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Do you work with the public every day - and love it? Do you know someone who gives his or her customers that extra special touch? The Observer wants to hear about it. We're looking for people who put the service in customer-service jobs:

- o restaurant staffers;
- postal carriers;
- mechanics:
- meter readers;
- o convenience store clerks;
- office receptionists:
- or even telemarketers.

We'll take reader nominations and profile a different person in the Canton community each month.

Nominations will be accepted:

- by phone (734) 459-2700
- by fax (734) 459-4224
- or by e-mail at -

tschneider@oe.homecomm.net





Canton residents who want timely mail delivery need to make sure the area around their mailbox is barrier-free or their walk and porch are in non-skid condition. Heavy snow and low temperatures pose postal problems.

BY ALICE ASHMORE STAFF WRITER

"Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed round," has long been the unofficial motto of the United States Postal Service.

However, heavy snows beginning in early December have given local post offices their share of headaches.

"It's been a tough time this year, especially before Christmas with all the mail and packages," said Westland Postmaster Charles Quinn, who oversees the Canton Post Office.

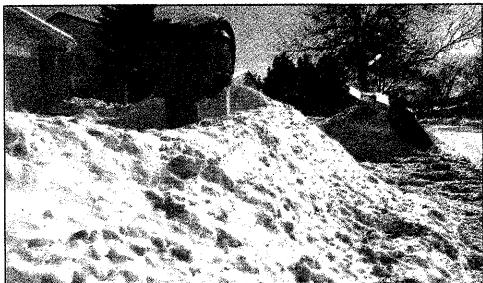
"The problems with this much snow are two-fold - either the snow plows take out the mail boxes, or the carriers are not able to pull up and reach the street-mounted mailboxes."

He explained that a street may be cleared, but often a huge pile of snow will remain between the mail truck and the mailbox itself.

The Postal Service makes about 35,000 home deliveries within Canton Township, with the majority of those street-mounted mailboxes, Quinn said.

Joe Bradley, local manager of customer service for the Postal Service said. "Most of the problem here in Canton is that it (plowing) is mostly done by private contractors. They get extremely busy."

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN.

Boxed in: Mother Nature and the snowplows have made it very difficult for Postal carriers to get to some of the mailboxes around Canton, like this one on Embassy Drive.



Canton couple has reason to celebrate

BY LARRY O CONNOR STAFF WRITER loconnor@oe.'iomecomm.net

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the hospitals all call one another. It's not very scientific.'

The distinction was lost on the newborn, who quietly clung to a pacifier while bundled in a blanket amid the clamor in her mother's hospital room Tuesday.

Madison Rose weighed six pounds and measured 19¹/₂ inches at birth.

In this case, the calendar was unreliable. She wasn't due until Jan. 24.

"It was a surprise ... a big surprise," said mother Melissa Flick, whose water broke at 2 a.m. Dec. 31. The baby did not arrive until 22 hours later.

"I wasn't feeling anything. Then all of a sudden I woke up and my water had broken.'

Madison Rose is one of Mike and Melissa Flick's three children. She has

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Study: Hands-on approach to health good for kids

CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER cmarshall@oe.homecomm.net

Kids remember information better if they can have fun learning about it.

That's one conclusion from a recent study undertaken by the St. Joseph

Mercy Canton Health Center regarding its Health Exploration Station.

(HES) at St. Joseph Mercy Canton

Health Center completed a study in which two groups of fourth graders took part in a tobacco prevention

study. The study was used to determine the teaching effectiveness of the HEC and whether students were coming

away from the center with more than just a fun experience.

ST. JOSEPH MERCY CANTON

One group of 180 students participated in an interactive education class. A group of 61 was the control group, and did not participate in the interactive program, said Cheryl McInerney, HES coordinator.

All 241 students took a pre-test, and both groups scored about the same. somewhere around 40 percent, said McInerney. The tests measured the groups' knowledge of information such as the legal age to buy tobacco, what is the addictive chemical in smoke, what chemical causes the lungs to turn black

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN Just doing her job: Therapist Debbie Scott poses in her Canton office.

Helping hand Therapist gives clients new lease on life

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER cmarshall@oe.homecomm.net

Call therapist Debbie Scott a hero, and she'll say she's just doing her job. Call her an angel, and she begins to blush. But one of her clients said Debbie

Scott, MA, LLP, is a hero to him. Eric Bridge explained that he was in

intensive care when a trauma surgeon told him that after two attempts he could not keep his lung from collaps-



"My chest was filled with fluid and I had a cardiac arrest on the table," he said. "The priest gave me the last rites and the nurse gave me morphine." In that dark hour,

Bridge said, it was Scott who gave him

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Mail problems from page A1

He explained that only the main thoroughfares are cleared by Wayne County.

"My carriers are having problems getting to the mail boxes," Bradley said.

He said before the snow began to fall, letter carriers spent an average of 420 hours a day delivering the mail in Canton. "Now we need an additional 40 hours a day to deliver the mail."

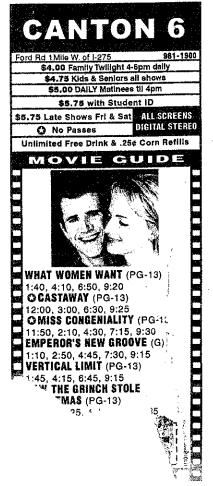
But for the majority of residents, the mail continues to be delivered.

"Right now there are about 50 customers a day that are not getting delivered." Quinn said. "That is because they have made no attempt to clear their walks or roads.'

Those with mailboxes on their front porch can take measures to help their postal carrier keep the mail coming .

"Keep your walks cleared," Quinn said. He said he remembers many a snowy sidewalk from his days as a letter carrier.

He added that snow melt from the roof that drips on to the front porch can turn to ice when the temperatures drop again. "That can be really dangerous



for letter carriers."

Bradley said if you live in a subdivision with private plowing, you can help out your mail carrier by doing some snow removal.

"If they could just shovel enough space in front of the mailbox so that my employees can deliver the mail without dismounting the vehicle."

He said those postal routes are designed for driving and that having to leave the vehicle delays the mail.

Bradley also suggested residents "put down some kind of salt so that carriers do not get stuck.'

For Canton residents who live on streets cleared by the county, failure to get the to mailbox becomes a county problem.

"People will shovel a path to the box, but in reality, they should be calling the county, Quinn said. "We're in the process of sending notices to those people who are not in compliance," he said.

But John Roach, spokesman for the Wayne County Department of Public Services, said the all that plowed snow has to go somewhere.

"Unfortunately – whether it is done by the county or a private contractor – there is not much that can be done about it."

'It is an annual challenge for us. Invariably some boxes will get knocked over," Roach said. "Our responsibility is to clear the roadway."

He said the street side mailboxes are technically in the right of way belonging to the county. We don't recommend putting the mailboxes out by the street. It comes with some risk. We strongly recommend that folks talk with the permit office before putting a box out on the street."

Roach said county will replace a mailbox that is knocked over –

but only with a post and a standard metal mail box. "Some folks spend a lot of money on brick mail boxes - those will not be

He is expecting more snow than usual to pile up before winter's end. "The last few years were very light. We're now back to a more traditional weather pattern. It's more like the winters we remember from growing up here.

Roach is pleased with the county's snow removal efforts so far. "By all accounts we've done much better this year."

Quinn said that the heavy snowfall in early December caused people to stay at home and delay mailing Christmas packages, which also put a strain on postal services "Everybody wanted to come in at the last minute and send Priority and Express Mail."

We had over 30 carriers out delivering packages on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. A lot of them wore Santa hats,' Bradley said.

The holidays are past, and the mail volume is returning to normal, but the winter weather will continue to pose a challenge.

"All in all we are doing really well," Bradley said. "We had some problems at the beginning of December, but I have faith in my staff and my employees that we will get past the winter of 2001."

"I'm afraid it is going to be a bad one," he added.

He credited the residents of Canton for exhibiting patience with the problems. "The citizens of Canton have been very understanding and very good

Residents with mailbox damage from county plows can call: (734) 397-1205. Questions about mailboxes in street side rights-ofway can be answered by the permitting office at (734) 595-6504.

TENTION



First Baby: Madison Rose Flick with her family Melissa and Michael Flick of Canton, bother Allen, 9, and sister Jessica, 8. Madison was born at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia at 12:33 a.m. New Year's Day.



Allen, 9, and Jessica, 8, as siblings.

Madison's brother and sister arrived on their due dates, but all three children were born on Mondays, said Melissa, who is a bus driver for Plymouth-Canton schools. Husband Mike is a rail loader at the Wayne Ford Plant. The family lives in Canton.

Grandparents are Rosemary and James Chapman and Linda Kelly and Michael Flick.

The family's two previous children were born at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. She switched obstetricians, having Dr. Michael Gatt of Westside

Obstetrics and Gynecology handle the delivery at St. Mary Mercy.

The move paid off in a shower of gifts.

Nurse Donna Powell made a baby book by hand for the first born of the new year. Last year, Powell knitted a baby quilt for the first "millennium" infant.

Nature's Floral Gifts sent a bouquet of flowers. The hospital provided Madison Rose with a pair of pink pajamas with the inscription "I was born at St. Mary Hospital."

"Everybody has been really nice," Melissa said.

Husband Michael also credited hospital staff.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

"The nurses here were excellent," he said. "They made my wife feel very comfortable."

Madison's siblings appear willing to make her feel at home. Jessica held her new sister while Melissa and Michael prepared for mother and infant to be discharged from the hospital

"Her sister has been dying to see her," Melissa said. "She'd talk to her every night (while in the womb). She would read to her and she'd give her hugs and kisses every night."



replaced."

Police investigate strong-arm robbery report

Canton police responded Monday to a call from the victim of a strong-arm robbery.

When police arrived at the victim's Village Court home, he was handcuffed, and officers used a hacksaw to remove the cuffs, according to police reports.

The victim told police he was awakened early by knocking at his front door. He opened the door to three men in suits who told him they were investigators for the Michigan State Police. and were looking for a teen-age runaway girl.

The men asked the victim if they could enter his apartment and look for the girl, and he opened his door for them, reports said.

Two of the "officers" meandered through the home, while one "officer" stayed in the kitchen with the victim.

The victim told police he then asked the man who stayed with him for some identification. Not only did the suspect refuse his request, but handcuffed him and began inquiring about the victim's boat and whether he frequented Pier 500 bar.

The victim reported the three men tried to force him into the basement, but he refused to go. One of the police impostors pulled the phone off the wall, and instructed the man to sit in a chair facing away from the front door.

The three men left the home and drove off in an unknown direction.

They took some \$8,000 worth of the man's belongings, including two rifles, two fifths of liquor, a cell phone, a gold Rolex watch and diamond earrings. They also took his wallet containing \$300 in cash and about seven credit cards.

Canton police are investigating the incident and may release composites of the three suspects. All of the suspects, the victim said were white men, between 20



and what is the best way to say no to a cigarette.

The 180 students who participated in the 45-minute interactive class entitled "Drugs, Choice or Chance," learned information about tobacco use by playing a game similar to Who Wants to be a Millionaire.

and 30 years old. They were all about 5-feet-10-

inches tall and had similar frames, each weighing between 170 and 180 pounds.

The first suspect, who the victim said introduced himself as "Jack," was wearing a gray suit and wore his hair in a brush cut. The victim changed his story a bit and later told police that he introduced himself as "Officer Edwards."

The second suspect was wear-

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brush cut. The victim said he introduced himself as "Officer Lee."

The third suspect had short black hair and a short beard and was wearing a gray suit.

Internet fraud

Canton police are were conlection.

ing a dark suit and also had a tacted by the FBI Internet fraud division to investigate an international fraud case.

> Last spring, a Canton man bid on a stamp collection and as a result sent a personal check for \$320 to a London address.

The check was cashed, but the man didn't receive the stamp col-

He sent the suspect an e-mail. The suspect responded that he had shipped the stamps, and never corresponded with the Canton man after that.

The victim lodged a complaint with Internet auction company eBay, and with the FBI.

Arson attempt

Canton police are investigating an apparent attempted arson at a new condominium construction site.

Some time between Dec. 29 and Jan. 2, someone broke into the site and set fire to wood panels and beams, valued at about \$5,000.

The construction superintendent told the police he believes the persons who set the fire are youngsters from a neighboring community because there were footprints in the snow leading in the direction of the nearby neighborhood.



Immediately following the interactive program, all 241 students were tested again. The children in the experimental group scored in the 75th percentile, and the control group scores averaged 46 percent.

Six weeks later, the children were re-tested to determine if the xperimen-

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group scored 46 percent again.

McInerney said nine other centers nationwide, in conjunction with the National Association of Health Education Centers, performed exactly the same study, with very similar results.

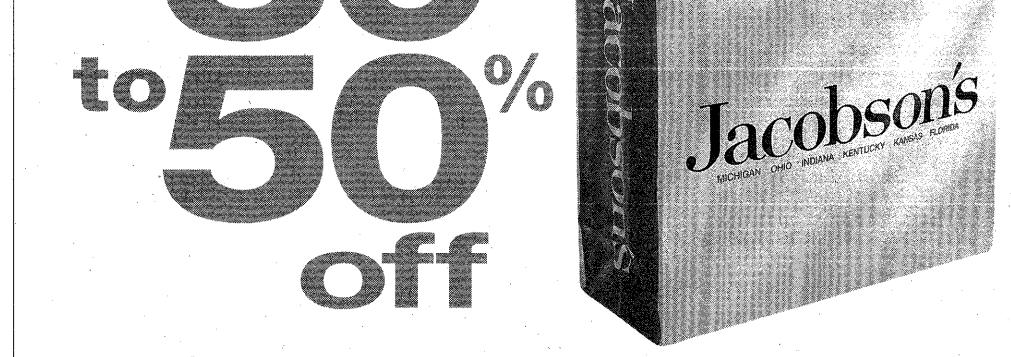
"We wanted to find out if a short, single intervention would have a lasting effect on overall educational efforts," McInerney said.

She said the center was encouraged by the study's findings. "When the kids are totally immersed and involved in learning, it definitely has an impact," McInerney said.

"Teachers are doing a great job," she said, "But when someone else steps in and reinforces what they're learning, it has a strong impact."

The Health Exploration Station is Michigan's first interactive health education center that offers a wide variety of hands-on tools and techniques and ageappropriate, interactive presentations for children to increase their knowledge, awareness and health in a fun, memorable format.

A unique component of the center includes giant, interactive body parts (Exhibit Gallery) to teach school children about the body and health. It is part of the St. Joseph Mercy Health System in Ann Arbor.



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Months after Bridge's lifethreatening experience, Scott sat in her office, bathed in rare golden winter sunlight and recalled hearing Bridge's message on her voice mail. "He sounded so weak and couldn't breath," she said. Without hesitation, she cleared her calendar in order to help her client.

Staring out her large window at the frozen field behind her office, Scott quietly explained

how she saved Bridge's message because she thought she was never going to hear from him again.

"I really didn't think he was going to make it," said Scott, her voice trailing off just a bit. Then, readjusting herself in her wicker chair, she smiles. "But he did."

Scott worked as a therapist for Oakland Family Services for six years before taking the plunge and beginning her own private practice.

The Heart of a

Woman Lecture Series

Let this be the year you keep

those New Year's resolutions.

that exercise and good eating

You probably have heard

"I needed more balance in my practice," Scott said of her decision to break out on her own in the summer of 1996. While working for Oakland Family Services. Scott worked primarily with sexual offenders and victims of sexual abuse.

She said the daily crises and testifying in court frequently were draining, which contributed to her decision to begin her own practice with Advanced Counseling Services.

Now, Scott counsels a wider

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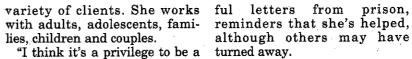
"I think it's a privilege to be a part of peoples' quiet victories,' Scott said. "They're challenging a belief or a behavior, or trying to see themselves differently."

When they succeed, she said, there isn't likely to be a loud celebration, but they're victories all the same.

Scott revels in those victories long after treatment has ended. She said she received a letter from a six-year-old girl she had counseled for nighttime separation anxiety a year after the girl stopped seeing Scott. "She wrote, 'Dear Debbie, I

sleeped in my own bed three nights this week," Scott said with a smile, rejoicing in her young client's victory again.

She cherishes every bit as much the letters from clients she counseled for sexual offenses. She has received hopeful, grate-



She said of her sexual offender clients, "They have for me reinforced the idea that you have to separate the person from the behavior. Not to minimize the behavior or discount it, but to care for them and to treat them, you have to make that distinction."

To accomplish that seemingly impossible feat, Scott said, "I try to imagine them as little, innocent babies. What could have happened in their lives to make them go from being that sweet baby to doing the things they've done?"

The hardest thing Scott has had to accept in her career is the recognition that you can't win all the battles.

"The hardest thing is learning to accept that you can't make somebody change or want to

■ Three Chords and the Truth -Sara Evans

Lucky Man – Dave Koz ■ Chill Factor – Richard Elliot

Q&A

Q: Who supplies the money for the Nobel Peace Prize?

A: Alfred Nobel, who made his fortune in the Baker oil fields of Russia and through the sale of dynamite and other explosives, bequeathed \$9.2 million for the prize at his death in 1896. Some say his concern over increasing mankind's ability to kill one another led him to endow a peace prize. Today, Nobel Prizes are also awarded in the areas of physics, chemistry, physiology or medicine, and literature.

Source: The Book of Answers by Barbara Berliner

Library construction update

For information visit the proposed floor plan and our photo album of the expansion at our Web site: www.cantonpl.org

For young readers

- Here are some youth-oriented autobiographies: Things Change by Troy Aik-
- man ■ On the Bus With Joanna
- Cole by Joanna Cole
- Cowgirl Dreams by Jennifer Owings Dewey
- \blacksquare Surprising Myself by Jean Fritz

change," she said. "It's like planting a garden. You provide all the elements, the soil, the water, the sunlight. But you can't force that seed to grow."

Besides therapist and gardener, Scott shyly confirmed a story passed on by Bridge-she recently discovered she is royalty.

Giggling a little as she searched for a certificate from The Office of Her Majesty's Registry in London, Scott said she is in fact the Duchess of the Scottish Highlands.

Scott joked that she has tried with very little success - to convince her coworkers to address her as nobility, and has periodically threatened to behead them.

So, although Scott remains uncomfortable with the title of hero, and even more uncomfortable with angel, "Your Grace" will do just fine for the down-toearth duchess.

Count Me In by Cal Ripken

Staff favorites

Here are non-fiction picks for 2000:

 \blacksquare The Power of Now by Echart Tolle

Bobos in Paradise by David Brooks

Bowling Alone by Robert Putnam ■ Pedro and Me by Judd Win-

nick One Hundred Flowers by

Harold Feinstein

Hot topic of the week

Erie Ice Daze! Jan. 20-21 is a two-day family event focusing on traditional ways to enjoy the winter season. Activities include dog mushing, ice fishing, ice harvesting, an educational presentation on the history of fur trapping, and an ice age nature walk. Plans for Saturday evening include a bonfire and winter star watch. There will be snow snake tournaments each day. Erie Ice Daze will be held at Lake Erie Metropark, 32481, W. Jefferson in Brownstown. For more information call (734) 379-5020.

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by Steve Mansfield

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instituted in 1938 was 25 cents per hour?

percent of all returns submitted? The instrument shoe salespeople use to measure feet is called the Brannock device?

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The first minimum wage

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DENISE DAWLET SHIMOKOCHI

Services for Denise Dawlet Shimokochi, 46, of Manchester, were held Dec. 30 at The First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. James P. Russell officiating. Burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery in Chelsea.

Mrs. Shimokochi was born Oct. 23, 1954 in Detroit and died Dec. 27 in Ann Arbor. She worked from 1986 to 1994 for Sarns-3M Health Care Systems. Beginning in 1994, she worked as a consultant in the medical devices field. She moved to Manchester in 1999 from Canton Township. She received a master's degree from The University of Michigan in Bio-Engineering. Her undergraduate degree was in Zoology from U-M. She also finished two years of medical school at Bowman-Gray University in North Carolina.

She enjoyed gardening, painting, sketching and sewing. She had a deep love for children, loved to dance, loved jazz, loved stuffed animals. She enjoyed decorating, cooking, baking, antiques, and art appreciation. She was the general contractor for her home in Manchester. She loved butterflies and wild life rehabilitation. She enjoyed sponsoring a child in Christian children's funds. She was very concerned about the environment and was a friend of wild life.

Survivors include her husband, David, of Manchester; . sons, Nicholas Shimokochi of Hazel Park, and Daniel Shimokochi of Manchester; parents, Julia and Glen Bromley of Hart; in-laws, Anna and Nobu Shimokochi of Royal Oak; grandmother, Julia Megyesi of Livonia; brother, Kevin (Tangerla) Darian of California; sisters, Linda (Yaser) Farha of Dexter and Amy (Tom) Lesser of Chelsea.

Memorials may be given to Arbor Hospice.

Arrangements were made by The Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

LOYD G. SHARLAND

Services for Loyd G. Sharland, 82, of Plymouth were held Dec. 30 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Sanford Burr officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. Sharland was born March 31, 1912 in Stockbridge and died Dec. 27 in Ann Arbor. He was manager of the D&C store in Plymouth in the 1940's, where he met his wife, Alice. He was the owner/operator of the Gottschalk Turkey Farm in Plymouth for many years. He came to the Plymouth community in 1941. He was a life-member of the Plymouth Rock Lodge No. 49, F. & A.M. He enjoyed township politics as well as golf and traveling to Florida. Mr. Sharland was preceded in death by wife, Alice; sister, Cora Moore; and brother, William Sharland. Survivors include sons Richard (Emilie) Sharland of Colon; and Randy Sharland of Plymouth; daughter, Marlene Sharland of San Francisco; grandchildren, Dina and Tami Sharland of Plymouth; Kelly Sharland of Plymouth; Gary Sharland of Plymouth; and Matt Sharland of Plymouth; and sister, Arleta Litteral of Jackson.

meulen Funeral Home in Plymouth.

DELORES L. KOTELES

Services for Delores L. Koteles, 62, of Canton were held Dec. 30 at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating.

Mrs. Koteles was born Nov. 27, 1938 in Cedar, Mich. and died December 27 in Ann Arbor. She lived in Canton for 20 years. She had worked as a clerk at JoAnne Fabric in Canton for 10 years, enjoyed doing crafts and was an accomplished seamstress. She also did beautician work out of her own home and had been a Boys and Girls Scout leader.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Koteles was preceded in | death by her father, Albert Erickson; and brothers Maurice and George Erickson.

Survivors include her husband, Sandor Koteles of Canton; mother, Lucille Erickson of Maple City; daughters Kathleen Toma of Westland, Jennifer MacEwen of Westland, Maria (Ken) Smith of Westland; son Sandor (Fiona) Koteles of Wixom; brother, Don Erickson of Fla.; sisters, Arlene Cole of Calif., Helen Rosinski of Cedar, and Alberta Romanowski of Maple City, Mich.; granddaughters Rianna Koteles and Marli Koteles; and grandsons Aaron Toma and Caleb Smith. Arrangements made by Ver-

meulen Funeral Home. **BARBARA ANN VANDERHOFF**

Services for Barbara Ann Vanderhoff, 51, of Walled Lake were held Jan. 2 at St. Agatha Catholic Church in Redford with the Rev. Thomas Slowinski officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Mrs. Vanderhoff was born July

13, 1949 in New York and died Dec. 28 in Walled Lake. She was a secretary at Southfield Lathrup High School for 18 years. She was a member of St. Agatha Catholic Church and a singing member of Madrigal Chorale of Southfield for 10 years. She loved singing very

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much. She enjoyed her dear grandchildren. She lived and attended school in Japan for three years and said she was "Military Dependent."

Survivors include former husband Robert Vanderhoff of Canton; daughters, Michelle (Stephen) Galindo of Livonia and Tracy Vanderhoff of Walled Lake; and grandchildren, Jesston, Haley and Logan.

Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

RAYMOND JOHN GOLEN

Services for Raymond John Golen, 61, of Livonia will be held Jan. 6 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Mr. Golen was born Aug. 30,

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1939 in Detroit and died Dec. 30 in Livonia. He was a safety engineer with Travelers Insurance Company. He was a member of the Plymouth Knights of Columbus Fr. Victor J. Renaud Council No. 3292. He received his degree from University of Detroit. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1961 to 1967.

Survivors include daughters Karen (Christopher) Chartier of Royal Oak, Kathleen Alfred of Howell and Sandra Golen of Northville; son John Golen of Howell; one grandson (born on Christmas); and a brother, Ronald Golen of Jonesboro, Ga. Arrangements made by

Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

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Memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice or the Salvation Army

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EDWARD STANLEY WISKOWSKI

Services for Edward Stanley. Wiskowski, 72, of Plymouth were held Dec. 30 at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Doc Ortman officiating. Burial was at St. John Cemetery in Howell.

Mr. Wiskowski was born July 19, 1928 in Detroit and died Dec. 28 in Livonia. He was co-owner of Parks Window Co., Inc. of Livonia until retirement. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean Conflict. Mr. Wiskowski lived in the Livonia-Plymouth area for 32 years. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, P.L.A.V. Post #166 and active with Plymouth/Canton Civitans. He was a graduate of Walsh Business School.

Survivors include his best friend, Barbara Kobiela of Livonia; daughters Deborah (James) Chapman of Hampshire, Tenn.; Linda (Kevin) Brenner of Columbia, Tenn.; and Karen (Bart) Hopkins of Durand; son Thomas Wiskowski of Cleveland, Ohio; sister Clara Kobiela of Hartland; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia, MI. 48154-5010; Civitan Club of or Plymouth/Canton, P.O. Box 5329, Plymouth, MI 48170. Arrangements made by Ver-

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We sure like it, but this list won't make Late Night

It's the first week of a new year and things are kind of quiet at the Canton administration building. No late-breaking political upheavals - or even planning commission debates about the merit of certain brick colors. (Since the commission returns from its holiday break Monday, we're sure to be talking brick before long.)

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All in all, it's a good time for some introspection about the people and events that stirred the township over the last year. With apologies to David Letterman, the Observer presents its top 10 list, with added editorial musings where appropriate:

10. The Blizzard of 2000 - When nearly a foot (OK, only 6 inches in some neighborhoods) of snow descended on Canton in early December, the question was would Wayne County actually clear the roads in a timely manner or would Supervisor Tom Yack be fielding dozens of calls from angry residents again. The answer was a little of both. While there were some calls, both Yack and county road guru John Roach agree snow clearance was vastly improved over the last big blast in January 1999.

9. Murder trial – Kannari Sutariya, 20, was convicted of stabbing her husband to death in their Carriage Cove apartment on Jan. 22. The murder had a number of unusual twists, including the fact that the couple were newlyweds in an arranged marriage.

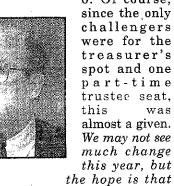
8. Canton Charter Academy opens - After twice being turned down by the planning commission and township board, backers of Canton's first charter school brokered a complicated land deal with a developer and the township for a site near Ford and Ridge Roads. The school opened with temporary classrooms this fall and a more permanent building is under construction. The jury is still out on performance of charter schools and whether there is a big enough demand in areas where there are healthy school dis-

6. Morton Taylor Road extension -Seasons have changed, deadlines have come and gone, the presidential election was even decided (barely) and you still can't drive north or south between Warren and Ford Road. 'nuff said.

5. Martin Luther King controversy - In lieu of a full holiday, the township board decided in August to follow supervisor Tom Yack's recommendation and charge a human relations commission with the task of coming up with appropriate ways to mark the event in Canton. It's a step in the right direction - but a baby step. The board missed a chance for bold and necessary action. It's not often these days that we look to Westland for visionary political decisions. But the King holiday is celebrated there and it's time for Canton to follow suit.

4. Big-time development, public and private - WalMart and Sam's Club are in where AutoNation went out; Life-Time Fitness will build at Haggerty and Ford; and the Summit begins an expansion of its fitness area. As long as you're in Canton, there will be projects. Which reminds us: Whatever happened to the mega development on the southwest corner of the Ford-I275 interchange and the disappearing ice arena at the Canton Softball Center?

3. The non-election - On Nov. 8, the Canton Township Board of Trustees looked exactly the same as it did on Nov. 6. Of course,



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Tom Yack



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I want to express my admiration to the city council of Westland for their decision to make Dr. King's birthday a city holiday. That action demonstrated enlightened thinking in this broadly diverse metro area. By taking this step, the leaders of Westland have shown concretely their support for the vision Dr. King had for our society, one in which people are judged not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. Here in southeast Michigan, where there has been so much racial strife, the city council's action serves as a healing and reconciling act.

My hope is that some of Westland's enlightened thinking may move westward and cross over into Canton. How sad to see Tom Yack's comments that "because we have such a diverse community...we thought it would be unfair to focus on one racial group by giving employees Dr. King's birthday off." To pigeonhole Dr. King day as an African-American holiday shows a complete lack of understanding of both Dr. King and the significance of this holiday. I find it sadly ironic that Dr. King spent his life trying to keep people from being pigeonholed by their race, and Mr. Yack is now doing just that in regards to Dr. King. He seems to be more focused on the color of Dr. King's skin than on the beauty of Dr. King's vision. I totally agree with an assessment made by James Netter, chairman of the Legal Redress Committee for the Western Wayne County Chapter of the NAACP who characterizes Mr. Yack's perspective as "an embarrassment. You'd think they would use common sense and realize that this isn't just an African-American holiday - it's for everybody" (Detroit News, Dec. 19, 2000, p. 3D). As a resident of Canton, I am embarrassed by what Mr. Yack said and I hope that common sense would someday guide Canton's township board on this matter.

driven can never be locked up into something as insignificant as color when the stakes are so high.

Perhaps the leadership in Canton Township would re-evaluate its position on this day and view it as more than just another day off but rather a day where the leadership of this Township would no longer hide behind the philosophy of this being exclusively an African-American holiday. God bless your efforts.

Rev. Joe Stevenson **Pastor of New Liberty Baptist** Church

Praise for police

We are so very lucky in Canton to have such a great police force. Whenever there is a problem, no matter how big or small, not only are they prompt, but also go out of their way to help.

We had a recent incident at Memory Lane Scrapbooks & Stamps very early in the morning, involving the breakage of a 9-foot plate glass window. The Canton Police contacted us immediateseveral centuries. At the same time, he confines the concept of the people's will to the recent aberration known as the ballot initiative, popular among those who like to teach us that we live in a democracy. The hypocrisy becomes unbearable as he defends a system whereby the people's right to selfdefense is arbitrarily rationed by UNELECTED county gun board members, while decrying the action of ELECTED officials in Lansing.

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Where is the "will of the people" in that? Why do the "police officers and prosecutors" to whom he refers somehow have a monopoly on representing "the people's will"? By the way, those "police officers" are in fact mostly political appointees serving in administrative positions, primarily in large cities and counties, hardly the rank and file officers Mr. Malott would have us envision.

The last time I checked, the Constitution allowed the people to elect a legislature, and the legislature to write laws. But apparently I missed some-thing, and the will of the people now resides only in lawsuits, petitions, and ballot initiatives. By the way, if the fact that the law was passed in "lameduck" session so bothers people, why don't they launch a ballot initiative to bar the legislature from legislating after election day? More to the point, if the voters' memories are so short that they can't remember something for two years, whose fault is that? When the representatives elected by the people do something objectionable to the Left, the contortions of logic and self-serving rhetoric that result are amazing.

7. Changes at PCCS and Van Buren now there will be some grass-roots inter-Public Schools – A new superintendent, Kathleen Booher, takes over the helm, the administration goes through a reorganization and two longtime top district officials -

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- move on as

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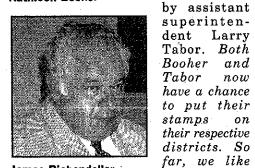
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est in helping form the next generation of community leaders.

2. New schools - The opening of Discovery Middle School and construction of Dodson Elementary and the third high school - all in Canton; the opening of Edgemont Elementary and groundbreaking on Rawsonville Elementary in the Van Buren Public Schools district. Voters are finally seeing the fruits from bond issues passed in the 1990s. Discovery is Canton's first middle school. As long as homes go up, there will be a need for neighborhood schools. The only troubling thing is the boom-and-bust pattern of school building is bound to continue. What will happen when Canton is a mature community with fewer school-age residents?

And the No. 1 story in Canton last year (insert drum roll here):

Ground-breaking on Cherry Hill Village – The "new urban" development – and the performing arts center that will be a centerpiece - have the ability to transform the image of Canton from solid, bedroom community (not all that onbad) to something more - a destination. If it's done right, of course, and if the economy holds up. Check back with us in 10 years and we'll know for sure.



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Campaign stop: He's not on our list, but President-elect George W. Bush won (barely) when it counted. Bush did stop in Canton for a pre-primary campaign rally in February, where he gave a stump speech at the Summit. State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, is in the background at right

Rev. Bryan Smith Geneva Presbyterian Church

Celebrating King

On behalf of the many who supported the recognition of Dr. King's birthday and whose passions have transcended any attempt on making this merely a day specifically designed as an African-American holiday, I commend the city council of Westland for making the celebration of this day a city holiday. Someone once said, "It's difficult to speak truth to power." Your sensitivity to this important issue has demonstrated there are those who are in positions of power who will hear truth.

As this country seeks to become more unified in its diversity, your actions have demonstrated a unity that is not ethnically motivated but rather ethically proper. For any to view Dr. King's day as a day for African-Americans is to severely miss his message of peace and hope for a nation that has been blessed more than other nations in the world. Dr. King did not die for African-Americans. Dr. King was in Memphis for trash collectors. Therefore his death was, in part, for garbage workers and not just African-Americans. His appeal was far more reaching than ethnicity. The recognition of this day appreciates his labor of love and conviction. A man whose passions are not politically poised but rather purpose

ly (1:30 a.m.) and assured us that everything was secure and waited for our arrival to the store. They also stayed with us during the cleanup and the window board up process to make sure we were in control before they left. In addition to all this great service, they apprehended the individual responsible for the act. We truly appreciate their support in going beyond the call of duty. Thank you Lieutenant Rankin and Officers Kerr, Koch and Jagst.

> Jim and Vicki Chilcoff Memory Lane Scrapbooks & Stamps

Remember their votes

I concur with your analysis of the proposed pay raises for our state legislators. While legislators might deserve raises, the amounts currently proposed are obscene. I would add to your analysis that in an era when we are losing representation in Washington based on population, we probably shouldn't have the third or fourth highest paid state representatives in the country. I sure wish I could get a 30 percent raise in one year. Our employees, the state legislators, ought to reject this increase and vote to adopt the legislation proposed by Messer's McCotter and Bisbee.

