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THE WEEK
AHEAD

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Canton Township administrative offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday for Christmas break. They will reopen at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Summit on the Park is open 8 a.m.-noon today and closed Monday. Normal hours resume Tuesday.

The Canton Public Library is closed today and Monday. It will reopen at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Trash pick-up will be one day later than scheduled for all Canton residents this week and the week of Jan. 1.

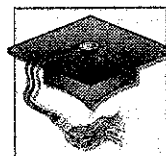
WEEKEND

Happy New Year: Summit on the Park's Banquet and Conference Center will host a New Year's Eve Party beginning at 7 p.m. Sunday. The evening includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner, deluxe bar, a midnight snack and music by Silver Sounds DJ. At midnight there will be a champagne toast with the party continuing until 2 a.m. Tickets at \$95 each are on sale 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call (734) 397-6800 to charge by phone.

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District sees second departure



The retirement of Assistant Superintendent Errol Goldman marks the second key Plymouth-Canton change in less than a month. Deputy Superintendent Patrick O'Donnell left Dec. 18 to head up the Fenton district.

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Errol Goldman has seen friends and colleagues reach the point of retirement, then be unable, for whatever reason, to take advantage of it. He did-

n't want that for himself.

Goldman, for 10 years the Plymouth-Canton School District's assistant superintendent for personnel and employee relations, announced his retirement this week, effective Jan. 17. "It just seemed like time," said Gold-

man, who came to the district out of private law practice. "I've planned for it. I've always said, 'When I can go, I'm going to go.'"

Goldman joined Plymouth-Canton schools in July 1990, after three years in private practice and 10 years with Ann Arbor Schools. He has frequently been the diving rod for controversy, leading the district in contract negotiations.

"I think you've had a real hard job," board member Sue Davis said. "My

sense is often times you've been a scapegoat, and it takes a special person to handle a job like that."

It's the second announced departure in recent weeks. Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Patrick O'Donnell announced last week he is leaving to become superintendent of schools for the Fenton school district.

The departures leave Plymouth-Canton with a couple of big sets of shoes to fill, according to Kathleen Booher,

Please see **RETIREMENT, A6**

It's a rock 'n roll Christmas at Bentley



The play's the thing: Daniel Conklin as "Elvis," performs during the annual Bentley Elementary Christmas play, "Elvis and the Sleigh Riders," a holiday musical by Teresa Jennings. Directed by Carole Brooks and John Hiemstra, the play was followed by a sing-along with parents and relatives. In the photo at right, John Dunklee, 6, (left) and brother Matthew, 4, sit on dad Philip's lap as they watch the holiday production. Sister Sarah was a chorus member. For more photos, see Page A4 of today's Observer.



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Home 'lottery' planned

CHERRY HILL VILLAGE

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The builders of a neotraditional style home development in Canton's Cherry Hill Village say they want all the people interested in buying the homes to have an equal shot at getting in.

That's why they're using a lottery system to assign prospective buyers a meeting time with village builders. The times will be set at an invitation-only informal breakfast 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, 2001 at the Plymouth Manor Ballroom.

Meetings with builders will be scheduled until 8 p.m. Saturday, and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21. Valet parking, light refreshments and entertainment for kids will be provided.

So far 1,100 people have called inquiring about buying a home in the village, which will encompass 1,300 homes on 338 acres, said Tina Bassett, spokeswoman for Biltmore Properties, one of the village's three builders.

The development will also include retail and commercial areas as well as a town square with pedestrian features such as walkways and fountain.

Cherry Hill Village is located at Cherry Hill and Ridge, and is the site of a crossroads village founded in 1834.

Interested buyers have until Tuesday, Dec. 26, to request an invitation to the breakfast. They can either call (248) 641-3900, Ext. 217 or visit www.cherryhillvillage.com and submit

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Leaking roof due for repair

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

By HEATHER NEEDHAM
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The combination of Mother Nature and a piecemeal roof have taken a toll on South Middle School.

As a result, the school is getting an emergency roof repair, which will cost an estimated \$20,000 to \$35,000. CEI Roofing in Howell will perform the work beginning this weekend.

The Van Buren school board unanimously approved the emergency repairs at its regular meeting Monday.

The problems started when a recent freeze, thaw and refreeze caused the roof to deteriorate, allowing water to seep through hallways at the building, located at 45201 Owen in Belleville.

"There's water everywhere," said Ed Randolph, Van Buren's supervisor of building and grounds. Barrels were set up in the school's

Please see **ROOF, A4**

A moment to cherish



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

First touch: Cindy White holds her newborn daughter, Kendal, at St. Mary Hospital. Read about the White's birth experience in a special story, "Happy Birthday Kendal," on Page D4 in today's Observer.



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Colleagues say founding officer Sayer known for his generosity

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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Canton Police Sgt. Ernest "Ernie" Sayer was someone who never let the grim aspects of his job take away his sense of decency and generosity, according to those who knew him.

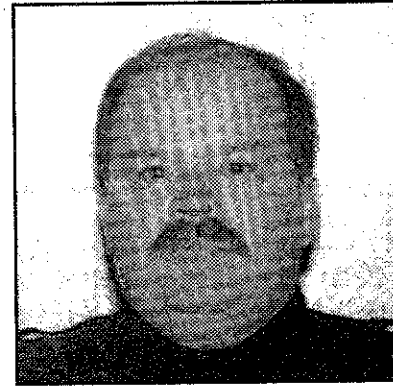
Sayer, 47, of Pinckney, died Sunday, Dec. 18, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He had been battling cancer for about a year and been on sick leave for several months.

He was born July 8, 1953 in Garden City and was a Canton Police sergeant and officer for more than 20 years.

His funeral services Thursday, Dec. 21, at L. J. Griffin Funeral Home in Westland drew about 200 mourners, including police officers, firefighters and township officials.

E. Wayne Byrum, chaplain with the Canton Police Department, was the officiating minister.

Byrum said he was impressed



Sgt. Ernest 'Ernie' Sayer

with Sayer's selfless generosity that he showed toward people in trouble. While on a police run in 1992, they encountered an elderly woman who was shut into a closet. They were investigating what they believed was a suspicious situation.

"After evaluating the situation, we realized she was just a very lonely elderly lady," who had most likely shut herself into the closet, Byrum said. It appeared as though she hadn't

had anything to eat for a good while.

Sayer was apparently sympathetic to the woman's plight. Byrum said he took some of his own money and said, "I want you to take a squad car and go get this lady some dinner."

The only catch was he didn't want the woman to know who had helped her, Byrum recalled.

Another time Sayer helped out was when he donated \$100 to a memorial fund set up to help the Dell'Orco family, victims of a fatal house fire several years ago.

"(Sayer) came up to me and he was the first one to donate," Byrum said. Again, this donation was anonymous by Sayer's own request.

"I cannot think of an occupation where people can be more of help and more of service than a police officer," Byrum said. "They have an opportunity every day to make a difference in a positive way."

In his eulogy, Byrum urged people to "add life to their years"

as Sayer, whom he said always tried to live life to its fullest.

Sayer's favorite hobby was fishing, which he enjoyed along with his wife, Joan. He is also survived by a daughter, Leigh; four brothers and one sister.

Byrum said Sayer also had a knack for four-letter words — in crossword puzzles, that is.

"He was always doing crossword puzzles," Byrum said, adding that he liked to challenge his co-workers to beat his speed in completing them. Few did.

Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro said Sayer was one of the founding officers of the township's police department.

"He was very, very well liked," Santomauro said. "He brought a certain amount of personality to the organization. Any time you have something like this happen, the person is going to be very, very missed. He was a highly thought of member of this department."

OBITUARIES

SOPHIE T. ZBOCH

Services for Sophie T. Zboch, 87, of Canton were held Dec. 19 at St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly officiating. Burial was at Rural Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Zboch was born April 28, 1913 in Detroit and died Dec. 15 in Livonia. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Aloysius Zboch.

Survivors include four daughters, Patricia Kozlowski, Geraldine Klemk, Gloria Bisdorf and Paulette Klimczak; a brother, Stanley Siepierski; three sisters, Jean Stanton, Rose Henry and Virginia Siepierski; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

MIHALIS F. PORTELLOS

Services for Mihalios F. Portellos, 52, of Plymouth, were held Dec. 20 at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Southgate with the Rev. Philemon Karamanos officiating. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park.

Mr. Portellos was born Sept. 14, 1948 in Ikaria, Greece, and died Dec. 18 in Detroit. He was a painter.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Portellos of Plymouth; son, Phillip Portellos; daughter, Emily Portellos; parents Phillip and Emily Portellos; brothers, Nick Portellos and Costa Portellos; sister, Kiki Chapley; and in-laws Peter and Lemonia Gelema-tis.

Arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

SARAH CHRISTINE SMITH

Services for Sarah Christine Smith, 73, of Plymouth were held at Trinity Presbyterian Church with the Rev. William C. Moore officiating. Burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery in Dixboro.

Mrs. Smith was born August 6, 1927 in Lawrenceburg, Tenn. and died Dec. 17 in Superior Township. She was a homemaker and Registered Nurse.

She was preceded in death by brothers, Astor Clayton, Howard Clayton, James Clayton and Dolphus Clayton; and granddaughter, Brianna Edoff.

Survivors include husband, Robert A. Smith of Plymouth; son, Robert A. (Olga) Smith; daughters, Cynthia D. (Charles) Cole of Canton, Susan E. (Brian) Smith-Edoff of Redford; sister, Peggie (Christopher) Kelly of Plymouth; brother, Eugene (Faye) Clayton of Uniontown, Ohio; grandsons, Robert Smith,

Aaron Smith, Jason Smith, Charles Cole, Matthew Cole and Nicholas Cole; granddaughters Savannah Sarah Christine Edoff and Sarina Edoff; many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kidney Foundation of Michigan, 2350 S. Huron Parkway, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

Arrangements made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home.

JANE C. HAMILTON

Services for Jane C. Hamilton, 81, of Farmington were held Dec. 22 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating. Burial was at Evergreen Cemetery in Grand Blanc.

Mrs. Hamilton was born Dec. 30, 1918 in Omaha, Neb., and died Dec. 19 in Farmington. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George W. Hamilton.

Survivors include son, Lawrence (Donna) Hamilton of Wixom; daughters, Carole (Jerry) Bourlier of Canton and Barbara (Ira) Rosenberg of Wisconsin; sisters, Kathryn Nawrocki of Hartland and Jacqueline (Leo) Majewski of Redford; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

GERTRUDE F. VANDERWOP

Services for Gertrude F. Vanderworp, 81, of Plymouth were held in Knoxville, Tenn.

She was born June 25, 1919 in Detroit and died Dec. 15 in Livonia. She was a bookkeeper.

Survivors include husband, Theodore Vanderworp of Plymouth; son, Dennis Vanderworp of Knoxville, Tenn.; grandsons, David Vanderworp of Plymouth and Theodore Vanderworp of Westland.

Arrangements were made by

Vermeulen Funeral Home.

ROY C. BENNETT

Services for Roy C. Bennett, 72, of Big Cedar Lake, Ind. were held Dec. 23 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, Ind. Burial was at South Park Annex Cemetery in Columbia City. The American Legion Post No. 98 presented military honors at the cemetery.

Mr. Bennett was born July 2, 1928 in Dearborn and died Dec. 19 at Columbia City, Ind.

He graduated from Plymouth High School and continued his education at Plymouth Community School. He was veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Army. He was employed at Stroh Brewery Wholesaler from 1954 to 1966, owned the Western Auto in Ewart, Mich. for six years and retired in 1986 from Stroh Brewery Co. as manager of sales planning and administration.

He was a life member of Ewart F. & A.M. No. 320, Columbia City V.F.W. No. 5212, Columbia City American Legion Post No. 98, and a member of the Mizpah Shrine and Scottish Rite.

He was preceded in death by a son, Roy Charles Bennett, Jr.; a brother, George Bennett; and two sisters, Jean Bassett and Doris Fulton.

Survivors include his wife, Berniece; three sons, Thomas D. (Karen) Bennett of Huntington, Charles W. (Jean) Bennett of Columbia City and Paul J. Bennett of Columbia City; a daughter, Katherine J. Winters of Columbia City; 12 grandchildren; three great grandchildren; a sister, Marilyn McLachlin of Fort Myers, Fla.; and a sister-in-law, Florine Bennett of Colorado.

Memorials may be made to Shriners Children's Hospital.

Arrangements made by Smith and Sons Funeral Home.

Canton man named complex director

Canton resident Lawrence A. Vidovic has been appointed executive director of Henry Ford Village, managed by Erickson Retirement Communities.

He replaces Gary D. Hibbs,

who served as executive director at the retirement community since 1995.

Vidovic will be responsible for the development and all daily operations of Henry Ford Village. He will oversee staffing, training, grounds and facilities maintenance, food service performance, security, transporta-

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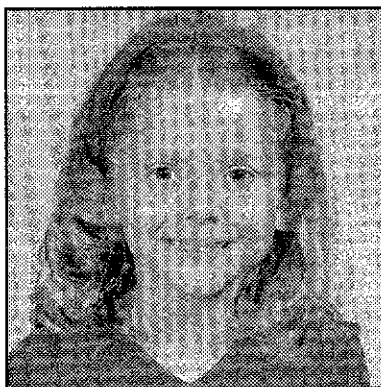
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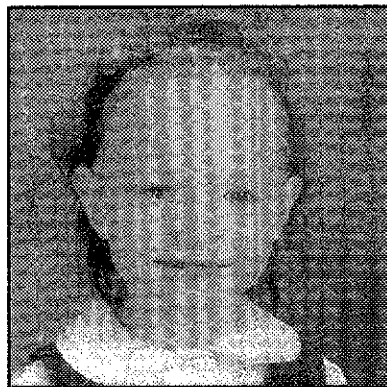
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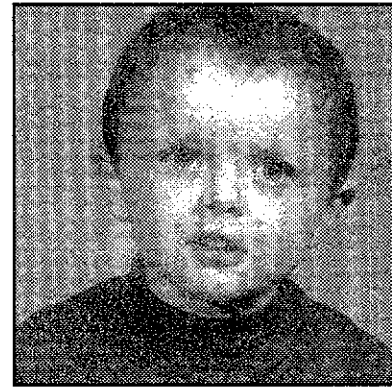
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Gabrielle



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Nicholas

Dear Santa...

Christmas wish lists from our youngest readers

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a red, blue green or hot pink scooter. A girls basketball and soccer ball. A pokemon CD, a new tea set and hope my daddy can come home for Christmas.

Love,
Gabrielle
Canton

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I would like a walker t tool man and a talking choo choo train.

Love,
Nicholas
Canton

dear Santa Clause,

I've geen good. I want a karaoke machine and for my staking I want a lot. like chap stak. thear is more!

Love,
Courtney
Canton

Dear Santa,

I love you with all my heart and I care about you. For "mostest" of the year I've been a really good girl. when you come to visit make sure nobodys hunting for reindeers, so they are safe.

For Christmas I would like a baby doll with peas and a real kitten named Joey.

Love,
Avery
Canton

Santa,

I am 4. I have been good. Please bring me a present.

Morgan
Canton

Dear Santa,

I love you. I hope you will have fun. You make me feel so happy. You do a lot's of work. and Merry Christmas.

Love,
Alyson
Canton

P.S. Please bring me seecer- it jronl.

Dear Santa,

I love you. be careful on your sled don't fall off. merry christmas.

Love,
Kayla
Canton

P.S. please bring me make up mindy

Dear Santa

I want a hot wheels thunder roller that i saw in toy mazines and a hot wheels stunt track driver for game boy and a radical Nascar racer. and i will share the toys with my brother. and a scooter will be nice.

from
Brandon
Canton

p.s. I've been a very good boy.

Dear Santa,

I want a playstation game called NBA LIVE 2001 because I like basketball and that is my favorite sport. Then I want a hocke net with a hockey ball. I

would like some snow pans with gloves. I would like a football with resiveing gloves and a helmet. A pool table too. I've been a good boy I think I should be on your Christmas list. I've been doing my chores.

Sincerely,
Kyle
Canton

Dear Santa,

What I wan't for Christmas is snow pants, cd's, some boks to read, but most of all I want to be with my family. They have cared for me my whole life, they supported me, helped me when I needed help, and showed me that they are the most wonderful, loving, and caring people a son could ever have. The reason I would like snow pants is because whenever I go outside and play in the snow my pants get all wet, but with snowpants that won't happen. So in other words I just her to be able to let her have more time to enjoy with her family. The reason I won't some cd's is because I like listening to music and I'll have something to do when I get bored. The reason I would like some books is because I enjoy reading and it is also something I can do when I get bored. So I hope I'm on your Christmas list this season. I think I've been pretty good.

Sincerely,
Tyler
Canton

Dear Santa Claus,

Hi! This is Amber. I am 6. You can choose something from my list please.

- List
1. CD (portable please) player
 2. Piano
 3. Poo-chi
 4. Karioke set
 5. Chapter books (Nancy Drew, Mary Kate and Ashley, or other writers)
 6. Candy wrappers (for my collection)
- P.S. And a Healthy Merry Christmas
- Ohhh! Oops, I forgot the most important thing!!!!
- A GREAT CHRISTMAS TO ALL PEOPLE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Amber
Canton

Dear Santa,

For this Christmas, I want a scooter, telescope, and a fish lamp. I have been good at school and at home. I hope you bring what I want. I will not have a fire in the fireplace, so you can leave my gifts under our tree without burning your suit. I will leave some cookies for you and carrots for your reindeers. I hope the grince won't come this year. Merry Christmas.

Aaron
Plymouth

Hi Santa,

Looking forward to having you come for milk and cookies at our house.

Love,
Brittany, Lauren and
Nicholas
Plymouth

P.S. We like lots of toys.

Dear, Santa

I would like Amazing Ally, a scooter, and a lap top computer, and maybe some nail polish. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,
Nicole
Plymouth

Dear Santa,

I want silver version for game boy. I also want a poke-mon battle stadium. Thank you.

Love,
Mark
Plymouth

P.S. You're cool!!

Dear Santa.
I hope you have a fun time at Christmas. Thank you for the presents.

Love
Shannon
Plymouth

I love you

Dear Santa,

I want for Christmas a teacher's pet, 3 billy goats gruff with finger puppets, hit the mole game, and a September birthday bear.

Jessica Schroeder
Plymouth

Dear Santa,

I hope you don't have trouble delivering eveyones presents! I have a few things I want and a poem to share. I hope you have a happy Christmas

Christmas day horray horray

Like a horse going neh neh
What shall I wear
Should I curl my hair
Because I look like a fuzzy bear

The End
Katie's Wish List
A keyboard, walkie talky, me and my shadow, jewel girl barbie, neon tetra fish, a huge

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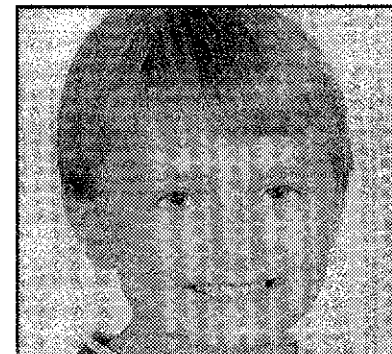
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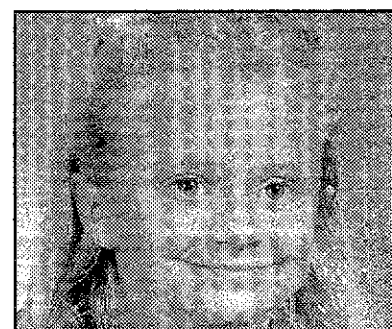
Thank you for the letter you sent me. Please if you can bring kit the new A.G. doll. I've had two snow days out of school. I'll make sure I live some cookies for you and a snak for your reindeer.

Your friend,
Stephanie
Canton

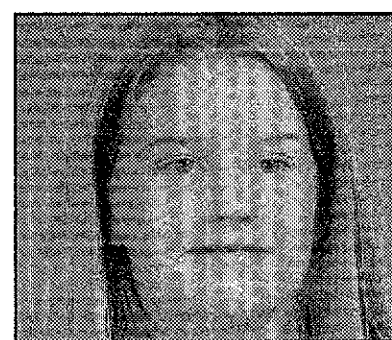
Editor's note: We e-mailed these letters to the North Pole before Friday's deadline so Santa has plenty of time to work on filling our readers' requests. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all in the Plymouth-Canton community.



Aaron



Jessica



Katie

give in
to the magic

Throughout these festive, frantic days, a real magic does remain. Take time to enjoy it with the ones who matter most to you.

Happy Holidays to you
and your family.

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Waiting: Abbi Giaier, 8, waits with her fellow elves as they prepare for the holiday production at Bentley.



Curtains: Jessica Kramer, 8, adjusts her hat just moments before the curtain rises. Laura Tonna, 8, looks on at left.



Tunes: Backup singers Anna Larner as "Celine," Megan Lipari as "Mariah," and Lindsey Cerilli as "Aretha," perform during the play.

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main hallways to catch the water. Randolph said the problems stem from a 1984 roof replacement. In 1993, a small portion of that roof was replaced. The original roof is what's being replaced, not the newer portion. "It will be the same type roof I have over the whole rest of the building," Randolph said of the new material. "The integrity of

the roof we put up in 1993 is still good." South Middle School had skylights in its main hallways 15 years ago, but they were replaced with a roof because they were an energy drain, Randolph said. South Middle School principal Bill Houston said the leaking water has caused some concern about mold buildup, but no major problems have arose. "We had the freeze, then the thaw, then the roof material began cracking," Houston said. "We've had it patched on and off over the past two to three years."

P-CEP marchers are Florida-bound

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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The P-CEP Marching Band will be traveling to Florida this week to march at Walt Disney World. "We will be marching in one of Disney's Millennium parades, which they've been celebrating all year," said band director Dave McGrath. "Our band members will also be doing some workshops with Disney staff members." McGrath said one of those workshops will include visiting a sound studio, and learning how

a soundtrack is recorded. Afterwards, the band will record music that will be used as background for a Disney cartoon. The 200-member band will leave Tuesday, Dec. 26, and return on Wednesday, Jan. 3. "In the past, our Florida trips have been to the Fiesta Bowl parade and field competition," said McGrath. "However, this trip is geared towards the kids having fun. It's a reward for their hard work the past four years. There's not as much pressure to perform on this trip."

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Retirement

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Ph.D., Plymouth-Canton's superintendent. Marcee Martin, Ph.D., retired superintendent of Ferndale Schools, is filling O'Donnell's position on an interim basis; Booher figures to do the same thing with Goldman's.

"I have greatly appreciated working with Errol," Booher said. "He is a highly reliable person, and anything I asked of him, Errol delivered. That was very important in this first year while I got acclimated."

School board members were, as might be expected, generous in their comments at Friday's meeting.

"I'm going to miss your sense



Errol Goldman of humor," trustee Liz Givens said. "We've had some pretty spirited discussions."

Board president Dar Watts

pointed out the district and Goldman had always seemed a good fit.

"The district has served you well, and you've served the district well," Watts said. "It's nice, on that note, to go on to the next phase of life."

Goldman isn't exactly sure what his plans are, except to enjoy his retirement. He and his wife, Candi, will move to the other side of the state and take it from there.

"Then we'll do whatever we feel like doing," Goldman said. "I'll probably do some legal work and just take it easy."

Cherry Hill

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their request on-line.

"If they are serious, then we will send them an invitation and invite them to the event," Bassett said.

Bassett said the purpose of the lottery system is to avoid lines of people waiting outside for the sales office to open. Other developments generated such interest among buyers that they camped outside the sales office the night before the sale began, she added.

Buyers can choose from attached condominiums begin-

■ **Single-family homes will range in price from \$250,000 to \$550,000.**

ning in the mid \$100,000 price range and single-family homes ranging in price from \$250,000 to \$550,000.

Single family home lot sizes will include 40-foot wide cottage lots, 55-foot wide village lots and 75 to 85-foot wide estate lots,

said Lorne Zalesin, project developer and vice president of Biltmore.

"We've done some extensive market research and have found that attached condominiums are very popular with the step-down buyer," Zalesin said, referring to people moving from larger homes to smaller ones.

Retired "empty nester" couples make up a bulk of those interested in condominiums, but they are also popular with first-time buyers, he said.

"This is probably the premier traditional neighborhood in the Midwest," Zalesin said. "It's the only one being built in a historical district."

Area residents divided over Middle East trouble

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Local Palestinian-American and Jewish leaders, divided over who's to blame for deadly Middle East fighting, appear discouraged that any tangible peace accord will soon emerge.

Palestinian-Americans say that U.S. leaders and American citizens need to call on heavily armed Israeli soldiers to stop attacking Palestinians — many of them youths — armed only with rocks, slingshots and a strong loyalty to their homeland.

"It's terrible to see innocent children getting killed," said May Saba, a Livonia resident and national president of the 35,000-member American Federation of Ramallah Palestine.

But Jewish leaders portray Palestinians as aggressors and say that Israelis are merely defending their nation.

"Until Arab nations and Palestinians accept Israel as a nation, they cannot hope to have any peace," said Joseph Savin, president of the Southfield-based Zionist Organization of America. "Israel cannot just walk into the sea."

Palestinian-Americans and Jewish residents live peacefully in metro Detroit, but statements made by their leaders indicate

bitter divisions even as they continue to hope for Middle East peace.

Joseph Eadeh, a Westland City Council member whose family moved from Ramallah to the United States when he was 5 years old, said many casual observers don't realize the disadvantages that Palestinians face against Israelis.

"We have stones. They have tanks," he said. "We have stones. They have F-16s (jet fighters)."

Eadeh asked the Observer to meet with him, May and Samir Mashni — a Canton resident and past president of the American Federation of Ramallah Palestine — at Westland's Ramallah Club, where Palestinian-Americans socialize.

Eadeh stressed that Palestinians account for most of the more than 300 deaths that have occurred since the latest round of Middle East fighting started in September.

"It's almost to the point of ethnic cleansing," he said, adding that much of the world doesn't seem to be taking notice.

Savin responded that Palestinians, rather than seeking to live peacefully with Israelis, are intent on destroying Israel.

"At this point it's a complete stalemate," Savin said. "Israel has gone as far as it can possibly go in making concessions ... The

Palestinians are interested in (taking) the whole state of Israel. They've been doing it piecemeal."

Mashni said Palestinians do want peace.

"We hope that the U.S. and the world will realize that Palestinians are in need of peace, but a just peace," Mashni said, adding later, "Our fellow U.S. citizens and friends, whether they're Jewish or from different ethnic backgrounds, need to stand up and let their voices be heard to stop the killing. We can't allow kids to be killed. As Americans, we need to wake up."

Savin, however, said Israelis have been under attack during a number of Middle East crises during the last 70 years.

"In a sense," he said, "this is just another one of the crises in the last 70 years."

Savin said many Arabs are allowed to live on Israeli land while more than a million Jews have been forced to leave countries such as Egypt, Libya, Syria and Lebanon.

But Eadeh said some Palestinians are forced to earn a living by building Israeli homes on Palestinian land.

Savin also said Palestinian-Americans aren't telling the entire story when they describe Israelis attacking Palestinian children.

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#3044 Schaefer: Dryer, Washer, Bed Frame, dresser, luggage, dining room set, misc. boxes.
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Unit #361 GLEN WHITAKER: Press
Unit #9114 JAHUE "JAY" WHITLOW: Tires, boxes, mattress, household items.
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Inquiries regarding these vehicles should be directed to officer Al Cox, City of Plymouth Police Department, at 453-8600.
LINDA J. LANGMESSER
City Clerk
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Ameritech says it's making progress on service calls

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Is Ameritech making good on its mid-September promise to reduce its backlog of calls and improve its response time?

The company claims it has and cites figures to prove it, but opinion among customers is split.

Ameritech said it finally dipped below its Michigan target of 19,125 pending orders for installation and repairs on Dec. 10, hitting 18,232 for the first time since Sept. 19.

That was 42,147 fewer orders than on Sept. 19, when the company had a backlog of 60,379.

That was the day after Ameritech and its parent company, SBC Communications Inc. of Texas, began bringing to Michigan 140 SBC technicians from other states to try to trim the backlog.

The company also announced a campaign to hire and train more technicians for Michigan. It since has hired over 700, spokeswoman said, and has

■ **'The efforts (Ameritech) made in bringing in manpower has had an impact, but they're nowhere they need to be in terms of delivering service to our people.'**

Dana Whinnery

Farmington Hills Assistant City Manager

sent the out-of-state techs home for the holidays – possibly for good.

Ameritech's claim tended to draw agreement from officials in Livonia and Farmington, who based their opinions on a fall-off in phoned-in complaints.

Both Gail Skarczynski, an administrator in Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey's office, and Farmington City Manager Frank Lauhoff said calls have diminished, with Lauhoff saying his office went from more than a dozen calls to zero.

But a Farmington Hills colleague of theirs and a Livonia resident begged to differ.

Dana Whinnery, Hills assistant city manager, said Ameritech's level of service "still is not acceptable" while Barbara Hastings of Livonia claimed the company is flat-out ignoring her.

Hastings, who says she has been calling and writing Ameritech since last spring to get it to bury a cable it installed along a walk on the side of her house, said neither Ameritech nor the Michigan Public Service Commission is responding to her letters now.

In September, she told the Observer she'd like the line buried "before it snows." She said she was given several target

dates, but no work was ever done.

On Monday she said, "I guess I'll have to wait until spring and not use the sidewalk. It's too difficult" to navigate now.

Whinnery said complaints about Ameritech's service "have dropped off," but added, "We are still receiving an unusually high number" – considering, he added, that his office never got any calls in previous years.

"The efforts (Ameritech) made in bringing in manpower has had an impact, but they're nowhere they need to be in terms of delivering service to our people," Whinnery stated.

When Ameritech dipped below the target figure, it stated it would now "dedicate its efforts to maintaining its target levels on an ongoing basis."

Although service orders for telephone installations and repairs crept back up last week,

reducing the total change since Sept. 18 to 36,488, the company says it fully expects to bring the numbers back down again.

"It's weather-related," said Denise Koenig, an Ameritech spokeswoman in the company's headquarters in Chicago.

She said snowfalls have caused technicians to spend more time getting to and from job sites and also spend more time at the sites clearing snow.

According to Ameritech's most recent report, issued Tuesday, as of Dec. 18 the company's response time for new installations was four days for Redford

Township, down from 35 on Sept. 19; four days for Southfield and Farmington-Farmington Hills, down from 17 days; and five days in Livonia, Garden City, Westland, Canton and Plymouth and Plymouth Township, compared to 27 days in September.

On out-of-service calls, its response times for the six western Wayne County suburbs was listed as three days, down from 20 days on Sept. 19; and two days for Farmington-Farmington Hills and Southfield, down from 23 days.

Ameritech plans to hire 800 technicians in state for 2001

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Ameritech plans to hire 700-800 new telephone technicians and call-receivers in Michigan or 2001, adding to the 700 it hired this year, company officials said this week.

The new hires will continue to beef-up the company's response to orders for new telephone installations and repairs – something which had suffered after Ameritech lost many workers to either retirement or competitors.

Ameritech, which serves Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, planned to hire only 1,000 non-management network services personnel region-wide this year, said Denise Koenig, a spokeswoman at division headquarters in Chicago.

But needs boosted that figure to 3,300 region-wide next year,

■ **Ameritech has a 24-hour job hotline at 1-800-904-WORK**

cian at the Ameritech training facility

Clark, 52, was trained in pole-climbing, first-aid and defensive-driving and has completed both installations schools. He also goes on calls with Ameritech veterans.

The training marks a happy turnabout for Clark, 52, who learned communications in the military and had experience as an installer, but was initially told he qualified only for a customer service desk job.

Clark, who'd read in the Observer that Ameritech wanted experienced personnel, told the Observer what happened. A check by the newspaper straightened things out and Clark was hired and bumped up the pay scale, based on his background.

"It's going to be a good job," he said. "The benefits are great with them."

she said.

Cindie Bucks, Detroit general manager for customer provisions and maintenance, said, "We need all the good candidates we can get."

Ameritech's aggressive recruitment policy for both technical and support personnel includes a one-day hiring process, increased participation in job fairs and a toll-free, 24-hour job hotline: 1-888-904-WORK.

Among this year's new hires is Dave Clark of Westland, who just completed most of his training as a communications techni-

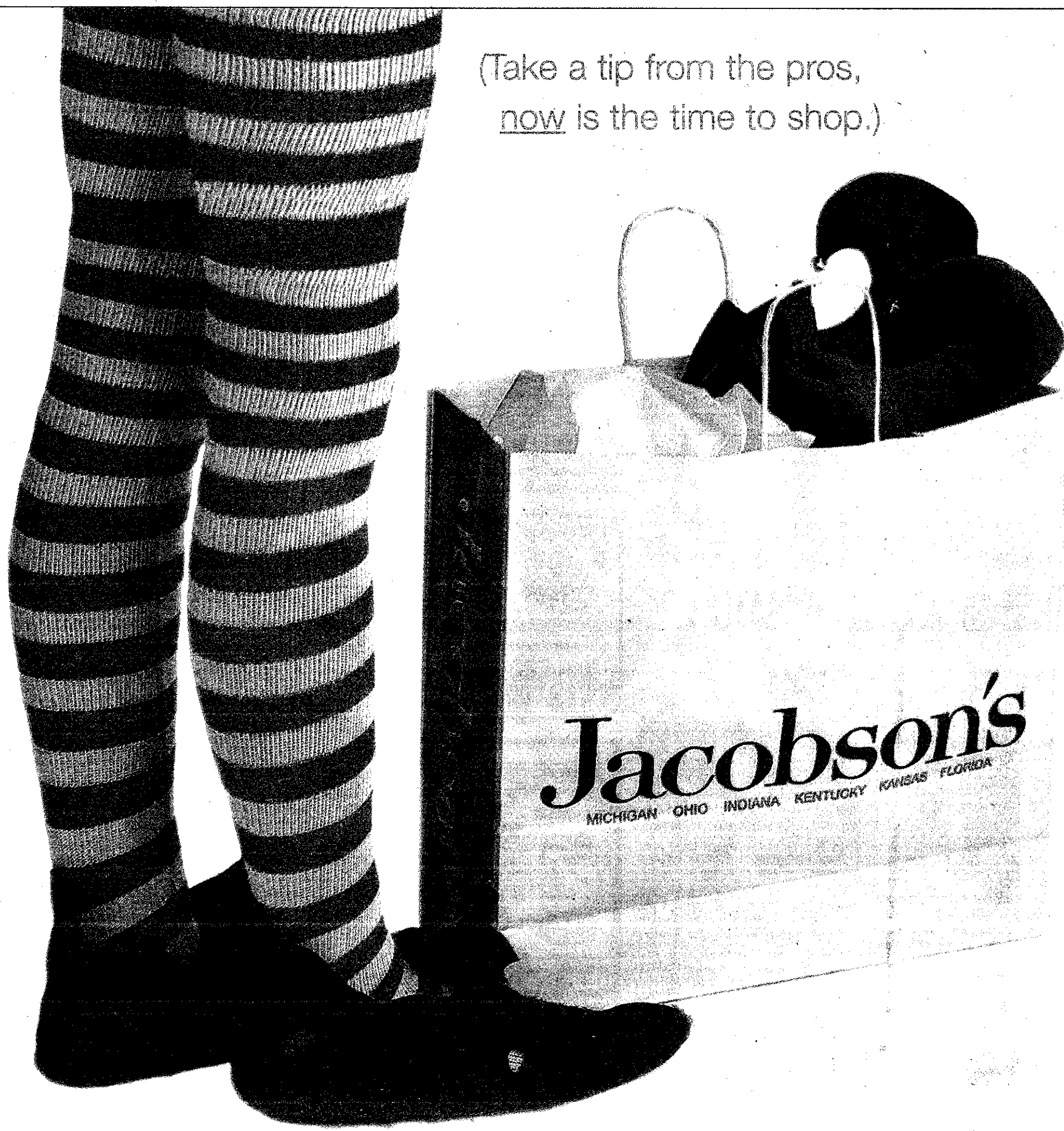
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Good Sports winners

Several area school received district and regional "Good Sports are Winners!" awards for their participation in Michigan High School Athletic Association tourney play during the fall season.

In boys soccer, Livonia Churchill, Farmington, Farmington Harrison, North Farmington, Redford Union and Redford Thurston took district awards.

In football, Redford Catholic Central won a district and regional award, while Redford St. Agatha won a district honor.

In girls basketball, Livonia Franklin, Westland John Glenn, Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Ladywood and Farmington Hills Mercy all won district awards, while Livonia Ladywood and Plymouth Canton won regional honors.

The awards were made by tournament managers at various sites, to schools meeting a set of sportsmanship standards set down by the MHSAA.

Academic athletes

The Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference has named its all-academic teams for the fall semester, and several Observerland athletes now attending Wayne State have been honored.

Men's cross country: Joseph Verellen (from Livonia Stevenson), senior, 3.66 grade-point average, majoring in science; Raj Singh (Canton/Dearborn Robichaud), senior, 3.07 gpa, science major.

Men's golf: Greg Bores (Plymouth/Dearborn Divine Child), senior, 3.32 gpa, business major.

Women's volleyball: Katie Brogan (Livonia Ladywood), junior, 3.59 gpa, science major.

Basketball tryouts

Team Michigan will hold tryouts for its select boys basketball tournament teams in the 10-and-under, 12-and-under and 14-and-under age divisions in January.

For information, call (734) 324-7605.

Baseball camps

Avery's All-Star Baseball Camps, for ages 11-18, will run five consecutive weeks starting Jan. 13 or Jan. 14 at Oakland University. Cost is \$215 for each five-session camp.

Camper may choose to attend the Saturday or Sunday camp. There will be a hitting camp (75 minutes in length), a catching camp (100 minutes in length) and a pitching camp (90 minutes in length).

Staff includes OU head coach Mark Avery, assistant coaches Andy Fairman and Chuck Van Robays, and Erick Swanson, Aaron Shrewsbury and Mario Borrocci.

For further information, call (810) 362-3583.

Girls hoops Thursday

Been wondering when the All-Observer Girls Basketball team is going to appear?

Fear not, we haven't forgotten about it. You'll be able to read all about the best girls basketball players in the area in Thursday's edition of the Observer.

