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Help on the way: Expectant mothers who thought there was no relief from those nagging aches and pains can think again. /A3

HOMETOWN LIFE

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Benefit: The FirstStep Charity Dance, in its 11th year, will benefit domestic violence victims. The event will take place Friday, Feb. 2 at Burton Manor in Livonia. /C7

Singer: Ken Medema, a religious singer/songwriter, will perform this Saturday at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia. /C7

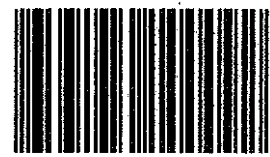
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Planners blast school site work

Revisions don't thrill residents; board gets proposal next

BY CAROL MARSHALL
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The Canton Planning Commission Monday lambasted Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and denied approval to the site plan for the district's third high school, Plymouth

High School.

Despite the commission's strong criticism, the school plans will be presented to the Canton Township Board of Trustees for approval.

Township Planner Jeff Goulet said the plans will be presented to the Canton Township Board of Trustees, possi-

bly at its Jan. 23 meeting. The board can then accept or deny the plans.

Goulet added the district could legally build the field without approval from the township, provided it complies with the township's ordinances.

Monday's denial was based on the placement of the junior varsity football

field, which would border properties in the North Pointe subdivision.

Subdivision homeowners objected to the field because the bleachers would be constructed less than 50 feet from their yards, raising noise and foot traf-

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Doctors: Flu watch is just beginning

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It's the kind of malady that makes your hair hurt. It's the flu. And it's not too late to keep from getting it.

"If you can get a flu shot, get it," said Dr. Sarju Shah, Oakwood Health Center's Canton Clinic.

While normally January would be too late to get a flu shot, Shah said the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are reporting the flu epidemic won't peak in Michigan until the end of February, much later than normal.

Dr. Michael Burke, St. Joseph Mercy Health Systems, said once the flu reaches an area, it can easily become epidemic.

Most people are most contagious just as they're starting to come down with (the flu).

—Dr. Michael Burke,
St. Joseph Mercy

"Most people are most contagious just as they're starting to come down with it," he said.

The flu vaccine is the most effective means of preventing the flu, with a 70 to 90 percent effectiveness rate for healthy adults according to the CDC.

Besides the vaccine, Shah recommended good health practices. He said avoiding closed spaces or places with cigarette smoke can help. He also suggested staying healthy by getting plenty of sleep and drinking fluids before you get sick.

While some folks call gastrointestinal misery "the stomach flu," the flu caused by the influenza virus is a whole different animal.

It's characterized by quick onset, very often becoming hellish within hours. The most distinct telltale signs it's influenza are the severe body aches and exhaustion.

"It hits you hard and literally breaks you down," said Shah. The flu is also more likely to cause high fevers, where a cold is likely to cause low-grade fevers.

Gastrointestinal discomfort, diarrhea and vomiting usually do not accompany the flu. Shah said, however, that people who experience dizzi-

Please see **FLU, A5**



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Season's greetings: Debbie Underhill, and son Matt, 11, (clockwise from right), Lindsay Burke, 12, and Amanda Williams, 7, Jason Williams, 11, Karen Williams and Jason Burke, 15, pose with the oversized snow figure in the Burke's front yard.

Frosty reception

Family returns to front yard surprise

An abominable snowman was sitting in the front yard of the Burke family of Canton when they returned home from a holiday road trip recently.

"It was just a total surprise," said homeowner Birgit Burke. "We came home to find our driveway shoveled and this huge snowman welcoming us back."

While the Burkes were out west on a 14-day motor home tour to Arizona, Nevada and California, neighbors kept their driveway and side-

walks clean and built the giant snow figure.

The Williams family, who lives next door, and the Underhill family, who reside nearby, decided it would be fun to create the 10½-foot tall figure.

"We wanted to make it taller," said neighbor Karen Williams, "but we couldn't lift the snow up that high. So, we added the legs."

She said that if it could stand up, it would be 17-feet tall.

—Paul Hurschmann

Arena plan out of cold storage

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Arctic Pond Inc. skated a little closer to building Canton's first ice arena Monday, when the planning commission recommended approval of a special land use for the project.

If approved by the township board, Arctic Edge Ice Arena will be built south of Michigan Avenue between Belleville and Beck roads.

John Stansik, co-owner of the company building the arena, said the facility will include a changing area, skate rental and training center.

The company plans to offer after-school open skate times, as well as family skating on Friday and Saturday night.

"You have to have enough time for families and the community," Stansik said. "What we envision is offering an activity that's great exercise and family time together at an affordable price."

Canton has been eyeing an ice arena for years, and township planners reported the project is compatible with surrounding recreational activities, including the softball center and the proposed indoor soccer/golf facility.

The arena is part of an effort to create a multi-use recreational site for township residents, and the addition of an ice arena has been considered a key element for the Michigan Avenue location.

Two years ago, Canton worked with Southfield-based Griffin Properties to construct an ice arena, but the deal fell through when concession-provider agreements clashed.

For now, the plan is to construct two sheets of ice, but Arctic Pond partner, Ken Brandt, told the planning commission another sheet could be added later.

Planning commissioner Karl Zarbo asked Brandt if a third sheet of ice is critical to the economic survival of the project.

"We're content with two sheets," Brandt said. "There could be a demand from the community for the third sheet, but that can be done in phases."

"The third sheet is irrelevant," planning commission chair Vic Gustafson said. "If at some point in the future, the community is saying, 'We're not getting any ice time,' and the arena is running 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year, then we'll look

Please see **ICE ARENA, A5**

It's show time



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Wheels: Volkswagen showed off its Microbus concept during the North American International Auto Show press preview. You can get a peek starting Saturday. For more on the show, please see Page A10 and the special section in today's Observer.

Salvation Army close to holiday campaign goal

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The Plymouth chapter of the Salvation Army is still counting its pennies. However, Capt. Stephen Hull said this year's Red Kettle campaign is "within an eyelash" of reaching last year's goal of \$113,000.

As of Jan. 2, the total collected bell ringers throughout Plymouth Canton and Northville was \$117, Hull is hoping that once the campaign ends, they will be closer, if not their fundraising.

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Gun pulled in restaurant

High school site

scuffle, witnesses report

from page A1

A 48-year-old Canton woman, her daughter and a friend called police after witnessing a felonious assault with a firearm at a local restaurant.

The witness said the three women were dining on Jan. 3 at Garden Buffet on Ford Road. The woman heard a "scuffle" in the rear of the restaurant. She looked to see what was happening and said she saw a man force a gun into another man's mouth.

The woman's daughter also witnessed the assault and reported she heard the scuffle and saw one of the men punch the other in the face. The man retaliated by pulling out a handgun and

putting it in his attacker's mouth.

She said a woman grabbed the man with the gun and pulled him back into the kitchen.

The women didn't report the incident at that time, but continued eating. They called police about an hour later from their home because the mother stated she was frightened because she paid for the meal with her credit card and was afraid the men may have seen her and would be able to track her down.

Wise man injured

Canton Police were called to a residence after someone destroyed a \$1,500 holiday lawn statue. During the night of Jan. 5, someone knocked a statue of a wise man off its camel. One of the wise man's arms was broken off. The lawn ornament was purchased in Italy, and its owner is uncertain whether it can be replaced or repaired. The camel was undamaged.

Indecent exposure

At about 9:30 a.m. Jan. 5, four Canton police officers were dispatched to the Motel 6 on Ford Road to investigate an indecent exposure complaint.

Two female motel employees, age 70 and 29, saw one of the hotel guests through his room's open window, standing in the room wearing only a white thong. The witnesses said he pressed his backside against the window, then walked away.

The women said they had to walk by the window again, and he was sitting in a chair beside the window, nude and smoking a cigarette.

When they had to walk by the window again, they said he was wearing nothing but a pink bra, an earring and a lot of makeup on his face.

Officers went to the guest's room to question him, and found the 40-year-old man dressed in jeans, a T-shirt and baseball cap. Officers noted he was wearing "a lot of makeup." They also stated he had been drinking that morning.

The man told officers he was unaware anyone could see him through the window. Police issued him a citation for indecent exposure, and the suspect will appear at the 35th District Court on Feb. 5.

fic issues, and light pollution from the four, 70-foot-high stadium light towers.

North Pointe residents expressed their concerns to the board of education, and approached the planning commission Nov. 13. Commissioners tabled the petition, asking the project's architect to make changes.

The school board decided to move ahead with a revised plan which would move the field 60 feet. But commissioners were unimpressed with the measure's creativity, and disappointed with the lack of sensitivity to North Pointe residents.

"What we're talking about here is a great big sign flying in the air that says: Arrogance," said Vic Gustafson, planning commission chairman.

commission showed lack of courtesy to the township residents.

Zarbo further criticized project architect, Dan Jerome, because no master plan has been developed for the site.

Commissioner Melissa McLaughlin also disparaged the lack of a master plan, and asked why the football fields couldn't be moved to the northwest section of the property, closer to the practice fields.

She said there is no residential development butting up to that portion of the site.

Jerome said that portion of the district's 305 acres is being preserved for possible future construction of a fourth high school. Further, he said the site offers limited flat areas where a field could be built.

Decisions questioned

McLaughlin questioned the feasibility of placing another school on the property. She said the next big housing boom will be in Salem Township, and three-quarters of Salem students attend Plymouth-Canton schools, so the district would be more likely to build a school away from the current site at Joy and Canton Center roads.

Gustafson said, "You left out the most important quotient," and pointed to the subdivision on map, prompting applause from the meeting's attendees. "You can move earth from here to Hell's high acre." He added Jerome and Rochester-based architectural firm, French Associates, showed "not one ounce of respect to those residents."

Gustafson said the same lack of professionalism and concern was also demonstrated by the schools, "from the school board to the superintendent, right on down the line."

Gustafson said when nearby residents began voicing their concerns, Jerome should have alerted his firm.

"I don't get it. How can someone miss something like that?" he questioned. "If this were a corporate situation, you'd lose

your bonus, if not your job. I'm appalled."

He said if Jerome had returned to the planning commission and the North Pointe residents with several solutions and cost analyses, he would have been less critical.

Gustafson said if Jerome and the district had to dismiss other options due to cost and "out of respect for the taxpayers because they're cost-prohibitive," he might have been more willing to accept the minimally-revised plans, but that wasn't the case.

McLaughlin told Jerome and the district's Executive Director of Support Service, Ken Jacobs, "There's a lot of room to compromise and you haven't compromised at all. The land thing, I don't buy that. And the money thing, I don't buy that either."

North Pointe resident Joe Paronish told the commission he and his neighbors were "not satisfied with the school board's response" to their concerns. "They responded to us like we were children."

Homeowners still unhappy

North Point homeowner Dave Guastella added the board of education approved the site without mentioning the planning commission's disapproval. "They really don't care what you think," he said. He added the school has no intention of limiting the field's use to junior varsity events.


"They have every intention of using it as a regular football field," he said.

North Point resident Terry Chen approached the commission with photographs from Northville's newest high school. She said the district was truly crunched for space, unlike Plymouth-Canton district, and that district devised a better compromise than French Associates had. She said the field was moved as far away from the homes as possible, with a high, dense, tree-lined berm and a fence dividing the school and residential properties.

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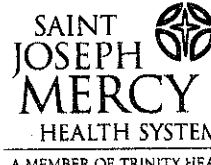



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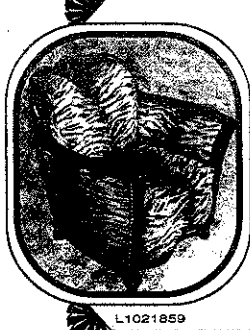
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Smaller classes is district goal

WAYNE-WESTLAND SCHOOLS

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Greg Baracy doesn't equivocate when talking about the Wayne-Westland schools.

"The state of our district is very, very good," said Baracy, superintendent of the district serving nearly 15,000 students.

Baracy spoke Tuesday to the Westland Chamber of Commerce at Joy Manor in Westland, giving the annual "State of the Schools" address. He said district leaders will proceed with cautious optimism.

He said he'll propose at next Tuesday's school board meeting that \$500,000 be spent to reduce class size in first grade across the district. Also at the Jan. 16 meeting, Baracy intends to propose restoring school co-op work experience for the fall of 2001.

The school district's annual budget is \$108 million, he told the lunchtime crowd, with a 13 percent reserve or about \$14 million, slightly below the state average.

A technical correction made by the Michigan Legislature in 2000 resulted in "modest restoration of programs," Baracy said. Special education, on which Wayne-Westland spends some \$20 million a year, is underfunded and needs legislative action, he said.

Almost 30 percent of the district's students receive free or reduced lunches, and some 10 percent live in poverty, Baracy said. The district loses about 200 students per year and has little land for housing development.

In discussing several areas, Baracy touched on curriculum, on a five-year revision cycle to ensure instructional needs are met.

Educators are working on improving test scores, he said, and won't be satisfied until all scores reach or exceed state levels.

"We must educate every child who comes through our doors," unlike private and parochial

schools, Baracy said. He pointed with pride to the state Golden Apple given recently to P.D. Graham Elementary for significant improvement on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests.

"Yes, we do still have challenges in this area," Baracy said. Today, more children start kindergarten without knowing how to count, the alphabet and their primary colors.

"Parental support continues to decline," said Baracy, who urged parents to take an interest in their children's education and to read to younger children daily.

He cited district bright spots such as the Family Resource Center, housed at Lincoln Elementary, and after-school programs for kids. He noted students in extracurricular activities are more likely to stay in school and to succeed.

Camp Read a Lot, a summer program for lower elementary grades, has benefited some 300 children each summer, he said. A developing partnership with Ford Motor Co. will prepare students to work in the auto industry.

"You as business leaders play a very important role in that," He encouraged chamber members to support the school district.

Baracy showed appreciation for community support of bond construction work, approved by voters in 1998. The improvements allow students to be more competitive with those from more affluent districts, he said.

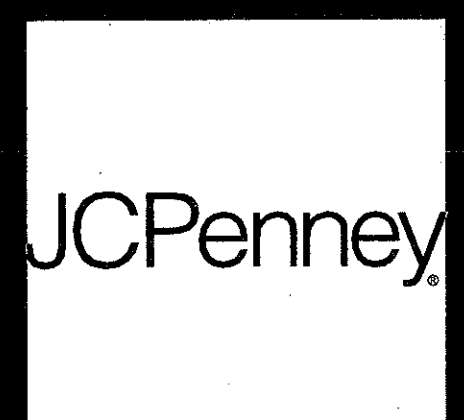
The money includes \$25 million for technology, which will allow all students Internet access by 2002.

"Education is serious business," he concluded, asking again for community support.

"I thought he did an excellent job," said Martha Pittenbarger, Wayne-Westland school board president. Baracy covered all categories, she said, a particular help to those who don't normally attend board meetings.

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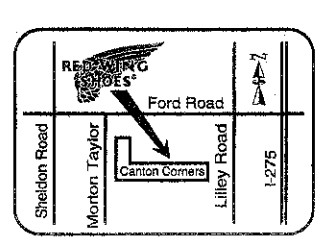
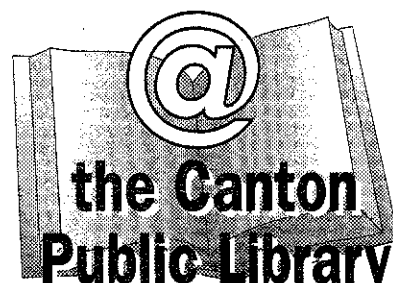
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■ Dr. Jesse Bennett of Edom, Va., performer the first Caesarian section on his wife in 1794?

■ To prevent clothes from yellowing, don't store them in damp basements or inside plastic bags.

■ Nelson Mandela was the first black South African president?

■ There are more public libraries than McDonald's restaurants - a total of 15,994 including branches?

■ Americans spend more on potato chips and snack foods than on public libraries (\$5.2 billion)?

Web Watch

Check out these Web sites:

- www.bigdig.com
- www.obsolete.computermuseum.org
- www.guinnessworldrecords.com
- www.ecompany.com

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Q&A

Q: Why is the head groomsman at a wedding called the best man?

A: The phrase "best man" is of Scottish origin and recalls the days when a bridegroom simply kidnapped the woman he wanted as his bride. To help him in that task the groom enlisted a cadre of friends, the toughest and bravest of these groomsmen was the best man. Had women kidnapped men, they might have needed best women!

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:

- *The Times of My Life: a Memoir* by Brend Ashabanner
- *A Boy Named Boomer* by Boomer Esiason
- *Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio* by Peg Kehret
- *Firetalking* by Patricia Polacco

■ *Living the Dream: My Life and Basketball* by Hakeem Olajuwon

Staff favorites

Here are non-fiction picks for 2000:

■ *More Healthy Homestyle Cooking* by Evelyn Tribble

■ *Best American Poetry, 2000* by Rita Dove

■ *Me Talk Pretty One Day* by David Sedaris

■ *In a Sunburned Country* by Bill Bryson

Hot topic of the week

■ **Martin Luther King Jr. Day!** Born on Jan. 15, 1929, this black civil rights leader, minister, advocate of non-violence and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize (1964) was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn. on April 4, 1968. After his death, many states and territories observed his birthday as a holiday. In 1983, Congress approved a "bill to amend Title 5, United States Code, to make the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. a legal public holiday." Signed by President Ronald Reagan on Nov. 2, 1983, it became law, and sets the third Monday in January for observance of King's birthday. The first observance was Jan. 20, 1986.

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Salvation Army

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Christmas," said Hull.

Because of the cold weather and December snowstorm, the Salvation Army was behind by \$88,000 in reaching the Red Kettle goal with less than a week to go. Hull said groups like the

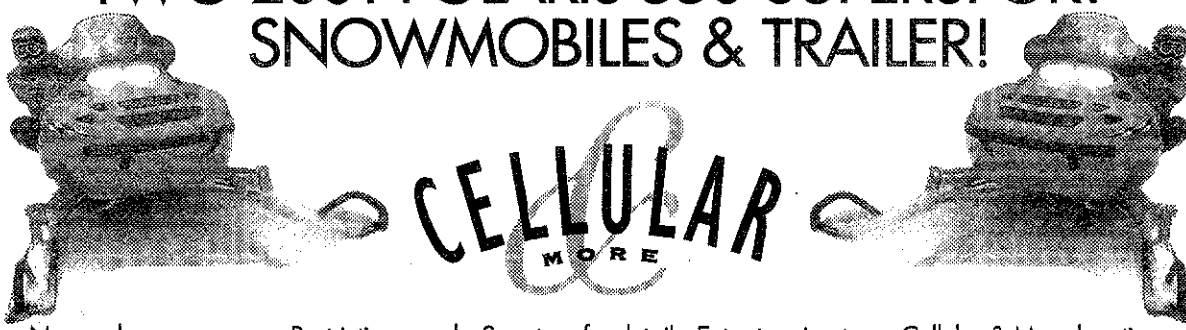
Rotary and Kiwanis clubs helped make up the difference by manning the kettles the final two weekends.

The money is used to buy food, clothing and holiday gifts for needy families in the area.

For the entire campaign, Hull said there were 2,041 volunteers who donated an average of two hours each ringing the bells at the kettles to collect money for this year's campaign.

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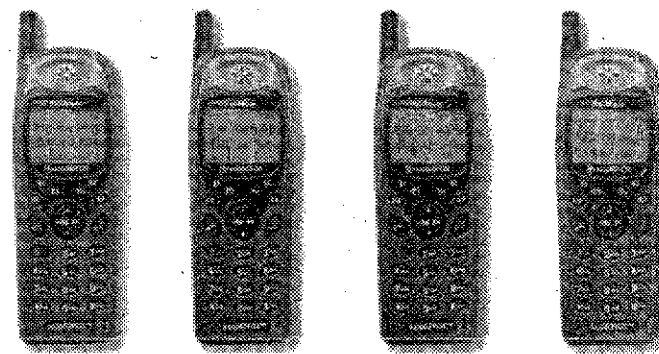


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at it."

In other action, the planning commission:

n Recommended a proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map for 36 acres south of Palmer, between I-275 and Lotz Road, from a medium high-density residential (three dwelling units per acre) to a medium-high density residential (up to eight dwelling units per acre).

n Recommended amending the Future Land Use Map from local shopping to community shopping for the Pine Tree Plaza Shopping Center at the southwest corner of Joy and Hannan roads, despite concerns over the recently-closed Office Depot store. The new zoning will enable a wider range of retail businesses to occupy the building.

n Tabled the proposed site plan for UAW offices to be located south of Joy Road, west of Sheldon. The commission asked the project's architect to return with plans that are "colonial" in

design.

n Recommended approval of the site plan for Vistas Condominiums, west of Beck Road, south of the former Proctor Road.

n Recommended approval of the site plan for the addition of a garden center to the Michigan Avenue Home Depot.

Recommended re-approval of the preliminary plan for the Oxford Park site condominiums, south of Gyde Road, west of Beck Road.

Nominees sought for leadership awards

The Michigan Business and Professional Association is seeking nominations of women for its Distinguished Leadership Award.

The award recognizes women who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in seven categories: business, professional, human services/philanthropic, media, civic affairs/government, education

and small business achievement.

Award criteria include achievements in the nominee's professional field, recognition by peers for outstanding service and contributions to the advancement of issues related

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to women in the business world.

The award will be presented during the luncheon at the fifth annual Women and Leadership in the Workplace Conference which will be held April 11 at Burton Manor in Livonia.

Nomination forms are available by calling the MBPA at (810) 979-6322. The deadline for nominations is Thursday, Feb. 15.

The MBPA represents more than 15,000 professional men and women who employ more than 110,000 people in Michigan. It is the sister association to the Michigan Food and Beverage Association.

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ness with the flu could feel a little nausea; and children could get mild diarrhea with the flu.

The people most likely to get the flu are people over age 50, people who are immuno-compromised or who have chronic illness such as diabetes and asthma, and people who live in close communities, such as nursing homes or dormitories.

Shah noted that most people who are the greatest risk to get the flu are also at the greatest risk to develop secondary illnesses such as pneumonia.

Shah suggested visiting a physician within the first day or two of the flu's onset of symptoms because there are prescription medications - Relenza and Tamiflu - that can shorten the duration of the flu as well as treat the symptoms.

Burke said the drugs are no cure for the flu, but they help.

"The drugs can decrease the flu's intensity," he said. "They interrupt the virus' life cycle so your overall viral load is less."

Burke said taking comfort measures such as using Tylenol, getting rest and drinking plenty of fluids can also help.

Burke added it's not only important to take care of yourself; it's essential to protect those close to you when you're sick.

"If you're sick, you should use different utensils, glasses and hand towels than your family members and you should avoid contact with people," he said.

The flu is more than just miserable. For some people it becomes deadly. According to the CDC, about 20,000 people die from the flu and 110,000 are hospitalized for it every year.

Shah said if the symptoms develop into chest pain or difficulty breathing, see a physician immediately or go to the hospital, because those could signal the onset of pneumonia. He also said anyone whose fever doesn't subside after two days should see a doctor.

Community ed registration is Saturday

Registration for Plymouth-Canton community education courses begins 8-10 a.m. Saturday in the Canton High School cafeteria.

Walk-in and mail-in registration for high school completion and adult or youth enrichment classes will also be available at the Starkweather Education Center. District residents will receive a brochure detailing winter and spring classes in the mail.

The semester begins Jan. 29 for high school completion classes.

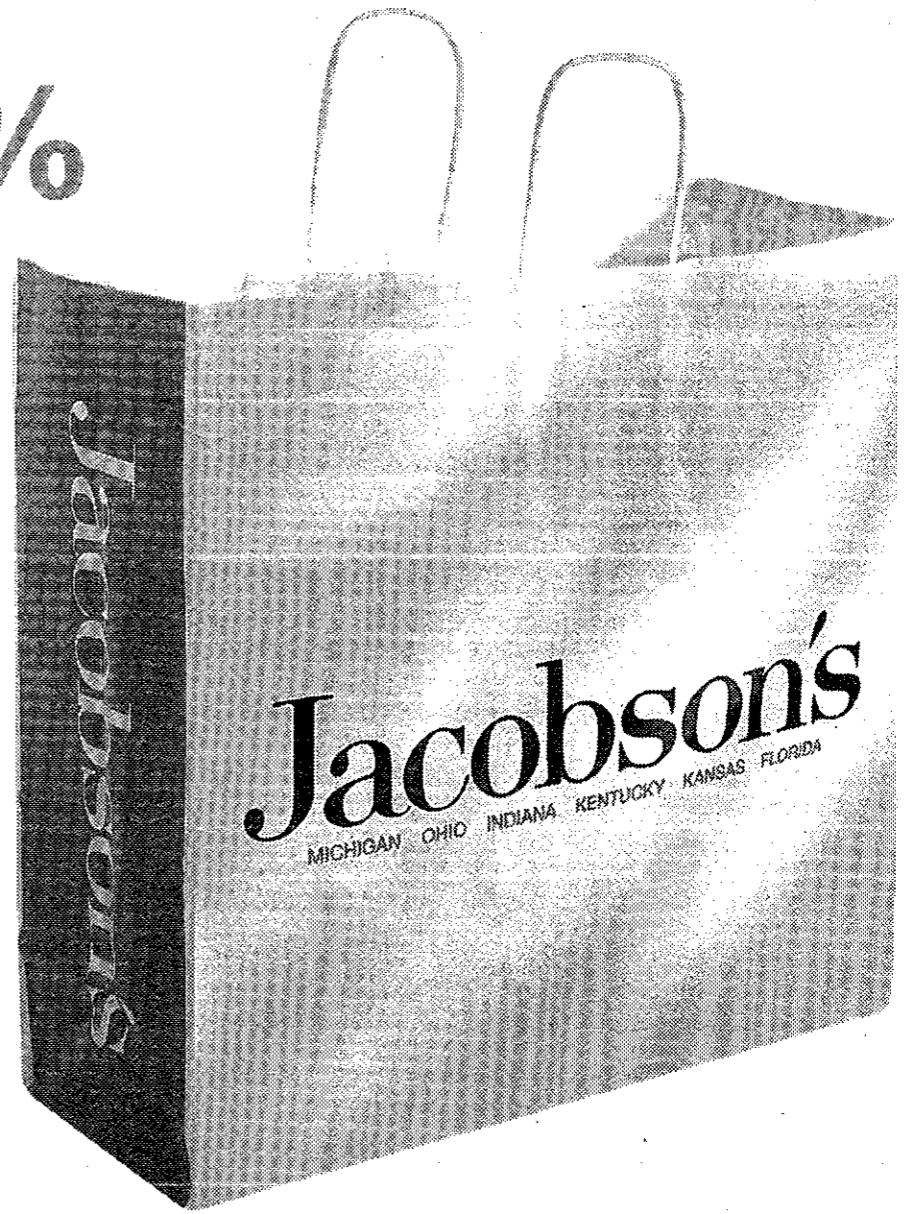
GED test set

GED testing will be offered through the Plymouth-Canton Adult Education Department. Testing will be offered on Tuesday, Jan. 23 and Wednesday, Jan. 24 at both 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 5-10 p.m. It is a two-day test. The test will be held at Starkweather Education Center, 550 N. Holbrook, Plymouth. The cost of the full test is \$75.00 (\$15 per section). Please register early. If registration is too low, one or both tests could be cancelled. Call (734) 416-4901 for further information.

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OBITUARIES

ERNEST A. GARNER

Services for Ernest A. Garner, 88, of Canton Township were held on Jan. 5 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery.

Mr. Garner was born March 12, 1912 in Detroit and died Jan. 3 at Marquette House. He worked as an inspector for Ford Motor Co.

Mr. Garner was preceded in death by his wife, Helen.

Survivors include sons, Ronald E. (Diane) Garner, Joseph W. (Tricia) Garner, and Thomas (Cathy) Garner; daughter, Linda M. (Stanley) Grzebyk; nine grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

HENRY A. DEOCHOA

Services for Henry A. Deochoa, 77, of Plymouth, were held Jan. 6 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Burial was at Perry

Mount Cemetery in Pontiac.

Mr. Deochoa was born March 26, 1924 in San Antonio, Texas and died Jan. 1 in Garden City. He was a retired inspector for Pontiac Motors in Detroit. He came to the Plymouth community in 1986 from Union Lake. He was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and brother.

Survivors include wife, Shirley of Plymouth; daughters, Charlene Christian of Fla., Sandra (Stephen) Spindler of White Lake, and Dianne (Tom) Berry of West Bloomfield; sons, Thomas Authier of Plymouth, and Robert (Peggy) Authier of California; 13 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Beatrice, Rosie, Reta, and Hope, all from Texas.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

HENRY A. DEOCHOA

Services for Henry A. Deochoa, 77, of Plymouth, were held Jan. 6 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Burial was at Perry Mount Cemetery in Pontiac. Mr. Deochoa was born March 26, 1924 in San Antonio, Texas and died Jan. 1 in Garden City. He was a retired inspector for Pontiac Motors in Detroit. He came to the Plymouth community in 1986 from Union Lake. He was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and brother.

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Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

JAMES E. FLACK

Services for James E. Flack, 57, of Canton Twp., were held Jan. 3 at St. Thomas a'Becket Church with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery.

Mr. Flack was born July 21, 1943, in Cleveland, Ohio and died Dec. 31 in Oakwood Hospital. He was in Human Resources at Detroit Diesel.

Survivors include wife, Mary; sons, William and Brian; mother, Mary, and brother, Richard. Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

DOROTHY ELAINE REMSBURG

Dorothy Elaine Remsburg, 74, of Plymouth, passed away Dec. 21 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. She was born April 21, 1926. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include son, Craig; daughter, Lynne Rose; sister, Jeannette Bernard; brother, Allan Hough; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

KEVIN T. CAVANAUGH

Services for Kevin T. Cavanaugh, 44, of Detroit, were held Jan. 6 at Warrendale Community Church in Dearborn with the Rev. Alan Bates officiating.

Mr. Cavanaugh was born May 18, 1956 in Detroit and died Jan. 2 in Detroit. He was a handyman.

Survivors include his children, Amanda and Leland; sister, Charlene (Michael) Tinkham of Canton; sister, Kathleen Rubbo; sister, Mary (Ray) McCarrick; brother, Michael (Diane) Cavanaugh; brother, Dennis Cavanaugh; sister, Carolyn (Mark) King; sister, Nancy (Richard) Smith; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements made by John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.

GUADALUPE KOCH

Services for Guadalupe Koch, 75, of Canton, were held Jan. 6

at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly officiating. Burial was at White Chapel Cemetery.

Mrs. Koch was born Nov. 1, 1905 in Detroit and died Jan. 4 in Superior Twp.

Survivors include her husband, Richard Koch; sons, Alan (Sue) Koch, David (Debbie) Koch and Ron (Dianne) Koch; daughters, Diane Koch, Maria Koch, and Charlotte (Stan) Chlebek; 12 grandchildren; three brothers; and four sisters.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

THOMAS D. KENNEDY

Services for Thomas D. Kennedy, 59, of Milford, formerly of Livonia and Plymouth, were held Jan. 13 at the Highland United Methodist Church in Highland, with the Rev. James Kummer officiating.

Mr. Kennedy was born Jan. 14, 1941 in Plymouth and died Jan. 4 in Detroit. He was born and raised in Plymouth. He graduated from Plymouth High School and went on to college and entered the Air Force in 1960. While stationed in Minnesota, he met his wife, Sue, and they married in 1961. After his discharge from the Air Force, they moved back to Livonia. He was a Systems Analyst for Ford Motor Company and took an early retirement in 1991. While in Livonia he was a member of the Newburg United Methodist Church and served as an usher.

After moving to Milford, he was a member of the Highland United Methodist Church where he joined many groups, volunteered his help and took classes. His greatest joy was his family and they made many trips to one of his favorite spots in Northern Michigan, Pickeral Lake. There he relaxed with his family while enjoying animals and wildlife. He will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and an infant son.

Survivors include his wife, Susan A. of Milford; sons, Todd David Kennedy of Portage and Thomas Stirling (Lisa) Kennedy of Hazel Park; daughter, Kristyn

Sue (Edwin) Burry of South Lyon; two brothers, Robert (Joyce) Grieve of Spring Hill, Fla., and Hugh (Beth) Grieve of Texas.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society or the American Heart Association of Michigan.

Arrangements made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

IRENE MERRITT

Services for Irene Merritt, 86, of Florida, were held Jan. 8 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at United Memorial Gardens in Superior Township.

Mrs. Merritt was born June 24, 1914 in Sheffield, England, and died Jan. 3 in Cape Coral, Fla. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her daughter, Doreen Mullins of Redford, daughter, Eleanor (Leonard) Wegrzyn of Canton, daughter, Betty (Paul) Queen of Cape Coral, Fla.; sister, Mabel Eller of Chandler, Ariz.; 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; step-sister, Violet Bullock of Northville; and step-sister, Nell Ferero of El Monte, Cal.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

CLIFFORD I. WILKIN

Services for Clifford I. Wilkin, 74, of Westland, were held Jan. 9 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Mr. Sanford Burr officiating. Burial was at Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi.

Mr. Wilkin was born Sept. 29, 1926 in Plymouth and died Jan. 5 in Westland. He was retired as a custodian of the Plymouth/Canton schools. Prior to his employment, he worked and retired from Twin Pines Dairy as a milkman. He loved country music, The Detroit Tigers games and playing cards. He was a loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Survivors include daughters, Cissy (Mark) Gould of Grand Rapids, Martha (AJ) Minion of Hamburg, and Debbie (Jim) Arlen of Commerce Twp.; son, Randy (Linda) Wilkin of Rochester, N.Y.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

MARY LOU DITTMER

Services for Mary Lou Dittmer, 71, of Plymouth, were held Jan. 10 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. David Brown officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Dittmer was born Dec. 19, 1929 in Hamtramck and died Jan. 6 in Ann Arbor. Mrs. Dittmer was a homemaker. She worked for Ford Motor Company for nine years in the 1950's in the Engineering Department in Dearborn. She came to the Plymouth community nine years ago from Dexter. She was a member of Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville. She loved her family and she loved dancing.

Survivors include her husband, Roger, of Plymouth; sons, Kevin Dittmer of Brighton, and Daryl Dittmer of Boston, Mass.; daughter, Melinda (Blaine) Suliman of Grass Lake; grandchildren, Stevie and Ella Suliman; brother, Roy (Lola) Dossett of St. Louis Mo.; and mother-in-law, Nora Dittmer of Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

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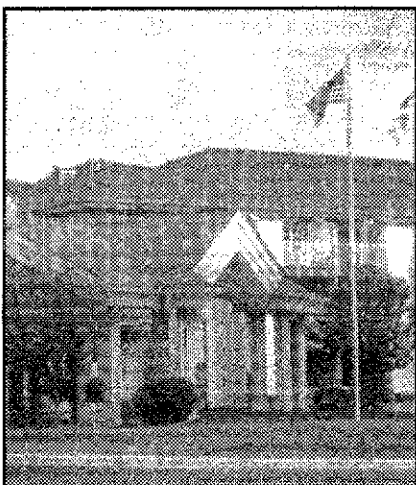
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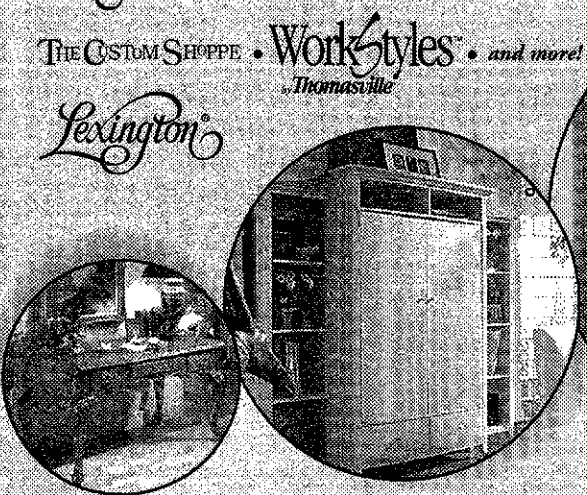
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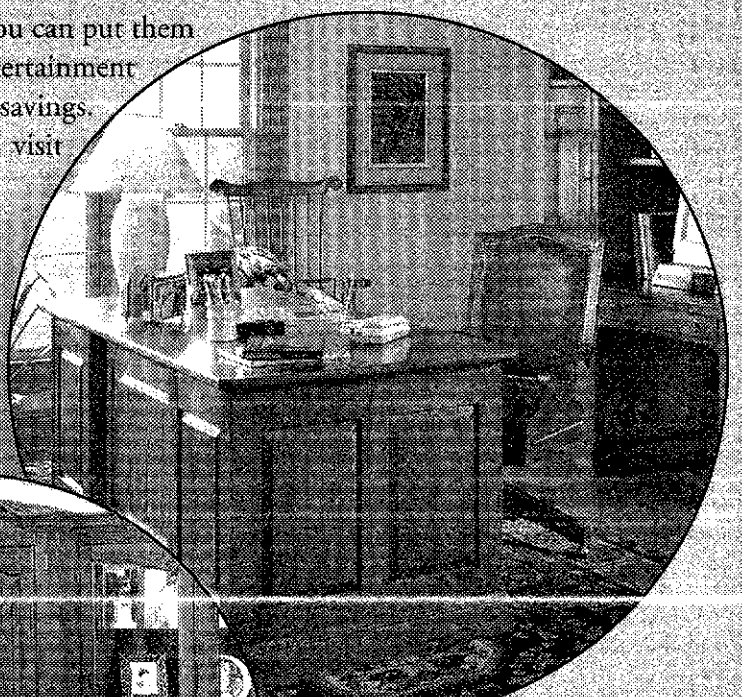
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'Irregularities' charged in handling Metro contracts

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A subcontractor on a mid-1990s project at Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport wants a grand jury to investigate the airport over what he alleges are "irregularities" in construction contracts.

John Wyke of Southgate claims the county paid millions in extra charges to a general contractor "without getting anything for it" but a runway signage and lighting modification job completed two years late. He also said the county executive authorized the payments in violation of county law.

But a Metro spokesman said Tuesday Wyke's charges are wrong — that the contracts were proper, that the airport only did what was needed to finish the work to meet a federal deadline and that "no local tax dollars" were involved.

"If they want a grand jury investigation, fine," said Michael Conway, director of external affairs for the County Airports Department. "The airport has no problem with that."

Wyke, president of JOBA Construction of Southgate, which worked on the Metro project in 1994-95, alleges "contractual and financial irregularities" in the contracts and is petitioning in Third Circuit Court for a grand jury.

However, he also wants the entire Third Circuit disqualified from hearing the petition due to what he and his attorney, John Hand of Dearborn, call "entanglement" between judges and County Executive Ed McNamara. They also want the state to appoint an independent judge to hear the case and a special counsel to conduct the investigation.

Wyke angrily denies suggestions by the county that he is upset over an arbitration settlement reached with the general contractor.

"They are completely wrong on the arbitration," he said. He sought \$150,000 for non-payment of contract and got \$100,000, he said.

Hand added "there's no way" (Wyke) can get more money from the arbitration, which was settled two years ago.

Got information

What Wyke says he did get via the arbitration was information that he says shows the contractor getting an extra \$9 million by 1997 for the same work that the firm "originally bid at just over \$11 million in 1994," according to Wyke.

Wyke's petition alleges that bidding for the contract was "not conducted in good faith" and that the county's "legitimate claim for a credit of \$7 million" was cut to about \$800,000 "by a county official who, at the same time, negotiated his own higher-paying job" with the contractor.

Hand, a county charter commission member, said both the charter and county purchasing ordinances require the Wayne County Commission's approval for every contract greater than a year in length and for "any major change in contract."

Wyke's petition alleges "the records prove that the McNamara administration did not comply with" the charter and ordinances "by failing to obtain approval" for both the original contract and "over \$8 million in subsequent change orders," Hand said in a news release.

He said state law calls that a "high misdemeanor" punishable by up to two years in prison.

The petition is to be heard at 9 a.m. Jan. 23, Hand said.

'Not unusual'

The attorney also said that disqualifying a court bench "is not unusual," citing the Washtenaw County circuit court's disqualifying itself last year in a pending case "merely because all its judges were personally acquainted with the plaintiff."

But he said "the entanglement between the circuit judges" and the McNamara administration goes "far deeper" because the Third Circuit gets over \$130 million in funding from the county and many judges seek McNamara's endorsement in elections.

However, Metro's Conway said the original contract with the general contractor, which was "to completely revamp the lighting and signage to make the airport safer and the lighting system more reliable," was modified "because additional work needed to be done to meet an FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) deadline."

He said the FAA issued an advisory during the project seek-

ing "to standardize airport signage." It also changed some taxiway standards, he said.

"Airport management realized" that, to meet the deadline, "we would need to bring in different transformed power and temporary power to the new signage."

"We could either meet the deadline or modify the contract, so we decided we would meet the FAA's deadline and be in the interest of safety. Safety comes first," Conway said.

The \$8 million added to the contract — it totaled \$19.8 million at completion — was to meet the FAA-mandated signage

changes, he said: "In many cases, we had to bring temporary (electricity) feeds out to the signs. When that was completed, a lot of temporary power to those signs added to the cost."

'Entirely different'

"It became an entirely different project" — first powering the signs, then later taking the lines down, said Conway.

He said the airport met "the negotiated deadline with the FAA" and that saying the work ran late "is crap."

He said "no firm" got a multi-million-dollar incentive to finish the project early.

Conway also said charges that "taxpayers were gouged" is false because "no local tax dollars go into the airport. It's a user-supported facility" getting funds from airlines and passengers.

As for not getting County Commission approval, Conway said the project was "not the usual construction or parking projects that go before" the commission.

The project was bonded and then repaid through fees and the Aviation Trust Fund, a federal fund created through airline tickets, Conway said.

He said if there is a grand jury, the airport "has the

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Airports Director of External Affairs

records.

"The grand jury will find the Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics" — which Conway identified as the state branch of the FAA that approves construction pro-

jects — "approved everything."

"Bring on the grand jury investigation," Conway said. "We have nothing to hide."

McNamara's office did not comment.

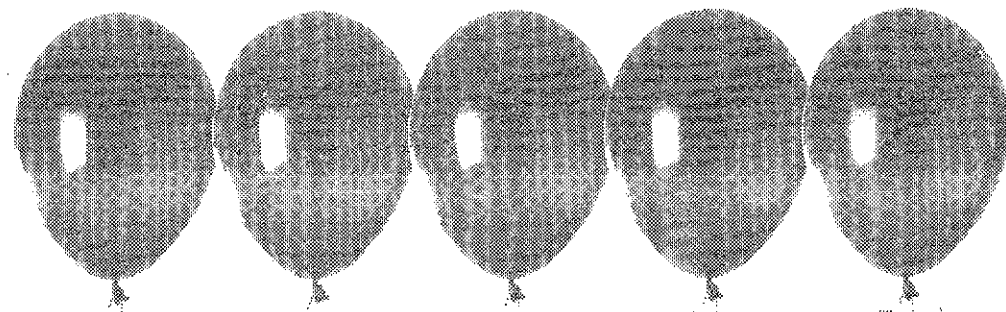
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Township missing point in refusing King holiday

Well, I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn't matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop. And I don't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land. And I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.

— the Rev. Martin Luther King, in support of striking Memphis sanitation workers on April 3, 1968, the day before he was assassinated.

On Monday, Canton residents will have available to them the full range of township services, from recreation to trash pickup. And for that, we are truly disappointed. Martin Luther King Day is once again NBD — No Big Deal — for Canton officialdom.

The fact that the township board has refused to declare a municipal holiday in honor of the slain civil rights leader strikes the Observer as both stubborn and shortsighted. This is, after all, a local government that in the past has been responsive to its residents and sensitive to the needs of a multi-cultural community. That its leaders can't seem to get past the issue of honoring an individual — or caving in to what they believe is political correctness — is particularly myopic.

We know Canton employees work on Columbus Day and Presidents Day. The township is also open on St. Patrick's Day and Guy Fawkes Day (Nov. 5, in case anyone should inquire), provided they don't fall on weekends. Comparing holidays in this manner is a little ridiculous and inherently unfair.

Martin Luther King Day needs to be dealt with for its own merits, of which there are many, and, we hasten to add, those merits are certainly relevant to life in Canton. You'd certainly think that would be a no-brainer in a community where diversity is readily apparent during a walk down any neighborhood street or a visit to any local school.

If it's that extra day off everyone is so concerned about, maybe we should be asking about the day after Thanksgiving, or Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, days on which the township was recently closed for business.

On a positive note, we believe that the Human Relations Commission set up by the township board last fall at the recommendation of Supervisor Tom Yack is a step forward. The commission meets for the first time next week to begin discussions on how best to locally honor King. The federal holiday has been in place for 15 years, with many states and some of America's leading private companies following suit.

We are heartened, too, that others in the community have picked up the cause. Schools in both the Plymouth-Canton and Van Buren districts have planned activities for students and in-service training for staff members on all facets of diversity and tolerance.

Canton's Geneva Presbyterian Church, meanwhile, will open its doors to local residents and to members of the New Liberty Baptist Church and Greater Faith Assembly of Detroit for a special combined program at 7 p.m. in the Canton church, 5835 N. Sheldon Road.

Progress, as King noted in his address to Memphis sanitation workers, comes slowly and often with great personal sacrifice. The Observer remains hopeful that some day we can say the same about Canton and its leaders when it comes to celebrating the life and times of this great American.

GUEST OPINION

In 2001, I resolve to...

It is the New Year. A time for renewal, rebuilding, cleansing, starting over. Putting the past behind, going forward into the future. Thinking of lives past, smiling at the memories, putting grudges away, that is what the New Year offers.

We journey into the unknown year with a plan for tomorrow, with a hope of a promise. We watch our children, growing in leaps and bounds, reaching to hold them near as they venture forward in these lives we made for them. It is the New Year. A time for change, for hope, for resolution.

We all make resolutions, hollow promises forgotten early in the days of Auld Lang Syne. I shall lose weight, I shall not scream at my kids, I shall not let my job stress me out. Resolutions meant to be broken, resolutions made without resolve.

For a resolution to succeed, there must be resolve. Years ago, I made a resolution to quit smoking. The resolve was in me, burning mightier than the flame of my cigarette. I wanted to quit smoking, I needed to quit smoking, and by May, I did. I am now one of the most militant anti-smoking ex-smokers ever to grace the corner of a nonsmoking restaurant.

So it is with resolve that I offer up my five New Year's resolutions for the millennium year of 2001. I have thought them over carefully, and offer them up for all of the world to see.

1. I resolve to lose 20 pounds. The standard resolution, I know. I was hoping this resolution would not involve any type of exercise, but research tells me this may be necessary. The 40-something hip settling, bottom jiggling poundage is prohibiting me from cramming myself into many of my favorite stylish outfits. I will lose this poundage by way of diet and exercise, since my husband has forbidden any type of liposuction and/or plastic surgery. I do resolve to do this.

2. I resolve to organize my home. There used to be method to my madness. I used to know which junk drawer papers, pens and other necessities were stuffed in. Now madness reigns. Stuffed in drawers are papers, pens, and coupons from the early sixties. It is rumored evidence leading to the whereabouts of Jimmy Hoffa can be found in some of my

junk drawers, but I will neither confirm nor deny those allegations. I do resolve to do this.

3. I resolve to eat my soy. The 40s are settling in (as mentioned in resolution No. 1.) Some days, they settle in with a sort of madness. I begged my doctor for some sort of drug therapy to cure this lunacy, but she refused to pull out the pad. "Eat Soy," was her recommendation. "Soy? Is that a derivative of Xanax?" I shouted desperately to exiting back.

Now, in a desperate attempt to spare my cowering family of the monthly mania, I enjoy tofu, soy milk, and some strange tasting bars covered with velvety soy. It may be yucky in some forms, but I resolve to do this.

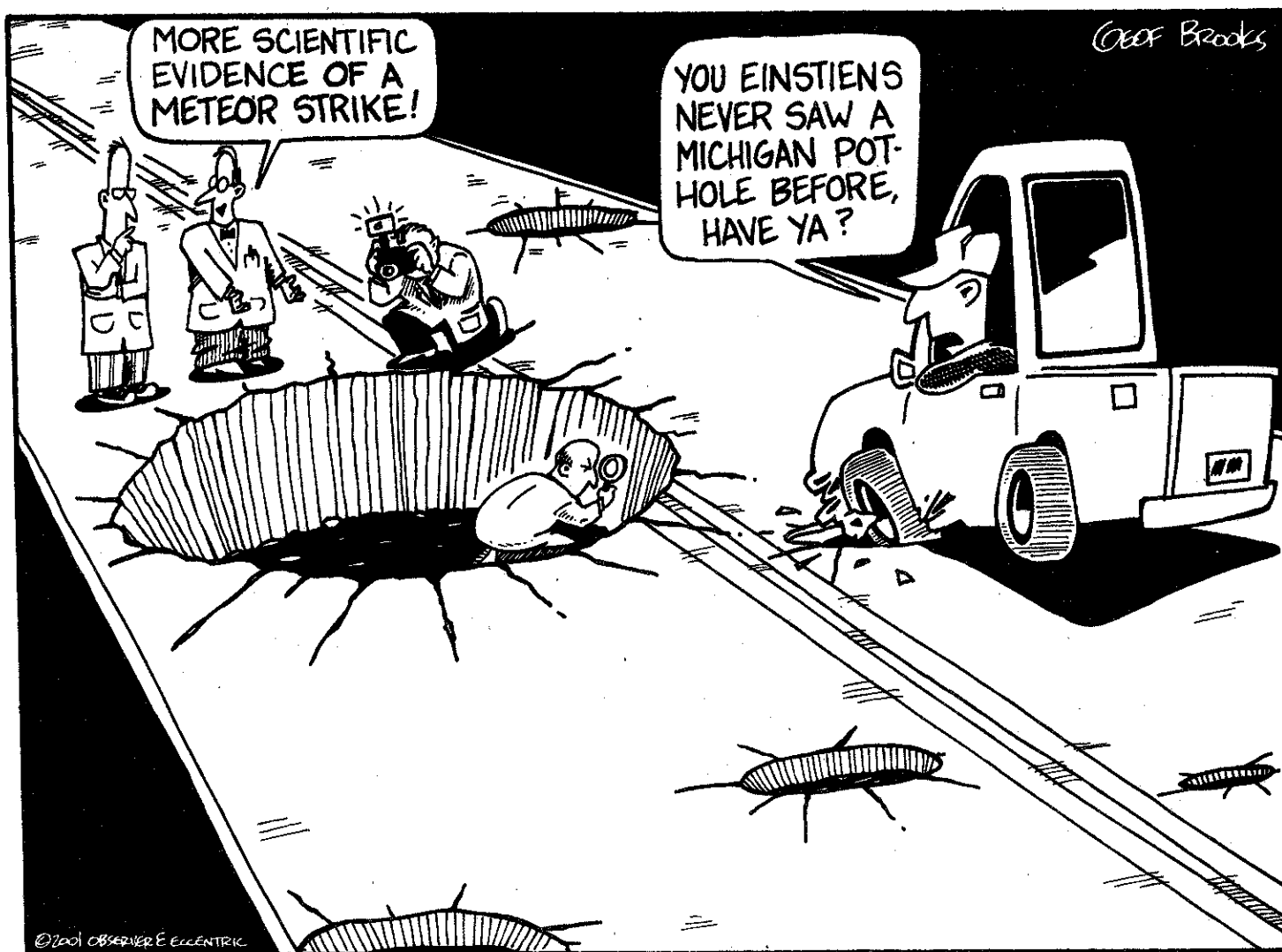
4. I am going to take my husband on a date once a month. He is getting older, my husband, and before the poor man is infirm, I would like to get together as a couple once again. Our lives get so busy, with kids and work and running to and fro. A quiet dinner out, an occasional movie, keeping the friendship going, the romance burning. I would suggest to my husband also that a dozen roses and an occasional box of fat-free candy would help my resolve in this resolution. I do resolve to do this.