Your newspaper could do us all a favor by following up on your editorial and publish a list of how each and everyone of our representatives voted (or abstained) on both the pay raise and the McCotter/Bisbee legislation.

We taxpayers could then really let these people know how we feel with our votes next election time

> K. Hewitt Livonia

Contortions of logic'

In his recent editorial "Playing games ought to end at the Capitol doorstep" (O & E, 12/21/00), Mike Malott goes to great lengths to extend the deceptive power of the term "will of the voters" over the uninitiated and guilibly wishful.

In a desperate, last-minute attempt to try to fight a fair and consistent concealed weapons policy, Mr. Malott ignores the fundamental processes by which representative, republican government has operated over the last

Ted Gomulka, Jr. Livonia

Keep pets warm

With winter coming, it is time again to remind pet owners that all animals need a warm, dry shelter if they are going to be left outside for any amount of time during the cold months.

It is very disturbing to see the number of animals that are chained to broken down dog houses, trees or fences. Most of these animals are left outside for hours, days, weeks and years at a time, many of them without adequate food and shelter. Some of this might be due to lack of understanding, but much of it is outright cruelty. Sherry Feldman

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Credit Beardmore for taking stand in school improvements

Dorothy Beardmore ended her term as president of the Michigan State Board of Education at the turn of the year. Her involvement in K-12 education runs more than 30 years and stands as a monument to the ways citizen participation in the governance of our state improves the lives of all of us.

With a freshly-minted B.A. from Cornell,

Beardmore and her husband moved to Rochester, where she got involved from the get-go in community activities.

She volunteered to be a member of a committee to pick a site for the second high school, Of course, "As I was the only woman on a 12man committee,

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you know perfectly well who got to be secretary," she explains. Then she realized the school her kids were attending was newly opened and lacked a library, so she and some other volunteers went out and created a library.

Beardmore adds, "At a certain point, somebody said, 'If you're going to be doing all this, why don't you go on the school board?' and so I ran." She was elected to the Rochester school board in 1967, which was also the year collective bargaining with teachers' unions started in Michigan. She served on the Rochester school board for eight years and, in addition, served 12 years on the Intermediate School Board, taking the seat of "someone who made a habit of sleeping through meetings."

So when she ran for the State Board of Education in 1984, Dorothy Beardmore had immersed herself in all aspects of K-12 education for more than 20 years. "I decided to run because I didn't like the way the state board was responding to A Nation at Risk, the celebrated report on schools in America that coined the phrase 'a rising tide of mediocrity.'

She ran successfully for a second term in 1994, serving as a persistent, knowledgeable voice of sanity on a board that was dominated by noisy, right-wing ideologues who were more interested in tearing down the public schools than in reforming them. A moderate Republican in the mold of former Gov. William G. Milliken, Beardmore was elected president of the state board in 1998, winning votes from both Republicans and Democrats.

I first met Dorothy Beardmore in the mid-1980s when I was chairing the Michigan Job Training Coordinating Council. I had been invit-

ed to give a speech to a statewide conference that included a bunch of teachers and education administrators. I said various inflammatory things about schools and how they didn't teach kids the skills they needed to get good-paying jobs.

After I finished, I was approached by a schoolmarmish woman, tall, with piercing eyes and an angular jaw who in a gentle way upbraided me for what I considered minor inaccuracies. But as we talked, I discovered that Dorothy Beardmore knew more about K-12 education in Michigan than anybody I had ever met and that she was prepared to talk about it as long as I was able to listen.

School reform in Michigan simply would not have taken place without Dorothy Beardmore's career in education.

She promoted the new rules for teacher certification in 1985 that brought teacher credentials into the 20th century. She spearheaded Public Act 25, requiring schools to submit regular school

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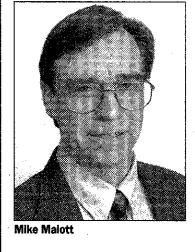
improvement plans.

She understood from the start that improving schools was at heart a matter of defining what kids were supposed to learn, setting in place assessment measures to learn what kids actually did learn and then feeding back the results into teaching methods, text books and curricula classroom by classroom, building by building, district by district. And so she was deeply involved in developing the MEAP test, now used as the statewide measurement of pupil performance, and the curriculum standards that undergird the test.

In the letter accompanying her essay on 16 years at the state board, Dorothy Beardmore wrote, "Such a recital of state board contributions begins to sound whiny, since we get little credit for our work." She closed with characteristic precision: "If what I've sent isn't what you had in mind, I can always try again. You spoke in terms of about 900 words. I'm sending 898.

Dorothy Beardmore has done more for more people with far less credit than she deserves. We need more - many more! - like her.

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Every journalist who has written about Michigan's reformed concealed gun law has concluded that the changes will make it "easier" to get a permit, that more people will be allowed to carry concealed weapons.

Proponents dispute such conclusions.

They argue the new law - approved by lawmakers last month, signed by Gov. John Engler Tuesday, and scheduled to take effect in July – is the most restrictive of any state that has a "must issue" law for CCW permits (and that appears to be true.)

They say some who now hold permits won't be able to get them under the revised law (which may also be true.) The new law prohibits even those with CCW permits from taking guns into certain types of buildings, such as schools, daycare centers, arenas, bars, hospitals, casinos and churches (and that much is definitely correct.)

In the final days of the debate in lame duck session, proponents said they had no idea how many new guns would be on the streets, or even whether there would be more out there at all.

Rep. Mike Green, R-Mayville, who once estimated that the number of additional permit holders would come to something like 200,000, admitted he'd pulled that number out of thin air. Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Highland, contended that no one knew what the real numbers would be, and that the only way to find out for sure would be to pass the bill and see what happened.

The information shared with the press and public about the likely effect of the changes consisted of some graphs that purportedly showed crime going down in other states as the number of the gun permits increased. But the sheets were so incomplete as to be indecipherable. They lacked a key to explain what the graphs supposedly showed. They even failed to include a source so that the information could be verified.

Such a lack of data about the likely result of a bill is surprising in a state capital where the problem is usually just the opposite, where typically the difficulty is making sense out of information overload.

Proponents will also argue that the bill's new requirement for gun safety training will discourage some would-be permit applicants, who would rather not bother with the class even if it means foregoing getting their CCW permit.

I find that one hard to believe. I think of 15 and 16 year olds - who are not known to be the most

Better explanation of concealed gun law is needed

motivated or persistent group of people (and I can say that because I was that age myself once). Yet nearly everyone in that age group is willing to undergo a lot more training and course work to get the permits they seem to want very badly, their driver's licenses.

I don't see that a requirement for eight hours of firearms training, which must include three hours on the firing range, as much of a disincentive.

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So long as you are willing to spend that much time in a class and are at least 21, don't have a criminal record, and don't have a history of mental illness, the new law says local gun boards will have to give you a permit.

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That is, the law will say that if it is allowed to go into effect. Wayne County Prosecutor Mike Duggan and a coalition of police and prosecutors from across the state are planning to run a petition drive aimed at putting the law to a referendum on the election ballot in November 2002. ann

Hopefully, the quality of information about what the change will truly do will improve by then.

Frankly, the idea of passing legislation without such information to see what happens is a rather odd approach. And it would seem rather unnecessary, considering 30 other states have "shall issue" laws already.

Typically when other states have similar laws in effect, the folks in Lansing can make pretty accurate predictions about what their proposals are likely to do. Well, they can if they want to.

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Teens' duct-tape fashions prove good things stick

Good kids don't often make the news. This is about a couple of good kids. Here's how I found them.

Our youngest daughter, now a San Francisco resident, is into the basics. She has a computer, but gave away her television. She shares ownership of a vintage car, but usually travels by bike.

She enjoys a trip to Target, but delights in buying second hand. I try to keep in mind what works easy.

for her when I give her gifts, but it isn't always When, during this holiday season, I came upon a hand-made,

duct tape wallet at a West Bloomfield gift shop, I was pretty sure I

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had a winner. A few days later, I overheard at a party that the wallet was made by a pair of local teens. It turns out that Oren Brandvain, 13, and Reuben Maxbauer, 14 for the past year or so have been fashioning all kinds of clothes and accessories from duct tape — strictly for fun.

"We made the shorts first," Reuben explains to me, as the Farmington Hills teens sprawl on the couch in our den on New Year's Day. On the floor they line up a sampling of their handiwork: shorts, overalls, a purse, shoes and the wallet —

shining up at me in silvery, duct tape splendor. They've also designed backpacks, hats (both a

fisherman's hat and a baseball cap), gloves and belts - and "an entire space outfit" for a friend of theirs who was seeking extra credit for a science project.

"The overalls are my favorite because they're so cool," Oren confides, as he demonstrates how the straps can be adjusted. "I think the purse is kind of neat," Reuben offers. "I had some girls over and one said 'I have a Kate Spade that looks just ike it.'

In fact, the purse may be the next item that the wo buddies try to market. An envelope style, but with a strap, it sports a square closure button (a signature device that appears on some of their other products) and an ability to lie flat or expand of which they are very proud.

"The only thing we've tried to sell so far is the wallet," Reuben reports. In fact, the whole idea to sell what they were making for fun just sort of happened.

They created 100 wallets to give as favors to friends who attended Oren's bar mitzvah. A parent who was there, Bill Graham, offered to drive Reuben home, later finding one of the wallets on his car floor.

"I loved it," said Graham, a West Bloomfield resident in the computer leasing business. "Everybody who sees them loves them. I have

sort of been encouraging the boys.'

Well, more than sort of. "He put it on eBay and

As you can guess, the teens are laid back about the whole enterprise.

some guy from Wisconsin bought 15," Oren relates. Graham also promoted it to his wife Susie, an owner of the gift store Greetings From. Their first batch of 25 wallets, well placed on

the store's check-out counter, sold out. I actually bought the last one. Oren, who says he is artistic, and Reuben, who

says he's not, enjoy figuring out and refining each of their creations, which they do by trial and error. With the design down pat and if he's paying attention, it takes Oren five minutes to make a wallet. "If I'm watching TV and it's a good show, it might take longer."

As you can guess, they are laid back about the whole enterprise. "It's our parents who are really into this." Reuben reports.

But, just in case, they have come up with a company name — Slow Gold. Oren senses my puzzlement. "You know, kind of like quick silver," he says.

And, just in case, they wouldn't reveal one phase of their design process. "The secret is in how to make it sturdy," Reuben explains. "But it's all out of duct tape."

If it turns out to be a money-making operation, they'll give a percentage to charity.

Good kids don't often make the news. This is about a couple of good kids.

Oh, and by the way, my daughter loves the wallet.

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New midfield terminal still looking for a name

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER rpearl@oe.homecomm.net

What would you name the new midfield terminal at Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport?

The \$1.2-billion project, under construction south of the existing Smith Terminal and scheduled to open in December 2001, as yet has no official designation.

In fact, "There's been no discussion (about naming it), as far as I know," airport spokesman Michael Conway said this week. But that doesn't mean it won't happen once Northwest Airlines turns the completed facility over to the county to operate, as planned.

"It's up to the county," said Matt Friedman of Marx Layne public relations, a spokesman for Northwest. And "Much as we'd like to see something clever and catchy with 'Northwest' in it," the decision on any naming is Wayne County's, he said.

What name would you give the terminal? The Observer is inviting suggestions. Here are some key facts to consider:

The project represents

Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara's effort, in partnership with Northwest Airlines, to overcome the fact that Metro, one of the world's busiest airports with over 34 million passengers, also ranks among that clientele as one of the worst.

■ Northwest is handling design and construction and will become chief tenant in the 99-gate combination domestic and international terminal, with Wayne County being landlord.

■ The 10-gate international terminal also will be home to such other international carriers as British Airways, KLM and Lufthansa, besides Northwest.

■ The entire project will cost over \$2 billion, including the new runway, the 11,600-vehicle parking garage, access roads and the planned 9-story hotel.

■ It is the largest-ever publicworks project in the history of Wayne County and Michigan.

You can mail your idea about what to name the midfield terminal to The Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail it to *rpearl@oe*. homecomm.net. Suggestions will appear in a future article.

Rouge River projects receive honors

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER rpearl@oe.homecomm.net

Dan Ballnik, a Ford Motor Co. employee, should be feeling pretty good these days.

A project he spearheaded to stabilize the banks of the Rouge River at Ford Field in Dearborn has won an award from one Rouge reclamation group, while another Rouge organization has honored him for putting the project together and bringing it off.

The Ford Field Streambank Buffer Project, which has begun restoring the riverbank to the ecological state that existed before the Rouge became polluted, received the Wildlife Habitat Protection and Enhancement Award from the Rouge River Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council (RRAC) during its final meeting of 2000, held Dec. 6 at Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills.

Later that day, the Friends of the Rouge organization, meeting at the Dearborn Heights campus of Henry Ford Community College, presented Ballnik – who happens to be an RRAC board member – with one of three Best Friend of the Rouge awards.

The other two Best Friend awards went to state Rep. Bob Brown of Dearborn Heights and to science teacher Diana Johns of the Heights' Crestwood High School.

Also recognized by RRAC during its meeting was the City of The City of Westland was cited by RRAC for a 15-minute video on woody-debris management produced by Westland City Planning Director Todd Kilroy.

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Kilroy said the video, funded in part by a \$5,000 grant from the federal Environmental Protection Agency, was done with the help of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and is available to other communities.

"What it demonstrates is transferable to any water-body" in any community, Kilroy said.

Recruited groups

It was Ballnik, a Dearborn resident and an environmental quality specialist at the auto manufacturer, who recruited the seven groups honored by RRAC: Dearborn Public Schools; Dearborn's public works department; the Ford Motor Co. and the Ford Motor Land Development Services Corp.; the University of Michigan at Dearborn; the Friends of the Rouge; and Wild Ones - Natural Landscapers Ltd.

According to the Friends award, Ballnik organized 600 fellow Ford employees – including Chairman William Clay Ford Jr. – and led them in the work last May.

The Ford people removed logjams along the Rouge banks, created habitats for birds, turtles and small mammals – including building and installing bird houses – and planted 7,500 native species of flowers, grasses, bushes and trees.

In addition, the group built a kiosk at the site "to educate the public about critical issues impacting the river," the RRAC said.

The native plants were utilized to re-establish the wildlife habitat and for erosion control. The project also seeks to control invasive species.

Bill Craig of Livonia, RRAC's vice chairman, said the project showed "how to make improvements in a manicured park" so that native plant species will "enhance the river and restore what used to be."

The project was cited for demonstrating "protection or enhancement of wildlife habitats" in the Rouge watershed; and for creating "strong partnerships" between groups and demonstrating links between

economy, environment and society.

It also demonstrated "a commitment to sustainability," according to the award.

'Model for others'

RRAC Chairman Kurt L. Heise and Rouge RAP Coordinator Cathy Bean called the project "a model for other organizations."

Ballnik now helps Dearborn teachers, students and parents create wildlife habitat in their school yards, the Friends said.

Brown, a Democrat who represents both the Heights and part of Redford Township, received his Best Friend award for initiating legislation creating and sustaining a \$50,000 fund in the MDEQ budget for awards to nonprofit organizations statewide that conduct volunteer cleanups of rivers and streams.

Johns, a science teacher at Crestwood for 28 years, is one of the original 16 high school teachers who enrolled in the Friends' Rouge Education Project when it began in 1987.

She has continued to use the project's multi-disciplinary curriculum annually to introduce students, via hands-on waterquality testing of the Rouge, to environmental studies.

The Friends of the Rouge, which has presented Best Friend awards since 1993, will mark its 15th anniversary in 2001.

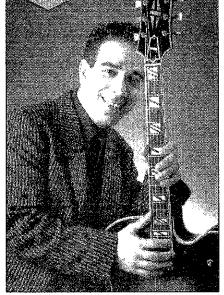


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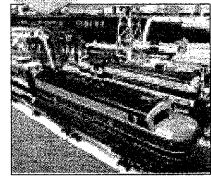
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FRIDAY



Steve Nardella plays the blues 7 p.m. at Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. The show is open to all ages and free. Call (248) 644-4800.

SATURDAY



Model and toy train enthusiasts are welcome 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at the Detroit Historical Museum's fifth annual Glancy Train Show. Admission \$4.50 adults, \$2.25 senior citizens and students 12 to 18, and free for children under 12. Call (313) 833-1805.





Riding the wind: DSO bassoonists Paul Ganson (left), Marcus Schoon, Bob Williams, and Vicki King blow into Orchestra Hall for special performances of Michael Daugherty's "Hell's Angels."

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER Ichomin@oe.homecomm.net

ichael Daugherty composes music about what he knows best and what audiences relate to – popular American culture.

Daugherty grew up in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, surrounded by music – popular American music. The Motown sound, jazz and rock can all be heard in his latest work *MotorCity Triptych*. The Detroit Symphony Orchestra, under conductor Neeme Jarvi, presents the world premiere of this musical cruise through Detroit Jan. 4-6 at Orchestra Hall, and kicks off a mini-Daugherty festival. His *Hell's Angels* revs up the season's programming Jan. 11-13.

Daugherty, the DSO's composer-in-residence, spent hours riding up and down the streets and boulevards of Detroit, listening to legendary Motown artists, and attending a 4-hour service with Rosa Parks at St. Matthew African Methodist Episcopal Church before composing MotorCity Triptych in three movements: Motown Mondays, Pedal-to-the-Metal and Rosa Parks Boulevard. To write Motown Mondays he imagined "an exotic world of harmonies and rhythms that might have been performed by Motown artists on a Monday night at The Roostertail Club." Each and every note celebrates the city's

300th birthday.

DSO revs up season with world premiere



Composer in residence: The Detroit Symphony Orchestra features the music of Michael Daugherty – the world premiere of "MotorCity Triptych" and "Hell's Angels" featuring the orchestra's bassoon section.

> environment where the piece will be played. And like an actor researching his part for a play, I spent a lot of time driving around the city and talking to people in stores and cafes."

Anti-Freeze Blues Festival heats up

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER scasola@oe.homecomm.net

Frigid temperatures in Ferndale can mean only one thing - it's time to turn up the heat and kick back with some blues.

The Anti-Freeze Blues Festival, an annual endeavor of Ferndale's Magic Bag, means more than just two sizzling nights of blues. It's also the biggest fund-raiser of the year for the Detroit Blues Society, an organization dedicated to keeping the blues tradition alive in the metro area.

Headlining this year's festival are Louisiana-born bluesman Lonnie Brooks and the "father of rock 'n' roll piano" himself Johnnie Johnson. Accompanying these legends are a host of local talents that range in style from the Detroit's original diva, Thornetta Davis, to the jump blues of The Millionaires, from The Alligators to R.J.'s Blues Revue, which features the vintage voicework of Stanley Mitchell, Joe Weaver and Kenny Martin.

Coming up with a lineup like this takes careful consideration. "We start to talk about what

headliners we'd like to have, who has CDs coming out," said Jeremy Haberman, owner of the Magic Bag and Royal Oak resident. "We try to make it fair for the local blues musicians."

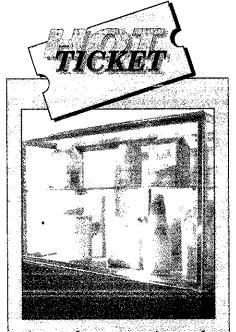
Anti-Freeze Blues Festivai When: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 5-6 Where: Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale Tickets: \$20 each night, call (248) 544-3030

It's the perfect spot to come in out of the cold. Howe's Bayou will provide Cajun fare to accompany the music. Originally called the Deep Freeze Blues Festival, it comes around every year at the onset of the Michigan winter. Two years ago, a heavy snowstorm forced organizers to cancel the second night of the event. But bad weather never stops Haberman, R.J. Spangler, chairman of the Detroit Blues Society, and guitarist Jeff Grand, who collaborate to bring together the best in local and national blues each year. "At this time of year, this type of festival can definitely be successful," said Haber-

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Steven Soderbergh's latest film, Traffic, is playing in metro area theaters. Catherine Zeta-Jones stars as Helena Ayala, the unknowing and pampered wife of a drug baron.



Art and consumerism coilide as in H. N. Semjon's work, Grocery No. 1, found at Cranbrook Art Museum's latest exhibition, Fabula: Media and Contemporary Art, on display Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is \$5 adult, \$3 full-time students with ID and senior citizens, and free for children under 5. Call (877) GO-CRANBrook.

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MotorCity Triptych

What: The Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents a world premiere by Michael Daugherty in celebration of Detroit's 300th birthday; also Mahler's Symphony No. 1 (Titans) When: 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 4-5.

10:45 a.m. Friday, Jan. 5, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6 Where: Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward,

Detroit. **Tickets:** \$15-\$52, a limited number of box seats available at \$45-\$71. Call (313) 576-5111

The music of Michael Daugherty continues 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 11-12, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, as the DSO performs his Hell's Angels for Bassoon Quartet and Orchestra. Guest artist on the program is Joshua Bell performing a violin concerto by Sibelius "I really try to write music that reflects the environment I'm in," said Daugherty, who began teaching composition at the University of Michigan School of Music in 1991. "When you hear Motown Mondays you hear the grooves. When you hear Pedal-to-the-Metal, you hear Middle Eastern music. When you hear Rosa Parks Boulevard, you hear spirituals."

The trombone section in the final movement – Rosa Parks Boulevard – echoes the voices of generations of preachers in Detroit and across the country. Lyrical sections alternate with the turbulent bus ride.

"The way I compose music for the concert stage is different from other composers," said Daugherty. "I like to write pieces to reflect the One of Daugherty's stops was the Prestige Club, a popular Middle Eastern night club, located at Telegraph and Michigan Avenue. It's part of the musical journey Daugherty takes as he speeds down Michigan Avenue. Along the way he captures the sights and sounds – the Middle Eastern restaurants and cafes, the billboards, neon signs, diners, and gas stations in fragmented orchestrations, melodies and counterpoints.

"Pedal-to-the-Metal has heavy Middle East influence in string and percussion," said Daugherty, who composes nearly every day in his Ann Arbor studio. He spent 10 months writing *Motor City Triptych* which Jarvi and the DSO will take

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Johnnie Johnson, the "father of rock 'n' roll piano"

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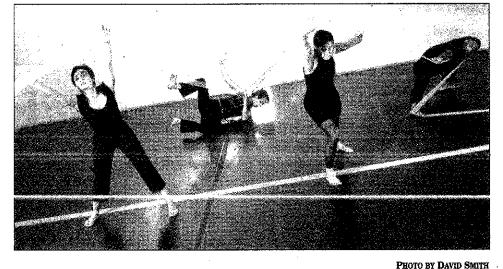
Peter Sparling dancers stop 'Traffic' with new work

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

Peter Sparling marvels at the speed dancers move across the stage in *Traffic*. The new work dissects the colors red, yellow and green as dancers travel through a series of urban and rural landscapes.

This is the first time members of the Peter Sparling Dance Company have choreographed a work and Tim Smola, a Garden City dancer, couldn't be more encited. He pletted out the sautious

segment of the triptych titled **Traffic** Yellow. Lisa What: Peter Sparling Catrett-Belrose Dance Company creates a pasperforms the world sionate, pulsepremiere of work driven portrait of choreographed by contemporary life three of its members When: 8 p.m. in Red. Julianne Thursday-Saturday, O'Brien Peder-Jan. 11-13, and 2 sen's Green is p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14 definitely a go as Where: Performance dancers leap at Network, Ann Arbor. break-neck Tickets: \$17 on Thursday and Sunday, speeds across the \$20 Friday-Saturday. stage. Call (734) 663-0681 Traffic, with all



Caution: Tim Smola choreographed this dance titled "Yellow." It is one of three sections in "Traffic," a new work by the Peter Sparling Dance Company.

its dynamic moves and steps, races into the Performance Network Theatre in Ann Arbor Jan. 11-14 as part of the Fireside Festival of New Work. The world premiere of *Traffic* is one of three works on the program which includes *Possible Dances* and *Orfeo Suite*, both choreographed by Sparling. Orfeo Suite offers two selections from a full-length production of Gluck's opera Orfeo and Euridice.

Commissioning company dancers to create *Traffic* gave Sparling the opportunity to choreograph the opera he began working on while taking a sabbatical from teaching dance at the University of Michigan. Orfeo and Euridice will be performed May 19 in a workshop which includes students from the university's School of Music. The work will receive its world premiere as part of the University Musical Society series in November at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor.

"The idea for *Traffic* was to challenge the dancers dramatically but also aerobically," said Sparling who spent his teen years in Plymouth. "They really move. They hardly have time to catch their breath."

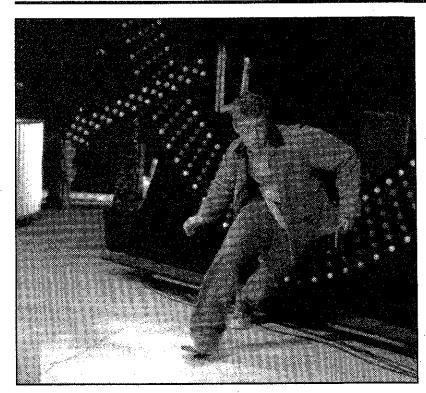
Written in three sections, the work explores contemporary social patterns.

"I commissioned them to freely associate on traffic and the three colors of the traffic light," said Sparling who was a member of the Martha Graham Dance Company for seven years before beginning his own company in New York in the early 1980s. "I wanted to celebrate the invention of the traffic light which was first implemented on the streets of Detroit in 1928. I thought it was an appropriate way to celebrate Detroit's 300th birthday because of the

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On the run: Ryan Phillipe stars in Antitrust.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Jan. 5

TRAFFIC

The story follows Kentucky Judge Robert H. Lewis after he is appointed the United States' drug czar by the president. Chaos ensues when the war on drugs hits home: he discovers his daughter is a drug addict, threatening his job and reputation if her addiction is made public. To complicate matters, she has escaped from her rehab center and is nowhere to be found. Stars Michael Douglas.

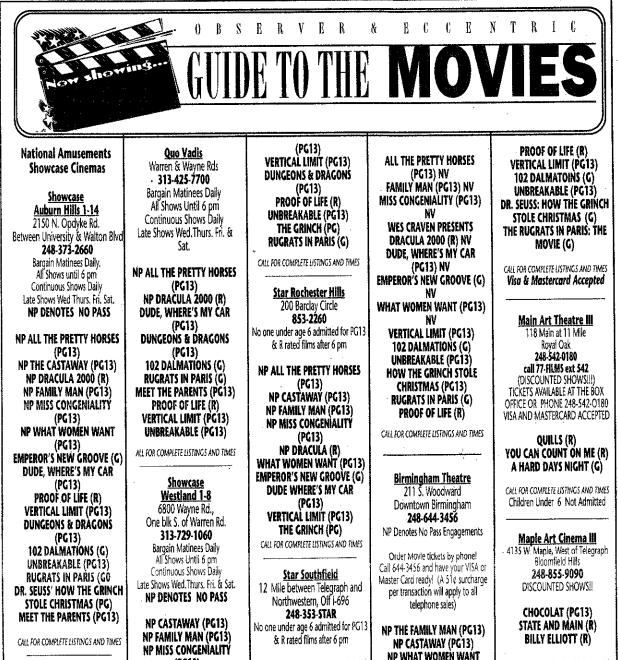
Special events

LITTLE NICKY Comedy starring Adam Sandler, 8 p.m. Wedneşday, Jan. 10, Magic Bag Brew and View, Ferndale. 21 and older. \$2. (248) 544-3030

CHARLIE'S ANGELS

Comedy take on popular 70s television show stars Cameron Diaz, Lucy Lui, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, Magic Bag Brew and View, Ferndale, 21 and older, \$2. (248) 544-3030

Scheduled to open Friday, Jan. 12 ANTITRUST



Milo, an idealistic computer genius has a seemingly perfect life, until he is

recruited by a multibillion dollar corporation run by his professional hero, Garv Winston. Milo soon realizes that his mentor's desire to be the best has led to unethical decisions by the company.

DOUBLETAKE

An investment banker is framed for laundering money for a Mexican drug cartel. He partners with a would-be street hustler, who really works for a government agency. Stars Orlando Jones and Eddie Griffith.

THIRTEEN DAYS

The story chronicles the tense 13 days during the Cuban Missile Crisis when the United States fought a cat-andmouse game with the Soviet Union to

stop it from importing missiles to Cuba. Stars Kevin Costner and Bruce Greenwood

SAVE THE LAST DANCE

A complicated clash of cultures, both ethnic and artistic, provides the backdrop for this musical drama about a white, middle class small town teenager.

Scheduled to open Friday, Jan. 19

THE GIFT

A recently-widowed mother of three who bears the "gift" of psychic vision is scorned by some narrow-minded town citizens. As she struggles to support herself and her sons by giving psychic readings, Annie's visions begin to unravel the town's dark secrets.

THE PLEDGE

A homicide detective enters a gruesome murder investigation on the day of his retirement. Faced with the young victim's grieving parents and his own reluctance to leave the force, he vows to find the killer. Stars Jack Nicholson, Patricia Clarkson, Benicio Del Toro, Dale Dickey, Aaron Eckhart, Costas Mandylor and Helen Mirren.

Scheduled to open Sunday, Jan. 22 THE CLAIM

Dillon, a man who in a moment of drunken impulse, sells his wife and daughter to the devil for the claim to a gold mine.

Detroit's jazz heritage sets stage for new Burns' series

With the epic BACKSTAGE story of jazz com-PASS ing up on Detroit Public Television this month, filmmaker Ken Burns takes viewers on an astonishing musical journey that began in the halls, dance ANN DELISI saloons, and street parades of New Orleans in the early 20th century.

Public television is devoting 19

hours of airtime to the Ken Burns

film in celebration of the music

At 7:30 p.m. Jan. 7, the eve of

the jazz series premiere, Detroit

Public TV's Backstage Pass turns

its spotlight on Detroit's jazz her-

itage. The recollections of some of

the area's venerable artists, such

as Harold McKinney, Donald Wal-

don and Marcus Belgrave, will

help to recreate the sounds and

environment of two distinct eras in

Detroit's enduring jazz scene.

genre's centennial.

DSO

The first wave occurred in the 1940s and 1950s, and Backstage Pass music producer Ron Pangborn taps into the memories and music of legendary pianist McKinney.

"The seminal Detroit jazz sound emerged during the be-bop period. It was rhythm-heavy and had a name all its own. They called it hard-bop, and its industrial quality has been recognized in a large percentage of the music coming out of the city ever since," says Pangborn.

The second heyday of Detroit jazz took place during the 1960s, as the city became a home for artists who were pushing the beat during the counter-culture movement of that decade. It was a place that Miles Davis and many other artists honed their skills and developed their unique styles, while Belgrave and other standouts began an enduring reign as architects and practitioners of the distinctive sound of Detroit jazz.

Best of all, the next generation of Detroit jazz artists has arrived,

as evidenced by the internationally acclaimed saxophonist James Carter. It's inspiring to watch the torch being passed by those who have contributed so much to our area's musical heritage. On the Jan. 7 Backstage Pass, McKinney shares the spotlight with one of his students - a young pianist named **Roland Hamilton**.

Another segment features Rayce Biggs, an emerging trumpet player who is a Belgrave protégé.

"Biggs' strengths are his tremendous talent as an artist and his understanding of the realities of the business. His background and training is rich with New Orleans jazz, but he combines this traditional style with the practical benefits of having his own studio to develop his sound and pay the bills," says Todd Hastings, who produces the segment.

What is clear in Burns' film and the new crop of Detroit area musicians is the history of jazz is still unfolding. Have yourself a jazzy little January.

on a tour of Florida after the Detroit premiere.

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"I compose on computer and synthesizer so when I write I can actually listen back."

It's apparent that Daugherty listens to all kinds of music. He grew up surrounded by music. His father played in a dance band and it wasn't long before the younger Daugherty took up piano and percussion. By his classical music you hear where I teen years. Daugherty was playing Hammond organ in a jazz rock band. He started composing in college around 1972 and by 1986 had earned a doctorate from Yale University. In between, he studied composition at the Manhattan School of Music. His prolific output

includes such contemporary compositions as Metropolis Symphony and Bizarro (inspired by Superman comics), Elvis Everywhere for three Elvis impersonators and string quartet, the opera Jackie O, and other pieces Sunset Strip, Route 66, Niagra Falls, Flamingo, and Blue Like an Orange.

"I think what I'm doing in came from, how I organized the ture. He'll talk about his work one hour before performances. For the Jan. 11-13 programs, Hell's Angel's will follow a preconcert talk and performance of Dead Elvis by the University of Michigan Contemporary Directions Ensemble. The innovative Hell's Angels features the bassoon section which will be dressed in leather. Daugherty eventually plans to record Hell's Angels, Motor City Triptych, and

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auto industry and life in the fast lane.

"Green contrasts people waiting at a red light to go, waiting and winding up and waiting to be free. Red is four women in four red chairs, takes off on red being passion, sexuality. It's powerful, sultry and danced to tangos. Yellow is a school yard taped off after some act of violence or threat. The idea is we live in a state of caution. The Theraband extends across the stage and breaks it into compartments. It's very much the body language that tells the story of fear, trepidation."

That's exactly what Smola had a certified massage therapist. He in mind when he choreographed took 300 feet of Theraband used as an aid for exercises to Yellow's six dancers to move to strengthen muscles and began the electronic-based music com-

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"It's something I enjoy doing in the middle of winter," said Willy Wilson, promotions director at the Magic Bag. "It's become sort of a tradition. Wilson, also host of The Willy Wilson Show on WDET, has attended the event almost every year since its inception and served as an emcee in the past.

"Detroit has such strong blues roots, the local scene is very, very good," said Wilson, a Detroit resident. Even without the premier headliners the show draws in, the event would stand alone. "For me it's kind of a treat," he said.

This year he's especially looking forward to Johnnie Johnson's performance. "Johnnie Johnson is one of the best piano players out there. He was pretty much

pieces," said Daugherty. "It's the European way of thinking about composing that goes back to Bach and the 14th century."

There's no doubt, though, that Daugherty has made his own niche composing music that plays off American popular cul-

posed by Edie Herrold. A collage

of sound effects - city streets, a

school yard, children and car

crashes - provide a sense of

yellow, as it relates to traffic,"

said Smola, a former member of

the Plymouth Canton Ballet

Company. "I thought of children

and the yellow bus and double

yellow lines in the road, not

knowing whether to speed up or

slow down. I thought about

walking to elementary school,

the precautions my mother gave

the yellow lines from his work as

the backbone of rock 'n' roll. He

spent a good deal of his time in

took to the instrument like a

natural. In the mid 40s, he made

his way around the Detroit blues

scene, discovering the likes of T-

Bone Walker. But when an

aspiring guitarist named Chuck

Berry joined Johnson's band in

1953, it was magic in the mak-

Once signed to Chess Records,

Johnson and Berry penned hits

like Maybelline, No Particular

Place to Go, Roll Over Beethoven

and of course a tribute to the

pianist himself, Johnnie B.