GC playing alumni

Garden City's basketball teams will face the program's alumni in three scrimmages on Thursday, Dec. 28 beginning at 5 p.m. at the high school gym.

The current freshmen squad will play alumni from the 1960s and 70s at 5 p.m., the current JV players will play alumni from the 80s at 6 p.m. and the current varsity and alumni from the 90s will play at 7 p.m.

Admission is free.

Hockey double-header

The Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem hockey boosters have something special planned for the first Friday of the new year: a Student Night, with all Plymouth-Canton school district elementary and middle school students admitted for free when accompanied by a paying adult.

The games, scheduled for Jan. 5 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, feature Salem against Livonia Stevenson at 6 p.m. and Canton vs. Walled Lake Central at 8 p.m. Also, the first 100 students will receive a free hockey puck.

Now Santa, here's what I want . . .



It's that time of year, filled with joy and happiness and thankfulness — and a lot of lists of what people want. Well, the Observer sports staff gives a hoot (that's one of us pictured at left), and we asked. Here are the answers.

BY PAUL BEAUDRY,
BRAD EMONS
& C.J. RISAK
SPORTS WRITERS

They wanted cars and CD's and gas money and dogs.

They wanted championships and titles and hat tricks and uniforms.

They wanted no more snow days (the coaches), more snow days (the stu-

dents), a new school building and a new job.

When we asked area athletes and coaches what they wanted for Christmas, it was as far ranging as the sports they play.

But they were fun to ask and some of them may come true.

Which ones? You'll have to ask them.

Gary Hudson, Garden City football/ track: A leather jacket and gas money, because I am poor. I've got an '89 Trans-Am with a 350 engine. It's a gas guzzler and I want someone else to pay for the gas.

Jillian McDonald, Livonia Churchill pom-pom: Clothes... I have a car, but a CD player for it would be nice, a book of poetry by e.e. cummings because I love reading it. And I want a nice boyfriend.

Cody Bartlett, Redford Union hockey/ golf: I think I'd like to finish first in the league again (for hockey) and give the regionals a good run. Or maybe, just another hat trick.

Bill Hayes, Catholic Central golf coach: Health, peace of mind and happiness and togetherness throughout the world. And a new

school building.

Carlos Briggs, Schoolcraft men's hoop coach: To reach all our goals, good health and land in Hutchinson (Kan.).

Gwen Douglas, Redford Union athletic department secretary: I'd love to have a job. I'm getting laid off in January. I've been in the district for seven years and here for the last three and I love this job. I don't want to go.

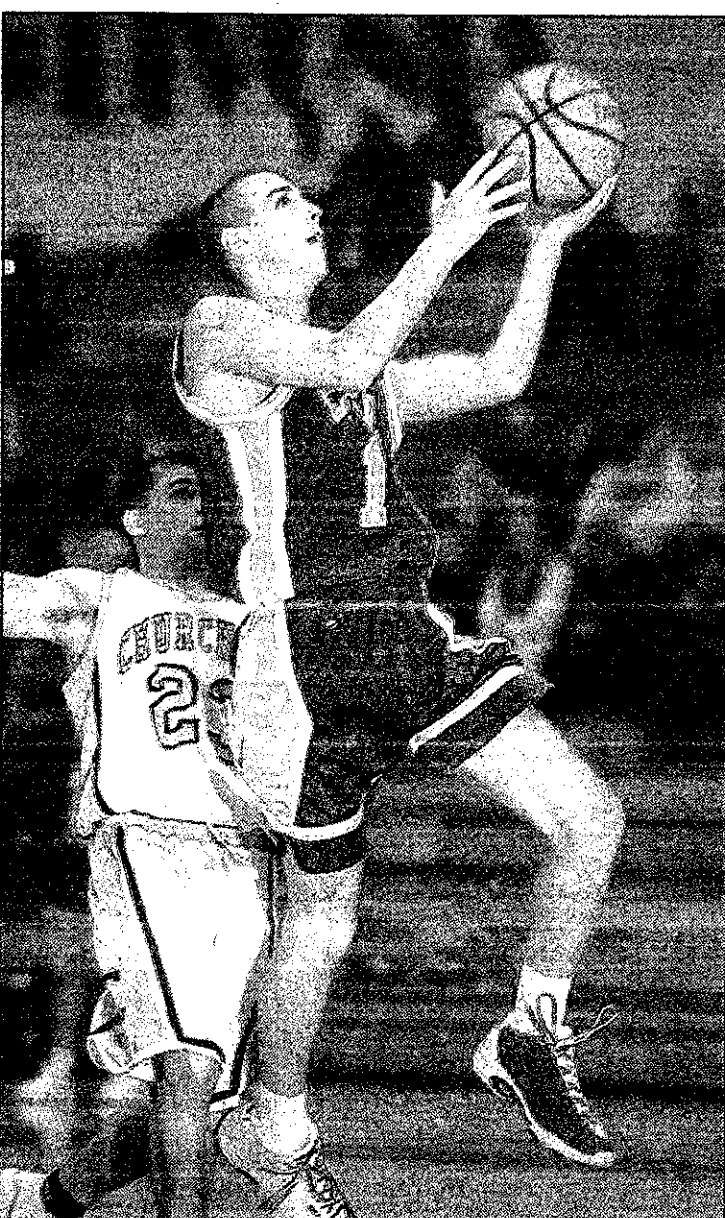
Antoine Moore, Redford Thurston football: I want to build more shelters for the homeless. Seriously, it's what I want to do. I'd like to help. If someone asked me, I'd do it.

Chuck Gordon, Westland John Glenn football coach: Just health and happiness for my family.

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One way or another

Cougars find a way to beat Churchill



In for two: Garden City's Rick Warnock (with ball) glides in for a layup, just ahead of Churchill's pursuing Dave Semizian.

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For all those who think extra work doesn't pay off, we present Garden City junior guard Brandon Audette.

"For hours and hours, he'll stay in the gym shooting by himself," said Cougars coach Greg Williamson. "He carried us in the first half."

Audette knocked down all of his game-high 24 points in the first two quarters to lead the Cougars to an 80-62 win over host Livonia Churchill on Thursday night.

"A lot of people think we're just Justin (Ockerman)," said Williamson as his team improved to 4-0. "They don't realize that we're a whole lot more and more people can contribute."

The Cougars proved that with five players in double figures. Although Ockerman scored 13 points, the 6-10 senior spent most of the game saddled with foul trouble and never got into the flow — helped in part by the play of 6-7 junior Shaun Foster.

"We told him he had to be in the game and had to challenge Ockerman," said Churchill coach Rick Austin. "But the problem was that with a glitch in our defensive rotation, we didn't adjust to Audette."

Not until the second half,

BASKETBALL

anyway, when the Chargers (1-4) held Audette scoreless.

But the first half was Audette. He scored 10 points in the first quarter, helping his team to a 22-18 lead. And after Churchill had tied the score at 22-all, Audette greased the Chargers' skids with a pair of 3-pointers 25 seconds apart for a 28-22 lead that bulged to 43-27 as Garden City ended the quarter on a 13-0 run, behind Audette, Mike Sparks and Colin Sizemore.

The Chargers adjusted their rotation in the second half to shut down Audette and did a good job, whittling away at the lead to pull within 50-38 with 4:47 left in the third quarter. Churchill stayed within 13 (58-45) with 2:36 left with a pair of free throws by their leading scorer, Will Pendergrass, who wound up with 15 points.

But the Cougars went on an 11-0 run, led by six of Matt Neimczewski's 10 points and the Chargers were never close again.

"After we closed the gap, fatigue set in," said Austin. "We started having defensive lapses and gave up layups. But even though we lost, I think we found our identity tonight. We played well and came together a bit. We made progress."

Please see COUGARS, B2

Ypsi hands Wayne 1st loss

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Wayne Memorial couldn't get over the hump Thursday. The Zebras stayed close throughout, but visiting Ypsilanti pulled out a 50-45 Mega Conference Red Division boys basketball win.

Both teams are 4-1 overall and 1-1 in the Mega Red. "Ypsilanti is very disciplined, they've got their system down," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said. "They're hard to beat the way they play, but you'll always be game, too, because of their style."

"We played hard and competed, but we just didn't make the most of our opportunities."

Wayne was down 20-18 at halftime and 33-30 after three quarters.

Michael Rashad converted a steal into a layup with 7:11 to go in the game, tying the score at 34-all.

But Ypsi, patiently running its half-court offense, pulled out the victory.

Cousins Cedrick and Jason Bird led the victorious Braves with 21 and 12 points, respectively. Guard Marcus Walker added 11.

Bird's three-pointer proved to be a pivotal play with 5:38 remaining, giving Ypsi at 42-36 cushion.

Senior guard Gary Johnson, coming off a 39-point performance Tuesday against Plymouth Salem, led Wayne with 17. He had only one free throw in the final period as Ypsi outscored the Zebras 17-15.

Shannon Jafferias, a 6-4 senior, added 10 points for Wayne while 6-4 senior Jeff Logwood added eight.

Wayne hit just five of 16 shots in the final period, while Ypsi made the most of its chances, nailing four of five.

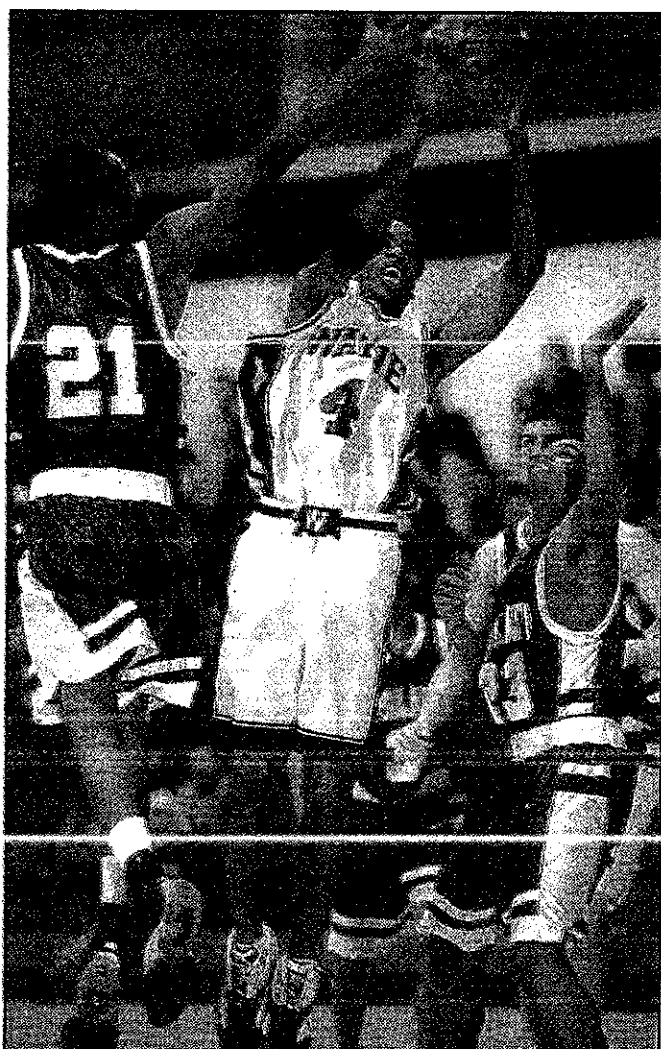
Ypsi also connected on 17 of 24 free throws (70.8 percent), while Wayne was 12 of 17 (70.5 percent).

WILLOW RUN 50, JOHN GLENN 40: Marqus Anthony scored 12 of his 21 points in a 21-3 second-quarter outburst Thursday to lead host Willow Run (3-0) past Westland John Glenn (0-4).

Demarius Billups added 14 for the Flyers, who led 33-19 at halftime.

Michael Franks scored 18 points — all on three-pointers — to pace the Rockets. Michael Goree added 10 points.

ANN ARBOR HURON 76, CATHOLIC CENTRAL 75 (OT): Rufus Poole's basket with 1:10 to play proved to be the game-winner as Huron improved to 4-0.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Big basket: Michael Rashad (4) turned a steal in a basket that allowed Wayne to tie Ypsilanti in the fourth quarter Thursday.

"We had chances to win," said CC assistant John Mulroy. "It was definitely a winnable game."

CC (2-1) did have the ball with 7.4 seconds to play, but

Please see BASKETBALL, B2

HOOP WRAP

Chiefs 'D' leads to 1st victory; Warriors run record to 4-0

Play defense like that and you're bound to win.

Plymouth Canton held Brighton without a basket for the entire first half of their game Tuesday — played on Brighton's home court — and that ultimately resulted in the Chiefs first basketball win of the year, 51-40.

It was also the first win of new coach Jeremy Rheault's varsity career. Both teams were 1-2.

What made their first-half accomplishment more amazing was that Canton's top defender, Jerry Gaines, played only the first few minutes before retiring to the bench with a sore back.

"Flat out, it was our defense," said Rheault. "And (Brighton) is big."

"We rebounded, we played defense, we took care of the ball, we were patient. Not allowing them a field goal (in the first half) is just outstanding."

Canton led 13-1 after one quarter and 23-8 at the half. Brighton never got closer than seven in the second half.

The only thing that kept the game close was free throws. The Bulldogs had just nine baskets, with one three-pointer, but they converted 21-of-36 free throws. Canton was 15-of-28 at the line.

Leading the Chiefs was Jay Sofen with 14 points, including four three-pointers. Nick Cabautan netted 10 points and Brendan Murphy had eight.

Charlie Christner finished with 11 points for Brighton. Charlie Grimm had 10.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 60, N.B. HURON 43: On Thursday, host Lutheran High Westland outscored New Boston Huron 35-23 in the second half to post its fourth straight victory without a loss.

Junior guard Nick Doherty led the victorious Warriors with 17 points. Junior forward Brent Habitz added 12.

New Boston Huron is winless in five games.

WYANDOTTE 57, REDFORD THURSTON 51: Thirty-one points in the third quarter couldn't offset the 20 points scored in the other three periods for the Eagles (1-4).

"We played poorly in the first half," said RT coach Brian Bates. "We didn't move, we didn't shoot. It was as though we were in a fog. But we came out in the second half and wound up with a six-point lead. We pressed them and they couldn't break it. We got steal after steal after steal."

"But we spent so much energy in the third quarter that we couldn't hold it in the fourth. They just pounded the ball inside and they were bigger than us."

It didn't help Thurston that it shot 10-for-23 from the free-throw line and just 1-for-9 in the fourth quarter.

Matt Nowak led Thurston with 13 points, while Joe Wilson had 12 points and six rebounds, Andy Boven had nine points and Dave Madigan kicked in with seven boards. Jeff Powell led Wyandotte (2-3) with 11 points, while John Wojcik added 10.

A few thoughts of my own on what people need



C.J. RISAK

Thanks to the diligent work of my compadre, Paul Beaudry, we have received an abundance of Christmas wishes from those in the Observerland sports world.

Now I have a few of my own.

First, I want all the votes to count. Okay, I admit it — I am a Democrat. But I will grudgingly accept that, for now, Republicans rule.

In paying them the tribute they richly (as if they don't have enough money) deserve, I will allow a Republican-style recount of votes in my ensuing column on who deserves what for Christmas.

Of course, since Christmas is tomorrow, they'll be no time for a recount. Besides, if I'm to further follow the

Republican mantra, only one vote matters anyway — mine.

So here goes.

• **Bernie Holowicki, Madonna men's basketball coach:** A 6-foot-9 freshman rich in basketball talent, carrying a 3.0 grade-point average, to walk in the gym and say, "I wanna play ball." Just like it used to be at CC.

• **Tom Moshimer, Plymouth Salem football coach:** One more shot at the playoffs. It's been too long for a guy who can still coach.

• **Livonia public high schools:** One really-good boys basketball team. Just one.

• **John Herrington, Farmington Harrison football coach:** This school rode on his back to national fame. How many public high schools have been as dominant in a major sport in this state? Coach Herrington, a Michigan Hall of Fame inductee, recently underwent

knee replacement surgery (the weight of fame can be burdensome), so all he needs is some legs to walk on. Best wishes, John.

• **Mike Sparks, Garden City football/basketball/baseball player:** A pro career as good as or better than Steve Sparks, Detroit Tigers' pitcher. At least a better knuckleball.

• **Melissa Hopson, Plymouth Salem gymnastics coach:** No repeat. In other words, no injury-plagued season like last year. If that happens, the Rocks should be among the state's 10-best teams.

• **Anne Morrell, Plymouth Canton soccer player:** A state title for her team to take with her to North Carolina. She's already recognized as the state's best player.

• **Carlos Briggs, Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach:** A trip to the NJCAA finals. He has the talent

to do it — just needs a few breaks.

• **Karen Lafata, Schoolcraft College women's basketball coach:** Same as above.

• **Stevenson's hockey team:** A win over Catholic Central.

• **Canton's hockey team:** A win over Stevenson.

• **Salem's hockey team:** You get the idea.

• **Pete DeBoer, Plymouth Whalers' coach:** Just one more win (the Whalers lost in the seventh game of the OHL Finals last year).

• **Brian Tinnion, Detroit Rockers' coach:** Just one win — please.

• **Joe Ruggiero, Livonia Franklin football/basketball/baseball player:** A college interested in a strong-armed athlete.

• **Redford Union:** A winter semester team as good as last fall's boys soccer squad (8-4-3 record).

• **Catholic Central:** Now what could these guys possibly want in sports? Perhaps their very own football field to play on?

• **Madonna University:** Speaking of very own fields to play on . . .

Last and certainly least:

• **Paul Beaudry, Redford/Garden City sports editor:** Coaches calling in promptly. Or at least calling in, period.

• **Dan O'Meara, Farmington sports editor:** Ditto.

• **Brad Emons, Livonia/Westland sports editor:** You get the idea.

Merry Christmas, one and all!

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Holiday wishes from page B1

Nothing like that (winning league championships). That stuff will take care of itself.

• **Zach Browne, St. Agatha basketball:** I want a car. A Camaro. I'm paying for it myself, I just need to go get it. And I want a cell phone.

• **Bob Brodie, Plymouth Salem basketball coach:** How about some shooters? No, wait — I've got enough shooters. They're taking plenty of shots. I need some makers.

• **Courtney Draughn, Livonia Churchill cheerleader:** What I want most is for my car to be repainted. The paint on my '92 Colt is a little rough. And I want cologne. Armani. Imported. You know, the little things.

• **Chuck Olson, Plymouth Salem swim coach:** A few more state qualifiers would be nice. And maybe a fingernail. Or how about a manicure? (Morbidly put, Chuck — he lost the upper part of his ring finger in a car accident in October).

• **Taryn McCloud, Garden City volleyball/basketball/softball:** I want a puppy. I want a husky with blue eyes, because they look cuter with blue eyes, I think.

• **Andy Thompson, Livonia Churchill soccer:** A stereo. You know, your basic 200-watt Sony or Aiwa. Either one, I'm not picky.

• **Chris Rigley, Redford Union football/basketball/baseball:** Other than clothes or stuff, I want next year's football team to make the playoffs.

• **Jackie Carson, Garden City soccer:** I want a cell phone so I can talk to my friends. All of my other friends have one and I want one.

• **Bill McSweeney, Redford Thurston hockey/cross country:** I want to spend more time with my family and maybe get a state title. That would be nice.

• **Mike King, Catholic Central golf (Livonia):** I want a new set of irons to hit the ball a little further and play a little better. Yes, I'm sure it's the clubs and not the player.

• **Jeremy Rheault, Plymouth Canton basketball coach:** Before (Thursday's) win at Brighton, I wanted a rebounder and a defender. Well, Christmas came early — I got what I wanted. Now I'm wishing for even more rebounding. I'm getting greedy.

• **Brad Birkett, Harrison wrestling coach:** I'd like to have uniforms for these kids, because the uniforms weren't collected after last season. Hopefully, the new ones will be in soon, so I can hand them out. And I'd love not to worry about these problems I'm dealing with.

• **Shella Taormina, triathlete:** The entire family is treating itself to a trip to Florida.

• **Rick Berryman, Redford Union baseball coach:** I want a .400 hitter and someone who throws in the high 80s for strikes. And that parents will finally respect officials or if they don't, their punishment is to have to referee 10 basketball games to see what it's like.

• **Tom Wakefield, Wayne baseball coach:** New furnishings for my new home. I'm in transition.

• **Colleen Donakowski, Redford Thurston girls swimming coach:** A Speedo swim bag. And so I'm all set for the pool, got to have a new warmup. The old ones are getting tattered. And to go on with that, after a hard day of coaching, you need a massage to be fresh for the next day.

• **Patricia Rich, St. Agatha girls basketball coach:** Furniture for my new house and someone to make the payments. And to have 10 girls on my team next year.

• **Derrick Bird, Schoolcraft basketball:** I need some boots, the weather has been crazy.

• **Becky Brooks, Redford Thurston track:** It's going to sound really bad, but I want clothes and CD's and stuff.

• **Jim Karoub, Franklin baseball coach:** My team win close to 20 games. A pitcher who will win me seven to eight

games and a kid who hits .450.

• **Jim Blanchard, Catholic Central hockey (Redford):** To 3-peat in hockey with state championships and hopefully be ranked No. 1 in the state. Yes, I know I haven't been there for the first two, but hopefully this year, I can get my chance.

• **Mark Hage, Livonia Churchill athletic director:** An improved level of sportsmanship by and for everyone. We're good here and we work like crazy at it, but we can be better.

• **Amanda Lippe, Redford Union volleyball/track/cross country:** Besides clothes and money, I would like for our volleyball team to be league champions. And I would love for people to see our team and be scared to play us.

• **Mallory Bosen, Garden City cheerleader/figure skater:** I want a ticket to Kansas to visit my skating coach.

• **Al Chambo, Redford Thurston athletic director:** Not having to experience another snow day or rain delay for the rest of the school year.

• **Gary Johnson, Wayne basketball:** A new pair of gym shoes and a four-year ride to a Division I school.

• **Mike Lynch, St. Agatha football/baseball:** A car. Why not? A Ford Mustang is a dream, I probably won't get it and I think I'll get something like money or clothes or something like that. But the car? That would be cool.

Salem scores well in loss to Brighton

This was a loss that was, well, acceptable.

That's because it came against one of the state's top teams, Brighton. And Plymouth Salem's gymnasts didn't lose by much, falling by a 138.1-137.3 margin Wednesday at Canton's Phase III gym.

"The girls were really excited to come that close to a team like Brighton," said Salem coach Melissa Hopson. "It was a good day. The thing is, we can still see room for improvement."

Considering the point total amassed by the Rocks was better than any score they had in all of last year's injury-plagued season adds to the optimism as the new

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year approaches.

April Aquinto led the Salem assault, compiling the best all-around score of the meet — a 35.15 — with winning marks of 9.2 in the floor exercise and 9.15 in the balance beam. She also had an 8.6 on vault and an 8.2 on uneven parallel bars.

Bethany Bartlett was third in the all-around with a 34.9. She tied for first in the bars with a 9.0, finished second in vault with an 8.9, had an 8.7 in floor and an 8.3 in beam.

Melissa Drake was fourth in

the all-around with a 34.85, scoring an 8.95 in bars, 8.7 in both vault and floor, and an 8.5 in beam.

Other top scores for Salem came from Kara Dendrinos, 8.3 in floor, 8.0 in vault and 7.25 in bars; Ashley Heard, 8.4 in bars and 8.2 in vault; Staci Schmedding, 8.3 in vault and 8.2 in floor; Kelsey Ensor, 8.3 in floor and 7.4 in beam; and Stefanie Olli, 7.3 in beam and 7.0 in bars.

Valeri Quigley also had a qualifying score of 7.9 in floor, and Cammi Carnes had an 8.0 in vault.

Salem is idle until it hosts the Salem Invitational Jan. 6.

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Lynn a double-qualifier for Rocks

Led by two state-qualifying swims by Eric Lynn, Plymouth Salem splashed past Dearborn 135-51 in a non-league dual meet Thursday at Salem.

It was the Rocks first meet of the season. Lynn bettered the state cut in winning the 100-yard butterfly (54.01) and in the 50 freestyle (22.54), when he led off the 200 free relay. That team, which also consisted of Dave Carson, Hugo Alvarez and Jim Ross, was first in 1:37.64.

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Lynn was also a winner in the 200 free (1:50.21). Salem was first in every event in the meet.

Other individual-event winners for the Rocks were Ben Dzialo in the 200 individual medley (2:07.46); Aaron Shelton in the 50 free (22.92); Greg Kubitski in diving (200.40 points); Mike Johnson in the 100 free

(51.71); Brian Mertens in the 500 free (5:11.06); Kevin Schopieray in the 100 backstroke (1:05.97); and Matt Showalter in the 100 breaststroke (1:10.74).

Shelton, Showalter, Dzialo and Johnson combined to win the 200 medley relay (1:46.47), and Johnson, Shelton, Dzialo and Lynn teamed for a first in the 400 free relay (3:24.86).

Salem is now idle until its Jan. 4 non-league dual meet at Novi.

Hockey clinic

StickMaster Hockey is staging its clinics at the Garden City Ice Arena March 19-21 and July 17-19.

The March sessions are split from 5:40-7:20 p.m. and 7:20-9 p.m. at a cost of \$150 while the July camp costs \$140 for sessions at similar times.

The clinics will also be held at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena

twice in 2001.

The Farmington clinics, featuring the StickMaster stick-handling training device developed by John Murphy, will take place April 10-12 and July 30-Aug. 3.

The April camps run from 6:50-8:30 p.m. and cost \$150 while the July-Aug. camp goes from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and costs \$395.

SKATING STUFF

The clinics will also take place in East Lansing, Brighton and Ann Arbor's Ice Cube.

More details can be obtained by calling toll-free 877-442-9006 or visiting the website www.stickmasterhockey.com.

Skating lessons

Redford Township Ice Arena will be the site of a basic skating

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Lessons, for ages three and older, cost \$45 and skate rental is available. Registration begins today and runs through Jan. 9, daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call (313) 387-2660.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Dec. 27

Canton vs. Det. Rogers at U-D Jesuit, 7:15 p.m.

(Grosse Ile Tournament)

Salem vs. Gib. Carlson, 5:30 p.m.

Grosse Ile vs. Allen Park, 7:30 p.m.

(Riv. Gabriel Richard Tourney)

Farmington vs. E. Catholic, 6 p.m.

Tay. Kennedy vs. Riv. Richard, 8 p.m.

(Grand Rapids Press Tourney)

G.R. Central vs. Walkerville, 6 p.m.

N. Farmington vs. Mackenzie, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 28

Grosse Ile Tourney, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.

G.R. Press Tourney, 6 & 8 p.m.

(Adrian-Madison Tournament)

Lenawee Christ. vs. Summerfield, 5 p.m.

Madison vs. Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.

(Roundball Classic at U-D Jesuit)

Ferdale vs. Pershing, noon.

Borgess vs. Kettering, 1:45 p.m.

Cooley vs. Pooock (Ont.) Catholic, 3:30 p.m.

Redford CC vs. Country Day, 5:30 p.m.

Henry Ford vs. Marquette (Wis.), 7:15 p.m.

King vs. Cincinnati Withrow, 9 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 29

Adrian Madison Tourney, 5 & 7 p.m.

Riv. Richard Tourney, 6 & 8 p.m.

G.R. Press Tourney, 6 & 8 p.m.

(Roundball Classic at U-D Jesuit)

Losers bracket, noon & 1:45 p.m.

Winners bracket, 3:30 & 5:30 p.m.

A.A. Pioneer vs. Henry Ford, 7:15 p.m.

Flint Northern vs. Central, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 30

(Roundball Classic at U-D Jesuit)

Losers bracket, noon & 1:45 p.m.

Consolation final, 3:30 p.m.

Championship game, 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Wednesday, Dec. 27

UM-Dearborn Invitational, 9 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 28

W. Bloomfield Invitational, 8 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 30

U-M Dearborn Tournament, 8 a.m.

Portage No. Tourney, 8:30 a.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Thursday, Dec. 28

Trenton Dual Meet Tourney, 9 a.m.

Clarenceville at Oxford, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 30

Salem Invitational, 9 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Friday, Dec. 29

(Alma-St. Louis Rotary Classic)

Taylor vs. Thomas More, 6 p.m.

Alma vs. Madonna, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 30

Alma College Tourney, 6 & 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Thursday, Dec. 28

(Madonna Hoops Tournament)

Madonna vs. Marion (Ind.), 6 p.m.

Cedarville vs. IU-South Bend, 8 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 29

MU Hoops Tourney, 1 & 3 p.m.

Schoolcraft vs. Columbia State

at Panama City Beach (Fla.), 4 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 30

Schoolcraft vs. Gulf Coast (Fla.)

at Panama City Beach (Fla.), 4 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Wednesday, Dec. 27

(Novi Invitational)

Northville vs. Woodhaven, 6 p.m.

Red. Unified vs. Novi, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 28

Novi Invitational, 6 & 8 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Wednesday, Dec. 27

Whalers vs. Owen Sound

at Compuware Arena, 2 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 29

Whalers vs. Windsor Spitfires

at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

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Rockers at Kansas City, 8:35 p.m.

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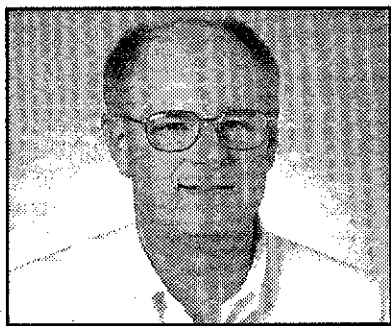
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NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

Animals fight to survive in heavy snow

After several years of minimal snow, compared to 25 years ago, we are experiencing a snow cover that we haven't seen in a long time. It gives us an opportunity to discover how it affects wildlife, both good and bad.

I walked the trail at Independence Oaks County Park the other day and came upon a hermit thrush perched in the open on a branch. It was squatting low on the branch so its feet were covered in fluffed breast feathers. In addition, its head was pushed down onto its "shoulders."

This species of bird normally migrates to the southern states or Central America. No one knows what makes individuals stay this far north. Maybe it was injured and could not fly. Maybe it is sick and disoriented. It's difficult to know for sure.

During warmer winters that we experienced the past several years, a hermit thrush may have been able to find adequate shelter and food.

Snow covering fallen logs, tangles of brush, vine clusters and other ground shelters reduces the number of places for survival.

Exposure on the end of a branch isn't good for a weak individual. I was able to approach within five feet of this bird and it didn't fly away. This bird will be an easy target for a Cooper's or sharp-shinned hawk.

However, the Detroit Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count held on Dec. 17 suggests that even the hawks have left the area. Last year at the same time, counters recorded 77 red-tailed hawks in a 15 mile diameter area in northwest Oakland County. This year, fewer than 20 red-tails were observed.

The deep snow makes it hard for birds of prey to capture their prey. Small rodents like mice and voles stay beneath the snow and tunnel to find seeds on the ground. Seldom do they need to rise to the surface and expose themselves to danger. Hawks like the red-tail will move south if they cannot find food.

Not only does the snow allow small rodents to hide from danger, the deep snow also serves as an insulation from the cold temperatures. One of the big challenges to an animal's survival is staying warm in cold temperatures. The hermit thrush was fluffing its feathers to trap warm air next to its body. Deep snow insulates mice from cold air and wind. Under 20 inches of snow the temperature does not fluctuate at all. Mice do not have to expend much energy to keep warm like animals above the snow.

Wild turkey have to work hard to find nuts on the ground when snow is as deep as it is this month. Though they are big birds, it takes a lot of energy to scratch through 20 inches of snow. Even after all that scratching, they do not know if they will find food. After a hard day of searching for food, the 10 wild turkey I saw in the trees at 3 p.m. were resting and reducing their threats of danger by getting off the ground.

This is indeed the kind of weather when birds will benefit from full bird feeders. Keep seed, suet and water available whenever you can. Deep snow and cold temperatures over long periods of time make it very hard for wildlife to survive.

Livonia resident Tim Nowicki is a naturalist with Independence Oaks Park north of Clarkston in Oakland County. He can be reached at (248) 625-6473.

There's snow tomorrow for these flag footballers

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Green Bay's "frozen tundra" must have seemed like Daytona Beach compared to conditions that greeted nine men who converged on Canton Township's Flodin Park the morning of Dec. 16 for a game of flag football.

Gusting winds blew a sleet and freezing rain across an orange cone-marked field that had been blanketed by 2 feet of heavy, wet snow.

But the game went on — just like it had since the group of Canton-area residents started gathering at Flodin Park every autumn and early-winter Saturday morning in 1995.

"The more adverse the weather conditions, the more enjoyable the game is," insisted Jeff Marcero, who wore a Detroit Lions No. 10 jersey over three layers of sweat shirts and thermals. "When we first start playing in September every year, it's usually 70 degrees and sunny. The last few weeks it's usually cold and snowy like this — but it doesn't cut down on the number of guys who come out and play. If anything, we get more players when the weather is bad."

What is it that attracts these mostly 30-something flag football junkies to arctic-like Flodin Park on a frigid Saturday morning in December when they could be playing pick-up basketball or racquetball in a toasty recreation center gym? It's a passion for a game that offers spirited competition, camaraderie and cardiovascular exercise, while taking them back to their childhood days of touch football in the back yard.

"There are fewer opportunities to go out and play flag football and other team sports as you get older," said 38-year-old Canton resident Mike McDonald, a flag-football regular for three years. "A lot of recreational athletes like myself gravitate to golf and tennis when they get into their 30s, but flag football is a fun sport that offers great exercise. You do a lot of sprinting, as most people are going deep on just about every play. After a week of work, it's a great way to unwind and have some fun at the same time."

Canton resident Rod Dunlap agreed. "I like it because of the camaraderie that develops between the different players," the 38-year-old lawyer said. "When you show up to play, you may only know one or two guys, but by the time the morning is over, you feel you've been friends with everyone there for years."

The turnout at Flodin Park each week varies from eight to 16 players, depending on several variables, including whether the U-M football team has a home game, the little league schedules of the participants' sons and daughters, and the weather. More than 30 different players have shown up at one time or another this year, but never more than 14 on any given Saturday.

"Our goal every week is to get 16 players so that we can have two games of four-on-four going on at the same time, then have the winners of the two games meet in a mini-tournament," Marcero said. "Last year, we actually had 16 players show up one week. Unfortunately, about 10 minutes after we set up the fields and started playing, one player broke his collarbone and two or three others had to quit because they pulled their hamstrings. We ended up playing one big game of five-on-five anyway."

Because it is flag football and not tackle, serious injuries have been few. One player broke his wrist this year, only to show up the following week ready to play — armed with a

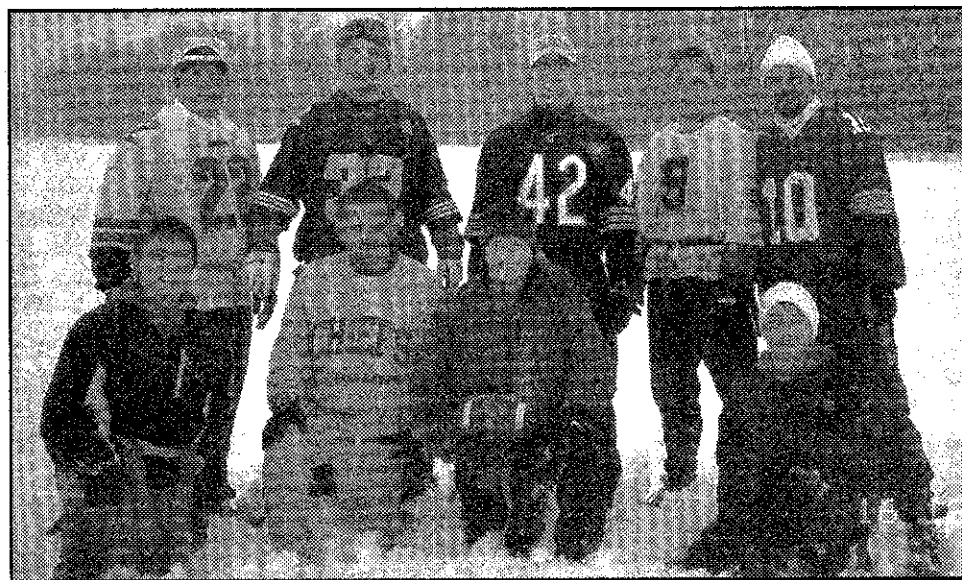


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Snow Bowl players: Back row, from left, Mike McDonald, Steve Marcero, Bill Smith, Jim Marcero and Jeff Marcero. Front row, from left, Pete Lorelli, Ed Wright, Paul Ellinger and Andrew Lorelli.

soft cast that stretched from the palm of his right hand to his elbow.

"He played with the cast for two or three weeks," Marcero said, "but, unfortunately, he blew out his knee the following week and had to quit for the season. There are always pulled muscles and sprained fingers, but other than that, it's pretty safe."

There's usually more pain for players the Monday following the games than on game days — especially for first-time players, Marcero said.

"Early in the season, you're using muscles you usually don't use because you're sprinting, cutting and making a lot of sharp starting and stopping moves," he said. "I usually don't feel it until Monday morning when I get up for work and I can barely walk. It's at that moment that you realize what a good workout flag football can be."

"It's fun because, unlike regular football, you're either quarterback, or you're going out for a pass," Marcero said. "No one has to stay back and block. Plus, there are usually only four players on a team, so the odds are you're going to touch the ball at least one every four plays."

The ages, skill levels and sizes of regular participants are as varied as their 40-yard-dash times. Some players are in their mid-20s, but most are in their mid- to late-30s. Some played college sports, while others never earned a varsity letter in high school.

A few can run a 40 in less than five seconds, but the majority are happy to be able to run 40 yards without pulling something.

The games are much like the annual Army-Navy game — the skill level may not always be first class, but the games are generally close and hard fought.

"It's nice because we always divide it up so that both teams have at least one really fast guy, two medium-speed guys and a slower guy," Dunlap said. "Blowouts are rare."

If you're interested in playing flag football (the group plays every weekend from the weekend after Labor Day through Super Bowl weekend), show up at Flodin Park on Saturday mornings. For more details, e-mail your name and phone number to lwright237@aol.com.

"We would eventually like to start up an informal league beginning next year," Marcero said. "If you want to play, show up on Saturdays at Flodin Park."

Rain or shine.

