre, Southfield. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. (248) 557-7529

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

CHRISTMAS WALK: Downtown Northville noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19. Merchants welcome visitors with holiday treats and special activities in their stores. There will be entertainment in the bandshell and strolling Christmas carolers throughout town. Free horse and carriage rides with Santa. (248)

349-7640

SWEDISH CHRISTMAS FAIR: The Swedish Women Educational Association International presents its 10th annual Swedish Christmas Fair 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday Nov. 18, at the Finnish Center, 35200 W. Eight Mile Road, (1 mile west of Farmington Road on the north side of Eight Mile Road), Farmington Hills. The event features a Lucia Pageant at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Swedish foods and baked goods, imports and crafts, children's workshop, and live music. \$1, no charge for children under 12. (248) 356-3977

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

ALEXANDER ZONJIC: Kicks off St. Mary's College's fifth annual *Classics on the Lake* concert series with A Pipers' Holiday Concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, in the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake. \$15 adults, \$10 students, afterglow \$30. (248) 706-5355

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS: New series, Concerts at Costick, features the Detroit Chamber Winds in a holiday concert 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, at the Costick Activities Center, Farmington Hills. \$15 adults, \$12 seniors, \$10 students. (248) 473-1856

SPECIAL EVENTS

BOOK SIGNING: At Murder, Mystery & Mayhem, 35167 Grand River Farmington 6-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, S.D. Tooley, author of *When the Dead Speak* and *Nothing Else Matters* aka Lee Driver, author of *The Good Die Twice* and *Full Moon, Bloody Moon*. (248) 471-7210

COLLECTIBLE TOY SHOW: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. \$5, under age 10 free. (734) 455-2110

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS: Presents *West Side Story* 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 16-18, in Carli Auditorium at Churchill High School, Livonia. \$8, \$6 seniors/students. (734) 523-8841

DEARBORN PORCELAIN ARTISTS: Host their annual art show and sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Canfield Community Center, Dearborn. \$1. (313) 562-1386

FILM FESTIVAL: The first Middle East and North African Film Festival, presented by ACCESS (Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services and Ahlam Film Group, will take place Friday-Sunday, Nov. 17-19, at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn. (313) 843-2844

GOODWILL ANTIQUES FESTIVAL: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, until 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, and until 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at the Michigan Mart Building, Michigan State Fairgrounds. \$8, \$8 seniors. Gala preview evening 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16 (\$75-\$150).

(248) 886-6787

HARVEST MOON DINNER DANCE: Featuring the Mike Wolverton Band 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, doors open at 4:30 p.m., dancing 6-10 p.m., at the Italian-American Banquet Center, Livonia. \$25. (734) 420-2404

LIVONIA YOUTH CHOIR: Present their winter concert 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 at Faith Lutheran Church, Livonia. Free. (734) 427-9578

MARIAN-RICE PLAYERS: *Busyboddy*, a British who-dun-it, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 16-18 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at Marian High School, Lahser between 14 and 15 Mile Roads. (248) 644-1750

PHOENIX AWARD DINNER: Honoring Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, in the main dining room in Madame Cadillac Hall at Marygrove College, Detroit. \$90, \$175 per couple. Proceeds will go to the restoration and preservation of Ste. Anne de Detroit. (313) 963-1888

REDFORD THEATRE: *The Wizard of Oz* starring Judy Garland, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 17-18, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, organ overture begins 30 minutes earlier, at the Redford Theatre, Detroit. \$3. (313) 537-2560/(313) 531-4407; Karolyn grimes, the actress who played Zuzu Bailey in *It's a Wonderful Life*, will discuss her role in the film 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1-2, film at 8 p.m., at the theater. \$10. (313) 531-4407/(248) 258-5806

BERNIE STEVENS' WORLD OF MAGIC: 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$3.25. (248) 424-9022

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT: The Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents Israeli percussionist Chen Zimbalista 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$8-\$24. (313) 576-5111

BENEFITS

MOONLIGHT AND MAGIC BLACK-TIE GALA: 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, interactive performers, live and silent auctions, dinner, dancing, at the Detroit Yacht Club. \$75, proceeds go to Travelers Aid programs and services which assists thousands of homeless and at risk families in the metro Detroit area. (313) 962-6740

THE WILLIES: With special guest Joce'lyn B will perform a benefit concert for Common Ground Sanctuary 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at the 5th Avenue Ballroom, Novi. \$10 donation. (248) 456-8150

CLASSICAL

ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Featuring Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* and Rachmaninoff's *Second Symphony* 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$17-\$30. (734) 994-4801

MADONNA UNIVERSITY: Students present a recital 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, in Kresge Hall on campus, Livonia. Free but donations

for the music scholarship fund would be appreciated. (734) 432-5709

MICHIGAN CHAMBER PLAYERS: Will perform Oliver Messaien's *Quartet for the End of Time*, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, Guild Hall, Sanctuary of Christ Church Cranbrook, southwest corner of Cranbrook and Lone Pine Roads, Bloomfield Hills. \$25 at door, \$15 for students. (810) 751-2435

U-M SCHOOL OF MUSIC: Faculty recital 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at Britton Recital Hall, School of Music, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-4726

CHORAL

THE BROADWAY CONCERT: Vocalists Lisa Vroman and Hugh Panaro will sing classic Broadway songs and some newer favorites in a program led by Detroit Symphony Orchestra guest conductor David Alan Miller, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19 at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15-\$49. (313) 576-5111

RODRICK DIXON: Operatic tenor and light classical, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, Athens High School, Troy. \$15 at the door. (248) 335-5307

RENAISSANCE VOICES: The 17-voice women's ensemble from Henry Ford Community College perform 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Christ Episcopal Church, Dearborn. \$9, \$6 seniors/students. (313) 317-6566

ORGAN

DAVID WAGNER: Perform a concert featuring the music of Felix Mendelssohn at noon Thursday, Nov. 16, at Christ Church in Bloomfield Hills; and Friday, Nov. 17 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Presbyterian Church, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

THE GENESIS TROUPE: Open auditions for *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Nov. 28-29 at St. Kenneth Social Hall, 14951 Haggerty Road, Plymouth. Production dates Feb. 16-18, Feb. 23-25. Speaking role opportunities for 17 males and seven female parts ranging from ages 12-60. For information, call Marlene Landry (734) 464-6712

2ND STAGE AT STAGECRAFTERS' BALDWIN THEATRE: Auditions for *Songs for a New World*, a new musical review, music and lyrics by Jason Robert Brown, 6:30 p.m. registration, 7 p.m. auditions, Wednesday, Nov. 29, at the theater, Royal Oak. Need 4 talented singer/actors, two men, two women. Call (248) 541-4832 or (248) 541-8027 for details.

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Is looking for qualified, energetic and excited community members to fill volunteer and part-time production, stage management, educational, and music library positions, hourly wages commensurate with experience, there are also a number of volunteer clerical positions available. If you're interested in helping the orchestra, call (734) 451-2112 or visit them at their new office in Forest Place, 470 Forest Avenue, Suite 18, Plymouth

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD: Auditions for *South Pacific* 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Nov. 20-21, at the Water Tower Theater on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital. For performances Feb. 16-17, 23-25 and March 2-3. (248) 624-3474/(734) 459-0089/(248) 349-7110

SINGERS WANTED: Learn to sing male four-part harmony, audition not required but the ability to sing "on key," 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, in the music department of the Arts Building at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn. (734) 261-5321/(313) 278-1078

STAGECRAFTERS: Auditions for a new musical revue 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19 (registration at 6:30 p.m.), at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. (248) 541-4832/(248) 541-8027

POPS/SWING

BIRD OF PARADISE ORCHESTRA: 9 p.m. Monday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$7 cover. (734) 662-8310 (big band, swing, pop)

MICHAEL JAMES/DEBORAH JIMMERSON: Piano bar 7-11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, and 8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, at La Bistecca Italian Grille, Livonia. (734) 254-0400

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday through November, at Excalibur, Southfield. (248) 358-3355

JAZZ

JOHNNY BASSETT: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 17-18, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

RON BROOKS TRIO: 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

DOUG DEMING & THE BLUE SUIT BAND: 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

MIKE KAROUB'S CELLO JAZZ: 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at the Acoustic Avenue Coffee House, First United Methodist Church, Ferndale. (248) 545-4468

PAUL KELLER/CARY KOCHER QUARTET: 9 p.m. Tuesday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

LOS GATOS: 9 p.m. Wednesday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

BRETT LUCAS BAND: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With John Cooper, trumpet and flugelhorn 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Warren Road, east of Middlebelt. \$5 cover. (734) 762-7756

LARRY NOZERO QUARTET: 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 17-18 and 24-25, at Rocky's of Northville. (248) 349-4434

ROBERT PENN: 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

TOOTS THIELEMEN'S QUARTET: With Fred Hersch 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 17-18, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310

BEN YONAS TRIO: 5:30-8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

KASEY CHAMBERS: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$12.50. (734) 763-TKTS

PATTY LARKIN/DAVID WILCOX: 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$17.50. (734) 763-TKTS

RFD BOYS: 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 763-TKTS

WORLD MUSIC

A RUSSIAN HOLIDAY: Concert 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

THE MANDOLINQUENTS: Simon Mayor and Hilary James give a concert 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. \$25, \$12 students. (734) 416-4278 (British)

RAVI AND ANOUSHKA SHANKAR: 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229

TRINIDAD TRIPOLI STEEL BAND: Tuesday nights, at Leopold Bros. Ann Arbor. \$3.

A UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS: Featuring the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus of Detroit and Vesnivka Choir of Toronto 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Twp. (810) 286-2222; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at St. Mary's Center, Monroe. (734) 241-5277

DANCE

DINNER DANCE: The PRCA Syrena Dance Ensemble will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a presentation dinner dance Saturday, Nov. 25. The ensemble is looking for all former graduates and dancers. For further information, call Gail (Muchata) Boettcher at (734) 953-3330 or Patricia Steven (313) 563-1761

MOON-DUSTERS: Ballroom dancing to live bands 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. \$5. (248) 967-1428

POLKA BOOSTER CLUB DANCE: 3-7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, doors open 1:30 p.m. at the Msg. Hunt Knights of Columbus Hall, Dearborn Heights. \$12. (313) 937-1316/(313) 928-1822

WSU DANCE COMPANY: *Surfing the Straits* concert, the 47th annual ON STAGE! Dance Performances for Children 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, in the Community Arts Auditorium on the Wayne State campus, Detroit. \$5.

8 days a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Stephanie Casola; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279. Items must include the date, time, venue, admission price and a telephone number.

\$4 children and adults. (313) 577-4273

COMEDY

BINGO! An audience participation comedy romp continues 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday, at the 7th House, Pontiac. (248) 335-8100/(248) 645-6666

ANDY DICK'S CIRCUS OF FREAKS: Performance comedy 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, at the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$20, \$15 students with I.D. (734) 762-TKTS/(248) 645-6666

EL DORADO COUNTRY CLUB: John MacDonald with Mary Miller and Connie Ettinger, Friday-Saturday, Nov. 17-18, at the club, Commerce Township. (248) 624-1050

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Sheila Kay Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 16-18, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Brad Stine Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 16-19, at Palsano's: at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Dom Irrera, also Kevin Wheeler, Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 16-18, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: *Here Comes My 19th Nervous Breakdown*, 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, additional 10:30 p.m. show Friday-Saturday. Starting Nov. 22, the show can be seen Wednesday-Sunday. \$15 and \$20. (313) 965-2222/(248) 645-6666 or www.secondcity.com

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: The museum offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

FLEETWAY TUNNEL: Historical exhibit marking 70th anniversary year of Detroit-Windsor Tunnel, memorabilia and photographs, video showing construction of tunnel, through Dec. 22, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, and 2-5 p.m. Sunday, at Windsor's Community Museum, 254 Pitt Street West. (519) 253-1812

MEADOW BROOK HALL: Tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oakland University campus, Rochester. \$8, \$6 seniors, \$4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

LIVE MUSIC

ANGER MANAGEMENT TOUR: With Limp Bizkit, Godsmack, DMX, and a special guest, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. \$42.50. (248) 645-6666

DJ ASSAULT: With The Grand Pubah's, Wednesday, Nov. 22, State Theatre, Detroit. (248) 645-6666

THE ATOMIC NUMBERS: With Mood Elevator, Box O'Car, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$7. (313) 833-9700

BARENAKED LADIES: With Guster, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. 6-7, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Wednesday show is sold out. Tickets for Thursday, Dec. 7 are \$32.50-\$45. (248) 645-6666

BLUE RODEO: With The Clarks, 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$15. 18 and older. (248) 645-6666

BLUE ROSE: Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1-2, Lakepoint Yacht Club, Livonia. (313) 591-1868; Friday-Saturday, Dec. 15-16, Bumpers, Westland. (734) 459-7720

BON JOVI: With Less Than Jake, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$45, \$32.50. (248) 645-6666

BONK: With Broadzilla, Strut, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, Blind Pig, Ann



Bon Jovi

Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555

THE BROTHERS GROOVE: 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150; 10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, Cadieux Cafe, Detroit. (313) 882-8560

BUGS BEDDOW STICK: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 17-18, Bachelor's One, Keego Harbor. (248) 682-2295; 10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, Bachelor's One, Keego Harbor. (248) 682-2295; 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, Cavern Club, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900; 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 22-23, Beale Street Blues, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900; 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 29-30, Union Lake Bar and Grille, Commerce Township. (248) 360-7450

DON CABALLERO: 9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10. (313) 833-9700