Goode. Currently a lawsuit is

pending against Berry that

alleges the two were equal part-

ners despite the copyrights

which are in Berry's name alone.

Beginning at age 5, Johnson

Smola borrowed the idea for

"I began thinking about color,

urgency and caution.

a violin concerto he's writing for the DSO's 2002-2003 season.

"Something most composers don't do is research," said Daugherty. "I really want to write music where you have the feeling. You recognize something that you connect (to the music.)"

stretching it across the stage.

"I was happy the way it turned out." said Smola who teaches jazz and hip hop at Eastern Michigan University and dance to figure skaters in Ann Arbor and downriver. "It created a lot of neat shapes. Dancers get tangled within it. It's athletic and dynamic, taking it right to the limit and then backing up. I thought how enthusiastic and hyperactive children are. It's an abstract piece about children and adults. Peter really challenged us in that way. It was difficult creating a piece based on a traffic light."

Nonetheless, Smola hopes that Sparling will give dancers a signal to choreograph works in the not-too-distant future.

In 2001, the 76-year-old pianist will be inducted into the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame's "Side-Man" category. He will headline the second and final night of the event.

The seventh annual Anti-Freeze Blues Festival features Lonnie Brooks, Jeff Grand and Jim McCarty, R.J.'s Blues Revue featuring Stanley Mitchell, Joe Weaver, and Kenny Martin, Randy Volin's Sonic Blues and Bugs Beddow, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, followed by performances featuring Johnnie Johnson, George Bedard & The Kingpins, Thornetta Davis, The Millionaires, Lazy Lester & The Blue Suit Band and The Alligators, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, all at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets \$20 per night. Call (248) 544-3030.

New year promises to pop with local music



A. CASOLA

supreme. It may be more of a prediction than a resolution, but thanks to bands like The Waxwings, Mood Elevator, Atomic Numbers, The Sights, They Come in Threes and edgier acts like the White Stripes and The Witches, Detroit is slowly earning back its Rock City moniker.

A self-proclaimed pop junkie, I of course couldn't be happier. So I got in touch with some other leading forces in local music, and I got an earful.

From hip hop to hip 'pop'

Livonia's Freddie Beauregard - known to crowds of overzealous fans as Paradime – is the next hip hop superstar. That's all there is to it. His album Vices is due out this year. Paradime's own highlights of the 2000? "Detroit's explosion," he said, "Kid Rock, Eminem, D12, Royce 5'9 not only did well, but put a spotlight on the D that's so bright it hurts my eyes."

While it also hurts him to admit it, Paradime knows what's in store for Y21: "Pop music is at its cheesiest," he said. "It will make a turn back in to rock, I guess, but my take is that that is so fake, and so cheesy, and it has no heart or edge, and doesn't make you think; (it) won't last."

Chris Johnston, a Birmingham native and frontman for promising pop rock outfit 19 Wheels, would most definitely disagree.

Just days into 2001, the official taste of success - now an 89X favorite for its cover of You Ain't millennium, and Seen Nothing Yet - Johnston musical names his own highlights from direction set the past year: "The continued success of Kid Rock and Eminem forth by some of mostas well as great records by The intriguing local Atomic Numbers, Waxwings, musicians seems Robert Bradley's Blackwater solidified - this Surprise, Five Horse Johnson, will be the year the Workhorse Movement, The pop rock reigns Mood Elevator and others receiving well deserved recognition."

> "I think people are going to get back to catchy little ditties," Johnston said. And that's just what he strives for in songwriting. "If I can't get it out of my head I figure it's got to stick in somebody else's."

Hitting a high point

Moods for Moderns know something about sticky melodies and hooks. The band's manager, Brian Grant of Superior Township confesses that pop music has fallen into a slump. But he has has a line in the a stamp. Let us has has a given up. "The only thing I live by is -a hit song is a hit song, whether it's got real drums, a disco beat, a techno beat, turntable scratches, a midget, or a rap in the bridge."

Without turntables or technology, Ann Arbor's Al Hill manages to perfect his own musical love, the rhythm and blues. On his own or as bandleader for the blues legendary Johnnie Bassett, Hill is just one reminder of the tremendous blues talent in the area. This past year, he was blown away by "The long overdue success of Alberta Adams."

"She knocked out crowds at a number of national festivals, and was a joy to work with," he said of the living blues legend.

As for the future of music trends, Hill had this to say: "I don't know where pop music is

As his band gets its first real headed musically, but the communication between artists and their audience will continue to be enhanced by the Internet."

Cyber-rock

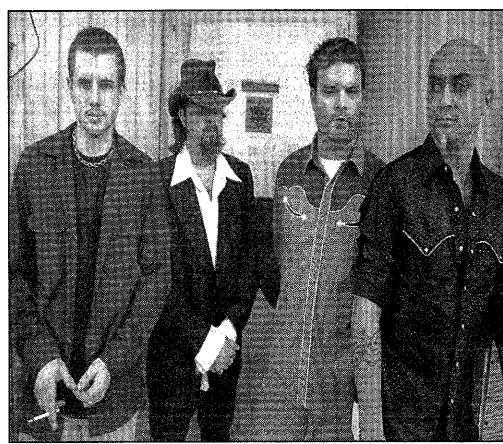
Speaking of Internet, 2000 brought masses of music and music lovers together in cyberspace. Jon Kott, frontman for Rochester's Rooster, can be found at www.roosterband.com. The rootsy rock band won the 2000 Jim "Benefiting Emerging Artists in Music" Grant and was one of three winners of the Palace/Pine Knob's Annual Opening Act Contest. His thoughts on local music? "Lets just all hope that 19 Wheels gets a record deal so we can take the emphasis off of Kid Rock and Eminem and (get) back onto good ol' American rock and roll!" he said. "After four years of playing all over the Midwest and state of Michigan, it's nice to come home to a city that wants you home."

Friend and fellow Opening Act Contest winner, Jeff Moehle – formerly of Troy - is looking forward to more touring in 2001 with his band Knee Deep Shag. Moehle hopes the new year brings back the rock bands. "There are so many solo artists with talented bands behind them. Now it's time for the great bands to get a chance. I also believe that we'll be seeing more organic music take control.

If you crave organic rock, check out Give. Bassist Ray Echlin's favorite moments of 2000 range from his band's stunning set at the Hamtramck Blowout last winter to the performance they started at Detroit's Dally in the Alley - before the power blew.

Close to home, boys

And when he's not performing with Give, he and his brother



Lew Echlin are Harry Chronic Jr. - who made it to radio via 89X's Homeboys Show this past year. "It was the first time most of the band had been to a radio station, let alone meet (host) Kelly Brown and have our music spun on the air."

While Chronic is still recording, the band intends to shoot a video for the single It's Terrifying this month.

My hope, err, resolution for the new year in music? I'd like to see less cutthroat competition and more musicians willing to work together. And I know I'm not the only one.

Mr. Johnston had this to share: "Could this be the year that Detroit bands figure out that a little friendly competition



is good, but we'd be better off pooling our limited resources?" Well said. Good luck to all in 2001.

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Chris Johnston of 19 Wheels

MOVIE REVIEW 'Miss Congeniality' wins laughs, has heart

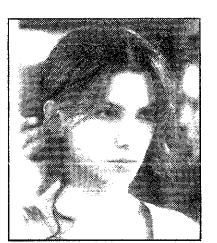
BY CARRIE COOPER SPECIAL WRITER

Are beauty pageants just a bunch of beautiful women with nothing more than looks and a desire for world peace? Or is that

Cider House Rules), Benjamin Bratt, Candice Bergen (Murphy Brown), William Shatner (Ŝtar Trek), and Ernie Hudson (Ghostbusters).

(28 Days), Michael Caine (The sultant, to transform Gracie into Miss New Jersey. He is the best at what he does but Gracie will be his biggest challenge.

As the pageant approaches, Gracie finds herself becoming fond of the other contestants She starts to realize that there is more to these women and the pageant than just beauty.



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STREET SCENE

a stereotype?

Special Agent Gracie Hart (Sandra Bullock) is on the case. Actually she goes undercover to catch a terrorist threatening the Miss United States Pageant. But in the process Gracie finds that there is more to the pageant than just a winning smile and a good platform.

She starts to see that the beauty contestants aren't just a bunch of airheads, but rather a group of beautiful women who want to make a difference in life.

Now Gracie finds herself caught up in the pageant's glamour and starts to really care for the contestants. But will she be able to catch the terrorist in time or worse yet could it be one of the contestants she has befriended?

Castle Rock Entertainment presents Miss Congeniality, a comedy starring Sandra Bullock

The film also stars, Heather Burns, Melissa De Sousa, Steve Monroe, Deirdre Quinn and Wendy Raquel Robinson. It is directed by Donald Petrie and produced by Bullock.

Miss Congeniality is a very physical comedy, especially for Bullock, with a simple plot. The Miss United States Pageant is being threatened; and the only FBI Agent that appears to be photogenic and looks good in a bathing suit is one Gracie Hart. This is a far stretch for someone who likes to be "one of the guys" and never even puts a brush to her hair.

Gracie is reluctant to go along with this plan and her fellow agent Eric Matthews (Bratt) literally and figuratively has to wrestle her into doing it.

To make matters worse the bureau hires Victor Melling (Caine), a beauty pageant con-

Now Gracie is even more determined to find the culprit and protect the other contestants. In the process she becomes Miss Congeniality.

Sandra Bullock is back doing what she does best, physical comedy. Very funny in this role, she shows her ability to produce a worthy comedy.

Benjamin Bratt, who is known for his television role on Law & Order, currently stars in three films.

Michael Caine is the perfect veteran actor to play Victor. After several dramatic roles Caine shows he still has what it takes to do comedy.

Candice Bergen and William

"ENJOYABLE

Sandra Bullock as Gracie Hart

Shatner provide wonderful performances as well. They are the perfect pair to play the pageant directors.

Miss Congeniality is a great laugh out loud comedy. Bullock's comedic performance alone is worth the trip to the theater.

Carrie Cooper is a Troy resident who writes about film.







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MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: *Lion in Winter* opens Jan. 10, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 377-3300/(248) 645-6666

SECOND CITY THEATRE: *The Vagina Monologues* opens 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23 and continues through Feb. 11, at the theater in Detroit. Tickets \$85 for opening night charity gala, includes after glow. Tickets \$45 for the run of the show, with \$15 tickets available for first 25 students to present ID. (248) 645-6666

COMMUNITY THEATER

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS: *Move Over Mrs. Markham 8 p.m.* Friday-Saturday. Jan. 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27, and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, at the Depot Theater, Clarkston. \$11 Friday-Saturday, \$9 thursday. (248) 625-8811

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS: *Sylvia* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 12-13, 19-20, and 26-27, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21 and 28, at the playhouse, Troy. \$11, \$10 seniors/students on Stundays, includes a coffee and sandwich afterglow. (248) 988-7049

COLLEGE THEATER

HILBERRY THEATRE: Luigi Pirandello's *Six Characters in Search of an Author* runs in rotating repertory until Feb. 22, performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday, at the theater on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE: Musical adaptation of *Pinocchio*, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6 and 13; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, 14, at the theater, Northville. \$7.50. No children under age 3. (248) 349-8110 **PUPPETART:** *Kolobok*, a Russian version of *The Gingerbread Man* 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, Detroit. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

Being fabulous: Cranbrook Art Museum is currently showing "Fabula: Media and Contemporary Art," which features prints like Art Club 2000, above, and other blends of art and consumerism. The exhibit is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, through April. Admission is \$5 adult, \$3 full-time students with ID and senior citizens, and free for children under 5. Call (877) GO-CRANBrook for more information.

CLASSICAL **DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** World premiere of composer-in-residence Michael Daugherty's MotorCity Triptych 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 4-5, 10:45 a.m. Friday, Jan. 5, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit, \$15-\$52, (313) 576-5111 **MICHIGAN CHAMBER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** With guest violinist Xiang Gao 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Seligman Family Performing Arts Center at Detroit Country Day School, Beverly Hills. \$35 for a reserved seat (\$20 seniors/students), \$25 unreserved seat (\$10 seniors/students), (810) 694-7643

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS: Begins rehearsals on Tuesday, Jan. 9 for its spring concert April 28-29, auditions will be held by appointment 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30, first sopranos, tenors and basses are especially needed but there are some openings for second sopranos and altos, at First United Methodist Church, Plymouth. (734) 455-4080 PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY: Holds the first rehearsal for its 15th season 7:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, works selected to be performed are *Requiem* by W.A. Mozart and Motet III by Bach. Scores may be purchased at the first rehearsals. No auditions are required, at First United Methodist Church, Plymouth. The concert dates are Sunday, March 4, at Orchestra Hall in Detroit, and Monday, March 5. (734) 455-8353

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS: Auditions for Carousel 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, come prepared to sing, preferably a song from the show, there will also be a dance audition and readings from the script, at the playhouse, Troy. For weekend performances in March. (248) 647-0052 SINGERS WANTED: Learn to sing male four-part harmony, audition not required but the ability to sing "on key," 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, in the music department of the Arts Building at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn. (734) 261-5321/(313) 278-1078 SWING BAND: The OPC Senior Band invites musicians to dust off their instruments and join the band 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays, or just drop by to listen, at the Rochester Older 2999. Persons Commission, 312 Woodward Street. (248) 646-2864 NANCY GURWIN PRESENTS: Male actors sought for Fiddler on the Roof, which opens Jan. 13 at the Jewish Community Center for a five week run. Call Nancy Gurwin (248) 354-0545 for audition information.

DAVE DOUGLAS: With Guy Klucevesek, Mark Feldman, Greg Cohen, 8 and 10 p.m. shows, DANCE

MOON-DUSTERS: Ballroom dancing

SPECIAL EVENTS

BRIDGE TOURNAMENT: Presented by the Michigan Bridge Association Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 4-7, reservations no required, most sessions begin at 1 p.m. or 7 p.m., at the Finnish Cultural Center, Farmington Hills. \$9 fir experienced players, \$7 for intermediates and newcomers, \$5 studnets. Call (248) 358-3089 if you need a partner or (734) 439-3617 for information

CELLOS GALORE: Features ensemble of Ann Arbor's Brave New Works and conducted by Chris Younghoon Kim of Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra, New Orleans. The show includes the work of baroque cellist Enid Sutherland and the program will include Thomas Gregory's Music for Four Cellos and Bachinas Brasilieras, No. 5 by Hector Villa Lobos with soprano Emily Benner. The show begins 4 p.m. Jan. 14, Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. \$5. (248) 644-5210

GLANCY TRAINS: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, Detroit Historical Museum. Admission \$4.50 adults, \$2.25 senior citizens and students 12 to 18, and free for children under 12. (313) 833-1805. **X-TRAVA CON:** Comic book, toy and non-sport card show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Livonia. \$2. (248) 426-8059

BENEFITS

SWINGTIME 2001: Dine on treats from 30 Detroit restaurants, dance, visit the art gallery, or bid on a silent auction 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Fisher Building, Detroit. \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door. Benefits the Fanclub Foundation for the Arts. (248) 584-4150

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

DEARBORN COMMUNITY

CHORALE: Invites singers, age 16 and older, to join the chorale for rehearsals beginning 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, in the O.L. Smith Middle School, Dearborn. For spring concert May 5 at the Anderson Theater in Henry Ford Museum. (313) 943-2354

FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CHORUS: Auditions for spring session 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2 and 9, at the Costick Activity Center, Farmington Hills. (248) 471-4516 GROSSE POINTE THEATRE: Auditions for You Can't Take it with You 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5 and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, at the Grosse Pointe Theatre Building, Grosse Pointe. For performances March 7-11, 15-18 and 22-25. (810) 773-5329/(313) 882-2770

JAZZ/SPIRIT DANCE THEATRE:

Holds auditions Tuesday through the month of January, dancers should be age 18 and up with expertise in modern and jazz, atthe Jazz & Spirit Dance Theatre of Detroit. (313) 534-0301

LIVONIA YOUTH CHOIR: Is holding auditions for girls and boys (boys must have unchanged voices) in grades 4-8 (ages 10-13) residing in Livonia, Westland and Redford 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, at Faith Lutheran Church, Livonia. (734) 425-1749

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY

ORCHESTRA: In collaboration with Evola Music, is looking for middle and high school students to enter its Youth Artist Competition. Each year the Plymouth Symphony recognizes young orchestral talent from the greater Plymouth-Canton and surrounding communities with scholarship awards. This year's competition will be held Sunday, Feb. 4, at Evola Music in Canton. Comprised of three divisions: senior instrumental (grades (10-12), senior piano (grades 10-12), and junior division (combined instrumental and piano grades 7-9), the competition awards \$1,350 and possibly an opportunity to perform with the Plymouth Symphony. Applicants must be piano, band or orchestra students in the school districts of Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren (Belleville), Wayne-Westland, or be students at Evola Music. Deadline for applications, which are available through the Plymouth Symphony, is Jan. 15. Past participants are encouraged to reapply, however, musicians are eligible to win only one first prize award in each division.

POPS/SWING

BIRD OF PARADISE ORCHESTRA: 9 p.m. Monday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$7 cover. (734) 662-8310 (big band, swing,

bop) MICHAEL JAMES/DEBORAH JIMMERSON: Piano bar 7-11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, and 8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, at La Bistecca Italian Grille, Livonia. (734) 254-0400

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RON BROOKS TRIO: 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

FREDDIE COLE TRIO: Will perform *A Tribute to Louis Armstrong*, 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, Museum of African American History, Detroit. \$25. (313) 494-5870

Friday, Jan. 26, Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-25. (734) 769-2999.

PAUL FINKBEINER'S JAM SESSION: 9 p.m. Sunday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$2 cover. (734) 662-8310

SHEILA LANDIS TRIO: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, Lily's Seafood, Royal Oak. (248) 591-5459; Landis and Rick Matle perform together 9 p.m. Fitzgerald's Lounge, Northfield Hilton, Troy. (248) 879-2100. JOHN LINDBERG:With Wadada Leo Smith on trumpet, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, Kerrytown Concert House,

Jan. 13, Kerrytown Concert House Ann Arbor. \$10-25. (734) 769-2999.

LOS GATOS: 9 p.m. Wednesday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

KUZ AND DAVE THIESELS: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 763-TKTS TONY POPE'S N'ORLEANS SIX: Saturday, Jan. 6, 20, Steak and Ale, Madison Heights. (248) 588-4450

STRAIGHT AHEAD: 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit. (313) 833-7900

FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

COMMANDER CODY & HIS LOST PLANET AIRMEN REUNION: 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 11-12, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$25. (734) 763-TKTS

FOLKIN' A2: 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 763-TKTS

PARIS COMBO: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS RFD BOYS: 8 p.m. Friday, Jan 5, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$12.50. (734) 763-TKTS

WORLD MUSIC

THE DIGGERS: 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, at Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2968 BILL LONG: 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, at Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2968 TRINIDAD TRIPOLI STEEL BAND: Tuesday nights, at Leopold Bros. Ann Arbor. \$3. to live bands 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. \$5. (248) 967-1428 **PiLOBOLUS:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, special family performance 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6 (\$15, \$5 children), at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. \$18-\$36. (734) 764-2538 **U-M BALLROOM DANCE CLUB:** Ballroom dance lesson and open dancing 4-10 p.m. Sunday, at the Union Ballroom, Ann Arbor. **\$2.** (734) 763-6984

COMEDY

JD'S KEY CLUB: Greg Morton and Kevin McPeek, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9; Rex Havens and Dwight York, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16; Jimmy Dore, Steve Ebling, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23; Kevin Burke, Bill Barr, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30; Jef Brannan, Brett Alan, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6; Barry Neal, Kevin Kramis, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13; Jim McHugh, Dan Greuter, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the club, Pontiac. \$6 admission. (248) 338-7337

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: J. Scott Holman Thursday-Saturday Jan. 3-6, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. (734) 261-0555;Jackson Purdue performs Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 4-7; Mike Veneman performs Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 11-14; Vinnie Favorito performs Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 15-18; Pablo Francisco performs Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 22-25, all at the club. Tickets \$12-\$24.95. Call for showtimes (313) 584-8885. JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: at Paisano's: at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE: at the club, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080 MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: Here Comes My 19th Nervous Breakdown, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, at the club in Detroit. \$15 and \$20. (313) 965-2222/(248) 645-6666 or www.secondcity.com

days a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Stephanie Casola; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279. Items must include the date, time, venue, admission price and a telephone number.

12, 313.jac, upstairs from

Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067

Alston and Blue Lovett, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 20, Fox Theatre,

KOMPOSIT: 9:30 p.m. Thursday,

Jan. 4, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$7

over 21 and \$9 under 21. (734)

LOLLYPOP LUST KILL: With Diety,

Forge, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26,

LOW: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, St.

BRAD MEHLDAU TRIO: 7 p.m. and

9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, Bird of

Paradise, Ann Arbor. 18 and older.

\$20 advance. (734) 662-8310

METAPHYSICAL JONES: 10 p.m.

Thursdays, 313.JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. 18 and over.

MOCK HEROES: 10 p.m. Saturday,

Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-

Jan. 6, 313.jac, upstairs from

Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734)

Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$10. All

ages. (313) 961-8961.

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An Evening With Richard Ashcroft: Rescheduled, 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. Tickets for Magic Bag show will be honored. \$22.50 advance. All ages. (313) 961-8961.

SUPERSTARS OF COMEDY: D.C. Curry, Arnez J and Bruce Bruce 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Fox Theatre. \$37, \$47, \$75. (248) 433-1515 or on-line at www.ticketmaster.com

7TH HOUSE: Bingo! An audience participation comedy romp, presented 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday, at the theatre, Pontiac. \$20, (248) 335-8100 or www.bingotheshow.com

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: The museum offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

FLEETWAY TUNNEL: Historical exhibit marking 70th anniversary year of Detroit-Windsor Tunnel,

AARON CARTER: 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, State Theatre, Detroit. \$23. All ages. (313) 961-5451 CHAIN REACTION: 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, Library Sports Pub in Novi. (248) 349-9110

THE CLARKS: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$8. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 CLASHBACK: A Clash Cover Band, 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, 313.jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067

THE CLIMAX DIVINE:With Judah Johnson, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, Magic Stick, Detroit. (313) 833-9700

THE CODEPENDENTS: 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$3 over 21 and \$5 under 21. (734) 996-8555.

CONSOLATION PRIZE: With Wristrocket, Blindshot, Nowadays, 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, 313.jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067

B. COOK: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$7 over

GHETTOBILLIES: With Metropoix, Mike Farley Band, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5 over 21 and \$6 under 21. (734) 996-8555. **GREENSTREET:** With Gryphon

Shephard, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5 advance, \$7 at the door. (734) 996-8555. GYPSY DOG: 9 p.m. Saturday,

Wintergarden Tavern, Livonia. Free. (248) 474-7159 THE HENTCHMEN: With They Come

in Threes, Happy Supply, Friday, Jan. 5, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

AL HILL: 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 9, 12, 13, Zydeco's, Ann Arbor. (734) 995-3600 I LIVE IN LA:With Wolf Eyes, Spykes, Viki, Saturday, Jan. 6, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873 ISOTOPE 217: With Chicago Underground, Crush Kill and Destroy, 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$8 advance and \$10 at door. (734) 996-8555.

ALAN JACKSON: With Sara Evans, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$27.50-\$34.50. (248) 645-6666. JAZZHEAD: 10 p.m. Monday, Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

CLUB CIRCUIT

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ALVIN'S: 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome, (313) 832-2355 or www.alvins.xtcom.com ARBOR BREWING COMPANY: 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free, 21 and

older. (734) 213-1393 or www.arborbrewing.com THE ARENA: 2800 N. Milford Road, Highland. Located inside Olympic

Lanes. (248) 887-1880

THE ARK: 316 S. Main; Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587 ANDIAMO ITALIA WEST: 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-

9300 BEALE STREET BLUES: 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900. BIRD OF PARADISE: 312 Main Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310 BLIND PIG: 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

BULLFROG BAR AND GRILL: 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 533-4477

CARBON: Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. (313) 366-9278

CAVERN CLUB: 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-9900 CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET: 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older Saturdays; 18 and older Wednesdays. (248) 333-2362 or www. 961melt.com

COBO ARENA: 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6616 CONOR O'NEILLS: 318 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Free live entertainment. (734) 665-2968 or www.conoroneills.com

COWLEY'S: 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941 THE DECK AND THE FIVE HOLE: 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965-9500

DETROIT SCIENCE: 9 p.m.-5 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, 13090 Inkster

STEVE NARDELLA: 7 p.m. Friday-JETTISON RED: 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. Saturday, Jan. 5-6, Fox and Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800. NEVERMORE: With Living Sacrifice, THE JINX: 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, 313.jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit, \$10 advance. (313) 961-8961 BB KING: With Bobby Blue Bland, NOBODY'S BUSINESS: Hosts The Manhattans, featuring Gerald Rockabilly Jam Sessions, Thursdays at The New Way Bar, Detroit. \$30, \$37.50, \$75. (248) Ferndale. (248) 541-9870. NORTH MISSISSIPPI ALL STARS: 8

p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$12. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 **O.A.R.:** With Under Construction,

Levagod, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$8 advance and \$10 at door. (734) 996-8555. **ORIGINAL BROTHERS AND**

SISTERS OF LOVE: With The Maypops, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5 over 21 and \$6 under 21. (734) 996-8555.

ORIGINAL HITS: 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800.

PANTERA: With Soulfly, Morbid Angel, March 1, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$30. (248) 645-6666.

PARADIME: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$6 over 21 and \$7 under 21. (734) 996-8555.

PROFESSOR MARVEL: With Hundred Days, Water Sign Rising, Au Revoir Borealis, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. Free over 21 and \$3 under 21. (734) 996-8555.

QUEERS: With The Independents, Dynamite Boy, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, The Sheiter, Detroit. All ages. \$8. (313) 961-8961

RACHEL AND KAPP: 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Jan. 3-4, 10-11, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800.

'70S SOUL JAM: Featuring The Stylistics, Dramatics, Chi-Lites, Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes and The Delfonics, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$30, \$37.50, \$50. (248) 645-6666.

JO SERREPERE: 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5. Borders Books and Music, Rochester Hills. (248) 652-0558 SIX CLIPS: With Innerrecipe, Asheri 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5 over 21 and \$6 under 21. (734) 996-8555. SLIM CESSNA'S AUTO CLUB: With Blanche, Saturday, Jan. 13, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873 SLUMBER PARTY:With Ansonia, Friday, Jan. 26, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

SNOCORE ICICLE BALL: With Galactic, Les Claypool's Frog Brigade, Lake Trout, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, State Theatre, Detroit. \$26. All ages. (313) 961-5451.

SOUTH NORMAL: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$4 over 21 and \$5 under 21. (734) 996-8555.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST: With The Terrorists, Thursday, Jan. 11, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873 TANTRIC: 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 996-8555.

3 FOOT BONGO: With Island Uprising, 9:30 p.m. Wenesday, Jan. 10, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$3 over 21 and \$5 under 21. (734) 996-8555.

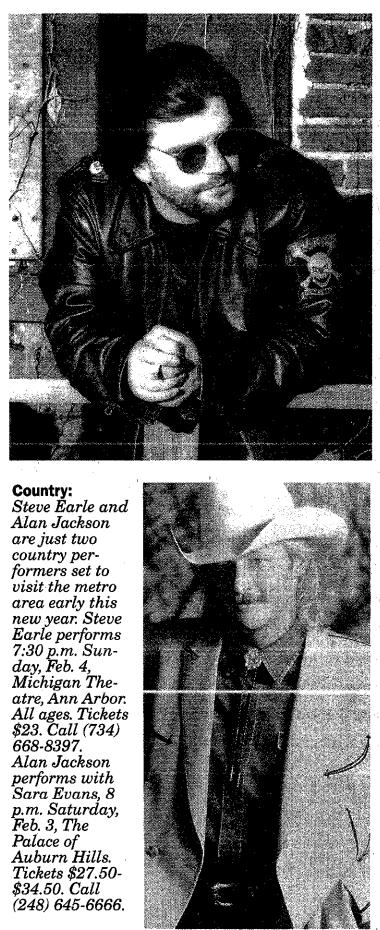
THE UNFRIENDLYS & THE

LANTERNJACK: With 500 Feet of Pipe, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, Magic Stick, Detroit. (313) 833-9700.

WILD EYED GYPSY: With Tarranaughts, Shrinking Violets, Pillow Book, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. Free over 21 and \$2 under 21. (734) 996-8555.

THE WITCHES: With the Lovemasters, W-Vibe, Saturday, Jan. 20, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873.

ZEN TRICKSTERS: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$8 advance. (248) 544-3030. 1964 THE TRIBUTE: Beatles premier cover band, Friday, Feb. 16, Magic Bag, Ferndale, \$15, (248) 544-3030.





memorabilia and photographs, video showing construction of tunnel, through Dec. 22, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, and 2-5 p.m. Sunday, at Windsor's Community Museum, 254 Pitt Street West. (519) 253-1812 **PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** The First Ladies of Fashion exhibit featuring 14 reproduction Inaugural Ball Gowns continues to Feb. 1. at the museum, Plymouth. \$3, \$1 students, \$7 family. (734) 455-8940 TROY HISTORICAL MUSEUM: Michigan Lighthouses: An Aerial Photographic Retrospective continues to January 2001, at the museum, Troy. No charge.

LIVE MUSIC

AMERICAN MARS: With Chris Mills, Friday, Jan. 12, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873 **ANTIFREEZE BLUES FESTIVAL:** With Lonnie Brooks, Jeff Grand, Jim McCarty, RJ's Blues Revue, Randy Volin's Sonic Blues, Bugs Beddow, 8 p.m. Friday Jan. 5 and Johnnie. Johnson, George Bedard and the Kingpins, Thornetta Davis, The Millionaires, Chicago Pete & the Alligators, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030

AN EVENING WITH RICHARD

ASHCROFT: Rescheduled, 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. Tickets for Magic Bag show will be honored. \$22.50 advance. All ages. (313) 961-8961.

BANTAM ROOSTER: With Immortal Lee County Killers, Thursday, Jan. 4, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

JOHNNIE BASSETT & THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, Centre Street Pub, Detroit. (313) 965-3651

CHUCK BERRY AND JERRY LEE LEWIS: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$35-\$75. (248) 645-6666.

BLACK MAGIC CROSSING: 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, 313.jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067

SARAH BRIGHTMAN: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 17, Masonic Temple, Detroit. \$35-\$65. (248) 645-6666

21 and \$9 under 21. (734) 996-8555.

CORNDADDY:With The Drapes, Thursday, Jan. 18, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873 THE CRUMBS: With Proteins, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, The Shelter, Detroit. \$6. (313) 961-8961 THORNETTA DAVIS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 12-13, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800. DEAD HEROES: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, Magic Stick, Detroit. (313) 833-9700 DELTA 88:With Audra Kubat, 10

p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, 313.jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067; With Kevin Meisel, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia, \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302

DETEKTIVE RIOT: With Inside 5 Minutes, The Black Lodge, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, Lili's 21, Hamtramck. (313) 875-6555; With the Bomb Pops, 60 Second Crush, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, Lili's 21, Hamtramck. (313) 875-6555. DETROIT VOLUME: Check out Paradime, D12, King Gordy, Lady Korona and DJ Head, Wednesday, Jan. 10. Show features homegrown house, hip hop and electronic music Wednesdays, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700

DONKEY PUNCH: With The Articles, Remainder, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5 over 21 and \$6 under 21. (734) 996-8555. STEVE EARLE: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. All ages. \$23. (734) 668-8397 EASY ACTION:Saturday, Jan. 27, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873 EVERLAST: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday,

Feb. 2, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. Tickets \$20. All ages. (313) 961-8961

FOUR YEARS GONE: With Black Eye, Afterlife, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. Free over 21 and \$2 under 21. (734) 996-8555.

45 CENTS: 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, 313.jac, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067

Road, Redford. Cover \$10 for 21 and over. Cover \$15 for 18-20 year olds. No cover for women on Thursdays. (313) 438-4146 or www.detroitscience.com

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GROOVE ROOM:1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly, 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or www.thegrooveroom.com HILL AUDITORIUM: 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538 JOE LOUIS ARENA: 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6606 JD'S KEY CLUB: 1 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 338-7337. KARL'S CABIN: 9979 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450 LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB: Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. (248) 926-9960 LONELY HEARTS CLUB: 211 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-5506 LOWERTOWN GRILL: 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth, (734) 451-1213 MAGIC BAG: 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030. MAINSTREET BILLIARDS AND THE ALLEY: Main Street, Rochester. (248) 652-

8441 MAJESTIC THEATRE, CAFE AND MAGIC STICK: (313) 833-9700 MEADOWBROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL: On the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.palacenet.com. MEMPHIS SMOKE: 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300 MICHIGAN THEATER: 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-8397 MOTOR LOUNGE: 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motordetroit.com

MR. B'S FARM: 24555 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 349-7038 MUSIC MENU: 511 Monroe, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU THE PALACE: 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.palacenet.com PHOENIX PLAZA AMPHITHEATER: 10 N. Water Street, Pontiac PINE KNOB MUSIC THEATRE: 1-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com PURE BAR ROOM: 1500 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 21 and older, Cover charge Friday-Saturday. (313) 471-PURE ROCHESTER MILLS BEER COMPANY: 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 650-5080 THE ROOKIE SPORTS CAFE: 3632 Elizabeth, Wayne. (734) 729-7337 ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE: 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 546-7610 THE SCARAB CLUB: 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250 ET ANDREW'S / THE SHEITED: 431 F Congress Detroit (313) OR1 MEIT of www.961melt.com 7TH HOUSE: 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 335-3540 STATE THEATRE AND STATE BAR: 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 961-5451 or www.statetheater.com 24 KARAT CLUB: 28949 Joy, Westland. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030 313.JAC: Upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush, Detroit. (313) 962-7067 TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Discount for members. (734) 464-6302. U.S. 12 BAR AND GRILL/WAYNE BREWERY: 34824 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 722-7639 VELVET LOUNGE: 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. (248) 334-7411 VILLAGE BAR AND GRILL/BEENY'S CUE & BREW: 35234 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 729-2360 WAGON WHEEL TAVERN: 102 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 693-6789

WINTERGARDEN TAVERN: 33320 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. (248) 474-7159 WOODRUFF'S SUPPER CLUB: 212 W. Sixth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519 XHEDOS CAFE: Sista Otis performs 8-10 p.m. Sundays at the club, 240 West Nine Mile, Ferndale, All ages, Free, (248) 399-3946 ZIM'S IRISH TAVERN: 1350 Lapeer Road, Oxford. (248) 969-9467

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DINING

Amadeus: classic Polish cuisine and classical music

By Renée Skoglund Staff Writer rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net

Everybody should dine at Amadeus Restaurant at least once in their life.