Sill offers window of opportunity

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AL HARRISON

Merry Christmas! PBI stands for Professional Bowling Instruction, sponsored by Bowlers Aid Pro Shop, opening soon at Westland Bowl. One way to improve your game is to get quality instruction. Aleta Sill has joined with fellow PWBA champion Michelle Mullin for a two-day clinic at Westland Bowl (on Wayne Road between Ford and Warren). Michelle is a gold level coach with Team USA, and Aleta is the first female bowler to earn \$1 million in bowling. They will feature video analysis and an on-lane coaching clinic Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 20-21.

It will be limited to the first 16 bowlers to register. The cost is \$229 per person, or \$199 each for two at once. The PBI will also teach how to adjust to various lane conditions and to make better equipment choices. There are also step-up deals in which the entrant receives a new Ebonite ball, drilled and fitted Trimax or TPS III for \$379 including PBI clinic, Vortex for \$359 with PBI, or Pantera ball at \$339 with PBI. Registration deadline is Jan. 10.

Now in second

The leader board for the Hamtramck Singles Classic at Hazel Park Bowl shows a new second place position in the person of Rob Gaynor of Farmington Hills. He is listed in the eight game singles with two four-

game blocks of 992 and 944, a total of 1,936 pins and that is only behind the 1,964 by Cleveland Bassett of Chicago.

Joe Kassab of Garden City maintains the lead in handicap singles at 1,038. William Cleaves of Southfield is in third place in the Sponsors High Series category.

There is still plenty of time to get in on this event, which pays out lots of money to amateur bowlers in several categories. The Handicap Singles category pays \$25,000 for first place, \$12,500 for second and \$5,000 for third. Competitors placing fourth through 20th get \$2,000. Bowlers placing 21st through 50th get \$1,000.

Other categories include Eight Game Singles, Scratch Singles, Ladies Singles, Senior Singles (55 and up), Sponsor's High Series and doubles. Prize money in these categories depends on the number of bowlers who enter.

For more information, call Joann Taylor or Cindy Loersch at (248) 546-0070 or (248) 543-7303. Their Web site is www.hamtram.com.

The Great Lakes Senior Bowling Association's third annual championship tournament took place Dec. 9 at Sunnybrook Lanes. Scotty Laughland of Windsor came here by the tunnel and went home by the Ambassador Bridge \$2,500 richer by taking first place. Scotty defeated Bob Arnold 443-441. Arnold led all qualifiers with 1,454, and Ken O'Brien of Troy had 1,385 in the preliminary rounds. Dan Mytty of Livonia was high game qualifier with 280 followed by Arnold with 279 and Livonia's Ed Malinowski with 278.

Upcoming GLSBA tournaments take place Jan. 13 at Vision Lanes in Westland and Feb. 10 at Shorecrest Lanes in St. Clair Shores. For more information on the GLSBA, call (734) 522-9315, or e-mail GLSBA@aol.com.

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St. Edith: John Berlongieri — 299

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WWMBA Tournament: John Paz — 300
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Twin Parish: Joe Krajci — 300, Brad Thiessen — 300
Thursday Men's 950: Don Godby — 300

MERRI BOWL (LIVONIA)

Men's Senior House: Greg Bashara — 300/739, Ken Gignac — 300

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Schoolcraft College's Sunday Health Club lets members can work out 1-5 p.m. Sundays Jan. 7 through April 1. Membership fees are \$34 for individuals and \$72 for families. Members have access to two gyms for basketball and volleyball; six handball, paddleball and racketball courts; wallyball courts; weightlifting machines, treadmills, exercise bikes and other aerobic equipment in the fitness room; the swimming pool with 1-meter and 3-meter diving boards; and saunas in the locker rooms. Members must furnish their locks and towels. Members up to age 15 must be accompanied by an adult. Call (734) 462-4413.

SQUARE DANCING

The Maplewood Squares, a square dance group, meets at 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, in Garden City. Call (734) 595-8857.

ACTIVITIES

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Call (248) 478-1494.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863.

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658.

CLASSES/CLINICS

YOU HAVE MUCH TO LEARN

Henry Ford Community College offers a class in Soo Kung Fu 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, Jan. 13 through April 7. Class meets at the Dearborn Heights Center on Ann Arbor between Warren and Outer. The cost is \$89. Call (313) 317-1500.

LEARN TO SKATE

Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills will hold Learn to Skate classes on Tuesdays from Jan. 16 through March 13. Snowplow Sam classes 1, 2 and 3 for skaters 6 and younger, as well as adult beginner classes will also be available. Call (248) 888-1400.

YMCA CLASSES

The Farmington Family YMCA offers a variety of classes such as Rollerblade hockey, lacrosse, flag football and swimming lessons. Call (248) 553-4020.

PARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, (800) 477-7756; Indian Springs, (800) 477-3192; Kensington, (800) 477-3178; Hudson Mills, (800) 477-3191.

OAKLAND COUNTY REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

WAYNE COUNTY REQUIREMENTS

Wayne County Parks offers nature interpretive programs throughout the year. Registration is requested. Call (734) 261-1990.

Send information to *Outdoors*, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to (248) 644-1314.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

BASEBALL REGISTRATION

The Redford American Little League has set dates to register for the 2001 season. The league is for boys and girls 6-12.

Registration will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sat., Jan. 20, and Feb. 3, at the Redford Ice Arena. Birth certificates are required.

Fees are \$60 for the first child in either major or minor division and \$35 for the second child.

T-ball fee is \$50 for the first child and \$35 for the second. Oldest child is used for the initial charge.

For more information call Tim Smith at (313) 255-9408 or Christine Morris at (313) 592-6039.

Persons wishing to umpire in the leagues should call Amy Osborn at (313) 937-0621.

CRUISERS REGISTRATION

Registration for the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers Swim Team's winter season will be from 6-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8 at the Salem HS pool. Limited enrollment is available.

For more information, leave a message at (734) 332-9378 or visit the team's web site at www.cruiserswimming.com.

GIRLS HOOP LEAGUES

The Michigan office of Youth Basketball of America is accepting teams for its three girls' leagues, which begin in January and run through March.

The divisions are high school, 12 and under and 14 and under.

The league fee is \$65 and each team is guaranteed eight games. The fee is \$10 per player and \$30 for coach. The deadline is Dec. 29. For more information, call (517) 484-0333.

NOVICE WRESTLING

Garden City high school is hosting its 35th annual Novice Wrestling Tournament at 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 13 of next year.

Entry fee is \$130 for ninth- or 10th-grade teams or a combination of both.

Coaches need to fax lineups to (734) 762-8531, indicating freshmen and sophomores, by 7 p.m. Jan. 12 with their phone numbers on the lineup sheet. Seeding will be done Jan. 12.

Coaches need to show up an hour before start time for a meeting.

Admission is \$4 for all day. There will be a concession stand

and tournament T-shirts for sale.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams in both divisions and medals given to the top five finishers in each class. Each division will have an Outstanding Wrestler Award.

For more information call Garden City athletic director Bob Dropp at (734) 762-8363.

MERCY SOFTBALL CAMP

The Farmington Hills Mercy softball program will have its Fifth Annual Winter Softball Camp on the following Saturdays: Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27, as well as Feb. 3 and 10.

The camp is open to all players in fifth through 12th grades. The cost is \$5 per session. The camp will cover throwing, hitting and fielding.

For more information, call Merly varsity softball coach Jack Falvo at (248) 471-1748.

SKATING CLASSES

The Suburban Training Center will hold Learn to Skate classes Tuesdays from Jan. 16 to March 13 next year. Each class is 30 minutes long once a week.

There will be Snowplow Sam classes 1, 2 and 3 for skaters ages six and under as well as Adult Beginner classes. Skate rental in all sizes is available.

For registration information, call the center at (248) 888-1400. Enrollment is limited.

SOCCER CAMP

Total Soccer in Wixom will hold soccer clinics starting Jan. 8, 2001 for children of all ages.

The classes, held Mondays through Saturdays, will teach kids on soccer fundamentals through drills and games and feature experienced soccer instructors.

Camps run seven weeks and include a T-shirt. The fee is \$79 per player. Classes are: Parent/Tot, ages 2-3, Wee Kickers, ages 3-4, Kindersoccer, ages 4-5, Train and Play, ages 3-10.

For registration or information, call (248) 669-9817 or register on line at www.total-soccer.com.

YOUTH HOOP TOURNAYS

Tournaments USA will hold two youth basketball tournaments in the next two months at Allen Park High School and Middle School.

The YBOA Christmas Classic will take place Dec. 28-30 for

boys ages 10 and 11 and for girls ages 12-14.

The YBOA Billy Joe Young Classic will take place Jan. 27-28, 2001 for girls 12-14.

Both tourneys cost \$275 per team and are round-robin formats with a three-game guarantee.

For information, call (734) 522-8872, e-mail at basketball@tournamentsusa.com or check out the websites at www.tournamentsusa.com or www.yboa.org.

GCSC SEEKS HELP

The Garden City Soccer Club is looking for a qualified individual to train coaches and players for its in-house program for the spring season.

Applicants must possess an "E" license or be attending an "E" clinic at the time of hire. The position will run approximately 10-12 hours per week, Monday through Thursday, and a couple hours on Saturday.

Resumes can be sent to the Garden City Soccer Club, P.O.

Box 544, Garden City, MI, 48136. For more information, please call Todd Simms at (734) 422-5878.

BOAT, FISHING SHOW AT DOME

The 18th annual Michigan Boat, Sport and Fishing show at the Pontiac Silverdome is scheduled for Jan. 31-Feb. 4. Show hours are 3-9:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun.

Admission is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children 6-14. Kids under-6 get in free.

Included will be a helium balloon ride to the top of the dome.

DRUMMERS RUNNING

Registration is underway for the 12th Day of Christmas '12 Drummers Running' races Jan. 6 at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor.

There will be free day care for pre-registrants only.

The Kid's Kilometer begins at 4:30 p.m., the 5K run starts at 5 p.m. and the Leisure (untimed)

walk opens at 5:45 p.m.

Cost is \$16 for the run or walk, which includes a T-shirt, and \$6 for the Kid's Kilometer (add \$5 for a T-shirt).

The top three in each of 17 ages groups will win a sterling silver necklace or key chain. The top 50 walkers take home etched goblets.

A printable entry form or online registration is available at www.AthleticVentures.com.

SOCCER REGISTRATION

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will take spring youth soccer registrations for the entire month of January from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the recreation office, located in the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer.

Cost for 6-and-under, 7-and-under and 8-and-under players is \$45 for city of Plymouth residents and \$65 for non-residents. For 9-and-under and above players the cost is \$50 for residents and \$80 for non-residents.

For further information, call

(734) 455-6620.

HOCKEY CLINICS RETURN

Suburban Hockey Schools are repeating their popular four-day Christmas Clinics for ages 6-14 during the holiday break.

There will be two different sessions beginning Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 at six locations. Cost is \$135 per player with pre-registration required due to limited class size.

There is a power skating and puckhandling clinic for Mites and Squirts plus a checking and scoring clinic for Pee Wees and Bantams.

The Dec. 26-29 clinics will be at the Rochester Ice Arena, Suburban Training Center (Farmington Hills), Devon-Aire Area (Livonia) and McCann Arena (Grosse Pointe Woods).

The Jan. 2-5 clinics will be at the Ice Box Arena (Trenton), Dearborn Ice Skating Center and the Plymouth Cultural Center.

For more information, call (248) 478-1600.

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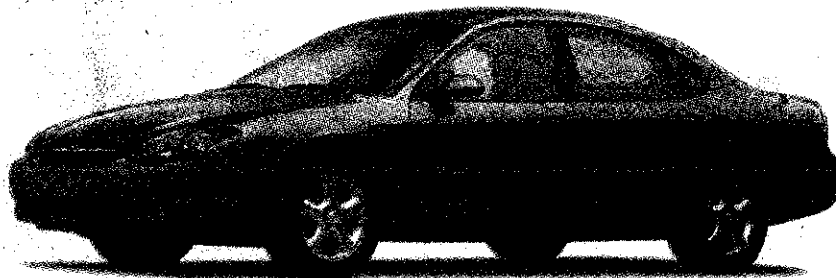
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The question is a good one. When a physician recommends a joint injection, patients often respond by asking: "How long will the injection last?"

The doctor cannot give an equally good answer.

The success of an injection depends on what you do, what the doctor does, and where the condition that underlies the need for an injection, is going.

For example, if you have a swollen knee, and your doctor injects the knee with a steroid, an unexpected blow or wrenching of the knee can undo what good came from the injection.

Success of the injection also depends on the doctor getting the steroid in the proper place. That can be difficult as in a swollen joint the landmarks used to ensure accuracy are obscured by the swollen tissues. Withdrawing joint fluid confirms the placement of the injection, but joints, even when inflamed, may contain too little fluid to withdraw. Thus, at times, the physician may have no way to confirm his accuracy.

Then there is the underlying condition. It happens that the inflammation associated with gout can be so intense, that one injection though properly done, is not sufficient to resolve the pain and inflammation. In rheumatoid arthritis, injection into a wrist or knee may give only 5-6 days relief not 4-6 weeks because the arthritis is in so great a flare.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

2001 calendar celebrates Detroit's history

Annette McConnell felt the memories rushing back as she looked through the boxes of photographs Tony Spina left to Wayne State University. The task seemed almost overwhelming as McConnell, a Livonia resident, searched through more than 23,000 prints and negatives to find a dozen of Spina's images for the 2001 Days of Detroit Calendar.

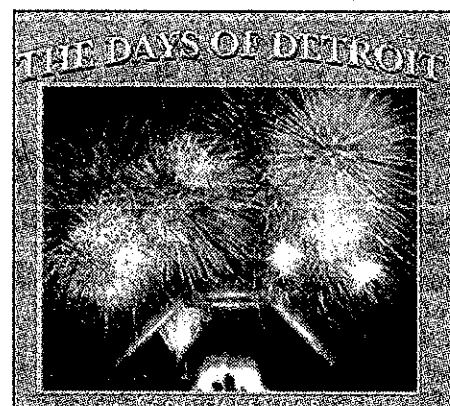
The Detroit Historical Society project is something close to her heart and that of her husband Jim. Both have volunteered hundreds of hours over the last few years to develop a 5,000 item database for the calendar, which lists a historical fact about Detroit for every day of the year.

The decision to use Spina's photographs to accent the cover and individual months was a natural. The longtime Bloomfield Hills resident spent more than 40 years photographing people and events for the Detroit Free Press before retiring in 1989 as chief photographer. He remained chief photographer emeritus until his death in 1995.

"Having grown up in this area I really enjoyed looking at the different prints," said McConnell. "Tony Spina was a photojournalist. These are stories that would stand out in your mind."

Once McConnell sifted through all of the prints and negatives Spina donated to the Walter T. Reuther Library, she realized Douglas Haller needed all the help he could get to catalog the mountain of images. Haller is coordinator of audio visual collections at the Walter T. Reuther Library at Wayne State University.

"We divided the photographs into categories," said McConnell who volunteered three days a week from April to November to sort through the photographs. "I was especially impressed with Tony's images of the Papacy. He photographed all of the popes from the '40s on. His presidential collection includes all of the presidents from Truman on as well as letters from the presidents. There's also a Detroit section along with pho-



Days of Detroit: Tony Spina used multiple exposures to capture the fireworks above the Isamu Noguchi fountain in Hart Plaza during the 1985 International Freedom Festival.

tographs of Jimmy Durante, Lauren Bacall and Elvis. The collection has all of these special portraits."

Jim McConnell's favorite image is the one chosen for the cover because it celebrates the 300th birthday of Detroit in 2001 with a bang. Spina used multiple exposures to capture the colorful fireworks above the Isamu Noguchi fountain in Hart Plaza during the 1985 International Freedom Festival. December's Ambassador Bridge shot is a favorite as well.

"It's really difficult to choose just one," said Jim McConnell. "September is special because it shows John F. Kennedy standing in front of a crowd on Labor Day in 1960 and Robert Kennedy who visited Detroit in 1968, a month before he was assassinated. Tony combined the images. He knew he could use the two separate negatives and blend them into one shot."

Lifetime of memories

It's still difficult for Frances Spina to look at the calendar but she thinks her late husband's favorite would have been November.

"He loved the Thanksgiving Day parade," said Francis Spina who was

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The Best of 2000

The arts roar into the 21st century

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN AND
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It's that time of year again. The Observer arts and entertainment staff has chosen the best our area offers in music, dance, theater and the visual arts. The doom and gloom prognostications the Y2K bug brought at the first of the year were soon behind them as arts organizations roared into the 21st century. Over the last 10 years we've watched the arts go from a glimmer of light to a dazzling burst of fireworks.

The list below barely hints at the hundreds of arts events that graced the stages and gallery-like spaces in our communities.

Best museum exhibit: The Detroit Institute of Arts' *Van Gogh: Face to Face* was not only the exhibit of the year but the decade

Best public art with a heart: Mark Chatterley's bronze sculpture in memory of his mother, Doris, a long-time Plymouth Community Arts Council volunteer who died in 1999. *The Release of the Turtle Woman* stands in front of the arts council on Sheldon Road

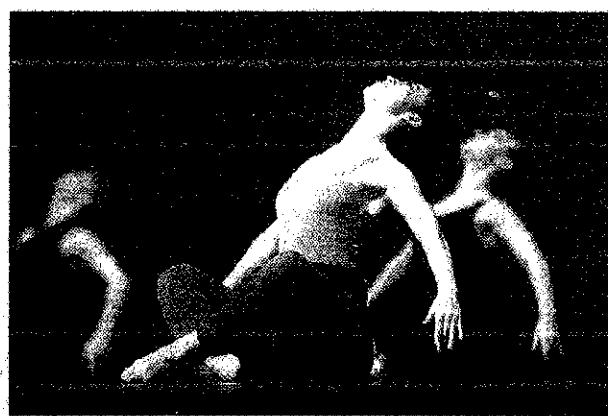
Best fine arts competitions: Canton Project Arts, and Fine Arts in the Village in Livonia

Best fine arts festival: Farmington's Festival of the Arts which showcased the visual arts, music, theater, dance and poetry

Best "Very Special" festival: VSA Arts Festival hosted by the southeast region committee of VSA Arts Michigan (formerly Very Special Arts Michigan) at Wonderland Mall in Livonia. The annual event in May showcases the talents of more than 150 performers with disabilities

Best photography exhibit: Westland lensman James Aho's images of the Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival (now the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival) at Focus: HOPE

Best adaptation: Farmington Players for their move to a temporary theater at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in West Bloomfield. The Players are in



Inspiring performance: *The Martha Graham Dance Company* visited North Farmington High School as part of a two-week residency which preceded performances at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit.

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From the heart: Mark Chatterley created this bronze sculpture in honor of his mother, Doris, a long-time volunteer for the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

the process of building a new barn theater for their productions

Best multi-media presentation: Peter Sparling Dance Company *The Ariel Web* which blended sculpture, poetry and high tech media with dance

Best jazz festival: Michigan Jazz Festival, a free event that spotlights the best musicians in the tri-county area

Best family activity: Detroit Zoo's new \$6 million National Amphibian Conservation Center, home to more than 500 frogs, salamanders, newts and caecilians

Best Wednesday night jazz: Matt Michaels Trio with guest artists at Ron's Fireside Inn in Garden City

Best new opera company: Great Lakes Lyric Opera brought the art to the masses with two light-hearted productions in English

Best/most active youth theater: Tinderbox Productions run by Redford educator Nancy Florkowski

Best high school theater program: Creative and Performing Arts Program directed by Gail Mack at Churchill in Livonia not only trains future actors but invites them back as professionals to share their knowledge with students

Best dance experience for youth: Martha Graham Dance Company's visit to North Farmington High School

Best classical music youth programs: Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Civic, Sinfonia and Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Canton conductor



DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Face to Face: This 1887 self-portrait by Vincent van Gogh was one of nearly 70 works in the exhibit the Detroit Institute of Arts opened in March.



STAFF PHOTO BY MATTHEW TAPLINGER

All that jazz: Matt Michaels brings his trio and guest artists to Ron's Fireside Inn in Garden City every Wednesday night.-

New music: Jack Pierson revived the Schoolcraft College Jazz Band in Livonia.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

Charles Burke

Best partnerships in the arts: Livonia Symphony and Plymouth Symphony orchestras uniting with Our Lady of Good Counsel and other area churches to present concerts

Best music/performing arts series: University Musical Society series in Ann Arbor which spotlighted the Royal Shakespeare Company, Gate Theatre of Dublin, Itzhak Perlman, Herbie Hancock, and Menahem Pressler among others too numerous to mention

Best glass exhibit: Internationally recognized artist Richard Ritter's retrospective at the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery at the University of Michigan-Dearborn

Best/most adventuresome theater: Trinity House Theatre for bringing audiences plays such as Elie Wiesel's *The Trial of God*

Best new jazz ensemble: Schoolcraft College Jazz Band under the direction of Jack Pierson

Best art fairs: Ann Arbor Art Fairs and Plymouth's Art in the Park

Best art created on-site: The 18th annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular which never fails to dazzle visitors year after year. The family-style event returns Jan. 17-22

Best overall local band: The Waxwings, at the helm of the rising pop rock scene with a stellar Bobsled records release, *Low to the Ground*.

Best area rapper to count on for a good scandal: Eminem

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MUSEUM

New Detroit Science Center exterior nears completion

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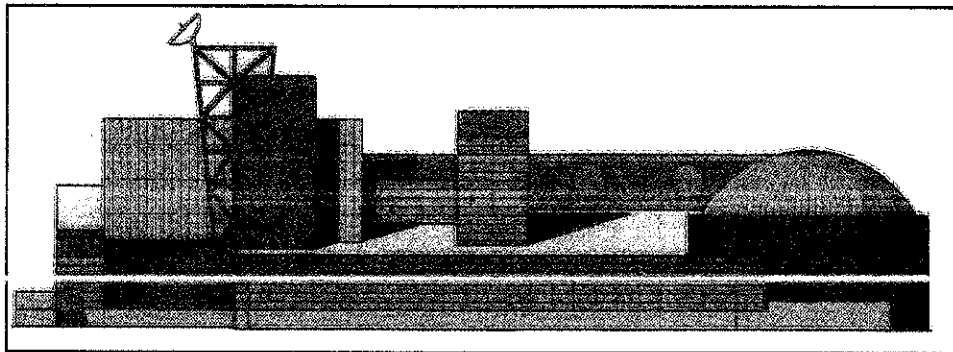
With less than a week of holiday shopping left, are you still looking for the perfect "money-no-option" gift for that person who has everything?

How about buying something that can spin, swing, vibrate, undulate, reverberate, motivate and capture a child's imagination like nothing else?

The New Detroit Science Center, scheduled to reopen this summer after an extensive expansion and renovation, is looking for a few good corporate and individual sponsors.

Perhaps you'd like to name a star on the "Stairway of the Stars," or name a seat in the new 160-seat Science Stage Theater. Or maybe there's interest in sponsoring one of the five exhibit areas that focus on the science of motion, life, matter and energy, waves and a special preschool children's laboratory. Even the IMAX Dome Theatre and the new Digital Dome Theater and Planetarium are still awaiting sponsorship.

Sure, these aren't gifts that come cheap — we're talking thousands to



The plan: The generous use of glass and multi-levels will give the New Detroit Science Center an open, airy appeal. A view from the west elevation shows the IMAX on the left and the new Digital Dome Theatre on the right.

millions of dollars here — but then, what a lasting legacy it will provide for the children of Southeastern Michigan. Of course, a family membership makes a wonderful gift, too, and the \$25 to \$150 membership fee won't pinch the wallet too hard.

Shaping up

With the final steel beam placed last month, the roof scheduled for comple-

tion this week, and concrete exterior walls going up by the end of January, the New Detroit Science Center is shaping up quite nicely outside.

But few will dispute that it's really what's inside that counts.

Mel Drumm, president of the Detroit Science Center, said when the plans were being drawn for the \$30 million, 65,000 square-foot expansion project, the first initiative was to keep the cost

on the content.

"The idea was to respect the original architecture, which is the silver box and the red brick IMAX, because it is an icon in Detroit, and then add a new building to surround it," said Drumm, a Bloomfield Hills resident.

Designing a very transparent, multi-level building with lots of natural light and exposed steel, helped keep the construction cost to \$10 million, so that \$9 million could be spent on exhibit space that will be 10 times that of the original 45,000 square-foot building built in 1976.

"Would you want it any other way?" asks Francois Castaing, chairman of the board of trustees for the Detroit Science Center and a retired vice president of engineering for Daimler-Chrysler.

With his European charm and warm smile, Castaing has been the steady force behind the Science Center project. In 1998, the Bloomfield Hills resident launched the capital campaign to renovate, enhance and expand what had become an ailing building on the corner

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Best from page C1

Best musical event of the year: The first-ever, 3-day-long Detroit Electronic Music Festival, held Memorial Day weekend in Hart Plaza, Detroit.

Best Hip Hop artist on the rise: Livonia's Paradime, aka Freddie Beauregard

Most promising local songwriter: Christopher Plum, The Mood Elevator

Best theatrical experience in Detroit: *Cabaret* at the Fisher Theatre

Best cross-over talent: Joshua Funk for his comedic contributions at Second City, Planet Ant Productions for his film *Garage: A Rock Saga* and his music with Park: A Rock Band.

Best event to promote local women in rock: Go Girls Music Fest, which sold out Ferndale's Magic Bag in December and featured Blush, deathgirl.com, Broadzilla and Mod Ev.

Best overall rock show involving giant bears and hundreds of pounds of confetti: The Flaming Lips at the Majestic Theatre.

Most energetic local rock show: The Atomic Numbers

Best local punk pop act of the year: Rev

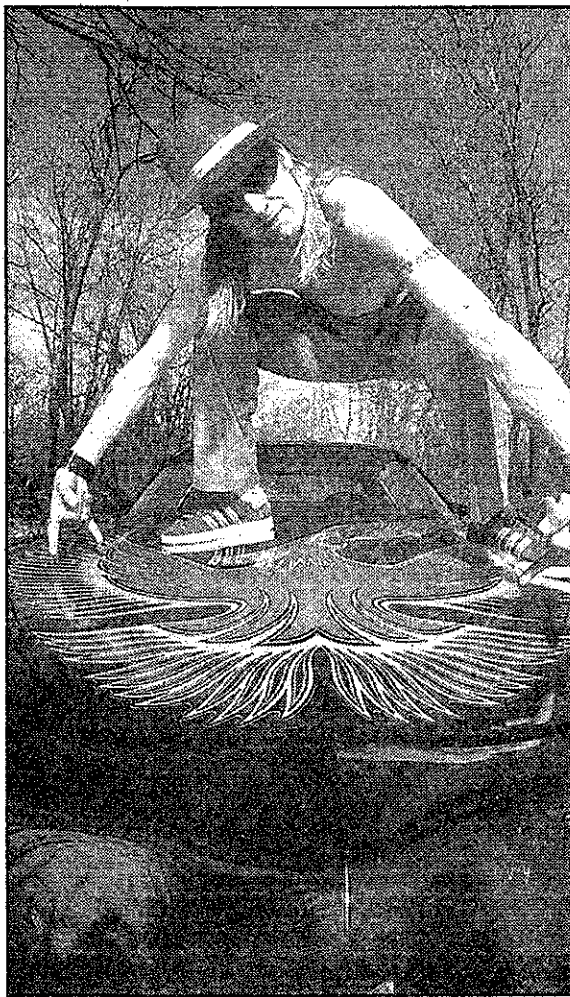
Best surprise performance featuring Kid Rock: Onstage with Run DMC at Detroit's State Theatre, our own Bob Ritchie chimed in on *Walk This Way*.

Best local band that defies categorization: The Brothers Groove, mixing blues, jazz and rock into a funky stew on their recent release *Clamp It Down*.

Best break into radio for a local band: 19 Wheel's cover of *You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet* on 89X.

Best performers at the

Surprise: *Kid Rock joined Run DMC at the State Theater.*



Palace's Opening Act Contest: Three-way winners Rooster, Knee Deep Shag and Domestic Problems.

Best find at Toronto's North By Northeast Music Festival (international): Starling

Best find at Toronto's North By Northeast Music Festival (local): American Mars

Best summer spot to catch local music: The Whitney Garden Party

Best up-and-coming band to take bowling: Ultimate Fakebook

Best Scottish import: Travis

Best sentimental look at rock and roll at the movies: Cameron Crowe's somewhat autobiographical feature, *Almost Famous*.

Best art film of the year by a first-time director: *The Virgin Suicides*, Sophia Coppola, director

Public Service Awards: To all the arts organizations, especially Artserve, who worked to pass Proposal A to help fund the arts. Even though it failed with voters, the initiative brought us all together and made us stronger. Here's to a bright 2001 filled with music, dance, theater, and the performing arts.

of Warren and John R.

"When Mel and I met in May or June of 1998, he took me on a tour of this building that was in poor shape, it was too small, and it was literally raining inside," said Castaing. "Still the school busses were lined up outside and the children were inside getting involved. That's why I got involved."

The Detroit Science Center has actually seen darker days than that. In 1991-92, the center was forced to close for 10 months due to a sudden and unexpected loss of state funding.

But under Drumm's leadership, which began in 1995, the Center nearly doubled its annual attendance to nearly 200,000 visitors.

Still, the exhibit space was limited to one floor and often, displays were in disrepair. Many families abandoned the Detroit institution in favor of Toledo's COSI.

"They won't have to go that far anymore," said Lisa Schallich, director of marketing and communications. "This is a museum for children with educational components, a teacher's resource room and hands-on interactive displays."

Schallich, a Birmingham resident engaged to Detroit Symphony Orchestra President Emil Kang, moved from Seattle, where she was the director of marketing for the Seattle Symphony. Now she, Drumm and Castaing spend much of their days in a wood-paneled yellow trailer that's never quite warm enough despite a near-constant clanking of the radiator. It also lacks the basic luxury of a sink, but they improvise with a water cooler for the essential pot of coffee.

If it bothers them, the trio certainly don't let it show. Instead, they prefer to don the hard hats and show visitors what will be.

On the horizon

What is currently on the draw-

At a Glance

The New Detroit Science Center total renovation and expansion includes the following:

- A ten-fold expansion of exhibit space
- More than double the size of the existing structure
- New hands-on permanent exhibit laboratories
- Aligns with the major themes developed by the Michigan Curriculum Framework for science education
- Expanded school partnerships in the city, metropolitan region and statewide
- Internet linkages and web-casting capabilities to reach students in their classrooms and at home
- Creation of a new traveling exhibit space
- Addition of a Digital Dome Theater for multimedia programs, including astronomy and space exploration programs

To discuss a gift towards the Detroit Science Center's building expansion campaign, call the Development Office at (313) 577-8400, ext. 432 or write:

Detroit Science Center
Attn: Capital Campaign
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ing board is scheduled to become reality this summer when the New Detroit Science Center will open for visitors. It will feature five exhibit areas highlighting and linking to the state-wide science education curriculum.

The Science of Motion Lab will feature hands-on and large-scale interactive exhibits. In a two-story windowed area, the Life Lab will feature an exploration of DNA, highlight life in a rain

forest and explore the microscopic world.

The Sparks Theatre will be the focal point of the Matter and Energy Lab, and will demonstrate the interaction between electricity and magnetism.

The Waves Lab will relate specifically to light, sound and the transfer of energy through wave motion. And finally, a Children's Lab will allow pre-school through second-grade visitors to explore science with pint-size experiments.

In addition, the existing IMAX Theatre and a new Digital Dome Theater and Planetarium will give spectators plenty to view. The addition of the Ford Learning Resource Center will allow for class field trips, summer programs and camp-ins. And the creation of a traveling exhibit space will ensure an ongoing schedule of new attractions. When the facility opens, *Beakman's World*, based upon the children's television program, will be the first special exhibit featured.

"Too few young people are locked out of careers in engineering or research because they don't understand science," said Castaing. "One avenue that is recognized as efficient and effective at getting young people to realize that science is of great interest is science centers."

Castaing said that with \$17.5 million raised so far, the Center still has a ways to go before it reaches its goal of \$30 million. But he has no doubts that he'll continue to play an active role in the Center long after the ribbon-cutting ceremony is over.

"I may not be down here every day, but I will recruit more trustees and work to ensure the stability of the Center," he said. "Once we were the crumbling building on the corner, and now we can stand up with Orchestra Hall and the Detroit Institute of Arts. I guess you can say we've grown up now."

'First Night' has become Birmingham tradition

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
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It's billed as a "dry" event and no matter how much snow gathers before New Year's Eve, it appears nothing can dampen the spirits of those attending the 10th annual First Night Birmingham.

Those who have made it tradition to ring in the New Year sober rather than toasting with a bottle of bubbly find many entertainers feel the same way.

It's a return engagement for many.

Nearly 20 entertainers, including singers and musicians, magicians, storytellers and puppeteers, are scheduled to perform at 11 venues in and around downtown Birmingham, according to First Night director Cindy Cheaves.

Pianist David Syme has performed at each First Night Birmingham and wouldn't think

What: First Night Birmingham, the 10th annual New Year's Eve party in downtown Birmingham that offers families an alternative to alcohol related activities

When: Sunday, Dec. 31

Where: In and around downtown Birmingham

Admission: \$8 per person in advance, \$10 on day of event

Entertainment: MB2, Kooky Karla, Bernie Stevens Magic, Beverly Meyer the Music Lady, storyteller Carri Wilson, Kimmy Horne Jazz, Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band, 5th Michigan Regiment Band, Vocal Arts Ensemble, Royal American Folklore puppets, classical guitarist Paul Vondiziano, pianist David Syme, bonnier & Keller Jazz Duo, dynaMike Magic, Golden Griffon contra dancing and BBSO String Quintet

Venues: Baldwin Library, Birmingham Historical Museum, City Hall, Community House, First Baptist Church, First Church of Christ Scientist, First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, First United Methodist Church, St. James Episcopal Church, Shain Park and Village Players Theatre

Note: The Birmingham Bloomfield Cultural Council is teaming up with the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra this year as co-chairs of the event. The Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra is kicking off the First Night Birmingham activities with a concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30 at Temple Beth El. Cost is \$20 per person.

about missing the 10th anniversary event.

Syme will play three sessions of his classical and popular piano

mixes at St. John's Episcopal Church on Maple Road.

The Detroit native spent most of the fall season touring in Europe as a soloist with the Czechoslovakian National Symphony, and he looks forward to

being home for the start of another year.

"Throughout my travels I have eagerly anticipated returning to my hometown to once again perform at First Night Birmingham," Syme said. "I enjoy playing for a receptive audience and First Night audiences have been uniformly enthusiastic. Every time I play it's special for me."

And he should know. The 51-year-old pianist has been playing since he was 3. His parents were both musicians so he didn't need to leave the house for beginner's lessons.

"I didn't take lessons until I was almost 13," he said. "I just instinctively had talent for that field."

In fact, his talents have taken him to 13 European countries, plus Canada and Mexico and all over the United States.

Syme said his music ranges from Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* to the *Phantom of the Opera* and lots of popular music in between.

"I just play what I do best," he

said.

Cheaves, who is also president of the Cultural Council of Birmingham-Bloomfield, said between 6,000 and 7,000 attended last year's event when the world reveled in a new century, not just a new year.

On a smaller scale, First Night attendees have been circling this New Year's Eve on their calendar, commemorating the 10th anniversary of the event.

Most of the venues are within walking distance of the Community House and Shain Park. Those not will provide free shuttle service for First Night participants.

Cheaves doesn't expect all the snow that's fallen around metro Detroit to hurt the turnout. In fact, it may help.

"Unless it was an absolute huge blizzard and the city was totally shut down, First Night is weatherproof," Cheaves said. "The snow gets everybody in the spirit."

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married to Tony for 49 years. "It was his favorite time of the year. He never missed a parade - not in 46 years. And even though he was too sick to photograph it in 1994, he wanted to photograph the clowns. It was his last assignment before he died the following January."

Frances Spina thinks her husband would have liked the fact that the money raised from the calendar will go to the Detroit Historical Society. Thanks to R. L. Polk & Co. of Southfield, who underwrote the calendar for the last three years, the project has raised more than \$100,000 for the society, the major source of private funding for the Detroit Historical Museum, Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Historic Fort Wayne, and the Historic Moross House.

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CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

Exhibit dates for the *Journey into Jazz* show are Feb. 16-March 31. Deadline for submission is Jan 11. Call the CAC at (248) 333-7849.

EWE REVIEW

Chicago had cows, Cincinnati had pigs, and in 2001, Rochester will have sheep. The Downtown Rochester Development Authority is currently seeking sponsors and artists for decorating lifesize fiberglass sheep. To request a sponsorship package or artist's application, contact the Rochester DDA or request online at www.theweewerevue.com For information, call (248) 656-0060.

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE

Auditions for *You Can't Take It With You* are 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5 and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7 at Grosse Pointe Theatre Building, 315 Fisher, Grosse Pointe. Performances are March 7-11, 15-18 and 22-25. (810) 775-5329.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

Accepting proposals for exhibitions in 2001. Mail proposals, slides, resumes to Lawrence Street Gallery, 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, 48232. Call Kris at (248) 360-2381 or the Gallery at (248) 334-6716.

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

Auditions for the 2000-2001 season are being held. Call Wendy Bernard at (734) 591-7649 for an appointment.

MICHIGAN FINE

ARTS COMPETITION

The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center's competition will be juried by Detroit artist Brenda Goodman. Artists are invited to submit their fine art for the competition by Jan. 2, 2001. The exhibition date is March 9-31. For information call the BBAC at (248) 644-0866.

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FOR THE ARTS

Seeks applications from artists interested in exhibiting fine arts or fine crafts at the juried Art & Apples Festival Sept. 8-9, 2001 in Rochester Municipal Park. The booth fee is \$325/\$375. Applications must be received by March 1, 2001. Entry fee is \$25. To obtain an application form, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Art & Apples Festival, 407 Pine Street, Rochester, Mi. 48307. (248) 651-4110.

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY

The Youth Artist Competition will be held on Sunday, Feb. 4 at Evola Music, 7170 N. Kaggerty, Canton. The competition is composed of three divisions: senior instrumental (grades 10-12), senior piano (grades 10-12) and junior division (combined instrumental and piano grades 7-9). Applicants must be music students in the school districts of Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren or Wayne-Westlands, or be students at Evola music. Prizes from \$350-\$500. Applications due Jan. 15, 2001. For an application call (734) 451-2112 or e-mail plymouthsymp.iony@aol.com.