CASH MONEY MILLIONAIRES: With Juvenile, Lil' Wayne, BG and The Big Tymers, Nelly, The Hot Boyz, Lil' Kim, Trick Daddy and Kandi, 6 p.m. Dec. 16, The Palace, Auburn Hills. \$39.50-\$46.50. (248) 645-6666

CHILD OF THE PROMISE: With Steven Curtis Champan, Twila Paris & Crystal Lewis, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. \$15, \$26, \$36. (313) 983-6606

CLOUD NINE: With Total Disregard, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555

CONSOLATION PRIZE: With The Killing Suspense, Wristrocket, 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, 313.JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 962-7067

CRAZYTOWN: With Shovel, Slaves on Dope, 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$12. (313) 961-8961

CRUSH, KILL, DESTROY: With Inside 5 Minutes, Biddy-Biddy-Biddy, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$3. (734) 996-8555

CHIP DAVIS AND MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER CHRISTMAS: With live orchestra, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$20-\$45. (248) 645-6666

DEAD HEROES: With Hillside Strangers, Gutterpunch, Multigrain, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, The Shelter, Detroit. \$6. (313) 961-MELT

DETROIT MUSIC AWARDS WINNER'S BALL: Featuring Soul Clique, The Forbes Brothers, The Volebeats, Bugs Beddow, Thornetta Davis, The Impaler, The Articles, Robb Roy, Blackman and Arnold, Stewart Francke, Jan Krist, Lisa Hunter, Jere Stormer, 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, The Shelter and St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 18 and older. \$7, proceeds going to the Rainbow Connection. (313) 961-MELT

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS: With Funktelligence, Greenstreet, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, The Majestic, Detroit. \$10 advance. (313) 833-9700; With Carl Black Fiasco, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$7. (248) 544-3030

DONKEY PUNCH: With the Codependants, BuFu Nation, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$4 for 21 and older. \$5 under 21. (734) 996-8555

CAHAL DUNNE: 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 24-25, Cowley's Old Village Inn, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

THE DUNGBEATLES: With Hope Orchestra, The Ludlites, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$6. (248) 544-3030

EASY ACTION: With MHZ, Electricity, Saturday, Nov. 18, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

GLENN EDDY: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 24-25, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800

EKOOSTIK HOOKAH: Friday-Saturday, Dec. 22-23, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$13 advance. (248) 544-3030

WDRQ'S ELECTRIC KRINGLE JINGLE: With 98 Degrees, Pink, Verticle Horizon, Mandy Moore, SoulDecision, Jessica Simpson, BBMak, Samantha Mumba, and co-host Kathy Lee Gifford, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$29.31, \$39.31, \$49.31. (248) 645-6666

FASTBALL: With John Wesley Harding, 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$12. All ages. (248) 645-6666

FEW AND FAR BETWEEN: With Mock Heroics, Inside 5 Minutes, The American Drama, 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, 313.JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5.



Featured performer: Nina Gordon appears with Paloalto, Sunday, Nov. 26, The Shelter, Detroit, (313) 961-MELT

18 and older. (313) 962-7067

FIVE HORSE JOHNSON: With Puny Human, Throttlerod and Novadrivier, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$6. (313) 833-9700

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ALVIN'S: 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355 or www.alvins.xtcom.com

ARBOR BREWING COMPANY: 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or www.arborbrewing.com

THE ARENA: 2800 N. Milford Road, Highland. Located inside Olympic Lanes. (248) 887-1880

THE ARK: 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587

ANDIAMO ITALIA WEST: 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

BEALE STREET BLUES: 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900

BIRD OF PARADISE: 312 Main Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310

BLIND PIG: 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3 in advance. \$5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

BULLFROG BAR AND GRILL: 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 533-4477

CARBON: 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 366-9278

CAVERN CLUB: 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET: 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older Saturdays: 18 and older Wednesdays. (248) 333-2362 or www.961melt.com

COBO ARENA: 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-8616

CONOR O'NEILLS: 318 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Free live entertainment. (734) 665-2968 or www.conoroneills.com

COWLEY'S: 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

THE DECK AND THE FIVE HOLE: 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965-9500

DETROIT SCIENCE: 9 p.m.-5 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford. Cover \$10 for 21 and over. Cover \$15 for 18-20 year olds. No cover for women on Thursdays. (313) 438-4146 or www.detroitscience.com

EDISON'S: 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

ELIE'S: 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

FIFTH AVENUE BILLIARDS: 215 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

FLYING FISH TAVERN: 17800 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

FORD ROAD BAR AND GRILL: 35505 Ford Road, Westland. (734) 721-8609

FOX THEATRE: 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 983-6611

FOX AND HOUNDS: 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800

GOLD DOLLAR: 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or www.golddollar.com

GROOVE ROOM: 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or www.thegrooveroom.com

HILL AUDITORIUM: 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538

JOE LOUIS ARENA: 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6606

JD'S KEY CLUB: 1 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 338-7337

KARL'S CABIN: 9979 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB: Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. (248) 926-9960

LOVELY HEARTS CLUB: 211 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-5506

LOWERTOWN GRILL: 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 451-1213

MAGIC BAG: 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030

MAINSTREET BILLIARDS AND THE ALLEY: Main Street, Rochester. (248) 652-8441

MAJESTIC THEATRE, CAFE AND MAGIC STICK: (313) 833-9700

MEADOWBROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL: On the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.palacenet.com

MEMPHIS SMOKE: 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

MICHIGAN THEATER: 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-8397

MOTOR LOUNGE: 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motorlounge.com

MR. B'S FARM: 24555 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 349-7038

MUSIC MENU: 511 Monroe, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU

THE PALACE: 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.palacenet.com

PHOENIX PLAZA AMPHITHEATRE: 10 N. Water Street, Pontiac

PINE KNOB MUSIC THEATRE: I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

PURE BAR ROOM: 1600 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 21 and older. Cover charge Friday-Saturday. (313) 471-PURE

ROCHESTER MILLS BEER COMPANY: 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 650-5080

THE ROOKIE SPORTS CAFE: 3632 Elizabeth, Wayne. (734) 729-7337

ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE: 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 546-7610

THE SCARAB CLUB: 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250

ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER: 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

7TH HOUSE: 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 335-3540

STATE THEATRE AND STATE BAR: 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 961-5451 or www.statetheater.com

24 KARAT CLUB: 28949 Joy, Westland. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030

313.JAC: Upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush, Detroit. (313) 962-7067

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Discount for members. (734) 464-6302

U.S. 12 BAR AND GRILL/WAYNE BREWERY: 34824 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 722-7639

VELVET LOUNGE: 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. (248) 334-7411

VILLAGE BAR AND GRILL/BEENY'S CUE & BREW: 35234 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 729-2360

WAGON WHEEL TAVERN: 102 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 693-6789

WOODRUFF'S SUPPER CLUB: 212 W. Sixth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519

XNEDOS CAFE: Sista Otis performs 8:10 p.m. Sundays at the club, 240 West Nine Mile, Ferndale. All ages. Free. (248) 399-3946

ZIM'S IRISH TAVERN: 1350 Lapeer Road, Oxford. (248) 969-9467

RICKY LEE JONES: 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$35. (248) 544-3030

KEB MO: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$23 advance. \$25 day of show. (734) 668-8397

KOMPOSIT: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 996-8555

AUDRA KUBAT: With Whine, Bogue, 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, 313.JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 962-7067

KUNG FU DIESEL: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

LIMP BIZKIT: With DMX, Godsmack, Sinnistar, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. \$42.50. (248) 645-6666

LIQUID SOUL: Show cancelled.

LIQUID SOUL: Show cancelled. Saturday, Nov. 18, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030

MARILYN MANSON: Guns, Gods and Government Tour, With Cold, Godhead, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, State Theatre, Detroit. Sold out. Second show added 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, State Theatre, Detroit. \$32.50. (248) 645-6666

MB2: 6:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Knox Auditorium, Birmingham. See www.mb2.net

MBOS: 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$7. (248) 544-3030; 8 p.m. New Year's Eve Party, Sunday, Dec. 31, Magic Bag, Ferndale. Details to come. (248) 544-3030

RICHARD MARX: 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$20 advance. (248) 544-3030

REBA MCINTIRE: The Singer's Diary Concert and Stage Presentation, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$46-\$56. (248) 645-6666

MIGHTY BLUE KINGS: 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, Magic Bag,



Reba McIntire

Ferndale. \$12. (248) 544-3030

MOE: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (734) 668-8397

METAPHYSICAL JONES: 10 p.m. Thursdays and Wednesday, Nov. 22, 313.JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 962-7067

MURDER CITY WRECKS: With The Hentchmen, The Gore Gore Girls, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$7. (313) 833-9700

STEVE NARDELLA: 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800

THE NIGHT 89X STOLE CHRISTMAS: Featuring The Offspring, Cypress Hill, MXPX and more, 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, Cobo Arena, Detroit. \$25.89. (313) 983-6616 or (248) 645-6666

KERI NOBLE: 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, Borders Books and Music, Birmingham. Free. (248) 203-0005; 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, Borders Books and Music, Rochester Hills. Free. (248) 652-0558; 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16 Borders Books and Music, Birmingham. Free. (248) 203-0005

NOBODY'S BUSINESS: Hosts Rockabilly Jam Sessions, Thursdays at The New Way Bar, Ferndale. (248) 541-9870

THE NUMBERS: With The Datsons, Saturday, Nov. 25, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

TED NUGENT'S WHIPLASH BASH: With Sammy Hagar and Mad Mordigan, 9 p.m. New Year's Eve, Sunday, Dec. 31, The Palace, Auburn Hills. \$39.50-\$45. (248) 645-6666

PAUL OAKENFOLD: With Darren Emerson and D-Fuse, 9 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 22, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$30. (313) 961-MELT

ORIGINAL HITS: 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20 Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800

OUT BY TUESDAY: Saturday, Nov. 18, Wired Frog.

OUTRAGEOUS CHERRY: With Universal Indians, Americans, Friday, Nov. 24, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

OUT BY TUESDAY: With Calamity Jane, 96 West, Super Automatic, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, Wired Frog, Eastpointe. \$6. All ages. (810) 498-9500

OVER THE RHINE: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$12 advance. All ages. (734) 761-1800

PANTERA: With Souffly, Morbid Angel, rescheduled to Thursday, March 1, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$30. Tickets already purchased for the Nov. 25 date will be honored. Refunds available at point of purchase. (248) 645-6666

PARADIME: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555

THE PAYBACKS: With The Buzzards, The Sights, Taboo, 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$7. (313) 833-9700

TONY PHILLIPS: 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, 25, Teezer's Brewery & Grill, Westland. (734) 595-1988

PROJECT LOGIC: With Soulive, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, Majestic, Detroit. \$10. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700

THE NEW Q-95.5 JINGLE BALL: With The Wallflowers, Def Leppard, Boys II Men, Shaggy, 9 Days, Diddy, SR71, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, Cobo Arena, Detroit. \$32.55. (313) 983-6616

RACHEL AND KAPP: 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Nov. 15-16, 22-23, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800

THE SAMPLES: 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, Majestic, Detroit. \$15. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700

SECRETS & SPACE: Featuring Carolyn Striho, Luis Resto, Joey Mazzola, Darrell "Peanut" Smith and Mario Resto, Friday, Nov. 17, The Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368

SIX CLIPS: With Esion, Nectar, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555

SMOOTH JAZZ CHRISTMAS: With Dave Koz, Peter White, Brenda Russell & Rick Braun, 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, State Theatre, Detroit. \$21-\$27.50. (313) 983-6611

JILL SOBULE: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$12. (313) 833-9700

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

MIRANDA STONE: 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$7/\$5 for members. (734) 464-6302

SUPERDRAG: 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$12. All ages. (313) 961-8961

TERRAPLANES: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, Woody's Diner, Royal Oak. (248) 543-6911

TRAGICALLY HIP: 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, Cobo Arena, Detroit. \$27.50. (248) 433-1515 or www.TicketMaster.com

DEREK TRUCKS BAND: 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030

UZ JSME DOMA: With Bogue, Climax Divine, Audra Kubat, Friday, Nov. 17, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

LUTHER VANDROSS: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, Masonic Temple, Theatre, Detroit. \$60.50-\$65.50. (248) 645-6666

V.A.S.T.: With Sunna, 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$12. (313) 961-8961

WHO CARES: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 17-18, Cowley's Old Village Inn, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

THE WILDBUNCH: Wednesday, Nov. 22, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

THE WILLIES: With Joce'lyn B, 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, 5th Avenue Ballroom, Novi. \$10 donation for the Common Ground Sanctuary. (248) 735-4011

WARREN ZEVO: 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$28. (248) 544-3030

MOVIES

'Legend' has it: Film's message urges overcoming adversity

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

As appearances go, *The Legend of Bagger Vance* is a beautiful film. Misty glades. Ruby red sunsets. Good-looking folk all around, decked out in eye-catching apparel. Even some scenes intended to depict the carnage of war are visually engaging – shot, as they are, in a kind of gauzy, lapis lazuli light sparked by glittering, explosive bursts.

Imagine *The Natural*, or *The Horse Whisperer* centering on the game of golf, and you've got a pretty good feel for the flavor of this film directed by Robert Redford and taken from the novel by Steven Pressfield. We have a

good-looking, blonde hero. He's a touch reclusive. The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune have messed him up pretty good. He's struggling to make a comeback of sorts. A child plays a fairly significant role in the plot. And somewhere in there, a beautiful woman figures in (usually favoring a wardrobe light and diaphanous).