With velvet curtains marking the entranceway, street-view windows, a tin ceiling and tables covered in pink lace cloths, Amadeus is ... well... oh, so romantic. Add some classical piano or guitar music - someone plays almost every evening and you have Old World dining at its best.

Amadeus is small, barely more than a dozen tables, but that's part of its charm. Dining is intimate, and the classic Polish cuisine - dishes like Chicken Paprikash, pork tenderloin and potato dumplings, Atlantic smoked salmon with sliced egg and caviar, and homemade dill pickle soup - is delicious.

Of course the food is delicious. Owner Paul Strozynski learned his trade from the best - his father and grandfather, both of whom owned restaurants and cabarets in Warsaw, Poland.

"My father saw how other chefs prepared food. He was always cooking at home. Everything was beautifully done, beautifully garnished. When I was about 15, I began asking

Amadeus European Restaurant

122 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-8767 Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tues-

day-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday: closed Monday

of Old World charm. Piano or classical guitar music most nights.

sented wine selection; wonderful desserts

Prices: Moderate-moderately high. Reservations: Absolutely. Often

booked two weeks in advance. Credit cards: All major cards

(Amadeus closed over the holidays and will reopen Jan. 8. Please call to

him how he prepared all the dishes.... Always it was my hobby to do the cooking," said Strozynski.

Amadeus, opened in 1988 and touted as one of the five best restaurants in Ann Arbor, is a family endeavor. Strozynski's wife, Krystyna Aniolczyk, prepares the appetizers and lighter dishes, and son Bartek Koss acts as manager and head waiter. Strozvnski makes "the heavier

dishes." Together they serve a very loyal clientele. "We have some people, espe-

cially some of the European people working for the University of Michigan, who come here twice a day. We're like a substitute family," said Strozynski.

"We have the same people coming for 12 years for the same dish. When we see them at the door, we put their orders in," said Koss.

A first-time diner at Amadeus quickly learns that not all sauerkraut is the same. The sauerkraut that came with the combination plate (pierogi, stuffed cabbage and kielbasa) I sampled was delicate tasting with a bit of sweetness. The inside of the wooden barrel in which Strozynki cures his cabbage is rubbed down with honey. 'Sauerkraut is supposed to be homemade, not made with vinegar. It's to get sour by itself," he said.

In addition to the combination plate, the Hungarian Goulash and Chicken Paprikash are popular entrées. So are the specials, such as the four potato pancakes served with Hungarian beef stew and a cabbage salad. And the soups? They're a must, said Koss.

"The dill pickle soup is one of the best, and the sour potato is wonderful. too."

Specialties include boiled potatoes stuffed with parsley, walnuts and herbs; the Krakow Special, white sausage with baked sauerkraut; salmon mousse; silver hake filet (served on Friday and Saturday); and the beautifully presented Atlantic Ducktrap Salmon Plate.

Desserts - tarts, tortes, eclairs, mousses and cheesecakes - are a befitting end to a meal at Amadeus. The Roasted Hazelnut Torte I tasted was made almost entirely of ground roasted hazelnuts and semisweet chocolate and wasn't too sweet. The glass of sweet Polish honey wine that accompanied it seemed the perfect match.

Guests have included symphony conductors, musicians, and when the Polish Film Festival is in towns, lots of directors and actors. Even Marcel Marceau has dined at Amadeus, said



Gracious dining: Owner Paul Strozynski (standing), his son, Bartek Koss, and wife, Krystyna Aniolczyk, provide an intimate dining experience for their clientele. On the table is one of the house favorites, the combination plate - kielbasa, stuffed cabbage, pierogi and sauerkraut.

Strozynski, who at times will don a brightly colored Amadeus Mozart costume.

However, you don't have to be famous or dramatic to enjoy din-

Amadeus. ing at Stozynski, Aniolczyk and Koss welcome everyone with a warm, comfortable and charming Polish hospitality.

"It's hard work, but we love it," said Strozynski. "The beautiful part of this business is that we can meet so many, many nice people."



Artful cuisine: The Atlantic Ducktrap Salmon Plate is an exquisitely presented dish of prized smoked salmon, sliced egg and caviar garnished with cucumber.

Atmosphere: Intimate, eclectic, lots

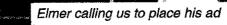
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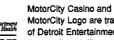
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US Design trends go for style in big, elegant way

BY MARY KLEMIC STAFF WRITER mklemic@oe.homecomm.net

ush and plush" conveys the attitude of design trends for the new year. While there is no prevalent style ("It's pretty much across the board," said Michael Garrow, accessory buyer at Newton Furniture, 15950 Middlebelt in Livonia), rooms are dressed in a luxurious look and feel, with a layering that pays attention to detail.

Style has turned the other chic — farther from "shabby chic" and closer to elegant.

"It used to be 'less is more.' I think we're moving away from that," said Terry Ellis of Room Service Interior Design at Michigan Design Center in Troy.

"People wouldn't think of having a sofa without putting pillows on it," said Jackie Schwartz, owner of Home Accessory Warehouse, 1017 W. Maple in Walled Lake.

"Everything has beading or fringe ... Nothing is plain."

Down-filled cushions and plump pillows abound. Pillows show an example of layering — not only are they plump, they bear a lot of trim, such as fringes and buttons, and a material such as chiffon may be draped over them.

An advantage to pillows is that changing them makes it easy to give a sofa a new look or one in keeping with the season.

Richness is in the texture in popular fabrics, with such material as chenille and such elements as an antique weave that gives almost a damask feel.

It's in patterned and plush carpeting, although versatile sisal is still strong this year.

It's on metal, with painting, scrollwork, and a brushed, less shiny look.

"There's just an opportunity for a lot of detailing everywhere," Schwartz said.

For example decorated boxes make attractive accents as they perform a useful function, such as holding the television remote, she said.

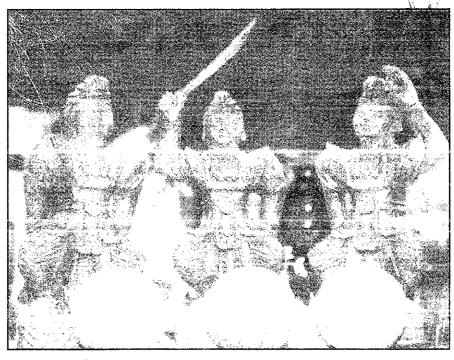
Other details are shades on chandelier lights and finials on drapery hardware, Ellis said.

Accessories are big in size as well as appeal. Walls aren't bare — they hold decorated tiles or plates, if not Trends also favor a strong European influence, and natural elements.

"The Asian influence is everywhere," said Ellis, a member of the American Society of Interior Designers. Among examples are grasses in containers, such as willowy spiral grass.

Tables are bigger and higher, an example of European influence, Garrow said. Furnishings called ottoman cocktails are popular. These pieces are large, square ottomans that can hold glasses of beverage, almost like a table.

"The Old World look is very popular right now," said Sherrie Singer, showroom manager at Home Accessory Warehouse, which offers professional design consultation. Examples of this look include street scenes and clocks, Singer said.



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Asian influence: The Asian – and other European – influence is strong in today's design trends, as in these acces-

paintings.

When it comes to color trends, much of the palette is almost tempting to the palate — with such hues as pumpkin, raspberry and pale mustard.

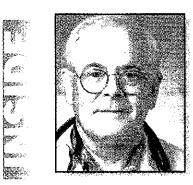
The teal and mauve pairing of the '80s has a softer tone today, in aquamarine and camel, Ellis said.

Colors of nature are also strong, including greens. Among the neutrals are white, taupes and tans; accented with such jewel tones as purples and burgundy. "Colors are moving to wood tones now," Garrow said.

 Return to elegance: Terry Ellis of Room Service Interior Design at Michi

 gan Design Center stands with an upholstered daybed at the Baker

gan Design Center stands with an upholstered daybed at the Baker Knapp & Tubbs Showroom (at left). The piece is an example of the lush, plush look of furniture and fabrics for this year. Another trend is seen in the dark wood of furnishings at the Lane Group Showroom (above).



JOE GAGNON Recall inadequate

A rebate offered by a manufacturer hardly addresses the fire hazards of some dishwashers says the Appliance Doctor.

See Home Work, Page 2



MARTY FIGLEY

New year's plants Now is a good time to scour the plant catalogs and decide on replacement plants for your garden.

See Garden Spot, Page 3



HOMETOWN LIFE: Struggling to read:

Experts estimate 25 percent of college-age students read below what is expected in the 12th grade. The alarming trend is expected to continue. See HomeTown Life, page 5

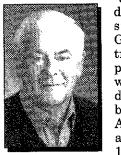
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sories and grasses at the CAI Showroom at Michigan Design Center in Troy. Accent pieces are also big in size.

HOME WORK

Companies offer rebates to consumers, but it is little relief were produced between April ratio of service calls on a particu-

APPLIANCE DOCTOR



mission confirmed that some 50

fires resulted from this defective

part and that GE was offering a

"recall" on this product.

JOE GAGNON

about a year ago on the defective switch in General Electric and Hotpoint dishwashers produced between April 1983 and January 1989. The U.S. Product Safety Com-

doing was offering customers a I wrote a rebate on the purchase of a new column dishwasher, which amounted to the installation cost of a new dishwasher.

How could anyone call this a recall? I was disgusted with the injustice of what was happening and angered by the position of the U.S. Product Safety Commission. How could a manufacturer make 3.1 million dishwashers which have the potential of catching fire and killing someone, and not have to repair the mistake?

I copied the column I wrote in this newspaper and sent it to Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm. I also called the producer of ABC's "Good Morn-

Read Taste on Sunday



How could a manufacturer make 3.1 million dishwashers which have the potential of catching fire and killing someone, and not have to repair the mistake?

On Dec. 25, "Good Morning their pockets.

America" reported a reversal by the U.S. Product Safety Commission, which stated that General Electric must now repair the defective dishwashers.

You probably think of this as a victory for the Appliance Doctor, but I don't look at it that way. The word "I" has been used several times in today's column, but that person didn't do a darn thing for homeowners who had a fire in their homes as a result of this defective dishwasher, suffered injury or death from a fire, paid for fire damage or purchased a new dishwasher our of

Another 50 dishwashers caught fire since this story first appeared a year ago. What about them? ABC reported that there are still a few hundred thousand of these dishwashers in American homes. What about them?

wrong with a product. Maybe the recent tire recall taught manu-Why did the Product Safety facturers a lesson and maybe Commission not issue a true not. The talk of putting corporecall when the problem was disrate heads in prison for knowing covered? How long did General of faulty products might be the Electric know about this existing real cure for not caring enough problem? Service repairmen have worked on these dishwashers since the units were built in 1983. Don't try to tell me that a manufacturer doesn't know the

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■ The Home Depot presents free "how-to" clinics every week for do-it-yourselfers. You can learn all about those projects you put off last summer, now that the winter snows have arrived.

The clinics last approximately 30 to 45 minutes each and are taught by experienced Home Depot associates who cover stepby-step instructions on how to tackle a variety of home improvement projects. For more information about the clinics, contact your local Home Depot store.

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ets," 10 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays; "How to Install Pergo Flooring," 11 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays; "How to Install Ceramic Tile," 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; "How to Hang Interior Doors," 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; "Insulating Your Home," 7 p.m. Tuesdays; and

1983 and January 1989. Model numbers are GSD500D, GSD500G, GSD540, HDA467, HDA 477 and HDA487. Joe Gagnon can be heard on

Newstalk 760, WJR-AM, every Saturday and Sunday mornings. He is a past president of The Society of Consumer Professionals. His second book, "The Words and Wisdom of The Appliance Doctor" is available in book stores. His phone number is (313) 873-9789.

Do you have a question for the Appliance Doctor? Contact him care of Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk @oe. homecomm. net. Look for Gagnon's suggestions in a future Appliance Doctor column.

General Electric and Hotpoint dishwashers that need repair

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I am not the important part of

this story, the American con-

sumer is — the person who

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and expects a fair shake for their

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do the job, expect it to have a

reasonable lifespan and don't.

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to catch fire. They expect produc-

ers to be anything but perfect,

but in that kind of a case, con-

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"Audio/Video Hook-up," 7 p.m. Thursdays. The Home Depot University

(HDU) is a series of longer, more in-depth clinics on home improvement. The HDU topic for January is bathrooms. Call your local Home Depot store for times.

Web site assists searches for appliance repair parts

PRNewswire - Women are increasingly picking up hammers and donning safety glasses to tackle home improvement projects. They can find everything they need online.

Pat Shaw of Harvard, Mass., discovered RepairClinic.com of Canton, Mich., on a search engine when she needed a replacement igniter assembly for her stove.

What she couldn't get from local appliance parts stores she found at www.RepairClinic.com.

"I tried calling an appliance store but they never called back," said Shaw. "Then I stopped into an appliance parts store but was turned away because I didn't have a part number." After these two fruitless efforts, Shaw turned to the Internet.

Shaw was pleased to see RepairClinic.com had everything n't know where to go for parts or repair help," said Chris Hall. president of RepairClinic.com

RepairClinic.com offers overnight shipping of parts for all major appliance manufacturers. Web site visitors can also email repair questions to the site's online RepairGuru.

"I get a great deal of satisfaction fixing things myself. This thanks time. to RepairClinic.com, I saved at least \$100 by avoiding a service call fee," added Shaw. "How I wish I had visited the site when my dryer stopped working a few months ago.'

Shaw, like many women on the information superhighway, appreciates the convenience of ordering products online as it. saves hours of calling and driving around looking for just the right "thingamajig."

Women made nearly 38 percent of all do-it-yourself purchas-

es last year, according to the

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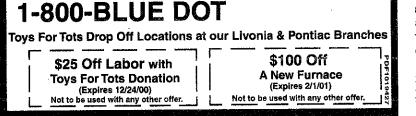
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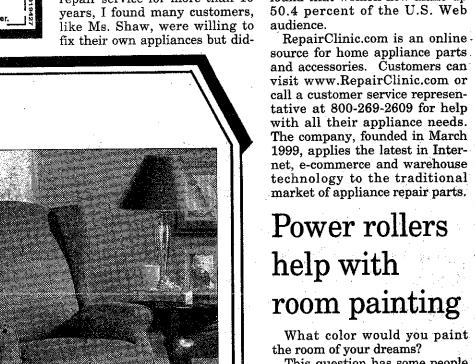
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she needed. She was able to see a photo of the part online so she was certain she was ordering the correct one.

"After running an appliance repair service for more than 10 years, I found many customers, like Ms. Shaw, were willing to



This question has some people thinking of trendy colors like robin's egg blue or wasabi green, while those with more conservative tastes would be dreaming of the perfect shade of cream.

Although choosing what color to decorate your room with is a key part of the redecorating process, many homeowners are primarily concerned with the time and energy it takes to complete the painting job.

Power rollers can help you. apply your selected paint color twice as fast as manual rollers. They provide a continuous, even flow of paint and extend the user's reach to minimize bending and stretching. They also reduce or eliminate trips to the paint can and eliminate the need for messy paint trays.

Powered rollers come in a varietv of styles with prices ranging from \$25 to \$120. The basic models look much like a traditional manual roller, but have an extended handle that holds the paint as it's "fed" to the roller. The user controls the paint

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GARDENING

These plants for the new year are winners

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filling our mailboxes, get out the photos we took last year of the garden so we wouldn't forget (hope you

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remembered to do that), reconfigure the garden on paper and decide on replacement plants.

It might be time to try something new, so here are some winners that may be just the thing.

An annual, trailing Bacopa Sutera cordata "Snowstorm," commonly called "the snowflake plant," has been awarded the Guinness World Record for the largest and longest of its kind ever grown, slightly over 6-1/2feet long.

This news comes from Proven Winners, an international marketing cooperative dedicated to developing new hybrid color varieties that will perform well.

The common name is appropriate because of the abundance of petite white blooms that are as prolific as falling snow.

AAS winners Another

new year is All America Selections has us! chosen several bedding plants as to winners. \mathbf{the}

Look for Portulaca "Margarita Rosita" with semi-double rose flowers. Plant in a sunny spot or patio container and enjoy the flowers for many months.

Eustoma "Forever Blue" is great for those who wish to grow blue flowers. The plant is dense with a branching habit and blooms profusely. It's also great for containers.

Nicotiana "Avalon Bright Pink" is a dwarf with many starshaped blooms. The pastel pink color will light up any garden as a border plant or in a container.

"Ring of Fire" is a 5-inch sunflower with golden petal edges and a ring of deep red surrounding the chocolate brown center. It's a late bloomer but worth it. Grow it in full sun and look for it to reach 4 to 5 feet in height, spreading 2 to 3 feet.

The zinnia "Profusion White" has captured the AAS gold medal flower award. It has a long-flowering season and is the only white zinnia with $1 \frac{1}{2}$ inch, single, daisy-like flowers. It's disease resistant and resists powdery mildew. Easy-care, it needs no pinching or pruning.

AAS has chosen these four vegetables as the best for 2001: Tomato "Jolly" produces cherry-type, deep pink tomatoes that fait," crimson with a darker eye. are peach shaped and grow in grape-like clusters. I predict the children will love 'em.

Sweet corn "Honey Select" has wonderful flavor and quality. Because this hybrid contains two endosperm types, any gardener can grow this corn without concern about other corn plants and pollen.

An onion, "Super Star" is the first hybrid onion to win the AAS award. This onion is a sweet one and is adaptable to spring growing conditions. It can also be grown in the fall, when mild, short days prevail.

The onion is great raw or grilled, as is the pepper "Giant Marconi," which is exceptionally good when grilled. To ensure the pepper blossom end doesn't touch the soil, AAS suggests using an organic mulch to prevent rot caused by contact with soil.

For more information about these and other plants, log on to all-americaselections.org

Look for these

When you're shopping for plants, here are a few to look for: "Storm Petunias" are extreme-

ly weather tolerant; pink, lavender and salmon are the colors. Great for sunny beds or patios. Also, dianthus: "Strawberry Super Parfait," with a scarlet eye, and "Raspberry Super Par-

These are produced by Goldsmith, the company that brings many other new plants to the nursery, such as "Summer Sizzler" marigolds, "Accent" impatiens and "Accord/Banner" pansy --- "Black Beauty" is a knockout.

Those of you who grow flowers, vegetables and herbs from seeds should request a catalog from Renee's Garden. They offer seeds for 182 varieties, and the catalog is a work of art. Call toll-free (888) 880-7228, or fax (831) 335-7227.

For rose lovers, the second USA Edition 2001 David Austin rose catalog is now available. It's a beauty, as are the roses! They are breeders of new roses, specialist growers of English roses, old roses, shrub, climbing and

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modern roses. The plants will be shipped from Texas. Call tollfree (800) 328-8893.

GOOD GARDEN TIPS

■ When ordering seeds, check your list several times so you don't over-order.

■ With the snow we've had this winter, rabbits, mice and other gnawing rodents may find your trees and shrubs quite a treat. It may be worth your while to put a protective cylinder of wire mesh to protect the tree. (Extend it a foot above snow level)

I saw a little mouse come from a tunnel of snow on the garage roof, scoot down the brick wall and eat a tasty bit of bird food right outside the kitchen window last month.

Spray your outdoor Christmas decorations with an antidesiccant early this month to prolong the beauty.

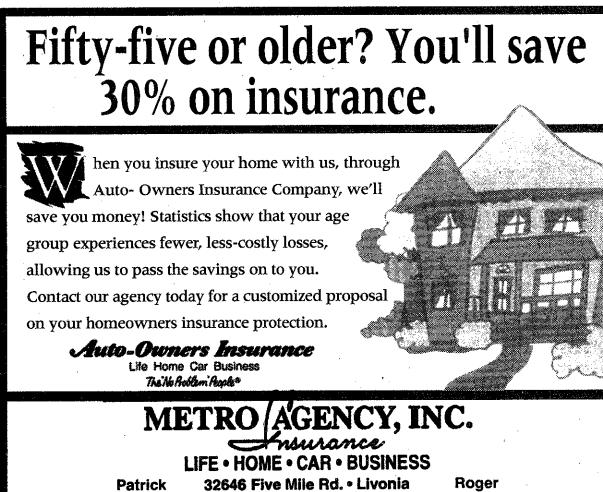
Spray it on rhodies, boxwood and other broad-leafed evergreens late this month, when the temperature is above freezing.

Don't miss Scott Kunst and his program, Antique Gardens: American Home Landscapes, 1800-1940, 6:45 p.m. Monday. Jan. 15, presented by The Community House Garden Club of Birmingham. Call (248) 644-5832.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then 111, then 3445. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

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GARDENING CALENDAR

Does your garden club have an upcoming event or meeting you want publicized? Send items for consideration in Gardening Calendar to Ken Abramczyk, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or ekabramczyk@ mail oe. homecomm. net. To send a fax, call (734) 591-7279.

MATTHAEI GARDENS

LEARN ABOUT HERBS

An herb study group will meet 7-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, in Room

Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor. (Enter in the west end of the building). This month's program will be a presentation on Hydroponic Herb Growing by Harley Smith of East Lansing.

Anyone interested in herbs is welcome. For further information please call J. Schellhaas at (734) 761-1029 or e-mail sburek@provide.net.

FLORAL FUN

\$10 per person, and is non-refundable. Classes are scheduled at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The classes include: poodle arrangement workshop, Saturday,

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Reservations are needed for the

workshops. Each workshop costs

Jan. 20; silk spring flower arrangement workshop, Saturday, Feb. 24, and herbal workshop, Saturday. March 17. Call (734) 397-0800.

ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

Fry-Brinkman

Gary and Mary Beth Fry of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Catherine Elizabeth, to Justin David Brinkman of Champaign, Ill.

The bride-to-be is a University of Michigan student majoring in elementary education. She will graduate in 2001.

Her fiance, son of David and Sandra Brinkman of Northwood, England, is a 2000 graduate of University of Michigan with a degree in psychology. He is currently attending the University

Bielenda-Germain

Bob and Eleanor Bielenda of Redford Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Jane Marie, to Kenneth James Germain of Redford Township.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 Ladywood High School graduate and a graduate of University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor's degree in education. She is currently working toward her master's degree and works as an elementary school teacher for Livonia Public Schools.

Her fiancé, son of Kenneth Germain of Milford and Christine Germain of Livonia, is a 1991 graduate of Garden City High School and earned a criminal justice degree. He is a Detroit Police Officer and coach-



of Illinois School of Law and will graduate in 2003.

An August wedding is planned at First United Methodist Church in Ann Arbor.

Edwards-Drys

Reginald and Deanna Edwards of Hampton, Virginia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy, to David Drys of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Hampton High School and will graduate from Sentara School of Health Professionals in May as a registered nurse. She works as an emergency room tech at the Sentara Complex.

Her fiance, son of Gregory Drys of Canton and Christine Drvs of Westland, is a 1996 John Glenn High School graduate. He is currently serving in the U.S. Navy and is stationed in Nor-

Simek-Latour

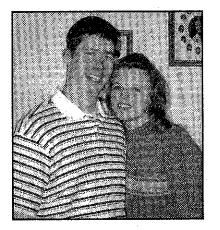
Jimmy and Janet Simek of Cleveland announce the marriage of their daughter, Theresa Elizabeth, to James Francis Latour, son of Charles and Linda Latour of Richmond, Mich.

The couple wed Sept. 2 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, West Park, in Cleveland. They also celebrated their five year anniversary of the day they met.

The bride earned her bachelor of fine arts and teaching certification at Eastern Michigan University. She is an art teacher for Willow Run Community Schools in Ypsilanti, Mich. She continues to create her own artwork and was recently featured in a gallery exhibit at EMU.

The groom is completing his bachelor of architecture degree from Lawrence Technological University and plans to pursue his master's degree in architecture afterward. He works as a CAD technician for Schonsheck, Inc. of Wixom.

The couple wed before the Rev. Thomas Mahoney. The bride was attended by maid of honor Laura Reilley, brides-



folk. Virginia with the U.S.S. Nimitz.

A March wedding is planned in Hampton, Virginia.



maids Christine Simek, Allison Greer, Ann Marie Fred and flower girl Sarah Sobieski.

The groom was attended by best man Steven Latour, groomsmen Brian Burkett. Brian Latour, Michael Simek, and ringbearer Edward Sobieski. The couple received guests at the North Olmsted Party Center in North Olmsted, Ohio. They are taking a two week honeymoon in Hawaii and recently purchased their home in Westland.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are interested in announcing your engagement, wedding, birth of a child or anniversary please call Kim Mortson, HomeTown Life Editor for a form. Announcements appear every Thursday as space allows. Submit your information to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150; (734) 953-2131 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net



NEW ARRIVALS

Salvatore and **Yvonne Cangemi** of Farmington Hills announce the birth of their daughter Kathryn (Katy) Margaret born Nov. 25 at Garden City Hospital. Kathryn joins brother Nicholas, 5. Grandparents are Sam and Deanne Cangemi of Canton, Charles and Cathy Alcorn of Redford and Lyn Walker of Harrison.

■ George and Regina Schwemle of Westland announce the birth of their son George Clark Schwemle Jr. born Nov. 20 at Garden City Hospital. George joins brother Trevor, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Clark and Lynn Schwemle of Westland and Gary and Diania Ritchie of Garden City.

■ Mark and Karen Porter of Westland announce the birth of their son Logan Michael born Nov. 16 at Garden City Hospital.

Logan joins siblings Travis, 13; Grant, 12; and Meggan, 6. Grandmother is Emily I. Porter of Westland.

■ David and Cynthis Soine of Redford announce the birth of their son David Emerson Soine, Jr. born Nov. 13 at Garden City Hospital. David joins. siblings Yvette, 8; and Liisabet, 5. Grandparents are Al and Janis Saari of Plymouth, Minnesota and Duane and Judy Soine of Negaunee, Mich.

Donald and **Patricia** Clark of Plymouth announce the birth of their daughter, Cara Elizabeth, born Nov. 27 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joins brothers Joshua, Charlie and Jonathan. Grandparents are Janice Kelley of Westland and Phyllis and Al Riggs of Lake.

RELIGION CALENDAR

ONGOING

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Volunteers are always needed at **Resurrection Ministries every** Thursday from 6-7 p.m. Duties include passing out food to the needy from their food pantry that feeds over 30 families per month. Clothing, household items and or monetary donations are always needed. All gifts and donations are tax deductible. Donations can be dropped off at **Resurrection Ministries or** Nicole's Revival located at 958 N. Newburgh Road, Westland. Call (734) 729-1234. If you need a volunteer to pick up your donations call (313) 896-1708.

TEAMKID

Merriman Road Baptist Church (2055 Merriman Road, Garden City) is a fun-filled, Bible-based club for kids from first through sixth grades. Meet at the church every Sunday from 4:45-7 p.m. for Bible stories, games, prizes and snacks. Call (734) 421-0472.

RCIA CLASSES

If you are interested in joining the Catholic faith or wish to learn more about our faith, please call Deacon John (734) 425-4421. Our RCIA classes will



start at 7:30 p.m. at St. Theodore Parish in our Parish Center building located at 8200 N. Wayne Road in Westland. TAZ

Merriman Road Baptist Church (2055 Merriman Road, Garden City) hosts this Tuesday evening gathering for youths from seventh to twelfth grade. Every Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m. join the group in hearing a live band, crazy games and talk about tackling real-life challenges from a Biblical perspective. Call (734) 421-0472.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene (Haggerty Road North of Eight Mile) will host a ladies bible study at 9:30 a.m. or 7 p.m. Tuesdays through December. Weekly study of the book of John. \$15/semester for materials. Call (248) 348-7600.

WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP

Weigh Down Workshop - Classes are Monday evenings 7-9 p.m. for 12 weeks at Geneva Presbyterian Church 5835 Sheldon Rd. Canton. Call Mary Kay (734) 459-9077.

NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings, a grief support group held meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church (30900 Six Mile Road) in Livonia. The group welcomes a guest speaker the first Thursday of every month and group support will be offered the third Thursday of the month. Call (734) 422-6038. Upcoming



Royal Oak Boys and Girls Clubs. An August wedding is planned for St. John's Golf and Confer-

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ence Center in Plymouth.

Evangelist to visit Praise Chapel

Evangelist, Terry Schalk will give a testimony of his miraculous healing from non-Hodgkin lymphoma on "Super Faith Sunday," Jan. 7, at Praise Chapel during both services, 10 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Schalk is a former pastor of a mid-Michigan church who resigned after 25 years when he was stricken with cancer in 1996. He said he refused treatment but continued to trust in the Lord.

"After four months, the cancer went away," said Schalk. "In 1999 it returned. Once again, I refused treatment," he said; "I was placed in the intensive care unit, on a ventilator. The doctors gave up and said I would live maybe two more hours."

After a month, it was decided

under hospice care. At home he was cared for by nurses from Mid-Michigan Hospice. Gradually, he improved. In October 1999 he was healed. Since then, Schalk travels to

cities throughout the United States evangelizing and helping plant churches in northern Michigan, including the Upper Peninsula. He is affiliated with the Church of God State Office in Fenton.

Schalk and his wife, Karin, live in Albright Shores, a village north of Midland, Michigan.

Services are open to everyone; there is no admission charge. Praise Chapel is located at 36115 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

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THE WAY I SEE IT

Enjoying the colder, yet finer points of life

BY ALYSSA TREFNEY STUDENT WRITER

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"Come on, boys. Let's go play!" I exclaimed while bustling my babysitting charges, Nicholas and Nathan outside.



"Ohhhh," cooed. "Snow!" In under a minute, the two were covered from head to toe in white powder. I couldn't help but laugh at their smiling faces, or shriek with joy when they TREFNEY came chasing after

they

me. Watching them, I just couldn't figure out why so many people dislike snow. It's almost as if everyone has forgotten how to have fun.

Accepting it the way it is

Watching the news a couple of days earlier, I listened to the weatherman inform the public of the oncoming snowstorm. The top story on every channel was preparing for it. People were interviewed, saying how unhappy and annoyed they were with this particular type of weather.

Not one person said they were excited for the first snow of winter, or that they couldn't wait to take their children outside. Why people are like

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under the age of 18. It can even have the school officials cancel school.

Still, some people view snow as a nuisance instead of a source of enjoyment. It's these people who haven't yet learned how to make lemonade out of their lemons.

Having fun anyway

Life isn't fair. Life throws curve-

Increasingly, students entering colleges and universities read below what is expected in the 12th grade - about 25 percent of them. Experts anticipate the alarming trend to continue.

> BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI SPECIAL WRITER magine studying for

a college exam and not being able to read above the level of a high school senior.

According to Deborah Daiek, Schoolcraft College assistance dean for academic and assessment services, at least 25 percent of students entering colleges and universities read below what is expected in the 12th grade.

"I think that will continue to increase because of the different technologies, Daiek said. "More students would rather rent the movie instead of read the book.'

Twenty-five percent includes those with learning disabilities and a growing number of students who use English as a second language.

"There's a large number of students who are returning after many years of being away," she added. "They are losing jobs after downsizing and need to brush-up on skills and they've forgotten what they learned. Even though in the community college we've always seen the older student that number is increasing."

Undeveloped

For one reason or another, another set of college students graduated high school and never developed their reading skills. They became masters at bluffing their way through classes without sharpening reading skills.

"They thought it would be the same when they got to college and suddenly they are expected to read text books,' Daiek said. "They come to us with a false sense of security and when they take their first test it's like hitting a brick wall."

Sometimes the best students at Madonna University in Livonia are the ones trying to improve their reading, according to Sherry Klisz, Madonna University director of the center of personalized instruction.



Read between the lines

Different technologies replace the written word

If a student doesn't read well they know they're not a good reader and they know some type of intervention is necessary. Many students who really experience reading difficulties have struggled from (kindergarten) through 12, but were never diagnosed.'

Deborah Daiek

-Schoolcraft College assistance dean for academic/assessment services

Help available

Learning Plus is a computerized program that identifies basic skills testing in writing, math and reading. Students take a test off the computer, which corrects the work, explains what chapters to study and outlines 30 hours of instruction.

"It's important for people to realize if they are weak in one area they are always going to be strong in others," Klisz said. "We try to tell tutors not to be judgmental and don't show surprise that someone doesn't know something. The average age of Madonna students is 30 something and "last year we had a graduate of our program who was well into her 70s," Klisz added. "I think it's never too late for people to identify their weaknesses and connect with the learning center and improve." Colleges and universities across the United States provide many programs for disabled students with a wide range of problems, like dyslexia and attention deficit disorder. They're given tape recorders and taught learning skills. Most importantly, these students are offered guidance from professionals.

"It's very similar to trainers and body building, but it's academic learning working one on one," Daiek said. "They assess what skills need developing."

Every year at orientation, Daiek said, about 80 percent of the students raise their hands when asked if they hadn't read text books while they were in high school. Most freshman text books are written at a 10th or 11th grade level.

Schoolcraft students must be reading at college level before they are allowed to take most courses with credits that transfer to universities. They take placement tests and if they score at a low reading level appropriate courses are recommended. Somehow, A. Anne Bowers, Jr. finds time to tutor Madonna students in reading and other areas, while teaching writing and speaking at Schoolcraft, Madonna and the University of Phoenix. "There's some reason why someone isn't up to level," Bowers said. "A lot of what we do here is identify why a person has difficulty in reading and comprehension."

The role of heredity

Aside from dyslexia and other physical problems, early reading experiences and possibly heredity play roles in whether we will be good or poor readers, she added.

"The hardest thing is getting started," Bowers said explaining that the first step is trying to change attitudes. Her philosophy is: If you don't like the way you feel, change the way you think. Students have to believe they are going to succeed.

"Sometimes I have to spend half the tutoring session getting their attitude right and getting them ready to learn," she added. Bowers starts slowly by taking the story apart paragraph by paragraph.

"They get self-confidence and you" can't stop them," she said. "They become an Energizer Bunny and that's what's fulfilling as a teacher and tutor." Bowers knows from experience what it feels like to fail and succeed. A single mother, she flunked out of college during the 1960s. Today she has nine advanced degrees including masters and doctorates.

"I deal with people the same as me every day," she said. "Don't tell me you can't do it, I did and I continue to do it.'

When a student has low reading scores he or she will probably struggle in whatever program he or she get into, Daiek said adding the intervention programs are safety nets.

"If a student doesn't read well they know they're not a good reader and they know some type of intervention is necessary," Daiek said. "Many students who really experience reading difficulties have struggled from K(kindergarten) through 12, but were never diagnosed."