QUILT PROJECT

The Maniscalco Gallery calls for contributions to raise money for Karmanos Cancer Institute by contributing a square or sponsoring one. Quilt squares due by Dec. 20. For information, call Amanda Poland at (313) 886-2993.

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TOUCH OF LIGHT

Taking applications for fall glass-blowing classes. 23426 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 543-1868.

VISUAL ART

ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

Classes in watercolor, figurative drawing and painting; workshops in batik and watercolor monotypes at the Jefferson Center, Room 16, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia. (734) 455-9517.

The center will be offering new youth courses for its winter session which begins Jan. 16. The new courses include My First Art Class, Cretaceous Creations, Potential Potters and Cartooning. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004, ext. 101.

EVOLA MUSIC

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COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY

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JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY

Through Jan. 31 — Quilt and fiber exhibition. 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7641.

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Through Dec. 30 — Stephen Hansen. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 332-5257.

GALLERY 212

Through Dec. 27 — Chris Mars: Fairly Recent Work. 212 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-8224.

HABATAT GALLERIES

Through Jan. 31 — Dale Chihuly. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333-2060.

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Through Jan. 20 — Fritz Mayhew: New Paintings. 107 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-3909.

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ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY

Through Jan. 31 — *Women in the foreground*. The gallery will be closed Dec. 8-Jan. 2. 32782 Woodward, Royal Oak. (248) 647-7709.

LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY GALLERY

Through Dec. 28 — *Spaces and Places* by Sharon Weisswasser. Five Mile Road, east of Farmington.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA

Through Jan. 18 — The Waterford Friends of the Arts. Oakland County Executive Building, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

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Through Dec. 31 — *Earthly Treasures* annual holiday show. 10125 East Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0954.

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Through Dec. 31 — June Lark Owen is the featured artist of the month. Summit Mall, Waterford. (248) 683-8779.

REVOLUTION GALLERY

Through Jan. 6 — Ron Nagle: Recent Works. Also through Jan. 6 is *One Paper III*: Heather McGill, Scott Richter and Amy Vogel. 23257 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 541-3444.

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Through Dec. 31 — 87th annual gold medal exhibition. 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250.

SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Through Jan. 3 — An exhibition of Hatan art by Emily C. Hall. 24350 Southfield, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

WORDS INTO PLOWSHARES

Through Jan. 6 — Postcards from Home, photographs from Joe Crachiola and George Waldman. 33 E. Adams, Detroit. (313) 963-7575.

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Through Jan. 13 — *Figurative Suggestions: Woven, Knitted and Constructed Forms*. 202 E. Third Street, Royal Oak. (248) 544-3388.

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WOODWARD GALLERY

Through Jan. 12 — Mark Yamin. Art Exhibit. 1357 Davis, Birmingham. (248) 642-1357.

MUSEUMS

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DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through March 11 — Little Treasures: Northern and Italian Paintings of the 16th and 17th Centuries. Through Dec. 31 — *Punch's Progress: A Century of American Puppetry*. Through March 4 — *A Decade of Acquisitions 1900-2000: Photographs*. Through Jan. 7 — *Bill Viola/Video Collaboration*. Through Dec. 31 — *Pop Art: Prints and Multiples from the DIA Collection*. Through Dec. 30 — *Small Wonder: Worlds in a Box*. Through Dec. 31 — *The Fine Art of Woodworking: The Bohlen Collection*. 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Through Jan. 21 — *For Honor and Valor: African Americans in the United States Military, 1775-1953*. Through March 30 — *Historical Themes, Tales and Legends: The Art of Jerry Pinkney*. 315 E. Warren, Detroit. (313) 494-5800.

MUSEUM OF NEW ART

Stuff: An installation by Iain Baxter and Very Similar a series of nudes by Frank Horvath through Jan. 27. 19 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 210-7560.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART

Through Jan. 28 — *Casting Shadows*: Photographs by Edward West. Through Jan. 7 — William Kentridge: *Weighing...and Wanting*. Through Jan. 21 — *Plant Life: Works from the Permanent Collection*. Through Feb. 25 — Mark Rothko and the Lure of the Figure: Paintings 1933-1946.

THEATER

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

This Blood's For You through Dec. 31. 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. (313) 868-1347.

GEM THEATRE

Late Night Catechism is through Feb. 11 Wednesday through Sunday nights. *Esanaba in da Moonlight* closes Dec. 31. The final two performances are at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 31. *The Tropical Pickle* will be opening Feb. 21 in the Gem. 333 Madison, Detroit. (313) 963-9800.

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE

Twilight of the Golds by Jonathan Tollins runs through Dec. 31 at the Aron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the JCC, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 788-2900.

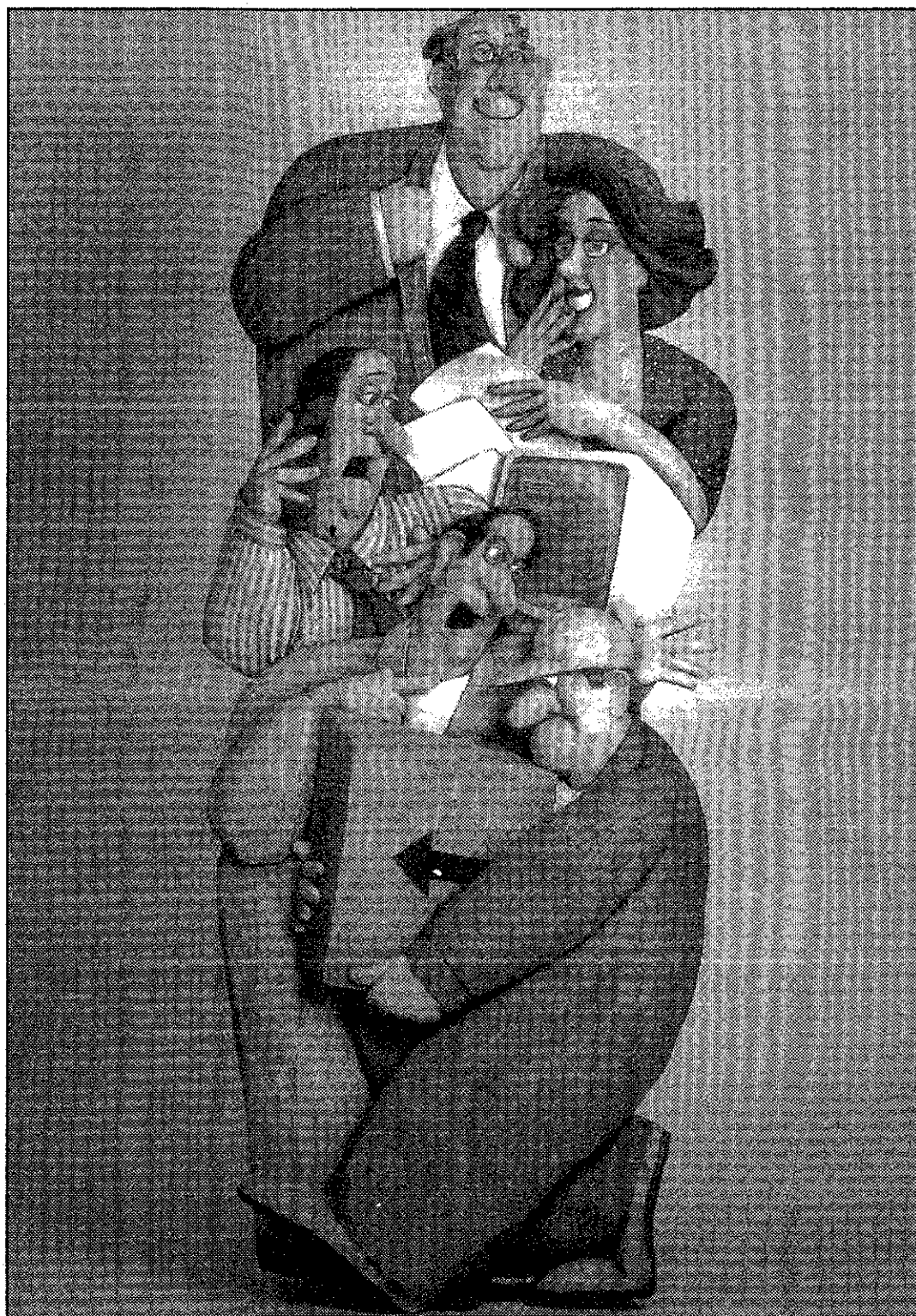
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TONY N' TINA'S WEDDING

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Gallery exhibit



Working folks: Galerie Blu/Uzelac Gallery exhibits the paper mache sculptures of Stephen Hansen through Dec. 30. The piece shown is entitled "Work, Work, Work." 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 332-6257.

CONCERTS

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Recital before Midnight Mass featuring Bach's Christmas Oratorio is at 10:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 24. 61 Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms. (313) 885-4841.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The New Year's Eve Gala is at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31 at Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111.

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25 yr old, single white female with long hair and brown hair. Looking for a single white male, 25 to 30, for good times, conversations, and maybe more. BOX 32575

LIGHTEN UP MY LIFE

Single white Christian female, 39, 5'8", full figured, long brown hair, and blue eyes. Interests are jazz, Christian music, old cars, long walks, and more. Looking for a single white Christian male, easygoing, 5'9" to 6'4", who knows how to treat a lady. BOX 10709

DREAMS

51 yr old, single female, believes in romance, enjoys simple pleasures. Seeking a kind, sincere, single or divorced male, 46 to 60, non-smoker, with similar interests, for a long term monogamous relationship. Down River area. BOX 14471

DOCTOR WANTED

Christina Aquilera looks alike, masses degree. Seeking a single MDPHD, 25 to 39, no drugs, healthy, modest, fit, positive attitude, romantic, loves animals. Intellectual, who would make me a great doctor. I am waiting marriage. You will not be disappointed. BOX 10672

QUALITY, QUALITY

Seeking a sincere, honest, no games played, non-smoking, social drinker, single white male by a divorced white female, 54, who likes to do almost everything. Looking for friendship, companionship or something long term. West side, Wayne County. BOX 25333

NEW BEGINNINGS

Divorced white mother of three, 35, brown hair and eyes, 5'7", average build, independent, romantic, who enjoys camping, outdoor activities, movies and dinners. Looking for a white male, 40 to 45, who is caring, loves children, outgoing, good sense of humor and similar interests. Friendship and possible relationship. Wayne County. BOX 33625

FIRST TIME AD

Divorced Native American female, 38 yr old, 5'10", 150 lbs, long brown hair, brown eyes. Seeking white male, 6' plus, 38 plus, honest, who loves the outdoors, smoker and social drinker okay, for long term relationship. Wayne county. BOX 25353

LET'S TALK

Divorced, white female, 5', 40 yr, mother of three children, social drinker, smoker. Enjoys the outdoors, camping, hiking, fishing, sitting in front of the fireplace with a good movie. If interested please respond. BOX 32632

SPICE OF LIFE

56", 140 lbs, long brownish red hair, independent, romantic, who enjoys dancing, shooting pool, bowling, race cars, outdoors, or a quiet evening at home watching movies. Looking for a man, 35 to 45, who's romantic and enjoys some of the same interests, Down River Area. BOX 33514

TALL ORDER

Attractive, 5'10", redhead, Catholic, fun loving, adventurous, romantic. Comfortable in jeans to evening gown. Loves sports, travel, theatre, gourmet cooking, (for that special man). Seeks tall white gentleman, financially/emotionally secure, 49 to 60, who is romantic, kind, has a good sense of humor, with similar interests. Oakland County. BOX 25353

CUTE AS A BUTTON

Single white female, 52, 5'3", medium build, enjoys casino, dancing, fine dining in or out, walking, holding hand and cuddling. Seeking a white gentleman, 45 to 60, that knows how to treat a lady. BOX 35484

READY FOR ROMANCE

Attractive, single black female, 40 plus, light smoker social drinker. Seriously thinking of warm kisses on cool nights. Loves movies, dining in or out, and long massages. In search of a sweet loving, single white male, 5'10" or over. For friendship and more, age open. BOX 35490

A LADY OF CLASS

Vivacious, upbeat, very attractive, blonde female, a professional, 5'7", 115 lbs, upper 50's, seeking soul mate counter part, 60's, a professional, for dating, possible long term relationship. Call me and see what life has in store for us. BOX 35996

GENUINE GEM

52 yr old, white female, non-smoker, giving, loving, and lots of fun, loves life. Looking for a sincere, successful, secure, stable, loving, Caucasian gentleman, non-smoker, 45 to 60, who's positive and loves life as much as I do. Go for the genuine gem, your life will be worth living, answer my ad today. BOX 25326

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL...

...with a friend, 35 yr old, black, beautiful female, 5'9", 140 lbs, seeking White/Italian professional, handsome male, 30 to 35, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 33689

NEVER TOO LATE

Falls here, let's go on! Divorced white female, 65, 5'4", 140 lbs, non-smoker, social drinker, active and outgoing, enjoys the outdoors, travel, music, dancing and more. Seeking a single gentleman with a good sense of humor and similar interests. BOX 25391

SOMEONE TO SPOIL ME

Seeking someone to have fun with, must love animals. Single white male, mother, 40, 5'5", 150 lbs, blonde, smoker, occasional drinker, no drugs. Enjoys the outdoors, riding motorcycles, quiet times. BOX 33384

GREAT COMPANION

Attractive, trim, optimistic, blue eyed, blonde divorced white female, 55, 5'8", affectionate, seeks possible long term relationship with non-smoking, divorced, honest, outgoing white gentleman, 48-62, who enjoys travel, golf, romantic times, and the Arts. Oakland County. BOX 25321

IT'S TIME

Not perfect, single white mom, 48, sweet, funny, attractive enough, seeking genuine, sincere white male, single parent, 50 to 55, hard working, non-smoker, for friendly dating. Oakland County area, preferred. BOX 25323

SOUL MATE

Cute, divorced white female, 55, blond hair, blue eyes, good build who likes dancing, travel, theaters, long walks and even quiet times. Seeking white male, 50 to 62, financially and emotionally secure, with similar interest. Give me a call, you won't be sorry. Macomb County. BOX 25327

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

Giving, loving, compassionate, petite, attractive lady, 63, 5'2". Likes to dance, travel and have fun. Looking to enjoy life with a financially secure gentleman, 60 to 70. Wayne County. BOX 25331

PRETTY ENTREPRENEUR

Giving, loving, compassionate, curvy, lots of fun, great conversationalist, looking for sincere, successful Caucasian gentleman, 45-late 70's, to be my soul mate. Float your boat, make your day, answer my ad today. BOX 25322

JUST LET ME LOVE YOU

Single black female, 5'10", 136 lbs., professional, seeks professional gentleman, over 45, non-smoker, no kids, for a romantic relationship. Interested in the arts, travel, theater, dancing and romantic. BOX 25996

SEEKING A PARTNER

Single white female, 5'10", 136 lbs., professional, seeks professional gentleman, over 45, non-smoker, no kids, for a romantic relationship. Interested in the arts, travel, theater, dancing and romantic. BOX 25996

NEW TO THE AREA

Single black female, 40, 5'3", brown eyes, reddish brown hair. Interests in meeting someone who is honest, not a game player, caring, likes to laugh, knows how to treat a lady, 38 to 52. BOX 25073

NORTH WEST SUBURBS

Fit, younger looking 30's, romantic, Christian lady, model, tall, thin, pretty, optimistic, loves laughter, financially secure. Enjoys the good life, boating, water activities, travel and dining. Seeking the right one, tall, thin, attractive, honest, affectionate, happy, positive attitude, successful with values. BOX 25073

NICE GIRL

Seeks single white male, 27 to 45, tall, teddy bear type, with values and morals, enjoys going to movies, dining out, hanging out and is a romantic. For friendship first and possible relationship. BOX 25090

HONESTY IS THE KEY

Divorced black female, 59", 165lbs, coffee with cream complexion, non-smoker. Enjoys movies, walking, bowling, cooking, dining out, and quiet times. Seeking a male, 40-60, honest, kind, caring, and dependable for possible long term relationship. BOX 25098

MR. RIGHT

Single white female, 29, medium to full figured. Likes movies, bowling, cozy nights at home and much more. In search of honest, caring white male, for friendship and maybe more. If this sounds like you, call me. BOX 25311

HONEST & TRUE

Petite, 5'1", 110 lb, attractive, white professional divorced mom. Enjoys working out daily, good conversation, music, sports, and is an optimist. Looking for a professional, divorced, white male, 40's, physically attractive, tall, no beard or mustache, intelligent, good sense of humor, non-smoker, South Oakland county. BOX 30608

WANTED: NICE GUY

32 yr old, petite Asian female who enjoys reading, fishing, swimming and traveling looking for financially secure, loving, kind male, 31 to 50, who has a great sense of humor. BOX 25358

ONE IN A MILLION

Very attractive, single white female, young looking 50, great shape/figure, 5'4", brunette/brown. Seeking very nice looking, single white male, 45 to 55, honest, easy going, non-smoker, no dependents, emotionally and financially secure, for a sincere friendship and possible relationship. BOX 25398

INVITATION TO MEET

Single white female, 38, 5'7", fit, beautiful blonde, green eyes, good hearted, ambitious, seeking a successful gentleman, over 45, who wants to team up and share a great life together. BOX 25979

SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE

Pretty, petite, passionate, divorced white female, 40ish. Seeks non-smoking, single white male, over 35, for dating, mating, relating. Let's create sparks and watch them fly! BOX 25332

SEEKING COMPANION

Professional single white female, 38, attractive, non-smoker, single, loves animals, significant weight loss still losing. Seeking a single white male, 40-50, financially sound, honest, and possible mature relationship. BOX 25314

FIRST TIME AD

Divorced white female, 44, looks 36, 5'4", 112 lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, very attractive, petite, mother of one high school senior, financially secure homeowner who enjoys life. Seeking a white male, 40-50, at least 6', non-smoker, social drinker okay, for friends first, companionship, possibly more. BOX 26000

ALL I WANT AND MORE

Attractive black female, 52 yrs old, physically fit, 5'6", 155 lbs, employed, educated, enjoys fishing, movies, museums and more. No dependents. Looking for a male, 45 to 57, non-smoker, mandatory who enjoys life for an honest, monogamous relationship. BOX 13682

OMEDIAN AT HEART

Classy, elegant, 4 size, single white female, 36 yrs. Enjoys movies, walking, all activities, candies, and romance. Seeking professional male, 35 to 45, for a compatible, fun enjoyable relationship. BOX 25075

LOOKING FOR MY MATCH

Single white female, 39, 5'5", brown hair, medium build, independent, good sense of humor, spontaneous, loving, caring, likes a variety of activities and sports. Seeking emotionally secure, honest, well-mannered, confident, all American guy, 35 to 50. BOX 26076

OLD FASHIONED

5'10", white full figured gal, 45, looking for meaningful relationship that would lead to marriage. Non-smoker, no drugs, light drinker, college educated, employed, easy going with a variety of interests, including walking, swimming, playing cards, science fiction, bowling, etc. BOX 25076

MESSAGE FROM VENUS

Shapely, smart, good looking brunette, divorced white female, youthful over 40, non-smoker, no dependents, with a multi faceted personality. Likes star gazing, running and living life to the fullest. Seeks divorced white male, over 40, who can exhibit intelligence and passion. Rochester area. BOX 25967

ADVENTUROUS LADY

Single white female, 38, 5'6", 115 lbs, blonde hair and hazel eyes. Enjoys riding Harley's, camping, traveling. Seeking a man, 36 to 48, who knows how to treat a lady. BOX 25969

ATTENTION HARLEYS

Divorced white female, 41, no dependents, height weight proportionate, caring, considerate, cute and cuddly, enjoys just about anything with the right person. Seeking warm hearted, romantic, non-smoking, white male who is ready for a relationship. BOX 35480

IT'S SANE

22 yr old single white female, 5'8", 125 lbs, loves horror flicks and cooking. Seeking muscular, single white male, 25 to 31, who is smart and strong willed. BOX 35485

GOLFERS WHERE ARE U

Single white female, 56, young looking, active, down river area, loves to golf, but not ready for the tour. Lots of interests, new adventures. Seeking fit single white male, 5'10" or taller, between 50 and 60, for conversation, friendship and more. BOX 33652

CONSIDER THIS

Attractive, slender, tall, intelligent lady of 54 is also ladylike, amiable, warm hearted and a smoker, is seeking a man, 55 to 69, intelligent, tall, gentlemanly and interested in getting to know each other over dinner, laced with conversation. BOX 35490

ARE YOU THE ONE?

Young 57, down to earth, non-drinker, non-smoker, in search of grandpa or grandpa wannabe, non-drinker, with sense of humor, family values to share life with as we watch our grandchildren grow. BOX 25350

NEW BEGINNINGS

Divorced white female, red hair, blue eyes, weight proportionate to size. Seeking a single male, 40 to 55, who enjoys movies, dining, and having fun, for a possible long term relationship. BOX 33656

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE

European born, refined, intelligent, romantic female, 5'5", height weight proportionate with many interests, interested in meeting white gentleman, 67 to 74, intelligent, caring, emotionally and financially secure, non-smoker with a sense of humor, for lasting relationship. BOX 25360

SHOOTING STAR

Divorced, white professional female, 55", 125 lbs, brown/black hair and eyes, dimples, looks minus 40 and stable. Seeking a divorced, white male, 55 to 63, attractive, 6', stable and a good sense of humor. BOX 31913

ATTENTION: SLIRKS

You responded to my ad #25318, Sauerkraut, Anyone? You forgot to leave your phone number. Please respond again. BOX 25973

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CALL ME

55 yr old gentleman, blue eyes, light sandy hair, recently retired, non-smoker. Enjoys exercising, animals and laughing. Call if interested. BOX 10684

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Divorced white male, 52, employed, with variety of interests including the outdoors and all sports. Seeking female for long term relationship. BOX 10692

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LET'S GET TOGETHER

Single white male, 36, 6'9", 165 lbs, hazel eyes, smoker, social drinker, hard worker and down to earth. Seeking a single female, 24 to 36, with similar qualities, to good times and a possible relationship that could prove to be warm and wonderful for us both. BOX 10555

AVERAGE MALE

6'2", 250 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, glasses, with a lot of interests, looking for a female, 40 to 50, attractive, petite to plus size, with a sense of humor, for friendship first, maybe long term. BOX 10576

GET TO KNOW ME

39 yr old, Hispanic male, 5'8", 185 lbs, with short black hair and brown eyes. I enjoy sports, festivals, comedy clubs, ice skating, and spending time with my family. Looking for a down to earth, honest, sincere, single female. BOX 10520

CIRCLE THIS AD

Attractive 25 yr. white male, 5'11", height/weight proportionate, short brown hair, couple tattoos. Loves animals, concerts, going out and movies. Seeking attractive average/petite female 22 to 30, for possible long term relationship. BOX 10554

LET'S CHILL

Blonde hair, blue eye, 24 yr. male. Loves to have fun. Seeking a female that isn't shy and afraid to do things, yet loves to chill and cuddle. BOX 10704

HEAVEN SEND ME

30 yr old divorced male, 6', 165 lbs, seeking physically fit female, 25 to 35, who enjoys motorcycles, outdoors, traveling and romantic evenings. Must love children and being spoiled. I am a very caring and faithful person, with a good sense of humor. BOX 10728

LET'S MEET

Affectionate, retired, single male, 50, 5'5", blonde hair, blue eyes, likes dining out, movies, walks in the park, watching tv and traveling. Seeking a nice lady, to have some fun with. BOX 36031

IS THIS YOU?

19 yr old white male, 5'5", reddish blonde hair, hazel eyes, medium build, likes bowling, go out with friends and quiet times. Looking for a white female, to spend the holidays with, leading to a relationship. BOX 13765

GIVE ME A CALL!

37 yr old attractive black male, father of 1, seeking single black attractive female, 25 to 35, for a date and possibly more, someone down to earth. BOX 13998

FIT THE BILL?

Divorced white male, 46, dark brown hair, green eyes, large build. Works full-time, part-time musician. Enjoys music, laughing, reading, proud father of 12 yr old girl. Seeking a white female, 30 to 48, self supporting, long hair, full figured, intelligent, articulate, and willing to communicate. BOX 14020

YOU SHOULD CALL

Black professional male, 6'1 1/2", 208 lbs, enjoys outdoor sports, cars and antiques. Seeking a white professional female, with similar interests. BOX 14040

GIVE ME A CALL!

Single white male, 43, 6'1", brown hair, seeking someone to go to movies, dining out, for companionship. BOX 14063

CATCH OF THE DAY!

Single white male, 6'4", down-turned attractive, green-eyed, independent professional, catting seeking someone for good times, female who is caring and nice and shares similar interests. I enjoy comedy, bowling, movies, dining out, traveling. BOX 32590

INTERESTED?

Single white male, 46, 5'4", 136 lbs, dark hair, eyes, mustache, lives down river, smoker, light drinker, easy going, cat owner. Enjoys dining, golf, movies and more. Seeking a single female height/weight proportionate. BOX 32603

WARNING: MAY CAUSE...

Happiness. Answer this if you won't be sorry! Attractive, financially secure, professional, single white male, 40, 6', 170 lb, no dependents. Seeks attractive, single white female, 25 to 45, weight proportionate to height, who's happy with who she is. BOX 35976

DOWNRIVER AREA:

Financially secure, retired, 65 white widower, 5'9", 185 lbs, brown hair and eyes. Into boating, bicycling, walking, movies, country music, dining, slow dancing and just quiet times. Seeks retired, financially secure white male, 60 to 65, for a long term relationship. Who knows what it will lead too. BOX 35485

52 FOR YOU?

Fashionable, sharp, single white male, 52, 5'10", 180 lbs, broad interest, no couch potato. Looking for someone kind, serious, open, but femininity is a must. Oakland County. BOX 25319

GOOD CLEAN FUN?

Go ahead and call this single white male. He is 45, charming, easy to talk to, active and adventurous. Seeking single white female, for romance and friendship. BOX 35487

YOUNG MAN SEEKING

Older white female, 35 to 50, slim to medium, for friendship and companionship. I'm an attractive, healthy, fit, clean cut, single white male, very easy going, open minded, sincere and financially stable, in the Westland area. Give me a call. Wayne county. BOX 25325

METRO AIRPORT AREA

47 yr old, single white parent, attractive, 6'1", 200 lbs, smoker, social drinker, hardworking, with a variety of interests that include golf, camping, fishing, etc. Seeks an attractive, caring, single white female, height, weight proportionate, with family values and similar interests, must like children and animals. BOX 35489

A FIREPLACE...

My two loving arms, warm thoughts. If you are attractive, weight proportionate, under 50 and ready for a real relationship, this tall, very caring, affectionate, non-smoking, social drinker, call me. You, Let's make each other happy. Wayne County. BOX 25329

ABOVE THE CROWD

Stands a handsome, single white male, 44. With healthy active, fun lifestyle. Enjoys museums, volunteer work, and is financially stable, in the Westland area. Give me a call. Wayne county. BOX 25325

FUN TIMES

Single male, 45, looking to meet someone, who is outgoing and likes to cuddling, for friendship. BOX 32680

A REAL GOOD CATCH

Divor

Don't get angry, get some help

SHOP TALK



NICOLE STAFFORD

Been duped or cheated by a retailer?

You may want to talk it over with a local government representative. You may even get your money back.

Sounds like propaganda, huh?

Even in today's environment of strange government happenings that kind of cynicism may be off the mark.

I have yet to receive a refund check in the mail, but I the service given to me by the Michigan Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division felt like partial compensation. A department representative not only took the time to listen to my full story — a one-year saga of poor customer service — but also offered to help me get a refund, if I so desired.

"Oh, that sounds terrible. I think most people would have given up by now," she said therapeutically, like a shrink extending empathy.

"So it's not unreasonable that I want a refund?" I asked.

"Oh, no. At this point I think you're entitled to a refund," she replied.

"Really, you think so?" I asked. "And you guys can help me?"

"We can try. Just write in your complaint what you want us to do, that you want a refund."

At this point, you may be wondering exactly what my consumer complaint involves.

Just so you know you're not alone when and if a retailer doesn't hold up their end of a bargain, here's the story.

I custom ordered a couch. It arrived at my home with a small tear. I called the retailer the following day. They faxed me a diagram of the couch and told me to mark the location of the tear and fax back the information. I did.

Then, I waited.

Months went by. But I remained patient. My new couch was still new; it was just slightly damaged. I told myself. I had paid for a new couch and a new couch it would be soon.

Finally tired of waiting, I called the retailer only to learn they had placed a fabric order but had no other information about my case. They told me to wait — again — for a letter in the mail.

To be fair, the letter arrived within a week or two and instructed me to call a service center to set up a repair appointment.

Okay, we're making progress, I thought. I'd only to have make a phone call and take off a half day of work to meet the service technician, and "Bam," I'd have a new couch. I called the service center the next day.

Naturally, though, I had to leave a voice mail. Nobody was there to pick up my call. No big deal, I thought and went about my day.

Silly me, what was I thinking? As it turned out, there was never anybody there to pick up my call. There were no return phone calls, either. Eventually, I took a break from calling and leaving messages and decided to wait.

And eventually, the service center returned my call.

They called me at home. And, since I was at work, they had to leave a message on my answering machine, which is exactly what they did every time they called back no matter how desperately I pleaded for a daytime call at the office.

So began a long, long, this-feels-like-I'm-being-put-off game of phone tag.

Back to the drawing board, I thought, and called the store where I had ordered the couch, which worked. I received a call from the service center at my office the next day.

Unfortunately, I have to say it was downhill from here. The company's attempts to send out the appropriate replacement fabric or component failed three times. And, since I had no idea what to expect in the mail, I only became aware that the company had — yet again — messed up when the service technician arrived for our scheduled appointment and unwrapped the package. The third shipment was a new set of pillows.

That's when I decided to turn to the Consumer Protection Division, which felt like a last resort but turned out to be a source of renewed hope.

Feeling, as they say, empowered again, I asked the representative, "Can I go to court, if they don't give me a refund?"

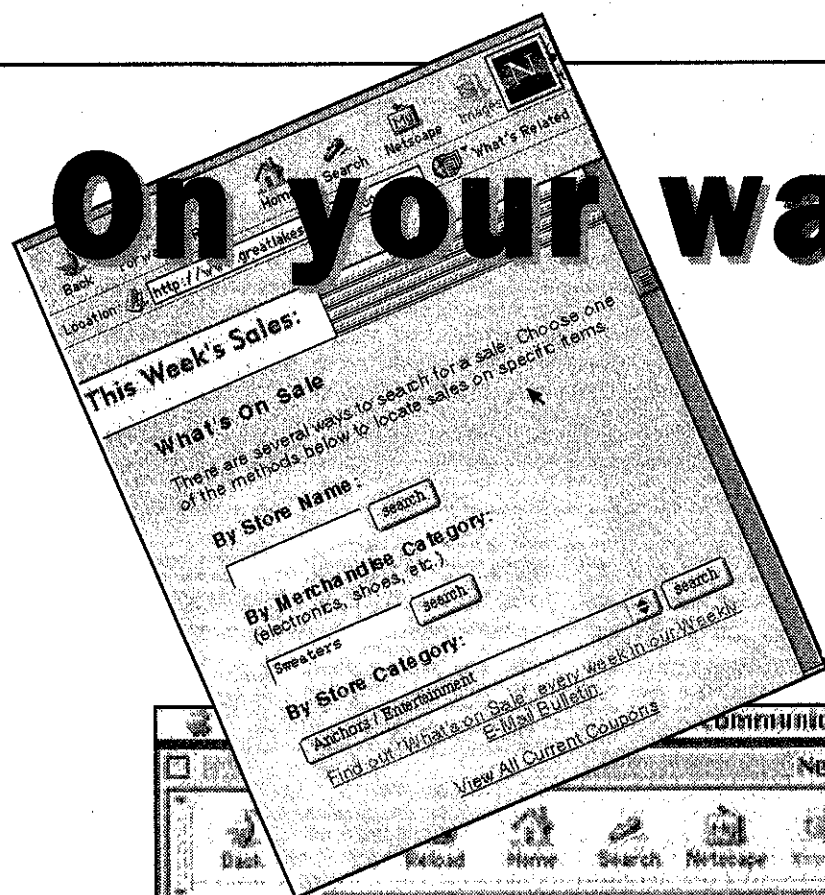
"Yes, you can," she replied. "You can go into small claims court," she said. "But give us a try first. We'll see what we can do."

Now, that's service.

The Consumer Protection Division of Michigan's Attorney General Department can be contacted 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday at (517) 373-1140.

On your way to the mall?

Make your first stop the Internet



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Say you're a Saks Fifth Avenue junkie who's not too proud to ransack for bargains. Then, Saks' outlet store at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills probably gives you the shakes. Now, imagine learning a week in advance what's slated for deeper discounts at Saks' Off 5th or another of your favorite Great Lakes stores.

In the good old days, a store's most loyal customers enjoyed insider knowledge about sales. Today, very few retailers can afford to allow clerks to function as personal shoppers that call their customers at home about new merchandise and markdowns.

But Bloomfield Hills-based Taubman Centers Inc., which owns 16 malls in seven different states including Great Lakes Crossing, Twelve Oaks in Novi and Briarwood Mall in Ann Arbor, has harnessed the power of the Internet to provide such a service.

On Thanksgiving week, Taubman

launched web sites for seven of its malls, including Great Lakes, Twelve Oaks and Briarwood. Then, on Nov. 30, the company added a free e-mail service for customers interested in receiving weekly sales bulletins from their favorite mall stores.

The e-mails, which issue every Thursday, contain a round-up of sales and new merchandise, as well as computer coupons from stores selected by the customer at registration. Taubman's web sites also have a pictorial gift guide, wish list registry, gift reminder service and the ability to search merchandise categories for current sales.

Unlike e-commerce sites where shoppers can make on-line purchases, Taubman's web pages target shopping, not buying.

"As malls, we have to be careful and ask ourselves what we want these sites to do," said Carol Geis, Taubman Centers vice president for center planning and marketing. "The purpose of our web page is to facilitate a visit.

True, consumers are buying an increasing amount of retail products on the Internet, but shopping centers know now one of the primary reasons people go on-line is to get product information and do comparison shopping.

So Taubman set out to take advantage of that trend and surveyed mall shoppers for two years before developing their web sites. They talked to 18,000 shoppers and conducted 36 focus groups, both frequent and infrequent customers.

"And what we found out is that

what people want on a web site is quite different depending on the nature of the site," said Geis.

In the case of a mall web site, surveyed customers said they wanted quick access to information about items and sales at a handful of their favorite stores.

Conceivably, that's because consumers are looking for ways to reduce shopping time, said Geis. "One of the surprising things that we found in our research was a big misconception — that people come to the mall to walk around."

More than 66 percent of Taubman's surveyed shoppers were doing what Geis called a "mission trip," going to the mall with a specific agenda both for their purchases and store visits. "We're also finding that overall shopping time in the mall is dropping."

Given consumers' concerns about time, shouldn't shopping malls still fear the Internet?

Apparently not. Many other local malls have web sites, including Laurel Park Place and Wonderland Mall, both in Livonia, and Troy's Oakland

Mall. Troy's Somerset Collection launches an upscale, magazine style web site in early January. Others are considering ways to benefit from the technology.

"It's a marketing tool," said Angela Taylor of Gyro Design Group, the Detroit company in charge of Somerset's Internet site. "It will push Somerset as the authority on style and lifestyle," said Taylor. "One of the interesting things about the site is that it doesn't entirely focus on Somerset."

In addition to basic general mall information, the site will contain seasonal narratives on fashion, home and lifestyle trends with photos.

The hope is shoppers will turn to the web site for the same reason they peruse publications like *Town and Country* or *HOOR Detroit*, said Taylor. "(The site) sets Somerset apart from other malls, and not just malls, but other areas, too, other shopping districts. ... That makes Somerset something more than a mall. It's not necessarily a community, but maybe a resource."

More on the web

Next week, look for the debut of Malls & Mainstreets new 'Cyber Shop' column and a story about how local downtown shopping districts are taking advantage of the Internet.

Mall web sites

- Great Lakes Crossing: www.shopgreatlakes.crossing.com
- Twelve Oaks: www.shoptwelveoaks.com
- Briarwood: www.shopbriarwood.com
- Laurel Park Place: www.laurelparkplace.net
- Oakland Mall: www.oaklandmall.com
- Wonderland Mall: www.newwonderlandmall.com
- Somerset Collection: www.thesomersetcollection.com (debuts in January)

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: *Malls & Mainstreets*, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. By fax, (248) 644-1314. E-mail, nstafford@oe.homecomm.net. Deadline for publication is two weeks in advance.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

MALL WALKING

In partnership with Botsford Hospital, Livonia Mall, 29514 7 Mile Road, opens its door to walkers 7-9 a.m. Monday-Saturday. Blood pressure checks offered by Botsford Hospital on Wednesdays every three months (next check is slated for Jan. 17). For more information, call (248) 476-1160.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

SURPRISE SALE

Nicole's Revival in Westland hosts a surprise sale featuring special savings, many Christmas items, more Coach bags and bath and body items, through

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Dec. 30. For more information, call (734) 326-0926.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

TOY & HOBBY SHOW

The Toy & Hobby Expo runs through Dec. 31 at the Novi Expo Center and features operating model train displays and vendors selling new, used and antique toys, trains, sports collectibles, stuffed animals and dolls. Show hours are: 5-9 p.m. Dec. 29, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Dec. 30 and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 31. Admission is \$6 (children age 4-12 enter for \$3). Parking is \$5. For information, call (734) 455-2110.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

HOW-TO CLINICS

Home Depot offers a series of free how-to clinics for

those who like to do it themselves. Clinics last approximately 30-45 minutes and cover step-by-step instructions for tackling a variety of home improvement projects. Topics explored include closet organization, floor and tile installment and audio/video hook-up. Sessions are primarily slated on Saturdays and Sundays. For details, call your local Home Depot.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

FIRST NIGHT

Downtown Birmingham hosts First Night with performances and activities at several venues including the Baldwin Library, Birmingham City Hall, Birmingham Historical Museum, the Community House and the Village Players Theater. Dancing and midnight countdown take place at Shain Park with Q 95.5 FM radio. Admission buttons are \$8 in advance and \$10 on Dec. 31. For details and an activity and performance schedule, call (248) 258-9075.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate retail merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback.