5. I resolve to go shopping more often. My husband and my boys hate shopping. Putting them through the rigors of shopping, stopping at some "cute place" for lunch, strolling through gift shops, endangering them with "paraffin poisoning" are all far too gender endangering for these males of the species.

I resolve to shop not only for my daughter and myself, but I will sacrifice for them. My husband only need supply me with three easy forms of payment — cash, check, or charge — so that I may fulfill these awesome responsibilities. It is with all of my love that I resolve to do this.

As I peruse my list of resolutions, I feel a great year is in store for myself, my family, and all of humanity. Let's make 2001 our odyssey.

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LETTERS

Just say no

I feel that the local government offices of Canton should not be closed on the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. Whether or not he was a great man is irrelevant. What is relevant is the fact that until certain special interest parties pushed for a Martin Luther King Jr. observance, there were no holidays, federal or otherwise, solely dedicated to one American. That act was a culmination of political correctness catered to by U. S. government politicians afraid of losing a block of minority votes.

Just because there is a federal holiday for this one man does not dictate there need be a local one. The old adage that "two wrongs don't make a right" comes to mind. America's greatness is due largely to the countless individual efforts of people from all races and religions whose sacrifices have given us the legacy of the greatest nation in history. One man did not do it all, nor should one man be honored yearly above all others.

Keep your integrity and refrain from bowing to the winds of those few who shout racism every time they cannot have their way. It is not an act of racism to be concerned with the integrity of American citizenship, rather it is an act of bravery during these politically driven times.

Do the right thing and tell the people lobbying you for this unnecessary holiday a firm but polite "no."

Jim O'Donnell

Wake up on guns

As a law-abiding citizen, my rights are being violated by the elitist ("Locals react to gun legislation," Dec. 17), who do not care about me or my family, who tell me to let the police protect you. Well, citizens, wake up.

They are saying you are not responsible enough to carry a firearm to defend yourself. Ask the police to be there when you leave to go shopping, be there when you are alone and are approached by a stranger? Do you feel safe? Your rights are being taken away every day and you don't even know it.

Well, I refuse to be a victim. I have a right not to be mugged, assaulted or car-jacked. When a criminal doesn't know if you are armed, he will think he might get hurt or killed if he tries to assault you, which is good for you — he will move on. If you don't wish to apply for a CCW, that is your choice. Let me have my choice. This is not a bad law.

Ms. Case, how do you know that the people standing next to you in the mall lines weren't armed? Did you feel threatened all those years? I don't think so. Those people may have chosen not to be a victim.

The "wild west" mantra spouted for years has not happened in the 31 states that have "shall issue" laws. The crime rate in these states has been reduced by 10 to 20 percent. As for the police not knowing who has or hasn't a firearm, that is wrong. They know from FBI and State Police files, which are in their computers. A person needs a purchase permit to buy a handgun and it has to be obtained from the police.

Vincent P. Manderachia
Plymouth

Vets grateful

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people and other organizations that supported Veterans Haven this past year. Because of you, this year was a very good year for veterans and their families. Whether your donation was money, clothing, food, furniture, appliances, medical supplies (wheelchairs, walkers and canes) or a vehicle, I can assure you that your donation was greatly appreciated and put to good use in "Vets Helping Vets."

Our organization offers various services to veterans that are laid off or unemployed (as long as they are trying to find work), the disabled who can't work and veterans that are homeless.

This year, we have many accomplishments.

We now have our own building, Veterans Haven Outreach Center, located at 4924 S. Wayne Road in Wayne, two blocks south of Annapolis on the west side of the street.

Over 1000,000 pounds of food (purchased and donated) from Gleaners Food Bank has been distributed to veterans and families. Seniors from all over the metro area and others living on a fixed income.

This year, we have given away 20 vehicles (trucks, vans or cars) to veterans that meet our criteria and needed transportation for work, school or medical needs. During the last three years, we have given away 130 vehicles to veterans. "Your Best Bet Is To Donate That Vehicle To Help a Vet!" Recently, we donated a fully handicap accessible van to a nursing home in Detroit that has many veterans as residents.

Tons of donated surplus items of clothing — coats, jackets, pants, shirts, underwear, shoes, boots — found its way to veterans in need at both VA hospitals (Detroit and Ann Arbor) and to other veteran programs throughout the state in Lansing, Grand Rapids and Newaygo County.

This year, we received a grant from the Detroit Edison Foundation, Archdiocese of Detroit, FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and \$25,000 from United Parcel Service.

Our main objective this year is to create transitional housing for veterans. We need your continued support. In closing, we would like to say thanks again for a great year for veterans and may you and yours have a safe, happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Vince Berna
president, Veterans Haven

Reparations questioned

Whether one believes that descendants of slave blacks in the 1800's deserve reparations or not, would it be politically correct to suggest that the food stamps and other entitlement program distributions have more than covered the suggested value of reparations necessary to atone for the living conditions experienced by blacks during the years of slavery?

Does the suggestion have merit or might the race hustlers find the suggestion not their liking?

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

Greenspan is wrong

The United States is not headed for a recession nor are we experiencing the beginning of one now.

We are experiencing an economic slowdown triggered by one man, Alan Greenspan, head of the Federal Reserve. Greenspan raised the Federal Reserve interest rates a couple too many times and he can lower those rates at the drop of a hat.

It seems he did not take into account that most Americans are now invested in the stock market, either directly or in mutual funds. The stock market is an emotional animal, greatly sensitive and subject to rumors and innuendoes rather than financial logic and fact.

Enormous numbers of stocks, billions daily, are traded online at the drop of a hat by speculators hoping to make fast money at the slightest movement of stock prices either up or down. It isn't like the old days when stocks could be tracked according to corporate earnings and price/earnings ratios. Those days are over.

Stock price volatility is probably here to stay for a long time.

When stock prices tumble as fast as they do now, with so many Americans invested, it naturally scares investors who see their portfolio values dwindling 20, 30, 40 percent or more in just a few months.

So they simply spend less for goods and services, not knowing if they will ever recover their losses. Our economy is in good shape, low unemployment, people have money saved and business is good.

But because of the extreme sensitivity to Federal Reserve interest rates, which have risen too fast recently, Alan Greenspan has single-handedly triggered the current recession scare.

And he can turn it around by admitting he made some mistakes and begin lowering Federal Reserve interest rates immediately.

I personally like President-elect Bush and voted for him, but I do not like his tax cut plan. I think Gore's plan of paying down the federal debt was the more sensible plan.

Kenneth Kemp
Farmington Hills

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Independent analysis tough to find in today's market

I've been darkly suspicious of Wall Street ever since I tried to launch a robotics venture some years ago.

We had a pretty good idea for a company, complete with cutting-edge proprietary technology and a snazzy business plan. But we needed capital. We prepared our pitch (complete with nicely colored flip charts) and dutifully made the rounds of the venture capital and investment banking firms on The Street.

We were regularly greeted by bored newly minted MBAs from Harvard and Stanford who had obviously aced the course in "Patronizing the Entrepreneur." I remember vividly one young man, complete with a beautifully custom tailored

Phil Power

blue shirt, white collar, brilliant chrome yellow necktie and mauve suspenders. He listened to us for at least three minutes before dismissing us with a curt, "The market's far too big for your idea; I'd advise you to go back home to, um, Michigan."

So maybe I was a little too eager to take in a piece in the business section of the New York Times on what's happened to Wall Street's stock research analysts. The Times' headline read: "How Did So Many Get It So Wrong? As They Do Little but Shout 'Buy,' Analysts Often Send Investors Astray." In these days of stock market turmoil, it makes important reading.

The article traced the evolution of Wall Street analysts, whose research is supposed to help investors judge the attractiveness of stocks. Analysts used to operate independently, offering investors and brokers detailed recommendations as to whether to buy or sell a given stock at a given price. Analysts would "follow" a company over the years, developing an understanding of its technology and product, market prospects and management capability.

Sometimes analysts would recommend investors sell shares; sometimes they would recommend a buy. In the days when the commissions charged by Wall Street firms were relatively high, a far-seeing analyst's recommendation could generate a lot of trades and a lot of income. Analysts — and their firms — were rewarded for good, hard, independent digging.

Two things happened to change this. First, commissions declined, forcing Wall Street to look elsewhere for revenue to cover the costs of research.

More important, in recent years Wall Street firms have emphasized investment banking, ven-

ture capital, stock underwriting and retail sales of shares underwritten by the firm. In this new environment, potentially negative reports by independent analysts became a cost, not a benefit. Independent research was eroded.

The Times article quoted Robert A. Olstein, a mutual fund manager with 32 years of experience, who likened today's analysts more to race-track touts than to independent researchers. "What passes for research on Wall Street today is shocking to me," said Olstein. "Instead of providing investors with the kind of analysis that would have kept them from marching over the cliff, analysts prodded them forward by inventing new valuation criteria for stocks that had no basis in reality and no standard of good practice."

The Times cited the remarkable lack of "sell" recommendations made by analysts, even in a declining market. Of 8,000 current recommendations made by analysts covering companies in the Standard & Poors 500-stock index, only 29 are sells, according to Zacks Investment Research in Chicago.

Individual investors can no longer take analyst recommendations as gospel, especially when the stocks they tout are the same ones underwritten by their own firms.

More telling and far more troubling were examples cited in the Times story of supposedly independent analysts issuing recommendations on stocks underwritten by their own firms. The vast majority of these were "buy," even when the companies faced tough — even deteriorating — business conditions. Analysts interviewed by the Times denied this represented a conflict of interest, but the denials didn't seem persuasive to me.

In today's economic climate, when so many ordinary investors have made and lost so much money in the stock market and when markets are extraordinarily volatile, the implications of the Times article are far-reaching. Individual investors can no longer take analyst recommendations as gospel, especially when the stocks they tout are the same ones underwritten and pushed by their own firms. Worse, it's tough to get anybody — even your friendly broker — to come clean about which analysts are truly independent and tough minded and which are mere touts.

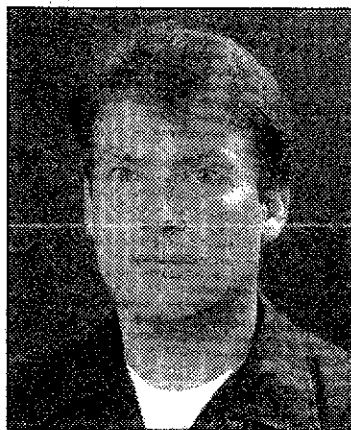
"Caveat emptor" says the Latin tag; "let the buyer beware."

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Know what to do when the cold becomes dangerous

Playing outside in the snow when the weather gets cold is great winter fun. There are also some risks of becoming too cold, and most cold weather emergencies can be avoided if you do some planning up front.

When the human body falls below a normal area (less than 95 degrees Fahrenheit), the condition is called hypothermia. This occurs when a



Tom Kiurski

person's body is not able to produce enough energy to keep the core (internal) temperature at a normal level. We commonly think of hypothermia as happening during extreme cold fronts, but it can occur in temperatures as high as 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Typically, people who become cold

because of inadequate or wet clothing are at the highest risk of developing hypothermia. Become aware of the signs and symptoms of hypothermia, which can include feelings of being cold, shivering and sleepiness. Shivering is the body's way of trying to produce more heat. As hypothermia progresses, shivering stops. A hypothermia patient who is not shivering cools down even faster than before.

Other signs of hypothermia include a lack of coordination, mental confusion and slowed reactions. If the patient is not rewarmed, unconsciousness will result. Unconsciousness due to hypothermia occurs when the body temperature goes below 90 degrees Fahrenheit. If left untreated, death can result.

If you suspect a person is suffering from hypothermia, move them into a warmer location. Remove any wet clothing and place warm blankets over and under the body. Doing this helps retain body heat and begin the rewarming process. If the person is conscious, you can give the person warm fluids to drink.

People suffering from hypothermia should never be considered dead until they have been rewarmed in an appropriate medical facility, so getting your firefighters responding quickly is imperative with a call to 911.

Frostbite can result when exposed body parts

are in a cold environment. It can occur outdoors in winter or in large freezers at any time of the year. Body parts most susceptible to frostbite include the face, ears, fingers and toes. Depending on wind velocity, frostbite can occur in even a short period of time.

Prevention is one of the best means of combating the effects of cold weather.

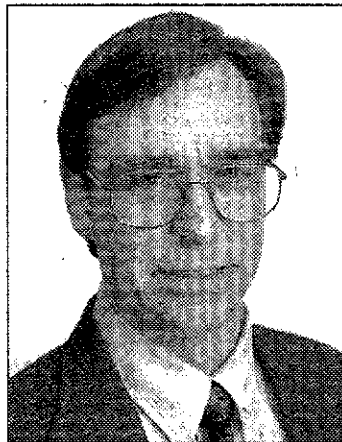
Increases in wind speed have the same effect as decreases in temperature. If there is a combination of low temperatures and high winds, protect yourself from the dangers of wind chill.

People weakened by old age, exhaustion or hunger are the most susceptible to frostbite. The frostbitten part becomes numb and then acquires a bright red color. Eventually, the area loses its color and changes to a pale white. The frostbitten part must be rewarmed. This can usually be done quite easily and quickly by placing the part next to a warm body part, such as by putting the fingers under the armpit. Do not rub a frostbitten body part.

Prevention is the best means of combating the effects of cold weather. Whenever you head outside into cold weather, make sure you and your family are wearing multiple layers of dry clothing, covering all body parts. Loose-fitting, lightweight clothing in several layers is better than a single thick layer of clothing. Outer garments are best when made of tightly woven water repellent material. Since the body loses more than half its heat through the head, a wool hat is a good choice. Wearing mittens allows your fingers to keep in contact with one another, which keeps hands warmer. All clothing should be kept as dry as possible. Change out of wet clothing as quickly as possible.

Keep your vehicles in good condition, to avoid breakdowns in freezing weather. Try to keep the gas tank full, and travel by daylight on major highways whenever possible. Keep additional blankets in the car as insurance, along with emergency winter storm supplies, such as a windshield scraper, shovel, jumper cables, flashlight and a first aid kit. Keep your portable telephones handy and charged.

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Mike Malott

It's time for change in way lawmakers get their raises

The very first issue state lawmakers will face when they get to Lansing to start session for the year will be the question of whether to accept the 36-percent pay raises proposed by the State Officers Compensation Commission.

Senators and representatives will have a total of just three session days to take up the issue before the Feb. 1 deadline. Under the rules, the SOCC recommendations automatically take effect unless state lawmakers vote by a two-thirds majority to reject those pay increases.

The salary increases given out by the seven-member panel this past December included a 36-percent jump for legislators, taking them up to a salary of \$77,400 in 2001. They get 3 percent more in 2002. Their expense accounts also jump \$2,000 annually to \$12,000.

The SOCC also gave 13-percent pay raises to the justices of the Supreme Court, taking them to \$159,960. The lieutenant governor gets 19-percent more, his wage rising to \$120,400.

And the governor, who appointed the members of the SOCC, gets a 14-percent salary increase, bringing him to \$172,000.

The exorbitant increases have a number of legislators upset, and several have promised to do their best to get the salary increases tossed out despite the short time frame. Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, has promised to introduce a resolution to reject the raises. New House Speaker Rick Johnson, R-LeRoy, has promised that there will be a vote held in the House before Feb. 1.

Rep. Clark Bisbee, R-Jackson, has also announced he'll attempt to put a constitutional amendment on the 2002 ballot to change the way legislative salaries are set. Bisbee's proposal would be to require lawmakers to vote affirmatively to accept such raises.

But the first thing state voters should be asking themselves is how this system got so screwed up.

Didn't we vote, back in 1968, to create the SOCC to come up with a better system for setting lawmakers' wages? The point of the system was to find a way to set salaries that would be fair,

would compensate those officials for the work they do, at rates high enough to attract people to the job without getting excessive, and yet make lawmakers accountable for the increases they take.

The idea was to depoliticize the issue. An independent panel would more likely come up with a fair wage, we believed back then, and lawmakers would still be able to vote to override the recommendations if the political appointees on the panel got carried away while handing out raises.

So why isn't the system working? Because of the Feb. 1 deadline. It comes around way too soon, and at a time when lawmakers are busy dealing with other things. The leadership is trying to get itself organized. Lawmakers are setting their agendas for the year. They are setting up their offices and hiring staff.

The Feb. 1 deadline is set, not by the state constitution but by legislation.

Some will say there needs to be a deadline in the law, and I think they're right. Without a deadline, the issue of pay raises could go on all year long and take time away from more important business, the business these lawmakers were elected to do, which they are being paid to do.

But it could be March 1. Or April 1. And there is no need for a constitutional amendment to change it.

Lawmakers set it themselves, and they could change it themselves.

It could be a little later to allow the lawmakers a fair chance to really debate the issue and vote on a resolution. It could be a little later to allow state residents to express their views about the proposed pay raises to legislators.

As it stands, the arbitrary deadline is a convenient excuse for lawmakers to take pay increases without having to accept the responsibility. Legislators can say they tried to reject it, but others stalled. Things were too busy. There was just wasn't enough time.

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Auto Show offers diversions

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Everyone knows a gazillion cars are on display at the North American International Auto Show, but what else is there to do?

How about putting the computer-generated you in a Mazda or Thunderbird? How about racing a Volkswagen Beetle through Chicago? Or singing karaoke-style in a Volkswagen? Or landing the space shuttle? Or taking in a Dana Carvey movie?

These are some of the most interesting things you can do at the show.

The Mazda exhibit includes a computer gizmo that takes your picture and puts it in a car on the screen. You then select one of three settings in which the car, including your picture, will drive in a computer movie. The computer shows you the movie then offers the opportunity to e-mail it to yourself or your friends. (Hint: For the best results, get your face very close to the camera.)

At the Ford Thunderbird display you can have your picture taken in a new T-bird. The picture goes into an iMac computer system which then puts any of five backgrounds behind you and spits it all out on a credit-card-size piece of plastic. "Hey, there I am in Vegas with my T-bird!"

The upper level of the General Motors exhibit includes two binoculars of the type you might find at a scenic lookout in Pennsylvania. From this vantage point you can read the lips of someone over at the Ford exhibit saying, "Hey, there I am in Vegas with my T-bird!"

Toyota seems to have spent a lot of money making an 18-minute movie called *Wild, Wild Toyota* starring Dana Carvey, Kevin Nealon, Jack Palance, Greg Kinnear, Cheri Oteri, two Toyota executives (Jim Press and Steve Sturm) and every Toyota truck and SUV. The movie, shown on a drive-in size screen, is a western that takes place in the town of Toyotaville. Carvey appears as a narrator/bartender and as the Church Lady, a character he made famous on *Saturday Night Live*. This movie isn't available anywhere else, so if you don't see it here you're out of luck.

You should also treat yourself to the Michelin movie, which is shown on three screens in a small theater. There are no *Saturday Night Live* alumni here, but the seats vibrate as you seem to zoom around a track in an Indy car, ride in the back seat of a soccer mom's SUV when she almost runs over a boy, and pilot the space shuttle as it comes in for a landing.

Didn't you know the shuttle has Michelin tires? "As the shuttle comes in, there is no second chance with tires," the spokesman says.

Lexus has a global positioning system you can play with as the

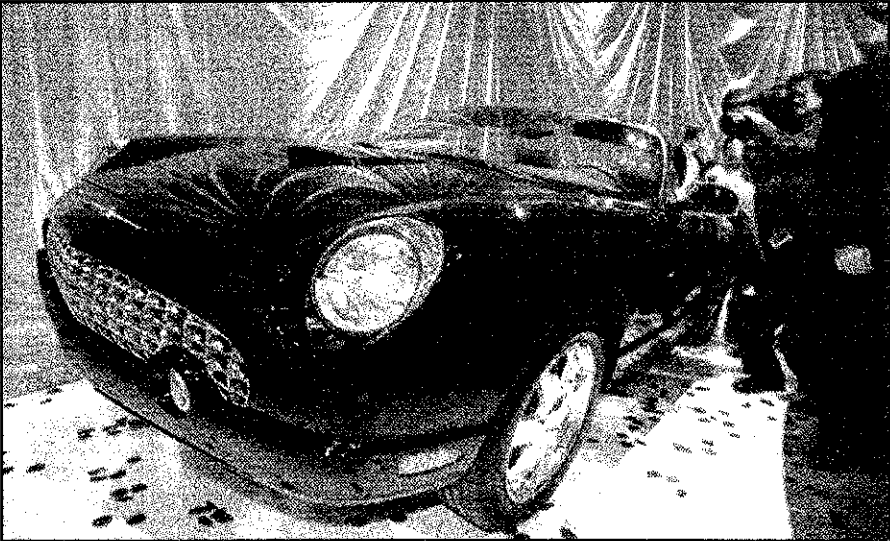
video presentation overhead explains how you can't live without it.

Subaru's display includes a cutaway engine with moving parts.

But Volkswagen just might have the most entertaining exhibit at this year's auto show. VW seems to have imitated its whacky marketing in hiring a cadre of comedians in bright blue suits with the collars of their white shirts sticking out. They were evidently told to be goof-

balls because that's how they acted Monday when this reporter walked through the exhibit (which might easily be nicknamed "Planet of the Japes").

The North American International Auto Show will be open to the public 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, through Saturday, Jan. 20, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21. Admission is free for people up to age 12 (when accompanied by a parent), \$10 for people age 13-64 and \$5 for people age 65 and up.



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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



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SATURDAY



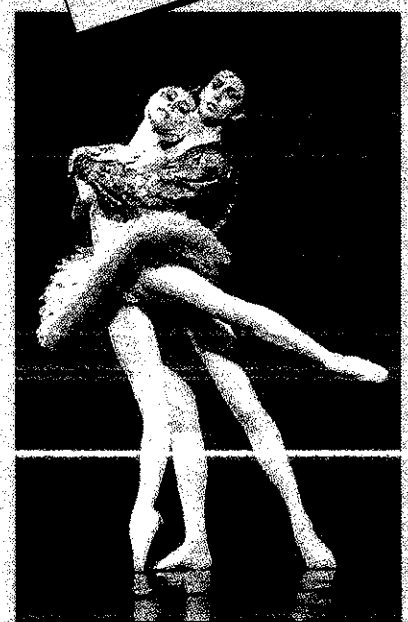
Featured violinist Joshua Bell performs with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, led by conductor Neeme Jarvi, 8:30 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets \$15-\$71, call (313) 576-5111.

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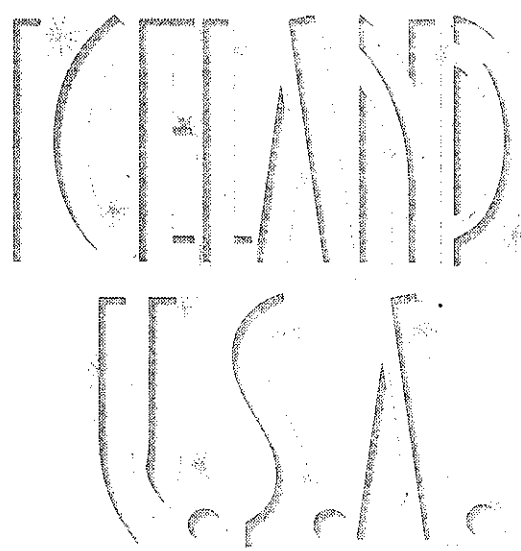


Doctors Joseph Kaufman (left) and Tor Shwayder present a classical music concert at 2 p.m. in Kresge Hall, Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia. Suggested adult donation \$20, call (248) 788-1500.

TICKET



The Russian National Ballet performs the classic *Swan Lake* at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets \$27.50, \$37.50, \$45 and \$75, call (248) 433-1515.



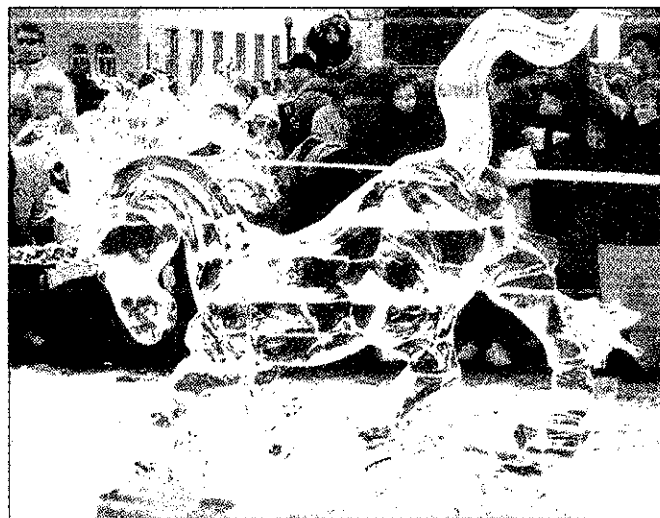
Carvers dazzle crowds as they brave the cold

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Cold weather doesn't bother Ted Wakar. The Canton carver bundles up in layers and layers of clothing year-round, to create three dimensional ice sculptures for his business — Frozen Images.

Monday, Jan. 8, was no exception as Wakar worked in the parking lot of the new 35th District Court in Plymouth. For the last 19 years Wakar, has withstood sub-zero temperatures to pursue his passion for carving in competitions at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Festival. He was about to rev up his chain saw to begin carving 60 sculptures from solid blocks of ice for display at the free family festival, Wednesday-Sunday, Jan. 17-21 — and the sun was shining.

By the end of the week, the refrigerated truck would be filled with space ships, the Grinch, fighter planes, and a Jetson cityscape for the 2001 *An Ice Odyssey* exhibit in The Gathering. His eagles and horses will line the streets of downtown Plymouth. Westland carver John Fitzer will carve a char-



CONCERT

Youth orchestra plays world premiere honoring Dr. King

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Charles Burke just received the last movement of Patrice Rushen's *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* and couldn't wait to conduct the first rehearsal of the score commemorating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Burke was excitedly awaiting the arrival of Rushen, an internationally acclaimed recording artist and composer, to work with the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra before they perform the world premiere on Sunday, Jan. 14, at Orchestra Hall in Detroit.

What: The Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra performs the world premiere of a composition celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
When: 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14
Where: Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit.
Tickets: \$10, call (313) 576-5111

This is Burke's second full season as conductor of the youth training orchestra consisting of 100 students from 72 high schools, colleges and universities in the metropolitan Detroit area.

"Commissioning a work is a really fantastic



Celebration concert: Koli Givens (left) a student at Wayne State University, Bill Baxtresser, Farmington Harrison High School, and Ryan Dolan, Eastern Michigan University, rehearse for a Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra concert featuring a world premiere of "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory."

experience," said Burke, a Canton resident. "One of my missions is not only to play great pieces of the past by Brahms, Schubert and Beethoven but

living composers. We want the performance of Rushen's work, which is in three movements, to have a true Detroit feeling and highlight Dr. Mar-

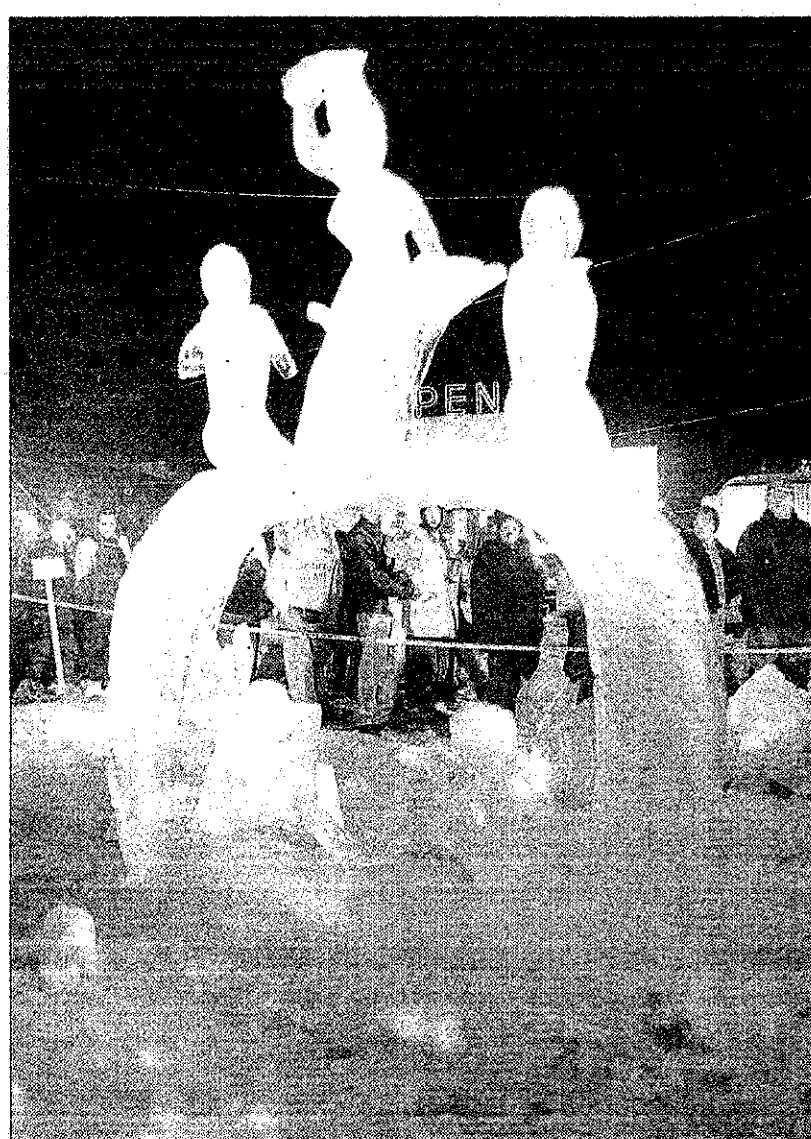
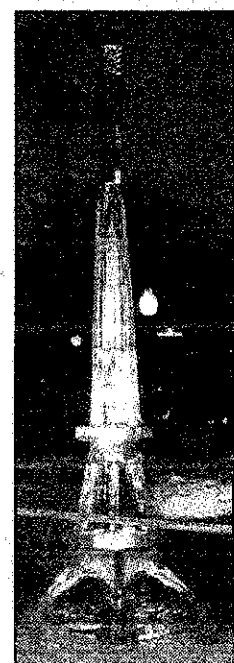
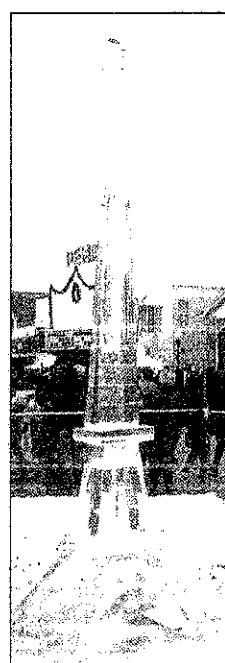


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Wildest fantasy:

(Above) Carvers create everything imaginable at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. At night the Motor City Casino Light Show makes the ice sculptures glow in a rainbow of colors. (Below) Tajana and Paul Raukar, a husband and wife carving team from Plymouth, took a silver medal in the professional team division for this unicorn.



not with two horses for The Gathering.

Crowd pleasers

"We want to do things that are pleasing to children," said Wakar who on a daily basis carves golfers, swans and custom logos for functions at the Novi Hilton, golf courses and other businesses around town.

An award-winning carver, Wakar also wants to please the crowds as they watch him compete with his partner Jim Bur Jr. in the Professional Team division. Dozens of carvers will spend anywhere from 8 to 20 hours creating sculptures they hope will win part of the \$15,000 in prizes. Mark Scofield of Livonia and Plymouth artist/architect Dennis Jones are two of the judges for the competitions sanctioned by the American Culinary Federation.

"I like that I'm creating something in a crystal state — the clarity and the facets," said Wakar, who teaches the art of ice sculpting at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. "There's a freedom to create what I want. I bring to ice sculpting the three-dimensional artistry that many of the carvers don't."

"Besides, this is my home playing field. The crowds are in my favor. It's also a community effort that I feel a part of."

Please see ICE, B2

Film theater raises curtain on 27th season

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Recent accolades showered onto the film *Yi Yi*, directed by Edward Yang, prove one thing — Elliot Wilhelm sure knows his business.

His business is film. As curator of the Detroit Film Theatre, Wilhelm chose the Japanese work to open the DFT's 27th season only recently to discover that The National Society of Film Critics Association honored *Yi Yi* as best picture of the year — coming in just above Steven Soderbergh's *Traffic*.

Wilhelm first saw the drama, which tells of daily trials encountered by a middle-aged businessman, when he attended the Toronto Film Festival last fall.

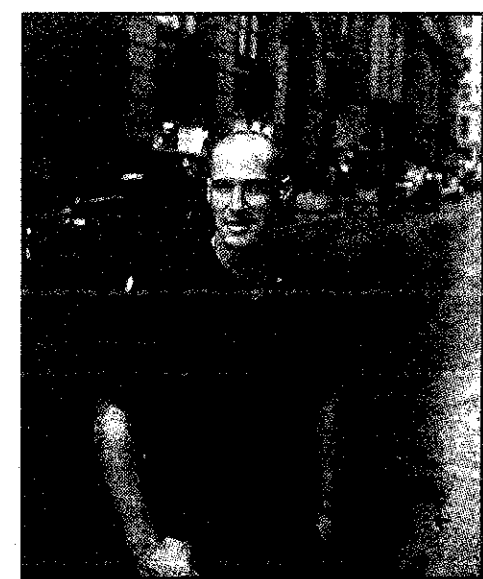
One of more than 300 films shown at the intense 10-day event, Wilhelm chose to see *Yi Yi* because it seemed like the antidote he needed from a barrage of action flicks. "It is a rich story, close to three hours long," said Wilhelm. "It's like reading a good book."

Innovative

At a time when films are likely to fall victim to Hollywood-induced formulaic storylines and recycled rather than innovative camerawork, the Detroit Film Theatre shows work that can be quite the antithesis, work that reminds movie-goers it is possible to leave the theater feeling like they just read a good book.

"It really reminds us of what movies

Please see FILM, B3



DAVID STENGLEIN

Dark Days: Director Marc Singer takes viewers into the tunnels under Manhattan in his unflinching documentary, screening Monday, Feb. 12 at the Detroit Film Theatre.

tin Luther King's life."

Excited

Concertmaster Margaret Kim, a 15-year-old student at Troy High School, is as excited as Burke about performing the world premiere of Rushen's composition. Rushen is best known for writing scores for *Men in Black* and *Waiting to Exhale*. One of the world's top jazz pianists, Rushen has performed with and produced such artists as Stevie Wonder, Herbie Hancock, Lionel Hampton, Carlos Santana, George Benson, Jean Luc Ponty, and Michael Jackson. She also holds the distinction of being the first woman in 43 years to serve as composer/ musical director for the Emmy Awards.

Rushen was appointed by the DSO as Visiting Composer for its African American Composers Program 2000. She will compose a total of three original symphonic works, all of which will premiere in Detroit between now and June.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," said Kim who's in her first year with the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra. She is also a member of the Troy High

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Ice from page B1

Festival organizer Mike Watts believes like Wakar that the festival impacts the entire community. This year employees at Visteon are making platforms to display ice sculptures similar to a museum.

"I was working out at Vic Tanny and this fellow Charlie Roach came up and said the festival inspired him to write poetry," said Watts. "What makes this a great event is people coming together. That and the fact that every year, everything the carvers create is all new. They don't come back and carve the same thing. We hope people will come out and see the carvers not only in Kellogg Park but in the Central Parking Structure. It will be pretty spectacular. We had the largest field of competitors last year including the largest number of college entries. Those are the carvers of the

■ 'What makes this a great event is people coming together.'

Mike Watts
Festival organizer

future and that's one of the most important aspects of the festival — education."

Michael Watts Jr. is proof the festival trains and hones the skills of future carvers. He's continued to enter and win competitions since his student days at Catholic Central High School in Redford. This year he plans to escort the Japanese carvers to learn their techniques.

"They carve a little bit differently," said Michael Watts. "I want to see what they can teach me."

Meanwhile, Watts is teaching

himself to carve ice sculptures on a computer. He and his brother Nick, a student at the University of Michigan, are using the program *Lightwave* on a Macintosh platform to animate a 30-second commercial for the festival. Watts Jr. effortlessly moves his way around the screen that mimics a virtual movie studio and soon the ice sculpture of a dinosaur comes to life.

"There's advantages to both ice carving and computers," said Michael Watts. "When you're doing something on computer you can fix it. If you're carving and cut off a head, you lose."

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School Symphony and the Metropolitan Youth Symphony. "I've never done anything like this before."

Revisiting history

Besides having a lot of fun, Meredith Helfman, a 15-year-old violinist and sophomore at North Farmington High School, is revisiting history. Rushen's three movements reflect King's life as a preacher, civil rights activist, and visionary. The premiere will include projected images and audio tapes of King's inspirational speeches.

"There aren't many pieces written about Martin Luther King," said Helfman who joined the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra three years ago. "The music is good and it's kind of cool because Charles Burke taught us the history in addition to the music."

That's exactly the idea behind the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra — to supplement symphonic music programs in schools. From September through May, students in the orchestra rehearse once a week in a professional atmosphere where in many instances they sit

side by side with DSO musicians. A Summer Institute at Oakland University in Rochester intensifies the experience with day-long programs.

"I think it's the best youth orchestra in Michigan and we have the best hall to play in," said Helfman who hopes to one day play with an orchestra like the DSO. "Many times, we get to play with the same conductors who work with the DSO. I get to meet lots of people. But you can't fake your part. I'm sitting side by side with DSO musicians like my teachers — Bruce Smith and Linda Snedden-Smith (of Farmington Hills)."

Those are just a few of the benefits of membership in the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra.

"I'm excited about doing the Mozart *Requiem* with the Plymouth Oratorio Society at Orchestra Hall on Sunday, March 4," said Burke. It's just one of the experiences the Civic Orchestra provides to youth. For our mentor program we have college students come in and play with the orchestra. They sit side by side with Civic Orchestra members and re-emphasize

lessons DSO musicians are teaching them."

In addition to the world premiere of Rushen's *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*, the 25-member Civic Jazz Orchestra with trumpeter Marcus Belgrave at the helm will play at the Jan. 14 program. Winans Phase 2 will also make a guest singing appearance.

"Marcus always leads with his trumpet in hand and you never know when he'll take a solo," said Burke. "We'd like everyone to come. All seats are \$10. It's very reasonable."

Changes

A 100-percent increase in attendance has brought about several changes. This is the first season the orchestra will perform five concerts. In the last year, the audience has grown to around 1,400. That's quite a jump from Burke's first season when audiences would number around 200. He hopes to top 2,000 for the Jan. 14 concert.

"It's remarkable the change that has come over the orchestra," said Burke. "It's truly a professional orchestra."

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Special film event

CHARLIE'S ANGELS

Comedy take on popular 70s television show stars Cameron Diaz, Lucy Liu, 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, Gary 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 Griffin.



On the floor: Julia Stiles stars in "Save the Last Dance."

OH BROTHER WHERE ART THOU?

The story tells of three escapees from a Mississippi chain gang who embark on the adventure of a lifetime as they set out to pursue their freedom. With nothing to lose and still in shakles, they make a run for their lives and end up on an incredible journey filled with challenging experiences.

THIRTEEN DAYS

The story chronicles the tense 13 days during the Cuban Missile Crisis when the United States fought a cat-and-mouse 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 finds that 20 years later he is rich beyond his wildest dreams. The sudden arrival of his wife and daughter forces him to re-evaluate his wealth.

SUGAR AND SPICE

The bond between five high school cheerleaders grows stronger when one of them becomes pregnant with the star quarterback's child. The squad finds itself turning to a life of crime to ensure the baby's financial future.

Coming in 2001

MALENA

From the Academy Award-winning director of *Cinema Paradiso* comes an intimate portrait and an epic story of independence, intrigue, courage and the indelible presence of true love. Stars Monica Bellucci, Giuseppe Sulfaro.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Movie listings for various theaters including National Amusements, Quo Vadis, Star Rochester Hills, Birmingham Theatre, Main Art Theatre III, Maple Art Cinema III, Oxford 7 Cinemas, AMC Livonia 20, United Artists Theatres, Waterford Cinema 16, United Artists Commerce Township 14, and Ford Wyoming Drive-In Theatre. Listings include movie titles, ratings, and showtimes.

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S.O.A. hopes to spread love in music



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

Driving back from an interview with Chad Terrill, it seemed almost ironic to hear *Rain King*, by Counting Crows, playing on the radio. A songwriter in his own right, Terrill named Counting Crows' crooner Adam Duritz as one of his top musical influences.

He even met the enigmatic frontman after a performance at Detroit's State Theatre. And while there's no true connection to Mr. Duritz himself, Terrill's band happens to be called Son of Adam — a name derived from C.S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia*. Strange coincidence? I think not.

Perhaps drawing from the inspiration of Lewis and the heart and emotion of Duritz and other artists, S.O.A. is breaking new ground. Here is a band that dares to seek out messages of love in a pop landscape that thrives on hate. Terrill, a Northville resident who speaks in animated and honest tones, will quickly admit he's "a hippie at heart." But there's more to

him, and to this band than hints of peace, love and understanding.

The core

Core members of S.O.A. have been together since childhood. Terrill started playing drums after watching his uncle — a jazz drummer — perform.

"He was amazing," recalled the musician, wide-eyed. "That's probably why I started." Beginning with drums and piano, he gravitated toward others in his class who were also musically inclined: namely guitarists Tommy B and Bryan Deane. They all attended Riverside Middle School in Dearborn Heights.

Growing up on a musical diet that began with the Dead Dicks, that later gravitated toward The Cure and Depeche Mode and was nearly satisfied with grunge pioneers Pearl Jam and Soundgarden, Terrill sought out music that made him think. He chose to write his own words in the same vein.

Pursuing a dream

It was the voices of Duritz and Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder that encouraged him to find a voice of his own and spread his own message. Nine years after S.O.A. first formed, he's still pursuing

the dream. Terrill took a short hiatus and moved to California, but he missed the band, and the feeling of brotherhood he found here.

About a year-and-a-half ago, he returned, and the band reformed. Along with Bryan and Tommy, S.O.A. now includes bassist Tom Currie of Livonia and drummer Tom Elmore of Southfield. The band is working on a follow-up to its 1998 debut, *Your Friend Jessica*.

With the expertise of engineer Tim Pak the band is recording at Ferndale's Woodshed Studio and Method House in Waterford. "He's an amazing engineer," said Terrill of Pak. "He knows how to make you feel very comfortable."

Collaborating with Deane on the music, Terrill writes all the band's lyrics. Most, he admits, are scribbled down between 1 and 4 a.m. Terrill finds himself questioning life and his place in it in most of his songs.

"Unfortunately most of my songs come from frustration and anger," he said. But the band's music doesn't take listeners to an angry or frustrating place. S.O.A. manages to produce material that evokes inspiration. Songs like *Regret* and *Morning After*, both released on *Three*

Songs, an E.P., wander from the headphones like streaming sonic wonderment. Blending the organic elements of bands like Counting Crows with the energy of heavier rock acts, S.O.A. has no boundaries.

Making a path

While it could be deemed yet another throwback to the grunge-era, S.O.A. isn't following in the footsteps of Creed. Making it's own path, the band appreciates bands like Creed and P.O.D. who've managed to break out in a musical climate seemingly dominated by messages of hate.

"I want to change the world," said Terrill. "I really feel like it's possible. To me, the only way it's possible is through music. It's my gift, my obsession. I want to live, eat, drink and sleep it."

All he really wants is to continue to follow this dream of making music, hopefully making a living, and perhaps touching listeners in some way.

When the band performs at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia this month, listeners will have the perfect chance to experience S.O.A. on a personal level — in a fully acoustic setting.

"I love being on stage," he said. "I love the energy you get feed-



Son of Adam

ing off of each other. There is something cool about being in a room singing to 50 people and just playing songs."

Sing along with Son of Adam, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Tickets \$8 or

\$6 for theater members. Call (734) 464-6302.

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can do," said Wilhelm. In that way *Yi Yi* seemed most appropriate as the opener of yet another highly-anticipated season for film buffs.

This season offers an array of films whose only overriding theme may be that many come from first time directors.

Highlights

Some of these season highlights include: David Gordon Green's coming-of-age story amid poverty-stricken youth in *George Washington*, Feb. 9-11; Ed Harris' portrait of an artist in *Pollack*, Feb. 23-25; Lynn Ramsey tells the tale of a 12-year-old boy in the Scottish projects of Glasgow in *Ratcatcher*, March 23-25; Benito Zambrano speaks of love and redemption with *Solas*, March 30-April 1; Ann Hu offers *Shadow Magic*, April 27-

29 and Andrew Dominik will undoubtedly raise a few eyebrows with his controversial *Chopper*, May 4-6.

Integrity

Just as the theater is able to embrace and offer stunning debuts, it can take film-goers to places they won't reach attending more commercial movie houses. Marc Singer's *Dark Days* is the perfect example. The journalist's documentary uncovers the lives of about 75 homeless men and women in a New York Amtrak tunnel.

"There's a certain integrity about the filmmakers whose films we show," said Wilhelm. "A lot of commercial pictures you do see seem to be made by people who don't really want to be making the film."

Singer spent two years under

the streets of Manhattan to make *Dark Days*. That's the sort of dedication to craft that will open eyes and educate those who might otherwise find it easy to ignore such a bleak topic.

Technology too has influenced the films the DFT offers. Thirty years since the historic work that captured the events of Altamont Racetrack during a Rolling Stones concert, the previously unreleased and restored *Gimme Shelter* will be shown as it was meant to be on March 19. When 300,000 fans clashed with the Hell's Angels, documentary filmmaking would never be the same. The burgeoning home video and DVD market spurred the restoration of films like this one, creating prints ready for the silver screen. This is one not to be missed by Rolling Stones fans and the growing followers of the theater's Monday Night series.

DETROIT FILM THEATRE SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

The following is a partial list of films showing this season.)

■ *One Day in September* (1999) — 95 minutes, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19; 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20; and 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21.

Kevin Macdonald's Academy Award-winning documentary returns to the scene of the 1972 Munich Olympics to shed light on an incident that destroyed the idea "Olympics of Peace and Joy."

■ *The House of Mirth* (2000) — 140 minutes, 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2; 4 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3; and 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4.

Director Terence Davis tackles this Edith Wharton novel about a turn-of-the-century New Yorker who refuses to trade passion for money. The film stars Gillian Anderson, Laura Linney, Eric Stoltz and Dan Ackroyd.

■ *Criminal Minded* (1999) — 90 minutes, 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 5.

Seduction and murder abound in this Francois Ozon (*See the Sea*) feature that twists the familiar into a world driven by immoral and selfish acts. Here Ozon tries to shake up the French film industry, a throwback to the 50's and 60's French New Wave. No one under 18 will be admitted.

■ *Shadow Magic* (2000) — 112 minutes, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 27; 4 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28; and 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 29.

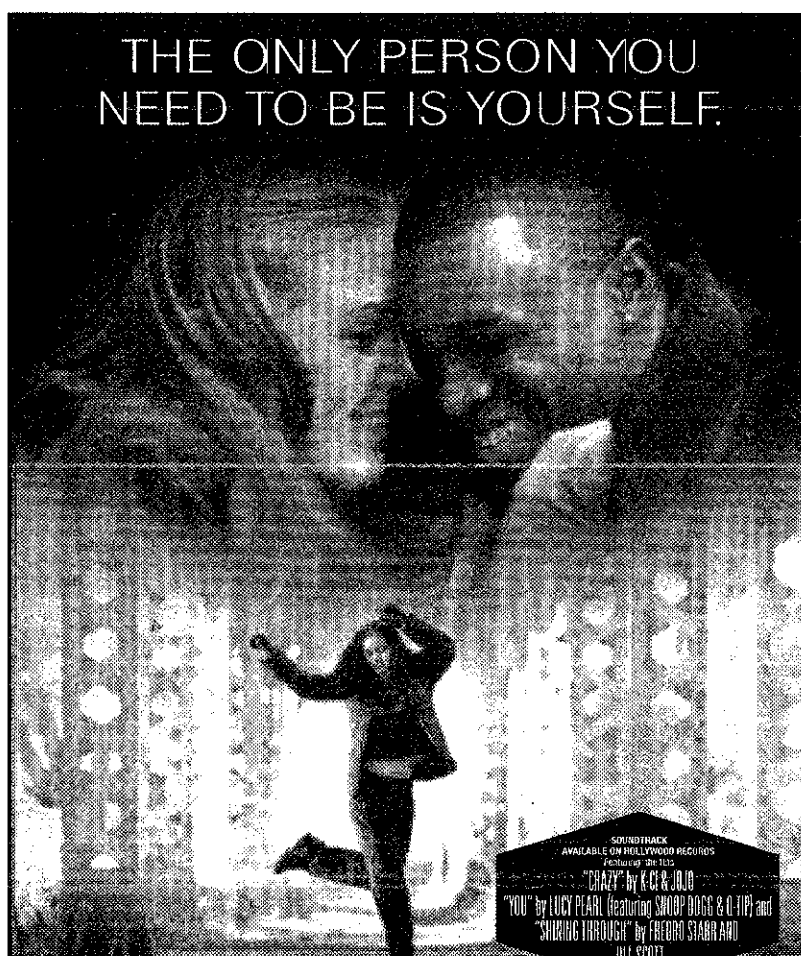
Director Ann Hu revisits the early days of cinema in this tribute to Chinese filmmaker Liu Jing Lun. She tells a story of passion and expresses the far-reaching effects of cinema. A favorite at Sundance and the Toronto Film Festival, it stars Jared Harris and Xia Yu.