Many students initially resist remedial classes, because they think it's a waste of time, but in the long run; Daiek said, the courses are designed to save the students the cost and energy of having to repeat classes. Schoolcraft offers students programs such as Tutoring and Writing Fellows, which allows students to have their papers reviewed by other students before submitting it to faculty.

Another program, Peer Assisted Learning (PALS), allows students to lead study sessions.

"We in education see that there is such a need for reading," Daiek said pointing to an array of pre-college reading programs designed to get children. excited about books. "We aren't trying to only get them to become academically successful, but to become life-long learners," Daiek said. "Even to become a productive citizen you need reading skills to make decisions when buying a car, buying a house or voting. With Internet information students need skills to know; what is important and what is not. Parents have no idea what it means to take the time to read and make it a love and joy instead of popping in a video."



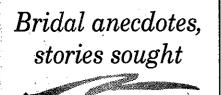
balls on a regular basis. Things don't always go your way. But the secret to life is making the best of these situations. Sure, a snowstorm seems small in comparison to the many tragedies that occur in everyday life. But it sure is an awfully good example.

So you can't get to work because of the road conditions, now you have the whole day to spend with your family, having fun together. That sounds a lot better than working, anyway. Learning to make the best out of things is a difficult skill to acquire. Yet, once it is gained, living becomes a million times more fun.

The final lesson

As Nicholas, Nathan, and I sat warming under a blanket after our escapade, I realized one of the many things they have taught me. Sometimes, life covers us in stuff that we don't like. The trick is learning to enjoy it.

Alyssa Trefney is a student a Livonia Franklin High School. She enjoys writing short stories in her spare time and looks forward to working on the school newspaper in the future. She is a resident of Westland.



Do you have an interesting story to tell about a wedding, engagement, bridal shower or bachelor party? If so, we'd like to hear it.

Special Projects Editor Ralph R. Echtinaw is collecting stories to use in the Observers' annual wedding and anniversary section that comes out on Feb. 11.

You may phone Ralph at (734) 953-2054, write to Ralph at Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or e-mail Ralph at rechtinaw@homecomm.net. Ralph must hear from you by

Friday, Jan. 19.

In fact, the learning center attracts as many A and B students as C and D students. Every semester, she added, there are tutors who help students in one subject and who stay for help in another subject. There are also a lot of perfectionists who want to make sure they're doing the best.

"Å good learner identifies their levels and when they are weak in a certain level they bolster that," Klisz said.

Students who want to improve their reading skills get help from Madonna's lending library, video tapes and tutors. Group study sessions, with student leaders, are also available.

Resolve to get fit, healthy in new year

BY MARY RODRIQUE STAFF WRITER

he last cup of spiked eggnog has been downed, the final chocolate truffle in the fancy box eaten. January is the time most of us think about getting physically fit. A new year, a new attitude.

Losing weight ranks as one of the top New Year's resolutions, according to Farmington Hills-based Weight Watchers. With over 37 years of experience in weight loss and control, Weight Watchers is familiar with the seasonal patterns of dieters. It offers these tips to help make diet resolutions stick beyond Valentine's Day.

■ Getting started is key; don't worry about every detail. Stay focused on the steps immediately before you.

Set your first major goal at losing 10 percent of your current body weight. Not only has a 10 percent weight loss been proven to be medically significant, it's also an achievable goal.

Portion size is a cornerstone to successful weight loss. The amount you eat is more important than what you eat.

Take simple small steps to improve your lifestyle. Change habits gradually. Walk an extra five minutes a day.

Accept that you will make mistakes along the way. Pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and continue with healthy eating habits.

You don't have to give up favorite foods. If buying a big package of your favorite snack leads to temptation, buy single serving sizes instead.

Even if you lapse, don't give up.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER Fit: Hodge Bryant works out using a stair-step machine.

Lapses are normal. Knowing you can get back on track is an empowering skill to learn.

Recognize that new habits need practice until they become your own. Give yourself time for lifestyle changes to feel natural and automatic.

The no diet Solution

At Botsford Hospital's Health Development Network, staff is one year into a new program that offers weight loss without formal dieting.

Called Solutions, the program was created by registered dietitian Laurel Mellin at the University of California -San Francisco, based on years of research. Registered dietician Gail Cox brought the program to Botsford.

"What we're dealing with is not a diet. We go inside ourselves and turn off the drive to overeat," said Denise Holmes, a registered dietitian at Botsford's Health Development Network.

"We overeat or drink too much, or spend too much money or gamble to excess because we're thrown off balance," she explained. "It takes skill training to reach an inner balance. With Solutions, we learn to limit ourselves."

Free introductory talks are scheduled Jan. 9 or Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. to introduce more people to the Solutions concept which is catching on nationally. This 45-minute session is for people who have not read the book The Solution by Laurel Mellin, or know nothing about The Solution method. To reserve a seat call 477-6100.

A retreat is scheduled Jan. 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement in Novi. The fee for the retreat is \$30 and those attending need to buy a copy of the book for \$13. Participants will do a self assessment to see how their eating is caused by stress, habits or emotions. Attending a retreat is required to enroll in a Solution group. Call 477-6100 to register.

"Some overeating triggers include stress, old emotional issues, any number of things," said Holmes, who is a Solutions facilitator. The Solutions program forces the individual to look inside himself to identify the triggers.

'We find what are reasonable expectations, what needs to be done."

At the end of the retreat, participants can decide if the program seems right for them. If they choose to adopt it, Solutions is a 12-week program. Sessions meet once a week for two hours At meetings, clients practice skills and learn new ones.

"You learn to nurture yourself. It takes practice, practice, practice," said Holmes, adding that it usually takes a year for clients to implement the skills they learn into their every day rou- tines

"It's so powerful," she added. "People are learning to take care of themselves, We have one lady who lost 75 pounds by just turning off the (emotional) triggers."

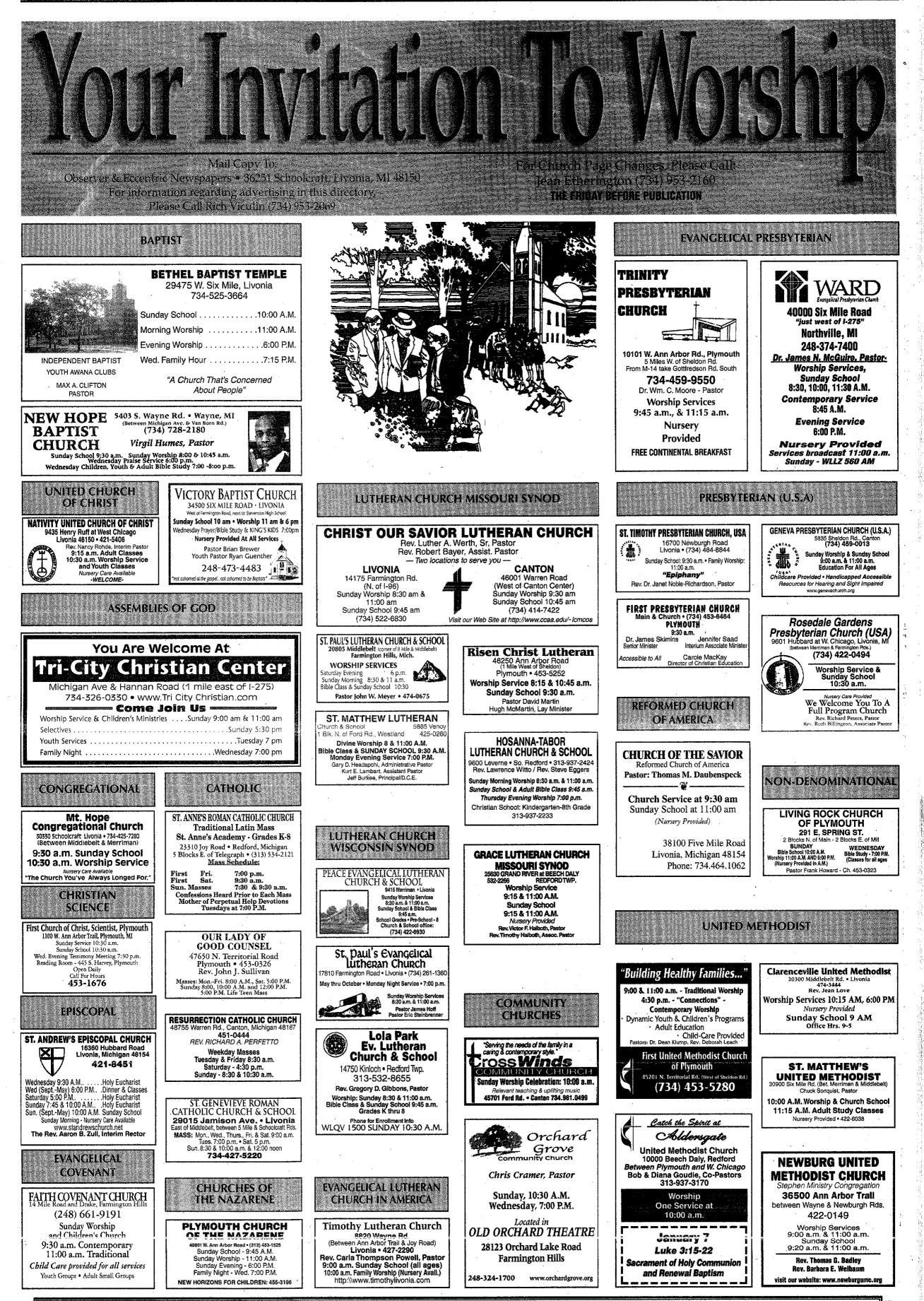
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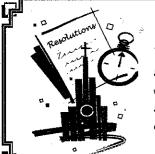
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Making and Breaking New Year's Resolutions

What new year's resolutions should we make for the year 2001? The usual ones like trying to exercise more, going on a diet, or giving up something, just do not seem to work well with most people. Perhaps we should make resolutions that are not so demanding and that are more enjoyable for everyone. For example, we could try to be more positive and expect only good things to happen to us; every day we could tell our spouse or children that we love them; we could try to be a better listener and not do all of the talking; we could say something nice to someone each day; we could pray, praise and thank God throughout the day for all His many blessings.....With God's help, we can do it all.

I can do all things through Christ which strengthen me. K. J. V. Phillippians 4:13

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As space permits, the Observer

& Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last name of at least one contact person, and a telephone number.

ANDOVER

Class of 1971

A reunion is planned for July 21, 2001 at the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City. Information about the reunion can be found at www.andoverclassof1971.org or call Pete Bowers (248) 332-3846.

BELLEVILLE

Class of 1990

A reunion is being planned for March 24 at the Marriott Hotel in Romulus. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

CLARKSTON

Class of 1966 A 35-year reunion will be held June 30, 2001 at the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club. If you have not been contacted call Elaine Keeley Schultz (248) 673-6542.

CLAWSON

Class of 1976 A 25-year reunion is planned for July 7, 2001 at the K of C Hall in

Clawson. Call Cheryl (Strate) Brunette (248) 528-2652; Cathy (Grimes) MacKillop (248) 280-2764 or e-mail clawson1976@aol.com

SACRED HEART/DEARBORN Class of 1961

A reunion is planned for June 23, 2001 at the Marriott Hotel near Metropolitan Airport. Call Bob Fredericks at (248) 426-8373 or e-mail MOM@Mich.com

EDWARD MACDOWELL

Seeking those who attended Edward MacDowell Elementary (4201 W. Outer Dr., Detroit). To register with the Alumni Association that is being organized contact Greater Grace Temple (313) 342-2300.

FARMINGTON HIGH

Class of 1971 A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, July 21 at Baker's of Milford. Call Mary Goodhue (810) 735-5296; Susan (Moss) Walker (248) 628-4295 or visit www.geocities.com/re71union

FERNDALE

Class of 1971 A reunion is being planned for Sept. 29, 2001 at the Fox and Hounds in Bloomfield Hills. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

FITZGERALD HIGH

Class of 1961 The Fitzgerald High School (Warren) class of 1961 has

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planned a reunion for fall of 2001. Call Jeanie (Evans) (810) 758-6535 or e-mail jeaniecski@aol.com

FORDSON - DEARBORN

Class of 1981 A 20-year reunion is planned for Aug. 3, 2001 at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. Tickets will be available starting Jan. 2001. Call Janine (734) 632-

8473 or e-mail jgurka@todaylink.com

Class of 1971 A 30-year reunion is being planned for Aug. 11, 2001. Call (248) 542-8919 or (313) 541-6834. You can also write: Alumni Committee, P.O. Box 375, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.

LIVONIA BENTLEY

■ Class of 1976 A reunion is being planned for Sept. 1, 2001 at the Doubletree Suites Hotel in Novi. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

MERCY HIGH

Class of 1985. TBA. Contact Jennifer Ewald Wenson (248) 473-8397.

NATIVITY HIGH

Class of 1951 Alumni are being sought who graduated with the class of 1951 from Nativity High School in Detroit. A reunion is planned for Oct. 21, 2001. Contact Doris

Kraft Fisher (810) 263-6133; or Margaret Caringi Leroy (248) 276-9730.

NORTH FARMINGTON Class of 1970

A reunion is being planned for Saturday, April 28 at the Novi Hilton. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565. A reunion is being planned for Saturday, August 11 at the Doubletree Guest Suites in Southfield. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

Class of 1991 A 10-year reunion is in the planning stages. We are looking for classmates. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

OAK PARK

Class of 1961 The Oak Park High School Class of '61 is seeking missing persons - classmates who have scattered through the years - and let them know about its 40-year reunion scheduled from 6:30 p.m. to midnight May 12 at the Kingsley Inn (39475 Woodward Avenue at Long Lake Road). Call (248) 366-8972 or (248) 851-4541.

■ Class of 1975

A 25-year reunion is planned for Saturday, April 28, 2001 at the Parthenon House in West Bloomfield. The committee is looking for classmates. To get on the mailing list call: Marcie

Ziskind Aguaus, (248) 624-0516; Marc Feldman (248) 865-9886; shell Milstein Tukel (248) 661-5587 or e-mail Cynthia Brody at cbrody@mediaone.net

PLYMOUTH CANTON

■ Class of 1981 A 20-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 4, 2001 at the Northville Manor in Northville. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565. **PONTIAC CATHOLIC**

Class of 1976i

A 25-year reunion is planned for Oct. 13 at the Northfield Hilton, Troy. Call Tim O'Brien at (248) 334-2470 ext. 103 or send e-mail to obreinhouse @yahoo. com for more information.

ROYAL OAK KIMBALL

Class of 1971 A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 20, 2001 at the Somerset Inn in Troy. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

SOUTHFIELD LATHRUP

Class of 1991

A reunion is being planned for Nov. 23, 2001 at the Somerset Inn, Troy. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

ST. AGNES

Class of 1940 A reunion is being planned for the spring of 2001. Call Rita Schmidt Herpel (248) 644-4120. **ST. ANDREW-DETROIT**

Multi-class 1954-1959 A reunion is being planned for March 16 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Call Jerry McFee (313) 563-1734

🗑 Class of 1961

"Flyer" alumni of the 1961 class are being sought for a 40th reunion. Send name, maiden name if applicable, address, city, state, zip and phone number to Reunion, 23890 Joey Drive, Brownstown Twp., Mi 48134 or call (734) 676-1934.

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Class of 1951 Seeking graduates for Sept. 2001 50th reunion. Please contact Rosemary, (810) 792-0136.

WAYNE MEMORIAL

Class of 1981 A reunion is being planned for Oct. 6, 2001 at the Holiday Inn, Livonia. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

WILBUR WRIGHT

Class of 1962 Classmates are being sought for a 40-year reunion. If you are a classmate or know of a class-

mate call us. Don Simms, (248) 814-9425 or Jacqueline Bartley (248) 442-8851. Classes 1961-67

A reunion is being planned for Aug. 18, 2001. For information call Norma Wright (313) 934-9373, Joe Newland (248) 563-0304, Tim Wirkus (248) 353-4502.

Listings for the Singles Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

WESTSIDE SINGLES DANCE

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

THURSDAY METRO SINGLES

Metro Singles Dance begins at 8 p.m. every Thursday and concludes at 11:30 p.m. Cost is \$6. Free swing dance lessons offered from 8-9 p.m. DJ, budget bar, refreshments, 21 and over, dress attire please. Crystal Park Banquet Center, 7099 Champaign, Allen Park, Call (313) 388-9001 or the hotline (313) 438-6852.

Divorce. Theodore Johnson, Attorney at Law. Learn about the process of filing for divorce and what to expect. Feb. 13, group discussion facilitated by Cynthia Koppin. Feb. 27, Gaining financial control of your divorce. Jacqueline Gold will discuss the financial

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aspects of divorce and how to plan for your future following the divorce.

■ Mar. 13, group discussion facilitated by Cynthia Koppin. ■ Mar. 27, Coping with Insecurity: Karen Copeland, a licensed marriage and family therapist, will focus her presentation on

helping divorcing individuals to develop more self-confidence as they face the challenges of a new

life. Apr. 10, group discussion facil-

itated by Cynthia Koppin. Apr. 24, "An Overview of the Process of Divorce" by Mary Jane Bevelheimer, Attorney at Law. Learn about the legal process of divorce, including information on property settlement, custody, child support, visitation, alimony, etc.

DIVORCE RECOVERY

Single Place Ministries presents a Divorce Recovery Workshop at First Presbyterian Church (200

E. Main Street, Northville) Jan. 11-Feb. 22 at a cost of \$30. Topics include networking, stages of grief, legal aspect of divorce, helping children through divorce, etc. The group meets from 7-9 p.m. at the church. The cost includes Jim Smoke's book "Growing Through Divorce."



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BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and educational assistance to divorced or separated Christians.Call Diane at 981-4553.

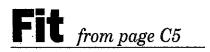
DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

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

Jan. 9, group discussion facilitated by Cynthia Koppin. ■ Jan. 23, The Legal Aspects of

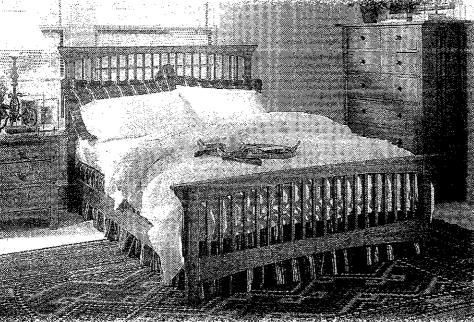
Don't miss **TV debut**

Don't miss the debut of I Can Do Better Than That! 2 a.m. Friday, Jan. 5 on UPN 50. Check out the show that is seeking the next big thing in music, drama and even comedy. If you're not a night owl, set your VCR. Vote online for your favorites and log on to learn more at www.icandobetterthanthat.com



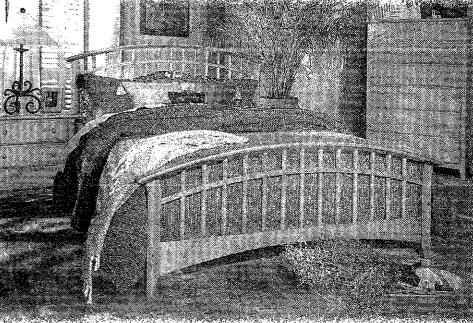
Six skills are reinforced: nurturing, effecting limits, body pride and acceptance, good health, balanced eating and mastery of living - exercise.

"It's not therapy," Holmes stressed. "The dietitian is outcome oriented and the social worker deals with the process. The marriage of these two elements works well. We're very excited to be able to deliver a program that people can see a difference in their lives.



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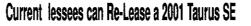
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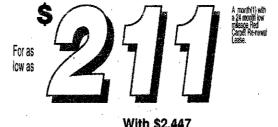
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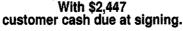
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■ Class of 1990

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CLARKSTON ■ Class of 1966

A 35-year reunion will be held June 30, 2001 at the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club. If you have not been contacted call Elaine Keeley Schultz (248) 673-6542.

CLAWSON

■ Class of 1976 A 25-year reunion is planned for July 7, 2001 at the K of C Hall in Clawson. Call Cheryl (Strate) Brunette (248) 528-2652; Cathy (Grimes) MacKillop (248) 280-2764 or e-mail clawson1976@aol.com

SACRED HEART/DEARBORN

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EDWARD MACDOWELL

■ Seeking those who attended Edward MacDowell Elementary (4201 W. Outer Dr., Detroit). To register with the Alumni Association that is being organized contact Greater Grace Temple (313) 342-2300.

FARMINGTON HIGH Class of 1971

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FORDSON - DEARBORN Class of 1981

A 20-year reunion is planned for Aug. 3, 2001 at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. Tickets will be available starting Jan. 2001. Call Janine (734) 632-8473 or e-mail

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NORTH FARMINGTON Class of 1970

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OAK PARK

Class of 1961 The Oak Park High School Class of '61 is seeking missing persons - classmates who have scattered through the years - and let them know about its 40-year reunion scheduled from 6:30 p.m. to midnight May 12 at the Kingsley Inn (39475 Woodward Avenue at Long Lake Road). Call (248) 366-8972 or (248) 851-4541.

Class of 1975

A 25-year reunion is planned for Saturday, April 28, 2001 at the Parthenon House in West Bloomfield. The committee is looking for classmates. To get on the mailing list call: Marcie

Ziskind Aguaus, (248) 624-0516; Marc Feldman (248) 865-9886; shell Milstein Tukel (248) 661-5587 or e-mail Cynthia Brody at cbrody@mediaone.net

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Multi-class 1954-1959 A reunion is being planned for March 16 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Call Jerry McFee (313) 563-1734

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A reunion is being planned for Aug. 18, 2001. For information call Norma Wright (313) 934-9373, Joe Newland (248) 563-0304, Tim Wirkus (248) 353-4502.

Listings for the Singles Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953e-mail 2131 or kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

WESTSIDE SINGLES DANCE

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

THURSDAY METRO SINGLES

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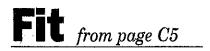
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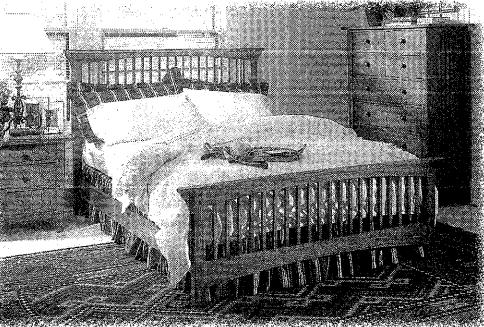
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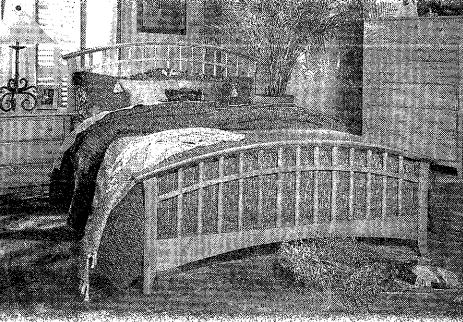
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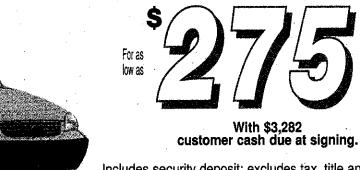
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Salem results mixed

Plymouth Salem's volleyball team opened its season last Saturday at the Portage Northern Invitational, and the results were mixed: three wins, two losses.

The Rocks beat Comstock 15-6, 15-9; Pinconning 15-7, 15-10; and Flint Powers 15-9, 15-3. They lost to Fruitport 15-5, 16-14 and to Temperance Bedford 15-0, 13-15, 15-7.

Despite the shaky start, Salem coach Tom Teeters was still able to locate an optimistic note. "Bedford scored the first 25 points of the match against us," he said, referring to one of the state's top teams. "We were down 12-0 in the second game and came back and won it."

Teeters was encouraged by the performance of several players, including Kelly Jaskot's defense and serving (two aces); Stephanie Philips, coming off the bench at middle blocker; Jill Dombrowski, at both setting and serving; Katie Good's hitting; Jordan Fulcusan's all-around play; and Mary Lou Liebau's quick attack.

Salem hosts the Plymouth Salem Invitational Saturday.

Ambassadors win in OT

Andy Bozoian, a defenseman with the Compuware Ambassadors, scored just 1:17 into overtime to lead his team to a 3-2 victory over the Capital Centre Pride Saturday in Lansing.

Frank Rediker and Steve Brudzewski scored regulation goals for the Ambassadors. Mike Noel and Charlie Henderson scored for the Pride.

Men's racquetball

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services, in conjunction with Body Rocks Racquetball of Livonia, will sponsor a 13-week men's winter racquetball league beginning next Wednesday

Cost is \$110 per person. Court times are 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. There are no residency requirements.

Players will be divided into divisions based on ability level. Call the Canton Parks and Recreation Services at (734) 397-5110 for more infor-

It's a matter of taking what you can get. Madonna University couldn't beat host Alma College in the opening round of last weekend's tournament, but the Crusaders did win their consolation game against Thomas More.

A strong second half Saturday against Thomas More University, ignited by the one-two combination of Mike Massey and Dan Kurtinaitis, enabled Madonna University's men's basketball team to salvage a split at last weekend's Alma College Invitational.

The Fighting Crusaders were clinging to a 37-35 lead at halftime. In the

second half, however, they outpointed 4-11.

- 3-of-4 on triple tries - in scoring 27 points. He also had three assists and two steals.

Massey finds the range for Madonna

Chad Nodolni contributed 11 points and 10 rebounds as the Crusaders made 29-of-52 from the field (55.8 percent), including 9-of-17 on threes (52.9 percent).

Thomas More was paced by Mark Klein's 18 points, Corey Grace with 17, Dustin Mulberry with 16 and Trevor Ryhe with 10. More made 22-of-54 from the floor (40.7 percent) and 6-of-23 on threes (26.1 percent).

In Friday's opener against Alma,

turnovers were Madonna's biggest problem in its 88-83 loss. The Crusaders committed 20 of them. compared to 12 for the Scots.

Alma led 46-39 at the half.

Massey, who nailed 5-of-8 threepointers, led Madonna with 26 points and four assists. Narvin Russaw hit 6of-7 from the floor in scoring 14 points and he paced the Crusaders with 13 rebounds. Aaron Cox added 13 points and two steals and Kurtinaitis scored 11.

Alma got 18 points from Sean Dick,

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Whalers seek to stay among the OHL's best



BY NICHOLAS A. GISMONDI SPECIAL WRITER The holidays are a time of surprises. The Ply-

mouth Whalers don't want any.

The Whalers ended the 2000 portion of their season as one of the Ontario Hockey League's best teams. They plan on remaining there.

And as a title contender, they have made moves to keep themselves in a competitive spot, including a post-Christmas trade. The Whalers dealt promising first-year player Nathan O'Nabigon and a third-round 2002 draft pick to the Mississauga Ice Dogs in return for their leading scorer, Chad Wiseman.

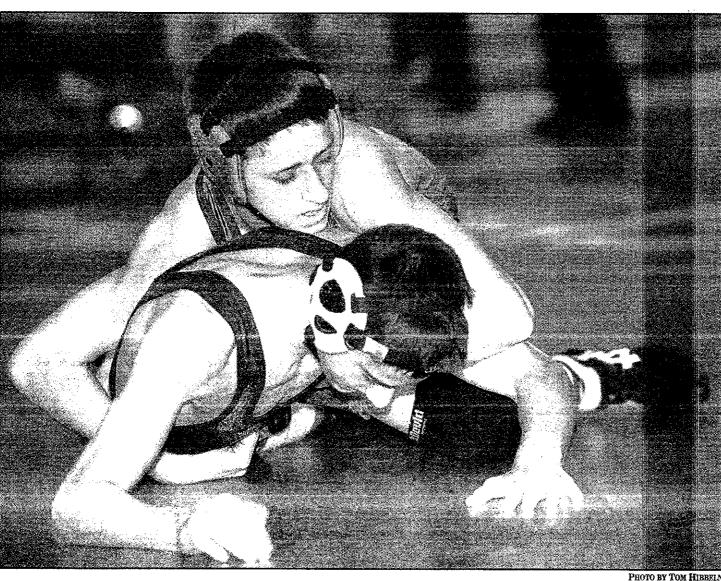
Wiseman brings 15 goals and 29 assists (44 points) to the Whalers, which ranks 10th in the OHL. The Whalers are expected to make at least one more move before the midnight trading dead line on January 10.

"Pete (DeBoer) and I have come to the realization that we are most likely not going to get Justin (Williams) back from Philadelphia, so scoring is something that we have to address," said associate coach Steve Spott. "Chad is a guy that can do that for us and he helps to take a lot of the pressure off offensively." Williams was the Whalers leading scorer last season. Drafted by the Flyers, he was invited to the team's training pre-season training camp and has stuck with them. Wiseman made an immediate impact with the Whalers, scoring two goals in their 3-1 win over the Windsor Spitfires Friday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena. Wiseman scored his first goal as a Whaler at the 3:39 mark of the first period, his 16th goal of the season with assists from Tomas Kurka and Cole Jarrett. Bryan Thompson made it 2-0 at the 2:59 mark of the second period when he let a waist-high shot go that beat Windsor goalie Ryan Aschaber on the right side. The assists went to George Nistas and Stacey Britstone. A goal by Steve Hildenbrand, his 10th of the year, at the 7:07mark brought the Spits to within one, but the Whalers refused to give in and, with 6:50 left in the third period, Wiseman's second

Thomas More 53-39 to win going away. The win pushed Madonna's record to Massey converted 11-of-16 shots from the floor, including 3-of-6 threepointers, and 11-of-12 free throws to pour in 36 points.

Kurtinaitis was 8-of-12 from the floor

Just warming up



Taking the fifth: Salem's Pete Bobee (on top) won his first match in the 112-pound division, then lost

mation.

his second. Still, Bobee beat Bo Waldorf of Greenville to finish fifth in the tournament.

Travel baseball tryout

A travel baseball team out of the Little Caesars Amateur Baseball Federation is searching for players for its 15-year-old team this summer. The team will travel out of state for three tournaments this summer.

If your birthdate is before Aug. 1, 1986, call; there will be a tryout Sunday in Dearborn Heights.

Call Mr. Lewis at (313) 839-6872 to register.

Pompon variety show

The Plymouth Canton HS Chiefettes pompon squad will present its annual Variety Show at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 in the Salem HS Auditorium.

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the door or from any member of the Chiefettes.

This year's show will include individual student performances, a Chiefettes Parents' routine, a guy/girl dance routine and performances by the award-winning Plymouth Canton HS Chiefettes.

Madonna softball clinic

Madonna University will be stage a girls fastpitch softball clinic four consecutive weeks - 10 a.m. until noon Saturday, Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3 and 10; also, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, 28; Feb. 4 and 11.

The cost is \$80 for four weeks or \$25 per session.

The camp consists of hitting, bunting, infield/outfield, base running, pitching, catching and defensive position. Pitchers and catchers will be required to stay an extra half-hour.

Pre-registration is required. The maximum is 30 per session.

For more information, call MU coach Al White at (734) 432-5783 or (734) 495-3719; also assistant Curt White at (734) 728-3074.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

Short-handed Salem does all right

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR cjrisak@oe.homecomm.net

Hard to judge a team at a Christmas Tournament, particularly when said team is missing several key individuals.

At last Saturday's Plymouth Salem Invitational, many of the 14 teams competing could make a similar claim. Indeed, it could be maintained that few - if any — of the teams had their full roster available.

However you look at it, the teams that finished on top — in this case, Greenville with 194 points, followed by Belleville with 186.5 and Portage Northern with 172.5 - still had to be happy. And the teams that finished further down in the 14-team field couldn't be too disappointed.

"For the kids we had, we're doing fine," said Salem coach Greg Woochuk. 'We didn't have a full lineup. With some of the kids, it was a family thing." Salem placed seventh with 121

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points, behind the top three and Livonia Stevenson (152), Northville (141.5) and Monroe (137). Behind the Rocks came Livonia Churchill (120), Brighton (110), Garden City (88), Westland John Glenn (81), Dearborn (72.5), Ann Arbor Pioneer (66.5) and Ypsilanti (32).

"We had just six wrestlers there and (Jacob Davis) went out with a concussion. But the rest of the wrestlers scored nearly 90 points," pointed out GC coach Aaron Davis," so they wrestled well."

The tournament's outstanding wrestler was Dearborn's Matt Startini, competing in the 275-pound division. Startini faced three opponents and pinned them all, including Pioneer's Joe Rewoldt in 3:33 of the championship match.

The Pioneers had one other outstanding wrestlers in 119-pounder Rob

Sulaver, who finished first by edging Monroe's Corey Nowitzke 7-6 in the final.

There were two weight division winners from Observerland teams: Scott Massey of Garden City, who pinned Northern's Aaron James in 3:12 to win the 112 division, and Imad Kharbush of Stevenson, who blanked Northern's Dave Coville 3-0 in the final at 160.

Salem had two wrestlers reach the championship bout before falling. Tony Kennard was edged by Adam Merlington of Greenville, 4-3, in the final at 135, and Zach Jensen was pinned by Belleville's Jason Johnson in 5:55 of the title match at 215.

Stevenson, Churchill and Garden City had one other wrestler reach the finals as well. For the Spartans, Matt Radley was beaten by Northern's James Bippus 7-2 for the title at 140; the Chargers' Steve Lenhardt lost 13-4

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER **One of the best:** Catholic Central senior Matt Gable is one of the state's best skiers, having won the title in the slalom and finishing second in the giant slalom at last year's state final.

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PREP SKIING PREVIEWS Reigning champ returns to keep CC among state's best

BY PAUL BEAUDRY STAFF WRITER pbeaudry@oe.homecomm.net

If you look at Redford Catholic Central's ski team, the first thought might be that the Shamrocks have one skier and the rest ride his skis to success.

Think again. True, the Shamrocks have one of the best, if not the best, skier in the state in Matt Gable. But there is a core group of seniors that should allow CC to improve greatly on its sixth-place finish at last

year's Class A finals. "I think we're loaded," said CC coach Tom Gable. "We've got five seniors back, we've got depth and we've got experience. Our improvement on last year is 100 percent. The key to winning a state meet is not one great skier, but to have a group of them finish in the same area. That's what we need."

While there's a lot of improvement, there's still no doubt the ace in the hole is Matt Gable.

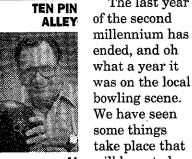
Gable won the Slalom last year and was second in the Giant Slalom by a tenth of a second. Three weeks ago, he was chosen as one of six skiers for the $Central \ Development \ Team - a \ potential$ stepping stone for the Olympic program.