If you have a request or information about where a product is sold or service is available, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number.

Please be patient about your requests and feedback; we receive an overwhelming number of phone calls. If you don't see information about your request, we couldn't find it. Requests are published twice.

WHAT WE FOUND:

- An umbrella shaped like a bumble bee can be purchased at the **Purple Bear** on Maple Road in Birmingham, (248) 645-0400.
- **Classic Gardenia** perfume is sold at **Mazel's in Wonderland Mall**.
- Old movie magazines can be purchased at **John King Bookstore**, (313) 961-0622, in downtown Detroit. Inquire about old song books.

- For carpet stretching, call **M.R.**, (248) 477-6824.

- For copper nails and ceramic caulking, try **Northside Hardware** on Wayne and Glenwood roads in Wayne.

- The following stores repair cane chairs: **Guaranteed Furniture Services, Inc.**, 3380 West 11 Mile Road in Berkeley, (248) 545-1130; **Furniture Medic**,

(248) 684-5341 or (248) 889-9877; **Furniture Refinishing Old World Finishing Ltd.**, 32726 West 8 Mile in Farmington, (248) 471-1017; and **Plymouth Reed & Cane Supplies**, 1200 West Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, (313) 455-2150.

- **English Gardens** on Coolidge Road in Troy sells aluminum Christmas trees with a revolving light wheel.

- For a 2001 Miss Bear and Santa Bear, try **Dayton Hudson's on the Internet** at www.hudsons.com.

- For discontinued china patterns, call **Replacements LTD** in North Carolina, (800) 737-5223.

WHERE CAN I FIND?:

- A store that sells the **doll Christmas Carol** (sold in the 1940s-60s by Hudson's) for Elwood.

- A store where a **used potter's wheel** can be purchased for Jim, who lives in Livonia.

- A store that sells men's **Arrow brand shirts** for Nancy of Troy.

- A store that sells **bulgur by the pound** in the Westland area for Mary.

- A store or company that repairs the backs of wooden chairs for Margaret.

- A store or company that repairs chair cushions for Colleen.

- A store that sells the **dry shampoo "PSSSSST"** or any other dry shampoo for June.

- A store that sells a col-

orful child's parachute for kids age 4-6 to play games with for Karen of Waterford.

- A store that sells **wooden small novelty bats** for Brenda.

- A store that sells a cover for a rear tire for a Jeep with a **Detroit Red Wings logo** for Sally.

- An **Amish store** that repairs pillars on Amish chairs for Mrs. R.

- A store that sells **walnut oil** for walnut furniture (House of Denmark formerly carried it) for Fran of Farmington.

- A store that sells **customized dining table top covers** for Lerita of Southfield.

- A store that sells an **adapter for cassette to 8-track transfers** for Bob of Detroit.

- A store that sells a **real butter fruit cake** (packaged in a red box, made in Texas and distributed by Twin Pines Dairy in the 1970s) for Barbara of Davisburg.

- A store that sells **replacement gears** for the **Tournament Hockey game** by **Park & Sons Sports** for Roy of Clarkston.

- A store that sells **women's long khaki skirts** for Kristie.

- A store that sells **butter cream Lifesavers** for Kristie.

- Compiled by **Sandi Jarackas**

a la carte

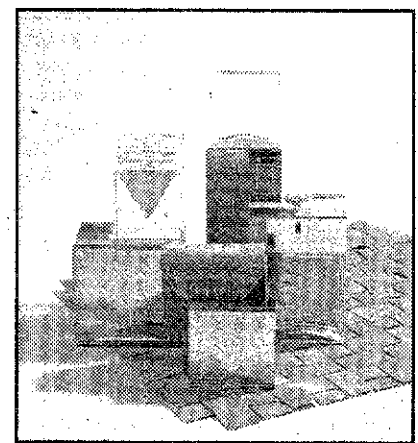
STUFF WE CRAVE



Longing for leather:

If you've yet to purchase a piece of leather apparel, there's no better time than the present. With so much leather in mainstream designers' collections for fall and winter, you're sure to find a leather coat, skirt or pants that fits you like a glove. You're also likely to find an abundance of leather clothing on sale after Christmas. Keep an eye out for basic leather pieces like Hudson's Field Gear black jacket with zip-out Thinsulate lining, regularly priced at \$199.99. But don't overlook more dramatic choices in bright red leather or leather in metallic gold.

If you hadn't heard: Clothing designer **Michael Kors** recently introduced a signature fragrance collection for women. The scent is described as a combination of florals and exotic spices. The collection includes body creme, \$75, perfume, \$300, body lotion, \$48, eau de parfum spray, \$78 and perfume purse spray with suede travel pouch, \$95, available at Jacobson's stores.



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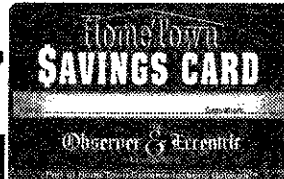
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TRAVEL

Legoland is a sunny spot in trip to San Diego

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When searching the Internet for travel information about San Diego, I came across an amusement park called Legoland. I must admit, I was mildly intrigued by a 128-acre park devoted to a rectangular toy. And when a friend of mine said it was a sure hit with the toddler set, my 2-year-old and I set out to explore this plasticized environment.

Better get Lego

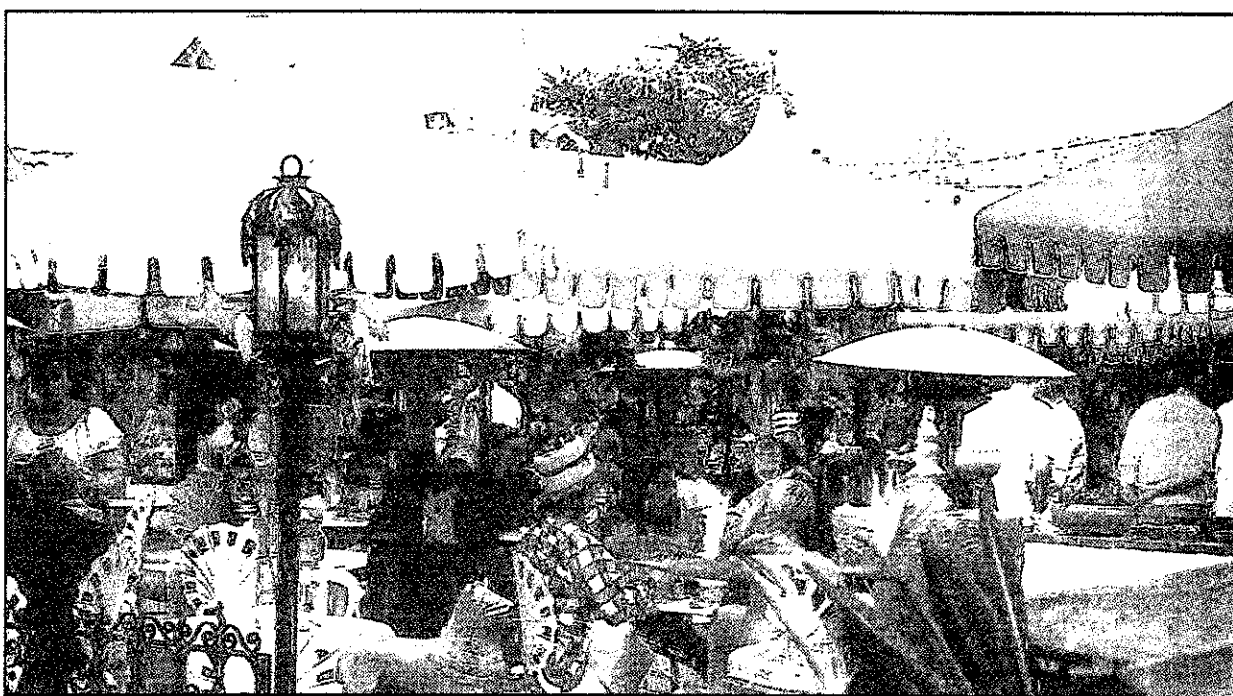
Now San Diego is a fabulous city, and more about that later, but I have to say that Legoland is an absolute blast. The admission price is a bit steep at \$34 for adults, but kids 2 and under are free, and discount coupons are aplenty. Legoland is located in Carlsbad, an oceanside city about a half-hour north of San Diego. The heart of the park is Mini-land. Miniature versions of American cities and worldwide landmarks abound. Washington, D.C., New Orleans, New York, San Francisco are just a few of the models in this, well, model world. But miniature might not be such an accurate word. The Empire State Building is nearly 20 feet tall, and the Eiffel Tower is made with nearly 350,000 legos. It's an engineering marvel unto itself, but Legoland also offers 40 rides, interactive attractions and several stage shows during the day. There's even a model factory that shows

If you go:
■ Legoland is accessible from San Diego by either I-5 or historic Highway 101. The scenic cruise will take you twice as long, but if it's a clear day, you'll have beautiful views of the ocean. Legoland is at One Lego Drive at Cannon Road. (760) 438-LEGO.
■ The San Diego Zoo is open daily and bus tours leave every half-hour. Ample parking is available, but the best time to get there is right when it opens. Many of the animals are at their liveliest in the morning. Park Blvd. at Zoo Place.
■ Bazaar del Mundo offers mariachis, margaritas and Mexican arts. Open daily. 2754 Calhoun at Wallace.
■ Catamaran Resort Hotel is also a botanical preserve with exotic birds and plants dotting the sprawling landscape. Many of the 312 rooms have kitchens and balconies, but you'll want to take in the fine cuisine of the Atoll Restaurant in the hotel's lobby. 3999 Mission Blvd. (800) 288-0770.

how the little wonder blocks are made. Kids three-feet tall can go on most of the rides, except for the roller coasters. But there are cars to drive, boats to navigate, trains to peddle and helicopters to propel, so there's plenty to keep an active tot happy. Parents will appreciate that the park also offers juice, fruit

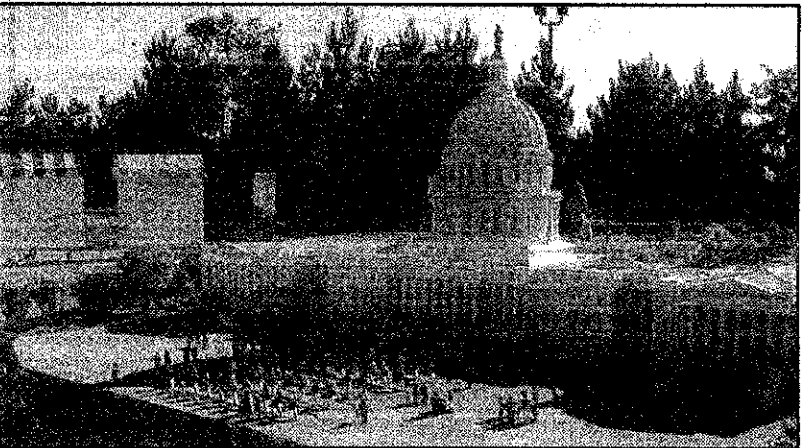
and yogurt, but there are still the requisite grilled and deep-fried offerings that are the mainstay of amusement parks. Construction was heavy around the perimeter, so expect an expansion and a few new rides in the coming years.
The zoo of zoos
Most will say a trip to San Diego isn't complete until you visit the zoo. That's probably true, but unless you're really into exploring, I'd suggest taking the bus tour and hopping off at points you really want to see. The 100-acre zoo is a labyrinth of canyon paths, and no map can help you get easily from point A to point B. But the bus tour covers 90 percent of the zoo, it makes frequent stops to allow for animal observation, and you get a driver well versed in the habits of the zoo's residents. The pandas are a very popular attraction, but my toddler and I enjoyed the playful antics of the koala bears and their babies. Top off the visit with a ride on the Skyfari for a birds-eye view of the zoo.

Balboa Park
The San Diego Zoo is located in a 1,200 acre canyon, which is also home to many of the city's recreational and cultural institutions. The Natural History Museum, the Japanese Friendship Garden and the Simon Edison Center for the Performing Arts all share space along a long grass and fountain-lined plaza with the San Diego Museum of Art. I got to see the lobby of the museum, but was told I would have to check my son's stroller at the desk. I'm still not sure what the reasoning behind that policy is. Would you rather have kids running around the museum? Is that same hospitality extended to patrons in wheelchairs? I didn't feel like pursuing it, so we just left.
Explore downtown
We were welcome at the Children's Museum, which is still struggling to find its niche now that it has a permanent home in a revamped downtown warehouse. It's described as an arts-based museum for children, and though there are many interactive art projects, the permanent exhibits have little appeal to very young children.



Mucho munchies: The Bazaar Del Mundo in San Diego's Old Town offers ethnic food, arts and entertainment in a colorful atmosphere.

and local culture merge.
Balmy beach
But who goes to San Diego without spending time at the beach? Bay and oceanside resorts abound, so you won't ever need to be too far from the water. Our family stayed at the Catamaran Resort Hotel on Mission Bay, which offered panoramic views of the bay and ocean. In the summer, Mission Bay is resplendent with buff bodies and water sports fiends. But in the balmy 70-degree days of winter, joggers mainly occupy the beach, followed by dog walkers and an early morning crew team. In early December, the lighting of the Christmas tree on the Prado in Balboa Park is one of the city's most beloved events. But try as they might, San Diegans just don't have the weather to make the holidays seem right. Perhaps, in this season of giving, we could ship them a little of our surplus snow.



Lawful Legos: The Capitol as viewed in Legoland. The Lego-made marching band moves along tracks. The Smithsonian Museum and the Jefferson Memorial are in the background.

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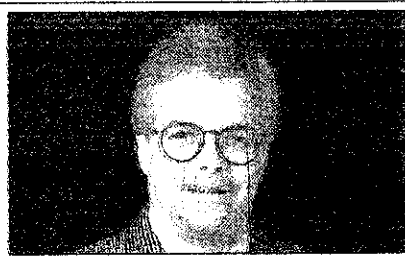
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KEN ABRAMCZYK

Make it sweet for Christmas and New Year's

When I started as the At Home and Taste editor for the Observer Newspapers, I knew readers enjoyed the sections.

I had no idea how devout and dedicated they are. They read the sections, try the recipes and maintain a true kinship with this newspaper.

In January, it will be one year since I took the reins.

What I've tried to do – and will continue to do with the Taste section – is give you information that you will find useful, isn't too complicated, and try to make food preparation fun. (Of course, I am open to suggestions and ideas, and if you have some drop me a line or call the phone number at the end of this column.)

And food should be fun. It is the link for families and friends at potluck dinners and holiday gatherings. When families get together, where do they gather? Family members always end up in the kitchen, no matter how small it may be.

That's the way it's always been with my family. Like everybody else, we get together, update everybody else about our careers and our lives, then we eat.

The holidays are a time to appreciate the lives we have and how important our loved ones are to us. It is a time to put aside the petty differences we may have with one another, whether they are family, friends, acquaintances or co-workers. Life is way too short.

Beyond all the commercialism and presents, Christmas is a time to remember what the birth of Jesus Christ means and what His life and His messages mean to all of us as a nation and a world.

That togetherness and love He taught and represents brings that warmth and much needed respite from this fast-paced world.

That's why I enjoy creating food for and with my family – for me, it is a time spent I truly enjoy with them, and I don't do it often enough. I love them all dearly and that love transcends into food.

For me, it is usually soaking the salmon in a brine overnight, then smoking it with apple or cherry wood in the morning, or giant mushrooms stuffed with seasoned pork sausage.

This year, for the second time in three years, I get to make dessert. It's time to get really adventurous with some chocolate mousse garnished with a small cookie and chocolate shavings, a devilishly delicious delight. The author of the recipe, Julia Child, states in "The Way to Cook" that the butter adds body, beaten egg whites creates lightness and whipped cream brings richness (and extra calories.) It is certainly the best dessert I've ever prepared, and one of the best I've ever tasted.

Certainly the recipe fits in well with today's Taste story by Renée Skoglund on chocolate. Chocolate on New Year's Eve is like last call at a bar: this final week of the year is it for that sweet delight, if you are committed to cutting your intake of sweets in January.

I leave you with a few tips about mousse: When whipping egg whites, I like them to sit for a few minutes at room temperature. I find that they peak better. Before whipping cream for the topping, chill the bowl and the beaters.

May you and your family enjoy a blessed holiday season and have a happy and joyous new year. Thanks for all your comments and thoughts.

CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

- 8 ounces sweet or semisweet baking chocolate, melted with 1/4 cup strong coffee
- 3 ounces (6 tablespoons) softened unsalted butter
- 3 egg yolks
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 3 egg whites
- 1/4 cup sugar
- Whipped cream (for topping)

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BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
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This New Year's Eve, serve your dinner guests something chocolate – the deepest, darkest, most deliciously decadent of all desserts.

"Chocolate has always been associated with a sense of wealth and richness, with money and decadence. The whole theme just took off," said Laurel Zoet, assistant pastry chef at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn, as she put the finishing touches on miniature versions of her Valhrona Truffle Cake.

"And chocolate produces the same effect on your brain as when you're in love," she added. (Zoet is correct. Researchers have found the chocolate contains PEA –

Movie and a truffle

Miramax Films is joining forces with Godiva Chocolatier to celebrate the new Miramax Films release, "Chocolat," starring Johnny Depp and Juliette Binoche. The comic fable is about how just one taste of chocolate can change a person, a relationship and a town by liberating the powers of the senses. During the holidays, Godiva invites moviegoers to bring their "Chocolat" ticket stub to any one of the company's boutiques for a complimentary truffle. The offer expires Jan. 15.

phenylethylamine – which is the same molecule that runs through the blood of someone in love.)

But you don't have to be a millionaire or in love (but it would probably help) to serve Zoet's cake, just skilled enough to blend semi-sweet chocolate, water, cinnamon, egg yolks and cream into a dessert deep as a midnight sky and sweet as a seraphim of angels.

If you prefer white chocolate, try Zoet's White Chocolate Baileys Mousse Dome, which was inspired by her cousin's wedding cake. "Oooh, it's just so good," she said.

A chocolate past

Chocolate has seduced the world for centuries. During his conquest of Mexico, Cortez found the Aztec Indians using cocoa beans to prepare "chocolatl," the royal drink of the realm. In fact, cocoa beans were so valued that a night in a brothel cost one handful of the beans. In 1519, Emperor Montezuma, who reportedly drank 50 or more portions of the drink, served the warm chocolatl to his Spanish guests in golden goblets.

The Spaniards found the drink too bitter, so to make it more appealing to Europeans, they sweetened it with sugar. By the 1600s, all of Europe was locked into a love affair with "hot

chocolate," by then infused with cinnamon and vanilla. The invention of the cocoa press, which squeezed out the rich cocoa butter from the beans, was soon invented. In the United States, the first chocolate factory opened in New England in 1765.

So much for history. Chocolate has always been about taste and that wonderfully smooth "mouth feel" a plump morsel produces when placed upon your tongue. That "oooh, aahhh" feeling is do to the amount of cocoa butter, the purest fat in nature, said Zoet, whose name in Dutch means "sweet."

"The more cocoa butter, the better the grade of chocolate," said Zoet.

Chocolate is like wine grapes in that chocolate from different parts of the world will have a distinct flavor. "The contrast in tastes is incredible," said Zoet.

Temperamental

The simpler the ingredients, the better the chocolate, said Greg Goodman, owner of Bon Homme Restaurant in Plymouth. "Chocolate is basically chocolate liqueur, cocoa butter and sugar. The cocoa butter is important in terms of the richness."

His advice? Buy the best chocolate to produce the best results.

Chocolate can be unforgiving. Splash a little water in it while it's melting, and it will harden. However, chocolate is quite willing to be transformed. Heat some cream and add to the hardened semi-sweet chocolate and you have a sauce. Add some liqueur, such as Frangelico, and you have "genache," the perfect frosting for a cake.

"Cream gives it the sheen. People go nuts about a beautiful torte that has that sheen. It's seductive. It's like lipstick. It has that gloss," said Goodman.

To properly melt chocolate, Zoet suggests you bring water to a boil, turn it off, then add the dish of chocolate. Too much

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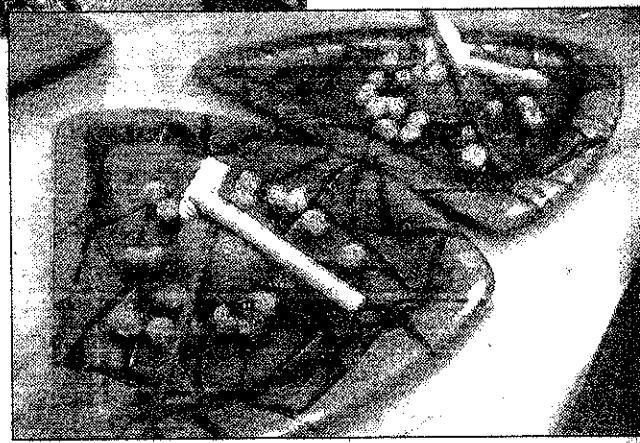
Ring in the New Year with deep, dark decadence



PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

A time for indulgence: Zoet dresses up the dessert with a great mix of color and style.

Sweet stuff: Laurel Zoet puts finishing touches on her Valhrona Truffle Cake at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn.



Chocolate is the word

At a loss for just the right words to describe your passion about chocolate? Try these:

"If you are not feeling well, if you have not slept, chocolate will revive you. But you have no chocolate! I think of that again and again! My dear, how will you ever manage?" – Marquise de Sevigne, Feb. 11, 1677

"Chocolate is a perfect food, as wholesome as it is delicious, a beneficent restorer of exhausted power... It is the best friend of those engaged in literary pursuits." – Baron Justus von Liebig, German chemist (1803-1873)

"What use are cartridges in battle? I always carry chocolate instead." – George Bernard Shaw, 1894

"The taste of chocolate is a sensual pleasure in itself, existing in the same world as sex." – Dr. Ruth Westheimer

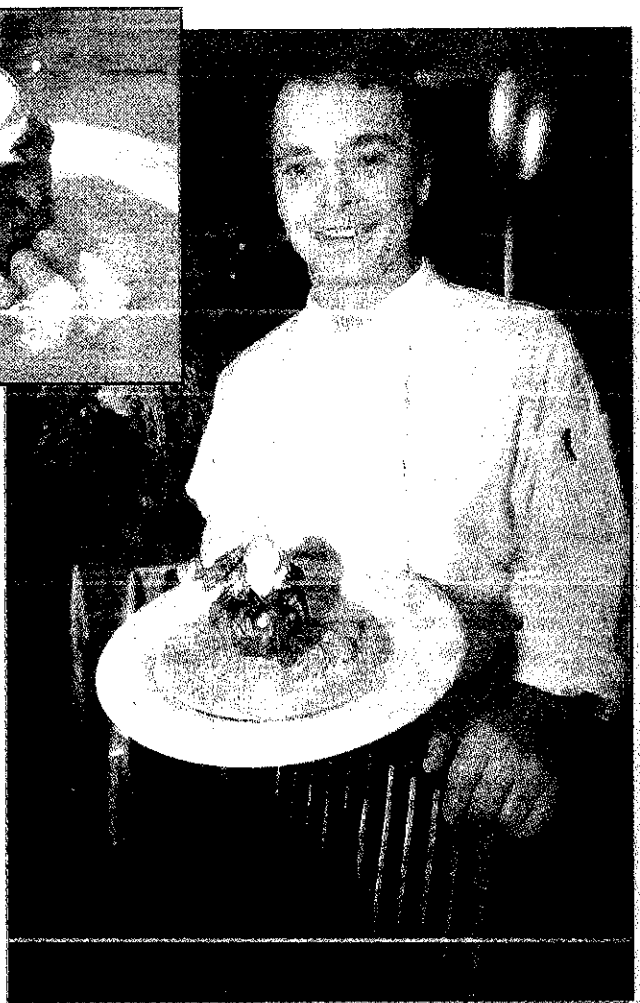
"What you see before you, my friend, is the result of a lifetime of chocolate..." – Katharine Hepburn

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A tasty variation: Jeff Condit shows off his French Chocolate Bread Pudding at Bon Homme Restaurant in Plymouth.



Tame your party animals — 'Zero-proof' your beverages

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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In 1999, 541 people died in alcohol-related crashes in Michigan, while 38.8 percent of all fatal crashes involved alcohol.

"That's more than the size of most high school graduating classes," said Nancy Cain, AAA spokeswoman.

For AAA, the work never ends to get the message out for Michigan residents to avoid drinking and driving, particularly during the holidays.

This year's theme for AAA's colorful 20-page booklet, the 22nd annual Great Pretenders Party Guide, is "Nature's Creatures, Large and Small." All of the drink recipes are named after some creature from the animal kingdom, including a river otter, a monkey, a bear and a saber-toothed tiger.

"Every year we look for different themes," Cain said. "One year we did sports heroes and another we did a salute to the millennium. Most people love animals and most love zoos."

AAA Michigan is expected to distribute

approximately 65,000 copies of this year's guide, bringing total distribution to more than 1.4 million since publication began in 1978 as part of the Auto Club's "First a Friend, Then A Host" program to help discourage drinking and driving.

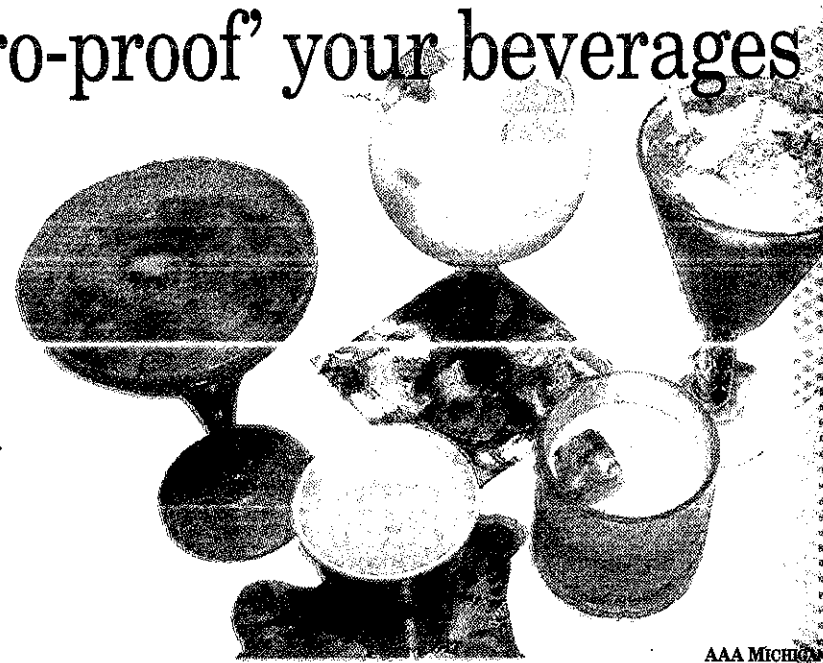
"During the holiday period, people tend to go to parties and they tend to drink at those parties," Cain said. "If you will be driving, you shouldn't be drinking. You can do one or the other, but you shouldn't do both."

The booklet also explains the toll drunk drivers take on the road. In 1999, 38.8 percent of all fatal crashes involved alcohol.

Experts estimate alcohol-related traffic crashes to cost more than \$3.7 billion – an estimated \$1.6 billion paid by the drinking driver and more than \$2.1 billion in general societal costs. That works out to about \$350 per year for each Michigan resident regardless of age.

The average cost of a fatality in those crashes amounts to \$1.4 million in monetary costs and \$2.3 million in "quality of life" loss.

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Alcohol free: Drinks featured in AAA Michigan's Great Pretenders Guide contain a variety of fruits, nuts, creams, soft drinks, juices and flavorings. None contain alcohol. For a free copy of the guide, contact the Auto Club at (800) AAA-MICH (222-6424).

Young cooks can create winning recipes

Kids who like to cook have until Dec. 31 to enter Michigan's first Kroger/Pillsbury Kids' Bake-Off contest.

Ten children will be chosen at a contest to show off their cooking creativity on Feb. 24 at a metro Detroit Kroger store. Their tasty creations could win them great prizes, including the grand prize of a trip for the winner and three guests to Orlando, Fla., for the finals of the national Kids' Bake-Off Contest in June, at SeaWorld Orlando.

Children ages 9 to 13 are eligi-

ble to participate, and the 10 finalists will be randomly selected from all the entries submitted. To enter, kids simply indicate the recipe they would prepare at the Kids' Bake-Off competition. The recipe must use at least one eligible Pillsbury, Green Giant, Old El Paso, Hungry Jack or Progresso product and at least three other ingredients and must be able to be prepared in one hour.

Entry forms with complete contest rules are available at participating Kroger stores or from the WNIC website at

www.wnic.com.

The finalists in the Kroger/Pillsbury Kids' Bake-Off Contest will prepare their recipes at mini-kitchens with GE ranges set up at a local Kroger store. The children will work independently to cook their recipes, although Kroger and Pillsbury will provide a helper for each youngster to assist with tasks such as handling hot pans or opening jars. The recipes will be judged by a panel of food lovers, who will rate them for taste, appearance, preparation and creativity.

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condensation can harden it. To melt it in the microwave, zap it at half power for short amounts of time.

Never allow the chocolate to exceed 112° F, warns Zoet. If you accidentally scorch your chocolate, forget it. "Cocoa butter takes on the flavor of what's around it. Also, it will become grainy."

Simplicity

Jeff Condit, chef de cuisine of Bon Homme, believes a memorable chocolate dessert doesn't have to be complicated. For New Year's Eve, he suggests serving guests chocolate bread pudding, made from French bread, cream, Kahlua liqueur and served with a warm cappuccino sauce and a

■ 'I love the complexity and refinement of (chocolate). I love the flavor of it.'

Greg Goodman
—owner of Bon Homme Restaurant

scoop of vanilla ice cream.

"I like the bread pudding. I like the contrast of warm and cold," he said.

To elevate the pudding above its pure comfort food status and give it extra eye appeal, Condit suggests using deep cookie cutters to cut the pudding in various shapes, such as stars and crescents. • Better make two batches on Condit's recipe since your guests are bound to ask for seconds, or perhaps a bit to take home.

Unless human nature changes, the world will remain in the seductive grip of chocolate. "I love the complexity and refinement of it. I love the flavor of it. I have a more excessive personality. I love chocolate. It's one of life's simplest but most profound pleasures," said Goodman.

Well said. This New Year's Eve, make a resolution you can keep: Eat more chocolate.

See related recipe on Page D3.

Mix up holidays without alcohol

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TROPICAL TABBY

2 ounces coconut cream
1 1/2 ounces crushed pineapple
1 ounce pineapple juice
1/4 cup crushed ice
Orange slice
Maraschino cherry

Place measured ingredients in a blender and blend at high setting until smooth (about 30 seconds). Pour into highball glass and garnish with orange slice and cherry. Makes one serving.

Coleen Rison of Bellaire won the regional mixoff in Traverse City with this recipe.

FLAMINGO FIZZ

23 ounces unsweetened pineapple juice
6 12-ounce cans diet Canada Dry ginger ale
1 container Crystal Light Raspberry Ice flavored drink mix
1 tub raspberry sherbet

Refrigerate liquids. When cold, pour pineapple juice and Crystal Light drink mix into punch bowl. Stir until dissolved. Add ginger ale. Spoon sherbet over top of punch. Serves 12.

Suzanne Merdzinski of Grand Rapids won the AAA regional mixoff in that city.

TOUCAN TROPICAL TWISTER

10 ounces Bacardi nonalcoholic pina colada mixer
3 ounces 7 Up soda
4 ounces crushed pineapple with juice
4 ounces maraschino cherries
3 cups ice
Pineapple
Cherries

RIVER OTTER MUD SLIDE

1/2 cup chilled evaporated milk
2 tablespoons Hershey's Special Dark Syrup
1 Butterfinger Fun Size candy bar
2 cups vanilla ice cream
Whipped cream
Shaved chocolate
Green sprinkles
Chocolate-dipped pretzel sticks

Combine the first three ingredients. Blend on high speed until the candy bar is crushed. Add the vanilla ice cream and blend again. Pour into prepared glasses and top with whipped cream, shaved chocolate and green sprinkles. Place the pretzel stick in the mug or glass. Makes two servings.

Optional: In a microwave, melt 6 ounces of milk chocolate in a serving dish. Add three tablespoons of Rice Krispies. Stir. Spoon it onto the edge of each mug or glass and let it drip down like mud. Chill until the chocolate is firm.

Recipe created by Lucille Eisbrenner of Roscommon.

SABER-TOOTHED TIGER JUICE

2 cups Dole orange guava juice
1 6-ounce can unsweetened pineapple juice
1 6-ounce can apricot nectar juice
1 tablespoon lime juice
1 tablespoon cream of coconut
1 cup crushed ice
Fresh pineapple

Mix measured ingredients in blender on puree speed or medium-high until blended (about one minute). Serve over crushed ice in cocktail glasses garnished with a piece of fresh pineapple cut in a triangle to resemble a tiger's tooth. Makes four servings.

Recipe created by Karen Worthy of Northville.

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es or \$92,000.

Tips on preventing too much alcohol consumption are included in the booklet. Hosts are urged to serve protein-rich and starchy foods to help retard alcohol absorption. They are advised to stop serving alcohol at a reasonable time and have coffee and desserts available.

Hosts should never let someone drive who has had too much to drink. They should take their keys and call a cab or put them up overnight at their home.

The booklet highlights the regional Zero-Proof Mix-Off winners, chosen in October in Traverse City, Grand Rapids and Royal Oak. They were Coleen Rison of Bellaire for "Tropical Tabby"; Suzanne Merdzinski of Grand Rapids for "Flamingo Fizz"; and Al Lach of Dearborn for "Toucan Tropical Twister". Each first-place winner received a \$500 check and the Golden Stirrer Award plaque.

Runners-up, each of whom received a \$250 check, were Lucille Eisbrenner of Roscommon with "River Otter Mud

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—AAA spokeswoman

Slide"; Donna Calvaruso of Galesburg with "Albert the Bear's Apple Pie a la Mode Nog"; and Karen Worthy of Northville with "Saber-Toothed Tiger Juice."

Honorable mention awards of \$50 were won by Tami Beaver of Traverse City for "Beached Whale"; Ann Fackler of Grand Rapids for "Peacock Punch"; Cathy Fucile of Saugatuck for "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer"; Nora Hudson of Detroit for "Purple Elephant"; Jan Martin of Traverse City for "Herring Gull Fruit Punch"; Marv Renko of Milford for "Chunky Monkey's Coffee-Toffee Cooler"; Colleen Rutan of Hanover for "No Monkey-Shines Smoothie"; Loretta strong of Roscommon for "Camel Brew"; Laura Walker of Tecumseh for

"Fishy Float" and Toby and Suzi West of Fremont for "Flock of Meese."

The booklet also features color photos of animals from the Clinch Park Zoo in Traverse City, the John Ball Park Zoo in Grand Rapids and the Detroit Zoo. Staff members from those zoos assisted AAA Michigan in staging the mix-offs.

The 22nd annual Great Pretenders Party Guide, "Nature's Creatures, Large and Small," is available free to anyone — not just AAA members. Copies can be picked up at any AAA full-service branch office, or they can be ordered by phone toll-free at (800) AAA-MICH (222-6424) or by e-mail at pr@aaa.mich.com. See winning recipes inside Taste.

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To melt the chocolate, break up the chocolate and add coffee. Place in the top pan of a double boiler with about 2 or 3 inches of water first heated in the bottom pan, then simmered. (You can use a small metal bowl inside a large pan instead of the double boiler.)

Stir chocolate until it is melted, which should take about five minutes. Stir until chocolate is smooth and glistening. Remove from heat.

Beat the soft butter into the smoothly melted chocolate. One by one, beat in the egg yolks.

In a small bowl set to be chilled inside a larger bowl containing

water and ice, beat the cream until it leaves light traces on the surface.

In another bowl, beat the egg whites until they form soft peaks.

While beating, sprinkle in the sugar by spoonfuls and continue beating until stiff shining peaks are formed.

Scrape the chocolate mixture down the side of the egg-white bowl, and gently fold them together. When almost blended, fold in the whipped cream.

Turn the mousse into an attractive serving bowl, or scoop into individual coupes or containers.

Cover and chill several hours.

Decorate the mousse with swirls of whipped cream. If you'd like, garnish with a cookie and chocolate shavings.

Makes about 5 cups, serving 6 to 8.

Recipe reprinted from "The Way to Cook" by Julia Child.

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Ice cream 'Yule Log' is variant of favorite holiday dessert

BY JOAN BRUNSKILL
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NEW YORK (AP) — A lot of people are happy to eat ice cream any time, even in midwinter and even if it's snowing outside, especially when the atmosphere inside is warm and festive.

"Ice cream is always in my freezer, year-round, to bring out for dessert," Rob Douglas says. He has the delicious-sounding job of flavor designer, creating and perfecting ice-cream varieties, at Ben & Jerry's, headquartered in South Burlington, Vt.

"For the holidays, I would keep it simple," he said, speaking by phone from Burlington. "Keep to vanilla or chocolate." That's safer when you're entertaining, he thinks, because in a group there may be those with very firm likes and dislikes for more complex flavors.

"In fact, if I'm making something, I'll keep it to vanilla. After all, that's the base for practically all the other flavors," he says. Then people can dress it up themselves with toppings you offer, such as chocolate or raspberry sauce.

However, Douglas gets fancy

when he needs to come up with a holiday special, a limited edition. This year he developed a festive flavor using brown sugar, gingerbread-cookie crumbs and ginger-caramel swirl.

Given ice-cream's perennial appeal, consider the idea of making an ice-cream version of the traditional French dessert, a Yule Log cake.

The double-thick, chocolate-frosted sponge roll is filled with your choice of ice cream. You can prepare it up to about 48 hours ahead, and serve it with a flourish as a cool option at the end of a hot roast dinner.

ICE CREAM YULE LOG (COOKIE CRUNCH ROLL)

6 large eggs, separated
1/3 cup plus 3/4 cup granulated sugar
3/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1 pint vanilla ice cream, softened (see note)
24 chocolate-and-creme sandwich cookies, crushed to about 1/4-inch pieces
Chocolate Buttercream Frost-

ing (recipe follows)

To make the sponge cake:

Preheat oven to 375 F. Grease two 15 1/2-by-10 1/2-inch jelly-roll pans; line pans with waxed paper; grease wax paper.