■ *Chopper* (2000) — 94 minutes, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday, May 4; 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5; and 1 p.m., 4

p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 6.

Director Andrew Dominik's film debut is based on the true story of Mark "Chopper" Read, an infamous Australian crimi-

nal. Chopper (Eric Bana) defines the man's obsession with his own image this darkly funny portrait. Persons under 18 will not be admitted due to explicit imagery.



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THEATER

CENTURY THEATRE: *Late Nite Catechism* through Feb. 11, at the theater, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE: *Moms Mabley: The Naked Truth* continues to March 18, at the theater, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

FISHER THEATRE: *Stomp* opens Jan. 30 and continues to Feb. 4, 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, at the theater, Detroit. \$30-\$45. (248) 645-6666

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: *Lion in Winter* opens Saturday Jan. 13 and continues to Sunday, Feb. 4 at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. Previews 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 11-12, show opens 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13. Performance times vary, tickets \$21-\$37.50 call for information. (248) 377-3300/(248) 645-6666

PLOWSHARES THEATRE: *Mule Bone* by Zora Neale Hurston and Langston Hughes opens Thursday, Jan. 18 and continues through Sunday, Feb. 10 Opening night Saturday, Jan. 20, Anderson Center Theater, inside Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. Tickets \$20-\$18, all preview seats \$10. (313) 872-0279

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

STAGECRAFTERS: *A Little Night Music* (music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, book by Hugh Wheeler) opens Friday, Jan. 12 at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, downtown Royal Oak.

Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday; 2 p.m. Sunday, through Sunday, Feb. 2. \$14-\$16, (248) 541-6430. Intended for mature audiences only.

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS: *Sylvia* opens 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 Sundays, includes a coffee and sandwich afterglow. (248) 988-7049

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN: *The Last Night of Ballyhoo* by Alfred Uhry opens 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday through Saturday, Jan. 27, matinee 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21 at the theater, 21730 Madison, southeast of Monroe at Outer Drive, Dearborn. \$11, (313) 561-TKTS

ST. DUNSTAN'S THEATRE GUILD: *Harvey* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 19-20 and 26-27 and Thursday, Jan. 25, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, at the theater, Bloomfield Hills. \$12, \$10 students/seniors. (248) 644-0527

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-

REDFORD: *The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams opens 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19 and closes Sunday, Jan. 28. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly Road, (one block south of Five Mile Road) Redford. \$12, \$10 seniors/students. (313) 531-0554

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE:

Communicating Doors Friday-Saturday, Jan. 19-20, 26-27 and Feb. 2-3, and Thursday, Jan. 18 and 25, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21 and 28 and Feb. 4, in Fries Auditorium at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. (313) 881-4004

COLLEGE THEATER

HILBERRY THEATRE: *Antigone* by Jean Anouilh opens 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12 and runs in rotating repertory through March 29. Performances 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, and 8 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday, Jan. 18-19.

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE: Musical adaptation of *Pinocchio*, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 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. 13, 20 and 27, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, Detroit. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS: *Wizard of Oz* 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 27-28 and Feb. 3-4 and 10-11, and 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, Feb. 3 and 10, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre in Masonic Temple, Detroit. \$10 reserved, \$5 general admission. (313) 535-8962

SPECIAL EVENTS

AFRICAN AMERICAN COMPOSERS CONCERT: 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, in the Community Arts Auditorium on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. (313) 577-1795

ARTRAIN: Come explore the NASA Space Program 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14 when Artrain USA chugs into the New Center, 1100 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor.

Admission is free but donations are encouraged. *Artistry of Space: The NASA Art Program* is an exhibition of 78 artworks that explore and celebrate the history of the American space program as seen through the eyes and imagination of artists. Curated from the collections of NASA and the National Air and Space Museum, the exhibit features the work of Norman Rockwell, Andy Warhol, Peter Max, Robert Rauschenberg, Robert McCall, and other artists. (734) 747-8300 or visit the Web site at www.artrainUSA.org.

COLLECTIBLE TOY SHOW: Vendors and collectors will sell new, used, antique and collectible toys of kinds from the '50s to this year's "hottest collectibles," 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. \$5 adults, no charge kids under 10. (734) 455-2110

IFMA FREESTYLE MOTOCROSS: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 26-27, Palace of Auburn Hills. \$20, \$12 children 12 and under. Superfan seating also available. (248) 645-6666

INDIAN ANTIQUE ART SHOW/SALE: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, until 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Cowboy Trader Gallery, Birmingham. (248) 647-8833 or visit the Web site at www.cowboy-tradergallery.com

ORIGINAL TOUGHMAN CONTEST: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 2-3, Cobo Arena, Detroit. \$12-20 on sale Friday, Jan. 5. (248) 645-6666

PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL ICE

SCULPTURE FESTIVAL: The free family event that features carving competitions for professionals, amateurs, high school and college students, and displays 24 hours a day Wednesday-Sunday, Jan. 17-21, in Kellogg Park, The Gathering and Central Parking Structure, Plymouth. Dinner

dance featuring the music of the Tom Loncaric Dance Orchestra 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19 at St. John's Golf and Conference Center, Plymouth Township. The event benefits the non-profit festival. Tickets are \$100 and available by calling (734) 459-6969.

For information about the festival, call (734) 459-9157 or visit the Web site at www.oconline.com/plymouthice

REDFORD THEATRE: *The Odd Couple* starring Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 12-13, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, organ overtures begin 30-minutes earlier, at the theater. \$3. (313) 531-4407

BENEFITS

A JAZZY AFTERGLOW: Featuring Alexander Zonjic and Friends with guest vocalist Angela Boffill 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at the Atheneum Suite Hotel's International Banquet and Conference Center, Detroit. \$175, includes reception, dinner, concert, shuttle service from the Auto Show Charity Preview; \$125, includes dinner and concert. Benefits BARAT Child and Family Services. (313) 963-3330

FINE ART AUCTION: Featuring original works of art by old and modern masters, and more than 30 contemporary living artists 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 preview and 8 p.m. auction, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14 preview and 4 p.m. auction, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. Benefits Southfield Federation for the Arts. (248) 424-9022

SWINGTIME 2001: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Fisher Building, Detroit. \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door. Benefits the Fancub Foundation for the Arts. (248) 584-4150

CLASSICAL

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. Sunday, Jan. 14, Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. \$5. (248) 644-5210

CLASSICS ON THE LAKE: Features pianist Flavio Varani and guests cellist Nadine Deleury and violinist Velda Kelly 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14 in the shrine chapel on the college campus at Orchard Lake and Commerce Roads. Varani will play Debussy's *Pour le Piano* and Beethoven's *Moonlight* sonata and join the guest artists for Beethoven's *Trio in C Minor*, Opus 1, No. 3. \$15 adults, \$10 students for concert or \$30 and \$20 for concert and afterglow. (248) 706-5355

DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA: Performs the world premiere of a composition celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$10, call (313) 576-5111

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Featuring violinist Joshua Bell and the debut of Michael Daugherty's *Hell's Angels* 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 11-12 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15-\$52. (313) 576-5111

MICHIGAN CHAMBER PLAYERS: 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, at Rackham Auditorium, Ann Arbor. No admission charge. (734) 764-2538

MICHIGAN CHAMBER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: With guest violinist Xiang Gao 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Selligman 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

MUSIC AT MEMORIAL: Featuring the music of Detroit composers James Lentini, James Hartway, Lettie Alston and Mark Gottlieb 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. \$15, \$10 students/seniors. (313) 882-5330

VERMEER QUARTET: Returns for a second time to the University Musical Society's Chamber Arts Series 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 in Ann Arbor's Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington St. Program features works by Haydn, Shostakovich and Mendelssohn. \$14-\$30, (734) 764-2538

THE SONNET QUARTET: Symphony Orchestra musicians in residence at Oakland University will perform Beethoven's Opus 18, No. 1, Samuel Barber's String Quartet and Beethoven's Opus 135, 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14 in Varner Recital Hall on the Rochester campus. \$12 general admission, \$10 seniors/OU employees, \$6 students, (248) 370-3013 or Ticketmaster outlets.

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

AVON PLAYERS: Auditions for 4 males and 4 females for *Noises Off* 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14 and 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, at the playhouse, Rochester Hills. For March 9-11, 16-18 and 22-24 performances. (248) 651-7389

GENITTI'S: 6-week children's acting class begins Saturday, Jan. 13 at the restaurant/theater, Northville. Classes will be divided by age: Children 7-9 from 10-11:30 a.m., ages 10-12 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and ages 13 and up 1-2:30 p.m., plus an additional 30 minutes for lunch for each class. \$150 and includes lunches. (248) 349-0522

JACKSON CHORALE: Audition for alto and tenor 9:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, rehearsals held Mondays 7:30-9:30 p.m., in the music room at Rochester High School. (248) 651-3085

MARQUIS THEATRE: Auditions for *The Wizard of Oz* Sunday, Jan. 14 at the theater, 135 E. Main St., downtown Northville. Auditions for teenagers age 13 and older 5-6 p.m. for the roles of the Tin Man, Dorothy and the Wicked Witch. Actors must be prepared to sing a song from the show within their vocal range. General auditions for children 8-12 years old begin at 6 p.m. Actors must be prepared to recite a poem no longer than two minutes long. It does not have to be memorized. Children will also be asked to sing eight measures of a song within their vocal range (no rock and roll) and no longer than two minutes. Bring your own sheet music, the theater will provide an accompanist. (248) 349-8110.

FIRST THEATER GUILD OF BIRMINGHAM: Auditions for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21 and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, Knox Auditorium at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 Maple Road (between Southfield and Cranbrook Roads). Parts available for children and adults. All those interested in auditioning must be prepared to read.

Rehearsals Tuesday & Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons at the church. Show opens Friday, March 30 and closes Sunday, April 8. (248) 644-2087, Ext. 151.

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, at the 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

NORTHVILLE CONCERT CHORALE: Auditions for its performance of Mozart's Requiem 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 20 at First Presbyterian Church, Northville.

The 50-member chorale will perform the *Requiem* with soloists and the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra of Ann Arbor 7 p.m. Sunday, March 18. To schedule an audition, call (248) 349-0911

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS: Began rehearsals on Tuesday, Jan. 9 for its spring concert April 28-29, auditions will be held by appointment 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 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 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.



On your toes: Don't miss *The Russian National Ballet's* performance of the classic "Swan Lake" at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets \$27.50, \$37.50, \$45 and \$75, call (248) 433-1515.

Seeking shelter: Dec. 6, 1969 is a day Rolling Stones frontman Mick Jagger will never forget. Documented on film by David and Albert Maysles, "Gimme Shelter" will be shown complete with previously deleted scenes and a digitally remastered soundtrack, as part of the Detroit Film Theatre's Monday Series coming in March. Call (313) 833-3237 for details on the DFT.



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PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY CONT'D

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 \$1,950 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 Burren (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. For an application or more information, contact Darlene Dreyer at (734) 451-2112 or by e-mail at plymouthsymphony@aol.com. Applications are also available by visiting the Web site www.plymouthsymphony.org

SESAME STREET LIVE: Auditions for professional dancers who can act and actors who can dance, age 18 and up 1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. Enter stage door on north side of Montcalm which intersects Woodward. (612) 375-9670, ext. 704

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

SRO PRODUCTIONS: Auditions for *Woman in Mind*, a comedy about a woman married to a boring cleric, 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, at The Burgh, Southfield's historic church. For March 9-11, 16-18 and 23-25 performances. (248) 827-0710

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 Persons Commission. (248) 646-2864

VERDI OPERA THEATRE OF MICHIGAN: Is looking for entries for its 7th annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan High School Students. Held in cooperation with the Italian American Cultural Society, the competition encourages and helps develop young amateur vocal talent and promotes appreciation for Italian music and language. Deadline for submitting tapes is Saturday, Feb. 17. Ten finalists will be chosen from cassette audiotape auditions submitted through their respective high schools. Each finalist will receive a cash prize ranging from \$50 to \$1,000 in addition to the opportunity to perform before a live audience at the final concert 4 p.m. Sunday, May 6 at the Italian American Cultural Center in Warren. (734) 455-8895

WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS: Auditions for children ages 5-15 for a musical about helping the earth 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Many parts available. Auditions are like a workshop with no preparation or previous experience necessary. Rehearsals on Sunday and Thursday evenings. For performances May 4-24. (734) 416-4278

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)

COMMUNITY BAND

TWO FOR ONE: The Farmington Community Band joins the Birmingham Concert Band in a special concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21 at Harrison High School, 12 Mile Road (between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Roads) Farmington Hills. After each band has performed a variety of selected pieces, the two bands will join together for a combined performance. No charge, (734) 261-2202 or visit www.fcbmusic.org

VALENTINE DINNER DANCE:

Sponsored by the Farmington Community Band, Friday, Feb. 9 at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills. Event features the Farmington Community Band Dance Band playing music for your dancing and listening pleasure. Cash bar cocktail hour 6:30 p.m., buffet dinner 7:30 p.m. Dancing until midnight. Tickets \$42 per person for dinner and dancing, special pricing available for tickets purchased before Jan. 19. Tables of eight may also be reserved. (734) 261-2202 or (248) 489-3412 or visit www.fcbmusic.org

JAZZ

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

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

DALE GRISA TRIO: 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, at Sweet Lorraine in the Livonia Marriott Hotel. (734) 953-7480

JAZZ LEGACY SERIES: A tribute to Louis Armstrong featuring Freddie Cole (Nat King Cole's younger brother) and his quartet, Jerry Byrd (guitar), Herman Burney (bass) and Curtis Boyd (drums) 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren, Detroit. Tickets \$25. (313) 494-5870 or (313) 494-5808

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, 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

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With guest Johnny Trudell, trumpet/flugelhorn 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. \$5 cover. (734) 762-7756

MINGUS BIG BAND: Debuts at Ann Arbor's Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave. 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15. The ensemble will focus on Charles Mingus' political works and feature jazz singer Kevin Mahogany. \$20-\$32, (734) 764-2538

CLIFF MONEAR TRIO: With Stephanie Friday-Saturday, Jan. 12-13, at the new Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310

TONY POPE'S N'ORLEANS SIX: Saturday, Jan. 20, Steak and Ale, Madison Heights. (248) 588-4450

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

ANN ARBOR FOLK FESTIVAL: Joan Baez, Matt Watroba, David Wilcox and others 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. Tickets (734) 763-TKTS/information (734) 761-1451

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

CHARLIE KING: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS

ALEX DE GRASSI: 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 763-TKTS

SUSAN WERNER: 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 763-TKTS

WORLD MUSIC

THE DIGGERS: 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, at Connor O'Neill's Irish Pub, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2968

DANCE

MOON-DUSTERS: Ballroom dancing to live bands 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. \$5. (248) 967-1428

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

COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE: Sponsored by Wolverine Silverspur Dancers, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, Italian American Cultural Center, 12 Mile Road, east of Hoover, Warren. \$7; (810) 774-9148, free lesson & snacks.

COMEDY

JD'S KEY CLUB: 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: Mo Alexander Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 10-13 at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. (734) 261-0555;

PENN THEATRE: Mike Lucas 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 19-20, at the theater, Plymouth. (734) 453-6530 or visit the Web site at www.PennTheatre.com

SECOND CITY: *Here Comes My 19th Nervous Breakdown*, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; *1001 Improv Jammers* 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, Feb. 20 and 27, and March 6, at the club in Detroit. \$15 and \$20. (313) 965-2222/(248) 645-6666 or www.secondcity.com

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

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

FLEETWAY TUNNEL: Historical exhibit marking 70th anniversary year of Detroit-Windsor Tunnel, memorabilia and photographs, video showing construction of tunnel, through Dec. 22, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, and 2-5 p.m. Sunday, at Windsor's Community Museum, 254 Pitt Street West. (519) 253-1812

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

LIVE MUSIC

ADAM'S CASTLE: With A Thousand Times Yes, Brand New Blue, Thursday, Jan. 25, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

AMERICAN MARS: With Chris Mills, Delta 88, Friday, Jan. 12, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

LORI AMEY: 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013; 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, Borders Books and Music, Troy. All ages. Free. (248) 585-6029

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.

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

BETTER DAYS: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, Coyote Club, Pontiac. Free. (248) 332-HOWL.

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

DETROIT BLUES PIANO SUMMIT IV: Featuring Joe Hunter, Kenny Cox, Dr. Teddy Harris, 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, Scarab Club, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 262-6890

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

BROTHERS GROOVE: Thursdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU; Friday, Jan. 12, Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150; Saturday, Jan. 13, Gotham City Cafe, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-8890; Friday, Jan. 19, Hunter House, Detroit. (313) 965-0265; Saturday, Jan. 20, TC's Speakeasy, Ypsilanti. (734) 483-4470; Friday, Jan. 26, Foran's Irish Pub, Detroit. (313) 961-3043; Noon, Wednesday, Jan. 31, Wayne State University Student Center; Wednesday, Jan. 31, Cadieux Cafe, Detroit. (313) 882-8560

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

MIKE CLARK'S PRESCRIPTION RENEWAL: Featuring Charlie Hunter, DJ Logic and Robert Walter, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 11, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15 advance. (248) 544-3030

THE CLARKS: With Will Hoge, 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.

CONNIPTION: With Liquid #9, Crackjaw, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$6. (248) 544-3030

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 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

DELL AND THE ROUGH CUTS: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 3, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302

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

JASON DENNIE: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, 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.

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS: With 19 Wheels, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$7. (248) 544-3030.

STEVE EARLE: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. All ages. \$23. (734) 668-8397

EASY ACTION: With the Paybacks, 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

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

MIKE GEORGIN: 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. Master class for bass players begins 6 p.m. and costs additional \$5. (734) 464-6302

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

HEMIGOD: With Braillehouse, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$6. (248) 544-3030

AL HILL: 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 12-13, Zydeco's, Ann Arbor. (734) 995-3600; 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, Mac's Acadian Seafood, Saline. (734) 944-6227; 6:30 pm. Tuesday-Saturday, Jan. 23-27, Zydeco's, Ann Arbor. (734) 995-3600.

AL HILL TRIO: 9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Jan. 23-25, Weber's, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-3636.

HOWLING DIABLOS: 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$7. (248) 544-3030

IMMIGRANT SUNS BIG BAND: 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$6. (248) 544-3030

IMMUNITY: Saturday, Jan. 13, Library Pub, Novi. (248) 349-9110

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.

JELLY'S PIERCED TATTOO: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, Borders Books and Music, Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 652-0558

JETTISON RED: 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, 313.jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067

BB KING: With Bobby Blue Band, The Manhattans, featuring Gerald Alston and Blue Lovett, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$30, \$37.50, \$75. (248) 645-6666

KNEE DEEP SHAG: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$7. (248) 544-3030

KOLO: 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, Borders Books and Music, Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 652-0558

BOBBY LEWIS AND THE CRACKERJACK BAND: Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 18-20, 25-27, Feb. 8-10, 15-17, 22-24, March 1-3, 8-10, Major Tooley's Irish Pub, Northville. (248) 465-1680

LINKIN PARK: With Taproot, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$13.50. All ages. (248) 645-6666

LOLLYPOP LUST KILL: With Diety, Forge, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555.

MAGGIE'S FARM: 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, Feb. 3, 17, March 3, Coyote Club, Pontiac. Free. (248) 332-HOWL.

KENNY MEEKS: 8 p.m. Friday, March 23, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302

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. (313) 962-7067.

BOB MILLER AND JERRY PETERSON: 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, Borders Books and Music, Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 652-0558

MONK: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302

NEVERMORE: With Living Sacrifice, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$10 advance. (313) 961-8961

NOBODY'S BUSINESS: Hosts Rockabilly Jam Sessions, Thursdays at The New Way Bar, Ferndale. (248) 541-9870.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI ALL STARS: 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$12 advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030

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.

PANTERA: With Soulfly, Morbid Angel, rescheduled to Thursday, March 1, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$30. Tickets already purchased for the Nov. 25 date will be honored. Refunds available at point of purchase. (248) 645-6666.

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

ASHLEY PEACOCK: With Carl and Katie, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$8 or \$6 for theater members. (734) 464-6302

PIERCE PETTIS: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 17, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302

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 Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$8. (313) 961-8961

MICHAEL QUEST: 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, 27, Feb. 10, Coyote Club, Pontiac. Free. (248) 332-HOWL.

RACHEL AND KAPP: 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Jan. 10-11, Fox and H

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DESIRES OF THE HEART

Divorced white female, 49 yr old, 5'3", petite, with long blonde hair and green eyes, non-smoker, social drinker, seeking an attractive, honest, sincere, caring, single white male, with many interests, for friendship, good times and possibly more. BOX 10424

A SENTIMENTAL PERSON

Old fashioned divorced white female, sentimental person, 53, 5'6", 140 lbs. shy, non-smoker, care about my health and exercise regularly. Enjoys walks in the park, quiet special times, outdoors, boating, camping, travel and more. Family oriented. Easygoing, caring, giving person. No games please. BOX 10748

TRUST IS THE KEY

Divorced white female, 40, medium build, sandy blond hair, green eyes, nurse with day shift, 3 children, enjoys walks, the beach, the country, and more. Seeking 5'10" and taller, non-smoker, who enjoys life, is family oriented, to build of strong friendship and possible long term. BOX 10755

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Single white female, 42, blond hair, green eyes, 110 lbs, attractive, with grown children, smoker, social drinker, enjoys going north, water, relaxing at home, dining out, seeking attractive one woman man, to enjoy quality time with, possible long term relationship. BOX 14041

HELLO FRIEND

Attractive, intelligent, slender and tall, lady of 54, is also warm hearted, soft spoken, a smoker. Seeking someone who is 55 to 58, intelligent, tall, an old fashioned gentleman, a smoker. Please call if this describes you. Oakland County, BOX 25395

NEW BEGINNINGS

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

COUNTRY LIFE

Anyone out there loves dogs and other animals more than the city life? 54, divorced white female, college educated, pretty, 5'5", weight proportionate to height, loves home, laughter, children, good friends and warm conversation. Seeks male, 52 to 68, Novi Area. Oakland County, BOX 25401

IT TAKES TWO

Divorced white female, 53, 5'7", 140 lbs, average build, who enjoys country music, slow dancing, dining out, concerts, movies, taking walks with that special someone. Seeks male companion, tall, honest, no head games for possible relationship. Wayne County, BOX 33671

KEY TO MY HEART

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

ATTENTION HARLEYS

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

SEEKING COMPANION

Professional single white female, 38, attractive, non-smoker, singer, loves animals, significant weight loss, still losing. Seeking a single white male, for friendship, companionship, and possible mature relationship. BOX 25314

PRETTY ENTREPRENEUR

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

HONEST & TRUE

Petite, 5'1", 110 lb, attractive, white professional divorced mom. Enjoys working out daily, good conversation, music, sports, and is an optimist. Looking for a professional, divorced, white male, 40's, physically fit/active, tall, no beard or moustache, intelligent, good sense of humor, non-smoker, South Oakland county area. BOX 36068

LIGHTEN UP MY LIFE

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

ALL I WANT AND MORE

Attractive black female, 52 yrs old, physically fit, 5'6", 155 lbs, employed, educated, enjoys fishing, movies, museums and more. No dependents. Looking for a male, 45 to 57, non-smoker mandatory who enjoys life for an honest, monogamous relationship. BOX 13932

DOCTOR WANTED

Christina Aguilera look alike, masters degree. Seeking a single MD/PHD, 25 to 39, no drugs, healthy, modest, fit, positive attitude, romantic, loves animals. Intellectual, who would make me their world, for quiet times, wanting marriage. You will not be disappointed. BOX 10672

LET'S TALK

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

WANTS A FRIEND

Outgoing, easy going, single female is looking for a down to earth, single male, of any race, 39 to 49, to share good times and friendship. BOX 14133

ZEST FOR LIFE

Live, love, laugh and be happy. Non-smoking, professional female with a zest for life. Enjoys theater, travel, the mountains, and quiet walks. Seeking a non-smoker, financially sound, honest gentleman, 50 to 60, with a great sense of humor. BOX 14162

READY FOR ROMANCE

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

DREAMS

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

SPICE OF LIFE

5'6", 140 lbs, long brownish red hair, independent, romantic, who enjoys dancing, shooting pool, bowling, race cars, outdoors, or a quiet evening at home watching movies. Looking for a man, 35 to 45, who's romantic and enjoys some of the same interests. Down River Area. BOX 33514

SHOOTING STAR

Divorced, white professional female, 5'9", 125 lbs, brown/black hair and eyes, dimples, looks minus 40 and stable. Seeking a divorced, white male, 55 to 63, attractive, 6', stable and a good sense of humor. BOX 31913

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL...

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

SOMEONE TO SPOIL ME

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

FIRST TIME AD

Divorced Native American female, 38 yr old, 5'10", 150 lbs, long brown hair, brown eyes. Seeking white male, 6' plus, 38 plus, honest, who loves the outdoors, smoker and social drinker okay, for long term relationship. Wayne county. BOX 25335

TALL ORDER

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

NICE GIRL

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

A LADY OF CLASS

Vivacious, upbeat, very attractive, blonde female, a professional, 5'7", 115 lbs, upper 50's, seeking soul mate counter part, 60's, a professional, for dating, possible long term relationship. Call me and see what life has in store for us. BOX 35596

LOOKING FOR MY MATCH

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

NORTH WEST SUBURBS

Fit, younger looking 30's, romantic, Christian lady, model, tall, thin, pretty, optimistic, loves laughter, financially secure. Enjoys the good life, boating, water activities, travel and dining. Seeking the right one, tall, thin, attractive, honest, affectionate, happy, positive attitude, successful with values. BOX 25075

MR. RIGHT

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

SOUL MATE

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CATCH OF THE DAY!

Single white male, 6'4", brown/brown, attractive, homeowner, independent professional, caring seeking someone for good times, female who is caring and nice and shares similar interests. I enjoy comedy, bowling, movies, dining out, traveling. BOX 32580

STILL SEARCHING

Single divorced white male, 35, 6', 190 lbs, brown hair, brown eyes, no children. Looking for a attractive white female, 26 to 39, with a good sense of humor. BOX 10771

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Single white male, 45, yr, 5'10", 230 lbs, non-smoker, social drinker, brown hair, hazel eyes, attractive, Catholic, no kids, easy going, confident. Enjoys nature, auto racing, comedy, quite times, movies, dining out and weekend getaways. Seeking a monogamous long term relationship. Westland Area. Wayne County. BOX 25393

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Attractive, widowed, white single male, 5'8", 175 lbs, 62, acts younger, excellent physically condition, blue eyes, very easy going and light hearted. I like walking, traveling, games and conversations. Looking for a slim, attractive lady under, 60, with a nice personality for a serious relationship. BOX 33426

SEE WHAT HAPPENS

Single black male, 46, 5'7", 170 lbs, easy going, enjoys biking, cooking, dining out, gardening, movies, music, walks and more. Seeking a single white female, 35 to 55, with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 10897

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White male, 41, 6'1", never married, very long hair, told to be good looking, smoker, social drinker. Enjoys snowmobiling, bowling, boats, race cars, camping, and going up North. Seeking attractive female, slender build, who is tired of games, 25 to 45, with similar interests. BOX 25993

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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, for possible long term relationship. BOX 36096

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Tall, divorced white male, 6'4", good physical condition, 55, non-smoker, self employed, honest, sincere, sense of humor, I would like to meet a slender lady, 45 to 50, who is easy going with good values, for companionship and possible long term relationship. BOX 35984

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JUST THE TWO OF US!

Very handsome, 35 yr old, 6' 190 lbs, divorced white male with brown hair and eyes, is seeking an attractive, single female, with a good sense of humor, 25 to 39, for friendship and maybe more. BOX 32687

HANDSOME & UNIQUE

Single white male, 55, 5'11", 180 lbs, tall and slender, dark hair and eyes. Interests include dinner, dancing, traveling up north, boating, casinos. Seeking a white female, 40 to 52, average to slender, for possible long term relationship. Wayne County. BOX 33665

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49 yr old, divorced white male, 5'6", 160 lbs, no dependent, affectionate and full of love. Enjoys fishing, boating, dinners, romantic evenings, travel, movies and making you happy. Looking for a white female, 30 to 45, for a serious relationship. BOX 31950

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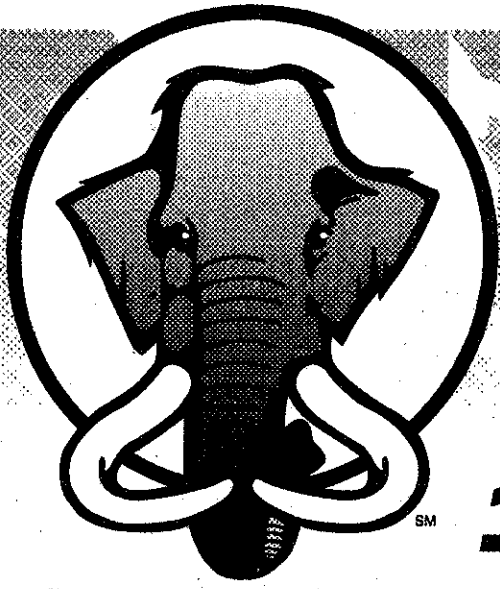
Single male, 45, looking to meet someone, who is outgoing and likes to cuddling, for friendship. BOX 32630

A REAL GOOD CATCH

Divorced white professional male, financially secure, self employed business owner, 5'10", 185 lbs. Enjoys dining out, movies, quiet times and sports. Seeking a single white professional female, 40 to 50 financially secure, non-smoker, social drinker, height and weight proportionate. Sumner County. BOX 33630

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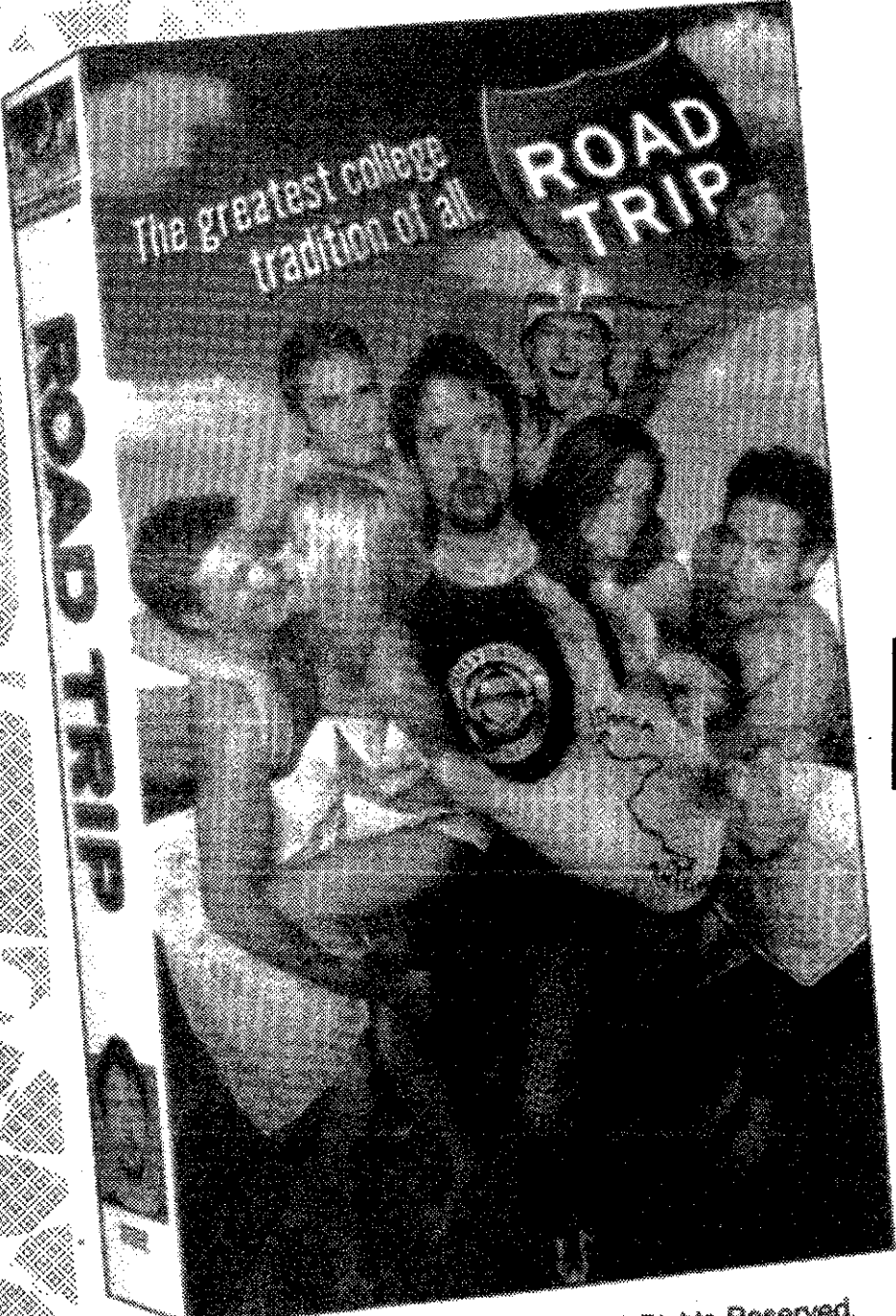
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DINING

The Lark wins fans with its special 'home cooking'

Editor's note: Who's the best among Oakland County eateries? The Eccentric Newspapers held a readers poll and we'd like to share the results with Observer readers. The Lark of West Bloomfield was voted No. 1.

Check the list of first, second and third place restaurant winners for more out-of-town dining recommendations.

Consider it home cooked. Even if it's sea bass with caramelized onions, sweet red pepper, two olive compote and meuniere that you find on your plate.

"One statement we hear from our patrons, which we love, is that people feel like they are visiting us in our home," says Jim Lark, owner of The Lark in West Bloomfield.

That's not just because the Lark's head chef, Marcus Haight, personally cooks every dish served. Or because the restaurant offers a mix of standard and cutting edge French cuisine.

"The Lark's ambiance, from its European country inn charm to the warm reception given patrons, spells home and hearth more than it does fancy, fussy dining.

"Mary and I designed the restaurant we'd most like to go to," Jim explained. "We like to start with an hors d'oeuvre cart. We like to have choices and we like country inns."

Eccentric readers like it, too. They named The Lark the Best Oakland County eatery and

The Lark was voted best overall restaurant by Eccentric readers. Here are some of their other choices:

■ **BEST OVERALL** — 1. The Lark 2. Kruse & Muer 3. Peabody's

■ **FINE DINING** — 1. The Lark 2. Lelli's 3. Tribute

■ **FAMILY DINING** — 1. Max & Erma's 2. Peabody's 3. Tie between Bill Knapp's and Applebee's

■ **ROMANTIC RESTAURANT** — 1. The Lark 2. Fox & Hounds 3. Lelli's

■ **INEXPENSIVE** — 1. Tie between National Coney and Alibi 2. Ram's Horn 3. Eight-way tie

■ **SERVICE** — 1. The Lark 2. Kruse & Muer 3. Lelli's

■ **DESSERT** — 1. Kruse & Muer 2. Tie between Big Boy and The Lark 3. Tie between Tribute, Whistle Stop, Sweet Lorraine and Baker's Square.

placed it first in several categories in a recent restaurant reader polls.

Respondents didn't indicate why, but Jim suggests a few reasons.

"Our ambiance appeals to both men and women," he explained. "And poll after poll has shown that ambiance is the most important of three components — cuisine, service and ambiance.

"You better have the other two. You can go a year or two on strong ambiance but eventually



Gracious greeters: Jim and Mary Lark meet and seat every patron at their restaurant.

if you have mediocre food it will get you."

The 52-seat restaurant works hard to keep a strong foothold in all three. The Larks visit France at least annually to eat at fine dining establishments, discover service innovations and collect new menu ideas. They also send Haight abroad every year.

"We believe in continuous improvement," Jim said. "I think we're a lot better than when we opened."

That was 20 years ago when Jim, an attorney and developer, left the construction business to open a restaurant with his wife.

"There's an old saying that everyone wants to do three things: Build a home. I was a production home builder and built more than 1,000 homes.

Thought and Mary, the daughter of a photographer, takes the snapshots.

"We pick up on ideas when we travel. The hors d'oeuvre trolley is typically Italian," he noted.

"There are two restaurants in France that give out a (recipe) card with their signature dish. A friend of mine said, 'your rack of lamb has become a signature dish, so why don't you do it?' We had been open about two and a half years, so we had to go back through all the checks and count the rack of lamb."

They hand out the numbered recipe card with every Genghis Khan rack of lamb served.

Both also discuss menu changes and innovations with Haight.

"We don't get back there and cook but we discuss the menu," Mary explained. "Jim does a lot of research. He reads cook books like books and he reads about other restaurants."

He also cooks at home. His specialty is a French Canadian-style meat pie, although his four sons and one daughter ask him

to make their favorite four-cheese macaroni casserole.

"He can cook anything," Mary said. "He never uses a cookbook. He has a great sense of taste and of what ingredients go together. It comes so natural to him."

Jim likes variety and makes sure his restaurant includes an eclectic menu.

The fixed price dinners offer classic cuisine, such as roast prime beef and Yorkshire pudding, seafood, including roast lobster, duck, veal and lamb, as well as steak.

"I don't believe in trends," he said. "He who lives by the trend dies by the trend. We have the standards of French cuisine, but on the other hand we do a lot of cutting edge French cuisine, too."

The Lark serves four-course fixed price dinners starting at 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Prices range from \$57.50 to \$67.50. It is located on Farmington Road just north of Maple.

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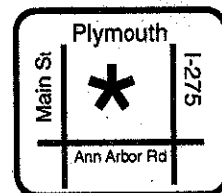


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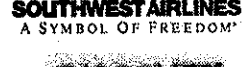
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The Heart of the Home

Kitchen designs follow stylish recipes

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Stylish flavor: Vignettes at Bella Cucina in Sylvan Lake show examples of stylish kitchen designs. A European country look (above) is achieved with maple, in a distressed meringue finish, and furniture feature elements. Alderwood and copper are among the materials in an Arts and Crafts style design (below).

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The kitchen is considered the heart of the home. Now it could be the art of a home as well. The recipe is for style in many kitchens today, with ingredients that include elements ordinarily found on furniture, and mixing done with colors, textures and finishes.

Kitchen features have a fresh flavor, with great attention to detail.

Floors and countertops can be made of a wide range of materials. Kitchen cabinets can match cabinets in other rooms. Space is expanded in creative ways. A faucet can have a tall arch that makes it easier to place a pot under it for filling, and fold against a wall when not in use.

"Right now we're seeing creating a living room that you just so happen to cook in," said Carmen Schultz, design consultant at Bella Cucina, 2505 Orchard Lake in Sylvan Lake.

There isn't as much interest in expanding the family room as there is arranging a kitchen with sitting areas, two or three sinks, maybe even a fireplace, said Candice Waller of DeGiulio Kitchen & Bath, 724 N. Old Woodward in Birmingham.

"We're seeing the family room getting smaller and the kitchen getting bigger," she said. "People are really niching their kitchens, creating preparation centers, entertaining areas."

Anything goes right now with kitchen styles, colors and materials, said Loreen Keeth, vice president of Kitchen Top Shop, 31150 Eight Mile in Farmington Hills.

"(Customers) want more use out of their kitchen," Keeth said.

"They don't want the square look anymore. More people are willing to knock out a wall to expand their space."

A kitchen can be designed to meet specific needs.

"There is so much out there now," said Joel Bergren, certified kitchen designer at EXPO Design Center, 7200 Orchard Lake in West Bloomfield. "We carry nine different cabinet lines. We can do just about anything ... You can even design a door."

The traditional "work triangle" area in the kitchen has been replaced with work stations, making it easy to accommodate more than one person at work.

Space savers (and makers) abound.

The "miracle corner" is a system of wire racks that unfolds when the cabinet door is open, bringing items from the far back corner — often wasted space — to the front. Towel racks can slide out of view when not in use. Narrow cabinets can hold paper towel rolls or spices.

Refrigerators and dishwashers can be concealed behind attractive fronts. The appliances can be smaller than traditional size.

Colors and materials

Two-tones remain popular, as do oak, maple, cherry and, lately, mahogany woods.

"We're still seeing two-tone," Keeth said. "Some want Shaker, some people want country, but there's more traditional."

Others prefer the contemporary look with more dramatics. Inlaid granite in countertops with laminated edges provide a stark, yet modern, look in today's kitchens.

Among countertop materials are granite, limestone, concrete, serpentine, stainless steel and silestone. Backsplashes take on artistry, with mosaic patterns, tile and granite combinations and tumbled slate, for example.

"We're seeing a lot of restaurant-grade appliances," said Gail Feskorn, showroom manager and kitchen and bath specialist at KSI, 42073 Ford in Canton. " ... Stainless steel appliances ... built-in refrigerators."

Because cooking ranges are more powerful, the vent hood must be larger. As a result, the hood is a focal point in the room.

"The hood is the kitchen," Waller said.

DeGiulio's hood designs include copper, oil rubbed bronze copper, weathered copper, hammered steel, wet plaster, and tile with wet plaster. Some designs by Bella

Cucina feature architectural elements and paintings.

Cabinetry features furniture finish (including antiquing and distressing), and such accents as turnings and fluting. Glass is popular for fronts. Staggering the heights of cabinets is also popular.

"People like the open look," Bergren said.

Stone, wood, ceramic tile and cork (which is durable and easy on the feet, Bergren said) are popular for floors.

"We never see a surface like linoleum," said Scott Grandis, certified kitchen designer and president of Bella Cucina.

Be comfortable

The designers advise customers to shop around, visit showrooms and ask questions. Feel comfortable. Bring clippings of kitchens that you like with you.

"Say 'I just like the feel of this room.' It gives us an understanding," Grandis said.

"Just look. Don't go in on a mission your first couple of times ... It's way too much to absorb," Bergren said.

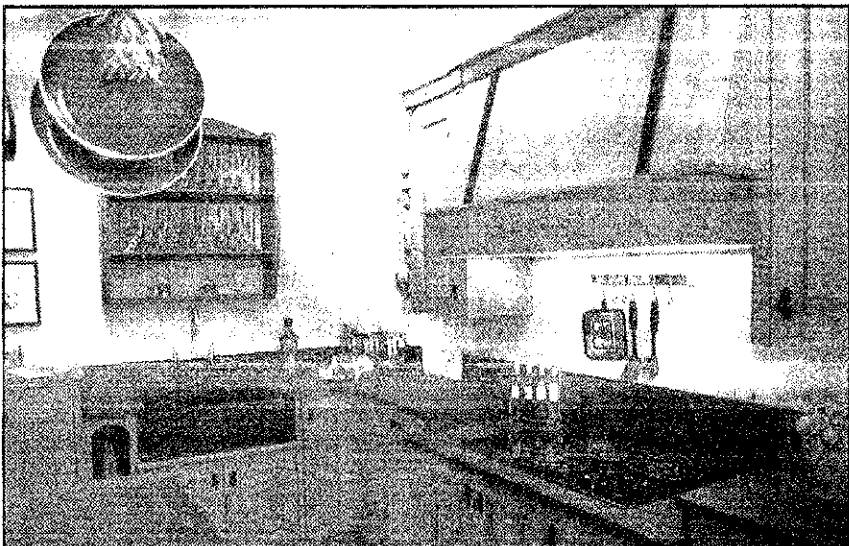
"Have a want list — the different things that you want — and a list of things that you don't like," Feskorn said.

"The first thing is to determine your appliances," Waller said. "That helps to dictate the design of your cabinetry."

Start early, she adds.

"Lead times on cabinetry can be 12 weeks to 24 weeks. It's never too early to work with a kitchen designer. It allows you to get the kitchen that you want."

Staff Writer Ken Abramczyk contributed to this story.



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Cooking by design: Catalog drawer pulls and glass fronts are featured on a kitchen island (above). Natural pearwood, polyester glass and stainless steel are some of the materials in a contemporary design (below). Both vignettes are at Bella Cucina.

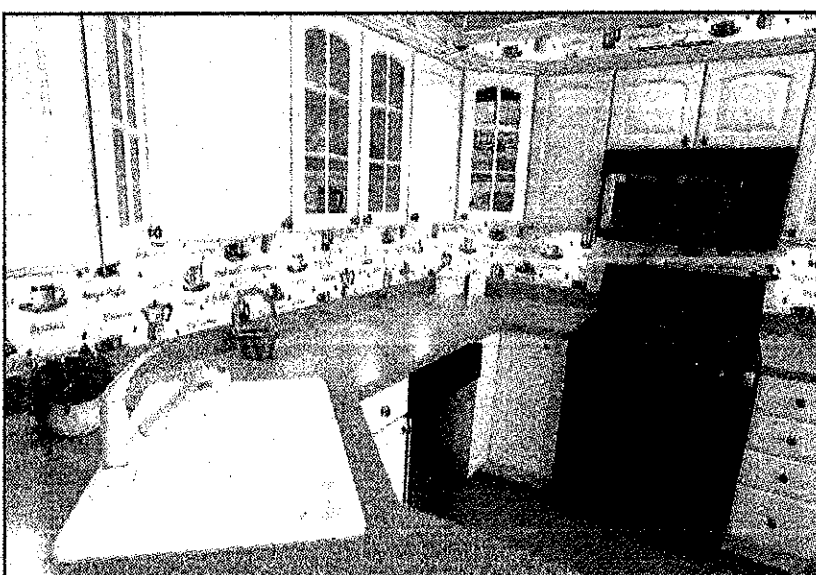


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The art of cooking: Colors and cabinetry for the kitchen can resemble those in other rooms of the house, as seen in these vignettes at KSI in Livonia.

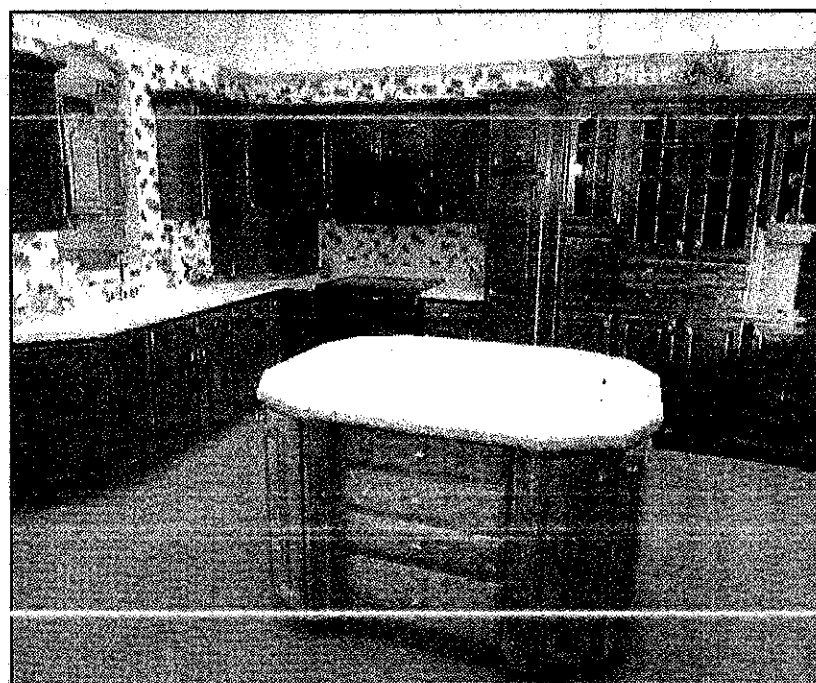


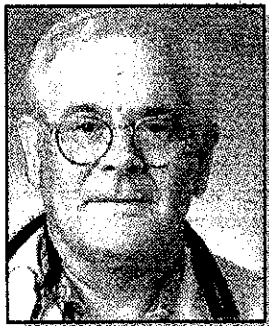
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JOE GAGNON

Fixin' it

The Appliance Doctor answers some readers' questions about their appliance problems.

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MARTY FIGLEY

While you're away

If you plan to be on vacation, you can prepare for the survival of your plants while you're gone.

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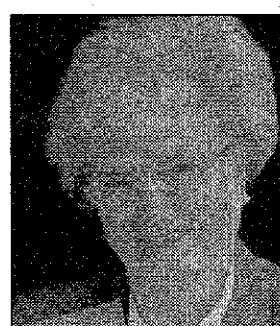


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Marian Wright cared for her mother, Verna Wright, after Verna had a stroke in 1990. Her recent book tells of her day-to-day experiences.

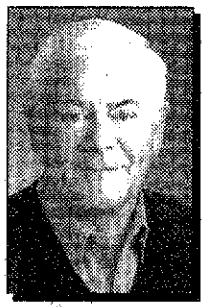
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HOME WORK

Readers ask about washers and glue

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JOE GAGNON

I get over 100 e-mails every week. Some of them are here with my answers to help you along the way.

Q: I have a 7-year-old Maytag washing machine, model No. LAT 8840

BAW. It works great. Sometimes after my wife washes a load of clothes and the washtub is dry at the end of the cycle when the clothes are removed. By the next morning, there is up to a gallon of water standing in the bottom. Is it a water pump seal?

A: The problem you are having is with the water valve on the back of the washing machine. It is leaking through after it is shut off. This is not a hard part for you to change, and it costs about \$30 for the part. Take a look at it where the two hoses connect on the back of the unit. Two screws, a little hose comes off and

remove the four wires. Do it yourself and save some money.

May I suggest something that will make your wife feel like a queen? Why don't you inform her that every other week you will do the wash? Your wife will appreciate it.

Another reader asks: "Now my wife and I are taking the plunge and buying a home in Canton. Can you please advise me on what brand and model of refrigerator, washer, dryer and stove we should buy? We are in our early 30s and late 20s with no children."