"As long as I've been coaching, there hasn't been a racer south of Cadillac to repeat as state Slalom champ, and Matt

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2000: It was a memorable year for all bowlers



ended, and oh what a year it was on the local bowling scene. We have seen some things take place that will be noted HARRISON for many years

The last year to come: new records established and other ways in which this sport of ours has taken great new strides and shows a positive outlook for the coming new year. Starting with the Y2K bug, the computers did not all crash as feared and wipe out our memory chips. Even the Autoscorers and computer secretary programs survived the big scare of just one

year ago.

Shawn Arbogast of Westland had the first Observerland 300 of the year at Westland Bowl in the Sunday Sleepers league. The game began at 10:48 a.m. and ended at 11:34 a.m. and was submitted to the ABC. In February, 86-year-old Jarvis Woehlke became the first octogenarian in the history of the game to have rolled

two 300s in the same season. His second was at Mayflower Lanes in Redford. His other 300 was at Wonderland Lanes in Livonia two months earlier. Woehlke's feat was noted in an article in the May 15th edition of Sports Illustrated. The month of March featured the purchase of the men's Pro Bowlers Tour by a group of former Microsoft executives led by

Chris Peters. This move will ultimately lead to more money available to promote the sport of bowling, especially on national TV. Also in March, the Michigan High School Bowling Championships took place at Century Lanes in Waterford with the Plymouth Salem team capturing the boys title and the Waterford Mott girls team taking the crown in

their division.

In April, it was Livonia's Julie Wright setting the pace by winning the State "Queen's" title by winning the Michigan Queens Tournament at Royal Scot Lanes in Lansing. On April 10, the All-Star Bowlerettes league had the Turbo 2-N-1 Grips/Remerica team set a new all-time high series with 3,557 against the All-Star Grille team, which came back in November to top that high water mark with a 3,600 series.

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In May it was Tim Detherage of Westland coming through with a victory worth \$10,000 in the Brunswick Challenge. In order to qualify one had to have bowled a 300 game in this competition during the season. As luck would have it, Wonderland Lanes proprietor Ken Bashara also won \$3,000 as the host bowling center for the winner. May also saw Larry Walker of Garden City named Bowler of the Year by the All-Stars in their banquet at St. Mary's Cultural Center.

In June the Cecil Ward Youth Travel Classic League won the youth travel championships by defeating the Western Wayne Youth Travel Classic and the Sunday Youth Classic in a match at Ypsi Arbor Lanes. In June, Jackie Haner won the youth scholarship awarded at the Michigan State Bowling Council banquet in Jackson. Haner was the first female to roll a perfect game in the WWYTC.

In November it was the five women bowlers on the All-Star Grille team setting a new alltime world record with a three game series of 3,600 in which they rolled 113 strikes along the way. Another November happening was that during the 70th annual Old Timers Tournament. GDBA President Michael Monson of Farmington Hills rolled a 300 game along with another 300 by Phil Horowitz of West Bloomfield. They were the first ever perfect



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Harrison is a resident of n City. He can be ed at (734) 422-1609.

Depth will make Mercy superior

BY DAN O'MEARA STAFF WRITER

If coach Tom Gable is right, 2001 will be a successful year for the Farmington Hills Mercy ski team.

Gable believes the Marlins are the team to beat in the Mount Brighton Division and have the years ago. talent to win a regional championship as well.

The reason for Gable's optimism is the return of nine skiers, including three senior tricaptains, and the addition of some promising newcomers.

"I really would project this Mercy team take the division championship," he said. "There are some good girl skiers out there, but I don't think (other teams) have the depth Mercy does

"(The Marlins) definitely have the experience and the little extra depth they need. They put in the extra time in training, and some young ones are pushing who could be producing immediately.

"With that combination, I expect they can handle a topthree finish in the regional and move up to the state meet in Petoskev.³

The team leaders are senior captains Nikki Anderson, Laura Burek and Marcy Godlew, all of whom were front-line skiers a

"All of them went as a group to camp at Mount Hood, Oregon," Gable said, "and came back a hundred percent stronger.

"That makes my job easier because of the terminology. I can talk about the rise line and the fall line, and they understand because they've been to camp."

Anderson was an individual qualifier for the state meet in the slalom event. She also participates in the Central United States Ski Association circuit and is a better skier for it, according to Gable.

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"She's trying to make a run at it her senior year; she'll have a great season," he said. "She was a consistent top-five skier in the division last year, so she'll be

vying for the top. She'll have a little competition. There's a gal from Brighton and one from Okemos who are pretty strong." Burek is another varsity veteran who is following in the foot-

steps of her older sister, Renee, who helped the Marlins win consecutive regional titles a few "Laura was a constant top-10

skier in the division and certainly has improved 100 percent," Gable said.

"Marcy is real goal-oriented. She has worked real hard and her improvement is like night and day. She's skiing extremely strong.

"I expect Laura and Marcy to chase Nikki right up toward those top positions.

Another improved skier is junior Melissa Desautel, who also went to summer camp. She was a top-20 skier last year, and Gable thinks she could "be knocking on the door to the top 10.²

Others vying for the fifth and sixth spots in the varsity lineup are juniors Dana Woolsey, Rachael Rozycki and Margot Spera and sophomores Kelly Martin and Nicole Zaleski

The Marlins could have a freshman in their top six, because Gable said Elizabeth Kujula is an outstanding prospect with great potential.

"It would appear to me this young lady could have an immediate impact," Gable said, adding Kujula competes in the CUSSA and was in the J4 Junior

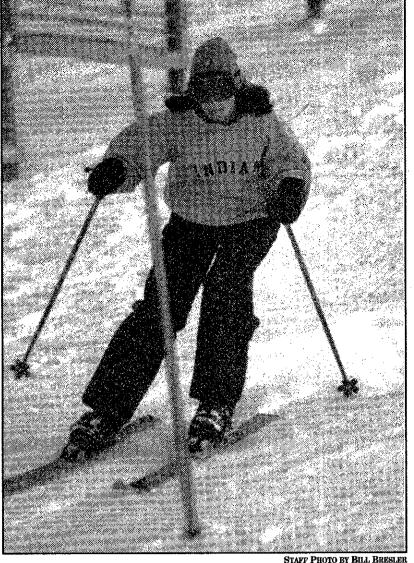
Olympics. "From what I've seen so far and based on my experience in coaching, I would say this girl is a state skier as a freshman.'

Gable compares Kukula with his daughter, Niki, a former Mercy standout and All-America at Seattle University who will be an assistant coach for her dad this year

The Marlins won the one-day division meet last year but finished second in the overall season standings

Mercy was 10th in the Southeastern Michigan Ski League, but the Mount Brighton Division

can do it," said Tom Gable. "He's It's a close-knit group and little inconsistent last year, but



Shooting for a spot: Sophomore Kelly Martin will be gunning for a spot in Mercy's starting lineup.

from the SEMSL due to scheduling conflicts.

season today, have been invited to compete at the end of January in the Traverse City Invitation-

al. however. "It's almost a preview of the state meet," Gable said. "It's a real feather in the cap of the program at Mercy. It's hard to gain the respect of the up-north schools, and it seems like we've done that.

"We've replaced the league meet with that one. It will tell me where we stand against teams in all likelihood we'll see at state. From a coaching standpoint, I couldn't be more elated." Gable compares this year's Mercy team to the ones that won back-to-back regional champi-

onships. "We had a group that trained together a couple years ago, and

teams have since withdrawn I get the same undercurrent from this group of seniors," he said. "It's a nice, close-knit group The Marlins, who start the and the improvement is obviously there.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Friday, Jan. 5 Churchill at W.L. Central, 7 p.m. Franklin at Farmington, 7 p.m. Canton at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Northville at N. Farmington, 7 p.m Redford Union at Lincoln Park, 7 p.m. Liggett at C'ville, 7 p.m. Luth. Westland at Flat Rock, 7 p.m Mt. Carmel at St. Agatha, 7 p.m. Agape vs. Macomb Christian at Warren Hawthorne Ctr., 7 p.m. Notre Dame at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6 Annapolis at Luth, W'sld, 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Jan. 4 Huron Valley at Tay. Baptist, 6 p.m. Luth. W'sld at Kingswood, 6:30 p.m Harper Wds. at C'ville, 6:30 p.m. St. Agatha at Benedictine, 7 p.m Agape vs. Macomb Christian at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5 PCA at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m Saturday, Jan. 6 Saline Invitational, 8 a.m Durand Invitational, 8 a.m.

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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Jan. 6 Concordia at Madonna, 3 p.m. Wayne Co. at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m

PREP HOCKEY Thursday, Jan. 4 Ladywood vs. Bloomfield at Det. Skating Club, 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5 Franklin vs. Milford at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m. Salem vs. Stevenson, Canton vs. W.I. Central, at Ply. Cultural Ctr., 6 & 8 p.m. (MHL Showcase at Troy S.C.) Churchill vs. Brother Rice, 4:15 p.m. Redford CC vs. Marquette, 8:45 p.m Saturday, Jan. 6 Red. Unified vs. Dearborn at Redford ice Arena, 7:45 p.m Farm, Unified vs. W.L. Central at Lakeland ice Arena, 8:20 a.m. (MHL Showcase at Troy S.C.) Churchill vs. G.P. North, 11:15 a.m Redford CC vs. E. Kentwood, 3:45 p.m.

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Vhalers at Kitchener, 7:30 p.m Saturday, Jan. 6 Whalers vs. Erie Otters at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m

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pretty serious about it. He's going to be the leader of that are fast and consistent." team, but the boys are going to follow him. I think he can take them to a new level and sometimes it's the perfect situation."

In a sense, he already has. Gable and seniors John Goebel. Eric Sullivan, Ryan Boudreau and Joe Murray spent part of their summer vacation on 11,239-foot Mt. Hood in Oregon for ski camp.

"Their improvement was 100 percent," said Tom Gable. "This is an exciting group of seniors. has improved too. Ryan was a be very, very good."

they're going places. All of them got over that. With consistency he'll be knocking on the door for top finishes. And Joe's in that Sullivan had four top-10 finishes in Southeast Michigan Ski group too." League competition last year,

Several skiers will be vying for the sixth spot, including senior while Goebel had two top five finishes. Ryan Boudreau also Bryan Knotry, juniors Steve ran toward the top last year and Johnson, Ethan Lube and Mike Hunt, and sophomore Che Mar-Joe Murray will move from skiing the slalom to both events. tinez.

Both (Sullivan and Goebel) "We need to solidify the sixth improved tremendously at sum- spot," said Tom Gable. "Everymer camp," said Tom Gable. "I one is going to get a shot at it. think Eric can cut that in half and be a top-five skier and John they can do. If we get that, we'll

But it's open to all to see what

goal of the game sealed Plymouth's win. His power-play marker was assisted by Andre Robichaud.

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"I don't think we played a full sixty minutes against Windsor," said Spott. "They came on strong in the second period, but we were able to hang on. Our defense played a key role in tonight's victory."

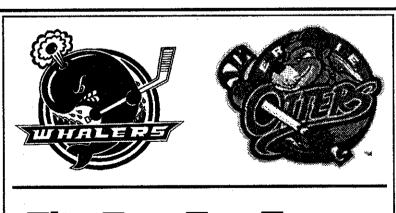
The Whalers improved to 24-6-4-1, good for 53 points, just four behind the OHL-leading Erie Otters and 10 ahead of the Spitfires, second in the OHL's West Division.

The Whalers opened the 2001 portion of their schedule last night against the Sarnia Sting at Compuware Sports Arena. On Friday, they travel to Kitchener to take on the Rangers, and on Saturday, they return home to face the league-leading Erie Otters.

The Otters were riding high above the OHL last month until the Whalers paid them a visit. In a two-game stretch Dec. 8-9, Plymouth ended Erie's unbeaten streak and its homeice winning streak.

The Whalers tied the Otters 5-5 on Dec. 8, then beat them 4-3 the next night.

These two teams remain at the top of the OHL. Erie sports a 25-6-7-0 record, good for 57 points and first place in the Midwest Division; Plymouth is atop the West Division at 24-6-4-1, 53 points. Erie, however, has played three more games.



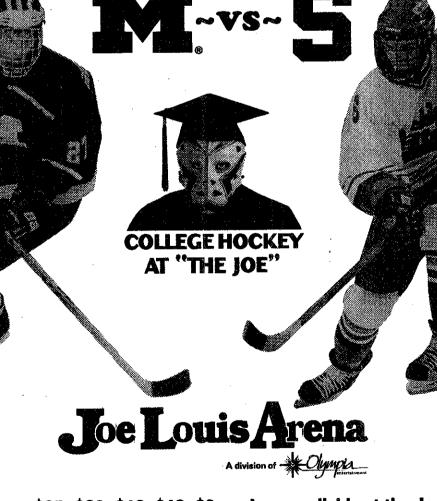
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J & E INSTALLATION, INC.

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The reputation of J & E INSTALLATION has been achieved through quality products, customer satisfaction, and reasonable prices. Nowhere will you find a company that strives to please every customer, regardless of your needs, as conscientiously as J & E INSTALLATION.

They are regarded as leading authorities on door and window sales, installation and maintenance. Security, durability and good looks are built into every door or window installed by this company. They specialize in all styles of steel and fiberglass insulated entry doors as well as double doors and sidelite units. They also offer storm doors, and doorwalls. Although J & E has become well known throughout Metro Detroit for offering quality doors, they don't stop there. They also feature a complete selection of vinyl replacement windows to fit every budget.

So if quality products and dependable service at sensible prices are what you're seeking, we feel J & E INSTALLATION is the company to contact. They have one of the largest selections of doors and windows in the Metropolitan area. For free estimates call 1-800-295-6714 or stop by their showroom at 32242 8 Mile in Farmington Hills. Jeff and Ed and all of the employees at J & E INSTALLATION look forward to serving you in 2001.

Wardell Chiropractic Family Health Center

Dale Wardell, D.C., P.C.

Welcome to the exciting world of chiropractic. Join many of the patients and even some of your neighbors who have discovered the benefits of chiropractic care at Wardell Chiropractic Family Health Center. You may wonder, "What is chiropractic for?" Many people experience chiropractic as a natural, drug-free way to get healthy. For example a little boy who no longer suffers from headaches and sees his grades improving may tell you: "chiropractic is for headaches." A young woman may tell you: "chiropractic is for menstrual problems." Others may tell you that chiropractic is for digestive problems, breathing difficulty, back or neck pain, sciatica, neurological problems, whiplash, work injuries and many more conditions. But this isn't all that people will say. You'll also hear them say that they come to Wardell Chiropractic for more energy, for improved sports performance. for feeling more alive. for better resistance to disease and to help ensure drug-free lives for themselves and their families.

What does Dr. Wardell do? He removes a serious interference of the nervous system called vertebral subluxations-which prevent you from functioning at your best. Then you can be more balanced with less stress on your nervous system and body structure. This information has been brought to you by courtesy of Wardell Chiropractic Family Health Center located at 28252 Ford Road, in Garden City, phone 734-421-4110. Dr. Wardell & his staff thank their patients for their patronage and look forward to serving your needs.

Mortgage Concepts Inc.

Today, there is more to home mortgages than meets the eye. All one has to do is read the ads to become totally confused; and ultimately, we're at the mercy of the institution with whom we're dealing. From variable to fixed rates, to closing costs and points to pay, how do we know for sure we're getting the best service? People in our area have come to realize one thing when it comes to home mortgages. It's straight talk that keeps them coming back time and time again.

Mortgage Concepts, located at 4952 Dewitt in Canton, phone 734-397-9600, can be relied upon for honesty, integrity, and an all-round fair deal when purchasing or refinancing your home. They have built a good reputation in this area by not only offering a competitive rate, but also by using terms the average person can understand. They will carefully explain to you the best method of financing or refinancing your home. Their loan professionals are skilled in financing and make every effort to put you at ease from the first meeting to the actual settlement.

Make no mistake, there is a real difference in mortgage companies. Don't be confused by the fine print, rely on the experts at Mortgage Concepts. You'll see first hand why so many homeowners in this area have turned to them for their financing and refinancing needs.

Small Moves

Many people are moving in and out of the Metro Detroit area. All of these people have many different reasons for moving but we have found that they do have one thing in common. They are choosing to move the Small Moves way. You've got enough to think about when you are moving, therefore. Small Moves wants to take the hassle and worry out of vour move.

They specialize In small moves, but they offer local, long distance and international moving. This well-respected moving and storage company has a fine reputation for the friendliest and safest moves you can get. From their experienced personnel you can "expect service that is beyond reproach. Their chief objective is to

Alsager Animal Care Center Dr. Mark Alsager * Dr. Judi Fleischaker

Alsager Animal Care Center is becoming more important each day to the veterinary concerns of this community. The reason for this is that they combine a good atmosphere for treatment with all the knowledge and skill of the veterinary medical profession. Dr. Mark Alsager and Dr. Judi Fleischaker are dedicated to improving the quality of life for your pets; providing the finest care available. Their philosophy is to work with clients to keep their pets healthy. They encourage regular preventive care which avoids more expensive and serious problems later on.

Alsager Animal Care Center is located at 44262 Warren Road (just east of Sheldon) in Canton, phone 734-459-5070. This full service veterinary hospital is open seven days a week. They offer high quality medicine, surgery and dentistry for cats, dogs and exotics. Dr. Mark Alsager has a special interest in feline medicine and is a member of the American Association of Feline Practitioners. Alsager Animal Care Center adheres to the standards of the American Animal Hospital Association. They are continually making changes in order to keep up with the rapid developments in the veterinary medical field. They will continue to guard the health and welfare of the animals in our community. We compliment Alsager Animal Care Center for its fine service to the animals of our community. Call 734-459-5070 for an appointment.

Accompany this article and receive \$5.00 off your next visit.

George N. Atsalis, D.D.S., P.C.

Comprehensive And Modern Dentistry

It's a proven fact that good dental care is vital to your overall health, as well as your appearance. With today's emphasis on preventing dental problems before they start, there are many advantages in seeing a dentist on a regular basis. Being treated by the same dentist each visit establishes a good relationship where your dentist is familiar with you and your individual needs and can best help you to prevent decay or other dental problems.

At the dental practice of George N. Atsalis, D.D.S., his orientation towards preventive dentistry helps you maintain good dental health. From regular check-ups, cleanings and fillings to cosmetic dentistry, the advantages of this practice means personalized, individual attention. Dr. Atsalis strives to keep up with all of the latest advances in dentistry. He is continually updating his dental education as well as utilizing the newest technology in dental techniques. He also meets and exceeds all sterilization requirements. New patients are always welcome and Dr. Atsalis gives all new and existing patients a complete comprehensive exam.

Knowing your dentist and seeing him regularly will help you maintain DENTAL HEALTH FOR A LIFETIME! For more information or to schedule an appointment just call the office at 734-453-1190. They are conveniently located at 690 South Main in Plymouth.

Housemaster Inspection Services

Tom Rusco - President

A home is probably the largest single investment you'll ever make. Therefore, you should know exactly what to expect before you purchase your home, in terms of repairs and maintenance. Housemaster Inspection Services located at 33228 W. 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills, phone 888-848-0202 offers complete and professional home inspections. A home inspection is a visual examination of the physical structure of the systems in the home. The building inspector represents their client and no-one else. A complete home inspection includes an examination of the house from top to bottom. The inspector examines the heating system; central air conditioning, interior plumbing, electrical systems, the roof and visual insulation, walls, ceilings. floors, windows, doors, the foundation, basement and visual structures. A house cannot fail an inspection. A professional inspection is simply an examination into the current condition of your perspective home to indicate the items which will be in need of immediate major repair or replacement. This will enable you to make your purchasing decision more confidently.

If you are in the process of purchasing a new or existing home, or currently own a home that you would like inspected, we suggest you contact Housemaster Inspec- HouseMaster.

tion Services at 888-848-0202.

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Your Dealership Alternative

Advanced automotive technology necessitates a more professional approach to auto repairs and servicing. Locally, Auto - Lab is a recommended auto repair center where your guarantee of satisfaction lies in the fact that the owner, personally supervises every job.

Auto - Lab. independently owned and operated, has two area locations to serve you: 530 W. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, phone 734-454-4300 and 5811 N. Canton Center Road in Canton, phone 734-454-9930. They are fully-equipped with the tools and machinery to render total auto service. The ASE certified technicians employed here offer prompt professional service including computerized tune ups, oil changes, electrical service, brake, shock and exhaust system repairs, engine and transmission service, etc. In fact, all of your preventive maintenance, major and minor repairs, can be handled at this one convenient location. With their extensive knowledge and experience, they can perform repairs on all makes and models of foreign and domestic cars and light duty trucks. We are pleased to point your attention to Auto - Lab. Whether you are in need of preventive maintenance, major or minor repairs, you can rest ASE assured that you will receive the best in service at competitive prices when you place your confidence in these pros.

Pritchard Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc. Family Owned & Operated Serving You For 3 Generations

Recent energy awareness has aroused considerable interest in the field of energysaving products. Heating and air conditioning systems today must be considered not only in terms of comfort, but also in terms of providing an energy-efficient investment. In this area, Pritchard Heating & Air Conditioning, located at 33636 5 Mile Road in Livonia, has been considered a specialist in energy-saving comfort products since 1954. Being the area's Tempstar sales and service dealer. Pritchard Heating & Air Conditioning can provide the right system for your individual needs.

As Tempstar has long been recognized as the leader in energy-saving products, with the knowledgeable assistance of Pritchard Heating & Air Conditioning, you'll find a Tempstar system to be most economical and efficient. Pritchard Heating & Air Conditioning will assess your needs to provide year 'round climate control comfort. featuring complete sales, installation and service.

Before you invest in a new system, be sure to investigate the many energy and moneysaving advantages of a Tempstar system by calling Pritchard TEMPSTRA Heating & Air Conditioning at (734) 421-5180. Heating and Cooling Pr

Come Little Children Center

Today's parents are becoming more and more aware of the importance of a quality day care and pre-school. If you want your child to have a planned, active, wellbalanced day, enroll them at Come Little Children Center located at 45050 Warren in Canton, phone (734) 455-4607. Although. Come Little Children is a catholic pre-school and day care, they welcome children of all religions. They are licensed by the State Department of Social Services and are a member of Archdiocese of Detroit school system. They accept children from 6 weeks to 12 years and offer daycare, pre-school. kindergarten and latchkey.

Sending your child to Come Little Children at a young age only prepares them better for their later school years and life experiences. Children learn through active participation with hands-on experience through exploration, discovery and learning, Come Little Children Center is divided into carefully structured activity areas. Children explore freely while supported and guided by teachers who are trained to help children make their own decisions. Activity is important and planned exercise periods are scheduled throughout the day. If you would like to find out more information or would like to see what this center has to offer just call (734) 455-4607. Come Little Children wishes you & yours a safe & happy New Year.

Karen Nemier Agency



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For all kinds of insurance call Karen Nemier Agency, your local NATIONWIDE® agency in the area, located at 549 Ann Arbor Road, phone 734-454-4058. Karen Nemier is looked to for insurance service by a large number of people in our community because she has represented NATIONWIDE® for many years.

Karen Nemier, your NATIONWIDE® agent, has made a study of insurance problems and will help you determine what your needs are and how best you can meet those needs at a minimum cost.

We are pleased to bring to your attention Karen Nemier Agency and NATIONWIDE® for insurance of all kinds including auto, life, tenant, and homeowners. Through NATIONWIDE®, she also has a complete line of commercial insurance.

We feel Karen Nemier is a professional in the insurance field, as well as an asset to our community. Call this NATIONWIDE® agent today at 734-454-4058 and inquire about NATIONWIDE's® Home & Car Discount Program.

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In the field of surveying, engineering and land development, it is our pleasure to bring Roskelly & Associates to your attention. With years of experience, this firm provides a service which is indispensable to builders and developers in this area. as well as to realtors and the general public. They use the latest in surveying techniques and equipment for a thorough service.

Roskelly & Associates provide expertise in land surveys and land use consultation. For commercial land development and residential subdivision developments, their consultation service includes not only the planning of the proposed project, but also provides a complete liaison service between agencies. It is this very complete and precise service of planning and research that has made Roskelly & Associates located at 888 North Sheldon in Plymouth, phone (734) 455-8000 well known in this field. Call them today for more information. Everyone at





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satisfy everyone of their customers, whether you are moving locally or long distance. The modern equipment and packaging methods, along with the best drivers in

the field make it possible for you to make a move with complete assurance that everything will arrive safe and sound. We are pleased to have this opportunity to express our appreciation of the first-

rate work and fine business policies of Small Moves located at 4436 Walker Street in Wayne, phone 1-800-949-MOVE (6683) or 734-207-1800. They are fully insured and offer free estimates.

Paul Kenzie, O.D.

Therapeutic Certified Optometrist

Play it safe, have Dr. Kenzie examine your eyes even if you don't think you need vision correction. Early intervention is important. Many eye diseases do not have symptoms until it is too late for treatment. In addition, high blood pressure, diabetes, and other diseases, not related to the eye, can be detected through an eye examination. Years ago, an Optometrist's primary responsibility was to examine the eyes for the purpose of prescribing optical correction, whether for glasses or contact lenses. They would also check for eye health problems including glaucoma, diabetes, cataracts and high blood pressure. However, if any eye health problems were discovered it was the optometrist's responsibility to refer the patient to a physician. That is not the case anymore. Due to that fact that Michigan state laws have changed, more than 70% of Optometrists in the state have gone back to school and have been re-licensed to provide treatment for eye problems outside of surgery. However, any systemic problems or neurological problems will always be referred to a specialist in that field. Dr. Kenzie offers adult and pediatric vision care, treatment of eye disease and injury, complete eye examinations and a large selection of evewear and contact lenses. This information has been brought to you in the interest of better eye health by Dr. Paul Kenzie located at 108 North Main Street (across from Central Middle School) in Plymouth, phone 734-453-8450. Happy New Year to all from Dr. Kenzie & staff.

FAMILY SERVICE

It is becoming more important each day for us to learn how to deal with the problems and pressures of everyday living. However, it is not always possible to handle these problems by ourselves; and thus, we often need to look elsewhere for professional help. Family Service, a United Way Agency. offers guidance and counseling for those of us looking for new ideas and coping strategies. They feature comprehensive counseling for adults, adolescents, children and families. Individual, marital, family and group counseling, stress management, parent/child problems, domestic violence and substance and alcohol abuse are just a few of the services available.

Family Service, which has been in existence since 1879, offers a choice of therapists with specific areas of expertise to help you and your family with your particular needs. Often, they will enlist the support of family members in helping each other in problem solving processes, so that harmony can be reached by all. They will work with you with understanding and care, doing their best to help you cope and, as a result. live each day as it should be - to it's fullest capacity.

We suggest you contact Family Service with 7 Wayne County locations including one in Canton at 8564 N. Canton Center Road, phone (734) 254-6996. Family Service is aware of today's busy schedules, therefore they offer flexible hours. They are United Way insurance approved and offer an adjustable fee scale.

United Home Health Services

What is so special about health care? It touches us all . . . old and young, rich and poor, educated and illiterate, handicapped and gifted. Illness, accidents, and disabilities play no favorites ... Hospitals, nursing homes, rehab centers all play an important role, however, home care is the future.

The focus of Home Health Care is Home. That's where everyone would prefer to be. Young and old, with very limiting disabilities or minor illness, find that "family" is really the best medicine of all. United Home Health Services has been providing quality home care since 1983. They can provide skilled nursing, rehabilitation therapy, personal care, wound care, mental health, and dietary services. The staff is carefully selected to ensure the patient and family's trust. Care is scheduled intermittently as dictated by patient needs and physician's orders. United Home Health's trained personnel offer committed, capable. caring services for all patients.

Call today for more information regarding the services offered by United Home Health Services located at 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Suite 250 in Canton Twp. Phone 1-734-981-8820. They are Medicare Certified, Joint Commission Accredited with Commendations and approved by the Michigan Department of Consumer Industry Services.

Charisma Salon & Day Spa

CHARISMA SALON & DAY SPA has recently relocated directly across the hall with a brand new hair salon and a separate full service day spa. CHARISMA SALON, located in Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia at I-275 and 6 Mile Rd., phone 734-464-8686; is more than just a hair salon. CHARISMA has always been the leader in the most up-to-date approach to hair fashion for men and women, as well as skin care and body care services. CHARISMA is the latest state-of-the-art full service salon in the metro area. They feature SOTHYS European facials, full body massage, pedicures, nails, make-up, lunch or snack brought to you from "Sweet Lorraine's" in the Marriot Hotel and, of course. the finest in hairstyling. Over 30 Hairstylists. Massage Therapists. Nail Technicians, and Facial Estheticians are here to serve you. CHARISMA is open 7 days a week for your convenience and will be extending hours to fit the busy schedules of their clients. Gift Certificates and Package salon services are perfect for Weddings, Make-overs, or Special Occasions. LOOKING GOOD GRAMS (gift certificates) are available by stopping in the salon or by phoning, 734-464-8686. Group and Corporate Packages are the ultimate gift for those that want to give a personal and pleasurable experience. Wedding parties, corporate groups or just you and your friend may spend a few hours enjoying a relaxing break to indulge a bit. These services have been available for the past 13 years and are available now to handle the demand for more of the SPA SERVICES. CHARISMA SALON "WE CREATE, THE OTHERS IMITATE" has been the motto, and it continues in the year 2001.

Rent X

Tools, Equipment & Party Rental

The proper tools are important regardless of the type of project you plan to undertake. In the construction field, for example, the breakdown of a tool or lack of one could cost a day or more delay in the completion of your contract. For homeowners, the lack of proper tools could result in a poorly finished or partially completed job. For these reasons, Rent X is a very important factor in community development. With 5 locations to serve you including one at 510 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, phone 734- 455-2100, Rent X features almost every tool imaginable for rent or lease. From augers, wheelbarrows and power tools, to engine hoists, jack hammers, air compressors and portable generators, to garden tillers, chain saws, ladders and carpet cleaners; the list is unbelievably long and the rental rates are unbelievably low in comparison to the cost of the tool itself. Rent X also rents a complete selection of party supplies including tables. chairs, tents, canopies, silverware, etc. They rent everything you would need to make your party a success.

The courteous, knowledgeable employees of Rent X are always happy to assist you by recommending the tools or party supplies best suited for the project or event you have in mind. Call today at 734-455-2100. Rent X thanks all of their customers. They look forward to serving you in 2001 and beyond.

Culligan ®

More and more, people are realizing the value of quality water for cooking, cleaning and drinking. Today more homes and businesses are installing quality water conditioning systems than ever before. Culligan's local representative will be happy to call at your home or business and give you a free water analysis. Culligan is located in Ann Arbor, phone 1-800-327-0665. The day is fast approaching that the modern home will have three types of water; tap water for outside use for washing cars and watering lawns; conditioned water for protection of home plumbing, laundry, cleaning and bathing; and water for drinking and cooking.

Culligan is the worldwide leader in water treatment systems. They offer service. automatic softeners and filters. drinking water systems, bottled water delivery and salt delivery service. For industry, they feature water softeners and filters, reverse osmosis, deionizers and expert repair service on all makes. Culligan offers a unit to meet your needs at a price you can afford.

We urge you to give your family the water it deserves. Call Culligan at 1-800-327-0665 and have a complete water treatment system installed in your home or business.

Roskelly & Associates would like to wish you a warm & happy New Year

Focal Point

Studio Of Photography

A perfect solution to the age old dilemma of selecting a unique, yet personal gift for a loved one may finally be coming into focus. More people are finding portrait photography to be an ideal gift that truly lasts a lifetime. Modern, professional techniques allow you to capture individuality and emotion by where or how the picture is taken. Portrait photography is an art that has rapidly evolved during recent years. Through setting. lighting, pose and dress, a professional knows how to create a specific mood or communicate a special message. Portrait photos are no longer shot just at graduation time or only in the studio. Your options are practically unlimited.

Rely on Focal Point located at 8603 North Lilley in Canton Township, phone 734-459-8800 and at 33431 Grand River in Farmington, phone 248-478-1113.

Remember . . . Seniors. if you're in need of additional wallet photos for your graduation commencement announcements watch for a mailing coming to you in February. Focal Point would like to thank their clients and the class of 2001.

B & B Towing, Inc. Jim Haverstick - Owner Operator

When your car or truck breaks down, it's comforting to know there is such a reputable towing firm as **B** & **B** Towing just a phone call away. Whatever time of the day, wherever you are, if you have trouble just call (734) 453-3860. Located at 934 West Ann Arbor, this towing firm offers prompt, 24 hour wheel lift and flat bed towing, heavy duty towing - 60 ton capacity, as well as road service. B & B Towing is locally owned and operated by Jim Haverstick. He has been proudly serving this area since 1961. B & B Towing features state-of-the-art trucks which are fully equipped with wheel lifts to ensure damage free towing. Their equipment is especially designed to handle the transportation or recovery of any vehicle on the road today. For these reasons and many more, we suggest you rely on B & B Towing. Jim Haverstick and everyone at B & B Towing thanks all. their customers for their patronage and looks forward to serving you throughout the year ahead! For your convenience, they are available to serve you 7-24-365.

Philip R. Seaver Title Company

What is title insurance? It is peace of mind. A written assurance that your new home is all yours and that there are no claims or legal defects that can interfere with your usage and enjoyment of your property. Philip R. Seaver Title Company are experts in our area. Their wealth of experience and knowledgeable staff will insure that your closing is smooth and efficient.

There is great satisfaction in knowing that when you consult Philip R. Seaver Title, you are in conference with an authority on the matter of abstracts and titles pertaining to everything on file in the office of Recorder of Deeds. We are pleased to bring to your attention Philip R. Seaver Title Company located at 30640 West 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills, phone 248-932-0660 and in Brighton at 7600 W. Grand River Road, phone 810-227-4211. Rely on Philip R. Seaver Title Company for all of your closing and title insurance needs.

Philip R. Seaver Title Company would like to thank their clients. They value your business and look forward to serving your needs in the future.

Livonia's Woodhaven **Retirement** Community

Livonia's Woodhaven Retirement Com-RETEREMENT COMMUNITY munity is firmly committed to encouraging and supporting the independence of its residents.

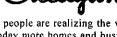
Woodhaven's services and accommodations include extended care. Alzheimer's care, adult day services, assisted living, and independent living apartments. Therefore, when your needs change, your home doesn't.

As a not-for-profit Christian organization. Woodhaven is committed to providing a high level of service with some of the area's most affordable rates. A beautifully furnished bedroom with meals, housekeeping and 24 hour care is only \$1,900 per month! Woodhaven is proud to have a very stable staff that is both compassionate and skillful. Woodhaven's blend of stimulation and comfort make it a place where living to the fullest is truly possible.