In a small bowl, with the mixer at high speed, beat egg whites until soft peaks form; gradually sprinkle in 1/3 cup of sugar, beating until sugar completely dissolves and whites stand in stiff peaks.

In large bowl, using same beaters, with the mixer at high speed, beat egg yolks and remaining sugar until very thick and lemon-colored. Reduce speed to low; add flour, baking powder, salt and cocoa powder. Beat until well mixed, occasional scraping bowl with rubber spatula. Gently fold egg whites into egg yolk mixture with a spatula, one-third at a time.

Spoon batter into pans, spreading evenly. Bake 8 to 10 minutes

or until the tops of cakes spring back when lightly touched with the finger. Invert cakes onto clean, cloth dish towels sprinkled with cocoa. Carefully peel the wax paper from the cakes. If you prefer, trim the crisp edges off the rolls. Starting at the narrow end of each cake roll, roll cakes with towels, jelly-roll fashion. Place cake rolls seam-side down on a wire rack; cool completely, about 1 hour.

CHOCOLATE BUTTERCREAM FROSTING

3 tablespoons milk
2 ounces dark, semisweet baking chocolate, finely chopped
1/4 cup coffee liqueur
1 cup confectioner's sugar
3/4 cup butter

In a heavy saucepan over medium heat, warm the milk until tiny bubbles form around the edge of the pan. Remove saucepan from heat and add chopped chocolate.

Stir with a wire whisk until all the chocolate has melted. Stir in the liqueur and refrigerate until cool. Stir occasionally.

In a large mixing bowl, with mixer on low speed, beat softened butter and confectioner's sugar until just mixed. Increase speed to high and beat 10 minutes or until light and fluffy, scraping bowl often with rubber spatula. Reduce speed to medium; gradually beat in chocolate mixture until smooth, occasionally scraping the bowl. Keep at room temperature until ready to assemble the roulade.

To assemble Yule Log:

Unroll one of the cooled cakes and spread with about 1 cup of softened ice cream. Sprinkle with about 1/3 of the crushed cookies. Unroll the second cake and spread with the remaining ice cream and another 1/3 of the cookies.

Re-roll the filled cakes into one thick, continuous roll, placing the narrow end of second cake to make

a close seam with the end of the first. Quickly frost with buttercream frosting and sprinkle the top with the remaining cookies. Refreeze until serving time; if you are not going to serve the same day, wrap the frozen roll in plastic wrap. The cake is best served within 48 hours of preparation.

To cut the Yule Log:

It is important to cut the ice-cream log cleanly, so that its inside swirls of ingredients look appetizing.

For perfect results, dip a long, serrated knife in a tall glass of hot water before slicing. Wipe the blade with a paper towel after each slice and dip in water, again, before the next slice.

Makes 16 servings.

Note: You can use other flavors of ice cream to suit your taste, including cherry vanilla, chocolate, chocolate chip, caramel chip, coffee or any variety that does not contain huge, lumpy chunks.

Warm yourself up with chocolate bread pudding

WARM FRENCH CHOCOLATE BREAD PUDDING WITH CAPPUCCINO SAUCE & VANILLA BEAN ICE CREAM

Pudding:

1 cup heavy cream
3 cups milk
3/4 cups sugar
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
1 cup Kahlua liqueur
4 eggs
3 egg yolks
11 ounces bittersweet chocolate
1 1/4 lb. stale French bread, cubed

In a medium saucepan, combine cream and milk and heat slowly.

Combine next five ingredients in mixing bowl and whisk to combine. "Temper" the egg mixture by slowly whisking in the hot cream and milk. Stir in 8 ounces chopped chocolate until melted and smooth.

Fill butter-greased pan (approx-

mately 8-inch by 8-inch by 3-inch) with cubed French bread then pour in chocolate custard batter. Top with remaining chocolate then cover with foil and bake at 350°F approximately 30 minutes. Serve immediately or cool, cover and refrigerate until needed.

Sauce:

1/3 cup milk
1/3 cup sugar
1/2 cup espresso
1 piece of orange zest
3 ounces bittersweet chocolate

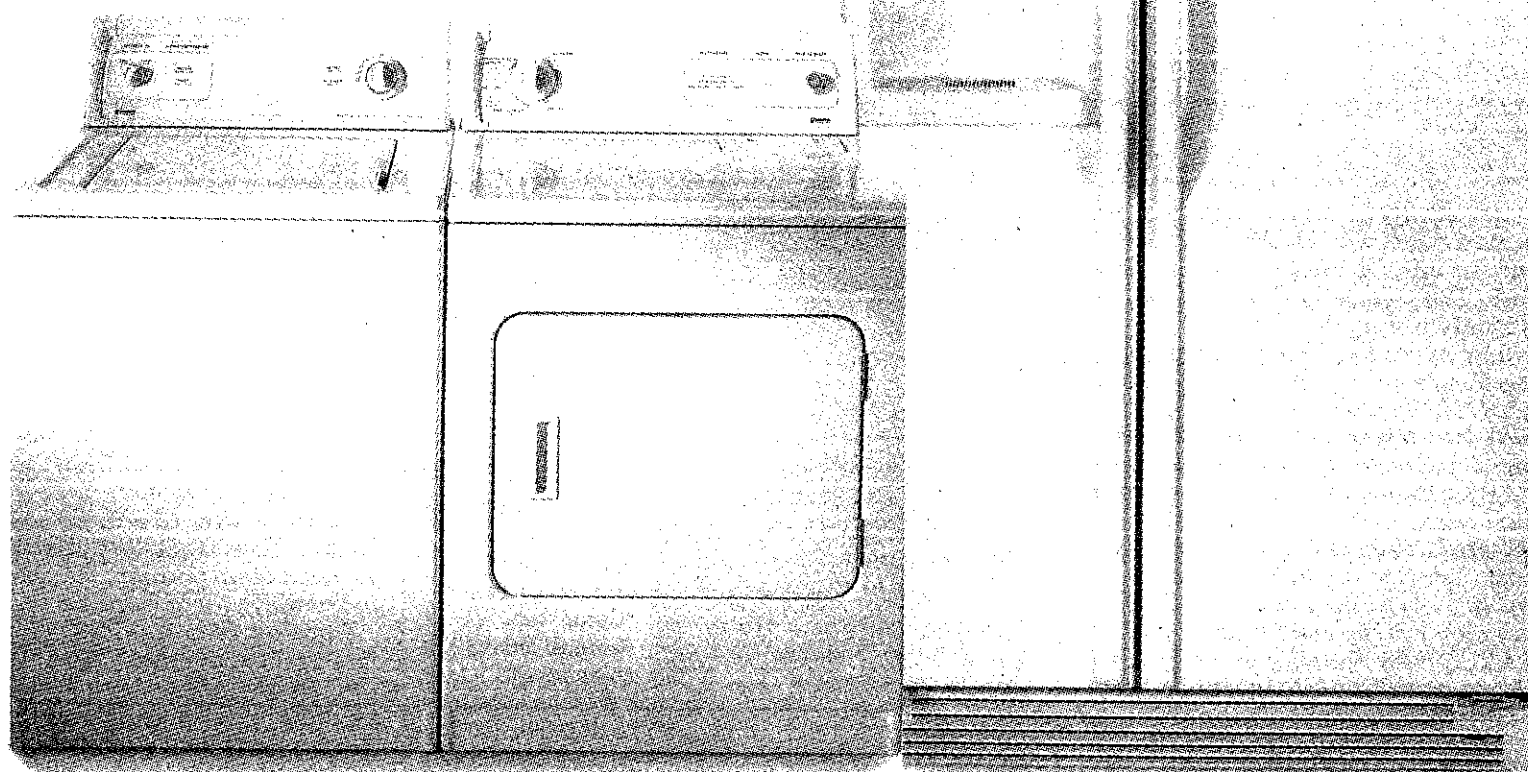
Scald milk in small saucepan with orange zest, then stir in sugar to dissolve. Add espresso (or substitute strong coffee) and stir in chocolate until melted and smooth. Serve immediately or cool, cover and refrigerate until needed.

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Seasons Greetings

Thank you, Cindy and Hollis

I will be forever grateful to Cindy and Hollis White for allowing me to be an awestruck bystander during the birth of their daughter Kendal at St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Miracle of Life Maternity Center.

Although I have three children (all grown), I only glimpsed the last one being born, and that involved a strained neck and a balancing act of mirrors. The first two ... well, a last-minute mask of ether took care of that.

How times have changed. And thank-fully so.

Kendal Erin Hollis arrived into the world Dec. 13 to an eager audience of eight — Dr. Michael Gatt, Cindy's obstetrician; nurses Debbie Janhevich, Lisa Ertzbischoff and Sue Tocco; Debbie Schornack, Cindy's best friend; Tom Hawley, Observer photographer; me ... and, of course, mom and dad.

She was born in a room that looked more like a hotel suite, a room of soft colors and conveniences. She was born to a chorus of welcoming voices. Her father cut her umbilical cord, and her mother received her into her arms. When she was all warmed and wrapped, Dr. Gatt got to hold her and wish her a happy birthday.

It was a wonderful birth, and I was part of it all.

A week after Kendal's birth, Cindy called me, a bit short on sleep but still euphoric. Kelsey and Karley are getting used to their new sister, she said. It helps that Kendal is immobile and can't get into their toys. Right now, she's just a non-intrusive, tiny bundle of downy hair and soft pink skin.

Cindy and Hollis are in love with daughter No. 3. "Obviously we were meant to have little girls. I'll bring them up to be like me. The world needs more strong women," said Cindy.

Cindy wanted to make sure I let everybody know how much she and Hollis love the Miracle of Life Maternity Center. "I just would never choose to go to another hospital," she said. "When they said if I went early, I'd have to go to Beaumont, I almost cried. I've seen the same nurses since Kelsey was born."

As she did with her other daughters, Cindy will take Kendal back to the center at regular intervals to have her picture taken with Debbie Janhevich and the other nurses. It's for her baby book. The pictures will become part of Kendal's history.

A lot of bonding took place on the day Kendal was born. During Cindy's labor, Dr. Gatt and I talked a lot about food. He loves to cook. I recently baked him a loaf of my special holiday bread.

As for Kendal, I'll want to know how she's doing in the next few weeks, at six months and at one year. I'll think about her first day of kindergarten, wonder what color her dress will be for her senior prom, and I'll imagine her walking down the aisle on Hollis' arm. I know she'll be a strong woman, just like her mom.

So, thank you, Cindy and Hollis, for your generosity of spirit to share with me (and our Observer readers) one of the most intimate moments of your family life. I'll never forget it.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Happy Birthday, Kendal

Story by Renee Skoglund • Photos by Tom Hawley



Welcome! Nurse Debbie Janhevich, assistant unit manager, declares Kendal a "beautiful baby" as she weighs and measures her while nurse Lisa Ertzbischoff looks on. Hollis and Cindy wait to hold their new daughter.

Joy to the world. A child has been born.

Hollis and Cindy White of Garden City welcomed their third daughter into the world at 7:53 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the Miracle of Life Maternity Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Kendal Erin White made her debut on a snowy



night weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces and measuring 18-1/2 inches long. Everyone said she looks like her father.

For weeks, Kendal's two sisters, Kelsey, 3, and Karley, 2, had been pressing their cheeks against Cindy's stomach, saying "Come out, Kendal. You got to come to out."

This is the story of the days leading to Kendal's birth.

Tuesday, Dec. 5 — Cindy visits Dr. Michael Gatt, her obstetrician, at his Canton office for another ultrasound. Kendal has changed positions from head down to breach five times in the last 10 days. "It happened one time when I was sleeping. I woke up and my whole body just shuddered," she says. "This baby is a flip-flopper."

The ultrasound shows Kendal is once again in the breach position. Dr. Gatt tells Cindy he wants her in the hospital Friday morning so he can turn Kendal. He scheduled the same procedure two weeks ago, but Cindy had eaten breakfast and was sent home. This time, if Kendal turns, he'll induce labor immediately.

Dr. Gatt delivered Kelsey and Karley, and Cindy hopes he will still be on call if Kendal is born on Friday. "He's the best. He's wonderful," she says.

Friday, Dec. 8 — Cindy and Hollis arrive at St. Mary Mercy at 7:15 a.m. The nurses start an I.V. and do another ultrasound. Kendal remains breach. Cindy watches the ultrasound screen. "They say she has lots of hair," she says.

Cindy receives an epidural about 9 a.m. The medication will bathe the outside of her spinal column dulling any pain. Manually turning a baby by applying pressure on a mother's stomach can be uncomfortable. Cindy is prepared for a tug-of-war. "I'm waiting for her to fight you guys," she says when Dr. Gatt and Dr. Tim Johnson walk in her room. Her spirits are high.

Hollis, whom the nurses describe as "so easy going," is philosophical. If Kendal is born today, fine. If not, he's prepared to wait. "We've been ready for Christmas for awhile," he says. "The lights went up before Thanksgiving, and the tree was decorated the Friday after Thanksgiving. A lot of preparation goes into this. If you're not ready,

you're overloaded."

Surprisingly, Kendal is turned without much more than a nudge. "That one," says Dr. Gatt, "I think if we would have just thought about turning her, it would have done it."

Pitocin is administered to induce labor, and the waiting game begins. Cindy's childhood friend, Debbie Schornack of Farmington Hills, arrives. "I was the first girl born in this hospital on Christmas in 1959," she says.

At 11 a.m. Dr. Gatt checks to see if Cindy has dilated. If she's at two or three centimeters, he can break her water. "No change," he says. Cindy is hungry and restless. At 5:30 p.m. she's sent home. No baby.

Over the weekend Cindy feels "crampy" but continues with her daily three-mile walks. She also cleans, cleans, cleans. "Didn't you just change our linen?" Hollis asks her.

Monday, Dec. 12 — Cindy sees Dr. Gatt at his Canton office. Good news. Kendal has remained in the head-down position. Dr. Gatt will induce labor on Tuesday.

Tuesday, Dec. 13 — Baby day! Cindy and Hollis once again arrive at St. Mary Mercy at 7:15 a.m. They discover that their room, 1012, is the same room in which Cindy gave birth to Karley. Cindy says she can't imagine having a baby anywhere else but St. Mary Mercy. "Everybody is waiting for this little girl to make her debut," she says.

Within a few hours, she begins to feel contractions. Early in the afternoon, Dr. Gatt comes in to check on her. He's pleased with her progress. "We'll watch and wait until they get more uncomfortable, then we'll check you again," he says.

The contractions get stronger. Cindy will not be going home without her baby.

At 4 p.m., Dr. Gatt breaks Cindy's water. At 5 p.m. she gets an epidural. "I don't feel anything."



Anticipation: A week before Kendal is born, the ultrasound shows she's breach.



Please see KENDAL, D5



The big event: Above, Kendal is laid across Cindy's stomach as Hollis cuts the umbilical cord. Dr. Gatt had to slip the cord over Kendal's head as she was being born. Left, Hollis and Cindy get to see Kendal up close. Yes, she has 10 fingers and 10 toes. She's perfect.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Databook (upcoming calendar events); Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field); and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

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Kendal

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Daddy's girl: Hollis White, above, takes a loving look at his new daughter, Kendal, as she lies under a warming lamp. Dr. Michael Gatt (left) hands a warm and wrapped Kendal to Cindy White. Cindy said she and Hollis were meant to have three daughters.

With my other epidurals I could still feel the contractions," Cindy tells Dr. Gatt.

By 6:45 p.m. Cindy has dilated to four. Activity in the room picks up in anticipation of Kendal's birth. "Didn't you go from seven to 10, just like that with your first one," asks nurse Debbie Janhevich, assistant unit manager. "With you, it's putz, putz, putz, then - boom! - down the pike."

At 7:10 Dr. Gatt attaches a lead to Kendal's head to monitor her heart rate. Outside in the hall, Hollis looks worried. "Something's wrong. I just know it," he says. Janhevich assures him Cindy is doing fine.

Dr. Gatt tells Hollis and Cindy that the cord is most likely wrapped around Kendal's neck, mostly likely due to all her in-womb gymnastics. "The baby's heartbeat looks good," he says.

At 7:40 Cindy is dilated between seven and eight centimeters. She wants to push. "This has been one long journey from the beginning of today until now," says Gatt. "That baby has traveled a long way."

Final stages

At 7:45 p.m. Cindy is dilated to nine. "You're almost there," says Dr. Gatt. "If the cord is wrapped around the neck, I'm going to ask you to pant." He wants the baby to emerge slowly to lessen the pressure of the cord. If the cord is wrapped tightly around Kendal's neck, Dr. Gatt will cut it, not Hollis.

At 7:47 p.m. Cindy is given the go ahead to push. "OK, you're ready to go," says Dr. Gatt. Cindy totally focuses on pushing; if she's in pain, she gives no indication. She even manages to laugh between contractions. "That's great," says Dr. Gatt.

Dr. Gatt becomes a one-man coach, cheerleader and obstetrician. "Oh, you've got it, you've got it. Oh, nice. She's got a lot of hair... Don't let your breath out. Use it as your power... Push... That's it, Cindy... Beautiful... And before 8 o'clock. What a gal!"

Kendal emerges with the cord around her neck. Dr. Gatt deftly slips his fingers around the cord and flips it over Kendal's head. At 7:53 p.m. Kendal is born. With seconds she is squalling.

While Kendal is being warmed and getting a few whiffs of oxygen, Cindy calls her mother. "Do you hear her crying? Well, she's here," she says.

At 8:45 p.m. Cindy gets to hold Kendal. "Hi, sweetheart," she says.

St. Mary Mercy offers new moms homelike setting

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■ 'I like the staff. They are very attentive.'

Cindy White
—Miracle of Life Maternity Center patient and new mom

Cindy and Hollis White couldn't imagine having a baby anywhere else than the Miracle of Life Maternity Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. All three of their daughters - Kelsey, 3, Karley, 2, and the newest arrival, Kendal - were born at the center.

"I'm old hat there. We like it there," said Cindy. I like the staff. They're very attentive, very personal. It's just the comfort of it, being in the same room the whole time."

With 20 private birthing rooms, a mother is guaranteed it will be just her and her baby during her 24-48 hours stay at The Miracle of Life Maternity Center. Approximately 1,500 babies were born at the center in 1999.

Safe results

The center also has two Cesarean-section suites and a recovery room. Janet Sabo, manager, is proud of the center's Cesarean birth rate, which is lower than the national average of 21 percent. She also said the breastfeeding rate, at 75 percent, is high. "That's a phenomenal rate. It's because of our staff support and lactation consultants."

Each room in the center is equipped with most of the conveniences of home - refrigerators (some cultures prefer to bring their own food), comfortable furniture for visitors, and private restrooms featuring large showers with back massagers, heating lamps and built-in hair dryers. Also, each room has its own adjustable temperature control.

Dr. Michael Gatt, Cindy White's obstetrician, has been associated with St. Mary Mercy

Hospital for six years. He said the Miracle of Life Maternity Center is the only birthing center in the area that offers labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum all in one room.

Gatt appreciates the intimacy the center fosters between physician, staff and family. It enhances the rewards already inherent in his profession. "I think the thing that makes it most exciting is the parents...how the whole process impacts on them. You get these men who are hunters, and they will cry when their baby is born."

Most medical equipment in the birthing rooms is out of sight until needed. Specialized obstetricians, midwives and nurses provide care 24 hours a day, and 24-hour neonatology support through U-M Hospital is available on site for babies requiring special care. The entire concept of birth has changed over the years.

"You used to move to accommodate the staff. Now the staff moves to accommodate you," said Debbie Janhevich, assistant unit manager.

While most babies stay with their mothers, a Special Care nursery is available. However, mothers always remain active participants in their baby's care. "People used to treat the baby like it wasn't your child until you left," said Janhevich.

Since the Miracle of Life Maternity Center opened in 1997, the number of births at St. Mary Mercy Hospital has almost tripled.

Does the 'Chocoholic' really exist?

Name of 'Christmas tree allergy' misleading

RESEARCH

Women are from Mars and men are from Venus, even when it comes to the foods they crave and how they eat at meal and snack times.

Mindy Kurzer, Ph.D., a nutrition scientist at the University of Minnesota, has studied for several years how food affects people, in particularly women. So far, she says scientists have barely scratched the surface in their studies, but they hope to better understand the desire behind food cravings, how foods may affect behavior and many other topics related to the "psychology" of food.

One aspect is already becoming clear: men and women have some definite differences at the dinner table.

"Women have much more of a relationship with food, and that is why they are studied much more than men when it comes to foods' psychological aspects," notes Dr. Kurzer. "Men approach food from a much more biological perspective - 'I'm hungry, it's time to eat, what's in the refrigerator?'"

Women are more apt to consider their food choices, and they

are more likely to crave foods - particularly sweet foods such as chocolate, and particularly at certain times.

Chocolate is the number one food craved by women, studies have shown. While research has attempted to demonstrate that these cravings are due to certain substances present in chocolate that are known to improve mood, most studies suggest otherwise.

It has been suggested that women may crave the magnesium in chocolate. But women, Dr. Kurzer points out, do not report craving giant bowls of leafy greens, a rich source of this mineral.

Other factors

Women also do not report craving such foods as cheddar cheese, leafy green vegetables, pickled herring and salami, all foods with higher amounts of the same substances found in chocolate.

In other words, so-called "chocoholics" may enjoy chocolate, but they are not "addicted" to it.

"Women who crave chocolate appear to do so because of its enjoyable sensory properties - its smell, taste and mouth feel, and they also appear to have

positive psychological associations with the food," says Dr. Kurzer.

While many men certainly enjoy chocolate, few report craving it. Instead, pizza tops their list of foods craved. "The sexes are different in so many ways, it should be no surprise that our food cravings are quite different, too."

Food cravings, particularly for sweet foods and chocolate, increase during the menstrual cycle. Women with PMS also report increased chocolate consumption. "The 'whys' behind this consumption pattern aren't fully known yet," Dr. Kurzer explains. "Many foods, including chocolate, contain bioactive compounds, but few studies show that consumption of these foods actually can improve one's mood. It's an intriguing area that we will continue to study."

The most important information when it comes to eating is to choose a nutritionally balanced diet and to exercise daily. Any food - craved or not - can fit a sensible eating plan.

Source: Chocolate Manufacturers Assoc., National Confectioners Assoc., 7900 Westpark Blvd. Suite A 320, McLean, Virginia 22102, e-mail info@candyusa.org

(AP) - For most people, a live Christmas tree is a fragrant symbol of the joy of the season. For others, it means 12 days of sneezing and wheezing. But despite the misery's nickname, "Christmas tree allergy," experts say most Americans are probably not actually allergic to the tree.

"It's not that they're reacting to the pollen of the fir tree," said Emil Bardana, an allergist at Oregon Health Sciences University and president of the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology. Usually, it's one of two other factors.

In rare cases, a chemical sensitivity to the fragrant resins of a pine or fir tree can bring on a runny nose, congestion and sneezing. More often, Bardana said, the problem is airborne grass pollen that landed and stuck on the fir needles months earlier. When the tree dries out in a heated home, the pollen can shake loose and find its way to nasal passages, where it triggers symptoms resembling hay fever.

When the fall is relatively dry,

there's less chance for tree, weed and grass pollen to wash off by the holiday season. "You may have a potpourri of pollen on that tree," said Bardana.

Challenging

Yet pinpointing the source of allergies is a tricky business, and when it comes to holiday allergic reactions, there are plenty of suspects.

"It's rare to find someone who is truly allergic to their Christmas tree," said Dan Atkins, an allergist at National Jewish Medical and Research Center in Denver. "Sometimes people think it's the tree and it's not. It's the ornaments."

Or the dust mites and mold that gather on ornaments while they're packed away. Or the pets that have come indoors. Fireplace smoke. Abrupt swings in temperature. Exotic holiday food. "There are hundreds of things that can set off a sensitive nose," Atkins said.

Not to mention the common cold virus that spreads more easily during this season with all

the time spent indoors and the exchange of holiday hug-and-kiss greetings.

Allergies - real or perceived - are one factor in the steady rise in sales of artificial Christmas trees. They now account for more than half of the roughly 80 million holiday trees bought in North America. While sales of natural trees have held steady during the past decade, sales of artificial trees have risen by 23 percent, according to the National Christmas Tree Association, an industry group.

For people with a rare specific allergy to live trees, the association recommends a hybrid species, such as the Leyland cypress or the Canaan fir, that is sterile and doesn't produce pollen. Some health experts recommend hosing down a holiday tree before bringing it inside, to wash off dust, mold and airborne pollens that outlast autumnal rains.

But the tree should be dry before it is brought indoors so as not to promote mold growth, according to a Portland allergist.

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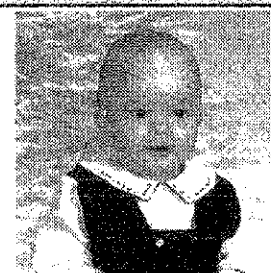
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Merry Christmas to our precious son, Maxwell Kevin. You fill our lives with happiness and our hearts with love. We love you Max - Mommy & Daddy (Kevin & Shannon Craggs)



Merry Christmas and Happy Birthday (Dec. 28), Nicholas Pearson Case. You are the most perfect gift in the world! With love and kisses - Mommy and Daddy (and Grammy and Grampy, too!)



Hannah, you've brought us much joy on this, your first Holy Christmas - Grandma & Grampa



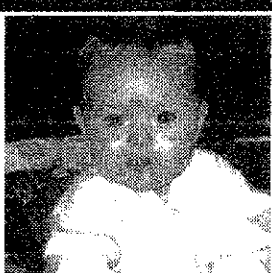
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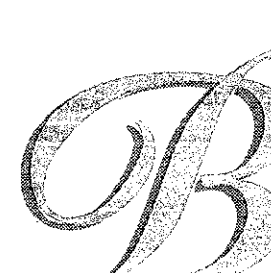
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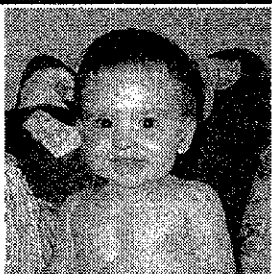
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Bundles of Joy



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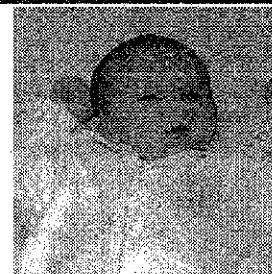
Merry Christmas to our little bundle of joy, Mitchell! We love you - Dad, Mom, Mac and Kate



You are the most precious gift of all! Merry 1st Christmas, Alan Michael. Love - Aunt Debbie



"All I want for Christmas is some teeth and hair!" Ryan Matthew McAuliffe. Merry Christmas, Ryan! Love - Daddy, Mommy, and Gavin



Another precious grandchild born to our family, how great! We're so glad you're here to help us celebrate. Merry Christmas, Carson. - Grandma & Grampa (Mr. & Mrs. Jack Hoffman)



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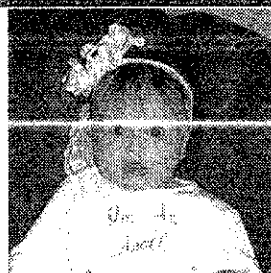
Mickayla, you have brought love and joy into all our lives. May all your Christmases be as joyful as your first. - Love, Mom, Dad, Grandma Papa, Aunt Michelle



Dear Cameran, having you in our family is a blessing to all of us. - Love, Mimi & Pipi



You make our hearts smile! Merry 1st Christmas, Brennan Michael! We love you - Mom & Dad (Sean & Maria McCusker)



Angela, you are our Little Angel from Heaven! Merry Christmas from Mommy, Daddy and Melina (Don, Jill, & Melina Amico)



Anna, Merry Christmas to the sunshine of our lives. We wish you a wonderful first Christmas. Love you - Daddy & Mommy (Kerry & Lydia Havener)



Natalie: To our future Spartan! Have a Merry 1st Christmas. We love you so much. Love - Dad & Mom (Jack & Marianne Vhezle)



Ava Claire: Happy 1st Christmas to our new Baby Sister. With Love, Ross & Leah

In case your power goes out ...



JERRY GOETZ

To cope with winter storms, I suggest people assemble and keep an emergency kit at hand. It should include a battery-powered radio, a flashlight and candles, extra batteries, a first-aid kit, a fire extinguisher, bottled water and non-perishable food.

Select a small, well-insulated room with a fireplace, wood stove or fuel-burning heater to use as emergency living quarters if it really gets bad. Keep an emergency supply of fuel or wood handy. Always store fuel in a dry place away from the house.

A fuel-burning heater, such as a kerosene heater, requires an area with proper ventilation to prevent buildup of harmful fumes. Keep portable heaters away from furniture, draperies and other flammable materials and do not leave a portable heater unattended. Never use a gas range for heating or charcoal as an indoor heating or cooking source.

Ensure that your blanket supply is adequate for extended outages and secure a supply of cardboard. In an emergency, blankets and cardboard can be hung over windows and doorways to minimize heat loss.

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Jerry Goetz of Detroit Edison's Residential & Small Business Marketing group has been with the utility for more than 40 years and is an expert adviser on home energy efficiency.

Selling new has its own nuances

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There are challenges, then there are challenges to selling new houses.

"One of the biggest in new construction in the beginning is selling people a product without being able to see it or touch it," said Chuck Connolly, sales consultant for S.R. Jacobson at Cherry Grove in Canton.

So what's a sales rep to do while models are under construction and there's nothing for a prospective buyer to walk through?

"Show other places we've built, other communities, talk to other homeowners," Connolly said. "You show them blueprints, plans.

"Once the model is here, the biggest challenges are having enough (sales) help and giving each customer the attention they deserve.

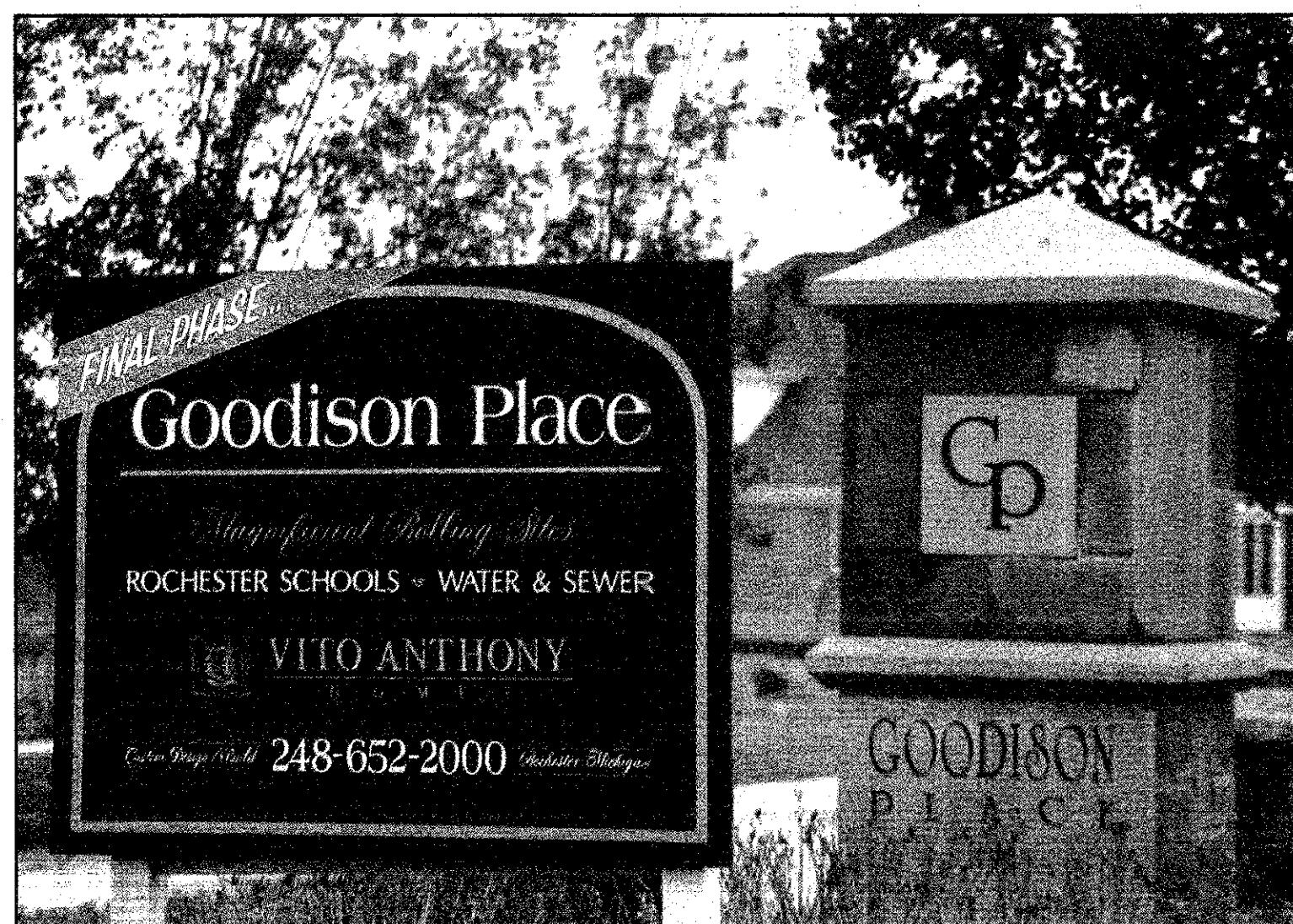
"The job market is so tight, almost every builder I know is hiring (sales) assistants on a quarterly basis. Part of that is due to people not wanting to work on weekends.

"When you have anywhere from 40-50 people on a Saturday, Sunday or both, with maybe 10 wanting to buy, you're only able to give five minutes to each due to quantity of people," Connolly said.

The trick is to cull the buyers from the lookers.

"You ask more up-front questions," he said. "You ask point blank, 'Are you looking to own a condo in the next two weeks or two or three years down the road?'"

And would-be buyers could be more honest, too, Connolly said. He's had visitors tell him they just stopped by on



Different strokes: People who sell houses in new subdivisions face a few different challenges than agents who sell existing.

the way to the store to get milk, then were still going through the model and borrowing his measuring tape an hour later.

Fran Cohen, sales representative at Heritage Nossan Homes in White Lake Township, identifies with what Connolly says about separating the wheat from the chaff, figuratively speaking, of course.

"Probably the biggest challenge - or most important to me - is qualifying so I know who to spend time with and who not to spend time with through conversation on the first visit," Cohen said.

"Absolutely you get more lookers than buyers. You have to be nice to everybody. Even if they're not buyers, they might know someone who is a buyer," she said.

"Another big challenge during the building process is to answer questions, service them ... a lot of hand-holding," Cohen added. "I'll take people to houses under con-

struction. I'll have them talk to people who have built and moved in.

Barry (Nosanchuk), one of the builders here, is on site every day."

Larry Henney, a Realtor with RE/MAX Classic in Livonia, says it's easier to sell existing houses than brand spanking new models in a sub. The 13-year veteran has done both.

"The guy who's going to buy a new house wants to have the house his way," Henney said. "The guy buying the used house has to settle.

"People calling on an existing house, they're idea is eliminate the house (from consideration) when calling on an ad. With new construction, they want to come out and see what's new. It's a different mindset," he said.

Folks buying existing usually have fewer choices to make and fewer expenses on accessories before

moving in, Henney added.

"When you buy new there's a lot more things to do to complete - landscaping, they're going to be buying drapes, blinds, appliances. Maybe they're already in a used home."

Kathy Chobot, a Realtor with RE/MAX 100 in Novi, also has sold both new and existing.

"It's a challenge having the right product for the right buyer ... and meeting the competition," Chobot said. "And having a builder flexible enough to make changes.

"I really prefer new," she added. "You build a relationship with a family over five, six, seven months. It's a very personal experience."

Both Connolly and Cohen agree that the hours are better and there's less stress selling new.

"I find it to be a more stable life," Connolly said. "You're with the family most evenings. When you're open, you're open, when you're closed, you're closed."

The trade-off, Connolly added - there's generally more money selling existing.