A: My dear friend, you are exactly the person I wish to help as much as possible. It's not that I don't want to help the older folks, but you will reap more benefits from reading these columns than anyone else because of your age bracket.

There is not one manufacturer who makes all products to my liking, so your question is a tricky one and the one most often asked. I usually respond that I like Whirlpool refrigerators and stoves, and Maytag washers and dryers. That's the viewpoint of an old white-haired repairman.

Shirley wants to know if the new book has more information than the Appliance First Aid book I wrote. My new book, "The Words and Wisdom of the Appliance Doctor," is vastly different than the first. It is a compilation of columns from the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers with additional information. I've often heard people say they clip the information in my columns and place them in a binder. You won't have to do this anymore, for the columns are in the book. If you read the book, you can write a letter of appreciation to this newspaper for allowing me to do it.

Another reader named Flo thought the Appliance Doctor would know what glue to purchase for a repair to a paper napkin holder that is lucite and has a broken knob.

I don't know everything, but buy the best glue you can afford.

Q: I have a Whirlpool washing machine that is about eight years old. It's located in the basement, is fed by the basement water pipes and drains directly into the laundry tub. The problem I'm having is a foul odor (like stagnant water?) is coming

from the machine.

I have made sure that the machine is level, confirmed that the drain is properly functioning so that no water is forced back into the machine during spin cycles and placed a lint filter over the drain (and change it regularly). I also checked that water tubing connections are secure at the back of the machine.

The machine seems to be functioning normally other than the foul odor. The smell is most obvious when the machine is filling and a day or so after the last wash load. Any thoughts? (Jennifer Grodsky)

A: It sounds like the vent stack pipe on the roof is plugged.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on *Newstalk 760, WJR-AM*, every Saturday and Sunday mornings. 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.com. Look for Gagnon's suggestions in a future Appliance Doctor column.

Address pesky floor squeaks by examining joists and nails

ASK DAD



HARRY JACHYM

Floor squeaks often are more noticeable at this time of year, and homeowners often wonder what causes them.

The heated air has a drying effect on wood, but the answers depend on what's causing the squeak and where it's located.

Floor squeaks are caused by two surfaces rubbing against each other, which is usually the subfloor rubbing against the joist (the horizontal floor framing members). Sometimes the squeak can be as simple as an improperly driven nail that grazes the side of joist, which moves when someone steps near it, also creating noise.

How to address it depends on whether a finished or unfinished ceiling in the basement exists below.

Unfinished business

If the squeak is above an unfinished ceiling, the job should be relatively simple. Have another person step on the floor while you stand downstairs or on that lower level, making it squeak until you can locate the source.

The squeak can often be quieted by forcing construction adhesive between the joist and the subfloor and driving 3 1/2-inch screws through both sides of the joist at about a 45° angle into the subfloor. (Be very careful not to go through the subfloor into the finished floor.)

You may find you need a little more force. After forcing construction adhesive into the gap, glue and screw a short piece of 2-by-4 into the joist and subfloor. Use 3 1/2-inch screws through the joist into the 2-by-4 and 2-inch screws (assuming 3/4-inch subfloor material) through the 2-by-4 into the subfloor.

In both the above cases, weight should be put on the floor above to push it against the joist before fastening. And again, be careful not to run the screws through the subfloor.

Many home repair books suggest hammering a shim in the gap between the subfloor and the joist where the noise is occurring. Sometimes this repair works, but quite often it tends to separate the subfloor and joist in adjacent areas causing the squeak to spread further.

If a nail is causing the commotion, grab its end with a pair of pliers and bend it out, away from the joist. If part of the nail is in the joist, a pry bar, cat's claw or screwdriver may be needed to free it.

When you have a finished ceiling below the floor squeak, it usually means working through the floor.

You'll first have to locate the joists and the direction they are going. Some electronic stud finders will read through carpet, but most won't.

Tap the floor with a hammer, listening for a dull thud sound, which should indicate the joist's location. To verify, drive a finish nail through the carpet and subfloor. If, after going about 3/4-inch to 1-inch deep there's no resistance to driving the nail, you've missed the joist. Pull the nail and try again, moving about 1/2-inch perpendicular to the joist run. Joists usually (but not always) run across the short dimension of the room.

Once found, drive two or more 16d (penny) finish nails through the carpet at opposing angles into the joist. Set the nails through the carpet and pad.

An alternative to this is to push the point of a 2-inch or 2 1/2-inch screw through the carpet and pad and with a power drill/driver, drive it into the joist until the head goes through the carpet backing. Using screws holds better than nails and tends to draw the subfloor tight against the joist. (This method only works when you can separate the carpet pile where the screw is being inserted so the backing is visible. Long or thick pile where you can't see the backing may catch the screw pulling the carpet fibers or wrenching the driver from your hand.)

Tile, hardwood options

Tile floors above a finished ceiling leave you two options — you can remove the tile, eliminate the squeak and replace the tile or you can cut out the ceiling, stop the squeak from below and repair the ceiling.

Hardwood floors leave you with the same two options, along with a third. It is possible to drill a small pilot hole through hardwood, drive and set finish nails through it into the joist, then putty over the nail hole.

Harry Jachym, a licensed builder, lives in Plymouth and teaches building trades to high school students in a school district in western Wayne County.

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Congratulations on your new addition! House training a new puppy involves a lot of work and patience. Keep in mind that it takes a while for your puppy to adjust to his new family and surroundings.

A puppy generally doesn't have enough bowel or bladder control to be completely house trained until he's at least 4 months old. If he goes to the bathroom in the house, it's not his fault. He can't "hold it in" or he doesn't understand that he is only supposed to go to the bathroom outdoors.

Dogs are creatures of habit, so try to keep a consistent feeding and walking schedule. Make certain everyone in the house understands and abides by the schedule.

Take your puppy outdoors first thing in the morning, within 30 minutes of eating or drinking, after playing, and before retiring for the evening.

If your puppy is 6 to 12 weeks old, take him outdoors every two hours during the day and every four hours throughout the night. If he's 12 to 16 weeks old, he will need to go out every three or four hours during the day and once at night.

Give him food and water about three times per day. If you provide free choice food or water you may have more difficulty with house training, because he will need to void after he eats or

drinks.

Each puppy is different and yours may require a different feeding or walking schedule.

Outdoors, indoors

When you take him outdoors, tell him to "Go potty" and let him sniff around for up to 10 minutes. When he finally goes, say "Good doggie" enthusiastically and give him a pat on the back. Dogs like praise.

It's best to select the same section of the yard for your "walk" so he can mark his territory and come back to his favorite spot each time.

Bring him indoors immediately after he relieves himself so he understands that when he goes outdoors it's time for business. If you stay outside and play he may not associate walking outdoors with going to the bathroom.

If he doesn't go to the bathroom within 10 minutes of going outside, bring him indoors and supervise him. Take him outdoors again when he looks as though he is restless and has to go to the bathroom.

If your puppy has an accident in the house, don't reprimand him unless you catch him "in the act."

If you find him going to the bathroom indoors, don't let him complete the act. Pick him up, firmly say "No!" and carry him outdoors to finish. Don't scold him harshly, spank him or rub his nose in the accident site. This is cruel and ineffective.

If you don't witness the accident, don't attempt to reprimand him, because he won't understand. Clean the soiled area as soon as possible.

Confinement

If your puppy isn't yet housebroken and you are unable to walk your puppy during the day, we suggest you place him (and his washable toys) in a small room or dog crate.

Dogs generally prefer not to go to the bathroom where they have to sleep. Confinement may discourage him from going to the bathroom indoors. Walk your dog outdoors before you place

him in his restricted quarters so he has an opportunity to go to the bathroom.

Don't give him much food or water just prior to confinement, because this increases the likelihood that he will need to go to the bathroom. He'll be uncomfortable and distressed if he can't go outdoors to relieve himself. If he soils in his crate while you are gone, you will have a mess awaiting you. We call this "doggie finger painting."

The confinement room should have a floor that can be easily cleaned — not light-colored carpet. You can place newspapers to protect the floor in case he has an accident. Your puppy will feel less isolated if the door to the room remains open and a baby gate blocks the door frame.

A special litter box and litter are marketed for dogs. This is similar to the concept of having your cat use a litter box.

A doggie litter box may work well if you don't plan to let your pet go to the bathroom outdoors. It may confuse your puppy if you let him soil in the box or on newspapers indoors but expect him to go to the bathroom outdoors when you walk him.

Adjust your work schedule to come home at lunch to walk your puppy. If you can't arrange this, hire a neighbor or pet sitter to walk your puppy mid-day.

We hope that those of you who are gone from home consider your prospective dog's needs prior to adopting him. Dogs, especially puppies, are social creatures and need companionship during the day.

We are saddened when we hear one of our patients has to regularly spend 10 hours a day in a crate so he doesn't go to the bathroom in the house or engage in destructive behavior.

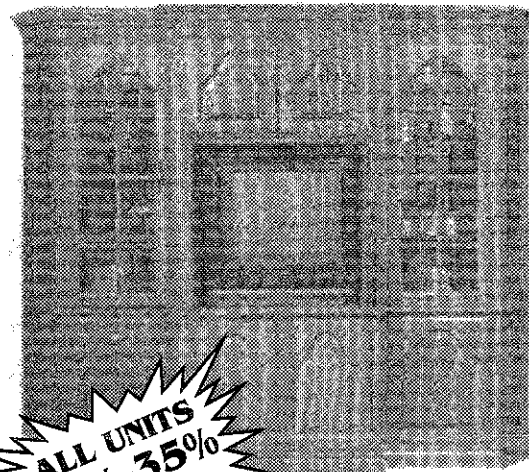
Our best advice? Adopt a puppy in the spring or summer when it's nice to walk outdoors. Send questions to be addressed in this column by mail in care of Mary Klemic, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham MI 48009 or e-mail askthevets@juno.com

ADOPT-A-PET



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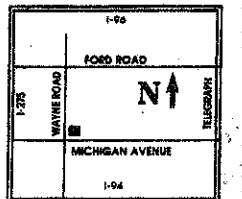


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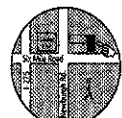


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Consumers strive for comfort

/PRNewswire/ - U.S. consumers are embarking on an odyssey in 2001 - not a space odyssey, but a journey to discover those products that enable them to bring comfort and convenience to their home.

Consumers are searching for the creature comforts of home - retro-style designs, casual-themed home decor, and relaxation and spa therapy personal care appliances - as an escape from their everyday routines. These new trends and products can be seen at the 2001 International Housewares Show, Jan. 14-17, at McCormick Place in Chicago.

For years, the casual living trend has been driving sales of housewares and home furnishings products and that trend shows no sign of diminishing.

With consumers spending more time indoors, they are also spending more money on home furnishings and housewares. Yet, while many consumers are making their homes a haven, they are not willing to sacrifice convenience to achieve that casual lifestyle.

According to consumer research compiled by Riedel Marketing Group, Americans are eating at home more now than they did two years ago. However, while Americans are eating at home more, that doesn't necessarily translate into more cooking at home. To save time and make life simpler, consumers are relying on investment cooking -- cooking a variety of dishes at one time and freezing some for later use.

The need for convenient products is not limited only to the kitchen. Americans want their homes to be clean but they want to spend as little time as possible doing housecleaning chores.

For years, baby boomers have been the primary purchaser of housewares products. However, Generation X and Generation Y - those consumers aged 18 to 34 - are beginning to make their mark on the housewares industry with their purchasing power and diversity in tastes.

Following is an overview of new products and trends that buyers will be seeing at the 2001 International Housewares Show:

■ Multi-versatile cookware that functions as bakeware, serveware and dinnerware is becoming increasingly popular as the casual entertaining trend continues

■ Artistically-designed pepper mills created to resemble Indian totem poles will be seen next year

■ As outdoor grilling becomes a year-round trend, manufacturers are introducing better-quality accessories such as barbecue tools with rosewood handles and nonstick heads

■ Hand-painted glassware and stemware continues to be the dominant trend in casual tabletop assortments while crackle glass and "craze" techniques - where colored glass is pulled through the piece - are also featured

■ Decorative photo frames that can also be used as clocks, pen holders, paper clip holders,

storage boxes and CD boxes are the latest trends in home and home-office decor

■ Multi-dimensional cooking appliances that combine radiant, conduction and convection technologies to make cooking faster and easier

■ Massage and magnetic therapy products will continue to rise as alternative and complementary pain relief methods

■ The desire for healthier living will prompt more consumers to demand next generation blood pressure monitors, such as wristwatch units that are easier to use, more reliable and feature personalized behavior modification programs

■ Fashion-forward storage and organization products for the kitchen, bath and garage will continue to be popular, particularly bright colors and bright metals, such as chrome, as well as light wood and fabric combinations

■ Ready-to-assemble (RTA) furniture featuring multiple components that can be configured in multiple ways

■ Higher-quality futons featuring European looks, such as steel and wood combinations, will also be highlighted

■ Gourmet lollipops get their own home with the introduction of a lollipop stand to store your unfinished snack

■ All-natural pet shampoos for a healthier pet

■ Outdoor camping equipment and accessories, such as nonelectric barbecue lighters and cookware, are expected to be popular

DESIGN CALENDAR

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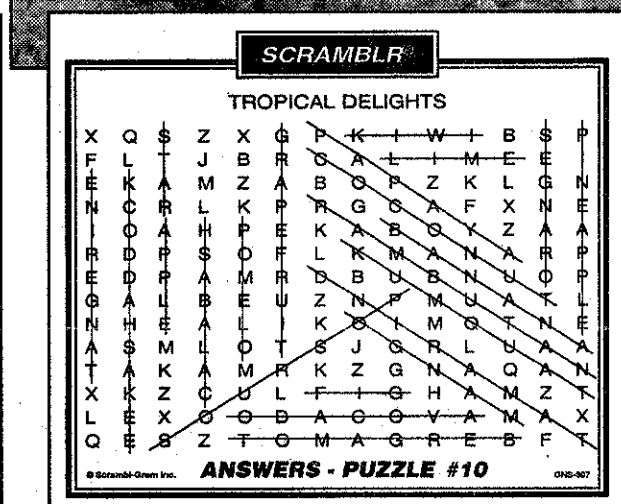
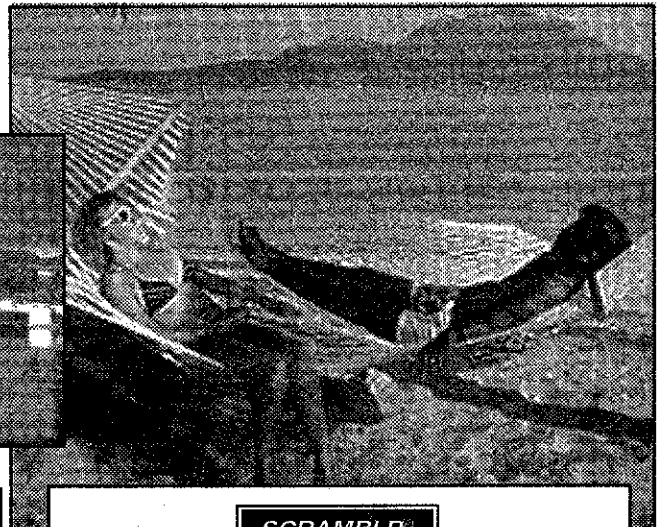
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GARDENING

Prepare houseplants for your vacation time

The weather has been brutal this winter, so many of you may be going where the sun is shining and the water is warm.

The question: What do I do with my houseplants so they will be in good condition when we come home? The answer: There are several things that can be done to assure that the plants will be healthy and hearty when you return.

Take care of all the grooming, repotting and fertilizing necessary a day or so before leaving, so watering is all the care that would be needed.

Most flowering plants also require plenty of light, so keep the window coverings the same as you do when you're home — dark rooms will surely cause the plants to lose leaves and produce fewer flowers.

Be aware that sunshine beaming through windows can burn plant leaves, turning them brown. A sheer curtain or screen may help reduce the intensity of light.

If you are going to be away for only a week or two, especially



MARTY FIGLEY

Sunny disposition: The beautiful *Kalanchoe*, a succulent, doesn't need a lot of water. It likes a sunny location and dry winter heat.

during the winter when the thermostat can be turned down to about 55 degrees, most plants will do very well with no addi-

tional care. Water each one well the day before you leave.

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in a plastic bag and tie it at the top, snugly around the stem or base of the plant. For added moisture, place pebbles in a tray and fill it with water. Set a pan of water next to a heat register so the warm air will cause the water to evaporate into the air.

Another tip: Put several layers of newspaper in a sink or bathtub to protect the surface and to help retain the moisture. Run water to a depth of 4 to 6 inches, set the larger pots in the deeper end and the smaller ones at the shallow end. Don't allow the water to cover the top of the pots. It may be necessary to set some of them on upturned pots. Close the shower curtain or door.

Here's another idea: Insert wicks well into the soil at the

base of the pot. Let the free end hang in an adjacent container of water so the water is transferred to the soil.

On the other hand, you could enlist the help of a neighbor or friend who will come in and water the plants.

If the person is also a gardener, you may not need to leave instructions. If the person doesn't know a thing about indoor plants, write specific directions for each plant. You may reciprocate by caring for your friend's plants when their family is on vacation.

If you have many expensive specimen plants, you might wish to hire a professional. Who knows? The plants may be in better condition than when you

went away!

You may wish to rearrange your plants before you leave so that those with similar cultural needs are grouped together. This also would make it easier for the plant sitter.

One little pruning tip that may need to be done while you are away concerns amaryllis. As the flower buds open, use tweezers to remove the pollen-bearing anthers before they begin to shed. This adds days to the flowering period, so you may not then miss the gorgeous show.

Speaking of houseplants, plan to visit Cranbrook Greenhouse, 380 Lone Pine in Bloomfield Hills, noon to 5 p.m. Feb. 14. You will find a great variety of plants from which to choose. This would be a wonderful way to give a Valentine's Day gift with no calories!

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.

GARDENING CALENDAR

GARDEN CLUBS

LIVONIA

Flower arranging, with an emphasis on petite designs, will be discussed at the next meeting of the Livonia Garden Club at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, at St. Andrew's Church. The speaker is Gretchen Pugsley, a flower show judge, who is also a member of the Hill and Dale Garden Club of Farmington Hills. Visitors are welcome.

CLASSES

ARRANGEMENTS

Several workshops are scheduled at Keller & Stein Florist and Greenhouse, 42158 Michigan in Canton. Reservations are needed for the workshops. Each workshop costs \$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, Jan. 20; silk spring flower arrangement workshop, Saturday, Feb. 24, and herbal workshop, Saturday, March 17. Call (734) 397-0800.

BACK TO SCHOOL

MORE GARDENING

The Michigan School of Gardening, 29429 Six Mile, in Livonia offers a variety of subjects. Register in advance. Classes are limited in size.

Here is a list of some of the classes: Lawn Pest Management, 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. Jan. 29. Identify and diagnose common diseases and pests of lawns. Learn management techniques and control strategies and lawn care without pesticides.

Other scheduled classes requiring prerequisite classes or experience include:

Shade gardens, 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. sessions, Thursdays, Feb. 8 and 15; Landscape Design, six morning sessions starting Tuesday, Feb. 20 and includes one Saturday, or seven evening sessions; Growing Vegetables, scheduled for three Wednesdays in mornings or evenings, starting Wednesday, Feb. 21. Call (248) 4-GARDEN for information on fall and winter classes, times and costs or click on www.michigangardening.com

HERBS AND PLANTS

NEW PERSPECTIVES

Bodil Drescher Anaya, a horticultural therapist master, will discuss "Starting a Program in Horticultural Therapy" at the 23rd annual conference of the Michigan Horticultural Therapy Association Friday, March 9, at the Plant and Soil Sciences Building at Michigan State University.

Anaya has 22 years experience in establishing such programs. Sessions include Adaptive Gardening, HT with Seniors, HT with the severely physically disabled, hands-on craft workshops and other topics.

Also featured are the annual Seedy Character contest, displays, exhibits and an optional tour of the Michigan State University Butterfly House.

Registration is \$30 for MHTA members and \$40 for non-members if received before March 1. After that date, fees are \$45 for members and \$55 for others. Annual membership is \$15. A box lunch is available for \$6. For information, call Patrick Lewis at (616) 337-3300 or Cathy Leavey at (517) 655-4969.

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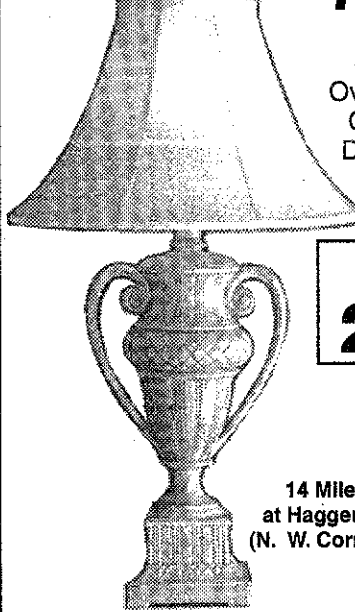
Spice up your home with the presence of herbs. Whether you desire to grow herbs for the beauty of the plants themselves or for unique flavors, Schoolcraft College in Livonia has a culinary arts seminar scheduled for you 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 22. Learn how to grow an herb garden, how to select which herbs to plant and how these herbs will enhance your cooking. Call (734) 462-4448 for information.

Does your garden club have an upcoming event or meeting you want publicized? Got a project that the group spends hours working to complete for an upcoming show? Send items for consideration for story ideas or for listing in *Gardening Calendar* to Ken Abramczyk, *Observer News-papers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net. To send a fax, call (734) 591-7279.

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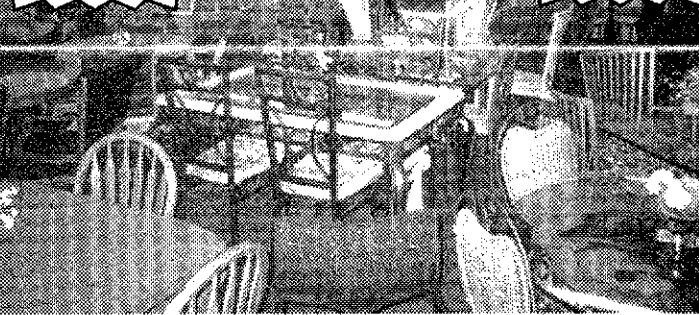
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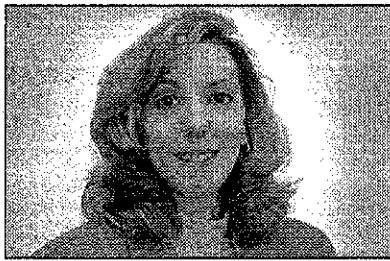
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Why can't I? You never let me have any fun! Pleeesees! I'll do anything you say, just let me go this one time. Why can't you be like other parents?

It is possible to get children to accept "no" without a major battle. Here is an alternative way to handle those endless demands and keep your children's self esteem intact as well as your sanity.

Parents also spend far too much energy investigating, questioning, and probing for details to make a decision.

The following four-step process is a lifesaver for parents who struggle daily with children's demands.

■ Invite your child to give you all the reasons why their request should be granted.

■ After listening to all the reasons, ask if there is anything else the child wants to add before you make your decision.

■ Tell the child: "I'll get back to you in X amount of time, after I've given it some thought. The answer will be no, if I am asked before the set time."

You decide the amount of time. Even if you are certain immediately after hearing the request that your answer will be no, using this approach respectfully lets the child feel like his request is worthy of your consideration.

■ Consider the request and make your decision.

Saying no is an important part of setting limits and structure in your child's life. Children find it easier to cooperate with your decision if their feelings have been heard.

Let's look at a real world example. Last September my son came to me with a big request. He said, "Mom, is this a good time to talk with you?" Hmmm, I knew something was up right then, (step 1) so I sat down and gave him my full attention.

"I want a PlayStation 2 video game machine as a combination birthday and Christmas gift."

He brought this request to me a month before his October birthday, quite far from Christmas. He began giving me all the statistics about it.

He tells me that in a way it would be a "family gift" because it plays DVDs and the whole family would get to enjoy it.

I listen attentively until he finishes all his reasons for wanting me to buy this machine. (step 2) I asked him if there was anything else he wanted me to know in order to make my decision.

I told him (step 3) I would make my decision once he found out the price and availability of the unit.

Careful consideration

A few days later, while running a parenting seminar on engaging cooperation, I realized that he had really done quite a job in presenting me with a well thought out request. Later that day I asked him, "Did you put a lot of thought into how you asked me for that game machine?" He responded with, "Me and my friends spent all Friday night figuring out how to get our parents to buy us one!"

By giving myself time to consider his request, without being hassled, I was able to make a decision I felt good about. I realized that while he would love to get the video game machine on his birthday in October, by Christmas the thrill would be gone.

Children take better care of the belongings they worked for and saved to own. When the price became available, I gave him my decision (step 4) not to buy the PlayStation 2 as a combination gift. He was disappointed but accepted this decision. Quickly he focused on the other things he would like for his birthday. When family members asked my son what they could give him for Christmas, he asked for money, and is now saving up to buy the PlayStation 2.

The biggest benefit for your children is that they gain life skills. They learn how to effectively approach someone in a logical way to present their requests. By consistently using this approach, we empower our children and ourselves to handle requests effectively.

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Book chronicles caregiver's journey

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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Marian Wright wrote a love story. Not the typical hero and heroine type tale, but one of the compassion and gratitude she felt for her mother, Verna Wright, while caring for her until her death in 1995.

Wright, now retired from a career in public education, began caring for her 91-year-old mother after she suffered a stroke in the summer of 1990. Over the course of the next six years Wright found solace and support in a journal she began writing. Today the journal has evolved into a 300-page chronicle of the day-to-day ups and downs she and her mother experienced together.

"It wasn't always easy," said Wright by phone from her home in Flint. "But I found writing to be an invaluable and unconditional friend."

The book titled "With Love: A Caregiver's Journal," published in the spring of 2000, sheds much light on the emotional, spiritual and physical sacrifices felt by a caregiver. In this case Wright's role as the daughter was reserved and she ultimately became the "parent" for her ailing mother.

Alone in the sense that her father and two brothers passed away years before, Wright began sharing her fears, frustrations and anxiety about her mother's imminent death in the pages of a diary.

Thursday, April 18

"Mother is on my mind constantly. Often, when I awaken during the night, I have thoughts of her death and the funeral. Sometimes it is so real that I even have that sickening feeling of fear in my stomach. My feelings are so ambivalent, though. There are moments when I'm so afraid of what may be ahead, that I wish it were all over. But I don't want Mother gone."

Wright, whose professional career included working as a teacher, speech therapist, teacher for learning disabled and emotionally impaired children and a language arts curriculum consultant, said she has journaled on and off throughout her life but really focused her energies on writing while caring for her mother. Daily writing became an outlet for her thoughts and feelings.

Tuesday September, 24

"This is my third journal in the past year and a half. The gains and rewards of journaling have been immeasurable. Not only has it served as a safe place to write my innermost thoughts and feelings, but it's a memory book to put clippings or notes I want to save."

Wright felt comfortable journaling because in the context of conversations with friends she felt some of her feelings and frustrations she was having with her mother would be "misinterpreted."

"If I mentioned something in conversation and the person didn't have the whole story I was afraid they



Marian E. Wright

would misinterpret what I was feeling or wanting," said Wright. "I wasn't writing for anyone but myself and the rewards I gained from writing kept me going."

Dramatic changes

Marian's life changed dramatically when her mother suffered a stroke. Living independently in Flint, she moved in with her mom and commuted back and forth from Plymouth to Flint to maintain her home. The gamut of emotions her journal brings to light include anger, resentment, fear, joy, apprehension, loneliness, admiration and courage.

After Verna Wright's first stroke in July of 1990 she suffered a series of smaller strokes until her

death in 1995 at the age of 97. Their mother and daughter journey was filled with both highs and lows. Moments, Wright wrote, that gave her the chance to tell her mother things she might not have been able to say if she hadn't cared for her on her own.

Tuesday, July 26

"All is well once again. As I kissed Mother good night, I mentioned what a good day she'd had. 'I love you!' she told me so tenderly. 'We can forgive.' I agreed and kissed her again. At the age of ninety-five, she is still teaching me life's lessons."

Honor

Marian believes her mother would be very proud to know she turned her journal into a book to inspire and support other caregivers. "There's some humor in it but it is life. It's reality. I didn't hold anything back or try to gloss things over or candy coat things. I wanted caregivers to have some sense that what they're doing is so meaningful and for friends who haven't gone through it to understand what it's really like," said Wright.

Verna Wright lived a long life and saw much happen in her 97 years. Marian recounts in her journal that her mother went to school in a horse and buggy and up until her stroke, drove her own car and traveled by air; taught herself to drive on her own initiative — "long before 'women's lib';" learned to cook on a wood stove but came to see and use a microwave, telephone and television.

Wright who lived in Plymouth up until her death enjoyed crocheting and bowling, and served as a volunteer at Schoolcraft College in Livonia for 18 years. Into her 90s she worked at the college in the English Department as a clerical assistant where an endowed scholarship was established in her name in 1988. To this day Marian said she receives a picture, biography and a letter from the student who is awarded the annual scholarship. In 2000, Marian changed the program that receives the scholarship from Liberal Arts to the Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center.

"I was very impressed with the staff, the volunteers and the program," said Wright of the change.

Four years after Verna's death Marian underwent training through the Community Hospice and Home Care Services of Flint (an affiliate of the CHHCS of Plymouth who helped her care for her mother during



Verna I. Wright

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Charity dance benefits abuse victims

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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Organizers of the First Step Charity Dance find it hard to believe they're putting the finishing touches on the 11th annual fund-raiser.

Established in 1990 by Brian Duggan — Livonia resident, Realtor and Livonia city councilman — in 2000 the annual event surpassed \$100,000 in total funds collected over the last decade.

■ New this year will be a performance by an Elvis impersonator and a raffle drawing for a grand prize of four Detroit Pistons' basketball tickets donated by Dick Scott Dodge of Plymouth.

tion by First Step Executive Director Judy Ellis. The Livonia businessman said he was taken aback by the critical need for a shelter for battered spouses and children. A charity event seemed like a logical way for him to turn his desire to help into action.

The casually elegant affair begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2 at Burton Manor in Livonia. Entertainment will be provided by Steve King & The Dittilies with special guest appearances by performer Jamie Coe of Livonia and Che'Yonne Burton, Miss Michigan 2000.

Casino type-gaming (maximum win is \$200) will be offered from 8 p.m. to midnight including roulette, craps and blackjack. Other highlights for attendees will be dancing, door prizes, cash bar, complimentary hot/cold hors d'oeuvres (7:30-9 p.m.) and pizza served later in the evening.

New this year will be a performance by an Elvis impersonator and a raffle drawing for a grand prize of four Detroit Pistons' basketball tickets (first row, courtside) donated by Dick Scott Dodge of Plymouth. Tickets will be sold the night of the event for \$2 each.

"Christmas is over, New Years is over and this is a good winter treat," said Duggan. "It's a great way for peo-



FILE PHOTOS
BY SHARON LEMIEUX

Good cause: Guests (above) share a dance together while Steve King & The Dittilies (right) shine during the 2000 First Step Charity Dance.



ple to give back to their community while having a good time."

First Step of Plymouth is a community-based organization working to end domestic violence and sexual assault. They provide non-residential and shelter-based services, training and development (violence intervention for men who batter), 24-hour on call teams, safety planning, legal assistance and student internships.

Corporate sponsorships are available at a variety of levels including: Emerald (\$10,000); Diamond (\$5,000); Platinum (\$1,000); Gold (\$550); and Silver (\$235). Each sponsorship level provides the purchaser with a variety of benefits that range from ads in the program book to tickets and champagne.

Duggan said he can provide details for individuals wishing to contribute in this manner.

Charity dance

Who: Host, Brian Duggan

What: Invites you to support the 11th Annual First Step Charity Dance.

Where: Burton Manor (27777 Schoolcraft Road), I-96 west of Inkster Road in Livonia.

Why: Fundraising benefits the First Step, community-based organization striving to end domestic violence and sexual assault.

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2.

Call: Brian Duggan (734) 422-4333; (734) 591-1900 or call Ticketmaster, (248) 645-6666. Tickets \$22, advance; \$27 at the door.

Ken Medema comes home

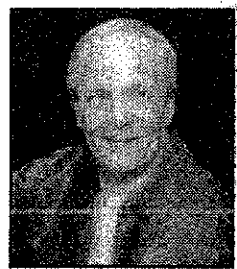
LOCAL CONCERT

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Those who grew up knowing Michigan native Ken Medema wouldn't be surprised to find out he pursued music as a career. He was the student most likely to be found singing the latest pop songs in the halls of his Grand Rapids junior high school.

For the Christian singer-songwriter who has been blind since birth, music came naturally. He's been singing for 30 years and will perform at Livonia's St. Paul Presbyterian Church on Saturday.

"When I was like 4 years old, 3 or 4 years old, my mother always had this question of what to do with a blind child," explained Medema from his San Francisco home. "One of the things my mother always did was to play music for me. I took a great interest in it. I would always go to the piano. We knew early on this was an interest."



Talented

By the time Ken was 8 years old, he said he "roared through music classes." Reared by a talented piano teacher who prepared him with a strong background in classical music, Medema pursued music professionally. With interests that ranged from Elvis Presley and the Eagles, Medema enrolled at Michigan State University. He later found work at a New Jersey hospital as a music therapist.

"Music was a tool for making people feel better, helping people find community," he said. By the mid '70s, Medema discovered his department at the hospital was

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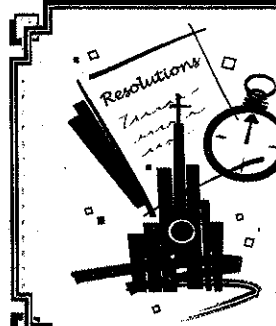
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Making and Breaking New Year's Resolutions

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



RELIGION CALENDAR

LET'S TALK WORKSHOPS

A workshop, 'Let's Talk' will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning in January. It is designed for pre-marital or married couples or adults in interfaith relationships where one of the partners is Jewish. The five-part workshop includes individual religious; personal identity; helpful communication skills; resolving interfaith issues; and a panel discussion with individual interfaith couples at different stages in life. Dates are Jan. 11, 18; and Feb. 1 and 8. All sessions begin at 7 p.m. at the Max M. Fisher Federation Building, Bloomfield Hills hosted by the Interfaith Connection. Call (800) 397-4876 or e-mail connection@ajedetroit.org

WORKSHOPS

■ Newburg United Methodist Church will host *Divorce and its Effects on Children*, a workshop presentation by Jacque Martin-Downs. It begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11 at the church, Livonia. Free. Call (734) 422-0149 to register.

■ Newburg United Methodist Church will host *Stages of Grief*, a workshop presentation by Ann Marie Jackson of Arbor Hospice. It begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21 at the church, Livonia. Free. Call (734) 422-0149 to register.

■ **DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING** Merriman Road Baptist Church (2055 Merriman Road, Garden City) invites you to participate in Discipleship Training classes. These classes help equip you to live like Christ in our world

today. At 4:45 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 14 we will begin a new series of classes including: ■ "A Marriage for all Seasons," an eight-week study on building a strong marriage that will last forever.

■ "Experiencing God," a 13-week in-depth study on developing an intimate relationship with God. ■ "How Now Shall We Live?," an eight-week study that introduces methods that will equip believer to represent Christian principles and answer difficult questions in any encounter. Call (734) 421-0472.

ALPHA CLASS

Timothy Lutheran Church is offering a new Alpha course, a practical introduction into the Christian faith. Classes are 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturdays, begin-

ning Jan. 20, at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. Call (734) 427-2290.

DEAF FELLOWSHIP

Merriman Road Baptist Church (2055 Merriman Road, Garden City) invites you to come and participate in a fellowship for people who are deaf or hearing impaired. This fellowship, Jan. 20, is at 6 p.m. and it involves people from various churches in the state. Also, all of the church services are interpreted. Call (734) 421-0472.

CORNISH PASTIES FOR SALE

Newburg United Methodist Church is making Cornish Pasties as a fund-raiser. They are \$2.50 each and can be ordered by calling the church, (734) 422-0149. Orders may be placed 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tues-

day-Wednesday, Jan. 9-10. Do not leave orders on the answering machine. Pick up pre-ordered goods 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18 and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19 at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Maximum order is 25.

ADDRESSING DIVERSITY

Sunday, Jan. 14, Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington will welcome guest speaker Ron-aele Bowman, Chairperson of P.L.A.I.D. (People of Livonia Addressing Issues of Diversity) will present their goals and achievements in increasing the awareness and acceptance of racial and ethnic diversity in our area. This group has been the driving force to institute the

observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday in suburban communities. Guest Speaker Rev. Gary Gibbs will also present a speech of Dr. King's. Services, Sunday School, and nursery at 9 and 11 a.m. 25301 Halsted Rd. (N. of Grand River). Call (248) 478-7272 or www.uufarmington.org

BLOOD DRIVE

Merriman Road Baptist Church (2055 Merriman Road, Garden City) is having a blood drive Monday, Jan. 29. Appointments are available from 2-7:30 p.m. There is currently a severe shortage of blood. Call Pam Dauzy (734) 844-7099.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

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the last few months of her life) to provide assistance and patient support for other hospice patients.

"Our nurses and the staff at Community Hospice were invaluable. I couldn't have gotten through it without them and I would have never imagined my life would be what it is today," said Marian. "I am proud to be able to provide hospice care for others. But I can work an eight-hour shift and come home. When you're providing the care on your own, though, there's no getting away. It's 24 hours a day, seven days a week and that can be tremendously hard."

Thursday, March 18

"I believe that some day I will write a book about these past four years. We, who are or have been, caregivers for a parent are in a group with a special bond. We don't talk about our responsibilities. We just continue doing whatever we have to do. We entered the caregiving situation from different stages in our lives. For many of us, the caregiving responsibilities have been an intrusion, often followed with resentment and anger. My experience has presented many lessons which have been hard and difficult at times, yet necessary. I'm learning, but I have a long way

to go — a long way indeed."

Verna Wright died with her daughter by her side, as she had been almost constantly for the past six years, Nov. 5, 1995.

Since then Marian returned to her home in Flint and currently works for an accounting firm as a tax preparer. She actively supports the writing programs at the University of Michigan - Flint — specifically the Marian E. Wright Computer Writing Classroom and Writing Center.

A second book is also in the works. Wright says she continues to journal — "every morning and every night before I go to bed."

The book will chronicle the grief process after her mother's death. "I'm very anxious for the second book to come out. I've discovered a lot of things about myself that were deep down inside. Things within me I was unaware of ... journaling continues to help me grow and give me strength."

If you are interested in "With Love: A Caregiver's Journal," it can be purchased at most bookstores, online at amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, borders.com, iuniverse.com or by contacting Marian Wright at mewright@umich.edu

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about to be de-funded due to cutbacks. That's when he made the decision to begin performing full time.

"I love the interesting thing that happens on a stage with an audience," he said. "Music is something I can do. I do it well. You can say things in a song on many levels ... Somehow a song has another level of response."

It's that power and intensity that Medema believes can get a message across. And his message is one of change. The hallmark of his performance involves bringing up members of his audience to share stories. He then sings a song about the story, on the spot. "I have no idea what the theme will be," he said. But chances are the audience will hear both light-hearted and life-changing stories.

While his shows usually include a few humorous songs, he also tries to enlighten his audience on very serious subjects, such as poverty.

It may not be the most comfortable situation to sing in a religious setting and express that the church isn't doing enough to improve world-wide issues like poverty. But Medema never thought it would be easy. He's always gone for the challenge. He left a major religious recording company in 1985 to start his own business, Brier Patch Music, based in Grand Rapids. The name itself refers to the fable of Brer Rabbit who is tossed into a Brier Patch and says "I was born and raised here."

"If you sing to the church about the fact that the church is

ignoring the hungry, ignoring the poor, that's not comfortable," explained Medema. Neither is lying in a prickly brier patch. "It's challenging and it does seek the truth."

Medema looks forward to returning to the Detroit area, he said. "I love Michigan very much."

Ken Medema performs 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at St. Paul Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile in Livonia. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-12. Call (734) 422-1470. To order his latest CD, "Little Pictures," go online at www.kenmedema.com.

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy, and renew their love for each other. The next weekends are Feb. 16-18 and March 16-18 at the St. John's Family Life Center (44011 Five Mile, Plymouth). There is a \$50 registration fee. Call Bill and Carol (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or www.rc.net/detroit/wmwe

BAPTIST MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Couples meet 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15 at Southfield Hilton Garden Inn for a marriage retreat which continues through Saturday, Feb. 17. Cost \$45. Call (248) 350-9019 for more information.

SPIRITUAL WEEKEND

A Spiritual Weekend Retreat titled "Living and Growing Spiritually and Emotionally," is planned for March 23-25 at the St. John Center in Plymouth. The weekend will focus on the "Six Basic Needs and How to Get Them Met." Cost is \$100 and \$115 all private rooms (standard bed w/bath or sofa bed w/bath; all meals included). Hosted by Bethany Support Group Chapters. Pre-registration must be made by March 15. Call Barb S. (248) 652-9589 or Barb D. (734) 453-0222.

HEALING SERVICES

The Rev. Gary Seymour offers healing services for the series titled "Rise and Come Forward" the third Wednesday evening of each month at the Church of the Risen Lord, 821 N. Newburgh in Westland. Call (734) 397-7132.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Bible studies at Timothy Lutheran Church are available from 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. every week. The morning study is led by members of the congregation, and the evening study is led by Pastor Powell. Timothy Lutheran Church is at 8820 Wayne Road in Livonia. Call (734) 427-2290 or visit www.timothyLivonia.com

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN

New Life Lutheran Church wor-

ship service is at 10:15 a.m. Sunday at Bird School, 220 N. Sheldon. Sunday school is also offered. Please call (734) 459-8181 or e-mail the church at newlifelc@yahoo.com

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Sunday School for children ages 3-13 is offered by Timothy Lutheran Church (8820 Wayne Road, Livonia) every week. Pastor Carla Thompson Powell teaches this class which helps children to learn more about the Bible and grow in faith toward God. Call (734) 427-2290 or visit www.timothyLivonia.com

NEW BIBLE STUDY

Adults interested in a complete overview of the scriptures may attend a Bible study at 9:15 a.m. Sundays at New Life Lutheran Church at Bird School, 220 N. Sheldon. Call (734) 459-8181 or e-mail newlifelc@yahoo.com

HEALING SERVICE

The Church of the Risen Lord presents a healing service at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the church, 821 N. Newburgh, south of Ford, Westland. The service, led by the Rev. Gary Seymour, is part of the series of healing services, "Rise and Come Forward." Call (734) 397-7132.

REMARIED GROUP

The Remarried Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville offers an informal, drop-in support group for those struggling with the issues of a blended family. The group is hosted by the Rev. Paul Clough and meets 7-8:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in Room C309 of the church, 40000 Six Mile at Haggerty. There is no cost, and registration isn't necessary. Call Stacy Cole at (248) 374-5912.

THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop, sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, is at 494 N. Mill, one block north of Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and noon to 4

p.m. Saturdays. Call the store at (734) 459-1250.

RITE OF INITIATION

Adults interested in joining the Catholic church may "inquire" at the ongoing Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at St. Theodore of Canterbury Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The process is open to any interested adult including baptized Catholics who have not completed their First Communion and/or Confirmation. Call Lorraine Short, pastoral minister, at (734) 425-4421.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

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The Hispanic Pentecostal Church holds worship 2 p.m. Sundays. Call (248) 471-5282.

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SCRIPTURE SERIES

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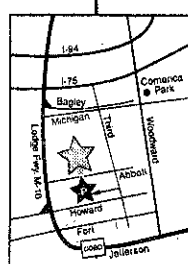
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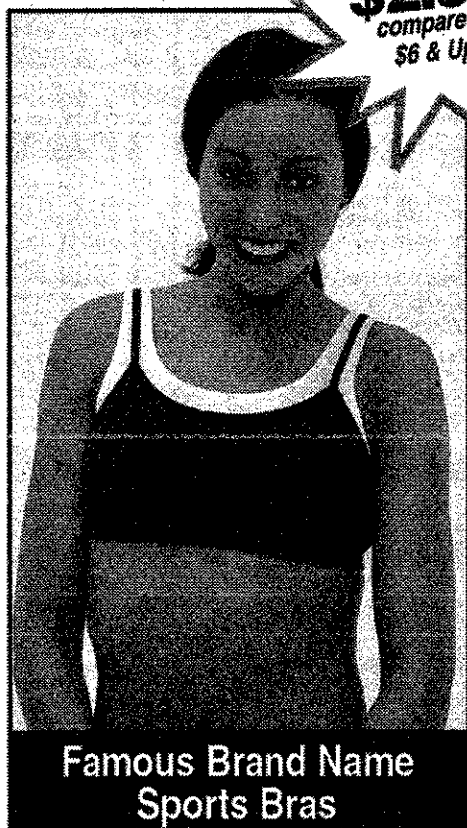
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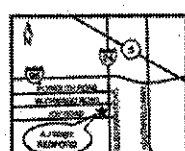
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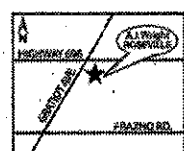


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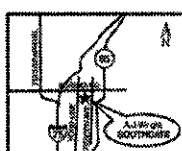
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An overtime weekend

The Compuware Ambassadors visited the Danville Wings, first in the North American Hockey League's West Division, last weekend and gave the fans in attendance all they could ask for, taking both games to overtime.

On Friday, the Wings won 3-2 in a shootout after Justin Johnson tied the game with 12:40 left in the third period. Johnson, Jason Teichma and Adam Wallace scored in the shootout.

Compuware's regulation goals came from Steve Brudzewski and Mark Norrington. Chad Davis stopped 19 of 21 shots on goal.

On Saturday, Compuware battled back from a 4-0 deficit after one period to beat Danville 6-5 in OT. Ryan Lessnau provided the heroics, tying the game with 26 seconds left in regulation, then getting the game-winner 1:43 into OT. He also had an assist in the game.

Todd Bentley also scored two goals and assisted on a third for Compuware, with Steve Burgess adding a goal and an assist and Brudzewski scoring a goal.

The Ambassadors remain second in the NAHL's East Division with an 18-11-2 record (38 points). Danville is 22-8-4 (48 points) in the West.

Softball clinic

Madonna University will stage a girls fastpitch softball clinic for 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 require. 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.

AAU hoop tryouts

The West Metro Cougars 13-and-under basketball team will have tryouts from 5-7 p.m. Saturday at Plymouth Central Middle School, located at Church and Main.

Tryout fee is \$20, which includes a mandatory AAU card. For more information, call (313) 563-6340.

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The Youth Basketball of America Billy Joe Young Classic Basketball Tournament, for girls and boys teams 12-and-under, 13-and-under, and 14-and under, will be Jan. 27-28 at Allen Park HS.

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2nd-half rally boosts Ocelots

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Ebb and flow

The tide came rolling in for Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team midway through the second half of its game against Flint Mott CC, washing over the Lady Bears in what turned into an 88-70 Ocelot rout Wednesday at SC.

As early-season games in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference go, this one was pivotal. Mott is the defending champ and was the pre-season pick to repeat; the Ocelots figured to be their top rival.

SC is now 10-2 overall, 2-0 in the conference. Mott is 8-4 overall, 2-1 in the conference.

The turning point came when least expected, to be sure. Fouls — 18 of them — and turnovers (16) had plagued the Ocelots in the first half, but Mott didn't take full advantage. The Bears had nine first-half turnovers of their own and were only 17-of-29 at the free-throw line (58.6 percent).

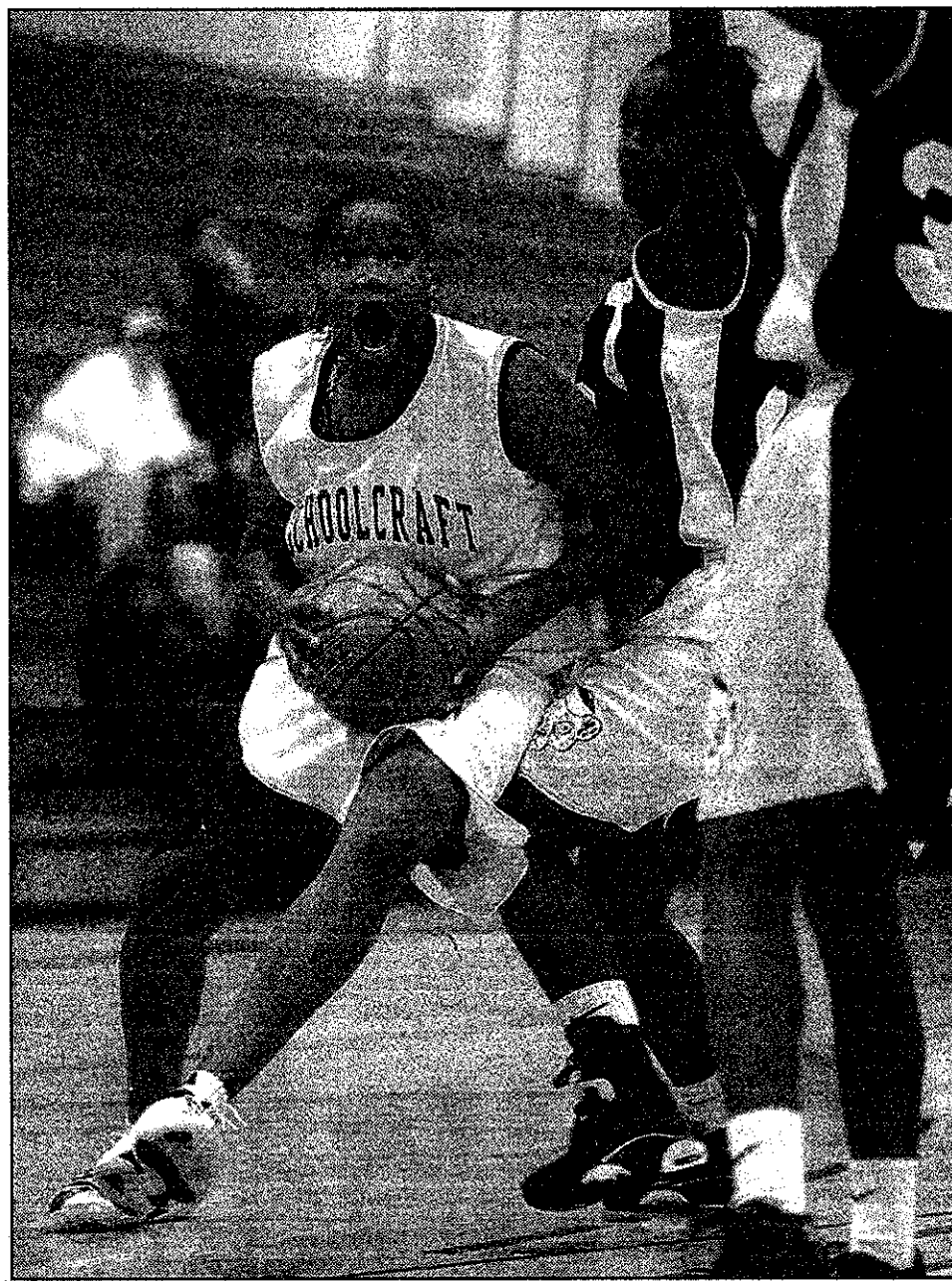
Still, they led 42-37 at the intermission. SC eliminated that deficit quickly in the second half, outscoring Mott 8-2 in the first three minutes to take a 45-44 lead.