If you would like a personal visit or FREE literature, please call (734) 261-9000. Woodhaven Retirement Community is located at 29667 Wentworth: Avenue in Livonia. Feel free to visit their website at www.woodhaven-retirement.com.









OUTDOORS CALENDAR

CLASSES/ CLINICS **FLY TYING**

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

ACTIVITIES

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS

Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X. 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. More information can be obtained by calling Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7365 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310.

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 for more information.

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 for more information.

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.

FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more 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 for more information.

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 for more information.

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), 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 for more information.

METROPARKS

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, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

25TH ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S BIRD COUNT

Dress warmly, wear boots, bring binoculars and spend the morning of Sunday, Jan. 6 helping to census Kensington Metropark's bird population. This event begins at 8 a.m. Bring a lunch and pre-registration is required. For more information, contact the Kensington Nature Center at (248) 685-0603 or 1-800-477-3178.

SNOWSHOE SHUFFLE

This program, designed for children ages 10 and older, allows participants to try showshoeing at the Nature Center of Stony Creek Metropark near the Rochester/Utica area. Pre-registration is required for the event, which is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 13 at noon. For more information or to register, contact the Nature Center at (810) 781-4621.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

RUNNING NEWS

The third annual Festival of Lights 5-kilometer run/walk and Kids K, will be Saturday at Domino's Farms, St. Nicholas light display, Ann Arbor.

The competitive 5K begins at 5 p.m. followed by the leisure walk at 5:45 p.m. The kids kilometer starts at 4:30 p.m. There is free day care where youngsters may decorate birdhouses and feeders in preparation for Habitat for Humanity's "Building on a Dream" birdhouse auction later this spring.

Pizza and pop will be served to participants following the race. Race day registration and packet up will be at 3:30 p.m. at Domino's Farms.

Fees for the 5K are \$22 (or \$24 race day includes T-shirt pizza and refreshments).

The Kids K is \$14 (with Tshirt) or \$9 (\$10 race day).

All youngsters will receive finisher medals. Awards in the 5K run will go three deep in 17 different age groups (10-and-under through 75-and-over). Silver

WARM UP TO All Seasons

necklaces will be awarded to women and sterling silver key chains for the men.

The top 50 finishers in the leisure walk will receive etched wine goblets. Overall and overall masters winners will receive etched win flasks with sterling neckchains.

To register with a credit card, go online at www.AthleticVentures.com or print an entry off the web site.

For more information, call (734) 332-3981.

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.

PERMITS

The 2001 Oakland County parks motor vehicle permits are now on sale at all county park offices and many parks and recreation and township offices. Cost is \$20 through April 30, 2001. After May 1, 2001, the permit cost will be \$25. All senior citizens (ages 62 and older) can purchase the permit for \$15 at all times. Call (248) 858-0906 or TTY (248) 858-1684.

ICE FISHING CONTESTS

Two upcoming ice fishing contests are scheduled to be held at Independence Oaks County Park near Clarkston. The "Crooked Lake Ice Fishing

Contest" is set for Saturday, Jan. 6 from 8 a.m.-noon. Trophies will be awarded in five categories: biggest fish, most fish, oldest participant, youngest participant, and best dressed for the weather. Registration will take place at the park's Twin Chimneys Picnic Shelter. A Michigan **Department of Natural** Resources license is required to fish and all applicable laws apply. A \$5 (per person) entry fee includes entry into the park

and a raffle ticket for prizes. Participants need to bring their own fishing equipment. Portable shanties are allowed; prizes include hats, gloves and fishing poles.

ducted Saturday, Jan. 27 from 8 a.m.-noon. In addition to an ice fishing contest, cross country skiing is planned for 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Thirty minute ski lessons will also be given. Cost is \$3 per person with skis or \$9 per person with a ski rental. To register, call (248) 858-4647. Independence Oaks County Park is located of Sashabaw Road, 2 1/2 miles north of I-75. All events will take place conditions permitting. For ice and ski trail conditions, call (248) 625-0877. For more information or to inquire about other winter activities, call 1-888-

"Ice Fishing for Scouts" will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20 at the Nature Center of Kensington Metropark. This is a chance for scouts to learn about ice fishing. Bring ice fishing poles and dress for the weather. Pre-registration is required. Call (248) 685-0603 or 1-800-477-3178 for registration information.

STATE PARKS

"Cabin Fever Cure" will be con-

OCPARKS or (248) 858-1684.

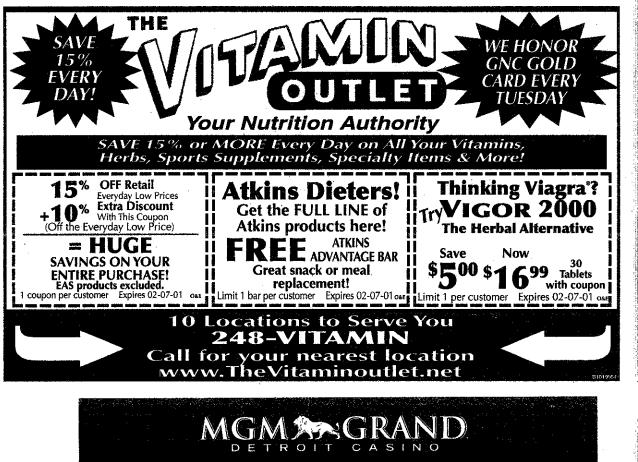
STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (248) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

WAYNE COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS Wayne County Parks offers nature interpretive programs throughout the year. Advanced registration is requested. Call (734) 261-1990 to register and for more information.

(To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to 248-644-1314 .)





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Condo blameless for snow



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is defending a condominium association on a slip-andfall case. Do you have any knowledge of any cases applying the doctrine of natural accumulation of ice and snow to condominium associations?

I am a personal

injury lawyer who

In a recent decision from the Ohio Appel-

late Court, the court found that the rule of law with respect to a condominium association is similar to the law regarding owners and occupiers of businesses. These people do not have a duty to clear natural accumulations of snow and ice. And they don't assume such a duty through the bylaws, declarations and through past conduct or the routine maintenance for removing it from the property.

The court recognized that – meteorologically speaking – snow and ice are facts of life in cold climates. From a legal standpoint, ice and snow are considered the natural accumulation of cold weather, unless they unnaturally accumulate as a result of someone's actions, plus freezing temperatures.

Examples of a natural accumulations of ice and snow include a dripping canopy that created a patch of ice or an improperly maintained downspout that builds up and freezes.

This is good news for condominium associations in Ohio who are faced with increasing lawsuits over these types of matters.

This finding may be a basis assuming Michigan Courts follow the lead of Ohio

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How Realtors recharge their batteries after the holidays

BY DOUG FUNKE STAFF WRITER dfunke@oe.homecomm.net

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Getting back to work after the holidays can be anticlimactic. And disappointing, depressing and distressing, too.

Winter has just officially begun. We still face weeks and weeks of early darkness, cold and snow. This is no time to go into hibernation, especially when you work on a sales commission like Realtors.

Phyllis R. Soper, affiliated with ERA Country Ridge in Livonia, finds that nothing nurtures success like replaying positive experiences in the mind. What I like to do at the beginning of a new year is vividly recall highlights. I focus on clients who are friendly, amicable and have a mature outlook on doing business.'

> Phyllis R. Soper ERA Country Ridge

Cold-calling using a directory of names, addresses and telephone numbers may turn up prospects, said Dennis McLellan, an associate broker with Century 21 Town & Country in Troy. Kawalec said.

"Seminars help (Realtors), too. Recharge your own batteries. One of the first brokers I had taught me well to always designate a percentage of your income to the business and a percentage of your time to education," she said.

Unusual situations sometimes call for unusual responses, Kawalec added. "When you react with the public, some days you will feel discouraged," she said. "When I see that in the office, I'll say, 'Today we'll have a mental health day.'

"I've taken people to the DIA for lunch. I've taken people to the movies. You can get so burned out if you don't declare a mental health day." Tom Lipinski, a Realtor with RE/ MAX Village Professionals in Bloomfield, likes to get back to the basics which includes contacting folks who try to sell their houses without an agent when the fire's embers begin to cool. "The National Association of Realtors does surveys that show seven out of 10 for-sale-by-owners won't sell on their own," he said. "Of the three that do, one will do better than I can do. Most people do need me." He'll also contact the owners of houses whose listings have expired without selling. Lipinski also contacts previous clients via e-mail, regular mailings and the telephone.

Conversion problems unique

MORTGAGE BITS

Real estate developers throughout the area are seizing every opportunity to convert existing apartment complexes into condominium developments. While these conversions help hundreds of families make the leap from tenancy to ownership, they also come with their share of financing challenges. There are two distinct parts to any

mortgage approval. The first is getting the borrower a "credit approval."

In the case of apartment conversions, however, it is the second part of the approval process – the approval of the property – that gets rough. Lenders want assurance that the property will serve as sufficient collateral to secure the transaction. With condos, this usu ally means at least a review of the annual budget, association meeting minutes, insurance coverage and master deed. Conversions often get more

Mortgage lenders also like to see all common areas completed and a history of competent management before they approve a loan within the new complex. Some lenders also require that a certain number of units within the converted complex be either sold before they lend money, and will only finance a certain number of units.

The more units that have been converted, the more likely the entire project will succeed. If the conversion fails, lenders will have hedged their losses. The FHA will not loan for conversions until they are 90-percent sold.

Barbara Stolberg, a Realtor with Ralph Manuel & Associates in Farmington Hills, specializes in condominium purchases. Realtors and sales agents who market converted apartments often provide "approved lender" lists to their buyers, she said. These professionals can not require use of specific lenders, but such lists help borrowers save time and effort.

A borrower should ensure his mortgage lender is aware that his purchase is a conversion, and should make certain the lender is knowledgeable of the idiosyncrasies of financing converted apartments.

HOME SEEKER'S CHECK LIST

(REQUIRED BY LAW)

LEAD DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

(REQUIRED BY LAW)

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(ROOM DIMENSIONS, ETC.)

SCHOOL DISTRICT SERVING NEIGHBORHOOD (WHERE EXACTLY ARE BUILDINGS, BUS STOPS)

AGE OF MAJOR MECHANI-CAL/STRUCTURAL COMPO-NENTS (FURNACE, WATER HEATER, SHINGLES, WINDOWS, ETC.)

MAPPLIANCES INCLUDED?

PROPERTY TAXES (BASED ON SELLING PRICE, NOT CURRENT RECORDS)

MUNICIPAL SERVICES PROVIDED (TRASH COLLECTION, LEAF PICK-UP, SNOW REMOVAL, LIBRARY)

CONDITION OF NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES "What I like to do at the beginning of a new year is vividly recall highlights," she said. "I focus on clients who are friendly, amicable and have a mature outlook on doing business.

"Sometimes, I even call some of my successful buyers and sellers because I know I will get good feedback," Soper said.

"The mind can be trained in a positive nature. This produces the emotional energy I need to get good results. Higher expectations give way to more success in sales," she added.

Thought, however, should translate into action.

"My agents like open houses," said Diane P. Howard, office manager of Real Estate One, Plymouth. "Many start with open houses after the first of the year to give them exposure and meet buyers at the same time."

Some of those buyers, after all, may have a house to sell while they're looking for something else.

Howard also has taken to building computer data bases of various contacts.

"I'm a strong believer in creating a strong referral base," she said. "I do a lot on the Internet. You're always sowing constantly throughout the year. At the first of the year, you're kind of on empty. Review sources and go back to them."

To prospective sellers, Howard sends information about sales and property values in their neighborhoods. To would-be buyers, information on mortgage rates. "I'll be driving in an area looking for potential houses to list," he said. "I'll go up and down the whole street asking if they're thinking about selling. I look for potential buyers in apartments. I'll get numbers and ask if they're thinking about buying." His message is simple.

"For sellers, typically competition will be less than at the end of spring and early summer," McLellan said.

"When working with buyers, I tell them there are fewer houses, more of a demand. If they don't jump now, the home may be gone by the time they come back," he said.

McLellan also networks with a number of lawyers when things slow down. Death with estate settlements and divorces – although "unfortunate," he said – can result in both sellers and buyers.

Realtors can get out of the doldrums by offering classes for prospective clients and by taking classes, themselves, to boost their business, said Cecelia Kawalec, an associate broker with Prudential Chamberlain-Stiehl in Clarkston.

"I know an agent in Grosse Pointe who will do a first-time buyer seminar. Focus on a niche. Maybe senior citizens thinking about retiring down South. It's free to the public.

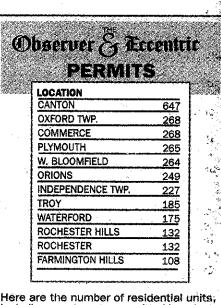
"Real estate offices generally have a room large enough to use. Or, they will use a site the public might be more comfortable in, like a library room," "I'll call to see how they're doing, say, 'You're probably not selling now, but do you know someone who might need the services of a Realtor?"

Lipinski also tweaks his marketing strategy and works on his budget at the close of one year and the start of another.

Agents just starting in the business should recognize its cyclical nature, McLellan said.

"Real estate is a roller coaster business," he said. "It has its ups and downs. Some agents may be used to the phone ringing or people coming in asking, 'Where do I sign?' You just have to beat the bushes."

Best to anticipate ebbs and flows, develop action plans and work steadily to avoid getting sucked down, Kawalec said. "It's a matter of discipline." Tim "Timbo" Phillips is a loan officer for Commonwealth National Mortgage Corp. in Livonia. You may contact him at timbo@ tir. com, or at (734) 797-5522 [24 hours]. Get free mortgage updates and news via e-mail by sending a blank message to timbits-subscribe@ listbot. com. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.



including apartments, permitted in select O&E communities through the first 10 months of this year.

Source: Housing Consultants Inc.

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HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

The record of homes sold in Wayne County will not appear this week because of difficulties in obtaining the records from the Wayne County Registrar of Deeds Office. We will resume publishing the record of homes sold as soon as it once again becomes available.

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities. Send a brief summary including town of residency and black and white photo to Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. •Our fax number is (734) 591-

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Nathan Boji joins RE/MAX



Executive Properties in Farmington Hills.

Boji, a business student at

Wayne State University, also enrolled in the Road to Success program for new agents offered by RE/MAX corporate. He lives in Farmington Hills.

Laura Gergell Hall joins Ford & Earl Associates, a Troybased firm specializing in interior architecture and graphic design, as a senior graphic designer.

She has 10 years experience and recently won a 2000 Silver Caddy design award.

Hall holds a bachelor of arts degree in painting from Oakland University and a master of fine arts degree in graphic design from Cranbrook Academy of Art. She lives in Ferndale.

The Mortgage Bankers Association has installed its board of governors for 2000. Bruce Carr, Homestead USA,

president; Mark Stevens. Flagstar Bank, vice president;

Mike Fontana, Prism Mort- LLP; Marcy Lindhout, Old gage, secretary/ treasurer.

Returning board members include Tim Ross, Ross Mortgage; Gayle Suddick, ABN AMRO Mortgage Group; Margaret Feskorn, ABN AMRO Mortgage Group; Douglas E. Brandewie, Republic Banc Mortgage; Rick Shaffner, Lender Ltd; and Jan Wetzel, Wetzel & Associates.

New board members are Kevin Conte, Plante & Moran,

Kent Bank; and William Newman. InterFirst Wholesale Lending.

Serving terms on the state board are incoming affiliate presidents Len Arnold, Cornerstone Surv. & Eng., Eastern Michigan Mortgage Bankers; Diane Altman, Chase Manhat-tan Funding, Mid-Michigan Mortgage Lenders; and Dan Grzywacz, Flagstar Bank, Western Michigan Mortgage Lenders.

Weekly mortgage rates decline to lowest since '99

Mortgage rates declined this week with rates for 30-year and 15-year mortgages remaining at their lowest levels in 19 months.

The average interest rate on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages dipped to 7.13 percent, down from 7.17 percent last week, five-year high of 8.64 percent.

according to a survey released by Freddie Mac, the mortgage company.

A year ago, the rate on 30-year mortgages stood at 8.06 percent and was rising. In mid-May, rates on 30-year mortgages hit a

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Fifteen-year mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, declined to 6.79 percent last week, down from 6.84 percent the previous week. A year ago, 15-year mortgages averaged 7.66 percent.

This week's 30-year and 15-

year mortgage rates were the lowest since May 14, 1999, when they averaged 7.10 percent and 6.71 percent respectively.

On one-year adjustable-rate mortgages, lenders were asking an average initial rate of 6.93

percent, down from 7.02 percent the week before. Last year, oneyear ARMs averaged 6.56 percent.

The rates do not include addon fees known as points, which averaged 1 percent of the loan

amount for all three types of mortgages.

Mounting evidence that the economy is slowing "serves to lessen the threat of inflation and keep mortgage rates low," said Freddie Mac's chief economist. Robert Van Order.

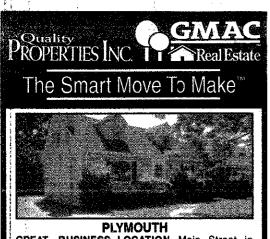
Inspector estimates life of home's major systems

BY SCOTT GIBSON TODAY'S HOMEOWNER MAGAZINE

(AP) Buying a house is just the beginning. Before long, you'll be repairing it, too.

Fortunately, many building components foundation, framing, plumbing and wiring should last 50 years or more. But mechanical systems, appliances and surfaces exposed to the weather will not last nearly that long, even under the best of circumstances.

"The reality of it is that stuff happens," says John Ghent, president-elect of the American Society of Home Inspectors and coowner of a Trumbull, Conn., home inspection company. The older the house, the more



maintenance it usually needs. "Experience shows that the average house may need a 50 percent replacement over a period of 30 years," says a handbook Ghent gives to home buyers. In each of the first 10 years after construction, a \$100,000 house will require \$750, or 0.75 percent of its value, in maintenance, according to Ghent.

That rises to 1.5 percent per year for the next 10 years and reaches 3 percent per year in the third 10-year period.

Predicted life spans are published for everything from microwaves to garage-door openers. Although these estimates are helpful, they are not intended to be exact, and your own experience will likely reflect that.

Ghent, for example, recently inspected a house built in 1926 that still had its original boiler. Designed for coal, the boiler had been converted once to burn oil and a second time so it could run un gas. It's still In great shape even though it has more than doubled industry estimates for longevity.

Maintenance history is one important variable, but so is chance. "Some things don't break," says Ghent, "and some things do."

Budgeting for repairs involves location as well as luck.

The same roofing job might cost 40 percent more in New England than in the rural South, for example, because of prevailing labor rates and other local factors. Bottom line: Take national repair estimates as averages that you probably will have to adjust for your area.

Building structure

WEIR, MANUEL, SNYDER & RANKE

Calculating the life expectancy of a roof, siding, exterior paint, flashing and the like is far from an exact science. Geography plays an important role. For example, a wood-shingle roof that wears like iron in a moderate climate might succumb much more quickly when exposed to constant dampness, harsh sunlight or other environmental extremes.

Another key factor is the quality of the material. Vertical-grain wood siding cut from the heartwood of trees naturally resistant to decay, such as western red cedar, will last far longer than plain-sawn lumber of lesser quality. The trade-off is a higher

initial cost, a factor if you don't plan on being in the house that long.

Finally, there is the question of workmanship. Even the most expensive paint in the world won't last long when applied to an improperly prepped wall.

Roofing replacement costs are especially complicated to predict.Not only are there many grades of roofing material, but the job might also call for demolition, flashing, gutters and sheathing.

Complicated roof shapes drive costs up, too. For a more detailed estimate, try the roofing-cost 🚆 estimator at www.improvenet.com. It calculates the cost based on your location and the specific details of your house.

Major mechanical

Routine maintenance _ such as cleaning furnace or air-conditioner filters and scheduling periodic service _ might be the only practical way a homeowner can extend the life of major mechanical systems. "Those things go a long way toward making these units last longer," says Gary Kemp, a sales representative at Bell Brothers Heating and Air Conditioning in Des Moines, Iowa. Water quality plays a role in the longevity of boilers, water heaters and water pumps. Water that is highly acidic or full of minerals is tougher on equipment than treated water, and life spans should be lowered accordingly. This is the case in many rural parts of the country, where houses often have their own wells. For heating systems, boilers last longer than hot-air systems because the water helps to moderate heat extremes, making hot and cold cycles less stressful on the equipment.

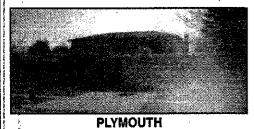
Appliances

Most of us have run across an ancient refrigerator or range in someone's kitchen that's still working flawlessly long after it should have been hauled to the dump.

With an estimated 600 million appliances at work in American households, there will be plenty of such exceptions. In fact, the Association of Home Appliances Manufacturers says most appliances are not junked at all. A majority are sold, traded in, left behind in a move or given away, and they faithfully serve second or even third owners. As a result, according to the trade group, how long these household workhorses actually last is impossible to say.

Americans spend more than \$15 billion a year on new appliances. Very expensive, restaurant-quality appliances are increasingly popular.

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• 248-644-630 248-651-350 Rochester Hill

GE's Terry Dunn says any appliance that uses water will benefit from a water softener and water-filtration system. "Fewer chemicals and minerals will prolong the life and improve the performance," he explains. His tips for prolonging life for other appliances:

■ Clean the condenser coils on refrigerators annually.

Change air-conditioner filters monthly during the operating season.

Replace washer fill hoses every five years; turn off the water supply when away for an extended period. Drain hoses if below-freezing temperatures are expected

■ Inspect and clean the exhaust duct on the clothes dryer at least once a year, and clean the lint filter before each use.

Don't allow heavy grease buildup in the oven interior.



REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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RESIDENTIAL FORECAST

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan hosts its annual national/ local economic forecast meeting Tuesday, Jan. 9, at the Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver, Troy.

Reception and display of building products and services, 11 a.m., lunch and program, noon.

Speakers: Stephen Taglione, BIA president, and David F. Seiders, chief economist and senior

staff vice president, National Association of Home Builders. Cost is \$35 for members, \$55 for nonmembers. To register, call (248) 737-4477.

BUY HOME CLASS

Rosemary Firestone, a Realtor with RE/ MAX 100 and her financial services team, presents a free, no-obligation class for home buyers 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, at Westminster Title, 39500 High Pointe Blvd., Suite 140, Novi.

Participants include Tom Daigle, Flagstar Bank; Jeff Mifsud, Allied Mortgage; David Rieman, Farm Bureau Insurance; Craig Lee, Home Team Inspection; Michael Rich, lawyer; April Wolters, financial planner; and Firestone.

For reservations, call (734) 420-9600.

PROPERTY INVESTORS

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland presents Brian Weiland and a dinner program on taxes Thursday, Jan. 11, at the Knights of Columbus, 870 N. Main, Clawson.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m., is \$14 for everyone. The program, at 7:30 p.m., is free for members, \$10 for nonmembers.

To register, call (800) 747-6742.

COMMERCIAL FORECAST

The 10th annual Metro Detroit Commercial Real Estate Trends & Forecasts Seminar runs noon through 1:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at the Marriott Hotel in Auburn Hills.

Speakers include Peter Linneman, professor of real estate, finance and public policy, Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania; Doug Etkin,

president of Etkin Equities; David Andrea, chief economist, CSM Worldwide; and Sean McCourt, president, Ford Motor Land Development.

Cost, which includes lunch, is

\$45 in advance, \$50 at the door. For reservations, call Sandi Melki at (248) 262-8000.

HAZARD REPORT

VISTAinfo, a publicly-owned company based in San Diego, has Web site that offers a free overview of environmental conditions - contaminated waste sites. hazardous waste locations and landfills - by ZIP code.

The Internet address is www. NearMyHome.com More specific reports are

available for a fee.

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

A book available from the **Community Associations Insti**tute can help community associ-

ation managers and board members ensure that their playgrounds and tot lots are as safe as possible.

Detailed information is provided on safety inspections and implementing an effective maintenance plan.

"Playgrounds for Young Children" is available for \$40 by calling (703) 548-8600, or ordering through www. caionline. org

PAY REPORT

A 2000 Compensation Survey Study compiled by the Building Owners & Managers Association of Metropolitan Detroit and the Institute for Real Estate Management is now available for purchase.

Cost is \$45 for survey participants, \$90 for BOMA and IREM members and \$150 for nonmembers.

To order, call (248) 848-3714 uemap.com

or send a check to BOMA, 38800 Country Club Drive, Farmington Hills, 48331.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit continues a , membership drive. Categories include individual membership (\$10), family (\$20), organizational (\$35), supporting (\$50) and sustaining (\$100).

For information, call (313) 963-1274. 50.2

SALES WEB SITE

Curious as to what houses are selling for in your neighborhood?

Steve Wiese of Southeastern Appraisal Corp. in Farmington 🐁 Hills has updated maps on a community-by-community basis with that information on the Internet. And it's free.

Just dial up www. homeval-

New technology promises fireplace without a vent

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY FOR AP SPECIAL FEATURES

Have you ever dreamed of installing a fireplace in a certain space in your home only to find it impossible due to restricted access for the chimney?

Installing a fireplace isn't a particularly complex challenge if you live in a one-story home where the chimney can be installed through the ceiling and roof to safely exhaust toxic gases. However, where there is living space above, the location of the fireplace is dictated strictly by where a chimney can be run. Since it is neither practical nor desirable to run a chimney through the middle of a bedroom, design flexibility is limit-

While it is true that directvent (through-the-wall) fireplaces have improved design flexibility, they must still bevented and, therefore, must be installed within close proximity to an exterior wall. Unfortunately, this doesn't do the trick for

folks who want to install a fireplace somewhere in the center of their home or in a newly finished basement. Thus, the task can be cost-prohibitive, if not virtually impossible.

Doesn't need vent

Just when you were ready to throw in the towel, technology comes to the rescue with a fireplace that doesn't need to be vented. You read it right – a vent-free fireplace. Sound farfetched? Not once you've had the opportunity to look one of these over as we did at a recent national building products exposition.

A vent-free gas-heating appliance operates without a chimney, flue or vent, so it can be installed just about anywhere even on an inside wall. In contrast, installing a traditional wood fireplace is a major (and costly) construction project.

Our first reaction to this technology was one of great skepticism due to concern's for indoor air quality and the potential for

carbon monoxide poisoning.

However, we learned that vent-free heating products operate so efficiently that potentially harmful fumes aren't a threat. Moreover, since 1980, vent-free gas heating appliances have been equipped with a safety-pilot system called an oxygen detection safety pilot, or ODS. The ODS automatically shuts off the gas supply in the event that the oxygen level in the room falls to 18 percent.

Vent-free technology doesn't end with fireplaces. Space heaters, stoves, fireplace inserts and gas logs are also available. A vent-free gas stove can be easily mistaken for a wood stove, but costs considerably less to install and operate. And with a ventfree gas stove, there's no flue, no wood to chop and haul, no soot and no ashes to clean up.

A vent-free gas fireplace insert can be installed within existing masonry or factory-built fireplaces. Inserts offer the high heating efficiency of vent-free gas logs, but also offer a blower

for improved heat distribution.

Imagine converting your old inefficient masonry fireplace into an attractive and fuel-efficient supplemental heat source. All you need is a gas or propane fuel source, vent-free gas logs, a closed fireplace damper and you're off to the races.

Aside from greater design flexibility, modern vent-free gas heating appliances have several other advantages. They are costeffective, have low operating costs and are 99 percent energy efficient.

A vent-free fireplace looks essentially like the zero-clearance prefabricated metal fireplaces that have been in wide use for the last couple of decades. However, unlike their prefabricated cousins, you can't burn wood in these new kids on the block. Vent-free fireplaces and supplemental gas heating products operate on natural or propane gas. Fabricated ceramic logs mimic with great success the look of a natural wood fire.

Not for whole house

However, don't attempt to heat your entire home with a ventfree heating appliance. Keep in mind that vent-free gas heating products are a supplemental source of heat and cannot be used in lieu of a furnace or other means of "whole-house" heating.

Innovative as it may be, ventfree technology isn't for everyone - at least not yet. While most states allow installation of residential vent-free gas heating appliances, a handful of states still prohibit their use. Very often, this is because a state's building codes haven't caught up with vent-free gas technology. Also, keep in mind that counties and municipalities may adopt different codes than that of state agencies, thus, consult your local building department to determine the current code and restrictions that may exist.

If your home shows symptoms of inadequate ventilation (moisture on the inside of windows, mildew, and shower or bath humidity lingers), additional ventilation may be required prior to adding a vent-free gas appliance. Also, if you have an extremely tight new home, talkwith your builder or a vent-free fireplace dealer to make sure that your home is properly ventilated. In addition, homes in higher altitudes (4,500 feet above sealevel or higher) may experience nuisance pilot outage and flame shutdown due to lower atmaspheric pressure.

The American National Standards Institute maintains a strict national safety standard for vent-free gas heating appliances. When shopping for ventfree gas products, always be sure the model you are considering, is, design certified to the ANSI Z21.11.2 standard by a national ly recognized laboratory.

For more information on ventfree fireplaces and supplemental, heating appliances, contact the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association, 2107 Wilson Blyd, Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22201, or call GAMA at 703-525-7060.



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BACKING TO WOODS Spacious 4 bedrooms, 21/2 baths, traditional floor plan. Family size kitchen w/ample cabinets, formal dining room, family room w/fireplace. Master w/bath & WIC. Main bath w/dbl sinks. 1st floor laundry. Newer carpet, windows, roof, etc. (559ČA) \$244,900



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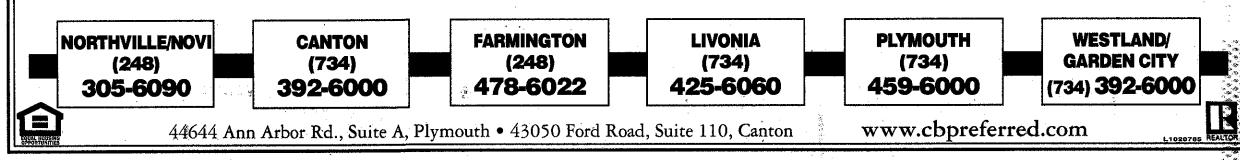


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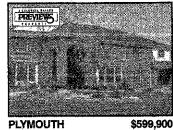
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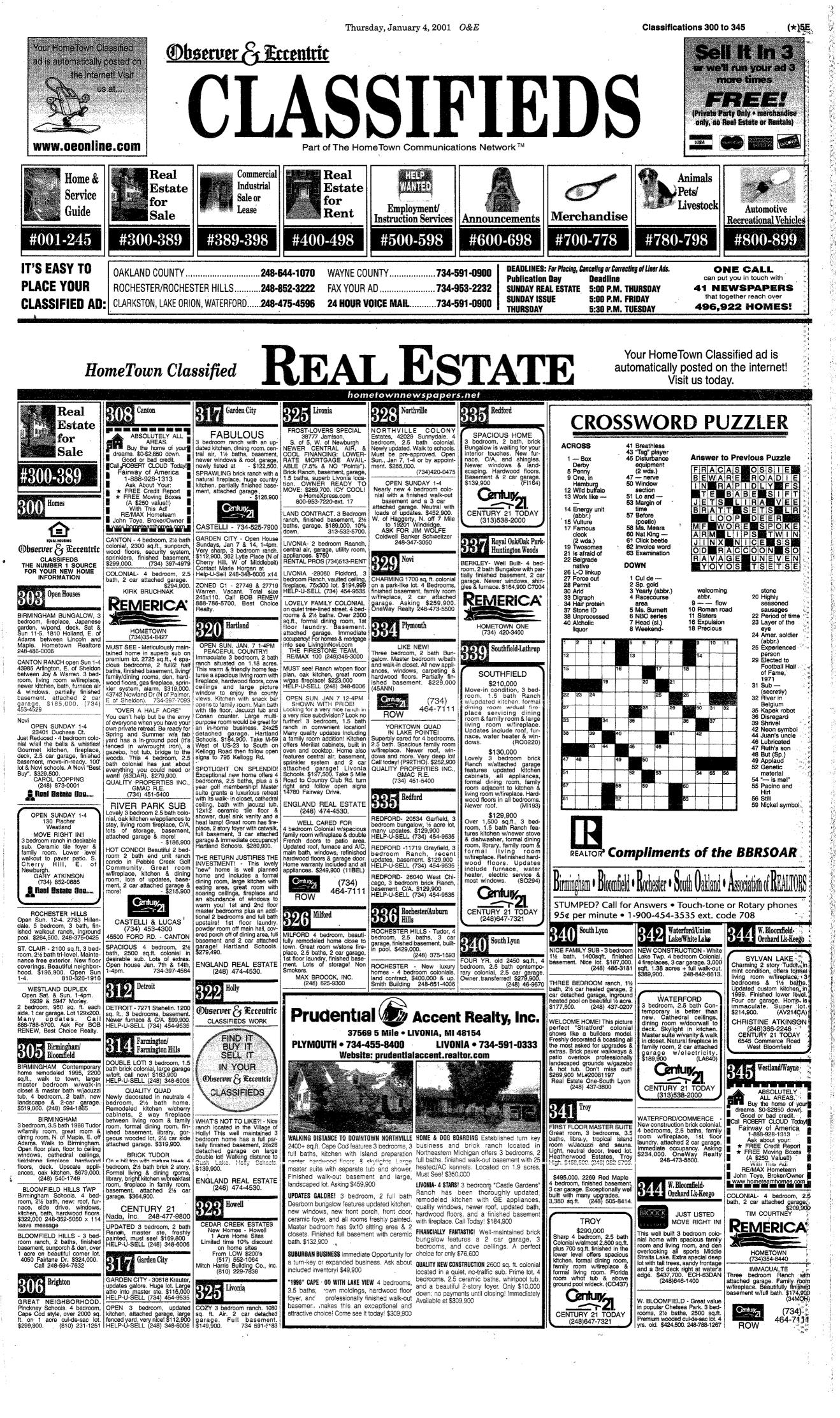
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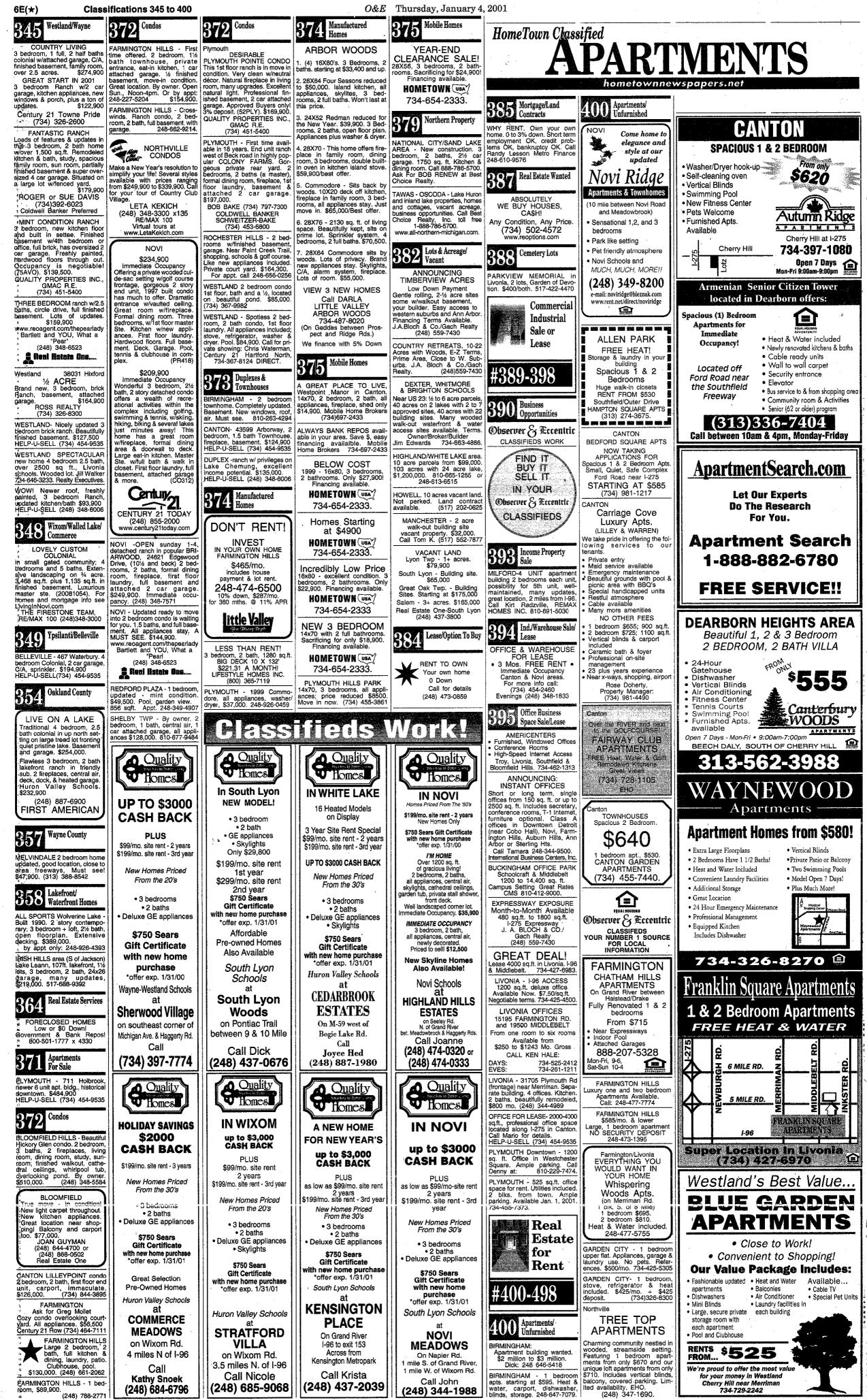