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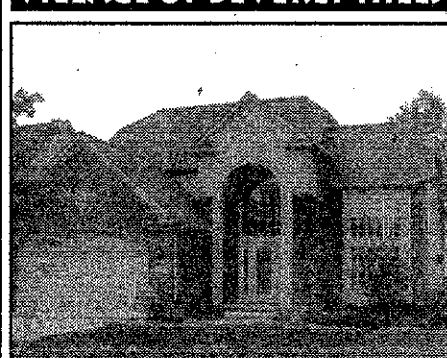
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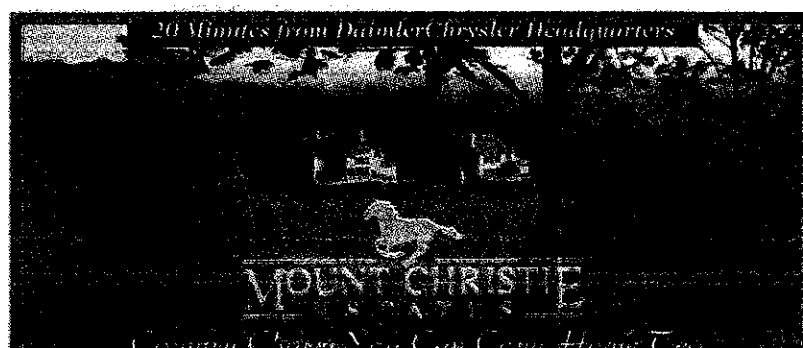
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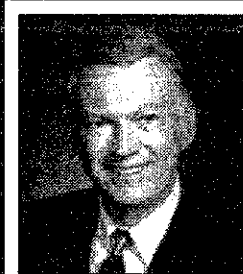
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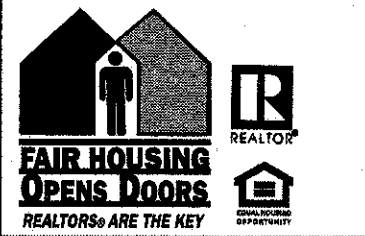
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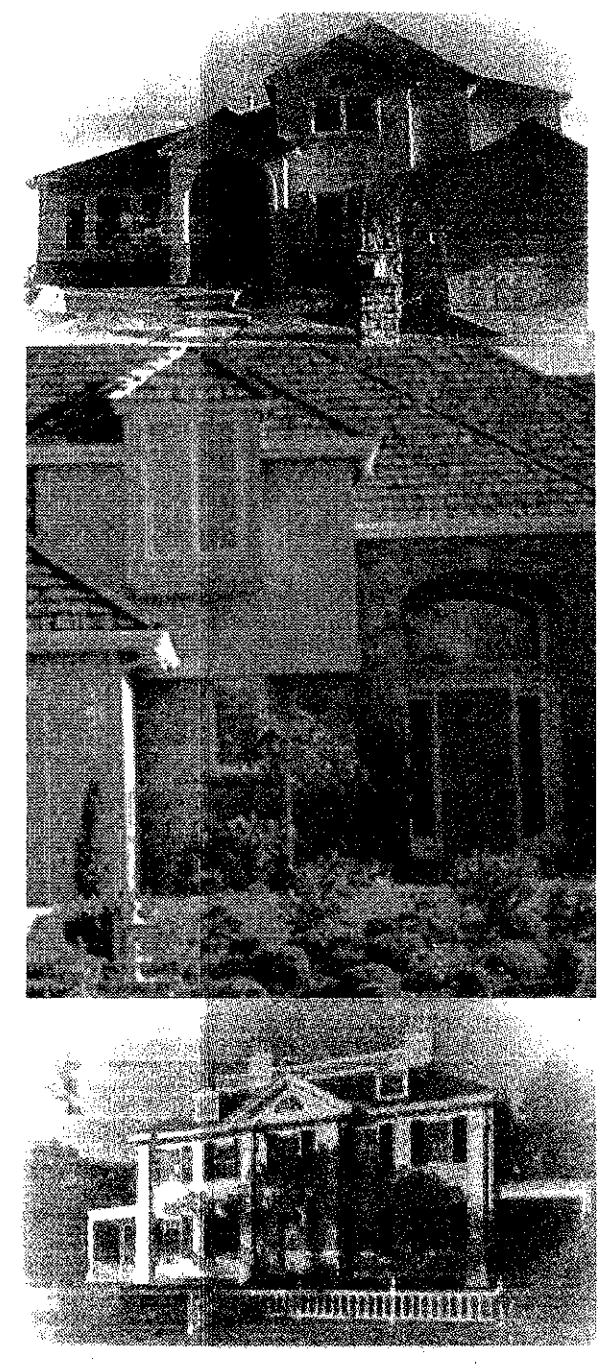
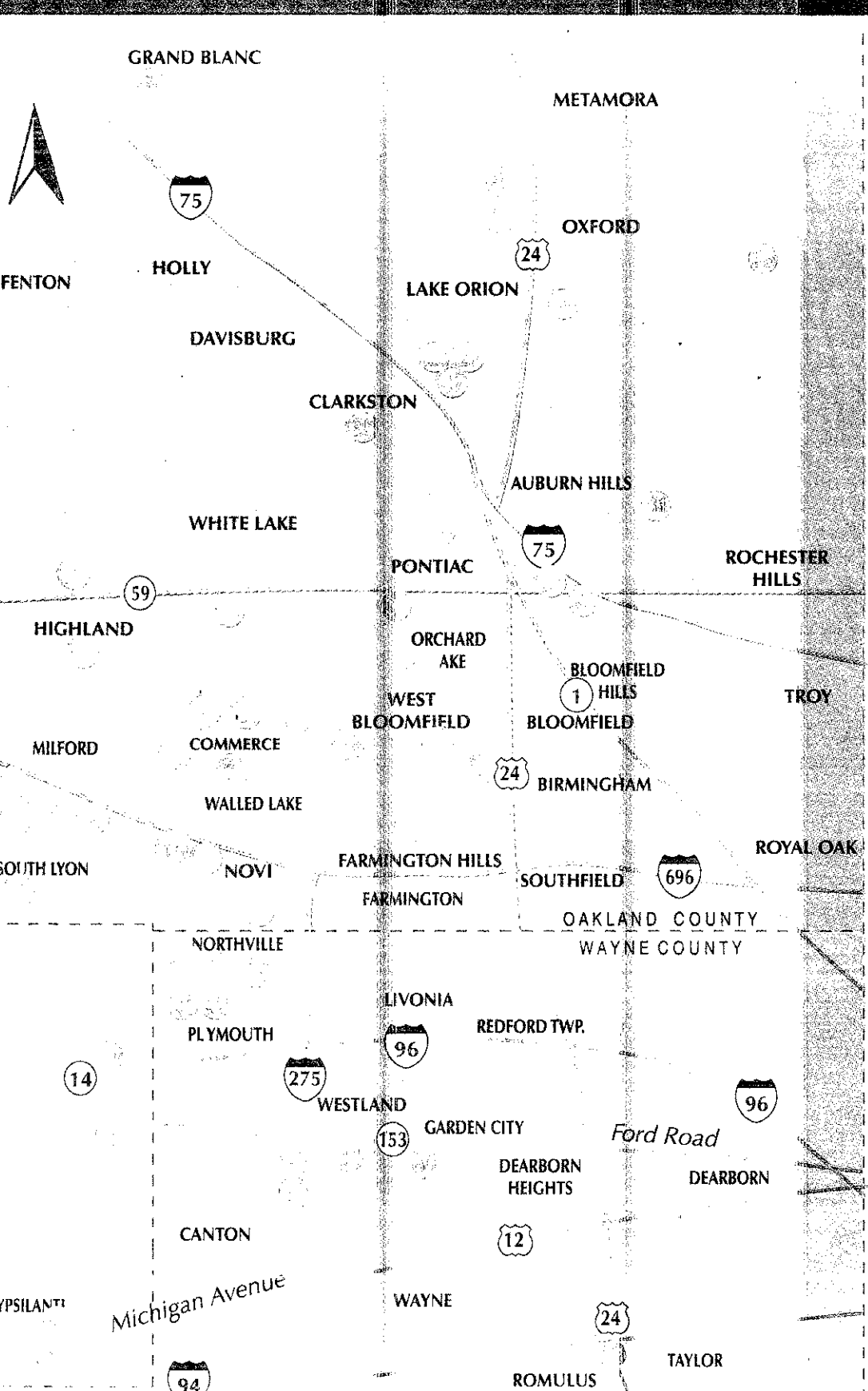


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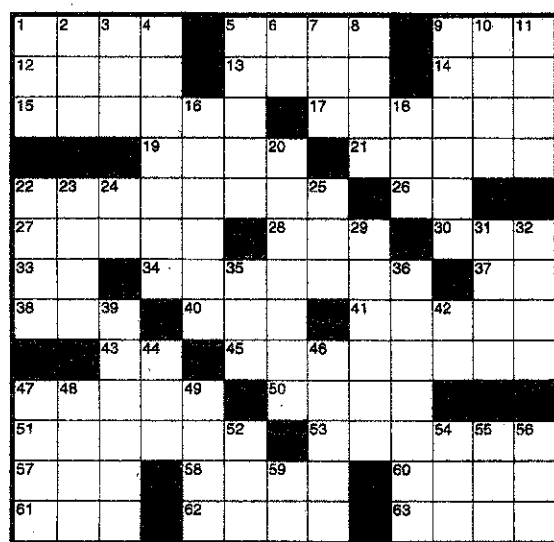
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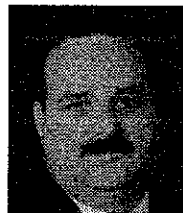
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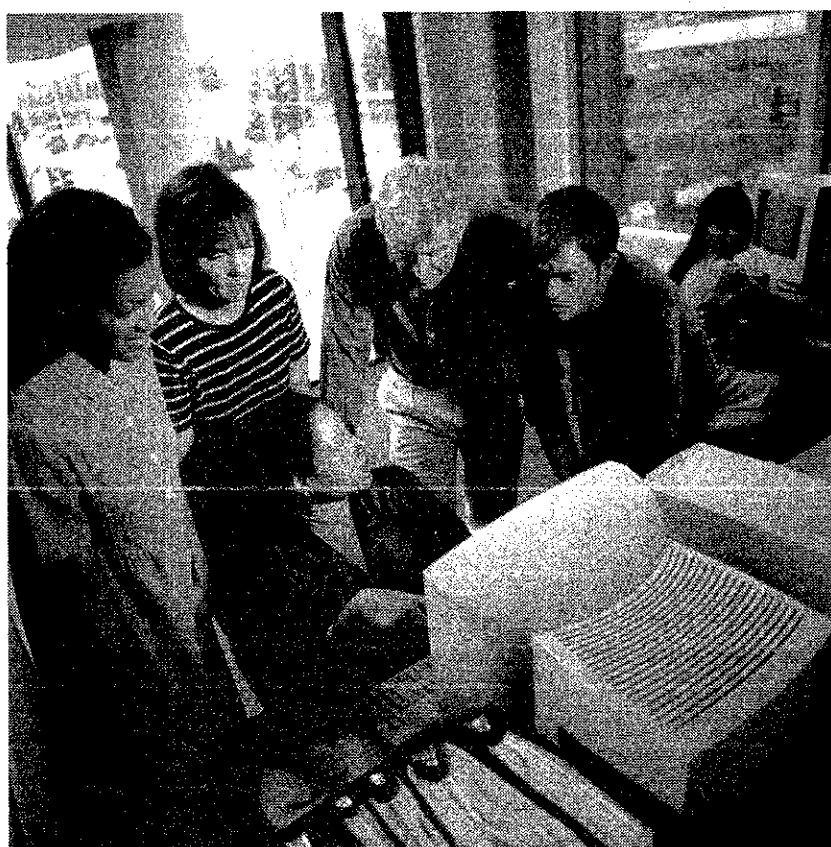
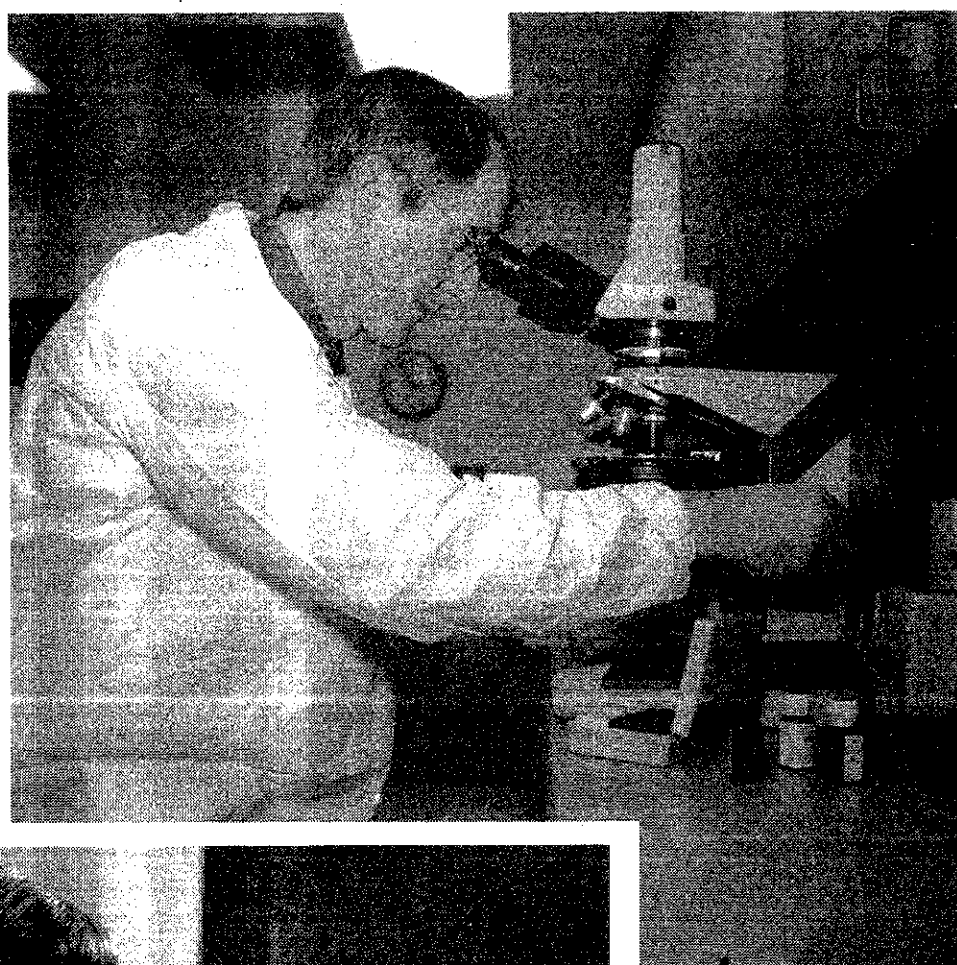
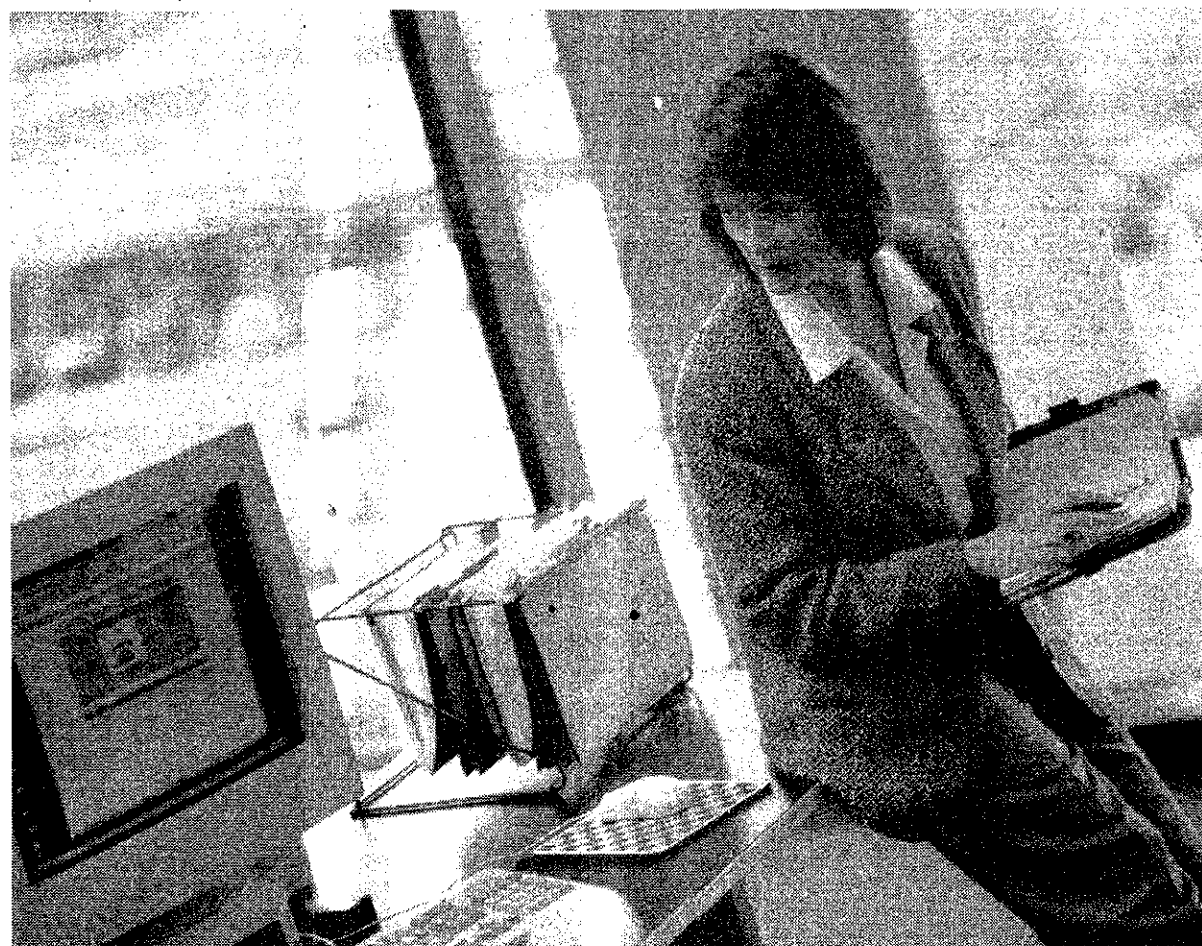


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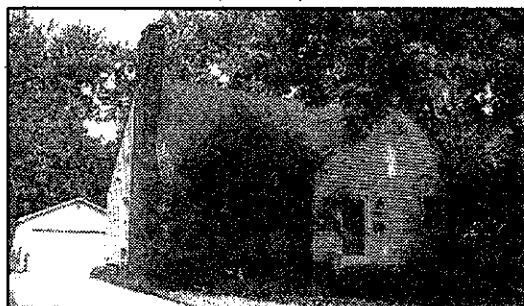
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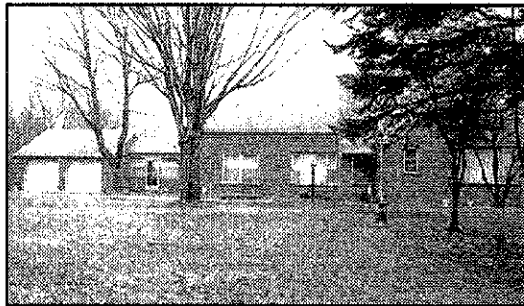
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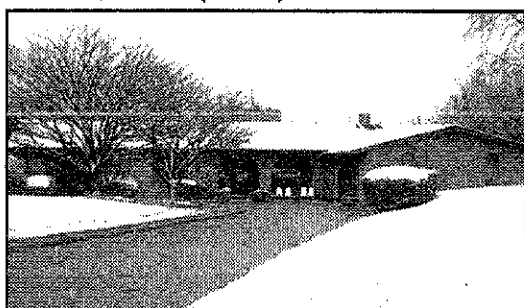
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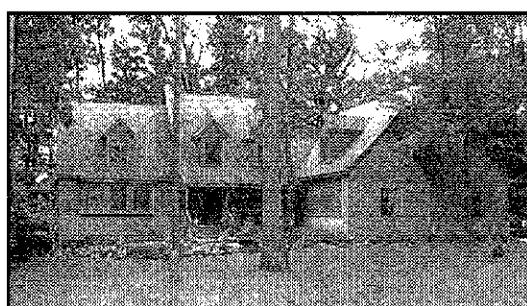
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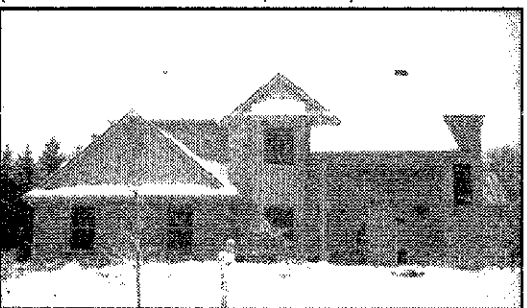
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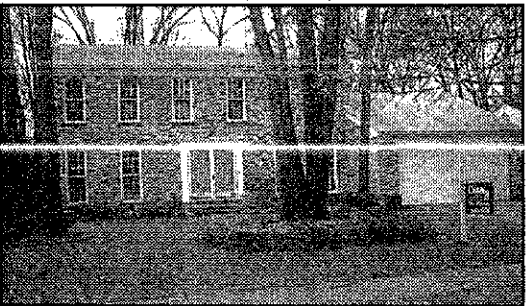
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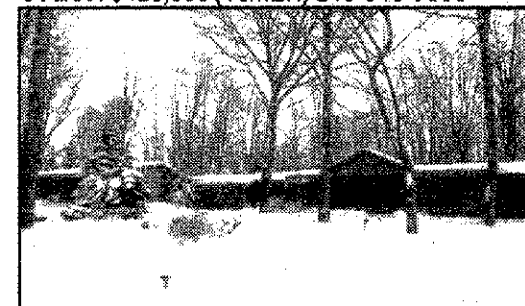
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Temporary positions allow job flexibility

By DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Job flexibility was the key attraction when Tim Seguin decided to work for a company that places him in temporary positions.

The Westland resident expects to be installing accounting software at Central Transport in Warren for about 16 months. Then Resources Connection in Livonia will line him up with another project at another company - that is if he's interested in working at the time.

Maybe, he'll take a break. "I like the concept of working on a particular project at a particular place and when that's completed, I can move onto a different project," Seguin, 48, said. "It's a much more enriching experience than staying in one job with one company."

Another perk, Seguin said, is that he believes he gets paid better, because he's compensated hourly. Usually senior accountants are paid salary and are expected to work between 45 to 50 hours weekly.

Seguin has worked as a controller with several different companies over the last 15 years. Working with Resources Connection lets him take control of his work schedule.

"I'm not tied into a nine to five," he said adding that he was trying to

achieve those goals by working as a self-employed consultant.

As long as he gets the work done, Seguin usually decides what hours he starts work and when he goes home.

"I happened on Resources Connection and found it met my needs," Seguin said.

"Here I'm offered the security of someone else finding me a client."

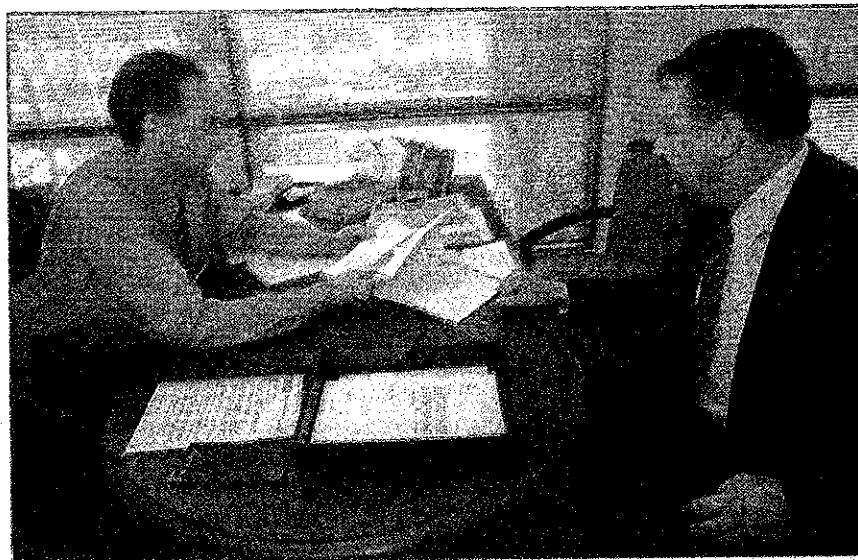
Resources Connection has 40 offices in the United States, Canada and Asia.

The temporary employment service is a link between companies who need to complete a project in accounting and finance, information technology computer-related services and human resources, according to Bill Pichan, director of the company's Michigan operations.

"Clients hire us to come in and do time period type projects, like getting their budget done," Pichan said. "We try to become a strategic partner with clients. In today's environment companies are tending to be leaner and more selective."

Resources Connection works with middle and higher management employment needs.

"Unlike traditional temporary employment agencies, project-based professional service organizations work as a strategic partner with companies to help them meet their human



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Professional resource: William Pichan, director of operations for Resources Connection, talks with Resources associate, Timothy Seguin, CMA.

Somethings should be left to the experts

Indulge me in a year-end observation and personal rant.

Organizations frequently include people in decision-making processes who have little or nothing to contribute. This is one of those common, everyday things that I just can't seem to accept. While I'm specifically thinking of the airheads and bureaucrats who are routinely invited into the employment screening process, it happens in every walk of business and government, at every level.

Here's an example. My first real job out of college was Third Assistant Associate Alternate Personnel Cog with a large automotive parts manufacturer in Marion, Ohio (don't go there - really). There was a guy out in the Forge Shop who was routinely picked on by the macho boys and was on the verge of his second nervous breakdown. One day he asked to see me and, as he closed the door to my office, I could see he was crying. "You are a personnel professional and have been trained in psychological counseling," he said. "I know you can help me out."

Well, I hadn't been and I couldn't.

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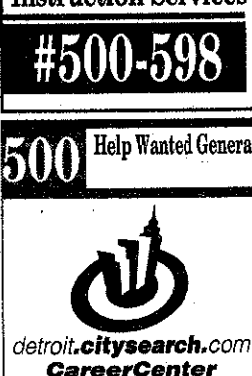
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experience in public and private accounting. "You avoid intercompany politics, but you don't necessarily feel part of a family," he said. "You get to do the fun stuff - trouble shooting and when it's taken care of you move onto another company."

Before he started working with Resources Connection in February, Hopton was employed as a controller and considering looking for other work. He never imagined working as a temporary employee.

In fact, when he was first contacted by Resources Connection recruiter, he turned them down.

"I didn't think they would give me consistent work," Hopton said. "One job has led right to another. There was no down time and that was important to me."

Resources Connection employs Certified Public Accountants and people with masters in business administration who also have both public accounting and industry experience.

"They can go out, step-in and immediately become productive and the same thing applies across all the disciplines," Pichan said.

Average Resources Connection employees have 15 to 20 years work experience and they're usu-

ally between 30 and 50 something years old. Many times Resources Connection finds these people after they've been laid-off after downsizing efforts.

"We also have a group of folks who are project driven," Pichan said. "They enjoy going from thing to thing and going to different companies. "What the company tries to do is hire individuals who have both finance and accounting backgrounds so we understand what the client is taking about when they're talking about projects," Pichan added. "I need commitment and passion to want to do these things."

Occasionally, the companies like the employees Resources Connection sends out so much that they offer them jobs and the workers accept. In those cases, the company pays Resources Connection a finder's fee.

"My objective here is to build a core of employees who go from project to project," Pichan said. "I've got plenty of work. We can keep them busy full time. They can take the breaks when they want to take them."

"We present them with opportunities. Our challenge is to find the right projects for this folks and keep them as busy as they want."

Resources Connection offers a full benefits

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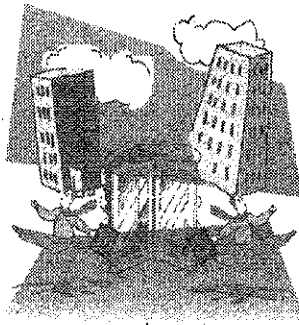
"We don't take control of the project away from the client. We provide resources to the client to get the job down, but it's still under the clients' direction."

Resources Connection has a full-time recruiting effort going on in each of their international offices.

"We try to entice them with day to day compensation and added bonus plans," Pichan said. "If they achieve certain objectives, the more hours they work the more they make. They get a variety and they can tell me: 'What I really want to do next is x.'"

Pichan opened the Livonia office earlier this year.

"We open offices in areas we see a need," he added.



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discipline and every other subject remotely related to the field.

Of course, it is almost impossible to be truly expert in or even facile with such a vast and dissimilar array of subjects. So why are those of us in business so quick to confer authority that is based weakly, at best, on skill, ability, knowledge or experience?

In part, it's because mindless "inclusion" has become a business virtue. It's an article of faith that the more people who are included in a decision and the greater the degree of consensus achieved, the higher the quality of the outcome. This is stupid, particularly when the participants are not very skilled or well informed on the topic.

I also blame the heretofore unimpeachable idea of "empowerment." To secure a spot in heaven, managers need only cede bits and pieces of power to those with tentative claims to know-how. There's a warm feeling of magnanimity in it. Never mind that the person has no mastery or substance - it's the right thing to do. It's a cultural thing.

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General helpers needed to handle light maintenance, apartment prep & grounds. No weekend. Benefits. Call Mon.-Fri. 8am-5pm. EOE Beverly Hills 248-646-9880 Warren 810-573-0180 Westland 734-425-0052

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HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR

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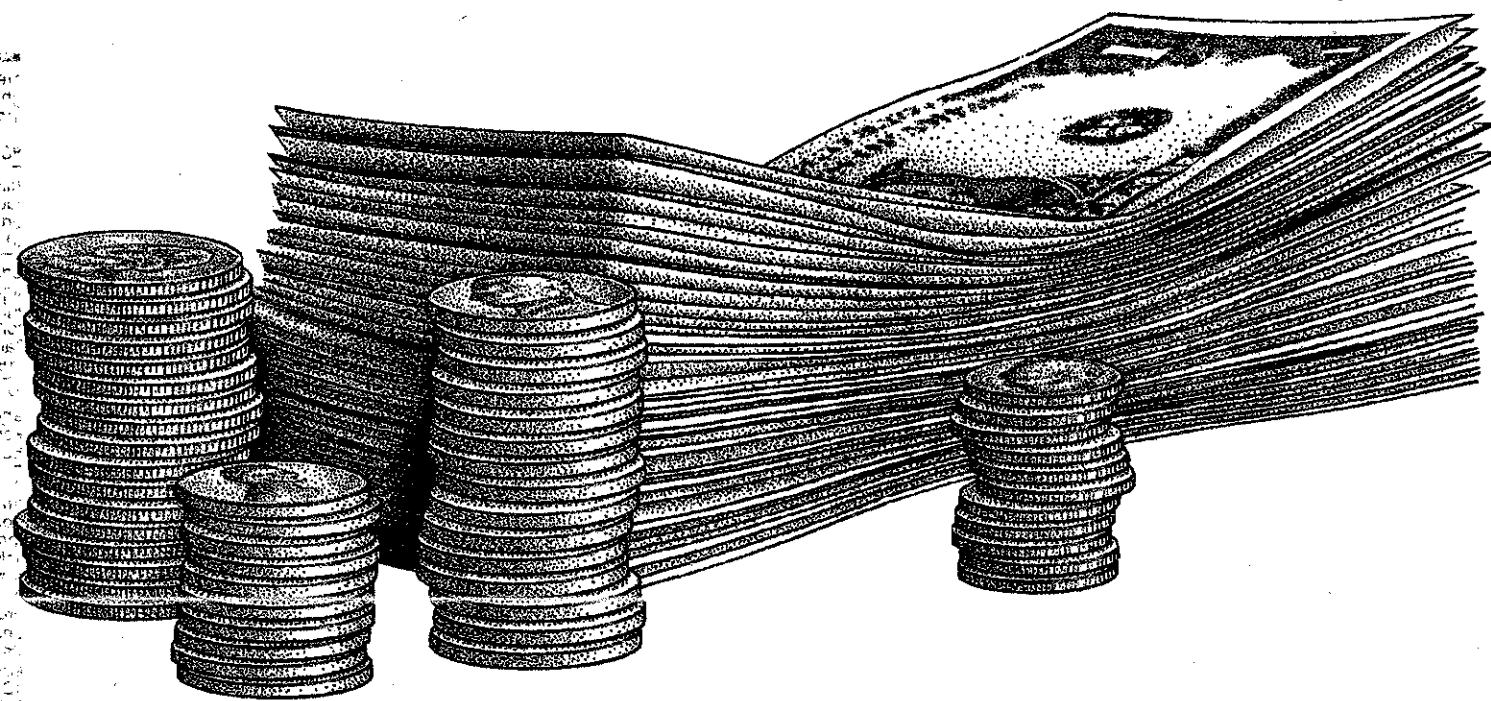
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Bachelor's degree in Education or Communication preferred. To apply please send resume to: TRINITY HEALTH - POSTING #00-11-17, ATTN: JULIE MERICK, 34605 TWELVE MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS, MI. 48331; E-mail: connark@trinity-health.org FAX: 248-488-9424. EOE.	DATA ENTRY Manual and batch data entry. Skills required: 10 key typing, accounting, computer knowledge, including editing files in DOS. Send resume and salary requirements to: Personnel Manager, 3883 Telegraph Rd., Suite 100 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 or fax to (248) 642-6741.	DOCUMENT ENTRY/PROCESSOR For growing company. Computer typing skills a must. Basic phone skills required. Fax resume 248-213-4632	EARN \$\$\$ HELPING Doctors. Up to \$20-\$40/hr. potential. Easy claims processing. We Train! Computer w/modem req'd. Call 7 days, 888-946-6419 Ext. 855	Executive or Legal Secretary In the areas of family law, probate, estate planning, etc. Please send resume & salary requirements to 2200 North Canton Center Rd. Ste. 100 B., Canton, MI 48187	LEGAL SECRETARY EXPERIENCED In the areas of family law, probate, estate planning, etc. Please send resume & salary requirements to 2200 North Canton Center Rd. Ste. 100 B., Canton, MI 48187	EXECUTIVE SECRETARY For Farmington Hills company needed immediately. Experience in MS Word (minimum 50 wpm) & QuickBooks. Commensurate salary based upon experience and skill level. Fax resume & salary requirements to Chris: 248-615-8008	GENERAL OFFICE Home office in Livonia needs individual for Word Processing reports and answering telephones. Mon-Fri. days, casual dress, smoking permitted, benefits. Mail or fax resume to: P.O. Box 51503, Livonia, MI 48151. Fax 734-421-2581.	LEGAL Integrity and 35 years of service is why the best law firms in the area trust us - you should too. For secretarial job placement, permanent & temporary. HILLSTROM & ROSS AGENCY, INC. CALL: 248-626-8188 FAX: 248-626-8434.	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Visit our site: www.jenbacher.com	LEGAL SECRETARY Immediate position available to Litigation Partner in Bloomfield Hills firm. 2 years exp. WordPerfect 8.0. Fax resume to: 248-647-4727. Or mail to: BFM&L, 200 E. Long Lake, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.	LEGAL SECRETARY need immediately for busy law firm located in beautiful downtown Birmingham. 2 years experience needed. Commercial litigation and real estate preferred. Word Perfect 7.0. Excellent salary and benefits. Send resume to: P.O. Box 1899 Birmingham, MI 48012-1899 or Fax to 248-647-3038	LEGAL SECRETARY Oakland County law firm seeks legal secretary with 2-3 years experience. 75-80 wpm w/excellent benefits. Please fax resume toll-free to 877-557-5299	OFFICE ASSISTANT for Troy law firm. Will be responsible for photo copying, faxing, closing files & other clerical duties. Extensive computer knowledge helpful. 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Exposure to automotive industry and automotive dealership experience a plus. Excellent benefits including medical, dental, vision, flexible spending accounts, 401(k), stock purchase plan and tuition reimbursement. Fax resume and salary requirements to (734) 416-2683 or mail to: Gage Marketing 101 Union Street Plymouth, MI 48170 Attn: HR-FORDSTAR EOE	PARALEGAL/LEGAL ASSISTANT needed for busy Farmington Hills insurance defense law firm. Must have knowledge of Microsoft Word and type 70 wpm. Excellent benefits. Please fax resume toll free to: 877-557-5299	RECEPTIONIST/ CUSTOMER REP for Wixom company. Full-time, Mon-Fri. Office customer service experience helpful. Fax resume with salary requirements to: (248) 624-3751, attn: Laura	502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical LEGAL SECRETARIES & RECEPTIONISTS Experienced only for perm/temp placements. 1-5 day assignments available for top notch candidates. JOANNE MANSFIELD Legal Personnel 755 W. 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Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188 or send a self-addressed stamped business-size envelope to above address to request Associate Engineer application form. An application form is also available on the Canton Township website at www.canton-mi.org. Job description will be posted at the Township Administration Building. All applicants must complete a Canton Township application form in its entirety and be received by Canton Township Personnel Services prior to 4:00pm, January 5, 2001. Faxed applications will not be accepted. The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. An Equal Opportunity Employer.	ENGINEER Canton Township is accepting applications for the position of Engineer. Min. of one year municipal civil engineering exp., with some supervisory experience. Degree in Civil Engineering including course work in Environmental Engineering or equivalent. Registration as Professional Engineer in the State of MI desired. Must possess a current valid Michigan Drivers License with a driving history that does not create liability concerns. \$45,100-\$52,900/yr. Applications can be picked up at the Canton Township Personnel Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188 or send a self-addressed stamped business-size envelope to above address to request Engineer application form. An application form is also available on the Canton Township website at www.canton-mi.org. Job description will be posted at the Township Administration Building. All applicants must complete a Canton Township application form in its entirety and be received by Canton Township Personnel Services prior to 4:00pm, January 5, 2001. Faxed applications will not be accepted. The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. 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A SENTIMENTAL PERSON

Old fashioned divorced white female, single, person, 53, 5'6", 140 lbs, shy, non-smoker, care about my health and exercise regularly. Enjoys walks in the park, quiet social times, outdoors, boating, camping, travel and more. Family oriented. Easygoing, caring, giving person. No games please. BOX 10748

TRUST IS THE KEY

Divorced white female, 40, medium build, sandy blond hair, green eyes, nurse with day shift, 3 children, enjoys walks, the beach, the country, and more. Seeking 5'10" and taller, non smoker, who enjoys life, is family oriented, to build of stable friendship and possible long term. BOX 10755

OPEN YOUR HEART!