But the Bears weren't ready to capitulate just yet. They scored 14-straight points in a 3-08 span, taking advantage of four Ocelot turnovers. Tyra Gay did the bulk of the damage, scoring 11 of those points.

As it had in the first half, SC looked out of sync, with no remedy in sight. Trailing the defending champs 58-45 with 13:34 left did not generate optimism. Nonetheless, that's when the Ocelots rallied.

"The only thing I can attribute it is that they just didn't quit," said SC coach Karen Lafata. "They got mad and decided to play the way they can play."

"It was huge for us that even though



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Determined: The Ocelots' Angelica Blakely (with ball) drives past a pair of Mott defenders en route to two of her 13 points.

we didn't have Rachel (Eley) and we were only down by five (at halftime)." didn't play well in the first half, we Eley, SC's standout point guard, had

been whistled for three fouls before the first half was three minutes old. That put her on the bench for the rest of the half and led to SC's offensive woes.

With her in the lineup in the second half, the Ocelots got in gear. Eley finished with eight points, six assists, seven rebounds and four steals and — more importantly — got the offense going. After converting 12-of-28 first-half shots (42.8 percent), SC made 21-of-40 in the second (52.5 percent).

In the 10:30 that followed Mott's biggest lead, the Ocelots outscored the Bears 33-4 — with Angelica Blakely, and Janelle Olson scoring seven apiece, and Shafawnda Smelley and Devin Francois adding six each in the run.

While SC was finding its scoring touch, the Bears lost theirs. "We couldn't score a basket, we didn't hit our free throws," said Mott coach Marvin Griffin. "And you can't win like that."

"I don't think it was anything they did. We beat ourselves — and I don't say that too often."

The Bears' shooting woes would verify that: They made just 10-of-43 second-half shots (23.3 percent).

Smelley's 17 points paced SC; she also had five assists and two steals. Blakely contributed 13 points, eight rebounds and two blocks; Olson had 10 points; Carla Saxton netted nine points; and Francois collected six points and 11 boards.

Mott got 23 points from Gay; 15 points, 19 rebounds, seven steals and two blocks from Alayniah Teverbaugh; and 11 points apiece from Nakia Woods and Tiffany Nalls.

Although the Bears' coach might not have agreed, SC's Lafata saw something in her team she thoroughly appreciated. "You wait for your kids to get into these kinds of situations and you wait to see how they'll respond," she said.

"I knew it was in them. I knew they had the talent and conditioning. Once Rachel got it going, I knew we'd do better."

They did.

Bears bury SC, 100-77

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The Schoolcraft College men's basketball team laid an egg in its Eastern Conference showdown Wednesday night.

Unbeaten Flint Mott, the NJCAA's No. 2-ranked team in Division II, ran away with a 100-77 win on the Ocelots' home floor.

Mott, which defeated Schoolcraft by a point in last year's Michigan Community College Athletic Association championship game, is now 13-0 overall and 3-0 in the conference.

Schoolcraft, which lost its first home game in over two years, falls to 12-2 and 2-1.

"We knew Mott was tough, athletic and would play hard," Schoolcraft fourth-year coach Carlos Briggs said. "They played like they always do. They played tough defense, got the ball out in transition and knocked down shots."

With Schoolcraft's guard trio of Derrick Bird, Mike Peek and Dave McGlown going a combined two-for-18 in the first half, Mott opened up a 47-31 advantage at intermission.

SC HOOPS

Schoolcraft, behind 6-foot-8 center Sam Hoskin's game-high 30 points, made an ill-fated comeback attempt in the second half.

The Ocelots, full-court pressing, got as close as 70-58 with just under 10 minutes remaining, but couldn't get any closer.

Six Mott players scored in double figures led by Alonzo Evans, who finished with 28 points and 10 rebounds.

The 6-3 guard from Louisville, Ky. (Western) got plenty of support from Lamar Rice (18), Rulon Harris (15), Javier Chavers (13), Derrick Minnifield (12) and Calvin Dotson (10).

Chavers also had nine assists, while Harris added six.

Mott coach Steve Schmidt, whose team shot a blistering 70 percent from the field in the first half, was also surprised by the lopsided count.

"I'm proud of our guys because this is not an easy place (Schoolcraft) to win and they have a great team," Schmidt said. "I have a lot of

respect for the way they play, the way they prepare and the way they're coached."

"I think our depth, conditioning and athleticism made the difference. Our guys get the ball and go. They also can defend."

Mott kept a network of defenders draped around the 260-pound Hoskin, the former Redford Bishop Borgess High product headed to DePaul University.

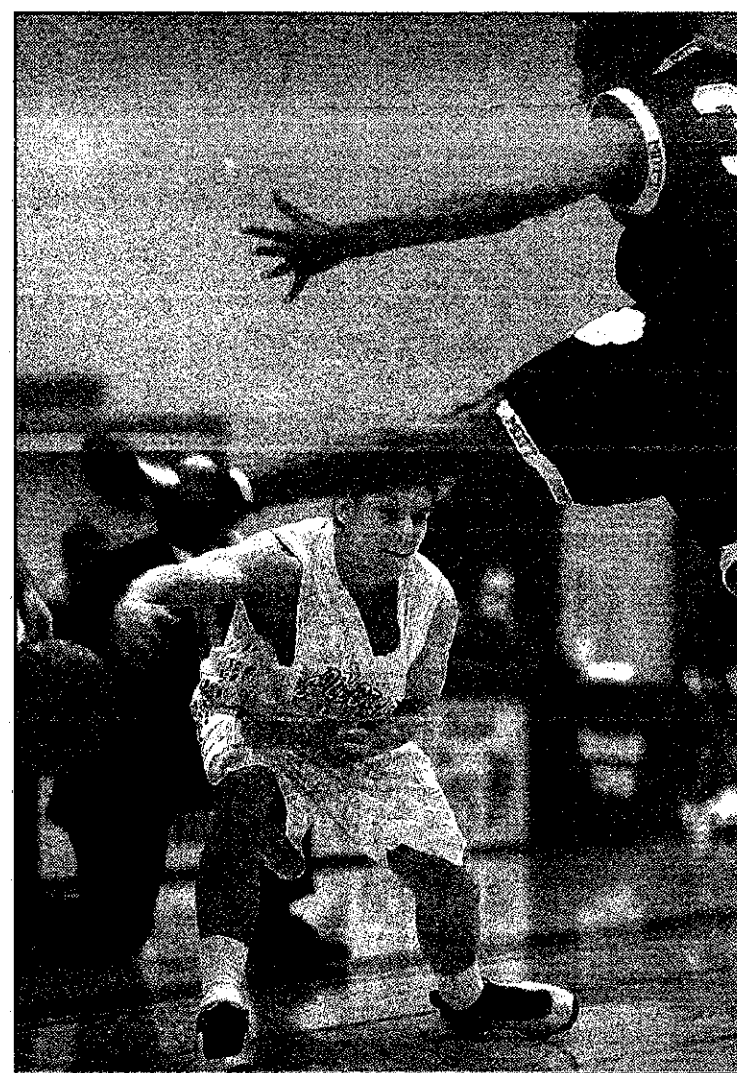
"We focused on Sam and we focused a lot of our attention on him," Schmidt said. "He's a good player and despite our attention he still proved to be a good player."

Only two other Ocelots scored in double figures as Bird finished with 13, while McGlown added 10.

Poor free throw shooting (24 of 41) also cost Schoolcraft.

"Some nights you don't knock them down and that's when you have to do other things to compensate," he said. "We played like we were the road team and they played like they were the home team."

The next meeting between the two rivals is Monday, Feb. 5 at Mott.



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Finding a lane: SC's Colin Wilkinson (left) passes underneath Mott's Taylor Baker.

Statement made
Chiefs finish 1st at South Lyon

Talk about exclamation points!

Plymouth Canton's wrestling team certainly was on fire Saturday when it outdueled some formidable opponents to win the South Lyon Invitational.

That followed about as convincing a warm-up as a team could have. Last Thursday at Farmington Harrison in a Western Lakes Activities Association dual meet, the Chiefs blanked their hosts 84-0.

"I knew it would be good for us to have more opportunities to take on some of the stronger teams, so when I saw the list of teams (from) last year, I asked to be invited," said Canton coach John Demsick of Saturday's Invitational. "I knew we had a good shot to place first or second, even with the returning champ, (Temperance) Bedford, being there."

"As the day wore on, I sensed we were in the top four even though not everything went our way. It was a thrill to find out we were first going into finals by some 19 points ahead of Bedford and many tough teams behind them. We were able to hold our own with five wrestlers in finals and another five in consolation finals."

WRESTLING

"It's been awhile, some 15 years, since Canton has been able to hang with some of the best competition like this."

The Chiefs finished with 179 points, well ahead of second-place Bedford (161). Next were Alma (153.5), Walled Lake Western (141), Milford (117), South Lyon A (101), Fraser (95), Fenton (83.5), Okemos (37) and South Lyon B (27).

Greg Musser (140-pound weight division) and Phil Rothwell (189) each won their weight divisions. Kyle Pitt (119), Mike Siegrist (145) and Ozzie Wagner (215) were second-place finishers, with Andy Roberts (103) and Scott McKee (171) placing third.

Chris Hosey (135), Joe Faraoni (152) and Derek McWatt (275) each took a fourth.

The win over Harrison was a certainty before the

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Whalers stumble
at Kitchener, Erie

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As weekend forays into Ontario Hockey League opponents' arenas go, this one — as far as the Plymouth Whalers

were concerned — was forgettable.

The Whalers followed a poor performance at Kitchener Friday, which ended with a 5-1 loss to the Rangers, with a heartbreaking one at Erie Saturday against the OHL's top team.

A goal by Nikita Alexeev with just 46 seconds left allowed the Otters to tie it at 3-all, and an overtime goal by Cory Pecker 2:36 into the extra session gave Erie a 4-3 win and an additional point for an overtime win.

Erie remains atop the OHL's Midwest Division with a 26-7-8-0 record, good for 60 points in 41 games played. Plymouth is 25-7-4-2 for 56 points

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Agape stays perfect; PCA wins 1st

Canton Agape Christian kept its unblemished record intact, but it took a significant upgrade in the second half of its game against Southfield Franklin Road Christian to do it.

The Wolverines broke loose from a 24-23 halftime lead by outscoring the Warriors 42-26 in the second half to post a 66-49 triumph Tuesday at Wayne Memorial HS. The win improved Agape's record to 5-0; Franklin Road is 1-4.

Paul Anleitner led the Wolverines with 24 points, five assists and five steals. Rob Hough contributed 18 points, scored on six three-pointers, and Josh Anthony grabbed 11 rebounds.

The Warriors were led by Brandon Edwards with 12 points and Josh Angel with 10.

The third quarter was the breakthrough period for Agape. Hough hit three triples, and Anleitner and Steve

BASKETBALL

Tong had one apiece as the Wolverines outscored Franklin Road 21-9.

PCA 43, Clarenceville 41: Down 24-14 at halftime Tuesday, host Plymouth Christian Academy (1-3) stormed back with a 29-17 second-half run to beat Livonia Clarenceville (3-2) in a non-leaguer.

Clay Welton, a 6-3 sophomore forward, led the victorious Eagles with 21 points, 12 rebounds and six assists. He made 7-of-12 free throws in the decisive fourth quarter to go along with one field goal.

Mark Erickson added six for Plymouth Christian, which outscored Clarenceville 15-10 in the final period.

Scott Wion, a senior center, led

Clarenceville with 14 points. Junior forward Tim Shaw added 12.

PCA made 14-of-30 free throws, while Clarenceville was 4-of-14.

"To be honest, and I never like to say this, we have two big horses, Scott Wion and Tim Shaw, who combined for 22 of 24 points in the paint," Clarenceville first-year coach Kevin Murphy said. "But in the second half the officials didn't allow them to play. They fouled Scott (Wion) out in the third quarter when he has 14 points in the first half."

"It's just unbelievable. I received a technical for a comment I thought was very fair. I said, 'One of the kids is going get an arm broken' if they don't start calling fouls."

"They went up by a point and after that it's just not the same. The kids played hard and about pulled it out at the end."

CC 68, U-D Jesuit 52: Redford Catholic Central jumped out to an 18-8 first-quarter lead and slowly pulled away from University of Detroit-Jesuit to wind up with the win Tuesday over the host Cubs.

"We played well early, jumped up and stayed there," CC coach Rick Coratti said. "Then we got up 20 and subbed late. The closest they got the rest of the way was 10 points. We played fairly consistent. There was no real turning point. We played hard, didn't coast and just stayed up on them. I thought we handled their pressure well."

Ryan Celeskey led the Shamrocks (6-2 overall, 2-0 in the Catholic League Central Division) with 21 points, while Anthony Coratti had 16 and Mark Willoughby 11.

Steve Larkin added 10 rebounds and Coratti nabbed seven; Willoughby had eight assists.

Joel Woods and Buddy Law each had 11 points for the Cubs (4-4 overall, 1-1 Central).

Milford 66, Franklin 54: In a non-leaguer Tuesday, the Redskins (3-5) put it away with a 20-9 third-quarter run against Livonia Franklin (1-5).

Three Milford players scored in double figures led by Jeff LaClair's 13 points. Pete Brown and Ryan Mehal added 11 and 10, respectively.

Joe Ruggiero, a senior forward, led Franklin and all scorers with 18 points. John Moore and Mike Copeland added nine and eight, respectively.

Franklin hit 20 of 32 free throws (62.5 percent) compared with Milford's eight of 15 (53.3 percent). Milford had a big edge in rebounds, 31-19.

Franklin, which trailed 37-31 at halftime, had trouble coping with Milford's full-court pressure in the third period.

Rocks finish 2nd at Invite, win double-dual

Things had been going well for Plymouth Salem's gymnastics team — prior to a three-day stretch that began last Saturday.

In that span, the Rocks went from pretty good to exceptional.

Last Saturday, they hosted the 16-team Salem Invitational, which featured several of the state's best teams. Brighton ended up with the winning score (139.80), but Salem took second (135.40).

GYMNASTICS

The Rocks built on that performance and, when they went against Hartland and Plymouth Canton in a double-dual Monday, they came out on top, scoring 139.3. Hartland was second at 137.9 and Canton took third at 132.8.

"They deserve a standing ova-

tion," was how Salem coach Melissa Hopson described her team's performance. "It was just a really good night. I'm really impressed with them right now. I can't remember when we scored like that."

Asked if Saturday's performance was instrumental in Monday's, Hopson said, "I think it would have a little to do with it, but there's something in this team this year. They're driven to

it — they think they can accomplish all their goals."

In Monday's win, the Rocks' Bethany Bartlett, Melissa Drake and April Aquinto placed in the top four all-arounders. Bartlett took top honors, finishing first with a 36.3 total. Drake was third (35.15) and Aquinto was fourth (35.00).

Bartlett finished first in the vault (9.1) and uneven parallel bars (9.2), took second in the balance beam (8.85) and tied for third in the floor exercise (9.15).

Drake placed third on bars (8.95) and fourth in beam (8.65); she scored 9.05 on floor and 8.5 on vault. Aquinto tied for first in floor (9.4) and was third on beam (8.8), scoring 8.3 on vault and 8.5 on bars.

Other noteworthy scores for Salem in Monday's meet were by Staci Schmedding, 8.2 on vault and 7.8 on both beam and floor; Ashley Heard, 8.5 on bars and 8.05 on both beam and vault; Kara Dendinos, 8.1 on floor and 8.0 on vault; Cammi Carnes, 7.65 on vault and 7.1 on floor; Valeri Quigley, 7.7 on floor; and Emily Nicolau, 7.5 on floor.

For Canton, three all-arounders were spaced a point apart. Top team honors went to Jill Rakovitis with a 32.65; next best was J.Q. Williams at 32.6 and Kristen Schilk at 32.55.

Rakovitis scored an 8.6 on floor, an 8.15 on vault, an 8.0 on bars and a 7.9 on beam. Williams had an 8.5 on both the floor and vault, an 8.25 on beam and a 7.35 on bars. Schilk's scores were 8.7 on floor, 8.1 on bars, 8.0 on vault and 7.75 on beam.

Other top Chief scores came from Amy Driscoll, who finished second on bars (9.05) and had an 8.4 on vault and a 7.7 on beam; Audra Ahern, 8.55 on both beam and floor and 8.15 on vault; and Jacquie Bennington, 8.05 on beam and 7.25 on bars.

Following Brighton and Salem at Saturday's Salem Invitational were Livonia and Troy Athens, tied at 134.60; Hartland, 134.15; Walled Lake, 134.10; Adrian, 133.70; Saline, 132.75; Holt, 132.55; Ann Arbor Huron, 132.10; Grosse Pointe North, 129.35; Ann Arbor Pioneer, 128.10; Midland Dow, 123.55;

Jackson County Western, 123.25; Birmingham Seaholm, 119.05; and Fraser, 113.65.

Salem's Bartlett tied Saline's Martina Totkov for best all-around honors, each scoring 35.85. Bartlett scored 9.15 on floor and 8.9 on beam, vault and bars.

Next best in all-around was Raven Raleigh of Troy Athens (35.3), Andie Wilson of Brighton (35.1) and Lisa Barnard of Midland Dow (35.0).

The Rocks' Drake scored 34.5, with an 8.95 in floor, 8.85 in beam, 8.4 in vault and 8.3 in bars. Aquinto totaled 33.05 in the all-around, with a 9.15 on floor, 8.6 on beam, 7.8 on vault and 7.5 on bars.

Heard had a 32.0 in the all-around, with an 8.5 in floor, an 8.0 in bars and 7.75 in both the vault and beam. Other top scores for the Rocks came from Dendinos on floor (8.15) and Schmedding in vault (7.75).

Both Canton and Salem travel to the Rockford Invitational Saturday. On Monday, Canton competes at Northville and Salem hosts Farmington.

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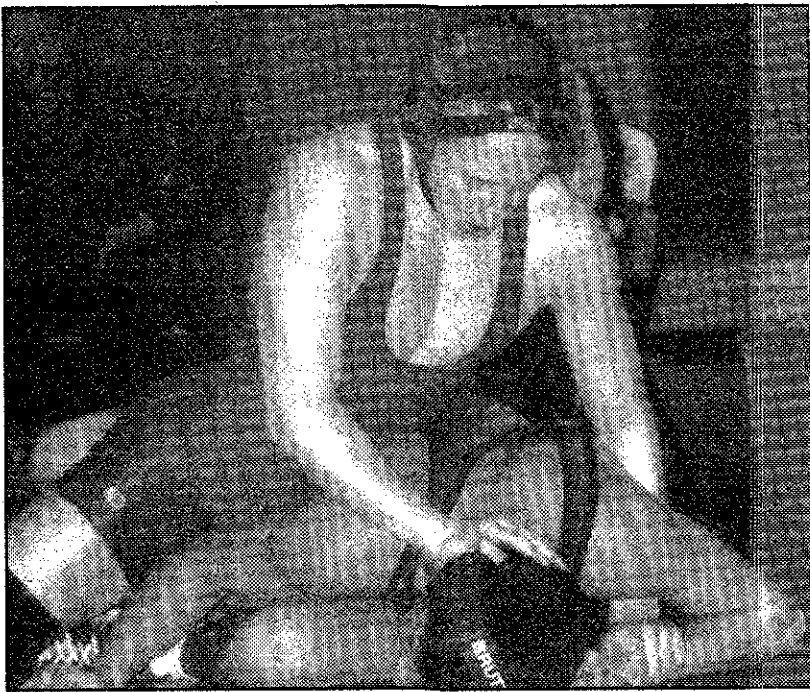
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meet began, simply because the Hawks could only put seven wrestlers in 14 divisions on the mat due to injuries and low numbers.

"Harrison actually put up quite a fight, even though the score doesn't show it," said Dem-sick. "They were right in there in a few of our matches where we put some of our back-ups in. They'll have a nice team in a couple of years if they keep at it."

Reserves Steve Hogg (103), Jake Krogmeier (135), Ryan Keesey (145) and Steve Bruder (152) all won on falls; so did Rob Schnettler (112), Hosey (140) and McKee (171).

Canton, 1-0 in the conference, wrestles at WLAA Western Division foe Walled Lake Western at 6:30 p.m. tonight.



Good finish: Canton's Kyle Pitt (on top) earned a second place in the 119-pound division at South Lyon.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 10
C'ville at Inter-City, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 12
Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Franklin, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Northville, 7 p.m.
Salem at Canton, 7 p.m.
Farmington at Harrison, 7 p.m.
N. Farm. at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Willow Run at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Wyandotte, 7 p.m.
Crestwood at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Inter-City at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.
HVL at World Outreach, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.
Agatha at Holy Redeemer, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Jan. 11
HVL at World Outreach, 6:30 p.m.
Divine Child at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.
Bishop Foley at Mercy, 6:30 p.m.
Kingswood at C'ville, 6:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at Borgess, 7 p.m.
Agape vs. Ply. Christian at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 12
Luth. N'west at Luth. W'sid, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13
Troy Invitational, 8 a.m.
Wayne Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Midland Dow Tourney, 8:30 a.m.
Comstock Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Fraser Invitational, TBA.

Whitmore Lake Tourney, TBA.
Macomb Tournament, TBA.
Royal Oak Tourney, TBA.

PREP HOCKEY

Thursday, Jan. 11
Red. Unified vs. River Rouge at Redford Ice Arena, 7:45 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 12
Redford CC at Cranbrook, 7 p.m.
Salem vs. Farm. Unified at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Franklin vs. Northville at Novi Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Canton at Ply. Cultural Ctr., 8 p.m.
Churchill vs. W.L. Central at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 13
Ladywood at Cranbrook, 1 p.m.
Churchill vs. W.L. Western at Lakeland Ice Arena, 5:20 p.m.
Stevenson at Troy, 6:30 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Trenton at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
Red. Unified vs. Wyandotte at Yack Arena, 8:20 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Thursday, Jan. 11
Churchill at Northville, 6:30 p.m.
Harrison at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
Wayne at Fordson, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13
GC Novice Tourney, 9:30 a.m.
Redford CC Invitational, 10:30 a.m.

PREP SWIMMING

Thursday, Jan. 11
Redford CC at Brighton, 6 p.m.
Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 13

Stevenson Invitational, noon.
Walled Lake Invitational, 1 p.m.
Cranbrook Invitational, TBA.

PREP SKIING

Thursday, Jan. 11
Redford CC vs. E. Lansing at Mt. Brighton, 4:30 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Jan. 12
Whalers vs. Mississauga at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 13
Whalers vs. Windsor at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 14

Whalers at Windsor, 6 p.m.

NATIONAL PRO SOCCER LEAGUE

Saturday, Jan. 13
Det. Rockers at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 13
Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 3 p.m.

Madonna at Indiana Tech, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 13
Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 1 p.m.

Indiana Tech at Madonna, 3 p.m.

TBA — time to be announced

Ups and downs Canton struggles, Salem wins

The second tournament of the season provided a difficult test for the young Plymouth Canton volleyball team and their new coach, Steve Anderson.

The Chiefs traveled to the 20-team Walled Lake Tournament Saturday and were placed in a pool with Brighton, Bloomfield Hills, Andover and Grand Ledge. The results were mediocre: Canton beat Andover easily enough, 15-7, 15-8, but was swept by Brighton 15-5, 15-5 and Grand Ledge 15-2, 15-8.

That put the Chiefs into the second level, or Silver Bracket, of the tournament playoffs. In the Silver quarterfinals they went against Waterford Mott and, after a slow start during which they lost the first game 15-7, they awoke from their slumber to win 15-2, 15-8.

In the Silver semifinals, Canton went up against top-seed Romeo. Once again, the Chiefs started slowly and lost the first game 15-6, but they rebounded for a 15-10 win the second set. In the third game, played with rally scoring (every point counts — no side outs), Canton

VOLLEYBALL

got off to a good start and led 10-6. But Romeo battled back to collect a 15-12 victory.

"We are still in the learning process on a lot of the new offensive and defensive schemes," said Canton's Anderson. "Once we start to learn those schemes, a smoother transition game will slowly start to emerge."

"In addition, once we gain a little more confidence in these different concepts, we will have (fewer) of those mental lapses in the games against the tougher opponents."

There were several bright spots for the Chiefs, who won five of 12 games on the day. Ashley Williams led her team with 32 kills and 20 digs for the tournament; Mary Kryska contributed 72 set assists and 12 service aces.

Megan Meier had 28 kills, Christina Kiessel totaled 10 aces and 19 digs, and Stephanie Johnson had 18 aces.

Canton plays at the Troy

Invitational Saturday, then goes against Plymouth Salem at 7 p.m. Monday at Salem.

Salem wins own Invite

This was an all-Plymouth Salem show.

The Rocks hosted Milford and Trenton last Saturday in the Salem Invitational. To make it a four-team tournament, they divided their team into two squads — and still found themselves facing each other in the final.

Salem's A team defeated Milford 15-4, 15-4 and twice topped Trenton, 15-2, 15-2 and 15-6, 15-3. The Rocks' B team had more difficulty, losing to Milford 12-15, 16-14, 15-12 before defeating Trenton 15-6, 15-10. The Salem B team then beat Milford 15-8, 15-12 to reach the final.

"It would have been Salem's A and B teams in the final," explained Rocks' coach Tom Teeters, "so we didn't play it. They all got medals, they all got plaques."

The Rocks travel to the Comstock Invitational Saturday, then Canton at 7 p.m. Monday.

Rockers tumble in OT

SOCCER

The Detroit Rockers came very close to gaining another victory Sunday afternoon at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, but they couldn't quite manage it.

Dino Delevski converted a penalty kick, awarded after Sean Bowers was called for a hand ball when he dove to stop a shot at an open net 42 seconds into overtime. Delevski converted, giving his Wichita Wings a 9-7 triumph.

The Wings improved to 10-8 with the victory. The Rockers are 2-15.

For Delevski, it was another big day — he scored five points for Wichita, opening the scoring

with a three-point goal in the first quarter. Delevski ranks third in the NPSL in scoring with 75 points.

The Rockers took a 4-3 half-time lead on two-point goals by Martin Nash in the first quarter and Stuart Black in the second quarter, only to surrender it on two-pointers by Braeden Cloutier 50 seconds into the third quarter and Jamie Harding (from Cloutier) midway through the fourth.

The biggest score of the match for the Rockers came with just

2:08 left in regulation, when Nash — acquired in the dispersal draft when the Edmonton Drillers folded — drilled a three-pointer (Bowers assisted). Nash finished with five points for the Rockers.

Dan Ilie Diac made 17 saves in one of his better games in goal for the Rockers. However, the Wings' Jim Larkin — who was also acquired from Edmonton in the dispersal draft — was even better, making 22 saves and picking up two assists on offense.

Detroit travels to Milwaukee to battle the Wave, the NPSL's defending champions, at 2:05 p.m. Saturday.

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The University of Detroit Mercy will help celebrate the city of Detroit's Tricentennial by presenting area fans with the opportunity to select the Detroit Titans' all-century teams in men's and women's basketball. Winners will be announced

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in 38 games, still well ahead in the OHL's West Division. Kitchener was 16-19-6-0 through the weekend for 38 points, last in the Midwest.

Plymouth had the early lead against the Otters Saturday, getting two goals from Stephen Weiss — the first on a power play at 4:45 of the first period (from James Wisniewski and Ryan O'Keefe), the second at 9:47 of the second (from Chad Wiseman and Tomas Kurka). Those two gave Weiss 26 goals for the season.

Erie fought back to tie it, and it was Alexeev who played the pivotal role in the Otters' offense, scoring one goal and assisting on the other three. The Otters outshot Plymouth 23-5 in the second period.

Joe Guenther got Erie's first, at 11:08 of the second period, assisted by Alexeev and Jason Baird. Pecker's first goal of the game, on the power play at 15:39 of the second, knotted it at 2-all (Alexeev and Brad Yeo assisting).

It didn't stay tied for long. O'Keefe scored 55 seconds after Pecker's goal to put the Whalers up 3-2 with 3:26 left in the period (Kurka and Weiss assisting).

Plymouth had the advantage in the shot column in the third period, 11-8, but it was Alexeev who scored the only

goal of the period (Pecker, Baird assisting). Alexeev then assisted on Pecker's overtime winner.

J.F. Perras made 21 saves in goal for the Otters. Rob Zepp faced 44 shots, stopping 40 of them, for Plymouth.

On Friday at Kitchener, Derek Roy scored a short-handed goal in the second period and picked up three assists to propel the Rangers past the Whalers. Josh Bennett scored twice in the third period for Kitchener (assisted by Roy and Matt Passfield), and Vasily Bizyayev and Chris Brannen got first period goals.

The Whalers only goal came from Stacey Britstone, his 17th, on a power play at 8:51 of the second period, trimming the Ranger advantage to 3-1. Bryan Thompson and Jared Newman assisted.

Zepp absorbed the loss, making 25 saves. Scott Dickie turned away 33 shots on goal for Kitchener.

The Whalers have a pair of home games this weekend, hosting Mississauga at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Windsor at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Whaler all-stars

The Plymouth Whalers will have a fair share of berths on the Ontario

Hockey League's Western Conference all-star team at this year's Canadian Hockey League All-Star Cup.

The Western Conference team, which will be coached by the Whalers' Pete DeBoer, will have forwards Stephen Weiss, Damian Surma and Chad Wiseman, and goalie Rob Zepp.

Weiss, projected as one of the top three picks in this year's NHL Entry Draft, currently ranks third in the OHL in scoring with 26 goals and 33 assists (59 points). Surma, a sixth-round pick of the Carolina Hurricane in 1999, has 15 goals and 15 assists (30 points).

Wiseman was acquired in a trade last week from Mississauga. He is second in scoring on the Whalers with 18 goals and 30 assists (48 points).

Zepp, selected in the fourth round of the 1999 entry draft by the Atlanta Thrashers, leads the OHL with a 2.37 goals-against average; he also has three shutouts and a 21-8-2 record.

DeBoer was chosen based on the Whalers' performance in last year's OHL Championship Series, the Whalers losing in the seventh game to Barrie. DeBoer has been selected as the OHL's Coach of the Year the past two seasons.

The CHL All-Star Cup is a three-game interlocking series involving the

OHL, the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League and the Western Hockey League. The OHL's Western Conference stars will face the WHL's Eastern Conference all-stars Jan. 24 at the Guelph Sports and Entertainment Centre.

Whalers obtain Mizzi

With the trading deadline just a few hours away, the Whalers made a major move, picking up over-age right wing/center Preston Mizzi and a sixth-round draft choice from the Sarnia Sting for their second round pick in the 2001 draft and a fifth-round pick in the 2002 draft obtained from Barrie.

The Whalers also traded defenseman Mike Gresdal to Kitchener for a sixth-round pick in the 2002 draft.

Mizzi should be an immediate contributor. A proven scorer and two-way player, he has produced 29 goals and 58 points and 27 goals and 62 points the last two seasons at Peterborough. The Petes shipped him to Sarnia prior to this season.

Mizzi, 5-foot-11 and 190 pounds, had

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Ottawa 67s	18	13	6	3	45
Peterborough Petes	16	18	5	1	38
Oshawa Generals	10	22	6	2	28
Central Division	W	L	T	OTL	Pts.
Toronto St. M. Majors	22	12	5	2	51
Sudbury Wolves	16	17	3	1	36
North Bay Centennials	16	19	2	2	36
Barrie Colts	14	17	5	1	34
Miss. Ice Dogs	3	28	6	1	13
West Division	W	L	T	OTL	Pts.
Plymouth Whalers	25	7	4	2	56
Windsor Spitfires	18	12	5	4	45
London Knights	17	17	4	1	39
S.S. Marie Greyhounds	15	21	3	1	34
Sarnia Sting	13	20	5	1	32
Midwest Division	W	L	T	OTL	Pts.
Erie Otters	26	7	8	0	60
Guelph Storm	23	11	5	1	52
Owen Sound Attack	21	15	4	1	47
Brampton Battalion	15	16	6	3	39
Kitchener Rangers	16	19	6	0	38

12 goals and 17 assists for the Sting. He was drafted by the NHL's Phoenix Coyotes in the fourth round of the 1999 draft.

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Fiorenzi leads Crusaders past Cardinals

Big-time player — that's what Kristi Fiorenzi is becoming for Madonna University's women's basketball team.

The senior from Plymouth Canton High School led the Lady Crusaders with 17 points and eight rebounds Saturday against visiting Concordia College, but it was her timing that was impressive in Madonna's 69-66 victory.

The win improved the Crusaders' record in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference to 2-0; they are 7-8 overall. Concordia is 7-4 overall, 1-1 in the WHAC.

A basket by the Cardinals' Lindsay Rossow with 2:32 to play increased their lead to 64-61, but Madonna took command

WOMEN'S HOOP

after that, outscoring Concordia 8-2 the rest of the way.

A Kathy Panganis basket off a Fiorenzi assist narrowed the gap to 64-63 with 2:16 left. A Fiorenzi free throw with 1:40 remaining knotted it at 64-all, and her basket with 52 seconds left gave the Crusaders a two-point lead.

Kristy Bilbie, who led all scor-

ers with 25 points, re-tied it for Concordia with a basket with 38 seconds left. Melissa Poma got the eventual game-winner with 19 seconds to go; Carissa Gizicki added a free throw for the final margin.

Panganis finished with 12 points and five boards, Lori Enfield had 11 points, and Poma and Mahogany Fletcher (Farmington Harrison) each contributed nine as nine players scored for Madonna. Poma also had

four assists and Fletcher had two steals.

Concordia also got 14 points from Sandi Reynaert and 10 from Carcy Musko.

The game was tied at 26-all at the half. The Cards took the early advantage in the second half, four-straight points from Bilbie staking them to a seven-point lead (42-35) with 15:18 left. But the Crusaders bounced back, outpointing Concordia 22-9 in the next eight minutes to take a

57-51 lead.

SC crushes Wayne CCC

Everyone scored for Schoolcraft College Saturday against visiting Wayne County CC, which led to an easy 105-40 triumph.

Wayne fell to 1-3 overall, 0-2 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference.

Shafawnda Smelley led the Lady Ocelots with 19 points; she

also grabbed six rebounds. Angelica Blakely added 16 points and six boards, Kelly Grenan (from Redford Thurston) had 12 points, Rachel Eley contributed six points, 11 assists, eight steals and five rebounds, Keysa Hamilton had eight points and nine boards, and Ra'Sheida Edwards totaled nine points and eight rebounds.

Wayne CCC was led by Kiaronda Mitchell with 15 points. Tiffany Hines had 10.

MEN'S HOOP

Ocelots crush Wayne CCC; Concordia tips Madonna

Sam Hoskin poured in 28 points and Mike Peek added 27 as Schoolcraft College rolled to a 107-73 men's basketball triumph Saturday over visiting Wayne County.

Schoolcraft, 12-1 overall and 2-0 in the Eastern Conference, made 41 of 70 shots from the floor (58.5 percent) including 11 of 22 from three-point range.

Peek, a 6-foot-2 guard from Cincinnati (Ohio) Woodward, also had five assists and hit five of eight shots from beyond the arc.

Derrick Bird chipped in with 19 points, while Javon Clark came off the bench to score 11. Nick Evola had nine.

Keenan Weir was SC's top rebounder with eight, while point-guard Dave McGlown dished out six assists.

Ryan Bennett and Marcus Clark each scored 20 points for Wayne County, which slipped to 4-5 overall and 1-1 in the conference.

Concordia 73, Madonna 66: DeOndre Head's 17 points and ine rebounds led a balanced attack Saturday as Concordia College (7-9, 2-0) downed host Madonna University (4-13, 0-2) in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference clash.

Concordia led 35-26 at half-time.

Three others scored in double figures for the Cardinals including Dave Behnke (15), Brandon Bekius (11) and Jeremy Griffin (10).

Senior Narvin Russaw led MU with 20 points and nine rebounds, while Mike Massey contributed 18 points. Chad Nadolni added 12 points and eight rebounds.

WRESTLING

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 59
FLINT CARMEN AINSWORTH 15
Jan. 9 at Redford CC

103 pounds: Matt Koziara (CC) pinned Chris Ming, 4:24; **112:** John Hurst (FCA) p. Shane Randall, 5:51; **119:** Richard Wentworth (CC) p. Jason Hatch, 1:27; **125:** Tom Buddenborg (CC) p. Chris Kilbreath, 1:44; **130:** Kian O'Donohue (CC) p. Roger Delgado, 1:18; **135:** Alex Villeral (CC) won by void; **140:** Mike Werner (CC) p. Ryan Fletcher, 0:45; **145:** Chris Petersen (CC) won by technical fall over Tyrone Clark, 15:0; **152:** Jay Abshire (CC) won by void; **160:** Ricky Ellis (FCA) decisioned Jason Hilliker, 6:2; **171:** Ryan Rogowski (CC) dec. Garrett Potter, 7:1; **189:** Blaic Nalmsmith (CC) p. Jason Latting, 4:14; **215:** Dan Bell (FCA) p. Matt Markowicz, 1:34; **heavyweight:** Pat Clark (CC) d. John Barnett, 4:3.

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 53
ROMULUS 18
Jan. 9 at Redford CC

103 pounds: Matt Mertzfield (R) dec. Matt Koziara, 13-10; **112:** Chris Anderson (R) p. Shane Randall, 1:19; **119:** Richard Wentworth (CC) won by void; **125:** Tom Buddenborg (CC) won by void; **130:** Kian O'Donohue (CC) p. Jamie Henne, 3:20; **135:** Roger Chapman (R) p. Alex Villeral, 2:32; **140:** Mike Werner (CC) dec. Nick Drury, 5:4; **145:** Chris Petersen (CC) p. Andrew McNeil, 0:25; **152:** Jay Abshire (CC) won by tech. fall over Mike Moomau, 21-6; **160:** Alan Brohl (R) dec. Jason Hilliker, 16-12; **171:** Ryan Rogowski (CC) dec. Tai Lane, 7-4; **189:** Blaic Nalmsmith (CC) p. Mike Porter, 2:8; **215:** Matt Markowicz (CC) p. Ryan Henne, 1:31; **heavyweight:** Pat Clark (CC) won by void.

CC's dual meet record: 5-4 overall.

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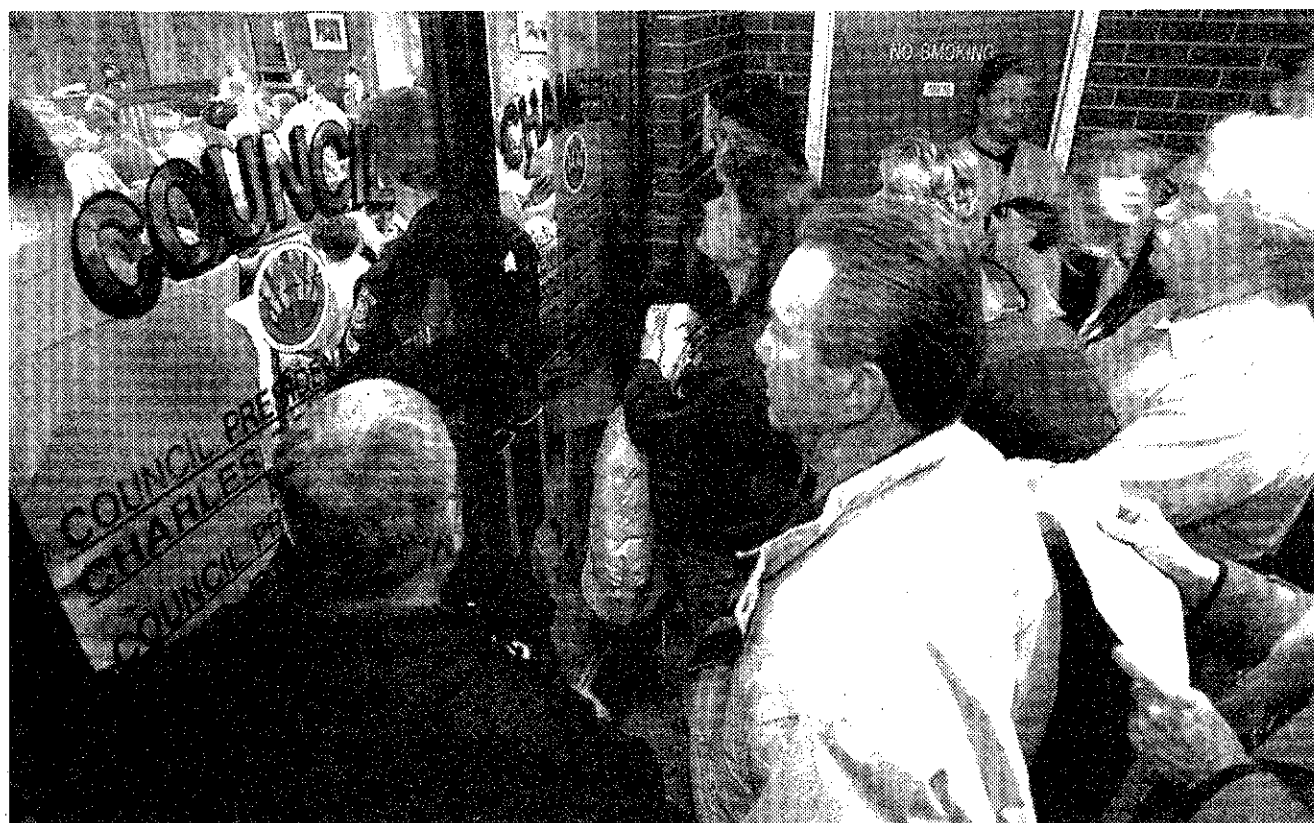
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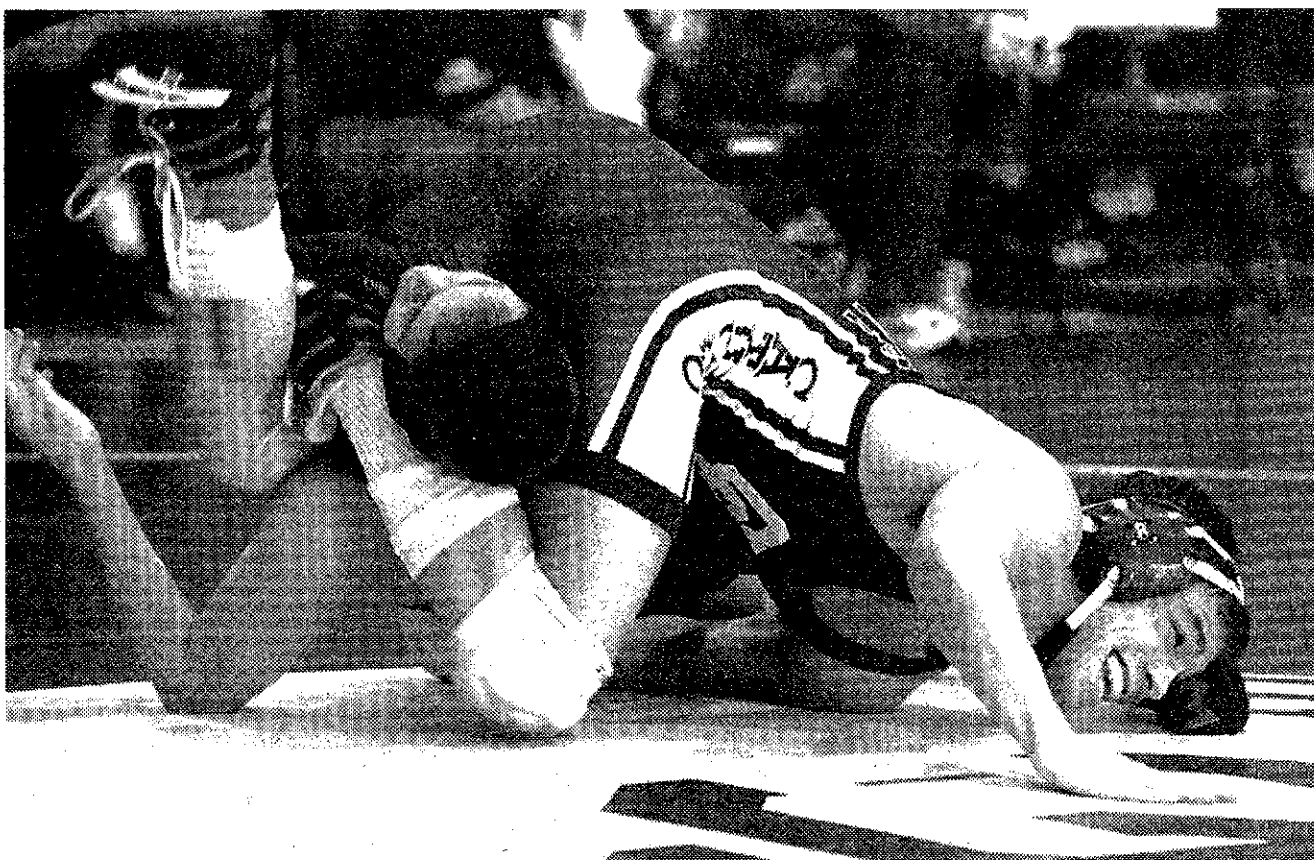
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MICHIGAN PRESS ASSOCIATION Editorial Contest Winners

■ GENERAL EXCELLENCE

Lake Orion Eccentric -----First Place
Garden City Observer, -----Honorable Mention

■ BEST SPOT NEWS STORY

Lake Orion Eccentric:
"Gas Explosion" by Jonette Hubred -----Second Place
Livonia Observer:

"Chemical Scare", Dave Varga -----Third Place

■ BEST LOCAL NEWS REPORTING

Rochester Clarion Eccentric:
Bond Series by Mary Jacobelli -----First Place
Westland Observer:

"City Clerk's Firing Up to Council"
by Darrell Clem -----Second Place

■ BEST ENTERPRISE FEATURE

Birmingham Eccentric

"Bigfoot Houses by Jill Hockman -----Second Place

■ BEST EDITORIAL PAGE OR PAGES

Plymouth Observer, Brad Kadrich -----First Place

Birmingham Eccentric, Larry Paladino -----Second Place

Clarkston Eccentric, Karen Smith -----Third Place

Troy Eccentric, Gary Winkelman -----Honorable Mention

■ BEST EDITORIAL WRITING

Troy Eccentric, Gary Winkelman -----First Place

Plymouth Observer, Brad Kadrich -----Second Place

Southfield Eccentric, Greg Kowalski -----Honorable Mention

■ BEST LOCAL COLUMNS

Lake Orion Eccentric, A.J. Malta -----First Place

■ BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE

"Closed Doors"
Westland Observer, Tom Hawley -----Third Place

"On the Scene"

Lake Orion Eccentric, Lawrence McKee -----Honorable Mention

■ BEST FEATURE PICTURE

"Soaking It In"

Lake Orion Eccentric, Lawrence McKee -----First Place

"Big Hundred Baby"

Southfield Eccentric, Jim Jagdfeld -----First Place

"Hi There"

Farmington Observer, Elizabeth Carnegie -- Honorable Mention

"Prom Fun"

Garden City Observer, Elizabeth Carnegie -- Honorable Mention

■ BEST SPORTS PICTURE

"Climbing the Pyramid"

Oxford Eccentric, Lawrence McKee -----First Place

"Smooth Move"

Livonia Observer, Tom Hawley -----Second Place

"Happy Day"

Birmingham Eccentric, Jim Jagdfeld -----Third Place

"She Shoots, She Scores"

Livonia Observer, Bryan Mitchell -----Honorable Mention

■ BEST SPORTS WRITING

"Fumble Allows..."

Farmington Observer, Dan O'Meara -----First Place

"Grand Finale...R.U. Returns"

Redford Observer, Steve Kowalski -----Second Place

"Miracle in Ortonville"

Oxford Eccentric, Brad Monastiere -----Third Place

"Oh Yeah, Oda!"