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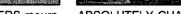


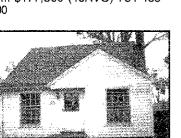
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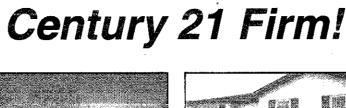


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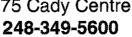
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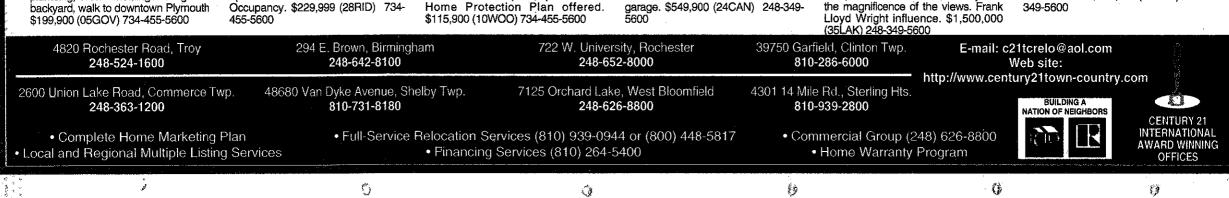
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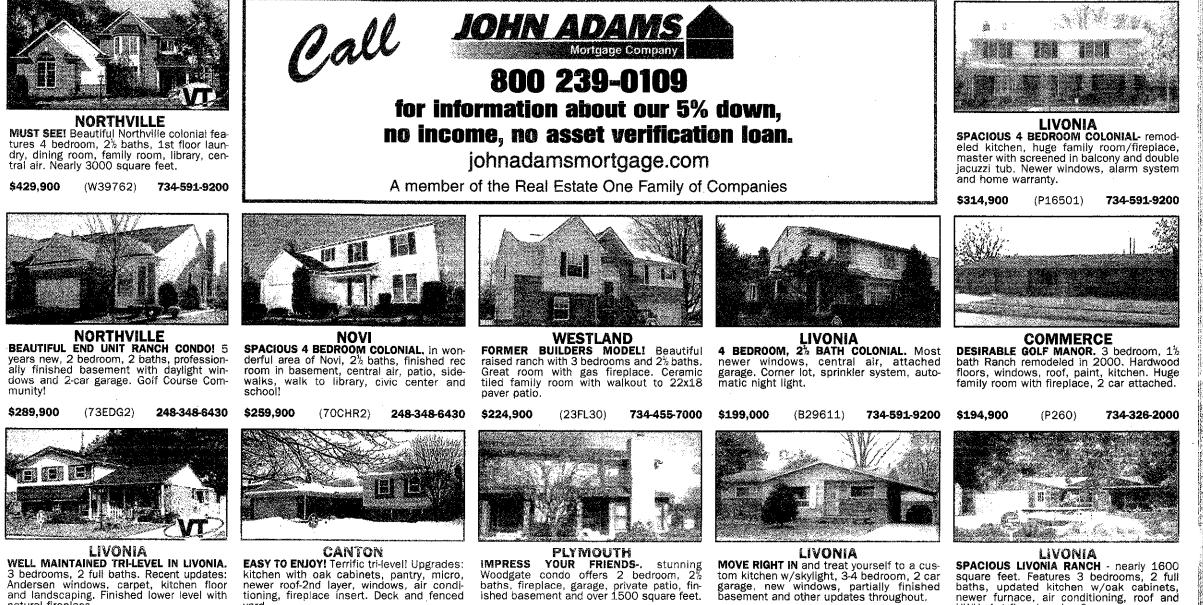


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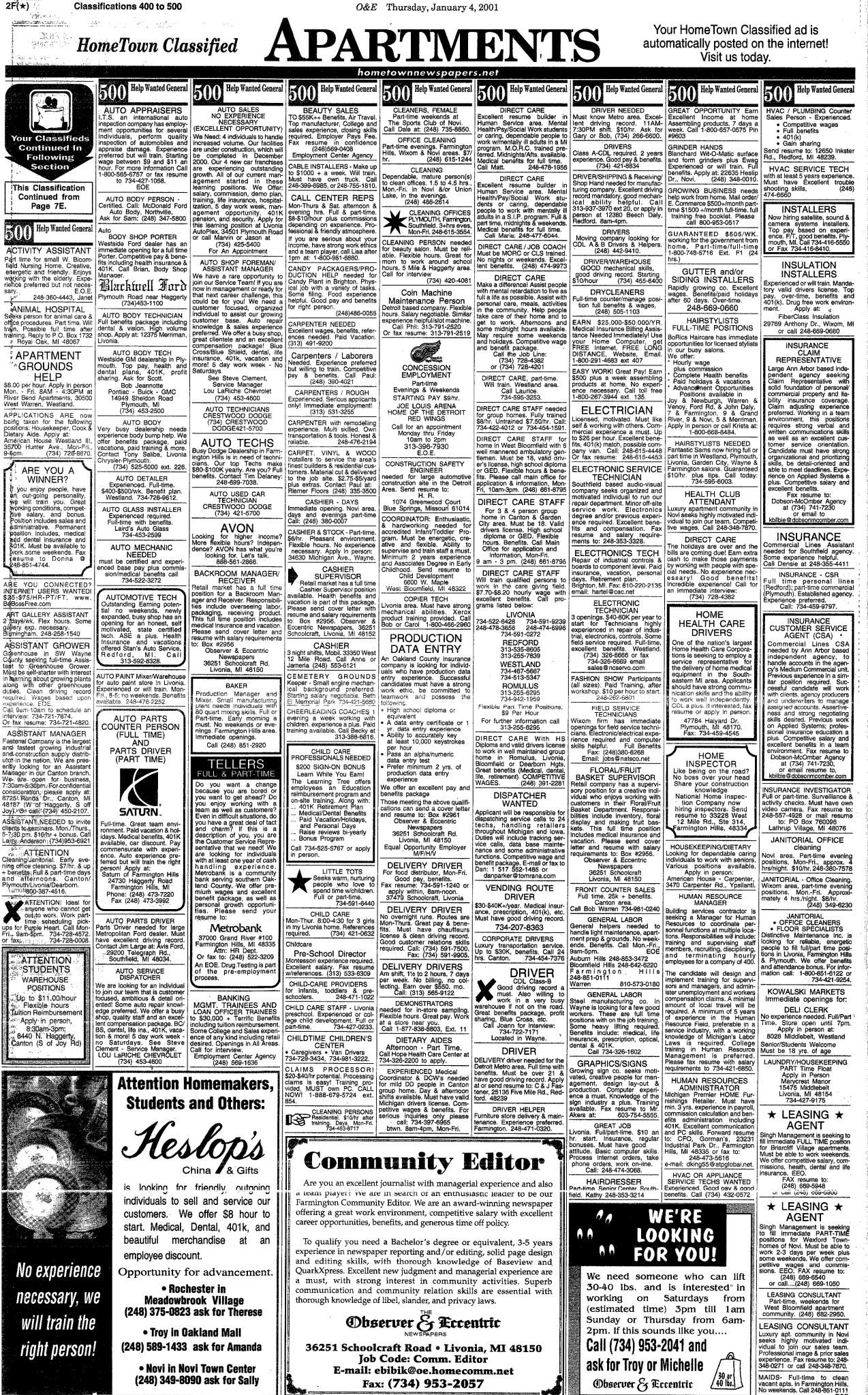
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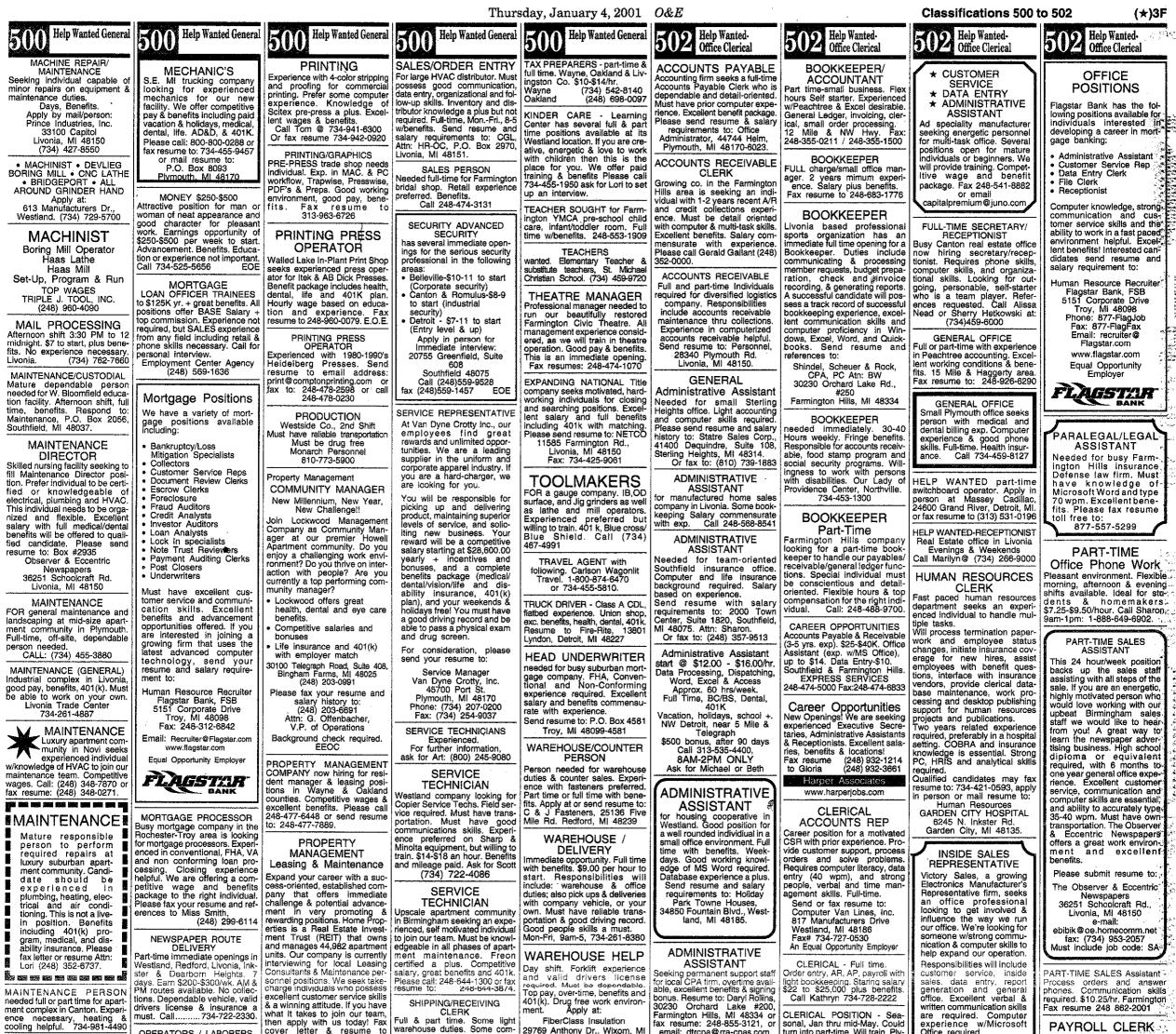
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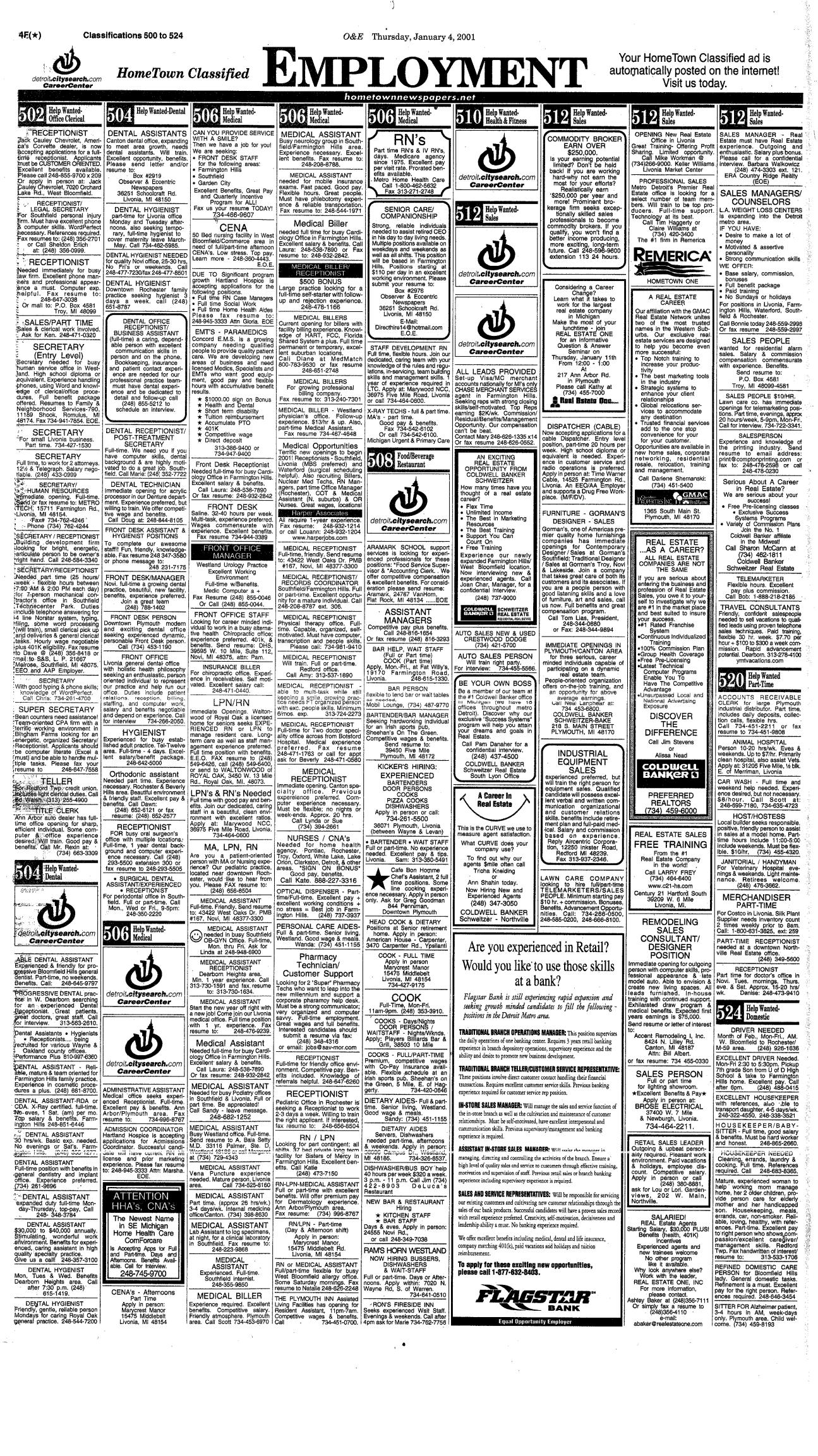
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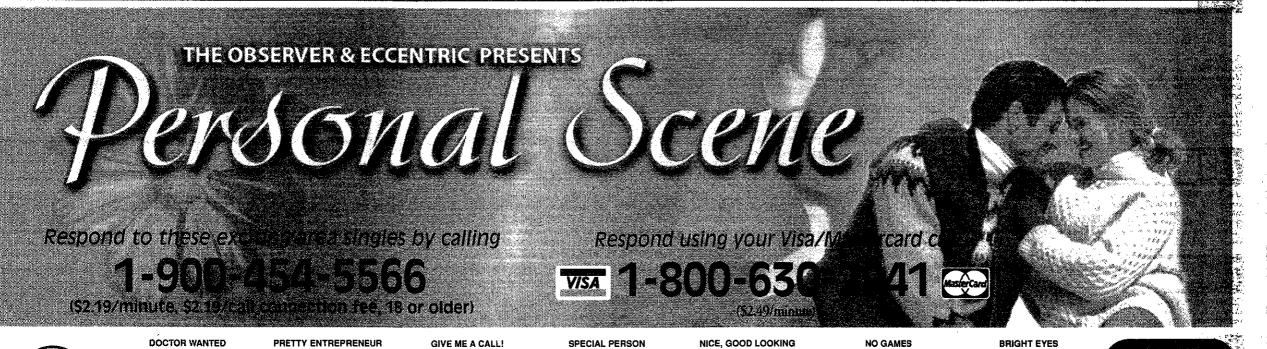
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CALL ME 41 yr old, single white father of two, from Novi, 5'9", great shape, fun, caring, honest and single, iun, carrig, nonest and sincere, homeowner, enjoys everything, cooking, carnations, movies, romantic, evenings and camping. Seeks fit, positive, car-ing, loving white female, for monogamous relationship. Children are welcome. BOX 25358 25358

RUGGED JOCK TYPE Athletic, muscular, single white male, 41, 6'2", 235 lbs, brown hair and blue eyes, clean cut degreed, no dependents, outgo ing personality. Enjoys outdoors working out, reading, Las Vegas, quiet nights. Seeks friendly single female, age/loca-tion open. BOX 36124 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, **30**, very easy going, open minded, sincere and financially stable, in the Westland area. Give me a call Wayne county, BOX 25325

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

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 36081

WARNING: MAY CAUSE ... Happiness, Answer this ad, you on't be sorry! Attractive, finan cially secure, professional, sin-gie white male, 40, 6', 170 lb, no dependant. Seeks attractive white female, 25 to 45 weight proportionate to height, who's happy with who she is. BOX 35976 **BRIGHT EYES**

48 yr old, white male, 5'7". 145 lbs, dark blue eyes, fun loving, non-smoker, who likes walking swimming and camping. Seeking a petite white female. and camping. for possible long term relation-ship. BOX 36096

PLEASE READ THIS

If you are, 48 to 58, slim, white and attractive, call me. If you are looking for a non violent, loving happy go lucky, non-drinking guy, call me. I'm 5'9", 175 lbs, attractive, widowed and lonesome, looking for a life time relationship, I'll answer your call Down River, no games. BOX 33419

VERY ACTIVE

FAMILY FUN AWAITS

37 yr. old, 6'1°, 190 lb., hand-some, secure, single white male in Dearborn with 8 yr. old daugh-

ter. Enjoys reading, biking, boat-ing, family activities and morel Seeking a fit, honest, loving

female for a great relationship and enjoying life! BOX 35479

I'M YOUR KNIGHT

and daytime friend, too! 47, divorced, adventurous, fun lov-

ing, easygoing, slim, Catholic, honest, college graduate, non-smoker, social drinker. Enjoys

boating, amateur theatre, bowl-

ing, walks, movies, dancing and

travel. Seeks a lady, close in

long term relationship. BOX 26002

DOWNRIVER AREA

Financially secure, retired, 65, white widower, 5'9", 185 lbs,

brown hair and eyes. Into boat-

ing, bicycling, walking, movies country music, dining, slow

dancing and just quiet times. Seeks retired, financially secure white lady, 60 to 65, for a long

term relationship. Who know

what it will lead too. BOX 35486

INTERACT WITH ...

GOOD CLEAN FUN?

adventurous. Seeking nice sin-gle white female, for romance

and friendship. BOX 35487

age, with similar interests, fo

SEEKS COMPANION Single white male, 30, 5'10', 155 ibs., tight brown hair, brown eyes. Enjoys the outdoors, music, quite hights in, dining out and simple things. Seeking sin-gle white female, 18 to 30, for friendship and dating. BOX 25082 White male, 41, 6'1", never mar-ried, very long hair, told to be good looking, smoker, social drinker. Enjoys snowmobiling, 25082 IT'S A NEW YEAR 48 yr old white divorced male, non-smoker, light dirker, enjoys varied activities, looking for a white female, 45 to 55, with sime ilar interests. BOX 33691 bowling, boats, race cars, camp-ing, and going up North. Seeking attractive female, slender build, who is tired of games, 25 to 45, with similar interests. YOUNG SENIOR BOX 25993

round SENIOR Recently divorced, financially and emotionally secure male, strawberry blonde hair, 6', 195 lbs, retired from the state of Michigan, one of the good guys, c find out for yourself. BOX 25084

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OOOH BABY BABY Are you ready for love? Get to know this personable, energetic, well rounded, white male, 45, enjoys music, laughter, the arts, etc. Seeking romantic, friendly female, age 30 to 50. Macomb Courble 22225 female, age 30 to 5 County BOX 33387

FIRST TIME AD

Divorced white male, 34, 6'2", 250 lbs, non-smoker, father to a 3 yr old daughter. Interests include: bowling, movies, shoot-ing pool and quiet evenings at home. Seeking white female, 25 to 34, non-smoker, with similar interests, for friendship and pos-ble to the term challenging. sible long term relationship. BOX 25092

A DREAMER Single white male, 49, 5'7", medium build, non-smoker, meduan build, non-shaker, social drinker, enjoys the ocean, beaches, the outdoors, con-certs, classic cars and much more. Searching for single white female, 45 to 55, petite to medi-um build, for serious relation-ship BOX 24963 BOX 24963

SEEKS SPECIAL LADY Divorced black male, '53,' 6'1", 208lbs., very handsome, moti-vated, professional male. Enjoys outdoor sports, classic cars and antiques. In search of profes-sional lady, race open, 45 to 56, tall, height and weight propor-tionate, with similar, interests, kids welcome, for friendship and maybe more. Wayne county, BOX 25313 SEEKS SPECIAL LADY Quality!! A single white male, 43, childless, college grad, nice looks, open to marriage or long term relationship. Seeks to interact with a charming lady com panion, BOX 24957 Go ahead and call this single white male. He is 45, charming, easy to talk to, active and

52 FOR YOU?

52 FOR YOU? Fashionable, sharp, sexy) single white male, 52, 5'10", 190 lbs, broad interest, no couch potato. Looking for someone kind of serious age one but femiliaity

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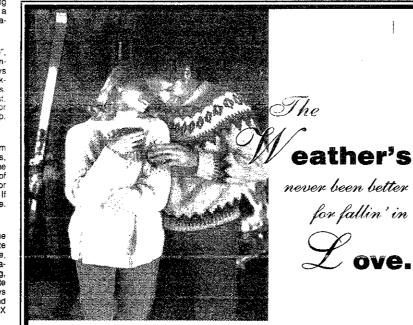
serious, age open, but femininity Is a must. Oakland County. BOX

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SPORTS PARTNERS

Downriver area, BOX 33513 52 FOR YOU?

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easy going with good values, for companionship and possible term relationship. BOX Single male, 37, dark hair, brown eyes, down to earth, non-BOX 33397 smoker. Looking for a lady who is down to earth, 37 to 49, for 5'10". 200 lbs, brown hair, blue

an attractive women who enjoys life! BOX 33641

good conversation, music, sports, and is an optimist. 35490 Looking for a professional divorced, white male, 40's, phys ically fit/active, tall, no beard or 5'6", 140 lbs, long brownish red moustache, intelligent, good hair, independent, romantic, who humor, non-smoker enjoys dancing, shooting pool, sense of South Oa

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Oakland county area BOX 36068 WANTS A FRIEND

35 to 45, who's romantic and Outgoing, easy going, single female is looking for a down to enjoys some of the same interaete earth, single male, of any race, 39 to **49**, to share good times and friendship. BOX 14133 33514

QUALITY, QUALITY Single female, who is physically emotionally, financially fit, who is Seeking a sincere, honest, no ready for friendship, and possi games played, non-smoking social drinking, single white male by a divorced white female, 54, who likes to do ble long term relationship. Who can enjoy fine dining, home cooking, likes golf, the outdoors. almost everything. Looking for friendship, companionship or dancing, and a warm fire. Mus be a non-smoker. Social drinker something long term. West side Wayne County. BOX 25333 area. BOX 25070

SHOOTING STAR CUTE AS A BUTTON Divorced, white professional female, 5'5", 125 lbs, Single white female, 52, 5'3", medium build, enjoys casinos brown/black hair and eves, dimdancing, fine dining in or out, ples, looks minus 40 and stable walking, holding hand and cud Seeking a divorced, white male dling. Seeking a white gentle 55 to 63, attractive, 6', stable and a good sense of humor. BOX 31913 man, 45 to 60, that knows how to treat a lady. BOX 35484 LIGHTEN UP MY LIFE

IT'S TIME Not perfect, single white mom Single white Christian female, 39, 5'8", full figured, long brown 48, sweet, funny, attractive enough, seeking genuine, sin hair, and blue eyes. Interests are cere, white male, single parent iazz. Christian music, old cars 50 to 56, hardworking, non long walks, and more. Looking smoker, for friendly dating for a single white Christian male Oakland County area, preferred

BOX 25323

SOMEONE TO SPOIL ME

Seeking someone to have fun

35. brown hair and eves. 5"7"

average build. Enjoys camping,

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dinners. Looking for a white

male. 40 to 45, who is caring

loves children, outgoing, good

sense of humor and similar

interests. Friendship and possi

ble relationship. Wayne County.

LOOKING FOR MY MATCH

Single white female, 39, 5'5",

brown hair, medium built, inde-

pendent, good sense of humor,

spontaneous, loving, caring

sports. Seeking emotionally secure, honest, well mannered,

confident, all American guy, 35

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 conver-

sation, friendship and more

to 50. BOX 26076

BOX 33652

kes a variety of activities and

BOX 33625

easygoing, 5'9" to 6'4", who knows how to treat a lady. BOX 10709

DREAMS

51 yr old, single female, believes with, must love animals, Single white female, mother, 40, 5'5' in romance, enjoys simple pleasures. Seeking a kind, sin-150 lbs., blonde, smoker, occa sionał drinker, no drugs. Enjoys cere, single or divorced male, 46 the outdoors, riding motorcy to 60, non-smoker, with simila quiet times. BOX 33384 Interests, for a long term monog amous relationship. Down Rive **NEW BEGINNINGS** area. BOX 14471 Divorced white mother of three

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 drinke okay, for long term relationship Wayne county, BOX 25335

TALL ORDER Catholic, fun loving, adventur-ous, 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, will

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County, BOX 25353 A LADY OF CLASS Vivacious, upbeat, very attrac-tive, blonde female, a profes-sional, 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

this sounds like you, call me. BOX 25311 SPICE OF LIFE

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Attractive, trim, optimistic, blue eyed, blonde divorced white female, 55, 5'6", affectionate, seeks possible long term rela-tionship with non-smoking, degreed, honest, outgoing white gentleman, 48-62, who enjoys travel, golf, romantic times, and the Arts. Oakland County. BOX 25321

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 emonally secure, with similar inter est. Give me a call, you won't be Macomb County, BOX

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 financially secure gentleman, 60 to 70. Wayne County. BOX 25331



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55 yr old gentleman, blue eyes, light sandy hair, recently retired non-smoker. Enjoys exercis animals and laughing. Call I interested. BOX 10664 ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Divorced white male, 52, ests including the outdoors and all sports. Seeking female for long term relationship. BOX 10692

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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, traveli and romantic evenings. Must love children and being spoiled. I am a very caring and faithful person, with good sense of humor. BOX 10728

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26, seeking woman, same age,

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37, seeking a single white female, full figured, 35 to 49.

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CATCH OF THE DAY! Single white male, 6'4" brown/brown, attractive, home owner, independent profession al, caring seeking someone for good times, female who is caring and nice and shares similar rests. I enjoy comedy, bowl ing, movies, dining out, travel

BOX 32590 INTERESTED? Single white male, 48, 5'4", 136 ibs, 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 STILL SEARCHING

Single divorced white male, 35, 6', 190 lbs, brown hair, brown es, no children. Looking for a attractive white female, 36 to 39 with a good sense of humor BOX 10771 SEEKING LADY 40 - 52

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Single white male, 44 yr old asks for nothing in return. Loves cats, Saturn cars, gardening, reading, etc. Seeks relationship with attractive white female, with nliar passions. Open County BOX 33657

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Professional single white male Catholic, no dependents, 45, 5'8", fit, optimistic, persevering Enloys the outdoors, bicycling musíc, movies, conversa Seeking emotionally available white professional female to share happy, healthy relation ship. Wayne County. BOX 33659

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Adventurous, active, attractive, boating, bowling, beaches, Don't forget the F's, family, friendship, fun, fires, fitness, fine dining, fulfillment. This downriv-er homeowner and Daddy is 41, 5'10". brown hair/eyes height/weight proportionate Seeks a perky, petite, divorced white orotessional Wayne County. BOX 33661

STARTING OVER Divorced white male, **53**, 5'8", 200 lbs, brown hair, green eyes, attractive, light smoker, father of one 4 yr old. Enjoys bowling, goifing, walking, weekend get-aways, and family times. Seeking a white female, 45 to 53, for dating, possible long term relationship. Children okay. Wayne County. BOX 25317 VERY GENTLE

you are looking for a early 0's, 5'8", 175 lbs, caring, lov ing, light hearted, gentle, honest, good looking man, who doesn't sit at the bar, call me. Looking for an attractive, light hearted, slim lady, 50 to 60, to pend life with. Downriver area BOX 33429

WANTED: KIND SPIRIT Single black male, 5'5", 150 lbs, never married, locking for a sin-gle female, 21 to 35, non-smcker, non-drinker, great personality and sense of humor for dating dating possibly more. BOX 13950

DOWN RIVER 1ST TIME 45 yr old, single white male from Down River area, dark brown hair, hazel eyes, 5'9", 190 lbs, work for one of the big three auto companies. Enjoys just about anything. Looking for a woman, 35 to 55, with a loving heart. Because I have one. Looks and race, no problem. BOX 35493

WHY BE ALONE? Caring, affectionate, loving, hard working, divorced white male, 54, 5'7", silver fox hair, 176 lbs. Loves ocean beaches, spending quality time together. Seeking friendship for monogamous re tionship, 40 to 50 yr. BOX 35913

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Attractive single white male, **41** yrs old, 5'10", 160 ibs, smoker, light drinker, home and business Enjoys dancing, oldie and classic rock music and the outdoors. Looking for an attrac tive female for companior possibly more. BOX 32589

2 GOOD 2 BE TRUE 43 yr, male, 163 lbs, 5'5", brown hair, blue eyes, romantic, adven-turous. Enjoys camping, outdoors, nature and long walks Looking for someone who is happy with themselves, age/race, weight/height is unim-portant. Will reply to all. BOX

BIG HEARTED Attractive, widowed, white single male, 5'9", 175 lbs, with good sense of humor, early 60's, njoys all the good things in life financially secure, gentle. Looking for a slim, attractive, white lady, 50 to 58, for a permanent relationship, no games BOX 33486

HANDSOME AND HONEST 36 yr old, handsome, 6', blue serious, age open, but femininity is a musti Oakland County. BOX eves, nice smile, athletic, seeks 33622 an attractive woman who has character, spirituality, honesty and also an adventurous side. BOX 24958

STOP! READ THIS!

Pick up the phone; meet single guy now. Good looking, white male, 47, cultured, enjoys nature, 47, contrato, enjoys nature, wining and dining, etc; seeking single white temate, 37 to 51, for possible long term relationship. Macomb County, BOX 25315 If you are tired of these ads and meeting flaky men, then call me. I have both feet on the ground, big hearted, don't drink, am gen-BLACK/HISPANIC tle, widowed, well built, early 60's and look much younger You must be under 61, lean BLACK/HISPANIC Divorced white male, 40, looks younger, 5'9", 175 lbs., good looking, fit. Interests, include, music, movies, theater, storts. Seeks black or Hispanic female, 25 to 35, very attractive, 'good shape, open minded, with a good sense of humor for dating, nossible long term relationship. attractive and serious about your future. I will return your call. Down river area, BOX 35488

GOOD GUY

Honest, romantic, retired, silver hair, fair looking, stocky build, seeks slender lady for bowling and golf, 55 to 63, that's caring, talkative and fun to be with! C me! North Oakland area. BOX 24961

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

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