Single white female, 46, petite, honest and sincere, enjoys dancing, sports, travel, working out, and much more. Seeking single white male, with similar interests, for friendship, possibly more. BOX 13749

BASIC INFORMATION

43 yr old, 5'8", full figured, blonde hair, brown eyes, mother of 14 yr son, housewife, nurse. Seeking someone who is tall, who enjoys going to the gym, and the red wings. BOX 14028

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Single white female, 42, blond hair, green eyes, 110 lbs, attractive, with grown children, smoker, social drinker, enjoys going north, water, relaxing at home, dining out, seeking a similar interest, for a long term enjoyable quality time with possible long term relationship. BOX 14041

COMPANION WANTED

44 yr old, single white female, petite, 5'2", non-smoker, with light brown hair and blue eyes. Looking for a single male, 38 to 44, for true companionship. BOX 32478

YOU MIGHT BE THE ONE

25 yr old, single white female with hazel eyes and brown hair. Looking for a single white male, 25 to 30, for good times, conversations, and maybe more. BOX 25321

LIGHTEN UP MY LIFE

Single white Christian female, 39, 5'8", full figured, long brown hair, and blue eyes. Interests are jazz, Christian music, old cars, long walks, and more. Looking for a single male, 40 to 45, who is caring, loves children, outgoing, 5'9" to 6'4", who knows how to treat a lady. BOX 10709

DREAMS

51 yr old, single female, believes in romance, enjoys simple pleasures. Seeking a kind, sincere, single or divorced male, 46 to 60, non-smoker, with similar interests, for a long term monogamous relationship. Down River area. BOX 14471

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Seeking a sincere, honest, no games played, non-smoking, social drinking, single white male by a divorced white female, 54, who likes to do almost everything. Looking for friendship, companionship or something long term. West side, Wayne County, BOX 28333

NEW BEGINNINGS

Divorced white mother of three, 35, brown hair and eyes, 5'7", average build. Enjoys camping, outdoor activities, movies and dinners. Looking for a white male, 40 to 45, who is caring, loves children, outgoing, good sense of humor and similar interests. Friendship and possible relationship. Wayne County. BOX 33625

FIRST TIME AD

Divorced Native American female, 50 yr old, 5'10", 150 lbs, long brown hair, 6' plus, 38 plus, honest, who loves the outdoors, smoker and social drinker, for long term relationship. Wayne county. BOX 25535

LET'S TALK

Divorced, white female, 5, 40 yr, mother of three children, social drinker, smoker. Enjoys the outdoors, camping, hiking, fishing, sitting in front of the fireplace with a good movie. If interested please respond. BOX 32632

SPICE OF LIFE

56", 140 lbs, long brownish red hair, independent, romantic, who enjoys dancing, smoking, golf, bowling, race cars, outdoors, or a quiet evening at home watching movies. Looking for a man, 35 to 45, who's romantic and enjoys some of the same interests. Down River Area. BOX 33514

TALL ORDER

Attractive, 5'10", redhead, Catholic, fun loving, adventurous, romantic. Comfortable in jeans to evening gown. Loves sports, travel, theatre, gourmet cooking, (for that special man). Seeks tall white gentleman, financially/emotionally secure, 49 to 60, who is romantic, kind, has a good sense of humor, with similar interests. Oakland County. BOX 23533

CUTE AS A BUTTON

Single white female, 52, 5'3", medium build, enjoys casinos, dancing, fine dining in or out, walking, holding hands and cuddling. Seeking a white gentleman, 45 to 60, that knows how to treat a lady. BOX 35484

READY FOR ROMANCE

Attractive, single black female, 40 plus, light smoker social drinker. Seriously thinking of warm kisses on cool nights. Loves movies, dining in or out, and long messages. In search of a sweet loving, single white male, 5'10" or over. For friendship and more, age open. BOX 35490

A LADY OF CLASS

Vivacious, upbeat, very attractive, blonde female, a professional, 5'7", 115 lbs, upper 50's, seeking soul mate counter part, 60's, a professional, for dating, possible long term relationship. Call me and see what life has in store for us. BOX 35996

GENUINE GEM

52 yr old, white female, non-smoker, giving, loving, and lots of fun, loves life. Looking for a sincere, successful, secure, stable, loving, Caucasian gentleman, non-smoker, 45 to 50, who's positive and loves life as much as I do. Go for the genuine gem, your life will be worth living, answer my ad today. BOX 25325

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL...

...with a friend. 35 yr old, black, beautiful female, 5'9", 140 lbs, seeking White/Italian professional, handsome male, 30 to 35, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 33699

NEVER TOO LATE

Falls here, let's go for it. Divorced white female, 66, 5'4", 140 lbs, non-smoker, social drinker, active and outgoing, enjoys the outdoors, travel, music, dancing and more. Seeking a single gentleman with a good sense of humor and similar interests. BOX 25591

SOMEONE TO SPOIL ME

Seeking someone to have fun with, must love animals. Single white female, mother, 40, 5'5", 150 lbs., blonde, smoker, occasional drinker, no drugs. Enjoys the outdoors, riding motorcycles, quiet times. BOX 33384

GREAT COMPANION

Attractive, trim, optimistic, blue eyed, blonde divorced white female, 55, 5'6", affectionate, seeks possible long term relationship with non-smoking, degreed, honest, outgoing white gentleman, 46-62, who enjoys travel, golf, romantic times, and the Arts. Oakland County. BOX 25321

IT'S TIME

Not perfect, single white mom, 48, sweet, funny, attractive enough, seeking genuine, sincere, white male, single parent, 50 to 58, hardworking, non-smoker, for friendly dating. Oakland County area, preferred. BOX 25523

SOUL MATE

Cute, divorced white female, 55, blond hair, blue eyes, good build, who likes dancing, travel, theaters, long walks and even quiet times. Seeking white male, 50 to 62, financially and emotionally secure, with similar interest. Give me a call, you won't be sorry. Macomb County. BOX 25327

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

Giving, loving, compassionate, petite, attractive lady, 63, 5'2". Likes to dance, travel and have fun. Looking to enjoy life with a financially secure gentleman, 60 to 70. Wayne County. BOX 26531

PRETTY ENTREPRENEUR

Giving, loving, compassionate, curly, lots of fun, great conversationalist, looking for sincere, successful Caucasian gentleman, 45-late 70's, to be my soul mate. Float your boat, make your day, answer my ad today. BOX 25322

JUST LET ME LOVE YOU

Single black female, 5'10", 136 lbs., professional, seeks professional, single white male, 38 to 44, non-smoker, no kids, for a romantic relationship. Interested in the arts, travel, theater, dancing and romance. BOX 25598

SEEKING A PARTNER

Single female, who is physically, emotionally, financially fit, who is ready for friendship, and possible long term relationship. Who can enjoy fine dining, home cooking, likes golf, the outdoors, dancing, and a warm fire. Must be a non-smoker. Social drinker only. 52 to 62. North Oakland area. BOX 25070

NEW TO THE AREA

Single black female, 40, 5'3", brown eyes, reddish brown hair. Interested in meeting someone who is honest, not a game player, caring, likes to laugh, knows how to treat a lady. 35 to 52. BOX 25073

NORTH WEST SUBURBS

Fit, younger looking 30's, romantic, Christian lady, model, tall, thin, pretty, optimistic, loves laughter, financially secure. Enjoys the good life, boating, water activities, travel and dining. Seeking the right one, tall, thin, attractive, honest, affectionate, happy, positive attitude, successful with values. BOX 25070

NICE GIRL

Seeks single white male, 27 to 45, tall, lanky bear type, with values and morals, enjoys going to movies, dining out, hanging out and is a romantic. For friendship first and possible relationship. BOX 25090

HONESTY IS THE KEY

Divorced black female, 5'9", 185lbs., coffee with cream complexion, non-smoker. Enjoys movies, walking, bowling, cooking, dining out, and quiet times. Seeking a male, 40-50, honest, kind, caring, and dependable for possible long term relationship. BOX 25096

MR. RIGHT

Single white female, 29, medium to full figured. Likes movies, bowling, cozy nights at home and much more. In search of honest caring white male, for friendship and maybe more. If this sounds like you, call me. BOX 25311

HONEST & TRUE

Petite, 5'11", 110 lb, attractive, white professional divorced mom. Enjoys working out daily, good conversation, music, sports, and is an optimist. Looking for a professional, divorced, white male, 40's, physically fit/active, tall, no beard or mustache, intelligent, good sense of humor, non-smoker, South Oakland county area. BOX 36065

WANTED: NICE GUY

32 yr old, petite Asian female who enjoys reading, fishing, swimming and traveling looking for financially secure, loving, kind male, 31 to 50, who has a great sense of humor. BOX 25356

ONE IN A MILLION

Very attractive, single, white female, young looking 50, great shape/figure, 5'4", brunette/brown. Seeking very nice looking, single white male, 45 to 55, honest, easy going, non-smoker, no dependents, emotionally and financially secure, for a sincere friendship and possible relationship. BOX 25389

INVITATION TO MEET

Single white female, 38, 5'7", fit, beautiful blonde, green eyes, good hearted, ambitious, seeking a successful gentleman, over 45, who wants to team up and share a great life together. BOX 25379

SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE

Pretty, petite, passionate, divorced white female, 40ish. Seeks non-smoking, single white male, over 35, for dating, mating, relating. Let's create sparks and watch them fly! BOX 25322

LOOKING 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

FIRST TIME AD

Divorced white female, 44, looks 36, 5'4", 112 lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, very attractive, petite, mother of one high school senior, financially secure housewife who enjoys life. Seeking a white male, 40-50, at least 6', non-smoker, social drinker okay, for friends first, companionship, possibly more. BOX 26000

ALL I WANT AND MORE

Attractive black female, 52 yrs old, physically fit, 5'6", 155 lbs., employed, educated, enjoys fishing, movies, museums and more. No dependents. Looking for a male, 45 to 57, non-smoker, mandatory who enjoys life for an honest, monogamous relationship. BOX 13932

COMEDIAN AT HEART

Classy, elegant, + size, single white female, 36 yrs, enjoys movies, walking, all activities, candles, and romance. Seeking professional male, 35 to 45, for a compatible, fun enjoyable relationship. BOX 25078

LOOKING FOR MY MATCH

Single white female, 38, 5'5", medium build, blonde hair, independent, good sense of humor, spontaneous, loving, caring, like a variety of activities and sports. Seeking emotionally secure, honest, well mannered, confident, an American guy, 35 to 50. BOX 26078

OLD FASHIONED

5'10", white full figured gal, 45, looking for meaningful relationship that would lead to marriage. Non-smoker, no drugs, light drinker, college educated, employed, easy going with a variety of interests, including walking, swimming, playing cards, science fiction, bowling, etc. BOX 25354

MESSAGE FROM VENUS

Shapely, smart, good looking blonde, 38, 5'9", 165 lbs, hazel eyes, smoker, social drinker, hard worker and down to earth. Seeking a single female, 24 to 35, with similar qualities, for good times and a possible relationship that could prove to be warm and wonderful for us both. BOX 10555

AVERAGE MALE

6'2", 250 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, glasses, with a lot of interests, looking for a female, 40 to 50, attractive, petite to plus size, with a sense of humor, for friendship first, maybe long term. BOX 10576

GET TO KNOW ME

39 yr old, Hispanic male, 5'8", 185 lb, with short black hair and brown eyes. I enjoy sports, festivals, comedy clubs, ice skating, and spending time with my family. Looking for a down to earth, honest, sincere, single female. BOX 10620

CIRCLE THIS AD

Attractive 25 yr, white male, 5'11", height/weight proportionate, short brown hair, couple tattoos. Loves animals, concerts, going out and movies. Seeking attractive average/petite female 22 to 30, for possible long term relationship. BOX 10654

LET'S CHILL

Blonde hair, blue eye, 24 yr, male. Loves to have fun. Seeking a female that isn't shy and afraid to do things, yet loves to chill and cuddle. BOX 10704

HEAVEN SENT ME

30 yr old divorced male, 6', 165 lbs, seeking physically fit female, 25 to 35, who enjoys motorcycles, outdoors, traveling and romantic evenings. Must love children and being spoiled. I am a very caring and faithful person, with good sense of humor. BOX 10728

CONSIDER THIS

Attractive, slender, tall, intelligent lady of 54 is also ladylike, amiable, warm hearted and a smoker, is seeking a man, 55 to 69, intelligent, tall, gentlemanly and interested in getting to know each other over dinner, faced with conversation. BOX 39140

ARE YOU THE ONE?

Young 67, down to earth, non-drinker, non-smoker, in search of grandpa or grandpa wannabe, non-drinker, with sense of humor, family values to share life with as we watch our grandchildren grow. BOX 23550

NEW BEGINNINGS

Divorced white female, red hair, blue eyes, weight proportionate to size, Seeking a single male, 40 to 55, who enjoys movies, dining, and having fun, for a possible long term relationship. BOX 33656

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE

European born, refined, intelligent, romantic female, 5'5", height weight proportionate with many interests. Interested in meeting white gentleman, 67 to 74, intelligent, caring, emotionally and financially secure, non-smoker with a sense of humor, for lasting relationship. BOX 25360

SHOOTING STAR

Divorced, white professional female, 5'5", 125 lbs, brown/black hair and eyes, dimples, looks minus 40 and stable. Seeking a divorced, white male, 55 to 63, attractive, 6', stable and a good sense of humor. BOX 31913

ATTENTION: CLARK

You responded to my ad #25318, Seuerkraut, Anyone? You forgot to leave your phone number. Please respond again. BOX 25373

CATCH OF THE DAY!

Single white male, 43, 6'1", brown hair, seeking someone to go to movies, dining out, for companionship. BOX 14083

GIVE ME A CALL!

Single white male, 43, 6'1", brown hair, seeking someone to go to movies, dining out, for companionship. BOX 14083

CALL ME

55 yr old gentleman, blue eyes, light sandy hair, recently retired, non-smoker. Enjoys exercising, animals and laughing. Call if interested. BOX 10664

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Divorced white male, 52, employed, with variety of interests including the outdoors and all sports. Seeking female for long term relationship. BOX 10692

STILL SEEKING

Single white female, 35, 6', 130 lbs, brown hair, brown eyes, no children. Looking for a attractive white female, 36 to 39, with a good sense of humor. BOX 10771

VERY GENTLE

If you are looking for a early 60's, 5'8", 175 lbs, caring, loving, light hearted, gentle, honest, good looking man, who doesn't act at the bar, call me. Looking for an attractive, light hearted, single, 50 to 60, to spend life with. Downriver area. BOX 33429

CALL ME SOON

Hardworking, divorced, white male, 49 yr old, 5'8", 175 lb is seeking a fun loving, easy going, intelligent, pretty, single white female, for companionship and long term relationship. Redford Area. BOX 36092

SPECIAL PERSON

Single black gentlemen, 45, 6', 225 lbs, non-smoker, non-drinker, no children, never married, great listener. Looking for a young lady, of slender build, also a non-smoker. BOX 10777

JUST ME AND YOU

24 yr old Hispanic male, 5'10", 175 lbs., brown eyes, brown hair, very outgoing seeking female, 18 to 26, who likes movies, dining, shooting pool, and having a good time. For possible long term relationship. BOX 33687

LET'S MEET

Affectionate, retired, single male, 60, 5'5", blonde hair, blue eyes, likes dining out, movies, walks in the park, watching tv and traveling. Seeking a nice lady, to have some fun with. BOX 36081

VERY ACTIVE

White male, 41, 6'1", never married, very long hair, told to be good looking, smoker, social drinker. Enjoys snowmobiling, bowling, boats, race cars, camping, and going up North. Seeking attractive female, slender build, who is tired of games, 25 to 45, with similar interests. BOX 25693

FUN TIMES

Single male, 45, looking to meet someone, who is outgoing and likes to cuddling, for friendship. BOX 32630

A REAL GOOD CATCH

Divorced white professional male, financially secure, self employed business owner, 5'10", 185 lbs. Enjoys dining out, movies, quiet times and sports. Seeking a single white professional female, 40 to 50 financially secure, non-smoker, social drinker, height and weight proportionate. Summer County. BOX 33630

2 GOOD 2 BE TRUE

Single male, 41, 6'1", 163 lbs, 5'5", brown hair, blue eyes, romantic, adventurous. Enjoys camping, outdoors, nature and long walks. Looking for someone who is happy with themselves, age/race, weight/height is unimportant. Will reply to all. BOX 10665

SEEKS SPECIAL LADY

Divorced black male, 53, 6'11", 208lbs., very handsome, motivated professional male. Enjoys outdoor sports, classic cars and antiques. In search of professional lady, race open, 45 to 56, tall, height and weight proportionate, with similar interests, kids welcome, for friendship and maybe more. Wayne county. BOX 25313

IT'S A NEW YEAR

48 yr old white divorced male, non-smoker, light drinker, enjoys varied activities, looking for a white female, 45 to 55, with similar interests. BOX 33691

IS THIS YOU?

19 yr old white male, 5'5", reddish blonde hair, hazel eyes, medium build, likes bowling, go out with friends and quiet times. Looking for a white female, to spend the holidays with, leading to a relationship. BOX 13765

GIVE ME A CALL!

37 yr old attractive black male, father of 1, seeking single black attractive female, 25 to 35, for a date and possibly more, someone down to earth. BOX 13398

FIT THE BILL?

Divorced white male, 46, dark brown hair, green eyes, large build. Works full-time, part-time musician. Enjoys music, laughing, reading, proud father of 12 yr old girl. Seeking a white female, 30 to 48, self supporting, long hair, full figured, intelligent, articulate, and willing to communicate. BOX 14020

YOU SHOULD CALL

Black professional male, 6'11", 208 lbs. Enjoys outdoor sports, cars and antiques. Seeking a white professional female, with similar interests. BOX 14040

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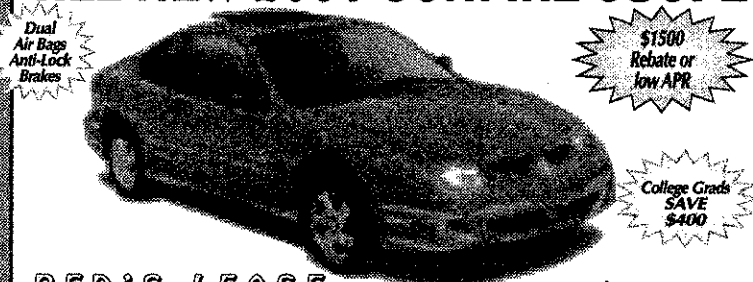
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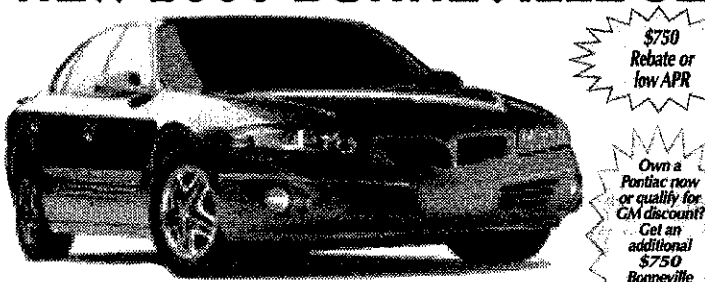
GM LEASE

\$224⁵⁸**

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\$488.05 due at signing

- air conditioning
- auto. transmission
- rear defogger
- rear spoiler
- sunroof • CD
- chrome covers
- stock #1-1000

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\$385³⁰**

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\$833.42 due at signing

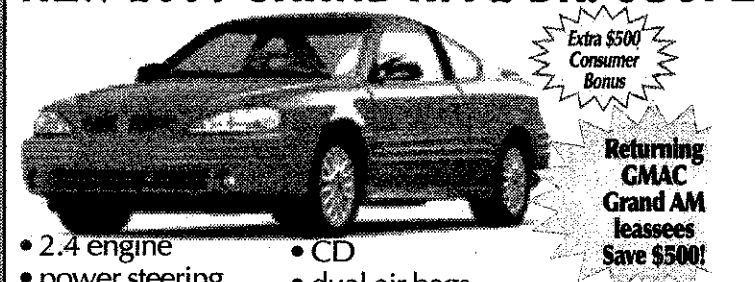
GM LEASE

\$333³⁶**

36 mos.
\$773.36 due at signing

- 3800 V6
- 4 speed automatic
- power windows
- power locks
- cruise control & tilt wheel
- stock #1-4049

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RED'S LEASE

\$258⁸⁸**

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\$579.41 due at signing

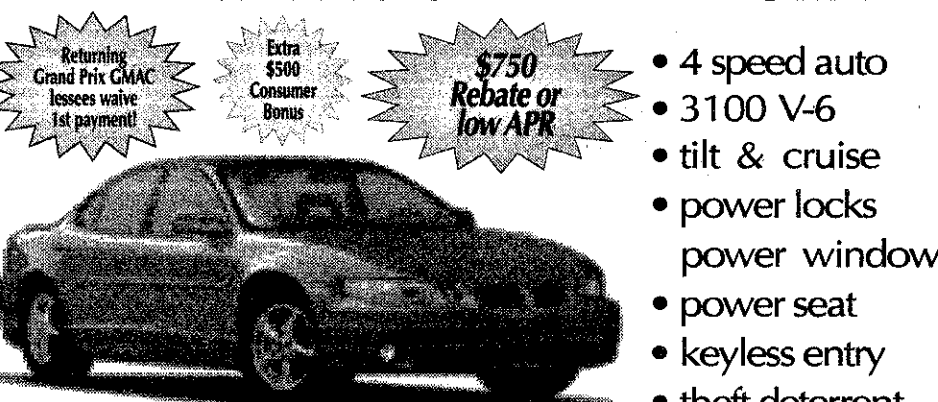
GM LEASE

\$238³³**

36 mos.
\$557.63 due at signing

- 2.4 engine
- power steering
- power brakes
- 4 speed automatic
- air conditioning
- spoiler
- CD
- dual air bags
- ABS
- rear defog.
- Stk. #1-2071

ALL NEW 2001 GRAND PRIX SEDAN



RED'S LEASE

\$316⁶⁵**

36 mos.
\$715.65 due at signing

GM LEASE

\$290⁷⁸**

36 mos.
\$663.23 due at signing

- 4 speed auto
- 3100 V-6
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SALE PRICE

\$25,256*

GM's PRICE

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SALE PRICE

\$24,803*

GM's PRICE

\$23,711⁹⁴*

LEASE FOR

\$335⁵²*

36 mos.
\$2,440.35 due at signing

GM's LEASE

\$300⁸⁸*

36 mos.
\$2,353.63 due at signing

2001 SONOMA EXTENDED CAB



WAS \$19,650

Deep tint glass, 60/40 split bench seat, 4 cylinder automatic, power windows & locks, keyless entry, HD suspension, air, third door, aluminum wheels, stereo/CD, tilt, cruise, tachometer. Stock #1-5234

SALE PRICE

\$16,420*

GM's PRICE

\$15,655⁷⁵*

LEASE FOR

\$202¹⁸*

36 mos.
\$2,149.01 due at signing

GM's LEASE

\$180⁰⁸*

36 mos.
\$2,100.88 due at signing

2001 YUKON DENALI



WAS \$47,534

SALE PRICE

\$42,155²³*

GM's PRICE

\$40,283⁰⁷*

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WAS \$40,115

High back buckets, running boards, air w/auto climate control, liftgate, locking differential, V-8, auto, stereo cass./CD, HD trailering pkg., SLE decor. Stock #1-6170

SALE PRICE

\$35,595*

GM's PRICE

\$34,006⁵⁵*

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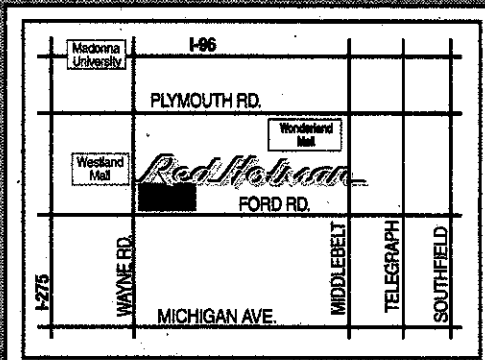
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GM's LEASE

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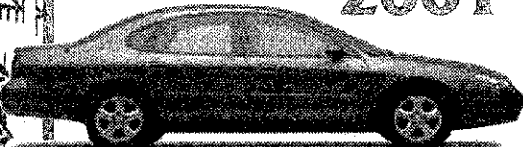
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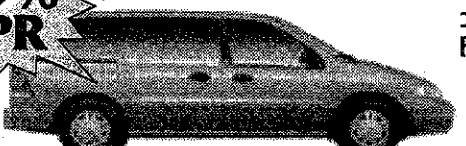
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2001 WINDSTAR LX

321 Available



or, air, power locks/windows/mirrors, FM cassette/CD, remote keyless entry, floor mats, electric rear defrost.

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\$20,263*

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2001 EXPLORER 4 DR XLS SPORT 4X4

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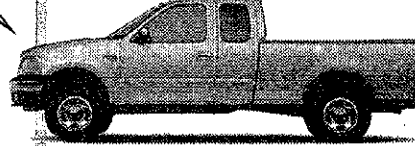
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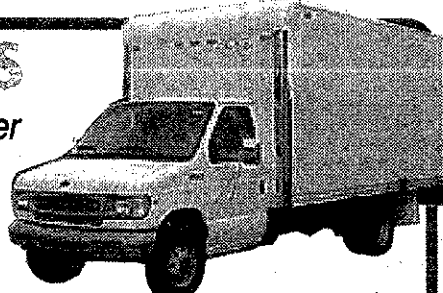
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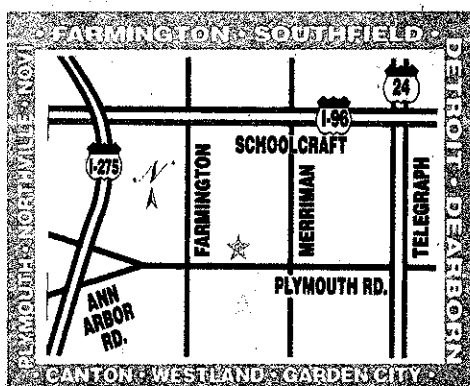
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	0 Down	\$300	\$825
2001 WINDSTAR	10% Down	\$250	\$2930
	0 Down	\$300	\$875
2001 RANGER	10% Down	\$200	\$2600
	0 Down	\$275	\$800
2001 FOCUS	10% Down	\$225	\$2075
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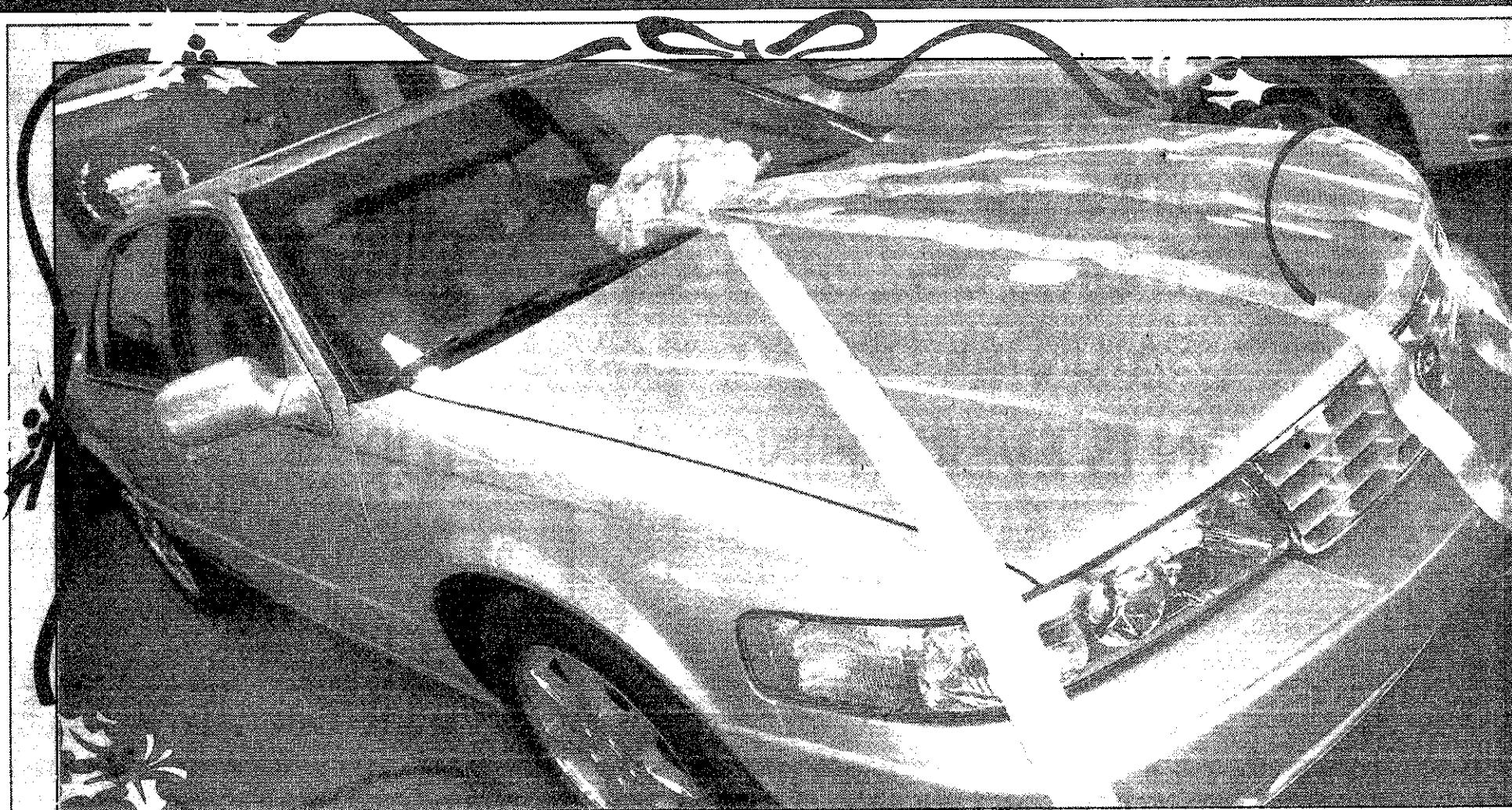
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A Christmas wish: This 2001 Cadillac Seville at Audette Cadillac in West Bloomfield, is ready and waiting for Christmas.

The gift that keeps you going

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE
STAFF WRITER

This time of year there's one present way too big to fit under the tree. A brand-new car. It's not the typical Christmas present, but sales managers at several area dealerships say it happens. They play Santa every year for at least a handful of clients.

Depending on what kind of car you buy, it could come equipped with a big bright bow — and maybe even a gift tag.

At Audette Cadillac Inc. in West Bloomfield, cars are sitting pretty in pink (although no pink Cadillacs were sold this Christmas).

"We'll put a car in the showroom, and use a big pink (bow) 'cause it's the only color we have," said general sales manager Rob Pasquinzo.

All Cadillacs are pricey, and Pasquinzo notes not too many kids get them as Christmas presents. However, some Caters, a small car at the low end of the price scale, have been bought for teenagers.

Most of the time it's spouses buying vehicles for each other.

Pasquinzo tells a humorous story of how long it took one surprise to sink in. A man had bought a new red Seville STS for his wife, although it was for her birthday, not Christmas.

"He put a birthday card on the seat and everything. We brought it into the showroom, pulled it in and she didn't even notice."

It wasn't until the man coaxed his wife to slip into the driver's seat that the light broke through. "She found the birthday card on the seat."

Pete Barbaro, general sales manager for Milosch

Dodge Inc. in Lake Orion, says seeing someone get a car for a gift is truly memorable.

"They'll slap a big red bow on top of the vehicle. It drapes over the front windshield," he said.

Last year, Barbaro recalls, parents purchased a little Neon for their daughter who would be college-bound at the end of the year.

It stood in front of the dealership with a big red bow.

"Then, how they got her there was by (pretending) they were going shopping," he said. When the parents drove into the dealership's driveway and she saw her Christmas present, "she was really excited about it," Barbaro said.

She jumped up and down "and started crying, the whole nine yards."

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Barbaro notes it's not the norm for a child to receive a brand-new car. "My parents never spent 20 grand on me," he said, laughing. Out of 300 vehicles on the lot during the holidays, "we probably sell one or two as Christmas gifts," he added. "It's not a big ticket, but they do it."

Kids like the bold colors, something that makes people take notice, like red or black. "They'll do magenta in a truck. They want some really weird colors," he said. Adults prefer a more subdued color, usually white, blue, green or silver.

Eric Ryan, general sales manager for Birmingham Chrysler Jeep, says the number of cars sold as gifts are "probably split" between husbands and wives.

In years past, they've sold more cars at Christmas. "This year it seems not to be as prevalent," he said, giving two reasons:

One, the problems associated with merging Daimler and Chrysler. Two, "it took our nation two-and-a-half months to elect a president," he said, dryly. "The economy is in trouble."

However, Ryan says they'll do most anything to surprise a customer. "We'll deliver them. We've taken them to a neighbor's house and hidden them. Or, we'll leave it in front of the dealership with bow on it."

They had it all planned for the customer who drove his wife past



the dealership, claiming they were going to a family gathering. "He put a car cover over it with a big bow," Ryan said. "When he pulled in, he said, 'God, look at this. I wonder who it's for...'"

One of the busiest weeks of the year is between Christmas and New Year's, said Mike Schrieber, general sales manager for Bill Brown Ford in Livonia.

Like the other dealerships, Schrieber has gone to great lengths to help folks buy a car for Christmas. "We put them in the customer's driveway on Christmas Eve and all sorts of things." If it's late at night, most of the time the recipient won't see it until Christmas morning, he said.

This year, Ford is holding a holiday sales special called Holiday Bonus Cash. Ford employees get \$400-\$700 toward a purchased or leased vehicle. For example, a new Ford Explorer can be leased for "nothing down and \$235 a month."

Being a Ford employee, Schrieber has already put past discounts to work. Last year, his son Ryan, 21, a Western Michigan University student, received a new Ford Ranger.

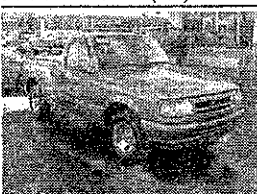
Now, that the Ranger's lease is coming due, his son is suggesting such a deal — a little bigger truck at a few extra dollars. "He said if he could be put into an Explorer, that would be his Christmas present," Schrieber said with a chuckle.

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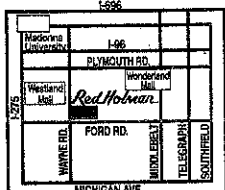
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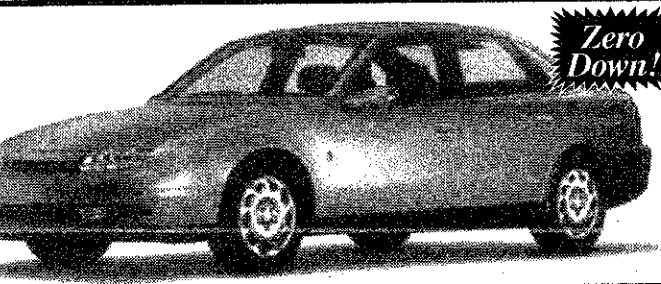
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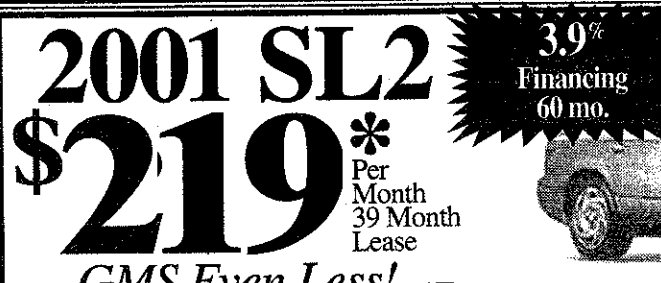
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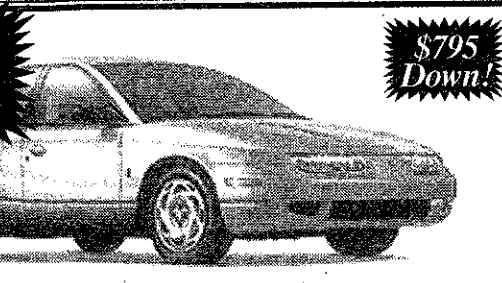
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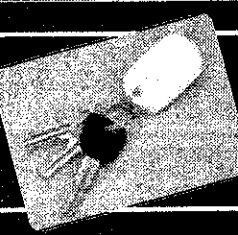
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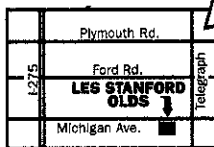
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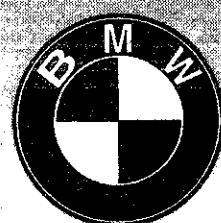
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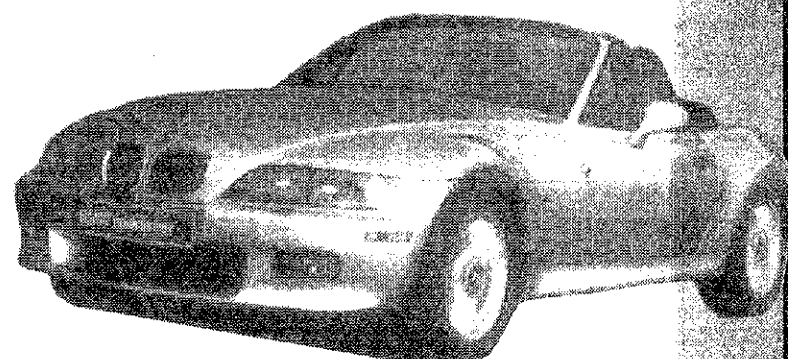
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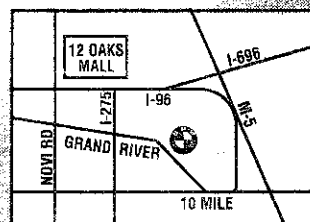
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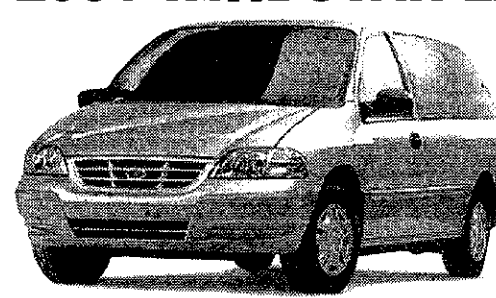
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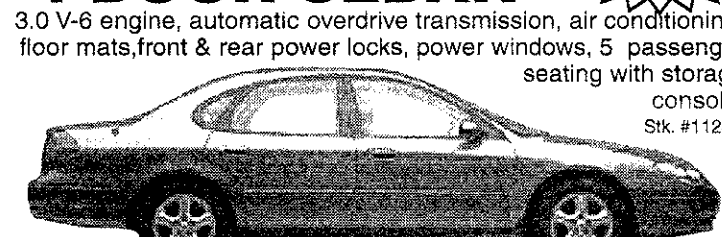
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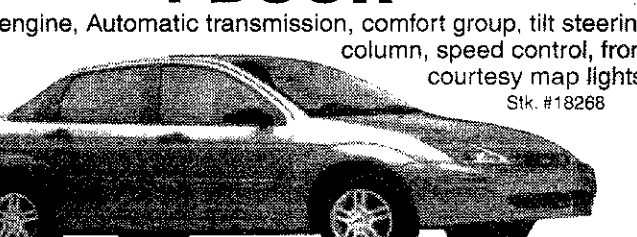
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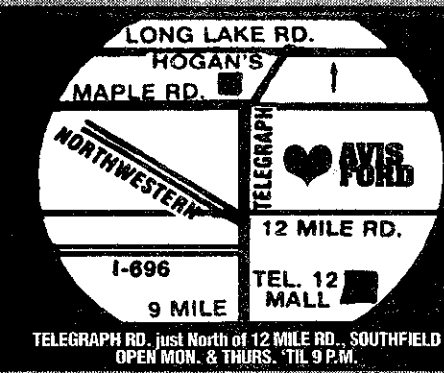


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