Let me emphasize that I do not consider *The Legend of Bagger Vance* to be an awful picture. It isn't an awful picture by any stretch. It contains several performances that actually make it superbly engaging to watch. But it's a film that occasionally is so message-heavy and overly mannered (a genuine ethereal chorus seems to accompany the sinking

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of a hole-in-one, for instance) that it's sometimes downright exasperating to witness. It also leaves one with a distinct sense of déjà vu.

As the story opens, a young man from Savannah, Rannulph Junuh (Matt Damon), has the world in his pocket. He's a good-looking, amateur golf champ, about to marry the girl of his

dreams, a lovely heiress named Adele Invergordon (Charlize Theron). But, unfortunately, the world blows up. When fate steps in in the form of World War I, Rannulph marches off to confront the enemy. When he returns, he's changed drastically. Even his golf game has been destroyed. In fact, he's literally "lost his swing."

His way of dealing with this is to morph into a hermit of sorts, hiding out in a mossy old manse outside Savannah, and drinking himself into oblivion.

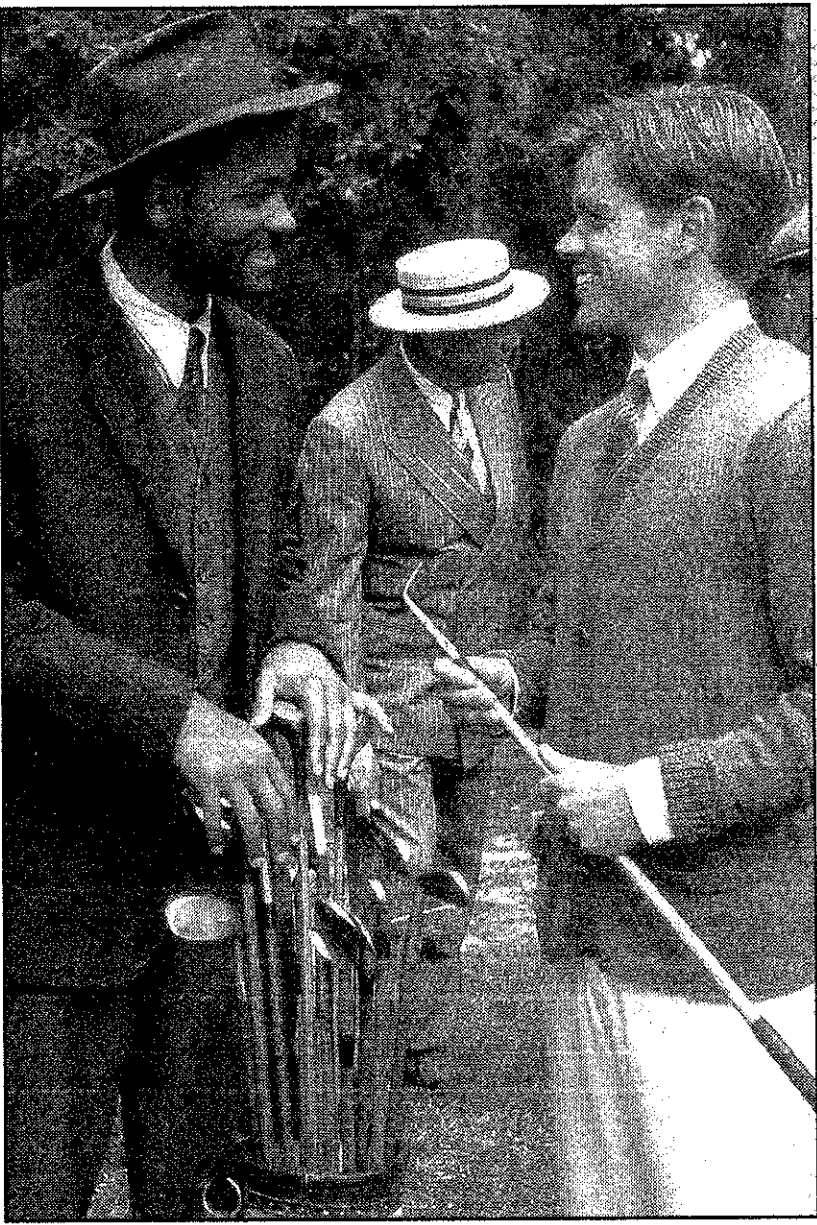
Eventually, his former sweetheart's father loses the family fortune in the Depression. Disappearing along with the fortune is her father's dream of a special golf resort. High-spirited, imaginative gal that she is, Adele determines to save the day, and make the course a reality after all. Her big plan involves a local tournament in which three crack golfers will compete for a top prize of \$10,000. The competitors turn out to be the famed Bobby Jones (Joel Gretsch), Walter Hagen (Bruce McGill) and – you guessed it – Rannulph Junuh, who is the best Savannah itself has to offer.

As you might also guess, Rannulph has his work cut out for him. After all, he's not just participating in a little off-hand Saturday competition. He's going up against two of the greatest golfers of his time. And you can be sure those long nights of whiskey-swilling and card-playing out in the dismal swamp have done little to prepare him for the challenge.

At about this time, a strange form of luck smiles upon him for a change. Suddenly, one night, from out of the darkness emerges an odd figure who calls himself Bagger Vance (Will Smith). He has arrived to supply Rannulph with some useful golf tips and (more important) some life lessons, all for \$5.

Finally, the big day arrives and the competition begins. And there's not a lot more I can tell you about the story itself at this point without giving too much away.

Matt Damon makes for an irresistible All-American hero who's really up against it, and,



Mysterious ways: When *Bagger Vance* (Will Smith, left) appears out of nowhere to help Rannulph Junuh (Matt Damon, right) with his golf game, a story about inspiration and overcoming adversity develops. "The Legend of Bagger Vance" is now playing at metro area theaters.

photographed (by Michael Ballhaus) in all that golden light, he resembles some kind of unassuming god. Charlize Theron is, as always, a delight to watch – full of moxie and sort of dreamy at the same time.

Making his screen debut is an enchanting young actor named J. Michael Moncrief, who plays Hardy Greaves, a wide-eyed kid who learns about the game of golf and the game of life from his hero. Joel Gretsch as the unflappable Bobby Jones and Bruce McGill as the flamboyant Walter Hagen seem the embodiment of those departed legends of the links.

Best of all, though, is Will Smith as Bagger Vance. We never know, really, who Bagger is and, in playing him, Smith is saddled with an overabundance of challenges. His age and origins are indeterminate, as is his

future. Nevertheless, Smith imbues him with just enough substance to make him real, and just enough subtlety to make him mysterious.

Though this is a movie with golf as its backdrop, it is not a movie about golf itself. Instead, it's a "message movie" about dealing with life's adversities. We know this early on, but just in case we don't get it properly, we're reminded again and again. At one point, one of the characters even says, "I'm trying to tell you a story about overcoming adversity."

We don't need to be hit over the head and, after awhile, we start to wonder why Redford and his screenwriter, Jeremy Leven (*Don Juan DeMarco*) think we do. It's more than a little tiresome and it makes this movie feel rather tired after awhile.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Nov. 17

BOUNCE
Unexpected circumstances change the lives of two people, who would have never met, in this story of fate and romance. Stars Gwyneth Paltrow, Ben Affleck.

DR. SUESS HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS
Jim Carrey plays a mean-spirited Grinch who dresses up as Santa Claus on Christmas Eve and goes around the town of Whoville stealing Christmas presents.

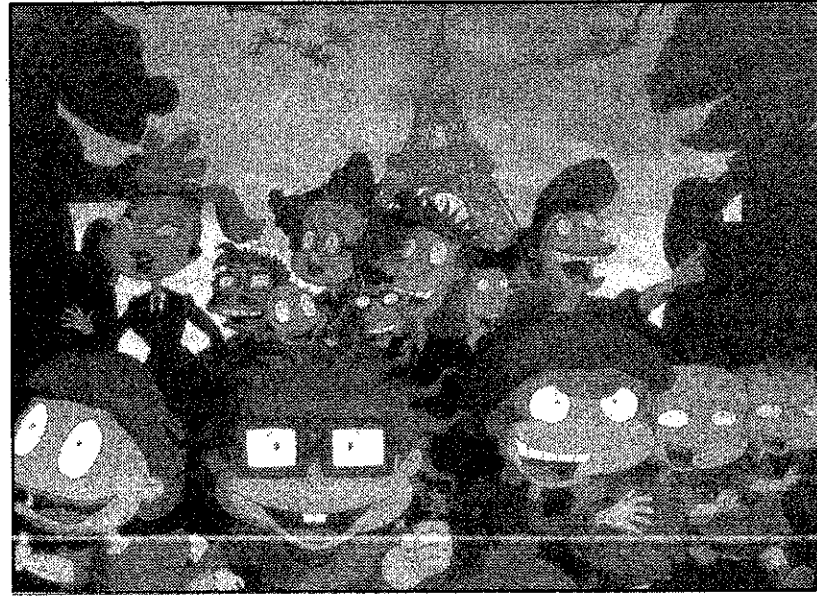
RUGRATS IN PARIS - THE MOVIE
Paris will never be the same after the Rugrats gang gets through with it. The toddlers descend on the city of romance and waste no time wreaking havoc when they go looking for a dinosaur character at the new Euro Reptar Theme Park.

WHAT'S COOKING
Exclusively at the Landmark Maple Art Theatre. A celebration of families molded from a comic collision of cultures. A high energy and boldly voyeuristic look behind the doors of ordinary houses to reveal the sweet and savory mix that makes up today's American family. Stars Joan Chen.

Scheduled to open Friday, Nov. 24
101 DALMATIANS
The Dalmatian puppies return in this live action sequel to save their owner's animal orphanage. Of course, the action turns on when Cruella D Vil is released from prison. Stars Glenn Close and Gerard Depardieu.

UNBREAKABLE
A sole survivor of a devastating train accident, played by Bruce Willis, learns something extraordinary about himself. Also stars Samuel Jackson.

Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 8
PROOF OF LIFE
An American engineer working in South America is kidnapped and held for ransom. His company won't pay, so his wife must hire a freelance hostage negotiator to secure his release. Stars Meg Ryan, Russell Crowe, David Morse.



Take on Paris: The Rugrats: (foreground, left to right) Tommy Pickles, Chuckie Finster, Angelica Pickles, Phil and Lil DeVille head to the city of romance in "Rugrats in Paris."

Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 22

CHOCOLAT
A mysterious woman arrives in a French town and opens an unusual chocolate shop. Her ability to sense a customer's private desires and satisfy them with just the right confection stirs up the town. Stars Juliette Binoche, Judi Dench.

MISS CONGENIALITY
An FBI agent trying to follow in her heroic mother's footsteps goes undercover as a beauty pageant contestant to thwart the efforts of a group threatening to bomb the event. Stars Sandra Bullock, William Shatner and Ernie Hudson.

WES CRAVEN'S DRACULA 2000
Taking up where the Bram Stoker legend chillingly ends, Dracula's century-old crypt is opened and the world's most seductive and sinister vampire is unleashed upon modern times. Stars Gerard Butler, Johnny Lee Miller, Justine

Waddell, Christopher Plummer.

Scheduled to open Monday, Dec. 25

MALENA
From the Academy Award-winning director of Cinema Paradiso comes an intimate portrait and an epic story of independence, intrigue, courage and the indelible presence of true love. Stars Monica Bellucci, Giuseppe Sulfaro, Daniele Arena.

ALL THE PRETTY HORSES
The film adaptation of Cormac McCarthy's acclaimed best-selling novel of the same title. The story of two young men, lured south of the border by the romance of the cowboy life and the promise of a fresh start. Together they embark on an adventure that will test their resilience, define their maturity, and change their lives forever. Stars Matt Damon, Henry Thomas, Lucas Black and Penelope Cruz.

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

<p>National Amusements Showcase Cinemas</p> <p>Showcase Auburn Hills 1-14 2150 N. Opdyke Rd. Between University & Walton Blvd 248-373-2660 Bargain Matinees Daily All Shows until 6 pm Continuous Shows Daily Late Shows Wed.Thurs. Fri. Sat. NP DENOTES NO PASS</p> <p>NP LEGEND OF BAGGER VANCE (PG13) NP CHARLIE'S ANGELS (PG13) NP BLAIR WITCH PROJECT 2 (R) NP LITTLE VAMPIRE (PG) NP LUCKY NUMBERS (R) MVP: MOST VALUABLE PRIMATE (PG) LEGEND OF DRUNKEN MASTER (R) PAY IT FORWARD (PG13) THE CONTENDER (R) DR. T & THE WOMEN (R) LOST SOULS (R) MEET THE PARENTS (PG13) REMEMBER THE TITANS (PG) EXORCIST (R)</p> <p>CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES</p> <p>Showcase Dearborn 1-8 Michigan & Telegraph 313-561-3449 Bargain Matinees Daily All Shows until 6 pm Continuous Shows Daily Late Shows Fri. & Sat. & Sun.</p> <p>NP DENOTES NO PASS</p> <p>NP CHARLIE'S ANGELS (PG13) NP LITTLE VAMPIRE (PG) NP BLAIR WITCH PROJECT 2 (R) NP LEGEND OF DRUNKEN MASTER (R) LOST SOULS (R) MEET THE PARENTS (PG13) REMEMBER THE TITANS (PG)</p> <p>CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES</p> <p>Showcase Pontiac 1-5 Telegraph-Sq. Lake Rd. W. Side of Telegraph 810-332-0241 Bargain Matinees Daily All Shows until 6 pm Continuous Shows Daily NP DENOTES NO PASS</p> <p>NP CHARLIE'S ANGELS (PG13) NP BLAIR WITCH PROJECT 2 (R) DR. T AND THE WOMEN (R) MEET THE PARENTS (PG13)</p> <p>CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES</p> <p>Showcase Pontiac 6-12 2405 Telegraph Rd. 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STREET SCENE

Indivisible: The Atomic Numbers no longer afraid to rock



Stephanie A. Casola

The Atomic Numbers arrive, one by one, and you can almost feel the energy mounting.