Lake Orion Eccentric, Brad Monastiere -----Honorable Mention

■ BEST SPORTS COLUMN

Redford Observer, Paul Beaudry -----Second Place

■ BEST SPORTS FEATURE

"Part of a Team"

Rochester Clarion Eccentric, Mary Jackobelli -- Second Place

"Cage Success"

Birmingham Eccentric, Marty Budner -----Honorable Mention

"Still Chuck-ing Along"

Troy Eccentric, Jim Toth -----Honorable Mention

■ BEST SPORTS COVERAGE

Lake Orion Eccentric, Daniel Stickrad -----First Place

Redford Observer, Paul Beaudry -----Second Place

■ BEST LIFESTYLE SECTION

Troy Eccentric, Sharon Dargay -----First Place

Farmington Observer, Mary Rodrigue -----Second Place

Livonia Observer, Keely Wygonik -----Third Place

■ BEST SPECIAL SECTION

"Independence Day in Independence Township"

Clarkston Eccentric, Karen Smith -----First Place

"FineLine"

Birmingham Eccentric, Suzy Parker -----Honorable Mention

MICHIGAN PRESS ASSOCIATION Retail and Classified Advertising Contest Winners

■ BEST REAL ESTATE IDEA—COLOR

Open House of the Week -----Second Place

Suburban Properties -----Third Place

■ BEST REAL ESTATE IDEA—BLACK & WHITE

Sandy Norman "The \$20,000,000 Man" -----First Place

Ralph Manuel "Wanted" -----Second Place

■ BEST REAL AUTOMOTIVE IDEA—COLOR

Jack Demmer Ford, Millennium Sales Event -----First Place

The Smart Choice -----Third Place

■ BEST REAL AUTOMOTIVE—BLACK & WHITE

Automotive Service Directory -----First Place

Bill Cook Buick -----Second Place

■ BEST REAL RECRUITMENT IDEA

O&E/HomeTown Job Fair -----First Place

Special Career Pages -----Second Place

■ BEST REAL DIRECTORY IDEA

New Home Directory -----First Place

Camp Corner Directory -----Second Place

Holiday Greetings, "All the Best to You" -----Third Place

■ BEST IN-HOUSE PROMOTION IDEA

"It's Your Move" -----First Place

"Now is the Time to Buy" -----Second Place

"Got Stuff" -----Third Place

■ BEST OVERALL CLASSIFIED SECTION

Sunday, March 26, 2000 edition -----Second Place

Thursday, March 23, 2000 edition -----Third Place

Entries were submitted based on circulation class, therefore there may be several first, second, third, and honorable mention winners in the same category

SPORTS ROUNDUP

NBA 2BALL COMPETITION

The Livonia Parks and Recreation will stage its NBA 2Ball competition from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20 at Livonia Churchill High School. Registration is the day of the event.

To be eligible for the competition, co-sponsored by the Livonia Junior Athletic League, players must be at least 8 years-old and no older than 11 on Jan. 1, 2001.

Separate age divisions for boys and girls include ages 8-9 and 10-11. Winners advance to area competition. Game rules are available through Parks and Recreation.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

HOOP SHOOT 2001

The Livonia Parks and Recreation and Livonia Junior Athletic League hoop shoot competition for boys and girls in grades 3-9 will be Tuesday, Feb. 6 at the Frost Middle School main gymnasium.

Starting times include 6:30 p.m., grades 3-4; 7 p.m., grades 5-6; and 7:30 p.m., grades 7-9.

Each participant will have two minutes to make as many baskets as possible from five positions.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

BASEBALL REGISTRATION

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

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

Arena. Birth certificates are required.

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

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

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

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

SOCCER REF CLINICS

Classes for new soccer referees begin Jan. 13 at the Costick Activities Center (11 Mile and Middlebelt) and run four consecutive Saturdays.

The Jan. 20 class is at the Farmington Library, Jan. 27 is at Costick and Feb. 3 at Farmington Library.

Class times are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. but are limited to the first 35 applicants. Total fee is \$58 — \$15 payable to Farmington Soccer Club and \$43, required on the first day of class, payable to the Michigan Referee Committee.

Applicants must be over age 10. Minimum pay per game is \$13.

A four-session class for training new soccer referees will be conducted from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on successive Saturdays: Jan. 20, Jan. 27, Feb. 3 and Feb. 10. Those interested must attend all four classes.

Participants must be at least

12 years of age. To register, send your name, social security number and a check for \$43 made payable to the Michigan Referee Committee to 9115 Muirland, Plymouth, MI, 48170.

For further information, call (734) 454-7335. Class size is limited.

BASEBALL CAMPS

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

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

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

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

SOCCER REGISTRATION

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

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

For further information, call (734) 455-6620.

ROLLER HOCKEY ACTION

Several opportunities for those interested in playing roller hockey are available at Skatin' Station II, located on Ronda in Canton.

An adult drop-in roller hockey session will be from 9:45 p.m.-11:45 p.m. Mondays. Cost is \$10.

Hockey practice for anyone with league-required equipment will be held Wednesday's. Cost is \$5. Sessions for ages 13-16: 4-5 p.m.; sessions for ages 9-12: 5-6 p.m.; sessions for ages 8-and-under: 4-5 p.m.

There are also roller hockey leagues for all ages. Cost for a 10-week session is \$110.

For information on any of these classes, call (734) 459-6401.

SKATING CLASSES

The Suburban Training Center will hold Learn to Skate classes

Tuesdays from Jan. 16 to March 13. Each class is 30 minutes long once a week.

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

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

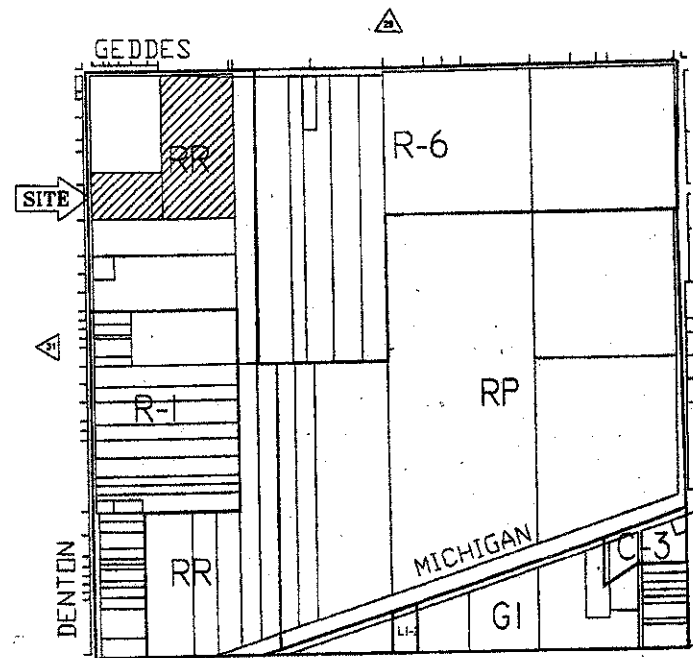
To submit items to the Sports Scene, write 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150, or send via fax to (734) 591-7279.

PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 5, 2001 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

KIME/OSBORNE/ARCHDIOCESE REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 126 99 0008 002 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL; AND PARCEL NO. 126 99 0007 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (2.5 ACRES +/-) AND R-6, SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL (17 ACRES +/-). Property is located south of Geddes Road and east of Denton Road.

ZONING MAP
SECTION 32

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, February 1, 2001 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 397-5435

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT PLEDGING THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT AND TAXING POWER OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REFERENDUM UPON THE NEW CONTRACT

TO ALL ELECTORS AND TAXPAYERS OF
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on September 12, 2000, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth adopted a resolution approving and authorizing the execution and delivery of a new contract between the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth and the Western Townships Utilities Authority (together the "parties") pursuant to the provisions of Act 233, Public Acts of Michigan, 1955, as amended, relative to the long-term lease, expansion and financing of wastewater treatment facilities of the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority to serve the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth.

PURPOSE OF NEW CONTRACT

The new contract when it becomes effective, will replace the parties' Construction, Finance and Service Agreement dated September 28, 1988 and provide among other things for the long-term lease and expansion of wastewater treatment facilities of the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority ("YCUA") by the Western Townships Utilities Authority for the purpose of providing cost effective transportation and treatment of wastewater for the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth and for the issuance of new bonds by the Western Townships Utilities Authority (the "Authority") in principal amount sufficient with other available moneys, if any, to defray the cost of expanding said wastewater treatment facilities. The new contract as approved estimates the Authority's share of the total cost of expanding the wastewater treatment facilities of YCUA to be \$91,250,000 and also provides that the Authority may increase the cost of the acquisition and construction of such facilities in order to complete the same in accordance with the plans approved in the new contract and issue additional bonds thereafter without further approval by the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth. The new contract also provides that the cost may be increased by variations or changes in the plans and paid for by the issuance of additional Authority bonds or in any other way agreed to with the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth. The new bonds to be issued will be secured by the obligation of the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds when due. This new bond obligation is in addition to existing bond obligations of the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth to pay the principal of the interest on existing bonds when due.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP'S CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION AND SOURCE OF PAYMENT

The new bonds to be issued by the Authority will bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed ten percent (10%) per annum or the applicable rate allowed by State law and will mature over a period of not exceeding 33 years. The full faith and credit of the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth have been pledged in the contract for the making of payments to the Authority in amounts sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the new bonds as the same shall become due and for the payment of bond service charges incurred by the Authority. The shares of the Charter Township are based on these percentages of capacity in the expanded YCUA wastewater treatment plant: Canton-51.28 percent, Northville-22.17 percent and Plymouth-26.55 percent. Taxes levied by the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth for the payment of their obligations to the Authority will be subject to applicable constitutional and statutory limitations and the charters of the Townships.

RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REFERENDUM ON NEW CONTRACT

This notice is given by order of the Township Board to and for the benefit of the electors and taxpayers of the Charter Township of Plymouth and any other interested persons in order to inform them of their right to petition for a referendum upon the new contract. The new contract will not become effective until the expiration of 45 days after the publication of this notice. If, within said 45-day period, a petition signed by 10% or 15,000, whichever is the lesser, of the registered electors residing within the Charter Township of Plymouth is filed with the Township Clerk requesting a referendum upon the contract, then such new contract will not become effective until approved by a majority of the electors of the Charter Township of Plymouth qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information relative to the subject matter of the new contract and this notice, including the description and location of the facilities, may be secured at the office of the Township Clerk where a copy of the new contract is available for examination during normal business hours.

This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of Section 8 of Act 233, Public Acts of Michigan, 1955, as amended.

MARILYN MASSENGILL
Township Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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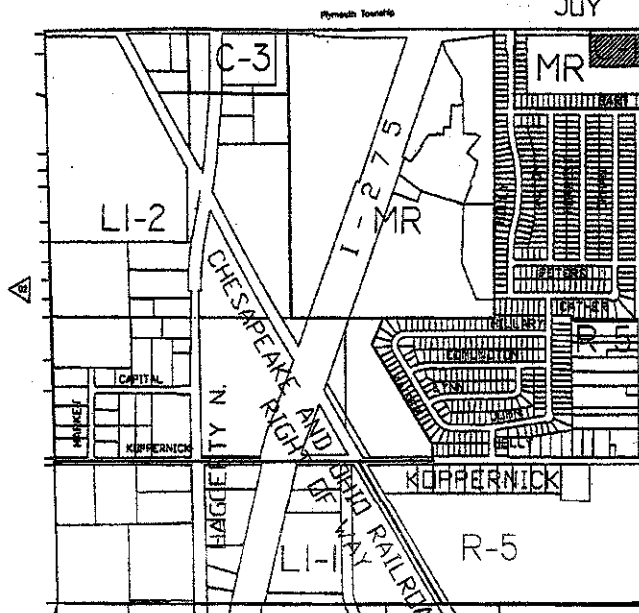
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PINE TREE PLAZA REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 001 99 0001 704 FROM C-1, VILLAGE SHOPPING, TO C-2, COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL. Property is located on the southwest corner of Joy Road and Hannan Road Right-of-Way (Westland boundary). *Note: This hearing is rescheduled from January 8, 2001.

ZONING MAP
SECTION 1

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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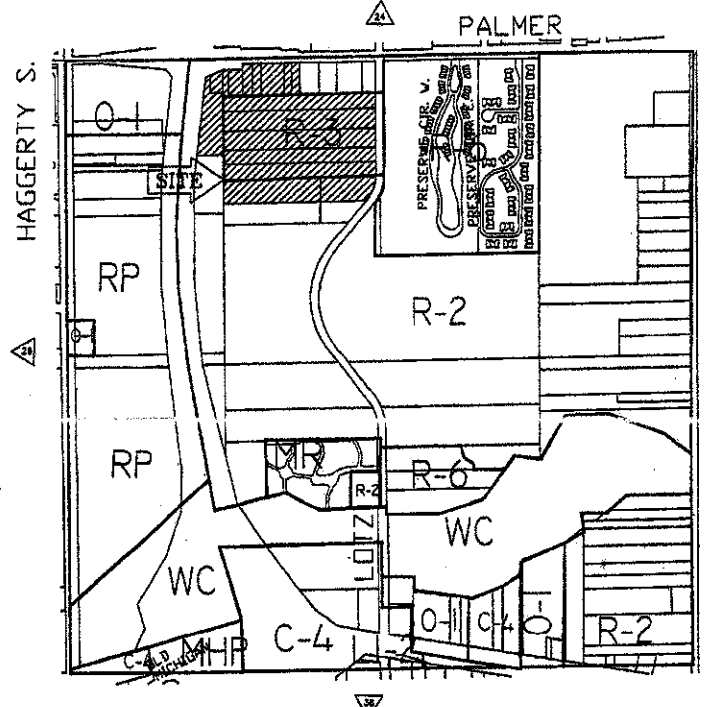
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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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ROBERTSON BROTHERS REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 098 99 0004 000, 098 99 0005 000, 098 99 0007 001, 098 99 0008 001, 098 99 0009 001, 098 99 0010 001, 098 99 0012 001, 098 99 0019 702, 098 99 0019 703, 098 99 0021 003, AND 098 99 0021 006 FROM R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-6, SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL; AND PARCEL NOS. 098 99 0014 000, 098 99 0015 000, 098 99 0016 000, 098 99 0017 000, AND 098 99 0018 000 FROM R-3, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO R-6, SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL. Property is located west of Lotz Road south of Palmer Road.

ZONING MAP
SECTION 25

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ESTABLISH
AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
HAGGERTY L.L.C. c/o LOC PERFORMANCE
PRODUCTS, INC.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2001

On December 6, 2000, a request from Haggerty L.L.C. c/o Loc Performance Products, Inc. was received by the Charter Township of Plymouth Clerk's Office, requesting that an Industrial Development District be established, under Public Act 198, 1974, as amended. Public Act 198, requires that the Board of Trustees hold a Public Hearing on the establishment of an Industrial Development District at which the owners of properties within the proposed district and residents and taxpayers of Plymouth Township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments submitted prior to the January 23, 2001, meeting will also be accepted.

TAKE NOTE that the Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2001, commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan 48170. Phone Number (734) 354-3224.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A parcel of land being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 25, and the Northeast 1/4 of Section 26, Town 1 South, Range 8 East, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan described as: commencing at the West 1/4 corner of Section 25, and proceeding thence along the West Line of Section 25, North 01 degree 03 minutes 04 seconds West 637.39 feet to the centerline of Plymouth Road; thence along said centerline South 75 degrees 43 minutes 00 seconds East 50.31 feet; thence North 23 degrees 03 minutes 30 seconds East 60.71 feet to the intersection of the northerly line of Plymouth Road and the westerly line of Haggerty Road; thence along the northerly line of Plymouth Road two courses: North 75 degrees 43 minutes 00 seconds West 305.45 feet and North 74 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds West 260.79 feet; thence North 15 degrees 05 minutes 00 seconds East 611.70 feet; thence North 74 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds West 412.13 feet to the easterly line of the Middle Rouge Parkway; thence along the easterly line of the Middle Rouge Parkway North 04 degrees 41 minutes 46 seconds East 347.65 feet to the Point of Beginning of the parcel herein described:

Thence continuing along the easterly line of the Middle Rouge Parkway North 04 degrees 41 minutes 48 seconds East 148.27 feet:

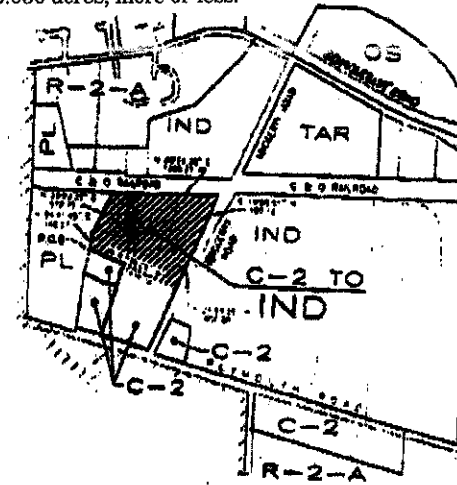
Thence continuing along said easterly line of the Middle Rouge Parkway North 23 degrees 03 minutes 30 seconds East 572.70 feet to the southerly line of the C & O Railroad Right of Way:

Thence along the southerly line of the C&O Railroad Right of Way North 89 degrees 24 minutes 30 seconds East 1266.21 feet to the westerly line of Haggerty Road:

Thence along the westerly line of Haggerty Road two courses: South 19 degrees 50 minutes 51 seconds West 402.12 feet and South 23 degrees 03 minutes 30 seconds West 806.00 feet:

Thence North 67 degrees 38 minutes 29 seconds West 1135.76 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 26.030 acres, more or less.



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OUTDOOR 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 Livo-

nia 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.

STATE PARKS

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.)

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

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

An upcoming ice fishing contest is scheduled for Independence Oaks County Park near Clarkston. "Cabin Fever Cure" will be conducted 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-OCPARKS or (248) 858-1684.

■ "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.

SKIING

Mercy takes 1st; CC ties for 3rd

Farmington Hills Mercy won its second straight Mount Brighton Division ski meet Tuesday, this time in the giant slalom.

The Marlins had a team score of 22 points and finished well ahead of runner-up Brighton (20) and third-place Okemos (61).

Mercy had three of the top five skiers with Liz Kupala, Nikki Anderson and Nicole Zaleski finishing in third, fourth and fifth places with combined times of 30.62, 31.26 and 32.03, respectively.

The rest of the team fared well, too. Laura Burek was 10th (32.96), Marcy Godlew 15th (34.38) and Melissa Desautel 28th (37.03).

A total of 54 skiers competed with Birmingham Groves (69), Howell (100), Birmingham Seaholm (103), South Lyon (120), East Lansing (121) and Pmckney (130) sending teams.

Redford Catholic Central tied with Brighton for third place in the boys giant slalom race.

Okemos won it with 40 points; South Lyon was second with 45, and CC and Brighton had 46 apiece.

CC's Matt Gable was the individual winner with a two-run time of 27.74. Teammate John Goebel placed ninth with a combined effort of 29.23.

Eric Sullivan was 13th (29.93) for the Shamrocks, Ryan Boudreau 23rd (31.50) and Bryan Kontry 45th (34.46).

The girls' individual winner was Jamie Rhoades of Howell in 30.10, and the runner-up was Nikki Smith of Okemos in 30.36.

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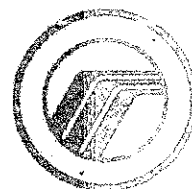
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Firm tells only part of story

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

For the past four years, our management firm has been submitting expenditure reports for the year only. The reports do not indicate as being audited for that year and list no name submitting the reports. There is no interest on the escrow money on the condominium account on the year end report.

The condominium association has raised the dues without the co-owners vote or input on the issue.

What are your comments?

As to the raising of the dues, the association's board of directors may have the right to do so without co-owner input, depending upon the condo documents. Check the documents or enlist the aid of someone who is knowledgeable them.

As to the actions of the management company, they appear to be somewhat suspect. The association, among other things, should be obtaining an audit on a yearly basis from an independent auditor and must provide a copy of it to the membership.

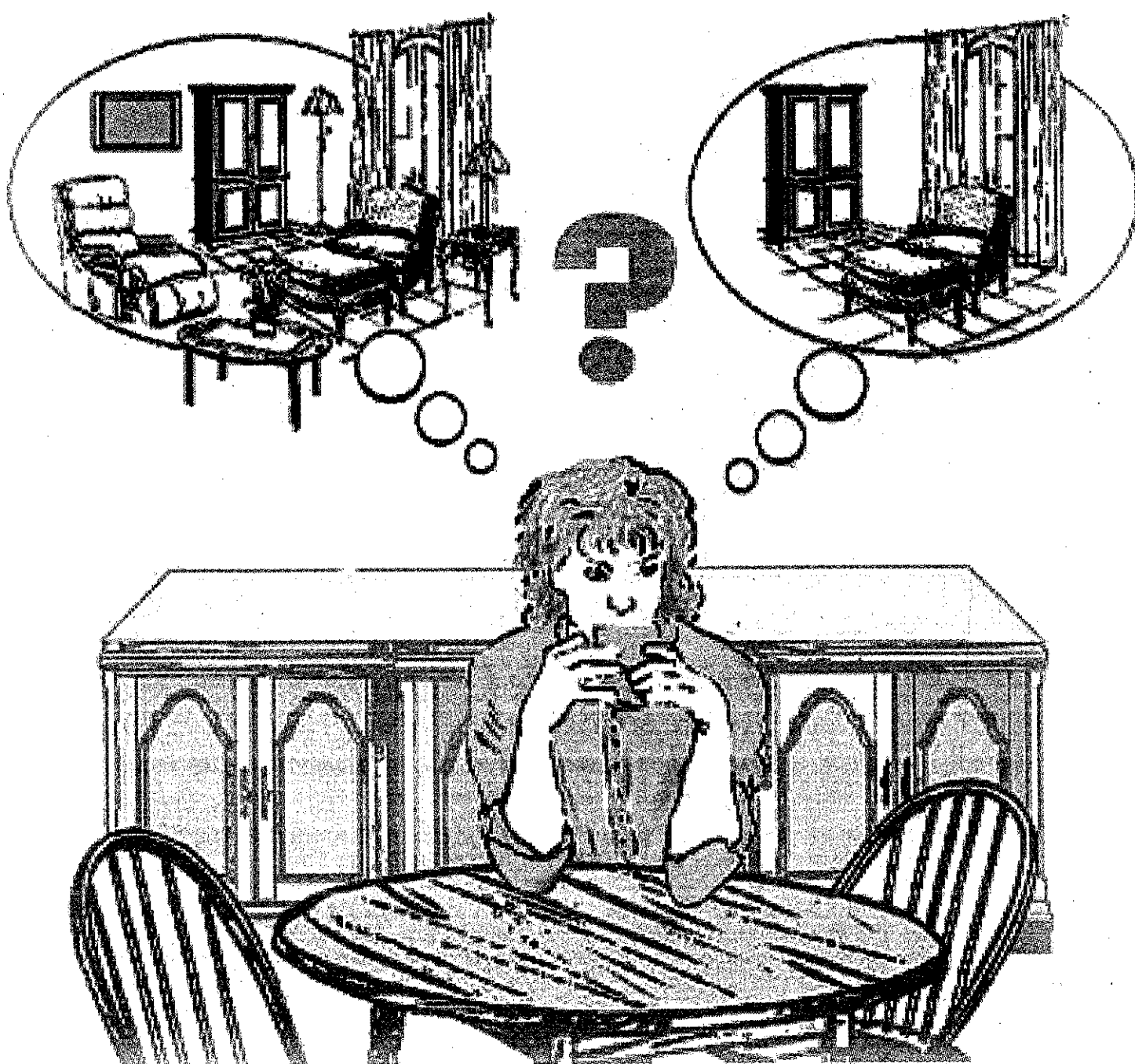
Also, if any money is being held by the association in reserves or in an "account," presumably it should be interest bearing. That should be listed on the financial statement of the association.

If you are not on the board of directors, you are best advised to advise the board immediately of these irregularities and demand that action be taken to correct the situation.

Robert M. Meisner is an Oakland County area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics that you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467, Bingham Farms MI 48025. His e-mail address is bmeisner@mich.com, and his Web site is www.meisner-law.com. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.

HOME SEEKER'S CHECK LIST

- ☒ **SELLER DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**
(REQUIRED BY LAW)
- ☒ **LEAD DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**
(REQUIRED BY LAW)
- ☒ **HOME SUMMARY FEATURE SHEET**
(ROOM DIMENSIONS, ETC.)
- ☒ **SCHOOL DISTRICT SERVING NEIGHBORHOOD** (WHERE EXACTLY ARE BUILDINGS, BUS STOPS)
- ☒ **AGE OF MAJOR MECHANICAL/STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS** (FURNACE, WATER HEATER, SHINGLES, WINDOWS, ETC.)
- ☒ **APPLIANCES 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**



RANDALL MASTERS/STAFF ARTIST

Waiting to sell Should the furniture stay, or go?

BY NORMAN PRADY
SPECIAL WRITER

With the wave of a pen, "Jennifer" suddenly owns two houses; the one she's been living in and the one she's moving to.

Jennifer has a problem.

Should she move everything to the new house and live there while waiting for the old, emptied house to be sold? Or should she stay in the old house and keep her stuff there until a buyer shows up?

"Isn't it enough," Jennifer said, "that I now have to handle two house payments?"

Does she also have to struggle with the question of which house gets the furniture?

"It was just a twist of luck that I had to close on the new place before I sold the old one."

What's Jennifer's best move about moving? Stay? Go? Take the furniture? Leave the furniture? Will anything be better or worse one way or the other?

Clearly, Jennifer needs some guidance from persons who know how these things work out.

If she were to ask Tim Winter, an associate broker at Red Carpet Keim Carter-Reed, Clarkston, she might decide to pack the pots, wrap the lamps and send for her nephew with his pick-up truck.

"That's the lure," Winter said, "of having immediate possession," as a buyer could expect with an empty house. But will buyers think that Jennifer is desperate and then try to get her price down?

"The seller's agent," Winter said, "has to squash" the desperation notion, which might not actually be the case. But Winter thinks the emptiness can matter in a positive way.

■ Whether you should move the furniture depends on the condition of the house. 'Lots of holes in the walls might make it harder to sell if the seller takes down all the pictures, exposing need for repair and repainting.'

Tom Aldrich
broker, A-Team Realty

"It gives lookers an advantage. They can picture their own stuff in the house, especially if the seller's stuff would be very different than the buyer's."

"And it's easier to take measurements or see flaws, such as areas to paint or carpet stain, which any house might have," Winter said.

But before Jennifer is convinced that it's OK to move, she might want to consider what Tom Aldrich has to say about the pros and cons of selling an empty house. He's a broker with A-Team Realty, Livonia, and believes there isn't a single answer that applies generally.

"It depends on the condition of the house," Aldrich said. "Lots of holes in the walls might make it harder to sell" if the seller takes down all the pictures, exposing need for repair and repainting.

As the seller's agent, Aldrich routinely advises his clients about presentation of the house.

"I've had houses where interior decorators lived and the house presented a pretty picture," he said. "When I go into a house, I'm absolutely honest — do this, do that to make the house look good."

Aldrich also thinks the buyer's ability to imagine can be easier if the rooms are empty, as long as blemishes don't overwhelm.

As for the desperation idea, he thinks it doesn't apply "today with all the transfers. Just go ahead and move."

But hold on a minute, Jennifer. Margie Wells has yet another way of looking at your situation.

Wells is a Realtor with Real Estate One, Novi, recently merged with Real Estate One, Farmington, and ERA Rymal Symes, Novi.

Yes, Wells said, an empty house tells the buyer that there's immediate occupancy, and that can be good for the buyer because it says price can be negotiated. "But you really don't want to show a house with no furniture. Every flaw is visible."

"And to some people, the rooms look smaller without furniture. To buyers' perceptions, you don't have existing furniture to help imagine use of the space or to compare sizes."

Wells said that if Jennifer is going to move and perhaps have enough furniture to leave some behind, she's better off not to vacate the house entirely.

"Make it look like there's an arrangement," Wells said, "even if it's just a pretend setup. The lived-in aspect. It needs to look homey, even down to towels in the bathroom."

"People want to envision themselves living in the house," Wells said. "As with new construction, where the builder furnishes the house from top to bottom and has someone in the kitchen baking sweet-smelling muffins."

Jennifer said she now has definitely decided what to do. She said she'll either pack and move or stay and cook some apples, filling the house with the compelling aroma of hot cinnamon.

What good's a mortgage broker?

MORTGAGE BITS



TIM 'TIMBO' PHILLIPS

Mortgage brokers can stimulate a healthy and helpful competition among real estate lenders. Brokers are entrepreneurs who compete in the real estate lending market by providing money. They are specialists in mortgage lending and, in Michigan, must be licensed with the state.

Mortgage brokers compete against institutions such as banks and credit unions. In fact, most of them can get you VA, FHA, jumbo, ARMs, conventional and bridge loans; fixed-, variable-, and balloon loans. The same way real estate brokers employ real estate agents, most mortgage brokers hire loan officers to work for them.

The biggest advantage mortgage brokers have is that they are not limited to a single lender's rules. Bankers can have their board approve unique situations, but mortgage brokers can access wholesalers and investors who specialize in those areas.

Mortgage brokers and banks often use the same sources of money. Companies such as GMAC, Old Kent Bank, Bank of America, and Flagstar Bank have wholesale lending divisions that allow mortgage brokers to originate mortgages. By only completing one loan application and pulling one credit report, mortgage brokers can submit a borrower's loan package to as many different lenders as it takes.

Banks and credit unions normally have a broad selection of mortgage products to accommodate most borrowers. Alternatively, mortgage brokers select an appropriate loan product from a variety of lending institutions, based on the customer's needs and profile.

Mortgage brokers offer a special advantage that might be worthwhile to you: the flexibility of meeting with you during evenings and weekends. Like real estate agents, full-time mortgage loan officers are on-call all the time.

The best way to find a good mortgage broker is through a trusted referral source. You can also visit the Mortgage Bankers Association of Michigan Web site at www.mbam.org, or phone them at (248) 356-6857.

Tim "Timbo" Phillips is a loan officer for Commonwealth National Mortgage Corp. in Livonia. You may contact him at PhillipsHQ@yahoo.com, or at (734) 797-5522 [24 hours]. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

RENTAL PERMITS

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NEW BALTIMORE	100
DETROIT	95
PONTIAC	77
AUBURN HILLS	68

These are the communities in S. E. Michigan that have issued the most building permits for rental units January through October.

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HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer-area residential real-estate closings recorded Oct. 23 - 27, 2000, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	42060 Addison Ave	\$171,000	42781 Hanford Rd	\$191,000	1660 Orchard Dr	\$101,000
	7604 Admiralty Dr	\$241,000	380 Harbor St	\$75,000	1686 Orchard Dr	\$129,000
	47626 Ashford Dr S	\$383,000	1994 Hawks Nest Ct	\$183,000	1704 Orchard Dr	\$68,000
	43409 Barclay Way	\$261,000	39938 Hillary Dr	\$160,000	1717 Orchard Dr	\$109,000
	1732 Bridgewater Ct	\$290,000	2560 Hogan Way	\$196,000	1719 Orchard Dr	\$80,000
	1529 Brookdale Dr	\$254,000	2656 Hogan Way	\$194,000	1736 Orchard Dr	\$80,000
	1621 Brookdale Dr	\$254,000	2729 Hogan Way	\$275,000	1744 Orchard Dr	\$82,000
	1224 Brookline St	\$193,000	2768 Hogan Way	\$236,000	1764 Orchard Dr	\$59,000
	6598 Carriage His	\$186,000	2783 Hogan Way	\$281,000	1767 Orchard Dr	\$68,000
	212 Cherry Hill PntDr	\$194,000	2791 Hogan Way	\$276,000	47631 Pavilion Rd	\$323,000
	282 Cherry Hill PntDr	\$176,000	45081 Horseshoe Cir	\$168,000	378 Pleasant Ridge Dr	\$77,000
	291 Cherry Hill PntDr	\$212,000	45197 Horseshoe Cir	\$166,000	393 Pleasant Ridge Dr	\$83,000
	310 Cherry Hill PntDr	\$208,000	3880 Hunters Way Ct	\$157,000	405 Pleasant Ridge Dr	\$80,000
	2593 Cleveland Way	\$256,000	6778 Kennesaw Rd	\$360,000	431 Pleasant Ridge Dr	\$75,000
	2645 Cleveland Way	\$270,000	43538 Laurelwood Ct	\$163,000	446 Pleasant Ridge Dr	\$75,000
	7115 Copper Creek Cir	\$180,000	457 Lenox Dr	\$80,000	457 Pleasant Ridge Dr	\$75,000
	39451 Dorchester Cir	\$287,000	42559 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$117,000	496 Pleasant Ridge Dr	\$77,000
	39612 Dorchester Cir	\$292,000	48224 Manhattan Cir	\$100,000	4041 Pond Run	\$55,000
	39641 Dorchester Cir	\$287,000	48306 Manhattan Cir	\$100,000	4063 Pond Run	\$73,000
	8551 Elmhurst St	\$210,000	48369 Manhattan Cir	\$80,000	1819 Preserve Blvd	\$216,000
	5801 Fairborn Dr	\$311,000	48416 Manhattan Cir	\$85,000	1906 Preserve Cir W	\$243,000
	6009 Fairborn Dr	\$320,000	48426 Manhattan Cir	\$80,000	1930 Preserve Cir W	\$244,000
	45536 Glangarry Blvd	\$355,000	48536 Manhattan Cir	\$80,000	45166 Quaker Hl	\$225,000
	7559 Green Meadow Ln	\$215,000	47062 Mornington Rd	\$318,000	48085 Red Run Dr	\$301,000
			1031 Millbrook Rd	\$209,000	2421 River Woods Dr N	\$326,000
			47357 N Pointe Dr	\$382,000	2606 River Woods Dr N	\$275,000
			45139 N Spring Dr	\$205,000	47724 Royal Pointe Dr	\$357,000
			1740 Northbrook Ct	\$205,000	42762 Saltz Rd	\$190,000
			1623 Orchard Dr	\$92,000	652 Sandalwood Dr	\$345,000
			1656 Orchard Dr	\$102,000	2591 Shagbark Ct	\$266,000
					500 Shana St	\$190,000

2605 Slevier Dr	\$310,000	17246 Deering St	\$155,000
43908 Somerset Sq	\$189,000	18700 Deering St	\$174,000
47888 Stratford Ct	\$396,000	8988 Farmington Rd	\$133,000
41422 Strawberry Ct	\$232,000	33967 Gable Dr	\$250,000
47704 Torrington Dr N	\$338,000	18985 Gillman St	\$132,000
546 Torrington Dr W	\$381,000	28277 Gita	\$175,000
41772 Wayside Dr	\$174,000	36332 Hammer Ln	\$290,000
45399 William Ct	\$280,000	14112 Hix St	\$170,000
1708 Woodstock St	\$150,000	14150 Hix St	\$167,000
233 Woodward Rd	\$316,000	9416 Houghton St	\$155,000
43567 Yorkville Dr	\$146,000	37732 Howell St	\$188,000
Garden City			
31114 Balmoral St	\$132,000	14292 Hubbell St	\$161,000
28627 Barton St	\$123,000	20403 Hugh St	\$147,000
31204 Barton St	\$98,000	35120 Joy Rd	\$191,000
30456 Beechwood St	\$148,000	19218 Levan Ct	\$110,000
29518 Bock St	\$137,000	18158 Levan Rd	\$227,000
5689 Brandt St	\$130,000	27641 Long St	\$93,000
28760 Cambridge St	\$125,000	29850 Lori St	\$165,000
29477 Dover St	\$160,000	29874 Lori St	\$155,000
1635 Harrison St	\$124,000	9828 Loveland St	\$138,000
31549 John Hawk St	\$132,000	38299 Mallory Dr	\$310,000
33725 John Hawk St	\$130,000	15965 Marsha St	\$303,000
27985 Maplewood St	\$126,000	16930 Mayfield St	\$190,000
30555 Pierce St	\$85,000	32260 Meadow Brk	\$172,000
28419 Sheridan St	\$109,000	11009 Melrose St	\$185,000
993 W Rose Ave	\$184,000	34266 Munger St	\$190,000
29761 Winter Dr	\$110,000	33351 Navin Ct	\$280,000
		32640 Ohio St	\$141,000
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12340 Arcola St	\$99,000	29480 Orangelawn St	\$139,000
14402 Blue Skies St	\$192,000	11240 Oxbow St	\$128,000
15956 Brentwood St	\$148,000	14217 Park St	\$155,000
11037 Cranston St	\$200,000	15701 Riverside St	\$300,000
		11642 Rose Linda Dr	\$64,000

11659 Rose Linda Dr	\$64,000	9448 Marlowe Ave	\$135,000
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11751 Rose Linda Dr	\$64,000	399 N Evergreen St	\$239,000
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9085 Sunbury St	\$150,000	51257 N View	\$318,000
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27439 Vargo St	\$138,000	51274 N View	\$335,000
16149 Westbrook St	\$190,000	51329 N View	\$304,000
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		51373 N View	\$313,000
		979 Palmer St	\$218,000
Plymouth			
44630 Albert Dr	\$156,000	1011 Penniman Ave	\$196,000
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13360 Andover Dr	\$291,000	51213 Plymouth RdgCt	\$293,000
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Home sales end year on a strong note

Existing single-family rose in November on the strength of lower interest rates, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Existing-homes increased 4.4 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.22 million units in November from an upwardly revised pace of 5.00 million units in October. Last month's sales activity was 1.4 percent above the 5.15-million unit pace in November 1999.

David Lereah, NAR's chief economist, said that lower interest rates are helping to sustain the market. "Mortgage interest rates have dropped three-quarters of a percentage point since peaking in May, which is keeping sales strong in the closing months of the year," he said. We expect a total of 5.01 million existing-home sales this year, making it the second strongest on record," he added.

According to Freddie Mac, the

national average commitment rate for a 30-year, conventional, fixed-rate mortgage was 7.75 percent in November, down from 7.80 percent in October; it was 7.74 percent in November 1999.

NAR President Richard A. Mendenhall said the sustained drop in interest rates is especially helpful to first-time buyers. "At this time of the year, we see higher ratios of first-time home buyers, especially singles and childless couples entering the market, and these are the people who benefit the most from lower interest rates," he said. "In turn, this allows people to sell their existing homes and trade-up to larger properties, which is why the market is doing so well," he explained.

Housing inventory levels fell 13.4 percent at the end of November with 1.55 million existing homes available for sale, which represents a 3.6-month supply at the current sales pace.

Don't let 'em freeze

Bundle up pipes against the winter

(NU) - Has Jack Frost got your nose? If he does, he might have your pipes, too.

While preparing yourself for the cold winter, make sure to bundle up your pipes with these prevention tips. Just like you, your pipes need protection from the cold or they will freeze.

Sub-zero temperatures and frigid wind chills can cause pipes to freeze and burst. The results can cause property damage and high repair costs, but by taking a few preventive measures, you can help protect your home from potential plumbing problems.

"An ice clog can form in a pipe and cause water pressure to build up in the pipe. With all this pressure, a tiny crack in the pipe can unleash more than 250 gallons of water a day," said John Winther, director of plumbing operations at Roto-Rooter. "Fortunately, flood dam-

age from frozen pipes can be preventable."

To minimize the risk of frozen pipes and help prevent damage and expensive repairs, try these:

■ Insulate all pipes in areas with no heat, such as the garage or crawl space. Apply heat tape or thermostat-controlled heat cables around pipes that are exposed and prone to freeze.

■ Seal any leaks around doors and windows to reduce cold air penetration.

■ Allow a trickle of hot and cold water to drip overnight; however, be careful not to run the water into a drain line that is exposed to the extreme cold because that line might freeze.

■ If you are going to be away from home for long periods of time, shut off the main valve (usually next to the water meter) and drain the system by opening a faucet at the highest and lowest points of the house. Make sure the heat is left on and set no lower than 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

■ Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors under sinks to allow heat from the room to circulate around uninsulated pipes.

■ Shut off the outside water valve, disconnect garden hoses and drain water from pipes that lead to outside faucets.

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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 Pontiac Marriott, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, at the corner of Opdyke.

Speakers include Peter Linne-man, 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.

BOMA MEETING

The Building Owners and

Managers Association of Metropolitan Detroit sponsors a breakfast program, "Keeping Your Building Healthy," 8-10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, at the Skyline Club, 2000 Town Center, Suite 2800, Southfield.

Panelists will address issues relating to measuring, testing and characterizing air quality of buildings.

Speakers: Terry Refai, concrete rehabilitation group manager, NTH consultants; and Charles Wirth, director of environmental health and safety, Innovative Environmental Solutions.

Cost is \$25 for members, \$50 for nonmembers. To register, call BOMA at (248) 848-3714.

WORKSHOPS PREVIEW

Home Building Workshops presents a series of free previews of paid seminars it provides on a variety of topics.

Free introductory sessions are offered 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20; 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30; and 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at the Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Place Drive, Livonia.

Free introductory sessions also are offered 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21; 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1; and 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Holiday Inn Select,

16000 Opdyke, Auburn Hills.

For information or reservations, call (800) 462-0899.

REMODELERS COURSE

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan presents a Certified Graduate Remodelers course, "Scheduling for Remodelers," 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwest, Farmington Hills.

Participants will learn to improve planning and scheduling skills to increase efficiency and simplify site management.

Presenters: Ken Bertolini and Chuck Breidstein of NCI Associates.

Cost, which includes breakfast, lunch and course materials, is \$125. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

BUY HOME CLASS

Rosemary Firestone, a Realtor with RE/MAX 100 in Novi, and her financial services team sponsor a free, no-obligation class for home buyers 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, at First Michigan Title, 38777 Six Mile, Suite 100, just west of I-275, Livonia.

Participants include Tom Daigle, Flagstar Bank; Jeff Mifsud, Allied Mortgage; Craig Lee, Home Team Inspection; David

Rieman, Farm Bureau Insurance; Michael Rich, attorney; April Wolters, financial planner; and Firestone.

For reservations, call (734) 420-9600.

BUY HOME CLASS II

Deborah Johnson of RE/MAX Great Lakes and Mary Jo Wilson of Shore Mortgage host a free seminar for home buyers 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, at the RE/MAX Great Lakes office, 33966 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills.

To register, call (313) 387-4561.

REAL ESTATE LICENSE CLASS

A Real Estate Sales License class will be given 6-10 p.m. Thursdays Feb. 1-April 12 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Cost is \$225. For more information, call Schoolcraft College Continuing Education. (734) 462-4448.

LICENSE EXAM CLASS

Oakland Builders Institute and Livonia Community Education present a 16-hour class to help participants prepare for the state builder's licensing exam 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 5-14, at Riley Middle

School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia.

Cost is \$199, plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions.

To register, call (734) 523-9277.

CONTAMINATION SITES

VISTAinfo, a publicly owned company based in San Diego, has a Web site that offers a free overview of environmental conditions - contaminated waste sites, hazardous waste locations and landfills - by ZIP code.

The Internet address is www.NearMyHome.com

More specific reports are available for a fee.

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

A book available from the Community Associations Institute can help community association managers and board members ensure that their playgrounds and tot lots are as safe as possible.

Detailed information is provided on safety inspections and implementing an effective maintenance plan.

"Playgrounds for Young Children" is available for \$40 by calling (703) 548-8600, or ordering through www.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 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).

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Another loan company offers nothing-down mortgages

(PRNewswire) - Credit-worthy homebuyers can buy a home earlier than may have been traditionally possible with the help of a new fixed-rate mortgage product from Amcore Mortgage, Inc. that requires no down payment.

The firm was selected by Freddie Mac to participate in a pilot program launching the new product called the Freddie Mac 100. The program is appealing to both buyers and financial institutions.

"Most people can afford a monthly mortgage payment, but they have a hard time coming up with a down payment for their

first home," said James Lukas, vice president and sales manager for AMCORE Mortgage. "This product gives homebuyers the chance to own a home, at a reasonable rate, with minimal costs and no down payment."

For example, a \$100,000 loan with an interest rate at 7.875 percent and 1.25 percent discount fee would result in a 8.873 percent APR (annual percentage rate), which would equal 360 payments of \$815.90. This calculation includes mortgage insurance.

The product is appealing to financial institutions because it

is available only to credit-worthy borrowers, requires mortgage insurance, and is an "off-balance sheet product," meaning the loans are sold back to Freddie Mac, but serviced by the originating financial institution.

"Many of the products available today that require no down payment are variable rate products that carry a higher interest rate that could keep increasing," said Nancy Moore, senior vice president. "This product is a 30-year fixed rate at a market competitive interest rate so there is no surprise for homebuyers later on if interest rates rise. The rate

stays the same for the term of the loan."

The Freddie Mac 100 is attractive to a wide variety of buyers with different needs. The logical group includes first-time homebuyers, but move-up buyers who do not want to tie-up all their equity in their home, are also likely to be interested, said Moore. "Some people want to own a home and take advantage of the tax deductions for interest, so they don't want a large down payment requirement," she explains.

Unlike other no down-payment

programs, the Freddie Mac 100 doesn't have any income or sale price restrictions. The requirements are that the borrower has a good credit history with no bankruptcies or foreclosures and two months of mortgage payments must be held in reserve. Borrowers must contribute three percent of their own funds to the transaction which can be applied to the reserve payments or closing costs.

"This is a good product because it allows people to own a home with no down payment and reasonable, fixed rates," said

Lukas. "The risk of not being able to make a payment because of a higher interest rate kicking in after 24-to-30 months, isn't here."

AMCORE Financial Inc. has investment assets under administration of \$5 billion and banking assets of \$4.3 billion with 64 locations in Illinois and Wisconsin.

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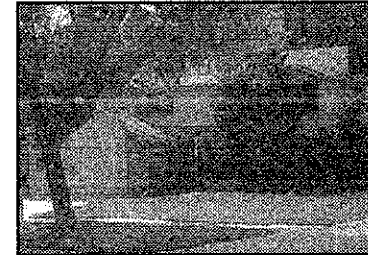
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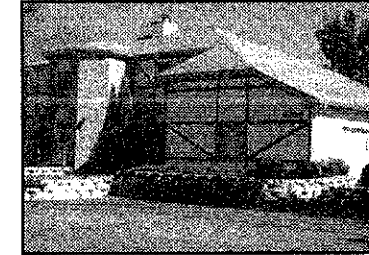
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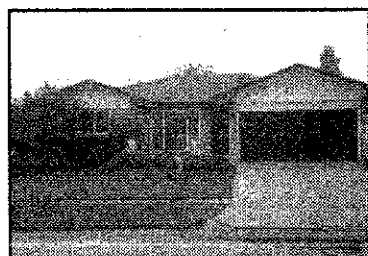
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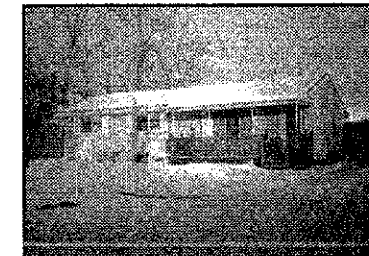
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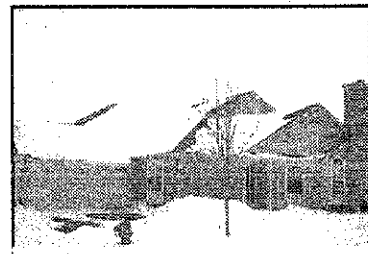
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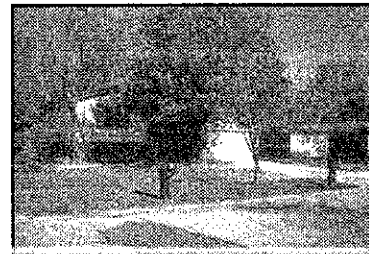
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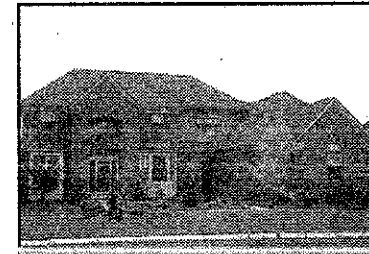
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C. Richard Hall, AIA, has been inducted as a founding member in the American College of Healthcare Architects.

Hall leads the healthcare design team at HarleyEllis, a planning, management, design and construction firm in Southfield. He has 28 years of healthcare design experience.



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rience.

Hall has a bachelor of architecture degree from Lawrence Technological University and a master of architecture degree from the University of Michigan.

He's a member of the Michigan Society of Architects, the American Institute of Architects and an adjunct professor of architecture at Lawrence Tech in Southfield.

Jerry Wenzel has been promoted to project superintendent

in the Livonia office of Clayco Construction. He will oversee field operations.

Previously, Wenzel was a foreman for Clayco's Tilt-Up concrete group in St. Louis.

Melissa Graban, a regional property manager with PM One in Farmington Hills, has received the Chapter Presidents Glstar Award from the Property Management Association of Michigan for contributing to the betterment of the multi-family

housing industry.

Her management scope includes Cambridge Club Apartments, Country French Estates, Harbor Cove Apartments and Beach Club, Tae Keuk Village, Harbor Club South, Sutton Club Apartments and Fitness Center and Meadowbrook Commons.

PM One also received Glstar Awards for best newspaper ad (Northlake Village Cooperative, Grand Rapids); best Web site (Villa Maria, Grand Rapids); overall star community (Benson

Hills, Haslett); outstanding customer representative (**Julie Kim**, Wayne); and best two-bedroom floor plan (Silver Stone Homes, Lansing).

Gordon Holness, PE, chairman and CEO for Albert Kahn Associates in Detroit, was one of five leaders to receive recognition for affecting commercial real estate during the 14th annual University of Michigan/Urban Land Institute Real Estate Forum.

Weekly mortgage rates decline, lowest in 19 months

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 7.07 percent, down

from 7.13 percent last week, according to a survey released by Freddie Mac, the mortgage company.

A year ago, the rate on 30-year mortgages stood at 8.15 percent and was rising. In mid-May,

rates on 30-year mortgages hit a five-year high of 8.64 percent.

Fifteen-year mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, declined to 6.74 percent last week, down from 6.79 percent the previous week. A year ago,

15-year mortgages averaged 7.73 percent.

This week's 30-year mortgage rates were the lowest since May 7, 1999, when they averaged 7.02 percent. The 15-year rates were the lowest since May 14, 1999,

when they averaged 6.71 percent.

On one-year adjustable-rate mortgages, lenders were asking an average initial rate of 6.86 percent, down from 6.93 percent the week before. Last year, one-

year ARMs averaged 6.60 percent.

The rates do not include add-on fees known as points, which averaged 1 percent of the loan amount for all three types of mortgages.

You may no longer need to pay for private mortgage insurance

With mortgage interest rates at their lowest levels in almost two years, it's a great time to consider refinancing your home mortgage loan if your current rate exceeds 7.5 percent.

That's the advice of Chase Manhattan Mortgage, with offices in Bloomfield Hills.

While you're at it, Chase advises, you should also seriously consider eliminating private mortgage insurance if you currently have it through your lender.

If you bought your home with a small down payment, or at one time refinanced your home mortgage for more than 80 percent loan-to-value, you probably were required to buy private mortgage insurance, also known as PMI.

Private mortgage insurance protects your lender against substantial loss if you experience financial problems and can't continue making your mortgage payment.

What you may not realize, though,

In recent years, borrowers have had a more affordable and advantageous alternative, the piggyback mortgage. A piggyback, also known as a blended mortgage, is a first and second mortgage combination.

is that in case of default, PMI protects the lender rather than you, the borrower.