Whether it's onstage or meeting for an interview, its still there, that sense that something is about to happen — and it's going to be unforgettable. At their shows, you see it in the heartfelt, exhausting performance. In person, it comes across verbally. They finish each other's sentences, take the conversation askew at the mere mention of ACDC, Kiss or their fond childhood memories of "playing" the tennis racket and "feeling" like a rock star. Anything but predictable, and always ready to rock, The Atomic Numbers remain a force to be reckoned with in and around the metro area.

But the story starts with a boy — and his piano. The band's quirky, charismatic founder, Tim McHugh, began playing piano early on. And the music never left him. "My mom had a piano in the house in her childhood," he said. "We didn't have room for it in our first house in Detroit, so she gave it to a friend to keep. When I was 15, we moved to Farmington, to a bigger house, and she got the piano back. She insisted I take lessons."

But pounding out classical music didn't quite suit him. So McHugh began writing his own songs, picking them out on the old piano. Years later he crossed paths with three other musicians that shared his quest for rock stardom. Jeff Hupp, a Berkley resident, started out playing drums and moved onto bass guitar when his dreams of being the next Van Halen with his brother fizzled out. He met Zach Shipp, a Birmingham native, while

ADD IT UP

The musical background of the Atomic Numbers began long ago. This is a brief journey back in time to their earliest memories:

Singer Tim McHugh:

"The girls next door to where I lived in Detroit used to babysit me. They had this 45 of 'C'mon Baby Do The Locomotion.' It totally blew my mind. I never knew it could be like this. I was like, 'Play it again. Play it again.'" (He was 4)

Bassist Jeff Hupp:

"When I was in kindergarten, my dad had a collection of Dick Clark records. A 'Best Of' or 'Greatest Hits' of the '50s' and '60s.' One of the songs was 'Wild Thing.' I dreamt of the song in relation to my teacher. The dream made me feel funny, but I didn't know why. That's when I made the connection between sex and music."

Guitarist Zach Shipp:

"One thing I remember, my dad was a big Pink Floyd fan. We had a huge stereo at my house, four giant JBL speakers in the living room. He put on a Pink Floyd song. I was scared. I thought something was wrong with my dad, but kind of intrigued by the whole thing. That's the power of rock to me."

Drummer Matt Aljian:

"When I was 9 or 10, I was driving with my mom in our pea green Maverick and the song 'Roxanne' was on the radio. I asked my mom 'Who's this,' and she said it was The Police. I didn't understand. Why would a band be called The Police?"

One listen to band's full length debut on Sid Flips Records, 'Electromotive,' and this all comes into focus — the catchy melodies, driving rock rhythms and simple attempt to bring rock and roll back to its true, raw power position in modern music.

attending Eastern Michigan University. Meanwhile, McHugh was introduced to drummer Matt Aljian through a mutual friend. Aljian, also a Birmingham native, had a history with local bands like Hannibals. After various twists of fate, The Atomic Numbers came together in 1997.

The unusually-scientific moniker was McHugh's idea. "I wanted to have a sci-fi kind of band," he described. "I had a bunch of songs in that vein."

"Tim wanted something surf-tinged," added Hupp.

"I think I always wanted it to be high-powered rock," said McHugh. "I wanted us to be (somewhere between) The Pixies and The Jam."

But Shipp interjected: "In

early the early days of the band, I think we were a little afraid to rock. We were tentatively rock-

ing."

No one would accuse The Atomic Numbers of such a thing now. From their emergence out of the newly-revered pop scene, the band has proven itself with a live show fans won't dare miss and a record on Sid Flips label, *Electromotive*, that's been hailed by critics near and far. Even *Billboard Magazine's* got a penchant for this one. Co-produced with The Verve Pipe's Brian Vander Ark, the record features anthemic, punk-flavored songs like *I Don't Wanna Go Out, I Don't Wanna Come Home*, purring melodies as on *In Your Power* and daunting queries like *Who Killed Rock and Roll*.

"We don't play anything live we don't like," said Shipp. And it's easy to see that on stage. Whether it's an intimate Whitney Garden Party, outdoors at Detroit's Dally in the Alley, or on tour with Juliana Hatfield, The Atomic Numbers don't hold back. Still playing in support of *Electromotive*, the band is working on new material. They recently returned from New York's CMJ music showcase. No strangers to the city, the band last visited as openers for Small Furry Animals at New York's Bowery Ballroom. Soon, the band will contribute a



Superexcitable: Zach Shipp, Tim McHugh, Jeff Hupp and Matt Aljian are The Atomic Numbers.

track to an up-coming The Who compilation intended to take a concept album, called *Sellout*, into a more "pop" direction.

Whatever success the band has garnered, it hasn't yet sunk in. "I haven't made a masterpiece yet," said McHugh. But count on hearing a lot more from The Atomic Numbers.

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DINING

Alegrias offers a taste of Spain in Farmington Hills

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

For an authentic taste of Spanish culture, short of buying an airline ticket, try Alegrias in Farmington Hills.

Everything from the rich flavor of the house made sangria to the paella dishes transports you from the newly opened restaurant at the Holiday Inn at 10 Mile Road and Grand River to a cozy, southern European inn.

Chef Roberto Caceres received his culinary training in Barcelona, which adds authenticity to the menu. But there's more to Alegrias than great food.

It's a place to go to have all your senses fully immersed in everything that is Spanish.

On the weekends, red dressed, flamenco dancers stomp the floor to traditional live Spanish music and the musicians are cheered on by constant chants of "ole" from the enthusiastic audience.

Some of the walls are lined with imported Spanish dinner plates and decorative tiles that spell out Madrid, Granada and other towns. Other walls are hand painted with Spanish characters and if you squint your eyes, you might be looking out a window from that small Spanish inn.

"Alegria's" means joy or happiness, explain owners Jose Montes and Ronald Wilson.

"That's what we want the restaurant to feel like - a happy place," Montes said.

Tapas

Dinner, or even lunch, has to begin with tapas, or Spanish appetizers.

Alegrias offers 26 choices that include shrimp sautéed in garlic sauce, marinated chicken, squid, escargot, octopus, skewered pork and Spanish sausage links.

"Long before the discovery of America it was obligatory for Spanish innkeepers to serve food with wine, so a tasty moral of cured ham, chorizo, cheese or olives was served on a small plate, which covered the jug of wine like a lid, top or tapa," according to a short introduction on the menu.

"A lot of times a group will order five or six tapas just to try the different ones," Montes said.

If you still have room after the tapas, there's soup and salad to choose from and you haven't even started looking at the main entrees.

Paella

A trip to Spain wouldn't be complete without at least one paella dinner.

These dishes take at least 35 minutes to prepare and range in price from \$15.95 to \$18.95 per person.

Paella Marinera is a seafood lovers paradise with an assortment of the best that the Mediterranean has to offer, including scallops, shrimp, clams, squid, mussels and fish prepared with red and green peppers, onions and rice with tomato, garlic and olive oil.

Or choose from the grilled lamb chops, pork medallions, chicken breast, veal scaloppini and a wide variety of fish and seafood entrees.

Prices range from \$14.95 to \$21.95.

The eight page dinner menu also includes Parrillada de Mariscos, grilled squid, scallops, shrimp, fish, clams and mussels in lemon garlic sauce. The pasta Mediterranean is fettuccine pasta with shrimps, scallops, clams and mussels sautéed with roasted garlic, white wine in a red tomato sauce. Prices for these entrees range from \$16.95 for the Pasta Mediterranean to \$29.95 for the Catalonia lobster and shrimp baked in a creole sauce.

Going above and beyond seems to be the norm for Wilson and Montes. For instance, sometime this summer they plan to host a Spanish party in the parking lot featuring a paella dish that will feed 250 guests.

"We've tried to make it as authentic as we can," said Montes who was born in Detroit and grew up in Dearborn and Garden City.

"We're not trying to Americanize the dishes," he added.

Their success, Montes added, has been measured by Spanish guests who confirm that the food and dance is authentic.

Montes' daughters, Mari, 29 and Lisa, 24, dance to live music Fridays and Saturdays. They were taught the native steps by their grandmother and noted

Alegrias

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The Garden City resident was given the title for her tremendous contributions exposing generations of North American dancers to the Spanish culture for more than five decades. Del Carmen was on hand cheering and guiding her granddaughters from the side of the stage during their dance at the restaurant's grand opening last week.

Thoughts of opening a Spanish restaurant were ignited last November when Montes sold a McDonald's he owned for eight years. He said he was ready for a change.

Wilson, who also owns two optical businesses, trained for three years with McDonald's before deciding he wanted to open his own restaurant.

They started entertaining different restaurant themes and "everything fell into place," Wilson said. Alegria's, the Flavor of Spain, opened last summer.

The restaurant seats 200 people; a banquet room across the hall holds another 260 to 300 guests; a smaller room has an 80 person capacity and an even smaller room holds up to 20 people and would be ideal for small children's birthday parties, Wilson said.

"I can't believe how many college and high school teachers are calling here to make reservations to show their students something about Spain," Wilson said. "Spanish is one of the hottest languages right now."

The sangria, by the way, is a special house recipe that Wilson and Montes don't plan on sharing even at the constant prompting of guests during their grand opening.

An American menu is offered for those people who can't seem to venture out of their comfort zones, but even those diners will enjoy the rest of the Spanish culture that is so rich at Alegrias.



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Signature dish: Alegria's Chef Roberto Caceres presents paella, a signature Spanish dish. Partners Ron Wilson (left) and Joe Montes bring Spanish cuisine to the west-side. The table presentation includes empanadas (Beef and chicken pies), Pinchito Moruno (grilled pork tenderloin skewered with red peppers, onion and mushrooms topped with a meat red wine sauce), Salmon al Azafran y Almendras (Pan seared salmon in a saffron sauce with roasted almonds) and Chicharrones do Pollo (deep-fried marinated morsels of boneless chicken). Fresh bread is baked at the restaurant. Fine Spanish wines round out the dining experience.

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REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

I'm the owner of a condominium unit and am attempting to lease it and submitted the lease to the association. The prospective tenant was African-American. When the association interviewed him, they didn't respond positively. They indicated to him that he should

look for a place somewhere else. He independently has taken action against the condominium association. I'm wondering whether I have any basis for obtaining damages because of the situation?

In a case out of New Jersey based upon a similar state statute to that here in Michigan, the appeals court indicated that since your tenant had been illegally discriminated against, indeed, you had been discriminated against.

The court reasoned that you were affected as a landlord by the association's decision prohibiting your tenant from leasing the unit. You presumably lost the lease and the proceeds from that lease.

You may well have a basis under state law, as well as the Federal Fair Housing Act, to recover damages. Associations should be mindful of this potential exposure in regard to their handling of any prospective purchaser and/or tenant.

If you want to seek legal redress for your loss of money, you should talk with a lawyer familiar with racial discrimination in the real estate world.

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- ☒ HOME SUMMARY FEATURE SHEET (ROOM DIMENSIONS, ETC.)
- ☒ SCHOOL DISTRICT SERVING NEIGHBORHOOD (WHERE EXACTLY ARE BUILDINGS, BUS STOPS)
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Home sales pros learn to deal with buyers' hang-ups

BY DOUG FUNKE
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For Nora M. Langdon, an associate broker with RE/MAX Riteway in Southfield, it's getting prospective buyers pre-approved for mortgages before they start looking at houses.

"You don't want to waste your time or theirs," said Langdon, a 30-year real estate veteran.

For Wayne Drake, a Realtor with Remerica Hometown III in Canton, it's buyers who inexplicably back out of a deal after their purchase offer has been accepted.

"You reassure your client it was unforeseen, bad luck," Drake said. "You re-market the home and expose it to as many purchasers as you can. You don't pout. You suck it up and do your job again."

For Gail Hodge, associate broker with Real Estate One in Westland, it's getting a read on what clients really want and tactfully getting them to realize that themselves.

"Sometimes, as Realtors, we like to talk too much," said Hodge, who's been helping people sell and buy houses for 32 years. "Sometimes you have to shut up and listen."

For Betty Smith, an associate broker with Century 21 Oxford, it's getting prospective buyers, especially first-timers, to do what they have to do for themselves to complete the mortgage application process.

"Some people like to stall," she said. "I'll help expedite the process, but in the long run, it's all them."

All kinds of things can go wrong in a property transaction. Some Realtors

call them problems. Others challenges. Still others roadblocks. Their role is bringing things to a smooth and successful conclusion.

"Years ago, people didn't have to be qualified before looking at houses," Langdon said. "Prices have gone up, and sellers don't want to wait. They want to know people looking at houses are qualified."

Experienced Realtors will look out for clients, she added, "by referring them to someone (lender) you deal with all the time but won't charge an exorbitant amount to buyers. Realtors know which ones to stay away from."

Buyer's remorse occasionally happens, Drake said. "You take the home off the market. You anticipate a closing. And the purchaser becomes frightened. Fear is an emotion that runs very deep within us."