If you default on your payments and the property is foreclosed and sold, the insurance company compensates your lender for the portion of the mortgage that couldn't be paid off with the sales proceeds.

You receive nothing, even though you paid the insurance premium every month.

(Even if you don't plan to refinance, check with your lender whether you can stop PMI payments.

(The answer is yes if you have at least 20-percent equity ownership - value minus outstanding loan - in the property. That's a distinct possibility, considering rapid appreciation in value here.

(But you, as the borrower, have to take the initiative.)

In years past, borrowers with limited resources didn't have many options when it came to private mortgage insurance. Without this protection, many lenders wouldn't risk offering loans with less than 20 percent of the borrower's own equity in a home.

However, in recent years, borrowers have had a more affordable and advantageous alternative, the piggyback mortgage. A piggyback, also known as a blended mortgage, is a first and second mortgage combination.

The first mortgage is written for the

conventional 80 percent value of the home. A second mortgage is then added for an additional 10-15 percent of the value of the home.

With this combination in place, the lender doesn't require that the borrower buy private mortgage insurance.

The combined first and second mortgage monthly principal and interest payments are often less than the cost of the private mortgage insurance. Plus, the interest paid to the lender on both loans is tax-deductible.

PMI isn't. In addition, the borrower will, in many cases, build up equity in the loan faster with a piggyback than if he had used private mortgage insurance.

When refinancing, home owners can at the same time restructure their high loan-to-value mortgage that includes private mortgage insurance, to a first and second mortgage combination, thereby eliminating the extra

expense of mortgage insurance premiums.

Don't confuse private mortgage insurance with mortgage life insurance, which is a different type of protection. Mortgage life insurance protects the borrower's estate by issuing a benefit upon death that pays off the outstanding amount of the loan.

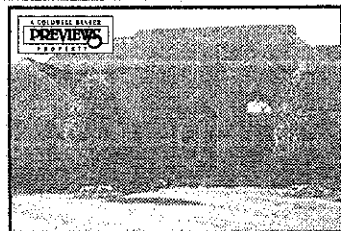
And don't be in a rush to do anything - except maybe see if you can stop PMI payments.

Before refinancing, have the lender calculate what the savings actually will be considering closing costs and points paid to receive a more favorable rate.

Refinancing might not make sense if you plan to move soon.

Also, a regular term life insurance policy may provide more protection at less cost than a mortgage life insurance. Check that out, too.

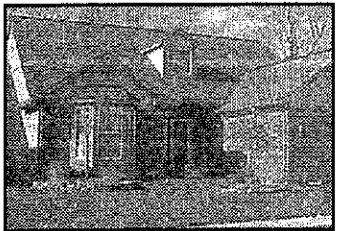
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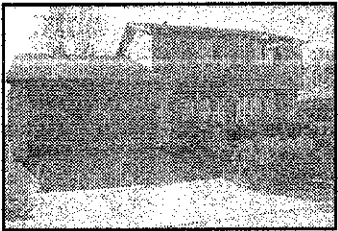
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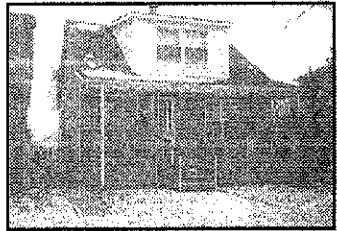
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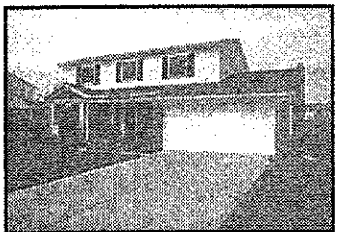
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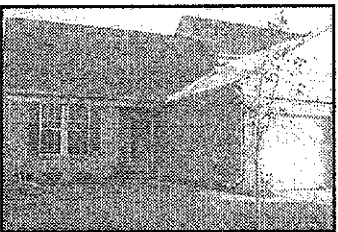
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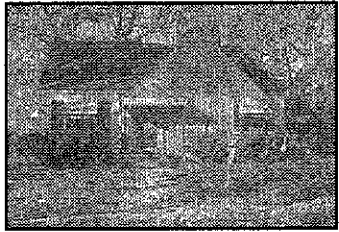
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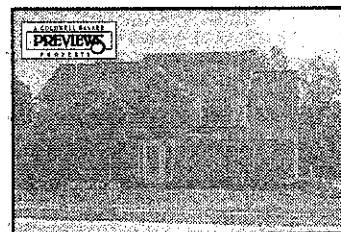
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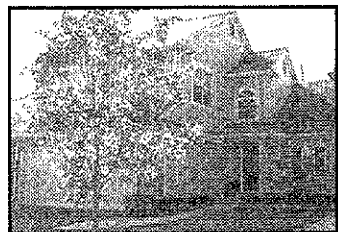
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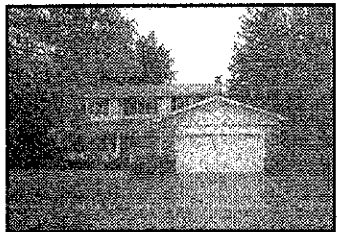
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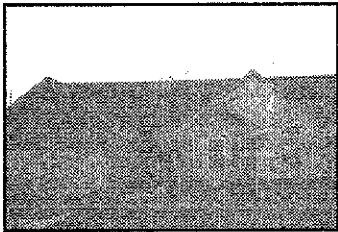
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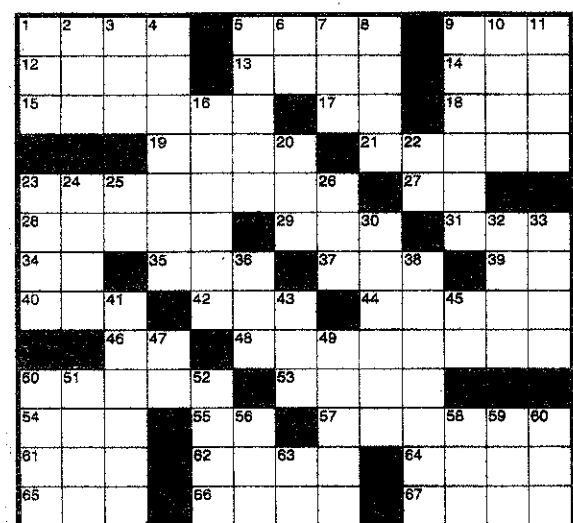
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Must be willing to work nights and have own hand tools. Steady, year-round employment with excellent pay (progressive union scale) and full benefits. Call 734-582-1841 say you're interested in Maintenance Mechanic.

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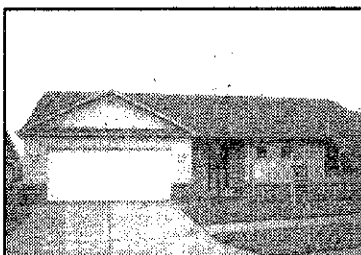
VINTAGE CAPE COD on park-like setting. Historical area of custom built homes. Well maintained & meticulously clean. Large living room w/fireplace, carved wood mantel, large formal dining & wall of windows. Comfortable screened Florida room. (17SUM) \$146,900 248-349-5600



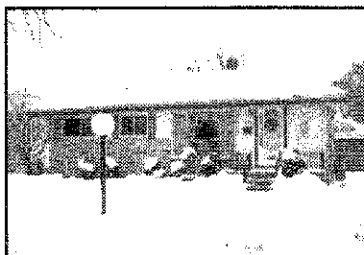
CUSTOM BUILT CONTEMPORARY. Impressive entry, 4 spacious bedrooms, large car garage, private yard with pool, indoor SPA & sauna plus mirrored exercise room. Neat & clean. (77WES) \$799,900 248-349-5600



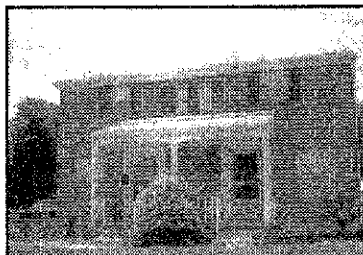
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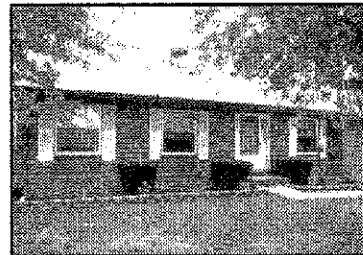
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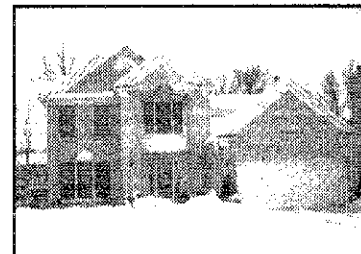
THEY KEEP UPDATING ME! Stunning 3 bedroom brick ranch w/newer roof, garage & house, furnace & C/A, cement driveway. Freshly painted & carpeting T/O. Updated kitchen & bath w/oak cupboards. Cozy Family room w/wood fireplace. (10BUR) \$142,900 248-349-5600



ADULT CONDO ON Crooked Lake. Ranch style with garage and 2 full baths. Clean and neutral, ready to move into and enjoy the easy life. (52CAM) \$127,500 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE CAPE COD. Nestled on approx. 3.36 wooded setting w/lovely pond. 3 horses allowed. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 1st floor master, dining room, oak kitchen, family room w/fireplace, C/A, basement, car garage & 1st floor laundry. (30RID) \$389,000 248-349-5600



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DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH! Across from 2+ Acre park! Sunroom Welcomes you! Newer windows & roof. Updated kitchen w/Maple cabinets, FR w/skylights. Formal dining room, 3rd bedroom. Mechanics dream garage 30x22! Perennial Garden. (48HAR) \$197,000 734-455-5600



SPRAWLING 4 BEDROOM, 2 Bath home w/family room. Attached garage & park-like yard. Convenient to M-5 Connector, schools & shopping. Call today for list of updates & more info! (00PAU) \$219,900 734-455-5600



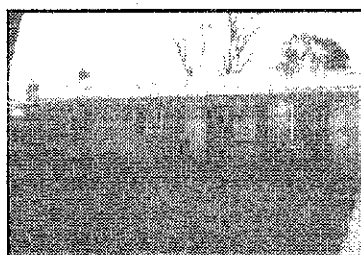
BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY SETTING. Desirable home w/lots of trees on double lots. Newer white kitchen cabinets, newer doors including garage door. Cozy all season breezeway. Huge deck. (15NOR) \$158,900 248-349-5600



GROWING FAMILY? You'll want to see this original owner. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial that offers many updates-kitchen, roof, windows, furnace/AC and more. Finished LL has 5th bedroom/office. This home raised one family and is ready for yours. (89CLE) \$369,900 248-349-5600



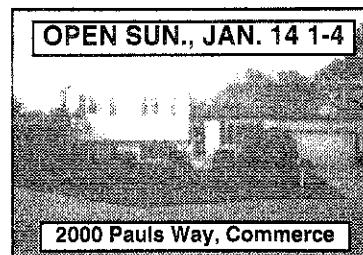
CHARMING 3 bedroom ranch in downtown Plymouth. Newer kitchen, family room with fireplace, hardwood floors throughout, newer windows, basement & C/A. (83ROS) \$199,900 248-349-5600



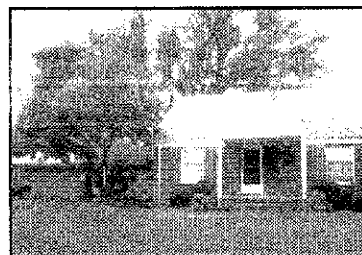
QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD! Great location. Easy commute & close to shopping. Many updates: Roof, gutters, downspouts, C/A. Doorwall from kitchen to deck-natures private yard. Full bath in basement. Large kitchen, appliances (19BRE) \$135,430 734-455-5600



TONS OF SQUARE FOOTAGE! Lots of storage space in this 5 bedroom colonial, 2 bath, huge kitchen, all appliances stay, circuit breakers, newer entry door & roof, lovely yard, covered patio (60HAZ) \$117,000 734-455-5600



OUTSTANDING 4 BEDROOM! Cape Cod floor plan, wonderful neighborhood, Livonia Schools. Only 4 yrs old. 1st floor master suite w/garden tub, enormous kitchen & cabinets, 1st floor laundry, loft overlooking family room, showpiece fireplace (48TIM) \$264,900 734-455-5600



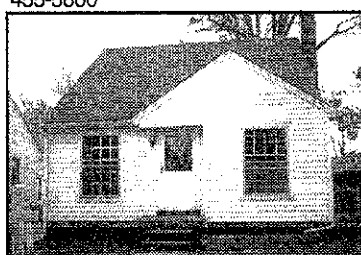
NATURE'S SPLENDOR. It's worth the drive home-quiet & serene wooded 1/2 acre lot with lake privileges. Cozy, custom-built cape cod w/3 car attached garage, super finished W/O basement, lots of windows & lights, 3 fireplaces, upgrades too numerous to mention. (76SAN) \$499,999 248-349-5600



FORGET ABOUT RENTING!! Easily affordable. Good schools, taxes & easy to maintain, yet lots of room. 4 bedrooms & 2 full baths. Basement & 2 car garage w/loft. Nice neighborhood, close to activity center. (42EIL) \$139,900 248-349-5600



EXQUISITE CUSTOM BUILT - 5 bedroom contemporary on a 1.15 acre lot at the end of a cul-de-sac overlooking a park-like setting & pond. Custom marble foyer w/crown moldings T/O. 3 fireplaces, wet bar & 1st floor master. (58VAS) \$1,150,000 248-349-5600



WONDERFUL 3 BEDROOM HOME! Remodeled kitchen, dining room, vinyl siding & a large backyard for the kids to play in and plenty of room for a garden. One half block from Crowley park. Home Warranty included. (17CHE) \$99,500 734-455-5600



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BEAUTIFULLY WOODED YARD! Deck, Hot tub, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace in Family room. Maytag washer & dryer stay. Carpet allowance. DSL Internet Ready Office, 2 car garage. You'll want to see this one! (28WOO) \$170,000 734-455-5600



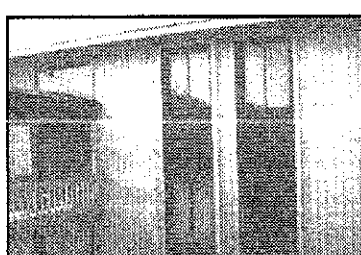
BREATHTAKING Tanglewood golf course setting for this executive caliber home. One of the finest lots in Lyon Township. The elegant interior offers solid doors T/O, Skylight, crown moldings, marble entry, sauna & x-tra room for office or bedroom. (65STA) \$800,000 248-349-5600



SMILE YOU FOUND IT.. Well maintained colonial located walking distance to schools and town of Northville. 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. Great family neighborhood. Private fenced backyard that is nicely landscaped. (92ELY) \$235,000 248-349-5600



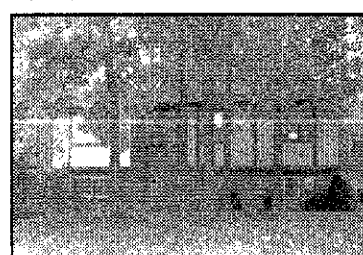
HONEY-STOP THE CAR!! This is it! Gorgeous 3 bedroom brick home in prime sub on a super lot. Totally updated T/O: windows, flooring, kitchen & baths, exterior too. Florida room, security system & sprinklers. (53FAI) \$214,999 248-349-5600



3BR LAKE FRONT CONDO! Stunning view of Ford Lake. Need quick SALE! Master Suite with updated bath and walkin closet. Cozy Living Room w/fireplace, 2 full baths, deck & much more. (93CLI) \$110,000 734-455-5600



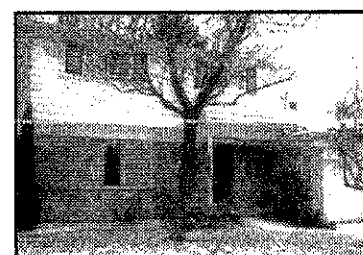
STOP! NOT A DRIVE BY! Larger than appears 3 bedroom, eat-in kitchen, extra large laundry room for work area & storage. New vinyl siding & roof in 1999. Deck overlooking large fenced yard. Home warranty (68LIN) \$116,900 (248) 363-1200



PICTURE PERFECT! Pride of ownership T/O. Lovely layout. 3 bedroom, full basement, garage, formal dining room & large rec room great neighborhood. All new windows. Just one of the many updates. Don't miss out! (03WOO) \$129,900 734-455-5600



NORTHVILLE OFFERS: 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath ranch with open floor plan, hardwood floors, updated kitchen, ceramic bath, W/O basement & 2 car garage. Northville schools. Location! Location! (31WAL) \$229,900 248-349-5600



1994 CUSTOM BUILT CONTEMPORARY on a dead end street with no thru traffic, Cathedral ceilings, C/A, hardwood floors, white bay kitchen, formal dining room & LL prepped for even more bathrooms. (21JAC) \$189,900 248-349-5600



WALK TO DOWNTOWN. 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath tri-level with basement and enclosed porch. Large family room w/fireplace and 2 car attached garage (77HOL) \$198,900 248-349-5600



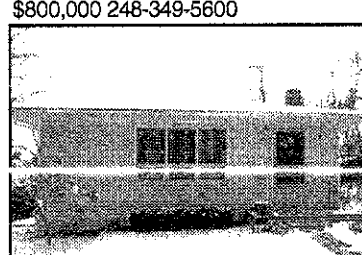
WORK'S DONE FOR YOU! Newer: carpet, paint, wall paper, window coverings T/O. 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA ranch on 1 acre in Saline! Updates: Kitchen, furnace w/cleaned ducts, C/A, HWH, roof, Walkout, lower level, deck, heated pool (46COV) \$245,000 734-455-5600



GREAT CONDO! 55+, Terrific Floor Plan. Updates: Freshly painted, newer furnace, windows & doorwall. Spacious bsmt. HPP, all appliances stay. Master BR w/huge WICs. Com. Pool & clubhouse. Carpet/Dacor allowance. (67NEW) \$119,900 734-455-5600



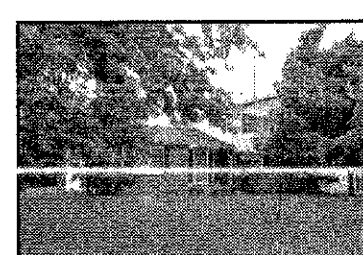
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INCREDIBLE HOME! Luxurious master suite with adjoining bath, dazzling kitchen, formal living room & dining room, library, 5 bedrooms, 3 baths + 1 lavatory, tremendous finished walk-out.

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NOVI

SPACIOUS NOVI FOUR BEDROOM Colonial with large oak kitchen open to family room, 2,727 square feet, tons of updates: windows, Berber carpeting, hot water heater, roof, garage door, driveway & professionally finished basement. Novi schools!

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SPACIOUS FOUR BEDROOM COLONIAL. Remodeled kitchen, huge family room with fireplace, master suite with screened in balcony & double Jacuzzi tub. Newer windows, alarm system & home warranty.

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CANTON

HONEY STOP THE CAR! This home looks like a model! Formal living room & dining room. Kitchen with oak cabinets. Family room with gas fireplace. Three bedrooms + loft. Full basement, 3 car garage, air conditioning, great landscaping.

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NEW YEAR - NEW HOME! Prime Sunflower subdivision location - home backs to commons! Hardwood floors in foyer, kitchen, gas fireplace, upgrades galore! Hurry, won't last long!

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SUPER RANCH in popular Meadowbrook Hills! Newer roof, central air, freshly painted, park-like lot, 3 full baths, stone fireplace, Farmington Hills schools & quick occupancy.

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NOVI

SPACIOUS, WELL MAINTAINED all brick Ranch! Four bedroom, 2 full baths, new kitchen, living room with fireplace, large family room, full finished basement with bath, home protection plan provided.

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HOWELL

SHARP 1998, 3 BEDROOM HOME ON CUL-DE-SAC! Backs to woods, across street from Thompson Lake. Neutral decor, finished basement, vaulted ceilings. Howell schools! Perfection!

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FARMINGTON HILLS

ROOM-TO-ROOM both inside and out. Large, spacious, open, custom-built Ranch sitting on over an acre. Conveniently located, a lot of windows.

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LARGE AND LOVELY! 2,600 square feet of interactive spaces to enjoy! Large and bright lowest level could be used as separate living quarter. Quick occupancy!

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FARMINGTON HILLS

SUPER SHARP LIVONIA BRICK RANCH. Many updates: roof, windows, furnace, air. Kitchen & baths, electrical, carpet & floor. Finished basement with fourth bedroom. Screened in porch, 2 car garage.

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FARMINGTON HILLS

COUNTRY IN THE CITY. This three bedroom brick Ranch sits on almost an acre. Has two baths, 2 car attached garage, extra garage in back.

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS

DON'T HESITATE on this 3 bedroom brick Ranch. Two full baths, finished basement. Home features solid oak front door with leaded glass, custom oak front window. Must see.

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LARGE FAMILIES WELCOME to this 6 bedroom Colonial with 4 car garage with workshop! Huge open kitchen to family room with brick fireplace. Jacuzzi tub in ceramic bath, partially finished basement in great neighborhood.

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LIVONIA

JUST WONDERFUL three bedroom brick Ranch in great neighborhood! Two car garage, partly finished basement with recreation room, central air, new windows, furnace, hot water heater and newer roof.

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LIVONIA

YOUR SEARCH IS OVER! Affordable 3 bedroom Ranch in a great neighborhood. A lot of trees, neutral decor, partially finished basement, copper plumbing, mechanics size 2½ car garage.

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NOVI

TWO-STORY NOVI CONDO! Two bedroom, 1½ baths, basement, garage, updated kitchen and new windows. A must see!

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REDFORD

OVERLOOKING WESTERN GOLF, large Ranch, newer roof, newer deck, updated master bath, oversized front room, 3 bedroom, marble fireplace in family room, 1,939 square feet.

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LIVONIA

CHECK THIS OUT. Three bedroom Ranch, large family room, 1½ baths, central air, Florida room, 2 car garage with work shop. Fenced yard, close to schools, shopping & expressways. In Livonia for under \$160,000. Call Barb.

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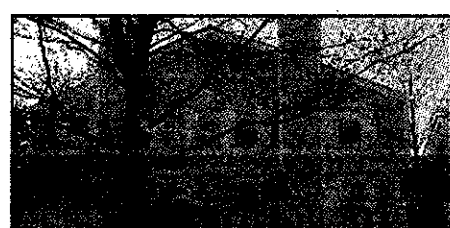
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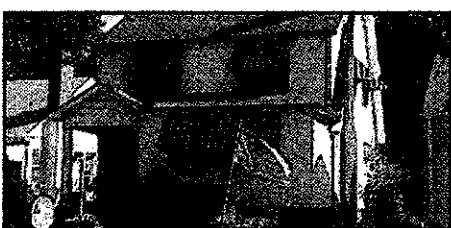
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WAYNE

AN OLD FASHION CHARMER is this 3 bedroom aluminum 2 story with full basement, formal dining room, fireplace in spacious living room and 2 car garage.

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A WELL KEPT 3 BEDROOM brick Bungalow. Fourth bedroom in basement, newer carpet, central air, storm door, finished basement. Kitchen and bath redecorated. South Redford schools.

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THREE BEDROOM maintenance-free Bungalow, remodeled white kitchen & bath, formal dining, office in basement. Newer huge garage, 30 x 22. Beautiful landscaping.

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GARDEN CITY

CHARMING BUNGALOW with updated kitchen, updated bath, hardwood floors, newer windows, new carpet, roof approximately 7 years, home warranty.

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WESTLAND

ENJOY CONVENIENCE? Then stop by this 3 bedroom home just minutes from everything. North of Cherry Hill.

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WAYNE

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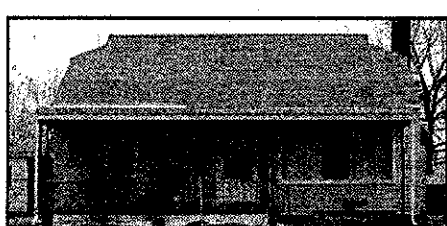
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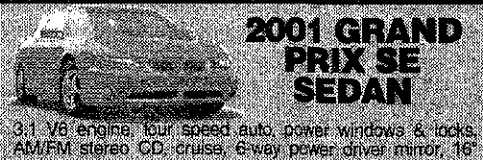
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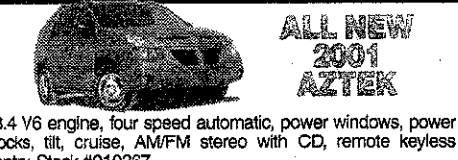
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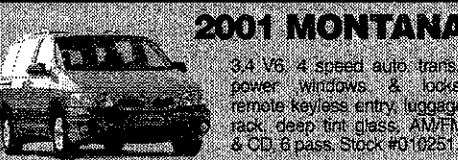
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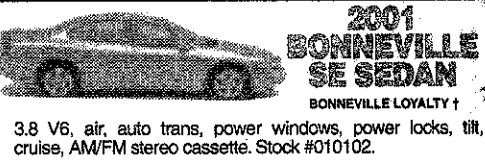
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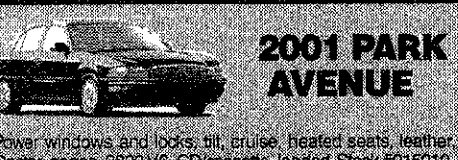
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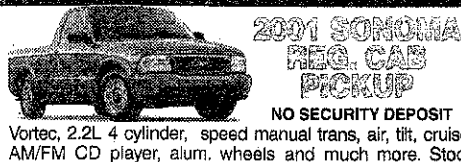


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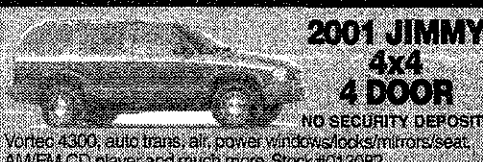


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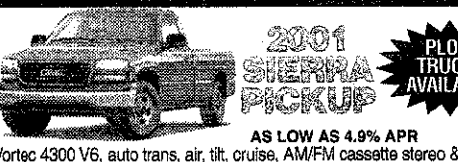
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6680	Safari	\$24,219	\$20,203*
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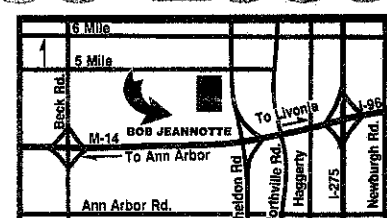
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WAS \$16,160 **NOW \$14,074****
A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL \$226**
ZERO DOWN \$1805**
\$1500 DOWN per mo.

2001 TAURUS SE



FOUR DOOR

Chestnut clearcoat metallic, medium parchment cloth bucket, six cylinder engine, automatic overdrive transmission, front & rear floor mats, six passenger seating with flip-fold con., power driver's seat, 60/40 split/fold rear seat, adjustable pedals.

Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

WAS \$20,345 **NOW \$15,908****
A-PLAN 24 MO. TAURUS TO TAURUS LEASE WITH RENEWAL \$220**
ZERO DOWN \$174**
\$1500 DOWN per mo.

2001 RANGER 4X4 SC



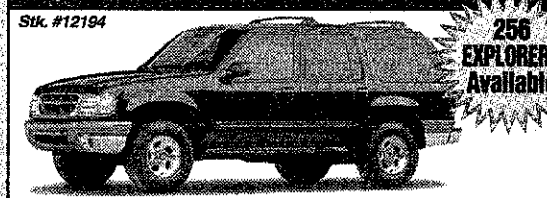
SUPER CAB XLT 4x4

Deep wedgehood blue, dark graphite cloth, AM/FM stereo/clock, 16" cast aluminum wheels, off-road group, V6 engine, five speed automatic overdrive transmission, power window/lock group, remote keyless entry, cloth 60/40 split bench seat, air conditioning, fenderside.

Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

WAS \$24,615 **NOW \$18,907****
A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE WITH RENEWAL \$224**
ZERO DOWN \$160**
\$1500 DOWN per mo.

2001 EXPLORER 4x4 XLT



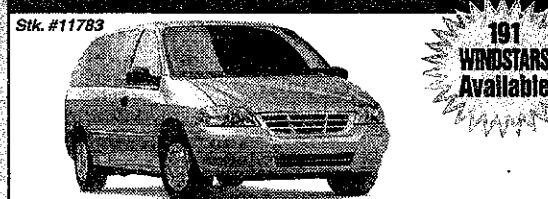
4 DOOR 4x4

Oxford white clearcoat, medium prairie tan cloth sport bucket, XLT series, reversible cargo mat, 4.0 liter SOHC V6 engine, five speed automatic overdrive transmission, step bar, aluminum wheels, trailer towing package, cassette CD, electrochromic mirror.

Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

WAS \$32,995 **NOW \$25,759***
A-PLAN 36 MO. SUV TO SUV LEASE WITH RENEWAL \$311**
ZERO DOWN \$268**
\$1500 DOWN per mo.

2001 WINDSTAR LX



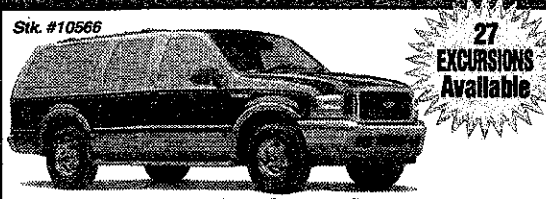
WAGON

Light Sapphire Blue medium graphite cloth, 3.8L DHV EFI engine, 4 speed automatic overdrive transmission comfort group, aux. climate control system, luggage rack, 2nd/3rd row privacy glass, elec AM/FM stereo/cassette, 6.5 x 16" aluminum wheel, enhance seating group.

Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

WAS \$27,045 **NOW \$21,872****
A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL \$280**
ZERO DOWN \$238**
\$1500 DOWN per mo.

2001 EXCURSION LIMITED 4x2



LIMITED SERIES 4x2

Chestnut metallic, medium parchment leather, trip computer, illuminated running boards, premium aluminum wheels, aux heater/air conditioning (rear), third row seat, rear radio controls, reverse sensing system, paint stripe, convenience group, power driver's seat, power rear quarter vent windows, AM/FM win-dash 6 CD, heated front seats.

Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

WAS \$39,250 **NOW \$30,933****
A-PLAN 24 MO. SUV TO SUV LEASE RENEWAL \$435**
ZERO DOWN \$369**
\$1500 DOWN per mo.

2001 EXPLORER SPORT TRAC



4x4

Torador Red CC, dark graphite cloth sport bucket, 4.0 liter SOHC V6 eng, 5 spd. auto, O.D. trans, 4.10 rim, slip six, prem. sport gp., P235/70R16 AT OWL tires, slip bar, front tow hooks, fog lamps, 16 cast alum. wheels, conv. gp., spd. control, leather tilt, auto/lock/reck, rem. keyless entry w/keypad, AM/FM stereo w/single CD/cassette, cloth comfort grp., front overhead & floor consoles, pwr. driver's seat 6-way.

Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

WAS \$28,845 **NOW \$23,882****
A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE WITH RENEWAL \$356**
ZERO DOWN \$289**
\$1500 DOWN per mo.

2001 EXPEDITION



XLT 4x4

Medium Wedgewood Blue clear coat metallic, medium graphite cloth seat, chairs, XLT series, tow hooks, prem. elec. AM/FM stereo/cassette, privacy glass, 4.6L EFI V8 eng., 4-speed automatic transmission, cast aluminum wheels, power heated mirrors, aux. heater/air conditioning (rear), illuminated running boards, trailer towing package, third row seat.

Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

WAS \$36,480 **NOW \$29,083****
A-PLAN 24 MO. SUV TO SUV LEASE WITH RENEWAL \$423**
ZERO DOWN \$358**
\$1500 DOWN per mo.



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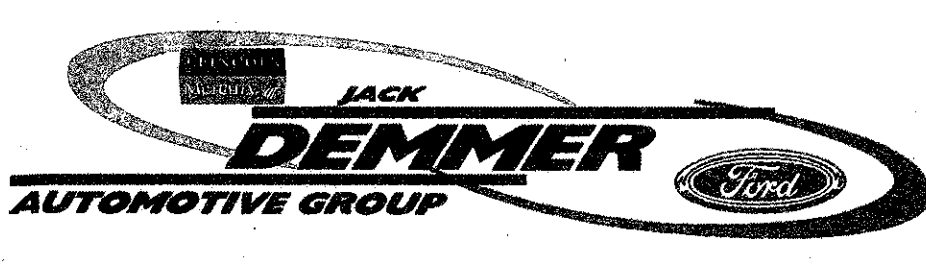
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2001 WINDSTAR LX WAGON	0 Down \$1500	\$406 \$1951
2001 EXPLORER SPORT TRAC	0 Down \$1500	\$490 \$2010
2001 TAURUS SE 4 DOOR SEDAN	0 Down \$1500	\$432 \$1974
2001 EXCURSION LIMITED 4x2	0 Down \$1500	\$540 \$2060
2001 EXPEDITION XLT 4x4	0 Down \$1500	\$527 \$2049

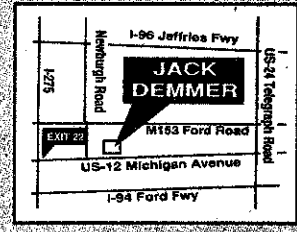
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Thursday, January 11, 2001

The look of today

American drivers will have plenty to choose from if they chose to buy an all-new vehicle this year. Manufacturers are introducing dozens of vehicles at this year's North American International Auto Show. Here are a few of the ones we know about.

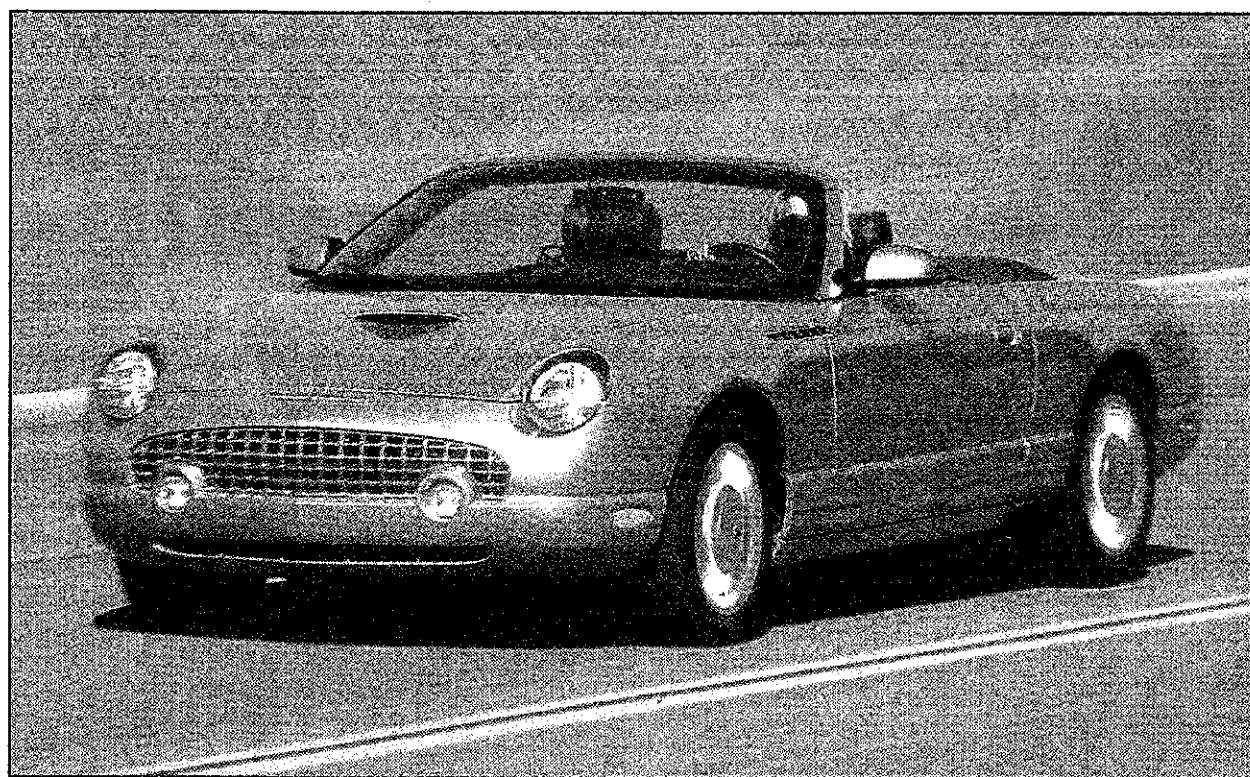
Audi allroad

The allroad (manufacturer's lack of capitalization) is an all-wheel drive station wagon featuring a four-level, height-adjustable pneumatic suspension that provides up to 8.2 inches of ground clearance for off-roading and 5.6 inches for highway driving. Suggested retail price: \$41,900.

Audi S4 Avant

This station wagon version of the S4 Sedan has full-time, four-wheel drive

Please see **PRODUCTION**, 4



The real deal: After teasing show-goers with the concept version two years ago, Ford unveils for the first time the production version of the 2002 Thunderbird that goes on sale this year.

The show tops itself every year

Some 50 manufacturers are expected to display more than 700 vehicles, including more than 50 concept vehicles, at the 2001 North American International Auto Show beginning Saturday at Cobo Center in Detroit.

More than 800,000 people are expected to attend the show, contributing \$500 million in economic impact to the Detroit area.

The NAIAS organizing committee is expecting major news and product introductions from Nissan, Mitsubishi, Honda, Toyota, Mercedes Benz, BMW and Volkswagen. These were confirmed during "off season" visits with original equipment manufacturers in California, and recently at the Paris Motor Show.

Beginning in November, more than 1,500 carpenters, stagehands, electricians, Teamsters and ironworkers were employed full time (12-14 hour days; some double shifts) to build the displays.

Times have changed, so has the show: Fifteen years ago the "Detroit Auto Show" could be built in four days.

Exhibits continue to go skyward. More than 20 two-level exhibits, and one three-level exhibit (Volkswagen),

Please see **OVERVIEW**, 10



The everything car: The GMC TerraCross concept is a sport-utility vehicle, a pickup and a five-seat convertible.

The look of tomorrow

Auto manufacturers are expected to introduce more than 50 concept vehicles to the world at this year's North American International Auto Show. Here are a few of the ones we already know about.

Audi Steppenwolf

The Steppenwolf shows how Audi engineers visualize a high-performance, all-round vehicle designed for on- and off-road driving. It comes with a 3.2-liter V6 rated at 225 horsepower engine. Its electronically-controlled Haldex clutch distributes power between the front and rear wheels. If the front wheels slip, part of the torque is put to the road smoothly via the rear wheels. In addition, the "Electronic Differential Lock" distributes torque between the wheels on one axle.

Please see **CONCEPT**, 5

Vital statistics

Event: North American International Auto Show

Place: Cobo Center, Detroit

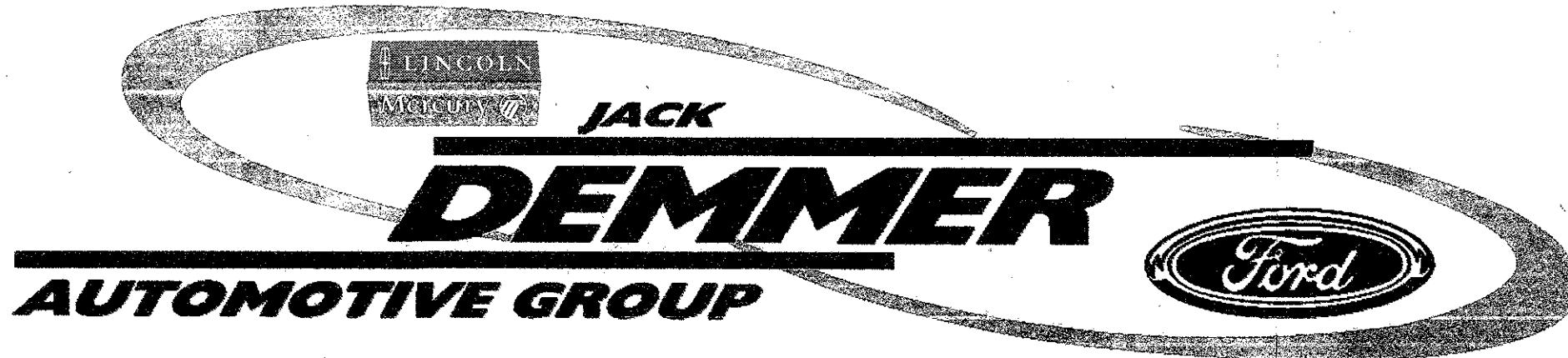
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\$309 DUE AT SIGNING		

2001 F150 SUPERCAB 4X4 XLT SERIES



5.4L V-8, towing package, automatic overdrive, limited slip, all terrain tires, skid plates, sliding rear window, air conditioning.
Stk. #10868T

A PLAN	24 months RCL	\$365 + tax
\$428 DUE AT SIGNING		

2001 WINDSTAR LX WAGON



3.8 V-6, comfort group, enhanced seating group, 15" aluminum wheels, 4 speed automatic overdrive transmission.
Stk. #10404T

A PLAN	36 months RCL	\$277 + tax
\$395 DUE AT SIGNING		

2001 EXPLORER SPORT 4X2



SUV TO SUV RENEWAL
4.0 V-6 engine, cloth sport bucket seats, 5 speed automatic overdrive transmission, premium sport group, limited slip, convenience group, comfort group, CD with cassette
Stk. #11544T

A PLAN	24 months RCL	\$231 + tax
\$376 DUE AT SIGNING		

2001 TAURUS SE 4 DOOR SEDAN



TAURUS TO TAURUS RENEWAL
3.0 V-6 engine, automatic overdrive transmission, air conditioning, floor mats, front & rear power locks, power windows, 5 passenger seating with storage console.
Stk. #11248

A PLAN	24 months RCL	\$217 + tax
\$421 DUE AT SIGNING		

2001 FOCUS SE 4 DOOR



2.0 SPI engine, Automatic transmission, comfort group, tilt steering column, speed control, front courtesy map lights.
Stk. #18268

A PLAN	36 months RCL	\$219 + tax
\$274 DUE AT SIGNING		









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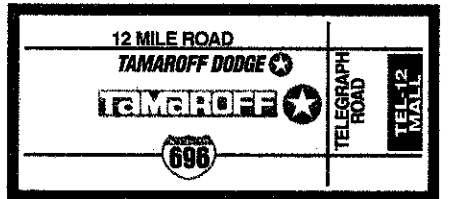
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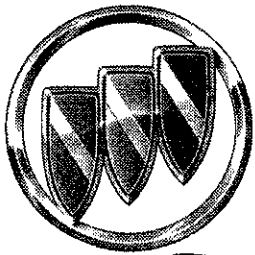
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EMPLOYEE PRICE **\$16,522****
EVERYONE LEASE **\$258**
\$2744 Total Due
EMPLOYEE LEASE **\$208**
\$2744 Total Due



2001 REGAL

Stock #203623
SALE PRICE **\$19,765****
EMPLOYEE PRICE **\$18,780****
EVERYONE LEASE **\$295**
\$2777 Total Due
EMPLOYEE LEASE **\$245**
\$2777 Total Due



2001 LESABRE

Stock #203627
SALE PRICE **\$20,883****
EMPLOYEE PRICE **\$19,658****
EVERYONE LEASE **\$369**
\$2902 Total Due
EMPLOYEE LEASE **\$322**
\$2902 Total Due



2001 PARK AVE.

Stock #136068
SALE PRICE **\$28,576****
EMPLOYEE PRICE **\$27,287****
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\$3084 Total Due
EMPLOYEE LEASE **\$369**
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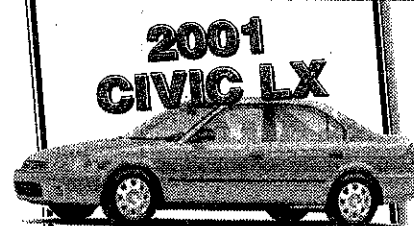
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2001 CIVIC LX

— Was \$16,250 —
Starting From **\$14,750**
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36 Mo. Lease **\$229**
36 Mo. Lease **\$258**
\$1000 TOTAL DUE SIGN & DRIVE-\$0 DUE



2001 ACCORD LX SEDAN

— Was \$20,030 —
Starting From **\$17,847**
Automatic transmission, AM/FM CD, rear defrost, power windows, power locks, cruise control, tilt wheel, Stock #CG564/#001547
36 Mo. Lease **\$244**
36 Mo. Lease **\$274**
\$999 TOTAL DUE SIGN & DRIVE-\$0 DUE



2001 PASSPORT 4x4 LX

— Was \$27,740 —
Starting From **\$25,197**
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36 Mo. Lease **\$329**
36 Mo. Lease **\$359**
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— Was \$15,048 —
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\$199
36 Mo. Lease
\$1550 TOTAL DUE



2001 ALTIMA GXE "Limited Edition"

3.9% APR AVAILABLE
Automatic transmission, air conditioning, power windows, power locks, power mirrors, tilt wheel, cruise control, intermittent wipers, rear defroster, keyless entry, vehicle security system, 100 watt AM/FM CD, 8-way power driver's seat.
— Was \$19,035 —
Now **\$15,997****
\$247
36 Mo. Lease
\$999 TOTAL DUE



2001 PATHFINDER SE

Automatic transmission, air conditioning, power windows, power locks, tilt wheel, cruise control, CD, Bose stereo system, power mirrors, keyless entry, security system.
— Was \$31,096 —
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\$2499 TOTAL DUE



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0.9% APR AVAILABLE
36 Month Lease
\$1999 Total Due at Signing
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2001 VEHICROSS 4WD

214 hp. 3.5L DOHC V-6 24V aluminum engine, automatic torque-on-demand 4WD, limited slip, 4 wheel disc brakes, 18" chrome wheels, power windows/locks, leather Recaro seats! Sk. #D00748
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2001 DODGE NEON SEDAN

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WAS \$16,005...
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WAS \$25,976...
SALE PRICE **\$21,645*** EMPLOYEE PRICE **\$19,989***
EVERYONE LEASE **\$309*** TOTAL DUE: **\$1563.00** EMPLOYEE LEASE **\$266*** TOTAL DUE: **\$1518.00**
36 Mo. 12,000 miles 36 Mo. 12,000 miles



2001 INTREPID SE SEDAN

V-6 engine, automatic transmission, power steering, power brakes, air conditioning, tinted glass, power windows, power locks, tilt wheel, cloth bucket seats. Stock #607169
WAS \$21,535...
SALE PRICE **\$17,786*** EMPLOYEE PRICE **\$16,483***
EVERYONE LEASE **\$296*** TOTAL DUE: **\$1702.00** EMPLOYEE LEASE **\$259*** TOTAL DUE: **\$1674.00**
36 Mo. 12,000 miles 36 Mo. 12,000 miles

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and a five-valve V6 mill with twin turbochargers. Standard equipment includes 10-way power sports seats for driver and front passenger, including electric lumbar adjustment and lockable head restraints, a fully-automatic climate control system with sun intensity control and pollen filter, heated driver door lock, leather-wrapped steering wheel and full-size spare tire. Suggested retail price: \$40,500.

Audi S8

The S8's aim is to blend a high-performance sports car with a luxury sedan. The car has an all-aluminum "Audi Space Frame" and a five-valve, 360-horse, 4.2-liter V8 mill. Changes for increased performance began with the optimized intake paths, a new two-stage variable intake manifold and newly developed camshafts with modified valve timing. To transmit this power, the S8 uses an electronically-controlled five-speed automatic "Tiptronic" transmission with "Dynamic Shift Program" and hill detection capability. Suggested retail price: \$72,500.

BMW M3 ragtop

This open variant of the M3 coupe is a sporty four-seater with an electrically-operated soft top. It will enter the market in spring thereby rounding out the M3 offerings. The ragtop features the agile handling of a sports car as well as the newly designed M3 inline six-cylinder engine developing 333 horsepower. The previous engine of the M coupe and the M roadster will also be replaced by the new six-cylinder high-performance M engine, developing 315 horsepower, an increase of more than 30 percent from the previous 240. With this power increase, the new M coupe and M roadster will reach 60 mph from rest in even less time than the previous cars' 5.1 and 5.2 seconds respectively.

Ford Thunderbird

After teasing show-goers with the concept version two years ago, Ford unveils for the first time the production version of the 2002 Thunderbird that goes on sale this year. The new T-bird is a thoroughly retro design,

looking as it does almost exactly like Thunderbirds of the late '50s and early '60s. However, the new T-bird is a modern car underneath. It will be equipped with a 3.9-liter V8, a five-speed automatic transmission and be built in Wixom.

Buick Rendezvous

Buick's first truck-based vehicle in 80 years combines the best features of SUVs, premium sedans and minivans in one package. It will be available for sale in late spring.

GMC Envoy

The four-door 2002 Envoy (also available as Chevrolet Trailblazer and Oldsmobile Bravada) features an all-aluminum, 4.2-liter, four-valve/cylinder, dual overhead cam V6 mill producing 270 horsepower. The transmission is GM's Hydra-Matic 4L60-E, a four-speed, electronically-controlled transmission noted for its smooth operation, precise shifting and performance across the torque curve.

GM also designed the vehicle for comfort and convenience, hence the dual-zone climate control system that allows driver and front seat passenger to select their own individual temperature settings. Also available is a Bose stereo system and a system that remembers exactly how you like to adjust your mirrors, seat, heat and stereo. Envoy is the only SUV in its class to offer OnStar as a standard feature. This system features a cell phone connection to destination guidance, remote unlocking of doors, emergency assistance and concierge services.

"Our goal was to develop a vehicle that is definitely an SUV, refined yet rugged, larger and more spacious yet tailored to be easy to maneuver, smooth to ride in and not intimidating," said GM chief vehicle designer Bill Davis in a press release.

Look for the Envoy in GM showrooms by the end of March.

Land Rover Freelander

Land Rover hopes to increase its North American sales by 50 percent with the introduction of

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Low rider: The Audi allroad (manufacturer's lack of capitalization) is an all-wheel drive station wagon featuring a four-level, hight-adjustable pneumatic suspension that provides up to 8.2 inches of ground clearance for off-roading and 5.6 inches for highway driving.