Although sellers and their agents would file a lawsuit in such cases it just doesn't pay, Drake said. Best to move on.

"To do otherwise is time costly to the client's best interests," he said. "In the end, you'll spend more for attorney fees than you'll recoup."

Buyer-and-seller reality doesn't always match Realtor reality, Hodge said.

"I've been in the business so long, sometimes I know what people want, but you can't tell them," she said. "You have to kind of ease them into it."

"Like, when someone says they want four bedrooms, a fireplace and full basement in Northville for \$100,000. You don't say, 'God forbid, you can't do that.' They'll go down the street and talk to a competitor, and he'll ease

them into it.

"It's a process of compromise and let them decide where to compromise," Hodge said.

Keeping in touch with clients also is important, she added.

"If you can't meet with them for a couple of days, call them and say you're thinking of them, still working for them marketing their house or trying to find them a home," Hodge said.

While Realtors can help direct their clients, Smith said, there's just some things clients must do when it comes to pulling documents together.

"We can't go to their banks and get statements; we can't go to their jobs and get verifications," Smith said. "We can give them a sheet with what they need. It's up to them to get it in a timely fashion."

Karen Remy, an associate broker with Prudential Chamberlain Stiehl in Birmingham, finds that time management can be a big problem if Realtors don't get a handle on it.

"Offers come before all else," she said. "Offers are emergencies. If an offer comes in on a day you planned to take off, you can't have the seller wait while you go shopping all day."

However, Realtors have to develop a sense of what really has to be done now and what can wait, Remy said. "You learn by instinct after a while and by asking the right questions."

Make time for yourself so you don't flame out, she added.

"It's hard, sometimes, to turn down business, but you have to learn to say, once in a while, 'I have to take care of family, get away.'"

"You have to have a life," Remy said.

Shop for loan before new home

MORTGAGE BITS



TIM 'TIMBO' PHILLIPS

Most home buyers consider a mortgage to be simply a part of their home purchase, but buying a home and acquiring a mortgage are separate transactions. Ironically, many buyers spend most of their time selecting the less-expensive of the two purchases — their home — without giving much thought to the type of financing they will use to buy it.

Typically, the cost of financing a home over 30 years is double to triple the selling price of the home. Depending on the specifics of a borrower's mortgage, a buyer may pay \$200,000-\$300,000 to buy a \$100,000 home over the life of the loan.

Savvy homebuyers research their mortgage options before they begin house hunting. This does not mean these shoppers go to dozens of different mortgage lenders or banks. It can simply mean that they go to lenders who offer dozens of different loan products.

There's an old adage that says, "If your only tool is a hammer, you tend to view everything as nails." Similarly, if your mortgage originator does not have access to a full cache of loan products — ideally from a variety of different wholesale lenders — you may find your loan officer trying to fit you into a product that suits him better than it suits you.

Getting the right loan for your family will not just happen by chance. Your loan officer should be asking relevant questions about your family's financial plans and goals. How long do you plan to live in this home? Will any aspect of your finances change in the next three to five years? Do you plan to refinance for any reason in the next few years? Are low closing costs more important than low interest rates?

The best doctors and attorneys seek to completely understand your situation before they begin working for you. Your mortgage loan lender should do the same for you.

If you plan to purchase a home in the next year, it is not too soon to contact a mortgage lender to ensure smooth sailing when you are ready to house shop.

Tim "Timbo" Phillips is a loan officer for Commonwealth National Mortgage Corp. in Livonia. You may contact him at timbo@tir.com, or at (734) 797-5522 (24 hours). Get free mortgage updates and news via e-mail by sending a blank message to timbts-subscribe@listbot.com. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

Give yourself gift of shipshape house

For many of us, our homes are the focal point of the holidays. So, during this season of gift-giving, aren't our homes worthy recipients, too?

The Home Service Store, a member-based home improvement, maintenance and repair company, offers these dandy gift ideas for your home this holiday season.

1. A door fit for trimming. Before you hang the holiday wreath, check for signs of peeling or faded paint and damaged or missing weather-stripping.
2. An oven ready for baking. If your latest baking efforts have been less-than-successful, you may need to have your oven calibrated or it may be time for a new oven.
3. Windows set for decorating. Before

you decorate, have the windows washed and replace any cracked or damaged glass.

- 4. A fireplace safe for burning. Have the chimney cleaned and the damper and flue tiles checked for damage.
- 5. A clean house ready for entertaining. Before your guests arrive, arrange for a whole-house cleaning, including carpet shampooing.
- 6. Carpets to warm your toes. Replace worn carpets or add new ones to cold, bare floors.
- 7. A bright bathroom. Fresh paint or wallpaper, paired with new towels and accessories (with a holiday motif, if you'd like), can give a tired bath a facelift.
- 8. A weather-tight roof. Have worn or

loose shingles repaired or replaced. Make sure the water and ice barriers are intact to prevent leaking during periods of freeze and thaw.

- 9. A healthy heating system. Have it cleaned and checked before the coldest winter days arrive.
- 10. Lots of lights. Before you string hundreds of lights, be sure your electrical panel and outlets can handle them. Have a professional upgrade the service panel and add extra outlets, if your home needs them.
- 11. A security system to keep you safe and sound. If you plan on being away from home this holiday season, this may be the best gift you can give your home — and yourself and your family.


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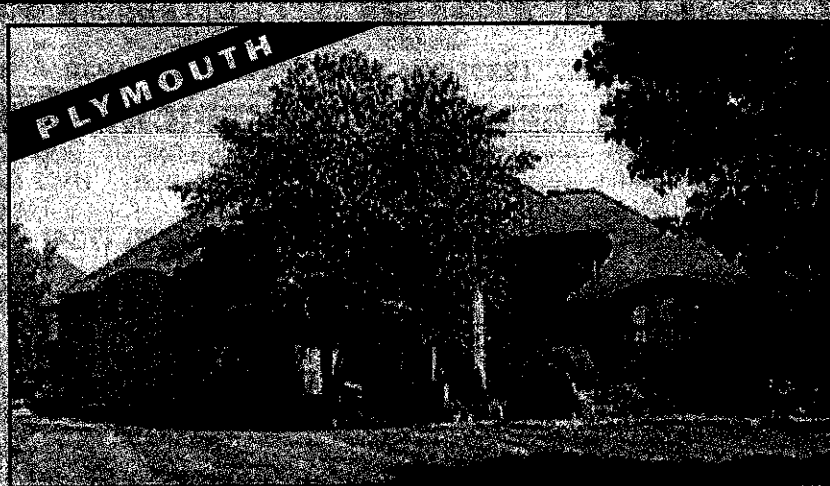
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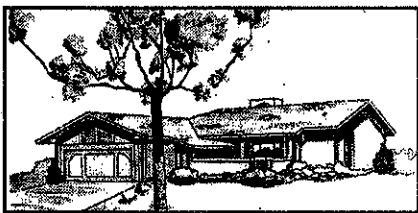
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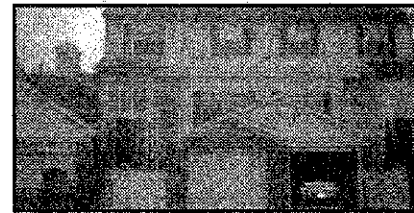


LIVONIA SCHOOLS RANCH

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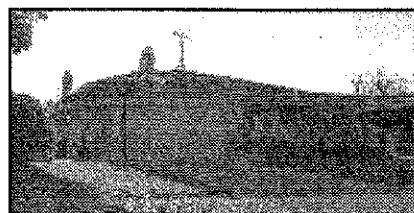


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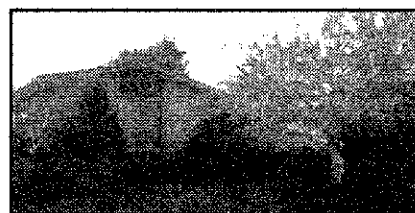


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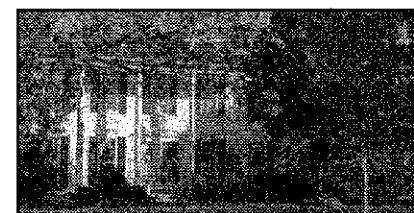


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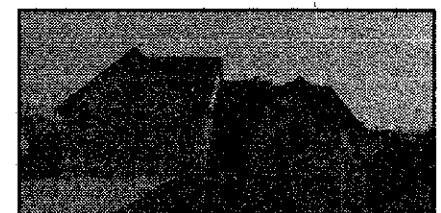


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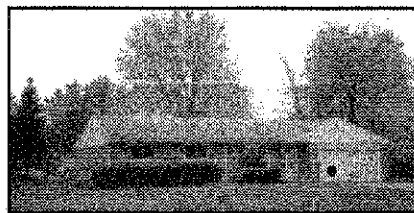


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Realtors open new office in Plymouth

Century 21 T&C moves headquarters

Century 21 Town & Country Plymouth has moved to a brand new building on Main Street.

The office began in December 1996 with 15 sales people and 20 desks, occupying its original 5,000-square-foot office.

Four and one-half years later, the office has grown to 50 sales people with 89 desks. To handle the growth, the office staff has moved into a new 15,000-square-foot office at 705 S. Main.

The office was designed to provide a comfortable setting for employees and visitors as well as fit into the small-town style of facades in Plymouth.

"We're confident this move will enable us to provide outstanding service to the residents of Wayne County," said Tim Reilly, associate broker sales manager of Century 21 Town & Country Plymouth.

This office serves the majority of Wayne County, including such communities as Belleville, Canton Township, Farmington Hills, Garden City, Livonia and Salem Township.

Century 21 Town & Country Plymouth is one of the 10 Century 21 Town & Country offices in Michigan. The company has more than 700 agents.

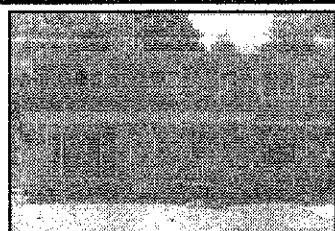


Celebrating: Attending the grand opening were Fran Toney (left), Mayuor Dave MacDonald, Mrs. and Mr. John Kersten (president of Century 21), Michele Ruppal and Tim Reilly of Century 21.



Lots of space: The new office of Century 21 Town & Country in Plymouth.

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BRIGHTON \$169,900
BRIGHTON SCHOOLS - Beautiful updated Colonial overlooking peaceful Dibova Lake. Spacious great room with natural fireplace, formal dining room, 4 bedrooms, freshly painted, new interior doors, all ready to move in and enjoy. Great location, convenient to everything. (OEL-82DIB) 734-462-1811



CANTON \$314,900
NEW CONSTRUCTION CAPE COD - 2 1/2 baths, master suite with corner whirlpool tub, separate tiled shower. Great room with corner fireplace, very spacious kitchen, dining room, living room. (OEN-76LOT) 248-347-3050



DETROIT \$124,900
MINT CONDITION - Best describes this beautiful 1,340 square foot 3 bedroom brick Bungalow with aluminum trim. Home located in popular Rouge Park sub. Excellent kitchen with newer counter & stainless steel sink. Large family room for your relaxing comfort. Finished basement. Updated electrical service. One year home warranty. (OEL-90BRA) 734-462-1811



FARMINGTON HILLS \$279,900
TOTALLY UPDATED COLONIAL - In Farmington Hills. Updates include new windows ('97), Oak cabinets ('96), ceramic tile in kitchen & bath ('96). Reinforced extra-wide driveway ('97), new carpet. (OEN-28NOT) 248-347-3050



LIVONIA \$259,900
PREMIUM BURTON HOLLOW - Wooded and backing to Bell Creek. Immediate occupancy on this spectacular 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath. Fresh paint & carpet throughout. Central air, natural fireplace. Truly move-in condition. (OEN-02ALP) 248-347-3050



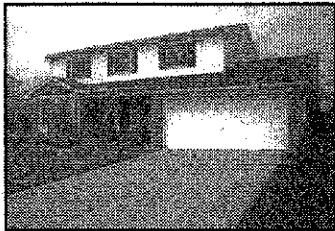
PLYMOUTH \$459,900
ESTATE SIZED LOT... Four bedroom, 3 1/2 bath Colonial. Gourmet kitchen with upgraded oak cabinets. Two-way gas fireplace into study and family room. Luxurious master with Jacuzzi tub & walk-in closet. Guest bedroom with full bath. Hurry! (OEP-56FEL) 734-453-6800



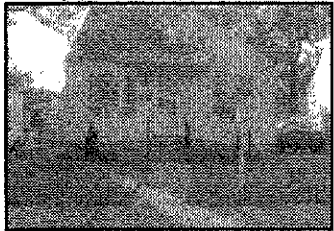
PLYMOUTH \$254,900
CLEAN AS A WHISTLE... Immaculate 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial. Open floor plan. French doors between living and dining rooms. Updated kitchen. First floor laundry. Master with attached bath and 2 closets. Large deck. Front porch. Walk to town, Plymouth-Canton schools. (OEP-22WAV) 734-453-6800



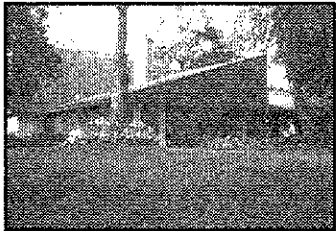
CANTON \$369,900
WHAT A VALUE IN ROYAL POINTE... Over 2,700 square feet, 4 big bedrooms, first floor den or office, family room plus formal dining room & living room. Glorious master suite has luxurious bath with a whirlpool tub. A side entry 3-car garage & rear yard with space to play. Brick paver walk way & patio. Don't wait or you'll miss a great opportunity. (OEP-32ROY) 734-453-6800