Coming soon: Land Rover hopes to increase its North American sales by 50 percent with the introduction of the Freelander, a small sport/utility vehicle, as a 2002 model in the fourth quarter of this year.

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BMW X5 HP

The X5 HP, a high-performance version of the X5 Sports Activity Vehicle, will debut in Detroit. It is powered by a 4.6-liter V8 developing 347 horsepower. The four-wheel-drive vehicle reaches 60 mph from standstill in less than 6.5 seconds and has a top speed of more than 149 mph.

BMW Z9 convertible

The Z9 is the result of BMW's attempt to make driving easier instead of more complicated. Engineers used the interior control concept of "iDrive" to enable the driver to perform a variety of functions intuitively so his attention is not diverted from the main task at hand. The basic concept was presented in the Z9 Gran Turismo at the Frankfurt Auto Show in 1999.

Buick Bengal

This sleekly sculpted roadster has a convertible top, a hidden rear seat, a 3.4-liter V6 generating 250 ponies and voice activated controls and sound system. The Bengal owes its roadster proportions to its "wheels forward" architecture. The six-speed automatic transmission is packaged behind the engine to allow the wheels of the front-drive Bengal to be pushed to the far corners of the car.

Cadillac Vizon

The Vizon continues the art and science theme of previous Caddy concepts. A cross between a SUV and sport-performance station wagon, the Vizon features the same sharp edges as the concept Evoq and ImaJ. Vizon's four-passenger interior features leather seating with integrated heating and cooling. The "infotainment" system includes a DVD player and built-in video screens. The driver's reconfigurable display panel allows for tailoring information that appears on the instrument panel. Vizon is powered by a 4.2-liter V8 Northstar mill driving a five-speed automatic transmission.

Chevy Borrego

The marketing department describes the Borrego as "a rugged and fun sports adventure vehicle that just happens to be practical for commuting." A reconfigurable mid-gate behind the front seats shifts backward into the cargo area to make room for two more passengers. An all-wheel drive, H-4 drivetrain is borrowed from GM's alliance partner, Subaru. The car also has a built-in air compressor and water tank.

Ford 49

The Ford 49 custom coupe, based on the 1949 Ford, features an all-glass upper body structure with concealed pillars and windshield wipers. A cantilevered, bench-style front seat is power-actuated. A floating center console runs the entire length of the interior, giving the impression of four-passenger bucket seating. The engine is a 3.9-liter double overhead cam, 32-valve V8. The engine bay is finished in satin black; stainless and chrome metal finishes throughout.

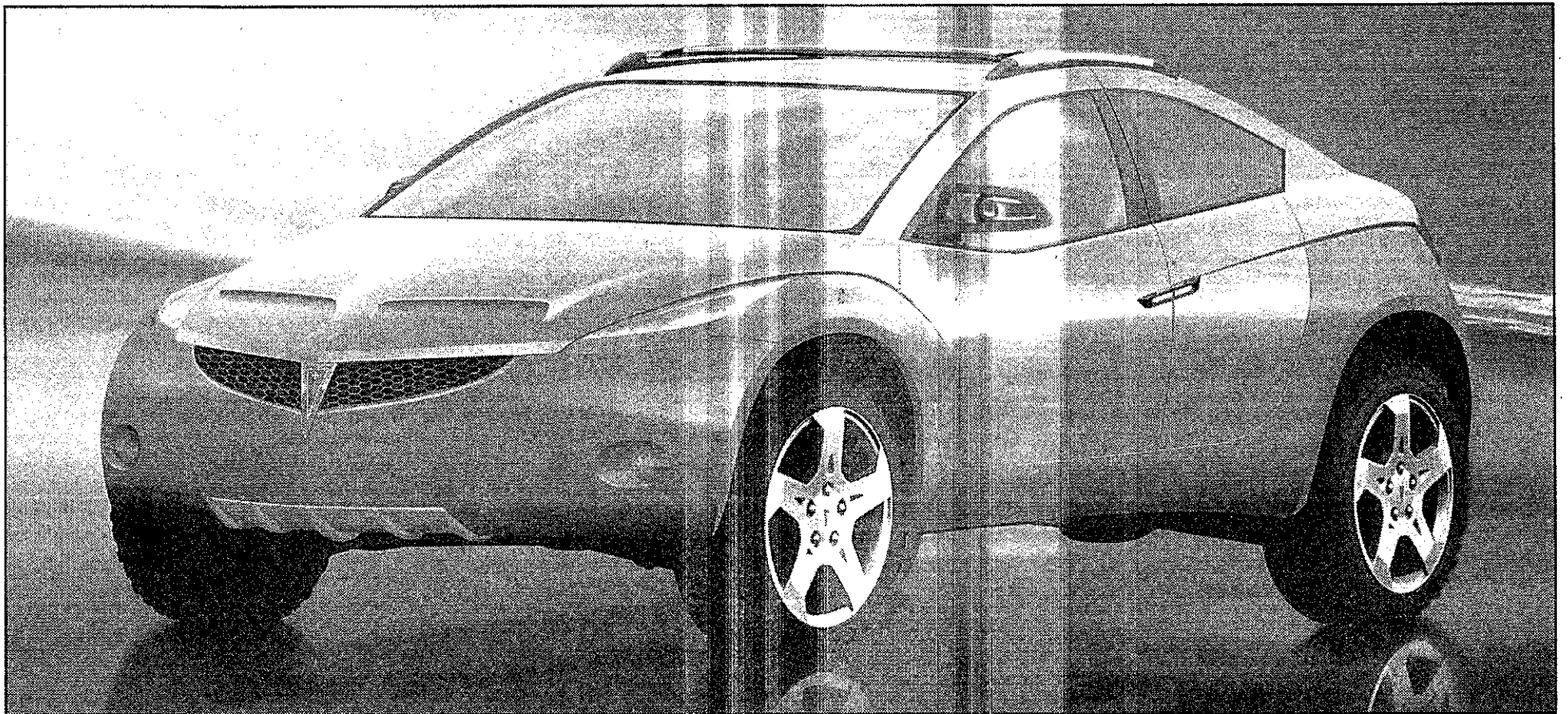
GMC TerraCross

The TerraCross is a sport utility vehicle, a pickup and a five-seat convertible. The roof's three glass segments can be moved electronically to various positions. The panels can stack atop each other, opening two thirds of the roof length for an open-air experience. Or the segments can slide forward to create an open cargo bed. Inside, the front passenger seat swivels, allowing the interior to transform into a conversation pit for tailgating. An integrated laptop computer with a cellular modem allows the front-seat passenger to log onto the Internet while on the road. A Sony "Memory Stick" on a keychain fob stores digital music downloaded from the Internet.

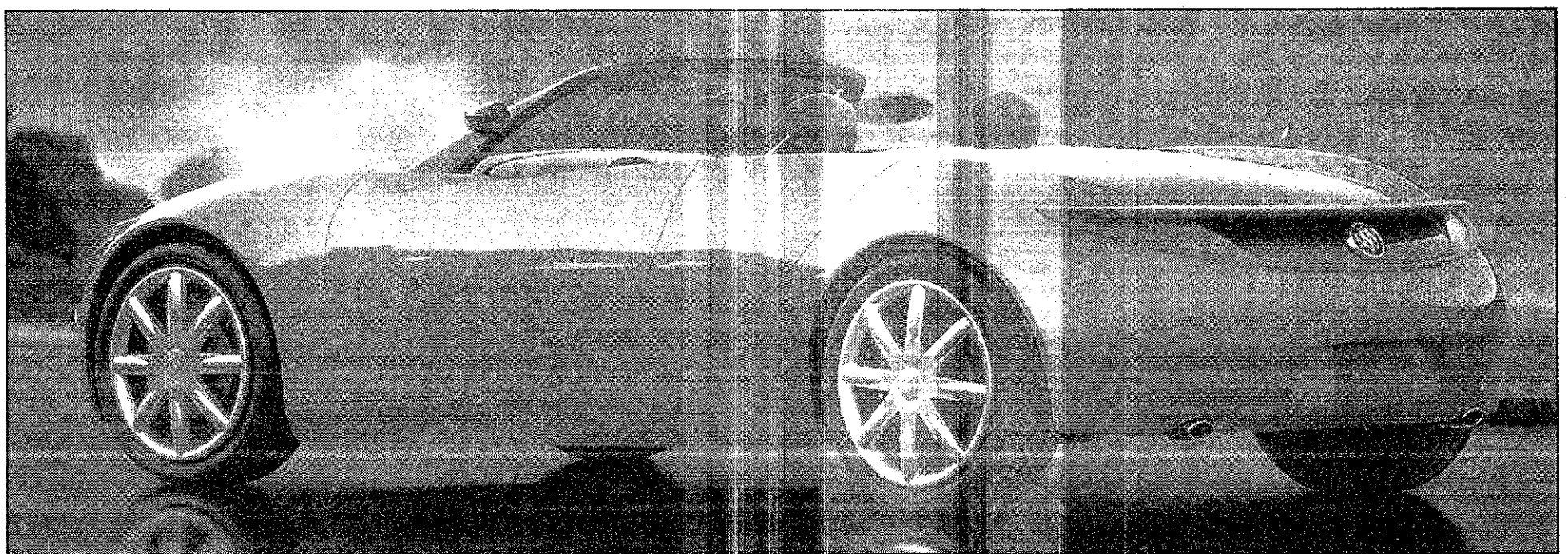
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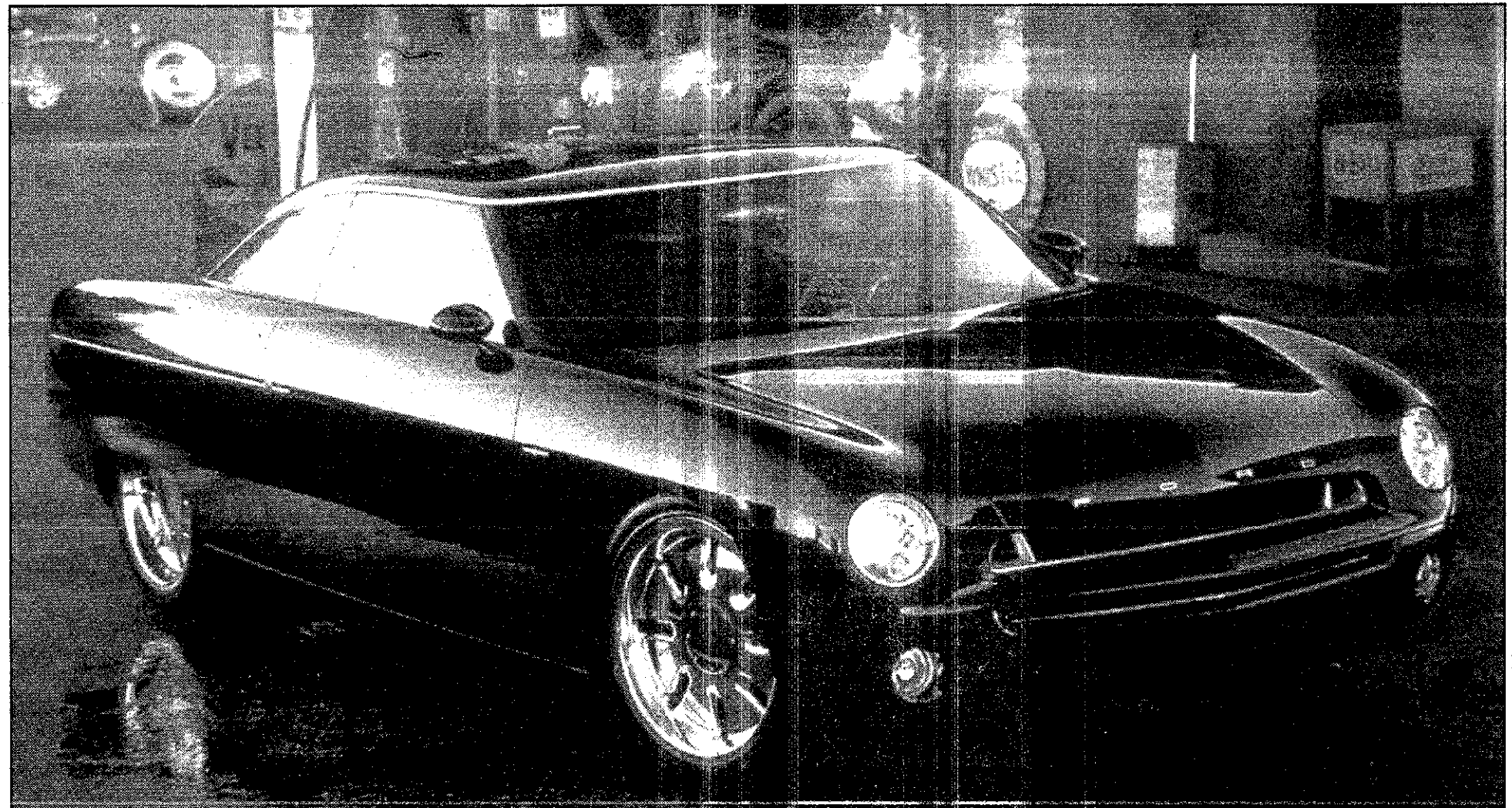
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Start me up: The Pontiac Rev concept is supposed to blend a Firebird's torque and road handling with an SUV's versatility.



This tiger roars: The Buick Bengal concept has a convertible top, a hidden rear seat, a 3.4-liter V6 generating 250 ponies and voice activated controls and sound system.



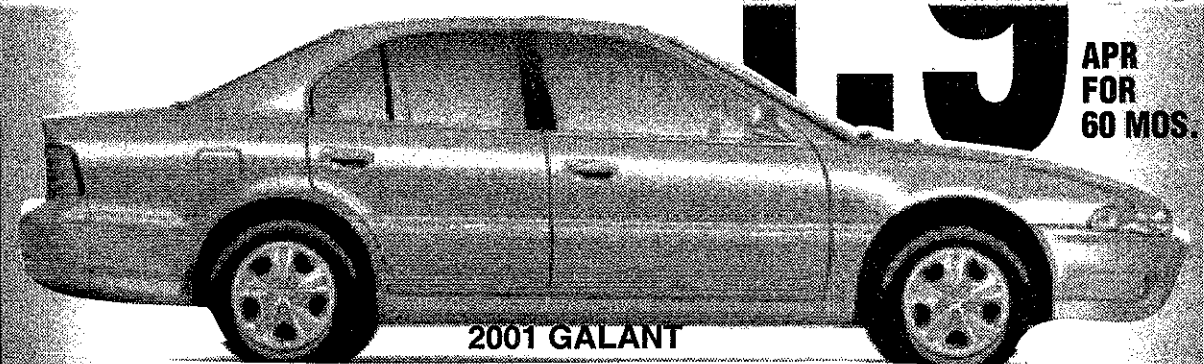
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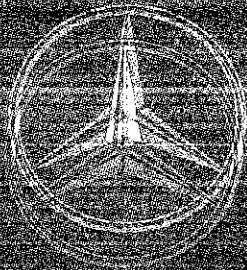
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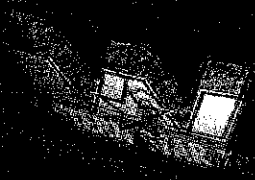
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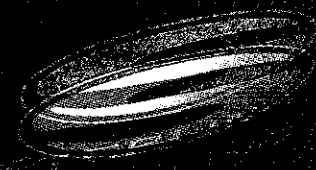
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"This is not a re-do of the Hummer," said Clay Dean, design manager of GM trucks. "It's an exercise that shows what might grow and sustain the brand."

The H2's styling takes its cues from the Hummer production vehicle, but cleans up the surfaces, using fewer exposed rivets and fasteners, for example. The H2's windshield is raked more, to improve aerodynamics, but to the naked eye still retains the upright, aggressive appearance of the production vehicle.

The front end includes an integrated winch, and a large brush bar that moves in tandem with the hood for easy, one-step access to the engine. There are multiple hooks on the front and rear, for pulling and hauling, along with high-intensity headlamps, fog lamps and auxiliary driving lights mounted on the brush bar. Planted in the hood are thermostat-controlled articulating louvers for engine ventilation. Two exposed canister air cleaner filters are on the hood, one for providing cool air to the engine and another for clean air to the passenger compartment.

Powering the H2 is GM's 6.0-liter, high-output VORTEC 6000 V-8. It's mounted longitudinally, and mated to a heavy-duty four-speed automatic transmission with Autotrac™ four-wheel drive, which the driver engages via levers rather than the usual push-button.

Isuzu GBX

Designers in the California studio of Isuzu drew inspiration for the GBX from the stagecoach. The GBX features a tall cabin, short overhangs, tall tires and wheels with eight spokes and a high step-in, aided by modern steps that electrically lower. Doors open like a clam shell with no pillar between front and rear seats. A third-row seat is removable, and a roof of folded canvas may be rolled back. On the outside, the GBX's structure is exposed. The skeleton cage serves as a design element as well as a safety structure. In back, the liftgate features a door within a door. The small door allows for loading objects without raising the liftgate. The door contains a tool chest with fold-down shelves that provide a workspace. The GBX is powered by Isuzu's Duramax diesel.

Mitsubishi RPM 7000

The concept behind this car is the question, "Why can't a high performance sports car be practical enough for everyday use?" With day-glow metallic anodized orange paint inspired by red-hot exhaust manifolds, the RPM 7000 features a large diameter,

twin-intercooled, twin-scroll turbocharged 315-horsepower mill linked to an "Active Control Transfer" variable torque all-wheel drive system and 19-inch wheels. Yet the car accommodates four adults in a teardrop-shaped coupe configuration or two passengers and a full load of cargo.

Mitsubishi ASX

ASX stands for "Active Sports Crossover," which Mitsubishi takes to mean sports sedan handling, international style, full-time four-wheel drive and stretch-out room for five adults. Technical features include an advanced cruise control system and the Mitsubishi "Multi-Communications System" that includes on-board navigation capabilities.

Oldsmobile 04

The 04 is designed for young drivers who want a convertible with European flair but also want to bring their friends. Oldsmobile designed the small, sporty four-seater with Bertone Design Studio in Italy. The chassis and 1.8-liter turbocharged mill are borrowed from Opel. Twin targa tops made of strong, lightweight carbon fiber snap off and are stowed behind the rear seats. The rear window retracts into a space behind the rear seats, leaving behind a targa airfoil. Inside, the 04 features an "Information Ring" around the steering column, which replaces a traditional instrument panel and center console with a single point for important driver information.

Pontiac Rev

Blend a Firebird's torque and road handling with an SUV's versatility and you've got the Pontiac Rev, sayeth GM. The Rev's power comes from a 3-liter V6 at 245 horsepower and all-wheel-drive. Among the innovations are a reconfigurable instrument panel display, a rear cargo compartment with dropping end-gate for lower loading and headlights that track with steering.

Porsche Carrera GT

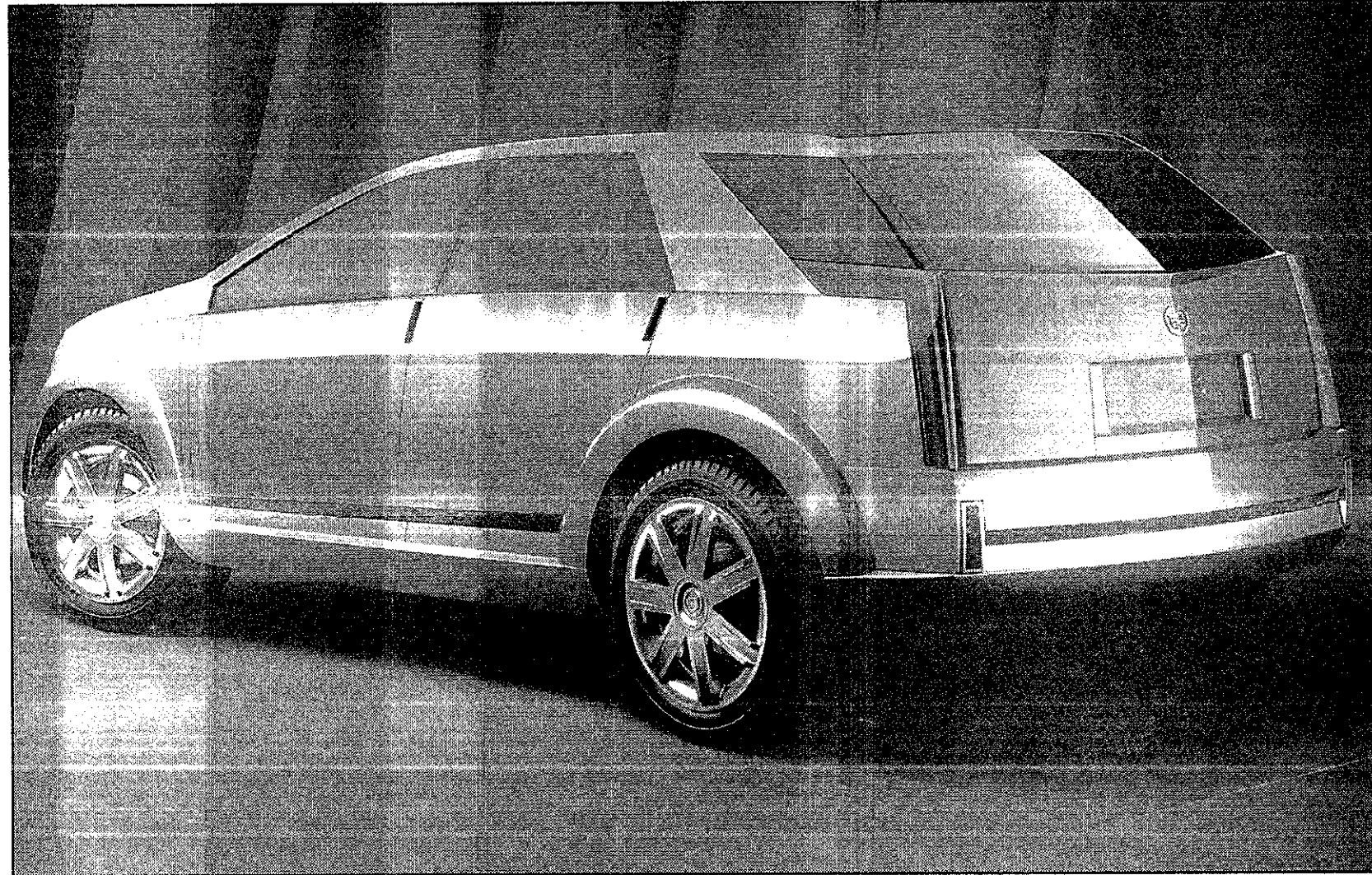
The Carrera GT, currently in testing, is expected to be introduced as a production vehicle in '03. The open-cockpit car features a mid-engine V10 displacing 5.5 liters. And it goes like the dickens, accelerating to 60 mph in four seconds and topping out at more than 200 mph.

Others

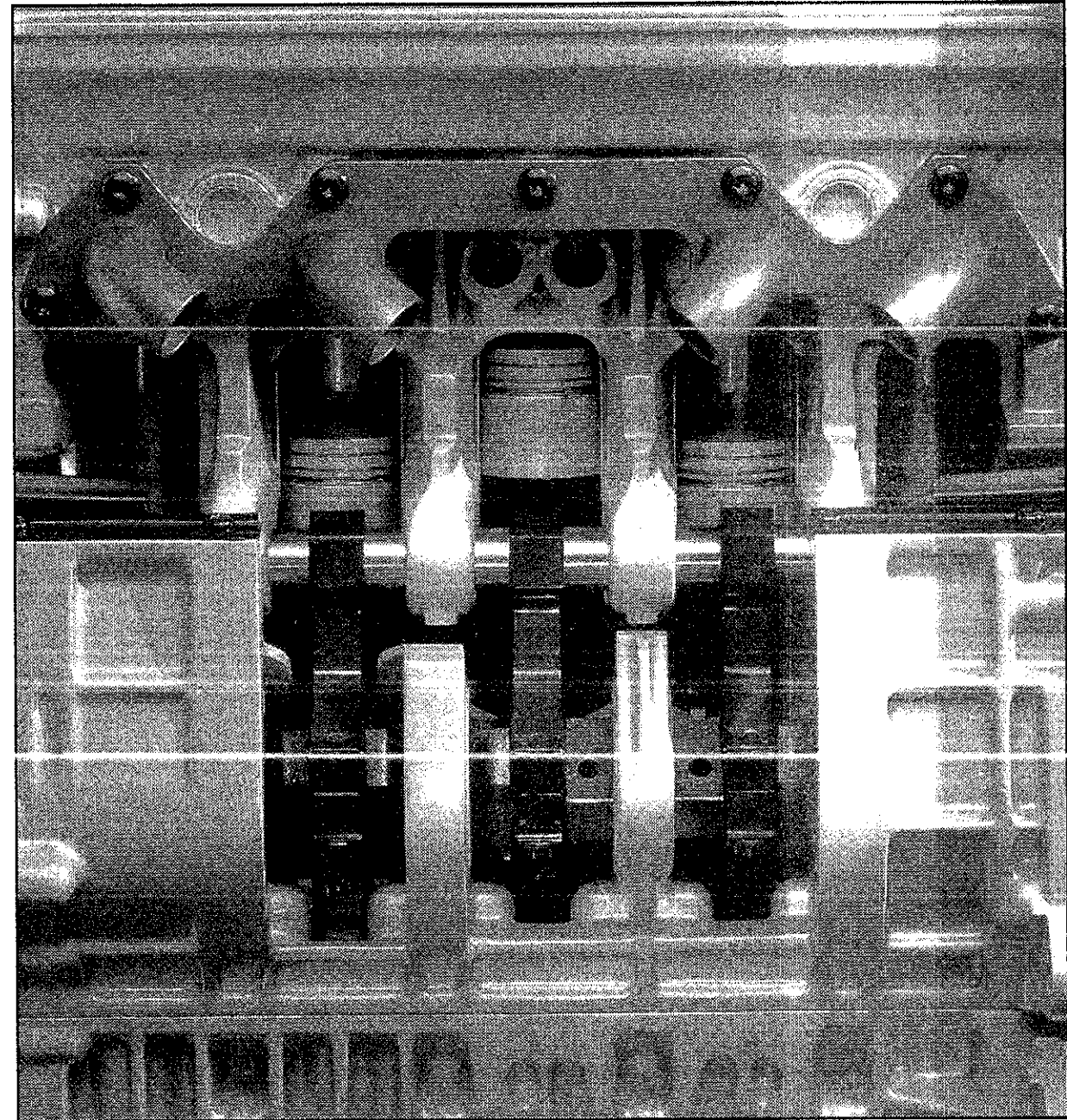
Other manufacturers bringing concept vehicles to the show include Acura, DaimlerChrysler (4), Honda, Mazda and Volkswagen.



Visions of Hummer: The first concept vehicle from Hummer provides a look at what the future of this high-end sport/utility vehicle could be.



Vizon quest: The Cadillac Vizon concept is a cross between an SUV and sport-performance station wagon.



Saab story: Saab introduces a concept engine at this year's auto show that mixes a large volume of exhaust gases into the combustion process, reducing fuel consumption by up to 10 percent and exhaust emissions enough to comply with California emission restrictions due to take effect in '05.



Keep them doggies rolling: Designers in the California studio of Isuzu drew inspiration for the concept GBX from the stagecoach.



Spring into Borrego: Chevrolet's concept Borrego features a reconfigurable mid-gate behind the front seats that shifts backward into the cargo area to make room for two more passengers.

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this small sport/utility vehicle as a 2002 model in the fourth quarter of this year. The vehicle will be offered as a five-door model with a price below \$30,000. Freelander is the first Land Rover in history to combine uni-body construction with a fully independent suspension. The result, sayeth the marketing department, "is an ideal combination of ride and handling both on- and off-road." Powering the vehicle is a 2.5-liter, 24-valve, double overhead cam V6 developing 175 horsepower.

Lexus Sport Coupe

Although the vehicle you see in Cobo will be a concept car that made its worldwide debut at the 1999 Tokyo Motor Show, a production version will go on sale later this year. The rear-drive SC 430 has a retractable hardtop and a 4.3-liter V8.

Mercedes-Benz coupe

Having just introduced its new 2001 C-Class sedans in the U.S. last fall, Mercedes will show the sporty two-door coupe that will go on sale next fall. The C-Class coupe sold in the U.S. will have a 2.3-liter supercharged engine, the same one that powers the SLK roadster. The coupe can be distinguished from the sedans by its high rear end with an integrated spoiler that provides aerodynamic downforce for stability at cruising speeds and a tinted panel between the rear lights.

Saturn Vue

The Saturn Vue, an all-new sport utility vehicle for 2002, was introduced last October in Miami and will continue to make new friends this week in Detroit.

The Vue incorporates Saturn innovations like space-frame construction and dent-resistant polymer bodyside panels, and introduces new features like a continuously-variable transmission, electrically-assisted power steering. Engine choices include a 138-horsepower, twin-cam, four-banger, or a 181-horse dual-overhead cam V6. Front-wheel drive is standard. Four-wheel drive is an option.

The Vue is expected to be available for sale at Saturn dealerships this fall.

Volkswagen Passat

VW will show four new production cars headed for the American market. The cars include the redesigned 2001 Passat, a station wagon version of the Jetta and two special edition models; the Beetle Sport and Jetta Wolfsburg Edition. The revised version of the Passat goes on sale early this year. The midsize car has been redesigned inside and out to include a comprehensive equipment package and elegant instruments. Its body rigidity has been stiffened for increased comfort and crashworthiness.



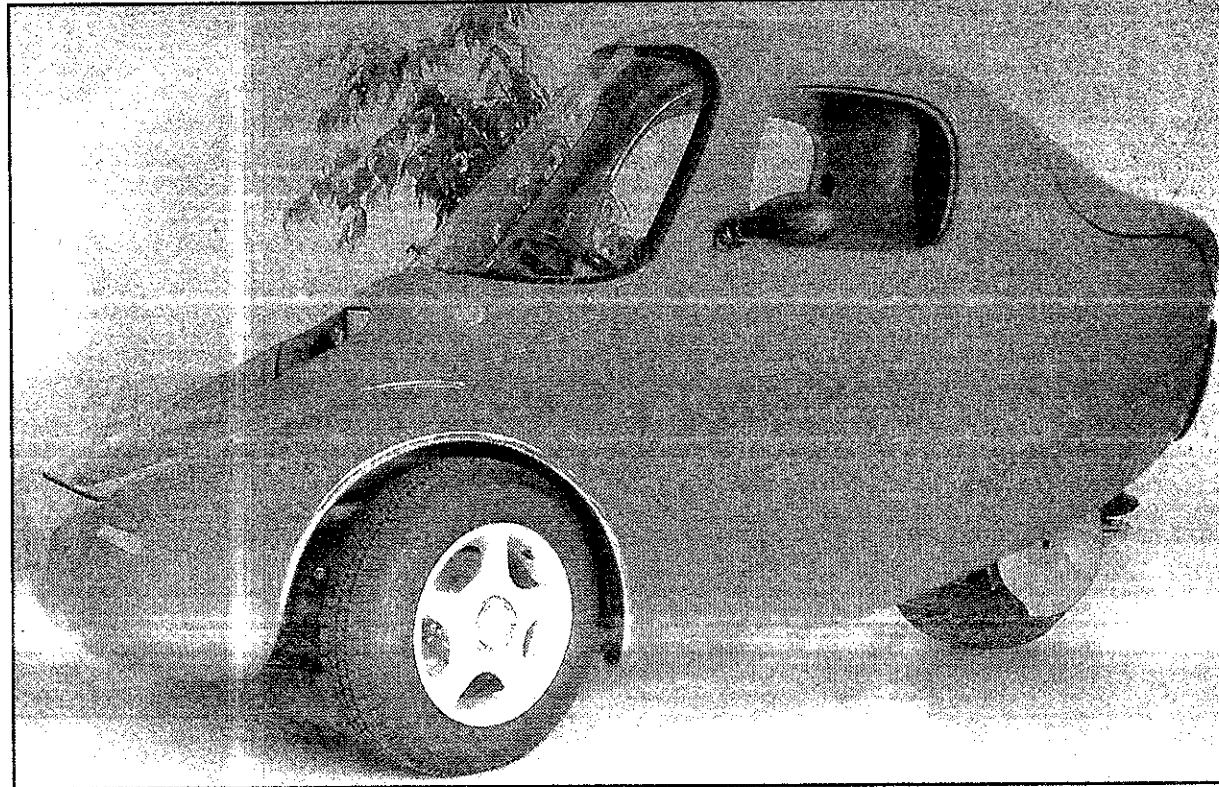
Vroom with a Vue: Saturn's first SUV, the Vue, is expected to go on sale in the fall. The Vue incorporates Saturn innovations like space-frame construction and dent-resistant polymer bodyside panels, and introduces new features like a continuously-variable transmission and electrically-assisted power steering.



Classy chassis: The Audi S8 is a high-performance luxury car with an all-aluminum "Audi Space Frame" and a five-valve, 360-horse, 4.2-liter V8 mill.



On the horizon: The Lexus SC 430 will go on sale later this year. The rear-drive car has a retractable hardtop and a 4.3-liter V8.



Buzz, buzz, buzz: The Corbin Sparrow is a single-passenger, three-wheeled electric vehicle has a top speed of 70 mph and a range of 40 to 60 miles per charge. It plugs into an ordinary 110-volt electrical outlet and fully recharges in six hours (three hours with a 220-volt system). Standard features are power windows, parking brake, seat belt, directional signals and 4-way flashing hazard lights, hydraulic disc brakes, rear view and side mirrors, windshield wiper and washer. Suggested retail price: \$14,900.



Bring the kids: The new Audi S4 Avant is a station wagon version of the S4 Sedan.

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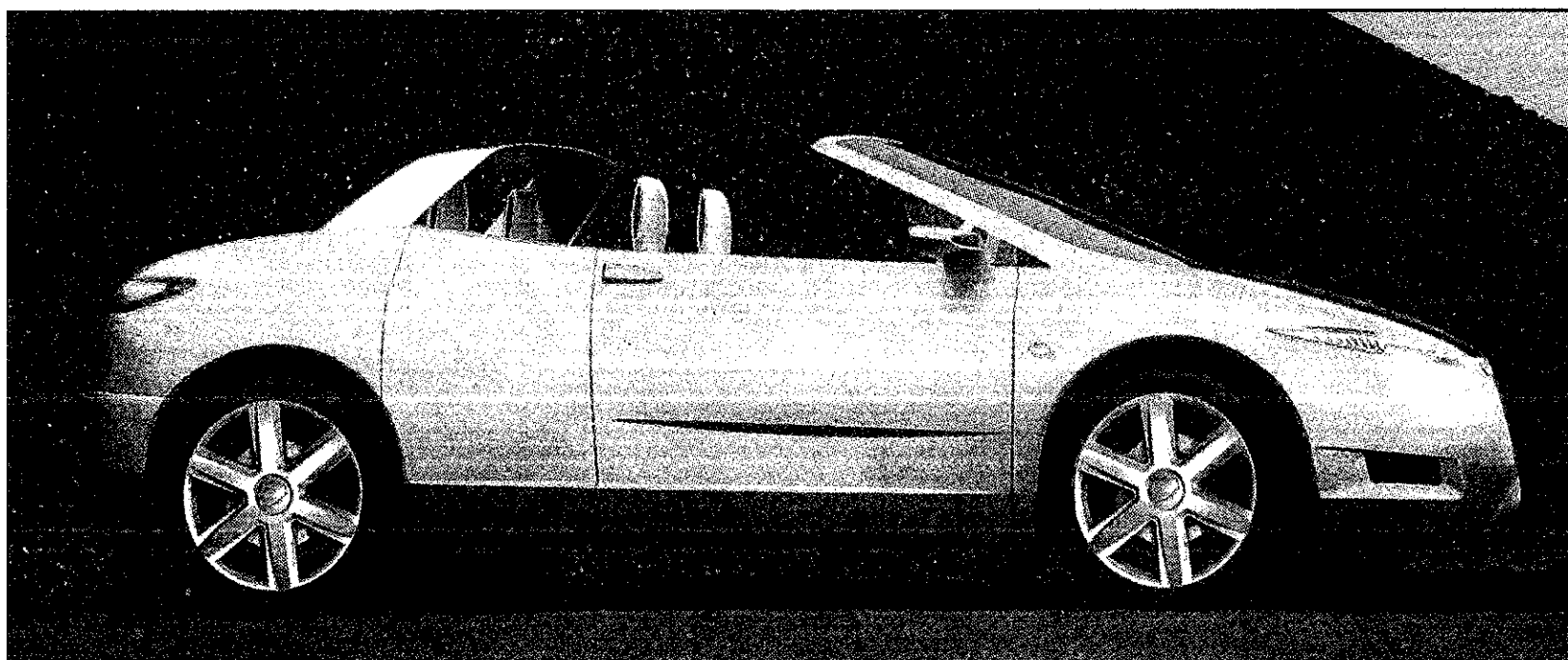
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Another SUV: GMC's four-door 2002 Envoy (also available as Chevrolet Trailblazer and Oldsmobile Bravada) features an all-aluminum, 4.2-liter, four-valve/cylinder, dual overhead cam V6 mill producing 270 horsepower and will be available for sale in March.



One good turn deserves another: Four-wheel steering is expected to be available on full-size GMC trucks in the 2002 model year. The "QuadraSteer" system, designed by Delphi Automotive Systems of Troy, reduces the minimum turning circle diameter by an average of 20 percent, GM said. The system operates in three ways. At lower speeds the rear wheels turn in the opposite direction of the front wheels. At moderate speeds the rear wheels remain straight. At higher speeds the rear wheels turn in the same direction as the front wheels.



Italian style: The sporty, four-seat Oldsmobile 04 concept was designed by Bertone Design Studio in Italy.



Gone in six seconds: The Porsche Carrera GT concept, expected to be introduced as a production vehicle in '03, goes like the dickens, accelerating to 60 mph in four seconds and topping out at more than 200 mph.

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Livonia company enhances Ford's auto show exhibition

Marketing changes, acquisitions and affiliations at Ford Motor Co. have kept the folks at Livonia-based Exhibit Works busy as they modified the 2-year-old Ford display for the North American International Auto Show.

Major changes include:

- A new Land Rover display. (Ford bought Land Rover from BMW in July.)
- A revamped Mazda display featuring cars hanging from the walls.
- A showcase display for the new Ford Thunderbird.
- A computer "piazza" in place of last year's "drum" that contained a theater.

All told, the Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Mazda, Jaguar, Volvo, Land Rover and Aston Martin display occupies 130,000 square feet of the Cobo floor. It is second in size only to GM, which owns 160,000 square feet.

Anchoring the new Mazda display are three historic Mazdas hanging from brackets that Exhibit Works has built into the wall. The cars (a '87 Cosmos, '78 RX-7 and '91 race car) weigh no more than 3,000 pounds, but Exhibit Works designed the brackets to handle up to 10,000 pounds, said Exhibit Works Vice President Michael Thoresen. "In true Exhibit Works fashion, we build the stuff out of everything."

Ford goes out of its way to emphasize brand identity and even nationality, Thoresen said. Ford wants Mazda to be thought of as a Japanese car, Thoresen said, and Exhibit Works has added touches such as using bamboo in part of the display to reinforce that image.

Ford is expected to make its biggest splash at this year's show with the debut of the production Thunderbird. Six of these cars (in six colors) will be displayed on Ford's bridge, including the concept Thunderbird that was last seen here two years ago.

The Land Rover section of the Ford display fits neatly into the corner where Suzuki was last year. Thoresen, who had the opportunity to take a Range Rover off-road last summer, said it is the real deal in all-terrain travel. Although he concedes that most Range Rover owners won't test the vehicle's potential as much as he did. "Unless they miss the driveway, they rarely take the thing off the road," he said.

Erecting the display at Cobo is a 10-week job. During that time, the display is moved from warehouses in Livonia to Cobo in 212 truck loads.

The Exhibit Works Ford two-story display premiered at the 1999 Detroit show and has traveled around the country and around the world since. All that packing and unpacking takes a toll, and Exhibit Works personnel spent countless hours in the last three months polishing, repairing and modifying the display for the 2001 show.

The exhibit contains 200 tons of structural steel, eight semi-truck loads of plywood, 3,000 square feet of brushed and stainless steel, 2,800 square feet of rusted metal (for the flooring in the truck section), 2,000 square feet of mountain green river and gray honed slate, 6,000 square feet of European beech, 8,000 square feet of tinted green glass, 1,170 square feet of glass flooring, a reflection pond and more than 70 video monitors.

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will be featured this year. There are 53 brand exhibits at the show.

Double deckers add another 106,000 square feet to Cobo's 750,000 square feet for a total of 860,000 square feet of exhibit space.

The largest exhibit is "The GM Experience" featuring all GM brands over 165,000 square feet.

More than 100 vehicle turntables, including many interactive ones, will spin at the show.

Auto show exhibits, theatrical lighting and sound equipment will use enough electricity to power a 360-home subdivision in California for six months.

An estimated 2,000 truckloads of material were brought into Cobo Center and enough carpeting to line a sidewalk from Detroit to Lansing.

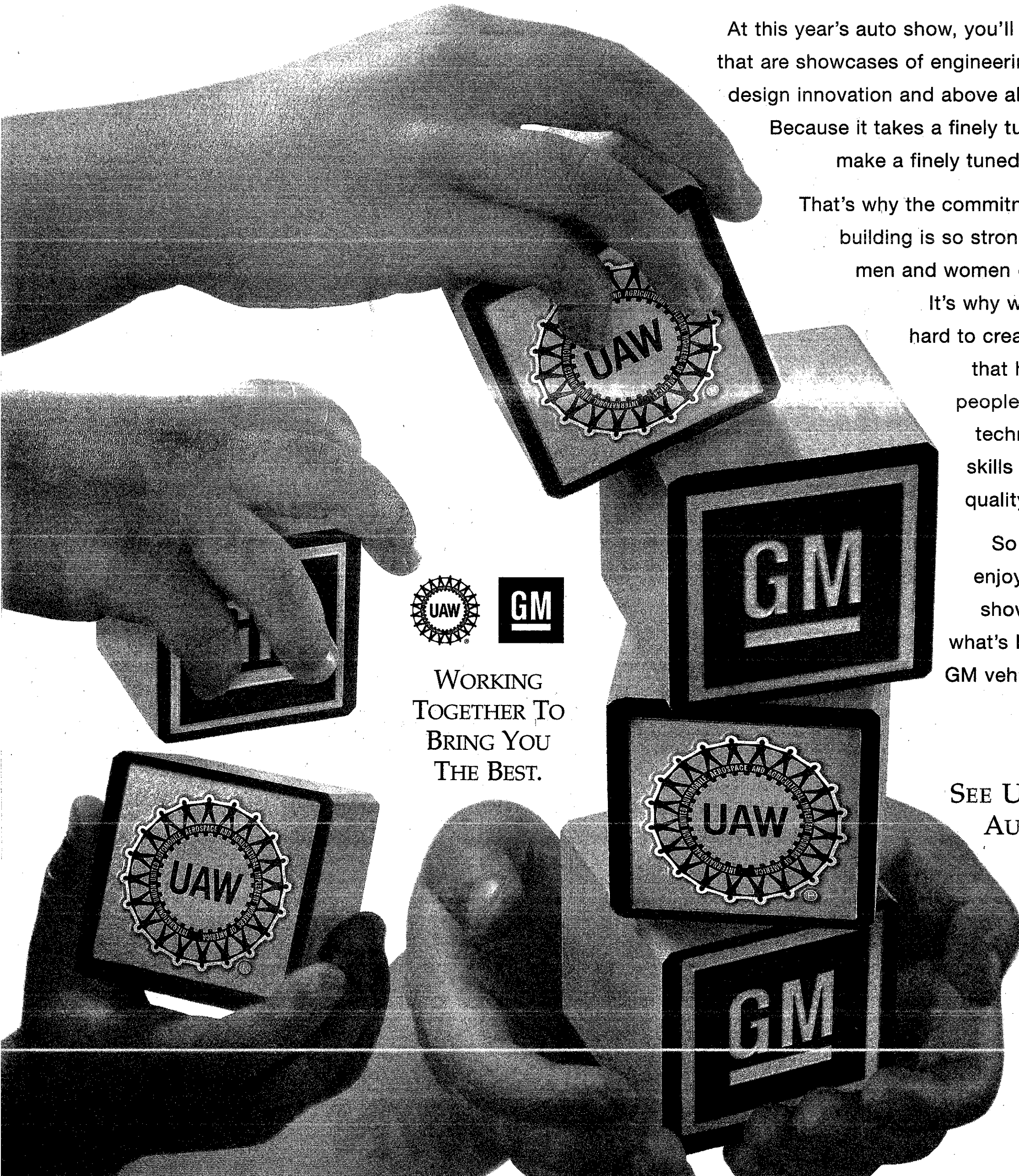
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European luxury and performance vehicles will again grace the NAIAS, including Rolls Royce, Bentley and Buggatti, Porsche, Ferrari, Lamborghini and Qvale.

Visiting manufacturer executives from around the world are expected at NAIAS 2001, including Toyota President Fujio Cho, Honda CEO Hiroyuki Yoshino, Nissan President Carlos Ghosn and American Suzuki President Rick Suzuki.

The public can expect more interactive exhibits, more theatrical events, and more useful information. The R.L. Polk Company will once again display five high-tech, information and interactive kiosks called "Auto Trend Centers" around the show floor. Unique surveys will be presented to media, suppliers and the public. Answers will immediately be fed to an on-site information-processing center, then prepared for release to the media.

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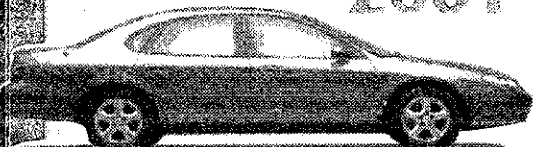
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2001 TAURUS

786 Available



Air, keyless entry, power windows, locks, speed control, floor mats.
Was \$19,690 6 at this price

Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

\$15,845*

A-PLAN 36 MONTH LEASE	10% Down \$1744	\$189** Per Month	TAURUS TO TAURUS RENEWAL	\$159** Per Month
	Zero Down	\$241** Per Month		\$211** Per Month

2001 FOCUS SE SEDAN

182 Available



Automatic, air conditioning, power windows, power mirrors, AM/FM CD, power locks, rear defrost.
Was \$15,345 3 at this price

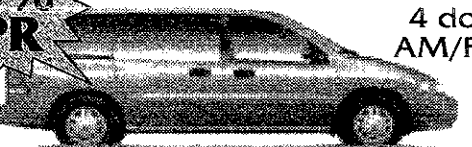
Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

\$13,381*

A-PLAN 36 MONTH LEASE	10% Down \$1387	\$185** Per Month	WITH RENEWAL	\$170** Per Month
	Zero Down	\$230** Per Month		\$214** Per Month

2001 WINDSTAR LX

321 Available



4 door, air, power locks/windows/mirrors, AM/FM cassette/CD, remote keyless entry, floor mats, electric rear defrost.
Was \$25,570 10 at this price

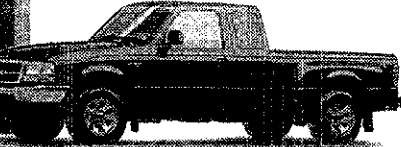
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\$20,663*

A-PLAN 36 MONTH LEASE	10% Down \$2229	\$219** Per Month	WITH RENEWAL	\$205** Per Month
	Zero Down	\$282** Per Month		\$268** Per Month

2001 RANGER XLT 4X4

338 Available



Flareside Supercab
Auto, speed control, tilt wheel, off-road group, limited slip axle, AM/FM stereo with cass/CD.
Was \$24,480 10 at this price

Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

\$19,060*

A-PLAN 24 MONTH LEASE	10% Down \$2037	\$157** Per Month	WITH RENEWAL	\$135** Per Month
	Zero Down	\$244** Per Month		\$223** Per Month

2001 EXPLORER 4 DR XLS SPORT 4X4

364 Available



Air, auto., XLS, sport group, privacy glass, speed control, keyless entry, AM/FM CD & cassette, power windows & locks & more.
Was \$30,330 10 at this price

Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

\$24,323*

A-PLAN 24 MONTH LEASE	10% Down \$2601	\$235** Per Month	SUV TO SUV RENEWAL	\$193** Per Month
	Zero Down	\$344** Per Month		\$302** Per Month

2001 F150 WORK TRUCK

294 Available



8' Box, auto, air, sliding rear window, 6000 GVW.
Was \$19,975 5 at this price

Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

\$15,859*

A-PLAN 24 MONTH LEASE	10% Down \$1657	\$193** Per Month	WITH RENEWAL	\$176** Per Month
	Zero Down	\$265** Per Month		\$244** Per Month

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2000 TAURUS SES

Loaded! Automatic, air, dual air bags, power windows, locks, mirrors & driver's seat, ABS brakes, keyless entry, speed control, mach sound system, 6 disc CD, all speed traction control. Stock #6826
— LAST ONE • Was \$22,230 —



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2000 TAURUS SE WAGON

Six passenger, mach sound w/CD, adj. pedals, power wind. & locks, power seat, ABS brakes. Leather, all speed traction control. Stock #3446
— Was \$24,380 —



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2000 RANGER XLT

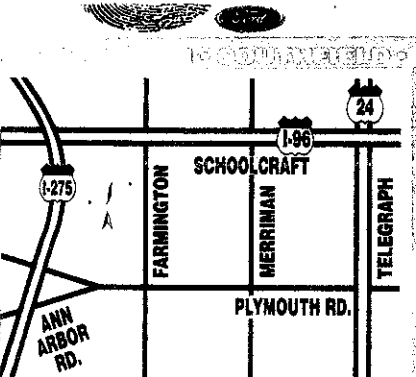
Flareside, sport package, air, chrome wheels, dual media and bedliner. Stock #4846
— Was \$15,305 —



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2001 TAURUS	10% Down 0 Down	\$225 \$275	\$2375 \$625
2001 EXPLORER	10% Down 0 Down	\$250 \$375	\$3400 \$825
2001 F-150	10% Down 0 Down	\$225 \$300	\$2650 \$625
2001 WINDSTAR	10% Down 0 Down	\$250 \$300	\$2930 \$675
2001 RANGER	10% Down 0 Down	\$200 \$275	\$2600 \$600
2001 FOCUS	10% Down 0 Down	\$225 \$275	\$2075 \$550

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