CANTON \$249,900
POPULAR SUNFLOWER VILLAGE COLONIAL - Canton home boasts neutral interior, Oak cabinets in kitchen, open floor plan, first floor laundry, paver patio, sprinkler system, club house, elementary school, pool. (OEN-16HAN) 248-347-3050



DETROIT \$90,900
WARRENDALE'S FINEST! Updates galore in this 3 bedroom Bungalow in superb condition. New windows, hot water heater, roof, kitchen cabinets and floor, freshly painted through out and much more. Very, very clean. One year home warranty included. Hurry before this one gets away! (OEL-41ART) 734-462-1811



FARMINGTON HILLS \$250,000
SPACIOUS RANCH! Offering 2,000 square feet with 4 bedrooms, 3 baths. Sits on .96 acre lot off natural beauty road. Numerous updates, 2 car garage, private swim association. Gorgeous! (OEN-80HOW) 248-347-3050



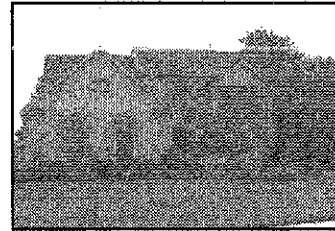
LIVONIA \$238,500
SHARP AND CLEAN - Two bedroom Ranch Condo in Northwest Livonia. Master bath, fireplace, 2-car attached garage, full basement. New carpet and kitchen flooring. Immediate occupancy. (OEN-52LAU) 248-347-3050



PLYMOUTH \$354,900
SHARP AND CLEAN... Four bedroom, 2 bath, 2 lavatory, executive-style Colonial. Gourmet kitchen (all appliances stay). Large master with full bath & walk-in closet. Gigantic, open & airy family room with vaulted ceiling. Hurry! (OEP-57NOR) 734-453-6800



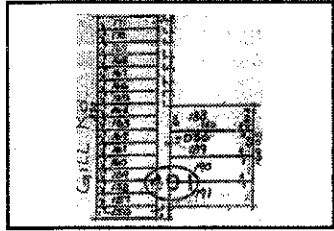
SOUTHFIELD \$154,900
SECLUSION & PRIVACY - Looking for that up-north feeling. It awaits you in this sprawling Ranch on over a half acre. Heavily treed lot. Newer kitchen cabinets, neutral decor, central air, two car attached garage and newer roof. Natural fireplace in the living room with an inset to make it even more efficient (OEL-55BER) 734-462-1811



CANTON \$359,900
UNIQUE HOME - Absolutely wonderful home fashion. Bath has very large walk in closet. Two-way fireplace between study & family room, large 2-tiered deck & sprinkler system, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. (OEN-44ROY) 248-347-3050



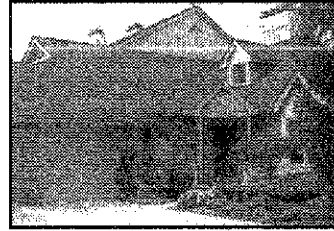
CANTON \$243,900
FABULOUS LOT - Backing to partially wooded commons. Nicely decorated 4 bedroom with huge master suite. First floor laundry, family room with fireplace and finished basement. (OEN-28MAI) 248-347-3050



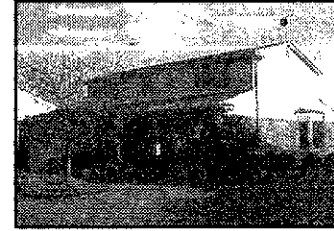
FARMINGTON HILLS \$325,000
DESIRABLE PARCEL - Ideally located Farmington Hills this parcel consists of approximately 1 1/2 acres for possible split of up to 4 lots - all utilities. Near schools, freeways, parks, ice arena, etc. Great potential. (OEL-GIL) 734-462-1811



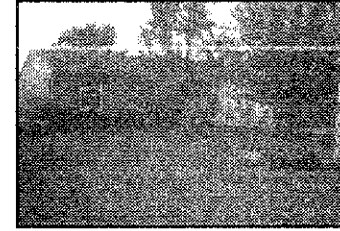
HIGHLAND \$274,900
NEW CONSTRUCTION - Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial with 3 car side entry garage. Master suite with private bath & walk-in closet. Formal living room & dining room, family room with cathedral ceiling & natural fireplace, first floor laundry, basement. (OEL-69JOS) 734-462-1811



NORTHVILLE \$514,900
PHENOMENAL... Three bedroom, 4 bath, first floor master suite Condo! Breathtaking view of lakes. Custom oak floor runs through entire first floor. Oak kitchen with Corian counter tops. Upper suite is large and custom. Professionally finished lower level. (OEP-79BLU) 734-453-6800



PLYMOUTH \$289,900
PLYMOUTH! FIRST OFFERING... Faultlessly maintained Colonial with endless recent upgrades in a superb family neighborhood. Sensational landscaping and private rear yard. Everything new, fresh and inspiring! Four bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, etc. All amenities. (OEP-91BAR) 734-453-6800



WIXOM \$175,000
CHARMING RANCH - Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Ranch with open floor plan backs to commons. Great room with fireplace, large updated kitchen. Master bedroom with bath access. Full basement with dry bar & pantry. Fenced yard with exceptional landscaping. Numerous updates. Must see! (OEL-15WIN) 734-462-1811



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INSPECTORS MEET

The Michigan Chapter of the National Association of Home Inspectors presents a program on roofing materials and installation 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, at Leon's Restaurant, 29710 Wixom Road, Wixom.

No charge except for optional dinner.

For information, call Mike Goewey at (734) 425-4970.

BUY HOME CLASS

Rosemary Firestone, a Realtor with RE/MAX 100, and her financial services team present a free, no-obligation class on how to buy a house 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, at Westminster Title, 39500 High Point Boulevard, Suite 140, Novi.

Participants include Tom Dargle, Flagstar Bank; Jeff Mifsud, Allied Mortgage Capital; David

Rieman, Farm Bureau Insurance; Craig Yee, HomeTeam Inspection; April Wolters, financial planner; and Firestone.

For reservations, call (734) 420-9600.

BUY HOME CLASS II

Approved Mortgages sponsors a free seminar for home buyers 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, at Summit on the Park, Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Michigan Avenue, Canton.

For reservations, call Diane Adamick at (734) 455-2219 Ext. 217.

AWARDS NIGHT

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and the Apartment Association of Michigan host their annual Leadership Recognition and Awards Night with dinner and entertainment 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, at the Dearborn Ritz Carlton.

Tickets are \$120. For reservations, call (248) 737-4477.

HOLIDAY PARTY

The Young Mortgage Bankers Committee hosts a holiday party/raffle 5:30 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Dec. 14, at the San Marino Club, 1685 E. Big Beaver, Troy.

Cost, which includes dinner, is \$60 for members, \$75 for non-members.

For reservations, call (248) 945-3875.

HAZARD REPORT

VISTAinfo, a publicly owned company based in San Diego, has a Web site that offers a free overview of environmental conditions - contaminated waste sites, hazardous waste locations and landfills - by ZIP code.

The Internet address is www.NearMyHome.com

More specific reports are available for a fee.

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

A book available from the Community Associations Institute can help community association managers and board members ensure that their playgrounds and tot lots are as safe as possible.

Detailed information is provided on safety inspections and implementing an effective maintenance plan.

"Playgrounds for Young Children" is available for \$40 by calling (703) 548-8600, or ordering through www.caonline.org

PAY REPORT

A 2000 Compensation Survey

Study compiled by the Building Owners & Managers Association of Metropolitan Detroit and the Institute for Real Estate Management is now available for purchase.

Cost is \$45 for survey participants, \$90 for BOMA and IREM members and \$150 for nonmembers.

To order, call (248) 848-3714 or send a check to BOMA, 38800 Country Club Drive, Farmington Hills, 48331.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit continues a membership drive. Categories include individual membership (\$10), family (\$20), organizational (\$35), supporting (\$50) and sustaining (\$100).

For information, call (313) 963-1274.

SALES WEB SITE

Curious as to what houses are selling for in your neighborhood?

Steve Wiese of Southeastern Appraisal Corp. in Farmington Hills has updated maps on a community-by-community basis with that information on the Internet. And it's free.

Just dial up www.homeval-uemap.com

EPA to aid MichCon with mercury spill recheck

(PRNewswire) - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has confirmed that it will provide oversight and technical assistance to MichCon, a natural gas distribution company serving the metropolitan Detroit area, as the company re-inspects 35 homes where its workers had spilled mercury while replacing gas regulators.

Redford Township is among the affected areas.

The homes are primarily in Detroit's Downriver and western suburbs, including Allen Park, Dearborn, Ecorse, Lincoln Park, Southgate, South Rockwood, Taylor, and Wyandotte as well as Redford.

MichCon will schedule the re-inspections with each household.

Each home will be inspected by a MichCon representative and an EPA contractor.

The homes were contaminated between 1990 and 2000 when MichCon service crews replaced older gas meter regulators containing mercury. During this procedure, workers accidentally spilled small amounts of liquid mercury. At the time, the incidents were reported internally within MichCon, which recently has told EPA that it promptly cleaned up the spills.

The reinspection program, this time using mercury-vapor "sniffing" equipment provided by EPA, was prompted by the recent disclosure of mercury contamination in more than 300 Chicago area homes and by a recent MichCon mercury-containing regulator spill in Lincoln Park.

Currently, three Chicago area utilities - Nicor, North Shore Gas, and Peoples Gas - are inspecting more than 300,000 homes that may once have had the mercury-containing regulators.

The Chicago area utilities are also inspecting thousands of their non-residential customers, including schools, medical facilities, and commercial buildings.

Similarly, EPA has requested that MichCon determine the total number and locations of all residential sites where the mercury-containing regulators were ever used and/or removed from service.

This information may be used to implement a secondary inspection program comparable to the effort now under way by the Chicago area utilities.

A number of other government agencies are working collaboratively with MichCon and EPA, including the Michigan Department of Community Health, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, (part of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention).

"EPA is pleased that MichCon has asked us to help ensure a thorough re-inspection of these homes," said regional administrator Francis X. Lyons.

"We are hopeful that MichCon will proceed quickly and responsibly in its records review, and that the number of contaminated homes will remain small. However, in the event this situation evolves as it did in the Chicago area, EPA will take appropriate actions."

Mercury, a silvery-white liquid, gives off an odorless vapor than can damage the brain, lungs, and kidneys when inhaled. Signs of mercury poisoning include headaches, insomnia, tremors, nausea, skin rashes, and increased blood pressure.

MOVERS & SHAKERS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities. Send a brief summary including town of residency and black and white photo to Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Our fax number is (734) 591-7279. Our e-mail address is bjensen@oe.homecomm.net

CTI and Associates, a geotechnical, environmental and construction materials engineering company in Brighton, announces two appointments.

John A. Balconi, P.E., joins the firm as a principal. He will focus on environmental assessments, hydrological studies, remedial investigations, treatability studies and solid waste projects.

Balconi holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and has 25 years experience managing projects.



Balconi

Roslyn M. Bloom joins CTI as a project engineer. She will focus on environmental, engineering and construction services.

Bloom holds a bachelor's degree in civil and environmental engineering from the University of Michigan.



Bloom

Albert Kahn Associates, an architecture, engineering and planning firm in Detroit, also welcomes several new employees.

Michael Charnesky is a senior interior designer. He has a bachelor of arts degree in interior design from Michigan State University and 15 years experience.

Ellen Downey, with 20 years of accounting experience, joins the firm's accounting department. She has an associate's degree in accounting.

Bradley Keller is a mechanical engineer. A 25-year veteran, he has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering

from the University of Nebraska.

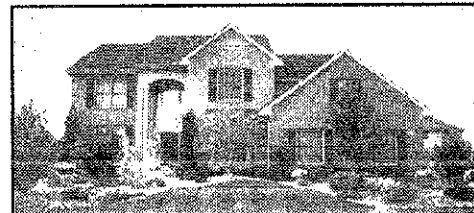
Joseph Magliocco is a facilities manager. He has a bachelor's degree in management from Detroit College of Business and 20 years experience.

Phillip Michniacki is a project coordinator. He is a 20-year veteran with an associate's degree in architectural technology from Schoolcraft College.

Real Estate One, a family-owned company headquartered in Farmington Hills, has been selected as exclusive sales agent for the 20 Chestnut Condominium now being developed by the Wyandotte Realty Venture LLC of Troy.

The former Wyandotte River Towers is an apartment-to-condominium conversion.

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SOUTH LYON

This Ranch is for you! Has all the bells and whistles. Kitchen w/granite countertops and breakfast nook. Great room w/fireplace granite around mantle and hearth, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, partially finished basement, brick paver patio (P86RUS) \$364,900 (734) 451-5400



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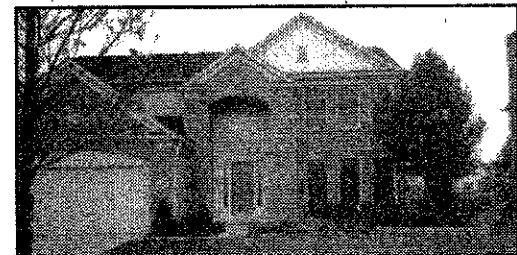
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Baybrooke colonial in one of Canton's finest subs. Hardwood floors in foyer, kitchen, breakfast and powder room. Master bedroom w/vaulted ceiling and whirlpool tub. Neutral décor. Newer brick paver patio w/professional landscaping. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. \$315,000 734-455-6000

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DUNBARTON PINES...

Is the location for this magnificent 2-story Tudor. 2,900 sq. ft. make this model one of the larger homes within this sub. 2nd story walkway overlooks foyer and curved staircase. 1 1/3+ wooded acre lot. Many recent updates! Northville schools. Close to X-ways and shopping. \$364,900 734-455-6000

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1957 CHARM WITH 2000 CONVENIENCE

Historical home in the heart of Northville is being offered for lease. Walk to town or relax in your own tranquil yard with trees and steam. Gourmet kitchen is open to great room that overlooks yard. Huge living and dining rooms, 3 bedrooms, basement, attached garage. \$3,000/mo. 734-455-6000

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PRICED JUST FOR YOU!

This 3 bedroom brick ranch with charming large living & family rooms can be yours for the Holidays! Doorwall to yard from family room with fireplace. Walking distance to schools. Offered 1 year Home Warranty and \$1500 carpet allowance. \$119,900 734-455-6000

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NATURAL WARMTH!

Retreat into this bungalow's master bedroom with ceiling fans, walk-in closet. Large living room with diffused atmosphere lights, hardwood floors under carpets, doorwall to deck in private yard. Basement waiting to be finished and 2+ car garage, perfect for workshop, \$125,000 734-455-6000

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FARMINGTON HILLS. Great Farmington Hills location. Lot backs up to walking & nature trail. Large first floor master bedroom with Jacuzzi tub. First floor laundry, great room with natural fireplace. Beautiful multi-level deck, sprinklers front & rear. This home is in move-in condition. Home warranty included. \$289,900 (L41SUS)

NORTHVILLE. Charming Colonial/Tudor with super curb appeal. Great room has vaulted ceiling with sky lights, fireplace heatator & wet bar. Formal dining & study. Hardwood floors, circular staircase & first floor laundry. Garage, over-sized deck with gazebo & mature trees. Home warranty. \$344,900 (L09Wat)

LIVONIA. Top this in North Livonia. A 2000 square foot new Cape Cod with 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, great room, dining room, first floor laundry, attached garage. \$249,900 (L89Cal)

LIVONIA. Appealing, clean & absolutely charming, updated 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Colonial. Updates include total kitchen, vinyl windows & doorwall, 1/2 bath, air conditioning. Eating area in kitchen, artificial fireplace & family room doorwall to patio & fenced back yard. One year home warranty. \$162,900 (L39Mer)

FARMINGTON HILLS. Unique, liveable, enjoyable best describe this 3 bedroom Ranch with 4 baths, front enclosed court yard, walk-out lower level + large studio apartment over attached garage. All of this on a beautiful private wooded site with 38' x 24' deck with built-in hot tub! \$389,000 (L46Wes)

CANTON. Elegant traditional bridged 4 bedroom Colonial professionally decorated, light oak entry, first floor library, maple kitchen cabinets & large bayed nook. Spacious master with double walk-in closet. This builders' model has it all - turn key! \$419,900 (L94Ken)

NOVI. Elegant, maintenance-free Condo in highly desirable Maple of Novi, on the golf course. Featuring three bedrooms, three baths, wrap-around deck and finished basement. Call Nadine or Jerry Henderson at Quality GMAC Real Estate, 734-462-3000. \$279,900 (L39Pa)

SOUTH LYON. This remarkable Condo has one very large bedroom with second in the basement & full bath in basement. Very nice Florida room, newer carpet thru-out. Lovely enclosed court yard. This is a co-op. \$104,900 (L06Jef)

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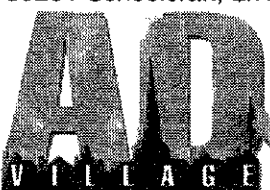
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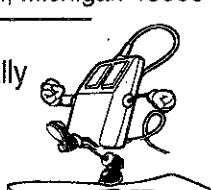
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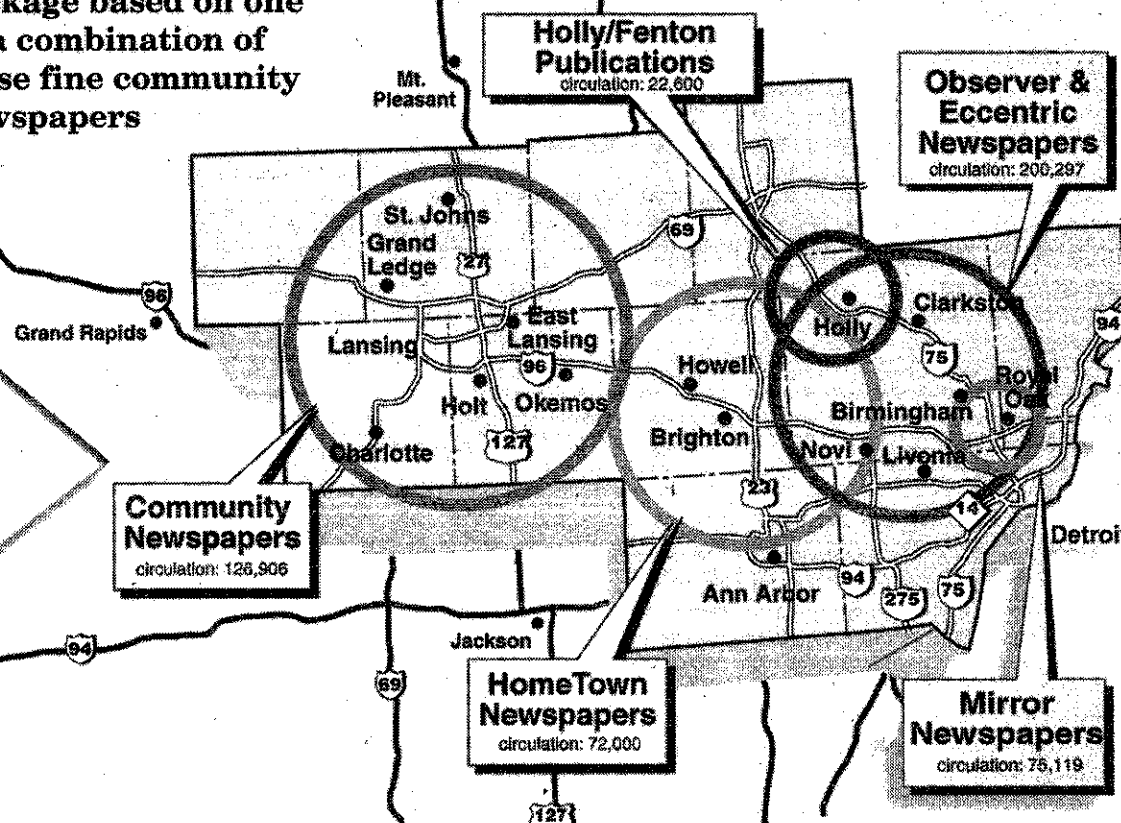


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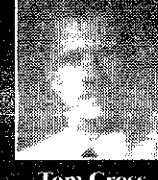
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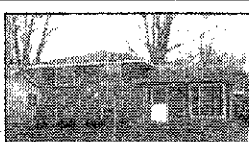
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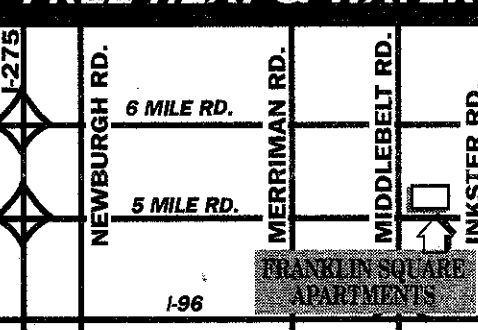
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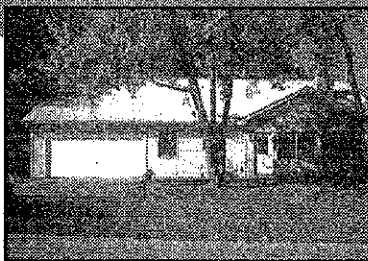
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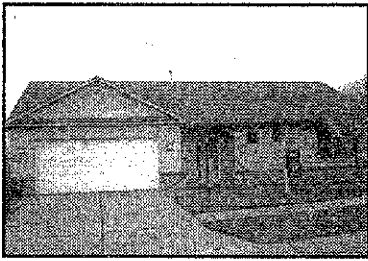
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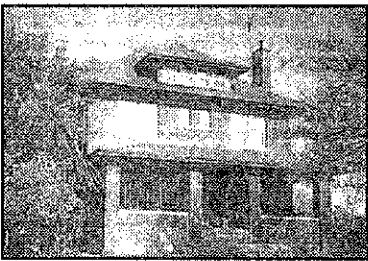
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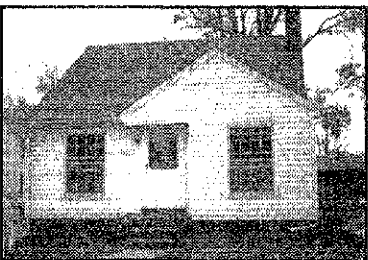
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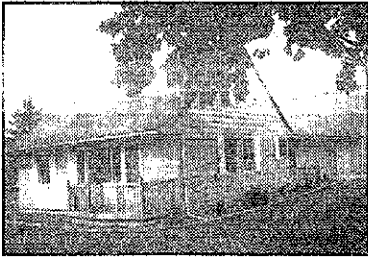
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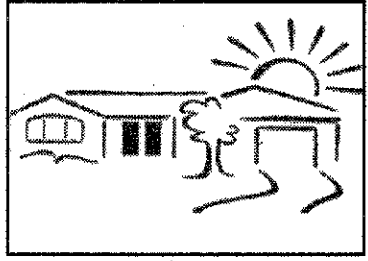
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LIVONIA

SOUGHT AFTER 3 bedroom brick ranch on almost half acre lot. Brand new carpet in living room, dining room, and hall. Bedrooms all hardwood floors. Finished basement with mini kitchen. Fenced back and one side.

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LIVONIA

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LIVONIA

JUST LISTED. Open, airy, 3 bedroom ranch with dining room or 4th bedroom. Updated throughout including custom kitchen with skylight, partially finished basement, 2½ car garage, 1½ baths and great location.

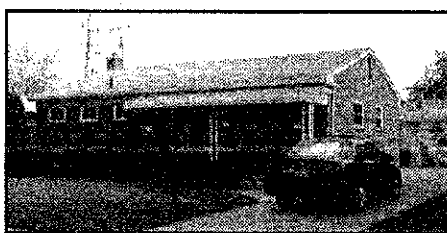
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PLYMOUTH

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS

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LIVONIA

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LIVONIA

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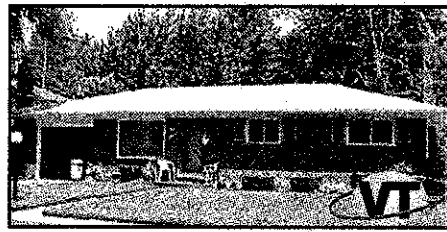
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LIVONIA

CLASSIC STYLING AND COMFORT shows throughout this charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch. Upgrades include new kitchen and baths, dimension roof, furnace, carpet, and C/A.

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WESTLAND

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LIVONIA

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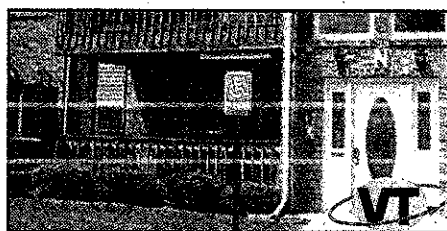
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WESTLAND

3 BEDROOM BRICK RANCH with updates including vinyl trim, carpet, paint, kitchen floor. Large rear deck, partially finished basement.

\$112,900 (A735) 734-326-2000



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PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR
Auto parts packaging firm is seeking a responsible individual with a minimum of 3 years experience in a labor-intensive union environment. Understanding of ISO9000 quality concepts is preferred. Must have excellent verbal, written and interpersonal skills. Forward resume including salary requirements: Attn: HR Department 12285 Dixie Street, Redford, MI 48239 Fax: 313-531-5243

PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR
Plymouth area, 1st shift, light fabrication & assembly work. Must have 2-5 yrs experience as a supervisor, directly managing staff, must have a fundamental understanding of manufacturing practices & experience handling personnel issues. Competitive salary & benefit package available. Please forward resume & salary history to: Box #2896 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150

PROPERTY MANAGER
needed in the Wayne area. Experience necessary. Great opportunities & benefits. Please fax resume to: 248-683-2552

Quality Assurance Manager
QS-9000 automotive parts supplier is seeking an individual to lead our quality department. Qualifications include: all quality functions, leadership, strong communication skills and computer literacy. A competitive benefit package awaits the qualified individual. Please forward resume to: P.O. Box 74034, Romulus, MI 48174.

QUALITY CONTROL
Growing gear manufacturer needs quality control person for inspection department. Ability to read micrometers, calipers, etc. Experience preferred but willing to train right person. Full-time position with over-time. Medical, dental, 401k with company match. Pay commensurate with experience. Westland. Fax resume w/ salary history 734-595-0149 or call 734-595-6400

RECEIVING CHECKERS
Auto parts packaging firm seeks receiving individuals. Duties include: Checking packing slips, and bills of lading to the goods received, labeling products. Must be good with paperwork, detail, Experience a plus, but will train. Position open on all shifts. Apply in person 8:30am to 4pm. Howard Ternes Packaging Co. 700 Manufacturers Dr. Westland, MI 48185

RECEPTIONIST
Part time for hair salon in Livonia. (734) 422-5730.

500 Help Wanted General

REPORTER
HomeTown Newspapers. Livingston County's daily source for local news, information and advertising is seeking reporters, copy editors and editors. Qualified candidates will have a bachelor's degree in journalism or related field and 6 months to one year of prior experience. Please send resume to: HomeTown Newspapers, 323 E. Grand River, Howell (517) 548-5545 email: mbarlett@ht.hometowncomm.net All resumes must include job code: reporter

RESISTANCE
Is looking for Assistant Manager Trainees. Qualified applicants will possess strong leadership abilities and retail background. \$24,000 to start. Fax resume to: 248-344-4342 or mail to: Heslop's 22790 Heslop Dr. Novi, MI 48375 Attn: Personnel.

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TO \$40K/yr. + benefits, bonus, future car Multi Unit experience preferred. RETAIL STORE MANAGERS TO \$35,000/yr. + benefits, bonus, growth opportunity with major international company. Interviews are conducted Monday thru Thursday from 10am-5pm. EMPLOYER PAYS FEES. Employment Center Agency (248) 569-1636

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Full time position in our Livonia Kitchen & Bath center. Duties include: processing returns, receiving, computer recording of vendor shippers, processing of intercompany transfers and job materials. Computer experience a must. Excellent benefits including 401K. Fax or mail resume to: Kurtis Kitchen & Bath Centers Attn: Lisa RE: RG/RC 12500 Merriman Road, Livonia, MI 48150 Fax: 734-622-9987

ROOFERS
Contractor has openings for experienced HOT/FL/FR/SSBER ROOFERS. Good hourly wage. Full Family Health Insurance, Life & Disability Insurance. Profit Sharing and more. Call 313-899-2100

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- Tuition Assistance

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- Driver's License
- No Criminal History

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NEEDED FOR LIVONIA AREA \$8.50/HR. & UP

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For consideration, please send your resume to: Service Manager Van Dyne Crotty, Inc. 45700 Port St. Plymouth, MI 48170 Phone: (734) 207-0200 Fax: (734) 207-0206

SHIRT MANAGER
Auto parts packaging firm is seeking a responsible individual with 1 to 5 years supervisory experience in Warehousing. Duties include: Insuring that inventories are maintained both system wise and physically in the warehouse. Troubleshooting and resolutions of inventory inaccuracies. Responsible for all departments. Must have excellent verbal, written and interpersonal skills. Forward resume and salary requirements to: Human Resource Dept., 12285 Dixie Street, Redford, MI 48238 Fax: 313-531-5243

SHIPPING/RECEIVING
Northwest suburban distributor seeks a full-time shipping clerk. Requirements include accuracy, neatness, dependability, and some product inspection knowledge. Excellent working conditions and benefits. Hours are 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM Monday - Friday.

Send resume to: Shipping/Receiving P.O. Box 486 Farmington, MI 48332-0486 We promote a drug-free environment. Substance abuse testing is part of the pre-employment process.

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SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR
Wayne Total Living Center has a position available for a Social Services Director. The qualified candidate will have nursing home experience, and a Bachelor's degree in Social Work or related field is preferred. We offer an excellent salary, insurance benefits and a pleasant working environment. For immediate consideration, please apply in person or submit/fax resume to:

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Residential Children's Agency seeks MSW to serve EI/delinquent adolescent males 12-18 years. Child welfare system experience preferred. Good assessment, therapeutic and counseling skills. Excellent benefits and salary. Send resume to: HR-MSW DEPT., 28845 W. 5th Mile, Redford MI, 48240. EOE

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ST. JOHN'S GOLF & Conference Center
is seeking qualified individuals for the following positions:

- Housekeepers- Full/Part time
- Housemen- Full/Part time
- Maintenance Helper- Full time
- Sous Chef- Full-time

Minimum 5 years cooking experience.

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Full time for credit union in Livonia. Computer experience, good communication skills, pleasant attitude, self motivated. Experience preferred but not required. Knowledge of CUPS a bonus. Competitive pay, benefits. Fax or mail resume to: Jennifer at 734-525-7027 36525 Plymouth Rd.; Livonia, MI 48150 No phone calls

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Industrial distributor in Plymouth, seeks individual for customer service position. Should possess basic computer and telephone skills. Excellent work environment and benefits. \$9.51/hr. Send resume to: Box #2901
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U.S. Filter Distribution is seeking a Customer Service Representative to assist our management and sales staff. We are a fast-paced contractor-oriented supplier of water and sewage materials. Computer skills are required for this position. Proven knowledge in a home business will train the right individual. We offer an outstanding compensation & benefit package.
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U.S. Filter Distribution Group
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Novi, MI 48375
Attention: Branch Manager
Fax resume: (248) 474-6653

CUSTOMER SERVICE/ORDER ENTRY PERSON for sales office in Livonia. Part-time position with flexible hours, Mon-Fri. If you have experience with phones, computer & basic clerical functions, consider yourself a quick learner, we want to hear from you. Fax or mail resume with salary history & hours you may be available to: 734-427-2756 or Premier Sales, 13550 Otterston Ct., Livonia, MI 48150.

"DATA ENTRY CLERK"
Livonia insurance agency requires an energetic person with excellent keyboarding skills for a fast-paced position. Speed and accuracy a must. No less than 50 wpm. Minimum 28 hrs. No experience necessary.
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ESTIMATING ASSISTANT

Immediate full-time opening for a "reliable, out-going, self-motivated and people-oriented" individual. Must be highly proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel, as well as extremely organized. Associates degree preferred. Competitive salary with full benefits.
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Livonia, MI 48150 or
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e-mail to:
Trutkowski@aristeo.com

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Exp. professional to work in fast paced environment; high energy; perform multiple tasks while working under pressure of deadlines; complex secretarial & administrative support for the President/CEO of machine tool distributor w/ worldwide contact in the international automotive market; able to establish & maintain effective relationships w/ other executives, co-workers, vendors & customers while maintaining confidentiality of the CEO. Bilingual - Japanese or German - a plus. Minimum 5 yrs. exp. in office environment w/ 2 yrs. progressive exp. in executive level support. Medical, dental, life, 401K, salary commensurate w/ experience. Fax resume to: Phyllis Marek at 734-450-0750.

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is looking for a qualified individual to fill a Technical Publications position for its Ann Arbor location.
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HomeTown Newspapers is seeking a customer oriented receptionist with excellent communication skills. No related work experience needed. Minimum 55 wpm and computer knowledge a plus. Position is located in Pinckney. We offer a great benefits package and a pleasant working environment. Please submit resume, including job code Recpt to: HomeTown Newspapers, 323 E. Grand River, Howell, MI 48843
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E.O.E.

GENERAL OFFICE

Bloomfield Hills company has immediate opening for individual to handle all office functions for 1 person office. Salary low to mid 20's plus benefits. E-mail your resume to: lespac@comcast.net or fax to: 248-737-2704

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

GENERAL OFFICE
Dependable, responsible person needed to do filing, typing and general office work. Health benefits. Please apply in person to 1647 Inkster Road, Garden City.

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Redford multi-plant co. has an immediate opening for a general office clerk. Position will require telephone work, typing, computer knowledge & customer service. Send resume to: Howard Ternot Packaging Co.
12286 Dixie
Redford, MI 48239
Fax: 313-531-5243

GENERAL OFFICE

Taylor area construction co., full-time. Must know Excel & Word. Good grammar, typing & phone skills. Fax: (313) 291-3939.

FARMINGTON INSURANCE

agency looking for support person to help process insurance applications and do service work. Typing & computer skills helpful. Fax resume to: Stuart or Pete, 248-442-5010.

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Legal Secretary

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LEGAL ADMINISTRATOR
GIFORD KRASS
280 Old Woodward, Ste. 400
Birmingham, MI 48039
FAX: 248-647-5210

LEGAL SECRETARY

Full/part-time, flexible hrs. Self-starter for 2 attorneys. Minimum 3 years experience. Beautiful downtown Birmingham location. WordPerfect. Salary commensurate w/ experience.
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LEGAL SECRETARY

Livonia Law Firm seek full-time Secretary. Word Perfect/Hot-Docs experience preferred. Send resume with salary requirements to: 33300 Five Mile Rd. Ste. 210 Livonia, MI 48154. Attn: Judy or fax to: 734-422-0461

LEGAL SECRETARY

needed for Farmington Hills law firm. Seeking highly motivated, experienced and organized person. Competitive salary and benefits. Fax resume to: (248)442-0518 or forward to:
37000 Grand River, Suite 3530
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LEGAL SECRETARY

Oakland County law firm seeks legal secretary with 3 yrs. experience. 7:30-5:30 wpm/w/ excellent benefits. Please fax resume toll-free 877-557-5299

LEGAL SECRETARY

Needed for general practice firm in NW Wayne County. Submit resume to: Box #2904
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Legal Secretary

Very busy Southfield law firm seeks two full-time legal secretaries with 3-5 years litigation experience. Must be able to work in a team environment and be detail and deadline oriented. MS Word experience. Forward resume/salary requirements to: Administrator, PO Box 222, Southfield, MI 48037-0222. Fax (248) 746-2760, or Email swbta@swbta.com

OFFICE ASSISTANT

Part time
Product Action in Plymouth (20 minutes from Ann Arbor or Detroit) is looking for an Office Assistant. To work between 20-30 hours per week, helping out the current Human Resource Coordinator, and others as needed. Candidate for this position will be looking for experience in a fast-paced company, have excellent computer skills - very familiar with MS Word and Excel, interest in learning, detail oriented and good at handling multiple tasks at one time. Please send your resume and salary requirements to: HR-Asst, Product Action International, 4776 Galleon Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170
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OFFICE CLERK

Data entry, order entry, purchasing, follow-up, and various office functions for Fabrication Department. dBase, Microsoft Word and Excel a plus. Send resume and salary requirements to: RHM, FAB, 375 Manufacturers Dr., Westland, MI 48186.

OFFICE/CUSTOMER SERVICE

Business involving in construction industry seeks friendly, reliable individual for sales & administrative duties. Full time. benefits. (248) 669-3800

OFFICE HELP

General office, price control, word processing. Computer skills needed. Full/part-time. Westland. Ron: 734-728-0795

OFFICE MANAGER/ SECRETARY

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E-mail to: jbaocap1@aol.com

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST

Needed for Interior Partnership Group, Inc. located in Troy, MI. Microsoft Office and Excel experience desirable. Excellent communications, people skills, great personality, ready to grow and good entry level position. Please call 248-244-9015.

PART TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT

Computer skills necessary. Call Kathie: 248-593-0395

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Phone Work/Office Work. \$7-10/hr. Extremely flexible day & evening hours. Ideal for college students. Livonia area. Call Sharon 9-12:30 or 8-9pm. 1-888-649-6902

PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST

for Rochester real estate office. 330-7 weekdays. 9-5 hrs. ends. Call Sheila or Doreen. 248-656-6500

PART-TIME SALES ASSISTANT

Process orders and answer phones. Good communication skills required. \$10.25/hr. Call Tom: (248) 862-2000

PAYROLL CLERK

For a multi-million dollar restaurant franchise chain. Position is in professional Southfield office. The perfect candidate must possess excellent organization, communication and interpersonal skills and be able to take initiative and work with flexibility. In addition, a minimum of one year's experience in payroll and be proficient in Microsoft Excel and Word is required. Good benefit package, including 401K plan and flex time. For consideration, please forward resume with salary history to:
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K. Wallace
39819 Plymouth Rd., C-8020
Plymouth, MI 48170
kjw@humansyn.com.

RECEPTIONIST-CALL CENTER COORDINATOR

Part time Receptionist needed for Farmington Hills real estate company. Seeking friendly, energetic, self motivated persons. Excellent phone skills a must. Call or fax resume for an interview. Ask for Tonya
(248) 626-6000
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RECEPTIONIST

Distributor is seeking a professional, organized, reliable person to fill an immediate full time opening in our company. Candidate must manage a multi-line phone system in a busy environment. Must be personable, highly organized, and an excellent communicator. Experience with Word and Excel a must. Please send resume to:
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502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

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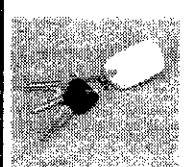
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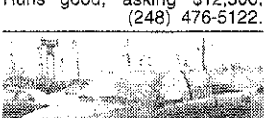
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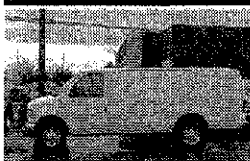
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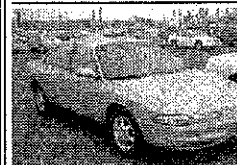

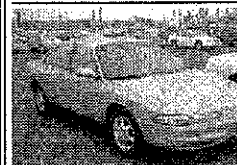

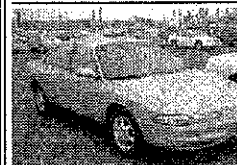

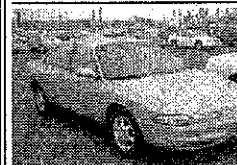

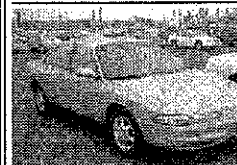

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